

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

7th Jan	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
14th Jan	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt
21st Jan	AM/PM: Pastor S Moffitt PM: Baptismal Service—see notice
28th Jan	AM: Pastor S Moffitt PM: Special Testimony Meeting—see special notice for details

FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour will meet on **Thursday 4th January at 11.00am**. The speaker will be **Pastor Stephen Moffitt**. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch and all will be made very welcome.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meetings will take place on **14th and 28th January 2018** at 8.15pm. All young people Year 8 and above will be made very welcome at Youth Fellowship.

SPECIAL TESTIMONY MEETING

Sunday 28th January at 7.00pm

David Martin will be along to share his testimony entitled 'Saved in the Maze'. Please invite others along to this meeting.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 14th Jan @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home — Mr Bertie Henderson speaking
- Sunday 30th Jan @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home — Mr Brian Gibson speaking

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 30th January at 8.00pm**. The speaker at this meeting will be **Naomi Dudgeon**.

A cup of tea will be served following the meeting and all are welcome.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	7th	14th	21st	28th
DOOR DUTY	Group C: T McCormick *, G Rainey *, B Carson, R Gibson, T Shields, I Tate, M Kelso * deacons to organise rota			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Paul Gillian	Ed Sharon	Mark Tanya	Karen Victoria
CRECHE	Joanne J Janet C	Lynsey A Kirsty H	Sharon M Gillian M	Lois G Heather McC Victoria R
<i>Please swap duties with someone else if you are unavailable on the above dates.</i>				
FLOWERS	Eleanor Haslett	Eleanor Haslett	Ethel Irvine	Ethel Irvine
INTERNET	Andrew Daniel	David Joel	Mark Aaron	Andrew David
RECORDING	Ivan	Samuel	John	Ed
<i>NB Above are also responsible for the sound desk on the Wednesday following their Sunday duty.</i>				

SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER

We will be holding special times of prayer to mark the beginning of the New Year as follows (DV):

Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th Jan 2018 @8.00pm

Please mark these important dates and times in your diary.

SPORTS 4 CHRIST

Saturday 13th January 2018 in the Multipurpose Hall
6:30—7.45pm Ages 6-10 / 8:00—9.30pm Ages 11-15

Please come along for a time of fun, food and fellowship, including an epilogue, sports coaching team challenges.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We will be holding a Baptismal Service on Sunday evening **21st January**. Anyone interested in Baptism should speak to Pastor Moffitt.

Details of items to appear in the bulletin must be given to Karen not later than the second Sunday in the month for inclusion in the next month's edition (email to: nkreid@outlook.com).

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Sunday
Services
11.30am
& 7.00pm

Sunday
School &
Bible Class
10.30am

Saintfield
Searchers
Wed
6.45pm

Bible Study
& Prayer
Meeting
Wed 8pm

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Looking back with praise, looking forward with purpose

Psalm 126:3 "The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Another year has come and gone in what seems to have been a blink of the eye. Perhaps for many they are glad to see the back of 2017. While for others, like Rachel and I, it has been a momentous year when we welcomed our son into the world.

However, with 2017 behind us, we now step into the unknown territory and uncharted waters of 2018. As we do so, we ought to take the Lord's promise to Joshua as our pillar... *"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."* Joshua was not only entering a role he had never been in before but was also embarking on a journey into a land he knew little about. As Joshua looked out on the landscape there were the obvious barriers of city walls and countless warriors. However there would be other pitfalls along the way that would catch him unawares. Nevertheless he went with the assurance that God would be with Him *"whithersoever thou goest."*

That is true for each of us. Not one of us know what this year has in store; but we know with assurance that whatever providential path the Lord takes us down, He is the Everlasting One who goes before and promises to be our "refuge and strength".

2018 will also mark another momentous milestone in the history of our church. On the 9th January 1988, following the work of a local Baptist Missions team, God saw fit to establish a work in the village of Saintfield. That night the constitution was signed and Saintfield Baptist 'officially' began. I know many of you remember that event and those early 'Orange Hall' days.

So, as we look back over thirty years we do so very much with the words of Jeremiah in our minds; when, amidst his Lamentations, He could say of the Lord *"great is thy faithfulness."* Over the past thirty years, while many have come and gone; the Lord has remained ever the same. Even as we consider the humble beginnings of our church back in 1988 and then look at where we are today, we say with the Psalmist *"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."* It is vital then in this anniversary year that we look back with praise and thanksgiving.

However we ought not only to be appreciative but we also ought to be active. For while we look back with praise, we

must look forward with purpose. Solomon rightly said in Proverbs 29 *"where there is no vision, the people perish."* God has placed us as light in this dark town. We live among a people who are lost. God has given us the great light of His Gospel. We ought to so let it so shine before men.

Does this community know anything of the love of God? It is our responsibility to tell them of it. So, as a church, we have many different events planned for this New Year (D.V) with the aim of reaching out. There are two very simple ways in which you can play your part in these efforts. Primarily by praying and secondly by inviting people in.

We thank God for what He has done in the past, but we are looking to God to great things among us in the future for His glory.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stephen Moffitt



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Praise and
Thanksgiving
Service

To mark this special year we invite you to join us for a night of praise and thanksgiving on **Friday 12th January @ 7.30pm**

Those taking part include:

Solid Ground, Denver Wilson, The Montgomery Sisters

Please use one of the special invitation cards in the church foyer

LETTER OF THANKS FROM SGA

14/11/2017

Dear Friends at Saintfield Baptist Church

It was with great joy and enormous encouragement that we received the extremely kind and generous donation of £6,450 from Saintfield Baptist for the ministry of Slavic Gospel Association. Please express our sincere thanks to the friends for their sacrificial giving. Words are inadequate to convey the deep appreciation that we feel for this huge donation and all the support received from the congregation over many years. Generous gifts provide the finance required to continue our mission of reaching Eastern Europe and Central Asia with the Gospel. With this amazing financial contribution, you have demonstrated your deep commitment to our ministries. We are deeply grateful for your partnership that God continues to bless. We rejoice together how God has blessed many of our efforts in the Gospel.

I can assure you that John Birnie and I thoroughly enjoyed the Mission Sunday where we had the opportunity to share about God's work in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Far East Russia. We deeply appreciated the warm fellowship and Christian love that was evident.

As requested, part of this gift [£1,725] will be designated for the provision of motor bikes in Eastern Europe. Our aim is to purchase motor bikes so that evangelists and church planters can reach more people with the Gospel. The problem of transportation facing Christian workers in Eastern Europe is not just an inconvenience, it is a great hindrance to effective ministry. However, this financial help will make a huge difference.

Thank you for your prayers in the past, and we would especially request prayer for Ukraine. May this country experience a special blessing from the Lord.

Please also pray about the new project in Kazakhstan, Central Asia where we are trusting the Lord to provide for 100,000 Kazakh Bibles. It was only in 2010 that the complete Bible was produced in the Kazakh language and only thirty years ago when the first Kazakh became a believer. We believe that God will bless His Word and that through it, individuals and families will become true believers, even in the Muslim context of Central Asia.

We would also value prayer from the church for our new initiative 'Reach Russia Now'. We are trusting the Lord for a great spiritual harvest in Far East Russia. Pray that pilots will be trained and well equipped for this wonderful opportunity of reaching people in the 'uttermost parts of the earth'.

We praise God together that much has been accomplished in His Name and for His glory. Thank you for supporting us in the spread of the Gospel. May the Lord richly bless Pastor and congregation and grant them His strength.

Yours in the Saviour's precious Name

Derek Maxwell

[General Director Slavic Gospel Association]

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