

17 October 2021

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Roads,  
Eversdal  
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...*

## Do you Care to Suffer?

Being a disciple of Christ is much more than just living a Holy life. Its forging toward a Holy life amidst opposition from the evil one and his cohorts.

***"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mt. 16:24).*** Jesus did not hide from His would-be disciples the fact that following Him would lead to persecution. If Jesus was crucified, it should not come as a shock to learn that His disciples will also be mistreated (**2 Tim. 3:12**). However, when such suffering comes because of living for God, we can expect that we will also receive the blessing and approval of the Lord.

**Through the years, many have misunderstood the principle of suffering for the sake of righteousness.** Some have reasoned that self-imposed hardship is somehow beneficial to the soul. In fact, one man who lived in the fourth century went about wearing such heavy chains that he had to crawl wherever he went. For more than forty years, another man deprived himself of lying down to go to sleep. We read of still another man who lived in a hollow tree trunk for 11 years. Pardon the pun, but he was barking up the wrong tree! What a distorted way of thinking.

**Jesus did teach blessing in persecution.** However, the blessing extended is for those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness (**Mt. 5:10**). In and of itself, suffering is neither good nor bad. But if we look to God for deliverance and place our trust in Him, suffering brings about great results. **James** says, ***"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance and let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4).***

**There is a difference between suffering for what is right and suffering for our own foolishness.** If we get smacked in the face for being obnoxious and abusive to others, we can hardly call it suffering for the sake of righteousness. In our efforts to teach others about the Saviour, we must be bold, but gentle. Paul reminds us to ***"speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15).*** Peter says, ***"Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name" (1 Pet. 4:15-16).*** You can tell a lot about a person by observing that for which he or she is willing to suffer. Let ours always be a suffering for the sake of righteousness so that we might also entertain the hope of everlasting life.

May the Lord empower and embolden us to step into that Holy space of resisting evil wherever it presents.

Have a wonderful week ahead

Love

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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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**

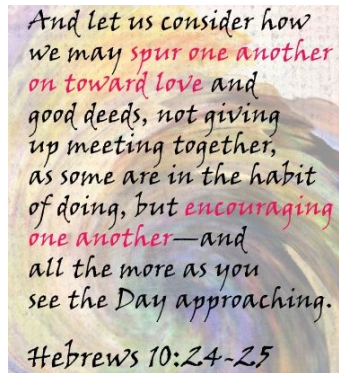
Contact: Johan & Gaynor Pienaar 083 456 0791

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Kyle Grünewald, Carmen Visagie, Anzonia Joseph, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs, Isabel James, Dorothy Boshoff, Heather Jenkins, Lydia Sinclair

*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 frontline workers, doctors & nurses.



**BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING**

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



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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Anika Adams	20 Oct
Leonie Botes	20 Oct
Shirley Grant	21 Oct
John Mark Iyi	21 Oct
George Hocter	22 Oct
Warren Beyer	23 Oct
Rikki Jäck	23 Oct

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Rohann & Victoria Marais—17 Oct

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Delene

Book: Becoming an Intentional Women of God

Announcements & prayer: Sue

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Teaching: Jorren

Venue: Geoff & Steph Jäck

6 Magnolia Cres, Valmary Park

Also on zoom Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526 for details

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	17 October	24 October
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 17 October 2021**

**NEXT WEEK 24 October 2021**

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

**FINANCES**

Year-to-date budget (Sept 2021) - R 936,000  
 Year 2021 actual (Sept 2021) - R1,039,440  
 Year-to-date surplus (Sept 2021) - R 103,440  
*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