

DERRY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
Registered Charity Number 101124

Trustees Annual Report

For Financial Year Ended 31st December 2023

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The members of the Board of Trustees of Derry Baptist Fellowship present their report together with Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Structure, Governance

Derry Baptist Fellowship is a registered Charity in Northern Ireland.

Trustees are appointed as individuals, but where feasible, with representation from Trustees are appointed at an AGM,

Derry Baptist Fellowship has a Trustee Induction Pack to support the induction and training of trustees. Induction and training are led by the Chair of the Board of Trustees with the support of the other trustees.

Objectives & Activities and Public Benefit

The trust benefits the public by the advancing the Christian Faith through providing worship services that are open to the public and through various forms of outreach. The prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the advancement of religion. It meets its objective via.

- Training in leaders, preachers, teachers, ministers and volunteers.
- Works on projects promoted by the church in areas of benefit.
- Promotes Christianity.
- Provides counselling and support.
- Education and training.
- Overseas aid and famine relief.
- Religious activities.
- Youth Development.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report and the draft accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 on 11th February 2024

REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS During the year the church organised Mid-Week & Sunday services at which good teaching enabled members and visitors to evaluate and make changes to their lives to the benefit of them, their families and the general public. We believe that a number of individuals in our Church have grown in their knowledge of Scripture and in their walk with the Lord.

2023 was the most blessed time of the Lord thus far. The Holy Spirit drew 195 first time visitors to our church, many from the city, through special Holiday Bible Clubs and Sunday events. We had one person complete our discipleship programme, we started new ministries with men's & ladies bible studies, we gave out 45k leaflets, we also had more people serving especially in our Holiday bible clubs 20+ volunteers. 2022 was without doubt a wonderful year of growth but the Lord really opened the door of blessings in 2023 to an exceptional year for our church, all glory and honour goes to the Lord.

Praise the Lord we had one baptism, and two new members join the church. We were also very blessed to have an outreach teams from Ohio & North Carolina, we also hosted a joint meeting with Carrick Baptist Church and shared our city's spiritual need with them as they helped with outreach.

During this time from January 2023, we broadcasted from the church building sermons offering hope in Christ. We did studies from the old & new testaments.

The Church was able to reach different age groups and interests that provided support and comfort too many people.

Attendances in 2023 were the highest in the history of the church smashing all our previous records, along with the Lord working to give us continued growth in sacrificial giving of tithes and offerings from our members/regular attendees. We have once again been very blessed as servants of Christ in our city through His church.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The Trustee's would like to explain the reason for the higher expenditure in 2023 this was due to moving into hired hall because our own building was unable to host the growth in attendance this gave us rental costs that were not in 2023 budget. We also gave more gifts of benevolence coupled with more church events which were designed as evangelistic outreach.

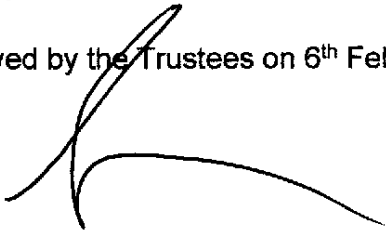
The Trustees have considered carefully the future expenditure of the Church for the next twelve months. They believe that the regular giving of friends and members of the Church will continue to at least their current levels & 2024 we may see a rise as the Lord leads His people to be cheerful givers.

RISK REVIEW

The leadership team has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

THE TRUSTEES give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church as at the Statement of Assets and Liabilities date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for not only the financial year but every quarter.

Approved by the Trustees on 6th February 2024 and signed on their behalf



Treasurer and Trustee:
James Wilson