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**T**his year it was Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – the day I first noticed next year’s calendars for sale locally! Recently a popular newspaper reported that one well-known greetings card chain was displaying Christmas items in the middle of the hottest July for decades! ‘Time flies’, they say; and it seems that commercial interests are determined to drive it forward faster than we would wish it to go.

Right now, summer is ebbing away, and nature offers telling signs that autumn is upon us. I have long believed that the church year, like the school year, really begins in September. The regular programme of activities resumes, and attendances stabilise after the fluctuations of the holiday season.

For those who do return to the classroom it is not just about beginning again, but going forward, advancing a little further along the road of education and experience. Should it not also be so for the local

church, and for its members? Isn’t it right that we should be seeking to progress in our walk with the Lord, and in our witness for Him? Granted, it is easier just to settle into a well-worn routine. There is safety in that, and there is no doubt that many of its endeavours are legitimate and productive. But isn’t the Christian experience about taking new ground, personally and collectively? This being so, we must set ourselves to move ahead, and to ‘possess our possessions’, this church year. Whether this means pursuing new ventures, or simply reinvigorating old ones, we are called to be, and to give, our best!

Paul’s prayerful desire for the believers at Colosse was that they “*might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*” (Colossians 1:10) And that’s still a worthy aspiration!

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# THE PRECIOUSNESS OF CHRIST

'UNTO YOU THEREFORE WHICH BELIEVE  
HE IS PRECIOUS.' 1 PETER 2:7



**C**hrist is only precious to a believing heart. Nothing but saving faith can render Him so. The natural heart has no delight in Him and can have no communion with Him. Faith is the sole spiritual faculty that discerns Christ and realizes His preciousness; indeed He can only be precious to us, in this world, by faith. Faith sees Him as instantly precious, viewing Him as the One ideally suited to all our wants and fully adequate for our relief. He is all preciousness and nothing but preciousness. Such preciousness is both the evidence and the consequence of saving faith. He is precious to those bought with His blood and entitled to life by His death. In Himself and in his offices He is precious to them.

As our Prophet, the words of His mouth are the words of eternal life. And by His Spirit He enlightens the understanding to behold the wonder of the gospel. As our great High Priest, having made complete atonement, He now appears in glory as the ever-living intercessor with a never lessening interest in His people. As our mediatorial King, He

reigns in the hearts of His subjects, bringing them into willing obedience to His commands.

When Christ is precious, the scriptures are precious, since they are the very word of Christ. They testify of Him. Heaven is precious too as the place where He is and where the saints of God will go to be with Him. He is so precious that nothing can be a substitute for Him on earth or in Heaven. He is dearer than all other persons or things.

There are times in life when He is increasingly precious. Is He not highly valued by a heart restored from its wanderings, from a time when some object came between that heart and Him? It felt the chastening rod and timely correction, when love languished for Him. Thankfully it was favoured with His gracious presence and reviving power. In times of adversity too, He grows more precious. A friend is born for adversity and becomes more precious in time of need. Christ is the true Friend and He comes near in keeping

with His promise *'I will be with [thee] in trouble'*, Psalm 91:15.

He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and in all our afflictions He is afflicted. It is in seasons of trial and testing that we get to know Him better and love Him more. We can receive with submission and thankfulness all that He sends, knowing that only precious things come from the One who is precious to us. Objects often lose their attraction and value with the lapse of time but Christ, the object of our faith, only grows more precious!

And in the closing scene of life, Christ will be incomparably precious. As earth recedes, heart and strength fail, and we enter the valley of the shadow of death, He will be more precious than ever. His word will be: ***'Fear thou not, for I am with Thee'***, Isaiah 41:10. Then will begin the eternal enjoyment of His preciousness in glory.

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∴ **Rev Leslie Curran**, Associate Editor, is the Director of Let the Bible Speak radio ministry in N Ireland and a regular preacher on its worldwide network of broadcasts.

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A portrait of Rev Leslie Curran, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is seated in front of a bookshelf filled with various books, including two red volumes titled 'ACTS' and a blue volume titled 'ROMA'.

## THE INTERVIEW: REV LESLIE CURRAN

ON

THIS YEAR MARKS THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF 'LET THE BIBLE SPEAK' (LTBS), THE RADIO MINISTRY OF THE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. FOR MANY IN N IRELAND, REV LESLIE CURRAN IS THE INDIVIDUAL THEY ASSOCIATE WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THIS EXPANDING ENDEAVOUR. AND SO, THE EDITOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE WITH A COLLEAGUE WITH WHOM HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY IN THE MINISTRY, AT LTBS, AND NOW IN THE PRODUCTION OF FP VISION.

**TN:** Perhaps you would remind readers of your own background.

**LC:** I was born and raised in County Antrim, specifically in and around the town of Larne. I am the oldest of three brothers, and my schooling was completed in the town as well.

**TN:** And after school?

**LC:** I went into Higher Education, studying Maths and Science at Queen's University in Belfast. Afterwards I began to teach – Maths – at a school in Carrickfergus. I was there for around a year.

**TN:** How did you end up in the ministry?

**LC:** I became seriously exercised about serving the Lord in the Free Church. My family background had been Presbyterian, but I had come to be associated with the fledgling congregation in Larne. I remember speaking to Dr Paisley about my burden for the work, and, in due course, I

**TN:** Timothy Nelson **LC:** Leslie Curran

applied to Presbytery and began studying in the Theological Hall. Towards the end of my time there, Presbytery extended the course from three years to four, making Greek and Hebrew compulsory, but it was a blessed time and the Lord gave grace for every challenge.

**TN: And there were pastoral responsibilities too**

**LC:** Those were the days when Student Ministers combined formal studies with the oversight of congregations, and I had been placed in Randalstown. I lived first in Larne, but was then called to the congregation and moved to live in the manse next to the former church building in New Street. While studying, there was regular preaching, Lord's Days and midweek, with some visitation, and keeping up with class work at the same time.

**TN: How did you become involved with the work of LTBS?**

**LC:** Dr Alan Cairns approached me about shouldering some of the burden when he would leave to take up ministry in Greenville, USA. Subsequently I was called to Ballymoney, the congregation he left, and from that point on I became responsible for programming. Rev James McClelland gave valued help and support early on, and then many others made telling contributions over the years.

**TN: You eventually took on the work full time**

**LC:** Yes, from 1995, I have been serving with LTBS in a full time capacity.

**TN: What have been the most significant changes during your period of service?**

**LC:** Without doubt, the most dramatic changes have arisen as a result of the technological revolution. In the early days, reel-to-reel recording was employed, and the whole process was time-consuming and sometimes incredibly frustrating. Now with the digital transformation, so much of the work can be done on computer. This has made the task of editing so much easier, and has contributed to the adaptability of programmes, where 'cutting and pasting' enables a degree of flexibility previously unknown. Looking back, it seems amazing how we once did things, but that's history now!

**TN: How do you find the task of preparing to preach to a radio congregation?**

**LC:** The real test initially was the time constraint.

Messages for our broadcasts tend to run from 9-12 minutes, and we do not have the option of running over, even for a few minutes. So I suppose it has focussed my mind, giving a degree of precision that I might not otherwise have had – though I have to acknowledge that my regular pulpit ministry goes a bit longer!

**TN: What has excited you most about recent LTBS endeavour?**

**LC:** There are numerous things, but perhaps the progress in Nepal is especially noteworthy. It has been wonderful to gain access to a nationwide network of broadcasts – and then to see listener response flooding in on an unparalleled scale, souls saved, and churches founded. That has been amazing.

**TN: What does the future hold for LTBS?**

**LC:** Many readers will be aware of our desire to become more involved in television. To do this effectively we have concluded that a new facility is needed. The Lurgan congregation kindly offered us a site to the rear of its church building, and we are currently costing plans for the erection of a purpose-built studio. It is a step of faith. Generous legacies have given us a good start, but we will need to see many hundreds of thousands of pounds gathered if we are to realise this objective. Borrowing is not an option for us, and we really need to see the Lord touch hearts if the project is to be viable. But, I hasten to add, this does not mean an end to radio broadcasting. We intend to go on developing this side of the work – in effect, using every legitimate medium to 'let the Bible speak' to needy souls.

**TN: How can our readers best help you in prayer?**

**LC:** I could say, continuing in the same vein, pray that the Lord will meet our increasing financial needs in a day of austerity and economic downturn. That is certainly important. And I, personally, need the prayers of God's people as I seek to go on in this ministry and in other duties. I'm sure that everyone involved in LTBS would say the same. But, most of all, we ask you to pray that God will own His Word wherever He gives us opportunity to proclaim it – that it will be as He has promised: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). That's what we want more than anything.



## INVESTIGATING THE ISSUES:

# CHRISTIANS AND SPORT

**T**he love of sport is no new phenomenon. Ancient Greeks were avid sports fans – but this generation has embraced sport like no other. Since sport takes up so much time, thought and money in the lives of so many, believers must formulate a biblically based approach to it. Our lives are to be lived to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31): nothing is outside the lordship of Christ. ‘Christ is Lord of all or He is not Lord at all.’ Trite? Maybe – but absolutely true. Christians, then, have a duty to examine this issue from a biblical perspective.

Is sport a worldly pursuit to be studiously avoided – or can a Christian participate in, and watch, sport to the glory of God? Is it a legitimate area of involvement – or a worldly distraction of which believers should steer clear? These are questions for us all. Allow me to ‘sow some seeds’ to assist your thinking. We must avoid the temptation to respond only according to personal taste and preference, whether negative or positive; we must ensure that biblical principles govern what we believe and practise.

### PRIMARY PRINCIPLES

**1. The pictures of the Apostle.** Scripture nowhere prohibits Christian involvement in sport, either as participant or spectator. That is significant as Greek culture and sport were certainly in the minds of New Testament believers. This is clear from Paul’s frequent use of sporting

metaphor. He refers to the Christian life as a race (1 Corinthians 9:24; Hebrews 12:1). He refers to rules of the race. He speaks of pursuing the prize or goal, an athletic term (Philippians 3:14), and he uses the laurel wreath to speak of the reward granted to the persevering believer (1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 4:8). These images were clearly familiar

to the Apostle and his readers. That at least would imply that, while there may have been aspects that could not be approved of, the sporting arena was not intrinsically evil. Paul would not have used, repeatedly, terms associated with some evil pursuit to picture the living of the Christian life!

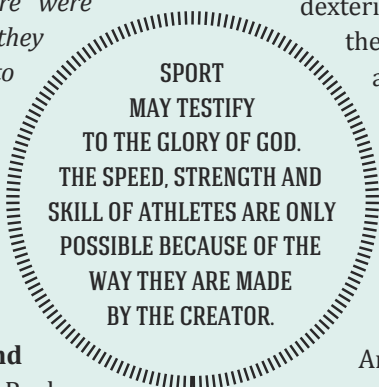
**2. The propriety of leisure.** That God created man to work is clear from the garden before the fall, and from the curse after the fall. However He also made man to rest and to know the benefit of leisure. Christ, in perfect humanity, rested and slept. He instructed His disciples to: “...Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while...” because of the ‘busyness’ of their labours “...for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.” (Mark 6:31) Leisure may involve eating, but other things are included. Thus ‘leisure’, like every God-ordained gift, is given for us to enjoy (1 Tim 6:17).

**3. The profit of exercise and the sixth commandment.** Paul states, “Bodily exercise profiteth little”. Is this a reason to avoid sport and exercise? The opposite is true. The words indicate the limited profit of bodily exercise when contrasted with spiritual. It profits only for our earthly sojourn “*but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come*”. (1 Timothy 4:8) Paul’s words show that bodily exercise profits a little, or for a little time. But it does profit. This is consistent with the requirements of the sixth Commandment as

understood by our forefathers. “The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to *preserve our own life*, and the life of others. ‘ (Shorter Catechism, 68, emphasis mine)

These considerations should prevent us issuing a blanket ban on Christian interest and involvement in sport. However, we must be alert to the influence of the world and not be conformed to this world. So we must ensure that we are judicious in our approach.

Sport may testify to the glory of God. The speed, strength and skill of athletes are only possible because of the way they are made by the Creator. The dexterity of movement, the intricacies of poise and balance, and the raw power of the human frame bear witness to Him. Christian Olympian Eric Liddell declared, “God made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure.”



#### POTENTIAL PITFALLS

The Christian can be salt and light in the world of sport. The work of the Spirit in our lives makes us increasingly like Christ. He is the light of the World, and as we reflect Him we do so “in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.” (Philippians 2:15) To do so we must be mindful of some potential pitfalls..

• **Sport as an idol.** How tragic to see

untold thousands of ‘worshippers’ in sporting venues who have made sport their god! Anything that takes the place of God in our affections is an idol, and sport is an idol to multitudes. “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*” (Exodus 20:3)

• **Sport and its influence.** The sporting world is not immune to the wickedness that pervades our society. As believer rubs shoulders with unbeliever, he must be mindful of the principle that “*evil communications corrupt good manners.*” (1 Corinthians 15:33). Christ’s prayer indicates that this is not a call to isolation but to vigilance. “*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*” (John 17:15) The Christian must not be of the world. There are areas of the sporting world marked by vulgarity, blasphemy and the abuse of alcohol. There is the ever-increasing temptation to defile the Sabbath – God’s day is His day, and we must not do our pleasure on this holy day (Isaiah 58:13). Sport may provoke pride and may test a man’s temper. For some, sport can lead to compromise and backsliding. For such, “*if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.*” (Mark 9:43)

Some love sport, others loath it. And there are many in between. Whatever your preference, seek to magnify Christ, guarding yourself from idolatry, walking in integrity.

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## DONEGALL RANGERS

Members of the students’ team ‘Donegall Rangers’, who have been using their Wednesday afternoons for sport, celebrate their recent success in Belfast Super League competitions. The picture was taken at Seaview, home of Irish League Premiership side Crusaders, in the aftermath of victories in the League and Cup 2013. Observant readers may recognize some faces!



## NEW ELDERS



**G**areth Brown, David Kennoway and Jonathan Thompson have been ordained to the eldership of the Antrim congregation. Minister Rev Darryl Abernethy conducted a special installation service, at which Moderator Rev John Greer preached and other ministers participated.

The Bangor congregation has witnessed the ordination of two additional elders, Mr Selwyn Daly and Mr Bryan McVeigh. At a well-attended service led by Rev David Priestley, Moderator Rev John Greer spoke on the life of Caleb, and other ministers and elders contributed.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUCCESS

**G**ilford Sunday School pupil Scarlet Baxter has passed her Child's Catechism exam. She is pictured with Rev. Gregory McCammon and her teacher Mrs Maureen King.

**Dungannon Sunday School** pupils William Boyd and Samuel Fitton and teachers Mrs Hazel Henderson and Mr David Cahoon were successful in the Shorter Catechism examination. They are pictured with Superintendent Mr Robert Henderson and minister Rev Paul Fitton. Mrs Henderson is also shown with family members.

**Coragarry children** who received certificates for their recent endeavours in the Sunday School examination are shown with their teachers and minister Rev Larry Power.



Coragarry



Dungannon



Dungannon



Gilford

## CLOGHER VALLEY RETIREMENTS



**S**unday 23rd June 2013 marked the retirement of two senior Sunday School teachers in Clogher Valley. Mrs Ruby Condell (serving since 1970) and Mr Leslie Allen

(since 1979) were presented with gifts by members of the Sunday School. They are pictured with Rev Peter McIntyre and Superintendent Mr Ian McClung.

## CHURCH CENTENARIANS CALLED HOME



**D**ungannon member Mr Tommy Scott celebrated his hundredth birthday a few months ago. He is pictured with family members, and with Revs T Baxter, J Greer, P Fitton and Dungannon Clerk of Session Lord Morrow. Mr Scott went to be with the Saviour he trusted many years ago



just ten days after his birthday.

Janet Munn, the missionary whose hundredth birthday was noted in our May issue, has also gone to be with the Lord. Our prayers are with those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



## Hide and Seek

When I was young, I loved to play 'Hide and Seek'. Everyone would run away and hide while one person would cover his eyes and count to a hundred as fast as he could. Then he would shout, 'Here I come, ready or not!' before coming to search for his friends, probably crouched quietly in various hiding places.



These words, 'Here I come ready or not', remind me of a very important event spoken of throughout the Bible: the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that the Lord is coming back again! In Matthew 25v13 we are told to, **"Watch... for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."** Boys and girls, the Lord is coming back again. He is coming whether you are 'ready or not', and when that time arrives, there will be no hiding place to run to if you're not ready!

Boys and girls, are you ready for that day? Are you a Christian? Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour? Is the Lord coming to take you to Heaven, or will you be numbered among those that will be lost forever?

**'Prepare to meet thy God'** is the warning of Amos 4v12. If you are going to get to Heaven, then you need to repent of all of your sins, trust Christ as your Saviour and make Him Lord of your

life. Only then will you be ready and able to look forward to that day... the great day of the Saviour's return!

Here I come ready or not!



Compiled by Robert McConnell

**'Watch... for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh'**

**Matthew 25v13**

## Find the types of transport!

Look at the verse very closely. Cross out the words that name various types of transport. Then look up Isaiah chapter 45 to find the verse number. This is the answer!

**Look unto car me bus and be rocket van ye yacht saved train all the aeroplane ends of the earth bicycle for truck I am God tractor and helicopter there is coach none else (Isaiah Chapter 45 v?).**

Verse number: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIZES!

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| » Hannah Wilson      | » Leah Graham      |
| » Matthew Catherwood | » Joshua Hamilton  |

**July Winners in next issue!**

# IS THE BIBLE ENOUGH?

**'Enough' is a word of sufficiency. When the child at the table states, 'I've had enough', he means he's had sufficient. So the question, 'Is the Bible enough?', is an inquiry about sufficiency.** Yet sufficiency is always to a definite end. A car may be sufficient to take you to Belfast, but it's not enough to take you to the moon!

**Scripture is 'God-breathed.' Its divine origin guarantees its sufficiency.** It is unthinkable that God would produce something that would not be able to accomplish its purpose! The Bible is sufficient to do what it does because it is what it is.

But what is the Bible's purpose? God gives us the Bible that we would know Him, and know what He requires of us. In so doing, the

Bible shows us the way of salvation. The Psalmist announced, "the law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7) The Bible is totally sufficient to lead us in the way of salvation. It is not given to be a history or science textbook. When it speaks of history or science it does so perfectly, but that is not its primary purpose. It is given to show us our sin and to show us the Saviour; thus it is "...able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15) The Scriptures are the written word whose subject is the incarnate Word (Luke 24:27, 44). They are sufficient to lead us to faith in Christ as our Saviour.

The Scriptures are also enough to make us more like Christ. The

man of God knows that the Bible is all that the believer needs to be guided in the way of holiness. The Scriptures are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16), ensuring that the man of God is "perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:17)

Don't miss the practical significance of the Bible's sufficiency. **We must determine that what we believe about God and salvation is always and only found in the Word of God – and that the Word guides our conduct, not peer-pressure, man-made traditions or new revelations.** To seek or follow another guide for faith and practice is to suggest that God's revelation isn't enough. But it is!

## FROM THE OLD TO THE YOUNG

*"If Scripture is the inscripturated revelation of the gospel and of God's mind and will, if it is the only revelation of this character that we possess, then it is this revelation in all its fullness, richness, wisdom, and power*

*that must be applied to man in whatever religious, moral, mental situation he is to be found."*

(John Murray, Collected Writings, Vol.1 'The Finality and Sufficiency of Scripture')

# IS THERE A CHRISTIAN WORK ETHIC?

THE 'CHRISTIAN WORK ETHIC' IS OFTEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE TEACHINGS OF REFORMERS LIKE MARTIN LUTHER AND JOHN CALVIN AND IS OFTEN STYLED THE 'PROTESTANT WORK ETHIC'. GOD'S WORD CONTAINS CONSIDERABLE TEACHING ABOUT WORK, AND SHOWS CLEARLY THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL FOR AN ABLE BODIED PERSON TO WORK WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES.

Do you have a question about Christian doctrine and conduct? Send your questions to: [questions@fpvision.org](mailto:questions@fpvision.org)

This month we asked Rev. Paul Fitton (Dungannon): *Is there a 'Christian work ethic'?*

THIS EMPHASISES THE SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLE THAT A MAN SHOULD WORK TO PROVIDE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY...

## 1. THE INSTITUTION OF WORK

As a result of Adam's sin God cursed the ground, and man was to work with toil and sweat to provide for his most basic needs (Genesis 3:17-19). But man was created and designed by God to work; Adam was commanded to dress and keep the garden (Genesis 2:15). He was not to be idle! And so, while initially a blessing, work became a burden through sin. But even when we enter our eternal rest, Christians will not be exempt from work. In Heaven the Christian will serve God (Revelation 7:15; 22:3). As in Eden before the fall, this service will not be hard toil; it will be a delight to serve Him.

## 2. THE INSTRUCTION FOR WORK

Scripture gives clear instruction regarding work:

- The Exhortations to Work - *"In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury."* (Proverbs 14:23) Hard work brings profit; mere talk leads to poverty.
- *"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."* (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Here a strong work ethic is commanded, together with a warning concerning slackness.
- The Examples of Work - In Proverbs 6:6-11 the ant is given as an example of industry.

The lesson is, take the opportunity to work when it arises, for verse 8 states that the ant, *"Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."* Christ taught the same lesson in John 9:3: *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."* He instructed us, by word and deed, of both the necessity and the opportunity to work.

## 3. THE IMPERATIVE OF WORK

Paul issues a solemn warning in 2 Thessalonians 3:10: *"if any would not work, neither should he eat."* - if an able bodied, capable man has opportunity to work but refuses, then he should not eat. This emphasises the Scriptural principle that a man should work to provide for himself and his family where opportunity exists and health permits.

Consider Colossians 3:23-24 and Ephesians 6:7-8. Here we are exhorted to work as unto the Lord, knowing that He will reward us for earnest, wholehearted labour. In essence, this is the Christian work ethic - a believer is to labour in life as unto the Lord. Whatever our duties in life, we are commanded to give our best, labouring 'heart and soul', because we are stewards of the gifts the Lord has given and are accountable to Him.



## YOUTH COUNCIL JULY OUTREACHES

Every summer the Youth Council organises outreach teams to assist in various areas of the Lord's work. This year's programme began in early July with teams in South Down and in Convoys, County Donegal.

Nathan Jeffers from the Gilford congregation was part of the South Down team under the leadership of Miss Joyce Walsh. Nathan's report is of *"an amazing week"*. Working among boys and girls he was delighted to see *"the enthusiasm that many of the Catholic children showed in learning the Bible verses, choruses, and lessons. At one club on Friday nearly every child willingly rhymed off the several memory verses that we had taught them – and when prompted, told us what they meant!"*

She also noted how the children in the five-day club were able to learn the memory verses. The team was also engaged in outreach work, with door-to-door visitation and open-air meetings. Over 3000 gospel tracts were distributed and, best of all, two troubled souls were pointed to the only Saviour of sinners. Tirzah noted: *"As a group we were blessed by everyone's willingness to participate, some for the first time, in public testimony and the spreading of God's Word."*

Tirzah Foster, Kilskeery church, was among those assisting Rev. Jonathan Creane in Convoys.

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Please pray for our young people – and pray that there would be lasting fruit from their labours (Isaiah 55:11).

## DROMORE PRESENTATION

Mr Colin Maxwell presents Bethany Kenny of Dromore Youth Fellowship with the Achievement Award for 2012-13. Included are minister Rev Ian Kenny and youth leader Mr Ronald Poots.



# YOUTH COUNCIL EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER RALLIES

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
AT 8.00PM**

**RANDALSTOWN**  
(N West, N & S Antrim)  
Rev P Millen

**LURGAN**  
(S West, Mid Ulster)  
Rev D Creane

**OMAGH** (West)  
Rev J Morrow

**MULLAGLASS**  
(S Down, Mid Down)  
Rev R McLernon

**COMBER**  
(Belfast, N Down)  
Rev T Murray

All Meetings: Youth Singing,  
Outreach Reports, and  
New Project Launch

## DELEGATES MEETING

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> September, Larne FPC, 8.00pm**

## AUTUMN EVENINGS OF PRAYER

**GREATER BELFAST** (Carrick, Carryduff, Dunmurry, John Knox Memorial, Martyrs Memorial, Mount Merrion, Newtownabbey, Sandown & Tyndale Memorial)

**17<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Tyndale Memorial**  
Youth Prayer Meeting

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Carrickfergus**  
Youth Gospel Meeting: Rev Philip Gardiner

**NORTH DOWN** (Ballygowan, Bangor, Comber, Donaghadee, Newtownards & Portavogie)

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Ballygowan**  
Rev John Armstrong

**MID DOWN** (Ballynahinch, Banbridge, Crossgar Dromore, Hillsborough & Lisburn)

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Ballynahinch**  
Rev Ian Kenny

**SOUTH DOWN** (Annalong, Ardaragh, Moneyslane, Mourne & Mullaglass)

**11<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Mourne**  
Rev Andrew Patterson

**MID ULSTER** (Dungannon, Gilford, Lurgan, Portadown & Tandragee)

**11<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Dungannon**  
Rev Paul Fitton

**SOUTH WEST** (Armagh, Aughnacloy, Ballymagerny, Coragarry, Markethill & Tullyvallen)

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Markethill**  
Rev James Porter

**THE WEST** (Castlederg, Clogher Valley, Enniskillen, Kesh, Kilskeery, Mulvin, Omagh & Sixmilecross)

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Kilskeery**  
Dr Stephen Pollock

**NORTH WEST** (Coleraine, Cookstown, Garvagh, Limavady, Londonderry & Magherafelt)

**7<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm: Cookstown**  
Rev Marcus Lecky

**NORTH & SOUTH ANTRIM** (Ballymoney, Ballyclare, Bushmills, Cloughmills, Portglenone, Rasharkin, Antrim, Ballymena, Larne & Randalstown)

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm**  
Venue to be confirmed

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# A WORD TO WOMEN

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## "I THANK MY GOD, MAKING MENTION OF THEE ALWAYS IN MY PRAYERS" (PHILEMON 4)

**T**he New Testament book of Philemon, in spite of its brevity, is full of the richness of God's love. Three main characters have a story to tell.

First, the apostle Paul, now an old man who has been, and still is, in prison as a result of witnessing for Christ. Not one to sit around and feel sorry for himself, he is thinking of others, especially those he led to the Lord over many years of service. He prays for them, writes to encourage them, and even sends some of his brethren in Christ to meet with them.

Perhaps, dear sister in Christ, you are like Paul – not able to do the things you could once do in His service. Perhaps the spirit is willing, but because of increasing years or illness, the flesh is now weak, and you are hindered. Don't let this dishearten you! While you are still here, the Lord has a work for you to do. Be like Paul, who keeps up to date with the happenings in the lives of his fellow Christians and, as he says, "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers" (v4). You too can pray for others, whether sitting in a chair or lying in a bed – you can still perform this very important task.

TURN  
BACK TO THE  
LORD WHO LOVES  
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AGAIN.

Then there's Philemon, to whom Paul writes. Philemon is a faithful man of God, probably wealthy, because he owned at least one servant. Paul acknowledges his care and love for the people of God. He is thrilled to hear of all that Philemon has been doing in serving Christ and in helping the saints of God along the way.

Being married to a minister, I understand what it means to one who shepherds a congregation when he hears of how those in his 'flock' are serving

Christ. It surely does thrill the heart of your minister when he is informed that 'Mrs S' called round to see if anything was needed, or that 'Miss J' sent a card promising prayer, or that 'Mrs P' has a wonderful testimony among her neighbours. Paul had great joy and comfort in knowing that Philemon brought comfort to the saints (v7). Can the same be said of your endeavours?

And finally we have Onesimus, the runaway slave. The name means 'profitable' or 'useful' but sadly, this is not the characteristic he displayed towards Philemon. Not only did he run away from service, but, in addition, he may have stolen money from his master (see v18) – and so was altogether unprofitable. However, in God's plan and purpose, Onesimus heard Paul's preaching and came to Christ as Saviour. Now he is a changed man! Paul writes to Philemon accordingly, assuring him that Onesimus would certainly be of great use to him as a brother in Christ.

Have you slipped up in your Christian walk? Do you feel that you could never be of use to the Lord anymore? Please take encouragement from the life of Onesimus. Turn back to the Lord who loves you freely and abundantly. He will be glad to have you walking with Him again.

And what about the dear lady who has never yet come to Christ for forgiveness? The Lord is calling you to come and put your trust in Him. The book of Philemon is a wonderful picture of forgiveness; but the greatest forgiveness of all is promised by the Saviour who declares "...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

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✚ **Karen Murray** lives in Tandragee, N Ireland. She is a busy minister's wife and is actively involved in the life and witness of her local congregation.

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## PORTADOWN

Staff and pupils greatly appreciate the new building opened in November 2012. The structure consists of offices, staff room, reprographics room, and stores – together with numerous classrooms, multipurpose Science and Art facilities and a computer suite.

What a difference to have a pleasant working environment for staff and pupils!

The new premises hosted the 'Annual Barbecue & Fun Night' on 28th June. Over 300 attended, enjoying the food, and the usual stalls, activities and auction.



## KILSKEERY

A 5 to 8 year old asked to illustrate a favourite Bible story might choose 'Daniel in the lion's den' or 'David and Goliath', but 6 year old Daniel announced, "I want to draw the story in Psalm 46". Earlier the class had studied castles, learning about life inside, the flags and banners indicating the presence of the ruler, all culminating in an exciting trip to explore 3 local castles. Daniel set out to draw a city with a river entering it. A flag too must be displayed to show the Lord was there, and the walls must be strong to show the safety

of the people even when the enemy surrounded them.

In every subject our children are directed to Biblical truth and application. How satisfying to see pupils connect teaching from the school curriculum with a Bible passage! Today the thinking of young children is often shaped in an environment where Biblical truth is questioned and its teaching challenged. Please pray that the Lord will bless Kilskeery Independent Christian School and that its pupils will grow up as men and women of the Book.



An end of term Praise Service witnessed acknowledgement of Miss Amanda Dane for 25 years of dedicated teaching in Kilskeery. The School Management Board invited former minister Rev Ivan Foster to make an appropriate presentation.

## BALLYMONEY

Ballymoney Independent Christian School rejoices in the goodness of God in the past year. Prayer has been answered and financial needs have been met. God's people have been generous: 'Thank you to all!' We welcome five new Primary 1 pupils to school this year! Pray for these little ones, and indeed all of our pupils. Our desire is to see each one saved, kept and used of God. We trust the Lord to show us 'great and mighty things' in the future.



## CLOGHER VALLEY



Pupil Thomas Wilson competed in the final of the Dairy Council of Northern Ireland's 'Young Cook of the Year' competition. Thirteen finalists (5 KS3 pupils, 5 KS4, and 3 special school) were already winners from their own Education and Library Boards.

KS3 candidates were required to prepare, cook and serve their chosen menu in one hour. This year's theme was Londonderry's recently acquired title, 'City of Culture'. Thomas served whole meal, open-topped duck pies with Brie cheese on a bed of fresh lettuce and creamy duchesse potatoes – presented to resemble the walled city. Valerie Rossborough (Dairy Council) remarked that 'the standard of entries is increasing each year and the flair and talent of the students in preparing and presenting their entries is amazing.' And Thomas duly became the 2013 KS3 'Young Cook of the Year'! He received a £100 gift voucher, and an additional £350 for his school. He is pictured, with his winning arrangement, receiving the trophy from Ian Orr (Ireland Chef of the Year) and Harry O'Neill (Dairy Council).

## BANGOR



Pupils are pictured during a 'schoolwork free day' at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum.

Mrs. Joan Greer, former teacher, judged our School Science Fair 2013. Winners David Hanna (Y4-7) and David Orr (Y8-10) are pictured with Mrs. Greer, Science teacher Miss Monteith and Principal Mrs. McClung.

## NEWTOWNABBEY



## MOURNE

Congratulations to the Year 7 pupils who passed their Cycling Proficiency Test in June! We say a big 'Thank You' to two parents who completed the Belfast Marathon, raising an impressive amount for school funds. Cheques were presented to the Administrator and Principal.



# A LOOK AT THE BOOK: NUMBERS

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IN THE SPIRITUAL ARITHMETIC OF THE BIBLE 'FOUR' IS THE NUMBER OF THE WORLD. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THEREFORE, THE THEME OF THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE PENTATEUCH IS THE EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. NUMBERS TAKES ITS TITLE FROM THE SEPTUAGINT (LXX), OBVIOUSLY ON ACCOUNT OF THE TWOFOLD CENSUS OF THE PEOPLE, ONE AT THE BEGINNING, AND THE OTHER NEAR THE END OF THE BOOK



**T**he first numbering relates to the marching and battle order of the people, while the last has to do with their inheritance of the land. The history commences the 2nd year after the exodus, and concludes in the 40th year. Again the numbers appear to be significant, '2' often indicating division, and '40', testing. Division and testing are pronounced features of this book. If God's people are reflected as heavenly pilgrims on the way to Zion in its pages, then they must also contend against the flesh. The lessons

learned here call for the abandonment of self will and resignation to the Divine will, for the renunciation of the carnal mind and obedient submission to the mind of God are made known in His Word. Several N.T. passages such as Romans 7:18; 8:13; 13:11-14; and Gal. 3:3, 5:24 spring to mind to reinforce these vital lessons.

*"And the Lord spake",* the opening words, form substantially the Hebrew title of the book.

## STRUCTURE

A geographical outline of Numbers focuses attention on three areas of activity.

### 1. Chapters 1-10. THE ENCAMPMENT AT SINAI. NUMBERING and PROGRESS.

The necessity of thorough preparation for the long trek in the hostile wilderness. The law of worship and fellowship.

### 2. Chapters 11-21. JOURNEY FROM SINAI TO MOAB. REMOVAL and BACKSLIDING.

Wilderness wanderings and trials: murmuring, rebellion and unbelief.

### 3. Chapters 22-36. ARRIVAL IN THE PLAINS OF MOAB. NUMBERING and PROGRESS.

Preparation this time for entering and occupying the land of promise. The law of inheritance.

In section one, priority is given to the organization and order of the Lord's host. Whether as warrior, worker, or worshipper, every man knows his place and occupies it. There is no room for the choices of self will, the expression of apostasy. All is as God appoints. The 12 tribes fall into four equal groups. When the tent of the Lord was pitched, the ordered place for it was in the midst of the camp. The four groups, three tribes to a side, form a perfect square around God's dwelling place.

Further, each group had its own standard and each tribe its own ensign, with a reserved allotment to every family. Read from 1:52 through to 2:2 – there is clearly an order to be observed in the worship of the Lord's family. This order has a gradual development in the Pentateuch:

- i. Genesis depicts the **PATH** to worship. Approach to God possible via the altar.
- ii. Exodus reveals the special **PLACE** of worship, the tabernacle.
- iii. Leviticus concentrates on the **PRIESTHOOD** in worship, the work of the mediator.
- iv. Numbers focuses on the **PEOPLE** who worship, in particular the labour of the Levite in the service of God.
- v. Deuteronomy gives the **PRECEPTS** for worship, and teaches a prepared place for a prepared people.

Section two is the most eventful, a decided turning point in history being reached in chapters 13 and 14. Israel turned back – for the space of a generation – from

the borders of the Promised Land, just a step away from their inheritance. Page by page the book becomes a chronicle of murmuring, envy, rebellion and conspiracy. Severe judgments fall upon the camp. Prominent figures are stricken. Miriam herself is smitten with leprosy, and Aaron again shows his weakness. Sadly, Moses too becomes a casualty of the wilderness and is excluded from Canaan.

## FALSE PROPHET

The last battle is fought out on the plains of Moab. Section three begins by noting the malevolence of Moab. Balaam the false prophet strides across the stage of history as the 'anti-Moses', working on behalf of Israel's enemy. Mentioned in three places in the N.T., Balaam is the exemplar of those who have forsaken the right way and who have gone astray, having loved the wages of unrighteousness. Scripture records how he ran greedily after error and was rebuked for his madness, how he determined to ensnare the saints, hoping by the enticements of idolatry to corrupt their way. (2 Peter 2:15,16; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14). But this man, his prayers unanswered, died among the enemies of God, slain by the sword of the people he was paid to curse.

## TRUE PROPHET

Throughout Numbers precious portraits of Christ, the greatest of all prophets, appear. While He was not a Nazarite, but a Nazarene, yet He is (in chapter 6) foreshadowed as the One truly separate from sinners. He is in the manna – the Bread of life who has come down from Heaven. He is the risen and ascended Saviour, pictured in Aaron's rod that budded. Cleansing from defilement, which only He can provide, is proclaimed in the sacrifice of the red heifer. Moreover, He is the giver of life by His Spirit, beautifully typified in the waters of the Rock. It is the work of that selfsame Spirit to direct our eyes to Him, lifted up as the brazen serpent. His coming again is foretold in the star appearing out of Jacob. The cities of refuge mark Him as the hiding place from wrath. So look again at the book of Numbers, and search for these wonderful pictures of Christ! And may the Lord open to us all "the things concerning Himself"! (Luke 24:27,32).

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## LONDON COMMITTEE ELECTED

**T**he London congregation has elected five deacons to assist Rev Patrick Baker in administering the material aspects of the work. The Mainland Commission, the congregation's interim Session, believes this to be significant

and encouraging, reflecting growth in the work and the Lord's goodness in giving men to serve. London faces vast and diverse spiritual challenges, and we wish the new deacons God's blessing as they take up their duties.

## NEW EXTENSION FOR ISLE OF MAN CHURCH



**A** recently completed extension to the existing church building in Isle of Man is nineteen square feet in size, and contains a well equipped kitchen, shower room, and bed sit area, all tastefully decorated in a light and modern fashion. The extension will be used to accommodate visiting preachers, a convenient and comfortable alternative to previous arrangements, and a means of reducing expenditure for the fledgling witness.

The Mainland Commission is grateful to Ian Chambers from our Dromore congregation, who carried out the project from beginning to end on a voluntary basis. An official opening of the extension will take place, God willing, on Saturday 7th September. Anyone wishing to assist the Commission with preaching at services or who may feel the Lord's leading to the Isle of Man should contact the Convener, Rev David Smith.

## MAINLAND MINISTERS' WEEK OF PRAYER

**T**he annual week of prayer for mainland ministers will be held, God willing, 7th - 10th September at Methyr Tydfil Free Presbyterian Church in Wales.

## FIRST MAINLAND RALLY

**T**he Mainland Commission will convene a rally to raise awareness and give fresh impetus to the missionary cause on the British mainland on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm in Lisburn Free Presbyterian Church. The meeting will include contributions by mainland ministers and an appropriate DVD presentation. Rev David Smith, convener of the Commission, will preach and also announce the launch of a new project, *'Mission UK'*.

The Lisburn congregation has kindly offered to provide supper, and we hope that many of our congregations will be represented to encourage those serving on the mainland.

# MISSIONARY VISION

## SUMMER STORIES

Colin Maxwell

**W**ith the good weather, I have been able to take my camper van and go further south for a few days at a time. Open-air preaching in Dublin city centre always brings its own challenges, but it is good to be able to reach many passing by. My first trip of the year to the Marian Shrine at Knock found me having coffee with a very lively American monsignor who did his level best to get me into Rome! Naturally I sought to get him to Christ. A further visit was made to Knock for the Novena in August. And I continue to work, as opportunity arises, with the Consider Christ campaign. As ever, I need and appreciate your prayers and support.

Joyce Walsh

**S**ummer ministry started this year with the Youth Council Outreach. Again we stayed at Ballinran, near Kilkeel. Four young people joined and we held four outdoor meetings every day. The attendance varied from place to place, just two at one meeting, but the number rose to twenty. How keen these children were! Only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished in young lives. Thankfully we only missed one meeting due to rain.

Some Holiday Bible Clubs have been held and it was very encouraging to see many new children attend. I trust local churches will see some return for the regular meetings. Another aspect of summer is camp ministry. What a joy it was to bring the young ones together for a week and teach them the things of God! Thank you all for your continued support.

Chris Killen

**I** always look forward to the summer months and the opportunity of working with children. This year children's missions and 5 day Bible clubs were held in conjunction with churches such as Ballymena, Hillsborough, Ballymoney, Mount Merrion, John Knox and Antrim.

Throughout these months I continue to minister to addicts and their families. I'm especially thankful to the Lord for His work in the lives of a number of these people lately. Thank you so much for your prayers and practical support.

Robert McConnell



**T**his summer season of Holiday Bible Clubs, missions and youth camps has had me skipping up and down all over the Province! Firstly, I travelled down to Annalong, then up to Garvagh, Ballintoy, and Portglenone. Then I went back down to Comber, Bangor, Newtownards, and then finally to Kilkeel. I'm glad to report that the numbers of children attending has greatly increased this year in the various churches. May the Lord richly bless His Word to the salvation of many boys and girls! The sun has been shining. May the Sun of Righteousness shine even more!

I would like to thank all those who have helped, in many ways, to make these meetings a success.



Gillian with former Whitefield College Matron Mrs Walkingshaw and guests at the opening of the Academy in Kenya

## KENYA CALLING

### GILLIAN GILLESPIE

**F**rom Armagh City to Western Kenya is a big leap, but the Lord has led me one step at a time. *"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).*

I was saved through the ministry of Dr. S. B. Cooke just one day before my tenth birthday. I thank the Lord for godly Sunday School and Bible Class teachers, and for Youth Leaders who faithfully instructed me from the scriptures in the Armagh congregation. I grew in grace under their instruction, and also through the faithful preaching of 'Our' Mr. Cooke.

As a teenager I knew the Lord was calling me to serve Him, and so I enrolled in the Whitefield College of Bible. On the 26th June 1987 I graduated, and, naturally, the next question was, 'What now?' Through time the Lord guided me with His eye and opened various doors enabling me to gain experience in different areas of His work.

5th October 1995 was a big day in my life, for on this day I arrived in Kenya. As the plane landed, I noticed Kenyan army personnel with guns lined the runway. All I could think was that the government has dispatched its army to send me home! Later I was told the army was there to welcome home the president of Kenya.

When I arrived in Kapenguria the leadership of the Bible Christian Faith Church (BCFC) extended the hand of fellowship and friendship to me and sought to help me settle into a new life. After language school, it was into the work. Those early days brought me to a primary school near the Ugandan border once a week with Rev. Paraiywa.



Gillian's first home in Kenya

He was better than any GPS – not only did he guide me, he would get out of the car to direct me around the ruts in the road! Those times of fellowship, and explanations of the culture, were invaluable! I was given many opportunities to present the good news; teaching bible lessons in the nursery school, working with the women and teens, reaching out in evangelism – the list goes on. We are commanded in Ecclesiastes 11:1 to, *“Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.”*

In October 2008 I relocated some 100 miles from Kapenguria to help in the little BCFC work in Nyaporo, Mumias. This small congregation needs your prayers. Pray that it will see its members grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, and that God will provide men to take on leadership roles in Nyaporo. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support these many years. It is a blessing to remember, *“We are labourers together with God”* (1 Corinthians 3:9).

∴ Gillian Gillespie



Gillian with current Armagh minister Rev D McMillan and members of Session

# CAN YOU HELP?

**This is the time that our Kenyan Christian Academy buys beans to feed the children.** With very wet weather early on, the harvest is not expected to be good, and when beans are in short supply the price rises steeply. This year, 105 bags will be needed, at around £48 per bag. Sponsorship of one or two bags, or any gift, would be greatly appreciated by everyone at the Academy. Contributions may be sent to the Mission Board office (see below).



## COMING & GOING

**Rev & Mrs Lyle Boyd:** will be home for five weeks of meetings in September. Contact Mission Board Secretary, Rev David Park, for details.

**Miss Kathy Walker:** Kathy hopes to spend some weeks visiting our churches from October. Kathy normally drives an automatic vehicle; if anyone could offer her the use of such a vehicle, this would be much appreciated.

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## SEPTEMBER

- 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> BALLYCLARE, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Time: Sundays 7.00pm, Mon – Fri 8.00pm Speaker: Rev T Martin
- 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> BALLYNAHINCH, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Speaker: Rev R Higginson Special Singing  
Time: Sundays at 7.00pm, Monday – Friday at 8.00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> EDERNEY, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Time: Sundays 3.30pm, Mon – Fri 8.00pm Speaker: Rev R Robinson  
Venue: Milligan's Yard, Lack Road
- 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> STRANOCUM, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Time: Sunday 3.30, Mon – Fri 8.00pm Speaker: Rev D Park  
Venue: Community Centre
- 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> ANNALONG, GOSPEL WEEK**  
Speaker: Mr D Stewart Special Singing  
Time: Monday – Friday at 8.00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> ARMAGH, YOUTH WEEKEND**  
Time: Fri & Sat 8.00pm, Sunday 7.00pm Speaker: Mr R McKee
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Oct PORTAVOGIE, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Time: Sunday 3.30pm, Mon – Fri 8.00pm Speaker: Rev T Martin
- 28<sup>th</sup> TANDRAGEE, MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
Speakers: Revs P Thompson, W McDermott, F Greenfield  
Time: Saturday 10am – 2.00pm Details: 028 4376 8040
- 29<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Oct HILLSBOROUGH, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Time: Sunday 3.30pm, Mon – Fri 8.00pm Speaker: Rev G Dane

## OCTOBER

- 10<sup>th</sup> ARMAGH, SPECIAL MEETING**  
Speaker: Dr R Bennett (Former RC Priest) Time: 8.00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Nov KILMORE, GOSPEL MISSION**  
Speaker: Rev G Dane  
Time: Sunday at 7.00pm, Monday – Friday at 8.00pm

## NOVEMBER

- 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> CLOGHER VALLEY, BIBLE CONFERENCE**  
Speaker: Dr A Cairns Theme: The Christian Family  
Time: Fri 8.00pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sunday 11.30am & 3.30pm  
Children's Bible Club, Friday & Saturday nights