

26 May 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...*

## Giving with a Thankful Heart

It's always seemed to me a sad commentary on human nature that we have to organize a holiday to encourage people to be thankful. Doesn't it seem reasonable that if we were genuinely grateful for all that God has given us, we wouldn't need to mark it on the calendar? **Be sure to thank God today and every day."**

But such creatures we are. We have to be poked and prodded and constantly reminded to do the very things we should be eager to do. We have birthdays so we don't forget to tell people at least once per year that we're glad they're alive.

The Bible teaches us that true gratitude has a price: **"Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing" (Psalm 107:22)**. At first glance, that command may seem peculiar to us. **"Sacrifices of thanksgiving? I thought we were thankful because we don't have to sacrifice."** But the truth is that when we are thankful as we should be, we will be moved to sacrifice.

In the first century of the church, the Christians in Macedonia were very poor. Yet, when they heard about the desperate material needs of suffering saints in and around Jerusalem, the Macedonian Christians enthusiastically pleaded with Paul to take their offering to Judea for the benefit of their brethren in Christ. Paul was amazed that people so poor themselves would be eager to give from their meagre substance to help others. But he said of the Macedonians, **"The abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality" (2 Corinthians 8:2)**.

Though they had little, these godly people were so thankful for even that small amount that they were anxious to give sacrificially. Paul instructed the wealthy Corinthian church to follow the Macedonians' example, telling them that gift-giving demonstrates gratitude: **"For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12)**.

Such sacrifice is acceptable only when offered willingly. Moses told the Israelites in **Leviticus 22:29**, **"When you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will."** A gift given out of compulsion is not truly a gift. Our thankfulness, rather than some rule or law, should motivate us to sacrifice ourselves and our resources to God. **"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)**.

True thanksgiving promotes liberality in every facet of our lives. If we are thankful for our bodies, we use our good health to labour for the Lord (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**). If we are thankful for our material goods, we apply them to Christ's service, as good stewards (**1 Peter 4:9-11**). If we are thankful for our families, we devote ourselves to encouraging them in the ways of righteousness (**Ephesians 6:4**). If we are thankful for the gospel of God's grace and salvation, we sacrifice what is necessary for others to hear it and live (**1 Corinthians 9:6-9**).

A chastened prophet named Jonah prayed to God, **"I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9)**. We too must realize daily how great our debt to the Lord is. If we really are thankful for all that He has done for and given to us, our gratitude should be evident in the sacrifice of our lives.

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

**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, Anzonia's Dad Melvyn, Leonie's mom Sannie, Chris & Zelda Gerber's daughter—Shéri, Sam & Cathy Wishart

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Uncle Bob, Sean & Joyce and Brent Gramme. And to Leonie Botes and family. May the God of comfort be with you.

*The elderly & those in need of prayer:* SA Bible College, our country & leaders & the elections, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Anneke Greyvenstein	27 May
Caitlin Visagie	28 May
Richard Lang	30 May
Harrison Markotter	30 May
Alex Sloan	30 May
Amy Bowers	31 May
Angie Ganesh	31 May
Hannah Brocklebank	31 May
Gloria Holly	31 May
Kristen Jacobs	31 May

**KFC & YOUTH**

Parents please indicate on the list

on the notice board, the dates you can assist with Kfc and Youth.



**COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT**

Thank you for your support  
We have reached our target.  
If you still want to contribute, I'm sure we will find folk we can bless with your gifts of love.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

No-one this week

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Dawn

Book: Forgive your way to freedom: Ch 2

The top 10 myths of forgiveness  
Announcements & prayer: Ali



**THURSDAY GROUP**

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

Geoff 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**

Lads & Lasses to leaders

Date: Sun 26 May : at: **6pm**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	26 May	02 June
Cradle roll	Tish	Elise
Age 4—6	Anemari & Lauren	Leonie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Marietjie	Tish
Grade 3 - 4	Stacey	Kimberley
Grade 5 - 7	Elise	Celia

**THIS WEEK 26 May 2024**

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**DUTY ROSTER**

**NEXT WEEK 02 June 2024**

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Dereck Beukes		<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dereck Beukes	
Jonathan Leibbrandt		<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Johan Gerber	
Darryn McLachlan		<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Joe Tshililo	
Darryn, Stephen, Males, Kyle		<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Joe, Charles, HD, Allen	
Stephen Leibbrandt		<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Charles Markotter	
Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to leaders	<b>PREACHING</b>	Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer
Males Tomlinson		<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	HD Botes	
		<b>COMMUNION</b>		
		<b>TEA</b>		
Eleanor		<b>Sound</b>	Jorren	

**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  
Cheque Acc. Nr: 1036015041  
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