

## MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

<b>4th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
<b>11th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Missionary Weekend
<b>18th Mar</b>	AM/PM: Mr Maurice Warburton
<b>25th Mar</b>	AM: Pastor S Moffitt PM: Special Testimony Meeting—see special notice for details

## FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour will meet on **Thursday 1st March at 11.00am**. The speaker will be **Pastor D Lyle**. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch and all will be made very welcome.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship will meet as follows:

**Saturday 10th March** — Missionary Weekend Youth Night with United Beach Missions

**Friday 23rd March** — Going to Poyntzpass Baptist for a Youth Night. Time to be announced.

## SPECIAL TESTIMONY MEETING

**Sunday 25th March at 7.00pm**

Donald Fleming will be along to share his testimony entitled 'Redeemed from Religion'. Please invite others along to this meeting.

## NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 11th Mar @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home — Mr Ian Moore speaking
- Sunday 25th Mar @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home — Mr Derek Anderson speaking

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 27th March at 8.00pm**. The speaker at this meeting will be **Alison Shields**. A cup of tea will be served following the meeting and all are welcome.

## ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	4th	11th	18th	25th
<b>DOOR DUTY</b>	Group A: W Reid *, D Preston *, R Chesney, J Reid, R Jordan *deacons to organise rota			
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Karen Victoria	Ruth Lynsey	Ed Sharon	Paul Gillian
<b>CRECHE</b>	Lynsey A Heather McC	Sharon M Janet C Victoria R	Rebecca M Rachel M	Julie McN Lois G
<i>Please swap duties with someone else if you are unavailable on the above dates.</i>				
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Margaret Reid	Margaret Reid	Elizabeth Dick	Elizabeth Dick
<b>INTERNET</b>	Joel David	Daniel Mark	Aaron Andrew	Mark Joel
<b>RECORDING</b>	Samuel	John	Ed	Gary
<i>NB Above are also responsible for the sound desk on the Wednesday following their Sunday duty.</i>				

## SYMPATHIES

We would like to pass on sincere sympathies to the Reid family following the homecall of Alex.

Our sympathy is also extended to the Morrison family following the death of Rebekah's grandfather.

Sympathies also to Ruth Graham and family following the death of Ruth's grandmother.

*Psalm 34:18*

## SPORTS 4 CHRIST

**Saturday 24th March 2018 in the Multipurpose Hall**  
**6:30—7.45pm Ages 6-10 / 8:00—9.30pm Ages 11-15**

Please come along for a time of fun, food and fellowship, including an epilogue, sports coaching team challenges.

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](mailto:nkreid@outlook.com)).

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## Monthly Bulletin March 2018

*Psalm 149:1 Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.*

Sunday  
Services  
11.30am  
& 7.00pm

Sunday  
School &  
Bible Class  
10.30am

Saintfield  
Searchers  
Wed  
6.45pm

Bible Study  
& Prayer  
Meeting  
Wed 8pm

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



**"As our faces differ, so do our needs" —**

Luke 7

The idiom, "As our faces differ, so do our needs" is a popular one among Christians. Whether said from a pulpit or scribbled on a page, it is absolutely right. Just as no two people look the same physically, neither do any of us walk the same pathway in life. We're all at different stages spiritually. We each face different struggles daily and certainly none of us know what scenarios God has for us providentially.

Sometimes, we become so consumed with our own circumstances that we forget about other saints and their scenarios. We forget that the Lord isn't just dealing with us and our life alone. How often do we stop and take time to consider the attribute of the Christ's adaptability?

It is never the case, nor will we ever face a circumstance in life where the Lord is either, too preoccupied with someone else to be present with us, or His resources be too expended to equip us. In Psalm 24 we're reminded how our Saviour is **"The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle... The LORD of hosts, [who] is the King of glory."** Remarkably our Redeemer is the One, who at any given moment, may be found, chastening one believer about his sin, while comforting another believer in their sorrow, while at that same time, commissioning another for service. How mighty is the mind of our Lord that He can meet all of His children's needs at all of the same time.

This remarkable truth is seen in Luke 7. The Lord has come back to Capernaum. He had made that lake-city His 'home base', usually returning there after His journey's. Here we are introduced to five different characters in five different circumstances. It is remarkable that while the needs were vast and varied the Lord was the one common denominator who met each individual at their point of need.

Sometimes satan will try to tell us that the Lord can't meet our need. That we ought not to bother Him with such a trivial or tiny matter. Yet, as Paul told the Philippians, God wants us to "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Having just ended His Sermon on the Mount, in Luke 6, we see many of the principles Jesus taught now being worked out practically in Luke 7. We have lessons about faith and humility, worship and weeping, repentance, rebuke and even resurrection.

I have deliberately refrained from making comment on each character in Luke 7. The reason is to encourage you, under the headings below, to take some time to read slowly through this chapter mediating on each character in turn. Consider their circumstances. Take note of the reoccurring contrast of humility and arrogance. Above all, see the Lord's adaptability, His differing dealings with each character. As you do so, you will be encouraged and even challenged by each of the lessons. Whether you are dealing with death, facing discouragement or even need that word of discipline, you will find it in this chapter.

May it also serve to remind us that the Lord deals with each of His children individually, as **HE** sees fit, and therefore we ought to leave that work in **HIS** hands.

**1. A Courteous Centurion was Dependant** (vs1-10)

**2. A Weeping Widow was Distressed** (vs11-17)

**3. A Faithful Follower was Discouraged** (vs18-35)

**4. A Sorrowful Sinner was Devoted** (vs37-50)

**5. A Pompous Pharisee was Disdaining** (vs35-47)

Yours in Christ

Pastor Stephen Moffitt

## MISSIONARY MEETINGS

We are planning a series of Missionary Meetings during the month of March as follows (DV)

Wednesday 7th March

Mr Tom Rice, Society for Distributing the Hebrew Scriptures

Saturday 10th March

Youth Night with United Beach Missions

Sunday 11th March

Mr Mervyn Scott, Baptist Missions

Please mark these dates in your diary and plan to attend.

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM CEF

Dear Friends at Saintfield Baptist Church

Please do accept our sincere gratitude, for the extremely generous gift that we received for the ministry that we are involved in. Our prayer is that you will continue to know your Heavenly Father's blessing in return.

Praise God that the area finances remain well in the black. Heather and I are so grateful to God for each church and individual supporter who gives.

Praise God for the children who are attending the Good News Clubs. Praise God that a number of them are asking good questions about the Bible and what they are being taught. Please pray that the teachers would know God's help as they try to answer these questions plus deal with other concerns the children have.

Remember if you would like to start receiving our seasonal prayer letter, please don't hesitate to either contact us directly or give your details to David.

In closing, thank you once again for your generous giving and prayerful remembrance.

Take care

David and Heather Cowan

CEF Lagan Valley Area

Thy word is true from the  
beginning: and every one of  
thy righteous judgments  
endureth for ever.



Psalm 119:160