



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: Esther 6

On Harvest Sunday we were reminded that the principles that underpin things like harvest also apply to spiritual development. What is sown now will one day be available for reaping.

Preceding the events outlined in this chapter a programme headed by Haman to ensure the destruction of the Jews was met with a period of three days' fasting by the children of Israel.

Those prayers – and any we might make in desperate situations - are made in the knowledge of the Sovereignty of God. Scripture exhorts us to *"believe that God is, and that he rewards those who diligently seek him"*. While we only see the obvious, behind it all God is sovereign.

His response to prayer and apparently adverse events is largely hidden. God is working out his purposes in the background when *"all things work together for good"*. God is in control.

Although the immediate scenario threatened destruction, what subsequently emerged was protection when Haman's evil plans were overturned to ensure the survival of God's people.

As we think of this event on Harvest Sunday we can be encouraged that our prayers, too, will be answered and God's will be done in ways that we are currently unaware of but can be assured will happen through God's providence.

Thank You

Thank you for all who helped with sorting and packing for Romania

Faith Mission

The following has been received from Catherine Briggs, Administrator at The Faith Mission, in acknowledgement of a gift sent from General Funds.

Dear Friends at Allander Evangelical, We are very grateful for your recent donation in support of the work of the Bible College. There have been many changes for us over the last few months, not least in regards to members of staff, some who have left and new ones who have joined us, and we would especially value your prayers at this time of transition.

We are beginning to get back into the routine of college life after the summer. Our new students have settled in well over the last few weeks. We have 4 full-time students this year along with 5 part-time students and 6 others who study one or two individual modules from our courses. Please thank the Lord for these students and ask Him to be at work calling others to come and study next year in preparation for His service.

We have Open Days planned this year, on 25 Oct and 15 Nov where potential students can come and sit in on lectures, join us for lunch and meet students and faculty. Our Monday Night Lectures are also due to begin again soon, with lectures on the 24 & 31 Oct, and 7 & 14 Nov, for a 4-week series on being 'United to Christ.'

Thank you again for your gift and prayers. We very much appreciate you labouring with us in this.

Gordon Thomson's Mission

Gordon Thomson would value prayer as he conducts a week-long mission in Dykehead all of this week.

Sunday Services

With John away, services next Sunday will be taken by Howel Jones (morning) and Gordon Thomson (evening) and on Sunday 23rd by Simon Turner from Kilsyth.

The Christian Institute

The first of the Christian Institute's Scottish autumn tour – Fighting for the Family - meetings in our area will be held on Wednesday, 12th October at Greenview Evangelical Church at 7 30pm. The other meetings are at the Tron at Kelvingrove on Monday 7th November and Woodhill Evangelical Church, Bishopbriggs on Wednesday November 9th. All at 7 30.

Mission of the Month

SAT-7 is a modern version of mission geared to the technological age beaming Christian programmes across the Middle East and North Africa using satellites, thereby reaching remote and closed areas of the world.

SGA Prayer meeting

The next monthly Slavic Gospel Association Prayer Meeting will be on Friday, 21st October at 7 30 pm in Margaret Russell's Home.

Bible Study

We are making our progress through Acts and this week will look at the end of

Chapter 4 and through Chapter 5, featuring fellowship and some of the flaws encountered by the early church.

Pay for

The many on our 'sick list' who appreciate prayer: Joyce Kyle, the Carmichael family, George and Margaret Cowan, Christine and Jack Harvey, Margaret Stewart, David and Morag Wilson, among others. Pray for the Elders and those who undertake the work entailed in running Sunday School, Toddlers, Café, Hashtag, Ladies' Meeting as well as the Prayer and Ministry meetings held throughout the week, not to mention all the practical tasks in maintaining the building in such good condition. And Inga back in Oaxaca, Street Connect, SAT-7, Hope for Glasgow, City Mission, Scripture Union, SGA, et al and the suffering church enduring fiery persecution in so many areas of the world.

Women's Conference.

Echoes International is holding a day conference on the theme of Women working for God Saturday 29th October, at Beancross Farm, Polmont, near Falkirk, from 10 30 – 2 pm.

Details on Echoes International, Scotland, website

Finally,

"Fear" is a very negative emotion. Negative news comes daily from the media about pandemics, nuclear war and disasters, etc. Goliath taunted God's people morning and evening for 40 days bringing great fear on them. Under King Saul, the army of Israel were seasoned veterans in battle previously defeating the Amalekites and Philistines, but, now great fear paralysed their trust in God. The bribe of riches and his daughter's hand in marriage by King Saul did not persuade anyone to fight Goliath.

Enter the youth David! David's eyes saw and he heard the taunting of Goliath, but David's faith in God's word cast out fear as he ran towards Goliath, defeating him saying *"I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel"*. How many times does Jesus say to us **"fear not"**?

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