

Word For The Week

25 October 2019

Preaching Dates

Friday 25 – Sunday 27 October

Glen and Adrienne Cartwright are co-leading the NMBC Youth Weekend at Gowanbank, Darvel.

Saturday 26 October 2019

Charles Sommerville (am) at PWMI Conference, Kelty Evangelical Church
Charles Sommerville (pm) at Gospel evening, Blacketyside Farm, Leven

Sunday 27 October 2019

Ian Barr (am) at Johnstone Baptist Church
Jonathan Groves (am) at Cowdenbeath Baptist Church
Mark Laing (am) at Bothkennar Carronshore Church of Scotland
Stan Paliwoda (am) at Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria
Charles Sommerville (am) at Cumbernauld Baptist Church

Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at Fishermen's Mission Nightcap Service, Lerwick Congregational Church

Alistair Mackay (pm) at Dumfries Baptist Church

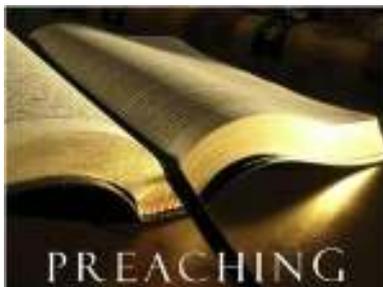
Charles Sommerville (pm) at Dykehead Mission

Hugh Tannock (pm) at Drumchapel Baptist Church

John Bingham (am + pm) at Mustard Seed Fellowship, Glenrothes

Monday 28 October 2019

Elizabeth de Silva (pm) at a non-denominational outreach event for women at Aglow International, Edinburgh



“Preach The Word In Season”

By Stanley Bonthron

‘Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.’ (2 Timothy 4:2)

The transition of summer into autumn is a time of great beauty and potential fruitfulness. It can also be a season of wild weather and storms when leaves fall and great, once powerful trees are blown down and lost. Where we live in the country, we are very much aware of this as we are surrounded by many old and stately trees and there is a real sadness to see that which was once glorious and productive reduced to fuel for the fire or to rot in abandonment.

Paul is coming to the end of his earthly ministry and he wants to remind his young protégé, Timothy, of the charge he has as a young pastor where his youth might be treated with contempt and that he might be tempted to compromise the true gospel with which he had been charged and commissioned.

Our task in our time and generation is no different – God’s Word is eternally true but there can be the temptations to reflect the seasons and squalls of our generation and compromise what the Bible teaches – ‘the whole counsel of God!

Paul goes on to warn Timothy that a time will come when there will be ‘listeners who cannot endure sound doctrine but in their own desires they have itching ears and that they will heap up for themselves false teachers turning away from the truth and be turned aside to fables’.

Our generation – our season, is one which is often hostile to the pure message of the Gospel of God’s grace and His rescue plan to all who respond to the good news of salvation through the finished word of our Lord Jesus Christ through repentance and simple trust.

We need daily strength and spiritual commitment as we prepare to teach God’s word with integrity and faithfulness from a pure heart and in the strength of the whole armour of God.

It is so easy to be influenced and swayed to be less than fearlessly faithful to the Word of God and be tempted to compromise on its truth and challenge.

And that means more than a friendly homily – Paul reminds us we are to patiently correct, to rebuke, to encourage with all longsuffering and doctrine.

We may feel that this is not a task for the visiting lay preacher – but we must be fearlessly faithful to God’s Word and the challenges it brings to all, preacher and hearer alike in whatever season we find ourselves.

May God enable us and equip us to be faithful in and out of season.