

*"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him."* NAH 1:7



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## Youth Fellowship weekend 23 - 25 February 2024

On Friday evening Stephen drove the minibus full of the YF up to Coleraine Baptist for a weekend together. We had Joel White from Carrickfergus Baptist Church come and speak to us. We dived into the book of Philippians, looking at 'Christ our Joy in: all circumstances, holiness and evangelism'.

To start with we had our first talk from Joel. We learnt about Christ our joy in all circumstances and focused on the 3 points: God's grace, sovereignty and love. Afterwards we had supper and played our favourite YF games; 'silent soccer' and 'my chair'.

On Saturday, we had a filling breakfast followed by another talk. We looked at Christ our joy in holiness, and learnt about how to glorify God in what we do. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch and a great but very competitive photo challenge around Coleraine! Also in the afternoon we headed over to Portstewart Strand where we had an amazing afternoon playing American football! We then came back for dinner and our final talk from Joel. We looked at Christ our Joy in evangelism. We learnt how God equips us, how sharing the gospel compels us and finally how as Christians we are united in one mission... to share the gospel with others. To finish off the day, we played a big game of trivial pursuit, which was great fun and then we played hide and seek in the dark!!!

On Sunday morning, after breakfast, we had a lovely early morning walk around Coleraine and then joined the church service at Coleraine Baptist. Just before we headed home, the cooks provided a wonderful Sunday dinner, which we all enjoyed.



(LEFT) JOEL WHITE FROM CARRICKFERGUS BAPTIST.



We all had a great weekend away, where we had lots of fun and were taught really well by Joel. Thanks to Peter and all of the other YF leaders for making the weekend happen. And of course... thanks to the amazing cooks for keeping us well fed!!!

BY GRACE BAXTER



(ABOVE) OUR AMAZING COOKS!

# Who is our God?

## BAPTIST WOMEN CONFERENCE

It was wonderful to see our church full of women on Saturday 9th March for the annual spring Baptist Women Conference.

The speaker was Wendy Alsup from South Carolina and the conference focussed on the topic 'Who is our God?'



WENDY ALSUP (ABOVE RIGHT) WITH GAIL CURRY FROM BAPTIST WOMEN

Wendy led us through scripture to consider the characteristics of God seen in the Trinity. There was a time of fellowship and tea and coffee were served allowing time to catch up and browse the bookstall. We were thankful to the men of the church who served us on the morning allowing all women to enjoy the event.

### Quote of the month:

“ Never think, because of God's grace I'll do nothing, no, it's because of God's grace you can do anything. ”

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Peter Cooper (Sun 10th Mar '24 - AM) speaking on the topic 'Endurance by Reliance'.

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL:

### 7/4/24 - IBC College Sunday

- AM: Dr David Luke (Postgraduate Director & Lecturer in Historical Theology)  
- PM: Nathanael McIlveen (1st year student)  
(The Freewill Offering on the 7th will go in its entirety to the work of the College)

### 14/4/24 - Pastor Daniel Ashby

(Fellowship time before the service at 10.50am, pre-service prayer at 10.30am)  
- AM: Revelation (19)  
- PM: Heroes From History (2) Athanasius

### 21/4/24 - Pastor Daniel Ashby

- AM: Revelation (20)  
- PM: Heroes From History (3) Perpetua

### 28/4/24 - Pastor Daniel Ashby

- AM: Revelation (21)  
- PM: Heroes From History (4)  
(Fellowship time after the evening service)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Pastor will be on holiday from Monday 1st - Monday 8th April.
- Peter Cooper will be on holiday from Monday 8th - Saturday 13th April.

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## Prayer Points from Trevor and Maggie Ramsey

Trevor and Maggie Ramsey came to LBC on Sunday 3rd March and told us about their current ministry at The English speaking church in Benidorm. **Here are some prayer points for this work:**

● We have enjoyed a period of blessing since the start of the year with good numbers attending and a good sense of unity and energy in the church. There are always unbelievers in the services, **PRAY** for real breakthroughs. **PRAY** for the services to continue to have a real sense of God's Spirit and for many lives to be changed.

● On Wednesday 20th March we started a 7 week Christianity Explored course which we hope to see people attending, some of whom have been coming to church but have not yet made a clear profession of faith. There are others for whom this course will be a big help in aiding their maturity in the faith. **PRAY** for good numbers, good discussion and good opportunities.

● **PRAY** for our special Easter services.

● **PRAY** for the weekly street evangelism on Benidorm's famous "Strip". We meet many different people with many different worldviews. It is always great though to share the Good News and the reality of gospel truth in a gentle conversational manner. Please also **PRAY** for the literature distribution.

● **PRAY** for us as a couple - away from family, especially Maggie's mum who is now 93 and suffering from dementia.

