



Pray

Without Ceasing

Thought for the month:

Refuse to be fearful

'Do not look at his appearance or...physical stature.'

1 Samuel 16:7

We pride ourselves on our ability to judge people and situations based on appearance – and lots of time we're wrong. Goliath issued the same challenge to Israel for forty days: 'Send me your best fighting man, and I'll kill him. I'm the champion. I'm the greatest.' That kind of fear-based thinking applies to every giant you encounter in life. Chuck Swindoll writes: 'Fear and worry...don't come just once; they come morning and evening, day after day, relentlessly trying to intimidate. They come in the form of a person, a pressure...a worry...fear that hammers on your heart...day in and day out, yelling across the ravine in your own personal valley. Few things are more persistent and intimidating than our fears and worries...especially when we face them in our own strength.' When picking Israel's next king, God told the prophet Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or...physical stature....For the Lord does not see as man sees;...man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart' (v. 7 NKJV). As human beings, we look at what's on the outside and form opinions based on what we see. Goliath was a giant with a booming voice and lots of bravado – three traits designed to instil fear into the bravest heart. But God was neither impressed nor intimidated by him. And what's more, He gave David the ability to see Goliath through His eyes. Fears are like babies; the more you nurse them, the bigger they grow. Once you start seeing the giants in your life from God's perspective, they lose their power to immobilise and intimidate you. So refuse to be fearful.

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Sunday *Local Outreach*

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Pray for the two clubs planned for over the summer, pray for the leaders and helpers as they prepare for and run the clubs. Rocky's Plaice Holiday Bible Club for P1 to Year 8 runs from 6th to 10th July and Connect for high school age runs from 17th to 20th August. Pray that many of the children and young people of the village will attend and be impacted by what they see and hear. Also during the summer Sunday Night Lights for 18 to 30s will take place on several Sunday evenings after our church service, pray that this will be a time of fellowship and spiritual growth for those who attend. Remember David, Pamela and the girls as they get some holiday time together, may they be refreshed and blessed. Several of our congregation are involved in teams and camps over the summer, (see back page).



Monday

pray for Belfast City Mission

Glencairn. Missionary: Derek McCreight. During the early 70's many new housing developments began to emerge in Belfast. One of these was the Glencairn estate. Along with other areas the Belfast City Mission continued to have the vision to reach out into these particular estates. Subsequently in September 1973 a new hall was opened in Glencairn in the vicinity of Ballygomartin. The present Missionary is Derek McCreight, (nstalled in 2024) who works among the local community. Pray for the continuing weekly service in the hall over the summer months and for the special summer clubs planned in this hall and the other areas where the mission operates. Remember the men as they take a well earned holiday that they would be refreshed and emboldened for the continuing work.

Tuesday



Pray for Open Doors

Mali continues to suffer escalating violence between governmental forces and extremists. At this time of heightening violence, Christians are extremely vulnerable – churches burnt down, pastors kidnapped, and communities profoundly traumatised by violence. Militants are expanding their territory, and fear is spreading throughout Bamako and other regions. "The atmosphere is affecting the church. It has a negative impact on the entire ministry," says Christian Kallil*, a Malian believer. Christians fear the implementation of Sharia (Islamic law) if jihadist groups were to capture Bamako. Their existence, plagued by attack and abuse, would become more threatened. "Open Doors is following these developments with concern for the situation," says Jo Newhouse*, spokesperson for sub-Saharan Africa. Please pray for Open doors worldwide.



Wednesday

Pray for Bible Society NI

Life in Iran is undeniably difficult, especially for Christians. For many, as with in other parts of the Middle East, following Jesus can cost everything. In spite of the persecution, imprisonment, and martyrdom Christians face, the Church in post-Islamic Revolution Iran is young, thriving, and growing! Families may be fractured, and individuals might be scared, but God continues to move, through visions, dreams, and miraculous encounters, calling people to faith and to share His Word.

Pray for Bible Society NI (continued)

The Iranian Bible Society is working with over 200 partners to distribute Scriptures, train leaders, and equip house church networks. Each year, placing Bibles into the hands of people willing to give up everything to follow Jesus. Pray for safety, opportunities, openness, wisdom and strength, that more lives will be transformed.

Thursday Pray for TEARFUND



41.6 million people around the world are refugees – each one individually created, known and loved by God. Refugee: sums up a whole gigantic group of humans who have in common the devastating experience of being somewhere other than home, because at some point they had to run to save their lives. In Lebanon, one of the ways Tearfund is working to help is through supporting the Manara Youth Centre. The Manara centre provides a space for young people and their caregivers to receive help to process trauma, manage emotions, and strengthen family bonds. It creates opportunities to bring together Lebanese, Syrian and other communities to bridge social divides through sports, arts and friendly dialogue. Ask God to bring peace to situations of conflict so that people will be safe to live in their own homes and no more people will have to run from everything they know just to save their lives.

Friday Pray for PCI Global Mission



Edwin and Anne Kibathi, global mission workers, London, UK. Their vision was to reach out to and minister to the larger East African expatriate community in the UK and began a church planting ministry, known as PCEA UK Outreach. The church plant was first established in Plaistow, London, and later operated from Stratford for several years before moving back to Plaistow, where it is currently located. It has continued to grow since then, and at present, the congregation has over 100 adult members. There are also children and young people in the congregation. Thank God for his faithfulness, protection and provision for the Kibathi family over the past twenty years and for all those who have supported them with their prayers and resources. Pray that God would continue to sustain and use Edwin and Anne in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

Saturday

Pray for PCI COUNCILS



Tullamore, Rev William Hayes. Give thanks for 170 years of Presbyterian witness in Tullamore, County Offaly and pray for the events marking this special anniversary. Pray for the upcoming summer holiday Bible club, and for Rev William Hayes as he ministers there.

Tori McClelland, community outreach worker, Movilla, Newtownards. Pray for Tori as she serves Christ through her role at Movilla Presbyterian, working with children, young people, and families. Pray for all the preparations for holiday Bible club in August, asking that many children and families will come to know the love of Christ, grow in their faith, and be encouraged in their walk with him.

The following people from our congregation are taking part in various camps and outreach teams over the summer. Please pray for them as they prepare to go and when they are away, pray that they will know God's presence with them and that God would use them wherever they serve. We have also listed those helping in a practical way at some of the camps at Mullartown House.

BCM Mullartown Kids Camp Week 1, 1st to 6th July Kitchen/Dishroom –
Ellie Annett, Violet Campbell, Bethany Chambers, Chloe Martin, Rebecca Martin,
Katie Stewart

SU CSSM Kids Club, Portballintrae, 4th to 18th July Sarah Hanna

SU CSSM Kids Club, Cranfield 6th to 17th July Emma Martin, Ruby

Newell, Jaylee Park, 6th to 11th July - Lucy Martin

BCM Mullartown Family Camp, 8th to 13th July Jason Hill (Pro-
gramme Director), Gemma Hill (Programme Director), Elise Barbour, Kara Barbour,
Anna Hill, William Hill, Kitchen/Dishroom - Ellie Annett, Molly Black, Christina
McConnell, Sophia McConnell

Hello Life Downpatrick 12th to 17th July James Maginnis
(Leader), Chloe Maginnis (Leader), William Hanna

BCM Mullartown Seniors Camp, 15th to 20th July Kitchen/Dishroom –
Lilly Ferguson, Anna Hill, William Hill, Jessica Martin

BCM Mullartown Merge Camp, 22nd to 27th July Jessica Martin

New Horizon Mission Hub, Coleraine, 1st to 7th August Pam McCullagh

Hello Life Lurgan 2nd to 7th August Adam Hanna (lead-
er), Ellie Annett, Lucy Martin, Ruby Newell, Joshua Sutton, Matthew Sutton

BCM Mullartown Kids Camp week 2, 5th to 10th August Kate Maginnis (Pro-
gramme Director), Kitchen/Dishroom – Ella McKee, Mollie Shields, Caitlin Spence

BCM Greenhill Newcastle Engage Camp 17th to 21st August Sarah Hanna

BCM Mullartown Junior Teens Camp, 19th to 24th August Kitchen/Dishroom –
Ellie Annett, Gemma Hill