

24 March 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...*

## The True Knowledge of Our Lord

You have heard someone say that **"Knowledge is power."** I can see where that would be the case. One could also make the argument that knowledge is peace. In true knowledge or the full discernment of a subject certain things can come into focus. There is no more doubt about that subject. If that subject is a vital part of life, then you are prepared for the life ahead of you. That is how it is with a true knowledge of Jesus Christ.

There has always been false information surrounding the subject of Christ. There are false concepts of who He was before He was even born, and a false narrative that he was just the illegitimate child of Mary or a nobody from Nazareth during His life. There's even widespread blasphemy about Him after His death and resurrection. It is no wonder that New Testament writers emphasise the knowledge of Jesus. It is so important that John opens his first letter this way. **"What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us"** (1 John 1:1-2). Without a true understanding of Jesus, everything unravels.

Paul tells us of **"the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument"** (Col. 2:2b-4). Peter wrote, **"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence"** (2 Pet. 1:3). In these passages, we clearly see what we risk if we are not truly informed. We risk a spiritual **"wealth," "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,"** and **"everything pertaining to life and godliness."** There couldn't be anything more important for an individual trying to live a righteous life.

Then the question must be asked, **"How do I make sure I am fruitful in this knowledge?"** Peter answers that for us. **"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ"** (2 Pet. 1:5-8). If you want all the blessings that come from true knowledge, we have been instructed how.

We cannot be neglectful in our zeal to know our Faith. We must be urgent in all we do so that God can truly instruct us through His word.

I pray that you and I truly give our faith the needed detailed attention to know better and so be better.

Have an amazing week in the Lord.

Kind regards

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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**Worship:** Hugh Kirby 082 3325434

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**Benevolence:** Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

**Maintenance:** Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

**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:* Eloise Elgar, Stacey Jansen, Warren Beyer, Dorothy Boshoff, Chris & Zelda Gerber's daughter—Shéri, Sam & Cathy Wishart, Rene's daughter Debbie-prayer of thanks.

*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, the doctors & nurses, police and those who keep us safe, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Shahieda Jacobs	24 Mar
Avril Turpin	24 Mar
Zane Elgar	25 Mar
Connie Korsten	29 Mar
Lucille Botha	29 Mar
Shaun Whitmill	29 Mar
Emma Gerber	30 Mar
Johan Pienaar	30 Mar

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Willem & Brione Schoeman— 27 Mar

Lleuwellyn & Bernice Williams— 31 Mar

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Taking a break over the holiday.

Back on Tuesday 09 April.

Cecile will be teaching.

**THURSDAY GROUP**

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

Males 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**

Fellowship evening

**Date:** Sun 31 March **Time:** 6pm

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	24 Mar	31 Mar
Cradle roll	Tish	Tish
Age 4—6	Leonie & Lauren	Leonie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Lydia	Lydia
Grade 3 - 4	Liesl	Liesl
Grade 5 - 7	Stacey	Stacey



**KFC & YOUTH**

Parents please

indicate on the list on the notice board, the dates you can assist with KfC and Youth.

**COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT**

**What:** 40 pairs of gloves, gd 3-6

80 pairs of gloves gd 8, (red or grey)

**Due:** End May 2024

**FELLOWSHIP TEA & COMMUNION ROSTERS**

Please indicate on the rosters on the notice board which months you would like to assist with washing communion cups and serving tea.



**THIS WEEK 24 March 2024**

AM	PM	DUTY ROSTER
Dereck Beukes	Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber		
Johan Pienaar		
Johan P, Thama, John-Mark, Lazama		
Thama Mabuda		
Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to leaders—Glen & Ani	
John-Mark Iyi		
Harrison / Eleanor		

**NEXT WEEK 31 March 2024**

AM	PM
Glen DW Holmes	
Criston Sloan	
Leonard Green	
Leonard, Males, André, Werner	
Males Tomlinson	
Stephen Leibbrandt	Fellowship evening
André Botes	
Jorren	

**FINANCES**

**Budget:** Mar—Feb 2024  
**Budget =** R130 000 x 12 mths  
**= R1 560 000.00**  
**Actual contribution = R1 335 961.36**  
**Shortfall / Surplus = -R 224 038.64**  
*God bless you as you excel in your giving - 2 Cor. 8 : 7*



**BANKING DETAILS**

**NEDBANK**  
**ACC Name:** Bellville Church of Christ  
**Cheque Acc. Nr:** 1036015041  
**Branch Code:** 103610