

UNITED FREE CHURCH
of SCOTLAND

A photograph of a person standing on a rocky mountain peak at sunset. The person is seen from the side, wearing a striped sweater and jeans, with their right fist raised in the air. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with mountains under a warm, orange and yellow sky.

EVEN GREATER THINGS...

IMAGINING A DIFFERENT FUTURE

DUNBLANE HIGH SCHOOL / SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST / 10AM - 4.00PM



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I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14.12

Jesus said that his followers would do 'even greater things..' but what does that mean for his followers today and what do we imagine him doing in and through his Church today? Do we limit Him?

The event will begin with an opening session from 10.00 - 11.00. We are delighted that Alastair Duncan, Minister of St George's Tron Church in Glasgow is the main speaker and he will help us reflect on what Jesus is saying both to individuals and to the Church. This session will also include praise & worship and other input.

Following this there will be a series of workshops from 11.15 - 12.15 and which will be repeated from 1.45 - 2.45. The lunchbreak is extended to include time for a new

optional activity, 'Good News Market Place', when in 2 series of 20 minute sessions there will be an opportunity to hear about a range of things going on in various UF churches. Finally we have the closing Celebration from 3.15 - 4.00 with an opportunity to reflect on the day and on next steps.

There will again be a display of books and other resources available for sale (provided by Faith Mission Bookshops). Also there be a display by a number of Christian agencies giving information on their work in Scotland and around the world and how we can engage with them.

We meet in Dunblane High School, with bright, modern, spacious facilities mostly on one level and with a lift to the upper floor.

Dunblane High School - Saturday 25th August, 10.00am - 4.00pm



PROGRAMME INFO

Timetable

From 9.30am	Arrival & Registration (tea & coffee available)
10am - 11.00am	Opening Session
11.15am - 12.15pm	Workshops 1
12.15pm - 1.45pm	Lunch & Good News Market Place
1.45pm - 2.45pm	Workshops 2
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Tea Break
3.15pm - 4.00pm	Closing Celebration

Cost

Adults: £12

School aged children & unwaged young people: £2

Pre-school children: Free

Cheques payable to: **United Free Church of Scotland**
should be enclosed with bookings.

Crèche

There will be a crèche for pre-school children run by experienced leaders. **It is essential that places are booked in advance** to ensure we comply with Safeguarding requirements.

Children

There will be a separate programme for children in P1 - 6 although they may join in parts of the main session at the beginning and end of the day. **Please book in advance.**



Spark - at the Dunblane Day!

For those who are starting P7 through to S6, we offer a chance to meet other young people at Dunblane. With a range of zones reflecting the format of the regular SPARK events. Featuring the **chill out zone** with table top activities and informal conversation, the **gaming zone** with a console and chance to test your skills with others in friendly competition, the **active zone** (weather permitting) will offer something for those who like to be more physically active too.

We will also share all together in the **reflective zone** as we explore something from God's Word and seek to apply it to our own lives and we will

provide some drinks and snacks too. Please sign up to join us on the day during the workshop/seminar times - you can stay with us during lunchtime too if you like. Please remember to bring your own lunch tho'!

Venue

The event will be held in Dunblane High School which is close to the M9 & A9 and is convenient for those travelling from different parts of Scotland. A map will be sent when bookings are acknowledged.

Food

You are asked to bring your own lunch - tea, coffee and juice will be available.

Booking Form

Please complete the booking form and return it by Friday 17th August to:

**United Free Church,
11 Newton Place,
Glasgow G3 7PR**

(Remember to include the names of children and young people - on a separate sheet if necessary.)

WORKSHOPS

1: Playlist for Life

led by Andy Lowndes, Deputy Chair/ 'The Music Detective of Playlist for Life.'

This workshop will demonstrate the power of personally meaningful music to those living with or caring for someone living with dementia. Participants will explore the development of music detective skills and how their own churches could become Playlist for Life Help Points.

2: Generosity & Giving

Led by Fiona Mearns, Training & Events Coordinator, Stewardship.

Jesus spoke a great deal about money. He knew that how we handle money and our practice of generosity either helps us or gets in the way of the abundant life he longs to give. So how do we tackle some of the attitudes and behaviours around money which get in the way and start to live more generous lives? Based on the small group studies from Seasons of Giving, this session aims to look at the influences which shape our 'money story', think about the resources God has put in our hands and consider how we can best use them to serve Him.

3: Godly Play

Led by Alex Mackenzie, a Godly Play Trainer from Edinburgh.

Godly Play is an imaginative, multi-sensory, approach to Christian education, an approach that helps children - of all ages - discover who God is for themselves. Through story, wondering and response, it equips children with the knowledge, language and tools to understand and to develop their own relationship with God.

This is a chance to experience a story, to wonder, to ask questions & to find out a little about Godly Play.

4: Transgender(Ism)

led by Ian Lloyd, Minister of Torry UF Church, Aberdeen & Convener of the UF Panel on Doctrine.

Transgender(ism) is a word and theme which has burst onto the scene. What is it? What is gender fluidity? How do I understand what's going on and why? How do I respond - in home, in school, in public policy? This workshop is intended to provide an introductory guide through the subject and provide some basic equipping to explain a Christian view of who we are as human beings. Come with your questions - we don't guarantee answers, but we'll try to help us think it through.

5: Re-Thinking Culture, God's story & young people

Led by Sandra Blair, Youth for Christ Local Ministries Development Manager in Scotland.

We are living with a generation of young people who have never known the world without the internet, social media, being so digitally connected but yet a generation that struggles with loneliness, depression, anxiety and a fear of the future. They are a generation who seek to make their families proud of them and want to engage with ideas & beliefs that people have helped them see how/why it makes sense.

In this interactive session, we'll be spending some time exploring some of the findings in recent research about youth culture, influences, priorities and how they see religion and faith. We will have time for discussion, questions and consider how we best engage this generation with God's gospel story.

There is a choice of **10 Workshops** which will take place from **11.15am - 12.15pm** and again from **1.45pm - 2.45pm** so that you will be able to attend two workshops.

6: Hearing God's call - Reflective prayer

Led by Heather Macdonald of the Community of Aidan and Hilda, Lindisfarne and a member of Cathcart Trinity Church, Glasgow.

"Even greater things...Imagining a different future" Time and space to be still... and to listen to God... and to one another... An opportunity to listen and reflect on how God might be leading you.

7: Sharing Faith 2

Led by Wilma Pearson who serves at Cathcart UF & is also Associate Minister of Cathcart Trinity Church.

Sharing faith 2 - oops too! Just like the film industry last year's "Sharing faith" has a sequel! "Sharing faith too" suggests there are others already involved. We can learn from one another and be inspired to give it a go - or try again if our enthusiasm has waned. The reason is clear: "Go and make disciples." "Let your light shine so people see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." "If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

8: Bible Study

Led by David Miller, Minister of Millerston UF.

The challenge of unity and truth: The Bible is full of commands and exhortations towards unity among believers - perhaps because it's something that doesn't come naturally to us, or because it's something we're not very good at. The Bible also contains lots of calls for us to hold onto the truth of the Gospel. Part of the reason why attaining or maintaining unity is difficult is because the call to unity can hard to put into practice when it seems to conflict with the call to hold onto truth. How do we resolve this apparent tension? This study will try to provide some pointers to a way forward.

9: Workplace Chaplaincy

Led by Iain McFadzean, Chief Executive of Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland

What if we found ourselves in a place where no-one understood anything of theology or the language we commonly use to express our faith? What if we found the resources to fund worshiping communities of like-minded people meeting in purpose-built buildings, stretched to the point of exhaustion? Would the church cease to exist, would the gospel no longer be heard, would the evidence of the love of God cease to witness to those created in His image? OR would we find a way to translate our faith, our beliefs, our worship that would ensure the Lord's song continues to be heard in this strange land?

10: Community Engagement

Led by Peter Collison, Pastor of Findlay Church, Glasgow.

We long to see the gospel transform our communities and God's kingdom come in the corner of the vineyard God has placed us. But how? Sharing honestly from his own experience at Findlay Church, of the mistakes and successes, come along to this seminar to explore biblical and practical principles followed by a time of discussion about how you can apply these in your context.

CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOPS

Choose 2 workshops & indicate a 3rd alternative - please mark '1', '2', '3'
The same programme will run morning and afternoon.

1: Playlist for Life

2: Generosity & Giving

3: Godly Play

4: Transgender(ism)

5: Re-Thinking Culture, God's story & young people

6: Hearing God's call - Reflective prayer

7: Sharing Faith 2

8: Bible Study

9: A Ministry of Translation

10: Engaging with our Communities

BOOKING FORM

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One name per form please. Please photocopy for additional registrations.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other:

Surname:

First Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Church:

If under 18 please give date of birth:

If necessary, please include on a separate sheet the names of any who will be attending the crèche, children's or teenage programme.

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I enclose cheque for £ payable to 'United Free Church of Scotland'.

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Data Protection: We would like to send you information about next year's event by post or email - please tick this box if you are happy for us to retain your details for this purpose.

PLEASE SELECT THE WORKSHOPS YOU WISH TO ATTEND OVERLEAF