

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



#### Welcome to Life & Light magazine!

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).

#### The Gospel

Gospel means 'good news'. It comes from the Greek word evangelion; and so the Gospel writers are called evangelists because they proclaim the Good News: the Good News that Jesus Christ, the Son of God came into the world to save sinners. God has given us the good news in a simple message:

- 1. God loves us:
  - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).
- 2. We have sinned against God:
  For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- Christ died for our sins:
   Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- 4. We can be saved from our sins through faith in Christ:

  Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins (Acts 13:38).

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

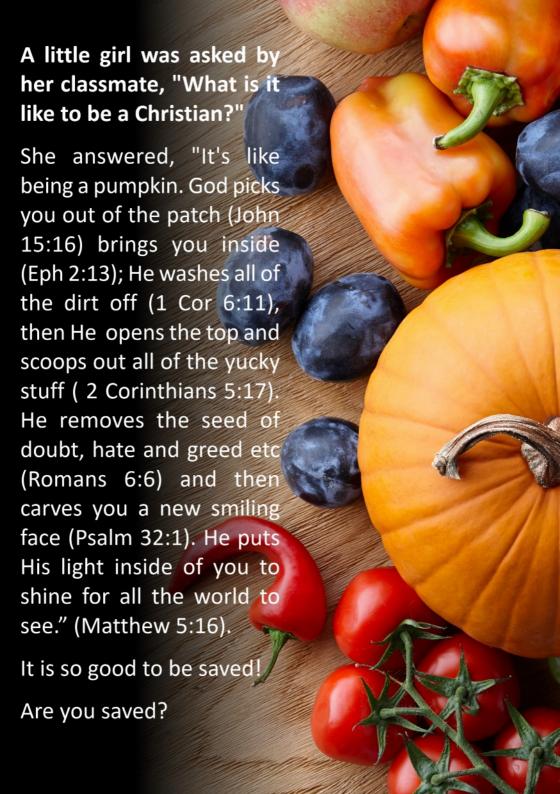
# TICIS HRISTIS SORD. Getting to know us!

Our names are Peter and Edna Morrison.

On commencement of our married life we came to reside in the Newtownbreda area. This was fifty seven years past and what a change to the infrastructure of this lovely area we have witnessed. On arrival we attended the Gospel Hall in the village and since then have been members of that fellowship save for three years when I was posted to work in Enniskillen. During this time we have come to know many residents of the area through the distribution of Gospel literature and invitations to church services and young people's work. We still meet folk whom we met in this way and recall happy occasions together. The one purpose of all this activity was and is that folk would come to know our Saviour through the gospel. This we have experienced ourselves, I as a boy of nearly thirteen, my wife as a girl of seven. What a joy we experienced to know that



through placing our trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour in obedience to His Word, we would never reap the judgement of God for our sin. This is because on the Cross the Lord Jesus suffered the wrath of God for the sin of the world. His invitation goes out to all mankind to repent of their sin and put their personal trust in Him for forgiveness. This decision set the pattern for our lives and we have known the faithfulness of God over these many years, through happy and problem experiences. Our family of four boys and one girl attended local schools and made many friends in the locality. They grew up attending Newtownbreda Gospel Hall enjoying the many services. They have all trusted Jesus Christ as their Saviour much to our joy and are now all married with families of their own. Since our marriage we have lived in three locations in this area. Presently we live very close to Belvoir Forest Park. From there we have enjoyed many lovely walks admiring the wonderful creation of God. The Bible tells us "All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made (John ch.1:3) What a great God He is. Presently we are both well into our seventies, are happy in the Gospel Hall assembly and enjoy involvement in all the activities. As we were warmly welcomed to the Gospel Hall you too will be made very welcome.





Sometimes on a book cover these words will be highlighted: "Based on a true story" but did you know the Bible is full of the most interesting and instructive stories yet all of them are true stories?

Here is a story in the Bible that we would encourage you to read to find out what happens next

The four companions were seeking God's guidance. They had travelled west across Asia as far as they could go and were now at the Aegean Sea. They had seen what they thought were many opportunities along the way but each time God had directed them to keep going in this direction and now somewhat nonplussed they came to the edge of Asia at the Aegean Sea.

That night a vision appeared to one of the men. There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Macedonia was on the other side of the Aegean Sea, where they had never been before. It was actually the place we now call Europe. Read on in the book of Acts in chapter 16 to find out what the men did and of course what happened next.

### The 1859 Revival

This year is the 160th anniversary of the Ulster revival in 1859. In that year there was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the revival transformed the spiritual life of Ulster with tens of thousands of people coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There were many revival meetings, which in some cases continued throughout the night, and huge gatherings where thousands met to worship and pray. Many meetings were held in the open air, in large gardens around Belfast, where tens of thousands of people gathered in June 1859 to hear the Gospel.

A special feature of that time was the singing of spiritual songs and hymns. One hymn, by an unknown author, became known as the revival hymn. Its name: What's the news?

Whene'er we meet you always say,
"What's the news? What's the news?"
Pray, what's the order of the day
What's the news? What's the news?
Oh, I have got good news to tell!
My Saviour hath done all things well,
And triumphed over death and hell
That's the news! That's the news!

The Lamb was slain on Calvary
That's the news! That's the news!
To set a world of sinners free
That's the news! That's the news!
For us He bowed His sacred head,
For us His precious blood was shed,
And now He's risen from the dead,
That's the news! That's the news!



The Lord has pardoned all my sin
That's the news! That's the news!
I feel the witness now within
That's the news! That's the news!
And since He took my guilt away,
And taught me how to watch and pray,
I'm happy now from day to day
That's the news! That's the news!

And Jesus Christ can save you too
That's the news! That's the news!
Your sinful heart He can renew
That's the news! That's the news!
This moment, if for sins you grieve,
This moment, if you do believe,
A ready pardon you'll receive
That's the news! That's the news!

And then if any one should say
"What's the news? What's the news?"
Oh, tell them you've begun to pray!
That's the news! That's the news!
That you have joined the conquering band,
And now, with joy, at God's command,
You're marching to the better land
That's the news! That's the news!



Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved.
Acts 16:30-31

#### Bible Word Search: PAUL & SILAS IN PRISON

(Acts 16:16-34)

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Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



#### The book of Proverbs - The Toolbox for life!

Many young people will be going to university this year and will no doubt face lots of challenges to their faith. Do not be disheartened, the Lord has many resources to help you. One great resource giving practical wisdom and guidance is the book of Proverbs. As it contains 31 chapters you can easily read one a day.



## Wonders of Creation

God's Witness The Heavens declare the glory of God - Psalm 19:1

#### Job 12:7-10

But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

#### Psalm 8:3-4

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

#### Psalm 136:5-9

Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! To Him who alone does great wonders To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, To Him who made great lights, The sun to rule by day, The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever:

#### Jeremiah 32:17

Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

#### Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.

#### Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.



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.

#### Times of our regular meetings:

Sunday:

11.00 am Breaking of Bread (weekly)

3.00 pm Sunday School & Bible Class (Sep-June)

6.30 pm Prayer Meeting (weekly) 7.00 pm Gospel Meeting (weekly)

Monday:

7.00 pm Bible Explorers (Oct-March)

Tuesday:

7.30 pm Purdysburn Gospel Hour (in Purdysburn Village)

(Alternate Tuesdays, Oct-April)

Thursday:

7.45 pm Prayer meeting & Bible Reading (weekly)

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