



It's September once again and term has begun. We have 12 new first year students, three interns and a day release student who are all settling well in to College life. Please pray that they, and the returning students, would each 'do [their] best to present [themselves] to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth' 2 Timothy 2:15.

Commencement Service

The Commencement Service was held on 24th September in Greenisland Baptist Church. Students and many of their families and friends were present as we worshipped God together. Pastor Edwin Ewart gave an update on the College life which included a tribute to Mr Nigel Younge (Director of Training) who is due to retire in November. Nigel has served faithfully for 12 years and he will be greatly missed by both staff and students. Following this, the new students were introduced and Dr Sarah Dalrymple prayed for them. Two students, Mark Rooney and Elizabeth Roberts, were interviewed by Dr Peter Firth about their first couple of weeks at IBC. Mr David Ellison was appointed as the new Training Director and he confirmed the call of God on his life to serve in this way. David promised to fulfil his charge with 'all faithfulness, to remain faithful to the word of God in Scripture, to lead by example and encourage dependence on the Holy Spirit'. He also promised to be 'faithful in prayer, constant in study, diligent in administration and supportive of [his] colleagues in the work to which God has called [him]'. After Edwin prayed for him, Pastor Andrew Roycroft of Millisle Baptist spoke from Acts 18:24-28. He reminded us that the gift that Apollos had was evident in his life but

that he was willing to have that gift enhanced before he employed his gift to serve God's people. What a great reminder for the students (and for all of us) as we begin another term.



Evangelism Week

The week beginning 20th October will see our students go out to serve the Lord in Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Dungannon, Letterkenny and England. This will involve a variety of activities at each location including working in the schools, doing door to door outreach, kids clubs, men's breakfasts etc. Please pray for strength, help, wisdom, guidance and fruit for their labour.

Studying:

We still have some places left for the Ladies' Study Fellowship and other part-time classes in January. Please get in touch with Lynette Simpson for more information at: registrar@thebaptistcentre.org

Finance:

As we approach the end of the financial year we would like to encourage both churches and individuals to send in any remaining donations that they have. We would also like to thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of the Irish Baptist College both prayerfully and financially.