

02 August 2026

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Roads,
Eversdal
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...

He Gives Power to the Faint

There are weeks when words come easily, and there are weeks when words fail us. This is one of those weeks. Our congregation is walking through a sorrow too deep for tidy answers, and so this week I will not offer any. Scripture never asks the broken-hearted to be strong before their time. It asks something far gentler of us: to draw near to the God who draws near.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted. That is not a wish or a slogan; it is a promise: ***"The LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psa. 34:18).*** Notice where God stations Himself — not at a distance, waiting for us to recover, but beside the crushed. When our hearts are shattered, He does not step back. He moves in.

God has given grief a voice in His own Word. Nearly a third of the Psalms are songs of lament. ***"How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?" (Psa. 13:1).*** The Holy Spirit placed these prayers in the Bible so that when sorrow empties us of our own words, we may borrow His. Tears prayed honestly before God are not a failure of faith. They are faith — faith that He is listening, even in the dark.

Jesus wept. Standing at the tomb of His friend Lazarus, our Lord knew that resurrection was only minutes away — and still, He wept (**John 11:35**). He did not lecture the mourners. He did not hurry their grief. He entered it. If the Son of God wept at a graveside, then our tears need no apology. Grief is not the opposite of trust; it is love with nowhere to go, carried to the One who understands.

The promise begins with our faintness, not our flight. We often quote Isaiah's soaring eagles but listen to what comes first: ***"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted" (Isa. 40:29-30).*** God's promise is not addressed to the strong. It is addressed to the collapsed. Even the eagle spends long hours grounded, wings folded, waiting for the wind. Waiting on the Lord sometimes looks like soaring — but sometimes it looks like sitting very still in the dark, trusting that the morning belongs to Him.

And He has given the broken-hearted to us. This is where the body of Christ becomes most visibly His body: ***"weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15); "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).*** We are not called to explain another's sorrow, only to share it. A hand held, a meal brought, a silent presence in the pew — these are sermons no pulpit can preach. The ***"God of all comfort"*** comforts us so that we may comfort one another (**2 Cor. 1:3-4**).

We grieve — but not without hope. Paul does not say Christians do not grieve. He says we do not grieve ***"as others do who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).*** Our hope does not cancel our sorrow; it carries it. The day is coming when God Himself ***"will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4).*** Until that day, we hold both — the tears and the promise — in the same trembling hands.

Beloved, in this season let us stay very close to Him who stays very close to the broken-hearted. And let us stay close to one another.

Love in Christ,

Dereck

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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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Those who are ill/surgeries: Reg Townsend, Margo Ferreira, Avril Turpin, Daniel Petersen, Jenny Beyer, Annette Day, Allan Fraser, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Glen & Anemari DW Holmes & family. Mark October and Helen Hennings & 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



Kenny Jnr Jacobs	02 Aug
Richard Webb	02 Aug
Nathan Bowers	04 Aug
Sylvia Abrahams	06 Aug
Mike Botha	08 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Stephen & Celia Leibbrandt—04 Aug

Tendani & Konanani Mabuda—07 Aug

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Ladies class is
Suspended until after
Ladies Day.
God bless & keep you safe.



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Skot & Elise Gordon.

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

Song & Prayer

Date: Sun 02 August at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	02 August	09 August
Cradle roll	Marietjie	Marietjie
Age 4—6	Victoria & Lauren	Lydia & Lauren
Grade 1—4	Pienaars	Pienaars
Grade 5—6	Janelle	Janelle
Grade 7	Tish	Tish

THIS WEEK 02 August 2026

AM	PM
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Dereck Beukes	
Stephen Leibbrandt	
Darryn McLachlan	

DUTY ROSTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG LEADER

LORD'S SUPPER

AM SERVERS

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

PREACHING

CLOSING PRAYER

Standby

Audio/Visual

NEXT WEEK 09 August 2026

AM	PM
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Marc De Kock	
Joe Tshililo	
Tendani Mabuda	

Tendani, Johan G, André, Neil

Johan Gerber

Rohann Marais
Devotional evening
Joe Tshililo

André Botes

Glen De Waldon Holmes

Charles & 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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