

ECCLESIA

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



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**Irvine Church of the Nazarene
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Pastor's Page



When it comes to cars, the month of May was not a very good month in the Robinson household. Two cars were causing me a major headache; one was off the road, the gearbox had gone; the other just wouldn't tell me why the brakes were not all they should be – was it a servo or was it a vacuum pump?

The problem with the latter was that the fault was intermittent; run a test and everything worked fine, no fault to be found, drive away and two junctions later poor braking was being experienced. The car reminded me of the Church in Laodicea, as recorded in the book of Revelation. Of that church Jesus said 'you are neither hot nor cold' – neither fully functioning nor non-functioning – and for that reason the church was not an instrument, not a people who could be used by Him in Kingdom building.

Maybe in the context of our Resurrection Power series of devotionals and sermons we could say the church had the head knowledge of the resurrection but not the life changing experience of its power. This is an easy place in which to find ourselves, but not the place where Jesus wants us to be. Of the same church he said 'because you are neither hot nor cold I will spew you out of my mouth' – I cannot use you, you are not dependable, I need fully functioning instruments, you are without power, resurrection power.

What I did with the car was persevere; the problem was never going to rectify itself, it was only ever going to deteriorate until one day it would cease to function and then I would know what was broken. It didn't take too long; the brake servo began to show clear signs of malfunction. The remedy was simple – replace it with a new, fully functioning part. Today I know that I can drive that car up to any junction, through any traffic and have effective brakes whenever I need them.

Many Christians limp through life approaching heavy traffic and road junctions with uncertainty. Concern and apprehension hangs over them with every step they take, every decision they make.

Many churches do likewise, in fact they cease to make decisions, cease to get into heavy traffic or approach major junctions and the parts cease to operate as they should, indeed, as they could.

It would be a tragedy if a believer, or a church had to come to the place of completely breaking down before he / she or it determined that there was a problem or waited until there was a complete breakdown before seeking to tackle the problem.

Our Easter to Pentecost journey is encouraging each of us as individuals and all of us collectively to come before Jesus and seek to know and experience a spiritual tune-up that will inject our lives with resurrection power – power to identify weaknesses in our Christian lives, power to carry them to Christ, power to see them strengthened and built up or where necessary eliminated. Power to live daily for Jesus, power to let Him shine through in our lives, power to be His witnesses.

Jesus said ‘you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.’ Our Easter to Pentecost series is encouraging every one of us, through the Word, to seek to know the Power of the Resurrection as a living, working spiritual experience. Encouraging everyone of us to know the infilling of God the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Your devotional booklet was not given to be a reading exercise. Read it as if life depends upon it, read it in prayer, read it with a desire to receive from it, read it with a hunger and a longing, read it with a willing heart and mind that says ‘Have thine own way Lord, have Thine own way. Thou art the Potter, I am the clay ... fill with Thy Spirit, till all shall see Christ only, always living in me’

Pastor Des

RESURRECTION POWER

Produced by the Eurasia Region of our church, this is a six-week devotional series that takes the reader from Easter to Pentecost.

The journey is all about our discovering the life-changing power of God in every area of our lives; resurrection power that has us living our lives with victory, meaning, purpose, fulfilment and power.

June 12th is our final message in the sermon series and with a baptismal service as part of the day I would ask that every one of us make a very special effort to be a part of it.

BAPTISMAL FAMILY DAY

Picture a morning service of celebration; followed by an open air baptismal; and then a church family lunch in the halls closing with a praise session. With no evening service you are encouraged to invite someone to your home and practise your ministry of hospitality. Make the effort; override your usual Sunday routine and let God, by His Spirit, visit us as a people united in Christ; the Church Family.

Pastor Des

Pastors' Preaching & Pulpit Supply - IRVINE

MAY	AM (11.00)	PM (6.15)
Sun. 5th	S.S. Prizegiving	Claire Fender <i>communion</i>
Sun. 12th	Des Robinson	No Service
Sun. 19th	Des Robinson	'Fully Loaded'
Sun. 26th	Des Robinson	Claire Fender

LIFE GROUPS

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm

Maureen's House – taken by Ann Goodwin
Church – taken by Pastor Des Robinson

Every Thursday at 7.00pm

Findlay's House – taken by Findlay MacDonald

FULLY LOADED

LOADED is a youth discipleship program put together and used by the Irvine NYI. I am proposing to take some of the subject titles and explore them as Biblical teachings and tenets of the Church of the Nazarene. This he will call **FULLY LOADED**; no grey areas, the church's stance, and the biblical basis for it. Some of these services (pm, once per month) will have more than one participant speaker, on occasion there will be a panel of speakers.

Pastor Des.

Nazarene Youth Int.



The NYI will be holding an activities week at the end of June. This will start on Monday **20th June** and will include many activities such as games nights, treasure hunt, barbecue and *'Don't Forget the Lyrics.'* The activities week is for NYI/FLASH members as well as young people starting secondary school in August. Please come and bring a friend, the more the merrier! Keep an eye on the NYI notice board for the dates and activities.

The NYI will finish on the **26th June** and will re-commence on the **21st August**.

During the holidays, weekend of the **12th-14th August**, the majority of our young people are going to head down to stay in the Sheffield Church and spend a day at Alton Towers.

FLASH will continue to run over the summer holidays on Friday nights 7.30pm -9.30pm.

Carissa

Sunday School

We enjoyed a fantastic day at the Sunday School District Sports. We gained 1st place over all, with our team gaining 38 first place medals and many 2nd and 3rd places.

Our session is now coming to a close with our trip to Dean Park, Kilmarnock, on Saturday 4th June. The bus will leave the church at 12 noon.

Prize Giving will take place on Sunday 5th June at 11.00am

Please plan to come along and join us for these final events.



Jennifer

Mr & Mrs Mark Robinson



Michelle & Mark were married on Saturday 21st May in the Church of the Nazarene, Morley, West Yorkshire.

Worship was led by **Rev Dr Ian Wills** [Parkhead], the ceremony was conducted by **Rev Dr David McCulloch** [NTC Principal], the preacher was **Rev Derrick Thames** [Perth], readings and prayers by **Rev Des Robinson** [father of the Groom]

The evening reception was held in the Gomersal Park Hotel, West Yorkshire



The 'Robinson' family

Women's Fellowship

We had our annual Conference on Saturday 30th April. Our speaker was Mrs Mary Wood who spoke on the theme 'You shall be called a new name'.

1. A new name for Jacob - God's dealing with an individual.
2. A new name for Israel - My people, God's dealing with a nation.
3. A new name for the church - Our part in God's salvation plan.

In all these areas there is a personal application of the truth to our own hearts.

What great subjects and what a challenge to every one of us and to the church. The Conference was well attended but the numbers from our own church were very disappointing.

We will be starting our summer break by going to the 'Gables' on 16th June for lunch.

Remember those who are ill at this time and who are having treatment. We pray that God will lay His healing hands upon you. Why not send a card or better still visit when possible.

Jean Paterson

The Dead Donkey

A Pastor went to his church office on Monday morning and discovered a dead donkey in the car park. He called the police. Since there did not appear to be any foul play, the police referred him to the local Health Dept. They said there was no health threat so he should call the Cleansing Dept. The manager there said he could not pick up the donkey without the authorisation of the Leader of the Council. Now the Pastor knew the Leader of the Council and was not too eager to call him. The Leader had a bad temper and was generally hard to deal with, but the Pastor called him anyway. The Leader did not disappoint. He immediately began to rant and rave at the Pastor and finally said, "Why did you call me anyway? Isn't it your job to bury the dead?" The Pastor paused for a brief prayer and asked the Lord to direct his response. He was led to say, "Yes, it is my job to bury the dead, but I always like to notify the next of kin first."

You can thank **Mhoira Paterson** for this one

What's On



Saturday 4th - S.S, Trip

Sunday 5th – S.S. Prizegiving

Tuesday 7th – Church Board meeting (7,15pm)

Sunday 12th - Open Air Baptismal Service (starting 11.00am)

Sunday 19th - **Items for July/August magazine by evening service**

Congratulations

Christy Kerr & Robyn Cole have passed their driving test.

Drivers are advised to keep well away from Dreghorn & Irvine

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

Sunday 19th June 2011

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

irvineboal@msn.com

Prayer for the Nation

With the Scottish elections having come and gone we now have a governing party with a huge majority intent on independence and whilst it would appear that the majority of the people do not support total independence from the U.K. the SNP no longer need the help of other parties to push their legislations through.

Pray for great wisdom for all parties, that they will listen to each other and work together for the good of the people and the Nation.

Re-elected Margo MacDonald MSP has vowed to renew plans to change Scottish law on euthanasia and assisted suicide, with a third of the newly elected being first time parliamentarians she is hopeful that she can get the support she needs. She said, "with this question being one of conscience and individual belief on the part of MSPs it may be that the balance in favour of assisted dying has changed."

In case you missed it, the new equality law, the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), came into force across Great Britain on the 5th of April.

The law obliges 27,000 public bodies in England, Wales and Scotland such as schools, police, and local councils to actively push equality.

Critics say it will be bureaucratic and expensive. But even more laws are on the way.

A ban on gay ministers has been lifted by the Church of Scotland. It was brought in two years ago after the appointment of a gay minister in Aberdeen.

The ban was overturned at the Church's General Assembly by a vote of 351 to 294.

The lifting of the ban comes despite warnings that the Church could lose whole congregations if they approved appointing gay clergy.

Once again sharing Christian faith has resulted in disciplinary action, this time against a doctor who has been practising for twenty eight years.

Dr Richard Scott, who works in Margate, Kent in a practice well known for having Christian partners has been threatened with an Official Warning by the GMC and is currently under investigation.

In 2010, Dr Scott saw a patient on the practice list at the request of the patient's mother. At the end of the consultation, the patient and doctor discussed religion, each being of different faiths. The patient has continued to seek treatment from the practice, but his mother filed an official complaint, claiming that the GP had not offered medical advice during a consultation, but instead, talked about Jesus!

Dr Scott said: "I only discussed my own and mutual faith with the patient's permission at the end of a lengthy medical consultation after exploring the various interventions that the patient had previously tried, and after promising to follow up the patient's request appointment with other medical professionals.

Please pray for Dr. Scott and others who are being persecuted in the workplace for sharing their faith and taking a stand on Christian and moral issues.

We continue to meet every Friday from 10 am-12 noon to share information on the state of the nation and pray for revival, do feel free to join us.

Pat

Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 01 David & Alice Purs
- 10 Jordan & Hayley Dickson **[1st]**
- 22 Stuart & Yvonne Middleton
- 27 Kevin & Tricia Harkness

Birthdays

- 02 Gavin Pride
- 04 Carly Glencross
- 04 Kate McGeachie
- 05 Lynn Birkinshaw
- 06 Claire McAtee
- 06 Caitlin Wallace
- 09 Rebekah Ferguson
- 11 Diane Gilchrist
- 11 David McManus **[40]**
- 14 Charis Middleton
- 15 Dawn Martin
- 17 Maxine MacDonald
- 26 Ann McManus **[70]**
- 27 Euan Storrie
- 28 Dewberry Paterson
- 30 Mary Fulton **[93]**

Serving us this month

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Tom Ferguson & Callum Dunlop
assisted by
Elaine Kerr & Stuart Ferguson



DOOR STEWARDS

David Purss & Alice Purss [am]
Andrew Robertson & Thomas Turner [pm]

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5th Sunday School Prize Giving
12th Elaine
19th Jennifer
26th Sandy



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TEA ROTA

5th Ann & Sarma
12th & 19th Jan & Alison
26th & 3rd July Moira & Jean

CLEANING ROTA

3rd Morag, Marion & Fiona
10th & 17th Ann & Alice
24th & 1st July Jan & Willie



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*