

Spring Mount Newsletter September 2010

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*Spring Mount Christian
Fellowship
Abbey Road
Barrow-in-Furness*

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship exists to
Reach others for Christ;
Teach about Christ;
Grow in Christ;
Send for Christ.

*Spring Mount Walney
Amphitrite Street
Walney Island*

Please email all notices for October to donna@springmountcf.co.uk by **Wednesday 22nd September**.

Message from the Leadership Team

The Leadership Team would like to welcome Chris Coles onto the team. We feel he will be a real asset to us as he brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and ideas to us. Please pray for him as he steps out into this new area of service. Pray that he will quickly settle into the role and that God will use him and his gifts to benefit the church. We are living in an exciting time and God is doing great things at the moment and we believe that there is more to come. The whole Leadership Team needs your continued prayer support to discern what God is wanting and the energy to carry it out.

Jesus called his disciples to leave their past lives and follow Him. Over the next three years He taught them many things about God and how they should love and serve others as He served them. Their lives were transformed by being in the presence of the Son of God. They were changed from simple fishermen and tax collectors into powerful witnesses for Christ who led the early church and spread the gospel.

We too are called to follow Christ. We may not be able to be physically with Jesus like his twelve disciples but we do have His presence with us by the Holy Spirit. The more time we spend in His presence the more we are able to be transformed by His power at work in us. As a Leadership Team we believe it is important not just to help people become Christians but also to encourage them to be true disciples. As a church we are here to reach others for Christ but also to teach about Christ and grow in Christ so that we can send people for Christ. This is our mission statement.

One of the best ways to grow in the faith is to meet with other Christians regularly in a house group. That is why we are trying to encourage as many people as possible to commit to join one. There will be new house groups with new leaders on different nights to try and accommodate as many people as possible. They are a great way to study God's Word and discuss it in a small group. They provide a loving and supportive environment to share together and pray. They are also somewhere where we can create deeper friendships than just meeting once a week on a Sunday.

Please consider joining a house group if you are not already involved in one. Yes it will involve commitment but that is what we are called to. If we want to grow in our faith and become more like Jesus it will involve some time, effort and commitment. But God will reward this effort as you learn more about Him. There will be more information on new venues and times to follow so keep a lookout and don't miss out.

Tim Baalham

Summer holidays are always a difficult time for continuity of activities, especially in youth work, with the disruption of people on holiday and nice summer evenings when outdoor activity beckons, so it is encouraging to know that God does not take a holiday but continues his work of blessing us and reaching out to others. Whilst we rejoice in reports of blessing from Keswick and the Youth Camp it has been encouraging to hear that God has been working among the young people on Walney and so we look forward to the activities of September and beyond.

The work on Walney, especially among the teenagers involved in drugs and alcohol, is just the start of what we believe is a work of the Holy Spirit to begin a work of revival in Barrow and beyond into Cumbria. Derek Price has been invited to join with us, with the Bus Ministry and the Norwegian Outreach, in a joint work to reach the people of Barrow and they are keen to be involved. Other churches will also be invited to join with us.

The group from Morecambe have been travelling regularly to Walney, building relationships with the young people, and we now have two events planned:

Friday 10th September at Spring Mount Walney where David Falcus will be sharing his testimony. He was a notorious gangster and heroin dealer, working with the crime families of Newcastle's 'West End'. After blowing fortunes on drink, drugs and high living he became totally unstable until he met Jesus at the age of 29. His life was completely transformed.

Saturday 25th September, a family fun day is being planned with activities for all ages. A big focus of this event will be to reach out to the teenagers affected by drugs by staging a professional wrestling display which will include testimonies of wrestlers whose lives have been transformed by a relationship with Jesus.

Already plans are being drawn up to cover every street on Walney with a prayer visit and Christians across the area are already praying for Walney and Barrow. Please join them in prayer and invite yourself, friends and colleagues to these events that we will see a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our area.

Alan Docker



There is a loop system in all our services. Please remember to switch on.



Sunday Services	Abbey Road Speakers 11am & 6.15pm	Abbey Road Bible Readings	Walney Speakers 10.30am service
September 5th	Jonny Harrison & Sunday School	am: 5.00pm: BBQ see note below	Worship & Word
September 12th	Mark Curtis	am: pm:	Worship & Word
September 19th	TBC	am: pm:	Worship & Word
September 26th	Brian Maiden	am: pm:	Worship & Word

There will be a barbecue on September 5th at 5 o'clock at Spring Mount Abbey Road. It is for all the Fellowship, young and not so, and also a great opportunity to bring friends along. It will be followed by praise and worship.

There will be a prayer morning at Abbey Road from 9am - 12noon on Saturday 25 September when we will have an opportunity to pray for all that is going on in Spring Mount and in the wider community. Please put the date in your diary.

"If you, who are called by my name, will humble yourself and pray and seek my face and turn from your wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive your sin and will heal your land."

2 Chronicles 7 :14

Adrian Plass is at the Trinity Church Centre at 7.30pm on 9th October. Tickets £3 from Hazel Edmondson on 01229 474601.

Gone Fishing

Goes for "pitch and putt and a picnic" on 18th September at 4 pm - see Simon Pudsey for further details. In case of awful weather, plans will change.

Senior Moments

1.30pm September 14th
Spring Mount Abbey Road
Talk on Uganda

Birthdays September 16th Reuben Croskery

A marriage course will be held every Monday from 13th September until 4th October. The cost is £5 per couple. It is designed for any married couple, irrespective of age and experience, whether your marriage is great or you are going through a tough period. It will look at all aspects of marriage including finances, communication and sex. The course will give the couple fresh ideas on how to deal with the complex relationship of marriage. Places are limited, so if you are interested please contact Tim and Isabela on 07951714946 or Chris and Debs on 07827660097, email info.marriage.course@gmail.com, or complete an application form.

WE DID IT !

We have been happily (mostly) married for over 25 years, however we willingly (mostly) participated in the Marriage Course pilot run earlier in the summer. We found the course enjoyable, refreshing and thought provoking. It was run in good company, although for the course itself the principal participation was conducted privately between the two of us. We were never required to talk outside our pairing if we did not want to. Circumstances dictated we could only join in for half the course but would like to do the other half. Our married life is the richer because of those few evenings - we would recommend the course to any couple, whether new to married life, or accumulating grey hairs within it, and whether happily (mostly) married, or struggling for marriage to meet expectations.

Paul & Alison Hardingham

Liz Bowes will be moving to Norwich to start a Master's course on 27th September. She would love everyone to join her for drinks and cake on Friday 24th September at 43, Dalton Lane, Barrow, LA14 4LE. It will be an open house from 3pm till around midnight so go when you can. Liz will also entertain you with her Kilimanjaro stories and there may be the odd sing-along DVD and games to enjoy.

Pastor Davey Falcus, a powerful man of God and author of "From Gangland to God", will be visiting Walney on the 10th of September to share his testimony. Invite all your friends, Christian and non-Christian.

WWE stars will be visiting Walney Senior School on the 25th of September. Demonstrations will take place alongside other fun-filled activities. Rumour has it that Sean Michaels may attend to share his testimony. This is being organised between the Walney Youth Club and Mission Morecambe. Details TBC.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Pais will be having our annual Commissioning Service on Saturday 11th September at 2pm in Burnley where we will pray for each of the teams and send them out into the mission field. You are all invited! I am really looking forward to a great year of what God is going to do in my team and me, and also what he is going to use us to do.

Daniel Randall

See Ruth or Peter Randall for further details.

Following their trip to Uganda, Hilly and Alan Docker have brought back greetings cards to be sold for £1 each to raise money for the poor of Uganda. They have also brought back many necklaces suitable for young people to be sold for £1 and also some beaded jewellery available to buy for 50p. If you would like to help by buying a birthday or any occasion card or some jewellery then please see Hilly who will have them available whenever you see her.



If there are sufficient numbers, the Alpha Course will start on September 14th.

Registration forms are available from Howard and Jenny Le Roy.

Can you hear me? And what can you see?

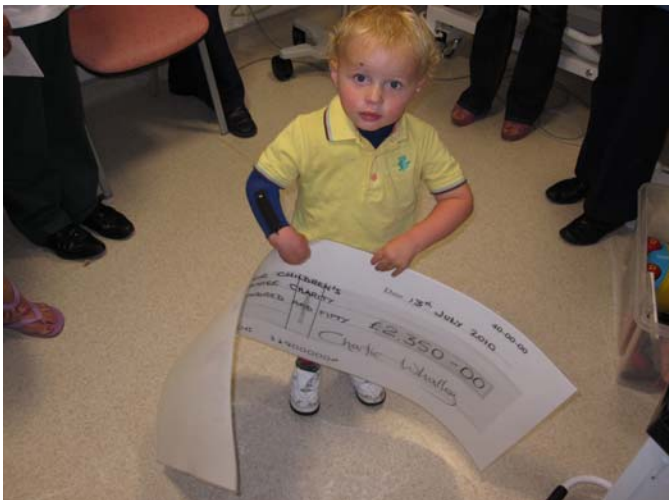
Regular worshippers will have noticed that the sound desk (which has been revamped) and projector have both moved upstairs. Advantages include:

- The installation is permanent – no more need to get everything out before a service, youth club, etc, and pack it away afterwards, which results in less chance of damage to equipment, a safer environment in the hall, and less hard work!
- Better sound quality, including through the loop.
- Better recording facility – now onto CDs which can be copied quickly (and also ultimately to the web site)
- Easier playback
- Easier projection of DVDs (and TV)
- No obstacles to projection, or dazzling of those on stage
- More floor space available, and more flexibility in seating arrangements



Please bear with us as over the coming months as we try things out and learn how to get the best out of the new arrangements. Comments will be welcome from sound to seating!

However, there are disadvantages! One is that the sound and vision people are more remote from the service / activities than before. We are therefore interested in sharing this load around – please see Paul or Jonny or Peter Docker if you might be interested. You only have to watch / listen and press a few buttons, but it does mean arriving at a service 30 to 45 minutes early to ensure the set up is right each time (for sound and vision).



Howard and Jenny Le Roy would like to thank the Fellowship for the hamper they donated as a raffle prize for the Dance Night in honour of Jenny's 60th birthday and again thank all who attended and donated to the event which raised £2350 for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Burns Service Charities in recognition of the treatment they provided for their grandson Charlie.

Charlie and his mum, Michelle, presented a cheque to staff at the hospital in July. This money will enable 4 1/2 children to attend an annual camp for children affected by burns.

An extract from the acknowledgement letter sent by the Manchester Hospital follows:

"It costs some £500 to send one child to camp....We are a small charity and we do not ask families to pay towards the cost of their child taking part as we see our programmes as a vital part of their post burn injury rehabilitation. Your donation has therefore made a very significant difference to us. Thank you once again"