



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 23rd October, 2023

Sunday Sermon: Romans 8: 12 – 17

Under the title **The Spirituality of Christianity** we continued the study of the place and part played by the Holy Spirit in the living out of Christian life as set out in Romans 8.

Having despaired in Romans 7 of the inability of living as he should in his own strength, Paul, in Romans 8 rejoices that it can be done by the work of the Spirit (who raised up Jesus from the dead) as we apply it in our daily living. It means (as was witnessed in last week's baptism) accepting the death of the old life but experiencing the new life empowered by the Spirit.

Appreciating that possibility reminds us of **spiritual indebtedness**. In the light of all that God, in Christ, has done for us and applied by the Spirit we have an obligation to live the new Spirit enabled life.

It also brings the reality of our –new – **spiritual identity** through adoption as his child. That, of course, is only operational in those who have definitely accepted Jesus as personal Saviour and know Him as Father.

There is also the appreciation of our **spiritual inheritance** where we share and benefit from God's enabling by the Spirit even though it might mean sharing in his suffering now – but eventually in His Glory.

Science and Christianity

The UF church is hosting a conference on Science and Christianity on Friday 27th October at 7 30pm and Saturday 10 until 1pm.

Baptism

It was a blessing on Sunday 15th October to witness believer's baptism at the morning service at which both Lydia Cooke and Stuart Campbell shared their testimony. Lydia explained that it was encountering the life and witness of fellow students at the Strathclyde University Christian Union that made her realise she had not until now personally committed her life. Stuart said that he had been coming to Allander for ten years and learned a lot as a result of which he had come to this point. Both would appreciate our prayers as they progress in their Christian growth

Romanian Team Visit

A small team from Romania will be coming to Scotland this week visiting various churches which support the work of Children for Christ. They will be at Airdrie Ebenezer on Sunday morning and at Allander for the evening service. John has been asked to take part in the Airdrie service so our Sunday morning service will be taken by Gordon Thomson.

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. **Next Sunday, 29th October, is the last date** for bringing completed boxes for collection by the Blythswood Lorry.

Supper Evening

The 'Potluck Supper' arranged by the Get Connected Group will take place this Friday evening, 27th October, at 7 30pm in Gayle Cattanach's home at 10 Campbell Avenue, Milngavie, G62 6DL. Anyone wishing to attend should have given their names to Gayle or Janice Allan.

What goes on at Rejuvenate?

Rejuvenate is a Faith Mission evangelistic and nurture group for older young people from a range of



churches. It is an excellent opportunity to meet together and enjoy Christian fellowship and friendship in a safe environment. Thanks to the generosity of



many Allander folk they are provided with plenty to eat and drink and also have a time around the Word, as

the photos show.

People

In addition to praying earnestly for the disastrous world situation, especially in the Middle East, we continue to remember people as listed in the Church Prayer Guide. Several have experienced family bereavements over past weeks, including Ibbie losing a sister, Donald Macleod and Alan Roger each a brother; and Phil Barlow's mother passing away at the grand old age of 97.

Notice: For practical reasons there will be no Newsletter issued on Monday 6th November. Nor will there be a Bible Study on Thursday 2nd November.

Missionary Support Prayer Meetings

The church holds several informal support prayer meetings by private arrangement each month. SGA meets on the third Friday of each month to pray for the work across Europe and Asia. The Faith Mission meets on the first Monday of each month and largely supports the work of Gordon and Janice Thomson. With their moving into the area and joining us, it seemed natural to include Simon and Hannah Snodgrass and CEF in the group. The next meeting on Monday 6th November will, therefore, incorporate both with anyone interested in their work welcome.

Ladies Meeting

The Ladies will meet for their second monthly meeting on Thursday, 2nd November, at 2pm until 3 15pm in the Back Hall, with Danny Sutherland and Donald Crosbie from Maryhill.

Faith Mission Rally

After a very encouraging start last month the next FM Rally will be held on Friday, 3rd November at 7 30 pm in the Back Hall. Ian Maclean is the speaker with Peter and Helen Stobart as singers.

Finally

Just recently the chorus of an old hymn came into my mind,
Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone, But for eternity.

How or why that happened I don't know, but sometimes that just happens in life. The effect was to make me stop and think of the wonderful Saviour I have in Jesus, but more than that, not just in everyday life but also for eternity.

May this thought help, bless and encourage you in the days ahead and make us all want to tell others, who do not know Him, about Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.



Jim Gourley