

newsletter from the staff and students of the Irish Baptist College



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2013 ACADEMIC YEAR

Thank you for praying for the intake this September. We asked prayer for 20 undergraduates and 12 postgraduates. God answered our prayers with 18 and 13, so a slight re-balancing of what we thought was best! Numbers for this year are 54 undergraduate/college students and 54 postgraduates. The induction week for the undergraduates was held on the week beginning 2nd September and those on the MA course started with Study Skills on 9th September. The evening and ladies' classes all commenced on the week beginning 23rd September and numbers are good at about 125.



(Back) P Adams, L Kirk, D Ellison, S Grey, S Wilson, L Lowry (Front) W H Meas, S Curry, N Bell, I Moore, N Hunsdale (M Jenkins – not in photo)

RECOGNITION SERVICE

Students graduating from the Preparation for Ministry course held their service of recognition on 7th September. All in the programme will receive their degree certificates from the University of Chester later in the autumn. This was an opportunity to mark their achievement with friends and family and give thanks to God for his goodness. Of the 11 degrees, 7 are Bachelor of Theology and 4 Bachelor of Divinity. There was one first class honours, eight upper second class, and two

lower second. One student received the Graduate Diploma in Theology. (This is a one year course for

those with a degree in another subject). Of the group 2 are in positions with churches, 1 is with a missionary society, 3 are pursuing further studies and the remainder are considering the next step. Please pray.

EVANGELISM TEAMS There are five teams planned from 19-25th October.

The churches involved are Antrim, Athlone, Crumlin, Great Victoria Street and Magherafelt. Please pray for the team leaders, the pastors on the ground and for the team and church members. Teams are always a busy but important time for students to gain experience and to build friendships with fellow students and the churches they work with.

DEPUTATION If you would like a deputation visit from students or staff please contact Valerie at valerie@thebaptistcentre.org or the number below.

THANK YOU for your ongoing support for the College.