

THIS WEEK

Monday

12th October
Term 4 Starts

Tuesday

13th October
Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am
in the Parents Room

Wednesday

14th October
MumCo 9.30-11.30am

Thursday

15th October
One50 Dance 4.15pm

Friday

16th October
3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday

17th October
Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday

18th October
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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Truth

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

When one speaks of "Truth" it is important that we also ask for context. Why? Well truth has a few different meanings to the world today. Here are a few ideas of truth:

- Objective: Truth exists independently of human beliefs, feelings or interpretation.
- Relative: Truth depends on cultural, historical, or personal frameworks.
- Subjective: A person's experience, feelings or interpretation.

Yes, each of these areas are true. For example, the way a person feels about a food like beetroot is truth for them. It may not be true for others, but for some people beets are just revolting. However, this type of truth is really based on preference. Yet, absolute truth is vastly different. Absolute truth does not change just because a person would want it to. For instance, is beetroot a healthy food? That is absolute truth, no matter how much a person may despise the food, it is still healthy food. Nevertheless, there is a great danger surrounding truth in our world today. Society is taking subjective truth and trying to distort objective truth. If a person doesn't like the absolute truth, they simply decide it is not truth because they don't feel (subjective) it should be. Consequently, in their world, absolute truth is no longer true. I know this isn't new, but it does appear to be gaining grave momentum. A person would rather lean on subjective truth and be comfortable instead of embracing objective truth and be confronted. Now, even though scenario is playing out all around us, it does not change the fact that they cannot modify objective truth. A person's feelings, preference, or experience cannot change absolute truth.

For instance, on Tuesday morning Peta, Mallee and I were traveling down the freeway. Mallee asked me how long it was until we got home. I told her it was about 35-45 mins. She sighed really loud and said, "Don't you mean 20 minutes." My

response was, "You can say 20 minutes, however it is actually going to be 35-45 and that's the truth." On the whole ride home Mallee kept trying to change the estimated time to something that was not true. She kept trying to make it sooner than it was to meet her desire to be home. The reality was, no matter how often she offered a different eta, the truth never changed.

We live in a world that does the same thing. If people do not like what is true, they simply disagree and develop their own truth. Does this make it true? Nope because objective truth is always true. No matter how we try to change or interpret truth to align with our feelings and desires, it does not work. Why? Because truth is not a theory or an equation that we can manipulate with our own efforts. Absolute truth is a person; it is Jesus Christ.

Christ has established what is true and we need to draw close to him and discover who He is so that we can understand and embrace truth. No matter how much we try, we can't change an unchanging God. Therefore, we can't change truth if truth is Jesus.

Thursday to Sunday our youth will be on a wonderful journey of bible study, worship services, activities, and community. During this time, the focus will be to understand Jesus as "The Way" Our prayer is that they will experience Absolute Truth and be transformed by Him. Could you please pray for the youth and the leaders over this weekend?

Bless ya,
Brent

Monthly Prayer Meetings

This Week

Tuesday 13th October @ 9.30am
here at the church in the Parent's Room
Sunday 18th October @ 7pm
At John & Chris Fazakerley's House

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 reminding us all, that Our Good Shepherd does not want us to miss what God may be doing for us.
- Mark Connor, Glenn Roberts and Michael Birkin who shared their positive experience of being part of a 2's and 3s group.
- For our maintenance team who keep our buildings and grounds in such good condition.

PRAY FOR

- Students, teachers, school staff and parents as they finish their holidays and start preparing for a busy last term.
- Safety on our roads over the school holiday break.
- Mark and Val Zerna, as they enjoy a much deserved break.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudanese church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- Those in our congregation that have been unwell with colds, flus, hay fever and chest infections.
- A moving of the Holy Spirit across our nation drawing more people to Christ.
- Those in our Church and community who are caring for sick or disabled family members.
- The people in the world who have been affected by natural disasters.
- The Christians in other countries that are being persecuted because of their beliefs.
- Pray for those in our community and the world who are affected by hostile environments.
- For our Government and leaders who make the difficult decisions that will affect our nation now and in the future.

Psalm 63:6-7. *"On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings."*



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

Achew! Achew! Achew! Don't you just love the change of seasons? The flowers are starting to bloom. The fruit trees are starting to bud. There are beautiful scents in the air. The breeze is blowing the pollen off the trees (in all directions) and the next thing you know you are having a sneezing fit. Yes unfortunately sometimes change, and the beauty it brings, can bring some side effects that aren't that good. There are many things in life that change throughout time. The seasons, residences, health, friends, employment, church, just to name a few. The bible tells us "That there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1) and just as the season of spring may bring some seasonal hayfever, sneezing, watering eyes, headaches and coughing it also brings the beauty of God's creation. The colours of the blooms in the garden, the birdsong in the morning, the buzzing of the bees pollenating and the sounds of fields being harvested. It is bringing growth and renewal, change and life, and food for the future. God is providing for us through the trial - we just need to hold on to him through it all (He is already holding on to us).



DEDICATION SUNDAY

October 18

NATIONAL COLLECTION

OCTOBER

12-26

ELIZABETH SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE
LISTEN LOVE LEARN



CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Approx. \$30 value
per bag
Boys & girls bags
available



Monday 12th October – Term 4 Starts

Wednesday 14th October – MumCo

Friday 16th October – Year 6 Youth Welcome Dinner

Sunday 18th October - Lunch @ Cafe Hope

Sunday 18th October - OCC Shoe Box Dedication

BIRTHDAY WOOPS!

Sorry for aging you young ladies last week (Jenny M and Margaret H.). It's not quite their birthdays yet. A computer malfunction caused their birthdates to appear incorrectly on a report. Sorry for the confusion but extra blessings to you both.



FAITH CONVERSATIONS

how to share
your faith
confidently &
naturally

friday 30th oct @ 6pm
or
sunday 1st nov @ 4pm