



To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known

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Then she prayed a simple prayer of salvation, sentence by sentence. Afterwards, she described the response: "I was awestruck! The sound of voices repeating the prayer after me literally thundered through the auditorium! It is estimated that hundreds of students committed themselves to Jesus that night. Praise the Lord!

Prayers Needed

Pray that change and rapid increase in wealth in China will be managed in a way that encourages the growth of Christianity.

Pray for an end to the crackdown by Chinese authorities in the run-up to the Olympics and for God to strengthen the underground house-church networks.

Pray for encouragement for the foreign Christian workers who have been expelled from China in recent months and pray that the work they started will be continued by others.



EEC NEWSLETTER

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ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY?

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psa 133:1-3)

The first few words of this psalm disclose its keyword and main theme: *unity*. Before we can understand what unity is, we must first be clear what it is not. Unity is not unanimity - everyone agreeing with everyone. Neither is it uniformity - everyone looking and behaving alike. Unity has been defined as "the bond that exists between one person and another in which they know that the things that unite them are deeper and more important than the things that separate them".

The true people of God are a family. That metaphor is often

used to describe them in the Scriptures. But are they not one big happy family? Regrettably no. It is probably one of the greatest embarrassments of the modern-day Church that the mirror which is meant to reflect to the world the unity which exists between Christ and His Father - the people of God - is broken and fragmented (see Jo 17:11). I said embarrassing - scandalous might be a more appropriate word. To live in unity is good and pleasant. To live in disunity is scandalous.

Further Study

- Jo 17:1-26; Eph 3.14 - 4:16
1. How does Paul describe God's people?
 2. What are we to make every effort to do?

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 No Friday Club or VIA	3	4 Vincent lead, Mossy teach
5 Ladies' BS @ tba	6 Prayer Night @ Pavitt's	7	8	9 Friday Club 6.30, VIA 8.00	10	11 Barry lead, Mossy teach
12 Ladies' BS @ tba	13 BS Barry @ Brennan's	14	15	16 Friday Club 6.30, VIA 8.00	17	18 Tom lead, Vincent teach
19 Ladies' BS @ tba	20 B'ness/Prayer @ Pavitt's	21	22 Deadline for Dec Copy	23 Friday Club 6.30, VIA 8.00	24	25 Mossy lead, Vincent teach
26 Ladies' BS @ tba	27 BS Stephen @ Kuhs'	28	29	30 Friday Club 6.30, VIA 8.00		

30TH ANNIVERSARY SUPPLEMENT

In this Anniversary Edition of the EEC Newsletter we have a souvenir colour supplement containing a look back at the beginnings of the Ennis Evangelical Church and all that it has been involved in over the past 30 years. There is also a number of interviews with believers who are celebrating special 're-birth days' this year too. Hope their stories touch you as much as they touched us!



THIS MONTH'S PRAYER REQUESTS

God my Father, I see that Your way is not merely a way of theology but of life, for You have set us in relationships. Where our relationships are wrong, help us to put them right in Jesus' Name. Amen

This month, please pray for

- Shoebox activities, including the provision of a suitable warehouse
- the Lord to watch over our teenagers, keeping them safe and helping them during this rapidly changing time in their lives
- Shane and Katie's need to register to maintain temporary residence in Ukraine
- Those moving away from the area. Pray the Lord continues to guide them
- A stop to the continuing trend of secular teaching, in direct contradiction to the Bible, in our schools

Please continue to pray for

- Those who are unwell or recovering from illness
- Our civic leaders and officials, that they avoid the temptations of the world and uphold sound Christian principles.

Dearest Jesus teach me to generous, teach me to love you as you deserve to be loved, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward save only to do thy holy will O my Lord.

CHURCH WEEKEND A GODLY SUCCESS

Those who could make it had a great time at Ballyloughran over the weekend of 21st October.

There was some really powerful prayer, some mighty worship, a great talent show on the Saturday night and a challenging message in the Sunday service.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard (including those behind the scenes) to make the event such a success.

On the Sunday, Stephen preached on Godly Success. He drew his theme from Joshua 1:1-9 and identified seven key requirements that each contributed to Joshua's success. These were:

- Choosing proper role models (v 1-2)
- Knowing what it was that he sought to accomplish (v 2,6)
- Trusting God no matter what the situation (v 3-5)
- Living courageously (v 6,7,9)
- Knowing God's Word and doing it! (v 7-8)
- Possessing proper thoughts (v 9)
- Faithful, lifelong devotion to the Lord (Jos 28:14-15)

BLESSED TRIP TO UGANDA

Margaret Wade's visit to Uganda was truly blessed by the Lord! Margaret worked in a

team from Ireland based 2 hours from Kampala teaching women how to use sewing machines to enable them to make a living from sewing. One pregnant woman who attended will no longer have to walk 7 hours every day to earn money by cutting papyrus! Unexpectedly, the team secured a sewing teacher for the next 2 years which should enable the women to become proficient enough to teach others and for the project to be self-sustaining.

There were devotionals every day and Margaret used the Wordless Book to help her teachings. She gave her own testimony and the next day the colour in the book was red, representing the blood of Jesus. Then the Ugandan women were invited to give themselves to the Lord and 7 came up, including 2 Muslim women. The team prayed with them and gave them Bibles. On the last day the team went to church in a rough part of Kampala, nicknamed Kosovo, because of the many guns and other weapons. Margaret again gave her testimony and a further 2 women came forward to give their lives to the Lord. Hallelujah!!

Margaret says that it was a really exciting trip although life there was very different from Kilrush - no electricity, ants in the beds, hens wanting to lay their eggs on the beds, and a cow slaughtered in front of the team! But the Lord gave Margaret the strength to go on and it was an experience that she highly recommends to others in our church.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - CHINA

Olympic Games

Open Doors says Christians throughout China fear tough restrictions on freedom to worship following the government crackdown ahead of Aug 08 Olympic Games in Beijing.



There are reports of Bible shortages, even in cities where Bibles once were readily available. By law, only the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM) church is allowed to print and distribute Bibles. The US State Dept's 2007 International Religious Freedom Report noted many evangelical Protestant groups refuse to register with TSPM due to theological differences, fear of revealing names and addresses of church leaders or members and concern it will control sermon content.

There are also reports of ongoing house church raids and arrests and an unprecedented number of foreign Christians have been expelled from China in recent months, possibly triggered by fears of evangelistic activity during the Olympics. Since the beginning of this year, over 100 foreign Christian workers have been forced to leave, the largest number in over 50 years.

Rural China

AsiaLink provides this insight through an interview with Tan, whose home fellowship is at a small rural house-church of 20-30 people. Believers and their leaders have been jailed on many occasions. One young girl was locked up and had sharpened bamboo pushed under her fingernails in a vain attempt to make her tell about the network of churches, its leaders, addresses, when meetings were held, etc.

Tan went on to say: 'Don't worry about the persecution. Persecution we can handle ourselves. We know what we

have to do. But please pray for us. It's the issue of wealth that is one of the greatest threats to China's church today. If we don't know how to manage it, materialism will destroy us.'

Story of Hope

Open Doors tells the story of Sister Tian who trains university students. A while ago she was invited to lead a meeting attended by 1,000 - 1,500 students. The day before, local organisers were warned by the authorities that 'there had better not be any preaching!'

But Tian simply followed God's lead during the evening, reading passages of Scripture and sharing her testimony. She felt strongly that those present should be able to do the same. Mindful of the police presence, she said, 'I don't need to see you because God sees you, so you don't need to raise your hand. But everyone who wants to ask Jesus to be the Lord of their life, say this prayer after me...'

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nominations received – Nominations have so far been received for George O'Callaghan (Deacon) and for Stephen Gaston and Vincent Quinlan (Elders). Voting will take place at the **20th November** business/prayer meeting. Pray for the Lord's guidance!

Welcome Susan - Originally hailing from Wexford, and currently attending IBI in Dub-

lin, Susan Hill is joining us at EEC!! Despite being a self-described "home bird" Susan has felt God's presence close by on several recent visits to Clare and is excited to see what God has in store for her next!

Prayer Guide - The useful guide to prayer used during the w/end away is now on our web site.

Week of Prayer - Aontas has called another week of prayer from 4th November. EEC is

holding an evening of prayer on Tuesday 6th at Barry's and this will replace the usual Bible study.

Free to a Good Home -

See the people noted for these items looking for a good home

1. Sharp *Easy Chef* microwave 850w, brown, perfect working order (Louis)
2. Cutlery and crockery (Louis)
3. Philips *Toast Sensor* toaster (Maddy)