

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our November 2018 prayer / newsletter.

During recent days I have been reflecting upon the term 'morale'. The word captures something about the well - being of an individual or group who share a common purpose and similar hopes and dreams for the future. The term was used very regularly during the recent Invictus games in Sydney. Invictus has a Latin root meaning unconquered or undefeated, the principle was very clearly demonstrated during the games when a competitor in a doubles wheelchair tennis match froze when he heard the sound of a helicopter overhead. His teammate went to him, held him and encouraged him to sing 'Let it go', from the movie Frozen. Slowly he unfroze and they went on to win the match together. This incident painted a beautiful picture of care, compassion, understanding and support, which led me to ponder even more upon the current 'morale' of the Mission congregation. I believe that it is indeed very positive, as we love, support and encourage one another but I also feel that there is a challenge for us to do and to expect much more so that we can raise our morale even higher in the future.

In 1 Samuel 22 we read of David hiding in the cave of Adullam and 'all those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around them and he became their leader, about 400 men were with him'. I believe this is a very special picture of a community with a high morale. David provided acceptance, safety, security, purpose and unity for the group. We are not quite 400 yet but I am persuaded that we do provide the opportunity for people to be loved unconditionally, to be provided with a purpose for life, to experience the blessings of belonging to a community of grace, hope and fullness of life and to engage with a fellowship that sings songs of healing, deliverance and encouragement together. Please continue to pray for our morale to increase and for many more to come to us and to find that as with David 'we tend to attract a crowd that others would rather avoid'.

Our monthly 'Immerse the Mission in Prayer' for the month of November will take place at 7 00 pm on Wednesday 07 November and the monthly City - wide prayer gathering for the month will be held at 7 30 pm in Midsocket Parish Church on Friday 18 November.

Our Mission of the Month for November is Blythswood Care. We always support Blythswood during November because of the Shoe Box appeal. Information leaflets are available about this worthwhile project and it would be good to have your shoe - boxes filled as soon as possible. This year the appeal is celebrating 25 years since the appeal began and now annually delivers around 100,000 boxes to many nations around the world. Please pray for the work of Blythswood who from humble roots continue to carry out a very varied, international and biblical work.

Matters carried over from October that we should continue to pray about;

There have been changes to the City - wide prayer gathering due to the retirement of Hugh Wallace and I'm closely involved with some others regarding the future direction of these important meetings. Things will continue in much the same way for the next couple of months but after that we are praying for guidance as to how best to continue as 'watchmen' for the city and we are encouraged that the Lord Provost is very supportive of what we do and he is also keen that we continue in some way to do this. Please pray about this matter so that we can discern the Lord's will and purpose.

I am always touched by the number of international visitors that appear in the building. The ministries of CAMEO, IBS, the Syrian / Scots, the Students Connect Group and the icafe's attract many to their events, The Sunday morning family services regularly have a considerable percentage of Internationals attending and I receive international visitors to the office frequently. Please pray for this aspect of the Missions witness. Jesus informs us of the blessing and reward of participating in this ministry when he reminds us in Matthew 25 v 35, 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'

Please continue to pray for our October Mission of the Month, Operation Mobilisation, they do an amazing work around the world and we all enjoyed hearing about their worldwide mission a few weeks ago.

Items for your prayers during November;

Sat.	03 Nov 7 00 pm	Christian Singer/Songwriter Steph Macleod will be leading a Praise evening in DCFC.
Tue.	06 Nov 9 30 am 7 00 pm	Donside Pastors and Church leaders Prayer and Intercession meeting. CARE event about parenting in DCFC
Wed.	07 Nov 7 00 pm	Immerse the Mission in prayer for November meeting
Thur.	08 Nov	All day AUCU / UCCF Missions Tour
Fri.	09 Nov 9 00 am	NESGP breakfast in DCFC, Steven and Hector are members of the partnership.
Fri.	09 - 10 Sat. Nov	Global Leadership Summit in KKC
Sun.	11 Nov 11 00 am	Remembrance service, followed by cafe - style service and congregational lunch.
Tue.	13 Nov 7 00 pm 7 30 pm	Deacons meeting Christian Institute meeting about 'families under fire' BCFC.
Fri.	16 Nov 7 30 pm	City - Wide Prayer gathering in Midsocket Parish Church.
Thur.	22 Nov 3 00 pm 7 00 pm	Connect Students Graduation reception icafe Please note that Paddy graduates on this date and Rita will be attending.
Fri.	23 Nov 7 00 pm	Stuart Townend Praise evening in Gilcomston Church. Please note that Stuart is the author of many songs including In Christ Alone.
Mon.	26 Nov 9 am - 1 pm	Study Space during AU exams until...
Fri.	14 Dec	
Thur.	29 Nov 7 00 pm	Trinity Church Christmas Crafts Night.

I was reading Jeremiah 32 this morning and I was thrilled with the promise that the Lord gives in verses 40 + 41 and in conclusion I share them with you in the hope that they will thrill and encourage you too, 'I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them and I will inspire them to fear me so that they will never turn away from me. I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul'.

With warmest blessings on behalf of the Mission Church elders,

Hector

*You're invited!*

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Sunday at 11 am

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