

2022 BEACH SPECIAL



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FÁILTE! WELCOME!

It's summer again - time to relax and enjoy the sea, sand and sun.

For 50 years UBM have been providing free fun and games for all the family and we are delighted to be able to return to the beaches this summer after several difficult years when COVID prevented us from carrying out our full beach programme. Why not join in our morning games, our fun-packed 'Holiday Special' each afternoon and our super family events in the evening?

Come along as a family or group of friends to one of our fun nights or special themed evenings. Maybe you could try your hand at building the best sculpture in our Sand Modelling competition! We also run teen nights and activities during the week.

WHO ARE THE BEACH TEAM?

We are from different walks of life, we come from around the whole island of

Ireland and further afield, we're young and old, and come in all shapes and sizes!

WHY ARE SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF PEOPLE SPENDING THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS ON YOUR LOCAL BEACH THIS SUMMER?

Although we differ in many ways, there is one thing that unites all Beach Mission team members: a belief in the life-changing message of the Bible. We are Christians from different backgrounds and different churches, who have chosen to spend a week by the sea sharing this good news with anyone and everyone!

Inside this edition there are interesting stories for you to read as you relax on the beach or in your holiday get-away! Have a read through the paper; try solving some of the puzzles, or perhaps send away for our free giveaways.

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If you have any questions about the work of United Beach Missions please don't hesitate to talk to the team leader.

KFC It's finger lickin' good



Harland Sanders was born in September 1890, near Henryville, Indiana in the USA. Although we know him as a successful franchise founder, during his lifetime he held a number of varied and surprising jobs.

An idea came to Harland as he realized that traffic was building up on the route that passed his place. As they were mostly truckers, he reasoned that they would likely need to stop for food. The old family dining table was wheeled out, along with six chairs, and placed in a cleaned-up corner that had been previously used for storage. So, in his first 'restaurant' everyone shared the same table; but no one seemed to mind, as the food was so good.

Undoubtedly, Harland was having an eventful life. Many of his good deeds seemed to resemble Christian virtues, but he confessed, 'I knew I wasn't livin' for God.'

The business was expanding. He had a seventeen-bed motel built next to his restaurant, when disaster struck. Fire partially destroyed his premises at Corbin. A new restaurant was built, seating 140 people. From then on he decided that his future was to be in food, not motels.

Life must have seemed good; but life also has that ability to throw the unexpected things our way. His 20-year-old son died from blood poisoning. The business in Asheville had to close because of food rationing during World War Two. He also had an unhappy marriage, ending when his wife divorced him after thirty-nine years.

Harland had suffered losses. What was he to do?

Harland Sanders could fry chicken. Although his regulars really liked his recipe, he decided to try a little change in the herbs and spices. The chicken was so delicious

that the recipe has never changed.

The idea came to him that he should franchise his recipe. 'While I wasn't right with God, I remember prayin' to God the Almighty, "You've helped me in the past, and I need Your help now, God. And I promise You, if this idea of franchising works out because of your blessing, You'll get Your share."'

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Pete Harman was a chap he knew from the National Restaurant Association.

Sanders had been invited to Pete's place, and somehow managed to get round to serving up his very own special fried chicken. And Pete, in a passing remark,

referred to Sanders as 'Colonel'. Harland had only stopped off for a short time as he was on his way to Australia.

On his return, his second wife took him back to Pete's place. There in bold letters on the front of the restaurant were the words 'Kentucky Fried Chicken - Something New Something Different.' From this inauspicious beginning came the launch of marketing the franchising of the famous recipe.

By 1960 Colonel Sanders had about two thousand restaurants in the United States and six in Canada. The idea of a takeaway product came from something his daughter had said. The first free-standing building to sell Kentucky Fried Chicken was put up in Jacksonville, Florida by Wally Dresser. It was a model for everything that has been done since.

In his book, published in 1974, he reveals his inner thoughts. *'All my life I've tried to help people . . . I believed in God . . . but somehow it didn't seem like I was on his side. I was a good citizen and all that. But all this while I knew I wasn't right with God.'*

One night Harland went to church after being invited by the pastor to attend a service. When the reverend finished his message, anybody who wanted to ask Jesus Christ to come into their life was asked to raise their hand. Harland did just that. His prayer went something like, 'Lord, I'm a sinner. I need You as my Saviour. I really mean this prayer, Lord, and I pray in Jesus' name.'

Colonel Sanders had become a real Christian, believing that Jesus died bearing the punishment for his sins and that

because of Jesus' resurrection, a way had been made for people to get right with God. He was afraid of dying before and that he wouldn't go to heaven.

Now he was right with God, who gave him a peace that success and money never could.

He passed on some wise advice: 'I pray to God Almighty my story will encourage you also to commit your life to Jesus. If you will, no matter what hard times you may go through - if you keep turning to Him, acknowledging Him, and honouring Him in all you do - He'll help you through.'

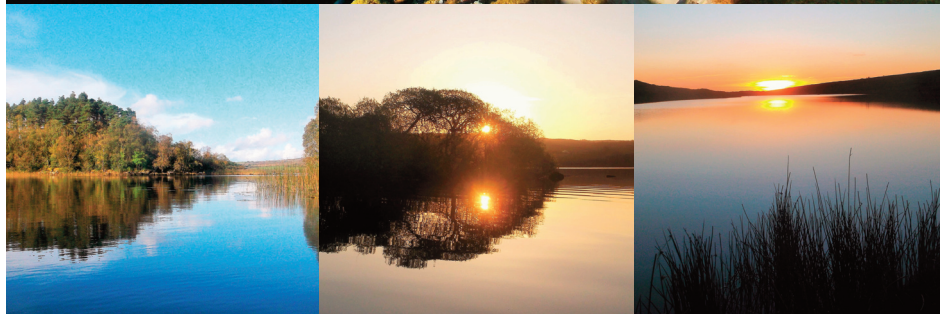
LESSONS FROM LOCKDOWN



Gareth Boreland is a Maths teacher in Hollywood, County Down. He enjoys the outdoor life and amongst other things he is a keen hill runner. He has also been leading UBM teams in Ireland for many years. Here he shares his personal 'Lessons from Lockdown'.

"Social distancing", "self-isolation", "lockdown". Three years ago these phrases would have meant nothing to us, yet since 2020 we have become so familiar with each of them.

To every one of us, the last two years have brought challenges, difficulties and heart-ache that we could never have predicted. As we now hopefully emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, and we have the opportunity to enjoy a more normal summer, I want to share three of the lessons that I have learned over this difficult period.



1

RECOGNISING BROKENNESS

The last two years have reminded us that we live in a broken world of pain and grief. Covid has brought us face to face with our limitations.

Heart-rending stories and experiences have reminded us of our mortality. Modern science worked tirelessly to provide treatments and vaccines, yet still a microscopic virus brought so much of our ordinary lives to a halt and reminded us that we aren't in control of our lives in the way we maybe thought we were.

The Bible acknowledges that we live in a broken world. But the brokenness of the world reminds us also of the brokenness of our own hearts. Wars in Ukraine and many other places show us the untold suffering that human beings are capable of inflicting upon each other. And, if we're honest, we know that none of us is innocent; each of us in our own small way has made our own contribution to the world's brokenness. It's not just the problem of a virus that needs a solution, but the problem of our hearts. The Bible tells us not just the problem, but also the solution – God sent his own Son down into this broken world. In dying on the cross, Jesus experienced suffering at its worst. God is not remote and distant from our suffering. Indeed, the prophet Isaiah said of Jesus, **“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.”** (Isaiah 53 verse 3)

2

REDISCOVERING BEAUTY

Undoubtedly the last two years have brought trauma, grief and pain, but as well as confronting us with the world's brokenness, perhaps the pandemic in an unexpected way gave some of us opportunity to rediscover the beauty of nature around us.

With much of our normal activities brought to a halt, lockdown gave many of us a chance to appreciate the beauty of creation, even the scenery often right on our doorstep that we'd never previously stopped to appreciate.

Many remarked that the birds seemed to sing louder, time seemed to pass a little more slowly and they were amazed at the sights and sounds they could enjoy.

Lockdown certainly allowed me to rediscover the beauty of the Irish countryside, to enjoy a slower pace of life, and to relax by trying to take photographs of our local landscapes. For the Christian, the beauty of creation points us to the perfection of the creator.

“Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.”

(Psalm 111 verse 2)



3

REMEMBERING ETERNITY

The brokenness of the world makes us yearn for something better; the beauty of the world gives us a glimpse of something better.

As we live out our days in this broken world, we instinctively are searching for the solution. The fact is, however, that this problem is harder to solve than Covid. A solution is out of our reach as human beings - indeed, each of us is part of the problem. We are the broken, and we need a restorer. The good news that UBM seeks to share is that God has provided the solution. He is the restorer. He sent his own Son, Jesus, into this world. In dying on the cross he paid the price for sin, and in rising from the dead, he defeated death itself.

Jesus by His work on the cross, invites us to say sorry for the wrong we've done, to trust and follow Him. And when we do, he offers us a place in his eternal kingdom – a place that is better by far, a place of unbroken peace, love and beauty. If even this broken world can give us glimpses of beauty, just think how amazing God's new creation will be! The Apostle John was given a vision of heaven itself, and wrote these words about how God will bring restoration in place of brokenness:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21 verse 4)

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SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER

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Identity is not a golf score

Less than a month before he won the Masters tournament in April, Scottie Scheffler was a 25-year-old beginning his third full season on the PGA Tour, ranked 15th in the world but still seeking his first victory on the game's top circuit.

Scheffler's meteoric rise not only saw him added to the illustrious list of green jacket winners, but earned him the title of World Number 1, following victories in three out of five tournaments in the build up to the Masters.

The former University of Texas star clinched his first major title at Augusta National, his third career start in the famed tournament. Scheffler took the lead on the Friday and he stayed steady the rest of the way — until he four-putted on the 18th hole, likely due to the emotion of what he was about to accomplish. In the end, it didn't matter, the top golfer in the world received his first green jacket as he finished 10-under overall, three strokes better than Rory McIlroy.

Ready to greet him after he finished his round was his wife, Meredith, who he married in December 2020. Many of their family was on hand to witness the victory as well. Scheffler thanked them in his speech during the green jacket presentation ceremony.

"Like Meredith told me this morning, she says, 'If you win this golf tournament today, if you lose this golf tournament by 10 shots, if you never win another golf tournament again,' she goes, 'I'm still going to love you, you're still going to be the same person, Jesus loves you, and nothing changes,'" Scheffler said. *"And all I'm trying to do is glorify God, and that's why I'm*

here, and that's why I'm in this position."

Scheffler said his wife regularly prays for him. "Every day when we go out there, Meredith always prays for peace, because what I want to feel on the golf course is peace and have fun and just feel God's presence," he said. "So that's her prayer every day. That's my prayer, and I really felt that today. I felt at peace."

Scheffler shared how overwhelmed he was before his win. He felt on Sunday morning that he might not be ready for all that was unfolding.

But Scheffler came to some critical realizations after talking with his wife.

"[My wife] told me, 'Who are you to say that you're not ready?' Who am I to say that I know what's best for my life?" he said. "What we talked about is: God is in control, and the Lord is leading me, and if today's my time, then it's my time."

Thanking God is nothing new for Scheffler, who also credited the Lord for his first PGA win in February.

Scheffler also took time to thank his caddie Ted Scott, who formerly worked with two-time Masters winner, Bubba Watson.

Scheffler and Scott first met through a Bible study about a year before they teamed up. When Scheffler called Scott, he told the long-time caddie he wanted to work with a Christian. Their first tournament together was the RSM Classic in November.

"He keeps things loose," Scheffler said this week about Scott. *"We have a lot of fun together. I respect him a lot as a person, and I respect his work ethic as a caddie. And so for me, it's been a pretty easy relationship so far just because I respect him so much."*

Scott joined the Sports Spectrum Podcast

in 2018 to discuss his own faith journey and what life is like as a Christian on the PGA Tour.

"People a lot of times think, well, if you become a Christian, God's just gonna make everything easy for you, and that's not the case," he said on the podcast. *"But having the God of the universe, the Creator, on your side just makes things a lot easier to deal with and the principles of the Bible are something that, when you use them, you can see it manifest in your life."*

While extremely grateful for the recent successes enjoyed with trusted caddie, Ted Scott, Scheffler says his *"identity is not a golf score"* and never will be. He maintains his identity is found in God and in Him alone and gives all credit for his triumphs to the Lord, no matter what the future may bring.

Like Scott, our identity can also be in Christ. This happens when we come to the realisation that we have sinned and disobeyed God's law and nothing we do can merit a place in heaven, but Jesus died on the cross for sinners like us and when we put our trust in Him, our sins are forgiven, we can live for Him and we are assured of a home in heaven.



But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

KIDS CORNER

ALERT! LOST SHEEP!

The Bible tells us that Jesus once told a story about a lost sheep. You can find this parable in Luke 15:1-7.

Looking after sheep was a common job in Bible times, and the Bible tells us that Jesus is like a shepherd.

In the story, there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. The shepherd worked very hard to look after his flock, and made sure they were protected and returned home safe. He was such a good shepherd that he knew all of his sheep by name. Every night he counted them... one, two, three... ninety-eight, ninety-nine...

Oh dear! One of his sheep was missing. Where had it gone?

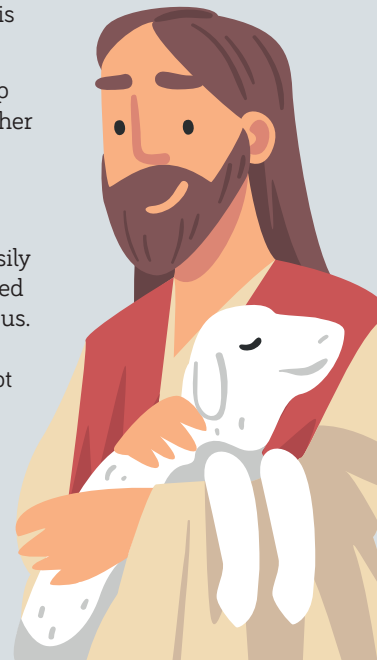
The shepherd made sure the ninety-nine sheep were safely in their pen and then he set off to look for the one that was lost. He walked and walked,

climbed the hills and crawled through the bushes until he was tired and his feet were sore. But the shepherd did not give up, until at last, he found his sheep!

The shepherd was so happy he lifted the sheep up onto his shoulders and carried him back to the other ninety-nine sheep!

In the same way God is so happy when someone who is far away from him returns. The Bible even says that we are like sheep, because we can so easily go our own way instead of God's way. But God loved us so much, he sent his only son, Jesus, to die for us. Every single person – even the littlest child – is important to God. Like the shepherd, God does not want even one single person to be lost.

Jesus said that he came to seek and to rescue the lost – us, and that : **"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep."**
John 10:14-15.



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