

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PRAYER MEETINGS

Join us on the FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH 8.00-9.00pm in the BCM Centre, Seymour Street Lisburn. All welcome and all needed!

### BCM WEEKENDS

**City Teens**  
21 - 23 February 2020

**City Kids**  
20 - 22 March 2020

**Summer Training**  
17 - 18 April 2020

**City Teens**  
12 - 14 June 2020

### WOMEN'S WEEKEND

**24-26 April 2020 at Mullartown House**  
this is open to all women; there will be time to relax, chat, and have meals served to you!  
*You can find information about this and booking forms on the website or by contacting the office.*



## CEO Update

In the book of Revelation we are reminded that one day we are going to be part of a multitude which no one can number, standing in the presence of God, worshipping our Lord and Saviour. It is our heart's desire and prayer that many children and young people from NI will join us on that day. At our recent vision day we reflected on our current ministries and considered how the work of BCM NI might be developed in the future in order to help more and more children and young people engage with the message of the Bible. In particular, with God's help, we would love to reach those from communities who don't currently have many opportunities to learn God's word, and those young people whose additional needs often exclude them from involvement in regular Camps and Bible Clubs. Please pray with us for God's guidance and provision.

**Judith Rogers**

## MAKING BCM NI BETTER KNOWN

If you would like a member of the BCM NI team to come to your church to talk about the work of BCM in Northern Ireland please email [office@bcmni.org](mailto:office@bcmni.org)



**ANNALONG**  
Presbyterian

FEB 08

MAR 14

**LISBURN**  
Baptist

FEB 22

MAR 21

**6.00 - 7.30pm**  
**Bible Lessons - Quiz**  
**Songs - Drama**  
**Crafts - Memory Verses**  
**Fun & Games**

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## Bible Clubs Updates



### Candy

This year in Candy, instead of choosing a theme and appropriate bible stories to match, we decided to go through the book of Samuel, telling the children a little part of the story each week. We had hoped that through getting familiar with the characters in the book, and the development of their individual circumstances, that the children would learn something from it. It has been so encouraging to see how much the children can remember from one week to

the next; each night they amaze me with the facts that they have learnt from the previous weeks. I think it has been beneficial for them to learn about the ups and downs of the lives of Bible characters, yet still see how God is with them even in the low parts of their lives. I have really enjoyed helping the children discover that the God of the Old Testament is the same God who is with them through each of their individual circumstances today. (photo of Candy Christmas outing)

**Cathy Hanna**

### Markets Bible Club

"How do we know the Bible is true?" "When is God going to make a new world?" These are just some of the questions asked by the children at our 6-week club during which we focused on the life of Abraham, trying to answer the question "What is faith?". Pray that faith would take root in the hearts of these children.

**Judith Rogers**

### Stoneyford

"It is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes!" As we look back over recent events and how things have just fallen into place we realise afresh how he is the Potter and we are the clay! In September we moved our Bible Club to a local church hall; there is much more room and we are also nearer to the kids in the village. It is a great new opportunity to reach out and wonderful that the Club has been able to continue during my time of illness. Thank you to all those who have been praying for me and for our Bible Club. Great to have the support of BCM!

**Joan Gregg**

**Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6**

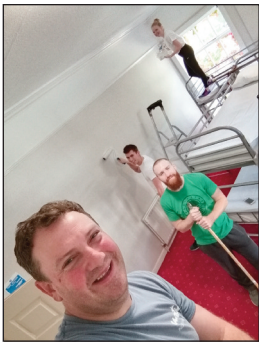


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# Interns Update

## Emily Kane

Back in October we launched our kids' camp follow up, **Mountain Top**, once a month in Lisburn and Annalong. With games, craft, stories, quizzes and memory verses we are taking the barn with us! Over the weeks we have been teaching the kids about their need to be prepared for Heaven, and we are currently going through the Lord's Prayer. Your prayers that more kids would come along, as well as prayer that those who do come are more settled and listen to

## Nathanael McIlveen

A new year and we're excited about our outreach to schools. We work with children from numerous backgrounds. The interns help out at junior and senior SUs at **Kilkeel High**, leading small groups and discussing the Gospel. The SU at **Shimna Integrated College** stands out from the rest of our work as most of the pupils are not churched. This has been challenging as the kids have little Biblical knowledge but has also

## Jonny Dodds

**Oaks** has been going well this year. Numbers have been the highest they have ever been, and they are split relatively evenly between the older and younger groups. We have been working our way through the book of James focusing on consistent Christian living. We have had two joint nights so far this year. On the first joint night Nathanael and I gave our testimonies and on the second

the story would be much appreciated.

As well as this, I have been involved in **Bubbles**. We have been teaching the girls about how to approach reading their Bibles as well as looking at the Armour of God. I have been so encouraged by the girls in the middle age group and their enthusiasm and interest to learn more. Pray that this will continue throughout the year and that we as leaders will be guided in what we study with the girls throughout the rest of the year.

been very encouraging as numbers have grown from 3 to 15, and we can witness to unsaved kids. We put together 6 week lessons for **Annalong & Newcastle Primary**. Our theme was "Child Heroes of the Bible", we got to teach about the impact that children their own age had. We also led an assembly at **Maghaberry Primary School**. This was an exciting experience, it allowed the team to bond and utilise our different gifts in the planning.

joint night we had a spiritual health check with the lads.

We have been able to do a lot of maintenance work at **Mullartown** so far this year which has included painting several dorms and creating a path and flowerbed around the pond. Our main project so far this year has been renovating the disabled bathroom by the front entrance. We have also started to renovate the pool room too.

## BCM Missionaries



### Scott & Joanna Widman

"Will you take this woman?" The words that would turn any man's legs to jelly! Well, on December 21st, 2019, we had the pleasure and honour of hearing our son take those amazing vows and enter into the next phase of his life as a married man. God has brought a lovely Christian woman named Carolyn into his life. It was so much fun to watch him sweat before the service and see the grins on their faces after the service!

One of the perks of going to the wedding was that it was held in Florida. Oh the hardship! Twenty-two degree temperatures in December are not too hard to take! Another blessing was being able to spend Christmas with family - the whole family! It was the first time in five years that we were all under the same roof; we were so thankful for an amazing time together.

Back home now in Northern Ireland. But we can take a box load of great memories into 2020 and a new year of ministry. To God be the glory!

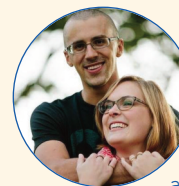


### Jason & Gemma Hill

Since September we have been busy with weekend groups, schools work, interns, maintenance, bubbles and regular church commitments.

We are so pleased to see Mountain Tops started and regular contact with campers and friends. We are so thankful for those who come along and volunteer to help put on this additional programme.

We have fully appreciated the larger team at Mullartown as we have been able to pick up many more opportunities, both at Mullartown and off-site. As we begin to think about next year please pray that God will bring us the right interns for Sept 2020.



### Nate & Rachael Heater

(currently in the USA)

We are continuing to work towards returning to Northern Ireland. While there isn't a firm timeline for getting back, we are trusting God to re-open the door when and how He pleases. In the meantime, we are both pursuing further schooling, working with BCM in a variety of roles, and enjoying each cup of decent tea we can get our hands on!

## DISCIPLESHIP UPDATES

### DEEPER

At Deeper this year we have been looking at the lifestyle of Jesus; what was different about his life? How do we apprentice our lives to Jesus to make our life more like his life? We have looked at reading, meditation, prayer and intercession. During our reunion weekend we looked at Jesus' attitude to sin and the grace he offers us; we had 5 young people say yes to this life with Jesus over the course of the weekend!

**Dan McCready**

### OAKS

A great encouragement at Oaks has been seeing past members joining the leadership team. They have benefited from Oaks and are now giving of their time to encourage and support our current members in their Christian walk.

We have also been encouraged this year by the return of our regular members along with a few new ones. We have been particularly encouraged by our current group of sixth formers who wanted to stay on at Oaks when they are reaching an age where the things of this world seem to have more of an attraction and they normally would drift off from Christian organisations. This has given us an opportunity to split into two groups (Junior & Senior) which has helped us to tailor our studies better.

**Alastair Glenn**