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Welcome!

If you are a visitor or it has been a while since you were last here you are most welcome among us. We hope everyone feels at home and included here in the Flowerhill family. Join us for a chat afterwards over a cup of tea in the large hall. Today we welcome the family and friends of Ross and Amanda as they bring Ethan for baptism.



Call to worship

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CH3 354 Glory be to God the Father

Prayer of adoration & Lord's Prayer

Children's talk

CD Deep and wide

(Children leave for Creche, Sparklers & Funday Club)

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Reading: Acts 21 v 1-16 (p1117)

Music group: SOF 935 My Jesus, my Saviour

Sermon "The Lord's will"

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Offering (Children return)

Prayer for others

SOF 51 Breathe on me breath of God

Sacrament of Baptism

SOF 135 God is working his purpose out

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Benediction

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ACTS

We are looking at the last part of the book of Acts. The book written by Luke which documents the fulfilment of what Jesus said would happen, the gospel spreading out from Jerusalem. In these recent chapters we have been following Paul on his missionary journeys. Today we see Paul determined to return to Jerusalem despite many warnings from others and his own experience that tells him that he will suffer there.

Acts 21 v 1-16 “The Lord’s will”

21 v 1-3 Paul is on his way to Jerusalem, he is anxious to get there so he travels by sea

21 v 4-6 Paul stays in Tyre for seven days and is urged not to go to Jerusalem by his friends. Paul travels on.

21 v 7-16 He arrives in Caesara where he spends some more time. There he is warned graphically about what awaits him in Jerusalem. But he could not be dissuaded. He is determined to go and so they let him go accepting that it is God’s will.

Paul is determined to complete his task and get back to Jerusalem. Time and time again he suffers opposition wherever he goes and he hears twice in a matter of days that trouble awaits him in Jerusalem. Yet he travels on. Why? Because God is telling him to go, it is the Father’s will. No matter what happens to him, following that will is the most important thing for Paul. And telling people of his Lord Jesus was his whole life. In many ways Paul is following the example of his Lord Jesus who set his face towards Jerusalem and accepted this Father’s will despite knowing that it would involve his death on the cross for each one of us.

“When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, The Lord's will be done”

Acts 21 v 14



Today

No Evening Service - all will be made welcome at the town service of praise led by Lanarkshire Society of Organists, New Wellwynd. 6.30pm

2000 Youth Fellowship

Next Sunday

1000 Prayer meeting

1100 Morning service including Lord's Supper

1830 Evening Service

This week in Flowerhill

Mon 1300 Senior Citizens
Rabbie Burns Lunch
1845 GB
Tue 1300 Parents & Toddlers
1800 Folk dancing
Small Hall
1930 Guild Songs of
Praise
Thur 1830 Anchor Boys
1930 Brigade Band
1930 Pastoral Care
Training part 1
Fri 1900 Junior BB and Coy
Sat 1000 Nearly New

Joining the Flowerhill Family

Gary is hoping to run some membership classes in February. If you are interested in finding out more about church membership please speak to him.

2011 Accounts

All accounts should be completed now, any queries speak to Jim Lewis.

Life and Work

Subscriptions are now due. This year the cost is £ 21.60 and all payments should be made to the Treasurer.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Sun 22nd Town service of praise led by Lanarkshire Society of Organists, New Wellwynd. **6.30pm**

Daily services at 12.30pm

Mon 23rd High Church

Tues 24th TBC

Wed 25th St Andrews RC

Church hall roof

The repairs to the Large Hall ceiling will take place from Monday 22 Jan. All organisations shall have alternative accommodation in the Small Hall / Church / Kirk House. Leaders should contact the Session Clerk to ensure their organisation has a suitable hall allocation. Anyone wanting to make a donation to this work should speak directly to Roy Spence our treasurer.

Lanarkshire P6/P7 Weekend.

Ropes course, trail bikes, football, bonfire are just some of the activities on offer at the SU weekend away 17-19th Feb at Lendrick Muir. Price is £65. Pamela Caldwell has all the details.

Guild Songs of Praise

All are invited to share with the Guild at their Songs of praise on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Tell Isabel Galloway your favourite hymn and come along.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil

For yours is the kingdom

And the power and the glory, for ever,

Amen

For prayer...

“Unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain.” Pray for our Church that God will be honoured as he leads us in the adventure of faith.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around our town

Minister	Bereaved/ Sick/Lonely	ShanzuMAF
Stewarts	Zaskes	Tollibrae & Caldervale
Catherine	Ross, Debbie & Katie Murphy / Airdrie Baptist	

Dunbar Parish Church

We have entered a prayer partnership with this congregation and have passed some news so that they can pray for us and they have done like wise.

- Pray for them as they start a new Bible Study series on "7 Great Biblical Prayers"
- They soon will be training 5 new elders and a handful of others are wanting to become members.
- We now have planning permission, building warrants and Church/Presbytery approval for our building improvements, but still have two things to resolve - 1 being requirements of the Fire Officer (whether we need to install extra doors, a disabled zone in one stair case etc.) and the other being the upgrading of our louvers in our Tower (currently we get a fair bit of rain leaking in from time to time, and this would be straight onto our new internal ceilings.) This louver work is supposed to be carried out by Vodafone/O2 who are planning to put a telephone mast in our tower and that process has been dragging on - They should have planning permission in February, but negotiations are not complete contractually

Barnabas Fund (supporting persecuted Christians)

- Pray for Christians in Zambia following the election of a Christian president, Michael Sata, in September 2011. MPs have been challenging him to state publicly that he will follow the Zambian constitution, which states that Zambia is a Christian country. Zambian Muslims are establishing successful schools for children who have dropped out of education; the children do not have to convert to Islam to attend, but the schools give Islamic teaching and create an Islamic ethos, and some students are becoming Muslims.
- Give thanks that the Gospel is also being proclaimed boldly in Zambia today, and pray that the freedoms of the country's Christians will be protected by the new government.