

to prisoners and staff through the year, “every copy goes”, said Bob. We wish him well on this important ministry.

I have managed to speak at three Presbyteries since the New Year (Sutherland, Inverness and Glasgow) and one Church Sabbath Committee about the issues surrounding the Lords’ day–Sabbath and the work of Day One Christian Ministries in Scotland. I was courteously received by the Brethren and answered their questions. I was able to leave Day One Magazines and copies of my Sabbath booklet “Why is Sunday Special?”

In March I was the guest on the “Revival Radio” Family Program where I was interviewed on the work of Day One and asked about my Christian testimony. The station broadcasts from Cumbernauld and is heard across the Scottish central belt. Rev Frank Hartley and Jean Frew were the co-hosts for that program.



Visit our Scottish web site [www.dayonescotland.org](http://www.dayonescotland.org) for my latest blog and to find sermons, booklets, tracts, DVD’s, etc., all upholding the Christian Lord’s day-Sabbath in today’s world. Pray for doors to open as we seek to reach Fraternals, Bible Colleges and Seminaries as well as the local churches with the important message of the Christian Sabbath (Col. 4:2-4).



An Appeal leaflet can be downloaded from the *Scottish* Day One web site at [www.dayonescotland.org](http://www.dayonescotland.org) or write to the Leominster office for a copy.

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## Scottish Update

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## Scottish Parliament closes on Sundays



The Parliament in Holyrood has been closed to visitors on Sundays from the beginning of February 2008. It will receive thousands of people a week but only about 400 on the Lord’s day and this has led to the decision to close it off to tourists. It is estimated

that the closure would save around £100,000 every year. This action by the Scottish government highlights once again that money and not conviction or principle rules the way our secular society is run. Gone are the days when the Word of God governed the Scottish conscience and the hearts of its people were hungry after righteousness. Our Saviour said, “you cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24). So when visiting the Scottish Parliament one needs to remember that it is “Closed Sundays”. Here is recognition by the Scottish legislators that Sunday desecration does not pay. This should be a lesson for the Western Isle Council and CalMac. If Lords day ferries are introduced then local Council overheads and costs will rise – extra Police, Utilities (water, electricity and gas etc), Nurses, Doctors, Dockers and Council Workers etc., will be required, resulting in an expected increase in the Council Tax.

## What does Scotland need the most?

Does Scotland need to witness to the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ? How can the churches do this more effectively? What does Scotland need the most when it comes to eternal matters? How can Christians help? These are some of the questions constantly before me as I fulfil the ministry of Day One Scottish Secretary. Over the last 18 months I have come into contact with many who love the Lord and His day. These friends of the Christian Sabbath pray for Scotland and its spiritual needs and are fully supportive of the work of the LDOS with no wish to see it diminish. They pray that the work will increase and bear fruit to the glory of Christ because Scotland needs to hear the gospel. No part of the Gospel is more important than the resurrection and no message is more full of the resurrection than the doctrine of the Christian Sabbath or Lord's day. This is because on the first day of the week Christ rose from the dead (John 20:1) and consequently it was on the first day of the week that the churches gathered for worship both in Jerusalem and among the Gentiles (John 20:26; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:10) bearing public witness to its risen Lord. This reality must be emphasised over against the spurious claim that it was the Roman Emperor Constantine I who changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday/ Lord's Day in 325 AD.



The Lord's Day Observance Society constantly proclaims this neglected part of the Gospel. This is our *raison d'être*. Please continue to help us to do this by supporting our efforts to remind the churches of these things, and to teach the next generation the utter importance of the resurrection message as it connects, not only to salvation, but also to sanctification.

## Sunday Ferries

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January this year I met with a delegation in Holyrood comprising members of the Lewis Branch of the Lord's Day Observance Society and Western Isles Councillors who were scheduled to meet the SNP Minister of Transport, Stewart Stevenson,

regarding the CalMac proposal to introduce Sunday ferry services between Stornoway-Ullapool. The delegation had an hour-long meeting at the Scottish Parliament with the Minister. In addition to presenting him with a petition signed by almost 4,000 people - part of the branch's 'Save Our Sabbath' campaign - they urged him to veto any plans by the Government-owned ferry company Caledonian MacBrayne to introduce Sunday ferry services. After hearing their submissions the Minister told the delegation, 'the issue has not been prejudged by me. I will look at it objectively if and when I have to make a decision.' He said it had been a very useful meeting and it had brought him much closer to the issue. The Rev Andrew Coghill, spokesman for the Lewis Branch of the LDOS, told Mr Stevenson that CalMac in the past had not appeared to feel obliged to follow community feelings on the Sunday ferry issues and referred to the Sound of Harris Sunday ferry service. He described that occasion as 'an abuse of the democratic process.' He added: 'we were greatly encouraged by the fair hearing given to us by the Minister.' Councillor Charlie Nicolson told the Minister that Sunday ferries would be a challenge to their Christian principles saying, 'we believe that Sunday ferries would be a catalyst for other businesses to open on the Lord's Day.' He asked the Minister for his support for their cause, as it was part of his remit to take into consideration the sensitivities of any community where CalMac provided services. The issue is due to come before the Caledonian MacBrayne Board at their next meeting. It is estimated that it would take £750,000 extra to run a Sunday ferry. Stewart Stevenson is not minded to support the move as long as the Western Isles Council is against it. The opposition, not content with this, have petitioned the Holyrood Parliament on the issue.



## Spreading the Word



The Rev Bob Akroyd, Assistant Minister in Buccleuch and Greyfriars Free Church, Edinburgh is also an Prison Chaplain at HMP Saughton Prison (Edinburgh). I was very encouraged to learn from him that he and the other chaplains receive and distribute 1,700 copies of our Scripture Text Diaries