

Preaching Dates

25 March 2018

David Mitchell (am) at
Airdrie Baptist Church
Gordon Dickey (am) at
Kelso Baptist Church
Jim Ewing (am) at
Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria
Willie Henry (am) at Irvine Baptist Church
James Ewen (am) at Bo'ness Baptist Church
Ian Barr (am) at Shettleston Baptist Church
Irene Campbell (am) at
Westwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Cleland Baptist Church
Jim McNulty (am) at
Islay Baptist Church, Port Ellen
Nibin John (am) at
Maryhill Evangelical Church, Glasgow
Jonathan D. Groves (am) at Hillview
Community Church, Cults, Aberdeen
Jonathan D. Groves (pm) at
Kintore Community Church, Inverurie
Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Shettleston Baptist Church
Jim McNulty (pm) at
Islay Baptist Church, Bowmore
Cheryl Leckie (am + pm) at
Ayr Baptist Church

28 March 2018

Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Dykehead Mission



“North Star”

By Richard Macphee

If we follow the axis of our planet north, then out the top and continue via an imaginary and extraordinarily long line, eventually we will reach a star. From wherever you are in the northern hemisphere that star is a consistent and unflinching guide to locate yourself by. By this small pinprick of light in the sky we know where we can locate everything else. It doesn't burn brighter than any other star. It doesn't fight for celestial glory. It simply remains, unchanging and permanent; but in that permanency guides our everything.

What is our north star as Christians? What is our guiding principle that allows us to navigate everything? I propose that for us the following verse should be our north star

Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Or another version of the same idea can be found in the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

It is easy for us to get caught up in the bright lights around us and forget our most consistent life's purpose; loving God. When we set our priorities and New Year's resolutions how much does our North Star change our influences? When we make our decisions on a day to day basis does our north star change our direction?

We all know the order our priorities should lie and trot out this thinking whenever we discuss our priorities; God, family, work, church. This is easy to say but not always live. It involves effort, scheduling and co-ordinating of lives.

But is always worth it!