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President's Remarks 2022



Pastor Mark Patterson

'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness'.

Lamentations 3: 22-23

During this year it has been a great privilege to be President of our Association, a Christ-centered group of like-minded churches whose desire is to honour Jesus Christ as Lord.

It has been good to join with individual local churches as they follow Paul's teaching to the church at Philippi i.e. standing firmly upon the Word of life, while prayerfully sharing that Word 'in the midst' of a 'crooked and perverse generation'.

I've been so encouraged to witness churches working together within our Association, being there for and with each other in true gospel fellowship, perhaps in a greater way than ever before; a record gathering of Pastors at our conference in March might be a good illustration of this! I have also been aware of those individuals and churches whose lives are lived and whose ministries happen in a slow and lonely way. Pray for those churches known to the Lord, and especially for our Baptist Mission workers, and others you might know.

For many of our churches, and for many in our churches, this has been a testing year. I pray that, whatever your circumstances are, you will continue to know the wonderful grace of our faithful God and to be embraced by his love, peace, joy and hope. He is faithful.

I see the need to continue praying for the Lord's grace upon our Association, especially as churches today face the increasingly powerful headwind of twenty-first century secularism in all its various guises. Pray that we will be in unity of the Spirit, remaining faithful to the One whose promise is that he would build his church, and always be with his people in that process.

My year also allowed me to see several of our churches thinking through their evangelistic strategies in the new 'post-Covid' era. Churches are finding new ways of sharing those ancient words that must never lose their original meaning, while also discovering new skills learnt in technology that others might know of Jesus, or be strengthened in faith (and though helpful, I could easily live without 'Zooming' again!).

The faithfulness of God has been clearly evident as I have travelled around many of our churches. Faithfulness, as church anniversaries were acknowledged, pastorates commenced, church plants established, evangelistic and teaching events held, and as pastors retired having served the Lord faithfully. Faithfulness is also a quality found within our Association staff, and those who serve on the various committees. Thank you for all that you do.

God has been so good and faithful in all that we can do together as a fellowship of churches. Whether it is the work of our Baptist Women, our Irish Baptist College, Baptist Missions, Baptist Youth or our Insight magazine, as an Association we are blessed to be so spiritually and theologically rich in these key ministry areas. Continue to pray for the directors and the management committees of our various ministry departments.

So as this report concludes, I would like to especially thank my wife Barbara and our family for their patience and support especially during this year. In thanking them, I thank you, our Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, especially the believers at Newcastle and Moira, for their nomination and subsequent release in order that I might fulfil this year's presidential role. A special thanks to our Association Director, Dave Ramsey, Past President Joe Flanagan, and Vice-President Ian Grant for all their faithful wisdom, help and support. Serving has truly been an honour. He is faithful.

As I hand the Presidency over to Pastor Ian Grant, I pray that he and Judith may be as blessed as Barbara and I have been. May he find, like us, the Association of Irish Baptist churches to be a source of great encouragement. I know that Ian will be a great encouragement to you.

Soli Deo Gloria

Mark A. Patterson

President's Profile 2023



Pastor Ian Grant

My family has had links with more than 20 Irish Baptist Churches over the past 100 years!

My Great Grandfather, William McKibbin started **Monkstown** Baptist Church in his own home in April 1924. My grandfather, Robert Campbell, was also a founding member of that church. He went on to study for two years at the South Wales Bible College in Porth (1932-34) and another two years at the Irish Baptist College in Dublin before becoming

pastor in **Armagh** from 1936-40, during which time my mum, Ruth, was born. She left there as a baby when her father was called to pastor **Banbridge** from 1940-50; then on to **Tandragee** from 1950-54; and finally, to the old **Londonderry** Baptist Church in Fountain Street from 1954 until his retirement in 1973. He served as President of the Baptist Union of Ireland from 1961-62.

It was during the late 1950s that my mum and dad met. They were married in 1963. Rea Grant completed a six-month placement with the Irish Baptist Home Mission in **Waterford** before going to work with the **Stonepark** Church in Co Fermanagh. I was born in 1966, the same year that my dad was involved in planting the **Enniskillen** Church. We moved to **Cookstown** and **Lisnagleer** churches the following summer. It was there in Cookstown, on 1st January 1974, that I trusted in Christ as my Saviour as a boy of 7, after asking questions of my older brother, David, and my mum. I knew immediately that Jesus had come into my life, and I have never doubted my salvation, nor the fact that God had called me into his service.

We had another move to **Ballykeel** in 1976 as my dad became secretary of the Baptist Union of Ireland (1976-1994). I was baptised as a 12-year-old in the Ballykeel Church and came into membership shortly afterwards. There I learned to get involved in practical ways in church life as a teenager. We moved again to **Millisle** in 1984, and my dad went on to pastor the **Donaghadee** and **Tobermore** churches before retiring in 2006. Meanwhile, I completed my studies at Wallace High School in Lisburn, then worked for Richard Bennett in Oakwood

Construction Company in Ballyhalbert, before being led to study at the Irish Baptist College through the influence of Norman Shields. My student placement was in the **Ballycrochan** Church alongside Pastor Derek Hutchinson (1987-88), and during my honours year (1989-90) I served alongside Pastor Clifford Morrison in **Portadown** as an Assistant Pastor.

I then served 15 years in church-planting work, not only seeing **Mullaghmeen** Baptist Church in Co Fermanagh growing from seven foundation members to 35 in the first five years, but also seeing **Cavan** Baptist Church growing from 14 foundation members to 35 in the following 10 years. It was a joy to serve alongside Addison Clingen in those years. What a joy it is to see Mullaghmeen, Cavan, and **Belturbet**, all shining as bright lights in dark places, still having the desire to reach out to plant even more churches today!

In 2005 I stepped out of pastoral ministry for four years to serve as SIM Ireland Director, gaining an insight into what the Lord was doing in other parts of the world including Ethiopia, South Africa, Nigeria, Madagascar and Peru. However, I missed the consecutive preaching of God's Word, so I responded positively to a call to pastor Armagh in May 2009.

In the 14 years since we have had the joy of seeing **Armagh** built up to 140 members, before planting **Keady** Baptist Church which now has 25 members and a congregation of 100. We continue to reach out to see where is next in the South Armagh area, possibly Crossmaglen.

I am grateful to my wife Judith, who has been by my side since August 1994. Her musical and children's ministry gifts have been a blessing in all the churches we have served. We have three grown-up children: Peter, who got married to Lucy Davies last July, lives in Cardiff. Jenny who got married to James McAuley two years ago. They are members of **Emmanuel** Baptist Church in Lisburn. Michael will turn 20 this year and is studying at Stranmillis University College in Belfast. We give thanks to God for all the way he has led us, and we look forward to helping our churches in any way that we can in the year that lies ahead.

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

(Galatians 6:9)

Ian Grant

Churches

The total number of churches in membership of the Association at the end of 2022 was 119 (2021, 119). It was a great delight and joy to welcome three new churches (Belturbet, Keady and Passage) into membership during 2022. These additions were offset by the closure of the Bellaghy church. It is also encouraging to report that a number of churches have opened up discussion with the Association regarding membership.

In 1991 there were 101 churches in the Association. Over the period to 2022 we have added 30 churches balanced by nine dissolutions and three resignations. In Northern Ireland there are 87 Churches. In 1991 there were 91. This reflects seven church plants and eleven subtractions (resignation or closure). In the Republic of Ireland there were 10 churches in 1991 in comparison to 32 at the end of the year. This reflects 23 new churches and one closure.

Statistics

The statistics for 2022 show a number of positive developments. See the table and explanation provided below.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2015	2010	2000
Churches	119	117	117	117	116	117	117	110
Membership	8,276	8,117	8,174	8,288	8,281	8,443	8,491	8,436
Attendance at main service	11,445	9,863	10,757	12,826	12,460	-	-	-
Average Membership	69.54	69.38	69.86	70.84	71.38	72.16	72.57	76.69
Baptisms	262	197	66	244	200	304	255	259
Added to Membership	519	367	197	188	163	113	88	116
Children's Meetings	4,888	3,884	4,030	5,159	4,969	2,944	3,272	4,223
Young People's Meetings	2,701	2,244	2,324	2,819	2,717	2,638	2,941	4,806
Elders	347	326	320	342	353	325	294	228
Deacons	630	602	576	606	593	568	619	637

Members

It is encouraging to see a significant increase in membership across the churches during 2022. Total membership has increased by 159 from 8,117 to 8,276.

Even accounting for the additions of the three new churches with the membership of 69 members the increase in membership is significant. It is encouraging to see the steady decline in numbers over recent years being arrested. However, membership is still below the high of 8,659 in 2013. The percentage fall in membership from this high is 4.4%. However, it is very encouraging to note that the total added to membership is the highest for many years.

A closer investigation of the year-on-year movement by individual church shows that 61 churches (51%) experienced a increase in membership with only 36 churches (31%) experiencing an decrease in membership. In 18% of churches, membership remained the same. This is the greatest number of churches experiencing a year-on-year increase in the last five years and for this we should be glad.

Attendance

The figure recorded for Sunday attendance is 11,445. The marked fall in attendance during COVID is being recovered, however, attendance figures have not yet risen to the pre-pandemic figures.

Baptism

The figures for baptisms during the year are very encouraging with 262 individuals going through the waters of baptism. This is an encouraging sign that the levels experienced during COVID are being recovered. The numbers of people being baptised during 2022 is in line with the figures being reported during the early 2000s. It is also very encouraging to note that one of the highest levels of those added to membership was achieved during the past year.

Children and Young People

The number of children in children's meetings and young people attending our churches has experienced a very encouraging increase on the previous year. 2021 was still feeling the effects of COVID and it would appear that numbers in attendance are moving back to pre-pandemic figures. We need to continue 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. It is encouraging to see a second year of increase in numbers of elders in our churches. It is further encouraging to also see a second increase in numbers of deacons in this past year. 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
Craig Maiden	To Kinsale
David Causby	From Coagh to outside ABCI
Mark Patterson	From Newcastle to Moira
Alex Stephenson	From Ballymena to outside ABCI
David Burke	To NBCF (Community Outreach)
David Cameron	From Magherafelt to Carr
David Whitmarsh	Resigned Ballynahinch
James Russell	To Ballymena (Assistant)
Josh Cairns	To Ballymena (Associate)
Joshua Orr	To Antrim (Youth)
Luke Keys	To Tobermore (MPS)
Mark Rooney	To Armagh (MPS)
Matthew Kerr	Resigned Kircubbin
Nathan Anderson	To Milltown (MPS)
Peter Craig	To Grange
Philip Vance	To Antrim
Richard Donnan	To Newtownards
Stephen Dodds	From Glengormley to outside ABCI
William Kidd	To Waterford
Aaron Dunlop	To Dunamanagh
Colin Gervais	From Gortmerron to Baptist Missions
David Morrell	Retired Portstewart
Dylan Marouf	To Newry
Eddie Dorney	Retired Cork
John McDermott	From Magherafelt to Ballymoney
Jonathan Graham	To Enniskillen
Michael Wylie	To Greenisland

Peter Kenny	From Grosvenor Road to Cork
Phil Howe	To Greenisland
Richard Alhadeff	To Dungannon
Robert Singleton	To Omagh
Stephen Moffitt	Resigned Saintfield
Peter Lawther	From Carrickfergus to Ballynahinch
Richard Blayney	From Brannockstown to Bethany
Sam Haighton	To Newtownbreda

There were six resignations from the pastorate and two retirements during 2022. There were seven pastors who moved church during the year. A very encouraging sign that emerged this year is the number of appointments. Eleven inductions as pastor, and nine inductions to other pastoral ministry roles within churches. **This is a net movement of twelve additional ministry positions.**

At the end of the year there were 28 vacant churches. This is a fall from 29 in the previous year and from 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 2022

The following list represents major anniversaries celebrated during 2022 for which to give thanks to God for his continued faithfulness, grace and provision for his people.

Church	Formation Date	Anniversary
Crumlin Baptist Church	1997	25
Midleton Baptist Church	1992	30
Grace Baptist Church (Tullycarnet)	1972	50
Carr Baptist Church	1972	50
Ballygomartin Baptist Church	1962	60
Cookstown Baptist Church	1952	70
Glengormley Baptist Church	1932	90
Richill Park Baptist Church	1897	125
Lurgan Baptist Church	1882	140
Carrickfergus Baptist Church	1862	160
Great Victoria Street Baptist Church	1847	175
Grosvenor Road Baptist Church	1642	380

Churches' Council

May 2022 Churches' Council

This meeting of Council met in Moira Baptist Church on Saturday, 7th May

Approved

- Appointment of Pastor Ian Grant as Vice-President
- Membership application from Belturbet Baptist Church
- Membership application from Keady Baptist Church
- Membership application from Passage Baptist Church

Noted

- Association Annual Report and Accounts 2021

Received

- Pastor Mark Patterson as President
- Notice of Motion regarding Charity Registration

New Churches

Council considered applications from three churches for membership of the Association.

Belturbet

Andrew Browne (Hamilton Road) proposed the acceptance of the Belturbet Church. He said that the Membership Committee, of which he is a member, had met with representatives of the new Belturbet Church in November 2021. He summarised its history. Cavan Baptist Church planted Belturbet under the leadership of Ivan Watson and Joel Marcus. What was interesting was that the covid pandemic did not inhibit the move of the former Bible study group to weekly independent services. These commenced in 2020 prior to the constitution of a church with 16 members. Early on the church had resolved to apply for membership of the Association.

Ivan Watson (Cavan), speaking in support of the proposal, said that he gave thanks to the Lord for the progress made in Belturbet and that it was a great joy for him to second the proposal.

Ian Grant also spoke in support of the motion and outlined his connections, going back 30 years, to the work of the gospel in this area.



When the President called for a vote the Belturbet Church was accepted by an overwhelming majority.

Keady

Olly Roebuck (Richill Park) proposed that the Keady Church be accepted into membership of the Association. He explained that it was through the vision of Ian Grant (Armagh) that the work commenced in Keady. To begin with a shop had been rented at Christmas as a means of establishing a presence in the town. Following on from this, occasional services had been held, then evening services and finally morning services which led to the formation of a church in September 2021. The church was constituted with 21 members, two elders and three deacons. Olly said



Left: Pastor Joe Flanagan Welcomes Pastor Mark Patterson as Incoming President.
Centre: Pastor Mark Patterson Responds as President.
Right: Pastor Ian Grant responds as newly appointed Vice-President.

that he was very happy to propose its acceptance.

Alan McCartney (Armagh) said that the Keady church now had four deacons, two elders and 23 members, about half of whom had transferred from the Armagh Church. He seconded the proposal on behalf of the Armagh elders and the vote for acceptance was an overwhelming sea of green cards.



Pastor Olly Roebuck (Richill Park)



Jonny McCluskey (Carr)



Alex De Juan (Douglas)

Passage

Jonny McCluskey (Carr) proposed the acceptance of Passage into the Association. Jonny said that he had visited the church with Joe Flanagan and Mark Patterson, although the meeting had actually taken place by Zoom. He outlined how the Douglas church had started an outreach in 2010 following which Shane and Luana Deane had been appointed by Baptist Missions to work in the area. Weekly services had started in 2019 and the church, known as Passage Baptist Church, now has 19 members, two elders and two deacons. As it was clearly a Bible-centred church and a Baptist Church he had no hesitation in proposing its acceptance.

The proposal was seconded by Alex De Juan (Douglas) who outlined the development of the work among young people and later in the community as a whole.

Ian Grant (Armagh) supported the proposal on behalf of Baptist Missions and repeated his thanks to all who supported the Mission. He drew attention to the financial support given to Baptist Missions by the Douglas church as shown in the Association's Annual Report. He particularly wished to record the Mission's thanks to Brendan O'Brien who had been involved in much of the work of planting the church.

When the President called for a vote the Passage church was accepted into membership, again by an overwhelming majority of green cards.

The President asked the Director to communicate Council's acceptance to the three

churches with a view to receiving them formally at the next meeting. He then called on Rob Millar (Jamestown Road) to lead the meeting in prayer for all three churches.

For those of us who have supported Baptist Missions and observed its pursuit of its motto - Proclaiming Christ and Planting Churches - it was great to see Passage and Belturbet received in the same day with Keady, which started with a worker being funded by the College's Ministry Partnership Scheme, also coming into the Association. The hour or so devoted to these matters was a wonderful reminder of why we have an Association. Not many of our churches have the funds to plant a church by themselves and it will be a further thrill to see the three sets of representatives being welcomed at the next Council meeting.

Annual Report

Before Council, representatives had received copies of the Association's Annual Report. This is a beautifully presented glossy document which reflects well on our Association. Dave Ramsey drew attention to some of its content and specifically to some of the statistics it contains. These provide some indicators as to the health of the Association and the challenges to be faced.

He noted that the closure of the Bellaghy Church had reduced our numbers to 116 churches, increased to 119 by the three which had just been voted on. In recent years eight churches have closed while 16 joined over the same period. Eleven of the 16 had been formed either through Baptist Missions or otherwise with the Association's help.

Many of the statistics in the Report had of course been affected by the pandemic but the number of elders and deacons had increased, the number of baptisms had increased and the total number of members had dropped only slightly. The number of vacant churches was 32, lower than previously but still higher than what any of us would like. This fact alone should make each of us want to support the College as it continued its work of training men for pastoral work as well as its various other courses.

Council received verbal reports from each of the Department Directors.



Matt Campbell introduces James Robinson (Armagh) as the new Amazing Journey Co-ordinator

Charity Law

Council was notified of a Motion for the Association to be registered in line with Charity Legislation in both RoI and NI. The Director pointed out that the law of Ireland and the law of the United Kingdom now requires that all charities be registered with their respective bodies. This means that as well as churches registering with the Charity Commission, the Association also needs to register. The proposal that the Association register with the Charity Commission is to be formally placed before the November Churches' Council.

Churches are invited to table amendments by the end of August. The final Motion will be presented at the November Council. Dave requested that comments and queries be brought to him in advance rather than raised for the first time at the November meeting.

Close

The President thanked Dave Ramsey for his work. This was greeted by acclamation and the President asked that every Baptist pray for the Director. Before closing in prayer Mark asked Paul Savage to return to the piano for the singing of 'Christ our Hope in Life and Death'.



Delegates and Representatives enjoy fellowship together before November council hosted by Moira Baptist

November 2022 Churches' Council

This meeting of Council met in Dromore Baptist Church on Saturday 26th November

Approved

- Motion regarding Charity Registration
- Motion to revise the ABCI Standing Orders
- Budget 2023

Noted

- Executive Committee Interim Report
- Association financial report
- The formation of a Committee for the Appointment of College Principal
- The formation of a Committee for the Appointment of a Youth Director

Received

- Belturbet Baptist Church into membership
- Keady Baptist Church into membership
- Passage Baptist Church into membership

New Churches

Council at its previous meeting in May had accepted three new churches into the membership of the Association – Belturbet, Keady and Passage. Vice-President Ian Grant, who was chairing council, invited their representatives to come forward and extended the right hand of fellowship to Joel Marcus, Coker Adediran and Jack Shannon (Belturbet Baptist Church), Paul McAdam and Jonny Thompson (Keady Baptist Church) and Brendan O'Brien (Passage Baptist Church).



Vice-President Ian Grant, Joel Marcus, Coker Adediran and Jack Shannon (Belturbet Church), Paul McAdam and Jonny Thompson (Keady Church), Brendan O'Brien (Passage Church) and Ivan Watson (Cavan Church)

In his comments Ian stressed the importance of church-planting, pointing out that Mullaghmeen had planted Cavan and that Cavan had now planted Belturbet and that there was a similar lineage from Cork Baptist Church to Douglas to Passage. He then invited Ivan Watson (Cavan) to pray for the three new churches and asked all members of our churches to pray for them in the months ahead.

Executive Committee Interim Report

The Interim Report of the Executive Committee was presented for consideration. Dave Ramsey reported on three meetings. He stressed the togetherness of executive members at these meetings and encouraged all of us to pray for all aspects of the Association's work. Three of the Department Directors, the Amazing Journey Coordinator and the College Principal added to the information already circulated to representatives.

Finance

Barrie Colgan Association Finance Officer outlined the position of the Association finances at the end of October. He pointed out that while expenditure had increased in some areas, the current state was generally healthy. Barrie thanked all churches and individuals whose generous giving had contributed to a projected satisfactory position at the end of the year.

The finance report was proposed by Dave Ramsey, seconded by Shaun Latimer (Killicomaine) and agreed by a show of hands.

Budget

Dave Ramsey presented the recommended budget for 2023. He explained that departmental budgets had been considered first by the relevant Management Committee, the overall budget had then been scrutinised by the Finance Committee and was now being recommended by the Executive.

Dave's presentation indicated that the total figure being budgeted for: £1,719, 513, would enable the work to continue and expand. He added that budgets were not about figures alone but about faith and vision. The figure was higher than the 2022 budget for several reasons, including the recruitment of new workers to spread the gospel, a new validation fee in respect of the College and general inflation.

Barrie Clingen (Crumlin), Chairman of the Finance Committee, asked representatives to thank the churches for their generosity and explained that the budget represented a 6% increase, partly due to increased costs being incurred by the College in its revalidation.

The budget was approved unanimously by show of hands.

Charity Registration

The Association Director reminded Council that at its May meeting it had received Notice of Motion that the Association should pursue registration in line with charity legislation. Churches had been given an opportunity to propose amendments to the Motion. Dave then explained the reasons for registration and the importance of adhering to government legislation.

Olly Roebuck (Richill Park) believed that we should conduct our affairs well, act within the law and be salt and light in our community. He was therefore happy to second the proposal. The chairman invited representatives to comment and some did so. Lex McVicker from the Antrim Church asked about the experience of other Associations and denominations. Richard Barkley (Grosvenor) said that transparency in financial matters was important. Stephen Murphy (Dundalk) suggested that a working party be established to consider the effects on churches of any future legislation.

Ballot papers were circulated and 149 were returned, 146 being in favour and none against with three abstentions.

Standing Orders Revision

The Association Director explained that the Organisation Committee had recommended some changes to the Constitution, which had been amended, and to Standing Orders, which were the subject of the present motion. These were largely non-controversial such as the duties of the Honorary Treasurer, a post which had not filled been for about 15 years, and the elimination of duplication.

While none of the changes appeared to be controversial the Chairman explained that the Executive had also determined this to be a matter of more than ordinary importance and that further ballot papers had been circulated. He was later able to announce that 148 representatives had voted in favour of the changes with one abstention.

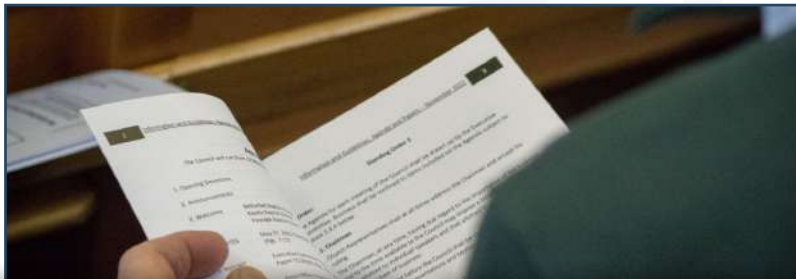
College Principal

The Association Director informed Council that Edwin Ewart had given notice of his intention to retire in August 2024. This, he said, meant that the Irish Baptist College will need to appoint a new Principal. A committee for the appointment of a principal had been put in place. The six members, Alan Baird (Emmanuel), David Ball (Ballykeel), Bobby Jennings (Magherafelt) Jonny McCluskey (Carr), Rob Millar (Jamestown Road) and Mark Patterson (Moira) had recently met to draw up a job specification and had issued it to churches. Nominations are due by the end of January.

Youth Director

The Association Director explained that Matthew Campbell had given notice of his departure from the post of Youth Director in the summer of 2023. Dave further informed Council that a committee had been formed in the same way as for the appointment of a College Principal, its members being Daniel Ashby (Lisburn), Jennifer Coll (Moira), Keith Edgar (Emmanuel), Davy Ellison (Antrim), Judith Kennedy (Tobermore) and Mark Palmer (Magherafelt). This committee had taken the same action as for the Principal.

The chairman invited Neil Watson (Ballycrochan) to lead in prayer for both committees. Readers are asked to pray for the appointment of the people of the Lord's choosing for these vitally important positions.



Joel Marcus (Belturbet)



Paul Adams (Keady)



Brendan O'Brien (Passage Church).



Dave Ramsey (Association Director)



Matt Campbell (Baptist Youth).



Gail Curry (Baptist Women)



Edwin Ewart (Irish Baptist College - Principal).



James Robinson (Amazing Journey)

ABCI Committees

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 2022 we were able to support over 100 children in the programme. Churches are urged to continue to keep the profile of this endeavour high in the minds of their members.

Retired Ministers' Support Fund

The RMS fund continues to provide a small income for pastors and missionaries that have served our churches. The Fund currently supports 26 members with 562 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 seven churches to the total sum of £34,000 during 2022. It was pleasing to know that this increased income level to this fund allowed 100% of the committed grants to be paid. The fund has had two new applications for 2023 and giving to the fund needs to be maintained to ensure adequate support is given to all churches in the Scheme. 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. This fund is a practical expression of the larger churches assisting smaller and weaker churches so that they might move forward and take new ground.

Pastors' Conference

Face to face, again! After missing out on an in person Conference in 2021 as a result of the pandemic it was a joy to gather again as pastors in Carlingford. Over 85 men gathered and, without face covering or social distancing, enjoyed a time of warm friendship, encouragement and fellowship in the gospel.



The speaker at the conference, Robin Sydserff of Chalmers Church Edinburgh, took as his theme the upper room narrative of John 14-17. He encouraged those present to contemplate the words of Jesus when he said that "it is to your advantage that I go away" so that "the helper (Holy Spirit) may come to you." The pastors were reminded



that through faith in Christ they are indwelt by the person of the Holy Spirit who unites us to Christ and applies all his glorious achievements to us and empowers us to live holy lives, pleasing to God. The pastors appreciated not only the faithful ministry but the warmth and honesty in which it was delivered.

Some of the most precious times at the conference are those spent in prayer or in small groups. Some time was spent in discussion on the responsibilities of elders to shepherd the flock through pastoral visitation and in being hospitable. This gives the pastors opportunity to discuss the challenges and privileges of ministry and to encourage one another.

Those who attended went away refreshed and looking forward to what was planned for next years conference.

Organisation Committee

The committee established in 2019 by the Executive Committee completed work on reviewing the Structure and Governance of the Association. Following on from the Motion brought to Council to amend the Constitution in May 2021, the Committee brought a Motion in November 2022 to revise the Standing Orders. This was partly to remove or update redundant sections and to allow for adherence to charity legislation.



INSIGHT is the magazine of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland. Six issues are published each year, one at the beginning of each of the following months - February, April, June, August, October and December.

Each issue contains news from Association churches, articles on a specific theme, as well as reports from Association Departments. Matthew Campbell writes about what is happening in Baptist Youth, Gail Curry on what is happening in Baptist Women, Davy Ellison on the Irish Baptist College and Mervyn Scott on Baptist Missions.

Newsdesk

One of the strengths of the magazine is the reports we receive from churches - these are printed in Newsdesk. Post- Covid three positive trends have emerged -

pastoral vacancies are being filled, there is an increase in the number of baptisms being reported and, in at least a few churches we know about, there are significant increases in membership.

2022 Themes

Themes covered in 2022 were - The Seven churches in Revelation, Baptism, Words have Power, Deacons, Zephaniah and Head and Heart - (Thinking Well). In each issue the KIDS CONNECT and YOUTH ISSUES follow the same themes. The Editorial Committee is grateful to all those who work hard on articles for this section of the magazine.



Prayer Diary

All churches in the Association are listed in the Association Prayer Diary. The Diary is printed with the April and October issues and updates are included in each issue of the magazine.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions remain at around 1,500 magazines.

Magazine Secretaries

Magazine secretaries are a vital link between the Baptist Centre and Association churches. They work away in the background to ensure that good records are kept, that subscriptions are processed and that magazines are distributed on time. We very much appreciate their help.



Design team

Pepper Collective work hard to keep the design of the magazine fresh and relevant. Pepper are patient, helpful and committed.

Feedback

The Editorial Committee appreciates feedback. Friendly, thoughtful engagement helps prompt change and improvement.

Ministry Support

2022 has been a year filled with variety and opportunity. From supporting local churches, church members and pastors/missionaries in both the North and South of Ireland, to childrens, youth and men's work. Also church outreach and evangelism, mental health seminars, lecturing and supporting students at IBC.

Pastoral Care of Pastors

Over the past year over 60 pastors have been helped and supported. This includes practical and spiritual conversations. Sometimes this also means providing support to pastors and wives and their families. Other pastoral conversations are mainly connected to ministry questions or struggles. For some pastors this takes the form of more formal counseling to help them through a period of difficulty, stress or burnout.

Supporting Churches

Opportunity has presented itself through the past year to assist a number of churches. Vacant churches have been helped to chart a path through vacancy. Seminars with leaders have been undertaken on a range of matters relevant to church life.

Pastoral Care and Counseling

The need for more formal counselling continues to present itself. Presently help is provided through Clogher Courthouse with Len and Joyce Keys (Hope4U Foundation and associate BM workers); Craigavon Baptist Church – under the banner of Bridge counseling and private counseling referrals from Pastors/Baptist Churches. A number of visits have been made to churches to discuss and deliver mental health seminars and presentations. Advice is given on a regular basis to many Pastors on how they can help church members who are struggling with their mental health or suggestions given for referral on for appropriate help.

Evangelism

A series of seminars on evangelism has taken place with three churches. This is once per month for four months in each fellowship. Opportunity arises for Colin Cooper to speak at various gospel outreaches. This includes local church outreaches, men's events and children's meetings and one week Bible teaching at the mid Ulster CEF youth camp. We praise God for one young person coming to faith this summer. The evangelism module at IBC is partly presented by Colin.

Much of this vital work continues in the background and it is a privilege to regularly come alongside churches to give encouragement, advice and support.

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as at 31 December 2022

Association Membership Committee

Members Co-opted from Executive Committee

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Association Editorial Committee

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 S. Dalrymple (Ballymoney), D. Ellison (IBC), R. McCord (Dundonald)
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as at 31 December 2022

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A. Roycroft (Portadown)	M. Thompson (Dungannon)	T. Vance (Ballycrochan)

Baptist Missions

“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples!” (Psalm 97v2)

Praise & Thanks

We give thanks to God for his continued blessing on the work of Baptist Missions. Thank you to the churches for their ongoing prayerful and practical support and for inviting Baptist Missions Workers to “report back” on what God is doing through them. **(Acts 14v27)**

As an Association of Churches, we are in this gospel work together, “declaring his glory” among people from hundreds of different nations, living in France, Ireland, Peru and Spain. This report is a very brief “snapshot” of all that God is doing as the Lord Jesus continues to build His Church. To stay well informed and up to date, please subscribe to our weekly Prayer News and the INSIGHT magazine.



FRANCE

Laetitia Anstett moved into her third year working with the “Foyer Evangelique Universitaire”, (F.E.U.), in partnership with the local church in Merlan. The team have



Laetitia interviewed by Sarah Dalrymple at Missions Night.



The Merlan Church, Le Merlan, Provence-Alpes-Cote D'Azur, France.

incredible opportunities to proclaim the gospel to students from France, other parts of Europe, N. Africa, the Middle East and beyond, living and studying in Marseille. Laetitia and her colleague Myriam have also been building relationships with families living in the area near the church building.

David and Hannah Sandall have continued to make real progress with the French language and are adjusting well to life in France. David has had numerous opportunities to converse with people about the gospel. The Lord opened a door into a male prison (only to visit!), and much literature has been taken by inmates from all over the world, including Ireland. David and Hannah were asked to hold a Carol Service in English before Christmas. Without any advertising, about 45 people came (mainly unbelieving friends they have built relationships with). Towards the end of the year, another door opened into an English speaking community in Madranges (about 30 mins from Egletons). Challenges in 2023 will be to continue to progress with the language and find a suitable long term context where they can live as a family and continue in evangelism and church planting ministry.



Sandalls



English speaking Carol service



English speaking Carol service



Hannah giving an Arabic/English Translation to Syrian Friends



Andrew and Séphora Livingstone were blessed with the arrival of Lydia Rose on June 1st. They were very busy with camps in Larodde in the summer months and began to help with a church plant in Bort-Les-Orgues in September. Andrew is preaching most weeks and Séphora is involved in music and teaching Sunday School. They bought a house in the village of Larodde in September and hope to move into it in 2023.

Philip and Rachel Moore continue to serve in Paris. Philip works for Acts29 and they are considering a move into the centre of Paris in 2023. Their third daughter Abigail has made the Blackrock Church in Dublin her spiritual home while studying in University College Dublin. Oh for more students from our churches in Ireland to follow her example and commit to helping in newer church plants!

In March 2022, George Crory (former BM Missionary to France), was called home to glory. His wife Joan continues to take a keen interest in all that is happening in France.



IRELAND

In February, we held an event in Dublin called “Engage” where the need for evangelism and church planting in the city and suburbs was highlighted.

Changes

In March we appointed **Cormac and Áine Walsh** to spearhead a new church plant in Ashtown on the Northside of Dublin, in partnership with the Jamestown Road Church.

In August **William and Yvonne Kidd** moved to the Waterford area. William

accepted a call to pastor the church in the city, supported by Baptist Missions and the Association.

In September, **Peter and Payton Carrigan** began work as Baptist Missions Interns with the Passage Church and in November, **Colin And Debbie Gervais** were appointed to work in the Fermanagh/Monaghan area.



Cormac & Áine Walsh, Ashtown



William & Yvonne Kidd, Waterford.



Peter and Payton Carrigan, Passage West.



Colin And Debbie Gervais, Fermanagh/Monaghan.

Other personnel changes included **Tim and Arlene McFarland** taking up a new role with the Carrickmacross Church, **Craig and Heather Maiden** becoming increasingly less dependent on Mission support (they will cease to be BM Workers in December 2023), as Craig is now the pastor of Kinsale Baptist. This is a big step of faith by the church in Kinsale and they have applied for help from the Churches Pastoral Support Scheme. Sam Urey (BM Church planting intern on the Shankill Road) married Lucy Nelson in December 2022.

The church plants in Belturbet, Blackrock, Passage West and Youghal continue to progress as does the work in Bundoran, Clogher, South Armagh and the Shankill Road. To stay well informed about what the Lord is doing, please subscribe to Prayer News and the INSIGHT magazine.

Challenges

The big challenges remain of seeing more people coming to Christ and being “added to local churches,” more capable leaders being raised up and many towns and large city suburbs, still with no gospel witness. The harvest is still white, and the labourers are still few!



Sam & Lucy Urey

Sam Urey on Shankill Road.



Musicians from the RTE Concert Orchestra performing Joseph Haydn's "The Seven Last Words of Christ" for a Blackrock community outreach event.



Despite the political uncertainty in Peru, the gospel continues to move forward. The church buildings in Carumas and Ite were re-opened for worship and the church plants in the Tacna area; Agua/Camino/Esperanza de Vida, are progressing. At Missions Night in May, in Ballynahinch Baptist, **John & Lourdes Brew** officially retired from Baptist Missions, John having served with the Mission for 38 years. John continues to teach part time with the Seminary in Tacna.



The re-opening of the Carumas church buildings.

We are grateful to the Irish Baptist College for facilitating a new Diploma Course in the Seminary in Tacna. In October, **Edwin Ewart** (Principal IBC), travelled to Tacna to deliver a course on Christian Leadership. It was a particular joy for the Mission Director to be back in Peru in November/December, for the first time in three years, accompanied by **Dessie Creelman**. It is hoped to bring a team to Peru in 2023.



SPAIN

Andrew and Ruth Reid continue their very busy ministry in Barcelona. Andrew had a particularly testing year as he sought to progress significant developments with the School of Theology. Ruth continues to have many opportunities to share the gospel and disciple women. Andrew and Ruth are excited about the possibility of a church planting work beginning in the town next door to where they live.

Andrew and Rosalia Elliott have continued to work with the Antrim Church and serve with the Mission in Ireland. Visits back to Spain and discussions with the leadership in FIEIDE are beginning to identify possible avenues of service in Spain. However, their future is still very uncertain. They want to return to Spain, but clarity is needed as to when to return, to do what ministry and where to live. Our **“Unidentified Couple”** are now back home in N.I., having lived and served faithfully in Spain for five years. They are still supporting and encouraging the work there, albeit from a distance.

Athlone Retreat

We held a “once in a lifetime” gathering of workers from all four fields in April 2022. Edwin Ewart’s ministry was appreciated by all as was the opportunity to get together again after two years of COVID restrictions. It was a rich time of fellowship, encouragement and fun together.



BM Workers Retreat, Athlone.

Management Committee

Every four years the churches in the Association appoint members from local churches to serve on the Baptist Missions Management Committee. We record our thanks to everyone who currently serve on the Management and Area Committees (Europe, Ireland and Peru) and ask our churches to prayerfully consider new people who may be willing to serve on the committees in the years ahead. In 2024, a new Management Committee will be elected.

We want to express our thanks to **Ian Grant** in particular, who has skilfully chaired the Management Committee through the pandemic and throughout 2022. We pray that he will continue to know God’s help as he takes on the role of President of the Association in May 2023.

Vital Administration

Joanne continues to handle all the day to day administration of the Mission and we want to acknowledge her faithfulness and diligence throughout another year, and we express our appreciation to **Barrie Colgan** (Association Accountant) and **Alison Wasson** (Accounts Assistant) for all their vital work on behalf of Baptist Missions too.

Thank you for reading this report. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, support, and encouragement. Eternity will reveal the full extent of all that God has done through the work of your Mission.




To God be all the glory!

Mervyn Scott

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Missions Night, Ballynahinch, May 2022.



Blackrock Community Church



Farewell to John & Lourdes Brew



BM Workers Retreat, Athlone



Shankill Community Fellowship, Summer BYE Team & Activities.

Irish Baptist College

Principal's Remarks

The work of the Irish Baptist College is to provide pastors, missionaries, and other Christian workers for the Lord's service. This work is demanding and yet hugely exhilarating as staff and students together apply themselves to study, practical training, and the modelling of community in IBC.

In this great responsibility of training, it is our aim to serve God by being faithful to Christ and his word. Our unambiguous adherence to biblical authority and our desire to glorify Jesus Christ lie at the heart of all we do in college.

The College is entering a time of change both in terms of its leadership and its validation arrangements. Fresh challenges lie ahead and so I encourage our churches to support the vital work of ministry training with renewed fervour. Please continue to pray and give as God raises up a new generation of Christian workers for the extension of his kingdom.

Edwin Ewart

University Accreditation

The most significant event in the life of the College in 2022 was the news that the University of Chester was withdrawing from its validating agreement, as a result of internal restructuring at the University. This was communicated to the College in May 2022 to take effect in July 2023.

The search for a new validating partner commenced immediately. After a variety of enquiries and a few further conversations it became clear that the option of being validated by Spurgeon's College, London was the best and most viable option. By the end of 2022 discussions had progressed satisfactorily and both institutions were positive about the possibility of setting up a new validating arrangement.

The cessation of the partnership with Queen's University, Belfast (2019) and the impending cessation of the partnership with University of Chester (2023) are

disappointing developments in the Higher Education Sector, in which theology will become increasingly marginalised. Nonetheless, the College Management Committee affirmed that university accreditation is important and desirable to safeguard the College's provision. With God's help it is hoped the relationship with Spurgeon's will continue to develop and prove a strategically beneficial development for the Irish Baptist College.

Principal to Retire

The need for a new validating partner was followed with the need to initiate the search for a new principal. At the November Churches' Council it was announced that Edwin Ewart intends to retire in August 2024. The Association Executive and College Management Committees have therefore commenced the process to appoint the next College principal.

Events

Hugh D. Brown Lectures.

In January the College was delighted to host Dr Jason DeRouchie of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at the annual Hugh D. Brown Lectures. On Thursday 13th, live over Zoom from Kansas City, Dr DeRouchie delivered two stirring lectures on the somewhat obscure book of Zephaniah.

ONLINE

HUGH D. BROWN LECTURES

IRISH BAPTIST COLLEGE

THURSDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2022 4:00pm-7:15pm

£10 (free for unwaged)

Dr Jason DeRouchie
(Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, USA)
Rejoicing in Hope: Understanding and Applying Zephaniah

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Deacons' Seminars

It was a delight to follow up the Elders' Seminars of 2019 with Deacons' Seminars in 2022. Four seminars took place: Magherafelt and Swords in April, Portadown and Cork in September. Across the seminars more than 40 churches participated with almost 200 individuals in attendance. The prayer is that these events might both encourage and equip the deacons in our churches.



Deacons' Seminar - Cork

Evangelism Teams

In October the Preparation for Ministry students once again embarked on their evangelism teams. Armagh, Ballycrochan, Cavan and Comber were the destinations this year, with students engaging in ongoing church ministries, school ministry (including the Amazing Journey with Baptist Youth), door-to-door work, open air ministry, special events and fellowship with the host churches.



Left: Armagh Evangelism Team
Above: Ballycrochan Evangelism Team



Right: Cavan Evangelism Team
Above: Comber Evangelism Team

Pray Without Ceasing

January witnessed the launch of the Pray Without Ceasing initiative. This constitutes a daily prayer diary which offers one aspect of the College's work to pray for each day, accompanied by information and Scripture to guide those prayers. This initiative continues to be supplemented with weekly Friday Focus videos offering a focused prayer point related to the College for the coming days.



Students

Graduation

Graduation was held in Ballymena Baptist Church in May. Pastor Richard McConnell (Blackrock) was the guest speaker. It was a delight to celebrate the graduation of 29 students from the various Christian Education Courses, 9 students from the Preparation for Ministry course and recognise 10 students who earned postgraduate awards during the year.



Commencement

The Commencement Service was hosted by Antrim Baptist Church in September. Pastor Richard Blayney (Bethany) was the guest speaker. This was an opportunity to welcome 10 students on to the Preparation for Ministry course, 7 postgraduate students and 31 students to the Christian Education courses.



Preparation for Ministry

Ultimately, the aim of the College is not to help students get awards, but to equip them for Christian service. It was therefore a great encouragement that by the end of the year 5 Preparation for Ministry graduates entered vocational ministry. The Ministry Partnership Scheme partnered with three of them: Luke Keys (Tobermore), Mark Rooney (Armagh) and Nathan Anderson (Milltown).



- 1: Christian Education Course Graduates.
- 2: Post-Graduate Graduates.
- 3: Commencement - Antrim.
- 4: Pastor Richard Blayney.
- 5: Preparation for Ministry Graduates.



Partnering with Tacna Seminary

2022 witnessed the formalisation of the College's partnership with the Baptist Seminary in Tacna. This was realised through the creation of a Christian Education Diploma accredited by the College. It is a privilege to partner with Baptist Missions in the ministry of developing Peruvian leadership in the churches in South Peru. It is envisaged that most teaching will be delivered by those in Peru, with an Irish Baptist College tutor visiting annually to deliver a module.



Ten Year Vision Update

In 2017 the College launched its Ten-Year Vision. The goal is to see 70 College graduates enter gospel work within a ten-year period. April 2022 marked the halfway point. By the end of the calendar year 50 College graduates had entered gospel service in five years, putting us well ahead of the target.

Measuring the College's output in this way has been a great encouragement. It is evident that those who are trained for ministry at the Irish Baptist College evidence the character and competency necessary for ministry. The confidence that our churches and Christian organisations are placing in our graduates is reaffirming of the work done on the Hillsborough Road.

Irish Baptist Historical Society

In 2022 the Irish Baptist Historical Society returned, largely, to normal. Due to extenuating circumstances the first lecture, 'J. N. Darby and the Baptists' by Dr Crawford Gribben, had to be held online. This was followed by Jonny McCluskey's 'A History of Carr Baptist' in May, which was held in-person in Ballynahinch Baptist Church. The final lecture of the year was delivered by Edwin Ewart entitled 'A Theology of Worship: Historical and Contemporary Reflections'. All three lectures were relatively well attended and a video recording of them is available on the College YouTube channel.



Irish Baptist Historical Society - Jonny McCluskey, "A History of Carr Baptist"

Director of Training's Postscript

As I reflect on the last year, I have both a sense of disappointment and delight. My disappointment stems from the lack of uptake of the Gospel Guardians initiative. From a Baptist family of 8,000 members only 30 individuals see the need to support financially their ministry training College on a regular basis. I am convinced that, humanly speaking, the training of men and women for gospel service is imperative to securing the long-term health of gospel ministry on our island.

My delight stems from the ever-developing prayer support that the College enjoys. Both the Pray Without Ceasing and Friday Focus initiatives have stimulated informed and consistent prayer for the work of the College among both students and supporters. Prayer is a regular feature of college life for staff and students, and having our churches join us in this is a wonderful encouragement.



It is therefore with every confidence I am certain that under God's guiding grace the College will continue to magnify Christ, advance the gospel, and strengthen the church.



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Baptist Women

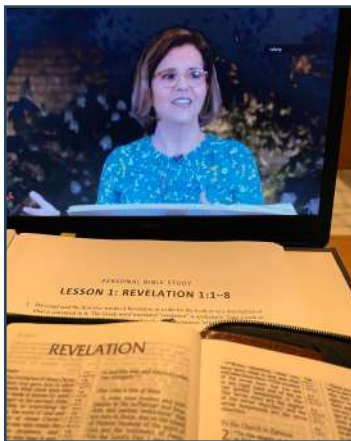
In Baptist Women we aim to encourage and equip women in our churches to be healthy disciples through various events and courses. We hope to bring all ages of women together to deepen fellowship and to encourage each other to reach out in evangelism.

Online

We host a number of online events over the year and have been encouraged to have women join from across the country whether individually or as a church group:

BW Online Bible Study

What a great opportunity to study God's Word with over 450 women across Ireland over Zoom. Women from different churches and different communities discussed the Bible as we studied Revelation 1-12 on Monday evenings in January and February.



Nancy Guthrie - Online Bible Study



Wendy Alsop - Prayer, Praise & Promises

Prayer, Praise and Promises

Held on Thursday 13 October over Zoom, the events and courses planned for the year were prayed for, and Wendy Alsop shared God's Word with us from Psalm 73.

In Person

It was great to be able to meet again in person in 2022, to sing God's praises together and to hear the buzz of conversation as relationships were deepened.

BW Spring Conference

We were delighted to hear that Jani Ortlund was going to be in the UK, so we invited her to speak at our conference which was held in Ballymena Baptist on Saturday 5 February. Jani's topic was 'Is Jesus Enough?'



Spring Conference - Ballymena



Jani Ortlund - Spring Conference

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is a ministry event for Pastors', Workers' and IBC Students' wives. We met on Saturday 2 April when Sarah Dalrymple encouraged us from Isaiah 40 about 'Waiting on the Lord' sharing from her own ministry experience.



The Breakfast Club - Moira

Women's Night

On Friday, 6 May over 300 women met in Windsor Baptist when Christine Mahood spoke on Psalm 46. Karen Scott interviewed Ruth Thompson about the Women's Discipleship Course. May Green interviewed Lourdes Brew (Mavis Creelman translated) and May prayed for Lourdes and John as they prepared for their return to Peru. This event had previously been held on the Monday night after Churches Council but changed to the Friday night before Churches' Council to enable more women to attend Missions and College Nights.

Women's Night Photos

Top: Karen Scott and Ruth Thompson

Bottom: May Green, Lourdes Brew, Mavis Creelman



Ladies Study Fellowship

LSF runs on Thursday mornings at the Irish Baptist College. This is a small class, but the ladies are keen to study and discuss God's Word.

Hybrid

Many of our events have an online option for those who live too far away or unable to travel but we have one course that provides in person and online interaction:

Women's Discipleship Course

Women's Discipleship Course became the new name for the Women's Ministry Course in 2022. This new title explains the content of the course better and will hopefully encourage more women to study on a Tuesday evening. The course has been available as a hybrid since 2019 when a number of the ladies from Brannockstown Baptist in Co Kildare wanted to join. Our first online students graduated in May 2022. We currently have 12 in person and eight online.

Thank you for your prayers for the work among the women of our churches and thank you for the financial support that makes it possible for us to continue to encourage, equip and evangelise women across Ireland.



Dublin BW Conference

On Sunday, 22 May nearly 200 women met for our first Dublin Conference which was held in Swords Baptist. Nancy Guthrie spoke on 'Even Better than Eden'. Q&A with Pizza followed the conference for teens and twenties which encouraged a number of younger women to attend.

Nancy Guthrie - Dublin BW Conference

Munster BW Conference

Costs spiralled after the pandemic making the full-day conference in Cork very expensive, so the decision was made to have a morning conference with two sessions broken up with a coffee break. On Saturday, 19 November women gathered from across the Munster province to hear Christine Mahood share from Psalm 119.



Praise Group - Munster BW Conference



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Baptist Youth

The teacher in Ecclesiastes aptly writes about the various seasons of life that we all experience in chapter 3. In verse 3 he observes that there is a time to 'break down and a time to build up.' For many of us, 2022 felt like a year of rebuilding what had become so fragmented in our recent years plagued with the effects of Covid-19. However, even in a season of rebuilding, we can echo the sentiment of the Psalmist who declares God to be good and faithful all the time (Ps 119:90).

Amazing Journey

Perhaps the most notable development in 2022 was the return of The Amazing Journey. It had been over two years since Aaron, our previous Amazing Journey Coordinator, had been granted access to Primary Schools in order to tell children of the wonderful works of God in the Bible. With Aaron moving on to a new position with Reach Mentoring, and schools opening up to outside groups post-Covid, the youth department was in a position to relaunch the Amazing Journey ministry.

James Robinson (Keady) was appointed as our new Amazing Journey Coordinator on 1st September 2022. In the few months that followed before the new year, James was able to reach over 7500 children in 45 different schools with the gospel message. In the process, over 650 Bibles were delivered to the homes of children who heard the various Amazing Journey presentations.



James Robinson - Amazing Journey coordinator

A Full Summer Programme

Another highlight of 2022 was running a full, in person, Baptist Youth Summer programme. It had been three long years since we had a normal Summer experience and, in 2022, we were glad to have 13 BYE teams and five camps take place. Two new additions to the Summer lineup included an Easter BYE Team to Portstewart. This team, led by Callum Aiken (Ballymena) and Nicole Boggs (Knockconny), provided a great opportunity for young people to partner with the Portstewart church in delivering a kids and youth programme. In addition to this, Baptist Youth introduced a new camp in August 2022. Portstewart Pre-Teens Camp, led by Andrew and Rebecca McAuley (Great Victoria Street), targeted a new age range of 10-13 year olds. The first year of Pre-Teens Camp proved to be a great success and the youth department looks forward to how it will develop in future years.



Sion Mills BYE Team



Lisburn BYE Team

In Person Training Events

A reshuffle in the youth department's sub committees in 2022 saw a number of new sub committees formed. This included an Events Committee who were responsible for a number of training events which took place throughout the year. The first of these training events took place on 14th May. We were glad to welcome Rory Bell (TnT Ministries) who came to share with children's ministry workers and volunteers from across Ireland at the Baptist Centre. At this event, we thought about what REAL children's ministry looks like - relational, educational, authentic and life transforming. It was a joy to see over 80 children's ministry volunteers in attendance.



Rory Bell (TnT Ministries) - Children's Ministry Training



Busy Christmas

As the year drew to a close in the month of December, there was still a lot happening in the youth department. Not only did James have the opportunity to run The Amazing Journey's special Christmas programme, but the BY Resource Committee launched a special Christmas devotional for families to use. This resource, entitled 'At Christmas', thought about 25 different truths about the God we worship at Christmas. It was a real encouragement to see over 300 copies distributed to families across our churches.



After the Summer, the BY Events Committee organised a further two training events. The first of these took place on 24th September. This training day was aimed at youth ministry volunteers and focused on important spiritual, relational and topical aspects of youth ministry. A few months later, on 12 November, a special training day for parents called 'Intentional Family Discipleship' took place at The Baptist Centre.

We were delighted to welcome guest speakers Steve Auld (Great Victoria Street), Neil Watson (Ballycrochan) and Andy Lamberton on the day. Through various sessions, parents were encouraged to think about how they could follow the command of 'training up a child in the way he should go' (Prov 22:6).

Thank You

The Youth department would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the churches for their continued partnership in the gospel. In spite of many changes, 2022 has proved to be a 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 year end position is once again encouraging and finishing in surplus for the fourth year in a row.
- Increased support has offset higher costs this year.
- Giving from churches was at £730,548, the highest ever level.
- Personal giving was at a level of £400,783, also the highest ever level.

The financial position for 2022 reflects how the activities of the Association have returned to normal after the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic over the previous two years. We give thanks to God for the growing levels of church and personal support, which 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

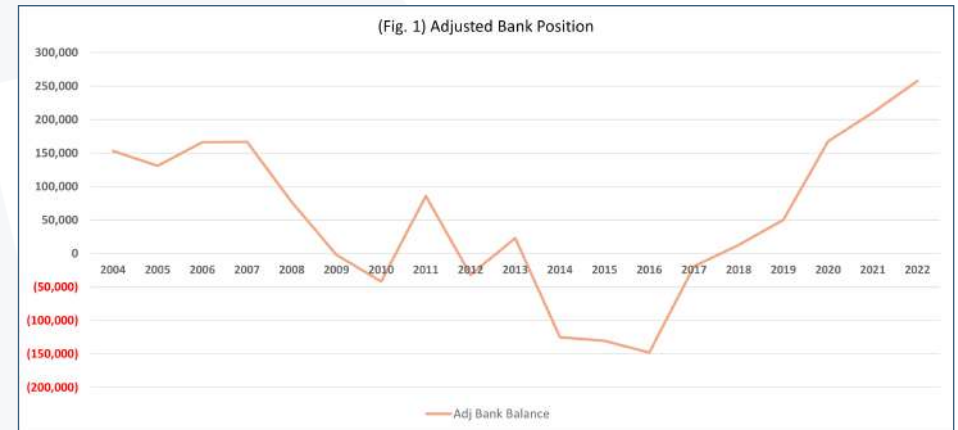
A full set of statutory accounts has been prepared for the Association which are available on request. Included in this report are the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance sheet as reported in the statutory accounts and an additional summary of departmental accounts.

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 page 31 will show that the Association recorded a small surplus for the year ended 31 January 2023. The budgeted departments returned a small deficit, but this was offset by a surplus in the support departments.

The bank balance at the end of the year increased by £68,135 to £428,087 (2021; £359,952). This figure is inflated as a result of £30,000 of Interest Free Loans and £140,571 of restricted funds held for the PIP fund. If these two factors are taken into account and the bank balance is adjusted, there is a surplus cash balance of £257,516. This is an improvement of £46,843 from the position in January 2022.



The bank balance adjusted in this way at the year-end over a period of years is highlighted in the graph above (Fig 1).

The elimination of this deficit is largely thanks to churches giving to the work of the Association, which has increased in each of the last seven years. Personal giving has also experienced a significant increase.

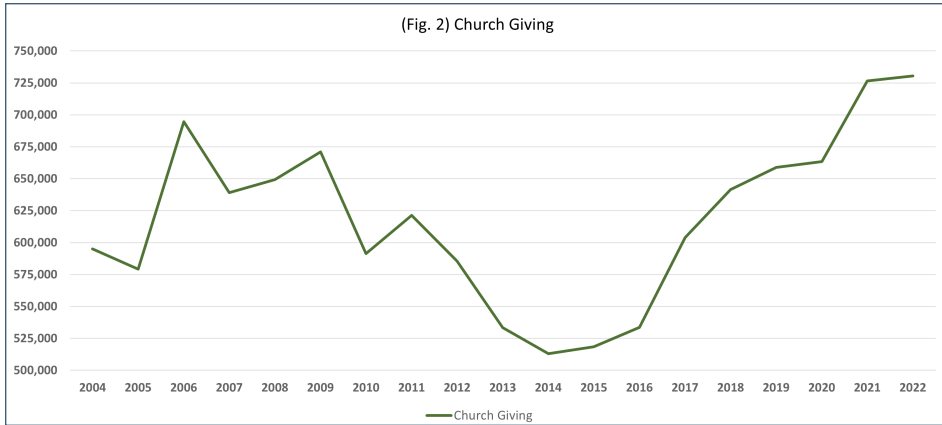
Closing reserves (excluding restricted funds) of £348,843 represents just under three months expenditure for the Association. It is good practice to hold at least three months expenditure in reserve. This provides a stable financial base to plan for the work of the Association in future years, with much 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

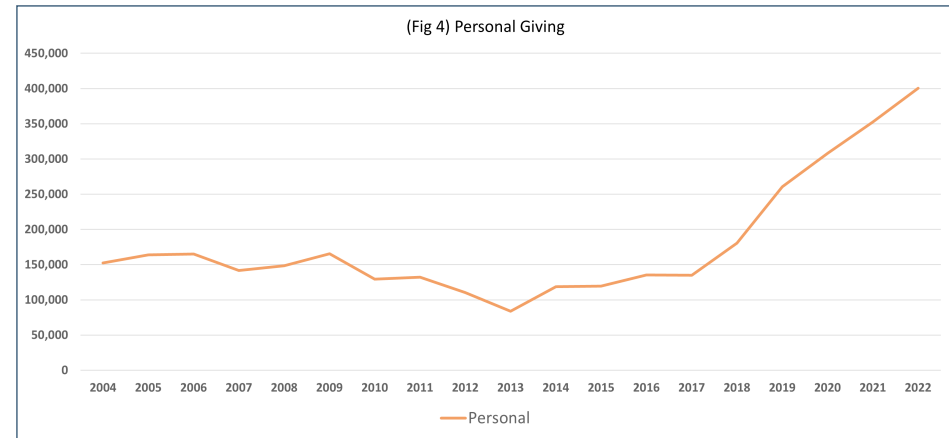
Church giving in 2022 was at a level of £730,548 (2021 £726,614). This is the eighth consecutive year of growth in church giving to the work of the Association and the highest ever level. The graph (Fig 2) highlights church giving to the Association over an 18 year period.

It is very encouraging that church giving has exceeded the budget target £716,722. 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

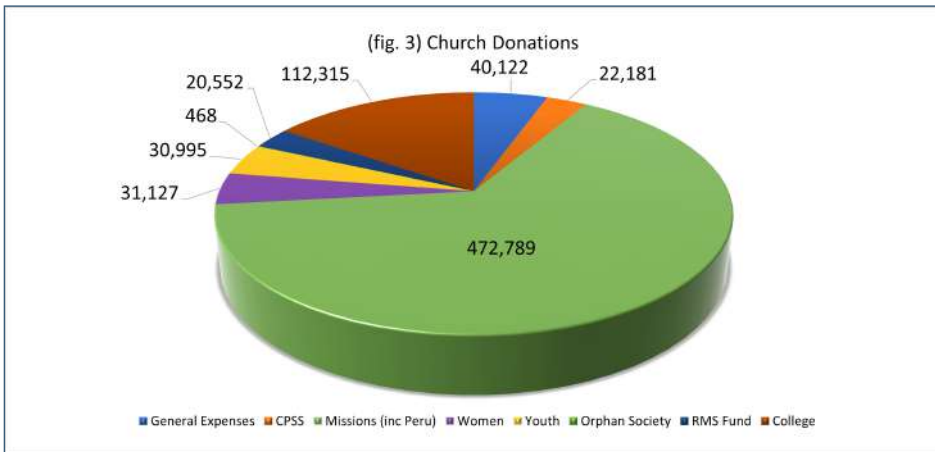


once again clear that there are a significant number of churches that have examined their giving to the Association over the past year and have demonstrated their support of the work that we endeavour to do together by increasing their financial support. One of the main reasons for churches not supporting 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



to the support of Baptist Missions (£472,789), followed by the College (£112,315). (See Fig 3).



Personal donations to the work of the Association increased by £48,014 from £352,769 in 2021 to £400,783 in 2022.

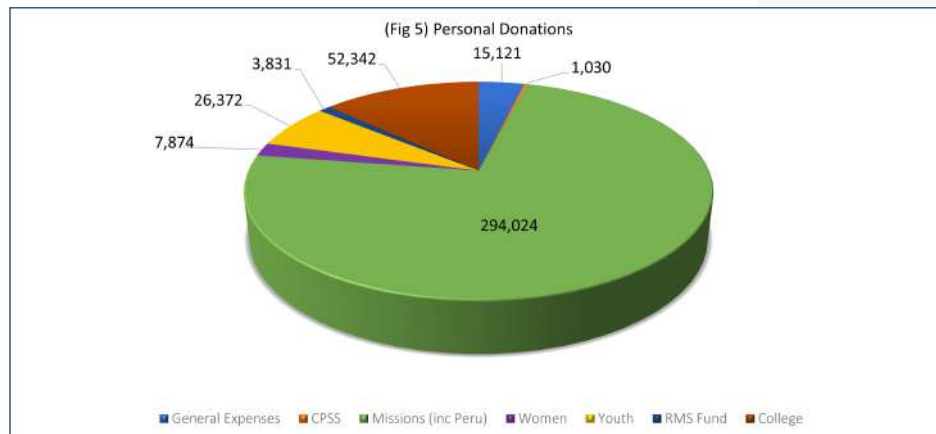
It is encouraging to see a 14% increase in personal donations, the highest ever level of personal donations to the Association. A large portion of this increase comes as a result of regular monthly giving, which demonstrates the personal commitment of many of our supporters. The College's Gospel Guardian campaign and Baptist Mission's Target 1000 campaign provide essential support as these departments continue in their work of the Gospel. Thanks is given to all the individuals who support the work of the Association in this manner.

As with church giving, most personal donations have been to Missions and College. (See Fig 5 on next page)

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 2022 it will provide the solid platform to enable the work of the Association to move forward.

Church Donations Analysis

The Donations Analysis on pages 33-37 shows that out of 119 churches, 103 gave something to the work of the Association. Sixty-one churches increased their giving to the Association, 48 decreased their giving with 16 churches giving nothing at all. It is



ABCI 2013 Retirement Benefits Scheme

A triennial actuarial valuation carried out on the Scheme at 31 March 2022 showed a funding deficit of £338,000 in the Scheme. This is similar to the previous funding deficit of £336,000 as at 31 March 2019, but represents an improvement on the deficit of £608,000 as at 31 October 2016. Recent volatility in financial markets resulted in a higher deficit valuation on 31 March than anticipated, however subsequent improvements in these markets indicate that this position has since improved. This deficit will continue to be met by funding contributions from the Association of £30,000 p.a. until June 2027 and is recorded as a liability of the Association on the Balance Sheet.

The next review is scheduled to take place on 31 March 2025. While the uncertainty in the global financial markets remains, it is hoped the deficit will have reduced further.

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. The balance on the fund at the year-end is £400,241 with over £250,000 held and invested by the Northern Baptist Corporation Limited on behalf of the Association.

Budget 2023

The Recommended Stipend Scale for 2023 was released to churches with a 4.9% increase for NI churches and 3.9% for 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 of 3%. The total budgeted expenditure for 2023 is set at £1,719,513. This is an increase of £99,990 on the previous year budget figure of £1,619,523. Church giving needs to reach a level of £724,865 in order to sustain the entirety of the work undertaken by the Association. Church giving exceeded this level in 2021 and 2022.

Review of the Year

The budget departments collectively finished the year with a surplus balance. A review of each Department shows the complexity of the financial position in 2022.

General Expenses

The General Expense account ended the year with a deficit balance of £39,702 (2021 - £44,333). Income exceeded expenditure in this account by £4,631. Annual subscriptions from churches were at a level of £80,570 (2021 - £77,157). Expenditure was £15,202 higher than in 2021 due to budgeted increase in staff costs, and additional administration. This department funded £15,000 of Pension Administration Costs. The total administration cost of this Pension Scheme is in the region of £34,000 per annum. The Northern Baptist Corporation Limited has committed to funding the balance in order to ease the burden of this liability on the Association.

Baptist Missions

This Department continues to report encouraging financial results. There was a decrease of £1,669 in the general mission account at the year-end (£97,518 compared with £99,187 in 2021). Expenditure was £172,279 higher than last year largely due to the cost of new mission workers and a return to normal activities following the pandemic. It is encouraging to see such high levels of continued church giving and personal donations in support of missionaries and projects. In total 103 churches contributed to this department (one more than last year) resulting in church giving increasing by £6,622. There was also an encouraging increase of personal giving of £43,098. 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 - there are many opportunities that need our support.

Baptist Women

It was encouraging to see the return to in-person events for the Women's department alongside the continuing online Bible studies as Covid restrictions eased. Income once again exceeded expenditure resulting in a closing surplus for the department of £6,800. Church donations saw an increase of £105 although personal giving decreased by £2,683. This closing surplus means Baptist Women is well placed to continue developing their ministry among the women of our churches.

Baptist Youth

This year saw the return of a full program of BYE Teams and the Illuminate Camp following restrictions since 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. The return of these activities, helped the department finish the year with a surplus of £16,836. The number of churches giving to this department fell by three from 58 to 55. This department saw an increase in personal giving of £10,931, combined with increased income from camps and teams, meaning less 'unallocated' church donations were required for support. This resulted in church giving decreasing by £6,568. Given the importance to our churches of reaching the younger generation continuing support at this level should be a priority.

Retired Ministers Support

This year the deficit decreased to £5,113 (2021, £7,906). It was encouraging to see that income was again received at a level to cover the expenditure in the year. This Fund currently supports 26 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 two more years to meet current commitments and ensure the deficit is removed.

College

The Irish Baptist College ended the year with a surplus of £4,718. It was encouraging to see the College return a small surplus for the year, despite having budgeted to be operating at a deficit. Church giving increased by £6,233 to £112,315 (2021,

£106,082) just reaching the level of support required for the budget. However, the numbers of churches giving fell from 63 to 60. Personal giving increased by £537. 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 continued support for the CPSS. Grants normally payable in February 2023 were brought forward and distributed in January 2023. The fund closed with a £1,786 surplus at the year end. The level of giving once again enabled 100 percent of the promised grants to be passed to the six churches currently in the Scheme. The impact on a small church of having someone in place to lead the work forward cannot be underestimated. 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 2022 we continued to support the vital work of the Baptist Union of Zimbabwe Orphan Care Programme. However, the support provided to this programme exceeded funds received by £5,339 this year, meaning the department finished with a deficit of £3,932. Churches are encouraged to continue to support this life-giving project.

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 January 2023	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	1,547,739	1,313,230
Income from charitable activities	423,385	377,000
Other Income	103,536	119,511
Investments	2,835	3,615
	2,077,495	1,813,356
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities	2,063,382	1,733,283
Other expenditure	0	0
	2,063,382	1,733,283
Net movement in funds	14,113	80,073
Total funds brought forward	731,039	650,966
Total funds carried forward	745,152	731,039
Department Reserves	Jan-23	Jan-22
Department Balances		
General Expenses	-39,702	-44,333
CPSS	1,786	35,060
Missions (inc. Peru)	97,518	99,187
Women	6,800	6,374
Youth	16,836	2,856
Northern Region	-11,714	-11,714
Orphan Society	0	345
RMS Fund	-5,113	-7,906
College	4,718	3,982
	71,129	83,851
Non-Department Balances	277,714	274,215
Restricted Funds		
PIP Fund	400,241	371,566
Baptist Aid	-3,932	1,407
	396,309	372,973
Total Funds	745,152	731,039

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 January 2022	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	1,548	2,201
	1,548	2,201
Current Assets		
Debtors	45,690	91,766
Corporation Debtor	846,039	784,472
Bank & Cash	428,087	359,952
	1,319,816	1,236,190
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors	0	0
Wages/PAYE	15,052	13,668
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	16,613	13,882
Interest Free Loans	30,000	36,757
Special Transfers	344	344
PIP Fund	2,150	1,668
Deferred Income	199,053	190,033
Pension Deficit	313,000	251,000
	576,212	507,352
Net Current Assets/Liabilities	743,604	728,838
Total Assets less Liabilities	745,152	731,039

Department Summary

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Net movement	Closing balance Jan 23
General Expenses	-44,333	188,977	-241,993	57,647	4,631	-39,702
CPSS	35,060	23,211	-36,183	-20,302	-33,274	1,786
Missions	99,187	802,986	-794,286	-10,369	-1,669	97,518
Women	6,374	50,578	-48,177	-1,975	426	6,800
Youth	2,856	105,156	-77,801	-13,375	13,980	16,836
Northern Region	-11,714	0	0	0	0	-11,714
Orphan Society	345	655	0	-1,000	-345	0
RMS Fund	-7,906	24,384	-34,091	12,500	2,793	-5,113
College	3,982	387,332	-324,213	-62,383	736	4,718
	83,851	1,583,279	-1,556,744	-39,257	-12,722	71,129
PIP Fund	371,566	74,594	-15,919	-30,000	28,675	400,241
Baptist Aid	1,407	15,946	-20,285	-1,000	-5,339	-3,932
Non-budget Departments	274,215	403,676	-470,434	70,257	3,499	277,714
Total Association Balances	731,039	2,077,495	-2,063,382	0	14,113	745,152

Donation Analysis

	General		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc Peru)		Women		Youth		Orhpan Soc		RMS Fund		College		TOTAL	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Antrim	869	245	183	130	4,660	15,965	269	182	444	436	12	-	554	422	1,332	6,600	8,322	23,980
Armagh	240	100	125	105	7,780	5,895	700	120	1,160	325	-	-	70	50	1,060	270	11,135	6,865
Athlone	-	-	-	-	1,065	1,067	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,065	1,067
Balbriggan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ballycrochan	-	-	525	420	15,533	13,216	445	520	1,140	1,140	-	-	1,730	1,680	3,860	4,060	23,233	21,036
Ballycullen Community Church	-	-	-	-	4,734	4,268	-	-	872	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,606	4,268
Ballygomartin	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-
Ballykeel	1,357	1,846	469	126	4,090	4,195	838	811	543	115	30	24	569	468	4,609	4,215	12,505	11,800
Ballymena	204	-	79	-	13,990	16,167	3,125	4,000	4,075	4,000	5	-	96	-	5,425	4,000	27,000	28,167
Ballymoney	-	-	-	-	9,150	9,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	-	9,285	9,100
Ballynahinch	393	577	153	39	460	898	240	253	144	36	10	7	185	146	816	942	2,400	2,900
Belturbet*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bethany	898	1,360	1,180	1,430	31,864	33,416	2,009	1,340	1,673	1,800	-	-	1,218	910	5,073	5,140	43,915	45,396
Blackrock Community Church	-	-	-	-	1,156	2,025	-	-	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,270	2,025
Brannockstown	-	-	-	-	1,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,325	-
Calvary	-	-	-	-	2,973	1,904	1,000	500	600	300	-	-	-	-	1,000	500	5,573	3,204
Carndaisy	-	-	-	-	18,400	9,420	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	2,000	19,400	11,420
Carr	3,544	4,066	732	412	6,717	6,816	1,050	1,088	985	679	168	162	1,204	1,095	5,751	6,133	20,150	20,450
Carrickfergus	1,800	1,875	2,400	2,500	12,670	12,800	1,440	1,500	1,800	1,975	-	-	2,400	2,500	2,640	2,750	25,150	25,900
Carrickmacross	72	109	28	7	1,840	1,978	44	48	26	7	2	1	34	28	149	178	2,194	2,356
Carrigaline	-	-	-	-	2,129	1,948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,129	1,948
Carryduff	-	-	-	-	100	615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,100	615
Castleberg	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,100	155	100	150	150	-	-	150	150	300	300	1,755	1,800
Castlereagh	-	-	300	300	750	1,160	637	250	250	250	-	-	250	250	400	640	2,587	2,850
Cavan	531	726	206	29	10,512	10,850	176	189	106	27	7	6	136	109	598	701	12,271	12,636

	General		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc Peru)		Women		Youth		Orhpan Soc		RMS Fund		College		TOTAL	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Central Craigavon	50	-	-	-	1,811	1,894	-	240	-	240	-	-	-	-	-	240	1,861	2,614
Clady Water	-	421	-	29	147	5,940	-	185	-	26	-	5	-	107	-	687	147	7,400
Coagh	-	-	-	-	2,481	2,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,481	2,517
Coleraine	85	-	637	539	11,050	9,400	507	429	936	792	-	-	1,114	858	5,122	2,167	19,451	14,185
Comber	685	1,039	266	71	958	2,337	519	456	261	65	17	13	323	264	1,574	1,696	4,602	5,941
Cookstown	1,227	2,131	477	145	4,068	3,080	750	986	450	133	30	27	578	541	3,228	3,480	10,808	10,525
Cork	-	-	356	-	713	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,069	89
Cregagh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crumlin	327	505	127	34	529	494	225	222	120	32	8	6	154	128	680	824	2,170	2,245
Donaghadee	-	-	-	-	-	713	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	713
Douglas	-	-	-	-	37,359	12,908	359	366	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,718	13,305
Dromore	-	-	-	-	3,348	28,080	-	175	1,163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,511	28,255
Dunamanagh	508	870	711	348	348	348	-	-	174	174	-	-	203	174	319	348	2,262	2,262
Dundalk	88	287	48	116	816	743	56	56	80	80	-	-	112	111	400	398	1,600	1,790
Dundonald	-	-	200	200	2,500	3,060	200	200	200	200	-	-	200	200	1,000	1,200	4,300	5,060
Dungannon	6,531	1,527	3,303	3,615	2,465	2,935	391	281	234	40	16	8	301	163	1,328	1,046	14,568	9,615
Dunseverick	-	-	-	-	970	1,347	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	970	1,347
East End	-	-	-	-	-	1,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,730
Emmanuel	75	-	275	-	4,620	2,810	-	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	5,120	2,810
Enniskillen	-	-	-	-	-	860	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	860
Finaghy	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,300	200	200	460	460	-	-	500	500	440	440	2,800	2,900
Furbo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galway City	144	357	56	89	1,930	1,787	88	143	53	143	4	3	68	158	1,180	893	3,522	3,574
Gilnahirk	505	724	196	49	1,592	875	309	318	435	45	12	9	238	184	1,199	1,182	4,486	3,386
Glengormley	-	-	800	300	5,095	5,464	300	400	300	-	-	-	-	-	800	800	7,295	6,964
Gortmerron	800	450	250	500	2,000	3,000	250	500	500	1,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,000	5,800	8,450
Grace (Killarney)	-	-	-	-	445	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	445	-	980	-
Grace (Tullycarnet)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	General		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc Peru)		Women		Youth		Orhpan Soc		RMS Fund		College		TOTAL	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Grace Bible Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	1,909	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,909
Grange	-	-	-	-	441	1,111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441	1,111
Great Victoria Street	-	-	-	-	3,440	6,560	100	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,540	6,810
Greenisland	95	-	-	-	2,400	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,745	2,400	5,240	4,800
Grosvenor Road	-	-	-	-	28,753	20,455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,753	20,455
Grove	-	-	-	-	200	20	25	-	100	-	-	-	-	1,000	75	-	400	1,020
Hamilton Road	120	-	880	450	15,145	8,900	595	300	860	450	-	-	590	300	1,560	800	19,750	11,200
Hollywood	-	-	-	-	3,832	4,376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,832	4,376
Jamestown Road	-	-	-	-	1,313	1,428	-	-	627	637	-	-	-	-	627	637	2,567	2,701
Keady*	-	409	-	28	-	1,142	-	180	-	826	-	5	-	104	-	667	-	3,360
Kilkeel	-	-	-	-	4,150	1,940	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,150	1,990
Killicomaine	-	-	-	-	900	1,105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500	1,400	1,605
Killyleagh	-	-	-	-	668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	715	-
Kilrea	-	-	-	-	2,374	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,374	600
Kinsale	-	9	-	1	4,345	699	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	15	4,345	731
Kircubbin Community Church	380	297	148	24	-	296	126	154	76	22	5	5	97	89	428	573	1,260	1,460
Knockconny	896	2,260	828	679	4,171	3,560	548	993	689	501	22	29	842	993	2,403	4,185	10,400	13,200
Larne	-	-	-	-	3,900	3,400	650	725	750	850	-	-	400	400	1,100	1,200	6,800	6,575
Letterkenny	-	-	-	-	1,577	1,938	176	183	176	91	-	-	-	-	1,319	1,372	3,248	3,585
Limavady	700	700	300	300	4,832	5,387	500	250	700	750	-	-	300	300	1,110	1,000	8,442	8,687
Limerick	-	-	-	-	2,506	2,496	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	356	360	2,862	2,856
Lisburn	-	-	-	-	2,380	2,263	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,446	2,136	3,826	4,399
Lisnagleer	-	-	-	-	900	1,600	-	-	310	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,210	1,970
Living Hope	-	-	-	-	442	182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	442	182
Lurgan	2,160	2,160	1,344	1,344	2,419	3,017	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	6,343	6,521
Magherafelt	60	-	2,000	3,000	5,000	7,700	1,250	2,250	2,500	3,500	-	-	-	-	5,938	6,000	16,748	22,450
Midleton	-	438	-	30	1,784	2,108	-	192	-	27	-	6	-	111	-	715	1,784	3,628
Millisle	200	200	300	300	2,000	2,000	200	200	500	300	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	5,200	5,000

	General		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc Peru)		Women		Youth		Orhpan Soc		RMS Fund		College		TOTAL	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Milltown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moira	693	1,067	563	520	5,030	5,332	610	738	558	517	5	8	1,180	1,229	2,242	2,758	10,880	12,167
Monkstown	-	-	-	-	9,146	9,216	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,146	9,216
Mountpottinger	-	-	-	-	4,245	803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	469	180	4,714	983
Mullaghmeen	-	-	-	-	4,900	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,900	150
Nenagh	-	-	-	-	-	351	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	351
Newcastle	-	-	100	130	4,550	4,773	100	102	200	200	-	-	350	350	583	593	5,883	6,148
Newry	654	-	254	-	767	-	400	-	240	-	16	-	308	-	1,360	-	4,000	-
Newtownards	-	-	600	550	3,131	2,938	400	530	1,260	1,350	-	-	600	550	1,200	1,250	7,191	7,168
Newtownbreda	981	1,442	381	98	16,274	16,065	600	634	360	90	24	19	463	366	2,040	2,355	21,123	21,069
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	-	-	-	-	1,400	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400	2,400
Omagh	-	-	-	-	2,300	3,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,300	3,050
Orangefield	-	-	-	-	210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210	-
Passage*	-	-	-	-	-	22,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,572
Portadown	1,084	924	1,734	1,474	8,660	7,344	1,950	1,650	1,734	1,474	-	-	-	-	3,575	3,025	18,737	15,891
Portrush	-	-	-	-	910	754	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	910	754
Portstewart	-	1,442	1,000	98	8,570	2,496	500	634	1,500	90	-	19	-	366	1,500	2,355	13,070	7,500
Poyntzpass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rathcoole	-	-	-	-	600	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	60
Rathfriland	-	-	-	-	2,957	1,587	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,957	1,657
Richill Park	-	-	-	-	900	725	65	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	965	925
Saintfield	-	-	-	-	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-
Shankill	-	-	-	-	2,850	2,950	500	500	500	500	-	-	500	500	500	500	4,850	4,950
Sion Mills	100	-	100	100	905	950	-	100	100	400	-	-	100	100	100	100	1,405	1,750
Sligo	-	-	389	456	1,900	2,187	-	-	86	109	-	-	-	-	302	365	2,677	3,116
Stonepark	-	-	-	-	6,500	8,000	750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,250	8,000
Strandtown	2,478	3,783	963	258	2,906	2,611	1,515	1,662	909	236	61	49	1,168	960	5,151	6,177	15,150	15,735

	General		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc Peru)		Women		Youth		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		TOTAL	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Swords	-	-	-	-	571	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	571	-
Tandragee	-	-	-	-	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	250
Thurles	35	-	14	-	266	318	22	-	13	-	1	-	17	-	73	-	440	318
Tobermore	1,080	1,000	540	500	9,169	11,400	500	550	1,000	1,575	-	-	500	500	3,080	3,000	15,869	18,525
Tralee	-	-	-	-	962	1,342	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	962	1,342
Warrenpoint	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford	-	-	-	-	-	1,821	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,821
Westside	-	-	-	-	3,020	1,574	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,020	1,574
Whitehead	-	-	700	-	1,500	1,000	400	-	700	1,150	-	-	-	-	600	950	3,900	3,100
Windsor	2,978	4,776	1,157	306	17,271	17,024	1,821	1,968	1,093	280	73	58	1,404	1,137	6,191	7,315	31,988	32,862
Youghal	-	-	-	-	2,282	3,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,282	3,643
Total	35,625	40,122	28,377	22,181	466,167	472,789	31,022	31,127	37,563	30,995	525	468	21,253	20,552	106,082	112,315	726,614	730,548

Other Income

Gift Aid	1,820	903	802	164	127,135	144,430	4,489	2,857	13,030	17,708	11	10	2,066	257	23,784	25,181	173,137	191,510
Non-Gift Aid	11,774	14,218	6,268	866	113,887	141,790	6,068	5,017	2,412	8,665	117	177	1,180	3,574	25,222	27,162	166,928	201,469
In Memoriam	-	-	-	-	9,904	7,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,800	-	12,704	7,804
Total	13,594	15,121	7,070	1,030	250,926	294,024	10,557	7,874	15,442	26,373	128	187	3,246	3,831	51,806	52,343	352,769	400,783
Grand Total	49,219	55,243	35,447	23,211	717,093	766,813	41,579	39,001	53,005	57,368	653	655	24,499	24,383	157,888	164,658	1,079,383	1,131,331

Analysis of Giving

Number of churches giving	39	34	47	45	102	103	54	56	58	55	21	22	41	43	63	60	103	103
Per Church	304.49	337.16	242.54	186.39	3984.33	3973.01	265.15	261.57	321.05	260.46	4.49	3.39	181.65	172.71	906.68	943.82	6210.37	6139.05
Per contributing Church	913.46	1,180.05	603.77	492.91	4,570.26	4,590.18	574.49	555.83	647.63	563.54	25.01	21.28	518.35	477.96	1,683.84	1,871.92	7,054.50	7,092.69
Per member per year	4.39	4.85	3.50	2.68	57.43	57.13	3.82	3.76	4.63	3.75	0.06	0.06	2.62	2.48	13.07	13.57	89.52	88.27

* New Association Member Churches in 2022.

Church Statistics as at 31st December 2022

Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate Assistant/MPS	Inducted	Role	Membership 2022	Membership 2021	Baptised	Added to Membership	Main Service	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young People	
Antrim Baptist Church	1970		Philip Vance	2-Sep-22	Pastor	98	90	11	13	160	5	10	64	46	
			Joshua Orr	1-Oct-22	Youth Pastor										
Armagh Baptist Church	1917		Ian Grant	1-May-09	Pastor	128	126	0	4	250	9	14	100	30	
			Mark Rooney	1-May-22	MPS										
Athlone Baptist Church	2007		Dominic Montgomery	1-Jan-09	Pastor	27	26	0	3	23	1	1	9	4	
Balbriggan Baptist Church	1998		James Wadsworth	1-Mar-16	Pastor	18	14	3	4	50	2	2	15	6	
Ballycrochan Baptist Church	1983		Neil Watson	1-Sep-18	Pastor	101	98	0	3	120	1	8	60	10	
			Benjamin McKay	1-Sep-21	MPS										
Ballycullen Community Church	2007		Jeff Hay	18-Sep-09	Pastor	54	44	1	11	115	3	6	22	18	
Ballygomartin Baptist Church	1962		Seamus Bradley	17-Jan-15	Pastor	36	31	5	8	40	1	4	50	5	
Ballykeel Baptist Church	1896		Andrew Campbell	1-Aug-21	Pastor	166	168	9	5	280	7	13	60	50	
Ballymena Baptist Church	1859		Steven Curry	24-Nov-17	Pastor	287	272	13	32	350	8	16	140	50	
			Josh Cairns	11-Sep-22	Associate Pastor										
			James Russell	4-Sep-22	Assistant Pastor										
Ballymoney Baptist Church	1986		John McDermott	2-Sep-22	Pastor	79	76	0	3	80	6	6	25	30	
			Andy Dalrymple	1-Jul-18	Associate Pastor										
Ballynahinch Baptist Church	1939		Peter Lawther	1-Sep-22	Pastor	94	87	2	3	90	3	4	30	45	
Belturbet Baptist Church	2021	Vacant				19		3	3	40	3	2	30	8	
Bethany Baptist Church	1965		Richard Blayney	1-Sep-22	Pastor	154	165	5	5	200	2	10	100	50	
Blackrock Community Church	2019		Richard McConnell	10-Mar-20	Pastor	37	41	4	2	80	3	4	20	27	
Brannockstown Baptist Church	1870	Vacant				26	26	NR	NR	60	3	5	30	20	
Calvary Baptist Church	1978		Jackie King	2-Dec-06	Pastor	54	52	0	2	50	1	5	25	18	
Carndaisy Baptist Church	1923	Vacant				26	26	0	0	35	2	2	6	14	
Carr Baptist Church	1972		David Cameron	16-Sep-22	Pastor	66	63	0	6	85	3	4	26	15	
Carrickfergus Baptist Church	1862	Vacant				157	176	0	5	165	2	13	291	24	
Carrickmacross Baptist Church	2005		Colin Creighton	1-Aug-11	Pastor	40	37	0	3	70	4	4	15	15	
Carrigaline Baptist Church	1987		Jonny Grant	1-Jan-03	Pastor	36	34	1	1	75	4	2	35	20	
Carryduff Baptist Church	1939		Gordon Walker	26-Apr-13	Pastor	46	54	0	5	51	2	5	12	4	
Castleberg Baptist Church	1987		Jude Colhoun	1-Oct-20	Pastor	28	27	0	2	35	2	3	18	18	
Castlereagh Baptist Church	1964	Vacant				33	36	0	0	28	2	4	14	19	

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Cavan Baptist Church	1993		Ivan Watson	1-Sep-08	Pastor	90	89	2	3	85	3	8	65	20
Clady Water Baptist Church	1990		Ed Bissett	12-Mar-08	Pastor	11	8	0	0	40	2	0	3	20
Coagh Baptist Church	1928	Vacant				102	102	NR	NR	120	2	7	35	22
Coleraine Baptist Church	1795		Benjamin Davis	1-Sep-21	Pastor	102	110	0	0	0	4	9	0	0
Comber Baptist Church	1966		Neal Gordon	1-Jan-21	Pastor	37	44	0	0	30	2	2	10	0
Cookstown Baptist Church	1952		Gareth Bell	9-Nov-12	Pastor	100	90	7	13	120	5	10	90	80
			Andrew Walker	1-Sep-21	MPS									
Cork Baptist Church	1640		Peter Kenny	21-Nov-22	Pastor	24	23	0	1	35	3	2	9	0
Craigavon Baptist Church	1974		Paul Savage	1-Nov-19	Pastor	35	31	1	4	40	5	2	15	4
Cregagh Baptist Church	1989	Vacant				12	10	0	2	12	1	2	14	0
Crumlin Baptist Church	1997		Barrie Clingen	3-Oct-09	Pastor	18	17	0	1	50	3	1	25	11
Donaghadee Baptist Church	1991		Jonathan Burke	28-Sep-13	Pastor	15	15	0	0	30	1	3	0	0
Douglas Baptist Church	2006	Vacant				50	44	3	6	100	2	3	10	20
Dromore Baptist Church	1928		Jim Magill	20-Jun-98	Pastor	81	75	0	7	120	5	11	40	30
			Phil Kelly	1-Sep-19	Youth Pastor									
Dunamanagh Baptist Church	1978		Aaron Dunlop	5-Sep-22	Pastor	39	36	0	3	45	3	4	40	10
Dundalk Baptist Church	1988		Stephen Murphy	16-Feb-88	Pastor	54	46	4	8	50	2	4	15	0
			Michael Emadi	18-Feb-18	Associate Pastor									
Dundonald Baptist Church	1953		Richard McCord	1-Feb-18	Pastor	77	72	0	9	85	4	8	35	10
			Christopher Banks	8-Nov-20	Assistant Pastor									
Dungannon Baptist Church	1884		Richard Alhadeff	1-Mar-22	Pastor	54	50	0	2	70	5	5	25	12
			Matthew Reid	1-Aug-18	Youth Pastor									
Dunseverick Baptist Church	1935		Billy Jones	9-Sep-16	Pastor	45	46	0	2	100	2	5	15	8
East End Baptist Church	1904	Vacant				21	17	0	4	30	3	5	12	0
Emmanuel Baptist Church	1989		Andrew Curry	1-Oct-15	Pastor	115	116	4	14	200	4	7	100	80
			Lewis Stephenson	1-Sep-21	MPS									
Enniskillen Baptist Church	1966		Jonathan Graham	1-Jun-22	Pastor	14	14	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Finaghy Baptist Church	1958		Gary Ellison	2-Mar-18	Pastor	67	66	7	2	50	3	4	21	13
			Camilo Romero	1-Sep-17	Youth Pastor									
Furbo Baptist Church	1979	Vacant				7	9	0	0	10	1	1	0	0
Galway City Baptist Church	2007		Jason Post	10-Mar-03	Pastor	40	30	0	10	100	4	0	15	10

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Gilnahirk Baptist Church	1959		Drew Steele	28-May-18	Pastor	48	40	0	8	60	3	4	15	10
Glegormley Baptist Church	1932		Jonathan Rea	9-Sep-16	Pastor	50	60	0	0	60	2	6	45	10
Gortmerron Baptist Church	1894	Vacant				73	75	4	0	150	3	8	68	55
Grace Baptist Church (Tullycarnet)	1972	Vacant				16	16	2	2	30	1	3	35	20
Grace Baptist Church (Killarney)	1999	Vacant				10	10	0	0	35	1	0	7	1
Grace Bible Fellowship	1968		Pat Mullen	1-Aug-98	Pastor	45	43	5	2	60	3	5	26	20
Grange Baptist Church	1811		Peter Craig	26-Aug-22	Pastor	39	38	0	1	55	2	7	24	50
Great Victoria Street Baptist Church	1847		Stephen Auld	6-May-17	Pastor	122	110	2	18	120	4	10	0	0
			Simon Farewell	1-Jul-21	Assistant Pastor									
Greenisland Baptist Church	1996		Michael Wylie	1-Jun-22	Pastor	132	142	7	1	225	5	10	48	34
			Phil Howe	1-Nov-22	Pastor of Discipleship									
Grosvenor Road Baptist Church	1642		Ed Neill	30-Jul-13	Pastor	130	134	0	4	180	5	6	65	31
Grove Baptist Church	1915	Vacant				16	18	0	0	20	0	2	36	0
Hamilton Road Baptist Church	1908		Jonathan McClaughlin	10-Jan-10	Pastor	308	293	7	23	350	4	7	160	70
			Keith McLlwaive	1-Sep-08	Associate Pastor									
			Bryan Stewart	1-Aug-18	Youth Pastor									
Hollywood Baptist Church	1964		Alistair McNeice	17-Jan-09	Pastor	126	133	4	1	125	5	11	70	20
			Aaron Williamson	1-Sep-22	Pastor									
Jamestown Road Baptist Church	1891		Rob Millar	1-Jan-88	Pastor	33	33	6	0	65	2	2	24	14
Keady Baptist Church	2021		Paul McAdam	1-Sep-21	Pastor	25		3	2	90	2	4	32	10
Kilkeel Baptist Church	1933		George McConnell	19-Oct-12	Pastor	86	86	2	2	150	4	9	50	20
Killicomaine Baptist Church	1958		Paul Craig	7-Feb-16	Pastor	59	57	2	10	50	2	6	6	45
Killyleagh Baptist Church	1891		William Creighton	1-Jan-91	Pastor	15	15	0	0	30	2	4	15	0
			Joseph Beggs	30-Apr-17	Associate Pastor									
Kilrea Baptist Church	1925		Philip Boles	2-May-21	Pastor	33	41	1	0	50	2	5	33	0
Kinsale Baptist Church	2015		Craig Maiden	13-Oct-21	Pastor	12	10	2	2	19	2	0	4	8
Kircubbin Community Church	2013	Vacant				26	24	1	2	40	2	5	15	12
Knockconny Baptist Church	1807		David Kimber	4-Jan-19	Pastor	134	129	1	6	180	4	9	60	70
Larne Baptist Church	1955		Simon Curry	6-Sep-15	Pastor	68	66	4	2	130	3	4	90	25
Letterkenny Baptist Church	1978		Stephen Wilson	28-Sep-13	Pastor	72	58	4	7	100	3	4	45	20

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Limavady Baptist Church	1926	Vacant				33	38	1	2	54	4	6	20	24
Limerick Baptist Church	1895		Paul Ritchie	1-Jul-11	Pastor	36	36	9	2	97	3	3	25	5
Lisburn Baptist Church	1926		Daniel Ashby	1-May-19	Pastor	133	129	5	5	110	4	8	30	30
			Peter Cooper	1-Sep-21	MPS									
Lisnagleer Baptist Church	1866		David Burke	19-Feb-21	Pastor	21	25	0	0	28	0	4	18	4
Living Hope Church	2007		Ciaran Loughran	1-Sep-07	Pastor	15	18	4	2	75	2	2	37	12
Lurgan Baptist Church	1882		Jonny Ormerod	1-Sep-21	Pastor	175	185	10	2	230	4	12	130	50
Magherafelt Baptist Church	1926	Vacant				128	121	3	7	170	6	5	43	45
Midleton	1992	Vacant				56	48	0	15	70	4	2	16	11
Millisle Baptist Church	1976	Vacant	George Morrow	1-Mar-20	Associate Pastor	65	72	0	0	86	4	8	40	0
Milltown Baptist Church	1896		William Warren	8-Sep-13	Pastor	31	30	0	2	50	3	1	25	0
			Nathan Anderson	1-Sep-22	Community Outreach									
Moira Baptist Church	1987		Mark Patterson	22-Jan-22	Pastor	155	146	7	15	260	2	16	102	76
Monkstown Baptist Church	1924		Philip Cameron	1-Jan-18	Pastor	102	108	4	0	150	1	10	22	83
Mountpottinger Baptist Church	1891		William Houston	1-Sep-08	Pastor	35	39	0	0	25	2	4	0	0
Mullaghmeen Baptist Church	1989		Andy Compton	7-Sep-19	Pastor	34	31	1	3	40	3	3	10	10
Nenagh Baptist Church	2015		David McConville	1-Sep-19	Pastor	15	15	0	0	15	1	2	4	0
Newcastle Baptist Church	1959	Vacant				55	63	0	1	70	1	4	44	6
Newry Baptist Church	1889		Dylan Marouf	1-Apr-22	Pastor	37	42	3	4	50	3	6	3	6
Newtownards Baptist Church	1923		Richard Donnan	27-May-22	Pastor	84	84	0	5	80	3	8	80	30
Newtownbreda Baptist Church	1954		Paul Murphy	1-Feb-21	Pastor	438	437	11	14	450	7	11	300	200
			Jonathan Wright	17-Aug-17	Associate Pastor									
			Sam Haighton	18-Jul-22	Executive Pastor									
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	2019		Albert McDonald	23-Nov-19	Pastor	22	25	0	2	50	4	0	25	11
			David Burke	1-Jan-22	Community Outreach									
Omagh Baptist Church	1908		Robert Singleton	1-Oct-22	Pastor	65	60	2	8	140	3	8	85	22
Orangefield Baptist Church	1939	Vacant				10	10	NR	NR	14	0	1	0	0
Passage Baptist Church	2021	Vacant				25		3	2	70	2	2	15	10
Portadown Baptist Church	1924		Andrew Roycroft	11-Apr-21	Pastor	238	241	3	11	260	5	18	80	50
Portrush Baptist Church	1973		Alan Hoey	10-Jan-21	Pastor	28	28	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Portstewart Baptist Church	1944		Jonny McGreevy	26-Apr-21	Pastor	273	251	17	28	500	7	11	170	130

Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate Assistant/MPS	Inducted	Role	Membership 2022	Membership 2021	Baptised	Added to Membership	Main Service	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young People
Poyntzpass Baptist Church	1894		David Moore	1-Aug-21	Pastor	36	36	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rathcoole Baptist Church	1951		Michael Fleming	1-Sep-08	Pastor	18	26	0	0	25	1	1	0	0
Rathfriland Baptist Church	1968		Ian Wilson	1-Jun-12	Pastor	83	78	4	5	150	5	8	100	40
			Joshua Truesdale	1-Dec-20	Assistant Pastor									
Richill Park Baptist Church	1897		Oliver Roebuck	2-Jun-18	Pastor	34	34	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Saintfield Baptist Church	1988	Vacant				77	85	2	0	120	4	8	60	20
Shankill Baptist Church	1896	Vacant				46	41	0	6	50	2	3	16	20
Sion Mills Baptist Church	1976		Lee Lowry	27-Sep-14	Pastor	21	21	0	0	20	3	2	16	0
Sligo Baptist Church	1975		Kirk Poth	27-Aug-14	Pastor	18	18	0	0	32	2	0	6	4
Stonepark Baptist Church	1956		Harry Dowds	26-Nov-95	Pastor	64	62	2	4	110	4	9	25	25
Strandtown Baptist Church	1926		Lee Campbell	27-Apr-12	Pastor	225	225	0	8	240	5	14	274	57
			Michael Shaw	1-Sep-19	Assistant Pastor									
			Samuel Crawford	1-Sep-10	Youth Pastor									
Swords Baptist Church	1985		Jonathan Holland	13-Nov-21	Pastor	97	92	5	12	200	4	3	25	25
			Rafael Escossia	13-Nov-21	Youth Pastor									
Tandragee Baptist Church	1864		David Patterson	1-Sep-14	Pastor	31	37	0	3	85	0	3	12	14
Thurles Baptist Church	1976	Vacant				25	25	0	0	40	0	4	10	2
Tobermore Baptist Church	1814		Alan Dundas	11-May-18	Pastor	101	93	12	22	160	5	7	50	80
			Luke Keys	1-May-22	MPS									
Tralee Baptist Church	1999		John Herrick	15-May-10	Pastor	21	15	0	6	50	2	2	6	0
Warrenpoint Baptist Church	1929		Derek Freeburn	1-Jan-83	Pastor	7	7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Waterford Baptist Church	1650		William Kidd	1-Aug-22	Pastor	11	9	0	2	32	1	3	0	25
Westside Baptist Church	1986	Vacant				37	41	4	0	69	3	0	32	13
Whitehead Baptist Church	1987	Vacant				50	54	1	0	50	3	3	30	10
Windsor Baptist Church	1931		David Dunlop	1-Dec-08	Pastor	247	248	6	10	400	9	23	130	110
			Gordon Darragh	12-Jan-14	Associate Pastor									
			Mark Houston	1-Sep-13	Youth Pastor									
Youghal Baptist Church	2010	Vacant				20	22	1	4	40	2	1	8	0

NR Denotes that a set of Year End Statistics were not received. Membership for these churches has been rolled over from last received figure.

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Member Churches

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.com
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
Belturbet Baptist Church	The Goods Store, Railway Road, Belturbet, Co. Cavan, Republic of Ireland	belturbetbaptist.ie
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	
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

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Coleraine Baptist Church	Abbey Street, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, BT52 1EX	colerainebaptistchurch.x10.mx
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	dundonldbaptistchurch.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 Baptist Church (Killarney)	St. Oliver's National School, Rookery Road, Ballycasheen, Killarney, V93 W594, Republic of Ireland	killarneybaptistchurch.com
Grace Baptist Church (Tullycarnet)	Kinross Avenue, Tullycarnet, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 7GG	facebook.com/GraceBaptistTullycarnet
Grace Bible Fellowship	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
Keady Baptist Church	Tommy Makem Centre, 7 The Cow Fair, Keady, Co. Armagh, BT60 3DT	facebook.com/keadybaptist
Kilkeel Baptist Church	15 Newcastle Road, Kilkeel, Co Down, BT34 4AP	kilkeelbaptist.church
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	facebook.com/kilreabaptist
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	knockconnybaptist.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.org
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
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	midletonbaptist.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.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	facebook.com/MullaghmeenBaptistChurch
Nenagh Baptist Church	The Hatchery, Martyr's Rd, Nenagh South, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Republic of Ireland	nenaghbaptistgroup.ie
Newcastle Baptist Church	17 Bryansford Road, Newcastle, Co Down, BT33 0HJ	newcastlebaptistni.org
Newry Baptist Church	31-33 Catherine Street, Newry, BT35 6JG	newrybaptistchurch.com

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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
Passage Baptist Church	Fr Collins Centre, Cork Street, Passage West, Cork, T12 3TD, Republic of Ireland	passagebaptist.ie
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	portstewartbaptist.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
Richill Park Baptist Church	67 Richill Park, Waterside, Derry, Co Londonderry, BT47 5QZ	richillparkbaptistchurch.org
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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Philippians 2:1-2



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