

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th August 2025

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THIS WEEK

Monday

25th August

Tuesday

26th August

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am
in the Parents Room.
Talk'n'Do 9.30am

Wednesday

27th August

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

28th August

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

29th August

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

30th August

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

Sunday

31st August

9am Worship Service

10.45am Worship Service

2pm Grace Community
Church Service

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

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As we continue to move through the book of Acts, two things stand out straight away. Firstly there is persecution. In chapter four it comes in the form of threats and being dragged before the council. In chapter 5 the persecution intensifies and the first attack comes from within, then comes jail, then more threats and finally beatings and more threats. You would have thought this would have stopped the church in its tracks and slowed down its growth. However, that's not what happened, in fact the reverse happened, the church did not stop growing, if anything its growth increased.

The second thing we notice is the church is more or less Unstoppable. Francis Chan said, "When I read the book of Acts, I see the church as an unstoppable force. The church was powerful and spreading like wildfire. Not because of clever planning, but by a movement of the Spirit. Riots, torture, poverty, or any other type of persecution couldn't stop it. Isn't that the type of church movement we all long to be a part of?"

In Matthew 16:17-19 Jesus said the gates of hell will not be able to overcome the church, and this is what we are seeing in Acts. As Francis Chan said, wouldn't it be amazing to be a part of a church like that! What was its secret, what lay behind such a powerful movement?

In the sermon on Sunday we will look at five reasons why the early church was UNSTOPPABLE and what we can learn for our church today.

Mark Zerna
Associate Pastor

East Timor Mission Trip

What we need:

- 8-12ply wool
- Small lego kits
- Australian souvenirs



Churches of Christ

A NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COME TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF

PRAYER

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST @ 6PM
ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST
&
MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST

PRAYER WITH THE ELDERS

Wednesday 3rd September
@ 7pm at Cafe Hope

Prayer with the Elders

The Elder's are inviting you to come to have prayer with and get prayer from the Elders on Wednesday 3rd September at 7pm in the Café.

If you are unable to make the time please see an Elder and they will be happy to make a time to come to you.



Connected Community Interest Night
September 14th @ 5pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Can you help in the Kitchen on Sunday's?

We need people to help serve, wait and clean-up

See Chantel or Alistair if you can help

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

PHONE: (08) 8255 2467

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9am - 2:30pm

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 9am, 10:45am & 2pm

SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

WEBSITE: www.elizabethcoc.org

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FACEBOOK: Elizabeth COC

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 to follow and practice the examples set by the early church that we might draw others that we meet to want Jesus in their lives as well.
- For "Safe Water September" and other fund raising ventures that help to support others in our world that do not have access to clean water and food.
- For our prayer warriors who meet regularly at church or in homes, to pray for our needs as individuals and as a church.
- His healing power.

PRAY FOR:

- Members who are struggling with colds, viruses or other health issues.
- All those who are affected by road accidents, first responders, hospital staff and those who grieve.
- The team of people heading on the mission trip to East Timor later this year. Pray for each of the team members Dylan Loveday- Sweeney, Dale Leithboro, Val & Mark Zerna, Brent & Lexi Rutland, Ryan, Debbie, Hope and Seth Brown, Paul, Zoe and Tori Dickenson and Clive Nicolai.
- All the people who are struggling to pay their rising food and household bills.
- The innocent people who have been affected by domestic violence in their homes.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

Tuesday 26th August – Talk N Do

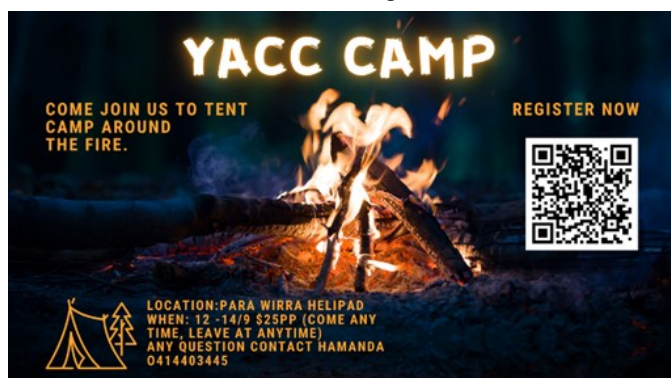
Sunday 31st August – Youth Fundraising lunch

Sunday 31st August – 6PM Combined prayer for Churches of Christ Movement

Wednesday 3rd September - MumCo

Wednesday 3rd September – Prayer with Elders 7pm

Sunday 14th September – Connected Community Interest Night



YACC CAMP

COME JOIN US TO TENT CAMP AROUND THE FIRE.

REGISTER NOW



LOCATION: PARA WIRRA HELIPAD
WHEN: 12 -14/9 \$25PP (COME ANY TIME, LEAVE AT ANYTIME)
ANY QUESTION CONTACT HAMANDA 0414403445

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Pray for the upcoming East Timor Mission Trip – pray for the team, for health, safety, connection with the people they meet and God's provision.



Get involved today

One month – nothing to drink but water
Raise money to make a difference
safewaterseptember.org.au



Operation Christmas Child

GIFTS TO INCLUDE

- A "wow" item
- Personal care item
- School supplies
- Clothing and accessories
- Crafts and activities
- Toys
- A personal note

For more information go to occ.samaritanspurse.org.au



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

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer. Psalm 18:2

