

25 September 2022

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Rostand &
Chantecler
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...

The Immeasurable Love of Christ

Paul finished his masterful dissertation on the church of the Christ, and he began to close the “**doctrinal**” section of his letter to the Ephesians before beginning the “**practical section.**” In this transition, he penned a prayer on behalf of his brethren, in which he made at least five distinct requests. The fourth desire in his list is that God “**would grant**” them to “**be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge**” (Eph. 3:14-19). Ponder, for a moment, the love of Christ. There is no greater subject on which to meditate! How much can you stretch your mind around it?

The width of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ embraces all people, regardless of ethnicity, culture, social status, economic status, education, etc. When Jesus died on the cross, He literally stretched His arms as wide as they would go to demonstrate the all-encompassing love He has for mankind (Rom. 5:8; Heb. 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:15). No one is excluded!

The length of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ “**never fails**” (1 Cor. 13:8). From eternity past (before the foundation of the world, 1 Pet. 1:19-21) into eternity future (if we can use such terminology), His love for you always has been, currently is and always will be! How far has He gone to prove His love?

The depth of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ compelled Him to leave the splendour and glory of heaven (John 17:5) to come down into the depths of the earth (Phil. 2:5-8), in order to reach down and save the vilest of sinners (1 Tim. 1:12-15; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). Even though we were “**dead in trespasses and sins,**” “**His great love with which He loved us**” (Eph. 2:1-4) drove Him to incomprehensible depths!

The height of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ raises one up from the waters of baptism and honours him to wear the name that is above every name—the name of Christ (1 Pet. 4:16), and makes him to “**sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**” (Eph. 2:6)—i.e., the church (Eph. 3:21). Even more, He has “**reserved**” (1 Pet. 1:3-5) an eternal home “**in heaven above**” (cf. Deut. 4:39).

After talking about “**the width and length and depth and height**” of the love of Christ, Paul then says that it “**surpasses knowledge**” (i.e., it extraordinarily exceeds any scale on which we could place it)! That is why I wrote with each expression, “**Perhaps this is to draw our minds.**” The reality is that we will never be able to measure and fully comprehend the immensity of the love of Christ! What a thought!

I pray that as you contemplate the Truth of God’s word you realise that you are not an afterthought and that you are loved from before you were born into eternity.

Love in Christ

Dereck

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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 Darryn 072 385 9062

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

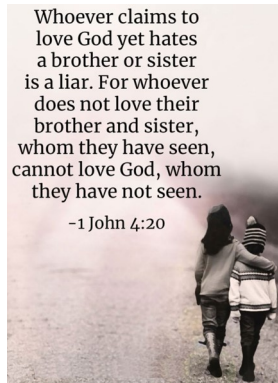
DATE	25 September	02 October
Age 2 to 4	Age 4-7 classroom	Age 4-7 classroom
Age 5 to 7	Age 4-7 classroom	Age 4-7 classroom
Grade 2 - 4	Gd 2-3 classroom	Gd 2-3 classroom
Grade 5 - 7	Gd 2-3 classroom	Gd 2-3 classroom

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Eric Bresler, Dennis Stubbs, Bill Randall, 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, police and those who keep us safe, and those affected by the war in Ukraine.



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* 

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 

Netshiavha Ridodzula	25 Sep
Allison Diedericks	25 Sep
Kyle Grünewald	27 Sep
Joanie Greene	30 Sep
Leonard Greene	30 Sep
Anemari DW Holmes	30 Sep
Konanani Mabuda	01 Oct

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Elroy & Melody Snell—27 Sep

Mario & Natalie Idas—28 Sep 

Johan & Gaynor Pienaar—30 Sep

Kudakwashe & Francisca Tsingano—01 Oct

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS 

Teaching: Alana

Book: NLB: The Christian Woman—Woman, strengths and weaknesses

Announcements & Prayer: Sue

THURSDAY GROUP 

Durbanville group meeting at the home of Marietjie Manuel.

Jorren will be teaching.

Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 for details.

For Malmesbury/Paarl details please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062



THIS WEEK 25 September 2022

NEXT WEEK 02 October 2022

AM		PM	DUTY ROSTER	AM		PM
Dereck Beukes				ANNOUNCEMENTS	Don Griessel	
Johan Gerber			SONG LEADER		Criston Sloan	
Jorren Sloan			LORD'S SUPPER	Johan Pienaar		
Juan Thomas			SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Grant Schoemann		
Johan, Glen, Juan, Jorren			AM SERVERS	David, Kyle, Grant, Nicolas		
Dereck Beukes			PREACHING	Harrison Markotter		
Glen DW Holmes			CLOSING PRAYER	Kyle Grünewald		
			COMMUNION			
			FLOWERS			
Harrison			Sound	Jorren & Johan Pienaar		

FINANCES

Year-to-date **budget**

(May 2022) - R 540,000

Year to date **actual**

(May 2022) - R 508,348

Year-to-date - **shortfall**

(May 2022) - R 31,652

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