

24 December 2023

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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: 17:00 –18:00

*Living a new life in Christ*

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## Jesus Is the Reason for...

For about five or six weeks each year, the slogan is tossed around in certain circles and then retired for about eleven months until it emerges again. While there is zero evidence (Biblically or historically) that Jesus was born on December 25 (in fact, the evidence points away from that time), it does bring a certain satisfaction to hear folks suggest that **"Jesus is the reason for the season."** I don't say this because I believe that Christmas is a religious holiday to celebrate the birth of Christ, but I do find some joy in knowing that people believe that Jesus is the reason for anything good these days. But let's look at Jesus from a Biblical perspective.

**Jesus is the reason for redemption.** You and I would be utterly condemned in our sins if it were not for **"the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and with spot"** that has **"redeemed us to God"** (1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9). The blood of the Lamb redeems you? Then give praise to Jesus! He is the reason!

**Jesus is the reason for hope.** You and I would be eternally doomed if it were not for Jesus Christ! We possess **"a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"** (1 Pet. 1:3). And, because our **"forerunner has entered for us [into the Presence of God], even Jesus," we have hope "as an anchor of the soul"** (Heb. 6:19-20). Do you have that hope? Then give praise to Jesus! He is the reason!

**Jesus is the reason for the church.** You and I would know nothing of the church (and maybe care nothing about it) if it were not for Jesus Christ! When His physical body died on the cross, He **"purchased"** His spiritual body, the church (Acts 20:28). How important is the church? It is **"the body of Christ"** (Eph. 4:12; 1:22-23), saved by **"the blood of Christ"** (Eph. 2:13-16). Are you in His body, the church? Then give praise to Jesus! He is the reason!

**Jesus is the reason for zeal.** You and I must examine ourselves and honestly measure two things: (1) am I zealous as a Christian? and (2) why? True zeal as a Christian has nothing to do with me or what I get out of it for myself, but true zeal is all about Jesus. When **"the love of Christ compels us"** (2 Cor. 5:14), we will boldly speak His word (Acts 4:13-31) and be truly **"zealous for good works"** (Tit. 2:14). Are you burning with zeal? Then give praise to Jesus! He is the reason!

Jesus is the reason for...love, joy, peace, grace, mercy, forgiveness, courage, repentance, worship, faithfulness, assurance, obedience, etc. This list goes on and on. Don't let this realisation emerge for a few weeks and then go back into hibernation for several months. Jesus is the reason for who you are and what you have as a Christian! Give praise to Him!

May this day and season bring you great joy not only in the time with family but also time with God.

Have a great Christmas and new year.

Love

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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**Worship:** Hugh Kirby 082 3325434

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**Finance:** Geoff Jäck 082 801 7005 /

Richard Lang 084 575 4408

**World Bible School:** Desiree Human 060 501 8540

**Prisons:** Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

**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:* Dorothy Boshoff, Warren Beyer, Evodia Martinessen,

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to The Jansen family & 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 and Israel. Just pray for everyone.

**SUNDAY EVENINGS: DECEMBER**

*Please note*

There will be no Sunday evening service on Sunday 24 December and no evening service on Sunday 31 December.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Calling all Sunday School teachers to please sign up on the notice board in the foyer.

Parents please fill in the Sunday school forms as soon as possible so we can have everything ready to start in the new year.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Willem Schoeman	24 Dec
Nathalie Idas	25 Dec
Cole Gordon	27 Dec
Bob Grahame	28 Dec

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Ryan & Cheryl McGregor—30 Dec

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Ladies class has ended for the year. We will start again early in the New Year



**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group and Paarl / Malmesbury bible study groups are taking a break over the festive season. Bible study will start up again in the new year.



**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

No Service this evening. Have a blessed Christmas Day with your family

**FISANTEKRAAL LANGUAGE**

**PROGRAMME**

Speak to Celia or Alison if you would like to teach or help the Buns & Butter team in 2024.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	24 Dec	31 Dec
Age 4—6	No Sunday school	No Sunday school
Grade 1—2	No Sunday school	No Sunday school
Grade 3 - 4	No Sunday school	No Sunday school
Grade 5 - 7	No Sunday school	No Sunday school

**NEXT WEEK 24 December 2023**

AM	PM
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**DUTY ROSTER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONG LEADER**

**LORD'S SUPPER**

**AM SERVERS**

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER**

**PREACHING**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

**FLOWERS**

**Sound**

**NEXT WEEK 31 December 2023**

AM	PM
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Dereck Beukes

Joe Tshililo

Stephen Leibbrandt

Stephen, Zane, Tendani, Andries

Zane Elgar

Dereck Beukes

Tendani Mabuda

Charles / Eleanor

**FINANCES**

Budget : Mar—Nov 2023  
 Budget = R130 000 x 9 mths  
 = **R1 170 000.00**  
 Actual contribution  
 = **R990 194.67**  
 Shortfall / Surplus  
 = **-R179 805.33**  
 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