

08 March 2026

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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

AM: 10:00 - 11:15

PM: 18:00 –19:00

*Living a new life in Christ*

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## Why Do Relational Sins Seem So Easy to Justify?

It seems that there are some sins which are quickly and universally condemned, such as murder, stealing, rape, child molestation, etc. The very thought of these (and others) can be so repulsive to some that they immediately condemn any practice of it.

Yet there are other sins that even Christians seem to struggle to resist. These often involve some kind of relationship, and when it involves someone, Christian love pulls at the heartstrings to the point that even a Christian may soften and “not see it as a big deal.” Let me see if I can give some illustrations.

Some Christian parents, who are strong in their faith, have been faced with one of their own children becoming a homosexual. Not wanting to “lose” connection with their kid, some parents have weakened and grown to accept (at some level) the choice of their child.

Other Christian parents have struggled to know how to handle a child who moves in with a lover, has children, builds a life, and lives with all the privileges (and appearances) of a married couple with children, without actually being married. Some parents have just gone along to “keep the peace.”

Many Christians have been challenged by God’s teaching on marriage, divorce and remarriage. They have friends who are in a marriage that is adulterous in the eyes of God. And when there are children involved, it is so common for a Christian to say, “How can God expect them to separate! There’s no way He would! What will that do to the children?”

Often Christians put themselves into relationships that are adulterous in the eyes of God, but they are so “in love” and believe so much they “have a right to be happy” that they say, “God will understand” or “God can’t expect me to live alone the rest of my life.”

Many other examples could be given, but hopefully these suffice to illustrate how painful, personal, and heart-rending these situations can be. Some sins can be immediately condemned, but then others challenge us to the point of acceptance.

Consider ten things: (1) God’s law is always right (**Psa. 19:7-9; Hos. 14:9**). (2) God’s law is unchanging (**Psa. 119:89; 1 Pet. 1:25**). (3) God shows no partiality (**Rom. 2:11; 1 Pet. 1:17**). (4) Sin is always wrong (**Rom. 6:23; Gal. 5:19-21**). (5) No sin can ever be right or acceptable to God (**Prov. 6:16-19; Gal. 1:4**). (6) Right in one’s own eyes is foolishness to God (**Prov. 12:15; Isa. 5:21**). (7) Showing approval of sin is a sin itself (**Rom. 1:32; 2 John 9-11**). (8) One can resist sin with God’s help (**1 Cor. 6:11, 18-20; Jas. 4:7-8**). (9) One can live single for life for God’s sake and with His help (**Matt. 19:11-12; 1 Cor. 7:10-11, 32**). (10) We must not conform and must help others to not conform (**Rom. 12:1-2; Matt. 5:13-16**).

These passages Must give us deep food for thought.

May this week ahead be a different walk with a Holy God.

Love in Christ

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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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

**KFC:** meet alternate Fridays 18H30—20H00

**Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7**

Contact: Devereaux 081 734 2204

**YOUTH: Grade 8 to Grade 12 meet 5th Sunday of month**

Contact: Darryn & Danelle McLachlan 072 385 9062

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	08 March	15 March
Cradle roll	Marietjie	Marietjie
Age 4—6	Anemari & Lauren	Anemari & Lauren
Grade 1—4	Anzonia	Anzonia
Grade 5—6	Wendy	Wendy
Grade 7	Devereaux & Shaz	Devereaux & Shaz

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Allan Fraser, Jenny Robertson, Annette Day, Suzanne Borlase, Willem Schoeman, Lynn Hendricks, Elijah April, Luigi Serrotti.

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Luke's family. May the God of comfort be with you.

*The elderly & those in need of prayer:* SA Bible College, our country & leaders & world leaders, and those affected by war.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Ziike Heathcote	08 Mar
Madeleine Meyer	08 Mar
Kurt Morkel	09 Mar
Neil Botes	10 Mar
Nicolas Webb	10 Mar
Vaughn Kirby	11 Mar
Cliah Jäck	13 Mar
Lucien Jacobs	13 Mar

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**EASTRIDGE COC**

**Sing-along**

Date: Sunday 08 March (Today)

Venue: Eastridge

Time: 3pm

**MONTH END TEA**

Date: Sunday 29 March

Venue: Bellville church

Time: After morning service

Please bring a plate of treats to share



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Zane & Eloise Elgar—13 Mar

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Sue

Book: Forgotten God (a study on the Holy Spirit)

Ch 4: Why do you want Him?

Announcements & prayer: Sue

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Marietjie Manuel.

Jorren will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber on 084 897 4974 with any queries.

Malmesbury/Paarl group will meet on zoom. Please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062 or Johan Pienaar 083 456 0791 for the details.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Devotional—Thama is teaching

Date: Sun 08 March at: 6pm

**THIS WEEK 08 March 2026**

**DUTY ROSTER**

**NEXT WEEK 15 March 2026**

AM		PM	AM		PM
Leonard Green			ANNOUNCEMENTS		Johan Gerber
Joe Tshililo			SONG LEADER		Jonathan Leibbrandt
John-Mark Iyi			LORD'S SUPPER		Males Tomlinson
John-Mark, Darryn, Stephen, Allen			AM SERVERS		
Darryn McLachlan			Males, Tendani, Juan, Josh		
Dereck Beukes		Devo evening	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER		Tendani Mabuda
Stephen Leibbrandt			PREACHING		Stephen Leibbrandt
			CLOSING PRAYER		Juan Thomas
Stephen Leibbrandt			Standby		Johan Gerber
Marc & Eleanor			Audio/Visual		Ruan & Mela

**FINANCES**

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



**BANKING DETAILS**

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