



# the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026



a beacon of hope

## THIS WEEK

### Monday

23<sup>rd</sup> March

### Tuesday

24<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Wednesday

25<sup>th</sup> March

Women's Study 9.30 -11am  
KYB 12.30pm

### Thursday

26<sup>th</sup> March

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

### Friday

27<sup>th</sup> March

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

### Saturday

28<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Sunday

29<sup>th</sup> March

10am FAMILY SERVICE  
followed by BBQ lunch

## On-Line Giving

### Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

### BSB Number

105 121

### Account Number

441343540

Today I am handing over my article to Dr. Charles Stanley. Dr. Stanley was a preacher from Atlanta, Georgia (He passed away in 2023) who influenced much of my early preaching and teaching life. I came across this Devotional about God's patience, which is perfect for this week. As we continue to look at the original story of Moses, we will discover that Moses' early life was one that needed the Patience of God more than anything. This week I want us to celebrate our Sovereign God's attribute of patience, as a reason that we continue to embrace our purpose and live by faith. I hope this devotional thought will inspire you.

## GOD'S PATIENCE

"Our Saviour wants everyone to experience His Grace, Mercy and Everlasting Love."

Some people imagine God getting frustrated every time they make a mistake. As a result, many of them live in constant fear of doing something wrong. But that's not who God is at all. Instead, He has endless patience and mercy for His children.

The Lord knows we have a fallen nature, and He completely understands our struggle against it (Hebrews 4:15). Just as a toddler learns obedience, God's children also learn to walk in His ways. Because our Father takes pleasure in watching us do what is right, He allows us time and room for mistakes.

Now, if we repeatedly reject the salvation God provides, then we'll experience His judgment one day. That choice is real. But keep in mind that Jesus came into the world specifically to save sinners. He wants everyone to be saved—and with great patience, mercy, and grace, He generously gives everyone time to come to Him.

God is always waiting and ready for us to return to His loving embrace, just like the father of the prodigal son. Is there anything you want to confess to the Lord today? Repentance will open a blocked line of communication. Remember, God is slow to anger, and He enjoys spending time with you.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me

trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup>Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Brent

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



*Easter*  
GOOD FRIDAY  
9.30AM  
EASTER SUNDAY  
7AM DAWN SERVICE  
7.30AM BREAKFAST  
9.30AM TESTIMONY SERVICE

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

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](http://www.elizabethcoc.org)

EMAIL: [office@elizabethcoc.org](mailto:office@elizabethcoc.org)

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 reminding us of God's providence in all things. Of His protective care and guidance.
- The Jobs for Life program, for the participants, teachers, mentors and the overall program that encourages and motivates students to develop soft skills to become a dependable employee.
- The diversity of people that come to our church throughout the week, not just on Sunday's. For those who come for community lunches, dance lessons, craft, MumCo, Bible Studies, Band Practice, other church services, Youth Group, young adults and many other events.

**PRAY FOR:**

- Those in our church who are not well. May they find God's peace in their time of recovery.
- 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.
- The upcoming AGM, being held this weekend. Pray that even the Administrative aspects of running a church give God glory.
- Pray for the upcoming Easter weekend. May it be a time that people reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us all and the amazing story of resurrection that we all get to celebrate together.
- Pray for those who are affected by the current war conflict.
- 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.

*Deuteronomy 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."*

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 12.15pm AGM
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Talk N Do
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Kids Ministry Picnic
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 10am FAMILY SERVICE
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – MumCo
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 9.30am Good Friday Service
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 7am Sunrise Service
- 7.30am Breakfast
- 9.30am Sunday Service



Grace Women's Conference - 30 May 2026 -Early bird registration open now <https://www.graceconference.org.au/>



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

**UPCOMING FAMILY SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY 29 MARCH**  
**10AM**

**KIDS MINISTRY FAMILY REMINDER**



**PICNIC**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 11am  
 Harry Bowie Reserve  
 BYO Picnic Lunch



**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**



So, a site was earmarked in the new satellite city of Elizabeth for a new Churches of Christ. The church was designed by Lance Brune as a multi-purpose hall with associated rooms. In the future there were plans to build a future chapel and more classrooms. Did that ever eventuate? You will have to wait to find out...

**Monthly Prayer Meetings**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm**  
**at Rod and Chris Row's House**

