

Sunday 8th February 2026

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hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

9th February

Tuesday

10th February

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Talk'n'Do 9.30am –11.30am

Wednesday

11th February

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

12th February

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

13th February

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

14th February

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

Sunday

15th February

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

HOW YOU GONNA LIVE?

At the end of Rambo II, John Rambo is walking away after another chaotic fight and he is asked by Colonel Sam Trautman, "How are you gonna live?" As Rambo stumbled into the horizon he said, "Day By Day". I remember quoting that scene over and over when I was a kid. I thought it was so cool. A man willing to live from moment to moment and knowing he could take care of himself was a remarkable thought.

I now realise that there is a problem with this philosophy. Living day by day, as cool as it sounds, can be a bit foolish. Humanity isn't really capable of taking care of ourselves. However, there is a truth that lies within the concept. If you couple that philosophy with one other aspect it carries a new potential. What is the truth that we can pair with living day by day and discover possibility for an effective lifestyle? That truth is Faith in Christ Jesus. When one chooses to apply faith in Christ to their lives, then a day-by-day lifestyle is possible. When faith is applied we are no longer trusting our abilities or depending on our wisdom. Faith means we have submitted ourselves to Christ and he leads. Therefore, a peace, hope and a certainty is what makes a day-by-day life possible. We can become confident and comfortable in how the Good Shepherd directs our daily path. No, it's not an easy choice to make, but it is the right choice to make. No, it's not an easy road to hold to, but it is the right path to stay on. A Faith-Filled life can appear to be throwing caution to the wind or taking too much risk. It can cause us to be challenged and even chastised for our belief. However, if one is living by faith, they are able to live day by day trusting the Good Shepherd.

I am pretty sure that is not what Rambo meant when he said he would live day by day. Although, if we add faith to the equation it is a lifestyle that is worth living. As a matter of fact, it is a lifestyle that is required for living, if you are a follower of Jesus.

Take a moment to meditate on these verses from Hebrews 10:38-39

*But my righteous one will live by faith.
And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.
But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.*

What do these verses tell us about how we should live as Christ Followers?

What do you think it looks like to be a person who lives by faith alone?

What else is Holy Spirit saying to you from these verses above?

This coming Sunday we are going to begin a journey into the idea of "Living By Faith" Have you ever thought about what that means? How does it look practically? Hebrews 12 tells us that we have a great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us. The bible is full of individuals who lived day by day with a faith relationship in God. We are going to take a few months to unpack some of those journeys and see what we can discover. I believe as we explore, and are inspired by, those who have lived the life before us, we will grow closer to our Good Shepherd and glorify him more. Our own faith journey will be encouraged and strengthened. I don't know about you, but if I am ever asked "How you gonna live?" I want to make sure I am able to respond with this simple quote: "I live by faith"

See ya Sunday

Pastor Brent

4 week training program

Connected Communities

SATURATE TRAINING

starting Sunday 15th February

5pm @ the Church

Please note new start date of the Saturate Training. It is now starting **next** Sunday 15th February.

ABOUT Men

Men meeting for fellowship, activities and outings

Meeting fortnightly at 10.30am on

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month

for coffee and fellowship at

St Peter's Bakehouse Elizabeth

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 all the people who shared their stories with the wider congregation on how our amazing God has loved and supported them during the last year.
- The Rutland family who have returned home after their long visit to the USA.
- The continuing number of new individuals and families who are choosing to worship with us each week.
- Our Emergency services who have had to work in such extreme weather in order to keep us safe.
- For a more comfortable week of milder summer weather.

PRAY FOR:

- Alistair and his team in the café, as they prepare food for the community lunches, emergency meals and for others who come in for company and a good low cost meal or hot drink.
- Anne Carr as who has taken over the Children's ministry role from Mark Zerna and for Mark as he now oversees the Pastoral Care role.
- God's leading for the Elders as they shepherd the church this year.
- MumCo and their support team who started their new year together on Wednesday morning.
- Members who are struggling with health issues.

2 Cor. 1 3-5; "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us all in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Hosted by: Salisbury Lutheran Church
30 Waterloo Corner Rd
Salisbury
(Enter via Winzor Street)

Come at 10am for morning tea
Service 10:30 - 11:30

All Welcome!



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INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Are you interested in holding a monthly prayer meeting in your house?

What is a monthly prayer meeting? A monthly prayer meeting is where people come together in your house for about an hour to pray.

What do I need to do as host? All you need to do is provide the space and maybe lead the people in prayer.

When can I host a prayer meeting? Any time at all. We have had them during the day and at night.

Do many people come to the prayer meetings? Sometimes yes and sometimes no. Our dream is to have as many people involved in prayer as possible

What if I can't host the meeting on one of my scheduled days? That is completely fine. You can let your usual people know and we can put a note in the Beacon to let people know. You can reschedule for another day for that month.

What do I need to do if I want to host a prayer meeting? Come and talk to Brent, Mark or Chantel and they would love to answer any questions you have.

Schedule for Monthly Prayer Meetings will be available very soon.

COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday 8th February – 9am & 10.45am Services resume

Tuesday 10th February – Talk N Do

Sunday 15th February – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

Sunday 15th February – 5pm Saturate Training

Wednesday 18th February - MumCo

3E Youth Term 1

FRIDAYS

7PM-9PM

WEEK 2	06.02	Kick Off
WEEK 3	13.02	Message + Small Groups
WEEK 4	20.02	Worship + Real Talk
WEEK 5	27.02	Games Night
WEEK 6	06.03	Message + Small Groups
WEEK 7	13.03	Real Talk + Worship
WEEK 8	20.03	Games Night
WEEK 9	27.03	Message + Small Groups
WEEK 10	03.04	NO YOUTH (Good Friday)
WEEK 11	10.04	Bring a Friend to Youth



The February Bible Reading plan is available at the Information Desk and on the church website (Sorry for the flight delays that saw this coming in a bit late this month!)