

KIDS' CORNER

Q: How did God create everything from nothing?

A: "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3).

We serve a mighty and powerful God! He created everything - the whole universe - in just six days! And in our Bible verse we learn that the things we see were made from things not seen, or invisible things. In other words, there was nothing (or maybe we should say "not even nothing") when God began to create.

If you read the first chapter of Genesis, you will see the words "God said" eight times. This explains how God created by His great power. For example, can you imagine how amazing it must have been when God said, "Let there be lights in the heavens?" The stars, sun, and moon appeared, just as God had planned. God needed only to speak and everything was created. He truly is worthy of our praise!

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Can you find the ten words hidden in the word search from this issue's article above?

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Children's Good News Club
Luthermuir Gospel Hall Sundays at
4.30pm (During school term) It's Free!

Bible Class

Sundays at 7.30pm

Suitable for
Ages 8 to 16

Subject:
**Investigating Facts
in the book of Acts**



What the Bible has to say about TIME

REMEMBER how short my **time** is.

WHAT is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little **time**, and then vanisheth away.

TO every thing there is a season, and a **time** to every purpose under the heaven: A **time** to be born, and a **time** to die.

WHEN the fulness of the **time** was come, God sent forth his Son.

FROM that **time** forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

FOR when we were yet without strength, in due **time** Christ died for the ungodly

THE **time** is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

BEHOLD, now is the accepted **time**; behold, now is the day of salvation.

References in order as they appear above: Psalm 89:47; James 4:14; Ecclesiastes 3:1,2; Galatians 4:4; Matthew 16:21; Romans 5:6; Mark 1:15; 2 Corinthians 6:2

You are invited to come and hear the message of the Gospel every Sunday, 6.30pm at Luthermuir Gospel Hall, Church Road.

Also on Sundays: Children's Good News Club 4.30pm
Bible Class 7.30pm

All Welcome!



GOOD NEWS

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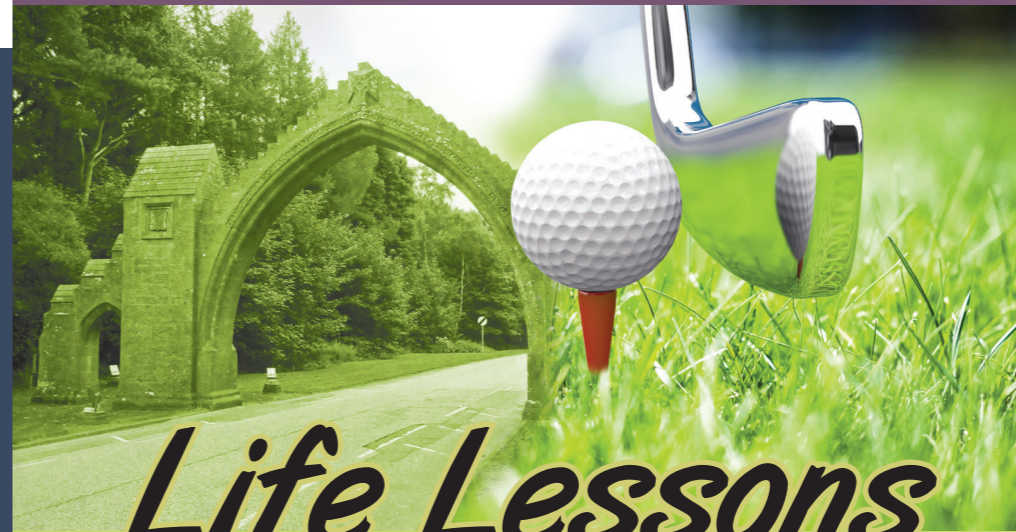
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ETERNITY WHEN? ETERNITY WHERE?

You have no choice

You do have a choice

Choose Christ and you'll have a safe and happy eternity!



Life Lessons From Tee Off to Final Putt!

AMONG THE MANY ATTRACTIONS that bring people into the picturesque village of Edzell is its popular Golf course which is set in 128 acres of beautiful landscape and was recently upgraded in 2015. Golf is a big part of British culture which is enjoyed with great success. Perhaps the ascent of Rory McIlroy and Justin Rose within the top eight of the official golf world rankings has inspired more to take up the sport. What is fascinating about golf is the things that are similar to life; here are a few:

The Point of the Game

In short, the object of the game is to get the golf ball into the designated hole with the fewest possible strokes.

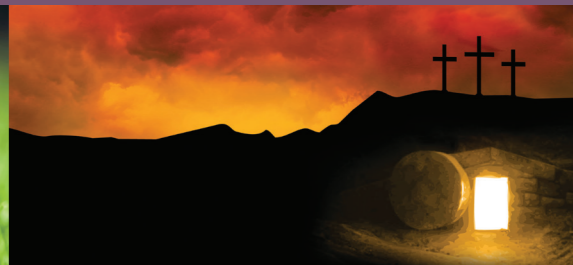
Our lives too have a clearly defined purpose. Perhaps you haven't given it much thought before. It was Blaise Pascal, a famous French mathematician and philosopher, that said, "There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Man's chiefest purpose in this life is to know God. The Lord Jesus said, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent" John 17:3.

Obstacles in the Way

Getting a ball in a hole might sound easy enough but there are obstacles and difficulties to negotiate during the game. To name just a few, there are sand pits, ponds and trees, wind direction and speed and the gradient of the green.

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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

The resurrection issues a challenge to science and philosophy to explain it; to reason and logic to disprove it; to history to reproduce it; and to time to forget it. Many and ingenious have been the attempts on the part of unbelievers either to deny or explain away this greatest of all miracles, but such efforts have been in vain. The resurrection stands today as the most authenticated event of history. No one has been able to silence **'the eloquence of the empty tomb!'**

NO GOD NO PEACE KNOW GOD KNOW PEACE

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 5:1

Sin is the greatest obstacle to knowing God. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23: “All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” In golfing terms, it would be, the falling short of the hole, or going over the par of the hole.

Rules & Penalties

Golf has more rules than most games. There are apparently 34 rules plus various sub-clauses. These rules are enforced by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. And as you would expect if the rules are broken then there are consequences. For some players it has cost them a golfing tournament and millions of pounds.

God is holy and just, He is the rule giver and penalty enforcer. God has no choice but to hold us accountable for our sin. The Bible tells us that, “The wages of sin is death” Romans 6:23. Wages are paid out at the end of a week or given time but God’s payment comes at the end of our life. This not only means physical death but death in the sense of separation from God eternally.

The Good News!

Although we have all broken God’s rules and deserve to pay the price, God loved us enough to do something about it. He sent His Son into the world to be our Saviour. He in fact was the Great law giver before He came into the world, and the Great law keeper when He was in the world. Yet He came to save us from the penalty of our sins. The Bible tells us, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” 1 Timothy 1:15. Now that’s great news! By simply repenting of our sins, (having a change of attitude towards God and sin), believing on the Lord Jesus and accepting Him as our Saviour we can have our score cards cleared of any penalties or strokes and enjoy life in all its fullness. Life may continue to throw up difficulties and the odd sand dunes, but the Lord Jesus will be with us from the first swing to the final putt of our lives.

When life begins to LEAN

Why does the Tower of Pisa lean?

Well, we’ve always wanted to know, so when I saw this question recently in our newspaper, I read the article to find out.

The so-called Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, is actually the bell tower of the Cathedral of Pisa. Shaped like a cylinder, the tower is made of white marble and has eight arcades one over the other. The centre of the tower is hollow, and there is a spiral staircase so one can climb to the top of the tower.

Begun in 1274, the tower began to lean right from the start of construction as the ground underneath began to sink. The fact that it was not rising vertically was discovered during construction. We are told that leaning of the tower has increased slowly but steadily over the centuries. Today its deviation from the vertical is more than fourteen feet.

In spite of many efforts to stop the leaning, nothing has yet worked. Experts say that the tower really cannot now be straightened without its toppling



over the opposite direction. It’s anyone’s guess as to how long the tower will remain standing.

It would have been wiser for the builders to have strengthened the foundations at the time they first noticed the leaning, but such action was not taken.

Life is in many ways like a building. For life there must be an adequate foundation. The Lord Jesus spoke of the foolish man who built his house on the sand, and when the storms came, his house collapsed. Jesus spoke too, of the wise man who built his house on the rock, and when the tempest blew, his house remained safe and sound. Jesus has made it clear that the true rock on which to build is His own teaching. Other teachings are like sand and do not provide a sufficient foundation for life.

We need not wonder, then, when a life begins to lean over precariously. The chances are, it has been built upon sand.

WELL... IS IT NOT TIME YOU CHECKED THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR OWN LIFE?

“What is your most valuable discovery?”



In the year 1847, a doctor from Edinburgh, Sir James Simpson, discovered that chloroform could be used as an anaesthetic to render patients insensible to pain during surgery. (Imagine having a tooth out or a leg amputated without anaesthetic!)

From his early experiments, Dr Simpson made it possible for patients to go through the most dangerous surgery without fear of pain. Some surgeons and doctors still maintain this was one of the most significant discoveries of modern medicine.

Some years later, whilst lecturing at the University of Edinburgh, Dr Simpson was asked by one of his students, “What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?” To the surprise of his students, who expected him to refer to chloroform, Dr Simpson replied - “The most valuable discovery was when I found faith in God and that Jesus Christ was my Saviour!”

God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy Ecclesiastes 2:26

“I Don’t Leave Anything to Chance”

So said the advert for a popular brand of tyre. A good quality tyre means a safe journey. Good advice! But what about the journey of life and its end? Surely we can’t leave that to chance either. Spare a minute to consider this all important journey from time to eternity.

Its Beginning

We come in crying! And little wonder, for we all get off to a bad start. Whether born with the proverbial “Silver Spoon” in our mouth or in poverty and privation, we all have one thing in common - we are **born sinners**. We inherit from Adam, the first man, the same sinful nature with serious consequences, namely death. The Bible says, “As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” Romans 5:12.

Its Direction

Like the bowl on the bowling green we all have a bias toward sin - lying, pride, envy, hate, lust etc. The seed of every sin lies within every heart. We are going in the wrong direction; heading to ultimate and eternal ruin, away from God.

Its Purpose

Why am I on this Journey? Simply, to get to know God. He is our Creator and desires our reconciliation; to have a real, personal, meaningful and eternal relationship with Himself. “This is life eternal, that they might **know** thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent” John 17:3.

God has not abandoned us, but desires our salvation and eternal happiness. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to be the Saviour of the world (1 John 4:14). His death was an act of amazing love because He bore sin’s penalty and punishment on the Cross for us. He died for our sins and rose again.

Its End

Don’t leave your eternal destiny to chance. Don’t be fatalistic! You can act to save yourself. You must change direction - repent and have a change of mind toward God for your sins. Admit you are wrong and turn to God. Receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. You don’t arrive in Heaven by chance but by choice. Choose Christ! and you will be as sure of heaven as though you were already there.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”

(Acts 16:31)

