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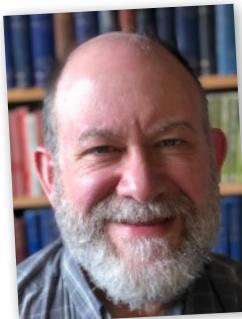
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Above: Devotional  
evening at East  
Kilbride.



# MY PERSPECTIVE



A time of  
new  
beginnings

## Spring is coming...

*“My beloved spoke and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig-tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.’” (Song of Songs 2:10-13 NIV)*

And winter is almost past, although in some ways it hasn't been much of a winter. Although we've experienced some freezing (and sub-freezing) temperatures, as a whole it has been a rather mild winter with little snow.

In Solomon's 'song of songs', in mentioning that winter was past, he referenced that the rains were over and gone. Many areas of the world do not experience winters as we have them, with cold and snow, but with cooler temperatures and rain. The lack of rain would be a relief as spring came and the sun came out.

Spring is a time of beauty. Already we are seeing the snowdrops and crocuses – and even the daffodils are coming up and beginning to bloom. We are heading into the reawakening of the earth as flowers come out, the birds are once again heard, and the fruit trees will begin putting out their blossoms.

Having moved into the countryside and being surrounded by sheep fields, we now look forward in the spring to seeing the lambs that will soon be born and begin playing in the fields. New life, new opportunities, new beginnings.

Spring is definitely a time for new beginnings. With the winter and the dark

days behind us congregations will be planning events to bring us into contact with others. We look forward to events that bring us together as Christians and we anticipate being able to meet those who are not yet Christians.

Are we making plans to involve others in what we are doing as the family of God in the location where we find ourselves? I am sure most of us want to reach those who are not disciples of Jesus with the good news that he brings. But this isn't just going to happen. It requires people talking to people. It may be useful to plan events where people can come and get to know more about us as Jesus' followers and more about the one that we follow.

We read in the book of Acts of the rapid growth of the number who were following Jesus. What was the key to their success? To be honest, it was rather simple: they talked to those they knew met about their saviour. Even when persecution escalated and the disciples were scattered their numbers continued to grow. Why? “Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went” (Acts 8:4 NIV). That may sound a bit formal and it really wasn't. I like this translation: “And wherever they were scattered, they told people the Good News” (Acts 8:4 NCV).

That is really all there is to it – we need to be telling people about the hope that we have in Jesus (1 Peter 3:15).

As the world comes back to life take the opportunity to tell others about the one who gives eternal life.

Jon



# Devotional Evenings in Scotland

Since the end of August Christians in Scotland have been getting together every four to six weeks to spend time in singing and being encouraged through God's word. After the time spent in lockdown there has been a noticeable void in the lives of Christians. There seems to be a greater longing to spend time with other Christians.

One of the families in East Kilbride came up with the idea of providing a time of devotion every month or so to allow Christians to come together, to sing, to have an encouraging message, and to simply spend time together. Initially these were held in East Kilbride but this year the congregations in Kirkcaldy and Castlemilk have also hosted devotional evenings. Further evenings are planned to be held in Livingston and at other places congregations.

God's people need to spend time together. Throughout scripture we read of Christians being "the household of God" (1 Timothy 3:15) and our relationships being that of a family (1 Timothy 5:1-2). Families spend time together. Most of us are thrilled to have holiday time when we can get together with our children, grandchildren, as well as parents and siblings. There is something special about family.

There is something more special about the family of God. As we spend time together, do you ever think that these are the people we get to spend eternity with? The friendships we make with Christians are friendships that never have to end. These are relationships we get to take with us into eternity because we all have a relationship with Jesus. I don't know about you, but I find that exciting!

For the Christian, love and friendship means never having to say goodbye. Yes, people may depart when





John Welsh leading singing at East Kilbride

they leave this life but this parting is temporary. We know they will be waiting for us 'on the other side' and in eternity we will once again be family – only this time in the presence of God and with Jesus.

Paul described the household of God as "the support and bulwark of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15 NET). Many translations use the word 'pillar' as the support, being the translation of the Greek word *stulos*. Although pillars can be decorative their



Singing at East Kilbride

function is to hold up and support. A bulwark is also a support; the English word carries with it the idea of a defensive wall. Think about that. As God's family, God's household, we are to be a support and a defence of truth.

This is why being with other Christians is so important. When we are together we build each other up so that we can know and support the truth that we learn in God's word. When we sing it encourages us and strengthens us as we join our voices together. What a privilege to be part of God's family!

From the first devotional evening in late August with around 40 present, this has grown to the point that each month is now a full house. With many assemblies not being very large, it is wonderful to have sixty or more voices singing God's praise together. Not every congregation sings the same songs, so we are getting to learn new ones as well.

It has been good hearing from speakers we don't normally hear get to hear. Many normally only speak at their local assemblies so they are getting more experience. The lessons have been good and encouraging.



Graham McDonald speaking at East Kilbride

Never take for granted the time we can spend together as Christians, whether it be with our local assembly or with larger groups of Christians. Some seem to think there is a minimum we can do and still be with Jesus for eternity. Jesus and the apostles didn't talk about a minimum but of doing all that we can for him. May we devote our lives to serving him to the best of our ability each day.

Jon Galloway



David McCready speaking at East Kilbride



# BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

## Back at the ABSS

After three long years, it was delightful to be back at the Bibelfreizeitheim (Bible Retreat Home) at Gemünden, near Weilrod in Germany, for the annual Advanced Bible Study Series (ABSS). Having missed out over the past two years due to governmental restrictions, it was wonderful to meet up again with brothers and sisters who have become such a special part of each other's lives.

Some three dozen had gathered together from England, Germany, Belgium, France, Greece, Croatia, Netherlands, Switzerland, Ukraine and Mexico. We discussed Questions of Identity, Jesus' Way of Personal Transformation, the conflicts of Peter against Jesus, and Reflections on Romans. In addition we considered the use of 'Christian media' and enjoyed the annual Gemünden Follies – our very low entry 'Talent Show'.

Sessions were made available to those unable to be there, but nothing beats being together in person. Although it might be a fair trek to the central regions of Germany, those who have made the journey and enjoyed the

company of believers from so many cultures have been greatly blessed. If you would like to know more of how you can be a part of this event next year, please get in touch.

## Closer to home

We are very much looking forward to our two Study Weekends which we are conducting in Northampton this month. We will be looking at Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus over a couple of intense Saturday study days, followed by a couple of sessions each Sunday. The dates are: 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March. You can find further details on our website.

We are still planning further Study Weekends during the year, and another Study Week in the Autumn, the dates of which are: 30<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. More details of this will be available very shortly.

May God bless us all, and may we be found to be always useful in his service.

Patrick Boyns  
[britishbibleschool.com](http://britishbibleschool.com)



# AT REST

## Ruth Brunton

We mark the passing of Ruth Brunton, our sister in the Lord, aged 62 on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Ruth was the daughter of the late Brian and Anne Stevens and was born in Ormskirk.

About two years ago Ruth and her husband David moved to Bentonville,

Arkansas to be nearer family, where they worshipped with a local congregation.

We commend David and the family to God's grace in the knowledge of the resurrection to eternal life.

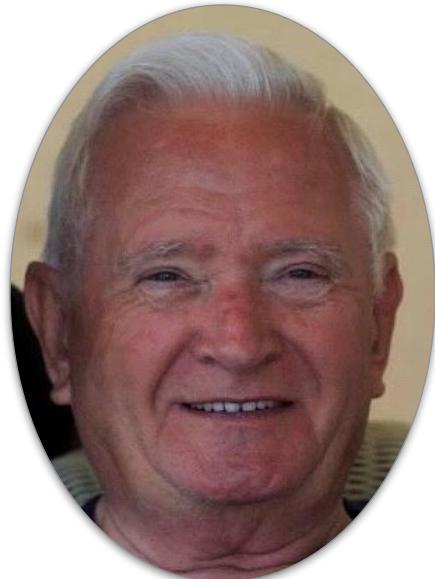
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## Frankie Franklin

Some will remember the fellowship of Frankie and Gloria Franklin. Frankie's real name was Howard and, though originally from the USA, he lived for a while in a number of counties including Buckinghamshire and Gloucestershire, doing much to encourage many in the UK.

He passed away in Florida on 21<sup>st</sup> February at the age of 90. He was the father of Debbie, Carol and Dewey, and father-in-law of Andrew Hill of Loughborough. (We will try to have more information next month).

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# A LOOK AT 1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15

One of the problems we have with Bible study is the intrusion of chapter and verse divisions. We must remember the inclusion of these divisions is man-made and not part of the original text. In fact, the original language was a continuous flow of letters without even word divisions! Of course our chapter divisions have a great use but they divide the text up in a way that sometimes makes it difficult to study. I suggest that it is better to read the whole of the passage without any divisions and as a unit.

Another problem that we have when looking at 1 Timothy 2 is appreciating the power of Artemis, the goddess of the Ephesians. The temple of this idol was one of the wonders of the ancient world and must not be ignored but rather incorporated into our minds as we study the text.

In this particular passage Paul is trying to get to one major point and that is the conclusion of his argument in verse 15, that women will be safe/restored through the difficulties of childbearing. They should have faith, love and holiness in their lives rather than belief in the goddess Artemis of the Ephesians, who was believed to be the giver of life. In a society that centred its thoughts on the teaching of this goddess, women would be raised to believe that the idol was the most important deity for having children, whether conception, pregnancy or delivery. It is little wonder that to have a statue in the home was so important and we can understand why there were riots in Ephesus in Acts 19:23ff – it was not only the silversmiths that were upset, the people would have been as well! Paul takes this to task in this discussion.

Firstly, the passage starts to talk about women who were dressed in the fashion of Artemis or at least like the vestal

virgins – highly decorated and elaborate. This imitation of the goddess was not right for the new Christian women who should be identified by her good works.

Secondly, the women were to be given the chance to study, to understand their position in Christ and so were to have time to be quiet and be in full submission to the Lord God as opposed to Artemis. This has nothing to do with submission to men. Their lifestyle along with their dress needed a chance to change.

Thirdly, these women who had been dressed and still under the influence of the style of Artemis were not to teach or have any sway over the men in the congregation. They certainly did have authority over men under the teachings of the goddess.

Paul strengthens his argument by going back to Genesis 3 and the creation and fall of mankind. Woman was designed to be a partner to her husband, a helper, but Eve fell into temptation and encouraged Adam to eat the forbidden fruit. She became a sinner, even though Adam was with her. Eve is described as the mother of all living and with that came a curse of increased pain in childbirth which has continued ever since.

Then Paul comes in with the fulfilment of the argument that women will be saved/ restored/kept safe through this fearsome time without the aid of Artemis but through faith, love and holiness with propriety. No sacrifices were needed for an idol. The sacrifice of Jesus is for all and faith in him was what was important even in the most difficult of times. My conclusion is that the women all the way through this passage were those who continued looking like representatives of Artemis rather than the ambassadors of Christ.

Trevor



# AROUND THE WORLD

## READING VISITS INDIA

On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, Nic Nyamatore and I flew, on behalf of the Reading congregation, to visit the work we support in India. We were met by Joel Madiki who planned our itinerary for the week and accompanied us in all our journeys by car and internal flights. On Sunday we visited the congregation in Miyapur for worship –the singing was great, and we were made very welcome.

Later on Sunday we flew to Rajahmundry, and then a taxi ride to Pithapuram and we met Joel's family, Ruth, Jason, and Graceson. We enjoyed the hospitality of good Indian food and overnight rest.



Joel Madiki, Anthony Newman, Sam Raju and Nic Nyamatore

The next day we met with women who held a women's fellowship led by Joel's sister. This is an outreach programme with the intention of going into the villages to share the good news of Jesus. Our moment of surprise came when it was

revealed to us that a lady named Dorca, who was once a child at the Bethsaida's children's home, is now a grandmother and involved in this women's work. You cannot measure the success of any work for the Lord in a short time, as God works on a different time scale to us!

During the week we were able to visit the men we support as well as others Joel wanted us to meet. One of the men we

support is Sam Raju, who serves as a the congregation in Gudaparti. When we arrived we were surprised to be greeted with an outburst of petals, poppers and a garland with fresh flowers. This is a customary practice among the congregations in India as an expression of honour and gratitude for the help we give. We were also part of a gospel meeting in which I spoke on John 12:32 and the common bond we have in Christ.

We were also able to visit children of underprivileged parents whose smiles and joy at seeing us was infectious. This was in Kathipudi and the work going on there came as a result of the covid pandemic. The government shut down all public places, which included the residential facilities of the Bethsaida Children's Home. Consequently, the work became the Bethsaida Foster Care and help was taken to the villages of these children.

We visited the congregation at Amalapuram where we support George Raju. We later visited a children's centre in Yerravaram which is also part of the Bethsaida Foster Care programme. It was good to see the good work that is being done with the children. During our visits to the villages, we could not help but notice how well dressed and clean the children were despite living in impoverished conditions by our standards. Yet their attitude was always positive and loving.



# Around the World

We were able travel to Gudlavalleru and visit Pradeep who we support along with his wife Mythily. We were greeted with flowers and made very welcome. Nic spoke on serving with humility, something we noticed among the Christians we visited. We witnessed six immersed into Jesus and went on to visit the congregation where Pradeep's father serves and witnessed two more become Christians.

Our last two days were spent visiting Vijaya Rao in Ibrahimpatnam as well as the Christians there. The Stratford congregation has supported that work for the last 17 years. One of the area these Christians are involved with is in feeding the poor through giving away bags of rice. One bag can last a family of five for one week.



Rice distribution in Ibrahimpatnam.

From there we travelled to meet with three congregations in Vijayawada before flying to Hyderabad for our early morning flight back home. The entire time in India was a wonderful experience, we were honoured extravagantly because we came with beautiful feet to preach the gospel (Romans 10:15), as Pradeep said to me.

In closing, Joel Madiki would like to express his thanks to Tony Tyson for his contribution to the work over the years, the fruits of which continue to flourish among the congregations.

Anthony Newman

## TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

The disaster is too great to put into simple words. Our daughter-in-law Mehtap originally came from Istanbul and knows of people who have lost whole families. Her sister lives in the earthquake zone and has had to leave her home of thirty years.

I have been in contact with the Antalya Evangelical Church who, like us, are trying to follow simple New Testament Christianity. They are established with elders and are doing their best to lead people to Jesus. They can be found on YouTube.

My contact there is Andrew Brinley from a congregation of churches of Christ in America. The congregation have been quick to send help out to various areas and are also hosting nineteen and sometimes more in their place of worship.

I have had several write to me about the situation in Turkey and I have suggested that they give to the larger national charities. It will take decades to clear away rubble and rebuild. I also am aware of the warm-hearted generosity of our readership and many will want to give with funds going directly to the church. Because of Turkish law, which is not in support of the Christian faith, care has to be taken and to this end I would ask those interested to contact me for further information:  
[thesaint195@gmail.com](mailto:thesaint195@gmail.com).

Please pray for this ancient Bible land and the people who live there.

Trevor Williams



# NOTICES

A British Bible School Applied Biblical Studies Module

This module explores the letters written to Timothy and Titus, young men whose lives were devoted to the work of mission, and suggests plenty of important lessons for those working with congregations today.

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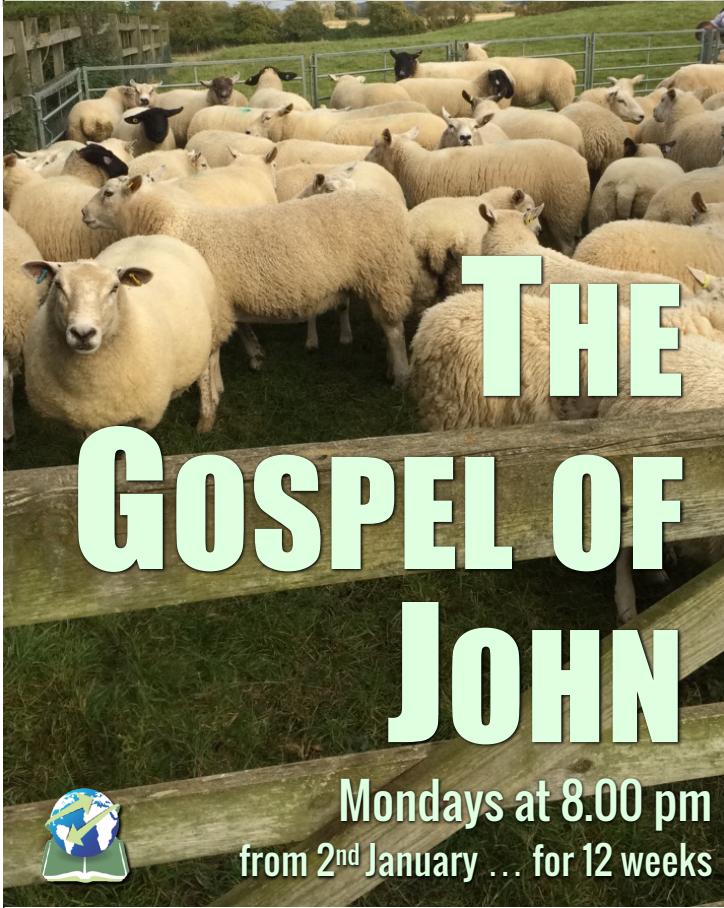
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## Notices

Saturday May 6 will be one of the great days in British history as we see Charles III crowned King. There will undoubtedly be many public events to mark the occasion but it is a good one for local congregations to do something special within the community. CPO and other Christian printing houses are producing materials to give away. It may be that you could have a party, BBQ or something you can think of and invite people in.

The events nationally will go over three days so there is time to do something special. And don't forget to pray for the King himself.

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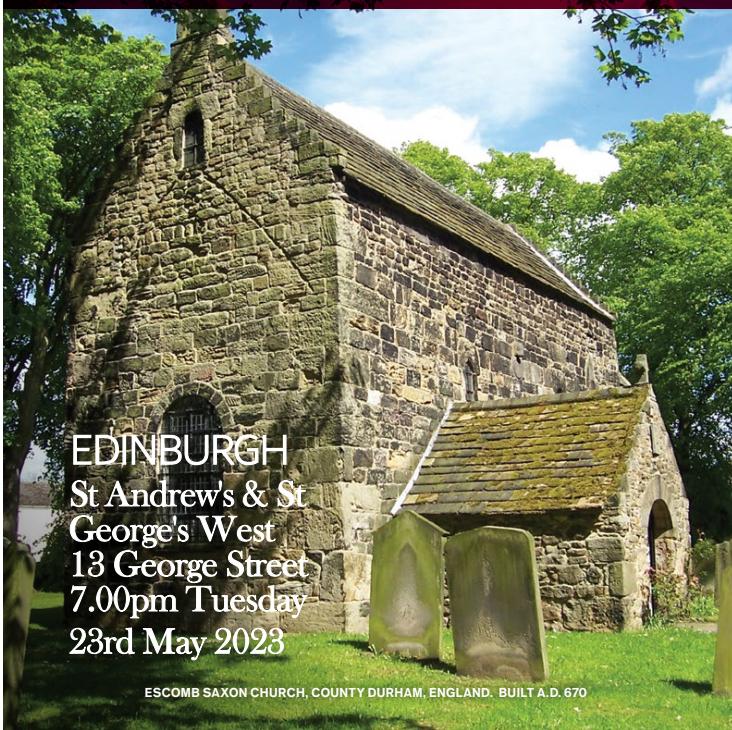
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#### **Do I need to give up my secular work?**

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If you struggle to work alone, we plan to hold group sessions were students watch the videos online together with the co-ordinator, this will provide more of a classroom feeling.

#### **Exams and memory work**

Memory work will be required, and this can be completed with assistance from members of your congregation, this will be signed by them to show this task was completed.

Tests will be completed online and submitted to the co-ordinator; guidance will be given to the process.

#### **Additional events**

We will hold some Saturday support events where students can come to Leicester for fellowship, meet up with other students and have a chance to share experiences and seek help and advice if required, we also plan to offer guidance and help with any students wishing to go into full time ministry here in the UK on completion.

## Notices

### How much will the course cost?

We have obtained a sponsorship from a congregation in the USA and so all UK students will receive each course for only £5 complete, normally £46 per complete, this is a 2-to-3-year diploma course.

The £5 will be used towards LBI students' events.

### How do I apply?

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**3<sup>rd</sup> – British Bible School quiz night:** a light-hearted, educational Bible quiz hosted by Steve Whitehead, the first Friday of each month from 8.00-9.00 pm. Links to join the quiz can be found on the BBS social media and website: [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com).

**6<sup>th</sup> – British Bible School evening class:** “The Gospel of John” taught by Colin Hinde each Monday, 8.00-9.00 pm. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com).

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Northampton:** British Bible School Study Weekend: “Timothy and Titus”; teachers: Jon Galloway and Jack Paton. All day Saturday and Sunday class and worship. For details see the BBS Facebook page or website: [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com). Contact: Mark Hill ([marks@uwclub.net](mailto:marks@uwclub.net) or 07434 956692).

**4<sup>th</sup> – Great Barr (Birmingham):** “An Evening of Psalms and Prayers”, 7.00-8.30 pm on Zoom (Meeting ID: 879 9050 1513; Password: 484833). Contact: Sola Adeosun ([sola.adeosun@gmail.com](mailto:sola.adeosun@gmail.com))

**11<sup>th</sup> – Great Barr (Birmingham):** “Bible Seminar”. Contact: Sola Adeosun ([sola.adeosun@gmail.com](mailto:sola.adeosun@gmail.com))

**25<sup>th</sup> – Brandon:** Ladies’ Day – “Guarding Our Hearts and Minds. Time: 10.00 am-4.30 pm. Venue: 69 London Road, Brandon IP27 0EL. Contact: [brandonCOCladies@gmail.com](mailto:brandonCOCladies@gmail.com) or Kelsey O’Donovan: 07507 725647.

**25<sup>th</sup> – Livingston:** Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm. Contact: [christianwoman@btinternet.com](mailto:christianwoman@btinternet.com).

**25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Northampton:** British Bible School Study Weekend: “Timothy and Titus”; teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway. All day Saturday and Sunday class and worship. For details see the BBS Facebook page or website: [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com). Contact: Mark Hill ([marks@uwclub.net](mailto:marks@uwclub.net) or 07434 956692).

## April

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – European Annual Bible Lectureship:** “Being Christ-like”. Speakers: Opoku Duah and Everett Chambers. Host: Verona congregation – Via Pasubio 17, Villafranca, Verona, Italy. Contact: 07985 20556.

**28<sup>th</sup> – East Kilbride:** Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm. Contact: [christianwoman@btinternet.com](mailto:christianwoman@btinternet.com).

**28<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> May – Bergeijk, Netherlands:** Challenge Youth Conference for ages 12-25. Contact: Bernie Wells ([BERN.WELLS@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:BERN.WELLS@hotmail.co.uk)).

**29<sup>th</sup> – Kirkcaldy:** Annual Social Day. Speaker: Nick Wilson. Contact: Alan Moyes ([alan.j.moyes@gmail.com](mailto:alan.j.moyes@gmail.com)).

## May

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Hyvots Bank (Edinburgh):** “A Literary & Hymn Pilgrimage: (escorted by Dr Jerry Rushford, professor of church history, Pepperdine University). Venue: St Andrew’s & St George’s West, 13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA, 7.00 pm. Contact: Helen Kerr ([hkerr412@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hkerr412@yahoo.co.uk)).

## July

**23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Camp Tayside.** Location: Douglaswood Scout Camp near Dundee. Contact: Aubrey Boyns ([a.boyns@gmail.com](mailto:a.boyns@gmail.com)).

## August

**5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – British Bible Camp:** EPIC – the Greatest Fish Story Every Told. Location: Lockerley Water Farm, E Tytherley Road, Lockerley, Romsey SO51 0LW. Contact: Jason Snethen (07795 560990 or [Britishbiblecamp@gmail.com](mailto:Britishbiblecamp@gmail.com)).

## October

**30<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> November – British Bible School Autumn Study Week** at Bassenfell Manor. Further details and registration will be on our website soon, but make plans now.



# THE FINAL WORD



## Revival at large

Some of our readers may have heard of the revival meetings at Asbury University, Wilmore, Kentucky. Some may feel it is a work of God and others think it is no more than emotion – either way something special happened.

Revivals are usually thought of as a movement of God that is unexpected, that will move a congregation to confession and repentance, often affecting the people to cry and call upon the Lord. In Asbury, it is said that after a regular Sunday morning worship concluded that the congregation, mainly made up of students, simply sat quietly until they started to continue in praise and prayer. The event then continued day and night. The effect on many was extremely moving. No one knew it would happen, it just did. Times like this

have been known in evangelical worship for many hundreds of years in various ways and places.

So what about us? Is it Biblical? Do churches of Christ do such things?

What I would like to suggest is that every worship service should be special. The faithful Christian will be there before the time to start. Often in revivals the congregation just starts singing before worship quite spontaneously. Christians should be praying for visitors to be in attendance and for their response to the gospel. We need to be praying for the preacher and during his lesson. Singing needs to be unified and joyfully offered. The congregation as a whole must expect to give a blessing to all before trying to receive one. Worship is an amazing time when leaders know what they are doing and lead, praying upward and blessing outwards.

Perhaps you may think this sort of worship is manipulated but many will have gone through times when the worship has thrilled our hearts and we seem to be lifted off our feet.

I just want to keep on singing,

*Revive us again,  
fill each heart with thy love,  
may each soul be rekindled with fire from  
above.*

*Hallelujah, thine the glory!*

*Hallelujah, Amen!*

*Hallelujah, thine the glory!*

*Revive us again!*

Trevor

**Revive Us Again**

William P. Mackay, 1839-1885      John J. Husband, 1760-1825

1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, For Je-sus who  
 2. We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spir-it of light, Who has shown us our  
 3. All glo-ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our  
 4. Re - vive us a-gain, fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be re-

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died and is now gone a - bove.  
 Sav-iour and scat-tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le -  
 sins, and has cleansed ev-ery stain. kin - died with fire from a - bove.

lu - jah! A - men; Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry; Re - vive us a - gain.