

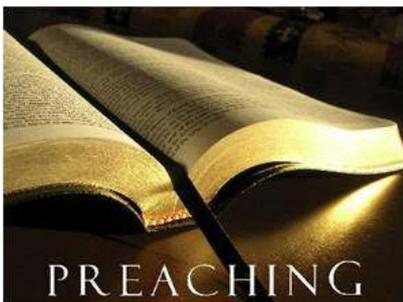
Word For The Week

14 June 2019

Preaching Dates

16 June 2019

Glen Cartwright (am) at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church
David Craig (am) at Ayr Baptist Church
Bill Haining (am) at Bridge of Don, Aberdeen
Nigel Johns (am) at Coatbridge Baptist Church
Cheryl Leckie (am) at
Carbrain Baptist Church, Cumbernauld
John Perkins (am) at
Maryhill Evangelical Church
George Thomson (am) at
Linwood Baptist Church
Alistair Mackay (3pm) at
McCarthy Stone retirement home, Dumfries
Alistair Mackay (6.30pm) at
Dumfries Baptist Church
Tony Walters (pm) at
Fort William Baptist Church
Stephen Ilett (am + pm) at
Alness Baptist Church



“Do We Have Enough Faith?”

By Andrew Chalkley

I expect the answer would be ‘no’. Do any of us? In April last year our part-time pastor left for a new church as a full-time pastor.

We in Campbeltown thought our prospects of attracting a new pastor were poor. We looked at our church – small membership, limited income, remote location, and assumed it would be a long time until someone came to our church. Did we have enough faith? No.

But we are a church of vision that values God’s word highly: Jesus taught that “I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven” (Matthew 18:19). We embarked on praying for a new pastor – it was the one thing we prayed about more than anything else, even though the prospects seemed bleak. But Jesus told us “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27) – we saw an impossible situation, but God did not, and had plans for us.

Amazingly, we were soon speaking to someone about coming to Campbeltown: and in April this year a new pastor was inducted into our church here. Where we saw only problems and difficulties to us attracting a pastor to our church, God saw an opportunity for our church to progress.

We were aware of our lack of faith to get a new pastor, and yet when we prayed God answered. Praise His name for His goodness to us!

Certainly an event like this boosts our faith in a God who hears and sees the difficulties of His church and acts on our behalf.

If I were to ask the title question now to our church, the answer would probably be the same. However, our faith in a God who provides our needs is growing day by day.