

29 March 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...*

## Keeping the Charge of Impartiality

One of the biggest motivators you can receive is a charge from one of your superiors. A charge is an authoritative instruction in matters of extraordinary importance. Whether it is an officer in the military, a manager at work, or a parent, a charge can clarify exactly what is expected of you. It focuses your goal, eliminates alternatives, and lays out a plan of action. Because we trust the authority of the one giving the charge, it is easier to get up and perform the task laid out, no matter how difficult.

In Paul's epistles, he gives several charges for Christians to take on. One of these challenges remains extremely difficult for many to follow. Paul says in **1 Timothy 5:21**, "*I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.*" In the immediate context, the "things" Paul is referring to are answering an accusation against the elders and responding to a sinning brother. In these instances, Paul is saying that it is vitally important that we do these things without showing favouritism or bias. But this charge has much wider applications.

The Bible speaks about impartiality in many contexts. In **Leviticus 19:15**, Israel was commanded to be impartial concerning judgments of the law, regardless of class. "*You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbour.*" In **Acts 10:34**, when Peter met the Gentile, Cornelius, he understood that salvation is for all. He remarked, "*In truth, I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*"

Although impartiality is preached throughout the Bible, Christians have failed repeatedly to put it into practice. In **Galatians 2:11-21**, Paul tells us that Peter himself had to be corrected for showing preference to his fellow Jews over the Gentiles. These days, Christians continue to fail when it comes to racial bias. Perhaps we just haven't understood our assignment.

Let's take the charge! Paul laid out Christ's expectations for the church. He has focused our goal; he eliminated the alternatives and laid out a plan for us to follow. Let us treat one another without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. If I give favour to a brother because they are my friend, because they are part of my economic class, or if they share my skin colour, I am not keeping Paul's charge. It may seem extraordinarily difficult to overcome our prejudices. But if we trust our Superior, we will keep His charge.

May we think carefully about this aspect of our evaluation and obedience to our Lord, especially if we would like to impact the world as God designed.

Love in Him,

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	29 March	05 April
<b>Cradle roll</b>	Marietjie	Marietjie
<b>Age 4—6</b>	Anemari & Lauren	Tish & Lauren
<b>Grade 1—4</b>	Anzonia	Liesl
<b>Grade 5—6</b>	Wendy	Lucy
<b>Grade 7</b>	Devereaux & Shaz	Johan Gerber

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Ian Johnson, Allan Fraser, Jenny Robertson, Charlotte Robertson, Annette Day, Lynn Hendricks, Elijah April, Fernanda Reynaud

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Luke's family. 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**



Connie Korsten	29 Mar
Shawn Whitmill	29 Mar
Emma Gerber	30 Mar
Johan Pienaar	30 Mar
Lydia Iyi	31 Mar
Jonathan Leibbrandt	01 Apr
Wanga Maginya	01 Apr
Leila Botes	02 Apr
Allyson Smith	02 Apr

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONTH END TEA**

Date: Sunday 29 March

Venue: Bellville church

Time: After morning service



Venue: Central Church of Christ  
Time: 10am - 12pm

Date: 16 May 2026  
RSVP: Alison



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

No one this week

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Taking a two week break over the school holiday.

Will be back on

Tuesday 14 April

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Christa Gerber.

Johan 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**

Fellowship evening

Date: Sun 29 March at: 6pm

**THIS WEEK 29 March 2026**

**DUTY ROSTER**

**NEXT WEEK 05 April 2026**

AM		PM	AM		PM
Darryn McLachlan			Dereck Beukes		
Johan Gerber			Criston Sloan		
Leonard Green			Thama Mabuda		
Leonard, Darryn, André Jnr, Tony			Thama, Charles, Paul, Duan		
Darryn McLachlan			Charles Markotter		
Dereck Beukes	Fellowship evening		Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer	
André Jnr Botes			Paul Diedericks		
Stephen Leibbrandt			Glen De Waldon Holmes		
Marc & Jorren			Marc & Eleanor		

**FINANCES**

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