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SOMETHING YOU GO TO,
IT'S A FAMILY
YOU BELONG TO.**

Broxburn Baptist Church Newsletter

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'We are ambassadors for Christ'

Some thoughts.....

Last week I was starting the thought up north visiting family. This week it's Monday morning and I'm sitting in the church waiting for the BT engineer to come and install our fibre cable for the upgraded broadband. There must be someone on the premises from 8.00am -1.00pm the instructions said. 8.00am???? – that's the middle of the night! – OK an exaggeration but it is early for me to be on the road. And what do you do for 5 hours – because there's some law that says he won't arrive until 12.59 isn't there? Well, there was the dishwasher to empty from last night's Romans Course, the paper to be cut for the tables for the coffee morning. I managed to work out how to stop the church computers from doing upgrades every time they're switched on giving us the problems that we had yesterday (Sunday). There's coffee to be made and enjoyed. And, next Sunday we're having a praise service so that's to be sorted out. Thanks by the way to those who suggested hymns!! And, maybe I can get ahead of myself by sorting out some of the content for this newsletter. In fact, I don't think it's going to be too much trouble filling the time – hope he doesn't come too early!

It's good being kept busy. Makes me think about our Romans Course last night – attendance has kept up and everyone seems to be enjoying it. I think we're all beginning to realise that we all struggle with the same problems in our Christian lives, that none of us has it all worked out and hunky dory (is that how you spell that??) Anyway, we ended up with a couple of questions to consider – and, even though you may not be doing the course, if you are a Christian involved in this or any other church, maybe you would like to consider one of these questions....

1. What would it mean to offer yourself more fully as an instrument in God's hands?

Maybe this is time to take stock of how you spend your time and talents and see if there is an area of church life that you could be more involved in – or are you happy just to sit back and let others take the strain? Or maybe there's a charity needing volunteers or a lonely person needing visited, or.....or.....

Robert

28th October

Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2023

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

W/c 29th October

Sanquhar (St Ninians) Baptist Church
Scottish Baptist College
Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association
Selkirk Baptist Church



You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at

<https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>

Psalm 37:5-6 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Church This Week

Sunday 29th October

11.00am Worship Service – Praise Service

To join on zoom just click the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85227893884>

6.00pm The Romans Course 6 ‘Hope’

Thursday

10.30 Prayer Time – join on zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81347026860?pwd=Tk1RQm5IdDIRTk5tc0dEOUIZVEtDUT09>

Thursday 2.00pm WF with the Livingston Fiddlers – an open day when all are welcome

(Yes Including men!!) Tea and cake will be provided.

Friday

9.00-12.00 Lighthouse

Preachers

October

29th Robert ‘Praise Service’ 6.00pm The Romans Course 6

November

5th Archie 6.00pm The Romans Course 7

12th Andy 5.30pm Family Fellowship

19th Donna

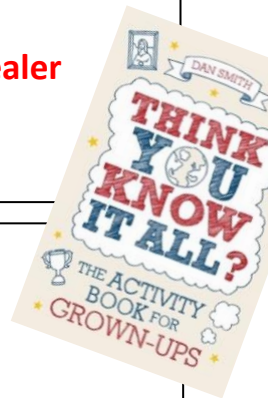
26th Donna



Think you know it all? 37 ANSWERS

What do the following people do?

Chandler	Candle maker	Hostler	Horse groomer
Cooper	Makes barrels	Keeler	Bargeman
Scriviner	Writer	Tanner	Curer of leather
Wainwright	Wagon maker	Draper	Cloth and dry goods dealer
Costermonger	Fruit & veg seller	Chiffonier	Wig maker
Thatcher	Roofer		



Think you know it all? 38

Know your Bible? What are the ten commandments God gave to his people.

Check out Exodus 20 if you need a reminder!!

Don't miss it!!

Thursday, 2nd November, 2.00pm. The Livingston Fiddlers will be at the fellowship time – tea and cakes provided.

All welcome.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

This year Shoe Box Sunday will be on **19th November. I have boxes available.**

All donations can be given to Hester or myself

Lyn

BMS Prayer Guide 2023



We are excited to be seeing the first fruits of the expansion of BMS World Mission's partnership with the Baptist Evangelical Convention of Peru (CEBP) beyond church leadership training, community social projects and environmental action. BMS cooperation with the establishment of CEBP's first mission board, JME, is a big step forward for mission in Peru and beyond.

SUNDAY 29

Please continue to hold BMS workers Dave and Michele Mahon in prayer as they participate in CEBP's mission plans for Peru, and for Daniel Clark as advisor to the JME. May the number of Peruvians engaged in mission multiply.

MONDAY 30

Pray for success as BMS-supported worker Pastor Carlos, and Pastors Manuel and Pepe, implement CEBP's bold plan to start 150 new churches in Peru and overseas. Pray too for the strengthening and expanding of current mission work.

TUESDAY 31

The overall aim of the venture with CEBP is to mobilise and train the churches and members for mission, with mission workers going to un-evangelised parts of Peru and around the world. Pray for those selected to make those journeys.

WEDNESDAY 1

Laura-Lee Lovering has moved from Nauta to Piura after nine years of ministry. Pray for her as she continues to build deep relationships through her work with CEBP, while also co-ordinating BMS' creation stewardship initiatives globally.

THURSDAY 2

Give thanks for the work of the Piura Baptist Youth Association as they host awareness-raising events inspired by Laura-Lee's leadership. Pray that youth leaders would be inspired to keep building up young Christians in the city.

FRIDAY 3

Daniel and Regiane Clark are involved in leadership training ministries, focusing on pastoral ministry and integral mission in the Amazon region. Pray they will serve with creativity and boldness.

SATURDAY 4

Pray for Regiane as she works to bring energy and organisation to the growth of faith-based communities.

Bible Reading *this week we go back to the NT, reading it through in 92 days*

- 29th Luke 1; John 1:1-14
- 30th Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
- 31st Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
- 1st Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
- 2nd Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
- 3rd John 2-4
- 4th Mark 2



Enjoying God in Prayer – 4.

This week we conclude the series looking at prayer. My thanks to Kieran, the Pastor at Dedridge Baptist Church for allowing me to share this.

5. We enjoy God by responding to his Spirit

This brings us back to prayer as relationship. In prayer, we listen, reflect on the Spirit's leading, and respond to that leading. John tells us: (7v37-39), "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. By this he meant the Spirit, who those who believed in him were later to receive."

Christian living is letting the Spirit flow from within us. Paul calls it 'not living according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.' And that means responding to he who is with us and lives in us. It is being led by the Spirit, or Eph. 6 'keeping in step with the Spirit.'

John Piper famously said, "God is most glorified in us, when we are most satisfied in him." And I'm saying we can become satisfied with God in prayer by resisting self-awareness; resting in his presence; by meditating on his person; by receiving his love; and responding to his Spirit. And this isn't all about us; it glorifies God.

Amen



A Thought from Charlie

*"...realise that you Heavenly Father will....give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."
(Luke 11:13. TLB)*

Before he left His disciples, Christ promised that He would send the Comforter to help them in the trials, cares, and temptations of life.

This word comforter means: "one that helps alongside". He is the Holy Spirit, the powerful third Person of the Trinity...co-equal with God the Father and God the Son. The moment you are born again, He takes up residence in your heart. You may not emotionally feel Him there, but you must exercise faith! Believe it! Accept it as a fact by faith.

He is in your heart to help you. We are told that He shared the love of God abroad in our hearts. He produces the fruit of the Spirit. "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance".

We cannot possibly manufacture this fruit in our own strength. It is supernaturally manufactured By the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.

Trust in Him for the power and enablement to live The Christlike Life.

Praise service – Sunday 29th at 11.00am

In a change to our normal Sunday morning service tomorrow we will be doing a lot more singing and listening to God’s word read. Just to get you in the mood here are some of the songs we will be singing – you might want to do a bit of practising so that you are in good voice for Sunday. It might be worthwhile bringing along some throat sweets or a water bottle!



Upgrading facilities.

You may notice over the next 2 or 3 weeks some changes to our AV system in the church. A generous donation is allowing us to upgrade our present system. This will see:

- a new quality sound system and wall speakers which should provide better sound.
- the loop system for the hard of hearing which has been unusable for several years being refurbished with a new loop amplifier.
- the projector and screen being replaced with a large screen monitor at the front of the church and a smaller monitor mounted at the back of the church for the benefit of the leader/speaker.
- a radio mic which will be used on a trial basis – this will do away with. the need for a cable running across the front of the church.
- a new computer which will replace the 2 older computers used at present.

The church broadband has been upgraded already to full fibre so these facilities should be sufficient for our needs into the future as we continue to reach out to our community.

Duty Rota

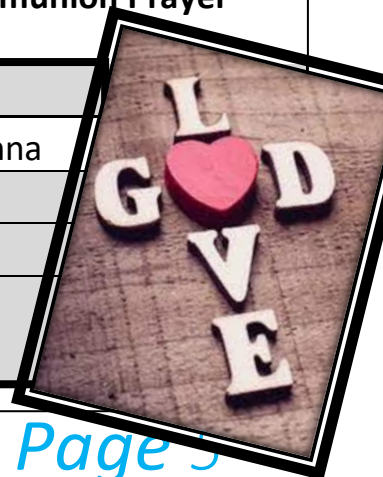
Preaching

Door

Vestry Prayer

Communion Prayer

	29	Robert	Linda	Linda	
November	5	Archie	Bill	Bill	Donna
	12	Andy	Lindsay	Robert	
	19	Donna	Mark	Jim B.	
	26	Donna	Doreen	Donna	



I AM ETERNAL



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONE AND ONLY SON , THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE
JOHN 3:16

The Prayer Wall

Dear Lord,

As I look back over the past week I can see times when I have been true to what I believe and other times when I haven't been the person I should be. As I think over these times please forgive me and give me the strength not to make the same mistakes again.

In Jesus' name

Father – I continue to remember the situation in Israel and Gaza. I pray for an end to the killings, for the conflict to be resolved and for a just peace to be sought. Lord, I want to see Israelis and Palestinians turning to you and being changed for good.

Amen

Father – in the aftermath of the terrible weather conditions we have seen in recent weeks, the property destroyed, the lives lost, remind us that we bear the responsibility in the way we treat our beautiful planet. Change us, change me.

Amen

Father, I remember those I know who are struggling with health issues. I name them now..... and I ask that you might be close to them as they deal with these issues. Guide and bless the doctors and in your goodness bring their suffering to an end,

Amen

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
(Psalm 19:1))*

Father, help me see and appreciate the work of your hand all around me.

In Jesus name

Amen

Lord God, I think about the things I am struggling with just now. Help me to realise that despite my circumstances I am loved by you. Show me the way forward,

Amen

O, the children of the Lord have a right to shout and sing,

For the way is growing bright, and our souls are on the wing;

We are going by and by to the palace of a King!

Glory to God, hallelujah!

Father – help me to love the people I dislike. Help me to love the people who dislike me and show me how to do that in practical ways.

Amen

<https://youtu.be/jq9S0CrFtns>

Father, as I look forward to another week help me to live for you, to tell those I meet about your love for them, and honour you in everything I do.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV