

20 October 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...*

## An Unchanging Church in a Changing World

When Jesus prayed that all who believed in Him would have the same unity He had with the Father (**John 17:20-21**), He revealed that having many denominations would create unbelievers! A simple computer search will show at least 20,000 different denominations in America. We in Africa, and especially in Southern Africa, would indicate many more that are registered and even more unregistered. It shows just how little unity exists in "Christendom" today. There is no way this situation is like the unity of Jesus and His Father.

One of the reasons such division is a commonly held practice is to change the church to fit into the mould of our world. Denominations are in great turmoil over the acceptance of transgenders, appointing homosexual clergymen, and the basic organisational structure of the various religions. It is even divided over how to be saved from our sins.

However, the world the church entered was even more diverse than ours. Every Gentile region had its own gods and how each god was to be worshipped and served. Even Judaism, which worshipped God, was in turmoil. The Sadducees had decided that God did not want men to believe in angels, eternal souls or the resurrection. The Pharisees had changed ancient Judaism and added their own rules so much that Jesus said they had made God's commandments void (**Mark 7:9**). The Jewish nation had failed to follow God as He had revealed and because of them "...*the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles*" (**Rom. 2:23-24**). They exalted their own religious ideas above what God said.

How did the church adapt to change the first-century world? They did not change the church Jesus established. It did not make any difference if they were in Africa, Arabia, Turkey, Asia, Rome, Corinth, Europe or elsewhere. Paul, who travelled and established churches in so many places, said he preached *the same doctrine in every church* (**1 Cor. 4:17**). Corinth had changed the Lord's supper to be more like pagan feasts, and Paul said they were no longer partaking of the *Lord's Supper* but your *own Supper* (**1 Cor. 11:20-21**).

Paul established the church at Ephesus and preached there for three years. What happened when he left? They drifted so far away from what he taught them that Jesus was about to remove His recognition of them as the church of Christ (**Rev. 2:1-5**). What solution did He give them? It was not to change the church to fit better into the society at Ephesus! It was to repent and return to what they had been taught.

The church in every place should be no larger than what the faithful preaching of the gospel will bring. We are not to change the church but to change the world!

I hope that these insights will get you and I to look at the unchanging nature of the church in a new light.

Have a great week

Best in Him

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:* Anzonia's Dad, Heather Johnson, Mike Botha, Celia Leibbrandt, Reg Townsend, Dianne Branford, Thinus Buys, Johan Kleynhans

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Ethne Bresler, Cindy Peinke and family and 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, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Leonie Botes	20 Oct
Willie Bester	21 Oct
Shirley Grant	21 Oct
Rene Griessel	21 Oct
John-Mark Iyi	21 Oct
George Hctor	22 Oct
Warren Beyer	23 Oct
Rikki Jäck	23 Oct
Eon Martin	24 Oct
Roy McLachlan	24 Oct
Virginia Salzmman	26 Oct

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Family Fun Day: Saturday 07 Dec

Sunday School Prize-Giving: Sun 08 Dec

Green Pastures Christmas Carols:

Monday 09 December



**Christmas Hampers**

We would like to pack Christmas Hampers for 10 families. If you would like to assist, Lists are on the notice board.

**Due date: 01 December**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Eon & Ashley Martin— 22 Oct

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Sue

Book: In Christ Alone

A look at Blessings in Ephesians 1

Redemption: Eph 1:7

Announcements & prayer: Ali

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Rikki & Caley Jäck.

Rikki 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 27 October

**at: 6pm**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	20 October	27 October
<b>Cradle roll</b>	Tish	Tish
<b>Age 4—6</b>	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
<b>Grade 1—2</b>	Anemari	Anemari
<b>Grade 3 - 4</b>	Anemari	Anemari
<b>Grade 5 - 7</b>	Darryn & Danelle	Darryn & Danelle

**THIS WEEK 20 October 2024**

**NEXT WEEK 27 October 2024**

THIS WEEK 20 October 2024		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 27 October 2024	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber			Criston Sloan	
André Botes			Joe Tshililo	
Males, André, Neil, Netshavha		AM SERVERS	Joe, John-Mark, Darryn, George	
Charles Markotter		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	John-Mark Iyi	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you worship	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to leaders
Neil Botes		CLOSING PRAYER	Darryn McLachlan	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Eleanor		Sound	Jorren	

**FINANCES**

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



**BANKING DETAILS**

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