First Presbyterian Church of Orlando

Arise and Build Church Planting and Presbyterian History Tour

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Hosted by Rev. Dr. Case Thorp

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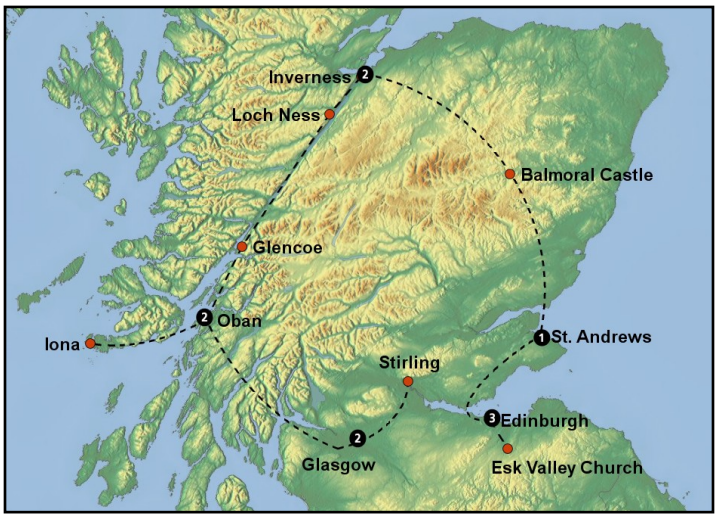

From the new work God is doing in Scotland today to the historic roots of what He did via Presbyterianism, we will see it all! I look forward to being with you for this Arise and Build Church Planting & Presbyterian History Tour as we spend time with the Esk Valley Church, their mother church, St Colomba's, and pastors Tom Muir and Derek Lamont. After great fellowship together, our team embarks on a tour of our historical and religious roots as Presbyterians. Of course, golf, Scotch, and sheep along the way! The best Scotland has to offer! -the Rev. Dr. Case Thorp, First Presbyterian Church of Orlando .

IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

Day 1: Friday, May 11, 2018: Departure
We will depart from Orlando today on our international flights to Edinburgh, Scotland. **(IF)**

Day 2: Saturday, May 12, 2018: Edinburgh
On arrival in Edinburgh, we will meet our Scottish tour director and board our air-conditioned bus. We will begin our time in Scotland with a bus orientation tour of Edinburgh, viewing the sites that we will see in more detail during the tour. We will then check-in to our hotel and the afternoon is at leisure to explore. We will meet our friends from Esk Valley Church and dine with them this evening. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Sunday, May 3, 2018: Edinburgh
We will worship at Esk Valley Church this morning, which is held in the Mining Museum in the village of Newtongrange, just south of Edinburgh. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the Mining Museum or return to Edinburgh. We will attend Evensong at St. Columba's Church in Edinburgh this evening and enjoy a fellowship meal after the service. **(B/L/D)**

Day 4: Monday, May 14, 2018: Edinburgh
After a relaxed breakfast, Paul & Isolde James-Griffiths will take us on a Reformation-themed walking tour including the John Knox House, Greyfriar's Church, Magdalene Chapel and the Royal Mile. Our guide will tell us about the Reformation in Edinburgh: John Knox, the Covenanters and how the saints stood strong for Jesus and true doctrine. Our tour of Edinburgh Castle will include tiny St. Margaret's Chapel, which dates back to the 1100s. We will also visit the royal palace of Holyrood where in 1561 John Knox had discussions about Christianity with Mary Queen of Scots. We will have free time to explore on our own this evening. **(B)**

Day 5: Tuesday, May 15, 2018: St. Andrews
Today's day trip is to St. Andrews, a spiritual center in Scotland for centuries. During the Reformation, St. Andrews University was third in significance after Oxford and Cambridge. In the now ruined castle, we will see the Bottle Dungeon where George Wishart was imprisoned before being burned at the stake, and pause at his martyrdom site, also remembering fellow martyr Patrick Hamilton. St. Andrews Cathedral was once the largest church in Scotland, but fell into ruin after John Knox's sermon, which was inspired by Wishart's martyrdom. We'll see a monument to Robert the Bruce, the first king to unite the Scottish people and the wide sandy beach made famous in the film Chariots of Fire.

(We can arrange an early-morning transfer for golfers this morning, who can play first, then join the tour). We will dine in Edinburgh this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Wednesday, May 16, 2018: Balmoral, Inverness
Balmoral Castle, nestled in the Cairngorms National Park, has been the Scottish home of the Royal Family for over 150 years. We will tour the grounds, gardens and exhibitions, followed by free time to visit the café and gift shop. We will then continue on to our hotel in Inverness. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Thursday, May 17, 2018: Loch Ness, Inverness
This morning we will enjoy the Highlands of Scotland, including a one hour cruise on Loch Ness. At the end of our cruise, we will tour Urquhart Castle. Steeped in national heritage and history, the Trossachs is home to some of the most influential and quintessentially Scottish icons of all time such as Rob Roy MacGregor and Sir Walter Scott. The rest of the day is at leisure. Options including golf, visiting a kilt maker, or exploring Inverness. We will enjoy some traditional Scottish food and music this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Friday, May 18, 2018: Glencoe, Oban
On our way south, we will spend some time in Glencoe, where the massacre took place on February 13, 1692. The visitor center includes a 15 minute video presentation explaining what led up to the sad events. Scotland is famous for its whisky and we will take a tour of Oban's distillery, which includes a taste of their famous single malt with some crystallized ginger. We will dine in our hotel in Oban this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Saturday, May 19, 2018: Iona, Oban
This morning we will board a ferry to the Isle of Mull, then take another short foot passenger ferry from Fionnport to St Columba's Island of Iona. Iona, the site of the first Christian settlement of Scotland, has been known as a place of spiritual power for centuries. It was founded in 563 by St. Columba (521-97) and was a leading center for Christian scholarship throughout Europe. Iona Abbey dates back to the 11th Century. We will return to Oban for dinner and overnight. **(B)**

Day 10: Sunday, May 20, 2018: Oban, Loch Lomond, Glasgow
The morning is free to either attend church in Oban or relax in the harbor. We will have an afternoon stop in Loch Lomond on our way to Glasgow. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 11: Monday, May 21, 2018: Stirling, Glasgow
We will have breakfast in the hotel, then board the bus for nearby Stirling. We'll tour the magnificent Stirling Castle, where James VI was educated by Scottish Reformer George Buchanan. Nearby is the Church of the Holy Rude, once a royal cathedral where John Knox preached for James VI baptism in 1566. On our return to Glasgow, we will tour St. Mungo's Cathedral, which was founded by David I on the site of an earlier church. In the chapter house we will see the graves of nine Covenanters who lost their lives in 1645 for being Presbyterian. The afternoon is free to relax, shop, or maybe browse the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art. Our Farewell Meal will be at a restaurant serving traditional Scottish food.

Day 11: Tuesday, May 22, 2018: Return
We will transfer to the airport this morning, to return to the USA. **(B/IF)**

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