

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 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.
- New ministries and opportunities in the new facility in Westhill.
- Mum's toddler book group on Wednesday mornings.
- Bereavement support group each month
- Church choir's faithfulness
- Neighbourhood Bible Time follow ups and connections.
- Pray for the people in our church who have started discipleship courses.
- Homeschool Co-op at church twice a month.
- Furlough from March 16th-June 15th, 2027. Arriving in Cincinnati, OH.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
Studying Philippians 4 for the umpteenth time reminded me of an important truth: contentment is not choosing our circumstances, but choosing to trust Christ regardless of our circumstances. Both poverty and prosperity can challenge Christian contentment. Though contentment may be a choice, Christ is the source of the strength to make and sustain that choice.

Ministry News

The Webbs did a fantastic job during our missions month. The numbers were not where we had hoped, but thankful for all those who came out and were entertained, inspired, and convicted. Praying for fruit to abound.

We had four more special speakers for the month of September and they did a great job instilling the purpose of missions and the responsibility given to all believers. We anticipate an increase in missions giving this year!

We held a Soul-winning brunch the last Saturday of September and invited the whole church to evangelise Westhill for our upcoming Anniversary Sunday. It was great to see many people come out for that event, and many participating for the first time. We go out as a church multiple times in the week, but this helped introduce evangelism to those who have only been spectators.

Anniversary Sunday was amazing! We heard five individuals give their testimonies, special music, and gospel preaching. The food and fellowship after the service was met with a video presentation showing what God has done through ODBC over the past year, plus the previous seven years. We had many visitors, including a couple who is planning to return.

At the end of the month, we have Nick Maulucci coming for a week with his family. He was the missionary speaker when I was called to preach as a teen. I met him again while in Romania last year, and it was a blessing to reconnect after all these years. Do pray for a blessed time together.

Family

Sarah organised a wonderful Ladies Retreat in Stirling! The speakers were a blessing, and it gave Sarah a chance to connect with so many ladies she wouldn't have otherwise. Before the retreat was over, the ladies were already asking about the dates for next year!

Madelyn (12) enjoyed the camp experience at the ladies retreat. She got to room with her best friend and share stories without the "little children" running around.

Katelyn (10) wrote a poem and recited it at both the Pitcairn and Torry care homes. She forgot her paper at Torry, but still recited it by heart.

Jocelyn (8) has enjoyed learning how to cook with mom. She said it is fun to see how it turns out each time.

Gracelyn (7) enjoyed having Cheryl Webb teach the children's class each evening at the conference. Unsure if she was more interested in the puppet or Miss Cheryl.

Richard III (5) was showing off his skills on his older sibling's bike. He can't rotate the petals yet, but you can tell he felt more mature standing there with the bike.

Oliver (2) got to FaceTime Papa D today. Though Oliver didn't say much, he loved the interaction with someone who called him a big boy.

Furlough 2027

We are beginning to make plans for a short furlough from March 16th-June 15th 2027. During that time, we plan to visit supporting churches and give ministry updates, as well as be with family for my sister's wedding in April. One practical need we are already preparing for is **transportation while stateside**. With our family of eight, we will need an 8-12 passenger vehicle during those four months. We are considering the most economical options, including **borrowing, renting, or purchasing** a vehicle that could be resold at the conclusion of our furlough.

If a church or individual has a suitable vehicle that we could borrow for all or part of our furlough, or would like to give toward helping us secure one, it would be a tremendous blessing to our family.

Please pray with us as we finalise our schedule and prepare for our furlough. If you would like us to come and update the church, please let us know.

Closing

Once again, thank you for your continued prayer and support for us and our ministry. It has been an amazing month and we give all the praise, honour, and glory to God for it.

In Christ,
The Demastus Family