

Preaching Dates

26 November

Gordon Dickey am at
Hawick Baptist Church

Glen Cartwright am at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church

George Thomson am at
Linwood Baptist Church

Chris Townsend am at
Maryhill Evangelical Church

Stephen Ilett am at Alness Baptist Church

Alan Milnes am at
All Age Service at Leslie Baptist Church

Gordon Dickey pm at
Kelso Baptist Church

Jim McNulty am + pm at
Islay Baptist Church.

30th November 2017

Hazel Brooks at Larkhall Baptist Church



“Hope in His Faithfulness”

By Andrew Swanson

“Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever”
Hebrews 13:1-8

The past

We have been set free from sin and bondage through Jesus dying on a cross for our sins and rising from the dead to give us life in all its fullest. The past should be a place of reference for us, but not a place of residence. We can rejoice in the lives of others who used their gifts and talents to bring glory and honour to God through their work and service. In so many ways their legacy lives on in us as we embrace and dedicate ourselves to serving God.

The present

Jesus knows our hearts; He knows our joys and our sorrows. He desires to see the authenticity of our faith put into action, not the emptiness of a faith without deeds; it is the sins of omission that grieves Him. *“Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.”* James 4:17. Jesus is calling each one of us to be His ambassadors on earth, to spread the Good news of the gospel and to reach out and help others in whatever way that we can.

The very same sentiments are described in Isaiah 1:16-17 *“Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the Fatherless, plead the case of the widow.”* These are the things that we are commanded to do; these are the things that make Christ attractive to a broken world; love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.

The future

Jesus wants His children to come to Him; He wants to see poverty eradicated; He wants children to be loved; He wants disease that ends life prematurely to be a thing of the past; He wants the oppressed to be set free. But most of all He wants His people to live eternally with Him.

This week we pray for hope, ‘Hope in His Faithfulness’, that people will listen; that those in leadership and authority will be responsive to the needs of people who suffer; we pray that we may be salt and light within the world, whether we serve.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9