

02 March 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...

I Hope God Exists vs I Know God Exists

Is there any way that you can know that God exists? Is believing there is a God like a wish? A wish is something we would like to happen, but there is little chance that it will. Is faith more like a dream that has nothing to do with reality?

Or is faith more than an idle dream, but is there some level of expectation that the dream will likely become a reality? We live our lives serving God, and we make choices every day, hoping that He does exist. Sometimes, when discussing God and heaven, we say, "Well, I hope that there is a God." Those words can imply that the odds are that He exists, but there is a chance that He does not.

Or is there another level so that we can know that God exists? Can mature faith and hope become a reality? Can I know that God does exist? Look at how God used the word "know" when He came into Egypt to deliver the Jews from bondage.

At the burning bush, God gave Moses what most would consider to be an insurmountable task. God answered all of Moses' questions like "Who am I...What is Your name...Suppose they will not believe me?" God answered that third question in three ways. Moses was to cast his rod on the ground before the people, and it would become a serpent. If they did not believe him, he was to put his hand in his garment, and it would come out covered with leprosy. If they did not think these first two signs, then he was to take water from the river, pour it on the dry ground, and it would immediately be turned into blood. Wishes and dreams can become hope. Hope can become so intense that hope becomes knowledge.

See this shown in the events after Moses left Egypt. Moses told the Jews God was about to bring them out of bondage and when that happened, "Then you shall know I am the Lord" (Exo. 6:7). The Egyptians would know (Ex. 7:5). Pharaoh would know this when all the water turned into blood (Ex. 7:17). Moses told Pharaoh that the removal of the frogs at the time Pharaoh selected was so that he might "...know there is like Jehovah God" (Ex. 8:10). Space does not permit looking how often this was said in Egypt (Ex. 8:22; 9:14; 9:29; 10:2; 10:7; 14:4; and many, many others)!

If you believe this happened in Egypt because you trust the Bible, how much greater can your faith be because of what we read about Jesus and His life? Here's the application of this to our lives. Do you wish that Jesus lived and did what He did? Or do you fondly hope that the odds are that these signs show He is Immanuel? It is far more than this. You can know that God is and that Jesus came. It is not a dream!

I pray that this article would firm your faith.

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

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 the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Saints High Tea

Saturday 08 March

Time: 3pm

Sunday School Picnic

After service on

Sunday 30 March

Please bring a plate of eats to share.

Beverages will be supplied.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Brione Schoeman	02 Mar
Christia Webb	02 Mar
Tish Markotter	03 Mar
Joshua Benton	04 Mar
Luke Jacobs	06 Mar
Chris Gerber	07 Mar
Zilke Heathcote	08 Mar
Madeleine Meyer	08 Mar

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Joe & Ndivhuwo Tshililo—02 Mar
Ruan & Chanri Joubert—05 Mar

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Devereaux

Book: Thought Garden



Ch 7: Pointing out your core beliefs
Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Charles & Tish Markotter.

Charles 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 02 March

at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	02 March	09 March
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Lydia & Lauren	Lydia & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Devereaux	Devereaux
Grade 3 - 4	Devereaux	Devereaux
Grade 5 - 7	Johan Gerber	Johan Gerber

THIS WEEK 02 March 2025

NEXT WEEK 09 March 2025

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AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Stephen Leibbrandt	
John-Mark Iyi		LORD'S SUPPER	Criston Sloan	
John-Mark, Jorren, Paul, Allen		AM SERVERS	Criston, Skot, Johan P, Duan	
Jorren Sloan		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Skot Gordon	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer evening	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Devo evening
Paul Diedericks		CLOSING PRAYER	Johan Pienaar	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Jorren		Sound	Charles	

FINANCES

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



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