

12 October 2025

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P.O. Box 351,
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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...

Men Don't Cry - John 11:35

Children, from time to time, will ask their father why they do not cry. Many times, they will respond, without much thought, that "Men Don't Cry". This is a generational response that many of us were raised hearing. Crying has been perceived as a sign of weakness. Is this true?

"Jesus Wept" (John 11:35), the shortest verse in the Bible, yet one of the most profound. In just two words, it reveals the depth of Jesus' humanity, His love, and His empathy. This simple sentence carries the weight of divine compassion, offering us not only comfort in our sorrows but also a model for how we are to live and love others.

Jesus' tears came in the context of grief. He was standing at the tomb of His friend Lazarus, surrounded by mourners, overwhelmed not just by loss, but by the pain and sorrow of those He loved. Although Jesus knew He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead, He still allowed Himself to experience the full depth of human emotion. He wept not out of helplessness but out of love, for Lazarus, for Mary and Martha, and for all who suffer. His tears were not signs of weakness, but rather a manifestation of divine empathy.

What does this mean for us?

First, it means we have a Saviour who truly understands us. Jesus doesn't stand far off from our pain. He feels it. He weeps with us. When we face loss, when our hearts are broken, when life overwhelms us with grief or fear, we do not cry alone. Jesus is not only aware of our suffering, but He also shares in it. This is the love of a God who does not remain distant but is always close to us.

Second, Jesus' example challenges us to live with greater empathy. In a world that often prizes strength over sensitivity and self-interest over sacrifice, Jesus shows us a better way. He calls us to be present with those who suffer, not necessarily with perfect answers, but with real presence and open hearts. Sometimes the most powerful act of love is just being present.

Empathy is not weakness; it is Christlikeness. When we choose to feel what others feel, when we allow ourselves to be moved by their pain, we mirror the heart of Jesus. Whether it's comforting a grieving friend, walking alongside someone through illness, or simply listening with compassion, we live out the gospel when we love with empathy.

In Summary, Jesus was the greatest man who ever lived. He lived a life filled with love and compassion for all those around him and for us. He used his human emotions to connect with so many people. In conclusion, we should not be afraid to show and share our emotions. Our emotions are a blessing from God, not a weakness.

Men DO Cry!

This week walk carefully in touch with the part of your heart that feels emotion and allow yourself to be like Jesus and cry when hurting for others.

In Christian love

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: Jackie October, Christina Lallam, Dennis Stubbs, Reg Townsend, Jenni Woolicot, Annette Day, Neil Taylor, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Dorothy Boshoff's family & 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



Johanna Atkins	13 Oct
Jenny Robertson	17 Oct

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rohann & Victoria Marais—17 Oct



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Rose

Supporting Sisters

Ch 8 Effective communication

Part 1

Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

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

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

Devotional

Date: Sun 12 October at: 6pm

Darryn McLachlan is teaching

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	12 October	19 October
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Konanani	Konanani
Grade 3 - 4	Konanani	Konanani
Grade 5 - 7	Lucy— May	Lucy— May

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR SAINTS BRAAI

Date: 12 October

Venue: Bellville church hall

Time: after service



MONTH END TEA

Date: Sunday 26 October

Venue: Bellville church

Time: After service

Please bring a tasty plate of eats to share and enjoy some fellowship with one another.



THIS WEEK 12 October 2025

<i>AM</i>		<i>PM</i>	<i>DUTY ROSTER</i>		<i>AM</i>		<i>PM</i>				
Stephen Leibbrandt						ANNOUNCEMENTS		Thama Mabuda			
Jonathan Leibbrandt						SONG LEADER		Criston Sloan			
Joe Tshililo						LORD’S SUPPER		Marc De Kock			
Joe, Males, Skot, Andries						AM SERVERS		Marc, Darryn, John-Mark, Werner			
Males Tomlinson						SCRIPTURE & PRAYER		Darryn McLachlan			
Dereck Beukes			Devotional evening			PREACHING		Dereck Beukes		Love where you live	
Skot Gordon						CLOSING PRAYER		John-Mark Iyi			
						COMMUNION					
						TEA					
Charles						Sound		Eleanor			

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



BANKING DETAILS

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ACC Name: Bellville Church of Christ

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