

July 2012

GRADUATION SERVICE Seventeen full-time and 41 part-time students graduated this year in an uplifting and challenging service, held on 16 May in Lisburn Baptist Church. A capacity congregation was led in enthusiastic singing by Jonathan Rea's praise group.

Graduating full-time students



Warm tribute was paid to Maurice Dowling due to retire after 39 years of service to the college. The Principal referred to Maurice as an avid reader and serious theologian; a first class teacher and friend to countless students; an itinerant teacher and preacher extraordinaire to England, USA, Europe and Russia in particular.



Dr M Dowling



Retiring Librarian Mr D Haigh and Principal Ewart

Tribute, and a presentation, was also made to David Haigh (retiring Librarian) who had made such an impact on College life over the past four years. His superb organisational ability had enabled the new library facilities to be speedily up and running.

It was also announced that Dr David Luke (Gillnahirk) has been appointed to teach historical theology, part-time from September 2012.

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Graduating part-time students



Pastor Bentley-Taylor

Pastor Rupert Bentley-Taylor (Widcombe Baptist, Bath) ministered from 2 Timothy 1:13-2:3, 'You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus'. The source of our strength for the day of battle is based on realism and confidence.

The Principal also launched a new Assistantship Scheme and invited donations to provide a fund to aid churches in calling graduating students for 1-2 years.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING at the time of writing we have offered places to 21 undergraduate students for September. The target of 20 has been achieved. (There have been a few other enquiries as well) Pray also for 15 postgraduate students and a good intake for the part-time classes.



Part of the large congregation at Graduation