



April 2019



Easter

Can I encourage us all to attend the special Mission Carrick Holy Week Services, which will be held each evening in the Church of the Nazarene at 7.30pm. Our church is responsible for the service on Good Friday.

Easter is a time to remember and rejoice. We remember a brutal death and we rejoice in Christ's resurrection. We also rejoice in the greatest act of love the world has ever seen. I discovered the words of the following song as a student and often return to them in my own devotions. I trust they will warm your heart as you remember and rejoice this Easter.

Peter

For Love of You

The road is stained with the blood he shed,
From his furrowed back and thorn crowned head.
They have done the worst that they could do,
He bore it all for love of you.

And as he walks, he must walk alone,
For all his friends like birds have flown.
His father soon will forsake him too,
He lost them all for love of you.

And so he died that you might live,
He has given all that he could give.
He bore the wrath that is your due,
He bore it all for love of you.

by Andy Stovell

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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:

Easter Sunday Morning: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!
Please plan to join with us in celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

Easter Sunday Evening: come and join us for a service of praise and worship.

CB:youth Weekend: our young people are enjoying their annual weekend away from the 26th-28th April. Please pray for safety and a time of spiritual refreshing.

The Lord's Table: few areas of our new building have been more appreciated than the foyer. It has allowed us to enjoy relaxed fellowship every time we gather. However, while the Lord's Table is in progress, please be mindful of the need to preserve quiet reverence.

Simon and Jayne Gibson

A few months ago we began collecting old and unused Lego. A great donation came from a number of individuals and churches, including Carrick Baptist, which we are really thankful for. This collection was with the aim of running Lego based Bible clubs throughout Cavan.

In January we booked a community centre and advertised the club in local schools in Belturbet, Ballyconnell and Newtowngore. Very quickly we were full and over subscribed! Again we booked the community centre for another Lego based Bible club in February for the boys and girls who couldn't attend the first club. The February club was also fully booked. This outreach has attracted many families from all parts of the community and we praise God for each child and contact made. It is our plan to continue with the Lego based Bible clubs on a monthly basis and eventually see Good News Clubs started.

We have been really encouraged by two local people who have volunteered to help us with the ministry in this part of Cavan. We would love to see more volunteers from local churches serving God in their own community.

Our preparation for summer ministry is well underway. We hope to have a smaller CYIA (Christian Youth In Action) team staying with us again to do 5 Day Clubs in Belturbet and Cavan Town. This year we are looking forward to helping with a Holiday Bible Club in Tullamore, which is County Offaly. The Cavan/Mayo camp will be in its second year! We already have a good number of applications from children and leaders which is a real answer to prayer.

It has been great to be part of the Cavan Baptist church plant in Belturbet. Belturbet is just 7 minutes from where we live and is also where the girls go to school. As well as weekly Bible studies, the church plant is holding monthly meetings in the same community centre we have our Lego Bible Clubs and Junior Youth Challenge. Jessica, Jayne and I are involved in music and leading at the minute. It is an exciting time for Cavan Baptist and great to work alongside Joel and Katya Marcus, the Baptist Missions workers here in Belturbet.

Family news - Jessica will be doing her Junior Certificate exams in June this year. She has been revising hard over the last number of months and is looking forward to summer! Robyn is involved in helping with the tinies at Sunday School and is great at keeping them under control! Bronwyn has one more year of national School before her move to high school. She can't wait to meet up with all her friends from Carrick Baptist at Kilkeel camp this year.

PRAYER POINTS:

Praise God for the new contacts we have made with children and parents through the Lego events.

Praise God for the two local volunteers who have been working with us.

Pray that the summer ministry would go well and that children would come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Pray for us as a family, that we would continue to rely on God each day and guard our relationship with Him above all.

Holiday Bible Club

We have always found that the Holiday Bible Club offers a chance to reach children who wouldn't normally attend our Children's ministries and tell them of the great love of Jesus. It also helps strengthen friendships within our church family and provides an opportunity to connect with new people.

Last July saw the first HBC in our new building. Epic Explorers was a great week with many people contributing to its success. We were thankful for the children attending from all walks of life and John Hanna presenting the gospel clearly each night. One of the main highlights was 'Ask John' at the end of each club with questions from the children such as 'do pets go to Heaven?' It was brilliant that parents also had opportunity to listen to these answers. Please keep praying for the children and parents from last year.

We are excited that we can do it all over again this year. We are planning to run the club each evening from 29th July to 2nd August. However, we need your help. First and foremost, we need your prayers. We will need much practical help such as decorating the church, keeping the car park safe or even sitting with the children. Maybe you're a more up front person and could help with registration, memory verses and quizzes etc..

Whether you're young, old or somewhere in between, please block out the week in your diary and sign up in the foyer for whatever nights you are available. If you haven't worked with children in our church recently; you will need to fill out a child protection form. Speak to a deacon, Dermo or EJ if you would like a form or have any questions/queries.

David & EJ



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