

THE DEMASTUS FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS IN SCOTLAND

...and how shall they *hear*
without a *preacher?*

Romans 10:14



August

P.O. Box 9
Harrison, TN 37341
(423) 344-5050
Rick Demastus - #1542

Shawnee Baptist Church
2214 Bank St
Louisville, KY 40212
(502) 775-8431
Steve Frost, Pastor

Demastus Residence
8 Whiterashes
Kingswells
Aberdeen (City)
AB15 8QE (Postcode)
United Kingdom
+44 7599 113147

Prayer Request

- Souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled.
- 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 and the Torry care home singspiration.
- Evangelism/relationships at karate & music lessons.
- 10,000 NT campaign for 2025-2026.
- New ministries and opportunities in the new facility in Westhill.
- Mum's toddler book group on Wednesday mornings.
- Bereavement support group on 5th September.
- Church choir's faithfulness
- Neighbourhood Bible Time follow ups and connections.
- Pray for the people in our church who have started discipleship courses.
- Starting a Homeschool Co-op in the church in the fall.
- Barry Webb Ministries on 13-16 September
- Missions Month in September - Without Reserve

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
The Lord gave us a wonderful summer this year! This week will probably be the last week of warm weather then the rain will pour in and cool things down rapidly. Always better to see it in nature than in the church spiritually.

Ministry News

Mr Levi and Mr Nate showed up by bus on the 18th giving us plenty of time to get started for NBT 2026. Unfortunately, Mr Levi got his luggage bag stolen which made day 1 stressful. We got supplies for him, and he ended up getting his bag back at the end of the rally. There always seems to be something each year. Yet, it did not affect the week of Neighbourhood Bible Time! As of our first time with the rally in the new building, we saw 129 enrolled in the week with 38 teens and 91 boosters. After a week of preaching and gospel presentations, we saw 11 souls comes to Christ, 6 received assurance, and 2 dedicated their life to Christian service. Pray for follow up, and the opportunity to see new families join.

Once aspect we recognised in this week was that most did not understand the difference between justification and sanctification. It was great to sit down with them and show them what the Bible teaches. I had the privilege of preaching the awards ceremony. Many came and every seat in the church auditorium was filled. We are thankful for those who took time off work to volunteer for the week and those who traveled in to assist in both day and evening rallies. The evangelist did an excellent job as always, and I'm thankful for their encouragement to our church family that God is still calling young people to ministry. One of the greatest paradoxes of the week, is hearing those volunteers who wore themselves out all week tell me that they were sad it had ended. Their sacrifice is a testament to the joy of serving.

After some rest, we were blessed with a wonderful Sunday. We've had new families visit us each week. We are praying for continual growth both physically and spiritually for ODBC. We started August with our Bereavement Support Group meeting and Torry Care Home Singspiration. Graham had moved to a different side of the building, yet it blessed us with new people to encourage and reach. One lady told us

she was an atheist, but loved singing. She thought we'd tell her to leave, but instead told her she was exactly who we were called to reach. She stayed for the event and heard the gospel clearly both in sermon and personally. She said she plans to join us next time. Pray for her salvation!

We are teaching a course on apologetics right now. It has been great to see people eager to practice it to reach others with the gospel. Next week, I leave for Switzerland to attend the BIMI Field Conference. Pray for safe traveling and for my family and church while I'm away.

Family

Sarah worked hard the past few months to prepare our Church kitchen for a food safety inspection. To open our church for community meals and a food bank, much was required. This last week we got our "Pass" approval sticker.

Madelyn (11) was able to join the teen rally this year. She loved every minute of it. I was surprised to see her desire to return after being crushed underneath the inflatable Big Ball. She just bounced back...

Katelyn (10) won first place in the 8-10 year olds. She memorised 42 verses and won extras goals in the week. It was impressive!

Jocelyn (8) got saved! It was such a sweet time as she was so emotional. After she got saved, I asked her why she was crying. She said, "Dad, these are happy tears."

Gracelyn's (7) loved water day at NBT. Though she didn't want to get wet, she wanted to get other people wet. Including me.

Richard III (5) got to wear a captain's hat while touring Logos Hope in Aberdeen harbour. He made sure to tell me when they came back from the Homeschool Co-op.

Oliver (2) has a new friend that has been coming to church with his mom and grandma for awhile. Anytime we go to church or announce someone is coming over, he asks for "Malakai!"

Closing

Thank you all for your continued prayer and support for us. We love July not only for the weather, but for the opportunity to do local outreach during U.K. school holiday. Pray for fruit to abound more and more.

In Christ,
The Demastus Family