

### Preaching Dates

#### 15 September 2019

**Glen Cartwright** (am)

Fusion at Newton Mearns Baptist Church

**Jim Ewing** (am) at

Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria

**Neil Fisher** (am) at Dingwall Baptist Church

**Graham Horne** (am) at

Blantyre Congregational Church

**Jim O' Hara** (am) at Bo'ness Baptist Church

**Alex Ramsay** (am) at the

Church of the Good Shepherd, Tillicoultry

**Charles Sommerville** (am) at

Cleland Baptist Church

**Aubrey Jamieson** (pm) at Fishermen's

Mission Nightcap Service at Scalloway Parish Church, Shetland

**Alistair Mackay** (3pm) at outreach service,

Granary Retirement Home, Dumfries

**Alistair Mackay** (6.30pm) at

Dumfries Baptist Church

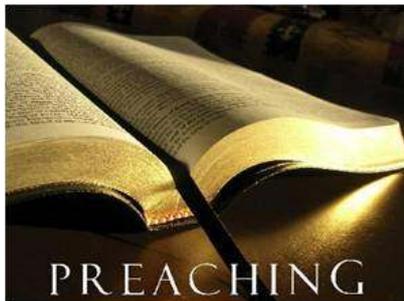
**Charles Sommerville** (pm) at

North Berwick Baptist Church

#### 20-21 September 2019

**Charles Sommerville** at PWMI Conference,

Bethesda Church, Fraserburgh



### "Work and Retirement"

By David Craig

On June 28<sup>th</sup> I retired from work after teaching for 35 years. Christians should have a different approach to work- "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." (Colossians 3:23).

As I prepare this devotional, the UCB Word for Today has a pertinent question about our work: "Will you merely make a living or will you make a difference?"

When Sally and I were married in July 1985, the minister had written a verse in the Bible he gave us-

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33).

It has been my observation that many people work on to have plenty of money and a substantial pension, but some of them die either before or shortly after their retirement. Psalm 49:6 & 7 in the New Living Translation says, "They trust in their wealth and boast of great riches. Yet they cannot redeem themselves from death by paying a ransom to God."

This week, Sally, who took early retirement last December, and I joined with Christians from other local churches to go out and share the Gospel with people in Ayr town centre. A question we were asking was, "If you were to die today, do you know for sure, without a shadow of a doubt, that you would go straight to heaven?"

Having been retired for nine weeks now, the question I have been asked most is, "Do you have big plans for retirement?" My answer is, "No, I don't." and I go on to explain that at the moment I plan to continue with what I've been doing (including lay preaching, playing bass guitar in church, being secretary to the United Churches of Ayr football team, playing foot-golf and playing squash).

Furthermore, Sally and I were recently blessed when our first grandchild, Abigail, was born.

Although retired, there is still work to be done- "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10).