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STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH

During the Autumn Session the Church Fellowship has been studying St. Paul's 1st Chapters of Thessalonians. After reading and re-reading these chapters lessons must have been learned not only by the Christians in Thessalonica but by churches at large in today's world.

Throughout the chapters St. Paul continually uses many helpful words and phrases - Thanksgiving, constant in prayer, encouragement, respect for one another, respect for church leaders and **"STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH."** As well as reminding the brethren that they are loved by God, he urges them to live lives pleasing to God rather than men.

During a vacancy in a church such sentiments as St. Paul expresses are vital to the smooth running of a church. His lessons to the Thessalonians to **"STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH"** are paramount in any church, especially so in the absence of a leader.

With these thoughts in mind we continue, in thankfulness, to pray for our church and encourage those who have responsibility for church affairs, and in so doing we may live the life Paul describes to his fellow Christians.

In the absence of a Rector we appreciate the help given by visiting preachers, the Reverend Brian Blacoe who weekly leads our Church Fellowship and all church workers.



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown
And he replied:

Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God,
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.

We wish all in our Church Family a Happy and Blessed New Year.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH DURING THE VACANCY

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech you, on our Church. And so guide with your heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom it is committed the choice of a Minister for this parish. That we may receive a faithful pastor who will feed your flock according to your will, and make ready a people acceptable unto you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BON VOYAGE

The good wishes of the Church family were extended to the Jordaan family on Sunday 24th November, as they prepared to return to South Africa after having worshipped with us during the past 5 years.

Dougie wished the family God's Blessing for a safe journey and gifts were presented.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jordaan family at this time.

HOLY BAPTISM

Macie Christine
Daughter of John and Julie

“Suffer the little Children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of God”

MARRIAGE

Deirdre Cunningham & John Parry

We wish this couple every blessing in their future life together.

DEATH

29 November 2013
Noel McDowell, 10 Churchview Villas, Gilford

“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

CARING THOUGHTS

We are aware that many in our church family are ill, housebound, lonely and dependent on carers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, especially those who are in hospital. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord and find peace and healing in HIS PRESENCE.

For those who have lost loved ones during the year we ask God's special grace.

If you know of anyone ill or in hospital please contact William Robinson 38831343 or Noeleen Wilson 38831969.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Looking back over the Christmas Season two events stand out; the Carol Service and the Sunday School Celebrations.

Thanks to our Organist Jonathan, Choir Mistress Jean, Choir Members and Readers the Carol Service was a lovely blend of traditional and modern music which set the scene for Christmas.

The young people from the Sunday School played their part in celebrating Christmas in their own way which added greatly to the meaningful service.

This is an opportunity to thank the Choir, Organist and Choir Mistress, the Sunday School young people and their Teachers for their work not only at Christmas but throughout the year

THANKS

Annual Christmas Gift Appeal for Salvation Army

I would like to thank the Congregation for their kindness and generosity in the response to this appeal and for the beautiful presentation of the gifts.

These were distributed by the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve.

Annie Burrell

Appeal for Clothes for Romania

I just want to say a big **'Thank You'** from Rev David Coe and myself to all of you who responded to our recent appeal for clothes for Romania. The response was truly amazing and in total eighteen boxes of clothes were packed up and sent on their way in early December to help with the work of the Esther Foundation in Timisoara, Romania. The Esther Foundation works with young girls and women who find themselves pregnant and have no-one or nowhere to turn to. Currently around 40% of all pregnancies in Romania ends with an abortion! Some of these girls have had to leave home because they want to keep their baby, some come from abusive relationships whilst others just don't know where to turn and have no safe place to stay. The Esther Foundation is a non-profit organisation which is dedicated to sustaining and protecting human life . Its primary goal and wish is to demonstrate Christ's love to women and girls who are in crisis by offering them spiritual, emotional, material and medical assistance. Your gifts of warm clothing and baby clothes will indeed be very gratefully received and welcomed. Thank you.

Louise McClory

Samaritan's Purse Shoe-Box Appeal

A big **'Thank You'** to all who contributed to this very worthy cause. Thirty children in total will have benefited this Christmas as a result of your generosity.

Jean Glass

URBAN SAINTS

It is with sadness that Urban Saints announce the departure of Peter and Rachel Sinton from a position of leadership within the organisation. However, we as a group want to express our sincere gratitude towards them for their many years of service. Peter and Rachel have not only been continuous spiritual mentors, a great support source and wonderful friends, but also an inspiration to every young person that has been involved in Urban Saints and previously Crusaders. We would like to thank them once again for the time, effort and patience they have invested in our organisation over the years, and we are blessed to have them still guiding and supporting us as leaders. So we take this time to wish them a very peaceful and well deserved break!

Chloe Moffatt

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Company have had a busy session with Scripture and Badge Work.

The girls enjoyed football for two weeks which was coached by Bob.

Thanks to Claire and Ellie for organising a non-uniform night which raised £273 towards the Philippines Disaster.

The Explorers finished off the session with a Fancy Dress Party and the Company Section spent an enjoyable evening Christmas Shopping at Rushmere.

Deborah Mulligan

African Adventure

On Friday 6th December I was part of a group of 8 young women who travelled to Stellenbosch, near Cape Town to represent GBNI at an International Girls' Brigade Gathering. It was attended by 120 under 30's GB leaders from 19 different countries and the theme of the week was based on Romans chapter 12 - being transformed from the inside out.

The Gathering started with a 'Colour Party' where we had to wear our national colours. We then got into our reflect groups which gave us the chance to chat about the day and pray together. On Sunday we went to the beautiful Pniel Congregational Church in Stellenbosch. The service was 4 hours long and dedicated to Girls' Brigade and also to the memory of Nelson Mandela. After the service we were taken to a primary school where GBSA put on a display for us. It was a lovely presentation of songs, dances and a nativity. We then went outside and released balloons that had prayers attached to them for the future of GB. In the evening we had a birthday party for Girls' Brigade as we celebrated our 120th year in 2013.

Monday was the Pacific Fellowship's sharing day so they taught us some of the games and songs they do with their girls. In the morning we gave our 'Because I am a Girl...' presentations. Each country presented an issue that they feel is the biggest struggle for girls living in their part of the world. Our team had made a video about feeling inadequate, other countries presented topics such as eating disorders, gender inequality in the workplace, education, forced marriage and teenage pregnancy. It was really interesting, but also heart breaking to see what girls are facing in these different places, and where similarities lie between counties. It got us thinking about how GB can help to tackle these issues and be there for girls.

Tuesday was our 'equipping' day so we chose two workshops to attend. I went to 'Being an influencer' and 'African Craft'. It was also the African Fellowship's sharing day. In the afternoon we took part in some outreach by making up over 1000 food packages that were going to be given out in South Africa's townships. It was great to do some practical work to help these people. In the evening, the Africa day concluded with an African drumming lesson and some traditional dancing.

Wednesday was our day out in Cape Town. We went to a museum dedicated to the effect of the apartheid on the local area. It was a very moving experience, less than a week after the passing of Nelson Mandela. We spent Wednesday afternoon on Table Mountain, which was amazing. The views were stunning and I fully agree with the fact that it is one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

Thursday was the Caribbean-America Fellowship's sharing day. During the day we were focusing on the next 120 years of Girls' Brigade. We split in to four different groups, communication, creativity, advocacy and the GB girl declaration. At the end of the day we presented our ideas and suggestions to the rest of the delegates and the International President of Girls' Brigade.

On Friday morning we went to the beach. In the afternoon we returned to Stellenbosch where GB Europe had a chance to share our games and food. We then had time to reflect on how God had challenged us throughout the week and what we had learnt. Lots of people came up to the front to speak and it was a really lovely time. In the evening we had a Christmas BBQ, or 'braai' as the South Africans call it.

I had such an inspirational week and I can't wait to see how GB will take on our ideas. I made friends from all round the world and it just proved to me that I am part of an amazing family of GB girls that have the same enthusiasm for God and Girls' Brigade. Although we live in different cultures and have different uniforms and ways of doing things, I felt part of a community of sisters who are united by the same aim – to seek serve and follow Christ.

Jayne Ruddock



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Esther Gillanders was our Guest Speaker for October. She shared her testimony with us, her husband is the Pastor of The Congregational Church in Newtownards.

In November our Speaker was Heather Wilson. She demonstrated how to make Christmas Cards and little Gift Bags. Heather is currently based in Enniskillen with the Faith Mission.

We held our Annual Christmas Dinner on 12th December at The Planters Restaurant in Waringstown. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and our thanks to the staff for the excellent food and service. Thanks also goes to Joan who entertained us with her humorous monologues.

Wishing all our members a very Blessed and Happy and Healthy 2014.

Suzanne Livingston

CHURCH OF IRELAND EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

The Rt. Reverend Ferran Glenfield, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, was the special speaker at a meeting held in Magheralin Church Hall on Wednesday 20th November.

The aims of C.I.E.F. are to promote spiritual and numerical growth among churches and to foster evangelism within the Church of Ireland.

Bishop Ferran gave a Biblical perspective and highlighted how the New Testament Church grew in spite of opposition and challenging circumstances and how they were encouraged by St. Peter to grow and develop as followers of the Lord Jesus as in Acts 2.

“They devoted themselves in the Apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.”

C.I.E.F. values our prayers and support at this time. The church has too much to offer to allow itself to become static.

LEPROSY MISSION THE PHILIPPINE - CULION ISLAND

Dr Arturo Cunanan, of Americal Leprosy Mission, speaks about his experience

“The hospital was severely damaged with around 45 per cent of the buildings destroyed. The patient’s dormitory has totally collapsed and much of the equipment is wet and non-functional following the destruction. I tried to make the hospital operational since many were injured. We are running on the hospital’s generator which is very expensive - operating the blood bank together with a make shift operating theatre. We have found a safe place in the hospital to set up the hospital administration.

There is widespread damage and heavy losses to the infrastructure and agriculture but if we compare our situation to what has happened in Tacloban Leyte, Samar, Cebu and Bohol following the typhoon we are still fortunate. There is a very weak mobile phone signal for testing or SMS. You can send at night time from a hill by placing your cell phone inside an improvised pocket in a hanging aluminium basin, and receive a very weak signal coming from a cell site in a distant town.

The disaster has taught us many lessons - the most important being working together and attending to those less fortunate who have suffered more than us. There are overwhelming needs. As I watched the hospital being cleaned, I just wondered how we can repair it, and bring it back to where it was before the typhoon. But we will continue to do what we can to serve. With God’s blessings and the prayers of His people we will overcome as Culion did centuries ago”.

Betty Jones

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Samuel Cowan, Port Chaplain at Seamen's Christian Society writes

It is an honour and privilege to be serving in this ministry to Seafarers for 11 years when they visit the ports of Coleraine, Warrenpoint and Belfast. It is a joy to spend time with them to share with us their experiences on board ships and hear about their families back home.

To meet fellow Christians and be able to help and encourage them in their faith as they are away from their Church fellowships for long periods at a time.

Christmas always is a special time for us as a family, spending time with seafarers on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, especially the Christmas presents that we bring are always well received, as for many that we meet that present is the only one that they will have over the Christmas period.

Thanks to the Church and individuals throughout the year who knit woolly hats that go into presents each year. It is only through your generous support both practically and financially that we can bring a little joy to many who would otherwise have a lonely Christmas.

Last year 750 seafarers who visited our local ports received a Christmas present.

Samuel likes to bring them up to date with news about God's Blessing in this ministry.

Hetty McCusker

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to leave these in Church or give to Betty Jones for Leprosy Mission or Isabel Whiteside for CMS.

C.M.S. IRELAND

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

This year is a very special one for the Church Mission Society as they celebrate 200 years of Missions.

On 22nd June 1814 in Dublin and 24th June in 1814 in Armagh, the Hibernian Church Mission Society was established in Ireland and 200 years later C.M.S.I. continue to help God's people play their part in God's Mission.

We have this account taken from that first meeting in June 1814

“It had lasted about three hours, not excessive for 22 speeches - long and short. The Audience was small even for evangelical standards in those days. It did not exceed 500. The collections amounted to £500 which included many subscriptions.”

At a meeting in Belfast Bible College on 29th November 2013 an anniversary programme was launched by Archbishop Richard Clarke, a programme which will cover events past and present.

As a church which supports C.M.S.I. we join with the Mission partners, Mission staff and volunteers in remembering the past with thanksgiving and looking to the future with faith and hope.

As we celebrate this anniversary we thank God for the opportunity and privilege to be a part of HIS MISSION.

The CMSI Annual Quiz is in circulation; copies may be obtained from **Isabel Whiteside**.

Isabel Whiteside

SERVICES

Sunday 5th January 2014

11.30 am Family Service - Colin Taylor

Sunday 12th January 2014

11.30 am Holy Communion - Rev D Coe

Sunday 19th January 2014

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Dougie Barr

Sunday 26th January 2014

11.30 am Service of the Word - Rev B Blacoe



Sunday 2nd February 2014

11.30 am Family Service -

Dougie Barr

6.30 pm Healing Service - Myrtle Morrison

Sunday 9th February 2014

11.30 am Holy Communion - Rev D Coe

Sunday 16th February 2014

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Colin Taylor

Sunday 23rd February 2014

11.30 am Service of the Word - Rev B Blacoe

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd March 2014

11.30 am Family Service - Rev J Harron
6.30 pm Healing Service - Myrtle Morrison

Sunday 9th March 2014

11.30 am Holy Communion - Rev D Coe

Sunday 16th March 2014

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Rev B Blacoe

Sunday 23rd March 2014

11.30 am Service of the Word - Ian Morton

Sunday 30 March 2014

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Dougie Barr

CRECHE

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If the date you are allocated does not suit please contact:
Ray Coleman on 028 38881422 or mobile 07759494980

Are you finished with toys, books etc. (in good clean condition) for babies and pre-school children? If so would you like to donate them to our crèche at Tullylish where they will be put to good use.

We are also appealing for volunteers to help out at crèche on Sunday mornings.

FLOWER ROTA

JANUARY

5th Mrs J Wilson
12th Mrs J Wilson
19th Mrs M McCracken
26th Mrs D Mulligan

FEBRUARY

2nd Harrison Family
9th Mrs R Sinton
16th Mrs D Acheson
23rd Mrs B Orr

MARCH

2nd Womens F/Ship
9th Mrs K Alexander
16th Mrs V Walker
23rd Mrs E Hoey
30th Mrs V Cochrane



CRECHE

JANUARY

5th Family Service
12th Family Holy Communion
19th I Grossman K Aughey
26th L Humphries E Vint

FEBRUARY

2nd Family Service
9th S Walker M McCracken
16th S Lappin R Sinton
23rd A Mulligan R Coleman

MARCH

2nd Family Service
9th L Taylor J Ruddock
16th Y Davison L Moffatt
23rd C Ruddock R Coleman
30th Andrea Forbes C Moffatt

