

MEETINGS ON THE LORD'S DAY

1st Oct	AM/PM:	Pastor Stephen Moffitt
8th Oct	AM/PM:	Pastor Stephen Moffitt
15th Oct	AM/PM:	Pastor Stephen Moffitt
22nd Oct	AM/PM:	Pastor Stephen Moffitt
29th Oct	AM/PM:	Pastor Stephen Moffitt

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

- Sunday 8th Oct @ 3.00 pm — Meeting in Tullywest Nursing Home— Pastor Stephen Moffitt speaking
- Sunday 29th Oct @ 3.00pm — Meeting in Silverbirch Nursing Home— Tom McCormick speaking

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dates for Youth Fellowship Meetings in October are as follows:

Sunday 1st Oct @ 8.15pm — Looking Back

Sunday 15th Oct @ 8.15pm — Speaker: Andy Lovell

Friday 20th Oct — Time and details to be confirmed

Sunday 29th Oct @ 8.15pm — Speaker: Pastor Moffitt

All young people Year 8 and above are welcome.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday 24th October** at 8pm. This meeting will be taken amongst ourselves. Please come along and enjoy this time of fellowship and bring a friend along.

Naomi Dudgeon has recently stepped down in her role as committee member for the Ladies' Fellowship. We thank Naomi for her work in this role and wish her all the best in her work with the Faith Mission in West Belfast. We are delighted to welcome two new committee members, Lois Gibson and Rachel Moffitt, who join existing members Elizabeth Dick, Ruth Reid and Heather McCoubrey on the Ladies Fellowship Committee.

FRIENDLY HOUR

The Friendly Hour meeting will commence once again for the new season on **Thursday 5th October at 11.00 am**. The guest speaker at this meeting will be **Maud Kells**.

As usual the meeting will be followed by a light lunch. All will be made very welcome.

ROTAS FOR THE MONTH

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
DOOR DUTY	Group D: G McNeill *, N Reid *, D Armstrong, B Cleland, J Henderson, P Moore, * <i>deacon in charge</i>				
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Paul Gillian	Ed Sharon	Beverley Genelle	Rebekah Rachel	Mark Tanya
CRECHE	Julie McN Janet C Joanna P	Laura H Ruth R	Genelle L Rebecca M	Ruth G Rachel M	Joanne J Rebekah C Joanna C
<i>Please swap duties with someone else if you are unavailable on the above dates.</i>					
FLOWERS	Christine McCormick	Christine McCormick	Margaret Reid (W)	Margaret Reid (W)	Rachel Moffitt
INTERNET	David Mark	Daniel Andrew	Joel Aaron	Mark Daniel	David Andrew
RECORDING	Gareth	Jonny	Derek	Ivan	John
<i>NB Above are also responsible for the sound desk on the Wednesday following their Sunday recording duty.</i>					

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We wish John Reid and Sandra McAadoo God's richest blessing as they get married on Friday 13th October. Colossians 4:17

MISSIONARY WEEKEND

Wed 11th Oct @ 8.00pm — Reports from Saintfield Baptist Summer Outreach activities

Sat 14th Oct @ 7.30pm — Reports from Saintfield Baptist Summer Outreach activities

Sunday 15th Oct @ 11.30am & 7.00pm — Reports from Slavic Gospel Association on their time spent teaching God's word in Europe and Asia.

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

SPORTS 4 CHRIST

Saturday 21st October in the Multipurpose Hall

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

Please come along on Sat 9th Sept, Sat 21st Oct and Sat 11th Nov 2017 for a time of fun, food and fellowship. There will be an epilogue, sports coaching and team challenges.

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

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Colossians 4:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Sunday Services:
11.30am
& 7pm

Sunday Sch: 10.30am
Searchers:
Wed 6.45pm

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Wed 8pm

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



End of Summer seems to be a time that divides opinions. Children know that when September comes around, it is that dreaded time of going back to school, college or university. Parents have mixed emotions – some may be glad that the holidays are over and are only too glad that their children are going back to resume their education; other parents may worry about their children starting somewhere new – maybe nursery, P1, going to 'big school', or even university. Older folk may dread the coming of darker nights and colder days, curtailing their ability to get out and about.

Jeremiah 29:11 gives us encouragement when facing the uncertainties of life, whatever age or stage we are at:- 'For I know the thoughts that I think towards you,' saith the Lord, 'thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.'

Last year, our daughter Charis was heading off to Liverpool John Moore University. We were all unsure of what to expect, and were concerned about her move. Would she settle in? Would she know anyone? Would she find Christian friends?

In truth, over time, we have been able to see the hand of the Lord upon her. God was in control, even when we had no idea what the future would hold. Seven years previously, Charis was at Baptist Youth Children's Camp. Whilst there, she met a young girl called Lois, who in God's providence was to re-enter her life and end up as her flat-mate in Liverpool! The Lord had thought 'thoughts of peace' towards Charis all those years before. He had provided her with a Christian friend, someone she had met before, and together they were able to settle in Liverpool. The Lord had them both in the hollow of his hand, right from seven years beforehand!

Our recent football/hockey outreach is another example to me of the 'thoughts' that the Lord thinks towards us. In 2013, after Coaching4Christ finished sowing the seed through football in Saintfield, it was decided as a church, that the work should continue. At the time, we had 5 helpers available, but we needed more to make it work. Where would the help come from? Some changes were made – we held the outreach in the evenings instead of the morning time; hockey was eventually added, and the outreach continued to grow. This year, it was great to see 47 helpers signing up to take part in various roles. Back in 2013, no-one was to know the plans/thoughts that the Lord had for this work. Yet it is clear that He truly knows the things we need, and has had everything planned to bring an 'expected end.' There are many examples in Saintfield of God's word from Jeremiah 29:11 being put into action.

Similarly, in the life of Joseph studied this year - from being thrown into a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery in Egypt,

finding favour with Pharaoh, then being put in prison, being put in charge during the years of plenty and the years of famine, to finally meeting his brothers and father again - we can see the hand of God in everything. The Lord had it all planned. He could see the beginning and the ending.

Whatever happens with any one of us, God has us in the hollow of his hand. Let us be encouraged to know that He has planned everything, and knows everything, before it even comes to be.

Brian Gibson

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Live as a New Creation

Read Colosians 3: 12-17

We read in this chapter how as Christians we have put off the old self with its sinful deeds and have put on the new self, which is the character of Christ. In this way, we have become a "new creation" in Christ, and as a "new creation" we put on:

- **Tender Mercy**— Having mercy towards others instead of getting angry at them.
- **Kindness**—Being kind towards others, showing kindness.
- **Humility**—Being humble, putting others first before ourselves.
- **Meekness**—Being soft hearted and sensitive towards others, not giving up on them.
- **Longsuffering**—Being patient with others.
- **Bearing with one another**—Overlooking the annoying things others do, not nit-picking.
- **Forgiving one another**—Quickly forgiving others who do or say hurtful things—without holding a grudge or bringing up past mistakes.

Christ forgave us and has mercy on us, so we should forgive others. Sometimes we may find it hard to forgive, but we won't experience the peace of God if we hold onto unforgiveness. Most of all, let the love of God be like glue that holds all of these things together. For it's out of God's love that we express these things. We need to remember that. Whatever we do and wherever we go, we do everything in the name of Jesus. In all areas of our lives, we live for Jesus.

Lord, I thank you that I am a new creation in Christ. Help me to "put on" your qualities everyday in all I say and do. In Jesus name.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

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PHILIPPI MEETING

The next Philippi Meeting will take place on **Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm**. The speaker at this meeting will be Pastor Clifford Morrison.

Please mark this date in your diary and plan to attend

CEF LAGAN VALLEY PRAYER MEETING

There will be a prayer meeting after the Sunday evening service on **Sunday 22nd October** as part of the CEF Lagan Valley Area Autumn Week of Prayer. All are invited to attend.

The Bend in the Road

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And he knows that it's only a bend-
The road will go on and get smoother
And after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.
So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow-
You've just come to a bend in the road.

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