



DUNFERMLINE
WEST BAPTIST

JESUS SAID

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD -
LIKE A CITY ON A HILLTOP THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN

‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’”

So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.
(Ezekiel 37:9-10)

Dear friends,

Last Sunday we were privileged to have the Scottish Baptist College participate in our service. Ian Birch’s message resonated strongly with the themes that we have been looking at recently regarding the Spirit of the Lord. I was particularly struck by the image of the old bones that came to life by the breath of the Lord, His “Ruach.” Liz commented ‘so exciting to think that perhaps God wants to raise up the ‘dried bones’ of our Nation and restore life today.’ Last week we began our phased approach out of lockdown which offers an opportunity for us to think about what our future may look like, how God is raising up the ‘dried bones’. Fundamental to this time is prayerful reflection, intentional discipleship and perseverance as we continue to follow the guidelines in keeping everyone safe.

What’s on

At the start of the **weekly prayer session** (Wednesdays 11:00) I will be reflecting from the Psalms and how they might be speaking into our lives today. Tomorrow I will be considering Psalms 11 to 12 and faith in God.

The Lord’s promises are pure,
like silver refined in a furnace,
purified seven times over.
Therefore, Lord, we know you will protect the oppressed,
(Psalm 12:6-7)

On Sunday we will be gathering again online at 11:00am for a communion service with reflection. Please prepare some bread and wine/juice in advance of the service.

The **weekly evening prayer and bible study** will not be on this week. It will continue next week over zoom via the standard meeting details. In the meantime, please do spend some time engaging with the questions below.



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Sharing In and Out Together

Please do **share any pictures with us** (if you are able) of what you are getting up to. You could share them to our Facebook Page, over What's App, or email them to me.

World Mission: Bethany Christian Trust

There is a time and season for everything: a time to tear down and a time to build (Ecclesiastes 3:3)

Pray for men and women whom the Connect to Community team meet in prison and accompany through the gate on their release. Often the lives they have built have been torn down through imprisonment. Sometimes they have to take the decision themselves to tear down their former lives. We believe that there's always a time to build. Pray for the provision of good foundations, in secure accommodation; for the establishment of secure walls, in significant friends; and for the protection of a stable covering, in the birthing of a trusting faith in the living God.

Study Questions from Acts 2 - Pentecost

If you haven't had a chance to watch the message from Sunday or would like to watch it again you can watch it at: https://youtu.be/jffn_29xllc

Note: please do feedback your reflections on the following questions to Anthony as we discern what God is speaking to us today.

1. Discuss what experiences come to mind when you think of the Spirit of God, as I says, "who moves like the wind – itself invisible, but its effects manifestly visible and dynamic in all it touches."
2. Read Ezekiel 37 – A Valley of Dry Bones
 - a. Consider the image of a valley of dry bones in relation to our current context. How might our world, nation or church invoke this image?
 - b. How might God breathe life into these old bones?



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- c. In the Sermon Ian said "Where the Spirit of Jesus blows, the followers of Jesus do the works of Jesus!" What does this mean for us as a church? (Luke 4:18-19; Micah 6:8)
3. Discuss our church draft values:
 - a. Seeking to know God, to follow Jesus, and to listen to the Spirit.
 - b. Striving to reach out into the community, to serve and to make disciples.
 - c. Participating in the Kingdom of God as a voice of hope, known for love and justice.

Buddy groups and prayer items

Keep up to date with prayers for our community at <https://dunfermlinewest.org/prayers>.

Connecting with us

You can connect into each of these services via <https://dunfermlinewest.org/online> and also via telephone using our latest stay connected details at:
<https://dunfermlinewest.org/assets/files/dwbc-stay-connected.v5.pdf>

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- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7BuBS_TUKDMvu5Wcpg9PAg/
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dunfermlinewest>

Worship music

As we are creating new songs we are adding them to a YouTube playlist which you can listen to whenever you like at: <https://dunfermlinewest.org/worship/playlist>

Let us continue to stay in touch, to pray for one another and do not lose hope.

Your brother in Christ, Anthony