

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

5th Apr	AM/PM: Pastor J Byers
12th Apr	AM/PM: Pastor D Scott
19th Apr	AM/PM: Pastor D Scott
26th Apr	AM/PM: Pastor B Jones

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

Meetings to be held in April are as follows:

- Sunday 12th April @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home— Paul Moore speaking
- Sunday 26th April @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home— Gareth Rainey speaking

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

YF Outing to We Are Vertigo—Saturday 11th April (time to be advised) Cost £12 plus money for food. Please speak to Rebekah Carson as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

YF Weekend

Venue: Seaview CEF Centre Kilkeel

Dates: 17th to 19th April

Speaker: Pastor George McConnell (Kilkeel Baptist)

Please complete and return your consent forms as soon as possible along with payment of £45.

Young people P7 and above are welcome.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 28th April 2015 at 8.00pm** for our annual Ladies Rally. The speaker at this special meeting will be **Crystal McLaughlin**.

A cup of tea will be served following the meeting and all are welcome.

Please plan to attend and invite a friend to come with you.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	5th	12th	19th	26th
DOOR DUTY	Group E: B Carson *, T McCormick *, D Anderson, D Lowden, J McClelland * <i>deacon in charge</i>			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Paul Gillian	Karen Rebekah	Beverley Genelle	David Jeanete
FLOWERS	Sharon Shaw	Sharon Shaw	Gillian Moore	Gillian Moore
RECORDING	Raymond	Gary	Ed	Johnny

SYMPATHIES

We extend our deepest sympathies to several members of our congregation who have lost loved ones recently. To Tom Shields on the death of his brother, to Mae Glover on the death of her mother and to Esther on the death of her grandfather. Please be assured of our prayers at this time of mourning.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

What does God think of me?

Read Galatians 4:5-7

Zephania 3:17 *"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."* And Zechariah 2:8b says *"...for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye"*.

There are many more scriptures in the Bible that tell us what God thinks of us, and what He can do in and through us. He sees you as a person with worth, a person who will go far in life and accomplish much for Him. He has given you a gift to develop and use for His glory. God thinks the world of you—so much that He died for you. You are that important to Him. Maybe you could find some more scriptures that speak of our worth to God and His love for us.

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The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £168,075.

Details of items to appear in the bulletin must be given to Karen not later than the second

Sunday in the month for inclusion in the next month's edition

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Monthly Bulletin



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Matthew 28: 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**Sunday
Services:
11.30am
& 7pm**

**Sunday
Sch: 10.30am
Searchers:
Wed 6.45pm**

**Bible Study
& Prayer
Meeting
Wed 8pm**

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



‘Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you’ 1Peter 5:7

Peter is writing here to those who are suffering many things because of their association with the Lord Jesus. Their cares were many and the Apostle Peter encourages them to cast them all upon the Lord. What a release and relief is experienced when a heavy burden is laid down and another person takes up the burden for us. When something is cast it is necessary to let it go. If we hold on to it then naturally it remains with us. The Word of God reveals many reasons why we should cast all our care upon the Lord. Here are just three of them.

HE KNOWS THEM ALL

He is our creator and no one knows us better than the Lord. The Psalmist David was conscious of this wonderful truth: Ps 139: 1-3 **O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and know me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.** The Lord knows us intimately and individually. What may be a light burden for one may be too heavy for another to bear but the Lord knows us and all our cares. He understandest our thoughts afar off. Here is something that only the creator could know. Very often care and anxiety is built up in the mind where no one but the Lord can see. No one else is aware of the intense private grief and sorrow that is hidden there.

The Lord is acquainted with ‘all our ways’ not just some of them. He knows the whole story. He sees from the beginning to the end for He is the Alpha and Omega. The Lord is not forgetful of our restraints, Psalm 103:14 **For He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust.** Others may offer sympathy and advice but the Lord knows and can supply what we lack and what we stand in need of, Matthew 6:32 **Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.** When the apostles came to the Lord, after the death of John the Baptist, they told Him all things, both what they had done, and taught. The Lord’s response is most interesting and gracious for He knew what they needed, **And He said unto them, “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while:” for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat** Mark 6:31. He is supremely qualified to carry our every care for He is our maker and knows what troubles our hearts.

HE IS ABLE TO CARRY THEM

We can cast all our care upon the Lord because He is able to carry them. In wondrous grace He removed from our shoulders the weight of our sin that would have separated us from God for all eternity. The prophet Isaiah prophesying concerning Israel’s Messiah said, **‘surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows’** Isaiah 53:4. He is the only one able to bear the burden for He is **‘upholding all things by the word of His power’** Hebrews 1:3. The Lord Himself is the tender shepherd of Luke 15 who leaves the ninety and nine in the shelter of the fold and goes out in search of the one that is lost until He finds it. His first action is to securely lay the sheep upon His shoulders, never to be lost again, and carry it safely home. How strange it is that we can believe, without hesitation, that **‘His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree’** 1Peter 2:24. Yet many of us doubt His ability to take our daily cares upon Him, **For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin** Hebrews 4:15.

HE CARES FOR US

The precious verse itself gives us the most wonderful reason why we should cast all our care upon the Lord, because **‘He careth for you,’** this is the most amazing thing of all. That He should ever care for us who were enemies in our minds by wicked works. We never cared for Him. If He had never cared for us there would have been no angelic proclamation to the shepherds on the hillside of Judea **‘For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.’** Luke 2:11. If He had never cared for us there would have been no need for that agonizing prayer in the garden of Gethsemane **“ O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt”** Matthew 26:39. If He had never cared for us they could never have taken Him in the garden **“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”** Matthew 26:53. If He had never cared for us no hand of man could ever have smote His blessed face, no spittle run down His divine cheek and no mock crown of thorns pierce His royal brow and no nails hold Him to the tree.

No one ever cared for me like Jesus;

There’s no other friend so kind as He.

No one else could take the sin and darkness from me;

O how much He cared for me.

Tom Rice

LETTER OF THANKS

10 March 2015

Dear Friends

I just want to say a big thank you for organising the Men’s Group from the church up to the C4C Centre in Ahoghill. It was great having you all up and I trust it was a blessing to all. I want to thank you also for the generous offering of £240 which was given on the night. We appreciate very much the generosity of the men so do please pass on my thanks to them. Thank you also for your support in prayer for the work. God is doing great things but we know it is very much down to so many people like yourselves praying for the work. Thank you.

Lord bless

Alan Dundas (Deputation and Pastoral Care)

Coaching4Christ

BIBLE PROMISES

You say: “It’s impossible”

God says: **All things are possible—Luke 18:27**

You say: “I’m too tired”

God says: **I will give you rest—Matthew 11:28-30**

You say: “Nobody really loves me”

God says: **I love you—John 3:16 & John 3:34**

You say: “I can’t go on”

God says: **My grace is sufficient—2 Cor 12:9 & Psalm 91:15**

You say: “I can’t figure things out”

God says: **I will direct your path—Proverbs 3:5-6**

You say: “I can’t do it”

God says: **You can do all things—Philippians 4:13**

You say: “I’m not able”

God says: **I am able—2 Corinthians 9:8**

You say: “I can’t forgive myself”

God says: **I forgive you—1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1**

You say: “I can’t manage”

God says: **I will supply all your needs—Philippians 4:19**

You say: “I’m afraid”

God says: **I have not given you a spirit of fear—2 Timothy 1:7**

You say: “I’m always worried and frustrated”

God says: **Cast all your cares on ME—1 Peter 5:7**

You say: “I’m not smart enough”

God says: **I give you wisdom—1 Corinthians 1:30**

You say: “I feel all alone”

God says: **I will never leave you or forsake you—Hebrews 13:5**