

NEW WORKERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The call for helpers is a constant one, though a particularly pressing need has arisen with the children's work in Taughmonagh on Tuesday evenings for one person to help on the bus. If you could meet this need, please contact Mr Phil Hartin.

Remember in prayer the ongoing outreaches in Belfast in which Mr Hartin is engaged: Explore & Reach Meetings in Martyrs (Monday), Lunchtime Bible Club (Blythefield School, Sandy Row), After School Explore Bible Club (Donegall Road School), Explore & Reach Meetings in Taughmonagh (Tuesday), School Assemblies (various parts of Belfast).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday, 5 October @ 3.10pm: **ADULT BIBLE CLASS** (with Rev. Ian Kenny, Dromore FPC) ... @ 8.30pm: **LADIES MEETING** (with Mrs. Karen Murray, Tandragee).
- Saturday, 11 October @ 9.30am: Children & Youth Workers

TRAINING DAY, with Chris Killen,

Robert McConnell and Joyce Walsh.

MEETINGS TODAY

- Sunday School & Bible Class – 10.15am
- Morning Worship – 11.30am
- Evening Service – 7.00pm

INSPIRATION IN A SENTENCE

“The greatness of a mans power, is in the measure of his surrender” (William Booth)



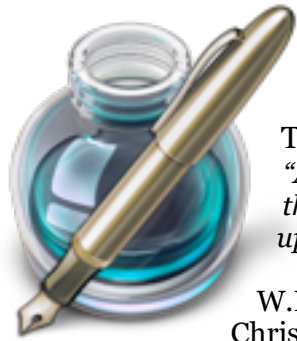
WEEK OF PRAYER II

Our second week of prayer in 2014 ran from 22 to 26 September. Attendance ranged from 30 to 75. Of greater importance than our presence was that of the Lord's: it is, after all, His presence that brings the blessing.

The Lord was pleased to use His Word to challenge our hearts each evening:

- Rev. Brown commenced the week by impressing how we need to rediscover the largely 'lost art' of "praying in the Holy Ghost" (**Jude 20**), and brought the week to its conclusion by referencing Hezekiah's letter (**Isaiah 37**).
- Mr Paul Foster brought messages on the Christian's armour (**Ephesians 6**), emphasising how each piece points to Christ.

It is our fervent prayer that the "Showers of Blessing" that were the theme of our song and our supplications will become a blessed reality in each department of the Lord's work in Martyrs Memorial to the glory of God.



OUR PROGRESS IN PICTURES 'THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS'

Text: **Colossians 2:6-7.**

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him"

W.H. Griffith Thomas compared living as a Christian to riding a bicycle: *"If you don't go on, you'll fall off."*

Our text marks the point of entry into the Christian life as receiving Christ – but it emphasises that this reception of Christ is not a stopping place, but a starting point. **Three pictures**, all indicative of the progress that must be made by the one who has received Christ as Saviour, are presented.

(1) THE PROGRESS INDICATED BY A WALK.

"So walk ye in Him."

In John Bunyan's classic work, 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' Christian is obliged to visit many locations on his journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Slough of Despond, Hill Difficulty, Valley of Humiliation, Vanity Fair and the Delectable Mountains are some of these testing arenas: the key to success for Christian was to keep walking

The only way to walk successfully is to have Jesus with us.

I must have the Saviour with me, For I dare not walk alone

(2) THE PROGRESS INDICATED BY A TREE.

"So walk ye in Him: rooted ... in Him"

The verb "rooted" is in the past tense, indicating that we have been rooted at some specific time in the past. Though planted

during conversion, we need to evidence progress since that time: widening of the trunk of a solid spiritual life, sprouting of branches as we reach out to others, sporting foliage and sustaining fruit as we magnify Christ before men.

FRAGRANCE – a life marked by Holiness (**1 Peter 1:14-16, Hebrews 12:14, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Acts 4:13**).

FRUITFULNESS – separation from sin, study of Word and supplication in the Holy Spirit will ensure more than mere leaves (**John 15:2,4,5&8, Psalm 1:3**).

FOLIAGE – activity as a shade and shelter (**Isaiah 32:2**).

Just as we must walk in the atmosphere of Christ's presence, so we needed to be rooted in the soil of His provision (cf. **Isaiah 5:1**).

(3) THE PROGRESS INDICATED BY A BUILDING.

"So walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him"

"Built up" is in the present tense, pointing to the gradual construction of our testimony.

ELEVATION – A walk goes on, roots go down, a building goes up. We must grow closer to the Lord.

ADDITION – Each day witnesses a new section of the plans incorporated into the building (cf. **Hebrews 8:5**); this flags up the need to apply the Word to our daily experience.

PROPORTION – Target is maturity in Christ (**Colossians 2:9-10, Ephesians 4:12-16**).

Our building must be founded on Christ (**1 Corinthians 3:11**).

[To catch up on any messages you may have missed from the Martyrs pulpit, call in at our church site – http://www.freepresbyterian.org/church/martyrs_memorial – and scroll down to "Sermons"]