

Sunday 15th February 2026

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hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

16th February

Tuesday

17th February

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Wednesday

18th February

MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

19th February

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

20th February

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

21st February

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

Sunday

22nd February

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

5pm Saturate Training

On-Line Giving

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Elizabeth Church of Christ

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JUST KEEP SWIMMING

Our family has tried to do "Chill and Grill" night every Saturday for years. It doesn't always work but we try and be persistent in making it happen. The idea is that we gather as a family have a meal and do something like a board game or movie. Looking back, I would say that a movie is chosen about 90% of the time. Our family loves a good movie, it often is the go-to for the occasion

Now, the movies have changed a bit over the years, but the time is still so wonderful. One of the reasons I love movies is because you can grab some pretty incredible life lessons from them. I realise not all movies give good life lessons, as a matter of fact some give pretty negative direction. We try to make sure and watch movies that will instill principals that match our lifestyle and our Godly convictions, No, we haven't always got it right, but even that can be a learning experience.

Last night I woke up with a song from a movie that I haven't watched in years. The movie is about a dad in search of his son. His son has been swept away at sea, and this father is in a deep panic to find him. He doesn't have much to go on accept a scuba mask that says: *P Sherman 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney*. You might know this movie; it is called Finding Nemo. It is a great little flick.

There is one part where the dad is trying to search for his son and is struggling to keep looking and Dory (the wonderful little sidekick) sings him this song:

Hey Mr. Grumpy gills
Life's full of little spills
Don't throw your fins up in disgust
Oh, what's the use of floatin' there
Not going anywhere
Swish your tail
And dive on in
And trust....
That... if you..
Just keep swimming
Just keep swimming
Life isn't all that grim
Just keep swimming
Just keep swimming
Everything will be okay
See? - Just keep swimming
Move your tail

And sure, enough we'll find our way.

Just keep swimming, that is what I woke up with in my mind during the middle of the night last night. Life can get quite challenging. As a follower of Jesus, we are assured, by Christ himself, that problems will come our way. *"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."* John 16:33. I would go as far as saying that as a believer we face more difficulty, certainly in the form of persecution and worldly disconnect than non-believers. However, our Good Shepherd tells us we should have peace. Why? Because He has overcome the world and He will give us all we need to endure whatever we face. We have to just keep swimming. Living by faith isn't easy, but it is possible when your faith is in Christ Jesus. We experience incredible peace in chaos, wonderful joy despite struggles and hope when nothing seems hopeful. This is because of the faith we hold on to, our faith in Jesus our Good Shepherd.

This Sunday we are going to talk about the importance of persevering despite the problems we may face. In the words of Dory, we want to learn to Just Keep Swimming.

See ya Sunday,
Pastor Brent

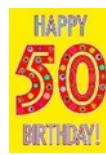
4 week training program

Connected Communities

SATURATE TRAINING

starting Sunday 15th February

5pm @ the Church



Happy birthday to
Mohamad who turned
50 on the 9th and also
recently became an
Australian Citizen.



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:

- Vicky Parkers' testimony last Sunday morning and Brent's message beginning the series on "How are we going to live a faith filled life?"
- For the resumption of our 2 Sunday services (9am & 10.45am) for 2026. Thank you Lord for the special time we have had together as a combined congregation over the Summer break.

PRAY FOR:

- All the people in Australia who have been adversely affected by floods, heat and bushfires.
- Families who are affected by domestic violence.
- The management team who give their time to faithfully oversee the church finances and assets.
- Members who are struggling with health issues and for those who care for them.
- The upcoming training this Sunday 15th February, for the "Connected Communities" program.
- 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.

Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday 15th February – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

Sunday 15th February – 5pm Saturate Training

Wednesday 18th February – MumCo

Sunday 22nd February – 5pm Saturate Training

Tuesday 24th February – Talk N Do

Monthly Prayer Meetings

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

Come and talk to Brent, Mark or Chantel and they would love to answer any questions you have.



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



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

I love a good story. I love a good book. Some people love a good story shown in a movie. Up on the silver screen...the story coming to life!

Recently in one of the services Riley and Holly came up and shared that they were launching a movie that they had been part of making. I have watched them both work before as they have done some filming around the church during the week. Wow! I never thought it was so technical and involved. There is lights, different cameras, board things that go snap, a multitude of people and props just to get one little shot. There is so much that goes into a one-second image. Not to mention all the thought that goes into the whole idea beforehand.

Holly and Riley have an amazing gift of seeing things in a different way and relaying them through the media of film. Their latest offering "Inheritance" is a short film that tells the story of the Prodigal son. I know you have all heard the story before from the Bible. This modern retelling shows it beautifully. A group of people from the church went and saw the premier up at YWAM a few weeks ago (I heard a few of the young men dressed up for the night and wore suits!) I am sure you will be impressed (by the film, not the young men!). You can check it out on you-tube – @

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtXVeD_IPfY



In Kid's Ministry this term our theme is called "**Bible Basics**." The 8 lessons have as a theme the idea that soldiers train and train in order to find themselves ready for whatever situation they find themselves in. They start out in Basic Training, where they lay the foundation for their career as soldiers. We can use God's word to help us train so that we can live for God. This series will teach kids 8 important Bible Basics to lay the foundation for a lifetime of faith. We are hoping to teach the children the names of the books of the New Testament this term and have provided a song to help them remember them.

Our objective is for our kids will learn that we train with prayer and Bible study so that we can follow Jesus better. The verse we are learning is, "By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing." 2 Timothy 3:17

Here are the links to the two songs the children are learning as we praise God each Sunday.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FrP5Pr0Bn2E> For the Family Service Term 1 **Your way's better - by Forrest Frank**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8njRidwOhM&list=RDR8njRidwOhM&start_radio=1 Books of the New Testament

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.



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