

CB:Kids Monday

CB:Kids Monday has seen some changes in 2019. Phil and Jim Magill have stepped down from their roles and I have taken over the leadership. I want to thank Phil and Jim for their many years of faithful service to our children's ministry. It has been wonderful to be back involved in a weekly children's ministry and I have been really encouraged by what is happening on Monday evenings.

Firstly, I have been encouraged by a great team of enthusiastic and gifted leaders who engage and communicate so well with the children.

I have also been encouraged by a brilliant group of children who attend regularly each week. The numbers are not huge, but the children listen so well and are growing in their biblical knowledge. The behaviour is superb and we have no discipline issues to try and manage.

There is a good mixture of church family children and others with no other connection to our church. There are still plenty of our church children who are missing out on the great time we have every Monday and I would encourage you to bring your children if they don't already attend.

This year we have been teaching the children about the life of Christ from Mark's gospel. Our desire is that all the children will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Peter Lawther

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the regular group of children who listen so well each week.
- Pray that all the children would become followers of Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for an excellent team of enthusiastic leaders.
- Pray for meaningful relationships with the families who have no other contact with church



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Meaningful Membership

Our Members' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm. Can I encourage all members to make every effort to attend and participate in this important part of church life?

Church membership is something that should be meaningful for all believers. God's plan for us is not to struggle along alone as Christians, but to be deeply connected with a local church community. Like a family, churches work best when everyone is engaged, active and caring for one another.

If you are a church member, can I encourage you to be a whole-hearted member?. The purpose of the local church is to help you to be built up in your faith, so that you in turn can be a blessing to the other members.

Our church constitution sets out a series of membership responsibilities that describe what meaningful membership looks like. They can be summarised by the following phrases: **Attend Consistently, Pray Regularly, Give Cheerfully, Love Widely, Submit Humbly and Serve Passionately.** If we all strive to live out the responsibilities of our membership there will be a huge spiritual impact upon all our lives.

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, regularly attend this church and not already a member, can I urge you to join? Your commitment to Christ should be expressed by committing to a local body of believers. Meaningful membership is for the spiritual benefit of everyone.

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Church Diary:

Sunday Prayer Meetings 10:30am & 6:30pm (meets upstairs in Room 2)
Church Services 11am & 7pm

Tuesday Parent & Toddlers 10:15am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8pm
Prayer and Study Groups 8pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
Missions Prayer Meeting 8pm (last week in month)

Thursday CB:Women 8pm (1st week of month)

Friday CB:Friends 2pm (2nd week of the month)

Children & Youth

Crèche Available for babies and toddlers during the Sunday morning service in the upstairs Fellowship Hall. We would encourage families with young children to use this provision.

CB:Kids Sunday Children leave the morning service around 11:15am.
Age 3-P.1 in Minor Hall. P.2-P.7 in Sports Hall

CB:Kids Monday Meet in the Sports Hall each Monday between 6:45pm-8pm

Youth Fellowship Usually meet on Sunday Evenings. Contact Paul Savage for more details.

Special Announcements:

The AGM of Carrickfergus Baptist Church will be held at 7:30pm on the 20th March 2019. We would encourage all members to attend. The Agenda is posted on the notice board, in the foyer. The Annual Report and Member's Directory will be circulated by email prior to the meeting. Should you prefer a paper copy of either document, please speak to an Elder or Deacon.

Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting - 27th March 2019 8:00pm. Hebrews 13 v 3; "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

Baby Massage. This month, Sandra Silverson will be running two Baby Massage programmes – on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please remember Sandra and this ministry in your prayers.

Shankill Christian Fellowship

We have been greatly encouraged by the work at SCF over the past few months. In January we began the year with an outreach event, SCF Fit. Around thirty people have been attending the (eight week) event aimed at addressing physical, mental (and most importantly) spiritual health. We are thankful to those from Carrick Baptist who have come along and shared both their professional advice and their faith with those who attend on Tuesday evenings.

We are really looking forward to the coming spring and summer session! Currently, we are organising a baptismal service for Easter Sunday and beginning to plan for the holiday bible club in July and camp in August. We also hope to hold our first Church Night Away in October.

It is such an honour and a privilege to be involved with the work on the road. It is so exciting to see first-hand how God saves and changes individuals and how sin damaged lives can be completely turned around as God's word that is "alive and active" penetrates into people's lives.

We value your prayer for people like David who recently gave his life to the Lord, for the ten-year-old girl who comes along on her own to church on Sunday morning, for those who are trying to follow Jesus in the most difficult of family circumstances.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to all of you who encourage, support, and pray for us!

To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:21

