

21 March 2021

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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/Youth

Suspended for time being

### Sunday Worship

10.00 - 11.15 AM.

PM Suspended for time being

*Living a new life in Christ*

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## Masks that we wear

I think it was Mr William Shakespeare who coined the phrase "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages." (*As You Like It, Act II, Scene VII [All the world's a stage]*)

Limited only by imagination, children explore strange new worlds as they cultivate the art of pretence. A mask, a cape, or even some sort of inanimate prop can launch the mind of a child into a marvellous adventure of make-believe.

To borrow the language of the apostle Paul, there is a time to put "**away childish things**" (1 Cor. 13:11). Strange and alarming glances are cast in the direction of those choosing to live in a fantasy world without the accompaniment of children to explain their behaviour.

Highly visible and in the forefront of our thinking these days, are masks worn for personal protection. But, these are not the masks we speak of, there are other masks people wear—just not the overly conspicuous ones we donned in childhood.

Because a mask is a covering that conceals true identity, the masks we wear as adults often take on a sinister nature. We want to appear better than we are and so we pretend to be something we are not.

Satan is a master-deceiver (Jn. 8:44). He pretended to be interested in Eve's best interests; but he was only interested in the downfall of the human race (Gen. 3:1-5). Paul warns that "**Satan disguises himself as an angel of light**" (2 Cor. 11:14). The deception he perpetrates on the world through his servants is no harmless game of "trick or treat", or "*kul jou hier kul jou daar!*"! This is serious stuff.

Similarly, Jesus had nothing good to say about those who merely play the part of being His follower while inwardly consumed by sordid motives (Mt. 15:8). He warned against "**practicing your righteousness**" to be noticed by men (Mt. 6:1). A religiously oriented theatrical production carries no weight before the throne of God. God seeks authenticity in the inmost part of His children.

God sees through every pretence—every hypocrisy. We may be able to deceive others; but we can never fool the One who "**is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**" (Hb. 4:12). Limited as we are by our fleshly nature, we are prone to make judgements based on appearance. But, "**God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart**" (1 Sam. 16:7). So, let ours be a sincere, heartfelt obedience to the word of God (Rm. 6:17). No masks. No pretences. Just "**open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do**" (Hb. 4:13).

Sadly, the playing of the deception game comes at huge costs and to the point that we eventually get found out. I'm sure we have seen when sin is discovered what devastating consequences there are when the Truth is revealed.

In Christ we are trained by Our Lord to walk in the Light as He is in the light. He encourages us to be "real and authentic" and in Our walk with Him become as He truly is.

Love in Christ

Dereck

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**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

Tuesdays at 10am

Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

**SMALL GROUPS**

**Thursday evening group, Bible Study**

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm on zoom

Contact: Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

**MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm on zoom

**YOUTH FRIDAYS**—suspended for time being

**Kids for Christ 8 - 13 years** Every 2nd Friday 6.30-8:00 pm

Contact: Tish 084 398 8556 or Gaynor 072 111 5220

**YOUTH 14-19 years** Every 2nd Fri 7.00 pm –9.00 pm

Contact: TBA

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Those who are ill:* Pat Brown, Heather Johnson, Anzonia Joseph, Kaden Jacobs, Kyle Grunewald, Michelle Hodson,

*The bereaved:* 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 especially — our leaders & world leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses, those working to make our world safe again.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Kelsey Luke (Snell)	21 Mar
Jeanne Stumpf	23 Mar
Tyler Thomas	23 Mar
Avril Turpin	24 Mar
Carola Van Zyl	24 Mar

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Geoff & Steph Jäck—21 Mar  
Willem & Brione Schoeman—27 Mar

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Cecile

God's Makeover Plan

Ch 9—"Eve's fig leaves & beyond"

Scripture & Prayer: Annelene

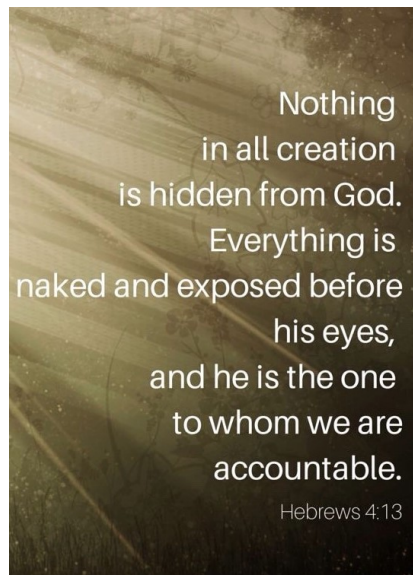
**THURSDAY GROUP**

Teaching: Johan Gerber

Venue: Geoff & Steph Jäck

6 Magnolia Crescent

Valmary Park



**Jar of Hope**  
Our project aiming to reach outside the church  
Contents required:  
Coffee jar  
1 cup rice  
1 cup soup mix  
1 cup lentils  
1 unwrapped stock cube  
1 pkt soup powder  
**Contact**  
Lee 072 341 3511 or  
Alison 084 5584 508

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	21 March	28 March
Age 2 to 5	In the hall	In the hall
Age 6 to 7	In the hall	In the hall
Grade 2 - 3	In the hall	In the hall
Grade 4 - 5	In the hall	In the hall
Grade 6 - 7	In the hall	In the hall

THIS WEEK 21 March 2021		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 28 March 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Don Griessel		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
			SONG LEADER	
Thama Mabuda		LORD'S SUPPER		André Botes
Johan Gerber		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Criston Sloan	
		AM SERVERS		
Ian Kitching		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Stephen Leibbrandt		CLOSING PRAYER	Jorren Sloan	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Rohann		Sound	Jorren	

**FINANCES**

Year 2021 budget  
(Year 2021) - TBA  
Year 2020 actual  
(Year 2021) - TBA  
Year 2021  
(Year 2021) - TBA  
*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