

03 August 2025

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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...

The Struggle Inside (Romans 7:14–25)

We've all experienced moments when we've failed to live up to God's standard, let alone our standards—when what we want to do, we don't do, and what we swear we'll never do again, we fall right back into. The apostle Paul perfectly captures this dilemma in **Romans 7: "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing." (v.19)**

Our passage shows the war that rages inside every believer. Though we are justified by faith in Christ, we continue to wrestle with sin. Paul isn't describing someone who is spiritually careless; he's telling someone who is deeply aware of sin's grip and deeply grieved by it. This isn't a failure of purpose; it's a battle of nature. He speaks of two laws at work: one of his mind that delights in God, and one in his body that wages war against that desire. **Galatians 5:17** reiterates this ***"For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want."*** The result is **inner conflict, frustration, and dependence** on something more than ourselves.

But there's hope. Paul ends with a declaration: ***"Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (v.25)*** The victory doesn't lie in willpower or guilt but in dependence on Christ. This passage reminds us that sanctification is a journey, not a flip of a switch. The tension we feel and the frustration in our failures are actually signs of spiritual understanding.

And the deliverance isn't only a future tense but also a present one. Christ delivers us today, meeting us in our brokenness and offering not just forgiveness but transformation. The Gospel does not promise the absence of struggle—it promises the presence of a Saviour through it. The Israelites still had to walk through the parted sea. Daniel still had to go into the Lion's den; David still had to walk onto the battlefield. But God was there each time.

So, if you're discouraged by habits you can't break or overwhelmed by guilt that won't seem to lift, take heart. You're not alone. The struggle means Satan is fighting for you. But God is stronger, and He can and will deliver you from it.

Ask yourself this when you get a moment. What struggle or sin do I find most frustrating, and how does my reliance on myself keep me from real victory?

Never give up and realise that surrendering to God's will is the secret of a victorious life.

Love 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: Dennis Stubbs, Jenni Woolicot, Annette Day, Jenny Beyer, Nick Taylor, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Sean, Joyce and Brent Grahame and family and to 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 all the wars around the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Nathan Bowers	04 Aug
Sylvia Abrahams	06 Aug
Keenan Idas	07 Aug
Mike Botha	08 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Stephen & Celia Leibbrandt—04 Aug
Tendani & Konanani Mabuda—07 Aug

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Ali
Book: Thought Garden
Bitterness, wrath, anger, slander & malice
Announcements & prayer: Sue



THURSDAY GROUP

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

Please contact Christa Gerber on 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

Devotional

Date: Sun 10 August at: 6pm
Tendani Mabuda is teaching

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	03 August	10 August
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Angie	Angie
Grade 3 - 4	Angie	Angie
Grade 5 - 7	Liesl De Kock	Liesl De Kock

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATHLONE SING-A-LONG

Date: Sunday 03 August

Time: 3pm

Venue: Athlone CoC

BELLVILLE CoC LADIES RETREAT

Date: 22—24 August

Venue: Bergkroon Faith Centre

GREATNESS & GOODNESS OF GOD - seminar

Date: Saturday 06 September

Time: 10h00—14h30

Venue: Bellville CoC

Please RSVP—Alison by 22 Aug
office@bcoc.za.org



THIS WEEK 03 August 2025

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 10 August 2025

AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Skot Gordon	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Criston Sloan	
Joe Tshililo		LORD'S SUPPER	Jorren Sloan	
Joe, Geoff, Skot, Ridodzula		AM SERVERS	Jorren, Johan P, Zane, Josh S	
Geoff Jäck		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Johan Pienaar	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Devotional evening
Skot Gordon		CLOSING PRAYER	Zane Elgar	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Jorren		Sound	Charles	

FINANCES

God bless you
as you excel
In your giving -
2 Cor. 8 : 7



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