

08 May 2022

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P.O. Box 351,
Durbanville 7551



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...

Living and Walking in the Light

One of the great blessings we have is the continuing cleansing of the blood of Jesus in our daily lives. We were washed in His blood when we were baptized (**Acts 22:16**), but we continue to be cleansed by His blood as we continue to walk in the light. "But if we walk (Greek tense indicates continual action—"are walking") in the light as He is in the light, we **have (are having)** fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (*is cleansing*) from all sin" (**1 John 1:7**).

Paul described the lives of those who are children of light in his first letter to the Thessalonians. He showed that they are different from those who are children of darkness (**1 Thess. 5:4-10**).

Sons of light do not sleep (1 Thess. 5:6). Obviously, he is not describing physical sleep or the sleep of death. He contrasts this sleep with observing and being sober.

Sons of light watch (5:6). It was in Gethsemane that He urged the disciples to sense the dangers confronting them. In the upper room they all had affirmed their willingness to die for Him (**Matt. 26:35**), but they were all about to forsake Him in fear (**Matt. 26:56**). His words to them in the garden were, "**Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation**" (**Matt. 26:41**). Those who walk in the light must watch!

Sons of light are sober (5:6). That Christians are to be serious minded is affirmed often in the Bible using a Greek word which affirms this vital quality for every Christian. However, the Greek word used in this passage is *nepfos*, which means "**to be free from the influence of intoxicants.**" The impact of intoxicants is to dull the senses, lower inhibitions and is devastating to one's ability to watch.

Sons of light neither get drunk nor are drunk (5:7). There are many verses in the Bible which condemn drunkenness (including this one in the phrase "**are drunk**"), but this passage shows that God also forbids the process of getting drunk. Those who are walking in the light must be aware that the Bible shows that Christians must avoid getting drunk.

Sons of light arm themselves with faith, love and hope (5:8). Bible students will recall these three qualities in Paul's letter to Corinth, "And now abides faith, hope and love" (**1 Cor. 13:13**). These same qualities are mentioned here as those who are continually cleansed by His blood. We must never forget that all of these are specifically tied to having the Bible in our lives.

Sons of light will live together with Him (5:10). How else could it be? We become sons of God by the blood, we walk in light and are being cleansed by blood and heaven awaits those who live in the light.

Thank God for His light!

In Christ

Dereck

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Finance: Bradley Dearham 083 467 0943

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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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	08 May	15 May
Age 2 to 4	Age 4-7 classroom	Age 4-7 classroom
Age 5 to 7	Age 4-7 classroom	Age 4-7 classroom
Grade 2 - 4	Gd 2-3 classroom	Gd 2-3 classroom
Grade 5 - 7	Gd 2-3 classroom	Gd 2-3 classroom

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Lydia Sinclair, Dereck Beukes, Lucien Jacobs, Kaiden Jacobs, Dennis Stubbs, Kyle Grunewald,

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, our country & leaders & world leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses and those affected by the war in Ukraine.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maggie Luiz	08 May
Thikho Mabuda	10 May
Grant Schoeman	10 May
Bryan Beyer	11 May
Tracey Kitching	11 May
Annalisa Vicente	11 May
Gaynor Pienaar	14 May

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Reg & Dianne Branford—13 May

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Sue Beukes

Book: She's got issues

Lesson: Cheap plastic souls

Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group meeting at the home of Males & Karen Tomlinson

Jorren will be teaching

Contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 for details.

Please contact Rohann Marais 073 210 5526 for the Malesbury/Paarl details



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*

You ought to live **holy** and **godly** lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming
2 Peter 3:11-12

THIS WEEK 08 May 2022

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 15 May 2022

AM		PM	AM		PM
Dereck Beukes			Dereck Beukes		
Johan Gerber			Criston Sloan		
Criston Sloan			Ian Kitching		
Neil Botes			Tendani Mabuda		
Neil, Rikki, Johan P, André Botes Jnr			Tendani, Don, Allen, George		
Dereck Beukes			Dereck Beukes		
Jorren Sloan			Don Griessel		
			COMMUNION		
			FLOWERS		
Charles			Sound		
			Jorren		

FINANCES

Year-to-date **budget**
(Mar 2022) - R 324,000
Year 2022 **actual**
(Act 2022) - R 316,352
Year-to-date - **shortfall**
(Short 2022) - R 7,648
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