

***SCOTTISH BAPTIST LAY
PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION***



PREACHING STATISTICS 2009

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Based on an 94% response rate (86% for 2008), the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association during 2009 conducted 1,292 services (as against the comparable figure of 1,161 in 2008, 784 in 2007 and 539 in 2006), a most encouraging increase on the previous year of 11% (or 131 services), of which 75% (or 976 services) were undertaken on a Sunday, with the remaining 25% (or 316) being midweek services of various kinds.

Of the 1,292 services undertaken, 813 (or 63%) of these were within 94 Scottish Baptist churches, 683 (or 84%) of which were on a Sunday, with the remaining 130 (or 16%) being midweek services of various kinds. The comparative figure for 2008 is a total of 775 services in 96 Scottish Baptist churches. With 172 churches forming the Baptist Union of Scotland, this means that the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association was, in 2009, involved in preaching in 54% of them. Ratio wise, there is 1 lay preacher for every 157 Scottish Baptists! Primarily, though not exclusively, the figures are higher where the church was/is vacant and/or where there is already a lay preacher presence.

Going back to the 1,292 services undertaken, 295 (or 23%) were in evangelical churches of other denominations (as against 303 for 2008 and 211 for 2007) : the residue being those undertaken in the context of camps, conferences, care homes and other countries!

Although the increase in figures is in part due to the fact that during 2009, a number of new members joined the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association, it is attributable too to the fact that out of the 85 accredited lay preachers in December 2009 to whom a 'Preaching Return' was issued, there was a 94% response rate - the highest yet - (as a result of their being pro-actively 'chased up'), as against an 86% response rate for 2008, 91% for 2007 and a much lower, disappointing 57% for 2006.

Much could be read from these statistics, but what they reflect at their core is an ever increasing use being made of the human resource that is the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association, not just within the context of Sunday services, but within other areas where a lay preaching/teaching ministry can be exercised. This is in no small measure due to the fruitful and healthy relationships the Association has worked hard to cultivate and develop with many of our Scottish Baptist churches, the growth in membership and the increased profile the Association has undertaken during 2009.

We would actively encourage all Scottish Baptist churches to draw on the resource that is the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association in 2010 so that by pulling together, working together, sharing together, we can help 'grow healthy churches' together!

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SBLPA General Secretary

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STATISTICAL TABLES

Church/Venue	Sunday Services	Midweek Services	Total Services
SCOTTISH BAPTIST CHURCHES			
Aberdeen Christian Fellowship	22		22
Adelaide Place Baptist Church	2		2
Airdrie Baptist Church		1	1
Alexandria Baptist Church	31		31
Alloa Baptist Church	4		4
Arran Baptist Church	1		1
Ayr Baptist Church	3	3	6
Barnton Baptist Church	3		3
Bearsden Baptist Church	11	3	14
Bellshill Baptist Church		1	1
Bo'ness Baptist Church	3		3
Bristo Baptist Church	8		8
Broxburn Baptist Church	3		3
Broughty Ferry Baptist Church	6		6
Calderwood Baptist Church	5		5
Cambuslang Baptist Church	6		6
Carluke Baptist Church	2		2
Castlehill Baptist Church	16	16	32
Cathcart Baptist Church	24	2	26
Cleland Baptist Church	4		4
Coatbridge Baptist Church	1		1
Coats Memorial Baptist Church	8		8
Colonsay Baptist Church	2		2
Cornton Baptist Church	2		2
Cowdenbeath Baptist Church	4		4
Culloden Baptist Church	2	3	5
Cumbernauld Baptist Church	5		5
Cupar Baptist Church	2		2
Dalbeattie Baptist Church	13		13
Dennistoun Baptist Church	41	34	75
Denny Baptist Church	12	1	13
Dingwall Baptist Church	4		4

Drumchapel Baptist Church	10	5	15
Dumbarton Baptist Church	7		7
Dumfries Baptist Church	2		2
Dundee Central Baptist Church		1	1
East Mains Baptist Church	2	1	3
East Neuk Baptist Church	1		1
Ellon Baptist Church	4		4
Erskine Baptist Church	21		21
Falkirk Baptist Church	7		7
Fraserburgh Baptist Church	2	7	9
Galashiels Baptist Church	4		4
Grantown on Spey Baptist Church	21		21
Greenock Baptist Church	9	4	13
Harestanes Baptist Church	3		3
Harper Memorial Baptist Church	2		2
Helensburgh Baptist Church	1		1
High Blantyre Baptist Church	9	1	10
Inverness Baptist Church	2		2
Irvine Baptist Church	21	7	28
Islay Baptist Church	25		25
Johnstone Baptist Church	17	9	26
Kelso Baptist Church	4		4
Kings Park Baptist Church	1		1
Kirkintilloch Baptist Church	2	3	5
Knightswood Baptist Church	13		13
Larbert Baptist Church	3	1	4
Largo Baptist Church	9		9
Larkhall Baptist Church	5		5
Leslie Baptist Church	18	1	19
Linwood Baptist Church	5		5
Maybole Baptist Church	5		5
Motherwell Baptist Church	1		1
Mull Baptist Church	2		2
Musselburgh Baptist Church		1	1
Nairn Baptist Church	1		1
New Cumnock Baptist Church	12	5	17
New Prestwick Baptist Church		2	2

Newton Mearns Baptist Church	1	1	2
Paisley Central Baptist Church	1		1
Partick Baptist Church	26	12	38
Peebles Baptist Church	2		2
Perth Baptist Church	5		5
Pollok Baptist Church	6		6
Queens Park Baptist Church		1	1
Rothesay Baptist Church	6		6
Rutherglen Baptist Church	13		13
St Andrews Baptist Church	9		9
Saltcoats Baptist Church	2		2
Sanquhar Baptist Church	45		45
Selkirk Baptist Church	1		1
Shettleston Baptist Church	5	2	7
South Leith Baptist Church	2		2
Springburn Baptist Church	5		5
Stenhouse Gorgie Baptist Church	6	1	7
Stirling Baptist Church	6		6
Strathendrick (Balfron) Baptist Church	1		1
Tillicoultry Baptist Church		1	1
Uddingston Baptist Church	6		6
Wester Hailes Baptist Church	2		2
Whyte's Causeway Baptist Church	14		14
Wigtown Baptist Church	10		10
Wishaw Baptist Church	6		6
	683	130	813
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES			
Albert Hall, Renfrew	1		1
Allander Evangelical Church, Milngavie	5		5
Argowan Evangelical Church	1		1
Bannockburn United Free Church	1		1
Bardowie Street Mission, Glasgow	13	5	18
Barnards Court Mission	1		1
Bethany Evangelical Church, Ripon	2		2
Bethesda Church, Fraserburgh	2		2
Birmingham Assemblies of God	1		1
Boddom United Free Church	4		4

Bothwell Evangelical Church	7		7
Bourock Church of Scotland		1	1
Calvary Temple, Springburn	1		1
Calvary Church, Fraserburgh	2		2
Cambuslang United Reformed Church	2		2
Canisbay Free Evangelical Church	3		3
Central Evangelical Church, Kilmarnock	1	1	2
Chryston United Free Church	27		27
Clydebank Central Methodist Church	11		11
Clydebank United Free Church	1		1
Coaltown United Reformed Church	3		3
Cruden Bay Congregational Church	4		4
Dalziel Park Church of Scotland, Motherwell		1	1
Darnley United Free Church	1		1
Dawson Mission, Falkirk	4		4
Duntocher United Free Church	1		1
Dykehead Mission, Shotts	9	3	12
Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Airdrie	2		2
Faith Mission		5	5
Ferniehill Evangelical Church	1		1
Footdee Mission, Aberdeen	1		1
Fort William United Free Church	31	2	33
Foundry Boys Mission, Glasgow	7		7
Fraserburgh United Reformed Church	1		1
Garthamlock Gospel Hall		1	1
Gourdon Mission Hall, Aberdeen	5		5
Govan Nazarene Church	1		1
Grahamston Evangelical Church	2		2
Gretna Community Church	7		7
Hebron Evangelical Church, Aberdeen	1		1
High Street Mission, Glasgow	5	1	6
Hillbank Evangelical Church, Dundee	3		3
Hillfoots Evangelical Church	1		1
Holy Trinity Church, Paisley		1	1
Hope Hall, Broxburn	2	1	3
Hope Hall Evangelical Church, Paisley	1		1
Hurlford Community Church	3		3

Inches Church of Scotland, Inverness		2	2
Kilbirnie Gospel Hall		1	1
Killermont Church of Scotland		1	1
Kilinside Evangelical Church	2	2	4
Kilsyth Community Church	4		4
Kilwinning Free Church	5		5
Kings Covenant Church, Glenrothes	2		2
Knightswood United Free Church	1		1
Lambhill Evangelical Church	2		2
Larbert Old Church of Scotland	2		2
Lenzie Evangelical Church	1		1
Lochwinnoch United Free Church	5	1	6
Merchiston Mission		1	1
Milestone Christian Fellowship, Girvan		2	2
Miller Hall, Falkirk	3	2	5
Millerston United Free Church	2		2
Moffat Churches Sunday Night Live	1		1
Nairn Free Church	2		2
New Horizon Church, Moodiesburn	1		1
Olivet Evangelical Church, Falkirk	1		1
Partick Nazarene Church		1	1
Peterhead Fisherman's Mission		1	1
Plains Evangelical Church		1	1
Preston Methodist Church	1		1
Roman Road Gospel Hall, Motherwell		1	1
St Columbas Assemblies of God Church, Fraserburgh	6		6
St Mary's Church of Scotland, St Andrews		1	1
St Monans Gospel Hall	1		1
Sauchie United Free Church	4		4
Scarborough Baptist Church	2	2	4
Skene Mission, Huntly	1		1
Stenhouse & Carron Church of Scotland	1		1
Viewpark Nazerene Church	2		2
Walton Evangelical Church, Chesterfield	2		2
Westwoodhill Evangelical Church, East Kilbride	1		1
Woodhill Evangelical Church, Bishopbriggs		1	1
Yoker Evangelical Church	5	1	6

	252	43	295
CAMPS, CONFERENCES & OUTREACHES			
Aberystwyth Bible Centred Ministries		6	6
Avenue End Primary School		1	1
Crossarthurlie Primary School		1	1
Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Airdrie, Youth Fellowship	1		1
Erskine Baptist Church Alpha Course		10	10
Falkirk Gideon Friends Evening		1	1
Glenmanor Primary School		1	1
Glespin Primary School		4	4
GWEA Meeting		1	1
HMP Kilmarnock		46	46
Kilsyth Youth Alpha Course		1	1
Milngavie & Bearsden Youth Carol Service		1	1
Mosspark Primary School		3	3
Navigators Student Conference		3	3
Open Air, Drumchapel		9	9
Scottish Christian Endeavour Annual Alumni		1	1
SU Weekend Team Bible Studies, Lendrick Muir	1	1	2
Teen Ranch		3	3
YMCA Paisley		1	1
Young Life Open Air	1	1	2
	3	95	98
CARE & NURSING HOMES			
Airlie House, Ayr		3	3
Altna Craig Care Home		2	2
Auchlochan Care Home		1	1
Beechgrove Nursing Home	3		3
Culloden Court Nursing Home	1	2	3
Drumry House Eventide Home	6		6
Irvine Nursing Home		3	3
Lindsayfield Care Home	1		1
Morlick Nursing Home		1	1
Ochil Nursing Home	3		3
Redford Nursing Home, Ayr		10	10
Redwoods Nursing Home, Alness	2		2
Trust Housing, Tillicoultry	6		6

	22	22	44
OVERSEAS			
Australia	2	2	4
Belarus	1		1
Chad		6	6
Colombo	1		1
Germany	1		1
Ireland	1		1
Sri Lanka		3	3
Poland	1		1
Sudan	7		7
Thailand	2	14	16
United States of America		1	1
	16	26	42
GRAND TOTALS	976	316	1,292

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