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Copy deadline is shown on the calendar below.

The EEC Newsletter



This church is a New Testament community of faith. Our teaching and practices are based on the Bible. We seek to serve our local community, reaching out with the love, hope and salvation, found through faith in Jesus only.

See you soon on the Web!
www.ennisevangelicalchurch.org

August 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 Barry Lead Ben Power Preach
6	Nailer Teach @ Kuks	7	8	9	10	11 Vincent Lead Nailer Preach
13	Barry Teach @ Quinlans	14	15	16	17	18 Nailer Lead Vincent Preach
20	Vincent Teach @ Pavitts	21	22	23	24	25 Tom Lead Vincent Preach
27	Stephen Teach @ Kuks	28	29	30	31	Deadline for August copy

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EEC NEWSLETTER

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PEACE THAT DOES NOT GO TO PIECES

Why the phrase "the gospel of peace"? Well, the gospel is first and foremost a message about peace. First we experience peace with God, and then we experience the peace of God. A soldier in battle has to be certain about a number of things or else he will be distracted and become an easy prey for the enemy. He needs to be certain that he is fighting in a just war, that his commander is a wise strategist and that he has the constant support of those under whose authority he fights. He needs to know also that his loved ones are being cared for and that they are being protected by a defence force. So too the Christian soldier has to be certain



"...let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."
 (Col 3:15)

about his relationship with God, the truth and reliability of the Bible, the resources that are available to him, and so on. How can his heart be at peace if he is not assured of these things?

It is at this point that we Christians have an advantage over every other soldier, for not only are we led by the wisest military strategist in the universe, but we have inside information on how the battle against Satan will end – we win! We would never be able to stand against the "wiles" of the devil unless we enjoyed peace with God and the peace of God. Even in the midst of the hottest conflict, we know that although the devil may win some of the battles, he will most definitely lose the war. If you have peace about the outcome, then you have peace all the way - period.

FURTHER STUDY

Php 4:1-7; Ps 29:11; Jn 6:33; Ro 14:17

What keeps our hearts and minds?
 How does this relate to battle?

A GLORIOUS DAY!

Congratulations to Ben Hannah, John McCarthy, Tara McMahon, Phil Pain and Matthew Pavitt, who were baptised on Sunday 15th July 2007 in Liscannor. The 5 testimonies demonstrated God's great glory and it was an amazing day for all involved! The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and there are plenty of photos, so ask around if you'd like to see some.

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. (1Co 2:1)

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen. (2Pe 3:18)

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- Sunday School
- Willy Clancy Music Festival
- Eric & Mira get engaged
- 5-day Club
- George - IBI

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd, the Lord is my King.

Whenever I cry, I stop and think.

He's always there for me and He always will be.

He clears my path and sets me free.

He is my key, He is my light. He is the one who wins the fight.

When you feel lonely just call his name.

Believe in Jesus and your soul will be saved.



“... He restores my soul...” (Pro 23:3)

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

As a born-again believer, I am **accepted** in Christ:

- Jo 1:12 I am God's child
- Jo 15:15 I am Christ's friend
- Ro 5:1 I have been justified
- 1Co 6:17 I am united with the Lord and one with Him in spirit
- 1Co 6:20 I have been bought with a price; I belong to God
- 1Co 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body
- Eph 1:1 I am a saint
- Eph 1:5 I have been adopted as God's child
- Eph 2:18 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
- Col 1:14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
- Col 2:10 I am complete in Christ

Taken from *Living in Christ*, by Neil Anderson. ©1993, Regal Books. More next month.

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER REQUESTS



Lord Jesus, thank You for Your great promises of answered prayer. Teach us to pray in Your name. Please shape our praying by all that Your word reveals concerning Your will and Your work on our behalf. In Your precious name, Amen.

This month, please pray for

- Negotiations to free S Korean Christians held hostage in Afghanistan
- All those grieving at the loss of family and loved ones
- Those in need of jobs or facing financial hardship
- Leaving Cert results and for those going to college, especially that the Lord will guide young people in their choice of courses
- Our church leaders; for their guidance and teaching and the pastoral care they provide in the community

Please continue to pray for

- 4You magazine distribution – for those distributing and those receiving. Pray that the hearts of those receiving the magazine may be open to what they read
- Shane and Katie and their ministry in the Ukraine. Pray also for the speedy issue of Shane's replacement travel documents
- Safety for those travelling especially at this busy holiday time.

HELP NEEDED

We will have a couple of vacancies by the year-end for Sunday School teachers/helpers.

Also, the children's/youth clubs are due to restart in **September** and help is needed!

Anyone interested in getting involved in these rewarding ministries, please contact Margaret or Carrie.

Note: if you are not already on the list approved to work with children, you will have to fill out a confidential application form.

ELECTING A NEW ELDER AND DEACON

With Barry & Denise moving on next year, the church will need a new Elder and another Deacon is also required. Please pray for the Lord's guidance if you feel you would like to nominate someone for either position. The qualities of Elders and Deacons are set out in Ac 6:1-6, Ro 16:1, 1Ti 3:1-13 and Tit 1:5-9. Please also refer to the church constitution, which includes these definitions:

Elders will be men who have been members of the church for at least one year and who meet the qualifications laid out in Scripture. They will be appointed for a renewable 7 year term. Elders will be responsible for the spiritual guidance, and pastoral care of the church. They must be-



Pray that the Lord's will be done

lieve, teach and safeguard the doctrines and practices of the church.

Deacons will be people who have also been members of the church for at least one year and who meet the qualifications laid out in Scripture. They will be appointed for a renewable 3 year term. Deacons are responsible for the practical and benevolent

needs of the church.

Nominations for new Elders and Deacons must be submitted in written form to the Church Secretary at least one month before a vote. The submission must include the names of two members who agree to the nomination as well as the agreement of the person who is being nominated. The approving of Elders and Deacons will take place at the annual general meeting by secret ballot, unless circumstances require a special meeting.

Any questions in relation to this please speak to the current leadership team!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reminder! No Sunday School in August. There will be a room set up with videos for kids to watch but it's the parents' responsibility to supervise their children whilst in there! Crèche will run as normal!

Willie Clancy Music Festival – Many people got tracts and stopped to listen, so please pray for those spoken to. Praise the Lord for keeping the rain at bay whilst out in the open air!

Congratulations to **Eric Bryan and Mira Kuhs** who have recently announced their engagement! May the Lord bless



them as they plan their life together!

5 Day Club – The recent 5 day club in Our Lady's in Ennis proved a huge success with between 20 and 30 children attending each day. Praise God for providing a great venue and also for all the wonderfully patient helpers!!



Congratulations also to **George O'Callaghan** who has recently finished his first year in the Irish Bible Institute and now has a HE Certificate in Applied Theology.



May he continue to follow the path the Lord has laid before him!