

THE DEMASTUS FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS IN SCOTLAND

...and how shall they *hear*
without a *preacher?*

Romans 10:14



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Prayer Request

- Souls to be saved, baptized, and disciplined.
- For our supporting churches.
- For Sarah's outreach with the book study, church ladies, and co-ops.
- For Open Door Baptist Church and its growth.
- For wisdom for our leaders as they make decisions that are best for the country.
- For the health and safety of our church and families.
- Permanent facility for our church family - South St. Nicholas Church in Kincorth.
- For more labourers in the church.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Young lady (Abigail), planning to work with our family, is coming on 13th February 2025.
- Local evangelistic opportunities this month.
- Visitors who came to church and need salvation.
- A young couple in our church about to have a baby.
- "How To Christianity" series we are doing twice on Wednesdays.
- Bill Abbott (deacon) undergoing radiotherapy til 17th February.
- Graham Gray in the care home after stroke. His son, Brian, to come to church.
- Baptism service scheduled for March.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
We are thankful for God's protection and provision this past month. From health to weather, we are thankful we serve a God who is in control over it all.

Ministry News

January is a rough time of the year in Scotland. We see an increase of disgruntled people and hear of suicides where people have just given up. Many blame it on the weather or the longer nights, but we know that they are people who are lost in sin and trying to figure out life without God. We do outreach and church activities, but for some sin has its strong hold, and some people tend to drift away. Our family got hit with the flu and we experienced some crazy snow and wind storms, but things have settled and we are all finally feeling better this month. We've recently had three families leave the church. They became disgruntled and have left with unresolved conflict. They still have lost family members and don't understand the impact their decision will make on their families. We are praying for resolution and a change of spirit. Another family has decided that Sundays are their day to take a break from church, and have enrolled their child in other activities on Sundays. We continue to pray for them and reach out. Please pray with us as well. Though people leave, we have gained a few new families. They struggled with their previous church teaching egalitarianism and anti-Israel and wanted a place that was Biblical. It is an encouragement to my heart that people are seeking for truth. Pray for the numerous visitors we have had over the past month. People are seeking for a church family to grow in and raise their children for the glory of God.

We had some young men start soul-winning with me on Saturdays and the ladies will start soul-winning with Sarah on Fridays. They want to see people reached with the gospel and sacrifice time to accomplish this task. Continue to pray for the opportunity of care home ministry and Scripture Union in the local schools. Our church families have been eagerly signing up to participate.

Family

Sarah has had productive Home Ed Coops on Tuesdays. She gains new families and has opportunities to give the gospel. Praying for a great response.

Madelyn (10) and her sisters have started Karate. We challenge them to get to know one new person each week, build relationships, and invite others to church. Kids are better at this than adults.

Katelyn (8) recently drew a picture of what was important to her. Though she drew me with frog legs and a can of coke at the pulpit, she saw believing God, reading the Bible, and going to church as important.

Jocelyn (7) has excelled much faster than the others on piano. She has a natural talent to read and hear the music.

Gracelyn (5) now wears glasses. Katelyn was so happy she wasn't the only one in the family. Gracie reminds us often that she can see now.

Richard III (3) has to be right about everything. He challenges Sarah more than me. He is learning the hard way that he doesn't have exhaustive surveillance.

Oliver is 11 months now. He is pulling up on coffee tables and attempting to stand up and lean on things as often as possible.

Building Project

The last six months have come and gone and no new update regarding the facility in Kincorth. I met with the Elders of the church that are accommodating us and they are not rushing us out. They've allowed for us to hold additional events in the meantime while we await the CofS to respond. We believe God and have faith that He will make it so in His perfect timing.

Closing

Thank you for your prayer and support for our church and family. Though things may feel dark in the moment, we know that we serve a God who protects and provides for His children. We trust God at His Word. We continue to pray and seek His will and timing in all areas of our life. We pray that fruit abounds as we abide in Christ.

In Christ,
The Demastus Family