



Elizabeth Church of Christ Prayer Notes:

February 2018

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Get Connected will be the focus for our thoughts, prayers and discussions this term.

Connect to God – through **Going Deeper at 5pm on Sundays**, beginning 4th Feb. The focus this term will be on digging deeper into the morning messages from Brent to hear what God wants to reveal to us of His plan and vision for this new season in the life of Elizabeth Church of Christ.

The children will begin to practise for their new musical at the same time as Going Deeper.

Connect to God – through small group Bible Study. Pray that many in our congregation will seek to draw closer to God and know Him more through studying the Bible with others.

Connect to God – through **Prayer**. Let us praise God for 50-60 people of all ages and from many different churches who came to the Prayer and Praise time for the North which was held in our chapel last Sunday, 28th January. Continue to pray for the unity of the Christians in the North.

Let us each ask God what our personal specific spheres of influence are and how we can be effective for God’s Kingdom. Let us ask the Father to show us where He is working and where and how He wants us to join Him.

Praise God for the great start to this New Year and ask the Father to continue to show us His favour, freedom and focus.

Pray for unity and vision within our own church family as we move forward, asking the Father to keep us close to Him and close to each other.

Praise God for His call to Mark Zerna to be Associate Pastor with particular responsibility for Children’s Ministries and Discipleship Pathways. Praise God for Mark’s willingness to obey God’s call and leave the work he has been doing for many years, to face new challenges and a new season of life. Please continue to pray for Mark as he seeks to finish well at Tyndale Christian School during Term 1 before starting in his new calling with our church at the start of Term 2.

Praise and thank God for His provision for all the church’s needs last year. Pray for wisdom for the Management Team as they faithfully seek to administer our church’s finances.

Children and Youth ministries begin in early February. Pray that the leaders will have a real sense of God’s calling and drawing them closer to Himself. Pray that the children and young people will come to a passionate discovery of God and His love for them, so that they, too, hear God’s call clearly and pursue Him wholeheartedly.

Connect to Others and Connect Others to God

As other ministries of our church also begin for this New Year, we bring them to our Heavenly Father for His working within them. May the hearts of the leaders be united in the goal to make known this love of God that reaches out to all people and seeks to draw them to Himself?

We bring Him:

The Café Ministry – Pray for Alistair and the team, and that God will continue to use the café to reach out to our community.

The Boomerang Centre – Thank God for the faithful ladies who help. Pray for more helpers.

Talk-N-Do – Praise God for smooth transition of leadership last year and pray that it will be a place of continuing friendship and acceptance.

Girls Brigade - We praise God for the girls who continue to come and thank Him for the current leaders. Please pray for more leaders and also for an urgent need for someone to be one-on-one with a girl who has Downs Syndrome and is nonverbal.

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) – We rejoice with the angels in heaven that one of the young mums asked Jesus to be her Saviour during the Christmas holidays! Praise God! We thank Him for a full leadership team and pray for more MOPS Kids carers.

School Chaplains & Christian Teachers – pray they will shine for Jesus in schools.

Kairos Ministries – Pray for Pat Cailles and Alistair Thompson involvement in this ministry to prisoners and their families.

Streetlight – Praise God for the relationships building with young people at Elizabeth Centre on Thursday evenings. Pray that the team will show wisdom, God's love and acceptance.

Andrews Farm Community Church – Praise God for the successful launch of the church plant. Continue to pray for Lindsay, Erma and the team that God has placed there. Pray for opportunities to build relationships with the local community at Andrews Farm.

Upside Down Circus – please pray for God's wisdom for the preparation for 11th & 12th October.

Vanuatu Mission Team – Praise God for His presence, provision, protection and blessing on the trip to Isla School, Tanna last year. Pray for wisdom as planning begins for the next trip.

Mike and Ann Hey - Pray for wisdom and discernment in leadership for Mike as he meets with the OM leaders in East Asia Pacific via skype for prayer and mentoring relationships; and for Mike and Ann in their local connections, especially at Andrews Farm Community Church.

Geoff, Steph, Emma, Danielle and Breanna Bailey as they settle back into life in Adelaide after 20 years of ministry in Central Asia. They are relocating for an extended season for the girls' education. Pray that they will all adapt well to their new environment and experience God's provision. Geoff will continue full time with OM, but now based here.

South Sudan - Pray for peace for this nation. Thank God that Celian Kidega and his family have returned safely from their African visit. Please pray that they will know God's wisdom in how to encourage and support the Ministry of Anywar School in South Sudan.

Zimbabwe - Pray for a peaceful and smooth transition politically with the resignation of President Mugabe; and pray for rain over their land physically and spiritually.