

LIFE & LIGHT

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GOSPEL HALL

A magazine to teach, inform, challenge and encourage



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A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;
and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
Proverbs 1:5



Welcome to the second issue of Life & Light!

Produced by Christians who meet in Newtownbreda Gospel Hall.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear 1 Peter 3:15

Summer days are longer days

The Earth is tilted as it moves around the sun and It rotates around it once every 365.25 days. The Earth spins on its axis once every 24 hours. When we are tilted toward the sun, the season is our summer. Then our daylight lasts more than 12 hours because the sun is at its northernmost position from the equator. During winter, daylight lasts less than 12 hours because the sun is at its southernmost position from the equator.

In Psalm 90:8-10 we read: "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." We do well to be prepared for that day when we shall meet God. Amos 4:12

For the LORD is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Psalm 95:3-6

*To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

Philippians 2:11

Getting to know us!

My name is Ken and I am 60 years old plus VAT. I have been attending Newtownbreda Gospel Hall for many years and I am so thankful for what God has done in my life.

I was born into a home where both my parents had trusted the Lord. They took my two brothers and me to all the meetings of the local Gospel Hall; I did not want to go and I gave my parents all sorts of trouble to get out of going to these meetings. I never doubted that the Bible was God's Word or that the Lord Jesus was the Son of God but I did not want anything to do with these things. I had always believed about God but I never believed on Him (Acts 16:31). I wanted to go my own way and when I reached the age of 14 or 15, I told my parents that I would not go to any more meetings and I did not attend any place of worship for 25 years or so. I got married in 1969 and we had 3 children. I went out every night drinking and became ill with an enlarged liver. I was told to stop drinking and did for a short time but when I felt better I started drinking again.

In 1981 my father became ill and in 1982 he died. I had heard many preachers and listened to very few but in my experience death was a very solemn preacher and could not be ignored. As I looked at my father in his coffin I knew that I was looking at an empty shell and that my father was in heaven, and I knew that if it was me in the coffin I would be in hell.

I went through 18 months of torment thinking about death every day. I dreamed one night that I was standing before God and He said to me, "Depart from Me ye accursed into everlasting fire", and I woke up terrified and covered in sweat. I did not tell anyone how I was thinking or about the dreams I was having. One day my brother-in-law who had become a Christian, invited us to hear a man speak about how he became a Christian and I said right away that we would go. We went on Sunday 30th October 1983 and as the preacher spoke I knew what he was saying was true. As I sat there, I felt the weight of my sin and I told God that I knew that I was a sinner and that I was going to hell and I said, "Lord, save me". Nobody heard me except God, I just took Him at His word and that is what salvation is all about: believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved (Acts 16:30-31).

God had saved me and He completely changed my life forever and I now love to hear of others coming to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.



Sunday School

Sunday school and children's meetings will soon be starting up again after the summer break. Many can remember happy days spent singing choruses, listening to great Bible stories, attending the prize giving and annual trips, but the greatest thing of all in attending Sunday school is learning what God says to us in the Bible.



Can you remember a verse from the Bible you learned in Sunday school?

The Bible is the single most important book ever written.



Teaching and instruction are the responsibility of parents. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7 God says through Moses: "and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

Parents have the responsibility to instruct their children in God's word by example, by direct teaching or by putting them in an environment where the word of God is faithfully taught such as Sunday school or a children's meeting. Please contact us about sending your children to Sunday school. We would be delighted to teach them the Word of God.

The Best of All

Blessed Bible, sacred treasure, precious book, of all the best,
There is comfort never failing, and a calm abiding rest.
Read with reverence, and commit it, verse by verse, and day by day;
'Tis the word that God has spoken, and it cannot pass away.

Fanny Crosby

What
Happens
Next?

Sometimes on a book cover you will get the words highlighted: **"Based on a true story"** but did you know the Bible is full of the most exciting stories and all of them are true stories?

Here are two stories in the Bible that we would encourage you to read to find out what happens next



He went to sleep tired that night, after he had secured two prisoners in the inner prison cell. They were the strangest prisoners he had ever met. Everyone was talking about the girl who had followed them for the past few days crying: "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." Now they had been beaten, put in prison and were singing praises to their God as all the prisoners listened. It really had been an eventful day but the night was going to be even more amazing. Read in Acts 16 what

happens at midnight and how the keeper of the prison was awakened out of his sleep by an earthquake!

The city was besieged by a great army.

There was no more food in the city and the people were starving. It seemed that the battle was lost when a man of God said that on the morrow they would be free and have plenty of food. The Captain of the army did not believe the man of God that God could deliver them and said confidently: "If the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" Read the whole exciting story in 2 Kings 6:24 - 7:20 to see if God was able to do what He said.





New Ramps

Over the summer new speed bumps have been installed on Belvoir drive.

Speed bumps are the common name for a family of traffic calming devices that use vertical deflection to slow motor-vehicle traffic in order to improve safety conditions. Variations include the speed hump (or speed ramp), speed cushion, and speed table.

- A speed bump is also known as a sleeping policeman.
- A speed hump is a rounded traffic calming device used to reduce vehicle speed and volume on residential streets.
- Speed cushions are designed as several small speed humps installed across the width of the road with spaces between them.
- A speed table is designed as a long speed hump with a flat section in the middle. The long, flat design allows cars to pass without slowing as significantly as with speed humps or cushions.

While some motorists may find their introduction a nuisance they are nevertheless put in place as safety measures to make us slow down as we travel through Belvoir.

In the Bible we are exhorted not just to slow down but to stand still.

- Exodus 14:13 Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD.
- Numbers 9:8 Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.
- Job 37:14 Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

The Bible often uses the word 'Behold'. This word is like a speed bump causing us to slow down and consider carefully. One very well known verse containing this word is John 1:29.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Perhaps you should take some time out of your busy life to consider the truth of this verse; that the Lord Jesus came as the Lamb of God to provide a means whereby God can forgive us our sins.

on Belvoir Drive

Spiritual Sudoku

The goal of this Sudoku is to fill in a 9×9 grid with letters so that each column, row, and 3×3 section contain only the 9 different letters in the phrase:

God is true

Memory Verse

He that hath received his
testimony hath set to his seal
that God is true.
John 3:33

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Answers found on www.newtownbredagospelhall.com/magazine

God is true. His word can be trusted! If we believe that God is true then we will believe what he says and will therefore believe (trust) in His Son (Jesus Christ). This is His promise in John 3:16. We believe God that we will not perish but will have everlasting life if we believe in His Son who died for us on Calvary.

Newtownbreda Gospel Hall

Sunday School

September-June 3-3:45pm

Bible Lessons

Memory Verses

Choruses

Bible Magazine
BK Cards

calling all boys & girls



Belvoir Bus route:



Castleward

Grays Park

Castlehume

Belvoir Drive

Drumart

Milltown

For pickup & drop off call Lawrence on 9064 9432

TEEN BIBLE CLASS: LIFE'S 3 BIG QUESTIONS



Summertime! Two wonderful long months of sleeping in, chilling out, and hopefully flying away! But this summer I have a challenge for you. I want you to take time to stop and **think!** Go find somewhere quiet and think about three big questions that every single person ought to ask themselves...

1. Where did I come from?

Have you ever wondered where humans in all our complexity came from? You have a mind full of thoughts and ideas. You have a body full of incredibly complex systems and structures, not to mention DNA! You have personality and humour. You make judgements about right and wrong. You form opinions about what is beautiful and what is ugly. You are a bundle of emotion happiness and sadness, romance, anger, relief and guilt. You are also spiritual; you have the ability to contemplate life beyond death and if you choose to, you are able to think about and worship God. But where did all this come from?

Many people today try to explain the origin of our universe without the need for a Creator. But how can everything come into existence from nothing by nothing? Can life come from non-life? If something has a beginning then it must have a cause. The Bible points us to that cause: "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth" (Genesis 1:1). The rest of the Bible unfolds the story of history from that first day right up to where we are today.

2. Why am I here?

Without God there is no ultimate purpose. Well-known Christian philosopher William Lane Craig wrote recently, "If God does not exist, then both man and the universe are inevitably doomed to death. Life is but a spark in the infinite blackness, a spark that appears, flickers, and dies forever."

In the book of Ecclesiastes, King Solomon considered the emptiness of life that is doomed to end in death. Despite all of the pleasure, education, wealth and honour that one can gain, his verdict was, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity" (Eccl 1:2). But life is not "vain" or pointless. We are no accident. God created us purposefully. In Genesis 1:27 we read, "so God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him." We were made to reflect our Creator. In other words, our purpose is to glorify God!

3. Where am I going?

If God exists, then eternity is a reality that we must face. We were created to exist forever, either in peaceful, perfect relationship with God in heaven or under God's righteous judgment in hell. The Bible challenges us prepare to meet God (Amos 4:12).

But we will only ever be ready for eternity when we are saved from our guilt as sinners and the judgment we face. The Bible says, "God our Saviour... will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:4-6). Christ is the only way of salvation. He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). Get ready to meet your Creator by turning from your sin and trusting the Lord Jesus to save you today.

GET TO GRIPS WITH LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS AT OUR YOUTH BIBLE CLASS!
EVERY SUNDAY AT 3PM (SEPT-JUNE) CONTACT STEPHEN: 07706170386

Wonders of Creation

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew 6:26

Why should I feel discouraged,
why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?

My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me;

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me;

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me;

Civilla Martin



Gospel Truths

Who are we?

We are a group of born-again Christians who consider the Bible to be the inspired and infallible Word of God. We endeavour to follow the New Testament example of gathering to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We come from different nationalities and walks of life, with the common bond of having a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

- God created us for His glory.
Isaiah 43:5-7
- Every human should live for God's glory.
1 Corinthians 10:31
- We have all sinned and come short of God's glory.
Romans 3:23
- We all deserve eternal punishment.
Romans 6:23
- In His great mercy, God sent forth His only Son Jesus Christ to provide for sinners the way of eternal life.
John 3:16

Times of our regular meetings:

Sunday:

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| 11.00 am | Breaking of Bread (weekly) |
| 3.00 pm | Sunday School (Sep-June) |
| 6.30 pm | Prayer Meeting (weekly) |
| 7.00 pm | Gospel Meeting (weekly) |

Monday:

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| 7.00 pm | Young People's Meeting (Oct-March) |
| 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting (weekly) 8.15 pm Oct-March |

Tuesday:

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| 7.30 pm | Purdysburn Gospel Hour (in Purdysburn Village)
(Alternate Tuesdays, Oct-April) |
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Thursday:

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| 8.00 pm | Bible Reading (weekly) |
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