



## **Scottish Thanksgiving - "Let's do this again!"**

As much as we love Scotland, we do miss things from home and a family Thanksgiving meal topped the list. We resolved to do an American-style Thanksgiving and began asking friends and neighbors if they would like to join us. We got about 1/5 of the way through our list and got ZERO "no's". The house was full and we still had a couple dozen more to ask! So we changed the venue to the church. On November 24th at 5:30 pm, 42 people showed up to enjoy FOUR turkeys, ham, sweet potato casserole, mashed taters & gravy, green bean casserole with little onion sprinklies, homemade dressing, pumpkin and pecan pies, plus potluck contributions from Scotland and Holland! I did a 30-minute presentation on the history of the Separatist pilgrims and their first thanksgiving. It was wonderful to tell of God's providence - all of the parts of Thanksgiving that get left out in our schools. Everyone said they can't wait until next year!! I think we have a new tradition in the Elgin Free Church.



Church family, neighbors, and friends enjoy a traditional American Thanksgiving.



Our newest American Thanksgiving fan.

Hot on the heels of Thanksgiving we put on a Christmas program for three of the local primary schools. We had almost 250 students in Elgin - and another 40+ in Burghead. It was a delightful time to share "what Christians believe about Christmas" in an engaging and memorable way.

**Dr. Who at the museum - from Creation to the Cross, with a special look at the Nativity.**

## Incorporated a Dr. Who theme and museum.



Sheryl teaches the wee ones a craft.



I was also a Magi. The available wardrobe was not ideal, but we made do.

It may seem corny, but we kept their attention and faithfully told the gospel story: from Creation to the Cross and beyond. Every aspect of the nativity

story was faithfully and factually told and reinforced with singing and hands-on crafts. Three of the students were Muslim and one of them told Peter, "This was really fun." Jesus is contagious!

## **Thank you for your prayers.**

I suppose I shouldn't be so flabbergasted. We asked you all to pray for this ministry and it's clear you did! **One** school participated in our Harvest program in October. **Three** schools participated in our Christmas Event this month! And Peter and I had a meeting with the Head Teacher (what we would call the Principal) at a fourth school. She is VERY excited to begin participating. God is answering your prayers. Thank you so VERY MUCH!

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While we're speaking of the fourth school, I mentioned to the Head Teacher that my wife was an experienced teacher and could she use any volunteer help in the classroom? Her eyes LIT UP and she said, "Please, please have her get in contact with me!" Sheryl reached out the next day and they have an appointment this week. Please pray for this contact, that Sheryl would be able to help according to her gifting and that God would use this to make many contacts for His kingdom!

## **And don't forget social media.**

Many of you have already connected with us on Facebook and YouTube. Thank you!!

Below are the links to our Facebook, YouTube, and our website. You can listen to sermons and whole services on the Elgin Free Church Facebook page or on the Burghead & Elgin Free Church YouTube channel. We also

put as much as we can on the Elgin Free Church website. Like, subscribe, ring the bell... you know the drill.



## **Prayers and praises**

We're grateful and want to thank you all for your prayers and financial support. And while we're speaking of prayers, can I mention:

### **PRAISES:**

- For a wonderful time of outreach and connecting to the local schools in Elgin.
- For the on-going ministry to students in Burghead.
- For divine conversation opportunities with our neighbors and pray for more.
- For the contact we made with a 4th primary school in Elgin.

### **PRAYERS -**

- Pray for Sheryl to make good connections as a volunteer in a school in Elgin.
- Pray that the hunger of the students for the Word would be contagious and grow in their families.
- Pray for Sheryl's meeting with the Head Teacher this week (December 8th). Pray that Sheryl would be able to use her gifting to bring glory to God in this school.

We reiterate a deep and sincere thank you to those of you who are partnering with us financially and in prayer. If you've been meaning to join us financially and haven't had the chance... here it is.

[To partner financially with Brian and Sheryl, click here.](#)

And of course if you have any questions, please contact us at [broby79@outlook.com](mailto:broby79@outlook.com).