



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

31<sup>st</sup> August, 2020

**Hello**

#### **A Full Gospel - Romans in a nutshell**

Recent ministry has been pointing us towards a new normal. The foundation for that is the gospel – all of it.

Writing to the Romans, Paul took nothing for granted. Presenting it as essentially Jesus Christ, who brought God to man and brings man to God through His sacrifice, he emphasises three elements: the gospel shows what is wrong, offers what is right and provides the power that can put that into effect at three levels.

At the basic level, all my sinful actions are cancelled out - when I believe - by the One Right Action (Calvary) of Jesus, bringing forgiveness and peace with God.

But, the problem goes deeper. It is not what I DO but what I AM. The gospel provides the answer in that the Jesus who died for me will also live instead of me.

Tempted to bask in such great provision focused on us, we are taken on an excursion into who God is and what His purposes are, resulting in a challenge to change our mind-set until it becomes God-centred. Thus, transformed “by the renewing of your mind” we ‘fit into’ God’s purpose, along with other believers and live out that new life in practical actions governed by allegiance to God and allowance for fellow believers. And all of that is sanctified by God the Holy Spirit.

#### **Bible Study**

The Bible Study will start up again on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the later time of 7 30 pm. The access details are the same: Meeting ID: 899 8445 3732 and Passcode: 005502

Having finished the Old Testament we will now take an overview of the New.

To whet your appetite the “homework” for this new series on the NT is to try and identify any significant features, by way of prophecies or events or examples, that link the OT with the New.

#### **Services in September**

We plan to continue in September with services at the normal times of 10.30am and 6.30pm on Sundays with the same arrangements, subject to any Government changes. Jim Gourley will take both services this Sunday. The recording will be available on the church website early afternoon.

#### **Prayer Meetings**

In addition to the Tuesday Prayer Meeting at 8 pm, the two half-hour morning Zoom meetings will resume on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am, starting this week.

Access details remain the same: ID: 819 2022 9424 and Passcode: 047533.  
Telephone access: 0131 460 1196

### **Faith Mission**

The Milngavie and Bearsden local Faith Mission Prayer Union will meet by Zoom on Monday, 7th September at 7 30pm. Access details are: Meeting ID: 751 3863 8777 Passcode: 3kpqi6

Also remember Gordon and Janice as they prepare for another Zoom Mission. The last one was accessed by over 6000.

### **Congratulations**

Margaret Cowan will be 93 on Saturday 5th September. Through George, we send to her our warmest love and we will continue to remember them both in our prayers.

### **Finance**

As stated in last week's Newsletter it is our intention to make a financial donation each month to other Christian organisations which may be in need of financial help at this time of Covid 19 restrictions. During the month of September we will be focussing on Sam Gordon (who joined us a week past Sunday morning) and his work with Truth for Today. If you wish to contribute, you may use the 'Mission cause of the Month' collection box which will be found at the exit of the main hall.

### **More Lockdown Reflections**

Ann Jones shares the following with us. *I've been recalling Psalm 16: 6 "The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places". Even in lockdown? Yes; one big lesson learned has been to be more grateful for all that the Lord Has provided: shelter, food, safety, and the great encouragement and challenge of the ministry God's Word. I've also appreciated time reading two books: "Revolution" the founding of Gospel for Asia, and "Better than we dreamed" the biography of Elaine, wife of Cameron Townsend the founder of Wycliffe Bible Translators (the mission Inga works with in Mexico). All of this emphasises the areas of great need in our world, especially in these strange days. Thank the Lord, He is in control.*

### **Advert in Community Magazine**

We have an advert in this month's Community Magazine which is distributed to every home in Milngavie and Bearsden. Originally intended to advertise the summer Holiday Club in June, it has now been deferred and, hopefully, will bring people's attention to the need to Thank God. Pray for it to be effective.

### **Finally**

I wonder in the world today if people have any greater need than for hope. When hope dies despair will overwhelm us; hope is vital for us all as we live out our earthly lives.

We must have hope. True hope comes only from Jesus: He gives us hope for the future as we turn in faith to Him; hope for eternity and hope right now. Psalm 16 v 9.

Jim Gourley