

28 November 2021

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P.O. Box 351,
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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...

Important Aspects Of Confession To Consider

Personal or public sin is never easy to confess because of pride or ego — but it is necessary to get our lives right with God (**Isaiah 59:1-15**). The following are some aspects of confession that we may or may not have thought of:

Confessing sin necessarily constitutes personal action — It's not difficult to say, "We all sin" or "he sinned" — the hard part is when we personally must say, "**I have sinned**" (**1 Samuel 15:24; Psalm 51:4**). When the known sin pertains to the individual, personal confession is demanded. Notice David's confession in **Psalm 51** when he says, "**my transgressions**" (**Psalm 51:1 NKJV**), "**my iniquity**" (**Psalm 51:2**), "**my sin**" (**Psalm 51:2-3**).

Confession of sin is specific — To say, "**If I have done anything**" is easy — but it simply is not confession of specific sin. An individual who is unsure whether he has sinned or not, should find out. Until he knows and admits his sin, he can make no real confession. Any "**if**" confessions are a farce. The one confessing must say, "**I have sinned**" — no doubt about it. David was definite — "**my sin is ever before me**" (**Psalm 51:3**) — and he knew **what specific sin it was that needed confessing**.

Confession names sin — Often sin is renamed; and the crime reduced. This is a common practice in civil law. The criminal is allowed to admit to a lesser offence rather than the criminal offence which it is that he/she actually committed. However, this tactic is not allowed in God's court. We cannot confess to "**hurting someone's feelings**" when we have slandered someone. The idea of "**accidentally**" misrepresenting the facts or "**exaggerating**" will not be adequate when in fact we lied. Confession names sin (**1 Samuel 15:24-25**).

Confession addresses the one who has been sinned against — Acceptable confession occurs when the individual who lies, goes to the person they injured and says, "**I lied about you**" — that is true confession. A dozen times down the church aisle would be easier, but it is not acceptable. Confessing to the church will not replace it.

David knew this principle when he stated to God, "**Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight**" (**Psalm 51:4**). If an individual has sinned against God; he must confess to God. He may need to confess his sin to the church if the knowledge of their sin is public and embarrasses the church, but not before he confesses it to God and those they offended.

If an individual sins a public sin against the congregation where he is a member, and he moves to another congregation, he cannot properly confess his sin at the new congregation. He must return to his former congregation where the sin took place and ask for the forgiveness of that sin there.

Confession of sin anticipates a plea for forgiveness — A man may admit his meanness — in fact, he may even be proud of it. This is not the Bible brand of confession. A man who seeks no pardon is not confessing sin. Again, notice the confession of David — "**Have mercy upon me, O God Blot out my transgressions**" (**Psalm 51:1**).

Confession is good for the soul — Because eternity is in view (**Matthew 16:24-27**), but for many, true confession becomes extremely difficult because of pride and ego.

When we willingly confess our sins before the Lord, He is always eager and ready to forgive us of our sins (**Psalm 32:5; Psalm 86:5; Proverbs 28:13; cf. Luke 15:11-24; 1 John 1:9**).

In Christian love let's do this right.

Love, Dereck

CONTACT DETAILS

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MINISTRY FACILITATORS

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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: Robert Trevor-Jones 074 653 1463

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: Gavin Fullard, Maggie Luiz, Kyle Grunewald, Lydia Sinclair, Carmen Visagie, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs, Isabel James, Dorothy Boshoff, Heather Jenkins

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 country & leaders & world leaders, the front-line workers, doctors & nurses.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Thinus Buys	28 Nov
Tom Thomas	28 Nov
Nomzamo Dopolo	29 Nov
Heather Johnson	29 Nov
Kayleigh DW Holmes	30 Nov
Glen DW Holmes	02 Dec

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Ivan & Joslyn Morkel—29 November
Peter & Caren Jäck—04 December

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS



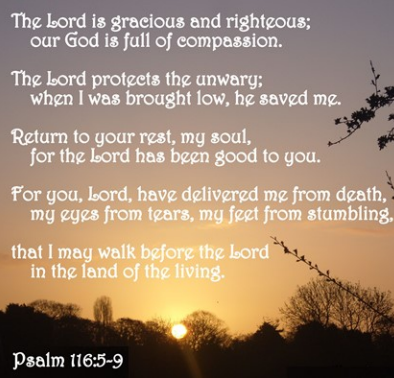
Has ended for the year
We will be back in the new year.

THURSDAY GROUP



Teaching: Criston

Venue: Dereck & Sue Beukes
Also on zoom Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526 for 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*



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	28 November	05 December
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 21 November 2021

NEXT WEEK 05 December 2021

AM		DUTY ROSTER	PM	
Dereck Beukes			ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Joe Tshililo	
André Botes		LORD'S SUPPER	HD Botes	
Rohann Marais		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Rikki Jäck	
Rohann, Joe		AM SERVERS	Rikki, Don	
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Joe Tshililo		CLOSING PRAYER	Don Griessel	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Charles		Sound	Charles	

FINANCES

Year-to-date budget
(Oct 2021) - R1,040,000
Year 2021 actual
(Oct 2021) - R1,123,270
Year-to-date surplus 🟢
(Oct 2021) - R 83,270
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