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**DEDICATION  
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# AN UPDATE FROM OUR INTERIM PRINCIPAL

One of the highlights of this past term was an evening of prayer held in the College. Around thirty people gathered to intercede for mission, evangelism and revival in our time. Pastor John Shearer challenged us all to a deeper experience of the Lord. A powerful time of prayer followed and ended just before midnight.

We were praying that God would break through in all areas mentioned and especially that the Bible College would again be filled with men and woman being prepared for a lifetime of dedicated and sacrificial commitment to Christ.

The College is blessed again this term with a great team of godly lecturers who teach the Word of God and related subjects with humility and grace. Our own staff and our team of visiting lecturers value prayer as they seek to uplift Christ and inspire all the students to communicate the Gospel in the situations and locations that God will call them to.

It is a huge privilege and a heavy responsibility to have some small involvement in the development of these godly young men and women who have responded to the call to service.



**John Matthews**  
(Interim Principal, FMBC)



## POINTS FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

- Please continue to pray for the current staff of the college: John Matthews (Interim Principal) Noel McClintock (Assistant to the Principal) Grace McKeown (Administrator) Linda Townend (House Manager) Valerie Robertson (Librarian) John Frame (Chef)
- We would value prayer for the future staffing needs of the College.
- This term we have relied heavily on visiting lecturers and praise God for their support and help. We pray for continued strength and wisdom for all of the lecturers as they help each student grow in their knowledge and love for the Lord.



**In the Great Commission recorded in Mark 16 Jesus said 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'**

We give thanks to the Lord for the many opportunities over the last two terms for staff and students to be involved in ministry and outreach from the college. It is a great opportunity to put into practice what has been learned in the classroom. Groups have been involved with ladies meetings, youth weekends, convention weekends, and special Gospel outreaches in Ireland, Scotland and England. It is a privilege to be able to share in song, testimony, report and the ministry of the Word. Staff and students have been enabled and encouraged to report of God's blessing on the outreach and also the deep appreciation from people for the ministry.

- We continue to ask God for students for the College. We pray for people who love the Lord and have a strong call to serve Him in ministry.
- We praise God for fruit seen in the outreach activities of the college.
- We praise God for the many who are coming along to the Satellite classes in Edinburgh, Portadown (Northern Ireland) and Durrow (South of Ireland). It is a joy to see people thriving under the teaching of the Word.
- As the students begin their placements after Easter, we pray that they would know the help of the Holy Spirit and God would use them effectively in their work for Him. We pray for souls to be transformed through the teaching of God's Word.

### PLACEMENTS

**Three teams of students will be involved in a three week placement with Faith Mission workers from April 22 – May 14.**

# DEDICATION COMMITMENT SACRIFICE

“ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service.”

Romans 12:1

There are three things necessary if we are to win at sport, in business, or any career. They are dedication, commitment and sacrifice. They are vital and essential elements of the Christian life if any of us are to win the Christian race. The verse divides itself into seven segments, seven aspects of missionary service.

**1. Beseech:** in the opening phrase it is God who calls to Christian service. God does it through the Apostle Paul as he calls and invites us to join him in missionary endeavour.

**2. Brethren:** we are then pointed to the fellowship of other believers whom God calls to serve Him. They find their identity in being brothers and sisters who are in a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

**3. Mercies:** the motivation to Christian service is based on the merciful attitude and acts of God. He has come to us in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Then in the fullness of surrender to the Father's will He gave Himself on the cross for our sins. God's mercy experienced in our own personal salvation in Christ is what motivates us to respond with our wholehearted commitment. We would be ungrateful wretches if we didn't.

**4. Sacrifice:** are you up for a challenge? Here is the greatest challenge that any Christian can be asked to consider. Consider presenting your body as a living sacrifice! Sacrifices in the past were all dead sacrifices but this sacrifice is to live. Live for Christ! It is a sacrifice because we are to be as fully committed to Christ as the lamb was to the altar. There is no turning back. There is no giving up. It is full surrender to serve Christ forever.

**5. Holy:** the sacrificial life is then described as holy. It is set apart for the exclusive use for Christian service and ministry.

**6. Acceptable:** the sacrifice is then declared to be acceptable to God. He accepts the sacrifice by setting it on fire by the Holy Spirit. Unacceptable sacrifices were sick or deformed lambs. Today unacceptable sacrifices are the leftovers after we have pleased ourselves. God doesn't want our leftovers and they never get ignited by the Holy Spirit.

**7. Reasonable:** the final accounts will declare all of the sacrifice to be reasonable, sensible and logical. It will be a life spent in service that will have eternal significance. Those who do so have no regrets at the end of that life.

We are free to spend our lives in fruitless pursuits but to live in such a way as to have no regrets at the end of it, is what is at stake. Can you afford not to give your body as a living sacrifice?



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MEET THE

# First Year Students



**ALEX HENDERSON**

I grew up in a good home with loving parents who sent me to Sunday school as a child. I knew *about* Christ, but I didn't *know* Christ until I repented of my sin and asked Him to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour at eighteen years of age.

Since then I have known Christ's help and guidance as He has led me to FMBC to study (2 Timothy 2:15).



**SOOHOON PARK**

When I was eighteen years old, I had terrible nightmares that lasted for three months. When I asked God to take them away in the middle of being depressed, God stopped the nightmares. After this I came to realise the presence of God.

When I started to attend church properly, I really wanted to have a strong faith like others so I tried to read the Bible again and again until finally I understood God's heart and I had faith and believed in Jesus for salvation.



**JESSICA PARKINSON**

My only testimony before man and one day before Almighty God is, "the blood of Jesus covers me." I cannot boast to you of my goodness or faithfulness, only His continuing grace. I grew up hearing about Jesus, and God helped me to see who He was and trust in Him when I was quite young. Whilst studying midwifery at university, God gave me a deeper desire to know Him and make Him known. As I began to know God more, I saw the hopelessness of the people's lives without Him and this increased the desire even more; I ended up here at FMBC.



**HEATHER NEWMAN**

I grew up in a Christian family and gave my life to God when I was eleven. I, like many, rebelled against God but He never let me go and even through my rebellion I knew that God loved me and I knew His Son died on the cross for me.

I managed to grasp the truth of God for myself and how to live out that truth in my life. I have dedicated my life to God and hope to serve Him in the mission field.

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# Second Year Students

## GRADUATE THIS JULY

HERE'S WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT LIFE AT FMBC



**HARRY CLAYSON**

Since being at FMBC I have enjoyed learning how to interpret a Bible passage, turn the passage into a sermon and then be able to preach it clearly. The area I have enjoyed the most is being on placements where it is a privilege to put into practice the different things we are taught in the classroom.



**SCOTT McFARLAND**

As a student at the Faith Mission Bible College God has taught me the importance of depending upon the Lord by faith and drawing closer to Him in prayer. Bible College will throw many challenges at you, but the Lord is faithful.



**SAMUEL PATTERSON**

I have enjoyed learning how God has crafted each book of the Bible with a purpose of pointing to Christ. To learn from men and women, who evidently know and love God has left a deep impression on my life.



**GEORGE CLAYSON**

The main lesson that I have learned is that there is something greater than all the knowledge you can have, and that is to know God Himself.



**ANDREW MILLS**

No one walk with Christ will ever be repeated, meaning that we all will look distinct from each other as we work for the glory of the Kingdom. However there is one thing that unites us all – Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

AT FMBC WE WANT TO EQUIP MEN AND WOMAN WITH THE SKILLS AND TEACHING THEY NEED TO **SERVE GOD AND SHARE THE GREAT MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL.** Perhaps you feel that call on your life but you cannot commit to the full-time course. Check out some of the other options available to you.



### CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

 (Part-time) 2 years, 1 day a week  
 Edinburgh

This part-time course offers training to men and women by focusing on the practical aspects of how to communicate biblical truth, as well as looking at your own walk with God.

Heather Cavin from Fortwilliam attends our **Part-Time Course on Tuesdays** – “This course has been a wonderful experience for me. I wish I had discovered FMBC sooner. Everyone at the college is so dedicated and passionate. There’s so much to learn and it is invigorating finding out what I’ve missed for the last 68 years.”

Marcus Slater from Edinburgh attends our **Part-Time Course on Tuesdays** – “I enjoy the full day of lectures on Tuesdays and studying part time means I can fit around other commitments. A real highlight has been hermeneutics and this term starting homiletics. Charles H Spurgeon stated “...use the word of God personally, practically and habitually, that he may see his way and see what lies in it”.



### INTO THE WORD

 Correspondence Course

The ‘Into the Word’ is a course of home Bible study notes specially designed to encourage and assist the student to explore the Word of God. The course consists of 36 units, alternating between Old and New Testaments. Our aim is to encourage Bible study that is both systematic and devotional. Please get in touch if this is something you would like to do.



# Satellite Course



WE CURRENTLY HAVE THREE **SATELLITE COURSES** THAT ARE HELD REGULARLY. IN **EDINBURGH** WE HAVE LECTURES EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT THE COLLEGE THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IN **PORTADOWN** AND **DURROW** WE HAVE LECTURES THAT RUN ONE SATURDAY A MONTH. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE COURSES GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COLLEGE.



**MERVYN TOMB**  
tells us about the Satellite Course  
in Durrow (Irish Midlands);

Early on in the development of the Faith Mission Centre in Durrow, there was the feeling that the centre could be used for Bible Lectures. Passing comments from FMBC staff in the past affirmed this, and under the present leadership of college, this has now become a reality.

Work on the ground had to be done, and for the past six years it has been our privilege to preach the Word of God in local churches and fellowships. Throughout these groups, there has been an increasing desire to know more about the Word of God and how to use

it in life and service, *“that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”*. 2Tim 3:17 ESV

We are so thrilled that when we launched the Satellite Course in Durrow, there was such good interest from the local churches. One local pastor viewed the course as so beneficial for his congregation, another group recognised their need to be more Bible focused.

It is brilliant to see interest rising beyond our expectation, but there is a greater work being done here than just attendance figures. What about the young married couple who set aside a precious Saturday evening to sit together under three Bible lectures, and to sense their response as important Bible Doctrines come alive in their hearts? Or what about those who might not as yet know Jesus, yet come along, wanting to know more about the Word? How about the lady who feared that the lectures would be “hard to sit through”, yet found that the time passed so quickly, obviously captivated by the ministry?

We thank God for what is being achieved in the Satellite Course in Durrow and hope that through this extension of the Bible College, many more people will be equipped to live more passionately and effectively for the Master.



**LOUISE SAYS...**



I have benefited a lot by the teaching of the lecturers. I can clearly understand the Word of God expounded through their knowledge of Scripture. I feel passionately about drawing nearer to my God and being an effective witness to our Lord Jesus Christ, going forth in His mighty name.”



**VICKI SAYS...**



Keswick style teaching in Durrow....a real treat.”



**KEN & MOLLY SAY...**



...access is difficult for folk in the midlands so we are thankful that God has placed it upon the hearts of faithful servants to come and share the Word with us in Durrow. We have also been greatly encouraged through our fellowship with other believers.”

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON ANY OF OUR COURSES, THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

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**David Livingstone**