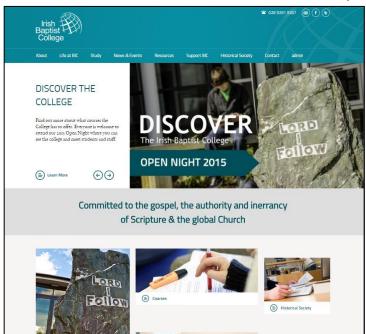




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New Website The new Irish Baptist College website is now live, check



it out at

www.irishbaptistcollege.co.uk. The site has a new look and feel and includes lots more information on courses, news and events. There is a section giving testimonials from former students and also audio talks both from College events and the Historical Society.

The College is more than aware than ever of the need for committed prayer and financial support. The support section

http://www.irishbaptistcollege.co.uk/index.php?p=support details how to get behind the College in prayer as well as investing financially in future Christian workers. There is also information on the Ministry Partnership Scheme which aims to help new graduates get started in a ministry situation.

Knowing God's timing – Elisha Bradley

In September 2009 I started studying at the College on a part-time basis. I began the three year Women's Ministry Course. When that was finished I continued with the Christian Education Course. Both these courses, I feel, were immeasurably useful in helping me to decide if I was to study full-time. After my second year in the Women's Ministry Course I knew the desire to begin the degree in Theology and to go into ministry full-time was stronger than before.

I applied to the College and was accepted on to the Preparation for Ministry course. I continued to pray about it but genuinely believed that the time wasn't right so I deferred my



Elisha with fiancé Adam King (3rd year student @ IBC)

place and continued in my part-time studies. Throughout the next two years my desire and passion increased. I was waiting on the right time and opportunity. This came in January 2013. After working in a job for 9 years, I was told I was being made redundant on 31st July. Instead of feeling devastated and upset like all my colleagues, I was feeling a sense of excitement and started to feel like the time was right. I prayed through from January to July and contacted the college in August to apply again for the full-time course. I had my interview late August and started on 2nd September 2013.

During this process I was talking things through with my brother, my Pastor and his wife and also close friends whom I knew I could trust. They all agreed that I should do as I desired. I also read a book by Kevin DeYoung called *Just do Something* which really helped me to understand God's will. The advice I would give to someone considering coming to College is to read this book. I found it helpful in dispelling the wrong thoughts and myths that so often come with discovering God's will for our lives.

I'm currently half way through second year and things are going well. Studying is challenging and time consuming but very rewarding. I am on placement this year with <u>Baptist Women</u> and I am enjoying the opportunities to speak and teach God's Word at different ladies' meetings. God has been faithful in His provision, and it's such a blessing to know that He has led me this far so I can have complete confidence and trust in Him for the future.

Open Night



Tues 21st April 6:30pm-9:30pm. Come and go as you please. Tea & Coffee.

Presentation @ 7:30pm.

Thank you for your prayerful support for the College