

LIFE & LIGHT

NEWTOWNBREA
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 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 importance of prayer

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day!
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't take time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier became each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered,
He answered, "You didn't ask!"

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided, "Why, child, you didn't knock!"
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He answered, "you didn't seek."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

Author unknown

*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!

Our names are John and Gladys Wilkinson. We were childhood sweethearts, knowing each other from just about ever we knew anybody. Brought up in the Randalstown area, our parents were members of the assembly of believers meeting in Clonkeen Gospel Hall. In fact, we can both trace our roots back to great grandparents who were saved by God's grace during the spiritual revival that swept this country in the late nineteenth century. However, such a privileged heritage did not guarantee us a place in heaven for we were sinners and knew it both by our acts and by the scriptures as Romans 3:23 states "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God". We enjoyed happy childhoods and were faithfully taught from the scriptures of our personal need of repentance and faith in Christ if we were ever to be in heaven. On many occasions we came under conviction of sin as we listened to the Gospel being preached but failed to take the necessary step of personal trust in Christ.



For John, the great moment of salvation came on Sunday, 21 February 1954 when, as a boy of 10, he "believed on the Lord Jesus Christ", and was saved, Acts 16:31. He simply took God at His word as recorded in Isaiah 53:5, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes, we are healed."

For Gladys, as a girl of 14 she became deeply troubled about her sin, knowing she wasn't ready to meet God. In the early hours of Monday, 17 April 1956, reading Roman 10:9 "That 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," her mind was occupied with the death of the Lord Jesus on the cross and she believed that He died for her and rose again from the dead.

A few years later we were both baptised on the same night and received into the fellowship of the Clonkeen assembly, Acts 2:41. We married in 1965 and, after a year in Leicester, settled in Newtownbreda where we have remained enjoying the fellowship of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ who meet in the Gospel Hall. Life has its ups and downs, but we can truly say God has been faithful and we ascribe all glory to Him with thanks and praise. We were both employed in the educational sector but are now retired and our focus is on our family, the assembly and voluntary work for the elderly.

As the years appear to pass with increasing speed and eternity draws ever closer, we are more and more convinced that the one thing that really matters is the assurance of eternal life. "The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23



We love Sunday School and Bible Class
for so many reasons

We love
hearing
Bible stories

Sundays 3-3:45pm
September-June
Prizes for attendance
Prizes for learning
Special annual trip
Age 3 and up.

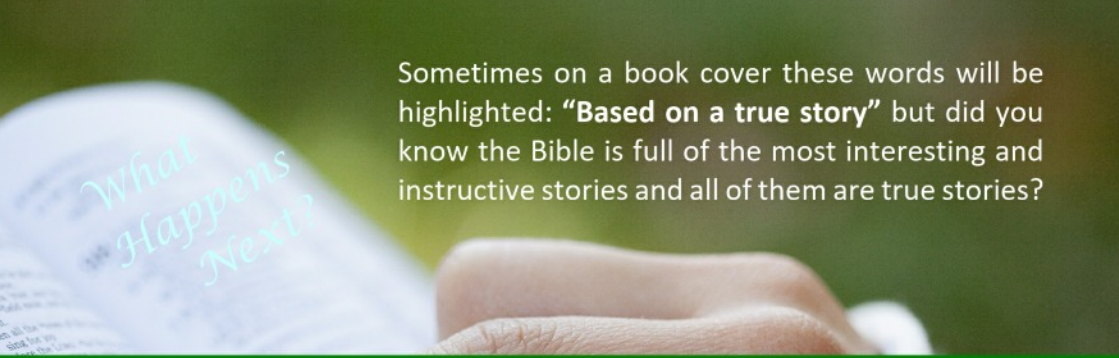
I love hearing
what great things
Jesus did for me

We love meeting
new friends

I love
learning about
God

We love
getting prizes
for learning
God's Word

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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 and 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

It was a fairly ordinary family as far as large families go. There were 12 sons and a daughter. Different personalities would naturally be the source of many a disagreement and conflict between them. However the sad fact that the father showed special favour to one of his sons over the rest caused much jealousy in the family.

But who would have thought that when one day the favoured lad visited his brothers while they were tending their flocks that they would decide to end his life. It is only when some slave traders happened to pass by that they agreed to sell him to them instead of killing him.

You can read this true story in Genesis chapter 37 to find out what happened next.



Believe



The Lagan Canal was a 44-kilometre (27 mile) canal built to connect Belfast to Lough Neagh. The first section, which is a river navigation, was opened in 1763, and linked Belfast to Lisburn. The second section from Lisburn to Lough Neagh includes a small amount of river navigation, but was largely built as a canal. The central section from Sprucefield to Moira was destroyed by the construction of the M1 motorway in the 1960s. There are over 50 bridges crossing the river Lagan.

However, there is only one bridge which connects sinners on Earth with a home in Heaven. It was made just over 2000 years ago by the Lord Jesus Christ, when upon the cross of Calvary He gave himself, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.

1 Peter 3:18





Memory Verse

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.
Psalm 119:105

Bible Wordsearch

A	R	S	T	I	D	C	U	D
P	W	O	U	N	D	E	D	C
S	B	N	J	I	P	S	K	H
F	H	R	H	Q	W	N	L	E
E	T	M	U	U	A	E	U	A
S	S	T	R	I	P	E	S	L
B	I	O	P	T	S	C	A	E
T	U	C	F	I	P	E	L	D
P	E	A	C	E	U	O	D	I
M	O	R	E	S	T	R	I	N

Isaiah 53v5

But he was **wounded** for our transgressions, he was **bruised** for our **iniquities**:
the chastisement of our **peace** was upon him; and with his **stripes** we are **healed**.

FIND THE WORDS IN RED IN THE WORDSEARCH!

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

Acts 4:12

John 5:24

Something for everyone

Something to **Hear**:

He that heareth my word

Something to **Believe**

and believeth on him that sent me

Something to **Have**

hath everlasting life

Hear, Believe & Have - but

Something to **Avoid**

shall not come into **condemnation**

Something to **Experience**

is passed from death unto Life



Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915), commonly known as Fanny Crosby, was an American hymn writer and poetess, who wrote over 8,000 hymns during her life. She is also known for her rescue mission work. By the end of the 19th century, she was a household name.



At six weeks old, Crosby caught a cold and developed inflammation of the eyes. Mustard poultices were applied to treat the discharges. According to Crosby, this procedure damaged her optic nerves and blinded her.

Some of Crosby's best-known songs include "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour", "Blessed Assurance", "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home", "Praise Him, Praise Him", "Rescue the Perishing", and "To God Be the Glory".

One thing for sure is that her life and legacy, just like that of her Saviour, are a blessing to others. Well admired and never forgotten, Fanny left hymns that never cease to speak healing and life to generations long after she left.

She is reported to have said "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."

Living in the good of God's love and appreciating the significance of Christ's sacrifice for us gives us a different perspective in life.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1st John 3v2-3

Wonders of Creation

Cave paintings

Dinosaurs

co-existing with men

There are many examples of petroglyphs and rock paintings in which dinosaurs are represented alongside people. Even when there is only a rock painting depicting a dinosaur, without being next to a human, it is clear that the cave painting itself was drawn by a human being. This is evidence that dinosaurs and men lived together and not millions of years apart as some would have us believe!

In the first book of the Bible, in Genesis chapter 1, we read that God created all the beasts of the earth on the same day that He made man. At that time man dwelt peacefully with all the animals, God even permitted him to give names to them. But when sin came into the world through man's disobedience to God's command, everything changed and man became a hunter of animals, leading to the extinction of many different animals.



Utcabamba, Perú



Stegosaurus of the Anasazi Indians



Molen - Utah

Gospel Truths

Who are we?

- 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

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:

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

Monday:

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| 7.00 pm | Bible Explorers (Oct-March) |
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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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| 7.45 pm | Prayer meeting & Bible Reading (weekly) |
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