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SCOTLAND**



September 2018

Amazing Grace

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Colossians 4.6

Settling back into the opportunities and challenges of daily life, after summer? It's a good time to think about grace. Grace is not 'stuff'. It's all about attitude and the words we speak and write, because we have met with grace.

God has shown grace to us, in the gift of life through Jesus Christ. We are to show grace to others, because we belong to Jesus. What does that mean? It's all about attitude. Respect. Thoughtfulness. Kindness.

Are we careful, in seeking to be gracious? How do we phrase our words, when we speak to family, friends, colleagues, clients, neighbours or strangers? We can talk about God's love until we're blue in the face; but if we don't display grace, we're simply betraying Jesus.



Grace doesn't deny truth: it's just careful how it deals truth out. The words from our lips shouldn't offend, just because they're nasty. We belong to the God of grace and compassion, who constantly shows mercy and forgiveness to people. Grace has a currency of kindness.

And what we write is just as important. In this era of instantaneous communications whether by email, text or social media it is imperative that we learn to communicate with grace. To pause and consider before replying, to re-read as if receiving to ensure the spirit of grace oozes from the response. Grace should appear online just as much as in our speech.

So let's make this a golden summer, heading into an autumn that is rich in colours of grace. It's amazing what a difference grace can make.

Rev Dr Jim Purves

Mission and Ministry Advisor

Kilmarnock Baptist Quenches Thirst!

A number of our churches will have been busy during the summer engaging with their community through local festivals, sporting events, kids clubs and community days. We hear from Kilmarnock Baptist who have been involved in quenching the thirst of runners in the annual 'Roon the Toon' 10K.

Kilmarnock Baptist Church was involved, for the second time, in the successful 'Roon the Toon' Annual 10K in Kilmarnock on Sunday 10th June 2018. The church provided a water station outside the church for the runners and also refreshments for supporters. Church members were actively handing out bottles of water to the runners and it was great to be able to serve the community in this way.



The church teamed up with young people from the Kilmarnock Athletics Club to pick up litter after the event. Again, this was a great opportunity to support the community and witness to people in practical ways. Since our participation last year, the organisers asked us to assist them as the participants and supporters valued our contribution so much! What a great opportunity to take part in a community event and partner with other organisations in Kilmarnock.

As the run took place on Sunday at 10am, our congregation were extremely gracious by their willingness to shift the service an hour earlier so as to serve our community this way. We also hosted the Centrestage Gospel & Soul Choir, who were very lively in cheering on the runners.

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Soul Survivor Scotland ran from 21st – 25th July at Lendrick Muir, near Kinross. There were around 1400 young people attending the event over the 5 days, including over 400 young people from our Baptist family of churches. Our Union hosted a camp of 30 young people, which was an exciting new venture for us. The days consisted of main tent worship sessions, seminars, activities, sports, making friends, eating food (occasionally healthy) and, for most, finding a time when the showers were quiet for a wash! It was full of joy, laughter, friendship and profound encounters with Jesus.

Within the BUS group several young people gave their life to Jesus for the first time, and for the majority of them it was an experience that really encouraged and deepened their own faith.



It was the first time that we have hosted a camp, the aim of which is to make attending Soul Survivor a lot easier providing accommodation and catering for the groups. Our hope is to run this camp next summer and we would hope that any churches within our network that would like young people aged 14-17 to attend, could make use of this option.

For more information about what is happening with BUS Younger please go to scottishbaptist.com/bus-younger/

For more information about Soul Survivor soulsurvivor.com



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Following

Another of those evenings I hope I never forget at Soul Survivor Scotland. Our Lord Jesus was meeting so many young people in great power and yet such tenderness as only he can. You could hear the sound of freedom all over the Big Top. He never ceases to amaze me.

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Next time and place to connect...

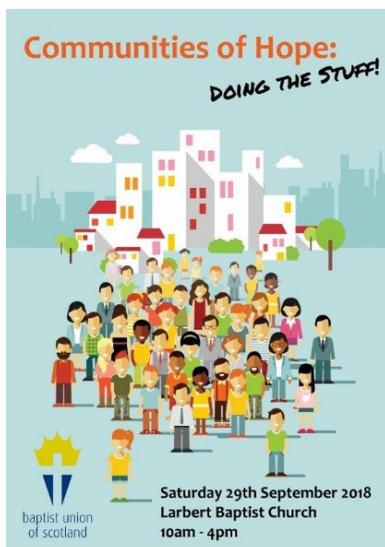
IF YOU HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WANT THEM TO CONNECT UP WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS SCOTLAND, THEN PLEASE BOOK AND SEE US AT ONELIFE @ QPBC (28th – 29th September 2018). To find out more and to book in, go to <https://bookwhen.com/busyounger>

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ONELIFE CONFERENCE 2018

Do you long to see your church engage more effectively with your local community?



Sometimes it can be hard to know how to engage with our communities, show God's love and bring hope to our towns and cities. This conference, run by the Baptist Union of Scotland Mission Initiative Group, aims to equip people in our churches with the skills to more effectively engage with and serve their local community.

Diane McWilliam (Church and Community Advisor) will be sharing with us why churches should engage with their community; how churches can more effectively engage with their community and how to identify entry points for engagement. There will also be a funding workshop.

We will also have a panel of volunteers from churches across Scotland who are engaging with their communities in creative ways including

helping people with addictions, running CAP courses and jobs clubs, afterschool homework clubs and summer programmes for the elderly.

Who is this conference for?

This conference is for anyone in our churches who wants to learn more about how to engage with and serve our communities.

Programme outline

10.00am – Registration and Coffee

10.30am – Welcome

10.40am – Diane McWilliam

12.00pm – Church Stories

1.00pm – Lunch – (bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee will be provided)

1.30pm – Option 1 - Funding workshop with Cinnamon Network

1.30pm – Option 2 - Hear more about the church stories (informal)

2.30pm – Q&A with Diane McWilliam and churches

3.30pm – Closing comments

Registration

Tickets are £10 per person and includes refreshments, but please note that lunch is not included.

Tickets can be purchased via our website: www.scottishbaptist.com/news

Prayer Link September

September 2nd

- Ivy Young (Ministry Administrator)
- Largo Baptist Church
- Larkhall Baptist Church
- Leith Baptist Church

September 9th

- Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association
- Lerwick Baptist Church
- Leslie Baptist Church
- Leven Baptist Church

September 16th

- Scottish Baptist Women's Fellowship
- Linwood Baptist Church
- Lochgilphead Baptist Church

September 23rd

- Scottish Baptist College
- Lossiemouth Baptist Church
- Maybole Baptist Church

September 30th

- Baptist Union of Great Britain
- Milestone Christian Fellowship
- Montrose Baptist Church

Leith BC – Pray for the LBC Leadership so they continue to be led by the Holy Spirit to lead and oversee God's people. Pray for effectiveness and fruitfulness of our missionary expressions in Leith and beyond. Pray for Salvation - we have a number of people coming to faith and being baptised this year, but we believe and hope for more. Pray for Pastor Sam and his family (a family of missionaries from Borneo, Malaysia, who came to serve our church as a result of a ministry exchange between Churches).

Larkhall BC - We give thanks for a married couple who have recently been received into membership after a number of years not connected to any church. We are looking forward to our Centenary celebrations early next year with several special events and outreach opportunities. We would value your prayers for this and for guidance as we seek the Lord's will for a successor to our pastor when he retires next year.

Largo Community Church - Please pray for the church family in Largo.

Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers Association - Give thanks for five years of Douglas Inglis' (Newton Mearns) leadership, the appointment of new President, Andrea Mill (Bristo), an inspiring conference with Ian & Ruth Coffey, new committee members and our recent Retreat at Gartmore. Pray for our 2020 Vision to be realised, including bringing in more young, passionate preachers as we invest in them and for bold, prophetic preaching into our culture week by week, all over Scotland.

Lerwick BC - We are very grateful for what God is doing in and amongst us, new families joining church, baptism and baby dedications, expansion of house groups, new relationships formed, Community outreach happening. Please pray for us as we seek to develop a cutting edge in outreach, evangelism and mission, continued growth in quality and quantity.

Scottish Baptist College – At the beginning of a new academic year, we praise God for our students – those newly started and those returning. We pray they would learn, grow, and flourish as they discern their future calling. We also pray for the continued sustenance of the College as a whole and for a fruitful year ahead.

Lossiemouth BC - As we are now in vacancy, please pray that unity and love would be much in evidence within the fellowship. Pray also for both those within and from outside our church who will be bringing God's word to the congregation. We also pray that God would clearly lead us to the pastor of His choice.

Linwood BC - We give thanks to God for his faithfulness as we celebrate our 50th anniversary in October. Give thanks for the various groups using the church including the Helping Hands group, which has a number from the community attending. Give thanks for the opportunities in various schools and care homes in the community that God would bless these and we would see results. Pray for God's blessing on the church as we seek to serve God in this community, and for new people to be reached through the work and witness of the church - that we might have many reasons to rejoice in God's goodness throughout this year.

Scottish Baptist Women's Fellowship - We thank God for our new leadership group and that numbers attending our main events are encouraging. We are grateful to God that Andrea Voysey has accepted the position of President for the next two years. Pray that we will continue to seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance for the future and that a new treasurer will be found for the beginning of our new session.

Leven BC - Give thanks for our lively fellowship and the many opportunities we have within our community to show the love of Jesus and to share His message. Pray for us as we seek to move forward with our Vision Plan, appoint a new Family & Community Worker, and begin our search for a new Pastor.

Baptist Union of Great Britain - We give praise to our glorious God for a year of progress and the ways we are witnessing God at work across Baptists Together. Please join us in prayer that we continue to listen to God's still small voice, not being afraid to step forward in faith, being confident of his plan and purpose for each person, church and community.

Ivy Young (Ministry Administrator)
As I reflect on 20 years of service I am grateful to God for the influence of valued colleagues/friends who have crossed my path, and that I enjoy the many facets of my work. Please pray for God's wisdom and strength as I plan ahead for various conferences including the Board of Ministry and Assembly.

Milestone Christian Fellowship - We are thanking God for holding us steady and being with us through the troubles of life. Please pray that he would continue to strengthen and establish us. So many non-church folk cross our paths each day, at parents and toddlers, drop in, cinema club, Wednesday meal. Pray that they would see the grace and love of Jesus in us, and be drawn to our Saviour.

Lochgilphead BC - Please pray for fresh vision and enthusiasm for our leaders following the summer break. We have many young families attending our various activities. Pray for continued building of relationships and that we will see some come to a life changing faith in Christ. The church is about to enter a time of vacancy and we would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and patience as we plan for the future.



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