

07 January 2024

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Rostand &
Chantecler
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Eversdal
P.O. Box 351,
Durbanville 7551



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...

Having a True “Happy New Year”

How many times in the last few days have you heard these words, “**Happy New Year**”? Probably far more than you can remember. These words may have various meanings depending on one’s background and their own personal values. Have you ever considered the spiritual aspects and implications of this phrase?

Jesus’ words in the **Sermon on the Mount** can so easily help us to see that the Bible speaks of happiness, not just at the beginning of a year, but about true happiness every day of the new year.

Jesus began His first recorded discourse with the Beatitudes. The word “beatitudes” is a Latin word for being blessed. In His sermon, Jesus used the word “**blessed**” nine times. The Greek word found here is far different from the way we usually define the word. When the angel announced to Mary that she was to bear the Son of God, he said, “**Blessed are you among women**” (Luke 1:28). The windows of heaven had been opened and the favour of God had been poured on upon the virgin. The Greek word the angel used is not the one found in the Beatitudes.

Defining the word blessed in the Beatitudes. The word blessed in **Matthew 5:3-11** indicates happiness and joy. Jesus defined the source of true happiness in this first sermon.

Who is the one who is blessed (happy)? What avenue should we follow to have true happiness from heaven?

- *Have a humble spirit (poor in spirit), not filled with pride*
- *Learning how to deal with grief (those what mourn)*
- *Putting others before self (those who are meek)*
- *Longing to be righteous (hungering and thirsting for it)*
- *Have a forgiving spirit (those who are merciful)*
- *Purity of life and soul (pure in heart)*
- *Sowing peace (being a peacemaker)*
- *Suffering for doing right (persecuted)*
- *Reviled (all kinds of evil falsely said about you)*

Look at His conclusion. “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad.” Now that’s real happiness!

What is the motivation for seeking this kind of a happy new year? Look at the verses again and pay attention to what awaits us: being part of His kingdom here and in heaven (v. 3); being comforted by heaven (v. 4); possessing the earth in a way the ungodly will never understand (v. 5); filled with His righteousness (v. 6); receiving abundance of mercy (v. 7); seeing God (v. 8); being called God’s child (v. 9); receiving His kingdom (v. 10); being associated with the prophets and having a great reward in heaven (v. 12). **Happy New Year!**

Have an amazing new year

Love

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 Martinessen, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ursula Stubbs	10 Jan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oscar & Dawn De Vries—10

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Ladies class has ended for the year.

We will start again later this month



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group and Paarl / Malmesbury bible study groups are taking a break over the festive season. Bible study will start up again later this month



SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Song & Prayer

Date: Sun 07 Jan

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	07 Dec	14 Jan
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

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.



NEXT WEEK 07 January 2023

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	Dereck Beukes
Criston Sloan	
Glen DW Holmes	
Glen, Juan, Jorren, Gary	
Juan Thomas	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer
Jorren Sloan	
Jorren	

DUTY ROSTER

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

NEXT WEEK 14 January 2024

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	Dereck Beukes
Jonathan Leibbrandt	
Darryn McLachlan	
Darryn, Marc, Leonard, Werner	
Marc De Kock	
Dereck Beukes	
Leonard Green	
Charles	

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