

## MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

<b>7th June</b>	AM/PM: TBC
<b>14th June</b>	AM/PM: Mr Brian Carson
<b>21st June</b>	AM/PM: Mr Bertie Coffey PM: <b>Children's Day Service</b> <i>NB There will be a cup of tea after the evening Children's Day service</i>
<b>28th June</b>	AM/PM: Mr Andrew Thompson

## GUEST SPEAKER AT BIBLE STUDY

Callum Webster representing the work of the Christian Institute will be speaking on **Wednesday 3rd June**.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

The Sunday School outing is on **Saturday 6th June** to Belfast Zoo leaving the Church car park at 11am and returning at 5pm. All are welcome to join the Sunday School on this annual outing.

## NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 14th June @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home—David Anderson speaking
- Sunday 28th June @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home—Daniel Lowden speaking

## HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Our annual Holiday Bible Club will take place this year as follows and all primary school children are welcome to attend.

**Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th June**

**Time: 6.30pm-7.45pm**

**Family Service on Sunday 28th June @ 7pm**

## MAE GLOVER—UGANDA

Mae Glover is going to Uganda again with Team Bethel under the umbrella of Fields of Life. Mae is going out as the nurse for the team of 28 people. Mae leaves on **17th July** and returns on **31st July**. On School Days a Bible Club will be held every morning at the primary school. Mid morning to lunchtime Mae will be showing the ladies in the community how to knit, sew and crochet. The afternoons will be spent at the new medical centre when Mae will be doing whatever needs to be done. As a team they would all value the prayers of God's people for health and safety and stamina for the trip.

## ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	7th	14th	21st	28th
<b>DOOR DUTY</b>	Group B: J Carson,	D Glover *, E Shaw *, B Gibson , D McGreevy	* deacon in charge	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Beverley Genelle	David Jeanette	Paul Gillian	Tanya Mark
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Heather Carson	Naomi Dudgeon	Naomi Dudgeon	Mae Glover
<b>RECORDING</b>	Raymond	Gary	Jonny	John

## THANK YOU FROM NEPAL

It was great to hear of the way the Baptist Church in Saintfield had recently taken up an offering for the earthquake victims of Nepal. This was extremely kind of the church to consider those so tragically affected by the two earthquakes. The whole experience has certainly been a test for us but it has also been good to share in the suffering of the people and to prove the grace that the Lord gives at such a time. This gift will enhance the aid effort and provide vital supplies for the troubled saints of Nepal. So far all the aid we have supplied has reached its intended destination and this in itself is an answer to prayer as there are many obstacles to prevent this. In our own churches, seven lives have been lost, including one pastor. Approx. 275 families in 13 churches have lost their homes and possessions.

Our first duty was the relief for immediate hardship, when rice, blankets and tents were distributed. Following on from this it is intended to supply seed rice for planting to enable the people to have a harvest in October. We then hope to be able to give some help for the reconstruction of homes and finally, if possible the rebuilding of damaged church property. Do please continue to pray for the delivery of this relief to the various parts of Nepal.

We want to convey our thanks, as well as that of the Nepal Free Pres. Church, to the members of your church for your kindness. We are sure that the Lord will take note of such generosity.

With grateful thanks

Wesley and Carol Graham

*The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £164,175.*

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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*Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*

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

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

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



### SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!

There are not many people who would argue with title of the song from the sixties entitled “*the times they are a changing*”, for changing they certainly are.

Times have changed in the religious world during the last 10 years, illustrated by a decline of 4 million people during that period describing themselves as Christian in our land. Times have changed in the political realm also following last month’s election with at least one political party coming into a position of power that they had never experienced before. Times have changed in society at large very recently with a whole range of moral issues such as the sanctity of life, the definition of marriage, freedom of conscience and the right to hold strong religious convictions being re-examined and tested in the courts. And times have changed in all of our lives as the years have passed by and change has come, sometimes “*for better, for worse, sometimes for richer, for poorer and sometimes in sickness and in health*”.

It is certainly not a new idea that we are a changing people, living in changing world, learning to live in a changing society for “*the times they are a changing*.”

But although the landscape is continually changing, some things never change and the source of those things that remain unchanging is the eternal God who said “*I am the LORD I change not*”.

That truth of the immutability of God is embedded in the line of Henry Francis Lyte’s moving hymn; “*Oh thou who changest not, abide with me*.” The hymn has been sung on many different occasions, most famously at every FA Cup Final since 1927 and while the people who have sung the hymn have certainly changed, as has the scene surrounding them, the eternal God has not changed even in the slightest bit.

We can be absolutely certain that God’s Character has never changed; he is still holy and he is still intolerant of sin.

We know that God’s Word has never changed and it still says exactly what it always said about how men are to live and how they are to die.

We believe that God’s Kindness has never changed because while the mountains shall depart and the hills will be removed, God says, “*my kindness shall not depart from thee*.”

And we can also be sure that God’s Love has never changed, loving us with an everlasting love so that he “*spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all*”.

While at times we are baffled by the changes that are brought to bear upon us both in our personal lives and in society at large especially in recent times, the immutability of God, his unchanging character, word, kindness and love are fixed points on which to pin our hopes in the changing scene that is all around us.

So it is that we sometimes sing with thankfulness to God, as the generations of saints who lived and laboured before us once did:

*Through all the changing scenes of life in trouble and in joy  
The praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.*

Times they are a changing, yes, but some things never change and we are thankful to God for all of that.

Brian Carson

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As usual some of the children and young people will be attending camps this summer as follows:

<b>11-18 July</b>	United Beach Missions Downings	Ashleigh Shaw
<b>27-31 July</b>	Faith Mission Teen Camp Crawsfordsburn	Victoria Reid
<b>1-8 August</b>	United Beach Missions Ballybunion (TBC)	Charis Gibson Jonny McCoubrey
<b>3-8 August</b>	FPC Youth Camp Shannagh-More	Daniel Reid Joshua Reid
<b>9-14 August</b>	Christians in Sport Camp Belfast	Joanna Carson Joel Carson Andrew McCoubrey Aaron McNeill Mark Preston
<b>9-15 August</b>	CEF Junior Camp Kilkeel	Joanna Preston Jonathan Reid
<b>10-14 August</b>	Faith Mission Camp Portadown	Alex Moore Kyle Moore David Reid Samuel Shaw
<b>17-21 August</b>	Faith Mission Camp Portadown	David Anderson Noah Anderson

If there are any other camps/activities not listed please give details to Karen for inclusion in next month’s bulletin.

## AMAZING JOURNEY 2015

The Amazing Journey was held in Academy Primary school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We covered ‘The life of Christ 2.’ Approximately 420 children were introduced to bible characters, tasted bible food and tried on bible clothing. Aaron Riddle was in charge of this presentation for the first time at The Academy. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time. Some assisted one day, others two days but even if it was for a few hours, it would not be possible to attempt such an outreach without your assistance, thank you!

Aaron explained to the children how sin is anything we think, say or do, that it is contrary to God’s law and how the Lord Jesus was born into this world and lived a perfect life. We met some bible characters who had their life changed by Jesus—Matthew, Woman at the Well, Roman Centurion and Mary Magdalene. We heard about stories and parables Jesus told telling people how they should live e.g. to love our enemies and we even heard how Jesus changed the lives of those he came in contact with. After this presentation the children split into two groups. One group to try on Bible times clothing (No one is ever too old to dress up!) The second group were able to taste Bible food e.g. pitta bread, Bananas, sultanas, honey etc.

An Amazing Journey pack was also given to the class teacher to distribute to each child at the end of the day. This included an Amazing Journey colouring sheet relevant to the character presentation, a Gospel of John and a form explaining the summer outreach programme planned by Saintfield Baptist Church. This explained about the Holiday Bible Club, the Hockey and Football outreach. We also included a form for children to request a bible. Please pray that even yet children will request a copy of God’s word and that parents will pencil in the dates of our Summer Outreach programme. God has promised us that His word will not return unto Him void! (Isaiah 55v11) Please pray for this presentation of Gospel truth. May the children even yet think on those truths presented. Pray for those that plan the follow up summer outreach programme within the church, for safety, for good weather, for the children and most of all for willing helpers!!

Thank you once again to this year’s Amazing Journey team. Some had a more demanding schedule than others, some made us laugh and some had more wardrobe malfunctions than others! You truly were Amazing and only Heaven will reveal the true effectiveness of our service for Him!! Lastly if anyone is available for any length of time next year, all help would be greatly appreciated, even if only for a few hours. You don’t have to be a great actor..... just willing to “give an answer to every man of the hope that is within you” 1Peter 3v15.

Ruth Reid