

27 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...

The Only Way to Get Rid of Daniel

Daniel was in his mid-80s. He had been taken captive by the Babylonian warrior-king Nebuchadnezzar when he was just a teenager, and he had lived through the entire 70-year captivity (**Jer. 29:10**). Then, under **Darius the Mede**, Daniel was again promoted to a high position in the kingdom, as one of the king's three governors, **"and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm"** (**Dan. 6:1-3**).

The other governors and satraps wanted Daniel out of the way, so they first **"sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful"** (**6:4**). Well, if there wasn't **"any error or fault found in him"** when it came to the kingdom, their only other alternative (and guaranteed option) was to find a **"charge against this Daniel...concerning the law of his God"** (**6:5**). What a reputation Daniel had! His enemies knew that Daniel would not violate the will of God!

So they devised a scheme by which they lied to the king (for not **"All"** of the governors agreed to their plan, as Daniel was one of the governors) and convinced the king to sign a decree that made it a capital crime to pray to the God of heaven, punishable by death in the den of lions (**6:6-9**). Once it was signed, his enemies knew they had him!

Verse 10 tells us that **"Daniel knew that the writing was signed."** He knew that the ruling officials were after him and were trying to bring him down. He knew that it was now illegal for him to practice his faith.

But that did NOT stop Daniel. HE opened his windows (i.e., he was not going to hide his faith and his obedience to his God) and he prayed. Not only that, in the face of everything that was going on, he **"gave thanks before his God"** (**6:10**).

Friends, there is a certain segment of our society that is working behind the scenes and in front of our faces to (1) make it difficult for Christians to live out their Christian faith, or (2) at the very least, to make Christians uncomfortable to live out their Christian faith.

Will we yield (**Gal. 2:5**)? Will we permit shame to enter our hearts (**2 Tim. 1:12**)? Will we question our God (**Psa. 43:1-8**)? Will we let doubts arise (**Jas. 1:6**)? Will we conform to this world (**Rom. 12:2**)? Will we begin to approve of things that are not right in the eyes of God (**Rom. 1:32**)? Will we put our trust in our God (**Prov. 3:5-6**)? Will we be even more diligent to grow in our faith (**2 Pet. 1:5-11**)? Will we learn to be thankful, even in difficult times (**Eph. 5:20**)? Will we be determined to obey God rather than man (**Acts 5:29**)? Will we be like Daniel in all these ways, more concerned about the law and will of God than of man?

Let us always be true to God in all we do especially in our Worship.

Have an amazing week.

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: Bob Gra-hame, Dennis Stubbs, Jenny Beyer, Stephen Leibbrandt, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences 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



Anthony Diedericks	27 Jul
Ashley Martin	27 Jul
Cheryl McGregor	28 Jul
Mario Idas	28 Jul
Ella Jack	30 Jul
Maxine Davies	31 Jul
Rohann Marais	31 Jul
Danelle McLachlan	01 Aug
Kenny Jacobs Jnr	02 Aug
Richard Webb	02 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HD & Denise Botes—30 July



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Shirley

Book: Thought Garden
Grief

Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Skot & Elise Gordon.

Criston 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

Song & Prayer

Date: Sun 03 August

at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	27 July	03 August
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Marietjie & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Anemari	Angie
Grade 3 - 4	Anemari	Angie
Grade 5 - 7	Lucy-May	Liesl De Kock

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

GREATNESS & GOODNESS OF GOD - seminar

Date: Saturday 06 September

Time: 10h00—14h30

Venue: Bellville CoC



THIS WEEK 27 July 2025

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 03 August 2025

AM	PM		AM	PM
Rikki Jäck		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Joe Tshililo	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Johan Gerber	
Charles Markotter		LORD'S SUPPER	Joe Tshililo	
Charles, Chris, John-Mark, Andries		AM SERVERS	Joe, Geoff, Skot, Ridodzula	
Chris Gerber		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Geoff Jäck	
Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer
John-Mark Iyi		CLOSING PRAYER	Skot Gordon	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Eleanor		Sound	Jorren	

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

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BANKING DETAILS

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