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How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news

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NEWS • TEACHING • ENCOURAGEMENT • LETTERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

		Tues	10.30 a.m.	NO Weekly Hour of Prayer for the month of June
		Wed	7.30 p.m.	Midweek Prayer & Bible Study
June	5th	Tues	8.00 p.m.	Management Meeting
	9th	Sat	11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Cafe Day in aid of BMS World Mission Haiti Appeal “Thirsty”
	9th	Sat	7.30 p.m.	Keith & Kristyn Getty Live in Concert at the Usher Hall

FUTURE SERMON PLAN

June	3rd	Mt. 5:	1-16	– “Don’t hide your happiness”
	10th	Mt. 5:	17-26	– “The cure for conflict”
	17th	Mt. 5:	27-30	– “How to defeat sin’s stronghold”
	24th	Mt. 5:	31-37	– “Who do you answer to?”
July	1st	Mt. 5:	38-48	– “A perfect alternative to revenge”
	8th	Mt. 6:	1-18	– “Hide your holiness”
	15th	Mt. 6:	19-34	– “Don’t worry, be wealthy”

SCOTTISH BAPTIST PRAYER LINK

June	3rd	Rev Carol Campbell (Healthcare Chaplaincy, Clyde Area) Rev Anne Dougall (Chaplain, West Glasgow Hospitals)
	10th	Helensburgh & High Blantyre
	17th	Hillhead & Hillview Community Church
	24th	Hopeman & Inverkeithing

A PASTOR'S THOUGHT

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Mat 5:14-16 NIV

Dear Friends,

In this passage, Jesus speaks of the importance of the visible, credible presence of the Church in the world. Primarily He encourages "good deeds" as a means of witness. These are the keys to open hard, indifferent hearts to the gospel. As people see the shining light of the Church, they glorify God in heaven.

At Portobello we now have a great opportunity to do this with a brand new church frontage, drawing people in to the life of the church. At last week's Church meeting we made a decision to move forward with the planned building work. This will take roughly eight weeks to complete. The work will begin some time very soon. People will see that there is new life happening here. Already we are using the café to reach the community, but this will accelerate as people see "something is happening" at the Church on the High Street. "Let your light shine before others"

Please pray for the Church management team in their meetings with the architect, quantity surveyor, and contractor as we plan the details of the work. Please, also pray for Nick Timmins as he takes his place as the new member of the team. Pray for God's special blessing upon him in his service for Christ.

The key, however is not a clean new church front, but clean, attractive lives which "Cannot be hidden"

Your pastor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Smith', is written below the text 'Your pastor'.

GARDENING SERVICES

“Do you need someone to get your garden into shape? Are you plagued by long grass and out-of-control weeds?”



Then contact Robbie.

He charges very reasonable rates.”
(Andy Scarcliffe)

NEW MANSE

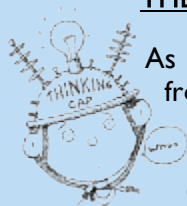


The new Church Manse address is:
1/2, Joppa Station Place,
Edinburgh, EH15 2QU

As Andy & Moira prepare to move in this month, let's thank God for His provision and ask for His guidance in all the aspects surrounding their moving and settling into the Portobello community.

(Taken from Conversations)
(Ewan Sinclair)

THE NAME GAME?



As we progress towards the frontage finally being completed ... and looking forward to opening up the Cafe. Perhaps over the next few months we could prayerfully put our 'thinking caps' on to come up with a name for the Cafe. Jot any and all suggestions on a slip of paper and hand them to either myself, a member of the Management or our Pastor (Andy).

(Ewan Sinclair)

KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY LIVE IN CONCERT



Saturday, 09 June
2012 - 7:30 PM

Keith and Kristyn Getty are recording artists and hymn writers originally from Belfast, now

based in the United States. For more than a decade, the Gettys have remained at the forefront of the modern hymn movement. Keith has co-written hymns such as *In Christ Alone*, *The Power of the Cross* and *By Faith*. Their hymns continue to be sung around the world, crossing multiple musical genres. The Scottish leg of their tour features special guests Stuart Townend and the New Scottish Choir and Orchestra. Join us

for a joyful night of worship and celebration through music and song.

Tickets (priced £20, £17, £15 & £12 - ltd concessions available) available from the Usher Hall Box Office or online via the following link:

<https://www.tickets.usherhall.co.uk/public/hall.asp>

GREAT QUOTES with Kirk

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself ... but thinking of yourself less."

~ C. S. Lewis

"Have you ever tried to cultivate personal humility by telling yourself how unworthy you are or how over-blessed you have been, only to realize, all that time, you have been thinking only of yourself? I have a friend named Mark. He is one of my favourite people on the planet. I think one of his most attractive characteristics is his uncommon ability to make much of others. During conversations, he naturally fades into the background and accentuates the accomplishments, virtues, and interests of others. When in the company of friends or strangers, he doesn't think poorly of himself, he simply doesn't think of himself. Everyone wants to talk to Mark. And because of his others-focus, his words have great impact on them. I aspire to this kind of humility. I hope one day I will have this



kind of selflessness. See ... there I go thinking about myself again!

~ Kirk Cameron

FROM THE FRONTLINE OF PERSECUTION

News Summaries



*Victims of
Explosion in Israel
Lament Plea
Agreement*

JERUSALEM, May
31 (CDN) — A

Messianic Jewish congregation leader whose son was almost killed by a bomb planted by an ultra-right wing Jew said he feels like the Israeli criminal justice system has abandoned him. On Monday (May 28), the Jerusalem District Court approved a plea agreement for the man accused of bombing pastor David Ortiz's home, Jack Teitel, without consulting Ortiz or his attorneys, Ortiz said. The plea agreement is unique in that the court said Teitel committed the acts, but it did not hold him responsible for committing them. Ortiz, leader of the Congregation of Ariel, said the prosecutor's office has also consistently misled his attorneys about basic information on important court filings for the case. Teitel has multiple charges against him for several acts of violence, including two killings, but prosecutors in Ortiz's case have sidelined or deliberately avoided him,

Ortiz said. The Ortiz family opposes any plea bargain. The prosecutor that is supposed to be protecting Ortiz's interests is neglecting his duty, he added. "He doesn't want to be seen protecting Christians," Ortiz said. "It doesn't benefit him in society."

*India Briefs:
Recent Incidents of
Persecution*



Tamil Nadu, India,
May 31 (CDN) —
On April 30 in
Banglawmedu, state
police cancelled a Bible study after Hindu extremists from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) disrupted the meeting, roughed up those present and ordered them to cease alleged forceful conversion. The Global Council of Indian Christians (GCIC) reported that pastor V. Neethirajan of The Church of God Ministry was leading the three-day study. Holding their party flag aloft, the extremists shouted, "Don't convert Hindus to Christianity," and, "We won't allow it," and threatened to attack again if they continued the study, according to the GCIC. The pastor and other Christians went to a nearby police station and filed a complaint against the BJP members. Police issued a warning to the extremists, but then ordered the Christians to cancel the remainder of their Bible study meeting.