

09 June 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...

Shameful Irrational and Erroneous Efforts of False Teachers

When Elisha told Naaman, ***“Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean”*** (2 Kgs. 5:10), did Elisha really have to go and ***“wash in the Jordan seven times”*** in order for his flesh to be restored? Isn’t that a silly question? The instructions are simple: ***“go and wash.”*** The promised results are simple: ***“restored”*** and ***“clean.”*** For anyone to come along and argue that Naaman could be ***“restored”*** and ***“clean”*** without washing in the Jordan would be shameful, irrational and erroneous!

And yet, that is exactly what folk today are doing with the simple instructions from God to be baptised in order to be saved from sins. Their efforts are shameful, irrational and erroneous! They do all sorts of contortions to try to explain away clear Bible teaching! Consider one example. In the comments on **Acts 2:38** written by Stanley D. Toussaint in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (edited by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck)—which I do not recommend to you at all—note how blatantly the author discards the plain instruction given in the verse. Toussaint writes, “One [view of this passage] is that both repentance and baptism result in remission of sins. In this view, baptism is essential for salvation. The problem with this interpretation is that elsewhere in Scripture forgiveness of sins is based on faith alone,” and he cites several passages which he claims thus teach.

When the inspired preacher (i.e., Peter, not Toussaint) answered the multitude and said, ***“Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,”*** was it difficult to understand what Peter was making ***“essential for salvation”***? It was **NO** more difficult to understand what Peter was making essential than it was for Naaman to understand what Elisha was making essential! The requirement was to obey the clear instructions of God in order to obtain the promises of God! In **Acts 2:38**, the instructions include **BOTH “repent” AND “be baptized” to be forgiven!**

There is **not a single verse anywhere in the Bible that teaches salvation by “faith alone”!** In fact, **James 2:14-26** teaches just the opposite of that false conclusion. True Biblical faith was and is always an obedient faith (cf. **Heb. 11:1-40; 3:16-19; Rom. 1:5; 16:26; John 3:36**; etc.). Thus, faith saves from sin when that faith obeys what God says to do (cf. **Matt. 7:21-27; Heb. 5:9; Jas. 1:22-25**).

How shameful, irrational and erroneous to claim, when commenting on **Acts 2:38**, that forgiveness is “based on faith alone,” completely contradicting (and thus eliminating) God’s requirement of both repentance and baptism in that very verse! Let us follow God’s teaching and NOT man’s!

Let’s never prevent people from getting into heaven by us twisting God’s word in any shape or form.

Blessing in Christ

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: Reg & Dianne Branford, Juan & Brigitte Thomas & family, Melvyn Joseph, Chris & Zelda Gerber's daughter—Shéri, Sam & Cathy Wishart, Soozie Dinnie

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Bob Grahame & family, Leonie Botes & family, & the Joseph 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 the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Juan Thomas	09 Jun
Patricia Mitchell	11 Jun
Eleanor Markotter	13 Jun
Keanu Visagie	14 Jun
Phoebe Markotter	15 Jun
Karin Tomlinson	15 Jun

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Johan & Katarina Gerber—11 June

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Elise

Book: Forgive your way to freedom: Ch 4

Count the costs of Unforgiveness
Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Tish & Charles Markotter.

Jorren 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—Josh Benton is teaching

Date: Sun 09 June : at: **6pm**



KFC & YOUTH

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



Join us after service next Sunday 16 June for Father's Day Tea & Cake



Please bring a small plate of savoury or sweet treats to share

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	09 June	16 June
Cradle roll	Elise	Elise
Age 4—6	Leonie & Lauren	Leonie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Tish	Tish
Grade 3 - 4	Kimberley	Kimberley
Grade 5 - 7	Celia	Celia

THIS WEEK 09 June 2024

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	
Criston Sloan	
Chris Gerber	
Chris, Leonard, Kyle, George	
Leonard Green	
Dereck Beukes	Devo evening
Kyle Grünewald	
Charles	

DUTY ROSTER

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

NEXT WEEK 16 June 2024

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	
Stephen Leibbrandt	
Juan Thomas	
Juan, Lazama, Skot, Gary	
Lazama Hlela	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you worship
Skot Gordon	

FINANCES

Budget : Mar—Feb 2024
Budget = R130 000 x 12 mths
= **R1 560 000.00**
Actual contribution
= **R1 335 961.36**
Shortfall / Surplus
= **-R 224 038.64**

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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