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*The church in the heart of the town,
with the town in its heart*



July/August 2011

**Irvine Church of the Nazarene
8 Eglinton Street
Irvine**

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Pastor's Page



Those of you who know the church manse will be aware that part of the family is made up of two rescue greyhounds - Darren and Mandy (aka Asbo).

Sadly Darren, who is 5 years old, has been suffering from the 'Big D' for the past 4 weeks. He would eat you out of house and home but is unable to retain his food. The result is he is not getting the nourishment he needs and subsequently is losing weight rapidly - 8.5 kgs. This in turn is leaving him feeling weak and lethargic. To date the vets have been unable to diagnose the underlying cause.

Darren has been with us for 21 months and during this time he has given so much into the family. Darren just exudes love. When I come down the stairs in the morning or enter the house after having been out for a time Darren is right there, at the door to meet me. With big wide eyes and a wagging tail (even now in his illness) he greets me. As I enter he will turn and walk alongside, close to me, following my every step. Every evening, at some point, he will come to where I am sitting and snuggle his nose under my arm and lay his head across my lap - his way of giving a 'big love.' He just gives and gives and gives again.

'For God so loved you ... He gave.' He gave His only Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for your sin and mine. I look at Darren, a dog, and it hurts to see him suffer. How much it must have hurt our Father God to witness the suffering of His Son. In no way did Jesus deserve the mocking, the spitting, the scourging, the cross. In no way was He obligated to bear our sin and its consequence, death. But He took it and in doing so showed love in all its fullness. Have you experienced His love.

'Behold I stand at your door ... and knock.' Whether it be morning or evening He waits, patiently. He waits for the door to be opened so that he can greet you, welcome you, receive you. It doesn't matter what sort of a day you have had; come in full of the joys of spring or as a grumpy old man and the welcome will just be the same. He is pleased to see you come. You see, he knows what it is all about, He has been there, done that, got the tee-shirt! Have you opened the door of your life to Jesus?

'I will never leave you ... nor forsake you.' The promise is that He will be by your side every step of the way. He will be there for the many and varied twists and turns in your life. You will always know His love, you will always know His presence, you will always know His comfort. Does He walk with you?

Darren is only a dog. Indeed only one of many dogs. But he is my dog, and I love him, and I long to see him well.

You are only one human being, indeed only one of millions across our globe and across the expanse of time. But God knows you by name, he could pick you out in the crowd. He loves you.

Pastor Des

LIFE GROUPS

Closed for the summer period

DEVOTIONAL READINGS AND PRAYER HOUR

Every Wednesday at 7.30 - 8.30pm
in the church

CONGRATULATIONS

to Sarah and John Deaver on the birth of their new daughter, **Grace**. Please keep Grace in your prayers as she has had some breathing difficulties and has had to remain in hospital. Grace is little sister to Fiona.

UPDATES

1) If you have changed your address or telephone number in the past year please give the details to Ronnie at the amplifier so that the church register may be updated. Also, if you know of anyone in the church family whose address or phone number has changed please notify Ronnie even if you do not know the details and he will chase them up. Many thanks.

2) Also any birthdays or anniversaries you want included in the magazine please pass them on to Irvine Boal.

Pastors' Preaching & Pulpit Supply - IRVINE

JULY	AM (11.00)	PM (6.15)
Sun. 3rd	Shelley Kenny	Colin Wood <i>communion</i>
Sun. 10th	Des Robinson	'Fully Loaded'
Sun. 17th	Des Robinson	Des Robinson
Sun. 24th	Des Robinson	Claire Fender
Sun. 31st	Rev Jim Strachan	guest

AUGUST	AM (11.00)	PM (6.15)
Sun. 7th	guest	Claire Fender <i>communion</i>
Sun. 14th	Colin Wood	Findlay MacDonald
Sun. 21st	Des Robinson	Claire Fender
Sun. 28th	Des Robinson	'Fully Loaded'

* may be subject to change due to holidays

FULLY LOADED

During July and August, we will take a very relaxed approach to questions of the church's stance on a number of topical subjects. Maybe you have a question you would like an answer to; pass it in writing to Pastor Des and hear what he and others have to say on the matter.

Congratulations



Brian Souter, co-founder of the Stagecoach bus company and an active member of the **Perth, Church of the Nazarene**, was awarded a Knighthood in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Congratulations, on behalf of the church, have been sent to **Sir Brian** and his wife **Lady Betty**

On the move.

Rev & Mrs Tony Greenwood, former pastor of this church, are moving house at the end of July. Their new address will be;

26 Perth Drive, Tingley, West Yorkshire WF3 1TZ.

We wish the **Greenwoods** every blessing in their new home

Project Romania

Hi All, here is a photograph of young Thomas and Myself at the Edinburgh marathon (we had special vests made up to highlight the Scotland-Romania connection). We collected in the region of £600 in sponsor monies for this event. Our total to date is now in excess of **£5600**, hopefully by the time we fly out on the 3rd of July we will have reached £6000. Praise God for his hand in all our fundraising efforts and continue to pray for the team as the time approaches for the work to commence.

Regards Thomas



Please keep the team in your prayers.

Farewell



Pastor Alan Robertson

Sunday 12th June was Alan's last Sunday with us before heading south to Sheffield. Alan has acquired a job there, is looking to find a ministry opportunity and of course will be much nearer his fiancée Jenny whom he is to marry in October of this year.

Alan was presented with a small gift from the church as an expression of thanks for his voluntary ministry with us over the past three years.

Sunday School Trip - Dean Park, Kilmarnock



and they're off



so are we



so am I - to sleep



Let's show the kids how to do it



I'm good at this



I'm better than you



But not as good as me



Balancing with both hands



It's easier selling Avon



Wonder what I can do with these?



No trip is complete without a good packed lunch

It was easier to feed the 'five thousand'



I think I'll stick to playing the organ.

We agree Jim.

NMI



Hi Everyone.

It's hard to believe that it's now nearly July (almost Christmas). The first week of July is a busy one with our team off to Romania on a building mission and myself and some of our Sunday School children off to Camp at Whithaugh Park in Cumbria. The prayer requests for these two teams are very similar. Please pray for health, strength, safe travel, God's presence and power and the moving of His spirit during our time away.

While we are talking about prayer you may have heard people mention **Prayer and Fasting** envelopes and wondered what it was all about. Or it might be a

totally new thing to you. Either way I would like to explain. As far as NMI is concerned prayer and fasting is where an individual chooses to fast as God prompts them or on a more regular basis e.g. one meal per week and the money which would have been spent on the food is gifted to NMI and goes directly to the World Evangelism Fund which pays



to keep our missionaries in the field. Envelopes are available from Diane our treasurer. Perhaps you are unable to fast totally for a meal or period of time but don't let this stop you from taking part. Fasting can be cutting down or abstaining from certain types of food. The important thing is that time is spent in prayer for our missionaries, their work, their needs, that God might move and save souls etc. Jesus himself said that some things just would not happen except by prayer and fasting. That in itself should give us the push to do as He said or we accept that some things are just not going to happen. If you feel the challenge on your heart then in the words of Mary " whatever He says to you do it."

Ann Goodwin.

What's On



July

5th - Church Board meeting (7,15pm)

16th - Wedding of Dana Murray & Ross Prentice
St Andrews Church of Scotland @ 2pm

August

30th July -5th Aug. Northbreak

2nd - 8th Sunday School Camp

Jamie Davie

Congratulations to Jamie who passed his driving test on Tuesday 21st June.

The deadline for articles & items for next month's magazine will be the evening service on

Sunday 24th July 2011

Please give your article to Irvine Boal
or e-mail him at

irvineboal@msn.com

Baptismal Service

As a church we have concluded our Easter to Pentecost devotional readings and Sermon series entitled 'Resurrection Power'. It was very appropriate that this was celebrated with a baptismal service, using a portable pool. Pastor Des, assisted by Findlay MacDonald took four of the congregation Margaret Priestly, Siobhan Turner, Andy Donald and Callum Dunlop through the waters; worship was led by David Findlay, and a good congregation witnessed the presence of God in what was a very special service.

Following the service we had a light buffet meal together in the church halls. Thanks to all who assisted in any way.



The candidates with their sponsors



Callum



Margaret



Andy



Siobhan

Another Octogenarian



Pastor Des presented Bob Hamilton with a gift from the church to celebrate his 80th birthday. Bob then said a 'few' words of thanks as his daughter Janet and Ruth looked on. Appologies to Bob for this being omitted from last month's magazine.

Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

- 04 Douglas & Irene Dendle
- 07 Matt & Phyllis Tudhope
- 07 Norrie & Carissa Hyndman [1st]
- 08 Norman & Sandra Pride
- 14 Robert & Mary Campbell
- 16 George & Alison Ferguson
- 16 Iain & Eleanor Murray
- 17 David & Lianne Findlay
- 22 Tom & Hazel Ferguson
- 30 Donald & Janice Martin

AUGUST

- 03 John & Elizabeth Stevenson
- 05 Deborah & Seb Furt [1st]
- 11 Hugh & Janette Macmillan
- 18 George & Christine Hay
- 19 Findlay & Ella MacDonald
- 27 Sandy & Jennifer Dickson
- 31 Robert & Valerie Glencross

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

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|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 03 | Joseph Murray | 21 | Sandy Miller |
| 08 | Mary Hamilton [Miss] | 22 | Pat MacDonald [65] |
| 09 | Thomas Turner (Snr) | 24 | Timothy Mitchell |
| 10 | Kenneth Tudhope | 25 | David Purss [50] |
| 10 | Ivy Culbert | 27 | Chloe McConnell [18] |
| 11 | Dana Murray | 29 | Mark Robinson |
| 15 | George Ferguson | 29 | Kayla Morrison |
| 20 | Les Mitchell | | |

AUGUST

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|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| 01 | Irvine Boal | 14 | Diane Robinson |
| 01 | Margaret Young [60] | 15 | Damien O'Rourke |
| 01 | Brian Robertson | 16 | Sarah Ferguson [21] |
| 02 | Bill Conway | 19 | Irene Dendle |
| 05 | Rhys Bain | 20 | Connor Dixon |
| 09 | Alison Ferguson | 24 | Andrew McManus |
| 10 | Colette Paterson | 28 | Linda Brown |
| 11 | Alan Robertson | 28 | Iain MacLean |
| 11 | David Wallace | 29 | Stephanie Boal |
| 12 | Jack Storrie | 29 | Steven Purss [21] |
| 13 | Carolán Riach | 31 | Elliott Bain |
| 14 | Allan McCreadie | | |

Serving us July

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Andrew Robertson & Findlay MacDonald
assisted by
Irvine Boal & Ronnie Payne



DOOR STEWARDS

Findlay MacDonald & Fiona Murray **am**
Stuart Ferguson & Irvine Boal **pm**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church



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TEA ROTA

10th & 17th Alice & Isobel
24th & 31st Margaret & Marion



CLEANING ROTA

8th & 15th Elizabeth & John
22nd & 29th Ivy, Carolann, Joanne & Leena



Serving us August

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Pat MacDonald & Stuart Ferguson
assisted by
Jordan Dickson & Sandy Dickson



DOOR STEWARDS

Sandy Dickson & Jennifer Dickson am
Tom Ferguson & Andrew Robertson pm

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TEA ROTA

7th & 14th Diane & Morag
21st & 28th Elizabeth & Sadie



CLEANING ROTA

5th & 12th Margaret, Diane & Alison
19th & 26th Morag, Marion & Fiona



Weekly Programme

SUNDAY	11.00a.m.	Morning Service
	12.30p.m.	Sunday School
	6.15p.m.	Evening Service
	8.00p.m.	NYI
MONDAY	10.00a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
TUESDAY	2.00p.m.	Over 50's Fellowship
WEDNESDAY	10.00a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
	7.30p.m.	Life Groups
THURSDAY	10.00a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
	1.15p.m.	Women's Fellowship
	7.00p.m.	Life Group
	7.00p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit
FRIDAY	10.00a.m.	Prayer for the Nation
	7.30p.m.	F.L.A.S.H. (Youth Fun Night)



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Irvine Church of the Nazarene Mission Statement

*To glorify God and help
people become fully
committed followers of
Jesus Christ*