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# **President's Remarks 2021**



#### Pastor Joe Flanagan

They think it's all over - well almost - hopefully. The green shoots of freedom from restrictions are beginning to appear. Two years on we can begin to plan, not completely free of the disease but where it no longer robs us of our privilege of meeting in person as local churches to worship God. If this pandemic has taught us one thing it is not to take our privileges for granted.

On behalf of our Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland I want to offer our sincere sympathies to all who are grieving over the loss of a family member or friend in the recent past.

Despite the restrictions, the heart of the Association has continued to beat. Church plants have become churches planted. Keady, Belturbet and Passage constituted as churches this year and have applied to become members of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland. Missionaries have been sent to France. Pastors and Assistant Pastors have been inducted into new pastorates. Students continue to be taught at the Irish Baptist College in preparation for future ministry. Baptist Youth have plans in place to encourage and evangelise the youth of Ireland throughout 2022.

2021 introduced the hybrid meeting where people can meet face to face and on zoom at the same time. One department that has used the hybrid meeting to great effect is Baptist Women. Their Spring Conference was a face-to-face event in Ballymena Baptist with 180 women attending with many others joining online some individually in their own homes and others meeting together in their church buildings. It was a great opportunity for women all over Ireland to join together despite the miles that separated them.

Our May and November Churches Council continued to be held online and were successful in getting the necessary business accomplished. However, it has been noted that several of the church representatives miss the vibe of in-person

meetings and see the need for such fellowship among our churches.

Chairing meetings of the Executive Committee and Corporation Directors got a lot easier with practice and I am thankful for the patience of the committees. God has been gracious in providing us with people for the various committees with such a depth of commitment and breadth of expertise. The Executive Committee, Corporation Directors and Department Management Committees provide our churches with quality resources and invaluable help in addressing the challenges we face in our day.

The team at the Baptist Centre do a tremendous job in guiding our affairs with integrity, zeal, and commitment. One is unaware of what goes on behind the scenes to keep our Association going until one gets the opportunity to experience

God has been very gracious to us again as an Association providing us with a healthy financial position for another year. We are in an extremely healthy state and thanks must also be extended to churches and individuals as they have given sacrificially.

Finally, I would like to thank all those churches that I was privileged to visit during my presidency for the warmth of their fellowship shown to Marilyn and myself. I was impressed with all the differing young men and women I met throughout the year who are serving in our churches and am pleased to say under God the future is in safe hands. I also sensed unity amongst the diversity of our churches. Together we continue to accomplish much more than we could if we tried to go it alone.

It has been a privilege to serve God and our churches throughout this past year. But all good things must come to an end. So, I pass on the presidential baton to Pastor Mark Patterson and wish Mark and Barbara God's richest blessing throughout their year.

## **President's Profile 2022**



#### **Pastor Mark Patterson**

"Can I come to the youth club tonight?"

So asked an 11 year old one evening, standing outside the gates of the Baptist Church in Dromore County Down.

"Yes, of course you can" replied a leader. So began a long-standing relationship with the Baptists!

While I had known a lot about God through a good family background and a good church, I had never

really taken spiritual things too seriously, though, probably like many, I prayed if I was about to get into trouble!

That young person grew through rebellious teenage years, until God presented a question: Is this all there is to life? By the goodness of God and the faithfulness of many Christians, I was being prayed for, especially by the leaders of that Baptist Youth Fellowship, and where they, under Noel McCready, faithfully shared the good news of the Saviour, for rebels!

On a Wednesday In January 1980, I asked the Lord, if he really existed, to speak to me. The speaker that evening, Victor Neill, brought me the answer...God did exist, and he was speaking to me! I trusted the Lord.

Following this, I wandered spiritually for a few months, trying to make sense of what had happened that night and what it meant to be a follower of Christ. The Lord showed me the way. Baptism and church membership soon followed.

During those years a girl named Barbara also attended that weekly youth gathering. The Lord not only brought her to himself, but the two of us together in love as well.

It was at a youth conference in Filey, run by MWE, that we both committed our lives to his service, should he choose to call us. '84 saw the commencement of studies at the Irish Baptist College (something I would return to many years later). Both of us met and made many friends there.

We were married in '86, and in the years to come the Lord blessed us with four

Following graduation in '88, I had an opportunity to serve on a Summer placement with Baptist Missions in their local church planting initiative organized by Derek Baxter. Working under team leader Jim Henry, and alongside David McFarland and others, was an invaluable experience. This led to a call from Portadown Baptist Church to work as an assistant to Pastor Clifford Morrison. That was also a valued year of learning and experience.

As that came to an end, an opening came to serve the Knockconny Church beginning during a vacancy. We were in Tyrone for 10 years! Following this the Lord gave opportunity to serve in the Carryduff Church for 12 years, then to Newcastle Baptist for 9 years. Just recently I have taken up the role of pastor to the Moira Church.

It has been a privilege through the years to serve on BUOI, then ABCI Boards and Committees. The Lord has really blessed and guided our association of churches over decades of challenge and cultural changes. I am honoured to have served with, and to be serving presently alongside, such great people whose heart is for the gospel, the establishment of gospel churches, their growth in Christ and reflection of Him in our present society.

I am humbled to be invited by our churches to fulfil the role of President for the incoming term. Barbara and I would both desire to thank you, asking for your prayerful support in these days.

And if you see a young lad at your church gates...





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# Churches

The total number of churches in membership of the Association at the end of 202 was 117 (2020, 117). However, since the year end the Bellaghy church has closed However, it is encouraging that at least three churches are in discussion regarding membership of the Association.

In 1991 there were 101 churches in the Association. Over the period to 2021 we to note that the total added to membership is the highest for many years. have added 27 churches balanced by eight dissolutions and three resignations. In Northern Ireland there are 87 Churches. In 1991 there were 91. This reflects six church plants and ten subtractions (resignation or closure). In the Republic of Ireland there were 10 churches in 1991 in comparison to 30 at the end of the year. This reflects 21 new churches and one closure.

#### COVID

The impact of the COVID pandemic on our churches throughout 2020 and 2021 should not be underestimated. Some of the statistical analysis below provides anecdotal evidence to impact on membership, baptisms and youth and children's **Baptism** work. Our churches will have to work hard at the regathering process and leadership will need to be prepared to reach out to those who may have "disconnected" from the family of God. We should also realise the evangelistic opportunity in this moment and seek by all means to reach some for Christ. However, it has been encouraging to some signs of recovery within the 2021 figures, namely with Baptisms, added to membership and numbers of elders and deacons.

#### **Statistics**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2015	2010	2000	
Churches	117	117	117	116	118	117	117	110	
Membership	8,117	8,174	8,288	8,281	8,428	8,443	8,491	8,436	
Attendance at main service	9,863	10,757	12,826	12,460	-	-	-	-	
Average Membership	69.38	69.86	70.84	71.38	71.42	72.16	72.57	76.69	
Baptisms	197	66	244	200	293	304	255	259	
Added to Membership	367	197	188	163	102	113	88	116	
Children's Meetings	3,884	4,030	5,159	4,969	3066	2,944	3,272	4,223	
Young People's Meetings	2,244	2,324	2,819	2,717	2573	2,638	2,941	4,806	
Elders	326	320	342	353	358	325	294	228	
Deacons	602	576	606	593	622	568	619	637	

#### Members

Despite the fact that number of churches in membership of the Association has increased by seven in the twenty-year period from 2000 the number of members has not risen accordingly. Number of members in 2000 was 8,436 compared to 8,117 at the end of 2021 a fall of 319 over that period.

The percentage fall in membership over this period is 3.8%. However, it is encouraging

A closer investigation of the year on year movement shows that 58 churches (50%) experienced a fall in membership with only 34 churches (29%) experiencing an increase in membership. 21% of churches membership remained the same.

#### Attendance

The figure recorded for Sunday attendance is 9,863. This shows a marked fall from the previous few years. However, this is likely anomalous as the returns for some churches provided the COVID adjusted attendance.

The figures for baptisms during the year is only 197. This is an encouraging sign in that it has increased significantly from the previous year. This is to be expected as the previous year was COVID hit. However, the level of Baptisms is still not at the level of 2015-2017. There may still be a residual impact of COVID restrictions on this figure. In 2022 it is anticipated and hoped that the baptisms figure will increase again to make up for the two years at reduced levels.

#### **Children and Young People**

The number of children in children's meetings and young people attending our churches has experienced a decline on the previous year. It is likely that COVID may have had an impact on the reporting of these figures. We need to work hard at investment in these areas to ensure the continued growth of our family of churches.

#### Church leadership

The macro trend of the last 30 years of increasing elders in our churches would indicate that churches are placing a greater value on a plurality of elders providing spiritual oversight and servant leadership within our churches. An increase in

eldership would suggest that churches may be in a stronger and more stable position. There were four resignations and two retirements from the pastorate during 2021. It is encouraging to see the three year decline in numbers of elders halted and a On the positive side there were five inductions as pastor, seven inductions to other slight increase in this year. It is further encouraging to see an 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 table represented the movement in pastoral positions within our churches during the year;

Name	Church
Philip Boles	To Kilrea
Philip Boyd	Resigned Whitehead
David Burke	To Lisnagleer
David Cameron	To Magherafelt (MPS)
Andrew Campbell	From Carr to Ballykeel
Tom Campbell	Resigned Westside
Peter Cooper	To Lisburn (MPS)
Benjamin Davis	To Coleraine
Rafael Escossia	To Swords (Youth and Family)
Simon Farewell	To Great Victoria Street (Assistant)
Clem Hegarty	Retired Swords
Keith Giles	Resigned Castlereagh
Paul McAdam	From Armagh to Keady
Jonny McGreevy	From Greenisland to Portstewart
Benjamin McKay	To Ballycrochan (MPS)
David Moore	To Poyntzpass
Paul Murphy	To Newtownbreda
Jonny Ormerod	From Grange to Lurgan
Martin Parker	Resigned Westside
Trevor Ramsey	Retired Newtownbreda
Andrew Roycroft	From Millisle to Portadown
Lewis Stephenson	To Emmanuel (MPS)
Andrew Walker	To Cookstown (MPS)

pastoral roles and five pastors moving church.

At the end of the year there were 32 vacant churches in total. This is a reduction of 2 from 34 vacant churches at the end of the previous year.

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

#### **Church Anniversaries in 2021**

The following list represents major anniversaries celebrated during 2021 for which to give thanks to God for his continued faithfulness, grace and provision for his people.

Church	Formation Date	Anniversary
Greenisland Baptist Church	1996	25
Donaghadee Baptist Church	1991	30
Rathcoole Baptist Church	1951	70
Windsor Baptist Church	1931	90
Ballykeel Baptist Church	1896	125
Milltown Baptist Church	1896	125
Shankill Baptist Church	1896	125
Mountpottinger Baptist Church	1891	130
Jamestown Road Baptist Church	1891	130
Killyleagh Baptist Church	1891	130
Grange Baptist Church	1811	210

#### **Building Projects**

During the year work was completed on the 'Majestic' building, the new home for Windsor Baptist Church. We look forward to hearing of the Lord blessing the ministry of the church from this new home.





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## **Churches' Council**

#### May 2021 Churches' Council

This meeting of Council was carried out remotely by video conference call.

#### **Approved**

- Pastor Mark Patterson as Vice-President
- Motion regarding Constitutional Change

#### Noted

Association Annual Report and Accounts 2020

#### Received

- Pastor Joe Flanagan as President
- Blackrock Community Baptist Church into membership

#### Introduction

Although individuals looked forward to the start of Assembly week with the same high level of expectancy as in a "normal" year, meeting on Zoom hadn't quite the same buzz. A quick Hello followed by an instruction to mute ourselves gave an opportunity to watch a few slides from the Mission and the College, the latter reminding those present – and all Baptists – that enrolment at courses in the autumn was still an option, not just for potential pastors but for those wanted to acquire knowledge which would help them serve in their local churches. Then a few minutes were allowed for looking across the screens to see names and faces most of us hadn't seen since the November Council meeting.

President, Trevor Ramsey, welcomed everybody, thanked the 152 participants for "travelling" to the Council meeting and thanked the Baptist Centre staff for making the meeting technically possible.

#### President and Vice-president

After opening in prayer Mr Ramsey summed up his year in office to encourage and challenge church representatives. He had spent 35 years in the Lord's work and had been privileged to lead the Association.

During the year he had been able to preach in 17 churches as well as remotely in several others, he had spoken to 76 pastors and for our encouragement had recorded 43 "Monday moments" to be heard on computer. He drew attention to the fact that we were living in a modern equivalent of Babylon which would continue to be subject to attack by the enemy. He referred to his fuller remarks, containing nine lessons for us all, printed on Page 2 of the Annual Report.

Trevor encouraged churches and members to avoid such sins as pride, legalism and looking too much to the past but to focus on the joy of the Lord. Our total membership had reached 8000 and had stayed at around 8000 but he challenged churches to seek actively to add 20 members which would bring our membership to 10,000. He closed by reading from Proverbs 4, expanding on the verses quoted in the inside cover of the Report.

He then formally handed over to incoming President Joe Flanagan (Ballymoney) and led in prayer for him and his wife Marilyn as he took over as President. Mr Flanagan thanked Mr Ramsey for his efforts in leading the Association and its member churches through a most difficult year of Zoom meetings and telephone conversations. In accordance with tradition he then presented his predecessor with a Bible – insofar as he could virtually hand it over – and led in prayer for Mr Ramsey and his wife as he moved to his new church in Spain.

Mr Flanagan made it clear that he hoped to lead the churches by serving them; he would love to visit all of them. He read from Hebrews 10: 23-25 and sought the Lord's blessing on all our churches. He then announced that Mark Patterson (Newcastle) had been elected to the position of Vice-President. After drawing attention to the fact that both the President and Vice-President were from Dromore in County Down he led in prayer for Mark and Barbara. Mr Patterson suitably replied. Dave Ramsey explained the process – all churches had been invited to nominate a candidate but by the closing date only the Newcastle church had done so. Standing Order 6.1 required a nominee to be voted into office and the churches had elected Mr Patterson by electronic vote.

#### **Department Reports**

Representatives were shown four video recordings promoting and reporting on the work of the Association. They took the form of interviews by the outgoing President with the Department Directors. The President expressed the appreciation of the churches for the work being done by the directors and staff and for the service given by Management Committee members. The videos are available to churches and are commended to all readers.

#### Blackrock welcome

The President, having reminded the meeting that it had voted to receive Blackrock Community Baptist Church into Association membership, welcomed its representatives. He asked them to pass on the Association's greetings to the membership on the following Sunday and invited Brendan O'Brien (Douglas) to lead in prayer for the Blackrock church. Richard McConnell (Blackrock) expressed his thanks to the churches and appreciated the privilege of being part of the Association.

#### Annual Report

The Annual Report had been circulated in advance and is thus available to be read by church members by asking their representatives. The Director provided a verbal report on the Churches based on the statistical returns, the finances and a number of smaller ministries such as the Churches' Pastoral Support Scheme.

David Nicholl (Newtownbreda), Chairman of the trustees of the Pension Scheme, was invited to join the meeting and drew attention to the Association's responsibility for pensions for those which had served our churches well. He realised that most representatives wanted to hear about the expansion of Christ's Kingdom through its Mission, College etc rather than hear about the Pension Scheme. However as well as legal responsibility for pensions we had a moral responsibility and he was able to report that the major deficit in the Pension Scheme had been reduced considerably and that our contributions to the PIP fund had alleviated the position further.

#### Motion - Constitutional Change

The remaining time was spent discussing and approving a change to the Association's Constitution, the principal change being the increase in the size of the Churches Council which was being enlarged to enable more pastors and members of influence

to be Church Representatives. Other minor semantic changes and amendments related to Charity Legislation were included. The amendments were adopted by electronic vote (158 to 3 with 4 abstentions) on the proposal of the Director, seconded by Steven Curry (Ballymena).

#### Closing





The President stressed the importance of church representatives returning to their churches and conveying the content of the meeting – their duty was to represent the Association in the churches. He closed the meeting with prayer and as members logged off their computers the meeting was over. It had been a highly enjoyable morning with so much to encourage though different from meeting in person

#### November 2021 Churches' Council

This meeting of Council was carried out remotely by video conference call.

#### Approved

Budget 2022

#### Noted

- Executive committee Interim Report
- Association financial report

#### Received

Presentation on "Churches - Steadfast and Adapting"



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#### Introduction

On 27 November the President, Joe Flanagan, opened the Churches' Council welcoming over 160 Church Representatives and guests to a virtual meeting by way of Zoom. With coronavirus figures currently very high he believed that the Executive's decision to hold a virtual meeting was the correct one.

He read Nahum 1:7 and spoke briefly about how the Lord provides a fortress where each of us can take refuge – a wonderful note on which to start a morning together. The President then committed the meeting to the Lord in prayer.

independent churches and said that he had come to realise how very much work behind the scenes went into keeping the Association as healthy as it was. The Director changing times: pointed out that three new churches were in the process of applying for membership of the Association. He mentioned the Churches' Pastoral Support Scheme through which over £30,000 had been disbursed to churches to enable them to have pastors and he hoped Council would adopt a budget including a substantial increase in the support for small churches. He also drew attention to the valuable ministry of Colin Cooper and to the registration of churches with the respective Charity Commission and Regulator.

#### Finance

Dave Ramsey then presented the report on the Association's finances. In 2016 the deficit had been about £400,000, in 2020 it was £40,809 while the current position (31 October 2021) showed a deficit of £9,737. Because the Association held funds on behalf of others (PIP fund and interest-free loans) there was a credit balance at the bank.

#### Budget

The President then asked Dave Ramsey to present the budget for 2022/23. He outlined the Association's values and explained that each Management Committee had scrutinised its department's needs and recommended a budget to the Executive Committee which in turn was now recommending the entire budget to Council.

The fee for 2022 would be increased to £10 (£11) per member, though PIP fund contributions would reduce slightly. The total budget was £1,619,523 or €1,932,993 and he recommended that Council would adopt it. The budget was not intended merely to keep the work going but to expand it, mainly through the CPSS and to finance additional Baptist Missions workers. Barrie Clingen (Crumlin,

Chairman of the Finance Committee) thanked churches and church members for their giving but pointed out that this must continue if the work was to expand.

#### Steadfast and Adapting

The President asked the Vice President to lead this discussion. Mark Patterson started by reading Acts 17:16 to 18:1. He referred to the many changes in church life since the start of the pandemic with the realistic possibility that what was previously considered normal might never return. Paul was speaking in the situation which existed in his time. To-day there were many who were not believers The President reminded Council that it was composed of representatives of 117 but who lived by Christian standards as well as many who had no knowledge of a personal relationship with the Lord. He suggested four principles for the current

- Know your Community
- Tailor your Message
- Trust God to work
- Know when to Move on

Three guestions were displayed on screen - they could be summarised as follows:

How well do we really know the culture of our church and the wider community? Is there anything we do that is now losing, or has lost, its relevance? What prayerful and practical steps could we take to remain faithful to Biblical Truths while adapting to our current situation?

Each person's computer then directed him or her to a specific small group to encourage discussion and fellowship.

#### Closing

The morning ended with a reminder from the president that church representatives should see that their churches were made away of the significant points which had arisen during the morning. He asked the vice-president to close in prayer

Looking back over the morning it was clear that our giving had enabled the work to progress and that if all of us contributed our share of the increased budget the work could expand. It was also clear that the officers of the Association had worked extremely hard to provide resources which would be helpful to all of us. The whole day made each of us realise that we are not just members of a church but part of a much larger group.

## **ABCI Committees**

#### **Orphan Society**

At the end of 2021 there were no families receiving benefit from the fund. Due to the impact that grants from the fund may have on government benefits the impact of the Scheme is reduced. A planned review of the Orphan Society will take place to ensure that it is providing support and in equitable manner and maximising impact.

#### **Baptist Aid**

Zimbabwe continues to experience economic difficulties. The Baptist Union of 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 2021 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. In the earlier part of the year an appeal concluded to assist with earthquake relief in Croatia. We are glad to announce that over £40,000 was raised to support sister Baptist Churches with the relief efforts and primarily assist with rebuilding the wall of a church building that had been damaged.

#### **Retired Ministers' Support Fund**

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

#### Churches' Pastoral Support Scheme (CPSS)

The CPSS supported 8 churches to the total sum of £34,500 during 2021. It was pleasing to know that this increased income level to this fund allowed 100% of the

committed grants to be paid. This is the first time in many years that giving has enabled churches to receive the full amount of committed grant. 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

The Pastors' Conference in 2021 was restricted from taking place in person due to COVID restrictions. However, a mini conference was arranged online. Over 80 pastors joined the conference on the 1st and 2nd March. They were treated Zimbabwe is seeking to demonstrate Christian love and compassion through its to warm, humble and faithful teaching from two pastors connected to the Pillar Network. In the Monday session Josh Wredburg, pastor of Redeemer Community Church, Apex, NC, opened God's word from Psalm 5. He confessed that through the course of their ministry pastors are often the recipients of mistruths about them or even slander. As he preached from Psalm 5 he encouraged the pastors to deal biblically and graciously with their own heart in the face of slander and to entrust the mistruths to God as "God's character gives us confidence when our character is being assaulted".

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In the Tuesday session Dave Russell, Pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Charlotte NC, shared from Nehemiah chapter 2. He helpfully highlighted how Nehemiah is known for rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, a task he completed in 52 days. However, before engaging in the task of rebuilding he spent four months in planning, prayer and preparation. He left the pastors to ponder the question "If God was to answer



the prayers of your church in this past week what would happen?" and encouraged **Supporting Pastors** all present to have confidence in the ever faithful and true God and to seek his blessing.

and prayer. This is a visible expression of the unity and fellowship in the gospel that and support, help with personal/family struggles. Some pastors may be in a position we enjoy as an Association of Churches – pastors praying with and for one another. where ministry is proving difficult and more formal counselling can be provided in









#### **Organisation Committee**

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

#### **Ministry Support**

The Association plays a significant role in supporting churches and pastors. One background and by its nature is unseen. direct way in which this is accomplished is through the Ministry Support Role Thank you for your prayers and support undertaken by Colin Cooper. During 2021 Colin continued to engage in a wide range that enables this vital work to continue. of opportunities to serve our Baptist churches.

The main focus has been on pastors in their first pastorate. It is a privileged to come along side these men and encourage them as they serve in their local church. They Following the talks, time was spent in breakout groups in introduction, discussion are helped and supported in a range of areas from pastoral care, ministry advice these situations for both pastor and wife. Over the year regular contact has been maintained with 45 Pastors.

#### **Supporting Churches**

This has come through a number of means. Acting on a consultative basis with a vacant church to assist the process in calling of a pastor. Assisting other vacant churches with preaching and introductions to potential pastors. Providing Evangelism seminars which usually involves 4 sessions at a time with a particular church. These seminars encourage the church members to practically understand and implement that for a church to be evangelistic every member should be active in evangelism according to their gifts. Speaking at gospel outreach events and at a week long mission with Gortmerron Church.

#### **Supporting Churches in Pastoral Care and Counseling**

Through a variety of means introductions have been made to individuals who may

be in need of counselling. Through the year over 80 individuals were counselled in approx. 500 counselling appointments. In addition to these counselling sessions, advice is given to pastors who may be engaged with individuals with particular counselling needs.

This role has proved to be immensely valuable in supporting pastors and churches. Much of the work goes on in the



Colin Cooper

# Insight

#### Connection, Teaching, Prayer

as a means of promoting connection between our churches, we see it as a way of raising awareness about what the Bible teaches Newsdesk, without your help there would quite simply be no magazine. on a range of subjects and we also see it as a resource for prayer. Many of the news items in Newsdesk and in the pages compiled Feedback by Association Directors provide information helpful for prayer and intercession. We are encouraged by the number of people who regularly tell us that they pray through the prayer diary.

Over the past year, articles on six themes have been printed – on Holiness (Feb/ March 2021), on Ascension (April/May 2021), on John's Gospel (Aug/Sept 2021), on The Lord's Prayer (June/July 2021), on 1 and 2 Kings (Oct/Nov 2021) and on Truth (Dec/lan 2022).



#### Secretaries, Designers, Committee Members, Authors

Magazine Secretaries are worth their weight in gold. We are grateful to each one of you for your willingness to do the heavy lifting in terms of distributing the magazine and collecting subscriptions.

This year it has been good to have extra help from the Youth Department. They have provided content for children in the KIDS CONNECT pages. Pepper Collective our graphic designers do such a good job – particularly on this section.

The Editorial Committee continues to render valuable service – guiding, prodding, There are three main reasons for publishing INSIGHT. We see it suggesting, praying and sometimes questioning the content being published.

We are also grateful to all those who write articles and send in news items for

Please do feel free to send comments to the Editorial Committee on what you think could be done better.

Please do also recommend the magazine to anyone within your sphere of influence who you think might benefit from reading it.











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President Pastor Joe Flanagan (Ballymoney)

**Vice-President** Pastor Mark Patterson (Moira)

**Director** David Ramsey FCA

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(Cookstown)	(Armagh)	(Portadown)	

#### **Standing and Sub Committees**

as at 31 December 2021

#### **Association Membership Committee**

Members Co-opted from Executive Committee

#### **Churches Pastoral Support Committee**

President, Vice-President, Association Director

#### **Organisation Committee**

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B. Weir (Armagh)

# **Management Committees**

as at 31 December 2021

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S. Dalrymple (Ballymoney)
D. Dancey (Carrickmacross)
K. Marley (Dundalk)
R. Mayrs (Antrim)

I. Watson (Cavan) N. Watson (Ballycrochan)

#### **Baptist Women**

Chairman K. Scott (Craigavon)

**Director** G. Curry

K. Roebuck (Ballymena)

L. Black (Bethany)

A. Ellison (Finaghy)

A. McCluskey (Carr)

C. Cassells (Hamilton Rd)

M. Green (Carrickfergus)

S. McKay (Carrickfergus)

S. Cooper (Craigavon)
I. Lindsay (Great Victoria St.)
S. Parker (Windsor)

R. Shanks (Armagh)

#### **Baptist Youth**

ChairmanS. Curry (Larne)DirectorM. Campbell

N. Bell (Cookstown) R. Browne (Bethany) J. Coll (Moira)
K. Edgar (Emmanuel) M. Hayes (Ballymoney) D. McLaughlin (Newtownards)

E. Savage (Craigavon)

M. Palmer (Magherafelt) M. Reid (Dungannon)

#### Finance

Chairman B. Clingen (Crumlin)
Director D. Ramsey

P. Burton (Gortmerron) T. Campbell (Carrickfergus) A. Henry (Larne)

H. Irvine (Comber)

#### Training

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**Chairman** A. Roycroft (Portadown)

Principal E. Ewart
Director D. Ellison

S. Auld (Great Victoria St.)
R. Jennings (Magherafelt)
M. Patterson (Newcastle)
M. Thompson (Dungannon)
C. Lamont (Ballymena)
R. Pollock (Portadown)
C. Lamont (Ballymena)
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C. Vance (Ballycrochan)

# **Baptist Missions**

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever". (Psalm 100 v1-2)

#### Thankful to God!

During this past year, God has proven his faithfulness to us in so many ways. Despite all the problems in our world, the Lord Jesus continues to build His Church. He graciously continues to work through the Mission Department of our Association of Churches.

#### In 2021

- The gospel has been proclaimed (online & in person) to people from hundreds of nations
- Professions of faith have been made in France, Ireland, Peru and Spain
- People have testified to God's saving grace, been baptised and added to local churches
- New churches have been constituted in Passage West in Cork & Belturbet in Cavan
- More workers have been appointed to serve in the harvest fields of France and Ireland
- More local leaders have been trained and supported in Peru and Spain
- More people have committed to praying and giving regularly to advance the gospel

#### Thank you to our churches

#### Thank you for inviting!

Thank you to all those churches who invited our workers to "report back" on what God is doing in their areas. Deputation meetings are great opportunities for mutual encouragement. In 2021 this was mainly over zoom or by video, although some "face to face" meetings were possible too.



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#### Thank you for praying!

We are grateful too for all those churches and individuals who uphold the work of Baptist Missions in prayer. Thank you for praying regularly for everyone serving with your Mission. Baptist Missions is YOUR Mission! We want to continue to expand our prayer base, particularly among the younger generation in our churches. Please promote Prayer News in your churches!

#### Thank you for giving!

Thank you too for your generous giving that enables us to continue to advance the gospel and send out more labourers into needy harvest fields. Over 100 churches contributed to our needs in 2021, may that number continue to increase! Praise God too, we have just reached the half way point in our "Target1000" goal. Over 500 people have caught the vision to pray regularly and give just that little bit more each month to see the gospel advancing. Pray for another 500 people to join soon!

#### Thank you to our workers

The last two years have brought exceptional challenges. We want to thank all our workers who have persevered through different lockdowns and periods of isolation. With God's help, they continued to make Christ known in their communities and beyond in the midst of so much uncertainty and disruption to ministry. Here is a brief summary of aspects of their work in 2021.



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#### **FRANCE**

#### **New Workers**

**The Sandall family** were commissioned from their home church in Brannockstown Co. Kildare, to serve with Baptist Missions in France.

David and Hannah are the first couple from the Republic to be sent overseas with Baptist Missions. David successfully completed the Preparation for Ministry Course at the Irish Baptist College in May. The Sandalls arrived in France on Bastille Day (July 14<sup>th</sup>) amid fireworks and celebrations!



They have overcome various practical challenges and are adapting well to living in Égletons in Central France. Using their strong interpersonal skills and hospitality they have made many friends in the community, including IRELAND several students from "closed countries". Bibles and literature have

been passed on to lots of people from many different backgrounds and cultures. Three new Baptist churches were formed on the island of Ireland in Finding consistent language training has been a challenge and they have struggled at times with loneliness and isolation. Language acquisition will be their top priority in Co. Cavan. Baptist Missions partnered with the Douglas and going into their second year of this initial "two year placement".

**Knickerbocker** on May 1st, watched online by friends all over the world. On September 1st, the newly married couple were also appointed for an "initial two year placement" to serve in France. They are currently living in Larodde (about an hour from Egletons) and working in the Christian Camp Centre (started by Séphora's parents) situated in the small village. They were involved in several camps over the summer where professions of faith were made. Andrew is now

comfortable preaching in French and seeking to reach into other towns and villages.

#### Sowing gospel seed

Laetitia Anstett is now well settled into life and ministry among students in Marseille, in the south of France. The team also includes Myriam Jaccaz and they were joined in September by Thibault & Naoual Moreels and their young son Isaac. They have had numerous opportunities to chat with students and pass on gospel literature and portions of Scripture. In between restriction they organised special outreach events. Laetitia completing official training to lead camps in France. She is also continuing her Master's with the Iris





#### **New Churches**

2021. Passage West in Co. Cork, Keady in Co. Armagh and Belturbet Cavan churches respectively to see Passage Baptist and Belturbet Baptist churches constituted. Praise God for gospel lights being established in these towns, but pray on for the 70+ towns in the Republic still without a clear gospel witness. The harvest is white, the labourers are few!







#### New Workers in the Cities

In December, the Management Committee appointed Cormac and Áine Walsh (Jamestown Road) to serve with the Mission "on a two year initial placement" in the rapidly growing suburb of Ashtown on the north side of Dublin. There are approximately 50,000 people living in Ashtown, Cabra and Phibsborough, with no evangelical church. Cormac has been holding down a responsible engineering job while seeking to establish



"North City Baptist Church". The Jamestown Road church has been praying for years to see more local churches being planted on the north side of the city. Please pray that God will move in the Ashtown area and bring many people to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a huge need for more evangelical churches in Dublin, a city whose population is heading towards two million by 2050. Pray for wisdom as we continue to partner with existing Baptist churches to see more churches planted in Dublin in the days ahead.

#### Belfast

On October 1st, we appointed our first "church planting intern" to serve part time, working alongside David and Pamela Dickson at Shankill Community Fellowship. Sam Urey (a recent graduate from IBC) is settling well into this role. This one year appointment was made possible through the generous support of an individual and Sam's home church, Hamilton Road Baptist in Bangor. In the Lord's goodness, it may be extended beyond the initial year. Matthew Patterson (Lisburn Church) has been doing his 2<sup>nd</sup> year IBC placement with SCF too. It has been encouraging for David and Pamela to have extra "hands on deck" as they seek to move the plant towards constituting in 2022.







#### **Reaching out from Carrickmacross**

Tim and Arlene McFarland continued reaching into Ardee and Castleblayney from their base in Carrickmacross. Most of the opportunities were "online", but towards the end of the year, gospel calendars were distributed in all three towns and they are hoping to distribute copie



of the "3 Steps to Heaven" booklet into homes in Castleblayney in 2022. Pray for wisdom as community engagement becomes possible as restrictions ease. Pray that God will lead them to people in whose lives he is working by his Spirit.

#### Pressing forward despite restrictions!

Many of our workers continued with online services as restrictions dictated, resulting in a lot of excellent evangelistic material being made available on the internet. In the providence of God, even more people were reached locally and globally with the gospel. There were new births and baptisms in Belturbet, Blackrock, Shankill Community Fellowship and Youghal.



Kinsale Baptist called Craig Maiden as pastor and the church also joined the "Radstock Network" to broaden their support base. Matt Tuttlebee persevered with regular online messages, targeting local areas via Facebook. John Cunningham continued to keep in touch with people in Crossmaglen. Len & Joyce Keys built more bridges into the community in Clogher through food hampers and personal visits. "Lockdown" also gave them time to finish "converting" the pub and establish three new ministries post lockdown.

## Pressing forward in Peru

2021 continued to be a difficult year for the churches in Peru. With God's help and continuing support from our churches here, we have been able to maintain our increased levels of support for the

pastors in Ilo, Tacna and Moguequa. We provided support for a few new pastors and their families too. Churches were closed a lot during the year, but gradually began to meet again as restrictions eased. There were no summer camps in 2021. (But see a great report on the 2022 camps in the April/May edition of the INSIGHT magazine!)





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Praise God that throughout the pandemic the Radio station in Tacna proved a vital **SPAIN** tool in enabling the churches to continue making the gospel known in the city.





Most of the classes at the Seminary were via zoom with John Brew faithfully teaching into the early hours in Ireland, due to the time difference in Peru. The Brews are hoping to return to Peru in May 2022.





The churches continue to work on preparing the Association to be registered legally, and increasingly the work is being led by the churches of the Association in Peru. We want to see the existing churches strengthened and more churches being

planted in Tacna, Moguegua and the Carumas Valley. We want to see more leaders being trained in the Seminary. To that end we are grateful to the Irish Baptist College for facilitating a new Diploma Course at the request of the churches in Tacna.



#### **Teaching and Training**

#### Andrew and Ruth Reid have been as busy as ever in 2021.

Online teaching, co-ordinating the "Dual Programme" and working

towards external accreditation, combined with the deep disappointment of IT



support that never materialised, meant 2021 was a very challenging year for Andrew as Principal of the FIEIDE School of Theology. Ruth was encouraged with opportunities to meet with different ladies one on one to read the Bible. Exciting possibilities are emerging about a potential church plant in the

town next door to where Andrew and Ruth live. An exciting year ahead for them as their eldest daughter Naomi gets married in July and Reuben and Matthew complete their secondary education. Ana continues with her studies in Dublin.

#### **Working and Waiting**

Andrew and Rosalia Elliott came to in N.I. in June and began a part time role with the Antrim Church in the Autumn while continuing deputation work with the Mission. They finished their time well in Algeciras and are looking to the Lord as to where they will serve him in Spain in the future. Our "friends in Medina Sidonia" came home in 2020, but have been in regular communication with the group in Chiclana, joining them on zoom for weekly prayer meetings and other special events. They are returning to Spain in March 2022.

#### **Missions Night**

#### "I will build My Church"

Tuesday, May 11th was a memorable night! A smaller congregation gathered in the Hamilton Road Church in Bangor, while a much larger number watched online as we livestreamed the event again. We pioneered a "pre-service catch up" and the feedback was very positive. Jenny McClaughlin (Hamilton Road) co-hosted a relaxed half hour, where we heard short updates from several of our missionary families.





Jenny's husband Johnny was our main speaker and the words of the Lord Jesus "I will build My Church" were the main theme of his encouraging and challenging message. We plan to livestream Missions Night every year now as people all over the island of Ireland, missionaries and others living across the world can be a part of the evening, even if it is from a distance.

#### **Europe Retreat**

absolute to days of fellowship and teaching. Trevor Ramsey focussed our attention on the Lord Jesus as he



reminded us from Colossians of the "Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ". It had been two years since we last met and everyone benefitted from our time together.

#### People who serve

We are grateful to those members of our churches who give of their time voluntarily and serve on Management and Area Committees. Our Mission Chairman Ian Grant, has guided us through another year full of uncertainty and meetings by zoom! Please pray that God will continue to give our committee members real wisdom as they make key decisions and oversee the work of the Mission.

#### More to Tell!

This is literally a very limited "snapshot" into what God has been doing through Baptist Missions in the past year. Baptist Missions is **YOUR** Mission. It belongs to the churches in the Association. We rely almost 100% on our churches and individual members of those churches for prayer, provision and personnel. Thank you for reading this report. Please do encourage others in your church by telling them all that God has been doing over the past year through the Mission Department of our Association of Churches.

As we press on to see the gospel being proclaimed, people saved, disciples made, churches planted and leaders trained, please do keep all our workers, committee members, Joanne and me in your prayers. We labour on until the Lord returns or











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# **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 exciting as staff and students together apply themselves to study, practical training and the modelling of community in the Irish Baptist College.

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.

In the conviction that there is an indispensable relationship between the churches and the College, I would encourage our churches to support the vital work of ministry training prayerfully and financially as God raises up a new generation of Christian workers for the extension of his kingdom.





#### **New Ventures**

This past year proved to be an exciting year full of new ventures for the College. It began in January with the inaugural Irish Baptist College online conference (since renamed the Hugh D. Brown Lectures).



On January 14th the College was delighted to host Dr Michael Haykin who addressed 80 attendees with two lectures under the title: Baptists and Revival in the Long 18th Century. It was an encouraging evening that left everyone with a challenge to continue to pursue revival through prayer.

The launching of the College's podcast was another new endeavour. It ran on social media with the #LetsTalk. In season one all of the full-time College staff were interviewed, sharing their testimony and greatest influences on their Christian life. In season two the net was widened to include the department directors of the Association (all of whom have input at various levels of the College Preparation for Ministry course). The response has been positive with more than 1,000 downloads.

Alongside #LetsTalk the College also began an online book group with the **#LetsRead**. This initiative is an attempt to encourage those who do not find reading easy by providing a reading schedule and offering reflective questions to make reading a more transformational process. In 2021 #LetsRead took readers through Kevin DeYoung's The Hole in Our Holiness and Jonathan Pennington's Small Preaching.

In May the College rolled out the Gospel Guardians initiative. Convinced that one of the most strategic ways of guarding the gospel is by training faithful men and women to enter gospel service, the College sought to make supporting the College financially simpler and more regular. Gospel Guardians provides both individual and collective

giving options on a monthly basis. Support has been growing gradually and by the **Students** end of the year there were 27 monthly donors (or Gospel Guardians). The hope is that this will continue to grow and thus secure the long-term future of the College and subsequently Association churches.



The final new addition to the College's programme was the launching of an exclusively online evening class. It is hoped that over the next few years that this might prove an attractive option to potential students across the whole island, and perhaps even further afield. Students have already signed up from Portstewart, Tullamore and Portaferry.

The aim of all of these new initiatives is not to change what the College does, but to make theological education more accessible. Whether it is keeping the cost low, providing resources or hosting world renowned speakers, the College wants every member of an Association church to grow in their love of God, his word and his people.

#### **OAA Review**

The world of theological education is not without its academic administration. One vital element of this is a QAA review. These reviews are necessary to ensure the quality of the College's teaching, which in turn assures students that they can avail of Tuition Fee Loans. Student fees account for approximately 50% of the College's budgeted income—without them the College would rely on much larger support from churches and individuals. The help of the outgoing Director of Training, Nigel Younge, was invaluable in securing a successful outcome from the review.

In May the College held the Graduation Service in the Ballynahinch church. It was a joy to witness 15 students graduate from the Preparation for Ministry programme, alongside more than 20 from Christian education programmes, and recognising four postgraduate students who graduated during the year. After missing graduation in 2020, it was particularly pleasing to gather together to mark this significant point in









College Graduation & Commencment Service

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a student's journey. The message was delivered by Pastor Andrew Curry (Emmanuel Baptist Church).

In September the College Commencement Service took place in the Dundonald church. This event marks the beginning of a new academic year and at it the College welcomed ten new undergraduate students, six new postgraduate students and noted the presence of more than 60 students on the Christian Education programme. Pastor Martin Parker (Westside Baptist Church) delivered the address.

Although the second year in a row in which intake was slightly lower than desired, the College is grateful to God for providing these students. The pandemic proved to continue to be a feature in 2021 that not only impacted teaching but also recruitment.



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#### **Evangelism Teams**

Possibly the most anticipated event in the College's 2021 calendar was the resumption of evangelism teams. In October students were sent to work alongside the Brannockstown, Newcastle, North Belfast Christian Fellowship, Richill Park and Stonepark churches. Unfortunately one team had to be cut short, but all of the other

The resumption of Irish Baptist Historical Society lectures in 2021 proved a welcome teams enjoyed a week of evangelistic endeavours.

The evangelism teams were poignant due to the use of the 3 Steps to Heaven: The Journey of Niall Wiseman booklets. This booklet was written by Dr David Luke and weaves together the testimony of former student Niall Wiseman and a simple gospel presentation. Niall was a gifted evangelist, but sadly passed away shortly after graduating. The prayer of the College community is that these booklets would be used by God in leading many out of darkness into his kingdom of light.



Brannockstown Evangelism Team





North Belfast Evangelism Team



Newcastle Evangelism Team

#### MPS

Five College graduates joined the Ministry Partnership Scheme this year: David Cameron (Magherafelt), Peter Cooper (Lisburn), Benjamin McKay (Ballycrochan), Lewis Stephenson (Emmanuel) and Andrew Walker (Cookstown). The scheme continues to support Alex Stephenson in his second year with Ballymena. The scheme's benefit is

evident in that more than 80% of participants have progressed to take up ministry positions after completing the scheme.

#### Irish Baptist Historical Society

return, but they returned in a different format. All three lectures were delivered virtually via YouTube. In March Pastor Stephen Murphy delivered a lecture on The Mayflower, in May Pastor Richard Blayney offered a summary of 150 Years of Brannockstown Baptist Church and in October Dr Micah Caswell presented a paper on Thomas Patient's Irish Ministry. The three lectures have almost 1,000 views

#### **Director of Training's Postscript**

This past year has been a year of encouragements. Witnessing twelve of the 2021 Preparation for Ministry graduates move into paid Christian service and sending out evangelism teams after a break have been particularly pleasing moments. Personally, however, the greatest encouragement has been the increase in the number of churches supporting the College financially. For the Association to possess its own training college is a great blessing, and to see more churches embracing the vision of training a new generation of gospel workers and supporting it financially is a huge encouragement. It is therefore fitting to end this year's annual report with a sincere thank you for the part you play in magnifying Christ, advancing the gospel and strengthening the church through the Irish Baptist College.



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# **Baptist Women**

We've had to learn to hold things lightly over this last year not knowing if events and courses will go ahead with changing restrictions. We have been very thankful for technology which enables us to meet with women all over Ireland and yet remain in our own homes. We are truly thankful to our heavenly Father Organizado Por Damas de la A.I.E.B.S.P who has been leading and guiding us during these changing circumstances.

#### Contentment

Something hard to find especially in lockdown, and yet, what better time to run an online course on Contentment with Melissa Kruger. Over 470 women across Ireland, spending more time at home than usual and unable to mix socially due to the pandemic came together on Monday evenings over Zoom to be reminded that our true contentment lies in God Himself, and that this world is not our home. We appreciated Melissa Kruger joining us live on Zoom for a very helpful Q&A on the last night of the eight-week course.



Melissa Kruger, Contentment Course



Carol Watson, BW Spring Conference

#### **Baptist Women's Spring Conference**

The Conference ran over Zoom on Saturday 6 March at 10am. Carol Watson (Cavan) spoke over two sessions on Philippians 1 & 2, 'A Letter from Lockdown' and reminded us that Christ is our example to follow and in Him we find true joy. We had songs from the Grant family (Armagh) and Sarah Henry (Magherafelt) along with several book reviews which provided a varied programme.

#### **Evening for Ministry Wives**

On Monday 22 March we had a Zoom Q&A with Jani Ortlund and ministry wives. Jani's book 'Help! I'm Married to the Pastor' had recently been released and we were able to draw on her experience and seek her advice on ministry life. We appreciated her Biblical responses to our many questions and situations.

# HONRANDO A DIOS EN TIEMPOS DIFÍCILES Con Gail Curray desde Irlanda

Saturday 10 April was an opportunity to meet up with the ladies in the churches in Peru over Zoom. We sang some songs together (in Spanish) and then we studied God's Word together. Thanks to Mavis Creelman for interpreting and Esther Vargas for organising.

#### Women's Night

Women's Night ran on Zoom on Monday 10 May at 7.30pm when Philomena Fitzpatrick (Ballycullen) spoke to over 740 women across Ireland from Hebrews 12 on 'Joy Fuelled Perseverance'. We had some songs from the Ballymena church group and heard about what has been going on in Baptist Women over the last





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#### Prayer, Praise and Promises

This took a slightly different format on Thursday 14 October over Zoom. We still Rooted in Christ is our 'back to basics' course which we run with women in their own prayed for the up-and-coming events and courses organised by Baptist Women for churches. The ladies in Dromore ran the course over Zoom and then as a hybrid the incoming year, but we were also joined by Trillia Newbell (author and conference taking 5 weeks before the summer and 5 weeks after the summer. We also had the speaker from Nashville) who gave us a very encouraging message from Romans 8 opportunity to meet face to face with the ladies in Carr as they did the first 5 weeks 'More Than Conquerors.'







Tralee Ladies Munster Conference





#### **Munster BW Conference**

The Munster Conference ran on Saturday 20 November over Zoom. Carolyn Carlaw (Douglas) and Grace Campbell (Westside) did several helpful book reviews. Jessica Lewis (Carrigaline) organised a group who recorded some songs. Kirsty Grant (Midleton) led the sessions and Jodi Ware (Louisville, Kentucky) spoke on Philippians 'From Fear to Faith.'

#### Women's Ministry Course

WMC grows from strength to strength through the hybrid nature of the course. There are presently 7 ladies in person and 14 online who are unable to travel to the Baptist Centre. Topics covered this year were: Ethics, Mission, Sharing God's Word, Practical Theology and Living with Purpose.

#### **Rooted in Christ**

of the course in the Autumn term and hope to do the second 5 weeks next Autumn.

#### **Growing in Christ**

Growing in Christ is normally a 7-week course but the ladies in Letterkenny wanted to run this course over two Saturdays in November/December which worked well. We looked at different aspects of 'Faith' on the first Saturday and then the role of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on the second Saturday. We sat 'socially distanced' and had the doors and windows open, so we were very glad of our coffee breaks to get warmed up!

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.



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# **Baptist Youth**

The Psalmist exhorts God's people to come into his presence with 'thanksgiving' and 'joy' in Psalm 95. For what reason? 'For the Lord is a great God and a king above all other gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are Route 66 Small Group Study his also' (v3-4). As we found ourselves recovering from a global pandemic in 2021, with much of our regular activities prohibited and processes altered, it was a real comfort as a youth department to be reminded that our God is supreme over all things.

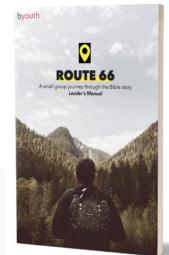
#### **Training and Resourcing**

A major emphasis for the youth department in 2021 was training and resourcing. book, each of which contains an ice breaker, video With in-person activities not proving feasible for most of the year, we were able to teaching, small group questions and a leader's guide utilise online alternatives. In February, we were delighted to gather over 100 youth for whoever will be leading the study. It was a joy to leaders online for a special, one off training event with Tim Gough. Tim is the author see the positive response to the Route 66 resource of a number of Bible centred youth ministry books. On that night, the focus was on from our churches. 'gospel principles for youth work.' We are very thankful to Tim for his willingness to provide this training.



Throughout the year, the youth department was able to provide a variety of other online resources for the benefit of our young people and churches. These included: online children's talks for churches to use in their Sunday services, video reviews of existing resources that youth and children's workers may wish to utilise, and a 25 day Bible reading series of videos through the book of Amos.

In addition to the online resources, 2021 saw the launch of a new written, small group resource from Baptist Youth entitled 'Route 66.' This small group study is targeted at students and seeks to show them how all the 66 books of the Bible tell one unified story about the person and work of Jesus Christ. There are a total of 8 sessions in this



#### A Makeshift Summer

One of the greatest challenges the youth department faced in 2021 was planning for the Summer programme. With restrictions constantly changing in the first half of the year as COVID-19 cases fluctuated, it wasn't until late May / early June until we had any sort of clarity regarding what the Summer restrictions would be. In the end, whilst the Summer programme of 2021 certainly looked a little different to normal, we are very thankful to the many volunteers who ensured it was still a Summer to remember.

BYE Teams were able to run with a real sense of normality. It was a joy to send 7 teams to churches in Letterkenny, Omagh, Donemana, Armagh, Lisburn, Gilnahirk and London. Given the high risk of gathering large numbers of young people in a residential setting, Baptist Youth camps were unable to run with their usual format. However, a number of regional events for children and young people were able to



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take place. This included a specialised week of youth events in the third week of **Thank You** July. Hundreds of young people from our churches were able to take part in the 'Illuminate Roadshow,' as a group of dedicated leaders travelled to various venues throughout Northern Ireland including Knockconny, Bangor, Moira and Portstewart





#### **Amazing Journey**

Understandably, one of the youth department's activities that was most affected by the pandemic was The Amazing Journey. With schools facing their own internal challenges as a result of COVID-19 in 2021, the Amazing Journey was unable to operate. This year also marked the end of Aaron Riddle's time as The Amazing Journey Coordinator when he stepped down at the end of August. Aaron served as the Amazing Journey Coordinator very faithfully for 7 years and, as a youth department and Association at large, we are extremely thankful for his years of service to our churches.

The Youth department would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the churches for their continued partnership in the gospel. 2021 has proved to be yet another year where God has proved his faithfulness and provision. We would ask that you continue to pray for the work of Baptist Youth in the incoming years as we continue to 'work together...transforming a generation.'



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# **Finance Report**

#### **Executive Summary**

- The Association has finished with a surplus at the year end for the third year in
- Increased support has seen the Association end the year in an encouraging position.
- Giving from churches was at a level of £726,614, the highest ever level.
- Personal giving was at a level of £352,769, also the highest ever level.

We give thanks to God for the growing levels of church and personal support, particularly in the context of the ongoing Covid pandemic. The level of giving demonstrates a strong commitment to working together and provides a platform for our Association of churches to move forward and develop our 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 has been carried out by GMCG Belfast, Chartered Accountants.

#### Year-end Balance

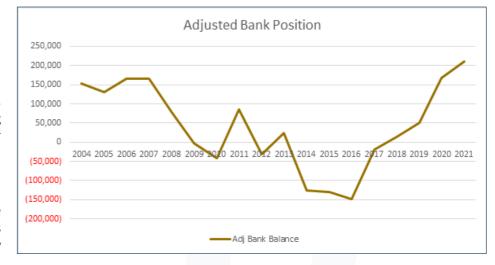
An examination of the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on page 28 will show that the overall financial position of the Association has improved significantly during 2021.

The bank balance at the end of the year increased by £46,028 to £359,952 (2020; £313,924). This figure is inflated as a result of £36,757 of Interest Free Loans and £112,523 of funds held for the PIP fund which is a restricted fund. If these two factors are taken into account and the bank balance is adjusted, there is a surplus cash balance of £210,672. This is an improvement of £43,191 from the position in January Church Giving

It has been incredibly encouraging that despite the challenges presented by Covid cash position. This improved financial position resulted in the Association being less Association over a 18 year period.

dependent on Interest Free Loans during the year, allowing a further £36,200 of these loans to be repaid during the year, bringing the loan balance down to £36,757. We are thankful to God for his provision in this regard.

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



The elimination of this deficit is largely thanks to Church giving to the work of the Association, which has increased in each of the last 7 years. Personal giving has also experienced a significant increase.

Closing reserves (excluding PIP Fund) of £359,473 represents just over 3 months expenditure for the Association. It is good practice to hold at least 3 months expenditure in reserve and the aim had been to reach this target by the end of 2021. 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 in 2021 was at a level of £726,614 (2020 £663,302). This is the seventh consecutive year of growth in church giving to the work of the Association and over the last two years, the Association has once again closed the year in a surplus the highest ever level. The graph on the next page highlights church giving to the





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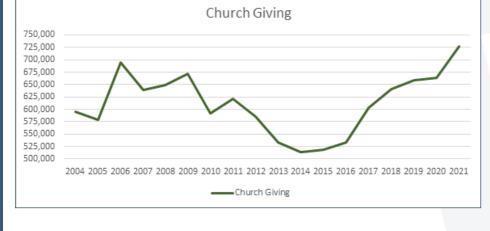
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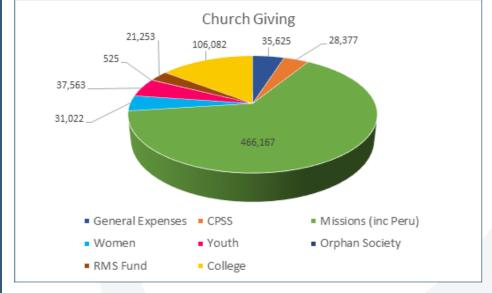
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It is very encouraging that church giving has exceeded the budget target £687,445. This level of giving has enabled the Association to ensure that expenditure in the year is covered by income. As in previous years most church giving has been designated to the support of Baptist Missions (£466,167), followed by the College (£106,082).



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 2021 it will provide the solid platform to enable the work of the Association to move forward.

#### **Church Donations Analysis**

The Donations Analysis on pages 30-33 shows that out of 117 churches 103 gave something to the work of the Association. 64 churches increased their giving to the Association, 38 decreased their giving with 14 churches giving nothing at all. It is once again clear that there are a significant number of churches that have examined their giving to the Association over the past year and have demonstrated their support of the work that we endeavour to do together by increasing their financial support. One of the main reasons for churches not supporting the Association is that they may not have the financial resources to do so and that is understandable for those in that position. However, these churches are encouraged to give a nominal amount to each department as an expression of their support.

#### **Personal Donations**

Personal donations to the work of the Association increased by £44,829 from £307,940 in 2020 to £352,769 in 2021.

It is encouraging to see a 14% increase in personal donations and the highest ever level of personal donations to the Association. A large portion of this increase comes as a result of regular monthly giving - Baptist Mission's Target1000 continues to gain support while the College has launched the Gospel Guardians campaign. This demonstrates a personal commitment of many supporters. Thanks is given to all the individuals who support the work of the Association in this manner. This giving is essential to enable the Association to continue the work of the Gospel.



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

# Personal Giving 15,442\_ 10.557 ■ General Expenses ■ CPSS Missions (inc Peru) Youth Orphan Society Women

#### **ABCI 2013 Retirement Benefits Scheme**

RMS Fund

A triennial actuarial valuation carried out on the Scheme at 31 March 2019 showed a from the previous funding deficit of £608,000 as at 31 October 2016. This deficit has to be met by funding contributions from the Association of £30,000 p.a. until June 2027 and is recorded as a liability of the Association on the Balance Sheet.

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The next review is scheduled to take place on 31 March 2022. While there remains great uncertainty in the global financial markets, 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 £371,566 with over £250,000 held and invested by the Northern Baptist Corporation Limited on behalf of the Association.

#### Budget 2022

The Recommended Stipend Scale for 2022 was released to churches with a 2.75% increase for both NI and ROI. It is for individual churches to assess the level of increase payable in their situation. The Finance Committee approved an increase to Association salaries of 1.5%. The total budgeted expenditure for 2022 is set at £1,619,523. This is an increase of £95,961 on the previous year budget figure of £1,523,562. Church giving needs to reach a level of £716,722 in order to sustain the entirety of the work undertaken by the Association. Church giving exceeded this level in 2021.

#### Review of the Year

The budget departments collectively finished the year with a surplus balance for the first time in many years. A review of each Department shows the complexity of the financial position in 2021.

#### **General Expenses**

The General Expense account ended the year with a deficit balance of £44,333 (2020 - £55,533). Income exceeded expenditure in this account by £11,200. Annual funding deficit of £336,000 in the Scheme, which represents a significant improvement subscriptions from churches were at a level of £77,157 (2020 - £75,326). Expenditure was £16,329 higher than in 2021 due to budgeted increase in staff costs, and additional administration. Also, there is an additional liability on this account for Pension Administration Costs which are in the region of £40,000 per annum. The Northern Baptist Corporation Limited has committed to ease the burden of this liability to allow the Association time to be in a position to fund these costs. The Association was able to fund £15,000 of these costs in 2021.

#### **Baptist Missions**

This Department continues to report encouraging financial results. There was an increase of £47,998 in the general mission account at the year-end (£99,187 compared with £51,189 restated in 2020). Expenditure was £79,766 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. Eight more churches contributed to this department than last year resulting in church giving increasing by £38,150. There was also an encouraging increase of personal giving of £48,464. 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



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churches. The landscape across France, Ireland, Peru and Spain is so needy that there **College** are many opportunities that need our support.

#### **Baptist Women**

Covid retrictions continued in 2021. Income once again exceeded expenditure resulting fell by £1,907, there has been an increase in regular giving through the new Gospel in a closing surplus for the department of £6,374. Church donations saw an increase of £5,941 although personal giving decreased by £2,782. This closing surplus means our churches it is imperative that the college is given the support it requires as it seeks Baptist Women is well placed to continue developing its ministry among the women of to prepare leaders for gospel ministry in pastoral and missionary settings. The College our churches.

#### **Baptist Youth**

This year saw the return of a number of BYE Teams and the Illuminate Camp following cancellation in 2020 due to Covid restrictions. The return of these activities, helped the lt was encouraging to see a significant increase in donations to the CPSS. The fund department finish the year with a surplus of £2,856. The number of churches giving to this department increased by 2 from 52 to 54, and total church giving increased by promised grants to be passed to the six churches currently in the Scheme. This is the £3,488 although personal giving decreased by £2,077. Church giving (£37,563) just first time committed grants have been able to be paid in full for a number of years. The exceeded the £37,538 target that needs to be achieved to secure the future ministry of impact on a small church of having someone in place to lead the work forward can't be the youth department. Given the importance to our churches of reaching the younger generation this level should be a priority.

#### **Retired Ministers Support**

This year the deficit decreased to £7,906 (2020, £10,747 restated). In was encouraging to see that income was received at a level to cover the expenditure in the year. This of a slow decline in subscriptions as a result of the challenges that printed media face Fund currently supports 26 members. It has now entered the final stages of its existence in a digital age. The magazine is one of the main channels of disseminating information and expenditure should continue to fall in coming years. However, income needs to be sustained at current levels for at least three years to meet current commitments and ensure the deficit is removed.

The Irish Baptist College ended the year with a surplus of £3,982. It was encouraging to see the opening deficit position of £6,064 being reversed. Church giving increased by £11,840 to £106,082 (2020, £94,242) just reaching the level of support required for the It was encouraging to see continued support for the online events and Bible studies as budget. The number of churches giving increased from 58 to 63. While personal giving Guardians campaign. Given the vital and strategic work of the college and the impact on 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**

stood at £35,060 at the year end. This level of giving enabled 100 percent of the 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 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**

Zimbabwe Orphan Care Programme. Churches are encouraged to continue to support this life giving project. In early 2021 an appeal was launched to raise funds for disaster relief following the earthquake in Croatia. This appeal raised over £40,000.

#### Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 January 2022	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:	<del>-</del>	_
Donations and legacies	1,313,230	1,171,515
Income from charitable activities	377,000	410,037
Other Income	119,511	143,092
Investments	3,615	371
	1,813,356	1,725,015
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities	1,733,283	1,562,321
Other expenditure	0	1,302,321
other experiurer	1,733,283	1,562,321
Net movement in funds	80,073	162,694
Net movement in runus	50,073	102,034
Total funds brought forward	650,966	488,272
Total funds carried forward	731,039	650,966
Department Reserves	Jan-22	Jan-21
Department Balances	7011 22	50 22
General Expenses	-44,333	-55,533
CPSS	35,060	30,765
Missions (inc. Peru)	99,187	51,189
Women	6,374	5,667
Youth	2,856	1,589
Northern Region	-11,714	-11,714
Orphan Society	345	1,001
RMS Fund	-7,906	-10,747
College	3,982	-6,064
-	83,851	6,153
Non-Department Balances	274,215	309,100
Restricted Funds		
PIP Fund	371,566	331,868
Baptist Aid	1,407	3,845
	372,973	335,713
Total Funds	731,039	650,966

#### **Balance Sheet**

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Year ended 31 January 2022	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	2,201	2,854
	2,201	2,854
Current Assets		
Debtors	91,766	84,529
Corporation Debtor	784,472	847,042
Bank & Cash	359,952	313,924
	1,236,190	1,245,495
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors	0	2,172
Wages/PAYE	13,668	15,295
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	13,882	18,193
Interest Free Loans	36,757	72,957
Special Transfers	344	2,229
PIP Fund	1,668	1,236
Deferred Income	190,033	204,301
Pension Deficit	251,000	281,000
	507,352	597,383
Net Current Assets/Liabilities	728,838	648,112
Total Assets less Liabilities	731,039	650,966

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Throughout 2021 we continued to support the vital work of the Baptist Union of

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# **Department Summary**

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Net movement	Closing balance Jan 22
General Expenses	-55,533	184,337	-229,324	56,187	11,200	-44,333
CPSS	30,765	35,463	-23,368	-7,800	4,295	35,060
Missions	51,189	724,741	-628,153	-48,590	47,998	99,187
Women	5,667	44,973	-41,866	-2,400	707	6,374
Youth	1,589	65,284	-54,517	-9,500	1,267	2,856
Northern Region	-11,714	0	0	0	0	-11,714
Orphan Society	1,001	3,154	-1,410	-2,400	-656	345
RMS Fund	-10,747	24,500	-34,659	13,000	2,841	-7,906
College	-6,064	391,136	-309,293	-71,797	10,046	3,982
	6,153	1,473,588	-1,322,590	-73,300	77,698	83,851
PIP Fund	331,868	81,683	-11,985	-30,000	39,698	371,566
Non-budget Departments	312,945	258,085	-398,708	103,300	-37,323	275,622
Total Association Balances	650,966	1,813,356	-1,733,283	0	80,073	731,039



	General		CPSS F	und	Missions (	inc Peru)	Wom	ien	Yout	th	NRN	Л	Orphar	Soc	RMS F	und	Colle	ge	Tota	al
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Antrim	542	869	188	183	10,743	4,660	270	269	442	444	245	-	14	12	505	554	6,365	1,332	19,314	8,322
Armagh	-	240	300	125	5,070	7,780	385	700	940	1,160	140	-	40	-	575	70	2,820	1,060	10,270	11,135
Athlone	-	-	-	-	1,039	1,065	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,039	1,065
Balbriggan	-	-	=	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-
Ballycrochan	-	-	420	525	16,963	15,533	620	445	1,140	1,140	-	-	-	-	1,555	1,730	4,135	3,860	24,833	23,233
Ballycullen Community Church	-	-	-	-	3,717	4,734	=	-	906	872	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,623	5,606
Ballygomartin	-	_	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Ballykeel	1,317	1,357	547	469	6,399	4,090	432	838	1,591	543	-	-	-	30	369	569	2,743	4,609	13,397	12,505
Ballymena	963	204	451	79	17,083	13,990	2,356	3,125	2,488	4,075	-	-	-	5	304	96	3,355	5,425	27,000	27,000
Ballymoney	-	-	=	-	9,080	9,150	-	-	=	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	135	9,080	9,285
Ballynahinch	900	393	200	153	725	460	-	240	200	144	-	-	-	10	-	185	200	816	2,225	2,400
Bellaghy	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	=	-
Bethany	-	898	1,000	1,180	25,448	31,864	1,740	2,009	1,560	1,673	960	-	-	-	1,200	1,218	4,800	5,073	36,708	43,915
Blackrock Community Church		-		-		1,156		-		114		-		-		-		-	=	1,270
Brannockstown	-	-	-	-	-	1,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,325
Calvary	-	-	-	-	885	2,973	-	1,000	-	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	885	5,573
Carndaisy	-	-	1,000	-	9,000	18,400	1,000	-	1,000	500	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,600	500	15,600	19,400
Carr	2,633	3,544	676	732	7,248	6,717	737	1,050	983	985	601	-	141	168	933	1,204	4,518	5,751	18,470	20,150
Carrickfergus	1,800	1,800	2,300	2,400	10,955	12,670	1,520	1,440	1,800	1,800	-	-	-	-	2,400	2,400	2,640	2,640	23,415	25,150
Carrickmacross	75	72	35	28	2,030	1,840	28	44	38	26	-	-	-	2	24	34	151	149	2,380	2,194
Carrigaline	-	-	-	-	2,387	2,129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,387	2,129
Carryduff	-	-	-	-	75	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	75	2,100
Castlederg	370	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	100	155	150	150	-	-	-	-	150	150	300	300	2,070	1,755
Castlereagh	-	-	300	300	500	750	425	637	250	250	-	-	-	-	250	250	450	400	2,175	2,587
Cavan	461	531	212	206	10,558	10,512	170	176	234	106	-	-	-	7	146	136	649	598	12,429	12,271
Central Craigavon	-	50	-	-	1,177	1,811	703	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,880	1,861
Clady Water	120	-	56	-	2,760	147	45	-	61	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	169	-	3,250	147
Coagh	-	-	-	-	1,668	2,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,668	2,481
Coleraine	-	85	539	637	12,076	11,050	429	507	792	936	-	-	-		858	1,114	2,167	5,122	16,861	19,451
Comber	787	685	312	266	2,102	958	247	519	338	261	-	-	-	17	311	323	939	1,574	5,035	4,602
Cookstown	1,123	1,227	526	477	4,840	4,068	415	750	1,385	450	-	-	-	30	355	578	2,397	3,228	11,042	10,808
Cork	_	-	=	356	-	713	=	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	=	1,069

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	Gene	eral	CPSS F	und	Missions (	inc Peru)	Won	nen	Yout	h	NRM		Orphan	Soc	RMS F	und	Colle	ege	Tot	al
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020 <b>2</b> 0	021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Cregagh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Crumlin	321	327	150	127	694	529	119	225	163	120	-	-	-	8	101	154	452	680	2,000	2,170
Donaghadee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Douglas	-	-	-	-	22,146	37,359	362	359	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366	-	22,874	37,718
Dromore	-	-	-	-	2,611	3,348	-	-	-	1,163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,611	4,511
Dunamanagh	-	508	348	711	348	348	-	-	174	174	870	-	-	-	174	203	348	319	2,262	2,262
Dundalk	-	88	49	48	840	816	53	56	82	80	95	-	-	-	115	112	412	400	1,648	1,600
Dundonald	-	-	200	200	2,160	2,500	200	200	200	200	-	-	-	-	200	200	750	1,000	3,710	4,300
Dungannon	951	6,531	3,610	3,303	2,100	2,465	254	391	279	234	-	-	-	16	174	301	775	1,328	8,142	14,568
Dunseverick	-	-	-	-	1,036	970	-	-	=	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,036	970
East End	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Emmanuel	-	75	750	275	8,850	4,620	750	-	825	75	=	-	-	-	-	-	750	75	11,925	5,120
Enniskillen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Finaghy	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,200	200	200	460	460	-	-	-	-	500	500	440	440	2,600	2,800
Furbo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Galway City	149	144	70	56	2,179	1,930	55	88	75	53	-	-	-	4	47	68	1,602	1,180	4,178	3,522
Gilnahirk	401	505	188	196	3,435	1,592	148	309	471	435	-	-	-	12	663	238	2,490	1,199	7,794	4,486
Glenarm *	-	-	-	-	1,100	-	275	-	275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,650	
Glengormley	-	-	200	800	4,220	5,095	300	300	200	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	800	5,120	7,295
Gortmerron	3,209	800	1,754	250	8,002	2,000	1,437	250	2,126	500	=	-	-	-	1,014	-	6,518	2,000	24,060	5,800
Grace (Killarney)	-	-	-	-	-	445	91	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	445	91	980
Grace (Tullycarnet)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grace Bible Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grange	-	-	-	-	530	441	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	530	441
Great Victoria Street	-	-	-	-	5,959	3,440	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,959	3,540
Greenisland	-	95	-	-	2,470	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,470	2,745	4,940	5,240
Grosvenor Road	-	-	-	-	29,695	28,753	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,695	28,753
Grove	-	-	-	-	355	200	30	25	95	100	-	-	-	-	500	-	75	75	1,055	400
Hamilton Road	-	120	935	880	16,005	15,145	630	595	915	860	-	-	-	-	625	590	1,660	1,560	20,770	19,750
Holywood	-	-	-	-	4,360	3,832	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,360	3,832
Jamestown Road	-	-	-	-	2,069	1,313	-	-	-	627	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,143	627	3,212	2,567
Kilkeel	-	-	-	-	3,260	4,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,260	4,150
Killicomaine	-	-	-	-	647	900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	375	500	1,022	1,400
Killyleagh	-	-	-	-	-	668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	75	-	75	715
Kilrea	-	-	-	-	50	2,374	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	2,374

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	General		CPSS Fund		Missions (inc Peru)		Women		Youth		NRM		Orphan Soc		RMS Fund		College		Tota	i
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Kinsale	-	-	-	-	3,577	4,345	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,577	4,345
Kircubbin Community Church	446	380	205	148	185	-	165	126	226	76	-	-	-	5	141	97	753	428	2,120	1,260
Knockconny	1,159	896	943	828	4,106	4,171	428	548	887	689	-	-	-	22	716	842	2,081	2,403	10,320	10,400
Larne	-	-	-	-	2,950	3,900	600	650	700	750	-	-	-	-	400	400	1,250	1,100	5,900	6,800
Letterkenny	=	-	-	-	995	1,577	188	176	188	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,408	1,319	2,779	3,248
Limavady	800	700	500	300	5,246	4,832	1,000	500	1,000	700	-	-	-	-	550	300	1,000	1,110	10,096	8,442
Limerick	-	-	-	-	3,727	2,506	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	356	3,727	2,862
Lisburn	-	-	-	-	1,130	2,380	50	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,725	1,446	3,155	3,826
Lisnagleer	-	-	-	-	470	900	=	-	370	310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	840	1,210
Living Hope	-	-	-	-	470	442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	470	442
Lurgan	=	2,160	1,344	1,344	3,051	2,419	250	350	-	-	2,160	-	-	-	-	-	1,150	70	7,955	6,343
Magherafelt	-	60	2,000	2,000	4,000	5,000	1,200	1,250	2,000	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,250	5,938	14,450	16,748
Midleton	=	-	-	-	2,801	1,784	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,801	1,784
Millisle	-	200	300	300	2,000	2,000	200	200	300	500	200	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	5,000	5,200
Milltown	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-
Moira	193	693	570	563	9,352	5,030	551	610	578	558	480	-	-	5	1,141	1,180	2,071	2,242	14,936	10,880
Monkstown	-	-	-	-	8,788	9,146	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,788	9,146
Mountpottinger	-	-	-	-	-	4,245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	469	-	4,714
Mullaghmeen	-	-	-	-	170	4,900	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	4,900
Nenagh	-	-	-	-	366	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366	-
Newcastle	-	-	100	100	4,160	4,550	100	100	115	200	40	-	-	-	350	350	450	583	5,315	5,883
Newry	642	654	301	254	2,888	767	237	400	325	240	-	-	-	16	203	308	904	1,360	5,500	4,000
Newtownards	80	-	38	600	3,686	3,131	30	400	41	1,260	-	-	-	-	25	600	113	1,200	4,012	7,191
Newtownbreda	1,332	981	624	381	15,281	16,274	493	600	675	360	-	-	-	24	421	463	1,875	2,040	20,700	21,123
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	1,400	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	1,400
Omagh	-	-	-	-	3,600	2,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,600	2,300
Orangefield	-	-	-	-	-	210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210
Portadown	-	1,084	-	1,734	3,145	8,660	-	1,950	-	1,734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,575	3,145	18,737
Portrush	-	-	-	-	470	910	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	470	910
Portstewart	-	-	-	1,000	2,070	8,570	-	500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	2,070	13,070
Poyntzpass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rathcoole	-	-	-	-	500	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	600
Rathfriland	-	-	-	-	1,458	2,957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,458	2,957
Richill Park	-	-	-	-	675	900	-	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	675	965
Saintfield	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800

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	Gene	eral	CPSS F	und	Missions (	inc Peru)	Wor	nen	You	th	NRM		Orphan	Soc	RMS F	und	Colle	ege	Tot	tal
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Shankill	-	-	-	-	2,450	2,850	500	500	500	500	-	-	-	-	500	500	500	500	4,450	4,850
Sion Mills	-	100	100	100	200	905	100	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	100	600	1,40
Sligo	-	-	370	389	1,941	1,900	-	-	92	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	277	302	2,680	2,67
Stonepark	-	-	-	-	5,000	6,500	500	750	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	7,000	7,250
Strandtown	2,419	2,478	1,133	963	5,232	2,906	895	1,515	1,226	909	-	-	-	61	765	1,168	3,405	5,151	15,075	15,150
Swords	-	-	-	-	1,326	571	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,326	573
Tandragee	-	-	-	-	478	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	478	250
Thurles	-	35	-	14	344	266	-	22	-	13	-	-	-	1	-	17	-	73	344	440
Tobermore	-	1,080	40	540	4,522	9,169	-	500	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	70	500	1,170	3,080	5,802	15,869
Tralee	-	-	-	-	93	962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	962
Warrenpoint	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Waterford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Westside	-	-	-	-	-	3,020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,020
Whitehead	150	-	-	700	642	1,500	-	400	-	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	392	600	1,184	3,900
Windsor	2,941	2,978	1,354	1,157	20,621	17,271	1,069	1,821	1,465	1,093	-	-	-	73	914	1,404	4,069	6,191	32,433	31,988
Youghal	-	-		-	2,202	2,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,202	2,282
Total	26,282	35,625	27,238	28,377	428,017	466,167	25,081	31,022	34,074	37,563	5,791	-	1,195	525	21,383	21,253	94,242	106,082	663,302	726,614
Number of churches	27	39	44	47	94	102	52	54	52	58	10	0	4	21	42	41	58	63	96	103
Other Income																				
Gift Aid	1,479	1,820	625	802	90,831	127,135	3,030	4,489	7,452	13,030	96	-	-	11	1,732	2, 066	18,019	23,784	123,264	173,137
Non-Gift Aid	8,938	11,774	4,081	6,268	109,466	113,887	10,309	6,068	10,067	2,412	22	-	-	117	3,264	1,180	35,694	25,222	181,841	166,928
In Memoriam	-	-	-		2,165	9,904	-	-	-	-	-	-	670	-	-		-	2,800	2,835	12,704
Total	10,417	13,594	4,706	7,070	202,462	250,926	13,339	10,557	17,519	15,442	118		670	128	4,997	3,246	53,713	51,806	307,940	352,769
Grand Total	36,699	49,219	31,944	35,447	630,478	717,093	38,420	41,579	51,593	53,005	5,909		1,865	653	26,379	24,499	147,955	157,888	971,242	1,079,383
Analysis of Giving			I																	
Number of churches giving	27	39	44	47	94	102	52	54	52	58	10	0	4	21	42	41	58	63	96	103
Per Church	226.57	304.49	234.81	242.54	3,689.80	3,984.33	216.21	265.15	293.74	321.05	49.92	0.00	10.30	4.49	184.33	181.65	812.43	906.68	5,718.12	6,210.37
Per contributing Church	973.40	913.46	619.05	603.77	4,553.37	4,570.26	482.32	574.49	655.27	647.63	579.12	0.00	298.69	25.01	509.11	518.35	1,624.86	1,683.84	6,909.39	7,054.50
Per member per year	3.24	4.39	3.36	3.50	52.79	57.43	3.09	3.82	4.20	4.63	0.71	0.00	0.15	0.06	2.64	2.62	11.62	13.07	81.81	89.52

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

\* Resigned from membership of the Association in 2020. Included for comparative.

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# Church Statistics as at 31st December 2021

Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate/ Assistant/MPS	Role	Inducted	Membership 2021	Membership 2020	Baptised	Added to Membership	Main Service	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young People
Antrim Baptist Church	1970	Vacant				90	88	3	7	120	4	11	35	20
Armagh Baptist Church	1917		lan Grant	Pastor	01-May-09	126	139	4	4	200	5	11	85	35
Athlone Baptist Church	2007		Dominic Montgomery	Pastor	01-Jan-09	26	27	0	2	20	1	1	8	4
Balbriggan Baptist Church	1998		James Wadsworth	Pastor	01-Mar-16	14	15	0	0	50	2	2	20	6
Ballycrochan Baptist Church	1983		Neil Watson	Pastor	01-Sep-18	98	96	4	6	120	0	10	60	15
			Benjamin McKay	MPS	01-Sep-21									
Ballycullen Community Church	2007		Jeff Hay	Pastor	18-Sep-09	44	47	8	1	115	4	6	23	22
Ballygomartin Baptist Church	1962		Seamus Bradley	Pastor	17-Jan-15	31	30	0	2	40	1	4	50	5
Ballykeel Baptist Church	1896		Andrew Campbell	Pastor	01-Aug-21	168	154	6	19	280	7	12	60	50
Ballymena Baptist Church	1859		Steven Curry	Pastor	24-Nov-17	272	275	10	6	260	8	16	140	45
			Alex Stephenson	Assistant Pastor	30-Aug-20									
Ballymoney Baptist Church	1986	Vacant				76	76	0	0	60	6	6	25	20
			Andy Dalrymple	Associate Pastor	01-Jul-18									
Ballynahinch Baptist Church	1939	Vacant	David Whitmarsh	Interim Pastor	10-Apr-19	87	90	0	0	70	3	3	20	30
Bellaghy Baptist Church	1967	Vacant				6	6	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Bethany Baptist Church	1965	Vacant				165	162	4	8	200	3	14	50	40
Blackrock Community Church	2017		Richard McConnell	Pastor	01-Sep-20	41	34	3	7	80	3	2	23	25
Brannockstown Baptist Church	1870		Richard Blayney	Pastor	13-May-17	26	26	0	1	60	3	5	30	20
Calvary Baptist Church	1978		Jackie King	Pastor	02-Dec-06	52	52	0	0	50	1	5	25	18
Carndaisy Baptist Church	1923	Vacant				26	26	6	0	35	2	2	12	8
Carr Baptist Church	1972	Vacant				63	64	1	1	85	3	4	22	12
Carrickfergus Baptist Church	1862		Peter Lawther	Pastor	18-May-13	176	177	3	2	150	3	8	45	20
Carrickmacross Baptist Church	2005		Colin Creighton	Pastor	01-Aug-11	37	38	0	2	65	4	4	15	12
Carrigaline Baptist Church	1987		Jonny Grant	Pastor	01-Jan-03	34	34	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Carryduff Baptist Church	1939		Gordon Walker	Pastor	26-Apr-13	54	56	0	2	54	2	5	12	5
Castlederg Baptist Church	1987		Jude Colhoun	Pastor	01-Oct-20	27	26	0	2	35	2	3	15	2
Castlereagh Baptist Church	1964	Vacant				36	41	0	1	30	0	6	16	24
Cavan Baptist Church	1993		Ivan Watson	Pastor	01-Sep-08	89	103	2	2	95	3	8	65	20
Clady Water Baptist Church	1990		Ed Bissett	Pastor	12-Mar-08	8	9	2	0	35	2	0	18	0

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Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate/ Assistant/MPS	Role	Inducted	Membership 2021	Membership 2020	Baptised	Added to Membership	Main Service	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young People
Coagh Baptist Church	1928		David Causby	Pastor	04-May-12	102	102	0	0	120	2	7	35	22
Coleraine Baptist Church	1795		Benjamin Davis	Pastor	01-Sep-21	110	115	0	0	0	4	9	0	0
Comber Baptist Church	1966		Neal Gordon	Pastor	01-Jan-21	44	47	0	2	32	2	2	0	0
Cookstown Baptist Church	1952		Gareth Bell	Pastor	09-Nov-12	90	94	1	2	100	6	8	80	70
			Andrew Walker	MPS	01-Sep-21									
Cork Baptist Church	1640		Eddie Dorney	Pastor	30-May-06	23	23	0	0	30	3	2	6	0
Craigavon Baptist Church	1974		Paul Savage	Pastor	01-Nov-19	31	20	2	11	40	5	2	15	0
Cregagh Baptist Church	1989	Vacant				10	9	0	1	12	1	2	8	0
Crumlin Baptist Church	1997		Barrie Clingen	Pastor	03-Oct-09	17	19	0	0	60	3	1	29	11
Donaghadee Baptist Church	1991		Jonathan Burke	Pastor	28-Sep-13	15	16	0	1	30	1	3	0	0
Douglas Baptist Church	2005	Vacant				44	57	1	13	80	2	2	6	12
Dromore Baptist Church	1928		Jim Magill	Pastor	20-Jun-98	75	78	3	1	120	4	9	30	20
			Phil Kelly	Youth Pastor	01-Sep-19									
Dunamanagh Baptist Church	1978	Vacant				36	33	3	3	38	2	4	37	11
Dundalk Baptist Church	1988		Stephen Murphy	Pastor	16-Feb-88	46	41	2	2	40	2	6	12	6
			Michael Emadi	Associate Pastor	18-Feb-18									
Dundonald Baptist Church	1953		Richard McCord	Pastor	01-Feb-18	72	76	1	1	80	4	8	35	7
			Christopher Banks	Assistant Pastor	08-Nov-20									
Dungannon Baptist Church	1884	Vacant				50	55	2	2	55	5	2	17	14
			Matthew Reid	Youth Pastor	01-Aug-18									
Dunseverick Baptist Church	1935		Billy Jones	Pastor	09-Sep-16	46	45	3	2	100	2	5	10	6
East End Baptist Church	1904	Vacant				17	19	0	0	22	2	5	12	0
Emmanuel Baptist Church	1989		Andrew Curry	Pastor	01-Oct-15	116	127	2	14	180	3	7	100	80
			Lewis Stephenson	MPS	01-Sep-21									
Enniskillen Baptist Church	1966	Vacant				14	14	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Finaghy Baptist Church	1958		Gary Ellison	Pastor	02-Mar-18	66	66	0	4	60	4	5	22	7
			Camilo Romero	Youth Pastor	01-Sep-17									
Furbo Baptist Church	1979	Vacant				9	9	0	0	10	1	1	0	0
Galway City Baptist Church	2007		Jason Post	Pastor	10-Mar-03	30	31	0	0	70	1	0	15	8
Gilnahirk Baptist Church	1959		Drew Steele	Pastor	28-May-18	40	42	0	0	55	5	3	15	12

Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate/ Assistant/MPS	Role	Inducted	Membership 2021	Membership 2020	Baptised	Added to Membership	Main Service	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young People
Glengormley Baptist Church	1932		Jonathan Rea	Pastor	09-Sep-16	60	61	0	1	65	3	6	55	30
			Stephen Dodds	Youth Pastor	16-Jun-16									
Gortmerron Baptist Church	1894		Colin Gervais	Pastor	01-Sep-07	75	66	3	9	150	3	10	50	50
Grace Baptist Church (Killarney)	1999	Vacant				10	10	0	0	30	1	0	7	1
Grace Baptist Church (Tullycarnet)	1972	Vacant				16	17	0	0	40	1	3	39	25
Grace Bible Fellowship	1968		Pat Mullen	Pastor	01-Aug-98	43	45	6	0	50	3	5	20	20
Grange Baptist Church	1811	Vacant				38	47	2	1	55	1	9	47	0
Great Victoria Street Baptist Church	1847		Stephen Auld	Pastor	06-May-17	110	97	9	16	115	4	6	12	0
			Simon Farewell	Assistant Pastor	01-Jul-21									
Greenisland Baptist Church	1996	Vacant				142	139	1	7	135	4	9	46	35
Grosvenor Road Baptist Church	1642		Ed Neill	Pastor	30-Jul-13	134	140	2	6	130	5	6	22	30
			Peter Kenny	Associate Pastor	01-Sep-18									
Grove Baptist Church	1915	Vacant				18	19	1	0	20	0	2	0	0
Hamilton Road Baptist Church	1908		Jonathan McClaughlin	Pastor	10-Jan-10	293	289	2	17	256	5	13	140	70
			Keith McIlwaine	Associate Pastor	01-Sep-08									
			Bryan Stewart	Associate Pastor	01-Aug-18									
Holywood Baptist Church	1964		Alistair McNeice	Pastor	17-Jan-09	133	137	0	0	125	5	9	70	20
			Aaron Williamson	Associate Pastor	01-Sep-12									
Jamestown Road Baptist Church	1891		Rob Millar	Pastor	01-Jan-88	33	34	0	0	51	2	2	24	12
Kilkeel Baptist Church	1933		George McConnell	Pastor	19-Oct-12	86	87	3	0	150	3	10	45	30
Killicomaine Baptist Church	1958		Paul Craig	Pastor	07-Feb-16	57	54	4	6	50	2	7	15	10
Killyleagh Baptist Church	1891		William Creighton	Pastor	01-Jan-91	15	15	0	0	30	2	4	15	0
			Joseph Beggs	Associate Pastor	30-Apr-17									
Kilrea Baptist Church	1925		Philip Boles	Pastor	02-May-21	41	44	0	0	50	2	5	8	25
Kinsale Baptist Church	2015		Craig Maiden	Pastor	01-Nov-21	10	9	0	1	13	2	0	0	10
Kircubbin Community Church	2013		Matthew Kerr	Pastor	29-Apr-18	24	26	0	2	38	2	4	10	8
Knockconny Baptist Church	1807		David Kimber	Pastor	04-Jan-19	129	131	3	0	180	5	6	45	35
Larne Baptist Church	1955		Simon Curry	Pastor	06-Sep-15	66	73	6	0	130	3	4	100	25
Letterkenny Baptist Church	1978		Stephen Wilson	Pastor	28-Sep-13	58	54	2	2	80	3	4	45	20
Limavady Baptist Church	1926	Vacant				38	45	1	2	45	4	6	20	25

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Church	Formation	Status	Pastor/Associate/	Role	Inducted		Membership	Baptised	Added to	Main	Elders	Deacons	Childrens	Young
Charch	Tormation	_ Status	Assistant/MPS	Note	maucteu	2021	2020	Daptiseu	Membership	Service	Liucis	Deacons	Cilidicits	People
Limerick Baptist Church	1895		Paul Ritchie	Pastor	01-Jul-11	36	26	3	10	70	3	3	20	7
Lisburn Baptist Church	1926		Daniel Ashby	Pastor	01-May-19	129	129	3	5	100	2	10	50	30
			Peter Cooper	MPS	01-Sep-21									
Lisnagleer Baptist Church	1866		David Burke	Pastor	19-Feb-21	25	26	1	0	28	0	3	32	6
Living Hope Church	2007		Ciaran Loughran	Pastor	01-Sep-07	18	18	2	4	50	1	2	32	11
Lurgan Baptist Church	1882		Jonny Ormerod	Pastor	01-Sep-21	185	183	8	9	220	5	10	130	50
Magherafelt Baptist Church	1926		John McDermott	Pastor	01-Jun-07	121	118	3	10	200	7	5	50	30
			David Cameron	MPS	01-Sep-21									
Midleton Baptist Church	1992	Vacant				48	45	5	7	70	4	2	15	8
Millisle Baptist Church	1976	Vacant				72	79	0	2	70	5	7	35	15
			George Morrow	Associate Pastor	01-Mar-20									
Milltown Baptist Church	1896		William Warren	Pastor	08-Sep-13	30	30	1	1	45	3	1	35	5
Moira Baptist Church	1987	Vacant				146	147	0	2	180	1	12	94	44
Monkstown Baptist Church	1924		Philip Cameron	Pastor	01-Jan-18	108	106	0	4	150	1	10	33	54
Mountpottinger Baptist Church	1891		William Houston	Pastor	01-Sep-08	39	43	0	0	25	2	4	0	0
Mullaghmeen Baptist Church	1989		Andy Compton	Pastor	07-Sep-19	31	37	0	1	40	3	4	20	10
Nenagh Baptist Church	2015		David McConville	Pastor	01-Sep-19	15	15	0	0	15	1	2	0	0
Newcastle Baptist Church	1959		Mark Patterson	Pastor	01-Sep-12	63	64	0	2	60	1	5	12	12
Newry Baptist Church	1889	Vacant				42	47	0	0	45	2	5	6	6
Newtownards Baptist Church	1923	Vacant				84	98	0	3	60	2	6	50	26
Newtownbreda Baptist Church	1954		Paul Murphy	Pastor	01-Feb-21	437	423	10	23	450	9	11	250	150
			Jonathan Wright	Associate Pastor	17-Aug-17									
			Gillian Carlisle	Pastoral Care	01-Sep-19									
North Belfast Christian Fellowship	2019		Albert McDonald	Pastor	23-Nov-19	25	25	1	5	45	4	0	23	10
Omagh Baptist Church	1908	Vacant				60	55	5	6	140	2	7	60	27
Orangefield Baptist Church	1939	Vacant				10	18	0	0	14	2	1	0	0
Portadown Baptist Church	1924		Andrew Roycroft	Pastor	11-Apr-21	241	241	0	6	300	5	17	80	50
Portrush Baptist Church	1973		Alan Hoey	Pastor	10-Jan-21	28	28	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Portstewart Baptist Church	1944		Jonny McGreevy	Pastor	26-Apr-21	251	229	6	22	350	5	9	85	85
			David Morrell	Associate Pastor	01-Mar-07									

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Poyntzpass Baptist Church	1894		David Moore	Pastor	01-Aug-21	36	36	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rathcoole Baptist Church	1951		Michael Fleming	Pastor	01-Sep-08	26	30	1	0	20	1	2	0	0
Rathfriland Baptist Church	1968		Ian Wilson	Pastor	01-Jun-12	78	67	7	2	150	5	8	100	40
			Joshua Truesdale	Assistant Pastor	01-Dec-20									
Richill Park Baptist Church	1897		Oliver Roebuck	Pastor	02-Jun-18	34	34	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Saintfield Baptist Church	1988		Stephen Moffitt	Pastor	01-Jun-16	85	83	0	2	120	5	8	60	20
Shankill Baptist Church	1896	Vacant				41	40	2	2	50	2	3	35	20
Sion Mills Baptist Church	1976		Lee Lowry	Pastor	27-Sep-14	21	21	0	0	20	3	2	16	15
Sligo Baptist Church	1975		Kirk Poth	Pastor	27-Aug-14	18	20	0	1	30	2	0	8	5
Stonepark Baptist Church	1956		Harry Dowds	Pastor	26-Nov-95	62	61	0	1	110	4	9	25	25
Strandtown Baptist Church	1926		Lee Campbell	Pastor	27-Apr-12	225	220	3	9	80	6	15	110	40
			Samuel Crawford	Youth Pastor	01-Sep-16									
			Michael Shaw	Assistant Pastor	01-Sep-19									
Swords Baptist Church	1985		Jonathan Holland	Pastor	13-Nov-21	92	85	5	17	150	4	3	25	25
			Rafael Escossia	Youth Pastor	13-Nov-21									
Tandragee Baptist Church	1864		David Patterson	Pastor	01-Sep-14	37	42	0	0	85	0	3	12	14
Thurles Baptist Church	1976	Vacant				25	31	0	0	40	0	4	10	2
Tobermore Baptist Church	1814		Alan Dundas	Pastor	11-May-18	93	100	0	0	95	4	7	35	60
Tralee Baptist Church	1999		John Herrick	Pastor	15-May-10	15	15	1	0	50	2	2	0	0
Warrenpoint Baptist Church	1929		Derek Freeburn	Pastor	01-Jan-83	7	7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Waterford Baptist Church	1650	Vacant				9	11	0	0	20	0	3	0	13
Westside Baptist Church	1986	Vacant				41	42	5	2	75	3	0	35	10
Whitehead Baptist Church	1987	Vacant				54	56	0	0	50	3	4	30	10
Windsor Baptist Church	1931		David Dunlop	Pastor	01-Dec-08	248	254	4	4	320	9	21	70	84
			Gordon Darragh	Associate Pastor	12-Jan-14									
			Mark Houston	Associate Pastor	01-Sep-13									
			Julieanne Ashfield	Youth Pastor	30-Nov-18									
Youghal Baptist Church	2010	Vacant				22	21	0	1	40	2	1	8	0
TOTALS						8117	8174	197	367	9863	326	602	3884	2244

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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	ballycullencc.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
Bellaghy Baptist Church	12 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy, Co Londonderry, BT45 8HU	
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
Castlederg Baptist Church	10 Upper Strabane Road, Castlederg, Co Tyrone, BT81 7BG	facebook.com/CastledergBaptistChurch
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 0DP	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	dundonaldbaptistchurch.org
Dungannon Baptist Church	Railway Road, Dungannon, BT71 7AA	dungannonbaptistchurch.org
Dunseverick Baptist Church	200 Whitepark Road, Dunseverick, Bushmills, Co Antrim, BT57 8TE	facebook.com/DunseverickBaptistChurch
East End Baptist Church	12 Templemore Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 4FP	eastendbaptist.co.uk
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Glenavy Road, Lisburn, BT28 3QW	emmanuelbaptist.org.uk
Enniskillen Baptist Church	Cornagrade Road, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 6DX	enniskillenbaptist.co.uk
Finaghy Baptist Church	1 The Hawthorns, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT10 0NA	finaghybaptistchurch.org
Furbo Baptist Church	Teach Baisteach, Furbo, Galway, H91 FK71, Republic of Ireland	furbobaptistchurch.com
Galway City Baptist Church	Knocknacarra National School, Western Distributor Road, Knocknacarra, Galway, H91 R3N1, Republic of Ireland	GalwayCityChurch.com
Gilnahirk Baptist Church	2 Lower Middle Braniel Road, Belfast, Co Down, BT5 7TU	gilnahirkbaptist.org.uk
Glengormley Baptist Church	17 Carnmoney Road, Glengormley, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, BT36 6HL	glengormleybaptist.com
Gortmerron Baptist Church	72 Drumflugh Road, Benburb, Co Tyrone, BT71 7QF	gortmerronbaptist.org
Grace (Killarney) Baptist Church	St. Oliver's National School, Rookery Road, Ballycasheen, Killarney, V93 W594 , Republic of Ireland	killarneybaptistchurch.com
Grace (Tullycarnet) Baptist Church	Kinross Avenue, Tullycarnet, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT5 7GG	facebook.com/GraceBaptistTullycarnet
Grace Bible Fellowship	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
Holywood Baptist Church	67 Belfast Road, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 9ES	holywoodbaptist.org.uk
Jamestown Road Baptist Church	29a Jamestown Road, Finglas, Co Dublin, D11 HX89, Republic of Ireland	jamestownroadchurch.ie
Kilkeel Baptist Church	15 Newcastle Road, Kilkeel, Co Down, BT34 4AP	kilkeelbaptist.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
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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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25













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