

THIS WEEK

Monday

2nd November

Tuesday

3rd November

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am

in the Parents Room

Talk N Do 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday

4th November

Women's Study 9.30-11.30am

KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

5th November

One50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

6th November

3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday

7th November

Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday

8th November

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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The Unbelievable Creates Believability

I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me. John 11:42

We left the disciples in a state of courage, yet complexity last week. They were willing to go with Jesus to see Lazarus, however (according to Thomas) they were all going to die. I am still not sure how I would respond to God's Will taking me into a situation that is knowingly life threatening. I would hope that I too would have the bravery to follow Jesus anywhere. How about you?

After arriving on the scene, the disciples faced a different concern. It wasn't their lives in danger, yet (John 11:53). The disciples found a community in grief, a family distraught and a friend dead. No, their lives were not in jeopardy, but Lazarus had been dead for four days.

This should not have been a surprise to them. Jesus had told them already that he was dead (John 11:15) but, what could Jesus do now? I wonder what the expectation was from the disciples. I mean, Jesus had told them that he was going to wake Lazarus up. However, did the disciples really believe that?

Maybe they did, maybe they expected Jesus to rock up to that tomb and call Lazarus out. Or, what if they were a bit more like me? I would be thinking more on these lines: "Well, Jesus you left this one to long. He is in the tomb, it is finished, done, he's D-E-A-D, dead." Or I can see the disciples saying: "I know Jesus said He was going to go wake Lazarus up, but maybe we misunderstood what He was saying. We do misunderstand his ideas quite often." If I were the disciples, I would have seen this as impossible or at best an improbable situation.

Does Jesus ever give you a word, a direction, a promise from His Word that you struggle to believe? Is there something in your life right now that you think is simply outside the Will of God. You know God can do anything, but you feel He simply not going to do this miracle. You know He loves you, but you must have misunderstood what Jesus was saying.

Not so fast, weary follower! It is in the unbelievable that Jesus builds our faith. Do not forget Jesus allowed this moment to happen. He waited 2 days before He came to Lazarus. Look at what Jesus said when He first heard the news, "This sickness

will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

It will not end in death! Jesus never said Lazarus would not die. Jesus said it would not end in death. You may believe you are facing the greatest struggle of your life. You may see no way through. The need is too great; it is simply an unbelievable task. You may be in a tomb of doubt, fear or failure and feel it is all over. Well, beloved family, our God sets the stage for the unbelievable. He orchestrates our lives in ways that produce impossible moments. Why? Because the unbelievable creates believability. Yes, God's Will was about to bring Glory to His Name and Glory to His Son. This was the plan, and through that Glory, many would believe.

This Sunday we are going to see the Unbelievable happen, yet it was never outside the scope or will of God. It was always His Plan. I wonder what God would like to call you out of this week? I wonder, as you keep following Jesus, what unbelievable moment is at your next stop? I am not sure, but I am certain, Christ is wanting to build your faith as you continue to walk in His footsteps. Therefore, the unbelievable will come, and if we are willing, the unbelievable will create believability in our faith journey. As you watch Jesus do the unbelievable I hope you will believe.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brent



Christmas Day Choir

We are calling all angels to get involved in our Christmas Day Choir. If you love singing (especially carols) we would love you to be part of our team. Please put your name on the sign up sheet on the information desk. Practice will be on Tuesday Nights starting on November 16th.

Café Help – Sunday Helpers

As Alistair is back in the kitchen, once a fortnight on Sunday's, he is in need of helpers. If you are able to help out with serving or cleaning please let Chantel or Alistair know. We will put together a roster of helpers so you wouldn't need to do it all the time.

Funeral Notice

The funeral of past member Ken Crabbe's will be held at 3pm on Monday 2nd November at Fulham Funerals, 50 Midway Road, Elizabeth East.

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 that deeper faith teaches us to look to Jesus, learn from Jesus and to also lean on Jesus during difficult times and for us to turn the "What If?" of "Instant Fear" into "Incredible Faith" instead.
- For all the volunteers who have helped with the OCC Christmas Boxes and for all those who have given so generously with time, gifts and money.

PRAY FOR

- Hamanda and family as they await the arrival of their new baby.
- For the Year 12's sitting their final exams.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudanese church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- A moving of the Holy Spirit across our nation drawing more people to Christ.
- Those in our Church and community who are caring for sick or disabled family members.
- The people in the world who have been affected by the natural disasters.
- The Christians in other countries that are being persecuted because of their beliefs.
- Pray for those in our community and the world who are affected by hostile environments.
- For our Government and leaders who make the difficult decisions that will affect our nation now and in the future.

1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know your labour in the Lord is not in vain."



Sunday 1st November – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

Sunday 1st November – Faith Conversations @2pm

Tuesday 3rd November – Talk N Do

Wednesday 11th November - MumCo



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Edward I turns 18 on the 1st

Chris R turns 70 on the 7th

Angelina B turns 21 on the 8th

Samantha M turns 21 on the 17th

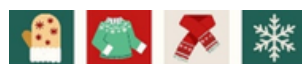
Church History with Ferdinand



Did you know that Talk N Do has been operating at the church for many, many years. Early records show it was happening back in 1979!

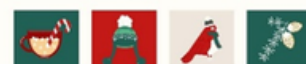
At some stages there were more than 200 people (both men and women) that would pack the church, seated along trestle tables, to do their craft or learn a new one. People would come from near and far to get together to "talk" and "do"! At some times a creche was needed for those who had young ones, which cost 50 cents per child.

Trading tables have been held at different times to sell crafted items and excess craft supplies. Talk N Do still meets today and each time a Christian message is still shared as part of the morning tea.



About Men (& Women) Christmas Break Up Lunch TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

Details coming soon



Monthly Prayer Meetings

This Week

Monday 2nd November @ 7pm
at the Rutland's House

Tuesday 3rd November @ 9.30am
in the Parent's Room here at church

