

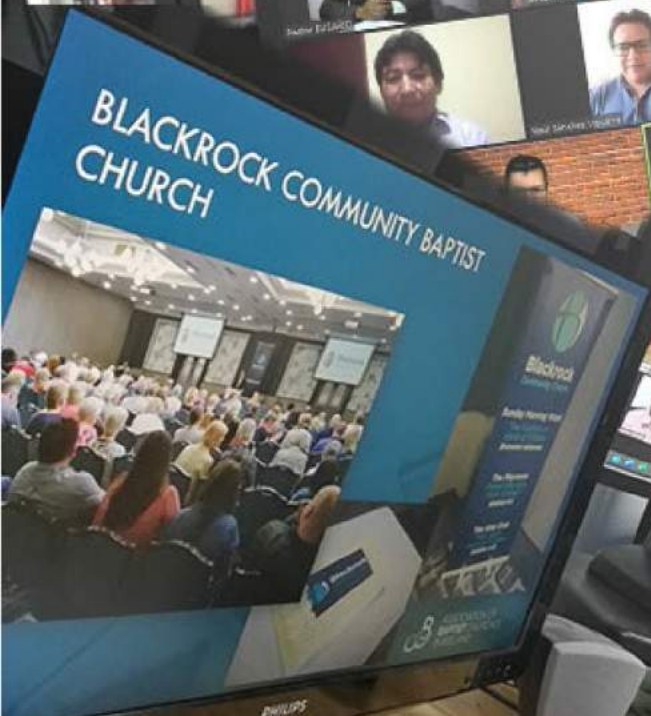


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President's Profile 2021



Pastor Joe Flanagan

Born the middle son of three brothers I grew up in a loving family environment in the town of Dromore, Co. Down. I was sent along to Sunday School, church twice on Sunday, CWU hall after the evening service most weeks, children's meeting on Monday night and the Boys Brigade on Thursday night. At the age of fifteen I totally rebelled against all things religious. For a period of time, I tried to

suppress everything I knew about God. However, I could never get away from what I had been taught growing up.

I met Marilyn when I was seventeen, we married when we were twenty-one and have been together for almost 49 years as husband and wife. Her love and encouragement are invaluable. We have two children, Simon and Emma, and seven grandchildren. Simon is serving God as a missionary in a remote jungle village in Papua New Guinea while Emma is a stay-at-home mum at the moment. We are truly thankful to God for our children's salvation and continue to pray that all of our grandchildren will come to faith in Jesus Christ.

I was graciously saved at the age of thirty-two with what I can only describe as an unrelenting desire to serve God. After much reading of God's Word and frequent conversations with the then Baptist pastor of Dromore Tom McLaughlin I became a convicted and convinced Baptist. As a result, Marilyn and I were baptised on profession of faith and joined our local Baptist church.

The desire to serve God in a full-time capacity grew stronger. I sought the advice of the church elders and was encouraged to get involved in different ministries. Starting with an opening prayer at our Bible Study and Prayer meeting which led to preaching a sermon a year later. We are thankful to

the Dromore Baptist Church for its encouragement and prayers during those early years of seeking God's will for our lives.

I studied for three years part-time in Belfast Bible College and one year full-time at European Missionary Fellowship School of Biblical Studies in England. The hardest thing I have ever done was saying goodbye to Marilyn and our two children for that year of study. God opened that door of opportunity and sustained us spiritually, emotionally and financially throughout that year. Stories abound of God's provision throughout those early years and since.

Our home church Dromore Baptist commissioned us to serve God as church-planters with Baptist Missions in Crumlin, Co. Antrim where we served for eight years. The first two years in a tent-making ministry before becoming full-time missionaries with Baptist Missions. We went on to pastor for nine years in Richill Park Baptist Church, Londonderry, eight years in Dunamanagh Baptist Church and four and a half years in Ballymoney Baptist Church.

I am honoured to take up the role of President of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland. Marilyn and I look forward to visiting as many churches as possible both North and South of our island virtually or in person throughout 2021/22.

Joe Flanagan

President's Remarks 2020

Pastor Trevor Ramsey

This was a year like no other. Almost every part of life was disrupted by the pandemic and it caused many personal, economic, mental and social challenges. Yet we have all been learning much in this difficult season. Here are some things which happened and maybe some lessons for us to remember.

For our churches it led to new methods and new experiences and lots of new language such as lockdown, Zoom, social distancing. **(Lesson – always be ready to adapt; the message never changes; the methods often do)**

For most of the year how much we missed the physical fellowship together, the opportunity to sing and break bread together and those endless informal conversations which are so important to church life and mutual care. **(Lesson – the small, regular aspects of church life really matter)**

Our churches mostly got on with the business we are called to and functioned in different ways and learnt to adapt. As time went on, weariness set in and many pastors and elders felt the increasing burden of leading the churches through the challenging season. **(Lesson - never take for granted the good times, the wonderful opportunities provided in church life in 'normal' times, the blessings of corporate worship and the simple blessings of sitting alongside others or the hug of a brother or sister and a cup of tea after the service.)** I can't imagine that touching elbows has quite the same significance!

With this situation much of the planned celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Association was unable to take place. **(Lesson – God is sovereign in all our affairs; His ways are past finding out).** Nevertheless, we were rightly disappointed that we could not mark this special year in the way we would have liked. **(Lesson - how wise were those in 1895 who formed the Baptist Union of Ireland)** How much we have experienced God's blessing in our family of churches – now numbering 117 in our Association.

In the past five decades over 40 churches have been established through local church evangelism and the involvement of Baptist Missions. This is a remarkable blessing and surely one of the untold stories of our life together. **(Lesson – gospel partnership pays dividends in lasting witness)** In particular what a great joy it is to see the growth of churches in the Republic of Ireland – remember we are an all Ireland family. When I served the Lord in Limerick in the late 1980s and early 90s

there were only 11 Baptist churches in the Republic - today there are 29. We thank God for his grace and goodness to us in seeing this numerical and spiritual growth - local churches beaming out the gospel into local communities for years to come in the will of God. **(Lesson- God is at work. He has not abdicated; the gospel is progressing on our island)**

As President, the year turned out very differently than I had expected. I was unable to make many planned visits to our churches but thankfully was able in the early autumn, when things were a little easier, to preach in some churches and to make two trips to the Republic visiting pastors in the Dublin and the Cork areas. I also had to learn quickly how to chair online meetings of the Executive Committee and Corporation Directors. Even our November council meeting was held online for the first time and was successful, the feedback being overwhelmingly positive. It was remarkable how much business was able to be accomplished, despite the obvious challenges. **(Lesson – we can learn new skills and survive – even thrive!)**

In fact, the Association functioned well and the blessing of God was also evident in the financial provision for the year. Overall, we are in an extremely healthy state and there is growing evidence of mutual support between churches and deepening fellowship between churches and pastors. Many churches participated in the Unite to Pray initiative, even finding ways to do that online. Surely the Lord has heard our prayers and our fellowship will deepen and our churches will grow.

It is also impressive to see the work of our departments and our college. Dave and his team do a tremendous job in guiding our affairs and the regular work of Baptist Missions, Baptist Youth, Baptist Women is all impressive and surely owned by God for the blessing of others. The work is all conducted with integrity, zeal and biblical fidelity. Our college staff maintained their work diligently despite the obvious challenges of preparing students for ministry in the midst of a pandemic! **(Lesson – our Association truly is 'fit for purpose' and honouring God in every aspect).**

We can be rightly grateful to belong to our local church – what an incredible design of our God to allow us to assemble together for the purpose of mutual edification and evangelism and we can count it a privilege to belong to such a family of churches.

T.C. Ramsey



Churches

The total number of churches in membership of the Association at the end of 2020 was 117 (2019, 117). During the year there was the addition of one Church, Blackrock Community Baptist Church and the resignation of one church, Glenarm Baptist Church.

In 1991 there were 101 churches in the Association. Over the period to 2020 we have added 27 churches balanced by eight dissolutions and three resignations. In Northern Ireland there are 87 Churches. In 1991 there were 91. This reflects six church-plants and ten subtractions (resignation or closure). In the Republic of Ireland there were 10 churches in 1991 in comparison to 30 at the end of 2020. This reflects 21 new churches and one closure.

COVID

The impact of the COVID pandemic on our churches throughout 2020 should not be underestimated. Some of the statistical analysis provided below provides anecdotal evidence to impact on membership, baptisms and youth and children’s work. Our churches will have to work hard at the regathering process and leadership will need to be prepared to reach out to those who may have “disconnected” from the family of God. We should also realise the evangelistic opportunity in this moment and seek by all means to reach some for Christ.

Statistics

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2000
Churches	117	117	116	118	117	117	117	110
Membership	8,108	8,288	8,281	8,428	8,437	8,443	8,491	8,436
Attendance at main service	10,757	12,826	12,460	-	-	-	-	-
Average Membership	69.30	70.84	71.38	71.42	72.11	72.16	72.57	76.69
Baptisms	66	244	200	293	265	304	255	259
Added to Membership	197	188	163	102	98	113	88	116
Children's Meetings	4,030	5,159	4,969	3066	3,081	2,944	3,272	4,223
Young People's Meetings	2,324	2,819	2,717	2573	2,507	2,638	2,941	4,806
Elders	320	342	353	358	339	325	294	228
Deacons	576	606	593	622	632	568	619	637

Members

Despite the fact that the number of churches in membership of the Association has increased by seven in the twenty-year period from 2000 the number of members has not risen accordingly. The number of members in 2000 was 8,436 compared to 8,108 at the end of 2020 a fall of 328 over that period.

Furthermore, the average membership in churches has fallen significantly and for the first time is below 70. At one level this can be viewed positively as a demonstration that a greater number of geographical areas are being influenced by this increase in numbers of local churches. This is true particularly in the Republic of Ireland. There are more churches reaching a wider area and the number of members is small. With continued endeavour and evangelistic zeal these churches have the potential to see growth over the coming years.

The fall in membership over a 20 year period has been 3.8% and over the last ten years has been 4.0%. This would tentatively suggest that the rate of decline of members is increasing.

A closer investigation of the year on year movement shows that 54 churches (46%) experienced a fall in membership with only 25 churches (21%) experiencing an increase in membership. It should be highlighted that the addition of Blackrock and the resignation of Glenarm did not affect membership figures year on year as they both had 34 members.

Attendance

The figure recorded for Sunday attendance is 10,757. This shows a marked fall on the previous year figure of 12,826. However, this is likely anomalous as the returns for some churches provided the COVID adjusted attendance.

Baptisms

The figures for baptisms during the year is only 66. This is a massive decrease on the average. The impact of COVID should not be underestimated here. It may be difficult to provide any meaningful commentary on this figure.

Children and Young People

Despite the small increase in the number of children in children's meetings and in the number of young people attending our churches in 2019 the figures show a marked decline. It is likely that COVID may have had an impact on the reporting of these figures. We need to work hard at investment in these areas to ensure the continued growth of our family of churches.

Church leadership

The macro trend of the last 30 years of increasing elders in our churches would indicate that churches are placing a greater value on a plurality of elders providing spiritual oversight and servant leadership within our churches. An increase in eldership would suggest that churches may be in a stronger and more stable position. However, this figure has now experienced a third year of decline which should be noted. The number of deacons in churches has also fallen back slightly to levels of 2015. Churches need to have intentionality in developing leaders and passing on experience to faithful men who will teach others.

Pastoral oversight

The following list represents the movement in pastoral positions within our churches during the year;

Name	Church
David Anderson	Resigned Poyntzpass (to Ballee)
Christopher Banks	To Dundonald (Assistant)
Jude Colhoun	To Castlederg
Neal Gordon	From Shankill to Comber
Alan Hoey	From Limavady to Portrush
Simon Mawhinney	Resigned Moira
Richard McConnell	To Blackrock
Tim Robinson	Resigned Newtownbreda
Paul Simpson	Resigned Dungannon
Ben Steen	Resigned Portstewart
Alex Stephenson	To Ballymena (Assistant)
Joshua Truesdale	To Rathfriland (Assistant)

There were five resignations from the pastorate during 2020, two inductions as pastor, three inductions as assistant pastor and two movements in pastorate. This is a net movement of zero.

At the end of the year there were 34 vacant churches. This is the same as the previous year and two better than the 36 recorded at the end of 2018.

Developing pastoral oversight for our churches needs to be a high priority for all our churches.

Church Anniversaries in 2020

The following list represents major anniversaries celebrated during 2020 for which to give thanks to God for his continued faithfulness, grace and provision for his people.

Church	Date formed	Anniversary
Antrim Baptist Church	1970	50
Brannockstown Baptist Church	1870	150
Carrickmacross Baptist Church	2005	15
Clady Water Baptist Church	1990	30
Coleraine Baptist Church	1795	225
Cork Baptist Church	1640	380
Douglas Baptist Church	2005	15
Kinsale Baptist Church	2015	5
Limerick Baptist Church	1895	125
Nenagh Baptist Church	2015	5
Waterford Baptist Church	1650	370
Youghal Baptist Church	2010	10

Building Projects

The Windsor Church continues with the redevelopment project of the old Majestic building on the Lisburn Road. The completed building was handed over to the church early in 2021. We look forward to hearing of the Lord blessing the ministry of the church from this new home.

Churches' Council

May 2020 Churches' Council

This Council was indefinitely postponed due to the impact of COVID restrictions

November 2020 Churches' Council

This meeting of Council was carried out remotely by video conference call. This was the first time this had been done in the history of Council.

Approved

- Pastor Joe Flanagan as Vice-President
- Membership Application from Blackrock Community Baptist Church
- Budget 2021

Noted

- Executive committee Interim Report
- Association Finance report

Received

- Pastor Trevor Ramsey as President
- North Belfast Christian Fellowship into membership
- Notice of Motion for change to Constitution in May 2021

The final Saturday in November certainly saw a Churches' Council like no other. The Association's officers had made meticulous preparations to arrange the whole meeting by Zoom. Church representatives and guests logged on from 9.30 and on the stroke of 10.00 the President welcomed 151 representatives from 89 churches.

President and Vice-President

Because there had been no formal handover of the Presidential role due to the cancellation of Assembly in May, Trevor Ramsey took the opportunity to commend the work of his predecessor, Alan Baird, and remotely 'presented' him with a book in appreciation of his service. Mr Baird assured the meeting that it had been a joy and a privilege to serve the Association for the previous two years and expressed his appreciation of Dave Ramsey's work as Association Director. He wished Trevor Ramsey well as incoming President and concluded his remarks by reading John 16:33.

Trevor Ramsey confirmed that he had taken up office in May 2020. Over the past few months he had given himself to the task of encouraging congregations and pastors by telephone, through his online videos – Monday Moments and by physically visiting. He urged us as individuals and churches not to turn inward in these days but to use every means possible to reach out to family, friends and neighbours with the gospel.

Dave Ramsey then spoke about the appointment of the Vice-President. He informed the meeting that as no nominations had been received from churches for the post the Executive Committee had agreed to nominate Joe Flanagan, pastor of the Ballymoney Church. Mr Flanagan read Luke 17:10 and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the churches as Vice- President until May 2021 and as President thereafter.

North Belfast Christian Fellowship

The first main item on the agenda was the reception of North Belfast Christian Fellowship to membership of the Association. The President welcomed the the representatives of North Belfast Christian Fellowship and said that it was a pleasure to extend a virtual right hand of fellowship. A photo of the building with the old signboard Antrim Road Baptist Church and alongside it a recent picture of the Fellowship meeting in a well-filled hall were displayed on screen. Trevor then led in prayer for the work of the gospel in the North Belfast area.

Blackrock Community Baptist Church

Rob Millar (Jamestown Road) proposed that Blackrock Community Baptist Church be admitted to membership of the Association. Grosvenor began praying towards planting another church in 2014. They put Richard and Mandy

McConnell forward to lead the work in 2017. The McConnells concurrently applied to BM. Following the gathering of a launch group in 2018, Blackrock Community Church began meeting in January 2019 and constituted later that year (Sept).

Jeff Hay (Ballycullen) formally seconded the proposal. He explained that the Blackrock Church met in a school situated close to University College Dublin. The Church was thus ideally placed to reach out to students as well as to the area surrounding the church.

Voting was by computer and the motion was unanimously carried. Joe Flanagan (Vice President) led in prayer, thanking the Lord for all the work which had come to fruition in the reception of the church into the Association.

Executive Committee Interim Report

The President explained that the first part of the Report would be presented by way of a video recording. The first recording featured Dave Ramsey outside the Mountpottinger Church where the 27 churches of the Baptist Union of Ireland first met in 1895. The year 2020 had been celebrated as the 125th anniversary. The intention had been that churches meet together throughout the year to pray. Due to the unforeseeable circumstances almost all Unite to Pray meetings had taken place through Zoom. The video also showed clips of various aspects of the work of our 117 churches. The Director summed up the work of the past year in three phrases - 'God is Sovereign', 'Gathering is essential', 'People need hope'.

Glenarm Church

Dave Ramsey reported that Glenarm had resigned from membership of the Association, reducing it briefly to 116 churches though the admission of Blackrock Community Baptist Church meant that the membership was again 117 churches.

Pillar Network

The Director reported that after detailed examination of the work and constitution of Pillar Network the Executive Committee had recommended that the Association form links with it. Pillar Network is 'a community of like-minded Southern Baptists and International Baptists committed to equipping, planting and revitalizing churches' and as such has expertise Irish Baptists can benefit from and contribute to. (Some idea of the scope of the

work of the Pillar Network can be gained by looking at their website).

The Interim Report was formally noted by computer vote on the proposal of Dave Ramsey, seconded by Andrew Curry (Emmanuel).

Departmental Reports

These reports were presented by a series of short video-recordings. The President encouraged churches to show the videos to members.

Amendment to the Constitution

The Director explained that this was not an item for discussion but a Notice of Motion to be presented to May 2021 Council. He drew attention to the recommendations circulated and being proposed – that a substantial increase be made in the size of Churches' Council with each church having an additional Representative so that all Pastors could represent their churches in addition to the present number of representatives. The intention was that Churches' Council consist of people who were influential in their churches.

Conclusion

It was clear to all who 'attended' this unique Council that the Director and others had put an enormous amount of work into preparing for the meeting. The pre-recorded reports fitted seamlessly into the morning and the meeting went without a hitch. All left with an encouraging sense that despite restricted movement the gospel continues to advance.

ABCI Committees

Orphan Society

By the end of 2020 the Society supported 3 families with 7 children. Due to the impact that grants from the fund may have on government benefits the impact of the Scheme is reduced. A planned review of the Orphan Society fund will take place to ensure that it is providing support in an equitable manner and maximising impact. The Orphan Society Trust Fund deposit continues to cover expenditure.

Baptist Aid

Zimbabwe continues to experience economic difficulties. The Baptist Union of Zimbabwe is seeking to demonstrate Christian love and compassion through its Orphan Care Programme. ABCI are delighted to be able to contribute to this project. However, we have reached a stage where we can only support at the level of donations received into the fund. This comes from a number of committed monthly donations but mainly through the Christmas appeal. During 2020 we were able to support over 150 children in the programme. Churches are urged to continue to keep the profile of this endeavour high in the minds of their members. Towards the end of the year we fund launched an appeal to assist with earthquake relief in Croatia. We are glad to announce that over £30,000 was raised to support the relief efforts and primarily assist with rebuilding the wall of a church building that had been damaged.

Retired Ministers' Support Fund

The RMS fund continues to provide a small income for pastors and missionaries who have served our churches. The Fund currently supports 46 members with over 900 years of service. However, it has now entered the final stages of its existence and expenditure should continue to fall in coming years. Income needs to be sustained at current levels for at least five years to meet current commitments and ensure the deficit is removed.

Churches' Pastoral Support Scheme (CPSS)

The CPSS supported 7 churches to the total sum of £28,643 during 2020. It was pleasing to know that this increased income level allowed over 93% of the committed grant to be paid. The CPSS remains a Scheme which in one of its incarnations over the last 100 years has provided support for the majority of our churches. The history of many large churches today will show they survived in their early years because of such support. It is the most cost effective means of providing pastoral support to small churches. It is important that this fund receives necessary attention over coming years to ensure that committed grants can be paid.

Pastors' Conference

The Pastors' Conference was held on the 2-3 March 2020 in the Four Seasons Hotel in Carlingford. Over 100 men involved in ministry across the Island attended the conference. The guest speaker was Owen Strachan. Owen is the author of Reenchanted Humanity: A Theology of Mankind and a Systematic Theology professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also the Director of the Centre for Public Theology. He addressed the topic of The Pastor as Public Theologian at the conference and challenged pastors to be rigorous theologians concerned about ecclesiology and public theology. He also contributed a seminar on lessons from the life of Jonathan Edwards. We are also delighted to be joined by some friends from the Pillar Network and board member Nate Akin shared about how the Pillar Network encourages churches to work together. Along with good food, great venue and warm fellowship the conference is a must for all pastors serving in our churches.

Organisation Committee

The committee established in 2019 by the Executive Committee continues its work in looking at the structure and organisation of the Association. This has led to a Motion being brought to Council to amend the Constitution in May 2021.

Ministry Support

A new ministry support role spearheaded by Colin Cooper commenced formally in January 2020. The foundation for this role was laid in the good work undertaken by Pastor Freddie McClaughlin over a number of years through encouraging and supporting pastors and churches.

The aim of the role can be summarised in three main areas

Supporting Pastors

Pastors are intimately involved in the lives of so many individuals but at times they can lack someone to care for them. This role is about coming alongside pastors to encourage and build up with the goal of supporting them as they keep labouring in the gospel. For some pastors, the issue is either spiritual or emotional struggles that require pastoral care or a more formal counselling approach. Throughout the year regular contact has been maintained with many pastors in our Association with a particular focus on pastors in their first few years of ministry. This mostly involves giving encouragement and a listening ear. At times the opportunity arises to provide support to wives of pastors.

Supporting Churches

Support is provided to churches in a variety of ways. At times the focus is on evangelism and gospel ministry and giving some advice or helping them to think through ways of engaging with the community around them. Colin is available to preach and has had opportunity to speak in several our churches. Over the past year opportunity has arisen for Colin to speak in our churches on mental health issues from a Biblical perspective at outreach events as well as provide some training seminars for churches on depression, anxiety, suicide, self harm, dealing with grief or supporting others who are bereaved. Alongside this Colin is still recognised as an elder in the Craigavon Church where he assists with the revitalisation work which is ongoing.

Counselling

In light of the fact that Colin is a trained counsellor support is also provided to churches to counsel individuals who require some specialist input. Due to the impact of COVID the number of people requiring counselling has increased.

Many individuals are referred through our churches, with some through Affiliate BM workers Len and Joyce Keys in Clogher Courthouse.

In the year of getting this ministry off the ground COVID has brought particular challenges. However, in the face of limitation it has been a delight to serve pastors and churches and see a real need being met. Churches can get in touch with Colin if they think he can be of help through the year ahead.

Pastors' Conference, March 2020



Churches' Council, November 2020



Insight

INSIGHT is the bi-monthly magazine of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland. Through its pages Baptists in Ireland and abroad are able to link together in a fellowship of prayer, read updates on the work carried on by churches and departments and gain encouragement to read and study God's Word.

Six issues

During 2020 the Editorial Committee published six magazines.

Each one had a specific theme - Spiritual Disciplines (Feb/March); Wrestling with rest (April/May); The God of Deuteronomy (June/July); Better – The Message of Hebrews (Aug/Sept); Tough times (Oct/Nov) and Hope or Hype (Dec/Jan). We very much appreciate the help of all those who worked on articles.

A significant part of each magazine (around 50%) is provided by the Departments. Content is sourced and developed by the Directors. Their input adds to the variety and depth of content.

125th Anniversary

To mark the 125th anniversary of the Association a new prayer resource was developed by Dave Ramsey (Association Director) and included in the first issue of 2020. Many individuals and churches responded to the call to pray. A number of people significant in the development of the Association – Hugh D Brown, Fred Gracey, Frank Forbes, Ada Gribbon, LE Deens and HH Orr were profiled across the centre pages of the six 2020 issues.

Feedback

Graphic design for the magazine has been provided by Pepper Collective and feedback on their design input is positive. We express our thanks to Geoff Sloss and his colleagues – they really do go the extra mile.

Distribution

We very much appreciate the help of magazine secretaries and never more so than in this year of pandemic. We have heard so many heart-warming stories of magazine secretaries and others picking up magazines from churches and walking to, or driving to homes to make sure that folk continued to receive

their magazine. Thank you so much for your selfless service and love.

INSIGHT in 2021

For the 2021 magazines the Editorial Committee has taken the decision to include some material for children. The first Kids Connect appeared in February 2021. The Committee is actively seeking feedback from readers on this section - 'Do you find the material useful?', 'Are you able to pass the leaflet on to a child in your church family?', 'Do we need more material for children?' We record our thanks to Matthew Campbell for his work on this section.

A typical reader?

The Editorial Committee remains convinced that pastors, elders, deacons and all those in membership of Baptist churches will benefit from reading the magazine. There is also another possible group of readers - those on the fringes of Baptist churches who at this stage are not members. Is INSIGHT one means of drawing this group into deeper fellowship and helping them feel more at home among us?



Office-bearers

President Pastor Trevor Ramsey (Newtownbreda)
Vice-President Pastor Joe Flanagan (Ballymoney)
Director David Ramsey FCA

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V. Stanley (Waterford)	B. Weir (Armagh)	G. Woods (Portadown)	

Standing and Sub Committees

as at 31 December 2020

Association Membership Committee

Members Co-opted from Executive Committee

Churches Pastoral Support Committee

President, Vice-President, Association Director

Organisation Committee

Association Director, E. Ewart (IBC), P. Lawther (Carrickfergus),
 N. Gordon (Shankill), T. Moore (Antrim), P. Simpson (Dungannon)

Association Editorial Committee

Association Director, M. Campbell (Baptist Youth),
 G. Curry (Baptist Women), S. Dalrymple (Ballymoney), D. Ellison (IBC),
 R. McCord (Dundonald), M. Scott (Baptist Missions), G. Walker (Carryduff),
 B. Weir (Armagh)

Management Committees

as at 31 December 2020

Baptist Missions

Chairman I. Grant (Armagh)
Director M. Scott

C. Anderson (Knockconny)	S. Bronte (Dromore)	A. Campbell (Carr)
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K. Marley (Dundalk)	R. Mayrs (Antrim)	J. Rea (Glengormley)
P. Simpson (Dungannon)	I. Watson (Cavan)	N. Watson (Ballycrochan)
A. Williamson (Holywood)		

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Director G. Curry

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C. Knox (Glenarm)	I. Lindsay (Great Victoria St.)	A. McCluskey (Carr)
S. Parker (Windsor)	E. Savage (Craigavon)	K. Scott (Moir)
L. Simpson (Dungannon)		

Baptist Youth

Chairman S. Curry (Larne)
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J. Orr (Knockconny)	M. Palmer (Magherafelt)	M. Reid (Dungannon)
R. Shanks (Armagh)		

Finance

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Director D. Ramsey

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H. Irvine (Comber)	G. Robb (Holywood)	

Training

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Principal E. Ewart
Director D. Ellison

S. Auld (Great Victoria St.)	A. Baird (Emmanuel)	L. Campbell (Strandtown)
R. Jennings (Magherafelt)	C. Lamont (Ballymena)	K. McCloskey (Larne)
M. Patterson (Newcastle)	R. Pollock (Portadown)	A. Roycroft (Millisle)
M. Thompson (Dungannon)	T. Vance (Ballycrochan)	

Baptist Missions

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise”

- Psalm 100:4

We praise God for His providence, protection and provision in 2020. Thank you to the churches in the Association who prayed and supported the work of Baptist Missions throughout a very unusual year and for all those churches who invited our workers to take a deputation meeting. While some of our workers fell ill with COVID, we praise God that no-one connected with the Mission died or suffered long term effects as a result of contracting the disease.



Providing in Peru

For Baptist Missions 2020 began as normal with Summer Camps in Peru. This was the first year that the churches in the Association took full responsibility for the running of the camps and a record number of over two hundred campers and helpers soaked in God’s Word over the three weeks.



The COVID pandemic hit Peru around the same time as it impacted in Ireland, France and Spain. By March 16th they were into their first “lockdown” and churches were closed for several months.

Being a mainly cash based society, income for all of the churches/pastors in Peru was severely reduced. We took a decision early in the pandemic to increase our support to the churches in Ilo, Moquegua and Tacna and help our brothers and sisters in Peru in their time of need.

Thank you to those churches and individuals who responded to our call for extra funds. We continued to help throughout 2020 and intend to do so for as long as restrictions remain.



Our Peruvian workers adapted quickly to going “online” and got on with proclaiming the gospel. Radio El Sembrador proved very useful to the churches in the Association as they organised joint services broadcast via Facebook Live on Sundays and Wednesdays. The pastors shared the preaching and other members testified over the airwaves to God’s saving grace. Many unbelievers tuned in to these services with some making professions of faith. Pray for fruit that will remain.

John and Lourdes Brew found themselves exiled on the island of Ireland, from where John continued teaching, via zoom, at the Seminary in Tacna. John (Great Victoria St. Church) is due to retire from the Mission in May 2022, but plans to continue teaching in the Seminary on a part-time basis. Pray for John and Lourdes as they prepare for retirement.



Over to Zoom!

Monday, March 16th was a memorable night as we held our first committee meeting (Ireland) via zoom. At that point the Republic had gone into lockdown and travel was restricted.

Hundreds of zoom meetings later, some of the highlights were the “Family Fun Morning” and “Tea with Trevor”, when we brought the whole missionary family together. Our thanks to the President, Trevor Ramsey for all his input through the year. We appreciated his attendance at some of our committee meetings, his ministry from God’s Word and his encouragement to all our workers. We wish Trevor and Maggie God’s richest blessing as they move to Spain.





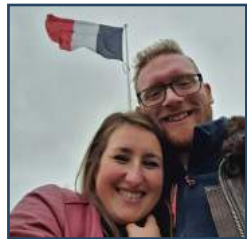
“Focus on France”

This was our theme for Missions Night on May 12th which was broadcast live for the first time on YouTube. We were very grateful for the technical assistance of Justin Black (Bethany Church) and a record number of people “attended” from the four corners of Ireland and from other countries including Canada, France, Holland and Spain.

We interviewed Laetitia Anstett who had just finished a three-year course at the Irish Baptist College. In September Laetitia moved to Marseille as an Affiliated Baptist Missions Worker serving with the F.E.U. (a French student organisation), working under a local church in the city.



Laetitia and her co-worker Myriam Jaccaz are reaching out to students from France, N. Africa, the Middle East and further afield. Many are hearing the gospel from parts of the world where it is very difficult to evangelise. This is a strategic ministry and we are delighted to be involved in it.



In September Andrew Livingstone from the Knockconny Church went to France on a twelve month placement. Having informed the Mission of his intentions, he got engaged to Séphora Knickerbocker over Christmas and they arranged to be married on May 1st 2021. We commend Andrew and Séphora to your prayers as they intend to serve the Lord together in France for the rest of their lives.

David and Hannah Sandall (Brannockstown Church) had hoped to return to France in 2020, but COVID restrictions made this impossible. God was still at work and continued to burden their hearts for France and to serve there with Baptist Missions.



In early December, having successfully completed all the necessary interviews, they were appointed to serve for an initial two-year term (from July 1st 2021).



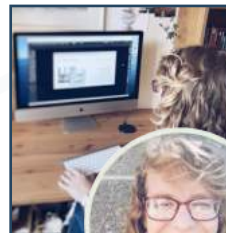
Adapting to the opportunities

One of the things that impressed most throughout 2020 was the ability of our workers to adapt to the ever changing situation. With God’s help they endured lockdowns and restrictions, often while their wives became “Teacher” as well as Mummy! They moved their ministries online and carried on proclaiming Christ and calling people to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Arrivals and Departures

In July, John and Grace Cunningham (Newry Church) moved into an Associate Voluntary role with the Mission making way for the appointment of Tim and Arlene McFarland (Bethany Church) on August 1st, for an initial two-year placement. In partnership with the Carrickmacross Church, they will be evangelising into the towns of Castleblayney and Ardee and have already been using social media to spread the gospel.



In September, we entered into an agreement with Kim Patterson (Blackrock Church) to raise our profile on social media and improve our online content. Kim is serving part-time with the Blackrock Church as a Ministry Associate and has also formed her own company illuminatemedi.ie – (Several of our churches have already benefited from Kim’s social media and graphic design skills). The “Happy Christmas” video and the one produced by the churches in Peru were both very well received in the run up to Christmas.

Towards the end of the year, Sharon Wilson (Carr Church) stepped down from serving at Shankhill Community Fellowship after twelve years hard work. We wish Sharon every blessing in the years ahead and thank her for her sacrificial service.

Pressing on with the gospel in Ireland

There have been encouragements at Shankill Community Fellowship, with real spiritual growth among the believers.

New people attending consistently in Kinsale. New believers baptised and five more members added to the church in Youghal. The Blackrock Church appointed elders and deacons and called Richard McConnell to be its pastor.



A whole raft of new contacts were made among the community in Clogher. Great opportunities to bring God's Word and engage with local people via Facebook in Bundoran and growth and consistency of attendance in Passage West, particularly at the Friday evening Bible study. (Even when on zoom!)



We are hoping to see the church plants in Belturbet and Passage West moving towards constituting in 2021 under the direction of the Cavan and Douglas churches respectively. The gospel marches on as the Lord Jesus builds His Church!



Serving in Spain

Spain was hit very hard by the pandemic but Andrew Reid was really encouraged in 2020 as record numbers of students enrolled in the School of Theology and the "Dual Programme" took on a fifth "pastor in training". The value of distance learning was highlighted as the lockdown continued and Andrew's work was barely affected by the pandemic. He was just even busier than usual! There was also real encouragement for Ruth as she saw growth in grace in some of the women she has been ministering to and while the work of Kasal Kidz was severely interrupted, when they did meet, there was evidence of God at work. Their local church called a new pastor after many years of vacancy and together



with extra secretarial help for the E.E.T. and the Federation (FIEIDE), some responsibilities were lifted from Andrew's shoulders. God answered many prayers with the safe arrival of Ana from Peru in July after several attempts to secure a flight home.

Time for change

God was guiding Andrew and Rosalia Elliott in new directions in 2020 and has clearly led them to a time of transition. After twenty-one years of faithfully serving the Lord in Algeciras (with Baptist Missions since 2008), plans were put in place for them to come to Ireland in 2021, for a two year period. This will enable Natalie to complete her A Levels in Northern Ireland and give time for the Elliotts to plan and prepare for a new chapter of ministry in Spain.



Our friends in Medina Sidonia returned to Ireland before Spain went into major lockdown. They have been living here since March but are actively involved with believers in Spain via zoom and WhatsApp, encouraging, supporting and helping in various ways.

Farewell and thanks

We said “farewell” to long standing and faithful committee members Beth Glendinning, Norman Campbell (48 years!), Norman Carson, Leslie Hutchinson, Tom Moore and David Nesbitt. At a rough calculation these individuals clocked up over one hundred and sixty years of faithful service to our churches, Baptist Missions and our missionaries. We pass on our gratitude to them in Christ’s name.

We are very grateful for new committee members and the time and energy that they give to the Mission and others who serve in a voluntary capacity, including several people who normally help with the weekly outreach at Shankill Community Fellowship. Thank you to Joanne, too, who has kept the Baptist Missions ship afloat administratively throughout the past year with all its challenges.

Looking forward

We long to see the Name of the Lord Jesus being worshipped in new places in France, Ireland, Peru and Spain as lost men and women are born again by God’s Spirit and new churches are planted.

We long to see church plants moving forward in gospel growth so that resources can be released to go to the “next towns” and plant more churches..... to see the Name of the Lord Jesus being worshipped.....

We long to see more younger people joining the Target1000 team so we can plan more strategically and progress forward in gospel advancement.

God is calling new people to serve with Baptist Missions. There are opportunities crying out for more workers. Please continue to pray and give as we advance the gospel together.



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Irish Baptist College

Principal's Comment

The work of the Irish Baptist College has continued with focus and determination in 2020 despite the unprecedented challenges posed by the global pandemic. While the week to week work of IBC has been rendered even more demanding by the unique circumstances we find ourselves in, we are grateful to God for his faithfulness and sustaining grace. The Lord has met our needs in every way enabling the ministry of training to carry on and for this we give thanks.

In a world dominated by bad news, we want to train our students to be heralds of good news who will unashamedly proclaim the gospel wherever God may send them. In this great responsibility it is, above all, our aim to serve God by being faithful to Christ and his word. I would encourage our churches, therefore, to keep on standing with us in this vital ministry of training so that through the College the Lord may raise up leaders for the church who will glorify him in this and the next generation.

Edwin Ewart

Challenges of COVID

As with many areas of life the Irish Baptist College did not escape the impact of COVID. In late April, towards the end of the second semester, in-person teaching ceased and online provision was quickly set-up. Although delighted that ten students graduated from the Preparation for Ministry course, it was a disappointment not to be able to hold the annual graduation service in May 2020.

The pandemic also forced us to shift from in-person open days to virtual open days. Throughout the spring the College released a variety of videos from both staff and students promoting the work of the College and answering some of the questions prospective students might have.

Despite the challenging climate the College gratefully welcomed an acceptable intake of new students in September. Eight full-time undergraduates enrolled in the Preparation for Ministry course, three part-time students on the Graduate Diploma



Course and ten students began postgraduate work. There has also been five new Day Release students (three of whom are Baptist Youth Interns) and 26 new students on the range of Christian Education Courses (Moir, Belfast, Ballymena, Women's Ministry Course and Ladies Study Fellowship).

While these figures fall slightly below our general targets year on year we believe them to be a good return given the uncertainty that has arisen as a result of COVID. We thank God for the provision of these students.

From September, most of the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching has been able to take place in-person with the necessary protocols in place, while the Christian Education Courses have had a mixture of online and in-person teaching.

Perhaps one of the biggest disappointments of 2020 was the fact that ministry students were unable to avail of the opportunity to engage in cross-cultural placements and evangelism teams.



Ongoing Ministry

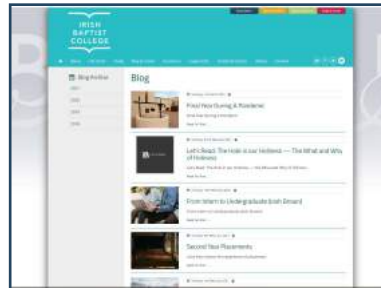
Given all that has transpired in 2020 it seems fitting that College began the year by running a ministry seminar focusing on the issue of resilience in ministry. Pastor Colin Cooper took the opportunity to introduce himself and his new role within the

Association as Ministry Support Coordinator. Pastor Neil Watson then led a very helpful session on developing resilience in ministry. There were around 20 pastors present, with a number of recent graduates making the most of the opportunity.



Ten students graduated from the Preparation for Ministry programme in 2020. Due to the pandemic there was a graduation/recognition service held on 5th September in the Moira church, at which a number of Christian Education Course graduates also participated. Of these ten, six were placed in active gospel work by the end of the year. The commencement service took place in a similar format with staff, students and selected family members present at Tobermore on 22nd September while the service was also live-streamed via social media. Pastor Steve Auld (Great Victoria Street and College Management Committee member) delivered a challenging message calling staff and students alike to set our attention and affections on Jesus Christ.

The College website has been more active in 2020. Every week there was a new blog post released; these cover everything from Friends of the College updates to student testimonials to theological reflections.



Ministry Partnership Scheme

During 2020, the Ministry Partnership Scheme helped another graduate of the College take his first steps into ministry. Alex Stephenson took up the position of Assistant Pastor in the Ballymena church in September with the aid of MPS.

A New Look

An exciting development in the past year has been the creation of a new College logo. The aim of the logo is to communicate that the Irish Baptist College is a place of the book. Both the staff and the students are committed to and serious about

knowing, obeying and proclaiming the Bible. If Scripture is the divinely inspired and totally inerrant word of God, and we are convinced it is, then we want to be known as people of the book. The open book concept in the logo hopefully communicates this. Alongside this new logo the College also released an updated mini-prospectus that helpfully outlines the courses on offer.

Irish Baptist Historical Society

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances regarding COVID the Historical Society committee took the decision to postpone the lectures planned for 2020. It is the intention that these lectures will now be delivered throughout 2021.

Director of Training's Postscript

The whirlwind 2020 is my first full calendar year in post. It has been difficult to say the least, yet there were some steeling encouragements along the way. As I reflect on the past year I am grateful that the College enjoys the support of the churches; without this the work of the College would cease. Thank you. It is also hugely encouraging to continue to see gifted individuals sacrifice comfortable careers to undertake the hard work of preparing for ministry. Indeed, the students across all our courses have demonstrated the grace and perseverance that marks faithful Christians. I trust that at the end 2020 the College is still found magnifying Christ, advancing the gospel and strengthening the church.



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Baptist Women

'The Light Shines in the Darkness'

2020 has been a dark, difficult year for so many and yet the light of the gospel shines through. In the Baptist Women's department we have had opportunities to study God's Word with women across Ireland as well as opportunities to share the gospel.

The Light Shines in the Darkness – encouraging women

Our Spring Conference was held on Friday 6th March in Magherafelt and Saturday 7th March in Portadown. Over 500 women met across the two venues. The speaker was Lydia Brownback (author and International speaker from Illinois). The theme was "Making Sense of Hard Things" and this proved to be a very timely topic as we went into lockdown a few weeks later. The talks were from 1 Peter and were entitled "Tested by Fire" and "Our Living Hope". We were urged to keep our eyes on Jesus, our living hope; to look and lean on Him and be immersed in His Word.



All our other events were postponed due to the pandemic apart from Prayer, Praise and Promises. This event is normally held at the Baptist Centre near Moira with 70 attending but in September 2020 we went online and had over 300 women join in from all over Ireland. Kate McFarland (Youghal Church) and Philomena Fitzpatrick (Ballycullen Church) shared from God's Word.

Keri Folmar (Dubai) was interviewed over Zoom. She told us about her Bible studies and 'Good Portion' book series which is a series on doctrine written by women for women. Time was also spent praying for the work of Baptist Women.

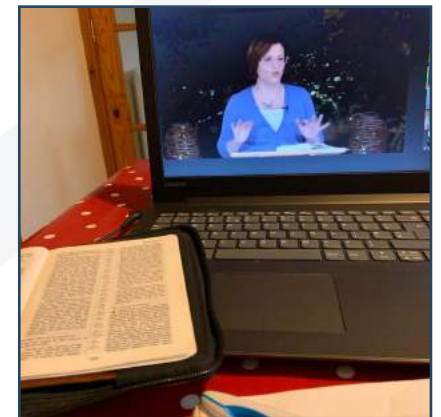
The Light Shines in the Darkness – transforming women

The Women's Ministry Course finished the Spring term online which was difficult especially for those who were graduating. A further eight week course on Contentment was offered and this was gladly taken up as we endeavoured to come to terms with varying degrees of isolation and loneliness. We were encouraged to look back to what Christ had done for us at the cross and to look forward to spending eternity with Christ in the future. Looking back and looking forward should help to provide us with contentment and hope in the present. The Winter term of the Women's Ministry Course began with nine in the classroom and ten online but with a second lockdown the term ended on Zoom which enabled everyone to meet up over the same technology - this turned out to be a good experience for all involved.

During May and June, Baptist Women had a Facebook Bible Study group on the book of Colossians. A video of Gloria Furman (Dubai) was posted each week and then questions were put up each day which people could comment on. Over two hundred women participated in the study as we looked at the supremacy of Christ. He is all and in all; He is enough and we are His chosen people, transformed by the gospel.

While we were unable to meet up face to face for the rest of year the technology available enabled us to meet up with women right across Ireland (and further afield) for two different Bible Studies.

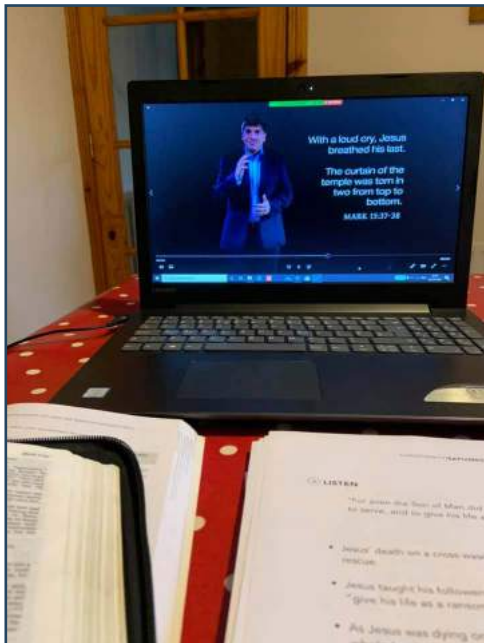
In June and July we joined Nancy Guthrie (author and Bible teacher from Nashville) for teaching sessions recorded in her own back yard and based on her book "God does His best work with empty." Six Hundred women enrolled for this study and they received Bible study questions to answer each week before joining a Zoom call on Monday evenings. During the Zoom call there was a video of Nancy Guthrie teaching and then everyone



went into breakout rooms for discussion groups. This provided an opportunity to get to know ladies from many different backgrounds and churches and to discuss the fact that God satisfies all our needs and longings by filling us with Himself.

In October and November we joined Nancy Guthrie again for a similar study on her book 'Saints and Scoundrels in the story of Jesus'. Looking at different characters in the New Testament, Nancy Guthrie applied Biblical truths into the lives of the ladies on the study. The times of fellowship in the group discussions also provided opportunities to meet and share with different ladies each week. This was a means of encouraging each other from God's Word in the midst of all the isolation and uncertainty of the pandemic.

The Light Shines in the Darkness – changing women






While COVID impacted our lives in ways we never could have imagined it also provided us with opportunities we might never have taken! For the first time Baptist Women ran a six-week online course 'Christianity Explored for Women'. Thirty women signed up to the course which began in the middle of June 2020 and 'Zoom' was the platform used to run the course. The initial group was made up of women who had been Christians for a long time, those who were recently converted and those who wanted to know more about Jesus and the gospel message. The Christian ladies were taken separately and shown how to make use of the resources available

online and encouraged to run the course with friends and relatives; a number went on to do this. The remaining ladies engaged well in the preparation for each session and showed a genuine hunger for understanding. When it came to the end of the six week course the lockdown restrictions eased and a few of the women met up in person giving the opportunity to reflect on the studies and pray together.

Even in a year of lockdowns and restrictions the Baptist Women's Department has been extremely busy. We value your prayers as we endeavour to continue to meet the needs of the women in our churches.



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Baptist Youth

The exhortation of the Apostle Peter to ‘humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God’ is no doubt a challenge to all who read his words. However, with all the lows and heartaches of 2020, we have seen another example of why Peter’s words ought to be our posture. 2020 has served as a reminder that ‘many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand’ (Prov 19:21).

This year the Youth Department has not just been humbled, but encouraged. We are encouraged in the knowledge that, in spite of cancelled and redirected plans, the Lord continues to prove his faithfulness and sustaining grace.

Early Year Events

Thankfully, with lockdown not coming into full effect until March, we were able to host a number of in-person events in the early months of the year. Little did we know, back then, how long it would be until events like these would be possible again. It was a joy to gather a few hundred young people together on the 18th January for the annual Summer Launch Night. While the main



objective of this event was to promote the upcoming camps and teams, it turns out the joy of physically gathering and being reminded to ‘Seek First The Kingdom’ would prove to be the Launch Night’s most significant contribution to 2020. We are thankful to David Cameron (Ballymena) who took the time to prepare and, ultimately, share God’s Word with us from the book of Haggai.

It was also a joy, in the early months of the year, to host two student events in Belfast. 3Fifteen is a monthly event that seeks to equip and encourage students to live out their Christian faith on campus. At the end of January and February, students were taught about the very practical topics of ‘finding balance in your life’ and ‘bursting the Christian bubble.’ The student committee were also thankful to host their annual event for freshers at the end of August. This event took place on Monday 17 August live on our YouTube and Facebook pages. As well as a short talk from God’s Word, the night also included a number of interviews from past and present Christian students. Hearing the variety of insights and experiences shared from the students was extremely helpful. Above all, the freshers night was a great reminder that God continues to use Christians at University in order to grow his kingdom and encourage his people, even in the midst of a pandemic.

Summer Online



While the COVID outbreak had a seemingly negative impact on much of Baptist Youth’s Summer plans, especially considering the cancellation of camps and teams, there was a more positive outcome. The lighter Summer schedule provided an opportunity for the Youth Department to host numerous online training events in order to encourage and equip the members of our churches.

One of these training events was a 6 week course for youth leaders. This course, running from 6 July - 10 August, took place every Monday night. Those who registered were able to tune into the course via a private YouTube link and it was a joy to see well over 100 youth leaders sign up and engage with the content. There were a variety of topics covered in this course, including 'a biblical foundation for youth ministry' and 'understanding young people today.'

Digital Resources

As was the case for many churches in 2020, the Youth Department sought to have a strong online presence with regular videos and resources being posted online. This primarily took the form of two 'Read Daily' series. Read Daily is a Bible reading programme which we encouraged young people to follow along with. Each day young people were encouraged to read a passage in the Bible and then watch a short devotion posted by Baptist Youth. Our first series in 2020 was in 1 Corinthians which began at the end of March and ended at the start of June. Another slightly shorter series in 1 Kings then took place in the month of October. We were extremely encouraged by the engagement with this, as well as the 'Big Questions' series posted in the Summer time.



Internship

With Summer drawing to a close, September marked the beginning of another year of the Baptist Youth Internship. The Youth Department were delighted to welcome three new interns for 2020/21. Matthew Poston (Ballymena), James Chambers (Ballykeel) and Caleb Kyle (Hamilton Road) began their internship.

As part of their programme, Matthew and James worked alongside the Emmanuel Church, while Caleb worked alongside the Holywood Church. The interns were involved in a number of projects, including the production of a children's talk series for churches to incorporate in their Sunday service live streams.

Thank You

The Youth Department would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the churches for their continued partnership in the gospel. 2020 has proved to be a challenging yet fruitful year. We would ask that you continue to pray for the work of Baptist Youth in the incoming years as we continue to 'work together...transforming a generation.'

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Finance Report

Executive Summary

- The Association has finished the year with a surplus for the second year in a row.
- COVID restrictions presented many challenges, with a resulting impact on finances.
- However, increased support has seen the Association through this difficult year.
- Giving from churches was at a level of £663,302, the highest since 2009.
- Personal giving was at a level of £307,940, the highest ever level.

We have to give thanks to God for the continued level of church and personal support, especially in this difficult year of the COVID pandemic. The level of giving demonstrates a strong commitment to working together and provides a platform for our Association of churches to move forward and develop this vital gospel ministry.

Accounts and Audit

The Association has moved from preparing accounts under the cash basis to use the accruals basis. The accruals basis provides a more reliable presentation of the finances of an organisation. In order to prepare accounts under this method the closing balances from January 2020 have been restated.

A full set of statutory accounts have been prepared for the Association which are available on request. Included in this report are the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance sheet as reported in the statutory accounts and an additional summary of departmental accounts.

A full independent audit of the statutory accounts is being carried out by GMCG Belfast, Chartered Accountants.

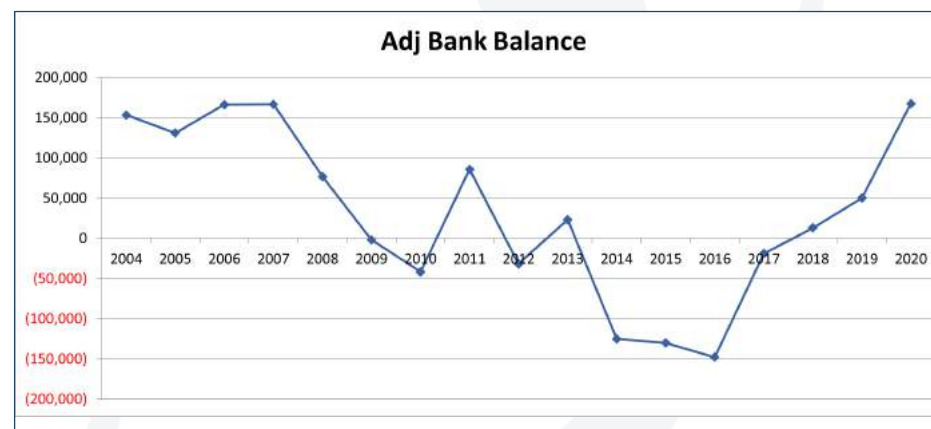
Year-end Balance

An examination of the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 26 will show that the overall financial position of the Association has improved significantly during 2020.

The bank balance at the end of the year decreased by £127,596 to £313,924 (2019; £441,520). This figure is inflated as a result of £72,957 of Interest Free Loans and £73,486 of funds held for the PIP fund which are restricted funds. If these two factors are taken into account and the bank balance is adjusted, there is a surplus cash balance of £167,481. This is an improvement of £117,257 from the position in January 2020.

It has been incredibly encouraging that despite the challenges presented by COVID in 2020, the Association has once again closed the year in a surplus cash position. This improved financial position resulted in the Association being less dependent on Interest Free Loans during the year, allowing £266,350 of these loans to be repaid since January 2020, bringing the loan balance down to £72,957. We are thankful to God for his provision in this regard.

The bank balance adjusted in this way at the year-end over a period of years is highlighted in the following graph.



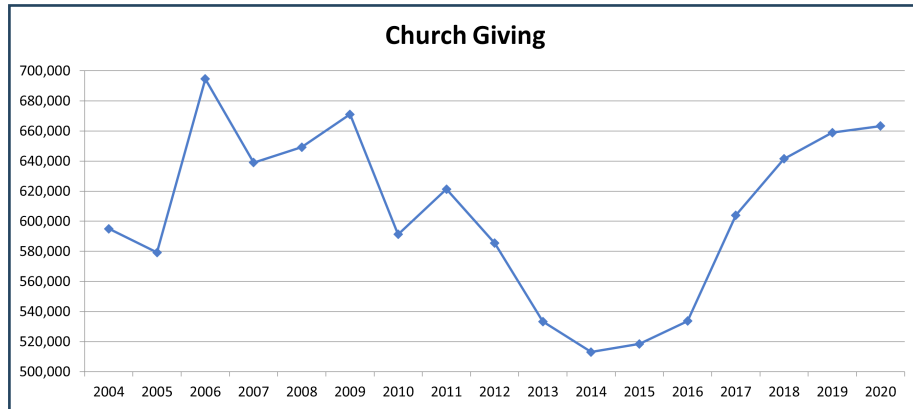
There are three main contributing factors to the elimination of this deficit. First and most important, Church giving to the work of the Association has increased in each of the last 6 years. Secondly, personal giving has also experienced a significant increase. Thirdly, overall expenditure in the Association fell slightly on the previous year.

Closing reserves (excluding PIP fund) of £319,100 represents approximately two and a half months expenditure for the Association. It is good practice to hold at least three months expenditure in reserve and the aim is to reach this target by the end of 2021. This will provide a stable financial base to plan for the work of the Association in future years, with much of these funds already designated to support future work.

The encouraging financial position is evidence that the work of the Association in furthering a Baptist witness in Ireland is held in high regard by our churches and members. We return thanks to God for his faithfulness and goodness.

Church Giving

Church giving in 2020 was at a level of £663,302 (2019 £660,796). This is the sixth consecutive year of growth in church giving to the work of the Association and the highest level since 2009. The graph below highlights church giving to the Association over a 16 year period.

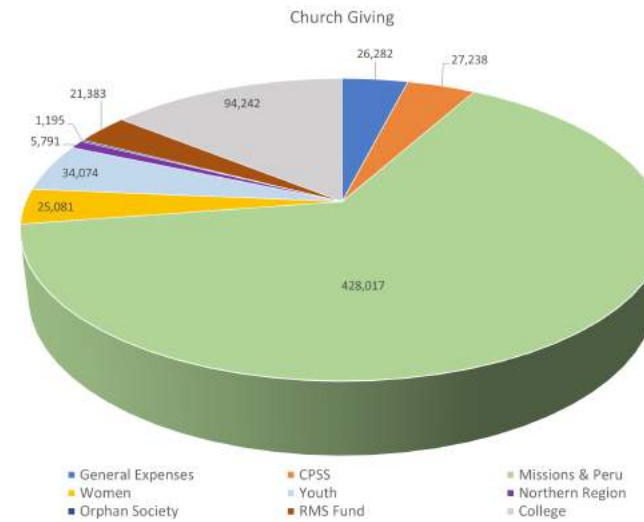


It is very encouraging that church giving has exceeded the budget level £648,533. This level of giving has enabled the Association to ensure that expenditure in the year is covered by income. As in previous years most church giving has been designated to the support of Baptist Missions (£428,017), followed by the College (£94,242).

We are grateful for the generous and faithful support of the churches. Churches are to be commended for their response in giving to the work of the Association. If giving from churches can remain at the level experienced in 2020 it will provide the solid platform to enable the work of the Association to move forward.

Church Donations Analysis

The Donations Analysis on pages 28-31 shows that out of 117 churches 96 gave something to the work of the Association. 50 churches increased their giving to the Association, 49 decreased their giving with 21 churches giving



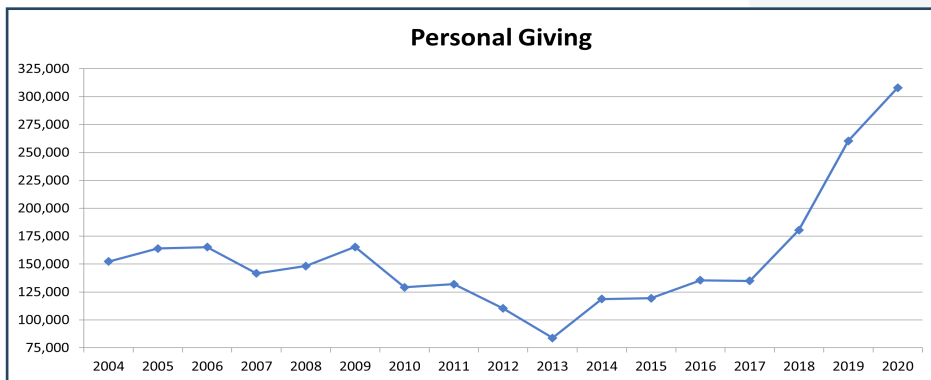
nothing at all. It is once again clear that there are a significant number of churches that have examined their giving to the Association over the past year and have demonstrated their support of the work that we endeavour to do together by increasing their financial support. One of the main reasons for churches not supporting the Association is that they may not have the financial resources to do so and that is understandable for those in that position. However, these churches are encouraged to give a nominal amount to each department as an expression of their support.

Personal Donations

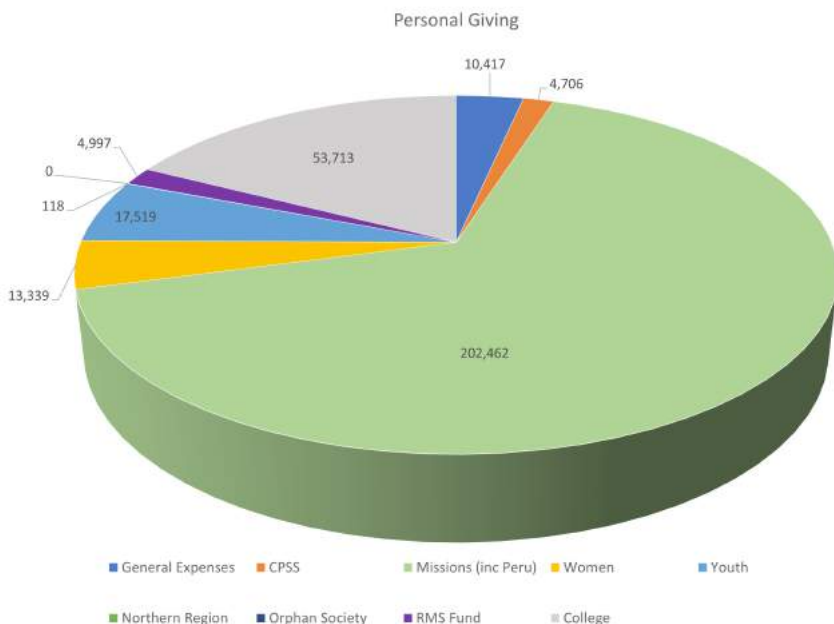
Personal donations to the work of the Association increased by £47,613 from £260,327 in 2019 to £307,940 in 2020.

It is encouraging to see a 18% increase in personal donations and the highest ever level of personal donations to the Association. However, this type of giving can fluctuate significantly from year to year and given that a number of large donations were received in the year it may not be possible to see this level of giving in subsequent years. It must be noted that a portion of this increase comes as a result of the Baptist Missions target1000 and demonstrates the personal commitment of many supporters. Thanks is given to all the individuals who support the work of the Association in this manner. This giving is essential to enable the Association to continue the work of the Gospel.





As with church giving, most personal donations have been directed toward Missions and College.



ABCI 2013 Retirement Benefits Scheme

A triennial actuarial valuation was carried out on the Scheme at 31 March 2019. This was completed and submitted to the Pension Regulator in May 2020. The valuation showed a funding deficit of £336,000 in the Scheme, which represents a significant improvement from the previous funding deficit of £608,000 as at 31 October 2016. This deficit has to be met by funding contributions from the Association of £30,000 p.a. until June 2027. Under the new accrual accounting method this deficit is recorded as a liability of the Association on the Balance Sheet.

In addition, the Northern Baptist Corporation Limited has agreed to guarantee the contributions at this level in the unlikely event of the Association not being in a position to contribute. The Pension Regulator responded to the Trustees with an encouraging letter informing them that there were “no further questions” regarding the structure of funding of the Scheme. Given the uncertainty in global financial markets this is a welcome development.

Thanks must be given to the Directors of ABCI Retirement Benefits Limited which acts as Trustee of the Scheme.

PIP Fund

Churches are continuing to respond positively to the PIP fund subscription. It is planned that this Fund will remain in place until the final member of the Scheme passes away. Contributions are estimated to be payable by churches until 2055. However, it should be noted that the real cost of contributions will not increase and will in fact decrease over time based on the current funding model. During 2018 the Finance Committee agreed the first reduction in the PIP fund level of 1.5% to be applied in 2019. The level of subscriptions remained at this level for 2020 and 2021. The balance on the fund at the year-end is £331,868 with over £250,000 held and invested by the Northern Baptist Corporation Limited on behalf of the Association.

Budget 2021

The Recommended Stipend Scale for 2021 was released to churches with a 1.0% increase for both NI and ROI. It is for individual churches to assess the level of increase payable in their situation. The Finance Committee approved an increase to Association salaries in line with the uplift to the Recommended

Stipend Scale. The total budgeted expenditure for 2021 is estimated at £1,523,562. This is an increase of £68,129 on the previous year (2020) budget figure of £1,455,433. Church giving needs to reach a level of £687,445 in order to sustain the entirety of the work undertaken by the Association. Church giving has previously exceeded this level in 2006.

Review of the Year

The budget departments collectively finished the year with a surplus balance for the first time in many years. A review of each Department shows the complexity of the financial position in 2020.

General Expenses

The General Expense account ended the year with a deficit balance of £55,531 (2019 -£67,121 restated). The conversion to accrual accounting resulted in a restatement of last year's closing position by £67,517 to account for the timing of income on church subscriptions. Income exceeded expenditure in this account by £11,590. Annual subscriptions from churches were at a level of £75,326 (2019 - £73,493). Expenditure was £28,197 higher than in 2020 partly as a result of the general expenses department taking on responsibility for the new Ministry Support Role. Also, there is an additional liability on this account for Pension Administration Costs which are in the region of £40,000 per annum. The Northern Baptist Corporation Limited has committed to ease the burden of this liability to allow the Association time to be in a position to fund these costs. The Association was able to fund £20,000 of these costs in 2020.

Baptist Missions (Including Peru Projects)

"Proclaiming Christ and Planting Churches"

This Department continues to report encouraging financial results. There was an increase of £24,165 in the general mission account at the year-end (£51,189 compared with £27,024 restated in 2019). Expenditure was £58,863 lower than last year as Covid restrictions curtailed much of the department's planned activities. It is encouraging to see such high levels of continued church giving and personal donations in support of missionaries and projects. Three fewer churches contributed to this department than last year resulting in church giving falling by £14,604, however there was an encouraging increase of personal giving of £41,597. This overall increase in

giving demonstrates the value that our supporters are placing on the work we do as a gospel partnership of churches in Proclaiming Christ and Planting churches. The landscape across France, Ireland, Peru and Spain is so needy that there are many opportunities that need our support.

Baptist Women

While cancellation of a number of Women's events due to COVID restrictions had an impact on finances, it was encouraging to see support for the online events and Bible studies. Income once again exceeded expenditure resulting in a closing surplus for the department of £5,667. Church donations saw a decrease of £4,741 although personal giving increased by £4,111. Baptist Women have shaken off the deficit of over £10,000 in 2015 and is well placed to continue developing their ministry among the women of our churches.

Baptist Youth

The cancellation of Youth Camps and BYE Teams due to the COVID restrictions in place over the summer of 2020 had a significant impact on the finances for the Youth department. Despite the loss of significant income from these activities, an increase in support has meant the department still ended the year with a surplus of £1,589. While the number of churches giving to this department fell by 2 from 54 to 52, total church giving increased by £5,497. It is also encouraging to see a further increase in personal giving of £6,578. Church giving (£34,074) just exceeded the £33,300 level that needs to be achieved to secure the future ministry of the Youth Department. Given the importance to our churches of reaching the younger generation this level should be a priority.

Retired Ministers Support

This year the deficit decreased to £10,747 (2019, £13,377 restated). It was encouraging to see that income was received at a level to cover the expenditure in the year. This Fund currently supports 31 members. It has now entered the final stages of its existence and expenditure should continue to fall in coming years. However, income needs to be sustained at current levels for at least four years to meet current commitments and ensure the deficit is removed.

College

The Irish Baptist College ended the year with a deficit of £6,064. The conversion to accrual accounting resulted in the restatement of last year's closing position to a deficit of £67,605 to account for the timing of income from university fees. While it was encouraging that income exceeded expenditure by £61,541 during the year, this resulted in the College still finishing the year in a deficit position. Church giving increased by £7,837 to £94,242 (2019, £86,405) although this is still £10,758 below the level of support required for the budget. The number of churches giving also fell from 61 to 58. The College has been supported through this as a result of an increase in personal and trust donations. Given the vital and strategic work of the College and the impact on our churches it is imperative that the College is given the support it requires as it seeks to prepare leaders for gospel ministry in pastoral and missionary settings. The College is vital to the future of the churches in the training of pastors in line with our theological convictions and evangelical ethos.

Churches' Pastoral Support Scheme

It was encouraging to see a significant increase in donations to the CPSS. The fund stands at £30,765 at the year end. This level of giving enabled 93.3 percent of the promised grants to be passed to the six churches currently in the Scheme. This is the highest proportion of committed grants that have been able to be paid for a number of years. The impact on a small church of having someone in place to lead the work forward cannot be understated. Support of this fund is commended to the churches.

Insight Magazine

The Insight Magazine account continues to operate at a deficit of approximately £5,000 a year and looks to the Northern Baptist Corporation Limited for support. This is as a result of a slow decline in subscriptions as a result of the challenges that printed media face in a digital age. The magazine is one of the main channels of disseminating information from our churches and Association departments and requires support in promoting the magazine. The Editorial Committee believes that the magazine is an excellent product that deserves support.

Baptist Aid

Throughout 2020 we continued to support the vital work of the Baptist Union of Zimbabwe Orphan Care Programme. Churches are encouraged to continue to support this life giving project. In early 2021 an appeal was launched to raise funds for disaster relief following the earthquake in Croatia. This appeal raised over £33,000.

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 January 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income from:		
Donations and legacies	1,171,515	1,266,971
Income from charitable activities	410,037	371,801
Other Income	143,092	101,193
Investments	371	675
	<u>1,725,015</u>	<u>1,740,640</u>
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities	1,562,318	1,488,581
Other expenditure	-	-
	<u>1,562,318</u>	<u>1,488,581</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>162,697</u>	<u>252,059</u>
Total funds brought forward	488,271	236,212
Total funds carried forward	<u>650,968</u>	<u>488,271</u>
Department Reserves		
General Expenses	-55,531	-67,121
Churches Pastoral Support Scheme	30,765	25,353
Missions (inc. Peru)	51,189	27,024
Women	5,667	2,292
Youth	1,589	-1,541
Northern Region	-11,714	-22,144
Orphan Society	1,001	453
RMS Fund	-10,747	-13,377
College	-6,064	-67,605
PIP Fund	331,868	299,713
Non-Budget Departments	312,945	305,224
Total	<u>650,968</u>	<u>488,271</u>

Balance Sheet

As at 31 January 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	2,854	-
	<u>2,854</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	84,530	77,509
Corporation debtor	847,042	863,761
Bank & cash	313,924	441,520
	<u>1,245,496</u>	<u>1,382,790</u>
Creditors		
Trade creditors	2,172	8,548
Wages/PAYE	15,295	14,804
Sundry creditors & accruals	18,192	15,645
Interest free loans	72,957	339,307
Special transfers	2,229	90
PIP fund	1,236	1,422
Deferred Income	204,301	203,703
Pension deficit	281,000	311,000
	<u>597,382</u>	<u>894,519</u>
Net Current Assets	648,114	488,271
Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>650,968</u>	<u>488,271</u>

Department Summary

	Opening Balance	Accrual Restatement	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Net movement	Closing balance Jan 21
General Expenses	396	-67,517	173,749	-211,675	49,516	-55,927	-55,531
CPSS	25,353	-	31,944	-24,482	-2,050	5,412	30,765
Missions	28,737	-1,713	623,553	-551,888	-47,500	22,452	51,189
Women	3,022	-730	50,394	-44,619	-2,400	2,645	5,667
Youth	-524	-1,017	62,552	-50,922	-8,500	2,113	1,589
Northern Region	-21,452	-692	10,430	-	-	9,738	-11,714
Orphan Society	453	-	6,865	-3,067	-3,250	548	1,001
RMS Fund	-13,244	-133	26,379	-38,545	14,796	2,497	-10,747
College	3,491	-71,096	435,529	-309,876	-64,112	-9,555	-6,064
	26,232	-142,898	1,421,395	-1,235,074	-63,500	-20,077	6,155
Non-budget Departments	20,164	285,060	230,181	-315,960	93,500	292,781	312,945
PIP Fund	-	299,713	73,439	-11,284	-30,000	331,868	331,868
Total Association Balances	46,396	441,875	1,725,015	-1,562,318	-	604,572	650,968

Donations Analysis

Church	General Expenses		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc. Peru)		Women		Youth		NRM		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Antrim	-	542	250	188	6,161	10,743	332	270	916	442	335	245	-	14	572	505	1,610	6,365	10,177	19,314
Armagh	-	-	510	300	5,693	5,070	255	385	360	940	-	140	85	40	-	575	835	2,820	7,738	10,270
Athlone	-	-	49	-	762	1,039	61	-	49	-	37	-	-	-	61	-	209	-	1,228	1,039
Balbriggan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ballycrochan	-	-	420	420	17,232	16,963	490	620	1,170	1,140	-	-	-	-	1,380	1,555	2,525	4,135	23,217	24,833
Ballycullen Community Church	-	-	-	-	2,816	3,717	-	-	-	906	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,816	4,623
Ballygomartin	-	-	-	-	1,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,280	-
Ballykeel	-	1,317	288	547	8,644	6,399	600	432	1,148	1,591	1,216	-	-	-	360	369	2,224	2,743	14,480	13,397
Ballymena	-	963	360	451	20,630	17,083	1,450	2,356	1,360	2,488	1,270	-	-	-	450	304	2,530	3,355	28,050	27,000
Ballymoney	-	-	-	-	11,750	9,080	70	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,970	9,080
Ballynahinch	-	900	-	200	980	725	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	980	2,225
Bellaghy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bethany	-	-	-	1,000	20,280	25,448	3,810	1,740	1,570	1,560	930	960	-	-	1,290	1,200	4,600	4,800	32,480	36,708
Brannockstown	-	-	-	-	310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310	-
Calvary	-	-	-	-	1,876	885	939	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	3,615	885
Carndaisy	55	-	1,076	1,000	5,486	9,000	1,095	1,000	1,276	1,000	57	-	1,000	1,000	1,095	1,000	2,123	1,600	13,263	15,600
Carr	1,830	2,633	500	676	8,734	7,248	620	737	777	983	751	601	141	141	930	933	4,239	4,518	18,522	18,470
Carrickfergus	-	1,800	2,300	2,300	10,833	10,955	1,380	1,520	1,725	1,800	-	-	-	-	2,300	2,400	2,530	2,640	21,068	23,415
Carrickmacross	-	75	89	35	1,386	2,030	112	28	89	38	67	-	-	-	112	24	380	151	2,236	2,380
Carrigaline	-	-	-	-	1,773	2,387	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,773	2,387
Carryduff	-	-	-	-	2,200	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200	75
Castledearg	-	370	-	-	1,000	1,000	100	100	150	150	-	-	-	-	150	150	300	300	1,700	2,070
Castlereagh	-	-	300	300	600	500	530	425	250	250	-	-	-	-	250	250	475	450	2,405	2,175
Cavan	-	461	188	212	8,109	10,558	235	170	274	234	141	-	-	-	235	146	800	649	9,984	12,429
Central Craigavon	-	-	-	-	3,015	1,177	200	703	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,215	1,880
Clady Water	-	120	24	56	2,432	2,760	141	45	24	61	18	-	-	-	30	38	102	169	2,771	3,250
Coagh	-	-	-	-	2,657	1,668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,657	1,668
Coleraine	-	-	637	539	11,050	12,076	507	429	936	792	-	-	-	-	1,014	858	2,561	2,167	16,705	16,861

Church	General Expenses		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc. Peru)		Women		Youth		NRM		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Comber	-	787	162	312	2,939	2,102	203	247	282	338	122	-	-	-	203	311	690	939	4,600	5,035
Cookstown	-	1,123	-	526	3,094	4,840	-	415	-	1,385	-	-	-	-	-	355	-	2,397	3,094	11,042
Cork	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cregagh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crumlin	-	321	80	150	1,240	694	100	119	80	163	60	-	-	-	100	101	340	452	2,000	2,000
Donaghadee	-	-	-	-	490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	490	-
Douglas	-	-	-	-	20,113	22,146	372	362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366	20,485	22,874
Dromore	-	-	-	-	2,643	2,611	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	964	-	3,757	2,611
Dunamanagh	-	-	348	348	348	348	-	-	174	174	870	870	-	-	174	174	348	348	2,262	2,262
Dundalk	-	-	49	49	835	840	58	53	81	82	89	95	-	-	114	115	406	412	1,633	1,648
Dundonald	-	-	200	200	1,400	2,160	200	200	200	200	100	-	-	-	200	200	500	750	2,800	3,710
Dungannon	-	951	3,260	3,610	897	2,100	610	254	168	279	126	-	-	-	210	174	715	775	5,987	8,142
Dunseverick	-	-	-	-	1,370	1,036	650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,020	1,036
East End	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmanuel	-	-	-	750	3,090	8,850	530	750	560	825	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	750	4,680	11,925
Enniskillen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finaghy	-	-	-	-	1,100	1,000	300	200	460	460	-	-	-	-	500	500	440	440	2,800	2,600
Furbo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galway City	-	149	-	70	2,441	2,179	-	55	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	47	871	1,602	3,312	4,178
Gilnahirk	-	401	104	188	4,708	3,435	131	148	466	471	78	-	-	-	755	663	2,628	2,490	8,870	7,794
Glenarm	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,100	300	275	300	275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	1,650
Glengormley	-	-	320	200	7,415	4,220	420	300	320	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	200	8,795	5,120
Gortmerron	-	3,209	250	1,754	920	8,002	250	1,437	560	2,126	-	-	-	-	-	1,014	2,000	6,518	3,980	24,060
Grace (Killarney)	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	91
Grace (Tullycarnet)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grace Bible Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grange	-	-	-	-	882	530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	882	530
Great Victoria Street	-	-	-	-	5,700	5,959	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,750	5,959

Church	General Expenses		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc. Peru)		Women		Youth		NRM		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Greenisland	-	-	-	-	2,400	2,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200	2,470	4,600	4,940
Grosvenor Road	-	-	-	-	29,398	29,695	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	29,598	29,695
Grove	-	-	-	-	560	355	40	30	95	95	-	-	-	-	200	500	75	75	970	1,055
Hamilton Road	-	-	635	935	16,605	16,005	677	630	925	915	-	-	-	-	955	625	6,490	1,660	26,287	20,770
Hollywood	-	-	-	-	4,605	4,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,605	4,360
Jamestown Road	-	-	-	-	2,141	2,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,143	2,141	3,212
Kilkeel	-	-	-	-	3,511	3,260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,511	3,260
Killicomaine	-	-	-	-	1,147	647	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	375	1,647	1,022
Killyleagh	-	-	-	-	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	23	75	423	75
Kilrea	-	-	-	-	2,015	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,015	50
Kinsale	-	-	-	-	2,881	3,577	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,881	3,577
Kircubbin Community Church	-	446	189	205	51	185	237	165	189	226	142	-	-	-	237	141	805	753	1,851	2,120
Knockconny	-	1,159	784	943	6,632	4,106	380	428	744	887	228	-	-	-	800	716	1,832	2,081	11,400	10,320
Larne	-	-	-	-	3,010	2,950	530	600	600	700	-	-	-	-	400	400	1,300	1,250	5,840	5,900
Letterkenny	-	-	-	-	1,907	995	93	188	88	188	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,315	1,408	3,402	2,779
Limavady	-	800	800	500	6,236	5,246	1,400	1,000	1,200	1,000	1,200	-	-	-	550	550	1,200	1,000	12,586	10,096
Limerick	-	-	-	-	2,295	3,727	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,295	3,727
Lisburn	-	-	-	-	1,150	1,130	-	50	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	835	1,725	1,985	3,155
Lisnagleer	-	-	-	-	550	470	-	-	220	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	770	840
Living Hope	-	-	-	-	439	470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	439	470
Lurgan	-	-	1,344	1,344	2,921	3,051	300	250	-	-	2,160	2,160	-	-	-	-	1,100	1,150	7,825	7,955
Magherafelt	-	-	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	1,200	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	5,250	13,000	14,450
Midleton	-	-	-	-	1,818	2,801	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,818	2,801
Millisle	-	-	300	300	2,000	2,000	200	200	300	300	200	200	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,000	5,250	5,000
Milltown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moirra	-	193	516	570	5,925	9,352	525	551	516	578	507	480	-	-	1,125	1,141	3,653	2,071	12,767	14,936
Monkstown	-	-	-	-	9,105	8,788	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,105	8,788
Mountpottinger	-	-	-	-	2,679	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195	-	2,979	-

Church	General Expenses		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc. Peru)		Women		Youth		NRM		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Mullaghmeen	-	-	88	-	2,864	170	110	-	88	-	66	-	-	-	110	-	374	-	3,700	170
Nenagh	-	-	-	-	-	366	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366
Newcastle	-	-	100	100	4,100	4,160	140	100	150	115	40	40	-	-	350	350	450	450	5,330	5,315
Newry	-	642	160	301	2,480	2,888	200	237	160	325	120	-	-	-	200	203	680	904	4,000	5,500
Newtownards	-	80	150	38	3,659	3,686	100	30	300	41	-	-	-	-	150	25	300	113	4,659	4,012
Newtownbreda	-	1,332	240	624	18,586	15,281	300	493	240	675	680	-	-	-	300	421	1,020	1,875	21,366	20,700
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Omagh	-	-	-	-	2,450	3,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,450	3,600
Orangefield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portadown	-	-	1,500	-	8,109	3,145	1,700	-	1,500	-	1,000	-	-	-	650	-	3,150	-	17,609	3,145
Portrush	-	-	-	-	842	470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	842	470
Portstewart	-	-	-	-	1,250	2,070	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	2,250	2,070
Poyntzpass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rathcoole	-	-	-	-	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500
Rathfriland	-	-	-	-	-	1,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,458
Richill Park	-	-	-	-	888	675	427	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,315	675
Saintfield	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-
Shankill	-	-	-	-	1,840	2,450	500	500	500	500	-	-	-	-	500	500	500	500	3,840	4,450
Sion Mills	-	-	100	100	200	200	160	100	300	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	100	960	600
Sligo	-	-	581	370	3,306	1,941	-	-	268	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	536	277	4,691	2,680
Stonepark	-	-	-	-	9,200	5,000	500	500	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	9,700	7,000
Strandtown	-	2,419	604	1,133	7,922	5,232	755	895	604	1,226	1,953	-	-	-	755	765	2,567	3,405	15,160	15,075
Swords	-	-	-	-	-	1,326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,326
Tandragee	-	-	-	-	782	478	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	782	478
Thurles	-	-	-	-	327	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	327	344
Tobermore	-	-	150	40	3,425	4,522	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	260	1,170	4,035	5,802
Tralee	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
Warrenpoint	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Church	General Expenses		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc. Peru)		Women		Youth		NRM		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Waterford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westside	-	-	-	-	2,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,886
Whitehead	-	150	194	-	3,335	642	1,003	-	194	-	146	-	-	-	243	-	925	392	6,038	1,184
Windsor	-	2,941	720	1,354	23,271	20,621	900	1,069	720	1,465	2,540	-	-	-	900	914	7,806	4,069	36,856	32,433
Youghal	-	-	-	-	2,085	2,202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,085	2,202
Total	1,885	26,282	22,921	27,238	442,621	428,017	29,822	25,081	28,577	34,074	26,249	5,791	1,226	1,195	21,091	21,383	86,405	94,242	660,796	663,302
	2	27	43	44	97	94	61	52	54	52	32	10	3	4	42	42	61	58	98	96

Other Income

Gift Aid	613	1,479	613	625	85,489	90,831	5,288	3,030	4,464	7,452	125	96	-	-	1,793	1,732	27,695	18,019	126,079	123,264
Non-Gift Aid	5,000	8,938	3,250	4,081	72,892	109,466	3,940	10,309	6,477	10,067	6,096	22	-	-	4,788	3,264	29,321	35,694	131,764	181,841
In Memoriam	-	-	-	-	2,484	2,165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	670	-	-	-	-	2,484	2,835
Total	5,613	10,417	3,863	4,706	160,865	202,462	9,228	13,339	10,941	17,519	6,220	118	-	670	6,581	4,997	57,016	53,713	260,327	307,940
Grand Total	7,498	36,699	26,783	31,944	603,486	630,478	39,050	38,420	39,519	51,593	32,469	5,909	1,226	1,865	27,672	26,379	143,421	147,955	921,123	971,242

Analysis of Giving

Number of churches giving	2	27	43	44	97	94	61	52	54	52	32	10	3	4	42	42	61	58	98	96
Per Church	15.98	226.57	194.24	234.81	3,751.03	3,689.80	252.73	216.21	242.18	293.74	222.45	49.92	10.39	10.30	178.73	184.33	732.24	812.43	5,599.97	5,718.12
Per contributing Church	942.73	973.40	533.04	619.05	4,563.10	4,553.37	488.89	482.32	529.21	655.27	820.28	579.12	408.55	298.69	502.16	509.11	1,416.47	1,624.86	6,742.82	6,909.39
Per member per year	0.22	3.24	2.72	3.36	52.52	52.79	3.54	3.09	3.39	4.20	3.11	0.71	0.15	0.15	2.50	2.64	10.25	11.62	78.40	81.81

Church Statistics as at 31st December 2020

Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate/ Assistant/MPS	Role	Inducted	Membership 2019	Membership 2020	Baptised	Added to Membership	Main Service	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young People
Antrim Baptist Church	1970	Vacant				89	88	0	1	75	4	12	35	16
Armagh Baptist Church	1917		Ian Grant	Pastor	1-May-09	140	139	5	0	270	6	13	80	30
			Paul McAdam	Associate Pastor	22-Jun-18									
Athlone Baptist Church	2007		Dominic Montgomery	Pastor	1-Jan-09	30	27	0	0	25	1	1	14	6
Balbriggan Baptist Church	1998		James Wadsworth	Pastor	1-Mar-16	15	15	0	0	50	2	2	20	6
Ballycrochan Baptist Church	1983		Neil Watson	Pastor	1-Sep-18	98	96	0	0	160	0	4	60	15
Ballycullen Community Church	2007		Jeff Hay	Pastor	18-Sep-09	45	47	0	2	105	3	5	24	22
Ballygomartin Baptist Church	1962		Seamus Bradley	Pastor	17-Jan-15	29	30	0	1	40	1	4	40	6
Ballykeel Baptist Church	1896	Vacant				150	154	0	4	280	6	12	60	50
Ballymena Baptist Church	1859		Steven Curry	Pastor	24-Nov-17	274	275	0	6	250	7	14	90	65
Ballymoney Baptist Church	1986		Joseph Flanagan	Pastor	1-Nov-18	78	76	0	0	25	7	5	0	0
			Andy Dalrymple	Associate Pastor	1-Jul-18									
Ballynahinch Baptist Church	1939		David Whitmarsh	Interim Pastor	10-Apr-19	100	90	0	10	70	0	6	20	20
Bellaghy Baptist Church	1967	Vacant				6	6	NR		NR			NR	NR
Bethany Baptist Church	1965	Vacant				164	162	0	3	230	3	11	65	50
Blackrock Community Church	2017		Richard McConnell	Pastor	1-Sep-20	0	34	0	0	80	3	2	20	12
Brannockstown Baptist Church	1870		Richard Blayney	Pastor	13-May-17	26	26	0	0	70	3	5	30	20
Calvary Baptist Church	1978		Jackie King	Pastor	2-Dec-06	47	52	0	5	65	1	5	25	18
Carndaisy Baptist Church	1923	Vacant				26	26	0	0	35	2	2	12	8
Carr Baptist Church	1972		Andrew Campbell	Pastor	9-Apr-17	62	64	3	2	85	3	5	25	10
Carrickfergus Baptist Church	1862		Peter Lawther	Pastor	18-May-13	184	177	0	3	200	4	9	50	20

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Carrickmacross Baptist Church	2005		Colin Creighton	Pastor	1-Aug-11	36	38	0	0	70	4	4	18	17
Carrigaline Baptist Church	1987		Jonny Grant	Pastor	1-Jan-03	34	34	0	0	75	4	3	55	15
Carryduff Baptist Church	1939		Gordon Walker	Pastor	26-Apr-13	59	56	0	1	45	2	4	80	0
Castleberg Baptist Church	1987		Jude Colhoun	Pastor	1-Oct-20	25	26	0	2	35	2	3	20	3
Castlereagh Baptist Church	1964		Keith Giles	Pastor	1-Sep-06	41	41	NR		NR			NR	NR
Cavan Baptist Church	1993		Ivan Watson	Pastor	1-Sep-08	103	103	2	2	110	4	8	40	20
Central Craigavon Baptist Church	1974		Paul Savage	Pastor	1-Nov-19	20	20	0	0	30	5	2	12	0
Clady Water Baptist Church	1990		Ed Bissett	Pastor	12-Mar-08	9	9	0	0	20	2	0	6	0
Coagh Baptist Church	1928		David Causby	Pastor	4-May-12	105	102	0	0	180	2	9	35	25
Coleraine Baptist Church	1795	Vacant				117	115	0	0	0	4	9	0	0
Comber Baptist Church	1966		Neal Gordon	Pastor	1-Jan-21	49	47	0	0	32	2	2	0	0
Cookstown Baptist Church	1952		Gareth Bell	Pastor	9-Nov-12	95	94	0	0	160	5	8	80	60
Cork Baptist Church	1640		Eddie Dorney	Pastor	30-May-06	23	23	0	0	45	3	2	6	0
Cregagh Baptist Church	1989	Vacant				10	9	0	0	12	1	3	8	0
Crumlin Baptist Church	1997		Barrie Clingen	Pastor	3-Oct-09	21	19	2	0	60	3	1	29	11
Donaghadee Baptist Church	1991		Jonathan Burke	Pastor	28-Sep-13	17	16	0	0	30	1	3	0	0
Douglas Baptist Church	2005	Vacant				54	57	0	6	130	3	2	40	20
Dromore Baptist Church	1928		Jim Magill	Pastor	20-Jun-98	79	78	0	0	180	4	9	50	40
			Phil Kelly	Youth Pastor	1-Sep-19									
Dunamanagh Baptist Church	1978	Vacant				37	33	0	0	42	2	4	17	9
Dundalk Baptist Church	1988		Stephen Murphy	Pastor	16-Feb-88	41	41	NR		NR			NR	NR
			Michael Emadi	Associate Pastor	18-Feb-18									
Dundonald Baptist Church	1953		Richard McCord	Pastor	1-Feb-18	77	76	0	1	80	4	8	35	3
			Chris Banks	Assistant Pastor	8-Nov-20									

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Dungannon Baptist Church	1884	Vacant	Matthew Reid	Youth Pastor	1-Aug-18	60	55	0	0	60	2	5	11	15
Dunseverick Baptist Church	1935		Billy Jones	Pastor	9-Sep-16	47	45	0	0	70	2	5	15	6
East End Baptist Church	1904	Vacant				25	19	0	0	29	2	4	8	0
Emmanuel Baptist Church	1989		Andrew Curry	Pastor	1-Oct-15	132	127	0	5	210	3	7	150	100
Enniskillen Baptist Church	1966	Vacant				14	14	NR		NR			NR	NR
Finaghy Baptist Church	1958		Gary Ellison	Pastor	2-Mar-18	71	66	0	0	65	5	5	15	12
			Camilo Romero	Youth Pastor	1-Sep-17									
Furbo Baptist Church	1979	Vacant				9	9	0	0	10	1	1	0	0
Galway City Baptist Church	2007		Jason Post	Pastor	10-Mar-03	35	31	0	0	150	2	0	40	30
Gilnahirk Baptist Church	1959		Drew Steele	Pastor	28-May-18	42	42	0	0	50	5	3	15	10
Glengormley Baptist Church	1932		Jonathan Rea	Pastor	9-Sep-16	61	61	3	1	90	3	8	45	45
			Stephen Dodds	Youth Pastor	16-Jun-16									
Gortmerron Baptist Church	1894		Colin Gervais	Pastor	1-Sep-07	66		NR		NR			NR	NR
Grace Baptist Church (Tullycarnet)	1972	Vacant				17	17	0	0	40	1	3	38	37
Grace Baptist Church (Killarney)	1999	Vacant				10	10	0	0	30	1	0	6	2
Grace Bible Fellowship	1968		Pat Mullen	Pastor	1-Aug-98	55	45	0	0	100	3	6	24	25
Grange Baptist Church	1811		Jonny Ormerod	Pastor	1-Sep-18	47	47	NR		NR			NR	NR
Great Victoria Street Baptist Church	1847		Stephen Auld	Pastor	6-May-17	101	97	0	5	115	4	7	9	0
Greenisland Baptist Church	1996		Jonny McGreevy	Pastor	1-Oct-11	141	139	0	1	125	5	11	60	38
Grosvenor Road Baptist Church	1642		Ed Neill	Pastor	30-Jul-13	147	140	2	13	200	5	5	0	40
			Peter Kenny	Associate Pastor	1-Sep-18									
Grove Baptist Church	1915	Vacant				23	19	0	0	20	0	3	85	0
Hamilton Road Baptist Church	1908		Jonathan McClaughlin	Pastor	10-Jan-10	288	289	1	2	325	7	8	140	120
			Keith Mcllwaine	Associate Pastor	1-Sep-08									

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			Bryan Stewart	Associate Pastor	1-Aug-18									
Hollywood Baptist Church	1964		Alistair McNeice	Pastor	17-Jan-09	138	137	0	0	140	5	13	90	40
			Aaron Williamson	Associate Pastor	1-Sep-12									
Jamestown Road Baptist Church	1891		Rob Millar	Pastor	1-Jan-88	34	34	0	0	90	2	1	26	12
Kilkeel Baptist Church	1933		George McConnell	Pastor	19-Oct-12	88	87	0	0	165	3	7	50	35
Killicomaine Baptist Church	1958		Paul Craig	Pastor	7-Feb-16	54	54	0	2	70	2	7	50	15
Killyleagh Baptist Church	1891		William Creighton	Pastor	1-Jan-91	15	15	0	0	30	2	4	20	0
			Joseph Beggs	Associate Pastor	30-Apr-17									
Kilrea Baptist Church	1925	Vacant				45	44	0	0	60	2	7	15	0
Kinsale Baptist Church	2015	Vacant				11	9	0	0	17	2	0	0	15
Kircubbin Community Church	2013		Matthew Kerr	Pastor	29-Apr-18	27	26	0	2	35	2	4	4	10
Knockconny Baptist Church	1807		David Kimber	Pastor	4-Jan-19	123	131	0	11	190	5	6	65	50
Larne Baptist Church	1955		Simon Curry	Pastor	6-Sep-15	69	73	0	5	130	3	4	30	25
Letterkenny Baptist Church	1978		Stephen Wilson	Pastor	28-Sep-13	54	54	0	2	50	3	4	45	15
Limavady Baptist Church	1926	Vacant				68	45	0	0	46	1	5	0	20
Limerick Baptist Church	1895		Paul Ritchie	Pastor	1-Jul-11	23	26	0	5	130	3	3	40	15
Lisburn Baptist Church	1926		Daniel Ashby	Pastor	1-May-19	130	129	0	0	120	2	11	50	30
Lisnagleer Baptist Church	1866	Vacant				25	26	0	2	30	0	3	16	0
Living Hope	2007		Ciaran Loughran	Pastor	1-Sep-07	18	18	0	0	50	1	1	35	11
Lurgan Baptist Church	1882	Vacant				185	183	6	4	250	5	12	160	30
Magherafelt Baptist Church	1926		John McDermott	Pastor	1-Jun-07	105	118	9	13	200	7	5	40	30
Midleton Baptist Church	1992	Vacant				45	45	0	0	65	4	2	15	8
Millisle Baptist Church	1976		Andrew Roycroft	Pastor	26-Jul-10	82	79	3	3	56	6	9	0	8
Milltown Baptist Church	1896		William Warren	Pastor	8-Sep-13	30	30	0	0	50	3	2	20	25

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Moira Baptist Church	1987	Vacant				152	147	0	0	110	1	12	124	52
Monkstown Baptist Church	1924		Philip Cameron	Pastor	1-Jan-18	103	106	3	10	190	2	9	87	30
Mountpottinger Baptist Church	1891		William Houston	Pastor	1-Sep-08	40	43	0	4	25	2	5	0	0
Mullaghmeen Baptist Church	1989		Andy Compton	Pastor	7-Sep-19	34	37	1	3	60	2	4	20	50
Nenagh Baptist Church	2015		David McConville	Pastor	1-Sep-19	15	15	0	0	15	1	2	0	0
Newcastle Baptist Church	1959		Mark Patterson	Pastor	1-Sep-12	64	64	0	0	100	1	5	55	20
Newry Baptist Church	1889	Vacant				47	47	4	6	75	3	5	10	6
Newtownards Baptist Church	1923	Vacant				104	98	0	0	80	2	6	65	28
Newtownbreda Baptist Church	1954		Trevor Ramsey	Pastor	5-Nov-10	419	423	4	21	450	10	12	250	150
			Jonathan Wright	Associate Pastor	17-Aug-17									
			Rebekah Frazer	Youth Pastor	10-Oct-16									
			Gillian Carlisle	Pastoral Care	1-Sep-19									
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	2019		Albert McDonald	Pastor	23-Nov-19	25	25	NR		NR			NR	NR
Omagh Baptist Church	1908	Vacant				55	55	0	0	130	2	7	60	20
Orangefield Baptist Church	1939	Vacant				18	18	NR		NR			NR	NR
Portadown Baptist Church	1924	Vacant				250	241	0	2	350	5	11	120	80
Portrush Baptist Church	1973		Alan Hoey	Pastor	10-Jan-21	28	28	NR		NR			NR	NR
Portstewart Baptist Church	1944	Vacant	David Morrell	Associate Pastor	1-Mar-07	228	229	7	1	370	5	10	30	40
Poyntzpass Baptist Church	1894	Vacant				36	36	NR		NR			NR	NR
Rathcoole Baptist Church	1951		Michael Fleming	Pastor	1-Sep-08	30	30	NR		NR			NR	NR
Rathfriland Baptist Church	1968		Ian Wilson	Pastor	1-Jun-12	69	67	0	0	150	5	8	100	40
			Joshua Truesdale	Assistant Pastor	1-Dec-20									
Richill Park Baptist Church	1897		Oliver Roebuck	Pastor	2-Jun-18	35	34	0	0	40	1	1	9	10
Saintfield Baptist Church	1988		Stephen Moffitt	Pastor	1-Jun-16	85	83	0	0	160	4	8	70	25

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Shankill Baptist Church	1896	Vacant				42	40	0	0	50	2	3	40	20	
Sion Mills Baptist Church	1976		Lee Lowry	Pastor	27-Sep-14	22	21	0	0	26	3	2	16	15	
Sligo Baptist Church	1975		Kirk Poth	Pastor	27-Aug-14	20	20	0	0	30	3	0	10	5	
Stonepark Baptist Church	1956		Harry Dowds	Pastor	26-Nov-95	63	61	0	0	110	4	8	25	25	
Strandtown Baptist Church	1926		Lee Campbell	Pastor	27-Apr-12	235	220	0	2	55	6	18	45	39	
			Michael Shaw	Assistant Pastor	1-Sep-19										
			Samuel Crawford	Youth Pastor	1-Sep-16										
Swords Baptist Church	1985		Clem Hegarty	Pastor	1-Sep-98	85	85	0	0	250	5	3	60	70	
			Jonathan Holland	Associate Pastor	15-May-15										
Tandragee Baptist Church	1864		David Patterson	Pastor	1-Sep-14	37	42	1	7	70	0	4	12	10	
Thurles Baptist Church	1976	Vacant				31	31	0	0	50	1	4	15	5	
Tobermore Baptist Church	1814		Alan Dundas	Pastor	11-May-18	110	100	3	5	100	4	7	0	0	
Tralee Baptist Church	1999		John Herrick	Pastor	15-May-10	16	15	0	0	60	1	3	7	8	
Warrenpoint Baptist Church	1929		Derek Freeburn	Pastor	1-Jan-83	7	7	NR		NR			NR	NR	
Waterford Baptist Church	1650	Vacant				12	11	0	0	30	0	3	12	0	
Westside Baptist Church	1986		Martin Parker	Pastor	1-Sep-05	43	42	0	0	100	3	0	50	10	
			Tom Campbell	Associate Pastor	1-Sep-15										
Whitehead Baptist Church	1987		Phillip Boyd	Pastor	1-Oct-18	53	56	0	4	50	3	4	30	10	
Windsor Baptist Church	1931		David Dunlop	Pastor	1-Dec-08	252	254	5	2	320	9	19	70	84	
			Gordon Darragh	Associate Pastor	12-Jan-14										
			Mark Houston	Associate Pastor	1-Sep-13										
Youghal Baptist Church	2010	Vacant				14	21	2	5	37	3	1	5	1	
TOTALS						8254	8108	66	197	10757	320	576	4030	2324	

Church	Church Address	Website
Antrim Baptist Church	3 Greystone Link, Antrim, Co Antrim, BT41 1QW	antrimbaptistchurch.org
Armagh Baptist Church	2 Ardmore Road, Armagh, Co Armagh, BT60 1AH	armaghbaptist.org
Athlone Baptist Church	Westlodge, Battery Road, Athlone, Co Westmeath, N37 FF80, Republic of Ireland	cherithabc.com
Balbriggan Baptist Church	St George's National School, Naul Road, Clogheder, Balbriggan, County Dublin, K32 KC95 , Republic of Ireland	balbrigganbaptist.com
Ballycrochan Baptist Church	Ballycrochan Road, Bangor, Co Down, BT19 6NF	ballycrochanbaptist.org
Ballycullen Community Church	St. Colmcilles School, Knocklyon, Co Dublin, D16 H298, Republic of Ireland	ballycullenc.com
Ballygomartin Baptist Church	167 West Circular Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT13 3QB	ballygomartinbaptist.com
Ballykeel Baptist Church	95 Hillsborough Road, Dromara, Co Down, BT25 2AE	ballykeelbaptist.co.uk
Ballymena Baptist Church	18-22 Mount Street, Ballymena, Co Antrim, BT43 6BH	ballymenabaptist.org
Ballymoney Baptist Church	60 Ballymena Road, Ballymoney, Co Antrim, BT53 7EZ	ballymoneybaptistchurch.org
Ballynahinch Baptist Church	24 Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch, Co Down, BT24 8BL	ballynahinchbaptist.org
Bellaghy Baptist Church	12 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy, Co Londonderry, BT45 8HU	bellaghybaptist.blogspot.co.uk
Bethany Baptist Church	23/27 Gransha Road, Bangor, Co Down, BT19 4TL	bethanybaptist.co.uk
Blackrock Community Church	St. Andrew's College, 55 Booterstown Ave, Williamstown, Co. Dublin, A94 P2N7, Republic of Ireland	blackrockchurch.ie
Brannockstown Baptist Church	Brannockstown, Co Kildare, W91 K004, Republic of Ireland	brannockstownbaptist.com
Calvary Baptist Church	Dee Street, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT4 1FT	calvarybaptistchurchbelfast.com
Carndaisy Baptist Church	Carndaisy Road, Magherafelt, Co Londonderry, BT45 7TZ	carndaisy.uk
Carr Baptist Church	321 Comber Road, Lisburn, Co Down, BT27 6TA	carrbaptist.org.uk
Carrickfergus Baptist Church	3 Northland, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, BT38 8ND	carrickfergusbaptist.com
Carrickmacross Baptist Church	Woodlands Christian Centre, Magheross Road, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan, A81 NY04	carrickbaptist.ie
Carrigaline Baptist Church	Carrigaline Community Centre, Church Road, Carrigaline, Co Cork, P43 TK70, Republic of Ireland	carrigalinebaptist.org
Carryduff Baptist Church	39 Hillsborough Road, Carryduff, Belfast, Co Down, BT8 8HS	carryduffbaptist.org
Castledearg Baptist Church	10 Upper Strabane Road, Castledearg, Co Tyrone, BT81 7BG	facebook.com/CastledeargBaptistChurch
Castlereagh Baptist Church	99-101 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 5FE	facebook.com/castlereaghbaptist
Cavan Baptist Church	Corglass, Crubany, Cavan, H12 ND36, Republic of Ireland	cavanbaptist.ie
Central Craigavon Baptist Church	Drumgor Heights, Drumgor Road, Craigavon, BT65 5BP	craigavonbaptist.org
Clady Water Baptist Church	Clady Road, Dunadry, Co Antrim, BT41 4QR	cladywater.co.uk
Coagh Baptist Church	Urbal Road, Coagh, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 ODP	coaghbaptist.co.uk
Coleraine Baptist Church	Abbey Street, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, BT52 1EX	colerainebaptistchurch.co.uk

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Comber Baptist Church	72-73 Mill Street, Comber, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 5EG	comberbaptistchurch.com
Cookstown Baptist Church	50-60 Burn Road, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 8DY	cookstownbaptist.org
Cork Baptist Church	46 MacCurtain Street, Cork, T23 KN76, Republic of Ireland	corkbaptist.org
Cregagh Baptist Church	11 Everton Drive, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT6 0LJ	
Crumlin Baptist Church	Ballytromery Road, Crumlin, Co Antrim, BT29 4ZN	crumlinbaptist.co.uk
Donaghadee Baptist Church	2 Millisle Road, Donaghadee, Co Down, BT21 0HY	donaghadeebaptist.org.uk
Douglas Baptist Church	Douglas Community School, Clermont Avenue, Douglas, Co Cork, T12 HF77, Republic of Ireland	douglasbaptist.ie
Dromore Baptist Church	Maypole Hill, Dromore, Co Down, BT25 2AE	dromorebaptist.co.uk/dromorebaptist/
Dunamanagh Baptist Church	Berryhill Road, Dunamanagh, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 0NB	dunamanaghbaptistchurch.org
Dundalk Baptist Church	Ardee Terrace, Dundalk, Co Louth, A91 NA0D, Republic of Ireland	dundalkbaptistchurch.org
Dundonald Baptist Church	927 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, Co Down, BT 16 1RQ	dundonaldbaptistchurch.org
Dungannon Baptist Church	Railway Road, Dungannon, BT71 7AA	dungannonbaptistchurch.org
Dunseverick Baptist Church	200 Whitepark Road, Dunseverick, Bushmills, Co Antrim, BT57 8TE	facebook.com/DunseverickBaptistChurch
East End Baptist Church	12 Templemore Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 4FP	eastendbaptist.co.uk
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Glenavy Road, Lisburn, BT28 3QW	emmanuelbaptist.org.uk
Enniskillen Baptist Church	Cornagrade Road, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 6DX	enniskillenbaptist.co.uk
Finaghy Baptist Church	1 The Hawthorns, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT10 0NA	finaghybaptistchurch.org
Furbo Baptist Church	Teach Baisteach, Furbo, Galway, H91 FK71, Republic of Ireland	furbobaptistchurch.com
Galway City Baptist Church	Knocknacarra National School, Western Distributor Road, Knocknacarra, Galway, H91 R3N1, Republic of Ireland	GalwayCityChurch.com
Gilnahirk Baptist Church	2 Lower Middle Braniel Road, Belfast, Co Down, BT5 7TU	gilnahirkbaptist.org.uk
Glengormley Baptist Church	17 Carnmoney Road, Glengormley, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, BT36 6HL	glengormleybaptist.com
Gortmerron Baptist Church	72 Drumflugh Road, Benburb, Co Tyrone, BT71 7QF	gortmerronbaptist.org
Grace (Killarney) Baptist Church	St. Oliver's National School, Rookery Road, Ballycasheen, Killarney, V93 W594 , Republic of Ireland	killarneybaptistchurch.com
Grace (Tullycarnet) Baptist Church	Kinross Avenue, Tullycarnet, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 7GG	facebook.com/GraceBaptistTullycarnet
Grace Bible Fellowship Baptist Church	28a Pearse Street, Dublin, D02 NA48, Republic of Ireland	grace.ie
Grange Baptist Church	Taylorstown Road, Toomebridge, Co Antrim, BT41 3RW	grangebaptistchurch.org
Great Victoria Street Baptist Church	66 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT2 7BB	gtvicbaptist.com
Greenisland Baptist Church	17 Glassillan Grove, Greenisland, Co Antrim, BT38 8TH	greenislandbaptist.com
Grosvenor Road Baptist Church	15a Grosvenor Road, Rathmines, Co Dublin, D06 AH26, Republic of Ireland	grosvenorbaptist.org



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Grove Baptist Church	221 Beersbridge Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 4RS	grovebaptist.co.uk
Hamilton Road Baptist Church	112 Hamilton Road, Bangor, Co Down, BT20 4LQ	hamiltonroadbaptist.com
Hollywood Baptist Church	67 Belfast Road, Hollywood, Co Down, BT18 9ES	hollywoodbaptist.org.uk
Jamestown Road Baptist Church	29a Jamestown Road, Finglas, Co Dublin, D11 HX89, Republic of Ireland	jamestownroadchurch.ie
Kilkeel Baptist Church	15 Newcastle Road, Kilkeel, Co Down, BT34 4AP	kilkeelbaptist.com
Killicomaine Baptist Church	149 Killicomaine Road, Portadown, Co Armagh, BT63 5JH	kbchurch.org.uk
Killyleagh Baptist Church	55 Clea Lough Road, Killyleagh, Co Down, BT30 9SZ	sites.google.com/site/killyleaghbaptistchurch
Kilrea Baptist Church	20 Garvagh Road, Kilrea, Co Londonderry, BT51 5QP	
Kinsale Baptist Church	The Temperance Hall, Market Quay, Kinsale, Co. Cork, P17 FD66, Republic of Ireland	kinsaleabc.ie
Kircubbin Community Church	Office 2, Maxwells Courtyard, 35-41 Main Street, Kircubbin, Co Down, BT22 2SR	kircomchu.com
Knockconny Baptist Church	Dungannon Road, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, BT70 2JU	knockconny.org
Larne Baptist Church	Upper Cairncastle Road, Larne, Co Antrim, BT40 2HP	larnebaptist.com
Letterkenny Baptist Church	73 Port Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, F92 RK29, Republic of Ireland	letterkennybaptistchurch.com
Limavady Baptist Church	1 William Street, Limavady, Co Londonderry, BT49 9BL	limavadybaptist.com
Limerick Baptist Church	Old Cratloe Road, Caherdavin, Limerick, V94 A564, Republic of Ireland	limerickbaptist.ie
Lisburn Baptist Church	Longstone Street, Lisburn, Co Antrim, BT28 1TR	lisburnbaptist.co.uk
Lisnagleer Baptist Church	Thornhill Road, Carland, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT70 3LJ	
Living Hope	FBD Building, Navan Gate Street, Trim, Co Meath, C15 A6YD, Republic of Ireland	livinghope.ie
Londonderry Baptist Church	67 Richill Park, Waterside, Derry, Co Londonderry, BT47 5QZ	richillparkbaptistchurch.org
Lurgan Baptist Church	High Street, Lurgan, Co Armagh, BT66 8AN	lurganbaptist.church
Magherafelt Baptist Church	6 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry, BT45 6BP	magherafeltbaptist.org
Midleton Baptist Church	MYPlace Community Centre, Mill Road, Midleton, P25 YT50, Republic of Ireland	midltonewangelical.ie
Millisle Baptist Church	Main Street, Millisle, Co.Down, BT22 2HR	millislebaptist.org
Milltown Baptist Church	41 Old Milltown Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT8 7SW	milltownchurch.co.uk
Moira Baptist Church	Henry Court, Moira, Craigavon, BT67 0NS	moirabaptist.org
Monkstown Baptist Church	200 Jordanstown Road, Monkstown, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, BT37 0LZ	monkstownbaptist.org.uk
Mountpottinger Baptist Church	Templemore Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 4FR	mountpottingerbaptist.org
Mullaghmeen Baptist Church	47 Ardgart Road, Ballinamallard, Enniskillen, BT94 2AR	mullaghmeenbaptist.com
Nenagh Baptist Church	The Hatchery, Martyr's Rd, Nenagh South, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Republic of Ireland	nenaghbaptistgroup.ie

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Newcastle Baptist Church	17 Bryansford Road, Newcastle, Co Down, BT33 0HJ	newcastlebaptistni.org
Newry Baptist Church	31-33 Catherine Street, Newry, BT35 6JG	newrybaptistchurch.co.uk
Newtownards Baptist Church	43-67 Frances Street, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 7DY	newtownardsbaptistchurch.co.uk
Newtownbreda Baptist Church	43 Newtownbreda Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT8 7BQ	newtownbredabaptist.com
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	246 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AR	
Omagh Baptist Church	4A Deverney Rd, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 0JJ	omaghbaptist.org
Orangefield Baptist Church	37 North Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 5NE	orangefieldbaptistchurch.com
Portadown Baptist Church	117 Thomas Street, Portadown, Co Armagh, BT62 3AH	portadownbaptist.com
Portrush Baptist Church	11 Portstewart Road, Portrush, Co Londonderry, BT56 8EG	portrushbaptistchurch.org
Portstewart Baptist Church	170 - 174 Coleraine Road, Portstewart, Co Londonderry, BT55 7PL	pbcni.com
Poyntzpass Baptist Church	47-49 Railway Street, Poyntzpass, Co Armagh, BT35 6SN	poyntzpassbaptist.co.uk
Rathcoole Baptist Church	Mournbeg Drive, Rathcoole, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, BT37 9LU	rathcoolebaptist.church
Rathfriland Baptist Church	Loughbrickland Road, Rathfriland, Co Down, BT34 5PZ	rathfrilandbaptist.com
Saintfield Baptist Church	51 Crossgar Road, Saintfield, Co Down, BT24 7JE	saintfieldbaptist.org.uk
Shankill Baptist Church	Tennent Street, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT13 3GG	shankillbaptist.com
Sion Mills Baptist Church	Melmount Road, Sion Mills, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9ET	sionmillsbaptist.org
Sligo Baptist Church	Cartron Village, Rosses Point Road, Sligo, F91 XE42, Republic of Ireland	sligobaptist.ie
Stonepark Baptist Church	10 Stonepark Road, Brookeborough, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT94 4BA	stoneparkbaptistchurch.org
Strandtown Baptist Church	1 Clonallon Court, Belmont Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT4 2AB	sbchurch.co.uk
Swords Baptist Church	The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 PX85, Republic of Ireland	swordsbaptistchurch.com
Tandragee Baptist Church	Madden Road, Tandragee, Co. Armagh, BT62 2DG	tandrageebaptist.org
Thurles Baptist Church	Graigue, Thurles, Co Tipperary, E41 FC62, Republic of Ireland	thurlesbaptistchurch.ie
Tobermore Baptist Church	72 Main Street, Tobermore, Co Londonderry, BT45 5PR	tobermorebaptist.org
Tralee Baptist Church	Collis Sandes House, Oakpark, Tralee, Co Kerry, V92 PF5N, Republic of Ireland	traleebaptistchurch.com
Warrenpoint Baptist Church	Summerhill, Warrenpoint, Co Down, BT34 3JB	
Waterford Baptist Church	Catherine Street, Waterford, X91 NN56, Republic of Ireland	waterfordbaptist.ie
Westside Baptist Church	Old Chapel Village, Bandon, Co.Cork, P72 CK23, Republic of Ireland	westsidebaptist.ie
Whitehead Baptist Church	17 Slaughterford Road, Whitehead, Co Antrim, BT38 7TG	whiteheadbaptist.co.uk
Windsor Baptist Church	140 Malone Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6ET	windsorbaptist.org
Youghal Baptist Church	Brú na Sí, Blackwater Heights, Youghal, Co Cork, P36 H265, Republic of Ireland	youghalbaptist.ie

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Proverbs 4:25-26 (NIV)



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