

## Commencement Service 2016



Our annual Commencement Service, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September in Carrickfergus Baptist Church, officially marked the beginning of our academic year. It was encouraging to see so many gathered with us to dedicate the whole student body and staff team to the

Lord. Thank you for your prayers over recent months for our new intake. We are delighted to report that we have welcomed 15 new undergraduate students and 4 new postgraduate students to the College. Our speaker on the evening was Dr Jonathan Lamb from Keswick Ministries. He shared a very appropriate message on 'Distraction and Devotion' from Luke 10:38-42.

## Evangelism Week

Our undergraduate students are looking forward to 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October when they will leave their assignments and lectures at IBC behind for a week! They will divide into five teams, each travelling to a different location for Evangelism Week. This year we have teams in Ballygomartin, Carr, Larbert, Newcastle and Youghal. Please pray with us that this will be a blessed week for the students, the churches and the local communities in which they will be working.

**Please pray...** with us that God will continue to meet our financial needs in College.

Our student numbers have dipped slightly this year, and church giving has not increased to compensate for this, so we anticipate a **significant shortfall** at the end of this financial year. We want to invite all our Friends of the College to stand with us in this challenging financial environment so that the vital ministry of training may go forward unhindered.

If you are able to be part of the answer to these prayers please see our website for more details, [click here](#).