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“*The Scriptures themselves are “a light to our feet and a lamp to our path”. Is the light of Freemasonry the light of Jesus Christ as revealed in the gospel and presented in the Bible? Or is it some other light?*”

Editorial

The blessing of the Sabbath day cannot be overestimated. God, in His mercy, has provided one day in seven for us to rest from the normal routine of daily work. However, Sabbath day rest is not an idle or wasteful rest. It is a rest that enables us to engage in the public and private exercise of worship. The first day of the week is special. It is not just an Old Testament law but one which extends into the twenty-first century. Sabbath day observance has fallen on hard times. It is hard not to be dismayed at the widespread commercial and recreational desecration of the Lord's day.

Sadly, many of God's people also lose sight of the importance of the fourth commandment during the summer months. A trip to the coast or family time, or visiting friends, takes precedence over the worship of God. The Sabbath day is used for selfish reasons; and the sin is excused with the thought, “I'm on holidays”. God's law is not suspended during July and August, and the blessings of a well-ordered Sabbath day continue all year. Neglecting the means of grace and growing careless in the worship of God are always dangerous things. Such an attitude to the Lord's day sets a bad example to our children, impacts the congregation from which we are absent, and surely dishonours our God and Saviour. Recreational time is important and good for us. However, let us not fall into the trap of thinking that summer provides an opportunity to become indifferent to the things of God. It would be a tragic thing to be rested physically but backslidden spiritually. Paul's counsel is always appropriate, “forsaking not the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25). If you are away from home this summer, seek out a faithful place of worship and pray that these months will be physically and spiritually refreshing. ■

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“If the garden of our lives would be fragrant, pleasing to the Lord, then His abiding presence will be the secret.”



British summer time gives us ample opportunity to get into the garden, plant new flowers, dig the vegetable plot and sow the seeds that hopefully will result in the finest produce.

In Song of Solomon 4:12, the Christian is said to be a garden enclosed. The metaphor is rich with thought. Gardens are not like weeds; they do not grow of themselves. No choice flower, rare plant, or exotic tree grows naturally; all must be sown or planted. By nature, we were degenerate plants sowing seeds of sin and all ungodliness and due to reap the harvest of eternal judgement. We lived fulfilling the

desires of the flesh and the mind and were by nature the children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3). Paul asked the believers in Rome, “What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?” The implied answer is nothing deserving the name of fruit. The preaching of the gospel was the planting of the incorruptible seed in our hearts by which we have been born again. All the redeemed are trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord (Isaiah 61:3).

Jesus! how glorious is Thy grace!
When in Thy name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just.

Avid gardeners spend hours preserving what they have planted from insects, slugs, snails and vermin. Believers are as a garden enclosed; the Lord sets a preserving hedge around us, as with Job. Jude, writing in the climate of apostasy, gives us these reassuring words, “Preserved in Jesus Christ.” The word ‘preserved’ means to guard against loss or spoiling. It is translated in I Peter 1:4 as ‘reserved’. We are preserved in Christ, and our heavenly inheritance is reserved for us. The Lord said to the Father in John 17:12: “Those Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost.”

In a garden that is prim and proper, you will find the owner there continually. If the garden of our lives would be fragrant, pleasing to the Lord, then His abiding presence will be the secret. It was the bride’s fervent desire that the bridegroom would come into His garden (Song of Solomon 4:16). The Lord is her Beloved, and she cannot bear to be without His presence. As the Lord went in and out among the seventy disciples, so may our lives be lived each day under the shadow of the Almighty. The vineyard mentioned in Isaiah 5:1 was planted on a fruitful hill so that it would catch the golden rays of the sun. How indispensable to fruitfulness is the sun with its warmth! As the owner looked for fruit, clusters of the finest grapes, so the Lord looks for fruit on the branches of our lives. It is not His purpose for us to be cumbering the ground, like the barren fig tree. The tree planted by the rivers of water brought forth its fruit in its season. As we know the daily infilling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), may we bring forth the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God. ■

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Wayward Children



Biblical help for parents

A matter that causes acute agony of soul, heartache beyond description and sometimes even guilt beyond belief, is devout Christian parents blaming themselves when their children grow up with no time for the Lord and His Word. Gospel ministers often listen to godly, devastated parents as they ask some of the most difficult questions imaginable - Where did I go wrong? What did I do to deserve this? Is it my fault? Did I neglect them? Was I too hard on them? Should I remain in office in the church since my children are so worldly and rebellious? How can I reach them when they are so far removed from their upbringing? Other children have turned out well even though their parents were not as committed to the Lord and His work as we were - how come? How did one turn

out to be the “black sheep” of the family when they were all brought up the same way and loved equally?

Any of God’s people, including ministers, can face these and many more soul-searching dilemmas.

Billy Sunday preached to millions of people face to face. Estimates of the numbers who “came forward” in response to his invitations run from 1 to 1.25 million persons. Before his death, Sunday estimated that he had preached nearly 20,000 sermons, an average of 42 per month from 1896 to 1935. This sounds like an amazing success story, but a tragic subplot lies hidden from view. His three sons were engaged in many of the activities that he preached against. While

others accepted the Word that Sunday preached, his own sons rebelled against it. This type of conundrum is all too common. It is essential to highlight that there are occasions when parents can drive their children away from the things of God. Paul counsels in Colossians 3:21, “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged”; and in Ephesians 6:4, he says, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” The following thoughts of three Bible commentators are challenging to say the least.

Albert Barnes - *“If children are required to ‘obey’, it is but reasonable that the commands of the parent should be such that they can be obeyed, or such that the child shall not be discouraged in his attempt to obey.”*

Adam Clarke - *“Avoid all severity; this will hurt your own souls, and do them no good; on the contrary, if punished with severity or cruelty, they will be only hardened and made desperate in their sins.”*

Matthew Henry - *“Though God has given you power, you must not abuse that power, remembering that your children are, in a particular manner, pieces of yourselves, and therefore ought to be governed with great tenderness and love. Be not impatient with them, use no unreasonable severities and lay no rigid injunctions upon them. When you caution them, when you counsel them, when you reprove them, do it in such a manner as not to provoke them to wrath. In all such cases deal prudently and wisely with them, endeavouring to convince their judgments and to work upon their reason.”*

Chastening that is Scriptural must never be carried out in anger. It should never be too severe or administered due to pride. And it must never be based on the thought: “This will demonstrate to others how strict I am on certain matters”. Children are very quick to detect inconsistency, severity and hypocrisy. This stringent and over-the-top harshness can have the effect of driving children away. That said, it is very important to grasp the fact that some children will still go astray even when they are given the most Scriptural, loving, gentle, fair, firm and consistent upbringing. The prodigal son is a clear example. The response of the father to his son’s return proves that the prodigal had a godly, kind and forgiving father; nevertheless, the young man chose to forsake the ways of the Lord, his father and his home. Many godly parents, who have given their children an exemplary upbringing, lament the fact that they have a prodigal or even prodigals in the family. Broken and bewildered, they sob - “Where did I go wrong? I did my best, but like Job I am forced to cry out, ‘Yet trouble came’”.


Satan, aware that God’s child is weak and therefore vulnerable, moves in to cast doubt upon the very Word of God. He whispers, “What about that verse in Proverbs 22:6, ‘Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it’?” In reference to the second part of this verse, John Gill states *“there are exceptions to this observation; but generally, where there is a good education, the impressions of it do not easily wear off, nor do men ordinarily forsake a good way they have been brought up in; and, however, when, being come to years of maturity and understanding, their hearts are seasoned with the grace of God, they are then enabled to put that in practice which before they had only in theory, and so continue in the paths of truth and holiness.”* Matthew Henry wrote, *“Good impressions made upon them then will abide upon them all their days. Ordinarily the vessel retains the savour with which it was first seasoned. Many indeed have departed from the good way in which they were trained up; Solomon himself did so. But early training may be a means of their recovering themselves, as it is supposed Solomon did. At least the parents will have the comfort of having done their duty and used the means.”* We are therefore to train our children in the right ways, the ways of the Lord, and pray that they will walk in the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

However, the question might remain, what if my child is the exception to the rule? We must continue to love them. The Lord never forgets to love His children. We are to be like Him and not like the mother referenced in Isaiah 49:15 who may have forgotten her child and had no compassion on him. The prodigal’s father loved his son, as we can see by his response when he returned. Not only should we love the wayward ones, but

they should know that we love them. When backslidden David was praying for restoration, he began Psalm 51 by saying, “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.” He had no doubts regarding the lovingkindness and tender mercies of his heavenly Father. While our children must be aware of our disapproval of sin, may they never have cause to doubt our love and mercy.

As well as continuing to love our children, we must trust the Lord and pray without ceasing that prodigal children (no matter how old they are) will soon see the folly of their sin and will come to Christ, who is standing with outstretched arms, ready to receive the repentant sinner. ■

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An illustration featuring two women standing and facing each other as if in conversation. The woman on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a pink long-sleeved top and dark pants. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a light blue long-sleeved top and dark pants. Above them is a large, light blue speech bubble containing three dots. The background is a large, light blue circle. The title 'Personal Outreach' is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

Personal Outreach

A football manager was once asked to analyse his team's chances of victory in the next game. After a moment's reflection, he said that he felt they could beat the opposition on paper, but added the twist: "... Unfortunately, we are playing on grass." So it is when we set out to personally evangelise the lost. On the Indian paper of our calfskin Bibles, we should win comfortably, but somehow when we get over the white line and on to the pitch itself, things don't go always as smoothly as we would like.

One reason for this is simple. The sinner, dead in trespasses and sin (Ephesians 2:1), loves darkness rather than light (John 3:19). Therefore, his carnal mind is at enmity with God (Romans 8:9), and he is not receptive to the truth of the gospel (1 Corinthians 2:14). However, far from calling the match off or resigning ourselves to defeat, we are to go in faith that it pleases God to bless the apparent foolishness of our preaching to save those who will believe (1 Corinthians 1:21).

Although this applies to every evangelistic effort, I have been asked to deal specifically with individual Christians using everyday opportunities to speak for Christ. Not so much the idea of a concerted and united effort with other Christians (e.g. the midweek door to door visitation), but when we are on our own and in very ordinary situations, how can we make these occasions count?

Conscious that “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Psalm 127:1), we need to look to God to both open up the opportunity and bless our efforts. We want to avoid all that is wooden and forced. We also need to avoid turning every single time we meet an individual (especially if we are thinking about meeting people on a daily basis) into a preaching situation where we push for immediate decision. This usually has the effect of causing the individual to studiously avoid all contact with evangelical truth.

Under God, the secret is to be natural. We are on scriptural ground here. In Acts 8:4, we read that the early Christians, scattered because of persecution, “went everywhere preaching the word”. This is often paraphrased as “gossiping the word”, and it presents the idea that they simply slipped the gospel into their everyday conversation as the opportunity naturally arose. This reminds us of the woman in the parable who took the leaven and hid it in the measures of meal until the whole was leavened (Matthew 13:33). It may have been somewhat subtle, but it was clearly effective and descriptive of the Kingdom of Heaven.

This kind of activity which should supplement, but not replace, the more aggressive and general form of evangelism, (e.g. open air evangelism or gospel missions etc.) should flow naturally. Those early Christians could not help but speak of Christ. They believed, and therefore they spoke. (2 Corinthians 4:13). It was like a spring of water bubbling up from an underground stream. It did not happen in a vacuum. They were not cold salesmen or professional debaters who could ultimately be indifferent to their product or topic. They positively loved their Lord, and it would show in their very demeanour. A life of devotion – an umbrella term for consistent Bible reading and prayer etc., - must precede this kind of activity. Often we miss the opportunities because we fear the negative response of man. It is unlikely that we will be physically harmed because we let it be known that we belong to Christ, but we tend to fear the look of scorn and ultimate rejection. The fear of man brings a snare (Proverbs 29:25). If we are conscious of letting opportunities slip by, we then fall initially into feelings of guilt which soon subside into feelings of indifference. However, if we have seen the face of God, in our devotional fellowship with Him, then the face of man will no longer retain the same impact.

Over the years, I have read several “How to” books on this subject. I have considered the experiences of men like Moody, Torrey, Ironside, and Spurgeon. Opportunities to witness for Christ came easily to them. It seems they operated in days of revival when religion was a topic that many people were happy to discuss. Those days appear to be gone. Religious discussion has moved away from a general reaction of apathy through to today’s scarcely disguised scorn.

Perhaps a good way – at least to get started – is *just to be willing to chat to people*. With all our modern technology, we seem to be busier than ever. We have lost the art of conversation. We rush in and out of shops and people’s lives with little more than a nod. Can we not just simply slow down and make time to engage in our God-given commission to bear witness for His name (Acts 1:8)? In

the course of an everyday conversation, usually on the weather or the current political situation or whatever, we can *slip in* something that at least indicates we are Christians and believe the Bible.

“THOSE EARLY CHRISTIANS COULD NOT HELP BUT SPEAK OF CHRIST. THEY BELIEVED, AND THEREFORE THEY SPOKE.”

Years ago in Cork, I got an unexpected phone call from the local radio station. They ran a scheme whereby they gave out ‘on air’ the number for the day early each morning and then rang people at random to see if they knew the number and win some cash. I didn’t know the number but was encouraged to take a guess anyway. With the odds stacked heavily against me (“Pick a number between 1 and 100”) I guessed wrongly. The presenter commiserated with me, and I was informed that I had just missed 1,000 Euro. What could I say? In a moment of inspiration with thousands of sinners listening, I simply replied: “*Oh well! So be it. There is a wee verse of Scripture that says what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?*” There was a short silence with the presenter pleasantly wrapping up the conversation with the words: “*Well, that’s one way of looking at it!*” And so it was. But it was the scriptural way and a word that was spoken in due season, of which Solomon could not enthuse enough: “*O how good it is!*” (Proverbs 15:23)

Some people are better at this than the Moodys and Ironsides but let us do what we can. God takes the weak things (1 Corinthians 1:27), and an arrow fired at a venture can do much good (1 Kings 22:34). Pray for opportunities. Start small, and maybe a conversation will naturally open up for further truth to be shared. Always remember, the work is God’s and not yours. It is for Him to use your feeble efforts for His matchless glory. ■

✉ Colin Maxwell,

Missionary in the Republic of Ireland and Border Counties.

Magherafelt

🖼 In Magherafelt, 13 year-old, Michael Brown answered all 107 questions correctly in a recent examination of the Shorter Catechism. Michael is pictured with (L-R) his minister Rev R McKee, Sabbath School Superintendent Mr R Campbell and his Sabbath School teacher (and father) Mr A Brown.



Rev Alan Smylie celebrates 40th anniversary of Ordination

🖼 Rev A Smylie recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Christian ministry. Presentations were made to him and his wife, by Mrs M Bennison on behalf of the Ballygowan congregation. Pictured are (L-R) Mrs M Bennison, Mrs A Smylie, Rev A Smylie and Rev F Greenfield.



Emma Carlisle success at Special Olympics

🖼 Emma Carlisle from Ballygowan Free Presbyterian Church won gold and bronze medals for swimming at the special Olympic games. She is pictured cutting a cake in her honour, with her parents, minister and members of the congregation.



Clogher Valley Book Launch

🖼 Rev P McIntyre is pictured receiving a copy of a new book, recently released by Clogher Valley Free Presbyterian Church, from church elder Mr I McClung. The book outlines the key themes and messages of each book in the Bible.



New Elders Ordained in Annalong Free Presbyterian Church



Mr Geoffrey Bennett (front left) and Mr David Bennett (front right) were recently ordained as elders in Annalong Free Presbyterian Church. They are pictured with Rev Ian Harris and elders Mr S Cousins and Mr T Crutchley.

Miss Dennison celebrates her 102nd birthday



Miss Dennison, from the Ballymena congregation, is pictured with Rev and Mrs J Greer on the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

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"...Oh taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Going on a Picnic

At this time of the year many people like going on picnics. A blanket, fold up seats, a flask of tea, a hamper of food, plastic plates and cups are all needed for a good picnic. Four times we read in the Bible about one of the greatest picnics the world has ever seen. Having followed the Saviour to a secluded location and then spending all day with Him, the Lord Jesus rather than sending them away enquired of His disciples how they might feed all these people. It was then that a young lad was ushered forward with his lunch, five barley loaves and two small fishes. Out on that grassy hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, the Lord Jesus then miraculously fed the 5,000.

What a picnic! Some very poor artistic illustrations of this Bible story make out these five barley baps to be five huge family sized loaves and the fish to be like two prize-winning catches in a fishing competition. This, however, was not the case. What the boy had, was only a snack; a lunch, not even a dinner but little is much when the Lord is in it. It is also noteworthy to point out that when the crowds were instructed to sit down, perhaps in anticipation of what was going to happen next, that in that moment of stillness the Lord took the bread and gave thanks to God. Do you give thanks for the food you eat? The standard has been set and we ought to follow it.

This miracle also teaches us that there ought to be a willingness to put others first. The Lord performed the miracle but then He gave the food to His disciples to distribute among the people. They had their part to play and although they too would have been tired and hungry, they obeyed willingly putting others first.

In feeding all these people, God shows us that He more than meets our needs. Every household runs out of things. On many an occasion, children have been sent hurrying down to the corner shop for some ingredient that mummy has run out of while preparing a meal. Such is never the case with God. The Bible tells us that having eaten, the people were "filled", after which the disciples then "filled" twelve baskets with the leftovers. God never runs out. Instead, He runs over.

Most importantly, however, this miracle reminds us that the Lord Jesus is Himself the Bread of Life. The broken bread given to the multitudes on that day points us to the greatest miracle of all when upon the cross of Calvary the Saviour's broken body was given freely for us all so that we might have life everlasting. I would encourage you today to, "...taste and see that the Lord is good..."



FROM THE LIST BELOW, WHICH FOOD IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE?

I have given you some Bible references to look up to help you in your process of elimination.



ONIONS



GRAPES



LEMONS



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CUCUMBERS



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NUMBERS 13:23, EXODUS 3:8, NUMBERS 11:5, 1KINGS 10:2, JOB 10:10

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The Sabbath Rest

God's command reveals His grace and gentleness; it is for the good of man. Christ emphasised this truth when He said, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). It was for all people, in all generations. The 4th commandment has not been repealed. It is binding upon us all in the 21st century. However, the specific day of rest was not laid down in Exodus 20. In the New Testament, the day of rest was changed. This was a change in the actual day of rest from what is referred to as the Jewish Sabbath, which was the last day of the week, to the Christian Sabbath, which is the first day of the week.

Hebrews 4 explains this change. In verse 8, Paul speaks of "another day" and in verse 9 shows how that the day of rest 'remaineth'. In other words, it has not been revoked. The following verse gives the detail concerning the change in the day, from the last day of the week to the first day of the week. The creation Sabbath remembered and celebrated God's rest at the end of creation. The Christian Sabbath, the first day of the week, commemorates Christ's finished work of redemption when He arose from the dead. With this in view, then, the first day of the week is a remembrance and a thanksgiving for the great atoning work of Christ. Therefore, any desecration of the day of the rest is a dishonouring of the finished work of Christ.

This change of day is evident in the life of the New Testament believers. Acts 20:7 records "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them..." There was a coming together of the followers of Christ on the first day of the week for public worship.

This leads us to consider our conduct on the day of rest. The command is to "keep it holy" or different. The Lord's day is to be used as a time for private and public worship. Such private and public worship entails a setting aside of other activities (Isaiah 58:13). There are, of course, works of necessity and mercy that must continue on the day of rest, particularly for those involved in the farming community, the emergency services or the medical profession but for the majority of people, the Lord's Day is to be marked by a cessation of work, business endeavours and pleasures. The Shorter Catechism puts it well when it states, "The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy." ■

✍ **Rev Garth Wilson,**
Sandown Free Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

As we enter into the summer months, many will be looking forward to a period of holiday and rest. Young people will be enjoying a break from studies and others, who are in employment, will be hoping to take some time off from work. The Scriptures have much to say about rest. For example, there is gospel rest. Christ invites weary sinners to come unto Him for rest (Matthew 11:28). This is rest from the burden and bondage of sin and comes through saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, there is another rest mentioned in Scripture: a day of rest or Sabbath rest. Sadly, in this 'post-modern' generation, the Sabbath day has been neglected.

The command concerning the day of rest was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. It is contained in Exodus 20:8-11, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The word 'Sabbath' means rest and therefore the text could be read as, 'Remember the Rest day.' This day of rest was instituted, not in Exodus 20 but in Genesis 2, when God rested from His work of creation. He made the world in six days and rested on the seventh day thus leaving His creatures a pattern to follow.



Freemasonry

The Masonic Lodge is often viewed as a gentleman's fraternal that is known for its works of charity. While it is shrouded in secrecy and symbolism, many believe it is a harmless institution that focuses on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Many famous people have been Freemasons including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Winston Churchill, King George VI (the father of our Queen), Mark Twain, Henry Ford, Voltaire, Norman Vincent Peale and even the founder of the Mormons, Joseph Smith. Many good people are

in the Freemasons and other lodges like it, but many are not fully aware as to the true nature of the organisation, as it is progressive in the knowledge it imparts. There are 33 degrees of Freemasonry and various rites.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY

Like the organisation itself, the history of Freemasonry is shrouded in obscurity. Some believe it is one of the oldest organisations in the world, believing it dates back to the days of Solomon when he employed stonemasons to build the temple at Jerusalem. The claim has even

been made that Solomon was Grand Master of the lodge at Jerusalem. According to many sources, including the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Freemasonry formally began in London in 1717 due to the efforts of three men: James Anderson, George Payne and Theophilus Desaguliers. The earliest minute of a lodge meeting dates back to 1723. New lodges quickly sprang up across Britain and Europe before reaching America in 1733. Masonic legend asserts that the original Grand Master was a man called Hiram Abiff who had exclusive knowledge as to the true name of God.

He was killed and Freemasonry is a quest to rediscover the name. God's name has however been revealed in Scripture as Jehovah who has revealed Himself personally in Jesus Christ, who has been given a name above every name (Philippians 2:5-11).

THE PECULIARITY OF FREEMASONRY

Collins dictionary defines a Freemason as "a member of the widespread secret order, constituted in London in 1717, of free and accepted masons, pledged to brotherly love, faith and charity."

The question must be asked, what "faith"? Even those within the lodge will have a difference of opinion as to what Freemasonry is. However, there can be no doubt that the Masonic Lodge is a religious institution. It requires belief in a deity. It has religious furniture and ceremonies. In the lodge there are altars, pulpits, "worshipful masters", rituals, prayers, vows, sacred literature, hymns and even funeral services. Freemasonry purports to be a journey towards the light. This is symbolised in the initiation ceremony. Our Lord Jesus Christ, however, is "the Light of the World" and the apostle Paul spoke of "the light of the glorious gospel". The Scriptures themselves are "a light to our feet and a lamp to our path". Is the light of Freemasonry the light of Jesus Christ as revealed in the gospel and presented in the Bible? Or is it some other light?

THE SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY

Masonic initiates are sworn to secrecy in their initiation oath "...binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my throat cut from ear to ear, my tongue torn out by its roots... should I in the least, knowingly or wittingly, violate or transgress this my entered apprentice obligation". This oath is ironically, generally taken on a Bible. During the initiation, the candidate is blindfolded and a noose is placed around the neck. They are taken to the outer door of the lodge (symbolic of darkness) and then brought before the worshipful master. Kneeling on

their left knee, the holy book is opened before him while he takes his oath as a sharp object is put to his breast. He kisses the book and asks for light whereupon the blindfold is removed and he is shown a secret handshake, two hand signs and presented with an apron. The Bible, however, indicates that we come to the light when we repent of our sins and trust Christ as our Saviour. The main symbol of Freemasonry is that of a square and compass with the letter "G" in the centre. According to the 32nd degree, the "G" stands for the generating principle of life and the square and compass denote the coming together of male and female. Albert Mackey, a past grand master, affirmed this in "The Manual of the Lodge" (p.56). Other common symbols in Masonry include the sun, moon, all-seeing eye, pentagram, blazing star, keystone and hundreds more, many of which have their origins in Egypt and Babylon. It is noteworthy that the Bible never endorses or encourages the use of such symbolism.

THE AUTHORITY OF FREEMASONRY

Reference is often made to "the holy book", but what is it? Quite frankly, it matters little within the world of Freemasonry. The particular book used will be dictated by the culture or initiate so it might be the Bible, the Quran, the Book of Mormon, the Bhagavad Gita or any other book a person might choose as being "holy". God, however, has clearly set the Bible apart as being the book above all other books. He has magnified His Word above His very name (Psalm 138.2).

THE THEOLOGY OF FREEMASONRY

Only the said "Hiram Abiff" knew God's true name. The Mason who reaches 'the Royal Arch Degree of the York Rite' will learn that the god of Freemasonry is called "Jabulon" who is "the Great Architect of the

Universe". The name is a derivative of three separate names: JAH (the Hebrew God), BEL (the Canaanite god) and ON (or Osiris, the Egyptian Sun god). The god Masons worship is, therefore, a false god. Mackey, in his encyclopaedia of Masonry, states "at the altar of freemasonry men of all religions may kneel. To its creed disciples of every faith may subscribe". False gods share equality with the God of the Bible in Freemasonry. Prominent Mason Manly P Hall cites: "Christ, Buddha, Muhammad, the name means little....", but not according to Philippians 2.9!

“ THE NAME OF CHRIST IS PROHIBITED IN MOST LODGES. PRAYER IN HIS NAME IS FORBIDDEN. HE IS DENIED AS THE ONLY TRUE WAY TO GOD. ”

The name of Christ is prohibited in most lodges. Prayer in His name is forbidden. He is denied as the only true way to God (John 14.6). This is all very interesting, especially since Masonry

is concerned with foundations. Paul said that Jesus Christ alone is the foundation of our standing before God (1 Corinthians 3.11). Rev Peter Moore, a Church of England minister and a Freemason said in 1984 that, "the God we worship in the Lodge is the same god that Jews and Muslims worship".

As far as salvation is concerned the 28th degree of the Scottish rite states: "the true Mason RAISES HIMSELF by degrees until he reaches heaven". The 19th degree of the same rite states, "Masons who have given proof of their attachment to the statutes and rules of the order, which in the end will make them deserving of entering the celestial Jerusalem". Adherence to the order supposedly secures salvation to its members! The Bible, however, clearly states that salvation is by grace alone (Ephesians 2.8, 9). How should a Christian respond to such an institution? Paul gives us the answer in Ephesians 5.11 where he says, "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them"! ■

✉ **Rev Roger Higginson,**
Coleraine Free Presbyterian church.

YOUTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

“ TO EXTEND CHRIST'S KINGDOM AND DEVELOP
CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AMONGST THE YOUTH. ”

REGIONAL OUTREACHES

PORTRUSH AIRWAVES

31 August 2019, 10:30am - 2pm

Please contact Jonathan Smith (07533 035923, fpcmission4youth@gmail.com) for further details on outreaches.

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL GOSPEL TENT MISSION

MOIRA DEMESNE

12 - 15 September 2019

Incorporating the Annual September Rally at 8.00pm on the Friday night. Prayer Meetings prior to the Mission will be confirmed on Youth Council website and Facebook page.

Application forms for camp and weekend events available to download from the Youth Council Website (fpcyouth.org)

HEBRON'S CONTAINER PROJECT FOR ROMANIA



A container project for Moldova Noua, Romania, was launched at our Missionary Weekend in January. We requested clothing and other items to help the poor and Roma community, together with Angels Christian School and Maranatha Church. 1st May was set as a cut-off date for items to come in. However, the response was so phenomenal that two months later the 40-foot container was full, and enough gifts had come in to fill another half container. We thank

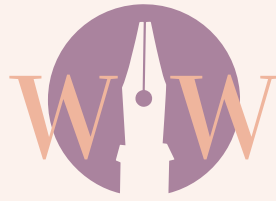
the generous, kind-hearted people of Ulster for their love and compassion.

There is a wonderful story of God's provision behind the container project. Visiting our Missionary Weekend was a dear man from one of our churches who offered to donate a container. A lorry company kindly delivered it free of charge. Ninety miles away, another believer was listening in on SermonAudio and phoned to say that he had just bought a lorry and would

like to drive the container to Romania. His boss is covering ferry costs on the outbound journey, and another sponsor is covering the costs of the return journey. That leaves us just the diesel to cover of about £1,000. Paint was donated free of charge to give the container a needed face-lift.

The local Pastor in Moldova Noua asked us to consider a second project – renovating a container into a shower and toilet block for the Roma community. These families live in derelict buildings and have no such facilities. Our Church committee has decided to proceed with the project. The local Mayor of Moldova Noua is lending his support and providing a site, and has agreed to bring in the water and electricity. A gift of £1000 has already been received and a pledge of another £1000. It is hoped that some individuals from the business community may donate the showers and toilets and the insulation and fixtures. ■

✉ **Rev D Park**, Ballymoney Free Presbyterian Church.



A Word to Women

Lydia

ACTS 16:11-40

Lydia was from Thyatira in Asia. Thyatira was famous for its purple dyes and Lydia was involved in its trade. Business had brought her to the Roman colony of Philippi. It would prove to be a providential move. The Holy Spirit caused Paul to turn from his proposed journey to Asia and to go into Macedonia. This was a pivotal event in the history of the church when God saw fit to bring the Gospel to Europe. Lydia would be the first convert in Philippi.

Lydia heard the gospel message from the lips of Paul. As Paul ministered from city to city, his habit was to visit the synagogue and take the opportunity to address those assembled. Philippi being a Gentile city with no synagogue, a group of Jewish women met outside the city, by the riverside. On the Sabbath, Paul joined their company and preached the gospel to them. Lydia was one of that group and she listened attentively. Hearing the gospel message is essential to salvation. In Romans 10:14 we read, "...how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" If souls are to be saved then God's Word must be preached. Paul exhorted, "Preach the word..." (2 Timothy 4:3). We must feed the hungry and clothe the naked (James 2:15-16), but above all, we must preach the word, for, "...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

The Lord opened Lydia's heart so that she responded to the gospel message. Lydia could not open her own heart but by meeting with others to worship and pray, she put herself in a place where she heard God's word. Paul could not open her heart. Men may be the most eloquent and persuasive preachers but only the Lord can open sinners' hearts to receive the gospel. The Lord Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). C. H. Spurgeon was converted after hearing a lay preacher take the text, "Look unto me, and be ye saved,

all the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 45:22). The preacher did little more than repeat the text and encourage the small congregation to obey, but God opened Spurgeon's heart and he was saved.

Lydia confessed her new found faith by being baptised. Romans 10:10 explains, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Lydia's heart being opened, she believed the gospel and then in a public confession of her faith, she was baptised. The Great Commission is to preach the gospel to every creature and to baptise those who believe (Mark 16:15-16).

“Lydia’s life evidenced that she was a new creature in Christ; she was quick to see where she could serve the Lord.”

Lydia's life evidenced that she was a new creature in Christ. Thankful to have her sins forgiven, Lydia was quick to see where she could serve the Lord. Immediately she constrained Paul and his companions to stay at her home.

Lydia soon learned that while salvation is free, discipleship has a cost. Paul was used to deliver a young woman from demon possession and a great stir resulted. Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned. After God miraculously opened the prison doors by an earthquake, the magistrates demanded the preachers leave Philippi. However, it is encouraging to know that Lydia welcomed them back to her home before they continued on their missionary journey.

Lydia was saved through the simple preaching of God's Word. Has the Lord opened your heart? Will you, like Lydia, stand firm in support of the gospel even if it means bearing reproach for the Lord's name? ■

✍ **Olive Maxwell**

lived and worked as a missionary in Cork for over twenty years. She is married to Colin who serves with the Mission Board, mostly in the Republic of Ireland.

From the Principal's Desk



I write these lines with just a few weeks of classes remaining in the 2018-19 College year, and the May-June examinations looming – by the time you read them, another year will have gone, and there will be some welcome respite for staff and students alike. I am grateful for the endeavours of everyone involved in College life, and for the support of readers who take time to pray for us on a daily basis: to one and all, I say a sincere ‘thank you’.

Our second term began with the home-call of Rev Kenneth Elliott. Previously Lecturer in Christian Doctrine & Personal Evangelism, Mr Elliott had been Professor of Homiletics in recent years, and he had served faithfully and diligently throughout his long connection with the College. We continue to remember the entire Elliott family, especially those who mourn the loss of a husband, father and grandfather. The General Presbytery of our church approved my appointment by the College Academic Committee as successor to Mr Elliott, and that of Rev Colin Mercer to succeed me as Professor of Biblical Exegesis. Please pray that these appointments will prove to be for the benefit of the College, and that both of us, and indeed all our lecturers, will know much of the Lord's help.

This year we anticipate losing six men who are completing their fourth and final year of studies for the ministry. We pray that God will open doors for them in His will. At the time of writing, I cannot

say how many will be commencing College in September – results of the entrance exams and interviews with the Presbytery Examination Board are still pending – but it is likely that we will have a small net decrease in our numbers. I am glad to report, however, that I am already dealing with expressions of interest for 2020. Please join with me in praying that we might have young men and women come to us with a clear call and a resolute determination to serve the Lord.

The summer months will not be idle for our students. Most will be exceedingly busy with Lord's Day engagements here in N Ireland, not to mention numerous Children's Bible Clubs, several extended periods of service overseas, and our own College Outreach in early September. This year we work with the

churches in Mount Merriam, Belfast and Mulvin, Co Tyrone. Remember our young men and women in all these activities – and if you have them in your congregation, well, a word of encouragement is always appreciated!

May I ask you to join with us for our annual Graduation & Commencement Service, to be held this year in Tandragee on Monday 9th September? The choice of location is appropriate, for it is here, God willing, that our new purpose-built facility will be erected. Your prayers and support for this project are so vital, and I covet them with all my heart.

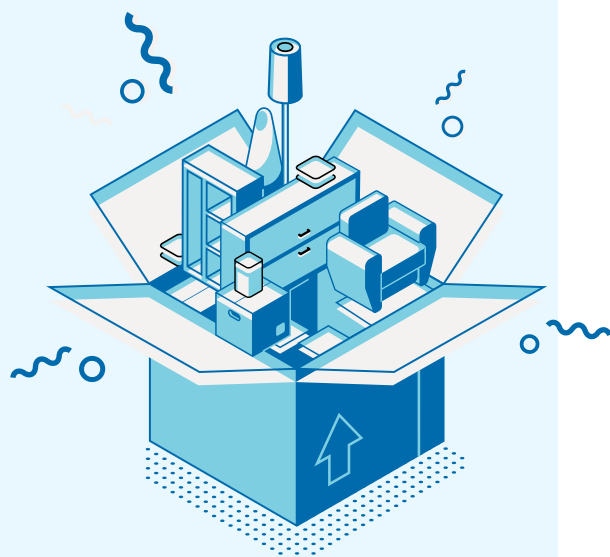
Thank you for your kind remembrance of the College. ■

✍ **Timothy Nelson**

📷 The Principal with fourth year students (L-R), Joshua Moffatt, Nathan McVeigh, Glenn Wilkinson, Rev Nelson, Andrew Stewart and Paul Backhurst. Absent - Matthew Higgins



Whitefield College of the Bible Moving On



The year 1979, with ‘the troubles’ still raging in N Ireland, witnessed a host of tragic events. It was the year of La Mon and Warrenpoint – names synonymous with terrorist atrocity – and of numerous other murders. Nationally, Margaret Thatcher became the first female Prime Minister of the UK. In the Republic of Ireland, many thousands clamoured for a sight of John Paul II on a three-day Papal visit.

Of an altogether different order in 1979 was the founding of the Whitefield College of the Bible (WCB), the Free Presbyterian Church’s own training school for missionaries and Christian workers. From the first, the College offered a wide-ranging curriculum in conjunction with the existing Theological Hall, with many of our ministers taking on lecturing roles alongside their pastoral work. Dr John Douglas was the first Principal, and he invested many years of faithful labour in the establishment and consolidation of the new institution. Rev Gordon Ferguson followed Dr Douglas, serving diligently for five years, while current Principal Rev Timothy Nelson was appointed in January 2018. Over the years hundreds of students – now in pastoral ministry, on the mission field, or labouring conscientiously in local congregations – have reason

to be thankful for the instruction received during their days at WCB.

Initially, WCB met at premises secured in Cypress Avenue, Belfast. In 1981, it relocated to Lawrencetown House, near Banbridge, County Down, where it was to remain well into the new millennium. More recent times have found it back in Belfast, occupying temporary accommodation within the Jubilee Complex at Martyrs Memorial Church. The current location is a consequence of the decision of the General Presbytery of the Church to sell the Lawrencetown property and move towards the erection of a purpose-built facility on a new site. The Presbytery has now approved the acceptance of a site generously gifted to the College by the Tandragee congregation. Given the challenges of an impending building project, WCB is encouraging supporters to pray earnestly for its Management Committee, and the Presbytery too, as important decisions are made and all the necessary consents are sought. Pray for the wisdom and

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and for His hand to overrule
throughout the process. ”*

guidance of God, and for His hand to overrule throughout the process.

Meanwhile, maintaining the work of the College requires considerable resources, and the sacrificial giving of every supporter is sincerely appreciated. These last years have seen a diminishing income from Covenant subscribers, largely because many longstanding contributors have gone to be with the Lord, but perhaps also because plans to build stalled. However, as WCB seeks now to move on, and to realise the ambition of providing premises tailored to its needs in the twenty-first century, it is asking congregations and individuals to take the work upon their hearts, to give what they can, and in this practical way, to invest in the future of our denomination. If you are interested in our Covenant Scheme, contact the College Administrator, wcboffice@btinternet.com

WCB expresses sincere thanks to FP Vision readers for remembering this vital work in so many valuable ways. ■

Ballymoney

🖼️ The Ballymoney School was delighted with the response to their recent Computer Appeal. The school was able to purchase four new laptops which will be beneficial to the children and their work. “Thank You” to all those who contributed!



Bangor

🖼️ Key Stage One and Two pupils are pictured attempting to make their own volcanic eruption as part of their Geography studies on the topic of volcanoes.

🖼️ Sunbeams and Primary school pupils have been making good use of our recently installed play equipment.



Mourne

🖼️ The pupils of Mourne Independent Christian School enjoyed a visit from Mr Stephen Kyle, an engineer PhD student, STEM ambassador and past pupil of Mourne Independent Christian School. Pupils had the opportunity to interview him and engaged thoroughly in his coding activities.



🖼️ Pupils were also delighted to welcome Miss Joanne Greer (missionary in Liberia) who received some hands-on experience in the classroom.



Portadown

🖼️ Winners of the Portadown school badminton tournament 2019 were (L-R), John Dumigan, Josiah McMurray and Ruth Haffey.



🖼️ Key Stage 1 from Portadown independent Christian School pupils recently enjoyed a favourite story with role play – “The Hare & the Tortoise.”



Kilskeery

Over the past 40 years of our school in Kilskeery, Rev Ivan Foster has been a frequent and much-loved speaker in our assemblies. This year he addressed second and third generation pupils, whose parents and grandparents previously sat in the school assembly. There have been many dramatic and humorous expositions of Biblical events, many direct and personal applications of Bible truth to contemporary issues facing the Church and many solemn, soul-searching appeals to the unsaved and backslider.

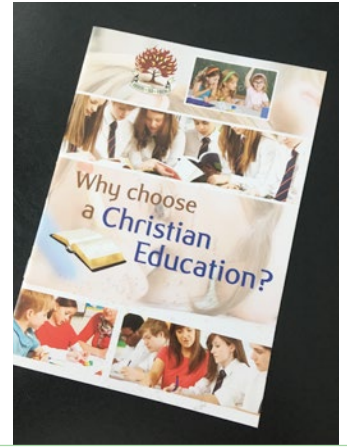


Clogher Valley

Congratulations are due to Damaris Condy, a Year 12 student, who achieved full uniform marks in her higher tier M4 maths exam and achieved 100% in her Double Award Science Biology Unit 1 exam.

Education Board

A new publication entitled "Why Choose a Christian Education?" has been produced, setting out the case for Christian Education and giving details of the seven Christian Schools which operate under the Presbytery. A quantity of these free booklets has been given to each School and local congregations for distribution.



Newtownabbey

During a recent visit to Ulster, Rev R Cranston spoke at morning assembly. It was through the vision of Rev Cranston that the School was opened in 1983.



Wood Technology in the Primary School. Upper Primary have designed and made wooden robots from wood scraps. Lower Primary have made wooden hedgehogs. The work involved sanding and painting the wood and hammering in nails for spikes. Zac Hanna is admiring his class's handiwork.



Graduation Service

Recently, five Trainee and Probationary teachers graduated from the Education Board Teacher Training Programme. The Moderator, Rev G Dane, preached at the graduation service in Portadown Free Presbyterian Church. A joint schools' choir sang.

Congratulations are extended to (left to right), Mrs Lydia Moore (Ballymoney), Mrs Lois Barbour



(Mourne), Mrs Elinor Keys (Clogher Valley), Miss Lydia Kyle (Mourne) & Miss Elisabeth McClung (Newtownabbey)

The graduate teachers are pictured with Rev G Dane (Moderator) and members of the Education Board of Presbytery, at the graduation service.

Thank you



Thank you to all who once again donated to the appeal for Bibles and Christian books for the bookshops in Kenya. The response this year was tremendous and 56 boxes were packed and are on their way to Kenya. Special thanks are due to George McConnell who so kindly gave of his time to sort and pack all the donated items. He delivered them to the Revival Movement Association for shipping.

Please continue to pray for the work of the bookshops in Kenya and also please continue to send in any Bibles and Christian books new or used. Donations can be given to your Missionary Council representative. ■

First Free Presbyterian Wedding in Uganda

During a brief visit to the Free Presbyterian Mission work in Uganda, the Rev Colin Mercer had the privilege of officiating at the wedding of Master Habaasa Israel and Madam Nasaazi Lillian. Israel and Lillian both teach at Emmanuel Christian School. This was a particularly momentous occasion as it was the first wedding in the church since the Free Presbyterian Church Mission Board assumed responsibility for running the school and church.

An extremely wet morning delayed the bride, who arrived two hours late, only to discover her groom had not yet arrived. The weather conditions delayed him for a further hour. A congregation of 150 guests gathered to witness the exchange of wedding vows. The marriage ceremony followed a familiar format with Rev Mercer leading the couple as they made their vows to one another before God and the witnesses gathered. Rev Stephen Miller assisted and brought a challenging message from Ephesians 5. Rev David Brown also participated and committed the newly married couple to the Lord in prayer. The whole occasion was a marvellous and memorable event for Emmanuel Christian School. ■



Report from Nepal



After a long flight, Revs Wesley Graham and Paul Thapa met me at the airport in Nepal. After a day's sight-seeing, I preached at the regular weekend service and was given a tour of Joy Gillespie's new language school and the recently opened children's home. The Pastors Conference commenced on Monday morning. Some of those attending the services had travelled for up to fourteen hours. During the conference, which was held from Monday to Wednesday, there were four sessions per day with a break for lunch. The congregation sat on the floor for the duration of the meetings. The subject for the conference meetings was the fulfilment of Acts 1:8, with a particular emphasis on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. There were 240 registered on Monday, with numbers increasing to 300 by Wednesday. On Wednesday afternoon there was a graduation for four students from the Bible College, followed by an ordination service for three pastors and two elders. The ordination service was conducted by Revs Graham and Thapa. My abiding memory of my visit to Nepal was the warm welcome from the people and the sense that God has done a great work in the land. ■

✍ Rev A Patterson



Setting aside Miss Christina Logan

Miss Christina Logan was set aside for home missionary work during a special service held in Rasharkin Free Presbyterian Church on Saturday 20th April. A large congregation heard her testify of the Lord's saving grace in her life and of His leading into full-time Christian service among boys and girls. Presentations were made to Christina on behalf of her home congregation and the Mission Board. Readers are asked to remember Christina as she continues with this essential work among children. ■

✎ Above: Miss Christina Logan with ministers, elders and missionaries at her sending forth service on 20th April.

Reports from Home Missionaries



God willing, during June, Rev David Smith and I are planning to conduct a two-week gospel mission in Loughbrickland. Following the mission, I have arranged to travel to the Isle of Man to do outreach and conduct special meetings in Port Erin. Later in the summer, I will be speaking at the Holiday Bible Clubs in Annalong and Cookstown Free Presbyterian Churches and also will be conducting five-day clubs around the housing estates in Annalong and Carryduff. I am thankful for your prayers in the past, and as the summer months are fast approaching, please continue to remember the work before the Lord. ■

✍ **Noel Shields**

The summer period provides many opportunities to reach boys and girls with the gospel. I have the privilege this year to speak at thirteen Holiday Bible Clubs and Children's Missions organised by our churches in Northern Ireland and across the border. I trust and pray that these Bible Clubs will be used to share the gospel with many children and that it will help those children who are already saved to grow in their walk with the Lord. Please pray that the Lord would guide me as to what I should speak on at each Mission and that each week children would come and trust the Lord as their Saviour. ■

✍ **Christina Logan**

Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past few months. Springtime proved to be a busy period with drug awareness meetings and door to door outreach and we are thankful to the Lord for every opportunity to serve Him. Drug awareness meetings were held in Portadown Town Hall and also in the Braniel Estate, Belfast. During the summer months, we plan to focus on the street outreach ministry that we have been doing with the homeless in Dublin City Centre. Please pray that the Lord will go before us. Thank you in the Saviour's name for your continual prayers. ■

✍ **Chris Killen**

Since the beginning of January, I have conducted many Bible Clubs in Primary schools. Some of the meetings took place during the day, and others took place after school hours. In some schools, I was able to hold two meetings, one for Primary 1-3 pupils and another for boys and girls in Primary 4-7. It is interesting to see the lack of interest in Primary 7 children, who think they are too old to attend, even though they attended well in Primary 6. Over the Summer I will be involved in teaching at two camps, Holiday Bible Clubs and some outdoor meetings. Please do remember the summer outreach in your prayers, that we will have the joy of seeing children saved and that those who are saved will be strengthened in their faith. ■

✍ **Joyce Walsh**

The setting up of various children's summer schemes is now the norm throughout July and August in many of the Province's civic centres and churches. Most of these events, however, are focused on promoting sports activities and entertainment. Although the children's clubs we are involved in allow for fun and games, our primary emphasis is to promote the Bible, the message of the gospel and a personal need of salvation. To that end, please pray for us as we conduct Holiday Bible Clubs in Mullaglass, Ballygowan, Garvagh, Aghalee, Larne, Aghnacloy, Comber and Newtownabbey. May many little ones be converted to the Saviour. ■

✍ **Robert McConnell**





Vacation Bible School: Kenya

Mercy Cheptoo, the wife of Pastor Andrew Cheptoo, conducted a three-day Vacation Bible School in Bikeke and Nyaporo in December 2018. She took as her theme the Wordless Book. I introduced the Wordless Book to the ladies in Kitale during the Ladies' Workshop on Salvation back in 2015. After the December VBS, Mercy and I decided to meet with Margaret Russell to plan the next VBS. It took place in April 2019 and we took as our theme the early chapters of Genesis.

We hope to continue the theme of Genesis in the next VBS in August.

As the VBS in Bikeke and Nyaporo were scheduled simultaneously, this presented a challenge for the workers, however, with assistance from Margaret and I, there were enough people to teach the stories. In Bikeke, Mercy was assisted by her husband Andrew, Jared, Ebby and Margaret. In Nyaporo, Benson, a teacher, was overall in charge and Evangelist Patrice and I assisted him. Others from the Sunday School staff participated in the meetings by leading the choruses or teaching the memory verses.

Mercy and I worked together to prepare choruses, memory verses, visual aids

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and worksheets for juniors and seniors. Each day every child went home with a copy of that day's memory verse. Please pray for the children who heard the Word and their parents, that they may understand the way of salvation. Please also pray for the workers, that they will be anointed of God to teach the great truths of scripture effectively. ■

✉ Mrs M Patterson

Book Appeal

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All books and Bibles (new and used) can be given to Missionary Council Representatives



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Dates For The Diary

JULY

27th

**OMAGH,
SUMMER YOUTH RALLY**

Time: Saturday 7.30pm

Speaker: Dr I Brown

Subject: The Christian and the Internet

AUGUST

3rd-11th

**BETHEL, ENNISKILLEN,
LOUGH ERNE CONVENTION**

Time: Sunday 8.30pm,

Mon-Fri 8.00pm

Speakers: Rev G Dane,

Dr J Douglas, Dr P Ferguson

5th-9th

**BALLYNAHINCH,
CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUB**

Venue: High School, Belfast Road

Time: 6.30-8.00pm

Speaker: Shannon Ross

24th

**OMAGH,
SUMMER YOUTH RALLY**

Time: Saturday 7.30pm

Speaker: Mr C Maxwell

SEPTEMBER

8th - 22nd

**MULLAGLASS,
GOSPEL MISSION**

Time: Sunday 3.30pm

Mon-Fri 8.00pm

Speaker: Rev J Morrow

9th

**WHITEFIELD COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE,
GRADUATION AND
COMMENCEMENT SERVICE**

Venue: Tandragee Free Presbyterian Church

Time: 8.00pm

Speaker: Rev G Dane (Moderator) and others

SEPTEMBER

16th

**DUNGANNON,
ANNUAL LADIES CONFERENCE**

Time: 8.00pm

Speaker: Mrs Vi Dawson

Singers: Rev and Mrs McKee,
Miss C Caughey

22nd

**PORTGLENONE,
GOSPEL MISSION,
KILLYMUCK ORANGE HALL**

Time: Sunday 3.30pm

Mon-Fri 8.00pm

Speaker: Mr N Shields

OCTOBER

5th-11th

**BALLYMENA,
ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE**

Time: Sat 7.00pm

Sun 6.30pm

Mon – Friday 8.00pm

Speakers: Drs A Cairns,
J Douglas

17th-20th

**SANDOWN,
BIBLE CONFERENCE**

Time: Thursday, Friday 8:00pm

Sunday 11:30am & 6:30pm

Speaker: Dr D Allen