

Focus on Fetteresso

A large congregation attended morning service on Sunday, with a corresponding size of response to Blythwood Care's "Buckets of Love" collection for the annual harvest appeal. The household essentials gathered will be taken overseas by Blythwood to needy families worldwide.

David Platt from Newtonhill led the service, to which he had brought his own box, which he attempted to fill for his own use. He very quickly realised that it was far better to share with others!

Keith Stewart read the lessons from Deutoronomy 24 and Luke 12.

David pointed out that possessions and wealth can be divisive, and bring out the worst in us. Jesus warns us about greed, and how the pursuit of wealth can conflict with our spiritual growth when we put self-interest before care for others. We are told to love God first, and our neighbour second (and ourselves last). Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Jesus promises us peace, love and undeserved grace.

Keith Stewart led the worship group at the evening service, at which Dr Helen Brannam gave an illustrated talk about her two years at a 30-bed hospital in Bollobphur, Bangladesh, which dealt primarily with expectant mothers and the elderly. The hospital came under the auspices of the church in Bangladesh, with sourcing arsenic-free water being a major concern. Helen asked for prayer for the ongoing church work; Bangladesh's political system; other mission partners; recovery from the devastation caused by a cyclone over a year ago; and for guidance for the next placement in her own mission work.