

New Students

Thank you for praying for the new intake in September. We are delighted to tell you that we have 13 new students in first year (12 pictured) and 9 new postgraduates. The academic year began on 10th September with a week of introductory classes for the new students.



Commencement Service

(Report by Martin Newell, Student Chairman)

It was a pleasure to attend Armagh Baptist Church on Tuesday 18th September. This service gives an opportunity for the students' families, and friends and members from their local churches to come and show support and encouragement as they embark upon God's calling upon their lives in studying His word.

The evening began with the singing of God's praises followed by the chairman Mr Phillip Hadden's welcoming remarks. Mr Nigel Younge, Director of Training, introduced the new students, with Dr David Luke giving a prayer of dedication. The new students have brought



both a local and international flavour to college this year, and it was good to hear from both when Dr Sarah Dalrymple interviewed Jurriën St Jago from the Netherlands and Grace Henry (both pictured) from the equally glamorous Larne, on why they chose IBC and their hopes for their time at college.

Principal Edwin Ewart gave the college update, with emphasis upon the success of the Ministry Partnership Scheme. The latest graduates to benefit from the scheme are: Timothy McFarland (assistant Pastor, Carrickmacross Baptist), and Paul McAdam (assistant Pastor, Armagh Baptist).



Principal Ewart also led a tribute to Pastor Jim Murdoch who is retiring from some aspects of work at the College after many years of faithful service. Jim has been a great encouragement in so many ways to students throughout the years, and he will be sorely missed. We are thankful that he will continue to help with some of the part-time classes.

Pastor Ian Grant shared a very pertinent word for all the congregation from Titus 1. He reminded us that we have ‘a mission, a hope, a method, and a message’ in our knowing and preaching of the Gospel. The Church has a message of **Salvation**, through a **Saviour**, who brings us back into relationship with God as our Heavenly **Father**.

Please remember to keep all the students and faculty within the College in your prayers as they study God’s word so that all will be to the Glory and Honour of God.

New Registrar

Mrs Lynette Simpson took up her new post as registrar in June and was able to ‘learn the ropes’ over the summer months before the start of a busy new term. We wish her God’s blessing as she serves Him here with us.



Evangelism Week (21st – 28th Oct)

Please pray for the students as they gain some ‘hands on’ experience working alongside local churches during this special week. Teams will go to Shankill Fellowship, Great Victoria Street, Limavady, Tralee (Co. Kerry) and Upney (London).

Thank you for your ongoing prayerful support for the College.