

13 March 2022

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SERVICE TIMES

Bible Study & Sunday School

Bible Study 9.00- 9:45 AM.
Sunday School 9.00-9:45 AM
Young Adults 9.00- 9:45 AM.
Youth 9.00- 9:45 AM.

Sunday Worship

10.00 - 11.15 AM.
PM Suspended for time being

Living a new life in Christ

From the desk of Dereck...

Desiring True Greatness, is it wrong?

In **Matthew 20:20-21**, we have an account of the mother of James and John (the sons of Zebedee) coming to Jesus desiring a favour of Him. This mother's wish was that her two sons would be granted the privilege of sitting with Jesus in His kingdom – one being seated on the right hand and the other on the left. In **Mark 10:35-37**, we observe that James and John joined their mother in the request – they were eager to be first in the kingdom and have special seats. Evidently, James and John wanted to be elevated above the other disciples. They, as well as their mother, misunderstood the nature of the kingdom, and the principle which makes one great in God's kingdom. The worldly ambitions of these disciples had not allowed them to see clearly – they could not see beyond the physical realm.

Jesus replies to their request in **Matthew 20:22-23**. Our Lord first informs them that they had no idea for what they were asking. Jesus asks, "**Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?**" – that is, the cup of suffering. James and John responded, "**We are able.**" Jesus then says, "**My cup indeed you shall drink: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give; but it is for them for whom it hath been prepared of my Father.**"

At the end of Jesus' statement we observe that "**when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two brethren**" (**Matthew 20:24**). The ten, sharing, it seems, were moved with anger and maybe even jealousy at their attempt to obtain chief seats in the kingdom.

Jesus knowing the prevailing attitude of His disciples begins to show to these disciples what true greatness involves (**Matthew 20:25-28**). Jesus informs His disciples that His kingdom would not be like the kingdoms of the world. In the kingdoms of this world, those who are considered great, are those of high rank, rule, and authority.

Jesus quickly points out that greatness in an earthly kingdom is not greatness in His kingdom. In fact, greatness in Christ's kingdom is the opposite of greatness in the earthly kingdom. Jesus said if you want to be great in My kingdom be a "**servant.**" The Lamb of God said, "**but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many**" (**Matthew 20:26-28**). Jesus is saying, "**If you want to be great – then minister; if you want to be first – then be a servant to others.**"

Jesus gave the perfect example, and is the perfect example of greatness, for He "**GAVE himself a ransom for all...**" (**1 Tim. 2:6**), and He "**existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross**" (**Philippians 2:6-8**). This is the most magnificent example of greatness to be found!

Beloved, if we want to be great in the Lord's church – then we must be servants! Preachers, greatness is not found in the number of Lectureships you speak on. Elders, greatness is not found in the title. Deacons, greatness is not found in the position. Christians, greatness is not found in social status. **Greatness is found in SERVICE!**

Yes, you can be great, if you want to be great in God's kingdom – then be a servant!

Love in Service

Dereck

CONTACT DETAILS

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MINISTRY FACILITATORS

Worship: Don Griessel 082 495 5699

Sunday School: Charles & Tish 083 779 8556

Finance: Bradley Dearham 083 467 0943

World Bible School: Desiree Human 060 501 8540

Prisons: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

Benevolence: Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

Maintenance: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesdays at 10am

Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm

SMALL GROUPS

Thursday evening group, Bible Study

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm

Contact: Johan G 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526

YOUTH FRIDAYS 18H30—20H00 (alternates)

Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7

Contact: Tish 084 398 8556 or Gaynor 072 111 5220

YOUTH Grade 8 to Grade 12

Contact: Johan & Gaynor Pienaar 083 456 0791

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Lee Grünewald, Lydia Sinclair, Heather Johnson, Maggie Luiz, Gavin Fullard, Tiziana Franzil Madera, Kyle Grunewald, Kaiden Jacobs

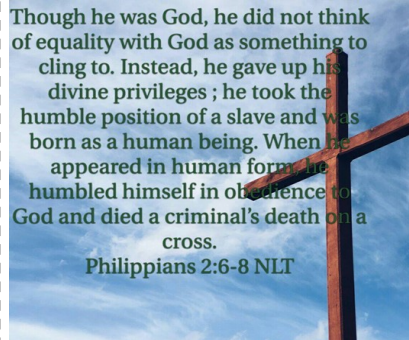
The bereaved: Elroy Snel & family, Don Griessel & family. Angie Ganesh, Amy Bowers & family. Our prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones. May the God of comfort be with you.

The elderly & those in need of prayer: SA Bible College and our country & leaders & world leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses and those affected by the war in Ukraine.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Cliah Jäck	13 Mar
Lucien Jacobs	13 Mar
Gideon Grunewald	14 Mar
Soozi Dinnie	15 Mar
Katarina Gerber	15 Mar
Isabelle Eddericks	16 Mar
Junette Gerber	17 Mar
Pat Grahame	17 Mar
Victoria Marais	17 Mar
Kudakwashe Tsingano	18 Mar
Wayne Peinke	19 Mar



BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING

If you would like to contribute to the frozen food ministry for those battling with illness please use the reference "Frozen Foods"



*Stay Safe, Stay positive
Stay connected
You are loved*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Rikki & Caley Jäck—19 Mar

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS



Teaching: Alana

Lesson: Turn right at the fork
Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP



Durbanville group meeting at the home of Johan & Katarina Gerber
Criston will be teaching
Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726, or Rohann 073 210 5526 for the Malmesbury/Paarl details



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	13 March	20 March
Age 2 to 4	In hall	In hall
Age 5 to 7	In hall	In hall
Grade 2 - 4	In hall	In hall
Grade 5 - 7	In hall	In hall

THIS WEEK 13 March 2022

NEXT WEEK 20 March 2022

THIS WEEK 13 March 2022		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 20 March 2022	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Criston Sloan			Joe Tshililo	
Johan Gerber		LORD'S SUPPER	Tendani Mabuda	
Ian Kitching			Marc De Kock	
Ian K, Ian S		AM SERVERS	Marc, HD	
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Ian Sinclair		CLOSING PRAYER	HD Botes	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Jorren		Sound	Harrison	

FINANCES

Year-to-date budget
(Budg 2021) - R1,248,000
Year 2021 actual
(Act 2021) - R1,326,112
Year-to-date surplus 🟢
(Sur 2021) - R 78,112
*God bless you as you excel
in your giving - 2 Cor. 8 : 7*



BANKING DETAILS

NEDBANK
ACC Name: Bellville Church of Christ
Cheque Acc. Nr: 1036015041
Branch Code: 103610