



SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Exchange

PRAYER UPDATE OF BELFAST CITY MISSION

Dear Friends

We are starting to emerge from another winter season and looking forward to the brighter spring days which lift the mood of everyone. It is also a mood lifter each time we hear of a soul coming to Christ when the staff of the Mission meet every Friday morning and share that Good News to their colleagues. This is what the Mission is all about first and foremost, reaching the lost for the Lord Jesus and then watching them grow in Grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. Each one of you out there are our partners in this great work as you continue to pray for us and practically give generously to keep the Mission moving forward in these difficult and apathetic days.



It was the famous E.M. Bounds who said "The people who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees". So keep on remembering us at the throne of Grace as the staff of the Mission continue to work at the "Coal Face" of our capital city. Thank you once again for all your support this past year.

Restraining prayer we cease to fight; prayer makes the Christ armour bright, and satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees. (William Cowper)

Bobi Brown
Executive Secretary



Prayer required for

Special Events



We hope to have Special Gospel Missions in seven of our sixteen Halls throughout 2019 (D.V.). Do pray as the Mission Staff visit these districts prior to the mission services that there may be a good reception on the doors and as we talk to people and invite them along to these special services and the Lord will add to his Church such as should be saved. Pray too for those engaged to preach the Word of God that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and deliver messages that God puts on their heart.



Gospel Missions

1. **Mayo Street (Shankill Road)** Preacher Willis McDowell from Sunday 14th April - Friday 19th April
2. **Shore Crescent (Shore Road)** Preacher John Weir from Sunday 28th April - Friday 5th May
3. **Canton Street (Willowfield)** (Celebrating 120 years of witness) Preacher Bobi Brown Sunday 12th - Sunday 19th May
4. **Great Northern St (Lisburn Road)** Week commencing Sunday 29th September *
5. **Fairview Road (Ballyduff)** from Sunday 29th September to Thursday 3rd October *
6. **Glencairn (Upper Shankill/Ballygomartin)** Sunday 29th September - Friday 4th October *
7. **Bilston Road (Ballysillan)** Preacher Bobi Brown from Sunday 6th - Thursday 10th October

* Speakers to be confirmed.

Belfast City Mission Annual Rally 2019

When? - Thursday 25th April 2019
Where? - Assembly Buildings. Belfast.
Who? - Guest Speaker
Rev Brian McManus

*Special Greetings from Moderator of
General Assembly*

The Right Rev Charles McMullen
M.A. M. Litt. B.D. D.D.

*Singers - Boys Brigade N.I.
Centenary Male Voice Choir*
Praise led by PS 150

Why? - To Praise Almighty God for his
goodness to us over 192 years.

Weekly Prayer Diary for Staff

Mon ~ David Bell, Gary Bingham, David Bisset
Tue ~ Bobi Brown, Willie Cowan, Tom Gamble
Wed ~ Stanley Kyle, Willie Logan, George Lunn
Thur ~ Tom Marshall, Alan Martin, Paul McCaw
Fri ~ Billy McCullagh, Jordan Neill, Ivan Patterson
Sat ~ Walter Simms, Michael Waddell, Lloyd Watson
Sun ~ Andy Williamson, Angela Magill, Martha Brown

Retired Staff

George Ferguson ~ Harry Creighton
Errol McCrory ~ Eddie Kelso ~ Roy Graham
Arthur McClelland ~ Ernie Shooter
Sam Morrow ~ Jim Lawther ~ Raymond Hume



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Kilburn Street

- Remember in Prayer the following Services;
- Missionary meeting: Monday 11th March @ 7.45pm (Kids for School).
- Box – Opening: Monday 8th April @ 7.45pm (Ballybay Gospel Singers & Testimony by Glen Jackson).
- Pray that these particular services will be attended by people from the district and also have an impact spiritually.
- Praise for the lady who has come to faith recently in her own home as a result of attending the 90th Anniversary Mission April 2018 and the Sunday Services.

Canton Street

- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in people`s lives throughout East Belfast. In particular pray that God would teach and challenge the young people.
- Pray that we would experience new people attending to hear God`s word.
- Pray for more leaders to help with our youth work.
- Remember in prayer the special mission 12th – 19th May 2019, especially pray for our speaker Mr Bobi Brown (Executive Secretary and former Missionary in Canton Street).
- As we enter 120 years of service by the Belfast City Mission in the Canton Street District keep praying for souls to be saved as result of the continuing work.
- Praise God for all His faithful people who attend the various meetings each week.
- Give thanks for God`s blessing over the years and the help given from others outside the Hall.

- Praise for the unity and partnership we have with other Mission Halls and Churches in the district and beyond.

Mayo Street

- Pray for the parents of the children who attend the weekly activities, that they would have the desire to attend the Sunday evening service.
- Remember in prayer all the upcoming services and events;
- Family Service Sunday 17th February 2019 (Rainbow of Hope Ministries).
- Movies/Munchies & More night Friday 15th March 2019.
- 130th Anniversary Mission Sunday 14th April – Sunday 19th April 2019 (Speaker Mr Willis McDowell).
- Sunday School Family Service/Prize Day Sunday 12th May 2019.
- Sunday School outing to Bangor Saturday 18th May 2019.
- Mums And Young Ones outing to Funky Monkeys Tuesday 21st May 2019.
- Family Day trip in June 2019.
- Summer Kids Club Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August 2019.
- Praise for the extra help that we have received within our Kids Club and also with door-to-door visitation.
- Give praise for all the new people now attending our Sunday Services and also for the good attendances at our Harvest, Sunday School Christmas and Carols by Candlelight Services.
- Praise for the opportunity given before Christmas in handing out food parcels and presents to needy families in the district.

Ballybeen

- Praise God for our faithful workers in the hall, many of which have been serving faithfully for over 40 years.
- Pray that God would continue to raise up new workers to carry on and progress the work of the Hall.
- Our Boys Brigade (3rd Belfast Company) are celebrating their 40th Anniversary. A special anniversary service will take place Sunday 3rd March 2019 @ 7.00pm. Pray that many of the boys and their families

past and present will attend this special evangelistic thanksgiving service.

- Once again this summer our annual joint GB & BB Camp to Southend on Sea is planned from 2nd – 9th August 2019. Pray for safety in travel and good weather throughout our stay. Especially pray for God's blessing and for God to work in the hearts and lives of the young people.

Mountcollyer

- Pray for all those who minister in the areas of Mountcollyer and Tiger's Bay, that God will strengthen them as they seek to remain faithful to His word.
- Pray that God would send more workers into the "harvest fields" here at Mountcollyer.
- Give praise for the faithful people who continually support the work in Mountcollyer especially in these dark and difficult days in which we live.
- Praise also to God for the added numbers we have had in recent days.

Glencairn

- Pray for the overall work of the mission here in Glencairn. Pray also for all our services and activities, in particular those planned during the summer:
- Bible Club - Monday 24th – Thursday 27th June 2019.
- Week of meetings - Sunday 29th September – Friday 4th October 2019.
- Pray for the continuing door to door work that we would have many opportunities to share God's word.
- Continue to pray for more leaders and helpers for the youth work and also pray for mini-bus drivers.
- Give praise for the souls who came to saving faith last year.
- Praise the Lord for all the faithful workers and for the youth who faithfully come back to the activities each week.

- Praise the Lord for the parents who take an interest in their children and seek to support all they do in the Mission Hall.

Fairview Road (Ballyduff)

- Pray for the continuing work amongst the children and young people. Especially pray for the work of Girls Brigade on Tuesday evenings and the Friday evening Children's Bible Club.
- Pray for the Mission planned for: Sunday 29th September – Friday 4th October 2019.
- Give praise for the gentleman who came to saving faith recently. The seed had been sown in this man's life for 3 years as he was involved in cutting the grass around the hall during this period. Pray for his wife, that she too would come to faith also.

Ballysillan (Bilston Road)

- Pray for the ongoing work carried out each week within the Hall and district.
- Pray for the new "drop in" that will be commencing soon in the Hall.
- Remember in prayer all the planned activities and special events;
- Our now annual football camp: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June 2019.
- Holiday Bible Club to be held in July 2019.
- Five nights of Mission: Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th October 2019.
- Give praise for the souls who came to faith in the Lord during the Mission held last year.
- Praise also for the evangelism that was carried out alongside the local churches in the Ballysillan district.

Kimberley Street

- Pray for the English classes, the after schools homework clubs and the sewing classes, that there would be many opportunities to share the good news especially with those from other nations.
- Pray for our Good News Club that is held on Wednesday evenings, that children from the district would not only hear this news but importantly come to faith in Christ.

Exchange

- Please pray for our Sunday evening service, that many more from the district would come to hear God's word.
- Pray for God's leading for us towards those He is striving with through His Holy Spirit.
- Pray also that as Missionaries we would maintain our close walk with God.
- Give praise for those who have come to saving faith in Christ Jesus and for those who are continuing to grow in their new found faith.
- Praise also for our Monday morning Bible study attended by local people alongside those from other nationalities.

Bloomfield Drive

- Please pray for some new faces to come. We would really love this to happen as it would be an encouragement to those who have been faithful in their attendance and help throughout the years.
- Pray also that some younger people would have the desire to attend and also assist with the various weekly activities.
- Especially pray for a real awakening within the area, that people would have a concern spiritually, with a hunger for the things of God.

Great Northern Street

- Pray that Christian people living in the area may see us as their way to support evangelism on their doorstep.
- Pray for the children of the area, that they might find purpose and Christ Jesus in their lives.
- Pray for the Christian initiatives that we will be planning, that they may succeed.
- Pray also for the planning of a major outreach later in the year.
- Give praise for those small in number who attend the Bible study and the Sunday night services.
- Give praise for the weekly access to three residential homes and for the freedom to speak.
- Praise also for the seed that has been sown and that the Lord may harvest it according to His will.

Shore Road

- Remember in prayer the upcoming Mission;
- Sunday 28th April – Sunday 5th May 2019 (Speaker Evangelist Mr John Weir).
- Pray especially for the outreach within the district that precedes the Mission, and many from the district will attend, also souls will come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for all the ongoing youth work that is carried out each week and especially pray for the challenges that are experienced within it in our present day.
- Give praise for answered prayer regarding those who have gone through various illnesses in recent days.

Sandy Row

- Pray for the work and witness throughout the district. Remember in particular the ongoing work within the Utility Street hostel.
- Continue to remember the joint work alongside Friendship House. Pray for the Foodbank facility, for all the volunteers who help and especially those who avail of the service.
- Pray for those in the district who are struggling with addictions and also those who are trying to cope with mental illness.
- Pray for the young people who attend our Good News Club on Wednesday evening that they would respond to the message presented.
- Pray for the health and wellbeing of all who attend the various meetings in the Hall.
- Remember in prayer the PCI team who will be coming to Sandy Row August 2019.
- Pray most of all for the salvation of souls in Sandy Row.
- Praise God for His faithfulness, guidance and provision throughout the year.
- Give praise for the good attendance at the Good News Club and also for the increase in our numbers at our Sunday evening meeting.
- Praise for the opportunity given to help the community with our Foodbank.

- Praise God for the team of young people from Canada who worked in the area during February.
- Give praise for all those who have come to faith in recent months.

Island Street

- Continue to remember in prayer Missionary Billy McCullagh. Pray that the Lord would continue to sustain him, particularly with his many health problems.
- Pray for a busy range of activities planned over the next few months including outings with members of the Hall and the local community;
- Movie Night at the local cinema; outing to Londonderry; St. Patrick's celebration evening and special events in the run up to Easter.
- Give praise for the steady and consistent attendance of children on a Thursday evening at our Children's club.
- Praise also for work over the Christmas period and the many contacts that were made through the distribution of hampers and toy sacks.

Rathcoole

- Pray for the ongoing youth and children's work in Rathcoole; (Parent & Toddlers, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Youth Club, Sunday School and Youth Fellowship).
- Pray for our Link – Up Lunch Club which meets on Tuesday mornings. Especially pray for those who organise activities, who provide a cooked meal and that we would see more people in particular men coming along.
- Pray that God would move in the hearts of people within the community who have received one of our 3500 invitations and Gospel literature distributed since August.
- Recently we have experienced the loss of a number of faithful attendees along with others who have had a long association with the Hall as a result of death and bereavement. Pray that these empty seats will be soon filled again.
- Pray for Jordan as he continues to seek new and fresh ways to present the message of the Gospel. Pray especially that he would remain faithful in his desire to see people saved and go on to mature in their faith.

- Remember in prayer several upcoming services and events;
 - Kids "R" Prize-giving Service: Sunday 24th March 2019
 - Easter Meetings Speaker Evangelist Mr John Weir commencing Palm Sunday 14th April 2019.
 - Family Fun Day in early September 2019 DV.
- Praise God for all the conversations and opportunities that we have had to point people to the Lord. To show them practical love and mercy in Jesus' name.
- Praise God for having new and also some familiar faces come back through the doors recently under the sound of the Gospel.
- Praise for the successful Family Fun Day held early September 2018. For all the different activities and for the Rapid Relief Team who contributed with 250 hot dogs, given out on the day.
- Praise for the opportunity and privilege afforded to conduct dedication services for a number of children this year and especially to bring the Gospel message to people who would hardly ever enter any Church environment.
- Give praise for the safe arrival recently of Eliza (Lila) Hope Neill daughter to Jordan and Elaine and sister for Willow. This is a wonderful gift for them especially after the loss of their baby son previously.

Jersey Street

- Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the Jersey Street district, for salvation and blessing to come.
- Remember in prayer the continuing work of the Sunday School and for the teachers who faithfully serve each week. Pray for those teachers who have been experiencing health issues, that they would gain health and strength to continue this important work.
- Praise for the opportunities that have been afforded to the Missionary Tom Gamble to speak in other places throughout the district and beyond about the ongoing work.
- Praise also for the various speakers who come to Jersey Street and in particular the encouragement that they have been to the people in the Hall.
- Praise God for His faithfulness to Jersey Street throughout the years..

Our Treasurer is a Treasure



***By Jean Boyd
(leader of Ballyduff ladies meeting)***

Every good organisation depends on a good leader and likewise a good and faithful treasurer. We have such a woman in our Fairview Road Hall (Ballyduff) ladies meeting namely Margaret Morgan who has looked after the books for 20 plus years. Margaret hasn't kept the best of health lately yet that has not stopped her attending the meetings and carrying out her duties with dedication. Margaret is not only a good treasurer but a sweet one as she brings confectionary to the meetings for all. We trust that she will know the abundance of God's goodness in the coming days.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

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