

TOGETHER



"Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others" (Romans 12:5)

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500 YEARS ON, LUTHER CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

by Dr Joseph Wood



Martin Luther

in right relationship with the Father. Years of worrying about his stance before a holy God disappeared upon the revelation that, according to the Bible, all of the works in the world could not do what only Christ has done.

Luther's discovery compelled him to challenge any teaching which made works a requirement and not a result of faith. In his Preface to Romans, Luther wrote, 'Faith is a living, unshakeable confidence in God's grace; it is so certain, that someone would die a thousand times for it. This kind of trust in and knowledge of God's grace makes a person joyful, confident, and happy with regard to God and all creatures.'

Just over 200 years later, those words were being read in a society meeting on Aldersgate St in London. A young priest, who was struggling with grace, works, and faith, sat listening intently to the words of Luther. He would later reflect in his Journal he felt his, 'heart strangely warmed' when he also realised that faith is a gift. The inspiration of Luther rippled its way through the centuries, calling people to receive the gift of faith, and believe in the work of Christ alone for salvation. In this year of celebration, may we be reminded that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone. May this truth continue to inspire us in each generation.

This October Christians around the world will remember what many have called the spark which ignited the Protestant Reformation. It will be 500 years since Martin Luther penned his 95 Theses in which he highlighted points of disagreement he had with the Catholic Church. Seven years before this, Luther made a pilgrimage to Rome. A loyal subject of the Catholic Church, he wanted to visit the 'New Jerusalem' and experience what life might be like in the centre of Christendom. This journey was also fuelled by his struggle with temptation and fear. A pilgrimage to Rome would secure the grace from God which he so desired. But after a few days in Rome, he quickly found that the teachings of the Church and the lives of the clerics were not matching up. In today's language, he could say these priests and church leaders were not 'practicing what they preached'.

For the next few years Luther dedicated his life to studying and teaching the Bible. He became a University lecturer who meticulously read the Bible in its original languages. When he began to read through Romans and Galatians, in particular, he was struck by passages on grace and works. He began to realise it is through faith one becomes justified, or is made

righteous, by God, not by works. Faith in Christ, not faith in works, brings one



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CHURCH LEADERS SAY "THANK YOU"

Thanks have been expressed to all who supported and were involved in the DARE TO DREAM and DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES WEEKEND (17th-19th March in Paisley, Scotland). The preparations and planning, the facilities and catering for the weekend, and the speakers and all who took part were of a high quality. Almost 400 pre-registered for the D2D Conference with an actual attendance of around 380 and nearly 60 completed the 'feed-back' questionnaire, with 60% rating the conference highly. Thanks are expressed to every respondent for their participation – for the many positive comments, for helpful observations and for comments of constructive criticism. The two District Assemblies transacted all necessary business on the Friday morning (17th March), with Dr Gustavo Crocker (GS) and Rev Arthur Snijders (Regional Director) chairing the sessions. The St Matthew's Church was packed for the Sunday morning worship and ordination service, with 700-800 attending.



South District Ordination Group - (l. to r) seated Rev Diego Lopez (ordinand), Rev Jinsub Chung (credentials recognised); standing, Dr Gustavo Crocker (GS), Palmira Lopez, Rev Don Mentch, Youngsun Chung, Rev David Montgomery (DS). (Originally a Nazarene, Rev Chung is a graduate of Korean Nazarene University, and was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of Korea; he plans to pastor in the UK).



Ordination Service - a packed St Matthew's Church on Sunday morning 19th March



North District Ordination Group - (l. to r) seated, Rev Ann Goodwin, Rev Zoe Donnelly, Rev David White (ordinands); standing, Dr Gustavo Crocker (GS), Rev Jim Ritchie (DS), Rev Tommy Goodwin, Peter Donnelly, Rev Rosemary Davidson, Emma White.

IN MEMORIAM

After a short illness Rev Norman Salmons went to his eternal reward 23rd April - a month after his 97th birthday. Originally from Battersea with Speke Hall connections, and converted as a teenager, Norman felt the call to be a missionary in Africa. He became interested in the work of the International Holiness Mission in Africa and began attending the IHM Tabernacle on Battersea Rise where he met his wife to be, Joan Hill. Following training at Emmanuel Bible College, Norman Salmons left for Mozambique in 1949 to serve with the IHM and was joined by and married to Joan Hill in 1952. Serving now with the Church of the Nazarene, the Salmons gave 17 years of faithful missionary service in South Africa and Mozambique, returning to the UK in 1969. For nearly 15 years (1971-1985) the Salmons pastored the Croydon church. Joan Salmons passed away in 1994 (age 75) after 42 years of marriage. During retirement years Norman faithfully supported the Croydon church and exercised a ministry of encouragement to his successors. In December 1998 Norman married Beryl Stevens...Beryl passed away in 2008.



Rev Norman & Joan Salmons
(taken c 1993)

The Salmons had 4 children – Alison, Andy, Roger & Paul. (Roger died in 2003 of a massive heart attack, age 47). Alison and Paul both brought tributes at the Service of Thanksgiving for Rev Norman Salmons held in a packed Croydon church on Wednesday, 17th May. (Andy, a former Major and Bomb Disposal Officer, lives in Australia and was unable to be at the service). The service was taken by Croydon pastor, Rev Edward Davis, and family members and grandchildren took part...others taking part included Rev David Montgomery (DS) and Rev Colin H. Wood. A Service of Committal followed at Beckenham Crematorium.

We thank God for the life of faithful service, as a missionary and pastor, of Rev Norman Salmons and remember his family...including the 7 grandchildren (in the UK and Australia) at this time.

YOUTH IN MISSION

A team of young people from the Perth Trinity church, led by associate pastor, Jack Swan, visited Greece 20th-27th February to work in a refugee camp based in Katerini, in Central Macedonia. Although many in the camp had been forced to leave, and only about 45 remained, the team, working alongside Nazarene Volunteers, Jacob & Dorothee Morris (Trevecca Nazarene University alumni), was able to visit the camp at least once a day, help with practical tasks, meet the people, hear their stories, and play games with the children. Dorothy Tarrant has also been working in Greece and teaching English and the girls in the team were able to sit in the class that Dorothy was teaching to refugees who had already been housed in the town.



'The Team' (l. to r)
Connor Claypool, Amy Swan,
Isla Fraser, Jack Swan,
Hannah Clarkson, Ben Clarkson

Jack Swan comments, "I think we were all very surprised at how quickly we felt welcomed in the camp...we were given gifts of fruit and welcomed with open arms...for the last night we were there they planned a falafel meal for us and we were able to help prepare the vegetables. It was a lovely night...we eventually left the camp at 2.00 am because we just didn't want to leave. Even though we couldn't speak their language, some of them could speak ours very well! We did not get to meet everyone in the camp as some of the mothers and girls stayed in their rooms. We are all so thankful for the opportunity to go out to Greece and meet these people...all our expectations were 'blown out of the water'...we expected some to be hostile, we expected the place to be dirty, we expected problems with communication...but these people are the nicest people we could have met and we all wish we could have spent longer with them to hear more stories and build stronger friendships. We were there to join with the Morris family and with Dorothy Tarrant to show God's love, not necessarily through words but rather through life and relationship."

INDUCTIONS

LLAY – Pastor David Gilmour was inducted to the Llay, N. Wales, church on Saturday, 6th May. The Induction was conducted by Rev David Montgomery, (DS) and Rev Michael Kane (Carrickfergus), who had served in Llay as Youth Pastor some years ago, was the preacher. Originally from Carrickfergus (N.I) David Gilmour has served as Youth Pastor in Carrick and as Associate Pastor in the Megain Memorial Church, Belfast. A modern history graduate (BA) from Queen's University, Belfast, David is pursuing an MA course at NTC...he is married to Sarah and the Gilmours' have one son, Nathan. The church was packed for the induction and everyone enjoyed a cream tea following the service.



(l. to r)
Rev David Montgomery (DS),
Sarah & Pastor David Gilmour
and Nathan

DEWSBURY - Pastor Joseph Prescott was inducted to the Dewsbury, W.Yorks, church on Saturday, 13th May. Rev David Montgomery (DS) conducted the induction, and Rev Bruce Lloyd (Sheffield), who has been interim-pastor in recent months, was the preacher. Prayers were offered by Joe's grandfather, Rev Ken Prescott, and by former pastor, Rev Tony Musgreave. Joe has been brought up in the church and is the son of Stephen & Lisa Prescott, who are involved in the Dewsbury church (Steve is worship leader). And Joe has a rich heritage from both sets of grandparents who are part of the Dewsbury fellowship...Rev Ken & Gwen Prescott and his maternal grandparents, Peter & Pauline Waring (sadly Pauline passed away last year). Joe is a graduate of the University of Leeds with a BSc degree in Accounting and Management, and is studying for the MA degree at NTC.



Pastor Joseph Prescott (l) and
Rev David Montgomery (DS)

EASTER BAPTISMS

Easter Sunday is always a wonderful time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is also a great time to celebrate the new life of the believer. Christian Baptism is an act of surrender and obedience and a sacrament to signify the dying of the old life and the rising to the new. It is not only a means of grace but also an act of witness and testimony. Two churches that held baptisms on Easter Sunday were Ardrossan and Parkhead (Glasgow).

In ARDROSSAN four were baptised: Betty Hutton, Tracy Main, Careen Oberheim & Luke Tatlow. Rev Nathan Payne is the pastor of the Ardrossan church.

Six were baptised in PARKHEAD: Mary Fitzpatrick (Snr), Mary Fitzpatrick (Jnr), Kaitlin Di Folco, Mary Abiola Wadda, Ahmad Choubi & Ross Mahon. Dr Ian G Wills is the senior pastor of the Parkhead Church.



Luke Tatlow being baptised in Ardrossan with
(l. to r)
Rev Nathan Payne & Rev Geoff Austin

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL RE-APPOINTED

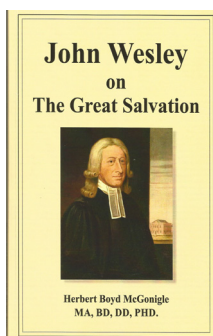


Dr Deidre Brower Latz

PRINCIPAL RE-APPOINTED – the College is delighted to announce that the Board of Governors has unanimously re-appointed Rev Dr Deidre Brower Latz for a further five-year term. Dr Brower Latz was first appointed Principal in 2012 and, building on the foundations laid by her predecessors, has overseen significant progress and development in the work and ministry of NTC. The Chair of

the Board, Rev David Montgomery commented, “Deirdre leads a team with a strong missional focus and a passionate spirituality. We are delighted that she is going to take the College into the next phase of its growth.” Married to Dr Andrew Brower Latz, Deirdre is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and has also served the church as, pastor (Bristol and Manchester), Global NYI President, a College lecturer, and holds a doctorate (PhD) from Manchester University.

NEW BOOK



The latest book in the monograph series from the pen of College Principal Emeritus, Dr Herbert McGonigle, carries the title, “John Wesley on The Great Salvation” (81 pages). The book is dedicated to Dr McGonigle’s wife, Jeanne, who passed away 5th February, and the preface contains a moving tribute to Jeanne’s life and testimony and to the 55-plus years of marriage that the McGonigles shared together. The foreword is written by Rev Karl Stanfield (Manchester, Brooklands), who for a number of years has been the

McGonigles’ pastor. The book focuses on Wesley’s understanding of the doctrines of sin and universal grace, and his interpretation of Article 17 of the 39th Articles... “Of Predestination and Election.” Books by Dr McGonigle can be obtained from him, c/o Nazarene Theological College.

2017 LECTURE SERIES AT NTC

SYDNEY MARTIN MEMORIAL LECTURE 30th May, 7.30-9.00 pm. “From Here to Eternity: Human Pain in the Divine Story”. Dr Sally Nelson is a Baptist minister and teaches at St Barnabas Theological Centre (Sheffield) and at the Northern Baptist College (Manchester). She is also an adjunct lecturer at Cliff College (Calver).

MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE (MWRC) LECTURE 13th June, 5.00 pm. “‘Works of Grace and Providence:’ The Structure of John Wesley’s Theology”. Professor Howard Snyder is International Representative of the MWRC; Former Professor of Wesley Studies, Tyndale Seminary; Former Professor of the History and Theology of Mission, Asbury Theological Seminary.

DIDSBURY LECTURES 23rd-26th October, 7.30 pm-8.30 pm. “Priesthood and Sacrifice in the Epistle to the Hebrews”. Professor Philip Alexander, Emeritus Professor of Jewish Literature at the University of Manchester, and Canon Professor Loveday Alexander, Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Sheffield.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – the Board holds two main meetings each year and comprises the District Superintendents and elected lay and ministerial members from each district. The Board meets with the College Principal and with other designated College personnel. The Board is concerned to support and promote the work of the College and met 5th-6th May.



Front row (l to r) Rev Nicole McConkey, Mary Wood, Rev Lynn McLean Birkinshaw, Steve Leach, Tg' M'etn Uep' Hg'f' Jez Smith, Rev Jim Ritchie (DS), Rev David Montgomery (DS).

Back row (l to r) Andrew Grayson, Ian Burleigh, Chris Ross, Rev Michael Kane

SUMMER SCHOOL



Some of the ‘Summer School’ participants

Approximately 30 attended this year’s Summer School held at NTC, 15th-17th May, which is designed specially for pastors and church workers. The theme of the conference was “Outward Looking Disciples” and the main speaker was Neil Hudson – Elim pastor and author, and Director: Imagine Project at LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity). Members of the College Faculty also took part with some speaking about new books available on current and relevant topics. One participant commented, “It was a well-balanced and stimulating programme.”



LADIES CONFERENCE



(l. to r) Jane Austin, Pat MacDonald, Janet Hands

The annual Irvine Ladies Conference was held Saturday 22nd April, with Janet Hands and Jane Austin as the speakers. The theme was, “Rise Up – No Longer Slaves” and approximately 45 attended the two sessions. Audrey Patterson reports, “ We had a wonderful time of fellowship... Janet told us that the word ‘slave’ meant one person having power over another. In 1807 the movement William Wilberforce led resulted in the Slave Trade Act and, although in 1833 an Act was passed giving freedom to all slaves in the British Empire, there are still over 36 million slaves in the world today. We must remember them in our prayers and have to courage to speak out in the face of injustice. Jane gave a wonderful testimony of God’s saving grace and spoke about slavery and how it can be any addiction, any sin, opposing God’s will or having our own chains of dependence. We were reminded that the ‘Kingdom of God’ is our responsibility. Jesus, on the cross, provided for our Salvation, and now we have a duty to do His Will on earth by spreading the ‘Good News’ and by living lives pleasing to God.”

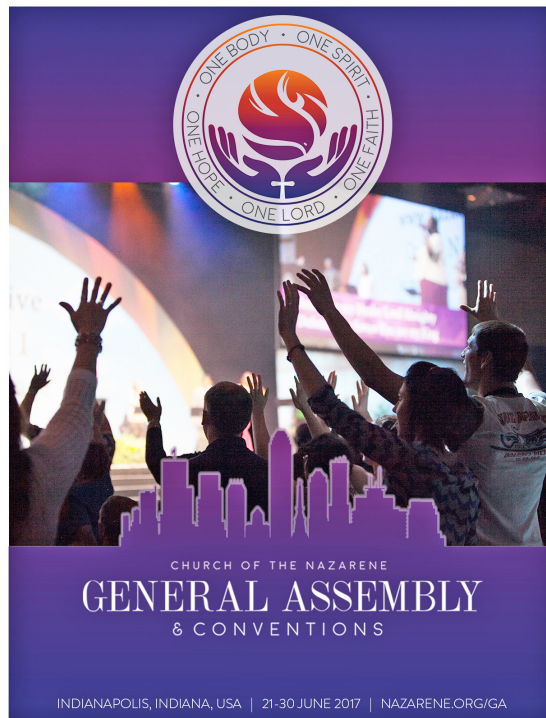
SPORTS DAY

Rain was forecast, but a short downpour was not able to dampen the enthusiasm and spirit of the runners, jumpers, skippers and sack-racers! Held again at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena on Saturday, 27th May, with a good crowd in attendance, this North District annual event was again a great success. In addition to individual medals, special presentations were made to the winning teams - 1st Parkhead, 2nd Carlisle, 3rd Ardrossan. Thanks to Jordan Dickson (Sports Director) and his team, and to Rev Nathan Payne (SSDM Chair), Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE (Announcer) and Rev Steve Chism (Rally Speaker).



Sports Day Crowd

Winning Team - Parkhead



LIVE ISSUE AT BROOKLANDS

Colin Elliott (singer and songwriter) with singer Heather Vient and his N. Ireland based Gospel Band, “Live Issue” were at the Brooklands, Manchester, church, 20th-21st May. The group sang to a packed church on the Saturday evening and also shared in the Sunday morning service – which was followed by a fellowship lunch. The group brought much blessing to the church and one comment was, “...it was a brilliant weekend.” Local pastor, Rev Karl Stanfield, says, “I would recommend ‘LIVE ISSUE’ to all our churches; they were informative, full of fun and vitality and all the messages given to children and adults were inspiring and challenging”.



‘LIVE ISSUE’ in concert



‘Live Issue’