

17 December 2023

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P.O. Box 351,
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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: 17:00 –18:00

Living a new life in Christ

From the desk of Dereck...

Who Does not Want to See Good Days?

David asked a question in **Psalm 34** that seems to have an obvious answer, but it comes with some clear responsibilities.

David asked, **“Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good?” (34:12)**. Who wants to live? Who wants to live for many days? Who wants to live...for many days...and wants those many days to be “good”? Well, that’s everyone! Isn’t it?

Better than any self-help book out there, God tells us what is involved in seeing good days. They do not just come on their own. We must take steps in our lives to bring them about. Note the inspired keys to having a good life.

Good days involve your tongue. The inspired penman states, **“Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit” (34:13)**. Do not lie (**Eph. 4:25**), do not slander (**Jas. 4:11**), do not use filthy language (**Col. 3:8**), do not tell crude jokes (**Eph. 5:4**), etc. Use your tongue for good—to comfort (**2 Cor. 1:3-6**), to encourage (**Eph. 4:29**), to thank (**Eph. 5:4**), to teach (**2 Tim. 2:2**), to extend kindness (**Eph. 4:32**), to express forgiveness (**Col. 3:13**), etc.

Good days involve your conduct. David goes on to say, **“Depart from evil and do good” (34:14)**. We must resist the devil (**Jas. 4:7**), resist bitterness (**Eph. 4:31**), resist sexual impurity (**Gal. 5:19**), resist anger (**Col. 3:8**), resist fleshly lusts (**1 Pet. 2:11**), resist the pride of life (**1 John 2:16**), etc. Instead, we need to do good to everyone, especially our fellow Christians (**Gal. 6:10**), seek the church first in our lives (**Matt. 6:33**), teach the gospel to lost souls (**Mark 16:15**), obey the commandments of God (**Ecc. 12:13**), etc.

Good days involve your relationships. The second part of **verse 14** says, **“Seek peace and pursue it.”** There are words and behaviours that can destroy peace in our relationships (**Eph. 4:31; Gal. 5:20; Col. 3:8**), which is why we must **“have regard for good things in the sight of all men” (Rom. 12:17)**. For we are told, **“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (12:18)**. This requires **“humility, meekness, longsuffering” (Col. 3:12)**, in which we always go the second mile (**Matt. 5:41**).

Good days involve your prayer life. David focuses on **“the righteous”** who **“cry out”** to the Lord, with the promise that He **“hears”** them and **“delivers them” (34:15-17)**. Bad days can become good days if we will **“cast all [our] care upon Him” (1 Pet. 5:7)** and **“trust” (Prov. 3:5-6)** that He will be **“with”** us (**Josh. 1:9**), **“strengthen”** us (**1 Pet. 5:10**) and **“help”** us (**Psa. 46:1**).

Who wants to see good days? All of us do! Our Lord gives us the secret to enjoying all the good days He supplies!

Pray that you will see that it is possible to live a good life in the Lord.

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 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: Dorothy Boshoff, Warren Beyer, Evodia Marti-nessen, Elsabé Jansen

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Lee Reynecke & 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 doctors & nurses, police and those who keep us safe, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine and Israel. Just pray for everyone.

SUNDAY EVENINGS: DECEMBER

Please note

There will be no Sunday evening service on Sunday 24 December and no evening service on Sunday 31 December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Calling all Sunday School teachers to please sign up on the notice board in the foyer.

Parents please fill in the Sunday school forms as soon as possible so we can have everything ready to start in the new year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Emma Snell	18 Dec
Elroy Snell	19 Dec
Aiden Ganesh	21 Dec

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roy & Trudi McLachlan—22 Dec
Darryn & Danelle McLachlan—22 Dec

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Ladies class has ended for the year. We will start again early in the New Year

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group and Paarl / Malmesbury bible study groups are taking a break over the festive season. Bible study will start up again in the new year.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Fellowship evening
Date: Sun 17 Dec
Time : 5pm

FISANTEKRAAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Speak to Celia or Alison if you would like to teach or help the Buns & Butter team in 2024.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	17 Dec	24 Dec
Age 4—6	No Sunday school	No Sunday school
Grade 1—2	No Sunday school	No Sunday school
Grade 3 - 4	No Sunday school	No Sunday school
Grade 5 - 7	No Sunday school	No Sunday school

NEXT WEEK 17 December 2023

AM	PM
Stephen Leibbrandt	Dereck Beukes
Criston Sloan	
Joe Tshililo	
Joe, Jorren, Skot, David	
Jorren Sloan	
André Botes	Fellowship evening
Skot Gordon	
Charles / Eleanor	

DUTY ROSTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS
SONG LEADER
LORD'S SUPPER
AM SERVERS
SCRIPTURE & PRAYER
PREACHING
CLOSING PRAYER
COMMUNION
FLOWERS
Sound

NEXT WEEK 24 December 2023

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	Dereck Beukes
Stephen Leibbrandt	
Harrison Markotter	
Harrison, Males, George	
Harrison Markotter	
Dereck Beukes	
Males Tomlinson	
Harrison	

FINANCES

Budget : Mar—Nov 2023
Budget = R130 000 x 9 mths
= **R1 170 000.00**
Actual contribution
= **R990 194.67**
Shortfall / Surplus
= **-R179 805.33**
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