

19 September 2021

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Roads,  
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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...*

## God So Often Works in the Shadows

The Bible clearly says, ***“Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father above”*** (Jas. 1:17). While we might sometimes misunderstand what is truly good, there is no doubt that there has never been a good and perfect gift which does not come from God. It is so wonderful to read the Bible and see where God reveals just how He often works in the background to bring blessings to His people.

**Think of the providence of God in the life of Joseph and how it shows He works.** Years before anyone understood what was actually happening, God gave Joseph two dreams about what some day would come about. **The first dream** concerned his brothers’ bundles of wheat bowing down to Joseph’s bundle. When he told his brothers this dream, their hatred of him became even greater. When he told them of **the second dream**, where the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph, his father, Jacob, rebuked him by saying, ***“What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”*** (Gen. 37:7-10).

Because we know the ***“rest of the story,”*** we read and immediately understand how all of this came about. There was no way Jacob, Joseph or any of his brothers could have imagined how this would happen, even as it was happening. This is such a revelation about how God used events (even the jealous hatred Joseph’s brothers had, the lies of Potiphar’s wife and the seven years of famine) to accomplish His purpose. Any of them could have asked at various times in their lives, ***“Where is God?”*** It is only afterwards that Joseph could look backwards and say to his brothers, ***“God sent me before you to preserve life...You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive”*** (Gen. 45:50; 50:20).

Some might foolishly say, ***“Jacob and his children were so lucky that Joseph was the ruler in Egypt.”*** It was not luck—it was **God working in the shadows**. How do we know this for certain? It is because God foretold it in the two dreams.

The only way anyone can know that a specific event was God working in the shadows is for God to speak to that specific event and say, ***“I did that.”*** To see this, **read the words of Mordecai to Esther about all that had happened to enable her to become Queen of Persia.** ***“Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this”*** (Esther 4:14). Without divine revelation, we cannot know any specific event happens because God changed the world to make it happen. We do not need to know, for it is enough to know that every good gift comes from our Father.

I pray that as you seek clarification to how things work together that you will trust that it is He that is working all things for good.

Stay focused and trust Him implicitly

Love Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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**Worship:** Don Griessel 021 976-2950

**Sunday School:** Charles & Tish 083 779 8556

**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 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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	19 September	26 September
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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Lydia Sinclair, Kyle Grunewald, Carmen Visagie, Anzonia Joseph, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs, Isabel James

*The bereaved:* Our prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones. May the God of comfort be with you.

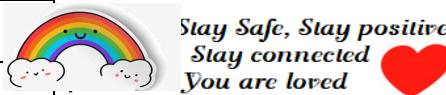
*The elderly & those in need of prayer:* SA Bible College and especially — our country & leaders & world leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses.



*You were missed*

**BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING**

If you would like to contribute to the frozen food ministry for those



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Caitlin Bonthuys	19 Sep
Kim Morkel	19 Sep
Michelle Whitmill	21 Sep
Tyla Morkel	24 Sep
Allison Diedericks	25 Sep

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Gawie & Sony Venter— 23 Sep

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Carol

Book: Becoming an Intentional Women of God

Announcements & prayer: Sue

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Teaching: Criston

The bible study is on zoom this Thursday

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

**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



**THIS WEEK 19 September**

**NEXT WEEK 26 September 2021**

THIS WEEK 19 September		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 26 September 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
		SONG LEADER		
Rohann Marais			Jorren Sloan	
HD Botes		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Joe Tshililo	
Criston, Jorren		AM SERVERS	Joe, Rikki	
Dereck Beukes			PREACHING	Dereck Beukes
Marc De Kock		CLOSING PRAYER	Rikki Jäck	
			COMMUNION	
		FLOWERS		
Jorren			Sound	Charles

**FINANCES**

Year-to-date budget (August 2021) - R832,000

Year 2021 actual (August 2021) - R938,051

Year-to-date surplus (August 2021) - R106,051

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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Branch Code: 103610