

Word For The Week

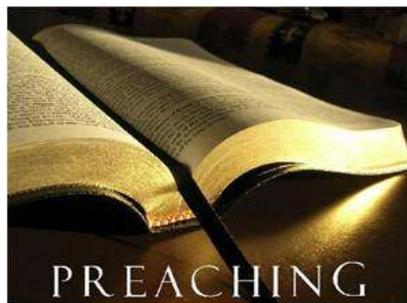
16 August 2019

Preaching Dates

18 August 2019

David W. Andrew (am) at
Tillicoultry EU Congregational
Glen Cartwright (am) at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church
Gordon Dickey (am) at Kelso Baptist Church
Aaron Harvey (am) at
Aberdeen Christian Fellowship
Eric MacArthur (am) at
Dalbeattie Baptist Church
Dawn Martindale (am) at
Rosyth Baptist Church
Andrea Mill (am) at the
Kings Covenant Fellowship, Glenrothes
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Kelty Evangelical Church, Fife
Andrew Swanson (am) at
Cumbernauld Baptist Church
Hugh Tannock (am) at
Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria

Aaron Harvey (pm) at
Portlethen Christian Fellowship
Mark Laing (pm) at Larbert Baptist Church
Alistair Mackay (pm) at the Granary, a
McCarthy Stone facility in Dumfries
Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Bo'ness Baptist Church



“Great is Your Faithfulness”

By David Andrew

Lamentations 3:23

This year in Gideons UK we celebrate 70 years of God's faithfulness. It's easy to look back and see how far we have come, how many scriptures have been placed in the traffic lanes of life and how God has supported His ministry through difficult and challenging times. I believe He will continue so in the many difficult and challenging times ahead.

How often do we look back and reflect on God's faithfulness in our own life and challenges He has seen us through? Just imagine we say, “thank you Lord”, and then carry on as before in our own abilities. Often as preachers we can easily forget we are simply sinners saved by His amazing grace, sustained by His faithfulness and forget we are saved to be used in His service, to bring glory to Him

I wonder as we observe the general decline of the traditional church in this country, if it's because the gospel is no longer a popular subject to be preached. Yet it is the very means that brought me to salvation, and I am sure most of you. Is it easier for me to preach on an academically stimulating subject, or a mildly entertaining one to the regular church attendee, rather than preach ‘a heaven to gain and a hell to shun’? There is a world out there that needs to know. Am I prepared to share, wherever I am, that whoever you are God still loves you and His Son died for you, rather than stay tight lipped because the company I find myself in might not appreciate my views. I wonder if the evangelical church, in general, has become so obsessed with the sins of this age rather than being obsessed with the sinner, whom God still loves and wishes to show His amazing grace to.

I am constantly reminded it is not my ability that God wants but my availability. As I read the story of Gideon surely that is what is happening in Gideon's life. And the same thing can be observed in the story of David and Goliath - the battle belongs to the Lord. Surely it's still the Lord's desire that none should perish and He wants us, His people, to remember His faithfulness through our lives, and to be constantly available to share about His amazing grace and His great faithfulness to all who call on His name through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.*