

04 August 2024

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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...

More Than a Slave

As I study the Bible, I am amazed at what great truths can be found in what might be first viewed as “insignificant” verses. In giving us everything that we could possibly need for life, God chose every word of every verse for the express purpose of giving us all that we need (**2 Pet. 1:3**). We see this as we study “deep” passages like those found in Romans or Hebrews, but we can so easily overlook this kind of study elsewhere. Look at how this principle applies to how Paul described a slave who was *“more than a slave.”*

It is found in the only one chapter book the apostle penned, and it concerned a slave who Paul taught while in prison in Rome. His name was Onesimus, who had run away from his master, Philemon. Paul had converted Philemon and now writes every word of this letter to him with his own chained hands. Paul expected that he would soon be released and asked Philemon to prepare a room for him when he arrived after his release.

Can you imagine the joy there would have been in that reunion? What a great reception there would have been! However, before Paul came, there was to be another person coming to Philemon’s house. Paul asked him to receive this guest as he would hopefully be able to receive Paul. We know some of the names of those brethren who were with Paul—Mark, Luke, and Demas—but none were mentioned as coming. Who was this important person that Paul asked Philemon to welcome? It was a slave who had served Philemon before he had run away.

That slave may have even stolen things to take with him as he fled, and Paul offered to pay any amount owed. Paul writes this letter to ensure that when Onesimus arrived he would be looked at in a far different way. He was indeed a slave, but Paul tells Philemon to treat this slave who returned to serve his master in a different way.

Read every word of this letter carefully and think of how it applies to people who are in your life. He had been a slave, but Paul says that now he returns “more than a slave.” He is a brother. He is a beloved brother. He is a brother in whose life God possibly had brought circumstances that lead to his conversion. He is a brother who had served Paul while the apostle was in prison. Read every word of this short letter and one great lesson is found. It all had changed. He was still a slave, but he was more than a slave.

Look at your brothers in Christ. We are all different in many ways. Never look at any fellow Christian with any view that is greater than we are now brothers. This alone changes it all. We are all different but all that truly matters is that we are all brothers. We are beloved brothers in Christ!

I pray that you have an amazing week in the Lord.

Kind regards

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Darryn McLachlan, Dianne Branford, Eric Bresler, Ursula Cupido, Avril Turpin, Jordan Kanchingwe, Soofi Dinnie, Annette Day, Geoff Jäck

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to 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, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Nathan Bowers	04 Aug
Sylvia Abrahams	06 Aug
Keenan Idas	07 Aug
Mike Botha	08 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Stephen & Celia Leibbrandt—04 August
Tendani & Konanani Mabuda—07 Aug

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Shirley
Book: Forgive your way to freedom: Ch 9
Remember How to Forget
Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Johan & Katarina Gerber. Joe will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber 084 897 4974 with any queries.

Malmesbury/Paarl group also meet on a Thursday, on zoom. Please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062 for the details

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Devo evening
Date: Sun 11 August
at: 6pm

KFC & YOUTH

Parents please indicate on the list on the notice board, the dates you can assist with Kfc and Youth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Soup after service: Sunday 04 Aug

Seniors' Luncheon : Sunday 01 Sept

Family Fun Day: Saturday 07 Dec

Sunday School Picnic: Sun 08 Dec



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	04 August	11 August
Cradle roll	Elise	Elise
Age 4—6	Tish & Lauren	Tish & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Lucy-May	Lucy-May
Grade 3 - 4	Lucy-May	Lucy-May
Grade 5 - 7	Liesl	Liesl

THIS WEEK 04 August 2024

NEXT WEEK 11 August 2024

THIS WEEK 04 August 2024		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 11 August 2024	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Joe Tshililo			Criston Sloan	
Glen DW Holmes			Tendani Mabuda	
Glen, Kyle, Rikki, Gary		AM SERVERS	Tendani, David, Lazama, Werner	
Kyle Grünewald		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	David Enslin	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Devo Evening
Rikki Jäck		CLOSING PRAYER	Lazama Hlela	
		COMMUNION		
Soup & Pancake fellowship after service		TEA		
Jorren		Sound	Charles	

FINANCES

God bless you
as you excel
In your giving -
2 Cor. 8 : 7



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