

# GWYNNE GAZETTE



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*“But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”*

*Matthew 6Vs17-18*

## BUT THOU, WHEN THOU FASTEST.

“There are times when preachers should quit preaching, teachers should quit teaching, and all of us should leave of Bible study even, should even cease to win souls, in order to pray. The apostles said, “we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4). They put praying before preaching. That is what Jesus meant when He commanded the disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to tarry in Jerusalem as they prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost.

Thus, fasting and prayer simply means to put prayer first, before the desire for food or before anything else that would take our energy or our attention too much from the matter of prayer.

Fasting is an aid and adjunct of prayer. Some things never come to a child of God “but by prayer and fasting”. If prayer is good, then more prayer is better. If earnest prayer pleases God, then sometimes, surely, He is pleased when the prayer is so earnest that we do not want food nor drink nor sleep or any other ordinary pleasure. If God is pleased for us to seek Him, then sometimes surely it pleases Him for us to lay aside every weight, abstain from everything that might absorb our energy, interest and thought that we may give ourselves wholly to the matter of prayer.” John R. Rice Asking and Receiving.

**The War Room – Prayer:** The war room spans over 3 media platforms: Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp. Our desire is to have more people engaged with prayer on our behalf. Taking the topics that we share each week and making those the focus for prayer so that the reader/hearer will feel they know how to pray for us specifically, feel like they are engaged in the ministry of CEF and get to know us a little bit better.

Our prayer and vision for the “war room” is that we might see 2 or 3 prayer groups emerge that start to pray specifically for CEF in Armagh for even 15 minutes each month or bi-monthly, either in person or using technology.

**Connections:** We are continually reminded that successful ministry is built upon relational connections. We need to stay connected to our volunteers, our supporters and with pastors and ministers. This is vital, yet so time consuming.

In the 3 years of Jesus earthly ministry, he invested His time in 12 men. Maybe it’s a pattern that we could follow. We are praying for connections with 12 individuals OR Pastors OR churches OR a blend of all three that we can “connect with” to help them look at developing their children’s ministry, or to enable them to connect to a mission where their gifting can be utilised and developed.

**Evangelism – Good News Clubs:** Good News Clubs are the bread and butter of CEF’s winter ministry. Currently within the county we have 18 clubs that meet weekly or bi-weekly to work their way through the 4-year curriculum of material.

Some of these clubs are established and have been running for years. We praise God for dedicated Bible teachers who demonstrate their faithfulness to the children, and the word of God through thick and thin.

Our prayer is to see 20 clubs running, and operational within the county. Pray with us for teams to see 2 more commence.

More clubs mean more children reached with the Gospel, more children to filter towards summer camp and more volunteers to attend regular training classes.

**Evangelism – Schools:** What a great use of your time to stand before every child within a school and deliver a simple evangelistic, doctrinal or missionary lesson. Along with Ruth Lavery we reach over 2250 children each month, with the Gospel, in 15 different schools.

There is scope to do much more, but we are curtailed by time. Maybe you could pray for another helper who would like to experience this ministry, see it in operation and go teach in a few schools.

More doors open, means more children reached but we cannot take every opportunity that we are offered due to time constraints.

Join with us on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for a Day of prayer and fasting. There are great financial burdens placed upon the mission at this time (Seaview Landslide, National Office operational costs and local area shortfalls); only God can fix the problem.

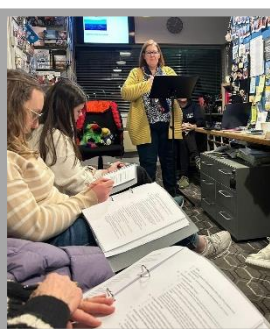
**Training:** One of the obstacles that stops people getting involved in ministry is “lack of courage” - the thought that “I just can’t do that”. It’s amazing how a little bit of training can help overcome those doubts and generate some confidence. The fullest form of training that we can provide is a Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 course.

The course is divided up into 3 modules. **Module 1** (Doctrine of the Gospel & Scripture Memorisation) conducted over 4 weeks, **Module 2** (Importance of the teacher, Good Discipline and counselling for Salvation) conducted over 3 weeks and **Module 3** (Preparing and demonstrating the Bible lesson) conducted over 5 weeks.

Our prayer for 2026 is to see Module 1 live in January, Module 2 live in May and Module 3 live in October. We assume that getting students to commit for shorter blocks will be easier than 12 weeks in a row.

**Evangelism/Connections - Holiday Bible Clubs:** If ministry is built upon connections, then perhaps there is no better option in the summer months to work at this than through the Holiday Bible Club ministry. A time when we can offer our help to local churches to conduct an evangelistic outreach campaign for a week in the summer. This lets us connect with churches and reconnect with pastors and volunteers on an annual basis as we work together to evangelise children.

The Holiday Bible Club pack for this summer is called “Out of this World”, order forms have been sent and offer of help has been given. Today will you pray for this important summer outreach opportunity.



**Rest:** Have you ever said, “there just aren’t enough hours in the day”. Or “there just aren’t enough days in the week”. We can understand what this means; there just seems to be so much to do that we never really get on top of it. I think this would be the case for so many evangelists.

Carrying about a burden for lost souls is exhausting, the mission field is extensive and your own sense of “calling” keeps you motivated. It’s very possible to become consumed with the “ministry of doing” that you forget the Biblical principle of rest. Just having a day for your family, yourself and to relax is important for overall general health. Please pray for us to have the wisdom to know when to say “yes” and when to say “no” and not to feel guilty.



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**Ministry Priorities:**

- **Prayer:** “Without God we can do nothing”
- **Connection:** “Without help we can do little”
- **Training:** “Without training we become stale”
- **Evangelism:** “Without a vision people perish”
- **Rest:** “Without rest we are prone to exhaustion”

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