

16 February 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...*

## That's Just Your Interpretation

One of the most common complaints you will hear when trying to teach the Bible to the lost is, **"That's just your interpretation!"** Unfortunately, when you hear this, it usually means that they are not interested in listening.

But who can blame them for this attitude? When an outsider looks at the thousands of denominations of **"Christianity,"** it is easy to see why they don't value one church's interpretation over another. After all, if there are thousands of ways to interpret the church of the Bible, then how could you trust any teaching from Scripture?

**The answer to this question is actually very simple.** Any division of interpretation on the Scriptures is not the fault of the Bible, but of those who misuse it. Peter tells us in **2 Peter 1:20** that, **"...no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation."** There is only one way to interpret the Bible: the way God intended it to be understood. Where, then, do all these interpretations come from? Peter explains in chapter three of that same book.

The first explanation is that some things in the Bible are difficult to interpret. In **verses 15-16**, Peter observes this very thing, **"...our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand."**

Not everything in the Bible can be understood upon a first reading. This is not the fault of the writer, but the reader. **"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace..." (1 Cor. 14:33).** Obviously, God had a message that He wants us to understand. So, it is our responsibility to grow our understanding. If we will examine each saying in the context it was written, we will uncover that message. There are some passages that are hard to understand and requires a bit more work and understanding. 2 Peter 3:16 (ESV) Peter speaking of Paul's writings. <sup>16</sup> **as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.**

**The second explanation is user error.** Peter continues in **verse 16**, **"...which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction..."** Here, we see that people will distort the meaning of Scripture either out of ignorance or out of malevolence. Some were taught incorrectly while others intentionally try to mislead. The answer to both false teachers, thankfully, is the same. Peter tells us to **"...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (v. 18).** We need to learn the Scriptures for ourselves. That way we can recognise error.

**Denominationalism is not the fault of the Bible.** God gave us words to live by. These words have meaning. It is our responsibility to carefully handle these words and understand them the way God intended them. My interpretation or your interpretation doesn't matter.

I pray that as the year progresses that you would grow closer to the Lord and His Word

Love in Him,

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:* Kathy Wishart, Elijah April, Zelda Gerber & Cheri Van Der Merwe, Ursula Stubbs, Dennis Stubbs, Darryn McLachlan, Reg Townsend, Anna Hasenjager

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Tracey Green & 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.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Month-end Fellowship Tea

Sunday 23 February

Senior Saints High Tea

Saturday 08 March

Time: 3pm

Sunday School Picnic

After service on

Sunday 30 March



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Lucy-May Markotter	16 Feb
Kaden Jäck	17 Feb
Rose Lang	17 Feb
Daniel Idas	18 Feb
Josh Sinclair	20 Feb
Keren Webb	21 Feb

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Andries & Chanel Binedell — 17 Feb

Kurt & Kim Morkel — 22 Feb

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Shirley

Book: Thought Garden

Ch 5: Weeds

Announcements & prayer: Ali



**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Maxine Davies.

Jorren 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**

Lads to Leaders

Date: Sun 23 February

at: 6pm



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	16 February	23 February
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Allison Diedericks	Allison Diedericks
Grade 1—2	Marietjie	Marietjie
Grade 3 - 4	Marietjie	Marietjie
Grade 5 - 7	Johan Gerber	Johan Gerber

**THIS WEEK 16 February 2025**

**DUTY ROSTER**

**NEXT WEEK 23 February 2025**

AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dereck Beukes	
Jonathan Leibbrandt		<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Criston Sloan	
Johan Gerber		<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Charles Markotter	
Joe, Tendani, Neil, Werner		<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Charles, Geoff, Zane, Kyle	
Tendani Mabuda		<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Geoff Jäck	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	<b>PREACHING</b>	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders
Neil Botes		<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Zane Elgar	
		<b>COMMUNION</b>		
		<b>TEA</b>		
Charles		<b>Sound</b>	Eleanor	

**FINANCES**

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



**BANKING DETAILS**

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