

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 planning to work with our family is coming in February 2025.
- Local evangelistic opportunities this month.
- Visitors who came to church and need salvation.
- A young couple in our church just found out they are pregnant.
- "How To Christianity" series we are doing twice on Wednesdays.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
Happy New Year! It has been a relaxing few days at home, but it may have to do with all the snow we got recently. We look forward to letting you know how the past month has gone.

Ministry News

We had a wonderful time singing in the local carehomes and sheltered housing. We got to visit with Graham at the Torry Care Home and encourage him. The administrator asked if we could come back regularly and do a service. We praise the Lord for this opportunity and will be implementing this soon.

We were thankful to see many church folks come out even though some has fallen sick. It was a crazy few weeks of the flu making its rounds. Some were not able to make it to our Christmas men's fellowship because of sickness but those that could come had a good time together.

Even though many of our regular church family were not able to attend, our special Christmas Sunday (21st) and Christmas Eve service had many visitors along with food, music, games, and preaching. The gospel was proclaimed and the kids sang a special series of Christmas Hymns and blessed us with their sweet voices.

A young man in our church is attending the local university and recently spoke with me a couple weeks ago regarding his call to preach. He believes God has given him that desire and is asking prayer for clarity to take that step forward. Pray for the Lord to direct him. Also, please pray for a man that has been in and out of our church the past year. He called me recently and asked to be baptised. He and a few others are ready to be baptised and we are praying for a time and place to get it done. We also want to see immense growth in these lives for God's glory.

We are eagerly anticipating God's plans for us in 2025. We have chosen a theme of "Abide" reminding ourselves that without Jesus we can do nothing.

Family

Sarah had a few weeks of having a virus

then getting the flu and a difficult cough. She is doing much better now.

Madelyn (10) got a bike for Christmas. She'd been asking and was so excited to see it Christmas morning.

Katelyn (8) sang out beautifully during the Christmas play and even provided some hand motions to illustrate. It was great!

Jocelyn (7) lost two teeth within two weeks. She was eager to lose her baby teeth and consistently wiggled them.

Gracelyn (5) doesn't like the snow. She said it is cold, wet, and it doesn't like her. She wants to stay inside where it is warm. She did manage to help me build a snowman, so this might change her perspective.

Richard III (3) wants to be involved in whatever task I am doing. He is quick to get dressed if it requires work outdoors. He is my eager helper.

Oliver is 10 months old now. He is crawling...everywhere. You can set him down in one room and he will make his way across the other end of the house like a cheetah. He also doesn't like to be alone, so he's always looking for his siblings.

Building Project

We are now in the new year and are waiting to hear word from the CofS regarding the sale of the building. They told me that they have a plan to make things move faster, but it only works if the city council goes along with it. We continue to trust God and understand that His way is perfect. Gerrard St Baptist Church has been kind to let us use their building for the time being and have given us space to keep everything. We are praying for God's will to be done. Lord willing, we will be able to purchase and be in our own church building before the missions groups come over this summer.

Closing

We want to thank you for your consistent prayer and support. Thank you for the extra offerings and double support for December. What a blessing you all are to us! We are excited about what the new year holds. God bless!

In Christ,
The Demastus Family