

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



This God is our God

Psalm 48:14 "For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death"

Elisabeth Elliot, was one of the most influential Christian women of the 20th century. Alongside her husband Jim, Mrs. Elliot, dedicated her life to working among unreached tribes of eastern Ecuador in the 1950s. Speaking of her experience in one of her books, Elisabeth tells the story of two adventurers who stopped by to see her. They were fully loaded with equipment for the rain forest east of the Andes. They sought no advice, just a few phrases to converse with the Indians. She writes: *"Sometimes we come to God as the two adventurers came to me, confident and, we think, well-informed and well equipped. But has it occurred to us that with all our accumulation of stuff, something is missing? We know what we need, a yes or no answer, please, to a simple question. Or perhaps a road sign. Something quick and easy to point the way. What we really ought to have is the Guide himself. Maps, road signs, a few useful phrases are things, but infinitely better is someone who has been there before and knows the way."*

Here, in Psalm 48, the Psalmist finds himself writing during a time when one king after another was failing and falling from power. He speaks of how "they were troubled and hasted away". He speaks of how "fear took hold upon them." It serves to remind us that even the greatest of leaders and men are feeble and open to falling.

But the Psalmist contrasts the failure of the nation's kings with the God who never fails. The Psalm opens with a picture of God, sitting resplendent upon His Mountain of Holiness. The one who is great, high over all and worthy to be praised.

While Jerusalem's kings were failing, the very thought of the Great King was enough to move the people to rejoicing and worship. As the Psalmist thought about God high and lifted up. Unmovable. Ruling in Sovereignty. He was able to conclude that "This God is our God".

We live in a time of failing kings and leaders. Every man is doing that which is right in their own eyes. Nations are at war with one another. Economies are rising and falling. Today, there is much to trouble the child of God.

However, like the Psalmist, we ought to remember that "This God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death."

Like those two adventurers, that met Mrs. Elliot, we can simply have God as one to provide what we need when we need it. But our God is something much greater than that. Firstly He is our God forever. Paul asked the great question "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" After going through a tremendous list he was able to conclude that nothing in life, nor even death itself, "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".

We can rejoice that this great God is OUR God FOREVER.

Not only that, but He is also "our guide even unto death." When we see things that discourage us and worry us and we wonder what tomorrow will bring. We ought to rest in the fact that God has promised to be our guide unto death. Like a ship being guided to the harbour, God never stops guiding, and guarding, His children until they reach the other side.

God Bless
Pastor Stephen Moffitt

SUMMER SPORTS YOUTH OUTREACH

Sports 4 Christ

**Monday 22nd—Wednesday 24th August 2016
(and BBQ parents' event at 7pm on Thurs 25th Aug)**

**Football: 6.30pm—8.30pm
at Saintfield United Football pitches**

**Hockey: 6:45pm—8.15pm
at Saintfield Hockey pitches**

If you know any boys or girls aged 6-16 who would be interested in this please take a registration form from the church entrance foyer or complete the online registration form on the Church website.

Points for prayer:

1. Pray for invitations that have gone out that many will respond.
2. Pray for both the Hockey and Football outreach teams in their planning.
3. Pray for Pastor Moffitt as he speaks at the Family BBQ event.
4. Pray that others may take the opportunity to become involved as helpers/coaches for the first time.
5. Pray especially that God's word will take hold in the hearts of the boys and girls at both of these outreaches.
6. Pray for favourable weather during the week of activity.

Helpers/coaches are required for both the football and the hockey. You can add your name to the list in the foyer or if you want more information please speak to Brian Gibson regarding the football or Joan Carson regarding the hockey.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As usual some of the children/young people will be attending camps this summer and others are also leading camps this year as follows:

2—9 July	United Beach Missions Downings (Leaders)	Scott McNeill Ashleigh Shaw
3—9 July	CEF Camp Portstewart (Leader)	Jonny McCoubrey
3—9 July	BCM Camp Mullartown House	Rebecca Moore
25—29 July	Hope for Youth Ministries Tollymore Bible Camp	David Anderson Noah Anderson Joel Kelso
25—29 July	Faith Mission Teen Camp Carrowmena Activity Centre Limavady	Victoria Reid
27—30 July	SU Camp 'It's Your Move' Castlewellan Castle	Jonathan Reid
31 July—5 August	Christians in Sport Belfast	Joshua Reid
6—13 August	United Beach Missions Kilkee (Leader)	Ashleigh Shaw
8—12 August	Faith Mission Camp Portadown	Alex Moore Kyle Moore David Reid Samuel Shaw
14—19 August	Christians in Sport Belfast	Joanna Carson Joel Carson Andrew McCoubrey Aaron McNeill Mark Preston Daniel Reid
14—20 August	CEF Camp Seaview, Kilkeel	Joanna Preston Jonathan Reid
		Chrissie Donnan (Leader)
15—19 August	Faith Mission Camp Portadown	Naomi Dudgeon (Leader)

Please remember all these activities in prayer for safety and that the Lord would bless all taking part.

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

3rd July	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
10th July	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
17th July	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
24th July	AM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt PM: Drive in Church at 7pm
31st July	AM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt PM: Drive in Church at 7pm
7th August	AM: Mr Brian Carson PM: Drive in Church at 7pm
14th August	AM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt PM: Drive in Church at 7pm
21st August	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
28th August	AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt

VISIT TO UGANDA 2016

God willing I am going back out to Uganda on **30th July and returning on 15th August**. This time I am doing eye examinations and fitting people with glasses if they need them. I have been getting training and am taking out glasses which I will have graded before I go.

In the mornings we will hold a bible club at the primary school where the children are taught memory verses, choruses and bible story. They do a craft which is colouring in a bible verse.

This year our team consists of more medical people so thankfully I don't have full responsibility for the team. I would really value the prayers of God's people as we are working in very close contact with people who are in difficult situations.

Thank you

Mae Glover

CHILDREN'S WORK

Please note that Sunday School and Searchers are now on their summer break. Both will recommence in September—exact date will be announced in the September bulletin.

There will be no Children's Church during July or August.

ROTAS FOR JULY & AUGUST

	Door Duty	Flowers	Recording	Evening Internet
3rd July	Gareth Rainey Brian Carson	Joan Carson	Derek Preston	Daniel Reid
10th July	Ed Shaw Gary McNeill	Elizabeth Dick	Ed Shaw	Joel Carson
17th July	David Glover Tom McCormick	Elizabeth Dick	John Henderson	Andrew McCoubrey
24th July	Nigel Reid Brian McCoubrey	Florence Armstrong	Jonny McCoubrey	<i>DiC—Not required</i>
31st July	Derek Preston Wilfred Reid	Florence Armstrong	Gareth Rainey	<i>DiC—Not required</i>
7th Aug	Gareth Rainey Gary McNeill	Margaret Reid (A)	Scott McNeill	<i>DiC—Not required</i>
14th Aug	Ed Shaw David Glover	Margaret Reid (A)	Gary McNeill	<i>DiC—Not required</i>
21st Aug	Derek Preston Wilfred Reid	Margretta Henderson	Raymond Jordan	Aaron McNeill
28th Aug	Nigel Reid Tom McCormick	Margretta Henderson	Derek Preston	David Reid

Deacons are responsible for Door and Table duties on the Sunday and door duties on the following Wednesday evening

DRIVE IN CHURCH

We are looking forward to our annual Drive In Church again this year (DV) in the usual place at the Saintfield Health Centre Car Park (Ballynahinch Road).

The Drive in Church will take place on **the last two Sunday nights in July and the first two Sunday nights in August at 7.00 pm**. Please invite others to these outreach services.

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Isaiah 41:13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

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

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

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

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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