

18 January 2026

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Roads,  
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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**

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## The Way of Wisdom

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:5-8).*

There is an Internet prayer going around about patience: "God, give me patience, because if you give me strength, I'm gonna need bail money." The prayer is funny because, for those of us who have experienced "opportunities to be patient," we have all failed at one point or another and would just rather skip that part. The truth is that failing to be patient teaches patience, because impatience does not produce the same results. Obtaining wisdom can be like this, but it does not have to be.

The very act of praying for wisdom produces instant wisdom because it is wise to open oneself up to the possibility of receiving wisdom. The act of doubting that God will give wisdom is itself unwise because one closes oneself off to the possibility of receiving wisdom, which, in and of itself, is not wise. It is wise to desire wisdom. It's a process of careful thought to acquire wisdom.

Praying for wisdom is wise because it recognises that one lacks wisdom and needs more. It is wise to acknowledge one's deficiencies. It shows a level of understanding of reality that many lack. Many assume that all their thoughts are true and wise at the outset; they would not question them. The one who questions himself and prays is a step above those who would not even consider otherwise. It is reaching beyond self as the source of ones wisdom to God who is.

God bless you, and may God bless you into a successful new 2026.

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### MINISTRY FACILITATORS

**Worship:** Hugh Kirby 082 3325434

**Sunday School:** Tish Markotter 084 398 8556 and

Sue Beukes 063 779 9914

**Finance:** Richard Lang 084 575 4408

**World Bible School:** Desiree Human 060 501 8540

**Benevolence:** Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

**Maintenance:** Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

### 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

**KFC:** meet alternate Fridays 18H30—20H00

#### **Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7**

Contact: Devereaux 081 734 2204

#### **YOUTH: Grade 8 to Grade 12 meet 5th Sunday of month**

Contact: Darryn & Danelle McLachlan 072 385 9062

### SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	18 January	25 January
Cradle roll	Marietjie	Marietjie
Age 4—6	Leonie & Lauren	Leonie & Lauren
Grade 1—4	Ali	Ali
Grade 5—6	Tish	Tish
Grade 7	Wendy	Wendy

### THIS WEEK 18 January 2026

AM	PM	DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 25 January 2026	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Duan Stander		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Skot Gordon	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Criston Sloan	
Skot Gordon		LORD'S SUPPER	Jorren Sloan	
Skot, Johan P, Juan, Neil		AM SERVERS	Jorren, Charles, Duan, Kyle	
Johan Pienaar		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Charles Markotter	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Topical study from Proverbs
Juan Thomas		CLOSING PRAYER	Duan Stander	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Ruan & Melea		Audio/Visual	Charles / Eleanor	

### PRAYER REQUESTS



*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Willem Schoeman, Lynn Hendricks, Elijah April.

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Hannah Lombard's family, Jankel Friedman's family, Peter Jäck's family and Paul Diedericks 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 war.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marietjie Manuel	21 Jan
Devereaux Manuel	21 Jan
Abigail Beukes	22 Jan
Darryn McLachlan	22 Jan
Eva Beaton	23 Jan
Sarah Gordon	23 Jan
Stephanie Jäck	23 Jan
Enestinah Madau	24 Jan

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Kenny & Xavier Jacobs—22 January

### TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Sue

Book: Forgotten God (a study on the Holy Spirit)

Introduction

Announcements & prayer: Ali



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MONTH END TEA

Date: Sunday 01 February

Venue: Bellville church

Time: After morning service

Please bring a plate of eats to share

#### MINISTRY MEETING

Date: Sunday 08 February

Venue: Bellville church hall

Time: 4pm

All facilitators of the ministries and anyone who would like to get involved are asked to please attend this meeting.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

### THURSDAY GROUP

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

Please contact Christa Gerber on 084 897 4974 with any queries.

Malmesbury/Paarl group will resume on 29 January, on zoom. Please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062 for the details.



### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Love where you live



Date: Sun 18 January at: 6pm

### FINANCES

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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