

### Morning Service 10.30am

Date	Subject	Speaker
<b>New series: Walk by faith, not by sight (Studies from Hebrews 11)</b>		
7 Jul AAT Communion	Walk by faith, not by sight: Abel - 11:4	Alistair Mackay
14 Jul IP AAT Mission update	Walk by faith, not by sight: Noah - 11:7	Alistair Purss
21 Jul AAT Communion	Walk by faith, not by sight: Isaac - 11:20	Alistair Purss
28 Jul All Age Talk	<b>DBC Summer Mission ALL AGE SERVICE</b>	Eoghan Paterson & All Age Team
4 Aug	<b>DBC Summer Mission ALL AGE SERVICE</b>	Brian Lowrie & Summer Mission Team
11 Aug IP All Age Talk Communion	Walk by faith, not by sight: Joseph - 11:22	David White
18 Aug	<b>DBC ALL AGE BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE</b>	Alistair Purss & All Age Team
25 Aug Ministry update	Walk by faith, not by sight: Gideon, Barak, Samson & Jephthah - 11:32	Alistair Purss
<b>New series: Counter cultural living (Studies from 1 Peter)</b>		
1 Sept Communion	A counter cultural message for our times 1 - 1:1-2	Alistair Purss
8 Sept IP All Age Talk	Living with hope 2 - 1:3-12	David White
15 Sept Communion	Living in holiness 3 - 1:13 - 2:3	Alistair Purss
22 Sep AAT Min Update	Living stones 4 - 2:4-12	Alistair Purss
29 Sept Communion	Living in true freedom 5 - 2:13-17	Alistair Purss

### Evening Service 6.30pm

Date	Subject	Speaker
<b>New series: Walk by faith, not by sight (Studies from Hebrews 11)</b>		
7 Jul	Walk by faith, not by sight: Enoch - 11:5-6	Alistair Purss
14 Jul Communion	Walk by faith, not by sight: Abraham - 11:8-19	David White
21 Jul	Walk by faith, not by sight: Jacob - 11:21	Eoghan Paterson
28 Jul IP/ Communion	<b>DBC Summer Mission Prayer &amp; Communion Service</b>	Eoghan Paterson
4 Aug Communion	<b>DBC Summer Mission Testimony &amp; Communion Service</b>	Alistair Purss
11 Aug	Walk by faith, not by sight: Moses - 11:23-30	Alistair Purss
18 Aug Communion	Walk by faith, not by sight: Rahab - 11:31	Alistair Purss
25 Aug IP/ Communion	Walk by faith, not by sight: David, Samuel and the prophets - 11:32 - 40	David White
1 Sept	<b>Centre Point</b>	Alistair Purss
<b>New series: Not by bread alone (Studies on Psalm 119)</b>		
8 Sept Communion	Not by bread alone 1 - vs 1-8	Alistair Purss
15 Sept	Not by bread alone 2 - vs 9-16	Alistair Mackay
22 Sept IP/ Communion	Not by bread alone 3 - vs 17-24	David White
29 Sept	Not by bread alone 4 - vs 25-32	Alistair Mackay

All Age Talk /AAT= Service includes an All Age talk  
IP = Service includes an Intercessory Prayer  
Min Update = Ministry Update included in service

### New Series: New series: Walk by faith, not by sight (Studies from Hebrews 11)

In the sidewalks of Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles you will find the 'Walk of Fame'. The walk of fame consists of a series of stars embedded into stone slabs and each star bears the name of a famous celebrity whether they be an actor, producer, director, musician and so on. There are presently 2,783 stars on the walk of fame and it is 1.3 miles long!

Many professional Football or Rugby Clubs will have a 'Hall of Fame' which is either a room within their stadium or a separate building, like a museum, recounting their history, all their famous players, championship and cup wins and replicas of all the trophies they've won. Most golf clubs, bowling clubs and other sporting clubs will have a 'Board of Fame', where the present champions and all past champions have their names written in gold and the year(s) they were champion.

When you read through Hebrews chapter 11 it is a walk, a hall and a board of faith NOT fame! The thing that set these men and women apart was not their fame, or fortune, but their faith in God. Each and every man and woman of faith were ordinary imperfect people like you and me. Each and every one of them struggled with temptation and sin, experienced fear and failure, yet they accomplished amazing things through walking by faith and not by sight.

During the months of July and August as we study the lives of these men and women we will be challenged, encouraged and better equipped by their example to walk by faith, not by sight.

### New series: Counter cultural living (Studies from 1 Peter)

Juan Sanchez in his excellent commentary on Peter's letters says; "The book of 1 Peter could have been written for our times—a time of antagonism toward biblical ethics, and the marginalization of biblical Christians. Into that culture—our culture—Peter speaks of hope and offers joy as he points believers home to heaven".

The Christians that Peter was writing to were scattered in five different parts of the Roman Empire (v1), now modern day Turkey. At that time the Roman Emperor was Nero, and he had a reputation for persecuting and killing Christians as he viewed them as a dangerous sect and a

threat. History tells us that it was Nero who executed the two most prominent Christian leaders in the Christian church, namely Peter and also Paul.

Christian teaching was counter cultural in Peter's time, in regards to leadership and authority both inside and outside the church, honesty and integrity in life and work, loving marriages and healthy family life, morality (especially in regards to sexual practise) and how they were to respond to opposition, pain and suffering. Peter encouraged and exhorted these Christians to live godly and holy lives through being self-controlled in relation to their passions and desires, and to be obedient to Christ and to follow his example.

As one commentator puts it; "This gospel message is at odds with the messages of the world. The way of the cross diametrically opposes the way of this world. Why? Because the very content of the gospel of the cross goes against the grain of culture".

Our counter cultural lives of faith are to be loving, attractive and winsome. Peter teaches us that we are to live such good lives in the world, that though people may accuse us of doing wrong, they may see our good deeds and glorify God (2:11-12). When we contend for the truth of the gospel we must always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give a reason for the hope that we have (3:15-16).

I strongly believe that despite the antagonism toward Biblical ethics and the attempted marginalization of true Bible believing Christians within our culture, particularly by political powers and minority cultural groups, there has never been a greater openness in my life time to the counter cultural message of Christ and his gospel good news. Why? Because Christ alone and his gospel good news give HOPE!

### New series: Not by bread alone (Studies from Psalm 119)

George Wishart was the Episcopalian Bishop of Edinburgh in the 17th Century. History reminds us that he was waiting at the gallows to be executed. When someone was taken to the gallows it was a custom for them to choose a Psalm to be sung. The Psalm Wishart chose was Psalm 119...all 176 verses of it! Before two-thirds of the Psalm was sung, his pardon arrived and his life was saved! Clearly great wisdom comes from knowing

God's Word. It's just as well that George chose the longest Psalm and not the shortest Psalm (117) which only has two verses. Knowing God's Word literally saved his life on this occasion, but he was later martyred for his faith.

Each of the 22 sections of 8 verses begin with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, all 22 of them. This is why Derek Kidner refers to Psalm 119 as "an alphabet of prayers and reflections on the Word of God. When writing about Psalm 119 C S Lewis said this; "This poem is not, and does not pretend to be, a sudden outpouring of the heart... it is a pattern, a thing done like embroidery, stitch by stitch, through long, quiet hours, for love of the subject...". Psalm 119 is literally an 'Encyclopedia Britannica' of God's Word from beginning to end! Don't worry though, we won't be studying the whole Psalm during this series, we will study the first 9 stanzas this year and then study more next year.

I want us to approach this Psalm with the Words of Moses (Deuteronomy 8:1-3) in our minds, which were repeated by Jesus (Matthew 4:4) during his temptation in the wilderness; *"Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. 2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord".*

In the midst of our busyness and activity do we make time to feed our spiritual lives, our very souls on the Word of God? Do we read and study God's Word daily and diligently? Do we expect to meet with the living God through His Word, by His Spirit? None of us can live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God!

### Special Diary Dates

<b>28th July - 4th August</b>	<b>DBC Summer Mission</b>
<b>18th August</b>	<b>All Age Back to School Service</b>
<b>31st August</b>	<b>DCN BBQ @ DBCC 4pm - 7pm</b>
<b>6th October</b>	<b>BMS All Age Harvest Service</b>

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