

**DUNAMANAGH BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report of the charity for the financial year ending 30th April 2023

Name of Charity as it appears on the Register

Dunamanagh Baptist Church
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NI Charity Commission Number

107418

Purpose of Charity

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the teaching of Scripture, understood in its historical and evangelical sense, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

Names of Charity Trustees as of the date of this report

Mr Kyle Wallace, Mr David Canning, Mr Aaron Gamble and Mr Mark Gamble.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on the provision of public benefit. They are confident that the Church fully satisfied this requirement throughout the financial year ending 30th April 2023 via its activities.

The Trustees acknowledge with deep appreciation the contributions of many members who give freely of their time and talents to support the worship and operation of the activities of the Church.

No Trustees received payment for undertaking trustee duties.

Our Charity's main activities to further our purpose for the public benefit are as follows:-

The Church met for worship every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed after each morning service. The Sunday morning and evening services were also streamed live for the benefit of any who could not attend in person. A prayer meeting preceded every evening service. The public is welcome to attend all our services.

We also held the following:

- A Sunday School/Creche – seven children aged 4-11 were registered in the weekly meetings. They met in two classes from 11.20 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. The Go Teach materials were used for

the lessons. The children learned the catechism up until Easter and then started to memorise the 23rd Psalm.

- A weekly children's meeting – The Good News Club met on Wednesday nights, 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Forty-five children of primary school age were enrolled. The CEF materials were used for the lessons.
- A weekly prayer meeting and Bible Study – held each Tuesday night, 8.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Attendance averaged 16, with an age range of 17-75+. The Bible study focused on the book of Isaiah.
- A monthly women's meeting – held on the third Thursday, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Attendance averaged 10 with an age range of 22 – 75+. The Nancy Guthrie book "Saints and Scoundrels" was studied. The Baptist Women conference was also attended. The women joined with the ladies in Richill Baptist, Sion Mills Baptist and Castleberg Baptist on three occasions to fellowship together.
- A fortnightly Youth Fellowship (YF) – held on Saturday nights, 8.00 p.m. – 9.45 p.m. Twelve young people aged 13-24 were enrolled. The "Fundamentals of Salvation" and social media were studied. Members of the YF also participated in Baptist Youth activities, including their Summer Outreach Programme.
- Summer Holiday Bible Club – held 16th – 23rd July. The Church was supported by a Baptist Youth Evangelism (BYE) team in this venture. Thirty-six children of primary school age were enrolled in the afternoon Holiday Bible Club (HBC) and a further 10 in the evening youth events. The CEF HBC teaching materials were used for the lessons. Free evangelistic literature was also distributed in the countryside surrounding the village. A parent night and prize distribution took place on the last night.
- Scripture Union Club – held from January – April 2023 in Dunamanagh Primary School. Nineteen children attended. The Shine Kids programmes were used for teaching and "It's Your Move" was used to help prepare P7 children for their change of school.

The public is always welcome at all our meetings.

The Church supported the Association of Baptist Churches by donating to the work of the Northern Region, Aided Churches Fund, Baptist College, Annuity Fund, Baptist Missions and Baptist Youth. As the FIEC decided not to operate in Northern Ireland any more, we transferred our trusteeship to the "Northern Baptist Corporation Limited."

The Church nominated both elders to attend the Baptist Association meetings held in May and November.

We welcomed Pastor Aaron Dunlop and his family to the church in October 2022.

There are 39 members in the Church. At morning worship, the average weekly attendance was 39.

We continued to use WhatsApp to host correspondence between members generally, including requests for prayer support and information from Baptist Missions, Baptist Youth, EMF, etc. Official church communications, such as our monthly Newsheet, were also conveyed this way.

Repairs to the old shop premises (renamed the Compass Room) are now complete. Internal furnishings will be obtained in the near future to enable us to extend the outreach of the Church into the village.

As a church, we must once again rejoice in God's goodness, provision and care over the past year, particularly concerning the faithful preaching of His Word and the proclamation of the gospel.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

David Canning
Secretary

Mark Gamble
Treasurer

David Canning -
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