

March / April 2020



Over the past few months we have been studying the book of Joshua on Sunday mornings. I trust you have found the series to be insightful and helpful to your own spiritual walk with the Lord. There are so many wonderful and challenging lessons we can learn from the successes and failures of the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land.

In the last chapter, which we will reach at Easter time, Joshua makes this bold declaration of commitment to the Lord: 'But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,' (Joshua 24:15).

In response to Joshua's words, the nation replies with this clear proclamation of commitment: *"The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey," Joshua 24:24.*

These words would make a great motto for our church family as we move forward in the rest of this year as followers of Christ. Think of the spiritual impact it would have on our church and Carrickfergus if we all committed ourselves to serving the Lord and obeying Him.

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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) Knit & Natter 10:00am (2nd and 4th weeks of the month) Baby Massage 11:00am (rolling 6 week programme)
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:

Annual Report: as in recent years, we intend to circulate the 2019 report electronically. Should you wish to receive a paper copy, please speak to the church Secretary.

Choir Practice: choir practices will start on Wednesday 4th March at 7:00pm for Easter Sunday.

Church AGM: Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm. We would invite all members to make every effort to attend this important event in our Church calendar.

Gift Day: our first gift day of 2020 will be on Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday. Please prayerfully hold this matter before the Lord.

Church Cleaning Day: Saturday morning, 18th April, will be devoted to giving the church a Spring Clean! There will be a job for absolutely everyone! Plan to join us.

New Members

Alex Boyd

My name is Alex Boyd, I'm 38 and live in Carrick.

I grew up coming to Carrickfergus Baptist Church. After nearly 20 years of not attending church, I was saved in April 2017. I am delighted to now be a member of Carrick Baptist.

God has transformed my life and I'm happy my life is in his hands.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8-12

Alex

Chris & Rachel Irving

Rachel, Chris, Joshua, Samuel and Stephanie have been part of our fellowship for a few years now.

Northumberland Hall in Margate played a role in seeing both Rachel and Chris come to know the Saviour and it is where they were both baptised.

Why not make yourself known to our new members? You will encourage them and be yourself encouraged in making them feel welcome.

Congratulations to Fiona and Chris Pollock on the birth of Finn on 27th January and to **Colin and Sarah Radcliffe** on the birth of Hannah on 1st February.





Dates for your diary

March

UNITE TO PRAY - JOINT PRAYER MEETING Carrickfergus, Larne, Whitehead and Greenisland Baptist Churches Uniting to Pray Wednesday 11th March at 8:00pm in our Fellowship Hall

YF EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 15th March at 7:00pm

CHURCH AGM

Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm

MISSIONARY FOCUS EVENING

Mervyn Scott, Director of Baptist Missions Sunday 22nd March at 7:00pm

MEN'S EVENT

Bowling & Supper at Jim Baker Stadium Tuesday 24th March at 7:00pm

CBK MONDAY PARENTS NIGHT

Monday 30th March at 6:45pm

April

YF WEEKEND

On North Coast - staying in Portstewart Baptist Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th April

UNCOVER 2020 EVENT

For all kids P1 - 7; Moira Baptist Church **Friday 3rd at 7:00pm**

CHURCH GIFT DAY

Sunday 5th April

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

6th - 10th April in the Methodist Church

CHURCH CLEANING

An annual Spring Clean for the premises **Saturday 18th April - morning**

OPEN DOORS - THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

News of those who suffer for their faith. Sunday 19th April - evening

EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Sunday 12th April

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