

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

1st May	AM:	Pastor J Byers
	PM:	Tent Mission
8th May	AM:	Pastor H Chambers
	PM:	Tent Mission
15th May	AM:	Pastor M Flanigan
	PM:	Tent Mission
22nd May	AM:	Mr David Anderson
	PM:	Rev David McMillan (Special Testimony Meeting)
29th May	AM/PM:	Mr Maurice Warburton

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Event during Tent Mission as follows:

Saturday 7th May at 7.00pm—Youth BBQ & Fun Night

Please come along and invite your friends to this special event.

GUEST SPEAKER AT BIBLE STUDY

Our guest speaker at our Bible Study and Prayer meeting on **Wednesday 18th May at 8pm** will be **Mr Donald Fleming** representing the work of **Faith in Action**.

Please come along to hear more about this work.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Please note that there will be no Ladies' Fellowship meeting in May. Details of outing in June to follow.

SPECIAL INDUCTION SERVICE

A special induction service will be held for **Pastor Stephen Moffitt on Saturday 28th May at 3pm** in the Church. All are very welcome at this service.

We look forward (DV) to welcoming Stephen and Rachel Moffitt to the Church to commence Pastoral work in June.

We would ask that you remember the Moffitts in prayer as they prepare for this new start and pray that God would richly bless them and the Church in the future.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
DOOR DUTY	Group C: Alan Burgess *, B Carson *, G Rainey *, R Gibson, T Shields, D Anderson * <i>deacon in charge</i>				
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Derek Alison	Ed Sharon	Paul Gillian	Rebekah Rachel	Mark Tanya
FLOWERS	Karen Reid	Karen Reid	Julie McNeill	Julie McNeill	Aliston Preston
RECORDING	Raymond	Jonny	Ed	John	Derek

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sun 8th May @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home—Mr Daniel Lowden speaking
- Sun 29th May @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home—Mr Paul Moore speaking

Please note that Searchers have finished for the season and will recommence in September.

Friendly Hour Outing

The Friendly Hour Outing will take place on **Thursday 19th May**. Listen out in the announcements for further details.

ROTA FOR SOUND AT TENT MISSION

Please note that a sound desk rota for the Mission has been placed in the Church Foyer. If a date doesn't suit please make sure that you arrange cover prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Sports 4 Christ Summer Outreach (Advance Notice)

This year our summer sports outreach week will take place from **Monday 22nd August to Thursday 25th August 2016**

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).

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51 Crossgar Road
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Monthly Bulletin



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*Psalm 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee
in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide
thee with mine eye.*

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

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The question; “*where do we go from here?*” was the title of one of Martin Luther King’s best known speeches. He was the American civil rights leader during the 1960’s and his question related to the abuse of black people at that time.

Having established the principle that racial inequalities in America needed to be removed, his speech explored how that cause could be advanced.

The question is one that could be applied to the many issues that face the world today. Global terrorism, world health issues, crime on the streets, the current European referendum, just *where do we go from here?*

The leaders of the world will give their attention to those weighty matters, but the title of that speech is a question that the individual believer and also the local assembly could well apply to themselves.

As individuals and as a local church, *where do we go from here?*

There are several answers to the question with which we trust the reader will agree.

Where do we go from here? NOT BACKWARDS

In Psalm 78 we read concerning Israel at that time when they had entered the land of Canaan. They had been instructed to advance through the land and to take the territory that God had given to Abraham many years previously.

Sadly Psalm 78 verse 9 records that at one stage, even though they were armed and equipped for battle.... “*the children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.*”

What a sad statement regarding Israel’s actions in the face of the enemy. At a time when they should have rallied to the cause and confronted their enemy, they turned back. There surely stands a lesson for us that turning back is not an option at all. Any thought of slackening off or even giving up in Christian service should not be considered by those who take their faith seriously.

Where do we go from here? NOT SIDEWARDS

From start to finish the Christian life is to be a life of progress. Of course there are many obstacles which will hinder us along the

way, not least our own personal sin, but the Christian life entertains no idea of standing still, marking time or running on the spot. In the march towards our heavenly destination we must avoid “bypath”, the most dangerous of all meadows.

Where do we go from here? ONWARDS

Writing to the believers at Philippi the Apostle Paul passed on to them his approach to his life of service for God, saying at chapter 3 verse 14.... “*this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*”.

Like an athlete straining for the prize he was personally striving to reach new heights for God thus setting an example for every believer to follow. Onward, forward, upward!

In the month of May, as a local Church, where do we go from here?

We go forward at the beginning of the month to our gospel mission as we seek to reach others for the Saviour and forward also at the end of the month as we welcome Stephen and Rachel into our midst.

Whichever adjective we choose to use: onward, forward, upward, that is the direction we must take both individually and collectively as we press on into a new era of witness for the church at Saintfield.

Brian Carson

SAINTFIELD BAPTIST TENT MISSION

Sunday 1st to Sunday 15th May 2016

Guest Evangelists:

Pastor Ian Wilson & Pastor George McConnell

The tent will be located at Belfast Road (opposite Saintfield HS)

Times of Meetings:

Weeknights @ 8pm & Sundays @ 7pm
(no meetings on Saturdays)

Special Singers will be taking part.

Please invite others to come along to the mission—you can use the special mission invitation leaflets available in the church foyer.

You are invited to a

Ladies' Coffee Morning

On Friday 6th May @ 9.30am

In the Tent at Belfast Road, Saintfield

Speaker: Naomi Dudgeon



Please come along and invite a friend
(please note that young children
are welcome)

Saintfield Baptist Church Children's Bible Week at The Big Tent

Belfast Road, Saintfield



Tues 3rd - Fri 6th May 2016
@ 6.15pm – 7.30pm

Also Sat 7th May 2016
@ 3.00pm (parents invited)

Speakers: Andy & Ruth Lovell

All primary school age children welcome
to come along for:

*Story time, Quizzes, Memory Verses,
Games and Fun each night*