

October 2019



Focus on Evangelism:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”

Romans 1:16

The word gospel means ‘good news’. In fact, the gospel is the greatest news you have ever heard. Good news usually fills our hearts with joy, puts a smile on our face and opens our lips with a desire to share it with others. That is why new believers often have a passion to share the good news of Christ and what he has done for them.

Sadly, many of us get tired of the ‘good news’ over time and lose that desire and passion to share the gospel with others. However, the gospel is still the power of God for salvation and the only hope for our world. All of us who are believers have a responsibility and hopefully a desire to share the good news with the people God brings into our lives.

The words of this old chorus make for a helpful daily prayer:

Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me, Lord, just what to say;
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray;
Melt my heart and fill my life,
To win some soul today.

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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 / Yr 8 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 Chris Wolfe for more details.

Special Announcements:

Church Business Meeting: The October Members' meeting is planned for Wednesday 23rd October 7:30pm. Please plan to attend.

Paul's Farewell: On Sunday 13th October at 7:00pm we say our farewells to Paul and Emma and pray God's blessing upon them as they move to Craigavon Baptist Church.

Focus On Evangelism: October 20th – 25th the church will be hosting 10 students from the Irish Baptist College who will be engaged in Evangelism. Please consider joining with the team throughout the week of their stay.

Moving Forward Events: The purpose of these events is to involve the church in developing our plans for the next few years. As a fellowship, our desire, our goal, is to grow in love for the Lord, for each other and for the lost. Please remember these events in your prayers.

Paul's Farewell



As I think about moving on, I am glad to have this opportunity to say thank you for the past three years. I am thankful for the opportunity to work and minister in Carrickfergus Baptist Church.

I am thankful for the opportunity to study God's word and preach God's word. I have been humbled by the encouragement many of you have brought to me in this task. I am thankful for your constant prayers; many of you pray for me and my family daily.

I am thankful to have been involved with praise team and observe a genuine passion and striving to glorify God more sincerely through song.

I am thankful to have studied God's word with young believers and observe them maturing in Christ.

I am thankful to have studied God's word with older believers learning from their wisdom and humbled by their godliness.

I am thankful for your willingness to share your life with me at the most vulnerable of times.

I am thankful for how you have loved, protected and cared for my family in many ways. Your kindness, concern and hospitality will not be forgotten.

In recent months I have been thankful for your continued encouragement and prayers as I plan to move to pastor in Craigavon Baptist.

I move on from here with thankfulness and confidence of your continued support and prayers. This means so much. As you pray for us, be assured of our continued prayers for you.

What a privilege it is to share in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul



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A team of ten students from the Irish Baptist College will be staying in the church and involved in local evangelism from 20th-25th October. The purpose of the team is to provide them with evangelistic ministry experiences in a local church context and to help the church reach our local community.

We were blessed by a similar team four years ago and we would ask that you pray that God will use this team in a mighty way to reach many people with the gospel. They will be involved in door-to-door evangelism, schools and children's work, speaking at church services, as well as organising some special evangelistic events.

Please pray for the team members and that through their ministry God will save people in our community.

Richard Alhadeff	Dave Preston	Lydia Jones
Ben Davis	Ross Flynn	Pablo Martinez
John Coulter	Tracey Brown	Iain Sanders
Mark Alexander		

Help the team:

If you would like to join the team during the week to help with evangelism, please speak to Peter.

We also need a to provide lunch and dinner each day for the team. If you could help by providing a meal for 9 people, please contact the church administrator.

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