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Editorial

If the result of the EU referendum was unexpected, then how much more surprising has been the fallout. What turmoil has enveloped the two major political parties! It seemed that every day brought fresh 'news'.

Amid all the 'comings and goings' – voluntary and involuntary – one word cried out for definition: leadership. What is it? My dictionary defines it as the capacity 'to guide on a way, especially by going in advance', but it seems to me that much of this has been lost, if not turned on its head, in the modern world.

Some equate leadership with power. Its attraction is the power that accompanies it. And so they position themselves where they need to be to win popular support. Allied with power, then, is pragmatism – 'what view must I enunciate on this issues to realise, or retain, power?' They blow with the wind.

There is another word that is key to real leadership: principle. Determine what is right, and stick to it, whatever the consequences. Sadly, there appear to be few who are resolutely principled in creed and conduct in the higher echelons of public life.

Christians hold that the seat of fundamental principles is the Word of God. *'To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them'* (Isaiah 8:20). How significant that foremost among the 'achievements' of the last Prime Minister, lauded as a man of principle, was the introduction of 'same-sex marriage' – and how sad that his successor should rush to endorse this legislation!

'It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes' (Psalm 118:9). The Psalmist was right – he still is.

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HUMILITY

"BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY"

1 PETER 5:5



The essence of true humility is contentment with being as nothing that Christ may be all in all. The humble heart is content that Christ is its only wisdom and righteousness. It renounces all self-acclaim and receives the Lord Jesus Christ as its only light, life, and salvation. The soul of the humble cries: *'In the Lord have I righteousness and strength'* (Isaiah 45:24). This was the disposition of the apostle Paul who looked on himself as the chief of sinners and the least of saints. His heart-felt cry: *'I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord'* (Philippians 3:8), was humble recognition that all he is and has, is from the Lord. His testimony is: *'by the grace of God I am what I am....I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me'* (1Corinthians 15:10).

The humble soul is the object of the Lord's love and care. The eye of the Lord is toward the lowly and contrite heart for He says: *'to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of*

a contrite spirit and that trembleth at my word' (Isaiah 66:2). His ear also is toward the lowly. *'Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble; thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear'* (Psalm 10:17). *'Though the Lord be high, he hath respect unto the lowly'* (Psalm 138:6).

Christ was meek and lowly and content to appear in the form of a servant. A humble spirit then manifests a Christ-like soul and so it is not surprising that God has regard to such. The Saviour is the greatest pattern of this very grace and He said: *'Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart'* (Matthew 11:29). He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps. When the Spirit of Christ enters the heart, He stamps the moral likeness and image of Christ upon it. Abraham, the father of the faithful, manifested it in prayer when he cried: *'Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord,*

which am but dust and ashes' (Genesis 18:27). His grandson Jacob expressed it in the words: *'I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant'* (Genesis 32:10).

CHRIST WAS MEEK AND LOWLY AND CONTENT TO APPEAR IN THE FORM OF A SERVANT.

The more of Christ in the life, the more humility; the less of Christ, the more pride. So to be clothed with humility, you must have clear views of Him. When Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up he cried out: *'Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips...for mine eyes have seen the King...'* (Isaiah 6:5). God promises to give grace to the humble (1Peter 5:5). The richest treasures of His grace are possessed by them.

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THE SOMME

The 1st of July is embossed on Ulster calendars on account of two historic events. It was the original date of the Battle of the Boyne (before the Gregorian calendar was adopted, moving the date to the 12th) – and it was the opening day of the Battle of the Somme.

The Somme was the ‘Great Push’ that many British Tommies and other inexperienced officers thought would end the Great War. However, this offensive that had been demanded by the French as a means of achieving two objectives – relieving their own embattled troops at Verdun and inflicting as many casualties on the German army as possible – stretched for 141 days, and the war rumbled on for a further two years.

Before this ground offensive began, a merciless artillery bombardment targeted the German lines for seven

days and nights, designed to entomb the enemy in their dugouts.

One German letter, written at this time by Unteroffizier Hinkel of the 7th Company 99 RIR, indicated how the stress caused by this artillery barrage made those Germans hope the British would attack with ground infantry: “The torment and fatigue are unspeakable, only competing with the strain on the nerves. Merely a prayer in our hearts, ‘Lord, release the pressure in us, give us escape through battle, give us victory; Lord God! Allow the Englishman finally to come.’ And the desire grew with each successive fall of shell.” Not until 1.7 million shells had rained down on those German lines was this prayer answered.

Many of the men of the 36th Division prepared themselves by Bible reading and prayers, rose from their frontline trenches just before ‘zero hour’ – 7.30am on 1 July 1916 – and advanced

towards the first German line in the Thiepval sector. One Company commander from the West Belfasts, Major George Gaffikin, took off his Orange sash, held it high for his men to see and roared the traditional war-cry of the Battle of the Boyne, “Come on, boys! No surrender!”

Yet, despite the bravado in this rallying cry, the truth is:

1. THEIR TASK WAS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

Impregnable Position

One of Germany’s most meticulous soldiers, Major von Fabeck, arrived in Thiepval in April 1916 to assess the defences. Immediately he ordered the engineers to arrange dugouts in clusters of three, deepen each to seven metres, install three exits per dugout, and connect them by tunnels. By the time they were finished, systems of earthworks sculpted into the Picardy



chalk of the Somme landscape rivalled small towns.

Thiepval ridge resembled an anthill, with the main German fortification on it, the Schwaben Redoubt, acting as 'the nest of the queen.' On the surface this structure boasted a fantastic complex of trenches, command posts, machine gun nests, while underground were shell-proof shelters, officers' quarters, a hospital, a telephone exchange. It could accommodate over 1000 men at a depth of thirty feet.

So formidable were these defences that even the seven day British bombardment did little more than force a flicker from the newly installed electric lights.

This installation became key to the battle in the Thiepval area. If the Schwaben could be taken, then Thiepval Village would be exposed to an attack from the north and would then become vulnerable.

Multiple Machine Guns

Facing the Ulstermen was the 99th Reserve Infantry Regiment. Its two machine gun companies gave awesome firepower over the entirety of the regiment's front at Thiepval. Premier positions for each of these guns gave the best fields of fire, and alternative sites had been identified should their forward positions be located by the British artillery and rendered unusable. In effect, the battlefield around Thiepval was practically impassable.

So it proved for the X Corps of the British 32nd Division who tried to attack Thiepval Village on the right flank of the advancing Ulstermen. They were quickly wiped out. Twenty-one machine guns in the village survived the bombardment, firing 210,000 rounds into the British attack. Only 280 out of 800 attackers were able to crawl back to their lines that night. The observation of the British Official History that, "only bullet-proof soldiers could have taken Thiepval on this day," is no exaggeration. The same fate awaited the 107th battalion of the 36th Ulster Division, mostly Belfast men. By the time they emerged from Thiepval Wood as the second wave of the attack, the 32nd Division to their right had collapsed, and on their left, beyond the Ancre River, the men from Antrim, Armagh, Cavan and Monaghan had also been scythed down. Thus, all the German machine guns in the area were now trained on the 107th battalion.

Barbed Wire

The soldiers were assured that the seven-day bombardment had cut the German wire to shreds, but that day the British soldiers discovered to their horror that the artillery shells had caused most of the wire to bounce but not break.

The barbed wire obstacles were horrendous: intertwined wire, of double and triple thickness, 3-5 feet high, laid in two belts, each covering 30 yards of ground and placed 15 yards apart. No wonder the comment that

men saw 'a black wall' in front of them! It was incredible that so many of the first wave of Ulstermen did breach the German defences and were able to swarm over the Schwaben. Their unique tactics in leaving their forward trenches ten minutes early, and taking up positions close to the German front line, brought success. The Germans were slow to climb the many steps out of their deep shelters. As they emerged, the Riflemen "potted them like ferreted rabbits."

The 11th Royal Irish Rifles, with men from the 9th and 10th Inniskillings ('Skins'), pressed up onto the Schwaben from three sides. In what was described as, "a Belfast riot on top of Mount Vesuvius," the Ulstermen fought with grenades, trench knives and rifle butts. One 'Skin' gave a gruesome summary of the aftermath of the fighting: "The blood had got about the tongue of our boots and our socks were soaked with it."

A seventeen year old from Belfast's Grosvenor Road, Private Herbie Beattie, wrote to his mother: "If hell is any worse, I would not like to go to it."

These brief reports open the door on another observation:



Rev Ian Brown with a scale model of the arena of battle



2. THEIR SACRIFICE WAS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE.

Sacrifice started early that morning on the 1st of July. At 6.45am, men of the 14th Royal Irish Rifles witnessed an astonishing sacrifice. In Thiepval Wood, in a densely packed trench, a box of grenades was knocked to the ground by a shell blast, dislodging two of the pins. Without hesitation, a 20-year-old line apprentice from Cregagh Road, Belfast, William McFadzean, dived onto the grenades before they exploded. Despite the air being filled with shrapnel, men removed their helmets as William McFadzean's remains were taken out on a stretcher. McFadzean was one of 4 Ulstermen that day to earn a Victoria Cross.

Division HQ had issued orders that no battalion staff should join their men in the battle, but Lieutenant-Colonel F.P. Crozier and Lieutenant-Colonel H.C. Bernard, commanding officers of the 9th and 10th RIRs (West and South Belfast), disobeyed. A trench mortar barrage from Thiepval Village killed Bernard as he left the wood. Rallying the remainder of the men, Crozier flung himself across the sunken road that

led to the enemy lines, followed by his breathless batman. The same Crozier described Thiepval as being, "masked with a wall of corpses," and pictured the sight of waves of soldiers engaged in attacking the village: "I see rows upon rows of British soldiers lying dead, dying or wounded in No Man's Land. ... Again I look southward and perceive heaped-up masses of British corpses suspended on the German wire in front of the Thiepval stronghold, while live men rush forward in orderly procession to swell the weight of numbers in the spider's web. Will the last available and previously detailed man soon appear to do his futile duty unto death on the altar of sacrifice?"

This one day witnessed almost 2000 brave Ulstermen offer themselves on this sacrificial altar.

- » By 8.15 am, the war diarist of the YCVs reordered, "Corpses were piling high on the Sunken Road." One survivor described any onward push at this time as, "Playing leapfrog with death."
- » By 6.00pm fewer than 300 men remained inside the Schwaben Redoubt. Major Peacock of the 9th

Inniskillings sent an urgent message to the rear: "Please do all that you can to send up Vickers machine gun belts, bombs and SAA (small arms ammunition). I think we shall hold on only men are rather done up."

- » At 10.00pm, Peacock ordered all remaining men to withdraw to the German front line. By midnight, every able-bodied Ulsterman was back where he started.

Nearly 10,000 volunteer soldiers of the 36th Division had gone into battle. They advanced further into enemy territory than any other unit that day. Yet by the end they been forced to give up their gains, and 5,500 of them had become casualties.

Commented Crozier: "Most of my officers are dead and wounded. I send for twelve more who have been held in reserve, to swell the corpse roll. Other reinforcements arrive only to be thrown into the melting pot for a similar result. At 10pm the curtain rings down on hell. The cost? Enormous. I have seventy men left, all told, out of seven hundred."

The British Army sustained its largest ever loss in a single day on 1 July 1916 – 57,470 casualties, 19,240 dead. Before the Somme offensive concluded in mid-November, it had cost a million lives – one third of all combatants contesting this 15 mile front.

This tremendous bravery and awesome sacrifice deserves to be remembered.

3. THEIR MEMORY IS FOREVER INDELIBLE

Commander of the 36th Ulster Division, Major-General Nugent, wrote on 2 July 1916: “The Ulster Division has been too superb for words. ... I did not believe men were made who could do such gallant work under the conditions of modern war.”

Captain Wilfred Spender of the Ulster Division’s HQ staff was quoted as saying, “I am not an Ulsterman but yesterday, the 1st July, as I followed their amazing attack, I felt that I would rather be an Ulsterman than anything else in the world. My pen cannot describe adequately the hundreds of heroic acts that I witnessed The Ulster Volunteer Force, from which the division was made, has won a name which equals any in history. Their devotion deserves the gratitude of the British Empire.”

To recognise the contribution made by the 36th Ulster Division in the First World War, the Ulster Memorial Tower was unveiled in November 1921; multitudes of its ‘missing’ are included among almost 73,000 names on Thiepval’s Memorial To The Missing. This is why, 100 years later, we still celebrate and cherish their memory.

Of course their courage – and sacrifice – pulls into view another field of conflict, another gruesome struggle, another sacrificial victim: Christ Jesus, our Lord, on Calvary. Jesus left the splendour of heaven and descended onto the battlefield of earth to die for sinners - His open, avowed enemies (Romans 5:6-8). He was assaulted from every side: men, devils – and, because He was our Substitute, having volunteered to pay the full, hellish price of our sin – God the Father directed all the wrath of heaven against Him.



*They nailed my Lord upon the tree
And left Him, dying, there:
Thro’ love He suffered there for me;
’Twas love beyond compare.*

*“Forgive them, O forgive!” He cried,
Then bowed His sacred head;
O Lamb of God! my sacrifice!
For me Thy blood was shed.*

*Crucified! crucified!
And nailed upon the tree!
With pierced hands and feet and side!
For you! For me!*

Many of the Ulster soldiers who served and sacrificed at the Somme had found salvation in Christ’s substitutionary death. One soldier who once entertained the ‘modern thought’ theories wrote home from the Front and said: “You

are right, father. There were times, I know, when I caused you sorrow, but this I know (this cruel war has taught it to me), your teaching is true, and is the only comfort I have in this time of danger. There is no comfort in the other ideas of the teachings of Christ. Only in the true teaching is there any strength or security for the life beyond.”

Have you yielded to Him? Claimed Him as your Substitute, strength and security for time and eternity? Signed up to His army and started to march with Him to heaven? If not, do so today!

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NEW ELDERS ORDAINED



Richard Nicholl (third left, back row) and Robert Heyburn (extreme left, back row) have been ordained to the eldership in **Ballymena**. They are pictured with other members of session.



Armagh has added David Bell and Wesley Sergeant to its session. They are pictured (front row) with Rev McMillan and other elders. Mr Norman Kerr was absent ill.



Mr Campbell Gibson has been elected to the session in **Dromore**. Our picture shows him with participating Ministers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUCCESS



At Children's Day in **Sandown Road**, Andrew Dillon, Leah Wilson and Joshua Knowles, who answered all the questions of the Child's Catechism, are pictured with Rev D Stewart (Guest Speaker), Rev G Wilson and Richard McVeigh (Superintendent).



Matthew Hamilton (**Ballynahinch**) received a certificate for answering the Child's Catechism in its entirety. He is pictured with Rev Nelson, teacher Christine Hamilton, and Eric Seaton (Superintendent).



Ballymena young people who recited all 107 answers of the Shorter Catechism, Jedidiah Shanks, Susanna Crabbe and Connor Hamilton received their awards from Rev J Greer and Sunday School Superintendant Mr James McCosh

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Compiled by
Robert McConnell

The tongue, with ten thousand taste buds, is what we use to taste things.

Being a muscle, it also both moves food to the back of the mouth in readiness for swallowing and assists us in pronouncing words. A doctor can sometimes tell how healthy a person is by examining the tongue. A healthy tongue is a nice pink colour, except that is, after one of those blue coloured, bubble gum flavoured ice drinks!

Some people are world record holders because of their tongues. Nick Stoeberl has the longest tongue in the world (10.1cms) and Steve Woodmore has the fastest tongue for talking, with the ability to articulate an average of 637 words per minute.

No two tongues are exactly the same. All tongues, however, can be used for good or for evil. Consider the good – songs of praise to God or words full of complements, love and kindness towards others. Yet, so many use their

tongues to cause upset, hurt and tears. A nasty tongue can destroy friendships, reputations and even lives.

James 3 reminds us that although the tongue is small, it wields much power and control, just as a great ship is steered about with a tiny rudder. Wild animals can be tamed, but the tongue no man can tame. Out of the same mouth come praises to God and poison against others. Prayers can be said, Bible verses recited and hymns sung. Yet, from a heart far from God, a tongue out of control can be used to tell lies and spread stories that are spiteful and cruel.

What's the cure? How do we stop it? Well, what comes out of the mouth starts in the heart. Our hearts must be right before God. We need to repent of our wrongdoings, seek God's forgiveness and trust in the Saviour who suffered and died on the cross. This is part of a great change, which has an effect upon all of our being, including our tongues.



"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:10

Quiz: The Bible also mentions many other facial parts. Complete the word search below. Then, using the Bible references given, uncover which part is not found anywhere in the Bible.

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L	I	P	S	F	T	E	E	T	H
F	G	E	A	R	S	H	K	Y	R



HAIR



TEETH



MOUTH



LIPS



EYE



NOSE



CHEEK



EARS



CHIN

Matthew 25:30

1 Kings 1:52

Proverbs 7:2

Matthew 5:39

Proverbs 21:13

Proverbs 30:3

1 Samuel 1:13

Psalms 19:14

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| » Emily Wilkinson (Aughnacloy) | » Michael Henry (Rasharkin) |
| » Anna Lucas (Garvagh) | » Laura Robinson (Clogher Valley) |

Answer:



EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THIS TIME, PLEASE KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!

REPENTANCE

Some who profess to love the Lord Jesus deny the very meaning of His name. He came to save His people from their sins, yet some profess to enjoy salvation without ever dealing with the matter of their sin. Sadly, it seems they want to be saved from sin whilst enjoying the freedom to sin. It is a false gospel that offers men forgiveness without repentance and holiness. The selfish will gladly receive salvation from the eternal penalty of sin without confronting the presence and power of sin in their lives. We have been thinking about conversion in recent issues and such a study must emphasise that saving faith is always coupled with repentance from sin.

The Gospel command combines faith and repentance. Christ preached: *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."* (Mark 1:15) The Apostles testified *"both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Acts 20:21) At times salvation is said to come by repentance: *"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."* (Acts 3:19) At other times faith comes to the fore: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."* (Acts 16:31).

Hence, saving faith is repentant and true repentance is believing. Thus in your conversion experience can repentance be seen? What does repentant faith

look like? There is no better definition than that of the Shorter Catechism: "Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience." In this definition we see what David experienced and then described in Psalm 51. Repentance involves:

- » **Contrition.** There is hatred for sin and humility before God. *"For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."* (Psalm 51:3)
- » **Confession.** There is the admission that sin is our doing and our fault. From such comes the confession to God. *"Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight..."* (Psalm 51:4)

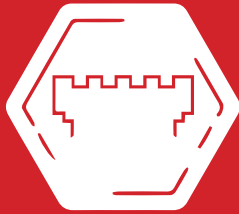
- » **Conversion.** There is a change of mind in the repentant believer. There is the about-turn away from a life of sin to a life of determined obedience to the word of God. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."* (Psalm 51:10)

To run to Christ as a Saviour from sin necessarily involves a loathing of the sin that plaques our lives. We want deliverance from sin in its every stain and effect. So the faith that takes Christ as Saviour is a faith that runs away from sin. Flee from sin to the Saviour!

FROM THE OLD TO THE YOUNG

Repentance is, according to God's interpretation, the undoing of all the evil you have committed and the doing of all the good you have omitted. Indeed, he who repents of his sin tells all the world that if it could be done again he would not do it. And he who repents for not having done the will of God, does it in repenting (Matthew 21:29).

- Ralph Venning, The Sinfulness of Sin.



All Christians will have a desire to share the gospel of Christ with people they meet. As we rub shoulders with others in this world we discover that they have their own faiths and world-views. As such it is helpful to understand what they might think or believe in order to witness for the Saviour. This year we will consider the faiths of some of those you might meet.

Whitefield College graduate **Mr Luke Barker** deals with the challenge of **Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses**.



WITNESSING TO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

For many Christians today, the idea of sharing the gospel with a Jehovah's Witness is a daunting prospect. It seems like they are an unreachable, unbreakable group of people who doggedly defend and cling to their beliefs. They seem to have an answer for every argument a Christian may throw at them. They vehemently deny the trinity, the deity of Christ, the doctrine of the eternal soul, the personality of the Holy Spirit, and the existence of an eternal Hell. Any attempt to persuade them otherwise can seem like a waste of time.

Why is it that the average Jehovah's Witness appears to present such a formidable wall of resistance to the gospel message? For one thing, he attends around five meetings a week at his local Kingdom Hall. These mostly take the form of training, using role play and other techniques to practise witnessing to different types of people, including 'born again' Christians. This helps to explain why he is often so well-rehearsed in what he says.

Another key reason why Jehovah's Witnesses are often so set in their beliefs, is to do with the actual process

they go through to become a Jehovah's Witness in the first place. It takes an estimated 1800 hours to convert someone to the cult. At first the Witnesses will seem quite accepting of what an individual, studying with them, initially believes. Then over time (a lot of time), they gradually break down what that person believes until any previously held beliefs are destroyed. Then, slowly but surely, brick by brick, the teachings of the Watchtower (the Jehovah's Witness organization, with its publications and magazines) are gradually used to build up the individual in his new faith. No stone

is left unturned. There is no room for any other belief, no matter how small, that does not conform to Watchtower theology and teaching. The result of this indoctrination is a Jehovah's Witness who appears utterly convinced he is right and will not concede he could be wrong on even the smallest detail.

A third reason why Jehovah's Witnesses present a seemingly impenetrable wall of resistance has to do with their source of authority - the Watchtower. To Jehovah's Witnesses, the Watchtower organization is where they get their 'truth' from. They have the Bible, but to them the Bible cannot be understood without the Watchtower's explanation and interpretation; someone who has only the Bible is in spiritual darkness.

It is for these reasons that Jehovah's Witnesses present such a challenge to the Christian evangelist. One may be tempted to conclude- 'once a Jehovah's Witness - always a Jehovah's Witness'- when in fact, the opposite is true. Statistics show that Jehovah's Witnesses have proportionally one of the highest dropout rates of any religion! So maybe they are not as unbreakable as they seem?

Let us now consider two approaches the Christian can use to effectively reach Jehovah's Witnesses with the gospel.

The first approach is to ATTACK THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESS'S SOURCE OF AUTHORITY - THE WATCHTOWER

The Watchtower organisation, its literature and magazines, is like a well of water that the Jehovah's Witness draws his truth from. To him, everything that comes from that well has a sweet taste. So the first effective approach in witnessing is to poison that well - to make the sweet waters bitter! If the Jehovah's Witness can be made to doubt the source of authority, then that can often set him on a path of critically examining his own organisation and finding out that it is indeed a false prophet. The Watchtower fails the test of a true prophet outlined in Deuteronomy 18:22 *"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD,*

if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken..." The organisation has made many false prophecies in the past. Examples of such are too numerous to mention here, but are readily available on the internet and in sound publications about the cult. The Christian witnessing to them will need the exact quote with references so that the Jehovah's Witness can look them up later for himself. The average Jehovah's Witness will not like this approach, and resistance is to be expected, but the ultimate aim is to sow seeds of doubt as the Christian begins to target his complete confidence in the Watchtower.

The next stage of this approach is so important. Many Jehovah's Witnesses have found out that the Watchtower organisation is indeed a false prophet, and their confidence in it is thus destroyed. However, to accomplish only this, would be to fail in the task of witnessing effectively to them. If one succeeds in leading a Jehovah's Witness out of his false religion, only to have him join another - this is a terrible tragedy. So in conjunction with attacking the Watchtower, the Christian must also reinforce the real source of authority and truth - the Bible. *"Thy Word is truth"* (John 17:17).

A series of questions can be asked. These should help the Jehovah's Witness to think for himself, and to realise that the Bible can be trusted, when the Watchtower can't. When the Witness is challenged with the question, 'Is the Bible the inspired word of God?' he should reply 'Yes.' A follow-up question can then be asked: 'Is the Watchtower inspired, the same way the Bible is inspired?' The usual response is, 'No - it's just a study aid.' This helps expose the issue at stake. Further questions such as, 'Which is more important to you - the Bible or the Watchtower?', and, 'If you had to choose between the Bible or the Watchtower - which would you choose?' are also

designed to help the Jehovah's Witness begin to see the Bible as more important than the Watchtower, and that the Bible alone can be relied upon for truth. This method works well, and is an approach the Jehovah's Witness often does not see coming. It is certainly better than debating doctrine for two hours and getting nowhere.

The second approach, ideally combined with the first, is to challenge the Jehovah's Witness with THE TRUE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

The gospel is *"The power of God unto salvation"* (Romans 1:16). A few months ago I witnessed to a Jehovah's Witness in Australia, and asked him what I needed to do to make it to 'paradise'. As he began to list all the 'good works' required, I started to count them in the

fingers of my two hands. He

smiled, as he could see I was showing him how his religion teaches a 'works' based salvation. I then pointed out that the Bible teaches something quite different, quoting Ephesians 2:8-9, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not*

of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." I then encouraged him, "Why not look it up in your Bible?" (The New World Translation). He read it aloud from his translation observing that it said pretty much the same thing.

With that crucial truth explained we parted company and I prayed that God would open his eyes to the truth of the gospel, that we are saved, *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy"* (Titus 3:5). Like all sinners, the Jehovah's Witness needs to hear the truth that we mustn't seek to work our way into God's favour, because the Lord Jesus Christ has done all that is required. His life, death and resurrection provide the only message of hope to all. God made Christ to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).

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SEPTEMBER RALLY

**Friday 16th September,
Lurgan FPC, 8.00pm**

Joint Meeting with Mission Board

Preacher: Rev I Harris

Report on Uganda: Mr S Miller

AUTUMN EVENINGS OF PRAYER

WEST

30th September, 8.00pm: Enniskillen
Rev J Gray

NORTH WEST

10th October, 8.00pm: Cookstown
Rev M Lecky

MID DOWN

14th October, 8.00pm: Crossgar
Rev G Dane

SOUTH DOWN

14th October, 8.00pm: Annalong
Rev I Harris

NORTH DOWN & GREATER BELFAST

21st October, 8.00pm: Ballygowan
Rev A Smylie
Preceded by prayer meeting: 7:30pm

MID ULSTER

21st October, 8.00pm: Lurgan
Preacher: TBC

SOUTH WEST

28th October, 8.00pm: Markethill
Rev J Porter

NORTH & SOUTH ANTRIM

28th October, 8.00pm: Rasharkin
Rev K McLeod

YOUTH COUNCIL EVENTS

DELEGATES MEETING

Monday 19th September
Randalstown FPC, 8.00pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MISSIONARY WEEKEND

18th- 20th November, 2016. Cost: £65.
Applications on fpcyouth.org

A WORD TO WOMEN

'LITTLE CHILDREN, ABIDE IN HIM.'

(1 JOHN 2:28)

The expression, 'little children', appears quite a few times in Scripture. It is an affectionate and homely term. Children are a gift from the Lord, and are to be treasured and loved. The Lord Jesus rebuked the disciples when they tried to turn away mothers bringing their children to Him, declaring "*Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven*" (Luke 18:16). John frequently addresses believers as "little children" or "my little children", indicating how he had been instrumental in bringing them to faith in Christ and in nourishing their spiritual growth. And it spoke of the attitude they needed to have – to abide in the Lord. We too need to abide in the Lord, and can accomplish this by having a childlike spirit.

Little children have complete trust in their parents. They feel safe and secure when surrounded by their parents' love. We talk of a child "making strange" – the child feels insecure or afraid in the presence of an unfamiliar person. The child of God should always feel secure in the knowledge of his Heavenly Father's love. The Bible abounds with promises of God's presence. The promise given to Joshua, "*I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*" (Joshua 1:5) is repeated in Hebrews 13:5. Just as the frightened child calls out for its father or mother so we find solace with our Father, "*What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.*" (Psalm 56:3)

Little children are usually humble. Hence the Lord Jesus said, "*Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matthew 18:4) Pride, early acquired, grows like a weed in our lives. The disciples argued about who would be the greatest, but John the Baptist said, "*He must increase, but I must decrease.*" (John 3:30) We must guard against attributing success to our own strength.

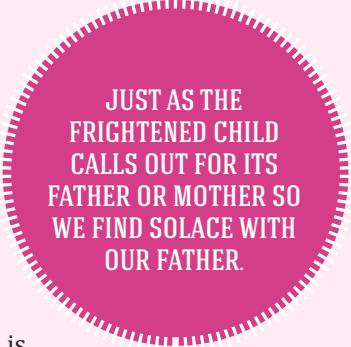
"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:31)

Little children wish to please. A child shows us his drawing. We might have to check what it is before praising its beauty! We should desire to please our Heavenly Father. We can do this only with His help for we please Him by obedience. "*Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*" (Philippians 1:11)

Little children are easily influenced, for good or evil. The little children who mocked Elisha (2 Kings 2:23), had undoubtedly picked up their words and attitude from their parents. We are easily influenced by the world around us. Would companies spend millions on advertising if it had no influence on consumers? So how can we protect ourselves against ungodly influence? "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*" (Colossians 3:16)

Jesus said, "*Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.*" (Mark 10:15) He did not mean that only children could be saved, but that we needed childlike faith, that absolute trust which takes God at His word and depends solely on Him for salvation. May we never lose that simplicity of faith, yet, "*grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*" (2 Peter 3:18).

¶ **Olive Maxwell** lived and worked for over twenty years in the city of Cork. She and husband Colin continue to serve with the Mission Board focusing primarily on the Republic of Ireland.



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MR JOHN CURRIE

Mr John Currie, highly respected professional photographer and faithful elder in the Ballymoney congregation, went to be with the Lord at the beginning of the summer. The Editor has known John for almost thirty years, and valued his friendship and support. In more recent times, his skill with the camera was employed to the benefit of this publication – whatever he was asked to do, it was done ‘with a heart and a half’, and to the very best of his ability. He provided assistance to many aspects of the work of our Presbytery, and ever so many of our ministers and members will readily testify to his diligence and his winsome manner. He will be sorely missed. We assure his wife Anna, children Richard and Janice and the entire family circle of our continued remembrance.

John’s minister, Rev David Park writes...



A Service of Thanksgiving was held in Hebron Free Presbyterian Church for Mr. John Currie on Sunday 3rd July with over 600 in attendance. I expressed sympathy on behalf of the Hebron congregation to his wife Anna, son Richard, daughter Janice, brother Peter, and their respective families.

Former ministers of the Church, Dr Alan Cairns and Rev Leslie Curran took part in the service. John himself had chosen the hymns: the twenty-third Psalm ‘The Lord’s My Shepherd,’ Paraphrase 58 ‘Where high the heavenly temple stands’ and Hymn 120 ‘Thine be the glory.’

John had been a faithful member of Hebron since 1976. He served as Church secretary for 30 years and was a beloved elder for 18 years. I spoke of him as a family man, professional photographer, cyclist and dear friend. John was an eminent man of prayer who loved the Scriptures and gave out thousands of Bibles. For many years he was secretary of our Christian School in Ballymoney. He had a sense of humour right to the end, despite his illness.

John was an example in suffering. His diagnosis last November was a devastating blow. However, despite the news, he accepted it with godly resignation, submitting himself to the will of God who would work all things out for his good. The Lord gave John a wonderful promise from 2 Corinthians 12:9 which he leaned on throughout his illness, ‘*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*’

I spoke briefly on this promise at the Thanksgiving Service, referring to God’s **Saving Grace** which brings a person from sin to salvation in Christ,

to **Serving Grace** which enables the Christian to live for God, and **Suffering Grace** which brings us through the varied trials of life. It was this grace which gave John courage in the face of sickness and death.

The Currie family wish to express their sincere gratitude to members of Presbytery and the Free Church family in general for remembering John in prayer during his illness. Please continue to pray for the family, that the promise of God given to John at the beginning of his diagnosis will continue to be proved: ‘*My grace is sufficient for thee*’.



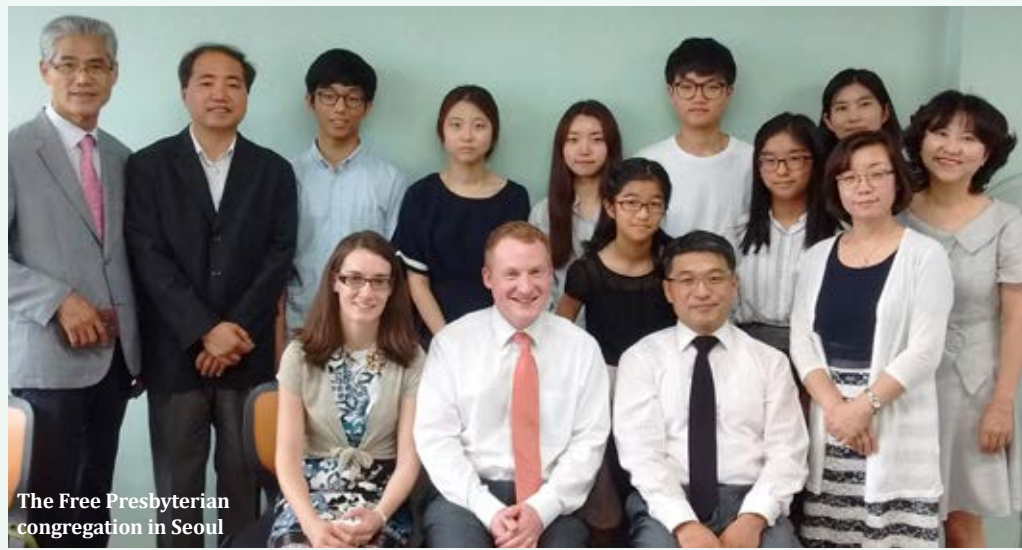
John’s thirty years as Church Secretary acknowledged

SUMMER VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA

South Korea, in East Asia, has a fast moving and successful economy while maintaining much of its traditional culture. It also has a compelling story of God powerfully blessing missionary endeavours. In the mid-1800s, the first missionaries arrived to bring the Gospel of Christ to a population steeped in Buddhism. Many were converted and churches established in revival blessing in the early 1900s. Decades of oppression and conflict followed as Korea suffered under Japanese occupation and then faced the Korean War, which saw the country divided into the communist north and the democratic south. During this time many turned to Christ as their only hope.

It was a privilege for my wife Ruth and I to visit South Korea early this summer. We had been invited by Pastor Jihyun Park, who ministers in a Presbyterian church in the capital Seoul. When Pastor Park had the opportunity of a year away from his regular ministry, he spent it at the Whitefield College of the Bible. During this time he was a good friend to all of the students, taking part in our classes and enjoying visiting our churches. We were delighted to meet him again and when we saw his country we realised how strange ours must have seemed to him!

Pastor Park ministers in a large congregation, seeking to teach and preach the gospel faithfully. The congregation is seeking to follow the Lord. It places great emphasis on missionary work in areas such as Japan, China and Mongolia. Having served as an assistant pastor, Pastor Park has been called to be the senior pastor of his congregation. Pray for him as he assumes this responsibility in May 2017 that God will give him wisdom to guide the church in the right path. There are many Christian churches in South Korea and nominal



The Free Presbyterian congregation in Seoul



Pastor & Mrs Park



Pastor Park's church

Christianity is now almost equal in size to Buddhism. Sadly, secular attitudes hinder the spiritual lives of many believers. Biblical churches struggle against rampant materialism in a country where 24 hour shopping is the norm.

Pastor Park also arranged for us to visit the recently formed Free Presbyterian Church in Seoul. This work was started two years ago by Pastor Seungkyu Lee. He and his wife come originally from Seoul, but spent four years living in the U.S.A. when Pastor Lee was studying at Bob Jones University. At this time they joined the Korean Free Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina. Feeling burdened to commence a Free Presbyterian Church in South Korea, they returned to Seoul and began holding meetings in their own home. Now they have a congregation with around three families, meeting in more suitable accommodation. The

biblical stand of the Free Presbyterian Church on many issues is completely new to South Korea. Pastor Lee and his congregation look to the Lord to give wisdom and power as they seek to present the need for biblical separation. Pray for the little group of young people at the church who, in the will of the Lord, will have a key role in the future of the work.

Remember also North Korea. Looking across the demilitarised zone that separates the north and the south, it was chilling to think that a short distance away Christians endure fierce persecution. But in both regions the need is basically the same. Millions who are in the darkness of false religion and superstition need the light of the glorious gospel to be burning brightly from faithful witnesses.

∴ Stephen Miller

REFORMATION 500 COMMITTEE

The Presbytery Reformation 500 Committee, under the chairmanship of Rev Ron Johnstone, continues to make preparation for the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's stand against the errors of Roman Catholicism. A wide range of

resources and a varied programme of activities and outreaches are in the pipeline, and as a prelude, a special information meeting has been scheduled, details below.

Reformation 500 INFORMATION RALLY



BALLYMENA FPC CHURCH
SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016
10:30AM—12:30PM

- » Brief Addresses on Justification (Rev J Greer) & Luther's Preaching (Rev I Brown)
- » Report on CD Project: Luther's Hymns (Rev D Brown)
- » Sample Pack of Resources for Youth /Children for every Congregation
- » Ballymena Male Choir
- » Exhibition of Luther Displays
- » And more!

While this event may be of particular interest to Ministers, elders, youth & children's workers, everyone is welcome!

BALLYNAHINCH RETIREMENT



Mr Eric Seaton has retired after giving faithful service as Ballynahinch Sunday School Superintendent. He is pictured with Rev Nelson and Clerk of Session Mr G Craig.

CLOGHER VALLEY PRINCIPAL TO BEGIN BIBLE COLLEGE

On Friday, 24 June, students, parents and teachers at Clogher Valley Independent Christian School paid tribute to their principal, David Wilson, who is leaving his position to begin studying for the ministry at the Whitefield College of the Bible later this month. Mr Wilson has served as principal for thirteen years at Clogher Valley, and the school, at its end-of-year service, honoured his dedication with a varied programme and a series of presentations.

The students played a DVD they had produced on sayings Mr Wilson was known for quoting. A choir composed of parents and staff sang one of Mr Wilson's favourite hymns. The students also performed some musical items. On behalf of the School Committee, Mr Norman Boyd made a presentation to Mr Wilson. Gifts were also passed to Mrs Anne Wilson in recognition of her role in support of her husband's work, and to Miss Emma Wilson, who has served on the school staff, but will be leaving to work in Spain for a year.

The guest speaker brought an appropriate message for the school in a time of transition from Psalm 56:3: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee."

Students and staff look forward to Mrs Rhonda Carscadden taking up the reins as principal at Clogher Valley this month.

✦ Caroline McCausland



NEEDED: REGULAR SUPPORTERS

As our missionary team grows across the world, so also does the financial need. Every year, Mission Board workers will visit your church to report on their work and labours as in Acts 14:26-28, and to seek prayerful and financial support to enable them to continue in the work to which the Lord has called them. Usually an offering is taken. This is then sent to the Mission Board treasurer for the specific missionary's account. Normally it will be three years before another visit to your congregation. Mission Board is very grateful for the support of our churches, without which it would be impossible to sustain all the workers and projects on the field. Offerings vary depending on the size of the congregation. However, if you think about it, an offering of £200 equates to just £5.55 a month for the three years until the next deputation.

How can you help? One way would be for each of our families (or churches) to set up a monthly Standing Order in their bank to support one or more of our missionaries. This has proved a great help to many of the missionaries over the years. Remember the example that the Apostle Paul gave when he wrote about the members of the church in Thessalonica, *'ye sent **once and again** unto my necessity.'*

(Philippians 4 v 16). Your regular support however small could be vital in meeting the needs of a missionary month by month!

Most of us will never be called to be missionaries and yet we can be fulltime supporters of those who are, through our prayers and our giving. When Israel worshiped in the tabernacle in the wilderness it was the priests who were prominent in the services, yet when the tabernacle needed moving to another place every person had his job to do. We read of the sons of Merari in Numbers 3: 36-37. Among other things they looked after the 'pins' of the tabernacle. How vital that task was! The pins were a very small part of the great tent but without the pins the tabernacle would collapse and fall. Your monthly support could be the pin that helps keep the work of the Lord going forward, yours could be the widow's mite in the treasury. If you can help with a monthly Standing Order please contact the Mission Board Office for further details.

∴ **Mr George McConnell** (Presbytery Missionary Officer)

LEAVING KENYA

Why am I leaving Kenya? Why leave friends and the ministry I have been involved in for so long? I dread the goodbyes to all my friends in BCFC! I thank the Lord for the kindness, help, guidance and fellowship which I have received from Rev Kendagor and the members of the congregations! (Philippians 1:3-5). Yet God has made it very clear that I am to return home

speaking through Micah 2:10 "Arise ye, and depart for this is not your rest" and other verses too.

I had no idea what I was to do. Yet God had a plan. Hearing I was returning home, the Session of Enniskillen asked if I would become their Child Evangelist. The Lord made it clear that this was the way I should go. I would value your prayers.

Sincere thanks to Mission Board and Missionary Council for their unflinching support for me all these years, to my covenant supporters, and to our congregations for 21 years of financial and prayerful support. (Hebrews 6:10)

∴ **Gillian Gillespie**

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

PORT LINCOLN & LOCK

Time has moved quickly since our arrival on the Eyre Peninsula and we have settled in well to the work and to the area. The regular services have been continuing in Port Lincoln and Lock and we have known the Lord's help and presence. A weekly Bible Club has been commenced in Lock which has had some children from the area in attendance. Much of the burden of that work has been taken by two of the young people of the congregation. Their enthusiasm to serve the Lord has been thrilling to see. It is tremendous to see young people who are doing what they can for Christ.

∴ Kyle Graham

PERTH

As a family we are looking forward to visiting with the home churches at the end of the year and presenting the need of the Lord's work in Australia. We appreciate all your prayers for us. Matthew Higgins, from the Whitefield College, will be with us in August. We are planning special outreach Gospel meetings while he is with us. Do pray that we will see locals come in to hear the Gospel preached and that the Lord will touch hearts. Matthew will also be the speaker at our youth weekend, and assisting with our ongoing street ministry in the city centre.

∴ Philip Gardiner

KINGSTON

The services have been very encouraging recently with attendances reaching 40 for the morning service and 25 in the evening with 16 at last week's prayer meeting, and 12 at the Friday morning Bible study.

New attendees include a family of 7 who have just recently moved to Tasmania. These increases have really stirred the hearts of God's people. Before there was almost a sense of resignation with some that we would never be anything more than just a small, struggling, but faithful work; but now there is a realisation that we truly worship a God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think! Please pray that God would cause those who have recently joined with us to feel very much at home and choose to continue to worship with us, and that others may join with us as we seek to serve and worship the Lord here in Kingston.

It will be good to bring the needs of the churches in Australia before the congregations back in Ulster during our time of deputation, Nov-Jan, and we look forward to renewing fellowship with you all.

∴ Ralph Hall



FROM SPAIN TO NEPAL



When God calls you to leave your home to serve Him, you always know it is for His allotted time. He is the One who calls, but also the One who can move you to a new land. During the past year God has been showing me from His word that it's time to move on.

I have been serving the Lord for 18 years in Spain, the majority of the time in Cortijos Nuevos where Rev Lyle Boyd pastors. Spain is a difficult country but I thank God for the many opportunities to witness for Him among the mountain

villages – seeing people saved and seeing others grow in grace.

Pray for the contacts, that even as my voice is silent, God will continue to speak. Remember the congregation, who are my dear friends, that they will experience His blessing at this time. I would like to thank the Spanish missionary team for their help and support throughout my time, and I wish them God's continued blessing on their labours.

I'd also like to thank the Mission Board

and Missionary Council for their support and encouragement, and the churches in Ulster and my covenant supporters for their prayerful and financial support. As God has guided me to move to Nepal through Isaiah 30: 21, "This is the way, walk ye in it", I would ask them to step out in faith once again with me as I journey to Nepal. Please "continue in prayer" Colossians 4:2; I face big changes and new challenges, but I know that God will go before and prepare the way.

∴ Joy Gillespie

UGANDA UPDATE



As many will know, the opportunity arose to take over Emmanuel Christian School, Uganda, which had been opened and developed by Rev Noel Kelly. The Mission Board felt that a door was opening in that needy land. Following that opening, we were given approval by Presbytery to proceed with this opportunity, provided that we could resolve any outstanding legal issues.

We are therefore delighted to report that, following the visit of the Moderator of Presbytery and three members of the Mission Board to Uganda in January, we have now been able to achieve registration for the Free Presbyterian Mission Society Africa in Uganda. In June we took legal ownership of the site on which the school and church buildings are located. Due to complex land ownership arrangements for the school site, and the restrictive rules to minimise land ownership by foreign individuals, this process has been complicated and slow. However we praise the Lord that He has guided our steps and with the assistance of our advisors in Kampala, we have now cleared all of the legal issues and are in possession of both registration and title to the site.

We will now proceed to open a bank account and start the registration process for the school, and ultimately for the church. These latter steps will be greatly assisted with the arrival of the Miller family and, at a later stage, Miss Noreen McAfee. Thank you to all who prayed for the work in Uganda; we can now truly say that the door is open. Please continue to pray for this new opportunity and those who will be involved in taking it forward.

∴ Alastair Hamilton

Welcome to Africa! These were Rev Kelly's encouraging words as I tried to deal with the second flat tyre of our journey to Emmanuel Christian School. Visiting Uganda in the summer of 2015 was a very exciting experience. We enjoyed our stay, but in reality it was a visit that would normally have made us avoid ever returning! The Lord, however, does the unexpected and makes the impossible possible. The Mission Station in Uganda with its needy children, eager young Christians and busy congregation cried out for workers. The proposed retirement of Rev and Mrs Kelly, after years of faithful service, added urgency to this need. More importantly, the Lord placed a burden for Uganda on our hearts. We were brought again and again to the words of Joshua 1: 9. Joshua was commanded not to fear and to give all his strength in the Lord's service, knowing that God was with him wherever he went.

Many practical difficulties barred our way to Uganda. The removal of those obstacles was a further indication that this was the Lord's will for us. The approval of the Mission Board and the Presbytery confirmed our call and enabled plans to be made. We leave for Uganda on 24th October and return to Northern Ireland in July 2017, DV. These months will be spent managing the transfer of the Mission Station to the oversight of the Mission Board.

God willing, we will return to Uganda in 2018 having completed deputation meetings in our Churches. Please pray that we will serve our Lord fully and faithfully.

∴ Stephen & Ruth Millar



ANNUAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL WEEKEND

MAGHERABUOY HOUSE HOTEL, PORTRUSH,
18TH - 20TH NOVEMBER, 2016

Why not enjoy Special Conference Meetings with a Missionary challenge & great times of Christian fellowship? Over the years the Missionary Council Weekend has been a blessing to those in attendance. Great times have been enjoyed and the work of the Great Commission highlighted. Various missionaries have visited with us and the challenge of missions reemphasised.

Many testify to the blessing experienced and the burden felt. Anyone interested in the missionary cause of the Free Church may attend. The venue is the Magherabuoy House Hotel, Portrush, Friday 18th to Lord's Day 20th November. Booking forms can be obtained from myself (Email: revdavidpark@gmail.com) or from our web site (www.fpcmission.org). If you decide to come, you will be made most welcome.

∴ Rev D Park

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

**4th BALLYMONEY,
VALEDICTORY SERVICE**
Time: Sunday, 7.00pm
Speakers: Alex Bernabeu & Rev D Park

**4th-11th BANGOR,
40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSION**
Various Speakers

**11th-25th BALLYMONEY,
65TH ANNIVERSARY MISSION**
Time: Sundays, 7.00pm,
Mon – Fri, 8.00pm
Speaker: Rev D Stewart

**12th TANDRAGEE,
WHITEFIELD COLLEGE
GRADUATION &
COMMENCEMENT**
Time: Monday, 8.00pm
Speaker: The Moderator

**17th BALLYMENA,
REFORMATION 500 RALLY**
Time: Saturday, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Various Speakers & Displays

**18th-30th PORTSTEWART TOWN HALL,
GOSPEL MISSION**
Time: Sundays, 3.30pm,
Mon – Fri, 8.00pm
Speaker: Rev R Higginson

**19th DUNGANNON,
LADIES PRAISE SERVICE**
Time: Monday, 8.00pm
Speaker: Mrs A Armstrong
Special Singing
Supper Served

OCTOBER

**16th-21st SANDOWN ROAD,
BIBLE CONFERENCE**
Time: Sundays, 7.00pm,
Mon – Fri, 8.00pm
Speaker: Rev T Nelson

**16th-30th MOURNE,
GOSPEL MISSION**
Time: Sundays, 7.00pm,
Mon – Fri, 8.00pm
Speakers: Revs J Morrow
& D Stewart

**22nd TANDRAGEE,
MEN'S CONFERENCE**
Time: Saturday, 10.15am
Speakers: Revs P Foster,
T Murray, Park
Special Singing
Lunch Provided

NOVEMBER

**1st-2nd RASHARKIN
COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ANSWER TO ADDICTIONS**
Time: Tue & Wed, 8.00pm,
Speakers: Mr C Killen & others

**14th-25th BALLYMACONNELLY
ORANGE HALL,
GOSPEL MISSION**
Time: Mon – Fri, 8.00pm
Speakers: Revs Kenny, Martin,
Higginson, Fitzsimons
& McMillan