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## Airdrie Summer Weddings

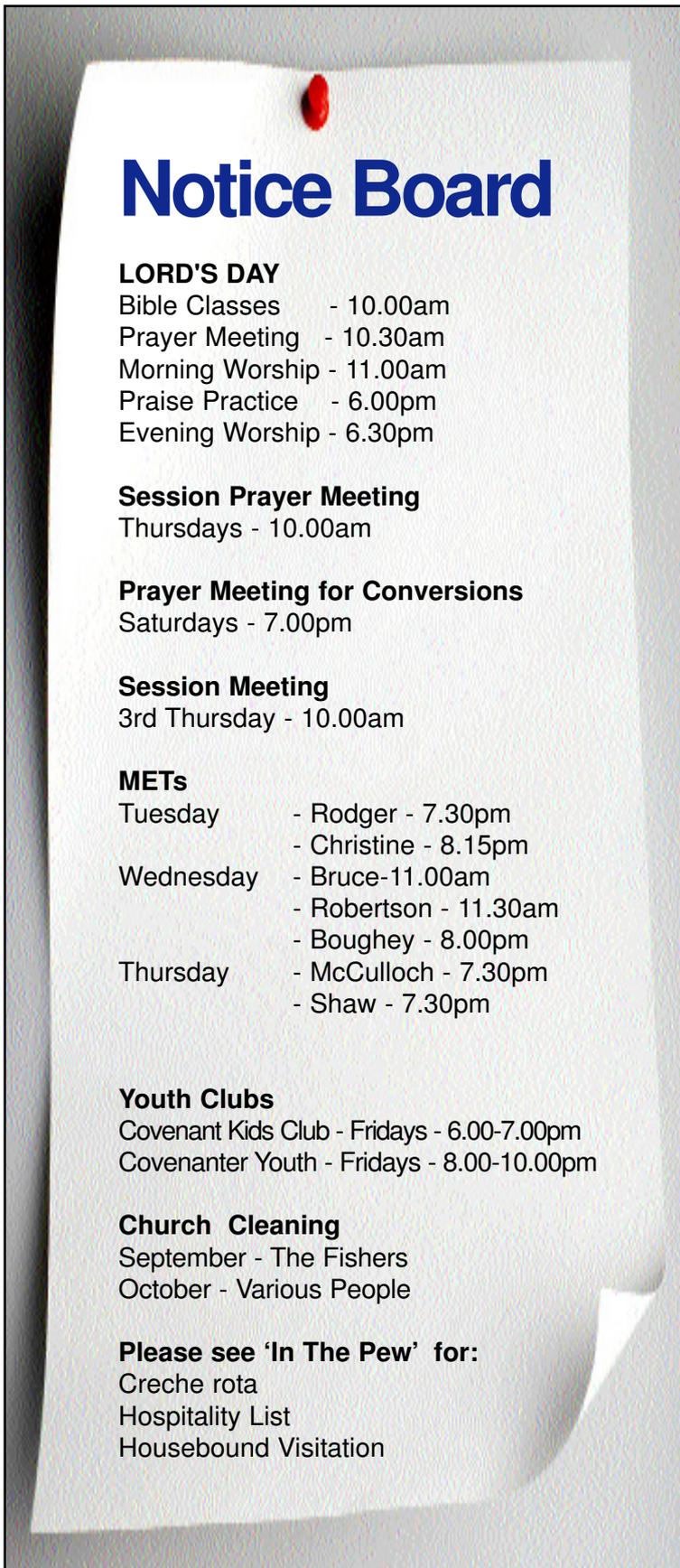


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# MINISTER'S STUDY

Well the summer is almost over. The children are back at school, and the body life of the congregation is beginning to pick up again.

The challenges, as always, are before us. There is the personal challenge of striving to grow in love for the Lord and those around us. There are the family challenges of seeking to encourage one another in our walk with the Lord, and there are the congregational challenges of working together to build one another up in the faith and bring the good news of the gospel to our community.

On our own we don't have the energy, nor the ability to meet these challenges head on, but in Christ and with each other's help we can certainly face them with hope and expectation.

Your minister,  
 Andrew

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# Summer Weddings

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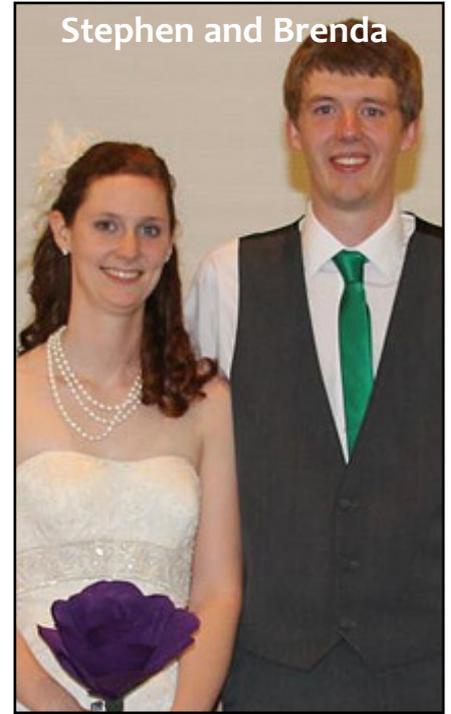
The wedding of Megan McAleese, a member of the church, and William Johnston took place on Friday the 1st June at 2pm. Around 150 people were in attendance on this beautiful sunny day, and it was a joy to see and hear the singing of the Psalms, the happiness the couple had, and the wonderful sermon preached by Rev. Andrew Quigley about sin and grace and the gifts of God. After the worship service there was a light reception in the hall for all. William is a member of Newtowncrommelin Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland, and he attended Airdrie RP Church for 4 years while studying at Glasgow Caledonian University. Megan and William will be living in Northern Ireland. We will miss Megan, but we are thankful to the Lord for providing her with a godly husband, and we wish her well in her new life.

Stephen and Carla



On the 10th July at 11.30am, 140 people gathered at Airdrie Reformed Presbyterian Church for the wedding of Carla Quigley and Stephen Steele. Rev. David Fallows led the worship service, and Rev. David McCullough preached on Psalm 128 and the great blessings that are found in Christ. After the service, there was a light lunch provided in the church hall, and then later on in the day a meal and reception at New Lanark. It was a joy and delight and an answer to prayer to see Carla, a covenant child who had grown up in the congregation and had loved and served Christ and His Church in many, many ways over the years, be united in marriage to a godly husband. We pray for the Lord's blessing on her and Stephen as they start their married life together in Northern Ireland where Stephen is a student for the ministry.

Stephen and Brenda



On Wednesday the 18th July the wedding of Stephen McCollum and Brenda Gladfelter took place at First RP Church in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Stephen attended Airdrie and became a member while a student at the University of Glasgow. Brenda participated on 3 RP Mission Teams to Airdrie and the Semester in Scotland programme as well as making many other visits. Rev. Ken Smith preached at the wedding on Christian marriage. Stephen and Brenda will be living in Beaver Falls for the next two years while Stephen finishes his training at the RP seminary in Pittsburgh, but their hope is to return to Scotland after that.

***We have prayed consistently that God would bless our young people with godly life partners.***

***We give thanks to Him for these three weddings, and we commit to continue praying for our young people!***



# Covenanter Youth

Covenanter Youth (or the CY) is the name of our youth group. There are 15 in this group, ranging in age, and in job/school situations, but most of them are in the 16-20 age range. Almost all of them are from the church with a couple friends that come along as well. Often young people from the Glasgow RP Church or other Glasgow churches will join us on a Friday night.

These young people are involved in a broad range of activities throughout the year. Most of them are interspersed amongst the various MET groups that meet each week; many of them attend the Adult Bible Class each Lord's Day morning; and several of them run the Covenant Kids Club each Friday night. Every Friday night, after the Covenant Kids Club, the CY gets together for a predominantly social time. In 2012 some of the things we've done have been a quiz night, a night where we dressed up like a Disney character, nights when we watched DVDs or played video games, a night we went go karting, a night we heard about RP church plants in America, nights when David Karoon and Gordon and Carol Smith gave their testimonies, a night where we played lasertag, a night when we met up with those in the Edinburgh Fellowship for pizza, activities with the GO Team, a birthday party excursion to Edinburgh, and a goodbye party for Megan and Carla. Several of the young people attended Camp Reunions, Arbroath Weekends, and other conferences. Some went on Mission Teams this summer.

We are thankful for the constant investment of time, money, and prayer that the congregation has put into the young people, and we pray that the young people would continue to grow in the faith, love, and service of the Lord.

## Where Are They Now? Noah and Lydia Bailey

*Noah and Lydia came to Scotland  
on the Semester in Scotland programme in 2004*



On 15 September 2004, we sat alone in the sanctuary of the Airdrie RP Church. We sang a Psalm, prayed briefly, and then a very nervous Noah got down on one knee and proposed. It was one of many Scottish experiences that radically reshaped our lives. We married the following summer and five children (Katherine, Michael, Julia, Andrew, and Elaina) have filled our first seven years of marriage. After Noah finished his studies at RPTS and his presbytery exams, we accepted a call to plant a church in Enid, OK.

By God's grace, the work grew and we now have a RP church here. We enjoy a vibrant ministry to the pilots of the U.S. Air Force who are stationed nearby and a growing presence in the city of Enid. In addition to our work in Enid, we are eagerly praying and working toward more RP church plants in Oklahoma and Texas, especially near military bases. Please pray with us! We remember our time in Airdrie fondly and are building much of our lives on the lessons we learned among you!

## Ladies Pudding Party

On Monday evening the 28th May, 29 ladies from the Airdrie and Glasgow churches gathered at the Three Sisters Bake Cafe in Quarrier's Village, Paisley, for a pudding party to say goodbye to Carla Quigley and Megan McAleese who both are getting married and moving to Northern Ireland this summer. It was a lovely evening with tea, cakes, scones, and lots of time to chat.



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2012

JULY 21-27

HOME NEWS

The RP Church of North America runs an International Conference every 4 years. It was held this year from the 21st-27th July on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Over 2,100 people were there – 500 more than 4 years previously. Almost 500 of those attending were age 13 or younger. Besides the United States and Canada, there were Reformed Presbyterians present from Scotland, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Australia, Japan, South Sudan, India, Asia, and Uganda.

Seven of us travelled to this Conference from the Airdrie RP Church, and it was well worth the trip. Dr. Joel Beeke was the main speaker, and his talks were on the theme: 'How To Live the Christian Life.' He spoke on: how to cultivate holiness; how to cultivate prayerful prayer; how to cultivate effective family worship; how to cultivate living Christ-like through affliction; and how to cultivate running the Christian race to the end. They were all excellent and can be downloaded on sermonaudio. In addition to these daily talks, there were two worship services on the Lord's Day and worship services on Tuesday and Thursday nights where Rich Holdeman, Dave Reese, Bruce Martin, and Tim McCracken preached.

In the morning and afternoon there were many and varied seminars on offer. Topics ranged from prayer to Psalm singing to outreach to mercy ministry. There were also seminar updates on the RP Churches in Cyprus, South Sudan, East Asia, Japan, Australia, and Scotland. There were seminars about the work of the American RP Seminary in Pittsburgh, the work of Geneva College (the American RP university), the potential for a new mission work in India, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church mission work in Uganda (though not an RP mission work, many RP men and women have been involved and assisted in this work). During the adult seminar times, a children's programme was running and highschool and college programmes were going on. There was a sports centre on the campus, and there were other scheduled activities like concerts, trips to a water park, and an ice cream social.

The three things I personally loved about this conference were the excellence of the talks by Dr. Beeke; the fun of seeing and spending time with so many friends many of whom have visited Scotland on mission teams or internships; and the





Fraser, Connor, Elle Reese, plus lady quietly reading in the background!

encouragement of hearing from those directly involved about what Christ is doing in His church around the world. I knew it wasn't possible, but several times during the week, I wished that everyone in the RP church could have been there to share in the talks, fun, and encouragement of the week. But in 2014 the Irish RP Church will be running an International Conference in Scotland... so mark your calendars now.

*Beth Bogue, Airdrie RPCS*

#### **Quotes from some of the Airdrie group who were there!**

I loved the way the conference was big enough that you were constantly seeing new people, and small enough that you often ran into people you knew. And the encouragement of seeing how our denomination is growing rapidly and internationally. The workshops too were excellent - so many applicable topics that it was very hard to choose! - *Karen Reyburn*

I really enjoyed the conference as a whole. The talks delivered by Joel Beeke were so simply explained but still challenged you to look at your own Christian walk. Also a big highlight of the conference was the fellowship we had and meeting up with people who have been on mission trips to Airdrie. I am really looking forward to going again. - *Audrey Bryce*

I liked the fact that there were lots of college age girls, plus a few others as well. - *Connor Quigley*

## **RP Minister's Wives Conference**

The last Friday in May is traditionally the day that the minister's wives from the Irish RP Church get together for an afternoon of fellowship. Each year the venue is rotated round the four presbyteries, with different ladies organising it, so the programme is always slightly varied. This year we met at Markethill, near Armagh, for lunch, followed by a craft activity. Then there was the opportunity for a walk in the local forest park, or shopping. We met back at the venue for some tea and a group photo before heading home. These ladies' days out are always a good opportunity to renew friendships, meet the new young minister's wives, and to be encouraged as part of a larger body. I also get an opportunity to visit with family!



*Heather Quigley*



# Getting to Know... Sam Bell

I served a 5 year apprenticeship at the age of 16. It was with Barclay Curles Dry-dock at Scotstoun West Glasgow. Travelling from Pollok /Mosspark with a bus to Govan Cross Subway to Merkland St, then bus or tramcar to the dry-dock which took approx 1 hour. Started work at 7.40am and finishing at 5.00pm.

I was trained as a Marine Engineer, mainly in ship repairing. This experience was invaluable for being a Ships engineering officer looking after the ships engine and auxiliaries. Going to sea at the age of 21 was the first time I had been outside of Glasgow (apart from summer holidays to the Clyde coast); it was exciting to meet with the other deck and engineering officers, we had a Pakistani crew. It was also exciting as I joined the ship M.V. Kallada in Middlesburgh, and then sailed to London, and was there for the Queen's coronation, and the following day walked down the Pall Mall to Buckingham palace with thousands of other people.

Being at sea was very much a routine - being on watch in the engine room between ports sometimes for a day or two - the longest time was thirty days from Sri Lanka to Jamaica. When off watch it was eating, sleeping, sunbathing, reading, and table tennis, etc.

The exciting bits were arriving in new ports, going ashore, wining and dining, and generally looking around and meeting with the different nationalities. The route was mostly U.K. to India via the Med. and Suez Canal, and then across the South Atlantic to the West Indies, ending up in Cuba and the U.S.A., and then back to the U.K. approximately a sixth month voyage.

After about seven years, when I was married to May for two years, I was engaged as an estimator with Stewarts and Lloyds, later British Steel. I had too many jobs to describe here, ending up with British Leyland, Bathgate, as a Planning Engineering Manager and then Project Controller.

Now resident in Airdrie, I regularly came to the R.P. Church with May and her mother (Mrs. Frame). I had no church background, and it was around seventeen years later, in my early forties, under the ministry of Rev. Ray Morton, that I was converted. Two years later I was elected as an elder.

In 1988 I found myself redundant as B.L. closed down in Bathgate, and after a short period of time I was encouraged by John and Ella Russell to consider studying at the Bible Training Institute in Glasgow. At that time my desire was to know God's Word more thoroughly, and after two year's full time study came out in 1991 with a Diploma in Theology.

When I was seeking the Lord's guidance before graduation, I was approached to consider Campaigners, whom I had never heard of, which was a uniformed organisation for boys and girls, on a part time basis. This was not my idea of serving, however after sensing this was God's will to be involved in youth work, I accepted the post of Executive Development Officer for Scotland, and with a measure of success in opening up many Campaigners groups, the post was made full time. I retired from Campaigners eight years later. They were some of the most memorable years of my life.

For many years I have witnessed the R.P. Church in Scotland in serious decline with Loanhead and Glasgow closing and dwindling numbers in Stranraer and Airdrie. Seventeen years ago when the Airdrie RP Church called Andrew Quigley, God began to turn this decline into growth. Due to Andrew's vision and ministry, under God, we now have growing churches in Airdrie, Glasgow, Stranraer, Stornoway, and a church plant in Edinburgh. We must remember with gratitude the church in Northern Ireland who kept the Scottish church continuing during difficult times by providing us with men for the ongoing ministry.

My hopes for the future are that God would continue to build His church in Scotland, and that He would bless the plans of Presbytery to commence a Reformed Seminary to train men to serve as Ministers in the Scottish church.

Sam

# SUMMER CAMPS

Each year we have the joy of sending those of our children who want to go to the Irish RP Church Camps in Northern Ireland. This is a financial investment but one which we pray will contribute to the great spiritual return we long to see reaped in the lives our children and young people.

## Girls Discovery Camp

*This year Jessica Muir and Catherine Quigley attended Girls Discovery Camp in Coleraine from the 28th July – 4th August. It was Jessica's second year at summer camp and Catherine's first year as a day visitor. We asked Jessica and Catherine a few questions about Camp:*

### **What was your favourite activity at Camp this year?**

Jessica – I liked the canoeing and kayaking best.

Catherine – I liked when we went to the pool and went swimming.

### **What were the talks on?**

Running the Race

### **Was there anything that you especially remembered from the talks?**

Jessica – It really stood out for me that we needed to be prepared to run the Christian race.

### **What was your favourite thing about Camp this year?**

Catherine – Getting to stay overnight on the Thursday.

Jessica – Meeting new Christian friends.



Jessica



Catherine

# Girls Adventure Camp

This year Caitlin Quigley went to the Irish RP Girls Adventure Camp in Armagh, Northern Ireland from the 21st-28th July. We asked Caitlin a few questions about her time at Camp:

**How many times have you been to Camp in Northern Ireland?**

This was my third time, once to Girls Discovery Camp and twice to Girls Adventure Camp.

**What was your favourite activity?**

I liked 'Little Miss GAC'. This was when we divided up into teams and made over the leaders into different 'Little Miss' characters like 'Little Miss Hippie' etc.

**What were the talks on?**

The book of James.

**Was there anything that especially stood out for you from the talks?**

I really remember the talk on 'Taming the Tongue'. It was about how what we say reflects God, and we need to be more Christ-like in our speech.

**What was your favourite thing about Camp this year?**

I really liked getting to see everyone and having time to have fun and fellowship with them.



# Boys Discovery Camp

This year Calvin Quigley attended Boys Discovery Camp from the 28th July – 4th August in Armagh, Northern Ireland. It was Calvin's second summer at Camp. We asked him some questions about his week at Camp.

**What was your favourite activity?**

I really liked the watersports and the squad games. The theme for the week was the Olympics, and my squad were called the pole-vaulters. We were the worst squad at Camp – overall, we won nothing. But I still liked the squad games.

**What were the talks on?**

Joshua, and at evening worship there were talks on words in the Bible that might be hard to understand like eternity, Israel, repentance, etc. On Sunday we went to Rathfriland RP Church.

**Was there anything you especially remembered from the talks?**

In the second talk we learned about how God said things like, "I will be with you", and then we saw how God was with Joshua his whole way through it, through everything that happened.

**What was your favourite part about Camp this year?**

I really liked the activities we did outside of Camp, and the squad games, and the food was good. Also, the memory verse (Hebrews 12:1-3) was easier to remember than last time.



# The Global RP Church

RP Churches on the five continents of the world

## First RP Church, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, USA

The First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania is as its name indicates, the first Reformed Presbyterian Church established in Beaver Falls. It was established November 10, 1874 with 24 members. The Geneva RPC was founded November 4, 1892 as a "daughter" of the First RPC which was located on the southern end of "down town". Geneva RPC was established because Geneva College was relocated from Northwood, Ohio to Beaver Falls on College Hill - the name of the area of Beaver Falls where the College was constructed. The two congregations merged in November 2004 and Presbytery effectuated the merger in early 2005. The congregation worships in the First RP church building in Patterson Township. The Geneva RP church building was sold to Geneva College, which is using the education wing for some music classrooms.

Presently there are 111 communicant members and 27 baptised members. Because of the number of children in the church, the session decided to hold Sabbath school after worship to encourage children to be able to be in worship more easily. A fellowship time

is enjoyed between worship and class time. We celebrate the Lord's Supper bimonthly beginning in February. There are studies through the week of various types. Two Small Groups have been organised to help the congregation become better acquainted with each other. Elder David Tweed and Ken Smith oversee one Group which meets in the Tweeds' house on the first and third Wednesdays of a month, and Elder David Schaefer and Jonathan Morton oversee one Group which meets in the Mortons' house of Friday evenings. Elder Matt Filbert and his wife Heidi have a Dessert & Devotions ministry every Tuesday evening for Geneva College students. Elder Tim McClain, who is also licensed to receive a call to the Gospel Ministry, conducts a morning worship service the first and third Lord's Day each month in the Reformed Presbyterian Home in Pittsburgh, PA under the oversight of the Session.

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**“ Quigley, a man who can not be ignored... ”**

Quigley continually espouses sound theology...but does so with great love and with great brevity. He preaches Salvation and Redemption. Quigley does not shy away from hard doctrine to win popularity.....it also helps that he is Irish and thus has the knack of just getting to the point very very plainly.... I like this mans toughness in love. He is direct, but very sincere, approachable and intelligent....

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