

12 April 2026

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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...*

### ***“But Be of Good Cheer; I Have Overcome the World”***

In **John 16:33**, Jesus offers one of the most comforting and courageous statements in all of Scripture: ***“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*** In a single sentence, He acknowledges the reality of our struggles while declaring the certainty of His victory. This is not simply encouragement—it is an anchor for our souls.

When Jesus tells us to ***be of good cheer***, He is not asking us to deny our difficulties. He knows and understands the weight of human burdens because He carried them Himself. Isaiah reminds us that He was ***“a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3)***. Jesus understands every fear, every disappointment, every battle we face. Yet He points us to look beyond them—to His triumph.

To ***overcome the world*** means that Jesus has conquered everything that stands against God’s purpose for His people: sin, fear, death, and the power of darkness. Through His resurrection, He proved that no worldly force can defeat Him. Paul echoes this truth in **Romans 8:37** when he writes, ***“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”*** Our victory is not found in our own strength but in our Saviour’s finished work.

The words of Jesus in **John 16:33** were spoken just before His arrest and crucifixion. Give that some thought. On the eve of His greatest suffering, ***He encouraged His disciples***. He gave them peace before the storm. This reminds us that God often equips us with His promises before we face our trials. He speaks peace so that we may walk through challenges with confidence.

When we look around today, the world can feel overwhelming—conflict, uncertainty, illness, loss, and pressures of every kind. But Jesus’ command stands firm: ***Be of good cheer***. This does not mean naïve optimism. It means choosing hope because we know the One who holds the final word. As **Psalm 46:1** declares, ***“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*** We are not abandoned; we are supported by the Almighty.

Being of good cheer also means living with the joy of Christ inside us. **Nehemiah 8:10** tells us, ***“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”*** Christian joy is not dependent on circumstances. It flows from a deep, abiding confidence that God is for us and with us. Jesus’ victory is not only historical—it is personal. He overcame the world ***for you***.

May we always choose cheer—not the shallow cheer of pretending everything is fine, but the deep cheer rooted in Christ’s victory. When difficulties arise, repeat His promise: ***“He has overcome the world.”*** When anxiety whispers, remember His peace: ***“My peace I give unto you” (John 14:27)***. When the future feels uncertain, hold fast to His assurance: ***“Lo, I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20)***.

May our hearts be strengthened, our steps made steady, and our spirits uplifted by the words of our Saviour.

**Take heart, Brothers and Sisters, Jesus has overcome—and through Him so shall we.**

May we gather the capacity to draw on God’s innate strength.

Best in Him,

Dereck

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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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

**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	12 April	19 April
<b>Cradle roll</b>	Marietjie	Marietjie
<b>Age 4—6</b>	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
<b>Grade 1—4</b>	Liesl	Liesl
<b>Grade 5—6</b>	Tish	Tish
<b>Grade 7</b>	Shaz	Shaz

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Richard Lang, Ian Johnson, Allan Fraser, Jenny Robertson, Charlotte Robertson, Annette Day, Lynn Hendricks, Elijah April, Fernanda Reynaud

*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 war.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Tyler Peinke	12 Apr
Jaylin Snell	13 Apr
Jean-Pierre Roux	16 Apr
Caleb Van Heerden	16 Apr
Ruan Basson	17 Apr
Annelene Thomas	18 Apr

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Ian & Heather Johnson—16 Apr

Ian & Janelle Sinclair—18 Apr

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**



Teaching: Coral

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

Ch 5: A real relationship

Announcements & prayer: Ali

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Maxine Davies

**Males** will be teaching.

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

Malmesbury/Paarl group will meet on zoom. Please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062 or Johan Pienaar 083 456 0791 for the details.



**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

**Devo evening**

**Date:** Sun 12 April at: 6pm

Josh Benton is teaching

**THIS WEEK 12 April 2026**

**NEXT WEEK 19 April 2026**

AM		PM	DUTY ROSTER		AM	PM
Marc De Kock			<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Males Tomlinson		
Joe Tshililo			<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Jonathan Leibbrandt		
HD Botes			<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Skot Gordon		
HD, Johan, Glen, Gary			<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Skot, Werner, Duan, Andries		
Johan Gerber			<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Werner Crous		
Dereck Beukes	Devo evening		<b>PREACHING</b>	Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	
Glen DW Holmes			<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Duan Stander		
Johan Gerber			<b>Standby</b>	Stephen Leibbrandt		
Ruan & Melea			<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Charles & Eleanor		

**FINANCES**

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In your giving -

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**BANKING DETAILS**

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**ACC Name:** Bellville Church of Christ

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