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*John 21:25* "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

## WONDERFUL STORY.



MickeyMouse

Many wonderful stories have been animated through the genius of Walt Disney Studios and Pixar. Our children have come to recognise these characters and immerse themselves in their fantasy world. We do not need to battle with the will of our young people to encourage them to sit and watch a feature length cartoon but yet we struggle to maintain good attention and discipline in our Good News Clubs.

Many children can be seen in the playground vividly re-enacting entire scenes from various movies and using accurate quotations to tell the story. But how many stories of the Lord Jesus Christ do those same children know? How many verses from the Bible can they accurately quote? The challenge that we face this year is to endeavour to separate the fact from the fantasy and have the children, who have been entrusted into our care, not learning about Santa but about the Saviour.

Please be in much prayer over the month of December for the many Christmas Clubs that will take place up and down our county. Pray for the many children who will be taught by faithful teachers the lesson entitled "The Light of Life". Pray that at this special time of year many of those young people will receive the greatest gift that the world has ever known, the salvation of their soul. We pray that the lasting impression of Christmas 2007 would not be the Glitz, Glamour and the Gifts but that it would be the Scriptures, Saviour, Sacrifice and Salvation.

It has been a real encouragement as we have called and visited with a number of the Good News Clubs and Teachers in the area, we heard reports about a number of Junior Helpers in these clubs who would like training. As a result of this we have planned a Junior Helper training day on 12<sup>th</sup> January in Portadown. If you know anyone aged 14 or older and think that they might benefit from some training please don't hesitate to contact us for further details.

The New Year will see a re-launch of the Youth Challenge ministries with the purpose of trying to generate awareness of the Youth Challenge programme and achieve growth and stability in the numbers. Over the past months the numbers have began to fall away and we want to encourage stability and commitment.



Sleeping Beauty's Castle

If you know of any young people between the ages of 11-15 years old who are free on a Monday evening but would love a time of fun and fellowship drop us a line and we will forward you a programme for the rest of the year. Also remember that the JYC weekend is coming up on 8-10 February please book your place early to save from disappointment.

If over the Christmas period you would like to send a little financial gift to the work of CEF in County Armagh, even to cover the price of postage, you can do so with the details printed at the bottom of this prayer letter. We thank and deeply value your prayers over the past few months and it has been great to see and watch God answer those prayers. Please continue your vital role in our ministry by praying with us and for the many boys and girls in County Armagh.

**Pray for:**

- The minister's classes and the school assemblies as we continue a series on the attributes of God (Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Immutable) and projecting into the New Year we will be focusing on sin and its consequences and the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Growth and stability in the numbers at the Good News Clubs and that many children would come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own and personal Saviour.
- Good News Club Junior Helpers training day planned for 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- The regular teacher training class held on the last Saturday of every month.
- Finance for the area. That God would touch the hearts of His people to give to His Work.

**A few dates for your prayer diary:**

- Sun Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> : Nativity Service, Glengormley Free Methodist.
- Sun Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> : Preaching at Claddywater, Morning and Evening.
- Sun Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> : Children's Talk, Lurgan Baptist.
- Fri Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> : JYC Weekend at Kilkeel.
- Wed Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> : Mid week service, Moira Presbyterian.
- Wed Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> : Woman's Meeting, Bethel Baptist.
- Sun Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> : Children' Church, Mall Presbyterian.

Don't forget to check out our Blogspot. You can find us at [www.gwynnegazette.blogspot.com](http://www.gwynnegazette.blogspot.com)

Yours in His service,

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