

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sept AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
11th Sept AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
18th Sept AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt
25th Sept AM/PM: Pastor Stephen Moffitt

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 11th Sept @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home— Brian McCoubrey speaking
- Sunday 25th Sept @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home— Pastor Moffitt speaking

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday 11th Sept @ 8.15pm Speaker: Pastor S Moffitt

All young people P7 and upwards are welcome to attend YF.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Saintfield Searchers will recommence on **Wednesday 14th September at 6.45pm.**

Sunday School and Bible Class will recommence on **Sunday 18th September at 10.30am.**

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will commence the new season on **Tuesday 27th September** at 8pm. The speaker will be **Pastor Stephen Moffitt**. Please come along and enjoy this time of fellowship and bring a friend with you.

OFFICEBEARERS' MEETING

There will be an officebearers' Meeting on **Tuesday 13th September @ 8.00pm.**

FIA BURKINA FASO MISSION TRIP

Three men from Saintfield Baptist Church will be travelling to Burkina Faso as part of a NI Team of six to assist with the work of Friends in Action in Ouagadougou.

Tom McCormick, Ed Shaw and Nigel Reid will be leaving on Saturday 24th September, returning on Sunday 2nd October. However Tom will be remaining for an additional week returning on Sunday 9th October. The aim of this trip is to set up and commission the new drilling equipment shipped out to Burkina Faso in June in time for the new drill season starting in October.

Please pray for safety for the team and that the Lord would bless this work. Also remember to pray for the Collier family and Tim Wilson as they begin the new season of work in Burkina Faso.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	4th	11th	18th	25th
DOOR DUTY	Group A: W Reid *, D Preston *, R Chesney, J Reid, R Jordan * <i>deacon in charge</i>			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Rebecca Rachel	Mark Tanya	Beverley Genelle	Paul Gillian
FLOWERS	Sharon Shaw	Sharon Shaw	Eileen Martin	Eileen Martin
EVENING INTERNET	Daniel	Joel	Andrew	Aaron
RECORDING	Ed	John	Jonny	Gareth

NB Above are also responsible for the sound desk on the Wednesday following their Sunday recording duty.

SYMPATHY NOTICE

We extend our deepest sympathies to David and Florence Armstrong and the wider family circle on the death of their daughter Yvonne.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart" Ps 34:18

MISSIONARY WEEKEND

Wed 21st Sept @ 8.00pm — Tom & Suzanne Rice, Society for Distributing the Hebrew Scriptures (SDHS)

Sat 24th Sept @ 7.30pm — Reports from Saintfield Baptist Summer Outreach activities

Sunday 25th Sept @ 11.30am & 7.00pm — Eric & Joy Browning and Tim & Mary Dawson, SDHS

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

SPORTS 4 CHRIST

Saturday 10th September in the Multipurpose Hall

6:30—7.45pm Ages 6-10 / 8:00—9.30pm Ages 11-15

Please come along on 2nd Sat of Sept, Oct and Nov 2016 for a time of fun, food and fellowship. There will be an epilogue, sports coaching and team challenges.

Monthly Bulletin



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**September
2016**

Colossians 3:23-24 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

**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 bulletin (Email to: nkreid@outlook.com)

Saintfield Baptist Church, 51 Crossgar Road, Saintfield

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Making Hay While the Sun Shines

Proverbs 10:5 "He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame."

No doubt all of us are familiar with the expression 'make hay while the sun shines'. It's an old farming proverb that has been around from the mid 1500's. Back then, it would take many days for farmers to cut, dry and gather hay. Of course today it is much easier with our modern machinery. By now many of our farmers will have gathered their silage in for the winter. But hay is something that can be ruined easily if it gets too wet. So medieval farmers had to take advantage of hot, dry, sunny weather to cut and gather hay. Therefore, to "make hay while the sun shines" was just a matter of common sense. It is a simple, yet profound statement, that prompts all of us, to take advantage of our opportunity to do something while the conditions are good.

Here in Proverbs 10:5, as Christians, we are exhorted to gather in the summertime of life. None of us know what a day may bring forth. Only God knows what lies around the corner. Therefore, while we are fit and able, it is essential that we take our opportunity to lay up treasure in Heaven above.

Peter tells us in 1 Peter 4:10 "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." All of us have a God given gift. However, while on Earth we are only stewards of that gift. There is coming a day when we will hand them back to the Lord, in exchange for a reward. Therefore, as Christians, it is vital that each of us use our gift while it is summer. The day may come when illness or some other circumstance will mean that we are no longer able to serve the Lord as we once did.

Sadly, many believers today are sleeping through the harvest. So many gifts and talents remain hidden and lie unused. Even more tragic many don't have a desire or conviction to use what God has given to them. But the reality is this, God may just close our window of opportunity for service, due to inactivity. May God stir up all of our hearts to 'make hay while the sun shines'. Living in Northern Ireland we are all too aware of the fact that summer can often be short. None of us know how long we have to gather. Therefore, there is no time to waste. Like our Saviour, we must always be about our Father's business.

May we be like the wise son. Gathering while it is still summer. May the Lord grant us harvesting hearts. Hearts with a committed desire to see souls won for eternity into the Kingdom of God.

God Bless

Pastor Stephen Moffitt

SPORTS 4 CHRIST 2016

Football Report

During our Football week this year, there were many new additions – a new Pastor, new helpers, new drills, new coaches and a new format for the teenagers. Up to 70 children met with up to 18 coaches and helpers at Saintfield United football pitches from 6.30-8.30pm, Monday to Wednesday. After registering, they were looked after by 4 of the coaches and played small sided matches, whilst the other coaches met in a corner of the pitches to pray openly for the evening and the week that lay ahead. Everyone was encouraged by the fresh desire to pray for salvation of souls, and other important matters.

The children were split into two age groups: 6-11 years and 12-16 years. The younger group learnt new drills and had a Centre Spot talk, before finishing with 6-a-side football matches. The older age group, under two coaches, followed a new format. They played a number of short matches amongst themselves, and then had a Centre Spot talk where one of the coaches gave their testimony. When the children went home, the coaches again gathered to pray.

Our week at the pitches ended on Wednesday evening with a World Cup tournament for each age group. Centre Spot talks again took place, where the Gospel was shared clearly with the children, who had listened very well each night. Speaking to some of the teenagers afterwards, they really enjoyed the new format for their age group (but thought that the standard of refereeing could be better!).

The week finished with the family barbeque & prize-giving in the Church, which again, was filled to capacity with nearly 250 children and adults gathered in. Pastor Moffitt shared the gospel and the way of salvation very clearly and succinctly to all present, and all were made aware of their need of the Saviour.

As a church, we have much to pray for and give thanks for:

- Especially pray for salvation of souls of the children and their parents
- Give thanks for the new helpers and coaches involved this year – all worked together well and there was great unity amongst us all
- Give thanks for the young people of this church – they have a lot of talents and we should continue to encourage them to use them for the Lord
- Give thanks for the weather we enjoyed and for the safety of the children each night

We want to thank everyone who helped in any way in the hockey and football this week – whether on the pitches, supporting in the background, or at the BBQ. All help is very much appreciated.

'The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad.'
Psalm 126:3

Brian Gibson

Hockey Report

It's hard to believe that our Sports4Christ week of outreach has passed for another year. We were very conscious of Gods hand upon us, as He blessed us in so many ways - with lovely weather, great numbers, safety, no health issues or problems & great Centre Spot times! A big thank you to all who faithfully prayed for this work, we have so much to be thankful to God for!

Each night at hockey we had 64-75 kids/teenagers attending. Approximately 30 of these were in the 12-15 age group & it was lovely to see these teenagers listening so intently during our Centre Spot times. It was great to be able to use "home grown talent" this year, with regards to our Centre spot speakers - Gareth Rainey, Derek Preston & Kirsty Hrabrovsky faithfully shared the gospel with the kids/teenagers each night.

Many of the children attending were from non-church going families so it was a delight to see nearly 70 of these kids/teenagers return with their family and friends on the Thursday evening and hear our Pastor share about the "race of life through the Wordless book".

Please could you continue to pray for this work as it would continue DV on 2nd Sat of each month. For the contacts that have been made, the gospel tracts that the kids/teenagers took home and also that the seed of the gospel which has been faithfully sown will take deep root & bring forth much fruit!

I would like to thank each one of you who have played a part in this outreach in any way, that we may continue to strive together as a Church for the furtherance of His Kingdom!

Joan Carson

CEF ROMANIA MISSION TRIP

The team from Carryduff Baptist Church will return to the CEF administrative, training & conference centre in Sibiu, Romania on Fri 23rd Sept. The team of 5 men from Antrim Pres Church will be working on renovating 6 bedrooms and converting others to include ensuite shower rooms. The Sibiu centre is used increasingly for leadership training to equip area workers to bring the Good News of the Gospel to the children of Romania and neighbouring countries and this construction work is vital to the work.

My role, as before, is to cook for the team but I will miss Hilary this year as she is unable to travel. Instead, my sister-in-law Karen will work with me in the kitchen. Please pray for the team as we travel, purchase materials, safety as the work is done and that Karen and I will manage to keep them well nourished. Pray too that we will be an encouragement to Claire, Linda and the office staff in Sibiu as we fellowship with them during the week and hear updates on the various aspects of the work of CEF in Romania.

Christine McCormick