

# Ballee Baptist Church



**OUR MAGAZINE**

**July—September 2011**

# WELCOME

to the July–September 2011 issue of **Our Magazine**

Welcome to another edition of our Fellowship Magazine.

On the 27th July during our summer holidays, I was reminded by a friend that there was only one year to go until the London Olympics. To be honest whilst I knew that London 2012 was taking place next summer, I'd paid no attention to when it was going to start. Soon after this I received a publicity leaflet entitled "Do you know a Future Flame?" which encouraged people to nominate others to carry the Olympic Torch around Northern Ireland between the 3rd and 6th June 2012 en-route to London for the 27th July so that the whole nation may catch the vision for the Olympic Games.

The title of the leaflet "Future Flame" got me thinking about another type of flame that the Apostle Paul teaches us about in 2 Timothy 1:6 *"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee..."* otherwise Paul says, Fan the flame of the gifts of God in us, so that Christ can shine brightly through our lives.

The gifts that the Lord has bestowed upon us are twofold:-

- Gift of Salvation (Ephesians 2:8) *"For by Grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the Gift of God".*
- Gifts for Service (1 Corinthians 7:7) *"But every man (and woman who are saved) hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that".*

Paul's words were directed principally to young Pastor Timothy, whom he refers to in verse two as "My dearly beloved son" (in the faith), as through Paul's ministry in Acts 13 and Acts 16 in Lystra and Galatia Timothy's family come to hear of the gospel and came to know Jesus as their own and personal saviour. He reminds Timothy that he needs a spiritual re-awakening to utilise the gifts for service that Christ had given to him as an evangelist and Pastor (2 Timothy 4:5)

Why was it necessary for Paul to challenge Timothy? It was possible Timothy was afraid and it had affected his walk with the Lord and witness for the Lord. Maybe on occasions we as believers let fear

- Fear of Failure: That he could not do the work which he was called to do. May I remind you that, whom the Lord calls He equips.
- Fear of Foes: Timothy would have been aware of the spiritual warfare in Ephesus where he had been called to minister, yet God would never abandon or forsake him and in Christ we have the spiritual armour to defeat our foes in Ephesians 6.
- Fear of Fruitlessness: Timothy knew that the work of God was an uphill battle and that he may not have seen many souls saved, yet we are reminded by Jesus *“For without me ye can do nothing,”* John 15:5. Faithful service is what we must render unto the Lord but it is His to bless and to save.

Paul says in 2 Timothy 1:7 *“For God had not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”*.

Paul's exhortation to *‘Stir up the Gift of God which is in thee’*, reminds me that we as believers are converted to Christ but are not always channels of blessing for Him and whilst we have the blessed assurance of the Gift of Eternal Life we like Timothy need a good spiritual poke occasionally and reminded to rekindle the Gift of God within us, that may be flickering rather than flaming. May it be as we recommence a new season of activities within our fellowship that you dedicate yourself to the Word and to praying for the work of God and may you be exercised about working for the Lord and stirring up the Gift of God which is in the, so that the Flame of Salvation might spread throughout our fellowship and then our land. I finish with the question on the Olympic Games leaflet, *“Do you know a Future Flame?”* Susan Warner wrote the well known children's hymn, *“Jesus Bids us Shine”*

Jesus bids us shine, with a pure, clear light,  
 Like a little candle, burning in the night.  
 In this world of darkness, so let us shine,  
 You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Yours in Christ

*Pastor Billy Jones*



## Ladies Fellowship

To all the ladies reading this, I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are now feeling refreshed and ready to begin our autumn/winter activities! This summer (yet again) seemed to fly past and

in one way it seems such a long time since we last met as a fellowship. However, on reflection the month of May seen "Walk for Life". This was used as a form of outreach and we felt it was very beneficial. The evenings consisted of a good walk, a healthy supper and a short word of testimony each Wednesday of the month. It was great to see a good number of visitors attend and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet a little more informally. (The chocolate fountain on the last night proved especially popular!!) Hopefully we will be able to repeat this next year.

A ladies breakfast took place on Saturday 3rd September—again another first for us. Thirty-six ladies met in the Adair Arms Hotel at 8.30 am and after a sumptuous breakfast we had an epilogue from Marion Reid from Antrim. Again it was very encouraging to see so many ladies there and a lovely time of fellowship was had by all.

Our ladies fellowship resumed as normal on Wednesday 14th September with a visit from Jean Campbell (Silk Road Ministries). A great time was had as Jean shared the plans the Lord has for her and her husband in Cambodia.

Please pick up a card detailing all the various speakers over the season from the church foyer. We meet on the second Wednesday and the last Wednesday of each month. The end of each month is our prayer meeting and we would encourage all ladies not to miss this meeting. We welcome all ladies to come and join with us, especially if it is not your regular practice. You will be made very welcome. If you are unable to come please pray for all the ladies meetings throughout the year.

*Lesley Kennedy*



## The Eternal Cross

An overseas student once remarked: *"I do not understand what God is like. I see glimpses of Him here and there, but they are all so fleeting. I can't pin down His real nature."* I told him about the Cross - God's greatest self-revelation. *"Ah, I see it now,"* he said. *"God's real nature is love. The Cross proves it."* Later he remarked: *"Fancy having to cross the sea in order to see the Cross!"*

No-one needs to cross a sea to see the Cross, but if it were necessary, the revelation would be more than worth the effort.

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Salt once again had a busy summer with 3 events taking place. The first event took place in Portglenone Forest, where we played a game of "Capture the Flag". The main aim of the game is to try to capture the other team's flag; at whatever the cost! This involved a lot of running and scheming! After we had worked up an appetite, we headed to McDonald's to enjoy some refreshments. Salt's second event saw the return of the much loved Progressive Tea. This is when we travel around houses and eat...all night! We started off at the home of Ian and Linda Cameron where we all enjoyed our starter. Then we jumped into our cars and headed out to Tom and Ruth Sampson's where we had a lovely main course. Then we rolled (due to eating too much) into the cars for one final time to head to Nigel and Jayne Kernohan's to round off our evening as we had eaten about 3 days worth of food!! We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the hosts and their helpers for all their work in preparing for this night. Our final event was our trip to Portrush. We started off in Barry's for a go on the bumper cars followed then by a scary sail on the Ghost Train. It was all topped off with a ride on the hobby horses!! Then we headed to Mr Chips for some chips. Finally we went to Morelli's to finish off with an ice-cream!! As we commence another season of Salt we would covet your prayers as the committee seeks guidance in the way we should lead and support our young people. Our theme for the incoming season is on the character of Joseph. Looking at key attributes of a "Spirit Filled Life" from the life and character of Joseph.

## TCFDT(NI) Team Trip 1-17 July 2011—Staff House at Kazima Children's Home

The aim of Tanzania Christian Farm Development Trust (NI) is to see God glorified among the people of Tanzania. People are still living without Christ, without God's Word, without Hope. By Christ's love and through the different projects we trust that God's love can be demonstrated in a practical way, so that those who live in a world without Christ may have Christ within.



*"...behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" John 4:35*

### Kazima Children's Home to date



The main building of the children's home has been completed. The main building includes two dormitories, two bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, staff quarters, entrance hall and office. Storage water tanks have been installed, bringing total water storage capacity to around 52,000 litres. During a TCFDT(NI) Team Trip in 2009, murals were painted on the children's home walls, electric work was completed, verandas to front and rear were built and the doors and windows were painted. The current phase which consists of the building of the children's home staff house is almost complete. During a TCFDT(NI) Team Trip in 2010, interior and exterior walls were set out for block building and block work was completed to above window sill level. The roof has now been installed with internal plastering completed and the windows and external doors installed.



### July 2011 Team Trip

On 1 July 2011, John Tuff and myself set off for Tanzania. After 4 flights over 2 days we arrived in Tabora and stayed for 2 weeks. As part of the trip we stayed with American Independent Baptist Missionaries, Tim and Kim Whiffled who are serving the Lord in Tabora planting churches and leading the work of the Vocational Bible College.



On the Sunday that we were present, we attended a service at the Ndevelwa Church where Pastor John (local Tanzanian) now pastors the church. We rejoice that over the past year more than 15 souls have come to know the Lord. A Sunday School has commenced and the numbers have doubled to over 40.





During the 2 week trip there was a lot of practical work involved in completing the new staff/volunteer complex. This involved working with local Tanzanians which was a blessing and also challenging at times due to the language barrier.



Over 700m of electrical cables were laid, with the light switches, plug sockets and consumer unit installed. Soil pipes for the toilets, showers and sinks were installed and some of the ceilings were put up. Tiling was started in the bathrooms and finished floors in the main kitchen areas were completed.

We rejoice that there were many answers to prayer during the trip. There were no travel issues, work permits were issued to enable us to work and we were able to work in the 30+ degree heat.



On behalf of John and myself we just want to thank you for remembering us and praying for the trip as a whole. Your prayers were fully answered and greatly appreciated.



*“O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him”* Psalm 34 v 8

*David Sharpe*

*A HUGE thank you to all who attended and supported our Coffee Morning for Cambodia on Saturday 6th August 2011. It was a great success! We raised a total of £1075 which went in its entirety to Hope House Christian School, Kampong Speu, Cambodia. We also want to thank all who made up a little Gift Pack for the 200 children who attend the school. This will be a lovely, useful present to these children who have so little. We plan to make a trip to Cambodia and Hong Kong at Easter 2012, to work with both Hope House Christian School and LCI.*

*Richard & Cherith McCord*



*James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

## Fellowship BBQ

A great time of fellowship was had by all who attended our Annual Church BBQ on Saturday 25th June. A special word of thanks is extended to Ian & Linda Cameron and Peter & Claire Chambers for organising the BBQ and to those who helped with cooking and serving food etc.



Friendship is the fruit gathered from the trees planted in the rich soil of love, and nurtured with tender care and understanding — Alma L. Weixelbaum

## PRAYER

**“ Pray one for another” “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” James 5:16**

What can we say about the great subject of prayer that might help and encourage at the beginning of a new season’s work?

The least attended meeting in the majority of churches is the prayer meeting. There are many reasons for this tragedy, can it be that we do not believe that united prayer is necessary or personal prayer has been lost? Our prayer life and discipline is under great pressure in the present age, with so much pressure and other attractions.

### Some bible facts about prayer

There are about 520 prayers in the Bible. Prayer is mentioned, sometimes repeatedly, in the first 16 chapters of Acts with the exception of chapter 5 where there is moral sin and chapter 15 where there is wrong doctrine. The early Church *“continued steadfastly in prayer.”* The Lord Jesus referred to prayer on 15 distinct occasions in the four gospels.

### What is prayer

*“Prayer is the Christian’s vital breath, the Christian’s native air.”* Prayer brings us into communion with, and is reverent conversation with God. It is not contemplation nor is it meditation. Prayer is God speaking to us as much as us speaking to God, if we want to change our attitude to some thing or some person this will most likely come about during submissiveness in prayer.

Prayer is Supplication – requests for specific needs

Prayer is Intercession – approach to God on behalf of others

Prayer is Thanksgiving – appreciation for the mercy and grace of God.

### Some people we find in Scripture and how they prayed

**Moses** – beseeching the Lord

**Hannah** – pouring out her soul before the Lord

**Hezekiah** – praying and crying to heaven

**Bildad** – seeking unto God and making supplication

**Asaph** – drawing near to God

**Lord Jesus** – lifting up eyes to heaven

**The early saints**- lifting up their voice to God

**Stephen** – calling upon God

**Paul** – bowing the knee

**The many** who gathered in the house of Mary to pray for Peter in prison.

Many of God’s great people of the Old Testament saw their prayers answered in various ways e.g. the choosing of a bride

for Isaac; Moses and the plagues; Elijah's son restored; Daniel; Nehemiah etc etc.

### What did people in more recent times say about prayer

**Martin Luther** – “I have so many things to do today that I must give 2 or 3 hours to prayer.”

**John Wesley** – “I believe that more people have entered the Kingdom of God through my prayers than through my preaching.”

**Susanne Wesley** (John's mother) spent an hour in prayer each day for her 19 children and spent an hour each week with each child teaching them the Word of God.

**Hudson Taylor** – he arose at 5am each morning to spent 2 hours in prayer.

**George Muller** – who cared for so many orphans reckoned that over 30,000 of his prayers were answered on the day they were uttered.

**William Booth** – “Work as if everything depended on your work, pray as if everything depended on your prayers.”

**D.L.Moody** – “It is more important to speak to God about men than it is to speak to men about God.”

### What about The Lord Jesus and prayer

He began His public ministry with prayer; His life and ministry ended in prayer on Calvary; He prayed early in the morning; He prayed at the close of day; He prayed all night before making important decisions (choosing the 12). He was praying when the disciples said unto him “*Lord, teach us to pray*”; He prayed before performing great miracles; He prayed in the Mount of Transfiguration; He prayed that Peter's faith fail not; He prayed at the end of his upper room ministry to his disciples; He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane; The first, middle and last of His seven cries from the cross were prayers.

1 = “*Father forgive them for they know not what they do*”;

4 = “*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me*”

7 = “*Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.*”

He continues to intercede for us today Hebrews 7:25

### How to pray

With God at the heart of our prayers (Matthew 6:9); Forgiving others (Matthew 6:12-14) and in fellowship with others (Matthew 18:19); we pray according to the will of God (Matthew 26:39) and with watchfulness (Matthew 26:41) In faith/believing (Mark 11:24) With perseverance (Luke 11:9, Colossians 4:2) With thanksgiving (Colossians 4:21) With supplications & intercessions (1 Timothy 2:1) With holy hands (manner of life) (1 Timothy 2:8) With joy (1 Thessalonians 5:16) With pure hearts (Hebrews 10:22).

### How not to pray

To be seen of others (Matthew 6:5) In vain repetition (Matthew 6:7) For selfish enjoyment (James 4:3) With unclean manner of life (1 Timothy 2:8) (except in repentance).

### What do we think are the obstacles to prayer today?

Neglect of the reading of God's word; a lack of faith; work and family commitments; sporting and leisure pursuits; television; lack of love for fellow-believers; lack of love for the lost; discouragement; belief that we have no need of anything.

### The Disciples' prayer

This is commonly called the Lord's Prayer but it is not. It is the prayer the Lord taught his disciples when they said "*Lord teach us to pray*" – Luke 11:1

In a way this prayer covers the following matters:-

**Our Father who art in heaven** – an acknowledgment of who God is and his greatness

**Hallowed be thy Name** – adoration and worship

**Thy kingdom come** – God's interest first (when He shall reign righteously)

**Thy will be done** – God's will not ours

**Give us** – a petition for our needs thus displaying our dependence upon God

**Forgive us** – a desire so that complete fellowship can be maintained

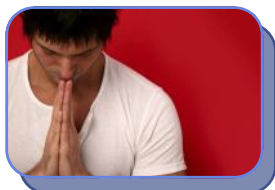
**Lead us** – a request for preservation

**For thine is the kingdom** – a re-emphasis of point three

Someone once said – '*Prayer is the highest possible exercise of the human soul.*'

Prayer is the rope that rings the bells of heaven.

Prayer is one of the best recipes for happiness and contentment but neglect of prayer is one of the causes of backsliding.



*"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplications for all saints."*  
Ephesians 6:18

*David Mitchell*

## The Buzzard, The Bat and The Bumble Bee

### The Buzzard

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small pen with no top.

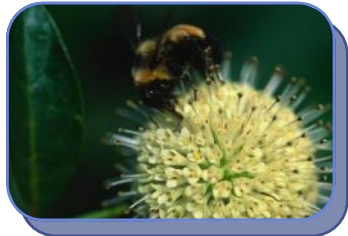


### The Bat

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

### The Bumble Bee

A bumble bee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persist in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.



### People

In many ways, we are just like the buzzard, the bat and the bumble bee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realising that all we have to do is look up.

**Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up.**

## My Summer by Pastor Billy Jones

During the summer I had the opportunity of serving the Lord, as did many other people in our fellowship and we can all say, "Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father". My service for the Lord was in the capacity of Brazilian Team Translator at two international sporting events. Firstly the Northern Ireland Milk Cup youth football tournament at which Victoria Gordon from our fellowship also worked as the translator for the Mexican Team, Cruz Azul, utilising her Spanish language skills and secondly the Boccia World Cup Para-Olympic event. I praise the Lord that at both events I had the opportunity of sharing God's word personally with team members and collectively with the teams.

Desportivo Brazil finished in third place in the Premier Section under 17 in the Milk Cup. Before the team arrived, I prayed that the Lord would direct to me someone, player or staff, who was a believer and that all team members would view me as a friend enabling me to share the gospel with them and that the Lord would speak to them about their need of salvation. God answered mine and your prayers in that I was asked by the Milk Cup Committee who I have to thank for the opportunity to work as a volunteer translator to meet the team at Dublin Airport, enabling me to build up a friendship on the bus journey



northward on-route to the team hotel. I can truthfully say hitherto hath the Lord helped me as Fabio the coach became a very good friend during the week and asked me to address the team meeting, which gave me 20 minutes to speak from the word about the Lord and salvation. I was thrilled to see 3 players: Jan, Gustavo and Renan bring their bibles

along and also share the word with their team mates during the week. After their victory on Wednesday which qualified the team for the semi-final, the whole team formed a circle and knelt on the pitch giving thanks to the Lord for His help. This is a sowing ministry that needs to be watered in prayer, as I know that the team appreciates my practical help as a volunteers and receive my spiritual counsel gladly but sometimes you wonder, did my witness have any effect? What a delight it was to receive an email from the coach Fabio when he had returned to Brazil thanking me for the practical and spiritual support during the Milk Cup concluding with the words, 'Thank you for introducing me to Jesus Christ'.

In August the first ever Boccia World Cup was held in Belfast at the University of Jordanstown. Boccia is a para-olympic sport for athletes with disabilities who are wheelchair uses, rather like bowls.



I was greatly challenged as I watched some 400 athletes from all over the world participate in this event. Everyone in my opinion were champions and whilst I was the designated person to accompany the Brazilian and Portuguese teams, I also found that I had opportunities to help and share my faith with the Australian and South African teams

as well. Upon meeting the Brazilian team at Aldergrove I encountered Adriano who told me he was a believer in the Lord and he introduced me to two other brothers in Christ, Dirceu and Eliseu whom I knew by reputation as they are the current World and Para-Olympic champions in their category.

What a joy it was to work alongside this trio as they openly witnessed to fellow team members and other athletes. On one occasion Dirceu called all the Brazilian athletes together and they encircled me in their wheelchairs and gave me the opportunity to speak to them about their need of salvation in Christ alone. Dirceu asked me for 3 bibles in an English and Portuguese version, so that they could evangelise those who where non-Portuguese speakers who understood English, normally to obtain such bibles at short notice it is impossible but I had been given one by a brother from the Gideon's in Brazil and I had purchased two at the Trinitarian stand at Balmoral Show in May. How good is the God we adore!! Dirceu and Eliseu both won gold medals regaining their World titles and as a result qualified for next years Para-Olympic Games in London. I saw both openly reading from the Word just before the gold/silver medal final, they were sharing and encouraging one another from 1 Corinthians 15:57 *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* and after the medal presentation ceremonies we had a time of thanksgiving at the court side. Thank you for your prayerful support of my ministry principally within the fellowship at Ballee but also when the Lord opens a door of opportunity at these sporting events.

Psalms 126:3 *"The Lord had done great things for us, whereof we are glad."*

*Pastor Billy Jones*

## He's The One

Who can move the mountains that are hind'ring you today?  
 Who can pick them up like pebbles, clear them from the way?  
 Who can prove His power when a Christian kneels to pray?  
 It is Jesus—He's the One!

Who can heal the heartache that is crushing you within?  
 Who can pour the balm of heaven where the hurt has been?  
 Who can chase the shadows, make the song of joy begin?  
 It is Jesus—He's the One!

Who can keep you from all harm and guide you by His Hand?  
 Who can give you pow'r for service and the strength to stand?  
 Who can give you grace for all that living may demand?  
 It is Jesus—He's the One!

Jesus holds all power in His mighty hands divine,  
 He's the One who healed the sick, turned water into wine;  
 He makes all things possible and He's a friend of mine;  
 Blessed Jesus—He's the One!

Submitted by M. Linton



Happy Moments: Praise God  
 Difficult Moments: Seek God  
 Quiet Moments: Worship God  
 Painful Moments: Trust God  
 Every Moment: Thank God

Submitted by Elizabeth Alexander

God has not promised sun without rain,  
 Joy without sorrow, peace without pain,  
 But God has promised strength for the day,  
 Rest for the labour, light for the way,  
 Grace for the trials, help from above,  
 Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Submitted by Lynsey Alexander

## The Little Chap Who Follows Me

*“From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise”*

2 Timothy 3:15



First, Lot lost his testimony, then his wife and finally his children! Parent, beware of what you become on your way to what you want! Gideon is honoured as a military hero in the Bible—but what are his children doing? Worshipping idols! Someone has said, “If it doesn’t work at home, don’t export it!” On the other hand, look at Timothy: he followed in the footsteps of a godly grandmother called Lois and a Christian mother called Eunice, then became an apostle and a travelling companion to Paul. Listen: *“Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it.”* (2 Timothy 3:14) What a testimony! Two women, each married to an unsaved man who did all he could to discourage her, took such a stand for Jesus in their home and through their prayers, their teaching and their example, that they formed Timothy into a man of God. If they can do it, by God’s help so can you!

Listen carefully to the words of this poem:

A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me.  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he’ll go the self-same way.  
I cannot once escape his eyes;  
For what he sees me do, he tries.  
He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine.  
I must remember as I go,  
Through summer’s sun and winter’s snow,  
I’m building for the years to be  
The little chap who follows me.



## It Depends Whose Hands It's In

A basketball in my hands is worth about £19  
A basket ball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about £33 million  
It depends whose hands it's in

A baseball in my hands is worth about £6  
A baseball in Mark McGuire's hands is worth £19 million  
It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands  
A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship  
It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal  
A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea  
It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy  
A sling shot in David's hands is a mighty weapon  
It depends whose hands it's in.

2 fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches  
2 fish and 5 loaves of bread in the Lord's hands will feed thousands  
It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse  
Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world  
It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends whose hands it's in.  
So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your  
dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands  
because....

It depends whose hands it's in.



Author Unknown

## My Father Gives

A mother lay dying, her lips parched and dry,  
With nought to refresh them, no money to buy.

Her one little daughter, but seven years old,  
Sat close by her bedside, near numb with the cold.

She longed to help mother, before she would die,  
O what can I bring her? She said with a sigh.

Then the thought struck her, there's grapes large and sweet,  
In the King's gardens, in hot houses neat.

She slipped out quickly, with scarce any sound,  
Off to the King's palace, her little feet bound.

She soon reached the palace, by running so hard,  
"You cannot come farther," said the sentry on guard.

"But my mother is dying, the king I must see,  
To sell me some grapes, what a help they will be"!

"I cannot admit you", the stern soldier said,  
"So run away girlie, go back home instead"!

The little maid faltered, her tears falling fast,  
Her hopes were all blighted, her eyes downward cast.

But just at that moment, up rode the king's son,  
Now what is the matter, why so sad, little one?

She told him her story, "Please what must I pay?  
For a bunch of your grapes, sire? O don't tell me nay"!

The prince made her follow, and with his own hand  
Cut down a large cluster, that surely looked grand.

Now take these my maiden, I trust mother lives,  
But there's nothing to pay, for my father just GIVES!

And so with salvation, there's nothing to pay,  
'Tis God's wonderful gift, so accept it today!

## Just Ask Him In

*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.  
Romans 10:9*

When you come to the end of life's journey,  
And your life's work before you is spread.  
Will you see where a change took place?  
Or will no evidence be found instead.

There needs to be a time in your life,  
When you change from your sinful ways,  
Accept Christ as your own personal Saviour,  
And in peace, live out the end of your days.

Everyone should know they need to be saved,  
To be sure of a home in Heaven at last.  
God's word points plainly to that...so why  
Let another opportunity slip past?

Now as you read and think on these words,  
Confess to the Saviour all of your sins,  
Repent and ask Jesus into your heart  
And new life with your Saviour begin.

Written by Barbara Mills ©

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There are many different hindrances to running a race well and developing our full potential. Too many commitments is one that keeps us from developing our full potential. Letting other people control us keeps us from developing our full potential. Not knowing how to say NO keeps us from developing our full potential. Getting overly involved in someone else's goals and vision or becoming entangled in someone else's problems instead of keeping our eyes on our own goals will also keep us from fulfilling our full potential.

### THROW OFF EXCESS BAGGAGE

*Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

Submitted by Alison McCloy

# Young Seekers

## T H E T O W E R O F B A B E L

In the early days of the world people lived much longer than they do now. The Bible says that Noah was 600 years old at the time of the flood and that he didn't die until he was 950!! Noah lived to see his sons and their wives have many children, grandchildren and generations of great-grandchildren. The family grew so big that there were many thousands of people in the world again, just as God had wished.

Of course, people travelled to distant lands to find places to live. Many spent years wandering about, looking for good grazing land for their animals, living in tents that they moved from place to place.



As time went on, people in different lands developed different tastes in clothing, cooking and customs, just like today. But one thing they all had in common was the same language.

When one particular group of wanderers arrived at the land of Shinar, they decided to settle on a wide, flat plain there. The countryside had everything the travellers could want, and they liked it so much that they decided they would never move on again. The travellers thought hard and came up with a big, bold plan. Instead of living in tents, they would build a lasting home for themselves—a fixed settlement made out of bricks.



They worked out how to make bricks from mud, which they could bake hard and stick together with tar. But the people didn't want to build just a village or a town, they didn't even want to build a city. They wanted to build the grandest, most beautiful city with a tower for a showpiece. A tower so tall that its top would touch the clouds. The settlers wanted news of their magnificent tower and spectacular city to spread far and wide, so that they would become known throughout the world.



Dreaming of fame and fortune, they began to build. With all the digging, moulding, baking, hammering and chiselling that was going on, it wasn't long before God noticed what the people of Shinar were doing. He looked down from Heaven and was amazed at the pleasing streets that were being laid out, the stylish houses that were taking

shape and the stunning tower that was soaring upwards into the sky. "My goodness!" God said to Himself. "I can't believe what these people are achieving! "Hmmm the only thing is, they're doing it because they want to be more important than everyone else. If I let them continue like this, they'll get quite carried away. Soon they'll want everything they have to be the biggest and best. I must put a stop to it before things get out of hand."

All at once, God gave the people different languages. Suddenly, they all found that they couldn't understand a word each other was saying. Without being able to communicate, their building plans grounded to a halt. They couldn't work together to finish the city, which came to be known as Babel, or Babylon, because of the babble of voices inside it. Gradually everyone left Shinar in frustration and went their separate ways, seeking new homes.

From then on, as they settled in distant lands, people in different countries have spoken different languages.

### **What can we learn from the Tower of Babel?**

#### **Lesson 1: Disobeyed God**

Genesis 9:1 God said to Noah, "Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth with your family. The people said, "Let us stay here so that we won't be scattered over the whole earth"

#### **Lesson 2: Decided to go without God**

The people were of one mind to reach heaven their own way. John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way" (God's way)

#### **Lesson 3: Departed from God's promise**

The people said, "Let us build a city, and a tower whose top will reach up to heaven." God had promised their forefather Abraham that he would live in a city in heaven Hebrews 11:10.

God wants everyone to repent (to tell God we are truly sorry for the wrong we have done and to turn away from our sin) and believe what He says in the Bible, that He has provided the gift of salvation. We naturally want to have our own way, but God's way is to receive the Lord Jesus as our own Saviour. God's promise is to those who receive Jesus, they will be brought into God's family and live in the city of God forever.

Look out for more lessons from God's Word in the next edition of Our Magazine.

### Just for Fun!

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## Dates for your diary

Here are some important dates for the coming months....



### OCTOBER

Thursday 13th October—Colin Jenkins SCFS Cork

Thursday 27th October—Trevor Morrow Baptist Missions, Peru

### DECEMBER

Saturday 10th December—Fellowship Choir Cantata

Sunday 12th December pm—Fellowship Choir Cantata

Tuesday 13th December—Church Fellowship Dinner

Sunday 18th December am & pm—Carol Services

**For further information refer to the Monthly Information Sheets**

# Services

**Sunday School & Bible Classes**—10.15am

**Sunday Services**—11.30am & 6.30pm

**Salt\***—alternate Sundays @ 8.00pm

**Good News Club\***—Mondays @ 6.30pm

**Bible Study\***—Tuesdays @ 8.00pm

**Ladies Fellowship\***—2nd and last Wednesday of each month @ 8.00pm

**Men's Fellowship\***—3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7.45pm

**Prayer Meeting\***—Thursdays @ 8.00pm

**Youth Club\***—alternate Saturdays @ 7.30pm

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