

19 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...

Caught in the Middle

No one likes being caught in the middle of an argument, especially when it's between your brethren in Christ. Often, even the best Christians fail to handle arguments privately, as our Lord described in **Matthew 18:15-17**, and will look for a friend to back them up.

This is not a situation a Christian wants to be in. We are supposed to love one another (**John 13:34**) and give preference to one another (**Rom. 12:10**). We cannot fulfil these commands by just backing up our buddy. We must judge righteously without partiality. So, what do you do when you're asked to choose a side?

In Paul's letter to Philemon, he explains to his "*friend and fellow labourer*," Philemon, that he met Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, while he was in prison. And, according to Paul, Onesimus was an unprofitable slave who may have wronged Philemon in some other way (**vv. 11, 18**). But Paul taught him the gospel, and now he is a fellow Christian.

This is not a comfortable situation to be in. Paul has a close relationship with both men, who are in serious contention. But they are supposed to be brothers in Christ now. The easy thing to do would be to throw your hands up and say, "**It's not my problem**", and let them handle it. But that is not what Paul did. Instead, he evaluated the situation and mediated a reconciliation.

When Paul wrote to Philemon, he had already evaluated the situation. While Onesimus certainly wronged Philemon according to the law, he demonstrated his repentance by accepting the gospel and agreeing to return to his master (**v. 12**). So, he called for Philemon to forgive him and accept him as a brother (**v. 15-16**). In **1 Corinthians 6:1-6**, Paul blasted the church in Corinth for taking one another to court instead of handling matters themselves. No problems will be solved if we cannot make righteous judgments.

But it is not enough to just judge a situation and keep it to us. If we have the opportunity, we must be willing to step in and mediate peace between our brethren (**cf. Rom. 12:18**). Paul wrote to Philemon, "*...receive him as you would me. But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account*" (**v. 17-18**). Paul was willing to help his brothers reconcile even if it cost him money. Because of Paul's efforts, he was convinced Philemon would "*...do even more...*" (**v. 21**).

When we find ourselves caught in the middle of disagreeing brethren, we must be willing to foster peace. Let's judge impartially and mediate wholeheartedly.

Let's always try to mediate reconciliation on Christ's terms and methodology.

Love 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

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	19 April	26 April
Cradle roll	Marietjie	Marietjie
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—4	Liesl	Liesl
Grade 5—6	Tish	Tish
Grade 7	Shaz	Shaz

PRAYER REQUESTS



Those who are ill/surgeries: Richard Lang, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ian Johnson	19 Apr
Stephen Leibbrandt Jnr	19 Apr
Kyle Tsingano	19 Apr
Reg Townsend	21 Apr
Michael Tessendorf	24 Apr
Abigail Marais	25 Apr

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Clive & Marilyn Saunders—21 Apr

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Marietjie

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

Ch : Forget about His will for your life!

Announcements & prayer: Sue

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Amy Leigh Bowers.

Jorren 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

Speaking with Wisdom

Date: Sun 26 April at: 6pm

Reagan Smith teaching

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cape Bible School
High Tea
Venue: Central Church of Christ
Time: 10am - 12pm
Date: 16 May 2026
RSVP: Alison

Bellville Church of Christ
Ladies Day
WHEN: SATURDAY, 08 AUGUST '26
WHERE: BELLVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST
TIME: 08H30 - 14H30
Proceedings will begin at 09:00
RSVP by 15 June 2026
Please inform us of any special dietary requirements/allergies

Love. Grow. Serve.

THIS WEEK 19 April 2026

NEXT WEEK 26 April 2026

THIS WEEK 19 April 2026		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 26 April 2026	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Males Tomlinson		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Johan Pienaar	
Jonathan Leibbrandt		SONG LEADER	Stephen Leibbrandt	
Skot Gordon		LORD'S SUPPER	Criston Sloan	
Skot, Werner, Duan, Andries		AM SERVERS	Criston, Marc, Jorren, Mark October	
Werner Crous		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Marc De Kock	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Study from Proverbs
Duan Stander		CLOSING PRAYER	Jorren Sloan	
Stephen Leibbrandt		Standby	Glen De Waldon Holmes	
Charles & Eleanor		Audio/Visual	Marc & Jorren	

FINANCES

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



BANKING DETAILS

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