

# Ballymoney Church of God

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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING



What a blessed day of Thanksgiving as people gathered to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and provision.

In the morning Pastor Jon brought a lovely message entitled "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields".

In the evening the Congregation listened attentively to a wonderful **Harvest Celebration** programme as singers and musicians shared their faith in word and song. Many visitors commented on how much they enjoyed the special services.

The evening offering received totalled the magnificent sum of **£1,000**. A cheque was presented to **Edwina Chambers** of **Drop Inn Ministries** who will use this to provide a **Christmas meal for orphans in Burkina Faso**.



A big thank you to Patricia & Hilary who decorated the Sanctuary so beautifully. Also, thanks to those who gave donations and provided 'props' for the displays.

# 58th ANNUAL CHURCH CONVENTION

A WEEKEND OF GREAT BLESSING, CHALLENGE & EMPOWERMENT

From the opening worship to the closing praise God truly blessed our Annual Convention.

Our special guest **Pastor Steve Pixlar** certainly challenged and inspired us through the preaching of The Word. Pastors and members from other Churches of God, along with visitors joined our own Congregation for the opening service on Saturday evening. On Sunday many visitors returned, hungry to hear more dynamic teaching and preaching and enjoy anointed worship. The Choir, Singers and Musicians excelled over the weekend as they ministered; God's presence in the Sanctuary was very evident.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the special Kids' Clubs with lots of stories, activities and tasty treats. On the Saturday evening after the Service, the Congregation stayed behind to fellowship and enjoy a "Delicious Supper". Many commented on what a special weekend it was.



Thank you to our Catering Team - once again you excelled yourselves!

Many thanks to the large team of very willing volunteers who worked so hard to make this annual event run so smoothly.

# B.B. Car Wash



The Car Wash has become an important event on the Church Calendar.

There was a steady stream of cars all morning and lots of willing workers to help with the 'elbow grease'!!! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Boys' Brigade in their fundraising.

**We raised a total of £340 for B.B. funds.**



# International Missions Day



Evangelist Richard Gunning (Reach the Unreached Ministries) along with Pastor Peter Karangu (Kenya), came to share their experiences and minister on International Missions Day.

It was a day of great blessing filled with energetic worship and anointed preaching. People listened attentively as Peter shared his powerful life story from witchcraft to Christ.

A short film was also screened showing the wonderful outreach undertaken through Reach the Unreached Ministries. On Sunday evening the Congregation raised the magnificent sum of £1,500 with all the proceeds going to provide a Church building in a rural village in Kenya.

What's The Best Gift God Could Give You?

Discover The Greatest Gift In The Universe

Come along to Life Explored and find out!!

Continues every Thursday until 23rd November at 7:30pm in The Upper Room

We've been enjoying times of great blessing as together we study God's Word and seek a closer relationship with Him.

Why not join us? To register please see Patricia Owens or Hilary Kyle.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY  
ITEM IN THE NEWSLETTER  
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**DATES FOR  
YOUR DIARY**

**NOVEMBER**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6.30pm**

**G.B. Enrolment**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6.30pm**

**B.B. Enrolment**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
71<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary**

**DECEMBER**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm**

**Seniors' Christmas Dinner**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm**

**Christmas Celebration  
& Mince Pie Supper**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12.30pm**

**Seniors' Christmas Lunch**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm**

**Carol Service &  
Children's Nativity**

**THANK YOU**

A **BIG thank you** to the team who very kindly gave up their time to look after car parking at the **North West 200**. As a result the Church received the wonderful sum of **£1,000**.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To **Gordon and Lindsay McAllister** on their recent wedding.  
**God bless you.**  
*"...and the two shall become one..."*  
(Ephesians 5:31)

**MAUD'S PENNIES!**

Maud Patterson's fundraising project is still going strong. She will be delighted to receive any copper or silver coins for the Building Fund.  
**Thank you.**

**SYMPATHY**

To the **Linda Kirk Family Circle** on the death of her **Mother**.  
To the **Richard and Rene Holmes Family Circle** on the death of **John**.  
To the Family of **Ann Patterson** on the death of her **Father**.  
To the **Cissie McCrellis, Anna McLaughlin & Rachel McCurdy Family Circles** on the death of their **Sister-in-Law**.  
To the Family of **Mary Owens** on the death of her **Sister**.  
To the **Pamela Esler Family Circle** on the death of her **Nephew**.  
To the Family of **Diane Knowles** on the death of her **Mother**.  
**Our prayers surround you.**  
*"...the God of all comfort"* (2 Corinthians 1:3)

**OLD-TIME HYMNS**

The live recording of our special Old-Time Pentecostal Hymns has proved to be very popular with many people buying them to share with friends and family. They can easily be posted and make a lovely Christmas gift.

**CDs cost £6 each or two for £10 with all proceeds to the Building Fund.**

**FILL A SHOE BOX & BRING A SMILE!**

Once again this year we are taking part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Drop Inn Ministries along with Team Hope will transport the boxes to countries in Eastern Europe and Africa, where they will distribute them to children who live in orphanages, are in hospital or whose lives are affected by poverty. Leaflets are available in the foyer and list items that are most suitable. If you don't have time to do all the shopping you can still take part by donating £10. Lyndal Speers and her team of helpers will do all the hard work for you!

**Closing date Tues. 7th Nov.** Please remember to include **£1** per box to help cover shipping. The Church is subsidising the transport costs! **Thank you.**

**ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS Choose a Gift – Change a Life!**

**How it works.** You decide how much you want to spend, select an appropriate alternative gift by completing the order form and return this with your donation to Hilary Kyle. You will then receive a gift card which you can pass on to family and friends. A family in **Kenya** will enjoy the benefit of your generosity! The distribution of the aid will be overseen by Reach the Unreached Ministries so you have peace of mind knowing that 100% of the money you donate will go directly to benefit the lives of very poor people in Northern Kenya. **Why not encourage your family, friends and work colleagues to get involved too?**



This is the **11th** year of our '**Alternative Gift Campaign**' and countless lives have been touched and changed as a result of your kindness.