

THIS WEEK

Monday

9th March

Public Holiday

Tuesday

10th March

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Talk'n'Do 9.30am

Wednesday

11th March

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

12th March

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

13th March

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

14th March

Nepalese Church
8.30am - 12 noon
Grace Community Church
Music Practise 12noon-
2.30pm

Sunday

15th March

9am Worship Service
10.45am Worship Service
2pm Grace Community
Church Service

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

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Embracing God's Purpose

We can often think of the word embrace as an affectionate term. A word that signifies the fondness between two individuals. This is correct and a right interpretation of the word embrace. However, embrace can also mean: *to accept a belief, theory or change willingly and enthusiastically*. This is how I want us to think of the word embrace today.

When it comes to living by faith there must be an embracing of God's purpose. We must accept the belief; we must trust God's plan with a willing heart and an anticipation of what he is going to do. Now, I am aware of the challenge this can bring. Take Joseph for example, I am not sure it would have been easy to embrace your brothers selling you into slavery. Or how about Paul, at what point would he have eagerly embraced the beatings he received or the time he spent in prisons. No, it would be a bit absurd to think they went into those situations with enthusiasm.

So, what do I mean by the idea of accepting God's purpose enthusiastically? If you look at Joseph's situation, although it was horrendous what happened, he always excelled. Why? I believe it is because he trusted God. He knew what God had told him and he knew God would bring it to fruition, and God did! I am sure it was not the way Joseph had dreamed it to happen, but God fulfilled the purpose he revealed to Joseph as a child. When you look at Paul, who endured great suffering for his faith, why would he be willing to face these calamities? He trusted God. That is why, even in prison, he began to praise God, he began to bring honour and glory to the one he served despite the prison he was facing. Where is the enthusiasm in their journey, it is in their belief. Their foundational faith convictions which say no matter what we face, we will not lose hope, confidence and loyalty to our God. Their willing enthusiasm was in the confidence they had in Jehovah God. Therefore, with anticipation or eagerness they face their trials knowing God will fulfil his purpose, believe God would come through. Would they have experienced doubts, fears and uncertainties? I am sure they did. Yet, think about this, with every faith step they took, they saw God show up and provide, protect and prepare them for what was coming. This would only build their faith and make them face the next challenge with more willingness.

Can you imagine what it would be like to live a life embracing our purpose? What if we, like Joseph and Paul, continue to believe God and accept (with willingness and enthusiasm) his purpose for our lives? This is what it means to live by faith. Yes we may face some trials, and we will encounter some doubts, but let's keep embracing God's purpose and believing that

he will do the impossible. Then, just like Joseph and Paul, as we take faith steps we will see God do incredible and mighty things. I get excited just thinking about what God wants to do in our lives and in the life of Elizabeth Church of Christ. Why do you think he is challenging us, this year, to go deeper in our faith journey? Yes, I believe God is up to something incredible for the Northern Suburbs and we get to be part of that purpose. Hallelujah.

This Sunday we are going to start a little journey through the life of Moses. I believe God wants to show us why it is worth embracing His Purpose. I have been getting eager to share with you as I unpack Exodus chapter 2. Make sure you are here this Sunday as we continue to learn what it means to be the righteous who live by faith.

Let's Go! Elizabeth Church of Christ God has great purpose for us. Let's embrace His purpose.

Bless ya! Pastor Brent

2026 
**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**
SUNDAY
22 MARCH
12.15PM



Monthly Prayer Meetings

1st Monday of the month @ 7pm at The Rutland's (Smtihfield Plains)

2nd Thursday of the month @ 10am at Lorraine Shephard's House (Salisbury Heights)

2nd Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Graham & Yen Crocker's House (Elizabeth Vale)

3rd Sunday of the month @ 7pm at the Fazakerley's House (Salisbury North)

3rd Monday of the month @ 2pm at Jenny Hughes' House (Craigmore)

4th Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Rod and Chris Row's House (Wynn Vale)

Every Tuesday morning @ 9.30am in the Parents Room at Church.

If you are interested in attending any of the prayer meetings please feel free to approach one of the hosts for directions to their houses. Everyone is welcome to come and pray in homes.

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 John Parker’s message last Sunday morning encouraging us to step out of our “hiding places” and listen to God as He gives us clear direction on how we should live for Him.
- For the continuing good rains up in the drought affected areas of our state. Praise Him also for the good showers across the metropolitan area over the weekend.
- “Connected Communities” training sessions on Sunday evenings.

PRAY FOR:

- The Sieber’s as Colin recovers from recent heart surgery.
- Those people who are caring for family members who are sick or elderly.
- The Timor Leste mission trip in July that more people may be called to sign up.
- Those who are attending the “Connected Communities” studies that they may be given God made opportunities to share what they have learned.
- Our monthly prayer meetings, that more people will be drawn by the Spirit to either open their home to a prayer group or to attend a group that is already established.

Proverbs 11:25 “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

**COME JOIN US
UPCOMING EVENTS...**

- Sunday 8th March – 5pm Saturate Training
- Monday 9th March – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 10th March – Talk N Do
- Wednesday 18th March—MumCo
- Sunday 29th March – 10am FAMILY SERVICE

UPCOMING FAMILY SERVICE
SUNDAY 29 MARCH
10AM

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Thursday 10th March @ 10am
at Lorraine Shepherd’s House
Thursday 10th March @ 7pm
at Graham and Yen Crocker’s House

4 week training program
Connected Communities
SATURATE TRAINING
concluding Sunday 8th March
5pm @ the Church

ABOUT Men
Men meeting for fellowship, activities and outings
Tuesday 24th March
A pleasant drive in the hills
Partners welcome - Car-pooling available
RSVP to the office by 20th March



TIMOR LESTE Mission Trip 2026

Are you interested in the Mission trip to Timor Leste In July 2026? Put your name down on the sign up sheet in the foyer on Sunday to find out more information.

Church History with Ferdinand



The early church met in the RSL Hall based at the now Elizabeth South Shopping Centre while the new church building, at our current site, was being built. Ladies would attend church on Sunday’s wearing dresses and hats and men would always be dressed in their best suits Oh how times have changed!



The March Bible Reading plan is available at the Information Desk and on the church website

