



PORTOBELLO BAPTIST CHURCH

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A Thought

Hello Folks,

It is so good to be at the beginning of a new ministry here at Pontobello Baptist Church.

I would briefly like to bring to you a little thought on "New Beginnings".

New Beginnings bring the very thought of newness, freshness, starting, a clean slate. However in Church life, and especially in ministry, it is very different. Yes, a new minister will bring with them their vision for the church and their passion for the Kingdom, their experience in Christ, but they don't really start a new work, they merely build on the foundations that have been laid.

What are these you may ask?

The faithfulness of those gone on before, past ministers, faithful leaders and members of the church.

In scripture there are many occasions of "New Beginnings"

The Lord gave Adam and Eve a new beginning -- He gave Noah and His family a new beginning -- He gave Abraham a new beginning -- He gave the children of Israel a new beginning -- He gave the twelve disciples a new beginning -- He gave Peter a new beginning -- He gave Paul a new beginning. But the greatest of new beginnings that Jesus gave was on the Cross. We hear these tremendous words, "It is finished" This was the greatest beginning of all time. This time, this beginning was offered to us all. Have you taken up this amazing new beginning? If you have, then let us together work for the Kingdom and the glory of God.

As we work together in Christ let us rejoice and seek out the Lost wherever they may be found, that they also may experience this wonderful "New Life", a new beginning in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians Ch 5 v 17 -- Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

God bless

Rev. Terry Gallagher

THE PULPIT

February	3rd	Rev. Robert Gemmell
	10th	Rev. Alan Berry
	17th	Rev. Robert Gemmell
	24th	Rev. Alan Berry



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	14th	7.00 p.m.	Management Committee
	27th	7.00 p.m.	Annual General Meeting

THE RIGHT BALANCE (POSITIVELY PUT)

Philippians 1:9-11

To be -- a church that preaches the full counsel of God, filling hearts and minds with His freeing (and judicious) revealed truth;

So as to become -- a church that lovingly shows God's truth in shoe leather, strong arms, and unambiguously holy lives.

(by Dan Phillips, <http://teampyro.blogspot.com/>)

BAPTIST UNION OF SCOTLAND PRAYER LINK

You are invited to pray for the following churches in the weeks commencing the dates shown:

February	3rd	Newburgh & New Cumnock
	10th	New Prestwick & Oban
	17th	Paisley, Central & Thomas Coats Memorial
	24th	Peebles & Perth

BUILDING HUTS (by Ray Comfort)

When I was a kid, I loved building huts. My friends and I would build them on the beach, in backyards, and in trees. It was so much fun. But, even as a child I noticed that there was a problem. We would finish the hut, sit inside it and say, "What will we do now?" There was nothing to do after the hut was finished.



As I matured as a human being I found that adults had the same problem. They would build a house, have kids, the kids grow up and leave, the parents find themselves saying, "What will we do now?" It's a simplistic and pessimistic view of life, but it's true. Life, because of its transient nature, is futile. It is chasing the wind.

However, when a person is born again, a door opens. It's the door to the eternal. It banishes the curse of futility. I cannot express the joy that I have in knowing that when I serve God, I am tapping into the eternal: "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

(taken from <http://raycomfortfood.blogspot.com/>)

HYMN QUIZ (The dashes indicate the length of each word)

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| The Dentist's Hymn: | C----- |
| The Weatherman's Hymn: .. | T----- |
| The Contractor's Hymn: | T-----' |
| The Tailor's Hymn: | H---, ---, --- |
| The Golfer's Hymn: | T-----' |
| The Politician's Hymn: | S----- |
| The Optometrist's Hymn: | O----- |
| The Taxman's Hymn: | I----- |
| The Gossip's Hymn: | P--- -- |
| The Electrician's Hymn: | S--- -- |
| The Shopper's Hymn: | S--- -- |
| The Estate Agent's Hymn: | I'-- ---, --- |
| The Doctor's Hymn: | T-- ----- |

(answer's in next months edition)

WHEN I WHINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a girl with golden hair
I looked at her and sighed and wished I was as fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and used a crutch
but as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine
I have two legs, the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy
the lad who sold it had such charm
I talked with him a while, he seemed so very glad
if I were late, it'd do no harm.

And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk to folks like you.
You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue
he stood and watched the others play
he did not know what to do.

I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
And then I knew, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I would know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

(source unknown)

DOOR of HOPE NEWS



Blessings to the friends and family of Door of Hope. We are very excited about the upcoming year and are looking forward to what the Lord will do in and through the Door of Hope.

We ask that you continue to assist us in seeking God's will for the ministry.



God has impressed a Scripture upon the hearts of the leadership and we have committed to praying this verse over the ministry. As many of you know, we have been praying to receive registration as a children's home for some time now. We are so excited to report that it has finally happened and we are now legally allowed to care for 30 babies at our Glenvista home. In addition we will also have our

homes in Berea and Yeoville, enabling us to have legal space for 54 babies and toddlers at any given time.

Proverbs Ch 24 vv 3 -- 4 state that "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge it's rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."