

05 September 2021

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#### SERVICE TIMES

##### Online

##### 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 11h30-12h00

##### Sunday Worship

10.00 - 11.15 AM.

PM Suspended for time being

*Living a new life in Christ*

*From the desk of Dereck...*

### **Epaphras An Example of Faithfulness in the face of Fire**

**The Bible is full of examples of the faithfulness of man.** We have some examples that are more prominent and famous. There are also examples that are more obscure. These seem to represent more of the common godly person. Epaphras is one that was faithful and fierce in his service but was not prominent in the pages of the New Testament.

Epaphras is mentioned in two books of the New Testament, Philemon and Colossians. In Philemon Paul writes, ***"Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you" (1:23)***. It is clear that at the writing of this letter, Epaphras was also imprisoned, assumingly for the crime of being a Christian. This speaks of his conviction in his service.

In Colossians, we are given a little more information about him. ***"Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth; just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit" (Col. 1:5-8)***. From this passage we can discern a few things about the work of Epaphras. Paul talks about them having heard the gospel, understood it, and that it is bearing fruit. The worker behind these efforts was Epaphras. We have no record of Paul going to Colosse. However, Epaphras could have heard the message while Paul was in the region of Phrygia, either in Ephesus or Antioch of Phrygia. So Epaphras heard the message and preached it in his hometown. Then, at some point he goes to visit Paul in Rome where he was subsequently imprisoned.

At the end of his letter, Paul mentions Epaphras again. ***"Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis" (Col. 4:12-13)***. From this we learn that Epaphras is from Colosse. He is prayerful for the church, wanting them to ***"stand perfect"*** and ***"fully assured in the will of God."*** Paul testifies of the deep concern that Epaphras has for the churches in Colosse, Laodicea and Hierapolis. These other cities are neighbouring cities to Colosse. It is possible that he took the Gospel to those cities as well or he had worked extensively with them. It is clear from these brief glimpses of Epaphras that he was a determined worker in the kingdom. May we strive to have the same level of conviction and commitment to service.

Have an amazing week and always look at Christ the Author and perfecter of your faith.

God bless

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 Gerber 083 233 4726

**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 Grunewald, Eden Meyer, Carmen Visagie, Anzonia Joseph, Joanie Green, Lydia Sinclair, Kaiden Jacobs, Ivan & Joselyn Morkel, Nikki Dearham

*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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Francisca Tsingano	05 Sep
Helen Manzoni	06 Sep
Abrie Vermeulen	07 Sep
Jenny Beyer	09 Sep
Ayden Whitmill	09 Sep
Dean Beyer	10 Sep
Liam Beyer	10 Sep
Nosa Iyi	10 Sep

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Juan & Brigitte Thomas—8 Sep

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Cecile

Book: Becoming an Intentional Women of God

Announcements & prayer: Sue

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Teaching: Johan

The bible study is on zoom this Thursday

Please contact Johan Gerber for the details 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526

And let us consider  
how we may spur  
one another  
on toward love  
and  
good deeds.

Heb 10:24



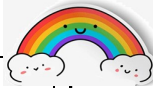
**BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING**

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

Food Parcels



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	05 September	12 September
Age 2 to 4	Online	Online
Age 5 to 7	Online	Online
Grade 2 - 4	Online	Online
Grade 5 - 7	Online	Online

**THIS WEEK 05 September**

**NEXT WEEK 12 September 2021**

THIS WEEK 05 September		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 12 September 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
		SONG LEADER		
Ian Kitching		LORD'S SUPPER	Harrison Markotter	
Thama Mabuda		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	André Botes	
		AM SERVERS		
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Charles Markotter		CLOSING PRAYER	Geoff Jäck	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Charles		Sound	Rohann	

**FINANCES**

Year-to-date budget (July 2021) - R728,000  
Year 2021 actual (July 2021) - R828,096  
Year-to-date surplus (July 2021) - R100,096  
God bless you as you excel in your giving - 2 Cor. 8 : 7



**BANKING DETAILS**

**NEDBANK**  
ACC Name: Bellville Church of Christ  
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