

### Preaching Dates

#### 16 Saturday November 2019

**David Bebbington** (pm) at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, Texas, USA  
**Charles Sommerville** (pm) at Calvary Chapel, Garthamlock, Glasgow

#### 17 Sunday November 2019

**Ian Barr** (am) at Johnstone Baptist Church  
**Hazel Brooks** (am) at Carluke Baptist Church  
**Glen Cartwright** (am) at Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church  
**Matthew Edmonds** (am) at Larbert Baptist Church  
**Dawn Martindale** (am) at Rosyth Baptist Church  
**Jim McNulty** (am) at the Round Church, Church of Scotland, Islay  
**Charles Sommerville** (am) at Cumbernauld Baptist Church  
**George Thomson** (am) at Wishaw Baptist Church

**Charles Sommerville** (pm) at North Berwick Baptist Church

#### Monday 18 November

**Hazel Brooks** (pm) at Kirkintilloch Baptist Church

#### Wednesday 20 November

**Charles Sommerville** (pm) at Dykehead Mission



### “We Are Not Alone”

By Bill Duffy

*‘God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.’*  
*Romans 15:13*

As we go through life, all of us have felt alone at one time or another. We look at the problems we face and wonder how we are going to get through them. We look around for someone to help us but there is no-one there. We feel totally alone. The truth is we are never alone. We have the Holy Spirit living in us. The Holy Spirit is our friend and is far more dedicated to us than we can ever imagine. Not only does He give us a confident hope for the future but He will also guide us as we go into the future. He gives us gifts to help us on our way. These gifts will not only help us but also those around us.

But the work of the Holy Spirit does not stop there. Corinthians tells us that the Holy Spirit has been placed in our hearts as the first instalment that guarantees everything He has promised us.

In other words, we have God’s Spirit living in us. Because of this, He affects every area of our lives. There is not a single area of our lives that He does not affect. Our relationships, our careers, our health and the decisions we make. All of us should be influenced by the Spirit of God who lives within us. Knowing that when we are under stress and handling overwhelming problems, we have the Spirit of God within us guiding and teaching the way we should go, surely that is a reason to greatly rejoice in our salvation. Have you ever sat down and thought deeply about what that means to you?

We have been anointed with the Holy Spirit and we can pass on this anointing to those we meet. When we speak words of kindness and encouragement to someone, those words are still at work long after we have gone because they carry the anointing of God’s Spirit.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for He has anointed me to bring **Good News to the poor.**  
He has sent me to proclaim that **captives will be released,**  
that the **blind will see,** that the **oppressed will be set free,**  
*Luke 4:18 (NLT)**