

Outlook



Dumfries Baptist Church

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The Search Group has met twice now and having established some of the profiles and ground rules for what we are doing and agreed that the Ministry we're looking for should be going in the same direction as the Church decided upon five years ago (see Half AGM Papers), we are now praying and considering some of the names that have been brought to our attention—a daunting task that makes us very aware of the need for your prayers.

Rev Deans Buchanan started the second Search Group meeting with a reading from 2 Timothy 4: 1-5. While reminding us of the humanity of the Senior Pastor for whom we're searching, he drew our attention to the key elements of a godly ministry. Verse 2 highlights the importance of preaching the Word and always being ready. Rev Buchanan explained the idea of "correction" by comparing it to steering a ship or a car to keep it on course and pointed out that an honest view of ministry

recognises the need for **great** patience! One of the things the Search Group had advice on was the importance of considering the theological beliefs outlined on the profiles we've been sent and that ties in well with the advice on "sound" or healthy doctrine. In verse 5 the NIV translation of being able to "keep the heid" was pointed out, along with the endorsement of enduring hardship whether that be of the type that brothers and sisters in North Africa experience for their faith or the personal pain and grief that come from financial or health issues. Evangelism is the climax

of the list, the summit of the mountain of "all your duties" outlined.

In the meantime it is great to see that that the Ministry here is continuing along these lines even in the absence of a Senior Pastor! We've been appreciating the preaching from our Interim Moderator and Rev George Mitchell to name but two. Our Worship, Discoverer and Pulse Leaders continue to prepare hard each week to minister faithfully what God has laid on their heart and as we were reminded on Pentecost Sunday we each have the Holy Spirit to call upon as we patiently seek to uphold one another pastorally and practically. And reaching out? We were pleased to be able to host two concerts in May offering a Christian input to the



Dumfries and Gallo-way Arts Festival Fringe. Look out for the Justice Tour 2010

hosted by the Leprosy Mission in the Church on Friday 4th June and then the Ordination of David White on Saturday 19th June 2010. If anyone is interested in going up to the Induction in Fort William on Saturday 3rd July 2010, have a word with me and we will see if we can coordinate the transport.

In God's strength we want to be able to use these opportunities and many others to speak of what He has done for us, what He is doing in our Fellowship and what He is doing at the ends of the earth!

Lesley W.

Please Note

Morning services will be in the church from 4th July until 1st August. We shall be back in the High School on 8th August.

Family News

Congratulation to:

Linda & Robert Rogers on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Oliver Thomas who weighed 3lb 1oz and Phoebe Rose who was only 1lb 9oz. A son and daughter for Heather and Mark Scott. We thank God that both children are gaining weight and breathing on their own.

Change of Address

Ivan, Rachel, Sam and Nathan Lyagoba have moved to 15 Hermitage Drive, DG2 7QF.

Invitation

David and Paula White would like to invite everyone to join them in the Church in Newall Terrace on Saturday 19 June at 3 pm for David's ordination and also on Saturday 3 July to Fort William Baptist Church at 3 pm for his induction.

Thank you

Peter Loan would like to thank everyone for their concern and prayers.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

... **Colin and Sarah Brown** (Rosemary's son and daughter-in-law) whose baby Iris Jane was born sleeping.

... **Lional Gibbs** on the loss of his mother



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Who Let The Dads Out? is another branch of the toddlers' groups. At present the groups meet on a Monday at 1pm Tuesday at 10am & Wednesday at 9.30am. The groups are busy with many mums, grannies and carers all bringing children from babes in arms to pre-school age. We have had a few dads & a granddad attend, but they are very outnumbered by the women! To try & be fair & cater for everyone, we are branching out to a fourth toddler group, but one with a difference . . . it's only for the dads, granddads and uncles!

This new group will meet 4-5 times a year on a Saturday morning from 10am – 12noon in the church & upstairs hall. All dads and co. are welcome to bring children from days



old up to 10 years of age. There will be board games, crafts, the usual toddler toys to play with and various activities which we hope will entertain parents & children alike. We will be offering bacon rolls, toast, fruit juice, teas & coffees, doughnuts, newspapers to read and hopefully a welcoming, relaxing atmosphere for all who come along. The cost of the morning will be exactly the same as our week day groups which is £1 per family.

If you feel you may be able to come along & help us in any way we'd be delighted to hear from you! You may feel you could help Lorna in the kitchen preparing the brunch, or help Morag with crafts. We need plenty folk to come & play board games, to play & interact

with the toddlers & younger children, to watch while the children play together so the dads can chat—to each other (or

even to you!) - or enjoy a quiet read of the paper! There may be something you think you could offer to add to our new group we'd love to hear from you. When we mentioned this idea to some of our mums they were very enthusiastic, already planning how they'd encourage their partners to come along & what they would do with their free time! So as this is a totally different venture from our established toddler groups, we'd ask you to pray as we plan & prepare for these Saturday mornings & for the new group as we meet on the 25th September and the 20th November; that many will come, feel welcome & enjoy all that's on offer. If you'd like to help or have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Lesley Tait (253142)

Drumlanrig Tearfund Challenge

Saturday 1st May 2010 The Dumfries Baptist Church have been great supporters of Tearfund over the years, and especially when supporting the Drumlanrig Tearfund Challenge. I would like to thank the many good folks from the Dumfries Baptist Church who helped with this year's event.

We limited the numbers of riders to 300 again this year, in order to maintain the quality of service to the cyclists. Three routes were offered, with a new 104 mile option. The event was free to enter, and we just asked the riders to consider giving a donation to Tearfund. When the entry list opened the

Haiti earthquake had just happened, and Tearfund were thankful for all donations to help this desperately poor, and devastated country. As all donations were made out to Tearfund we could ask the donors to sign a Gift Aid Declaration, most were able to complete a form, and therefore Tearfund received over £11,000 from the Drumlanrig Tearfund Challenge.

The down side of promising that
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Out and About with Scripture Union in Dumfries and Galloway

Reflecting on the work of Scripture Union in Dumfries and Galloway leaves one with an overwhelming feeling of thankfulness. Firstly, for



the openness within our schools allowing us to regularly share the Bible with young people in assemblies and SU groups across the region, and secondly for the volunteers who grasp these opportunities to share God's word with the youngsters. Thankfully, while the SU regional worker's post is vacant, there are those who have been able to give of their time to fulfil camps advertising and assemblies in schools, maintaining the contact which some schools have had with Scripture Union over the years, and raising awareness of Christian residential events available to young people.

These constant regular efforts in school have laid the foundations for some very exciting events over this past year. Our weekend residential

events and SU Christmas party have supported the work of the regular SU groups. What a privilege it was at the Secondary Schools weekend to have time to spend with these young people, and as we considered the life of Joseph together, to be able to openly explore God's word for us today. Part of the excitement at this event, was the potential for these young people to build relationships and support one another in their faith. For the primary sector, there was the first SU group weekend away for some time. What a great way to support and build on the work done on a weekly basis, and to provide a weekend which was great fun. It really was an "extended SU group", where we explored Superheroes from the Bible!

All too aware of the vacant Regional Worker's post, we consider the future of the work of SU in our locality. We are reminded that "the fields are white unto harvest", that we have a responsibility to tell the next generation. It seems there are numerous open doors, to share the word of God with the young people of Dumfries and Galloway.

As we reflect in gratitude for the ways in which we have seen God at work in our young people, and look with anticipation at the opportunities for the future, we want to take the opportunity to thank those of you who faithfully support the work in prayer,

and we are encouraged and full of appreciation for the money pledged by the Baptist Church to enable this ministry to continue when a new worker is appointed. Will you continue to pray and as we seek to raise support for a Regional Worker? Will



you continue to support us as we seek to tell the next generation the wonders of our God?

Ali Barr

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every penny donated would go directly to Tearfund was that we did not have a single penny to run the event, and God provided, as he does every time, a small army of volunteers, who provided time, talents, baking, and sandwiches. I would like to thank Dave Moss especially for his planning before the event. On the day itself it is all the volunteers who prepared, and served the food, as well as the marshals, and time recorders who made the event so special to the cyclists.

Cycling is a big sport in the UK, and the Tearfund Challenge is



plainly a Christian event, and all the volunteers are Christians. And this produced reactions from the cyclists, such as this "A fantastic event that was superbly organised by what must be the friendliest bunch of folk on the planet"

So thank you to all of you who helped. Through your efforts we were, not only able to help the people of Haiti through Tearfund, but also to demonstrate God's love to the 300 cyclists at Drumlanrig on 1st May. They saw Christians working hard to make the day a success, in gratitude for the generous donations they had made to Tearfund.

Rolf Buwert
Tearfund volunteer representative
for Nithsdale.

(Including Gift Aid, over £11,000 has been collected so far.)

Youth Ministry News

It hardly seems believable that it will shortly be the end of the School year. We have had a hectic few months recently; with many of our young people sitting important exams. In April on a Friday evening we went up to Power-Point Edinburgh a youth event of worship and teaching. It was a great evening, very inspiring and a late night. We finally got back to Dumfries at 12:30am. We also recently visited the Genesis Youth Group from Glen Aros Church for a Sunday evening of games and mayhem; it was great fun and great to share time together.

We have a busy few weekends coming up, with the **BUSY** (Baptist Union of Scotland Youth) sports day at Stirling University on Saturday 5th June where 10 of our young people will be competing in swimming, badminton, table tennis, dance mat and athletics. Good luck to you all!

We have the annual trip to **FRENZY** on the 12th June; we still have 4 tickets available. They cost £26 which includes the minibus up, which will be driven by Lionel this year so you won't miss the last band!

There will be no **DEEPER** on the 6th and 13th June, we will be back at the Y2 on Sunday 20th June.

We are planning some **BREAKOUT** events for during the summer holidays. We will be having an end of term BBQ at Frank and Yvette Dorrans which is open to those in P7 currently. Please keep an eye on the Youth website www.dbcyouth.org.uk for what we have planned for the summer and any news updates.

SUMMER BREAKOUT:

Thursday 1st July – End of Term BBQ; 6pm-8pm 5 St Cuthberts Avenue

Tuesday 6th July – Indoor Climbing Keswick 9.30am – 4.30pm (see Marcus for more details)

Tuesday 13th – Beach Trip and BBQ – 3pm – 9pm (see Marcus for more details)

Tuesday 20th – DVD evening – venue tbc

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING DAY & PRAISE PARTY



On Saturday 26th June Ishmael will be running a training day for anyone involved in Children's Ministry or who is concerned about the current decline of children in Church. Ishmael has been involved in Children's ministry since 1970 has written over 400 songs, recorded over 36 albums and has written many books. He has also been on national television many times, and is one of the very few people that have ministered at every Spring Harvest since the beginning.

It will start at 9:30am and finish approx 4:15pm it will be a fun interactive day with a relaxed atmosphere. You will need to bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be provided.

The training day is also open to anyone not directly involved in Dumfries Baptist Church so please start spreading the word that Ishmael is coming to Dumfries; the training day will be free to those in our fellowship. For those not involved in the fellowship a booking form will be required along with a £10 registration fee.

In the evening Ishmael will be leading an all age Praise Party; this is also an open event, the Praise Party will start at 6:15pm and finish at 7:30pm. Tickets will cost £1 per person and £3 for a family, under 12's must be accompanied by an adult. It will be a fun active time learning the new songs off Ishmael's new album "Bigger Barn" and hearing the gospel presented in a fun and interactive way. The Praise party will be a great event to invite

friends and family along too.

If you would like to sign up for the Training Day or would like more information on Ishmael's visit please speak to Marcus.

Ishmael will then be leading our Prize Giving Service on Sunday morning, the 27th June.

After the Prize Giving Service you are invited to bring a picnic and continue in fellowship at Station Park Moffat, where young and old can enjoy the different attractions of Moffat from the pitch and putt and pedaloos at Station Park, to the Edinburgh Wool Mill and fine tea rooms in Moffat. The trip is weather dependant and a final decision will be announced during the Prize Giving service.



SUMMER DISCOVERS

During the first five weeks of the Schools Summer holidays we will be having our morning services at Newall Terrace. Services will start at the normal time of 10:30am. We will have activities on for Discoverers and a crèche room will be set up but we will not have any crèche leader, parents will have to stay with their babies. There will be no PULSE groups meeting during the summer holidays.

Discoverers will be leaving the morning service at the usual time after the all age slot, and will be heading to the Aberdour Hotel with a team of Children workers and leaders to watch Friends and Heroes DVD series and complete work sheets.

Parents will need to sign their child in for the Discoverer's group before the start of the service.

Bible In One Year

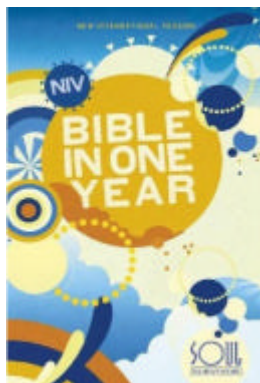
The Bible in one year for S1-S6

'The whole Bible, in just one year? You've got to be kidding.'

Don't panic! We've found a way to make this work:

- Take thousands of young people all committed to reading the Bible together
- Add in a brand new arrangement of the Bible, with specific chunks to read each day

• Start on 1 September, when the new school year is getting going



- Kick it off with a bit of explanation about how the Bible works and what it contains
- Mix with online blogs and commentary from

Mike Pilavachi, Andy Croft, Ali Martin and more

Are you up for the challenge? If you are interested in the opportunity to read the whole Bible in one year please see Marcus for a registration form; the Bible will cost £10. You won't be going alone we already have several youth leaders signed up too so you will get great support, encouragement and prayer. We plan to tie Diggin' Deeper sessions on a Wednesday night to the passages we will be reading at that time to explore what we are reading and to give weekly support.

Girlzone Weekend



On Friday 19th March, 13 girls and 8 leaders embarked on the Girlzone Weekend. Our home for the weekend was High Barbuchanny,

near Newton Stewart.

We had a busy, fun-filled weekend and were blessed with lovely weather. On Saturday, we went to Cream O'Galloway, where the girls were able to make their own ice-cream and have a tour of the factory, as well as enjoying the out-

door activities - both leaders and girls particularly enjoyed the "flying fox" and "down the hatch"! We also spent time at the swimming pool and beach in Auchenlarie after lunch, before heading back to the centre for dinner and lots of other activities, including crafts, DVD and games.

Over the course of the weekend, the girls were divided into three teams and given a series of challenges to complete, which they really enjoyed. The teams were called "ask" "seek" and "knock", which related to our theme and memory verse for the weekend – Matthew Ch 7:7-8. We had three devotional times, which included talks, dra-

mas, singing, prayer time and group discussions. These times together were invaluable, allowing leaders and young people to get to know one another and talk about God's Word.

On Sunday morning, we all went to Wigtown Baptist Church, who had kindly arranged a youth service, and after a lovely Sunday dinner we headed back to Dumfries. Both girls and leaders had a brilliant weekend and we thank God for the great opportunity and privilege this was to serve Him!

Helen Dawson

Purpose Groups

During this time of vacancy, it is important not to stand still in our ministries to one another and to the community, but to make progress in the ideas and issues that the Purpose Groups have been considering. Proposed dates for the next meetings of the Purpose Groups are below. If you can't be at a group meeting that you would like to attend, feel free to speak to the convener and look out for intimation of the times/places which will be confirmed nearer the time.

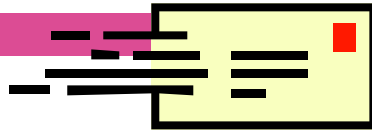
Maturity	6th September 2010	see Lesley Wilson	Training/Book Reviews/Gift Awareness/Testimony
Ministry	13th September 2010	see Lesley Tait	Marriage and Drug Proof Courses
Magnification	20th September 2010	see Stuart Platt	Worship/equipment/rotas/church calendar
Mission	27th September 2010	see Paul Weir	Christianity Explored/Back to Church Sundays
Members	4th October 2010	see Jean Muir	Church Weekend/Bookstall/Pastoral Care

Please support all the groups in prayer as well as considering prayerfully whether you would be able to go along to one or more of the groups and contribute to their discussions and participate in their planning.

Lesley W



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Dumfries High
School
10.30am



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New Deacons

Following the recent election of deacons, the new team is: Gordon Ballantyne, Frank Dorrans, Wallace Loan, Andy Mitra, Eleanor Moss, Jean Muir, Ian Penn, Stuart Platt, Lesley Tait, Tommy Turner, Pam Wiles and Lesley Wilson.

Treasurer's Report

Total Monthly Offerings

April 2009 £10087.26

May 2010 £9020.32

Total offerings for the financial year (to date) amount to £69763 (£1993/week)

At the AGM in November the fellowship agreed to increase the budget for 2009/10 to allow for the appointment of a third member of staff later in the year. The budgeted income for the financial year has therefore risen to £2134/week. It is important that despite the changing circumstances that we maintain our levels of giving to ensure that we can continue with our plans for the future.

The new budget makes the optimal use of "Gift Aid" an even greater target. If you already give regularly, or are considering doing so, and you pay income tax (as the vast majority of us do) you can "gift-aid" your offering which effectively means the church can claim an additional 28p for every £1 you give at no additional cost to you. Please prayerfully consider whether you can do this. You can continue to give weekly, monthly or directly through your bank. Please see me if you want further information regarding Gift-Aid.

Ian Penn - Treasurer (01387 262269)

Dates for the Diary 2010

June 19 th	David White's Ordination at DBC
June 26 th	Ishmael Music Workshop 9.30am to 4.15pm bring your own lunch, see Marcus Scotney for details 6pm – 8pm Praise Party p1-p7
June 27 th	Discoverers Prize Giving am
September 4 th	DBC Weekend Away Day Visitors See Betty Campbell for details.
October 28 th – 30 th	Baptist Union of Scotland Assembly, Dumfermline. Theme is Communities of Conviction. If you are interested in being a delegate, speak to the Secretary.
November 24 th	DBC AGM