



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 30th October, 2023

Sunday Sermon: Psalm 1

Yesterday's preacher, our good friend Gordon Thomson's two passions are that people will receive Christ as their personal Saviour and that, subsequently, they become committed followers of the Lord Jesus.

Stressing that there should be a difference – a distinctive – characterising those who respond to the gospel he outlined from Psalm 1 how that can be achieved.

Blessing – the happiness that comes from believing the gospel and being committed - requires not doing certain things that previously would have been natural, like following the course of this world and compromising with ungodly behaviour.

Rather, there should be a diligent devotion to the word of God – and prayer - in an endeavour to *"take time to be holy"*.

Becoming a Christian is through accepting the gospel: growing as a Christian is through *"feeding on His word"* for *"it is a Light for our path and lamp for our feet"*. Obedience to it brings fruitfulness just as a tree grows and flourishes fed by fresh water springs so a Christian develops holiness through obedience and the work of the Holy Spirit letting *"the beauty of Jesus be seen in me"*.

Gordon finished with a warning that such blessing will never be the lot of the deliberate unbeliever.

And, Hebrews warns: *"How shall we escape if we neglect (pay no attention to) such a great salvation"*.

Mission of the Month

October was a special month when we supported Blythswood Care as our Mission of the Month and also provided Shoe Boxes for their Annual Christmas Appeal.

Our Mission of the Month for November will be Release International.

Ladies Meeting

The Ladies will meet for their second monthly meeting this Thursday, 2nd November, at 2pm until 3 15pm in the Back Hall. It is a good opportunity for outreach and an occasion to enjoy warm friendship and fellowship over a cup of tea and hear speakers who, this week, will be Dany Sutherland and Donald Crosbie from Maryhill.

Faith Mission Allander Rally

This will be held this Friday, 3rd November, at 7 30 pm and Rejuvenate on the next day, Saturday 4th November. The Rally will offer warm fellowship with Ian Maclean speaking and featuring Peter and Helen Stobart as singers.

Bacon Rolls and Irn Bru, however, are reserved for the more energetic and younger Rejuvenate who meet the next day at 8pm!

People

Margaret Russell is currently being cared for in Twechar at the home of her cousin, Heather. Margaret can be contacted by telephone on 01236 595753. Visiting is possible but only by prior arrangement with Heather. Please phone Heather on 07931 449 908 to do this. The address for

Margaret is: Woodlands, Main Street, Twechar, G65 9TA. Please continue to remember her in prayer.

The number of our folk living in Mugdock House is increasing with Anna Gardner now joining Joyce Kyle, Margaret Stewart and George Cowan. Almost becoming an Allander Evangelical Church annexe!

And others – like Margaret Craig, Mary Clarke, and Jean Donnelly, for example - are confined to their homes, not able to get out to church or be as involved as they used to be.

Joint FM and CEF Prayer Union

As intimated last week the monthly Missionary Support meeting is held on the first Monday of the month at Jim and Allyson Flett's home (20 Craighead Drive, Mains Estate, Milngavie, G62 7SD) at 7 30 pm on Monday 6th November. We will hear from both Gordon Thomson of the Faith Mission and Simon Snodgrass of CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship). New members will be very welcome.

Church Planting Conference

Anyone from Allander is invited to a Church Planting Vision Day to hear from Church Planters in the Free Church of

Scotland, as well as be equipped in your own personal evangelism. The conference will take place on Saturday 11th November, from 9am, at Woodhill Evangelical Church in Bishopbriggs. For more information, or to book, go to: Church Planting Vision Day Tickets, Sat 11 Nov 2023 at 09:30 | Eventbrite

SU East Dunbartonshire

Cameron Swinton has been appointed as SU Leader for East Dunbartonshire.

Christian Institute Week of Prayer

Takes place from Sunday 5th until Saturday 11th November. Details on C I website.

Remembrance Sunday.

Our morning worship service on 12th November will start at 10am and finish at 10.40am. The service of Remembrance in Milngavie Town Centre will start at 10.50 am. Refreshments will be served at the close of both services in the church.

Cancellations

For practical reasons there will be no Bible Study on Thursday 2nd November; and no Newsletter issued on Monday 5th November.

Finally

When God created man, he created him with an instinctive knowledge of himself. Conscience is a God given instinct we all have within us. It warns us when we are tempted to do something wrong. When Joseph's brothers were confronted with their wrong, their consciences smote them about how they had treated their brother Joseph. Conscience testifies against us, bringing a sense of guilt. By righting the wrong, that sense of guilt is removed. Conscience is not always an unbiased witness. We may have convinced ourselves "that our conscience is clear. Only God is an unbiased witness. By reading the Bible, God is training our conscience. In Ezra 9(6) it says "O my God, I am utterly ashamed; I blush to lift up my voice to you. Our sins are piled up higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to heaven." With this knowledge, God is pointing us to Christ who paid our debt on the Cross, our only hope. Satan, the accuser, plagues our conscience, but with the hymn writer we can sing "I hear the accuser roar, of ills that I have done; I know them well, and thousands more; Jehovah findeth none."



Sandy Allan