



the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28th April 2024



a beacon of hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

29th April

Tuesday

30th April

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Wednesday

1st May

MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

2nd May

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

3rd May

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

4th May

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

Sunday

5th May

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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Walk with Character

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ²Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Ephesians 4:1-2

I know I am not worthy. I know that when it comes to living a life for Christ, I fall short daily. Just looking at a few ideas from verse 2 above reminds me that I fail often. I mean I am humble (ha ha), but patience or gentleness may be a struggle at times. I also might not always love others enough to forgive their faults. How about you? Do you think living a worthy life is easy?

How is it that Paul pleads with us to live a life worthy of our calling? He himself knows that doing the right thing is a struggle (read Romans 7:21-24). So, what motivates him to expect worthiness from Christ-Followers?

I would dare say it is a two-fold concept. The Righteousness of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit. I have been reading a delightful book on this idea. (The Bookends of the Christian Life)

It is the Righteousness of Christ that Redeems, Restores and Repurposes anyone who will follow Jesus. It is the Righteousness of Christ that covers our sinfulness and makes us blameless and holy in the sight of the Father.

To Walk with a worthy character, we must first embrace the reality of living in the righteousness of Jesus. This will remove the fears, doubts, and struggles we have with our identity. We are seen, through Jesus, as the perfect loved sons and daughters of God. We can't let the enemy shame or confuse us into believing anything else.

The second concept to embrace is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the Power of the Holy Spirit that transforms us. It is the Power of the Holy Spirit that takes the perfect work of Christ and applies it to our imperfect life. Yes, we are seen as holy and blameless due to the work of Jesus. Now the Holy Spirit starts moulding and shaping us to be more like Jesus.

To walk with a worthy character, we must embrace the reality of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Anything we do that is beneficial to the Kingdom is only done when we surrender ourselves to the work of Holy Spirit. Realizing this truth takes away the pressure to perform or measure life by worldly success. Our only goal is obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we must let him lead our lives. We must be obedient to where he directs us. This mindset will produce fruit for the Glory of God.

Paul's understanding of Righteousness (only in Christ) and power (only Holy Spirit) is why he can encourage us to live a life worthy. We have been set free (work of Christ) and we have been equipped (power of Holy Spirit) to live a life that brings Glory to God. To live a life worthy of our calling. Let's dig into what this Character looks like. See ya Sunday.

Pastor Brent

Monthly Prayer Meetings

This week's Prayer meetings are at:

Thursday 2nd May @ 7pm at Rosie Zerna's House
Sunday 5th May @ 4pm at the Dickeson's House



Ladies' *Know Your Bible* studies will begin for Term 2 on May 1st.
Where? - Church's main chapel area
When? - 12.30pm - 2 pm each Wednesday
This term we look at 9 different prayers from the Old Testament.

What can we learn about God, about ourselves and how we can draw closer to God in our prayers?
Study book \$10 All ladies welcome.
Contact Margaret Mount for more information.



Women's Bible Study
Would you like to come and study the hope contained in the book of Revelation? Fortnightly Women's Bible Study starting 8 May 2024. 9:30-11:00am.
Free work book provided. See Judy Roberts for more information.

JFL JOBS for LIFE
LIFTING HUMANITY THROUGH THE DIGNITY OF WORK

You are invited to attend an afternoon tea to hear more information about JOBS for LIFE.

Wednesday 8th May 2024
2pm to 3pm at Cafe Hope
38 Ashfield Road, Elizabeth

Jobs for Life is a Bible based course that is run for two hours a week for 16 weeks. It helps participants find value in life and work. It is open to anyone of any age or background.

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9am - 2:30pm SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 9am, 10:45am & 2pm SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

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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:

- Ben and Anni's passion as they continue to follow God's leading to work with the youth on the streets drawing them closer to God, through the Streetlight program.
- The band of merry men and one brave woman, who every Monday work hard to keep our buildings, equipment and gardens looking in tip top condition.
- Alistair and his team who serve up lovely meals after church twice a month, helping to extend our time of fellowship together.
- The Baristas, plus tea and coffee makers, who supply morning tea with scones after the 9am service each week.

PRAY FOR:

- Travelling mercies for Brent's mum and brother as they continue on the last part of their journey home in the USA today.
- For Hamanda and her children as they travel to Queensland to support her family during her nieces' battle with a serious illness.
- Those within our congregation who are suffering silently with pain or illness.
- God's peace to be within us as we are bombarded with reports of wars and natural disasters. Continue to pray for all those who are directly affected by these disasters.
- Those suffering with loneliness and depression.
- Families in Australia that are affected by the current rises in living costs and shortages in housing.



Monday 29 April - Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 1 May – MumCo

Tuesday 7 May- New Comers Dessert Evening

Sunday 19 May – Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 15 June – Quiz Night



The **May Bible Reading plan** is available at the information desk and on the church website

Elizabeth Church of Christ



Church Directory 2024

2024 Church directories are available at the information desk and the church office if you would like a copy.

Please bring your old directories back to the church to be disposed of correctly.

HAPPY 50th WEDDING anniversary TO GEOFF & EILEEN ON THE 27TH

JOB VACANCIES

Hands and Feet are looking for a full time driver. Collecting items from supermarkets and delivering to churches. Call Bradley Scott on 0400 260 077 for more information.

Open Door Book Shop in Gawler is looking for volunteers to work in their shop, 3 hour shifts. Contact Shirley Klose on 8522 1677 for more information



Global Mission Partners
INVITES YOU TO A
Prayer Evening

Join the Global Mission Partners team to pray for our partners' work internationally, and in Australia.

Light Supper Included.

Monday 29th April, 6:30pm to 8pm	The Monastery, 15 Cross Rd, Urrbrae, SA 5064
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RSVP to Carly Cassisy,
carly@gmp.org.au

PENTECOST SUNDAY
SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024 6PM

GUEST SPEAKER REV MARK SANDERS

BAPTIST CHURCHES OF SA&NT
FEATURING CHOIR FROM ADELAIDE CHIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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ELIZABETH PARK