



September 2019



We are powerless without prayer. Jesus said, 'Without me you can do nothing,' (John 15:5). As a result, prayer needs to be a personal and congregational priority.

September is the start of a new season of ministry within our church and we would like to focus our attention over the next month on prayer. This is a call for the whole church to passionately commit ourselves to pray throughout September as we ask God to work in and through Carrickfergus Baptist Church over the incoming year.

We want to encourage all our church family to engage in regular prayer. You can do this individually during your personal devotions or as a family as you gather to pray together. Perhaps you could meet up regularly with a few others to pray specifically for the life and ministry of our church.

All our services throughout September will have a focus and emphasis on prayer. On Sunday mornings we will be looking at what the Bible teaches about prayer and every evening service will have a time of corporate prayer as we seek the Lord together as a church. On Wednesday evenings we will take time to pray for different aspects of church life and ministry.

The Elders and Deacons would like to encourage and challenge everyone, regardless of age, to make every effort to attend our church services during September and actively seek the Lord in prayer as we look to him to do great things for His glory over the next year of ministry.

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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. P2 - P6 in Sports Hall. P7 in Peter's Office.

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:

Moving Forward Events: as part of the Moving Forward initiative, a series of meetings are scheduled - further details will follow.. As a fellowship our desire, our goal, is to grow in love for the Lord, for each other and for the lost. The purpose of these events is to involve the church in developing our plans to this end – moving forward. Please remember these events in your prayers.

The Amazing Journey, from the 16th – 20th September: the Amazing Journey returns to Primary schools in Carrickfergus. If you would be free to assist during school time on any of these days, please sign-up in the foyer or speak to Peter.

Child Protection Training: if you are part of any ministry involving children, you must attend training this month – attendance is mandatory should you wish to continue serving in the ministry. Two sessions are planned; 19th September at 7:30pm and Saturday 28th September at 9:30am. Choose which suits you best.

Ministry Notice Board

Why not explore some of these less conspicuous ministries this year?

Ministry / Contact Person	Date/time
Pre-service Prayer Meeting	Sunday at 10:30am and 6:30pm Prayer for our services in Classroom 2
Crochet Club / Cherith Martin	Every Monday at 7:00pm starting 23rd September Crochet and chat in the foyer
Men's Precept / Campbell Green	Last Monday of the month at 8:00pm Inductive Bible study...for men
Parents & Toddlers / Ruth McCoy	Every Tuesday of term-time at 10:00am An oasis for parents and toddlers in the Sports Hall
UCB Prayerline / Stephen Gordon	Every Tuesday from 6:00pm - 9:00pm Prayer support provided by phone to callers
Northland Court / Jim Magill	Wednesdays at 10:30am Ministering to the spiritual needs of those living next door
Knit & Natter / Linda Coates	2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10:00am Knitting and nattering...and tea and buns...in the foyer
Baby Massage / Sandra Silverson	6 week course on Thursdays at 11:00am Course for mums and their babies
Outreach Team / Derek Baxter	Thursdays at 6:00pm Taking the Gospel door to door in Castlemara
Women's Precept / May Green	2nd Friday of the month at 7:30pm. Starting 11th October Inductive Bible study...for women
CB:Friends / Lynn Baird	2nd Friday of the month at 2:00pm A programme of events for our seniors...in the Sports Hall.
Visitation Team / Pastors	Supporting people spiritually and practically through visitation
Preaching Group / Peter Lawther	3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30pm A forum for exploring and developing your teaching gift
Media team / David MacDermott	Technical support for Church website and social media accounts
Audio Visual Team / Claire Thompson	Sundays and special events Ensuring those at the front and their instruments are heard and timing the words of the songs with the music...

Something Happens When Churches Pray

As we enter a month of prayer, the following extract from Warren Wiersbe's book 'Something Happens When Churches Pray' is helpful and challenging.

'We meet together to pray because when churches pray, God does something - God works. I am not minimising the importance of individual prayer. I am emphasising the power of prayer in the church.

Something happens when churches pray. When we pray, we lay hold of the very throne of God. When we pray, God can give us boldness, love, power and grace. When we pray, God can expand the witness of the church. When we pray, God works. Something happens when churches pray.

Churches are depending on so many other resources and neglecting the one resource that God has given to us - the marvellous resource of prayer. Yes, something happens when churches pray because the glorified, ascended Lord hears and answers prayer.

Is something happening because your church is praying?'

Calendar Dates

Amazing Journey - September 16th-20th

During this week the church will be bringing the Amazing Journey Bible Presentation to five local primary schools.

Please pray that God will use this tremendous resource to reach many children with the gospel.

We need a team of approximately 10 volunteers each day to help. If you are free on any or all the days during school time, please sign up in the foyer or speak to Peter.



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