



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

30th May, 2022

Sunday Sermon: Mark 9: 30 - 41

Before preaching at this service, Simon and Hannah Snodgrass introduced themselves by outlining how they had been led on their path to be helping us with our children's work at Allander. Hannah, from the USA, felt a definite call to work with CEF in Scotland and Simon, already working among children in his own church in Londonderry, felt similarly drawn to fulltime children's work and so consequently are currently based here in Scotland. It reflected both a sense of God's leading in individual lives and clear evidence of the Providence of God.

Taking the passage listed above, Simon showed how the disciples, when presented with Jesus' foretelling of his death and resurrection and the humiliation that that would entail, failed to understand. Their perspective on it all was flawed.

The disciples thought of their position rather than the purpose of God and the principles on which that is based. For them, power and importance was all that mattered. They could not appreciate that greatness comes through humility, not power. Pride finds self-denying humility unwelcome. Yet, humility expressed in service is the answer to pride.

Taking a child as an example, Jesus emphasised the importance of adopting humility, as he himself was exemplifying, in order to fully know the power of God.

We need to recognise and deal with pride in ourselves and submit humbly to the practical outworking of God's purposes.

Pentecost Sunday Joint Service

This Sunday, 5th June in the Christian Calendar is Pentecost Sunday when we should take time to remember and give thanks for what is recorded in Acts 2.

Our evening service will be a joint service for Milngavie Churches and will be held in Allander at 6.30 pm.

Faith Mission

It's a busy week-end for Gordon Thomson and the Faith Mission with:

A Rally in Allander on Friday 3rd June at 7 30 pm with Dr Sandy Rodger speaking. Then the Edinburgh Rally on the Saturday followed by **Rejuvenate** here at Allander at 8pm. **The FM Prayer Meeting** will be held on Monday 6th June on Zoom at 7 30pm. Access details are: Meeting ID: 793 5113 5957; Passcode: emMw4d

Faith Mission Edinburgh Convention

The annual Convention in Edinburgh – the first in-person for three years – will be held from 5th to 9th July. Details in foyer.

Keswick in Ayrshire

Alastair Begg will be the main speaker at the resumed **Keswick in Ayrshire Convention** to be held at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, June at 7 30pm. Admission is by ticket available from Eventbrite at £5 per evening. Further details from www.keswickayrshire.com

Bible Study

The chapters for the Bible Study on Thursday are 7, 8, and 9. Only four studies

left before we break for the summer. Why not join in?

People:

Margaret Stewart is now resident in Westerton Care Home, 116 Maxwell Avenue, Bearsden, G61 1HU.

Gordon Craig gives thanks for prayers while he cooked at the Scoughal SU Camp last weekend.

George Cowan and Christine Harvey appreciate the prayers of the fellowship as they continue to care for Margaret and Jack in their respective Care Homes.

Good to have Andrew Macleod back from his time in Arkansas. He is home for the summer and will return to a similar course in North Carolina in the autumn.

Several folk are still recovering from the effects of Covid, colds, falls and the like. They all appreciate prayer.

Ian Baird is experimenting with dosage adjustments to help him cope better with his condition. We remember him and Margaret.

Paul Clarke has suffered a severe attack of Covid over this past week. He and Mary would appreciate our prayers.

Vio (Viorica Jorza) from Casa Harri in Romania has suffered a stroke. She is still undergoing tests and had shown some improvement.

Children for Christ

With war-torn Ukraine 'next door' and continued threat of Russian advances on neighbouring countries good to know that Casa Harri and the summer camps are getting under way again. John plans to be out at one of the camps in the summer.

SGA Quotes

The following are quoted from Tuesday night's meeting:

Wars and rumours of wars are not a reason for not preaching the gospel.

Pray that we would be brave enough to keep on preaching the gospel and taking care of people

More from Inga

Mexicans also tend to interpret Scripture through how Mixtec works. Adjectives are usually used to contrast entities. So, if I say "I bought a white hen" that implies that I didn't buy a black one. The fact that this is how Mixtec works came to light when we were looking for a phrase for 'gospel'. If we were to say, "the good words about Jesus" that would imply that there were bad words which we are not including. The problem is not what Mixtec says but how it is interpreted.

Finally,

Preparing for a holiday whilst witnessing events in Ukraine as outlined by Mark Foster on Tuesday was quite a conflicting experience. It is hard to be indifferent to the fact some people have no home and are living in complete fear for their future whilst you are contemplating a week of relaxation and worried by getting up in time for a flight! Were it not for the reality of the Sovereignty of God, these issues could be completely depressing. Our situations whether in war or peace, whether in wealth or poverty are lived out under His sovereign hand and in His mighty providence. So whilst there is little I can do regarding the physical circumstances of my Ukrainian brothers and sisters, I can learn from them that in my peace and comfort I should share the same urgent imperative to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

John Macleod