

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

Please note our special testimony meetings in the evening service during the month of May and invite others in.

3rd May	AM:	Pastor S Carson
	PM:	Mr Jonathan Whiteside—Testimony
	Singers:	Pathway
10th May	AM:	Mr Maurice Warburton
	PM:	Mr Maurice Warburton—Testimony
17th May	AM:	Mr Graham Anderson
	PM:	Mr Samuel Dumigan—Testimony
24th May	AM:	Pastor E Rea
	PM:	Pastor E Rea—Testimony
31st May	AM:	TBC
	PM:	Mr Bobi Brown—Testimony

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 10 May @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home— Brian McCoubrey speaking
- Sunday 31st May @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home— Alan Burgess speaking

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Details for Youth Fellowship in May to be announced so please listen out for information.

CEF SOAP BAG APPEAL

If you can help with providing soap bags for CEF Romania for children attending camps then please bring these to church by **15th May**. Items required are soapbag, toothbrush, soap, face cloth, tooth paste. Multi packs also welcome. If anyone feels they would like to make a contribution to help the cost of sending a child to camp this would be greatly appreciated. £25 sends a child to a week's camp. For further information please speak to Joan Carson.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP OUTING

The Ladies' Fellowship outing is on **Saturday 6th June** to Bridgewater Outlet, Banbridge for morning coffee then on to Buttercrane or Quays Shopping Centre, Newry. We plan to stop off for our evening meal before returning home. All are welcome to join with us even if you haven't attended the Ladies' meeting. It's always a good day's fellowship and shopping!

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
DOOR DUTY	Group A: R Jordan	W Reid *, D Preston *, * deacon in charge	R Chesney, J Reid,		
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Mark Tanya	Derek Alison	Ed Sharon	Rebekah Karen	Paul Gillian
FLOWERS	Christine McCormick	Christine McCormick	Margaret Reid (W)	Margaret Reid (W)	Heather Carson
RECORDING	John	Scott	Derek	Ed	Raymond

AMAZING JOURNEY

Saintfield Baptist Church will host The Amazing Journey in Academy Primary School on **Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April**. Helpers are required on both days so if you are free on either day (morning or afternoon) we would love it if you could join us. There is a job for everyone, from taking on a role as a Bible character to helping the children dress up as characters or serving at the food table.

Please pray for this annual outreach in our local primary school.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

In line with our CP Policy there is a requirement for CP Training to take place for everyone 16 years and above who are leaders and helpers, teaching or working with children and young people in the church. This includes Sunday School and YF as well as Football and Hockey for Christ. Mr David Jackson, CEF will conduct the training over 2 evenings, **Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** and attendance on both evenings is required.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Please give details of all children/young people attending or leading camps this summer to Karen Reid for inclusion in next month's bulletin. Thank you for your assistance in this.

The debt outstanding on the Building Loan for the New Multipurpose Hall is currently £166,075.

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
email to: nkreid@outlook.com — please note new email address

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Psalm 29:2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



I am sure many of us have been bombarded in recent days with leaflets and interviews from politicians who make promises to us, in order to encourage us to vote for them in the upcoming election.

David Cameron has pledged to offer a 'good life for all' if the Conservatives are elected. Some local parties state that they'll offer 'a better life' while others remind us 'it's our choice'.

Promises are something that not only politicians make, but indeed they are made by all of us. Like so many promises they are made with good intentions, but unfortunately promises are not always kept. We all have experienced the hurt that is caused when promises are broken. When we consider these things it should make us appreciate the promises of God. He is trustworthy and true in every situation.

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 3:15

I believe that many of us want to claim the promises contained within the scriptures. Many promises in the bible are conditional. When reading the promises contained in the bible, it is possible for us to just expect to receive them as something we're entitled to. Unlike political party manifestos, the promises found in scripture can be absolutely relied on, but they may be linked to a condition. Think of that great promise of God's direction for your life found in **Proverbs 3:6, "He shall direct thy paths"**. For many this has brought so much comfort in times of change or new beginnings; marriage, job, exams etc. While this is God's promise, we have to take the complete context of scripture. ***Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him....*** Through this verse alone there are so many responsibilities we need to adhere to in order to receive God's promise of direction. Trusting, depending and acknowledging God in all things. That's our part!

During this time of election, we can take stock at some of the ungodly laws which previous governments' have passed. Surely this is a time when Christians should be praying that God fearing, believing candidates would be elected into government. As Christians we have a responsibility to do our part if we are to see God move across our land in salvation.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and

turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

God promises to heal our land, but there are responsibilities we must complete in order to enjoy the promise of a healed land. Let us endeavor to be faithful followers of God's word in these days and enjoy the many rich promises that are ours to claim.

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.**

Derek Preston

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

God brings the increase

Read 2 Kings 4:1-7

This story is so amazing. This poor widow had nothing to offer but a little oil. In the hands of God though, it was enough. He brought the increase as the oil continued to flow, until all the jars were full.

This speaks to me of giving God the little we have, because He will multiply it. We can never have too little that God wouldn't be able to use us. He wants us to take what we *do* have and be faithful in using it for Him. He will take care of the rest. I've seen this in my own life. God has brought increase more than I ever imagined.

Whatever gifts or abilities you have, commit it to God and ask Him to show you where and how you can be used. It often starts off small, but God brings the increase.

My challenge for you today is to find ways in which your talents can be used – and start using them. God has given them to you for a reason. Trust God to bring the increase as you step out and do it. Trust God to multiply what you have committed to Him – because He will.

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REPORT OF YF WEEKEND 2015

The venue for the Youth Fellowship Weekend this year was the Seaview CEF Centre in Kilkeel. We travelled down on the Friday evening of the 17th April and returned on the Sunday afternoon. There were 32 young people in attendance, great weather, plenty of activities and good food for the troops.

On the beautiful Sunday morning 38 of us including adults walked to and from Kilkeel Baptist Church to the curiosity of some of the locals. We trust this was a good testimony to the local church and to ours.

Pastor George McConnell was the speaker this year and we are sure that the direct messages we heard from him will have spoken to all of the young people in attendance.

A massive thanks for the invaluable help of the adults who attended and to all of the young people who behaved so impeccably whenever we were away.

Brian Carson

FAITH MISSION UPDATE—BELFAST

Jonah 2 v 9 "Salvation is of the Lord"

Thank you for your continued support. Some insight into conversion of lady in Belfast....

This lady attended the bus outreach in October when the team had approximately an hour long conversation with her on spiritual issues. She seemed so close to trusting God that night... but didn't. This lady was invited to "The Travellers" church in West Belfast approximately 6 weeks ago. She attended and listened intently to the testimony of a converted Gypsy and as the Pastor was announcing where he was going to read from, she interrupted him, saying "Stop I want to say something. I am not a Christian but I want to become one!". After he shared the Word of God, she sought the Lord for Salvation. When she came home, she phoned two of her friends and told them she had become a Christian. It is encouraging to see signs of spiritual life, would value prayer for her as she is a key person in her needy community. She comes from a very needy family, she is one of 15 and has two brothers with drink problems.

Thanks again.

Naomi Dudgeon