

15 May 2022

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Roads,
Eversdal
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...

"I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more." – I Cor. 9:19-23

Paul said this and Timothy understood the application. In **1 Corinthians 9**, Paul is defending his right to be paid for his labour in the kingdom. In this context, he mentions an often-misunderstood passage.

"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it" (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

Some have used the idea of **"becoming all things to all men" with great liberty. Paul clearly mentions being "under the law of Christ."** He is not saying that he acted outside the boundaries of the Gospel. He is referring to doing the things he could to make his presence and speech more acceptable to these different groups. He did not want to do anything that would hinder the message of the Gospel.

Timothy understood this because of what happened in **Acts 16:1-3**. Here they were introduced to Timothy, and Paul wanted him to come with them on their journey. They know his father is a Greek, so they have Timothy circumcised before they leave. Paul said in **1 Corinthians 7:19**, **"Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God."** Poor Timothy! What is happening in **Act 16**? He is becoming all things to all men. He would not have been able to enter the Jewish synagogues or teach Jews if he was not circumcised. To the Greeks, this was a strange mutilation of the body and culturally frowned upon. He did it for the sake of the Gospel. So, the ordeal that Timothy endured was a direct application to making yourself a slave to others.

We need to consider our actions in evangelism and personal work in this light. If I could change a few things about how I present myself (WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE LAW OF CHRIST), then I might become more effective in gaining access into a particular group. It would be for the sake of the gospel. Paul is doing all he can to be able to have an opportunity to present the gospel. He has made himself a slave to others in their need for the gospel. What is misunderstood and overlooked is Paul's devotion and humility to serve others.

Like Paul we need to consciously reflect Christ to all whom we meet so that the message is never constrained.

Love

Dereck

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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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	15 May	22 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, Lucien Jacobs, Kaiden Jacobs, Dennis Stubbs, Kyle Grunewald, Dorothy Boshoff

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



Jake Bywater	17 May
Cecile Kirby	17 May
Hannah Sinclair	17 May
Zandile Kweyama	19 May
Thomas Hartle	20 May
Ethne Bresler	21 May
Pumla Kweyama	21 May

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Laurie & Anneke Greyvenstein—15 May

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Ali

Book: She's got issues

Lesson: More than Mediocre

Announcements & prayer: Sue



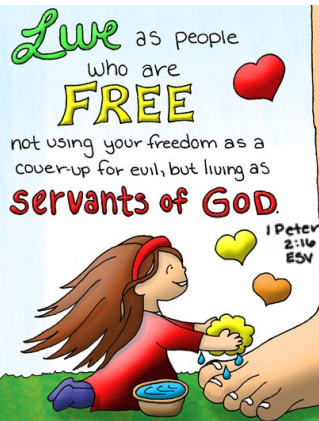
THURSDAY GROUP



Durbanville group meeting at the home of TBA

Geoff will be teaching

Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726, or Rohann Marais 073 210 5526 for the Malmesbury/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"

Food Parcels



Stay Safe, Stay positive
Stay connected
You are loved



THIS WEEK 15 May 2022

THIS WEEK 15 May 2022		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 22 May 2022	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Criston Sloan			Joe Tshililo	
HD Botes		LORD'S SUPPER	Jorren Sloan	
Tendani Mabuda		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Harrison Markotter	
Tendani, Don, Allen, George		AM SERVERS	Harrison, Glen, Jorren, Criston	
Rohann Marais		PREACHING	Stephen Leibbrandt	
Don Griessel		CLOSING PRAYER	Glen DW Holmes	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Jorren		Sound	Harrison	

FINANCES

Year-to-date budget (Apr 2022) - R 432,000
Year 2022 actual (Apr 2022) - R 408,917
Year-to-date - **shortfall** (Apr 2022) - R 23,083
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