

newsletter from the staff and students of the Irish Baptist College



September 2014

2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

Thank you for praying for the intake this September. We asked prayer for 15-20 undergraduates and 10 postgraduates. The numbers are a little bit lower, however we welcomed 14 new undergraduates and 6 postgraduates. Both groups have gone through their induction and Study Skills training. Lectures for full-time students started on the 8th September and the evening and ladies' classes commenced this week.



Undergraduate intake September 2014

RECOGNITION SERVICE



(Back) N McCune, P Simpson, A Speers, J Blevins, R Blayney, P Seifert, C Clarke, A Campbell, A Simms (Front) I Stevenson, J-L Moffett, J Crory, P Martin (Not in photo) J Higgins, P Hull, J Herron Students graduating from the Preparation for Ministry course held their service of recognition on 6th 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 13 degrees, 9 are Bachelor of Theology and 4 Bachelor of Divinity. There was one first class

honours, ten 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). There was one Diploma of Higher Education in Theology and one Certificate. Of the group 7 are in positions with Baptist churches, 1 is with a missionary society, 3 are applying for service with Elim and the remainder are considering the next step. Please pray.

EVANGELISM TEAMS There are five teams planned from 18-24th October.

The churches involved are Armagh, Castlederg, Cavan, Coleraine and Dundalk. 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 <u>valerie@thebaptistcentre.org</u> or the number below.

THANK YOU for your ongoing support for the College.