ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER
Sunday 22nd November 2026

a beacon of hope

THIS WEEK

Monday
23rd November

Tuesday
24th November
Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room

Wednesday
25th November
MumCo 9.30-11.30am

Thursday
26th November
One50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday
27th November
3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday
28th November
Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday
29th November
9am Worship Service
10.45am Worship Service
2pm Grace Community Church Service

On-Line Giving

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Elizabeth Church of Christ
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Salvation is Essential

[18]For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, [19]but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. [20]He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. [21]Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

I Peter 1:18-21

Salvation is essential for humanity. We need saving from the effect of our sinfulness. This was no surprise to our Creator. God planned before He even created us to bring us Salvation (read the verses above). This is why Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom, a kingdom that is obtained by faith in Him (salvation).

However, the enemy has continued to distort, confuse and create doubt around this wonderful gift of Salvation. Last Sunday Jesus helped us counter a major lie. The enemy has created a narrative that says: "There are many ways to be saved". In this unravelling untruth people will chase after other religions, they will trust their heritage and/or traditions, while others will depend on their good works to guarantee a place with God. Yet, none of these philosophies are truth. Christ made it very clear that He is the only way to enter the Kingdom of God (John 10:9). Jesus is: the way, the truth, the life. He brings us into a relationship with our Creator God (John 14:6).

This Sunday we will grapple around two other lies the enemy approaches humanity with. The first one is "You Got plenty of time." The second one is, "You are not good enough." The amount of humanity that is missing the wonderful gift of our Lord because they have built their reality out of these lies is horrendous. Even though there are plenty more lies that the enemy uses, these two hit our pride and pity. Pride: "I can live my life however I want and one day I will think about that God stuff, but I got plenty of time. Just let me live." Then there is our Pity: "Why or how would God ever love me. I am not worthy of anyone's love. I am destined to be alone and suffer rejection. God's salvation is not for me." Remember our pride and our pity will always keep us from His presence. Could I invite you to do two things:

1. Ask God to reveal to you if you have embraced any of these lies.
2. Pray for God to open the eyes of others to any lies they may be embracing.

Jesus came to give us life, an abundant life. Let's pray for those who have never embraced the hope of Salvation. Let's not worry about how many people are going to be saved, let's focus on making sure that we understand what salvation is and how we can receive it. Salvation has been God's plan, through Christ, from before He created the world. Salvation is essential for all of us.

See ya Sunday,
Pastor Brent



Elder's Ballots are available at the information desk for Church members.

Pat Brown's Funeral

A reminder that Pat Brown's funeral will be held here at the church this Tuesday 24th November at 11am. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.



Alabaster Boxes

Bring your Alabaster Boxes or small change **next Sunday 29th November** to help offset the church loan account.

A special welcome to all our visitors. May you be blessed by the time you have spent with us at the Elizabeth Church of Christ.

PRAISE & PRAYER NEWS

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- For Brent's' message last Sunday encouraging us not let the things of the world draw us away from the narrow path that Jesus taught about during His sermon on the mount, but to stay focussed on the truth of His teachings, that we too may be ready to enter God's Kingdom.
- Mark's testimony on Sunday showing us how God had carefully prepared him for all the different stages of His life.

PRAY FOR:

- The Year 12 students who are celebrating the end of their High school year and for the "Green Team" (Encounter Youth) who are volunteering their time to assist where needed and to witness to the young people over the weekend. Pray for safety and God's presence.
- Elizabeth South Community Centre as they finalise the plans for the upcoming children's Christmas party.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudanese church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- A moving of the Holy Spirit across our nation drawing more people to Christ.
- Members who are isolated and unable to fellowship with us, due to a disability or ill health
- The people in the world who have been affected by the natural disasters.
- The Christians in other countries that are being persecuted because of their beliefs.
- Pray for families in our community during the lead up to Christmas that they may have the opportunity to know the "real reason for the season".
- For our Government and leaders who make the difficult decisions that will affect our nation now and in the future.

John 14:6 "Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."



Wednesday 2th November – MumCo
Tuesday 1st December – Talk N Do
Sunday 6th December- 10am FAMILY SERVICE



Christmas Tree Call Out

Do you have a spare Christmas Tree that we can *borrow* to help decorate the church for the Christmas season? If you are happy to lend us one for the month of December please see Chantel.





O my, O my, there is so much to do, so many events filling up the diary, I just don't know where to start my day! Stop! Wait! I know the best place to start. Right where the angels, the wise men, and the shepherds started. At the feet of Jesus. Start this busy season with Jesus. Perhaps start a devotional focussed on advent. Maybe read throught the book of Luke - one chaper per day. But whatever you do, don't lose sight of the reason for the season - Jesus our Saviour.







