

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 SU group, church ladies, and nature 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.
- More Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Local evangelistic opportunities this month.
- Visitors who came to church and need salvation.
- Graham Gray in the Torry care home. His son, Bryan, to come to church. Pray for our monthly services to be a blessing.
- Evangelism/relationships at karate lessons.
- 10,000 NT campaign for 2025-2026.
- New ministries and opportunities in the new facility in Westhill.
- Pray for the families of our church to find an easy transition to the new church building.
- Additional church minibus route and driver.
- Special training sessions in January/February.
- Building Dedication in March 2026.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
Happy New Year! This past year has been full of trials and blessings, yet we are thankful for God's provision through it all.

Ministry News

Wow! December has been a busy month! We sang carols in two different Carehomes, the winter gardens at Duthie Park, and had a Christmas Eve service (Candlelight service) for the church and community. No matter how many times we sang those songs, I love the doctrinal truth of the virgin birth and the clear message of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

We had a men's ugly jumper event and a women's Christmas party also. Everyone took breaks from their busy schedules for the month for much needed fellowship. We also had visitors come to each event.

We finished off the month with a Hogmanay service (31st) and saw a host of families come out to join us. A time for testimonies, preaching, food, and games.

Since the move to Westhill, we have seen multiple new families come. Each have returned and shown interest in getting involved in the ministry. Recently, I received an email from a mother and daughter who were looking for a Bible preaching church and wanted to sit down and ask me questions. I'll meet with them this Saturday.

We were snowed in for 11 days since the first of the year and it has made it difficult to make church visits and even have regular services. We ended up using livestream during that time and finally returned to our services on the 11th in-person. We truly enjoyed the snow, but it is so nice to be back to meeting again. I've got a list of visits and around 5,500 NT left to pass out in Westhill. Despite the weather, we were able to relax as a family after a busy month. "The rain falls on the just and the unjust," yet I believe God sent us the snow to help our family reset for the New Year. God is personal and so good to us. We are completing projects little by little at the new premises. We are finding material all over the building and using it to beautify different places in the facility. There is still much to be done, but we will get it done little by little. Continue to pray for our outreach in Westhill and the new families that have been attending.

Family

Sarah has been working hard to set up her first Christian Ladies Retreat in Stirling on September 17th-19th 2026. They have the location booked and many ladies have already signed up to be a part of it. Praying for God's blessings!

Madelyn (11) has been quite the soul-winner this past year. She shares the gospel and invites them to church—and they come! They all happen to be boys her age. Not sure if that is a coincidence or not.

Katelyn (9) enjoyed the 2ft of snow we had earlier this month. From all the shovelling, we managed to build a mound so high they used it for sledding. She also placed second in karate among her 9-11 group. Beating even her own sister. She bragged about that one.

Jocelyn (8) won first place in karate among her age group. The medal meant very little to her compared to all the friends she made that day.

Gracelyn (6) won first place in karate among her age group also. Watching her made me fear for the kids she went up against. Don't mess with a kid who has older siblings.

Richard III (4) has been a difficult 4 year old. We have used every form of discipline, yet Sarah found his weakness—star achievements. We now use removing them as an additional form of correction and it works great. Boys are such simple creatures.

Oliver (2) loved his first observant Christmas. He enjoyed ripping up the wrapping paper and playing with his new toys. He is a car lover and spends his waking hours pushing them around the house...or throwing them at his sisters.

Closing

Another great month and another great year of God's blessings in Aberdeen, Scotland. We want to thank you all for your continued prayer and support for us.

Due to all the excitement, I'm behind on my annual video presentations. My plan is to have one completed and sent out by the next prayer letter. There is so much to be thankful for! God has paved every step of the way for our family and ministry. We have nothing to glory in, but to glory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
The Demastus Family