

Prayer support

We need your prayers. Can you pray for us and maybe get the prayer group at your church to pray for us regularly. We also need people who can be Life FM reps. At their churches to keep them up to date, distribute newsletters, etc. Contact us if you can help or note it on the form enclosed.

Prayer points

- Planning permission (that it be granted with the minimum of fuss)
- Funding (that God will bring the funds we need to get on air)
- Volunteers
- Finding the right full time staff (that understand our vision for Christian radio)
- Negotiations with the BCI (Christian Radio is totally new to them and they are operating in uncharted waters)
- Directors elections and AGM (that the right people are found to direct the station at this early point in its career)

Church Visits

We have a team of people who are ready to visit Churches and other groups and explain about the radio station and update you on current progress. We have visited a number of Churches since the beginning of the year. If you would like us to visit your group, please let us know, even if we have visited before and you would like an update on current progress.

Christian Radio on air in July

Spirit FM in Dublin has been granted a temporary licence for Christian Radio for four weekends starting 29th July. They will broadcast to Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. Dave Heffernan has assembled a team of volunteers who will operate from the Spirit FM studios in Dublin. He will be testing out some of our equipment during these weekends and will use some of the material produced by our volunteers. In Cork you can tune into 106.7MHz on the FM band from midnight Thursday to midnight Sunday to listen to these broadcasts.

Other cities, Dublin 89.9MHz, Galway 104.9MHz, Limerick 99.9MHz, Waterford 107.4MHz.

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Life FM Newsletter

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Progress – Slow but Steady

We never said getting a radio station on air would be easy, but the board and volunteers have been working away getting things in place. At the end of May we met with the BCI (Broadcasting commission of Ireland) to report on progress. They are waiting to see the complete Board of Directors elected from all the churches and these ratified at our AGM in October. Some churches have held elections and others are in the process. Our thanks to all of you who have signed up as members and may we encourage many more to consider becoming members. No time like the present to fill up the enclosed form.



Studio to be ground floor of this building at Togher – Offices on Left, Studios on Right

The Building

The planning authority have come back to us and told us that we will have to apply for planning to use the building at Waters Glass in Togher as a radio station. Plans have been prepared and a planning application lodged at the end of May. It takes a minimum of three months to get this if all goes well. We will also have to apply for a fire certificate on the studios. This requires the preparation of a large document which will take a month or two to put together. It takes a minimum of about two months to get once the application is lodged. This now means it will be early autumn before work on building the studios can start. Please pray that this may all go smoothly.

Programming

The station can operate in two ways – either primarily as a teaching & encouraging station for Christians or primarily as a station to spread the Christian message – showing the relevance of Christ in the post modern secular society of the 21st Century. It is the later position we hope to take, while still being a station Christians enjoy listening to and find encouragement from it.

We are very fortunate that one of Dave Heffernan's supporters send him to visit various Christian radio stations around the world and he has come back with many new and exciting ideas. He has also seen how Radio Rema in New Zealand has built up three separate stations from a humble struggling position – just like us at the moment. He has seen how some of these stations put out programs that are listened to and enjoyed by both the Churched and un-churched alike and how they make the message of Christ relevant to those that would not normally darken a church door.

Programming (continued)

It has been decided that we need to start with good programming from the beginning as it is very difficult to get listeners back if they turn off the station because they are disappointed with the quality. To this end it is felt that we need to start with a minimum of four full time staff to enable us to produce the quality programming we need. This in no way reduces the dependence on volunteer staff. These will still be needed in large numbers. However the emphasis in programming will be to produce interesting programmes that will hold peoples attention and still let us put in short bible readings, etc.

If you have access to the web you might like to listen to Klove.com.

Membership

About 150 people have so far signed up as members. This is somewhat disappointing given the Christian population in Cork. Please, please, please sign up as a member and see how you can support **YOUR** Christian radio station.

We are so thankful to those of you who have signed up standing order forms. We note however, that a few banks have not honoured these. So if you have signed up for a standing order but money is not been transferred from you account we would appreciate hearing from you.

Radio Station Equipment gift

We are thankful to one of the Radio Stations that Dave visited for giving us a computer system for playing music and programs in high quality digital format. This system will provide us with a much better sound quality than analog recordings and will make it much easier to immediately find and play on demand, specific programmes and music selections. Also songs and announcers voice can be faded together to give a very professional production while cutting the time down to produce a music program.

This takes four industrial grade computers and a huge software program to make it operate. This is the type of equipment that we could only dream about and never thought we would own. It again shows that God is able to do far more abundantly than we can ask or imagine.

Training

A number of people have undertaken training and are producing short program spots. Congratulations to those of you who have taken time out to do this. We will be starting new courses again in the autumn so if when you applied last time the course was full you will have another opportunity then. We hope to be able to put some of these programs upon the website so that you can listen to them. Our technical team is working on this. Watch our website. You will need streaming audio on your computer (realtime player or Windows multimedia player) to listen to these programs. programming, training, promotion, technical, finance, supporter base and station management.

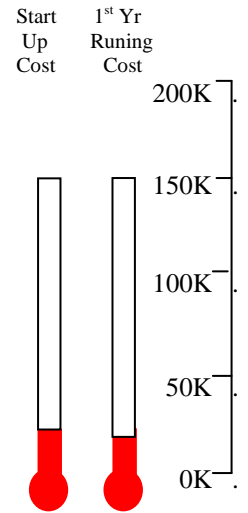
Funding status

Our thanks to all who have given generously to the station both in gifts and by standing order. However we have a long way to go. It is hoped to start with four full time staff and this is going to increase the costs initially but it will give us a much better station.

Have you any ideas for fundraising? Could you do a sponsored thingy? Or maybe you would be interested in selling products for one of the many catalogue companies and passing the profits to LifeFM. We appreciate all your efforts.

You Could make a difference. . .

Would you consider sponsoring an hour of programming? Someone's life could be changed for eternity. They could be given hope that would divert them from suicide. An addict could be restored, family break-up could be prevented. Your hour could bring hope and comfort to the lonely. Such things are happening as people listen to Christian Radio through out the World. Pray for you hour that it might have a positive impact one someone's life.



Next time we will hear from somebody whose life has been changed by Christian Radio.

Down-town Studio

We are hoping to have a small down-town studio at **The Haven** – the new Christian Resource Centre to be opened in Bachelors Quay. If you don't know about his project, it is going to be a wonderful resource centre in Cork City occupying 3,000 sq ft. It will hold a large Scripture Union bookshop, a Christian Coffee bar and Fair-Trade outlet, as well as providing a multi-purpose meeting space just down from the Gate Cinema. It is hoped to have active outreach from here into the community and have courses focusing on the family, marriage, parenting, etc and have courses to help people examine and deepen their faith

Our Web Site – www.lifefm.ie

Have you visited our website? This still needs a lot of work. We have great plans for this. Ultimately we hope to have the radio programs streamed through this so that you can listen to Life FM over the internet. Hopefully we will have programs going out on this before we actually go out on air. We are trying to get material produced by the volunteers up on this immediately. We also hope to chat facilities going and some blogs. For those of you who don't know what a blog is – you will have to check the site out from time to time to find out.

Again we need to find the right people to make this happen. Are you good at graphics and computers? Maybe you could help us.

Statement of Faith

We believe

1. That the Holy Scriptures, as given by God, are Divinely inspired, infallible (entirely trustworthy), and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice.
2. In one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, his virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, and His atoning Death.
4. In the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, in His personal return, and the judgement of the world by Him.
5. That “all have sinned” and are justly exposed to the wrath of God.
6. That redemption from the guilt, penalty, power of sin is possible only through the death, shed blood and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
7. The justification of sinners by the grace of God alone through faith.
8. In the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, enabling the believer to live a holy life and the witness and work for Him.
9. In the resurrection of the Body, the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.
10. That every believer is baptised into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. And thus being members of one another, are responsible for keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, loving one another with a pure heart fervently.

Standing Order Form

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

To The Manager at: _____

Name and full address of your bank or building society

Bank Name _____

Sort Code _____

Bank Address _____

Please Pay:

LifeFM Account No. 65640032 Sort Code 985488

At Ulster Bank, High Street, Wilton, Cork

The sum of € _____ (figures) _____ Euro
(words)

Commencing on _____ (date) and continuing thereafter
monthly/quarterly* until further notice. * delete as required

Account to be Debited:

Your Name: _____

Your Bank Account No. _____

And Sort Code _____

Your Home Address _____

Signature _____ (Required)

Date _____

I would like to sign up as a Member* / Friend of Life FM

And agree to the statement of faith printed on the reverse

Name _____

Address _____

Church attended / Denomination _____

Town / Street _____

Email _____

Age < 18 19 – 25 26 – 40 41 – 65 Over 65

YES, I will pay for one hour of broadcasting per

- Month** Cost €45 per month (by standing order see over)
 Week. Cost €180 per month (by standing order see over)

- I would just like to make monthly donations to help the station
- by standing order (see over) other _____
- €10 €25 €50 other specify € _____
- Enclosed is my donation of € _____
- I would like to pray for the station
- I would like to help in this area _____
- I would be interested in training for radio work

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* Members must make a donation – preferably of at least €20 per annum and may elect directors