

20 July 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...

Greet One Another

There may be certain parts of Scripture that we think only applied to first-century Christians and we just skip over them. But perhaps we should take a closer look. Consider for a moment the numerous times that Christians were directed to **"Greet one another."** That still applies today.

First, think about the word, "Greet." The Greek word literally means, **"to draw to oneself."** It is defined as, **"to engage in hospitable recognition of another through word or gesture, welcome, express good wishes, treat with affection."** This generally involved embracing or kissing, and the term is used repeatedly in the epistles as an imperative verb, indicating a command of God that is not optional. Do you greet?

Second, think about the object of the action, "Greet one another." The reflexive, reciprocal pronoun **"one another"** involves all brethren doing this to all other brethren (**Rom. 16:16; 2 Cor. 13:12**). Just as we are to love one another, encourage one another and serve one another (mutual responsibilities of every Christian for every other Christian), we are to greet one another. Paul says, **"Greet all the brethren"** (**1 Thess. 5:26**), and John says, **"Greet the friends by name"** (**3 John 14**). Do you greet your brethren regularly?

Third, think about the method, "Greet one another with a holy kiss." The Lord was not demanding a kiss in all generations and all cultures, but He was taking a common practice of that day and regulating it among the Christians. First-century greetings often included the kiss of friendship, not a passionate kiss. In modern culture, it usually is a handshake or a friendly hug or even a high-five — some kind of gesture that (remember the literal definition) would draw another to oneself in a welcoming, friendly way.

Fourth, think about the regulation of the greeting, "Greet one another with a HOLY kiss." The emphasis in the text is on the word **"holy."** The Lord took the common greeting of the day and ensured that it was done out of Christian affection. It is to be **"holy,"** meaning **"set apart, sincere, unhypocritical."** You need to mean it when you greet your brethren, and you need to keep it Christ-like. Peter said, **"Greet one another with a kiss of love"** (**1 Pet. 5:14**). Agape love is to colour every action of a Christian.

Fifth, consider that our holy greetings are to be extended beyond our brethren. Jesus said, **"If you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others?"** (**Matt. 5:47**). When you are at a church service, spend time greeting your brethren warmly, but make it a priority to seek out guests and give them a genuine, friendly Christian welcome. Our guests should feel like they are wanted in our family.

Let's be aware that greeting is a crucial practice to connect with people. May we be known as a friendly, godly people, set apart for His exclusive use.

God bless.

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: Bob Gra-hame, Dennis Stubbs, Reg Townsend, Jenny Beyer, Joanie Green, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to the October/Manual family & the Hartle family & 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



Aakirah Beukes	21 Jul
Aliyah Pienaar	21 Jul
Gary Randall	21 Jul
Skot Gordon	22 Jul
Charlotte Robertson	22 Jul
Bethany van Heerden	22 Jul
Ndivhuwo Tshililo	22 Jul
Criston Sloan	23 Jul

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No one this week



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Shirley

Book: Thought Garden
Jealousy

Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Marietjie Manuel.

Johan 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

Love where you live

Date: Sun 20 July

at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	20 July	27 July
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Marietjie & Lauren	Marietjie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Anemari	Anemari
Grade 3 - 4	Anemari	Anemari
Grade 5 - 7	Lucy-May	Lucy-May

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH END TEA

Date: Sunday 27 July

Time: After service

Venue: Church Hall

BELLVILLE CoC LADIES RETREAT

Date: 22—24 August

Venue: Bergkroon Faith Centre

Cost: R1100

Please register if you wish to attend

INTERCONGREGATIONAL MENS BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday 13 September

Time: 08h30—11h00

Venue: Bellville CoC



THIS WEEK 20 July 2025

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 27 July 2025

AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Jonathan Leibbrandt		SONG LEADER	Jonathan Leibbrandt	
HD Botes		LORD'S SUPPER	Charles Markotter	
HD, Rikki, André, Kyle		AM SERVERS	Charles, Stephen, John-Mark, Andries	
Rikki Jäck		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Stephen Leibbrandt	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders
André Botes		CLOSING PRAYER	John-Mark Iyi	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Charles		Sound	Eleanor	

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



BANKING DETAILS

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ACC Name: Bellville Church of Christ

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