



CAMP SHAMROCK NEWSLETTER

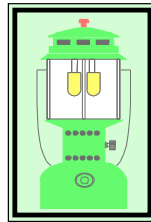
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SHAMROCK 2004

Hello all you happy campers! I hope you all had a great time at camp this year! I'm sure you will agree that it was a successful few weeks in Tollymore once again despite the weather which wasn't the best.

For those of you who didn't make it, the theme this year was Plugging into the Power. Clark headed up the classes, and he, along with a few other counsellors did a great job in reminding us, through biblical characters such as Moses, Joseph,



PLUG INTO THE POWER

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that it's always important to remember the power of God and make the most of it in your life.

We hope that you enjoyed the new activities we introduced this year, and we hope to continue to give you more variety in the years to come. We even had some crazy new songs about german conductors!

Thanks to all of you who helped to make camp a success this year, campers and counsellors alike!

It would be great to see you all keeping in touch with us and each other more this year and of course come back next year so please let us know if we can be of any help to you in getting you in touch with anyone you forgot to get contact details from.

Take care & God Bless you all.

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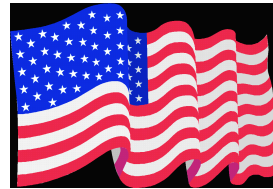
9 - 11

This is something to make us all stop and think.....

After Sept 11th, one company invited the remaining members of other companies who had been destroyed by the attack on the Twin Towers to share their available office space. At a morning meeting, the head of security told stories of why these people were alive..... and all the stories were just:

The 'L I T T L E' things;

- The head of the company got in late that day because his son was starting pre-school.
- Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.
- One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.
- One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of a car accident.
- One of them missed his bus
- One lady spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.
- One's car wouldn't start.
- One went back to answer the telephone.
- One had a child that dawdled and didn't get ready as soon as he should have.
- One couldn't get a taxi.



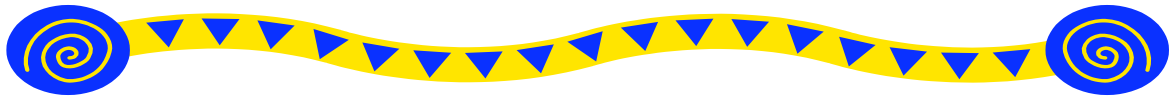
The one that really gets to you is about the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a store to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

There may be a lot of 'little' things in life that annoy you. Getting stuck in traffic, a phone that doesn't stop ringing, people getting in your way, you're late for an important date, bad hair day etc....! Maybe then is a good time to think to yourself, this is exactly where I'm supposed to be at this very moment.

So, next time your morning seems to be going badly and everything that could go wrong does, don't get mad or frustrated; someone is watching over you.

May that someone continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

Make the most of every day that God gives you and always remember to thank Him for 'the little things'



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Want the opportunity to see all your friends again from CAMP 2004? Well, this is your chance! Roz has decided she misses everyone so much that she is organizing a youth activity day in October as a mini camp reunion!

The activities will be held in Crawfordsburn Country Park, near Bangor and will run from 1pm to 5pm. You will have to be there for 12.30 am though to get organized before the activities start.

We will be running three different activities, which will be:

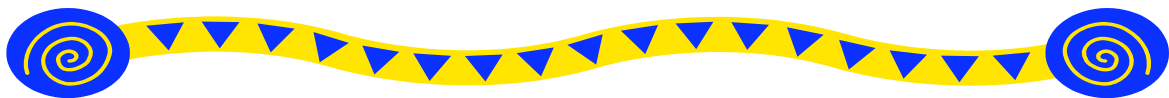
- ♣ Assault course
- ♣ Archery
- ♣ Climbing Wall

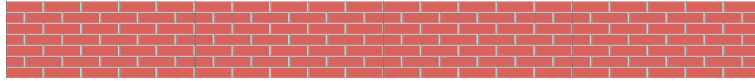
The price for the day will be £7.50, which covers the cost of all three activities.

SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER
 CRAWFORDSBURN COUNTRY
 PARK
 1pm - 5pm

You're very welcome to bring a friend but please let us know if you going to be there as we need to know numbers **BEFORE** the start of October so that we can book the actual activities. If you do not let us know that you are coming then we cannot book the activities and you will not be able to do anything! So make sure and let Roz know by emailing her or calling her. Her details are on Page 6.

Make sure you wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and wet. Please also make sure and bring a change of clothing with you as the assault course can get quite messy. Showers are available.





A young and successful executive was travelling down a neighbourhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

THE BRICK

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the street towards their home.

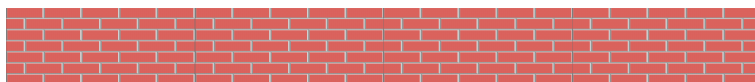


It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar.

The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message;

"Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.



May your life never be so busy that you forget about the one who gave you it.

CAMP DVD'S



Would you like your very own copy of this year's camp on DVD? Bert has captured some great scenes of the camp from both the boy's week and the girl's week which include the football, the singing, the competitions, general activities and of course the prize night at the end of each camp.

If you would like one of these DVD's to keep, please contact either myself or Bert at the numbers below and you can have the memory of Camp 2004 to show your parents, relatives and even your friends who couldn't make it this year but may want to come next year. This is a great way of showing them just what they're missing out on.

The cost of the DVD is only £3.00, which includes postage within the UK. Please note though that if you have an older DVD player, the disc may not work. If you would like to try it anyway but find that it doesn't work, please contact us for a refund.

A LASTING MEMORY OF CAMP 2004 TO KEEP FOR ONLY £3.00

For all you older campers out there, we also have copies of most other years, which can be put onto DVD for the same price. If you would like to have one of these too, please let us know.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2nd Timothy 1:7

Dates & Upcoming Events

We have some great events planned for the next year to keep you going until you get back to Tollymore in 2005 so keep reading if you are interested in staying in touch with your friends from Camp and want some more fun and fellowship....



Crawfordsburn Youth Day

The perfect opportunity for a camp reunion! Roz is organising this activity and full details of it is on page 3 of this newsletter. If you need any more information please call Roz on 028 91459252 or email her at

butterflykisses_rcd@hotmail.com

Avoca Youth Weekend ~ Following the great success of last years youth weekend in Avoca Manor, Ireland, Clark and the youth of the Dublin congregation are planning on doing another weekend in February 2005 with the same sort of activities as last time. Keep it free and we will give you more specific details in the next newsletter.



Camp Shamrock 2005 ~ the proposed dates for camp next year are; for the Boys, it will be on Monday 11th July to Tuesday 19th July and for the girls Thursday 21st July to Friday 29th July. We hope that you will keep it free so that you can come back for more of the same fun you had this year!

These events have been organised for YOUR benefit (although we will enjoy them too!) so we hope that you can make it to them and have fun while learning about God.



BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

- ♣ Protecting our children
- ♣ Setting good standards
- ♣ Implementing good practice

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I do/do not wish to receive any further copies of this Newsletter.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

Please send me a copy of the application form for camp 2005 YES NO