



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

#### Sunday Sermon: Go and.....Do this...

On a day when both Baptism and the Lord's Supper were celebrated we considered the importance of seeing them together, serving as 'visual aids' of the gospel.

When looking at their **COMMON FACTORS** we see **that both are rooted in the Old Testament**. Baptism has a forerunner in the ceremonial washings of the Jewish faith and the establishing of a new identity. The Lord's Supper is rooted in the Passover meal which was a celebration of God's redemption of His people from slavery and being formed into a new nation. Other common feature are that they are **both commanded by Jesus**. Baptism is part of the great commission given to the disciples by the resurrected Jesus as he commands the church to go and make disciples of all nations. And, they **give insight and understanding of the Gospel**, for they both point us to Jesus and all that He has done for us.

Thinking of their **DISTINCTIVE FEATURES** we noted that while Baptism is associated with the *start* of spiritual life, the Supper is a vital part of the *ongoing process* of following Jesus. Baptism is done once only as a mark of new life. A believing individual does it once at the beginning, and then belongs! But, any union needs sustaining and strengthening. Communion sustains by being **taken** many times and **taken together**.

And taken together, after initial baptism, it speaks of the union and communion with Jesus that is at the heart of our faith.

#### Mission of the Month

We continue to support Blythswood Care this month with filling Christmas Shoe Boxes full of designated goods for distributing to deprived communities in Serbia. Guidance and instructions regarding the boxes and their content are available in the entrance foyer of the church.

Completed boxes should be brought in no later than Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

#### SGA Prayer Meeting

The SGA prayer meeting scheduled for this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, at 7 30 pm has had to be cancelled.

#### What Goes on in.....Toddlers

*Toddlers is a busy place with many new people attending. The waiting list grows all the time. It is a wonderful opportunity to share something from God's Word, sing choruses and songs with the children and adults.*



*Margaret and Flora lead the work and do all the background preparation and are there every week along with a team of people who help every three weeks in the kitchen and clearing up. It is a great opportunity to get to know the adults and children. There are times when the adults share with us what is going on in their lives and we do pray for them. Our weekly timetable is: 9.30 – 11am with adults and children arriving between 9.30 and 10 am. About 10 am we have a 'thought for the day', then tea. We have a good selection of toys, paint, and playdough. We also*

*have craft or sand, week about. From 10.40/45 am we sing songs, finishing with 'Jesus' love is very wonderful'.*

### **Prayer**

We continue to pray for those connected with the fellowship who are undergoing medical attention, adapting to new circumstances, facing increasing restrictions of old age and other challenging situations. We specially remember Ibby losing her sister, Christine and Anna Gardner moving into Murdock House.

Following up on last week's report from Maryhill we also uphold our other church neighbours, especially St Paul's seeking to identify a new minister.

Inga in Oaxaca and Sue on medical leave in South Dakota – as well as the rest of the team – value our prayers and keep us informed regularly of all the detailed tasks they undertake.

### **Supper Evening**

The Get Connected Group at the church plan to hold a 'Potluck Supper' for anyone in the church on Friday evening 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7 30pm in Gayle Cattanach's home at 10 Campbell Avenue, Milngavie,

G62 6DL. Please let Janice Allan have your name if you wish to attend.

### **Church Planting Conference**

*You are 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.*

*Dr Dan Strange will lead the main sessions, looking at 'Making Faith Magnetic'. There will also be a range of seminars including: Evangelism in the age of Jordan Peterson, Building an Intercultural church and Releasing Women for Ministry There will also have an exciting kids and teens programme, so bring your families along as this is an all-age event! For more information, or to book, go to: Church Planting Vision Day Tickets, Sat 11 Nov 2023 at 09:30 | Eventbrite*

### **Well Done**

Phil Barlow recently came 10<sup>th</sup> in the World Super-Sprint Triathlon Age Group Championship in Porte Verda, Spain.

### **Finally**

One of the most frequent phone calls I get as Church Treasurer is from energy brokers trying to lock us into contracts starting after September 2025, when our current contract expires. I had one just recently who was very persistent. When I said I was waiting to see where the energy market was going she said they could predict what it would be and could secure a good deal now. I was sceptical and said I didn't want to engage them which eventually ended the call.

I was reminded of the chorus: *"I know who holds the future, and He'll guide me with His hand. With God things don't just happen, everything by Him is planned. So as I face tomorrow, with its problems large and small, I'll trust the God of miracles, (and) give to Him my all."*



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