

Spring Mount Newsletter February 2012

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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 March to donna@springmountcf.co.uk by **Monday 20th February**

Message from the Leadership Team

Last Sunday evening I was challenged by what Eddie shared with us. He challenged us to think about the ways we are able to share the gospel with others. There are so many different ways from the large outreach events and crusades to the small weekly events at churches and Alpha courses, etc. However, the biggest challenge is that most (if not all) effective evangelism starts with individuals and personal relationships. This is indeed challenging because all of us have personal relationships. We all know people who are not Christians. We all have work colleagues, friends, family, neighbours or other acquaintances who we see on a daily basis.

The question of how we spread the gospel to the lost people of Barrow has got to start with us! We sing the song with the lines "Lord send revival, start with me". We are God's ambassadors on Earth. It is through our witness that the good news of salvation will be spread. I find this particularly hard because as a shy, reserved British person that is not something that comes easily to me. However, I want to challenge myself and all of us to prayerfully seek and then with the courage God will give us to seize any opportunity that we have.

The reality is that if we say we care about others and yet don't tell them the good news about Jesus, the fact that he died for their salvation and the fact that he is the answer to their needs, then we don't really care at all! I get embarrassed or feel awkward when talking about God, but why? If Jesus is the most important person in my life, if my faith in him helps me with life's problems, if I have a new life through salvation then why wouldn't I want to talk naturally about him and share the gift of new life with the people around me that I care about? I write this as a challenge to myself, but I also hope that we will all be stirred up from our comfortable indifference to the lost people we come into contact with each day.

Tim Baalham

 **SMILE**

1.30pm 14th February 2012
Spring Mount Abbey Road
Missionary Aviation
Fellowship

CAFE UGANDA

Tuesday 7th February
7.00pm—9.00pm
Spring Mount Abbey Rd

Enjoy a drink, a slice of cake, and good company whilst raising much needed funds for projects in Uganda.



Ken Hogg invites you to join him at a Men's breakfast at 2 Windsor Street, Barrow on Saturday 18th February from 8 am - 9.30 am. Share in some aspects of "The Long Arm of The Law" with Mark Turner, local Christian Police Officer. Chill and bring any questions as you enjoy a continental breakfast of hot croissants, fresh pineapple, melon, coffee etc.....what a good way to start your day ???

Birthdays

February 11th Dan Bilson
February 23rd Cameron Noble



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



Sunday Services	Speakers	Bible Readings 11am & 6.15pm
February 5th	Jonny Harrison Jonny and Youth	am: Own Choice pm: Own Choice
February 12th	Keith Hilton Philip Gomersall	am: Psalm 13 - Living beyond the grind of despondency pm: Galatians 1:11 - 24
February 19th	TBC Walney Service	am: Psalm 15 - Living beyond the grind of weakened integrity pm: Praise/Worship/Sharing at Walney
February 26th	Phil Dixon	am: Psalm 19 - Living beyond the grind of divine silence pm: Galatians 2



Christmas Card Appeal Update:

At the time of going to press, the Christmas Card Appeal for Ruth Wallis' replacement ambulance fund stands at £788.10. Thank you to everyone who has given to the appeal instead of sending lots of Christmas cards to each other. It has been good to browse the cards to the fellowship on the notice board, including some from friends of the fellowship who have not been able to meet with us for some time.

Worship Central Tour
@Audacious Church in Manchester
8th February

Jonny is planning a trip to see Tim Hughes. If you are interested let him know as soon as is possible. Cost £10

For more info see the website

www.worshipcentral.org

We would need to leave Spring Mount as close to 5.15pm as possible, returning to Spring Mount late!

A huge thank you to those who have donated 10p Nestle box tops from cereal packets. So far we have saved £11.20 towards Blessed Hill School and Orphanage. The closing date is 31st March so let's keep collecting. Hilly will send them off.

We are nearly ready to launch our prayer warriors initiative. This should be an encouragement to the young people of our church while at the same time build relationships across our church family. The idea? For one older member of our church to commit to daily praying for, encouraging and generally standing alongside one of our youth. The result? Answered prayer, stronger relationships and encouragement straight back at you. Interested in being a warrior? Let Jonny know asap!!

Fund raiser for Blessed Hill

*Ladies Night
Saturday 10th March 2012
Barrow Golf Club, Rakesmoor Lane
Tickets £10 to include supper*

This promises to be a great evening with fun, food, entertainment and music whilst also raising much needed funds for Blessed Hill School and Orphanage. Please encourage your friends to come along then see Hilly Docker for your tickets (they won't be available on the door on the evening). Raffle and Tombola prizes will be most welcomed before the event. Most of us have a sort out after Christmas!

We have received a newsletter from Nathan Edgar who we are supporting in his work in Bolton. There are copies of the newsletter on the table in church if you would like to take one to read. Nathan has asked for prayer for:

- Genuine, long-lasting friendships with Muslims in Bolton that lead to tons of opportunity for sharing the gospel
- The right job for September
- To keep pressing into God more and more throughout this year!