

03 November 2024

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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...

Living Like You Were Saved Yesterday

Do you remember the day you were saved? For some, that was not very long ago. For others, that may have been decades ago. But, if you picture that day, what do you remember about how you felt once you came up out of the saving waters of baptism?

I can clearly remember how I felt. Immediately I was overcome with the feelings of joy and relief. I knew that I was no longer guilty of the sins I committed. I was a new creation in Christ Jesus. I was like Paul in **Acts 9:20** when, **"...immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying, 'This man is the Son of God.'"** I was excited to take the Lord's Supper for the first time. I was excited to serve in the church, and I was excited to tell all my friends about it. I was on fire for the Lord. Was it the same for you?

The zeal we felt on that day is unlike anything we will experience. Do we still have it? As the years go on, we may change congregations, struggle with sins, experience trials and heartaches, or become complacent. For many, it may not be that long before the zeal we once had dwindles. Friends, we can get our zeal back!

In **Revelation 2**, the church in Ephesus had the same issue. On one hand, Jesus praises their work. They are patient, they do not bear those who are evil, and they were exposing false teachers (**v. 2-3**). But Jesus tells them, **"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love"** (**v. 4**). What was the church lacking? What does it mean? The answer lies in Jesus' command for them, **"...repent and do the first works..."** (**v. 5**).

Do we realise that our love and zeal for God are directly tied to our works? **James 2:26** tells us that faith without works is dead. Our spiritual health depends on our works. This is why the Hebrews writer commands us to, **"...consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"** (**Heb. 10:24-25**).

So, then, what are the first love and first works of a Christian? Love is what we learn when we are saved. **"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"** (**Rom. 5:8**). That love moves us to do the first work: sharing the gospel with any who will listen. What was Paul's response to being saved? **"Immediately, he began to proclaim Jesus."**

If your zeal is lacking, you need to restore your first love. Spend some time reflecting on the love Christ showed you and start living like you were saved yesterday.

Pray that you will live and love the Lord deeper this week.

Love in Him

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: Volkmar Salzmann, Anzonia's Dad, Heather Johnson, Mike Botha, Reg Townsend, Dianne Branford, Thinus Buys,

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to the Webb family & Hazel Priest & 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



André Botes	05 Nov

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Nanette Botha—06 Nov



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Elise

Book: In Christ Alone

A look at Blessings in Ephesians 1

Forgiveness: Eph 1:9,17

Announcements & prayer: Sue



THURSDAY GROUP

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

Please contact Christa Gerber 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

Devotional

Date: Sun 10 November

at: 6pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Fun Day: Saturday 07 Dec

Sunday School Prize-Giving: Sun 08 Dec

Green Pastures Christmas Carols:

Monday 09 December



Christmas Hampers

We would like to pack Christmas Hampers for 10 families. If you would like to assist, Lists are on the notice board.

Due date: 01 December



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	03 November	10 November
Cradle roll	Elise	Elise
Age 4—6	Marietjie & Lauren	Marietjie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Tish	Tish
Grade 3 - 4	Tish	Tish
Grade 5 - 7	Dee	Dee

THIS WEEK 03 November 2024

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	
Stephen Leibbrandt	
Zane Elgar	
Zane, Skot, Johan P, Gary	
Skot Gordon	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer
Johan Pienaar	
Charles	

DUTY ROSTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS	SONG LEADER	LORD'S SUPPER	AM SERVERS	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	PREACHING	CLOSING PRAYER	COMMUNION	TEA	SOUND
Dereck Beukes	Jonathan Leibbrandt	Geoff Jäck	Geoff, Juan, Kyle, Werner		Cleve Stafford	Kyle Grünwald			Eleanor
				Juan Thomas	Devotional—Tendani Mabuda				

NEXT WEEK 10 November 2024

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	

FINANCES

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



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