

www.sblpa.co.uk a growing resource

The major highlight of the year was the redesigning of the website. This was first brought about because of the transferring of the files from the one server to another server. The reason this had taken place was that the new server was the same as the one that the Treasurer has for other things he is involved in and therefore easier to manage from a financial point of view.

Apart from that this real practical point it also gave us an opportunity to re-think how we would like to see the website designed and hopefully see an increase in a website. With the growing amount of article (or posts as we often call them) we felt we needed something which would mean the user would be able to find the articles easier. I want to say thanks to Alan Milnes who sent an incredible amount of time helping in the redesign in the website and also to Peter Lanigan who helped this. What has come about is attractive upbeat website which will help in promoting the ministry of Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers.

Resources

The website is kept up to date with the SBLPA news and other preaching events and resources which may be useful for a preacher. Also hopefully it gives those with a responsibility for pulpit supply a bit of an insight into SBLPA and its members who they might consider to invite to preach. Key documents such as 2010 Profile directory, statistics for 2009, application form, promotional flyers and video clips can be seen in our downloads page of the website.

Increased Traffic:

Month	Unique Visitor (Per computer	No of Vists	Pages	Hits	bandwidth
Oct 2009	224	489	8558	31535	578.56 MB
Nov 2009	352	611	4477	14710	445.63 MB
Dec 2009	610	1174	7361	26319	801.24 MB
Jan 2010	536	1032	6486	23478	709.07 MB
Feb 2010	677	1421	9028	27088	757.04 MB

When we reported last year we were generally getting 200-300 unique visitors per month so it encouraging to see the visitors tripled in size over these past few months

It is significant to note that in particular on the day that the BUS Connect highlighted the Advent series in an extra email we had 120 visitors (before the website was designed it was very rare for us to get over 20 visitors per day! The figures for February 2010 are up until the end of 27th February so it is likely to be over by the end of the 28th! Traffic did decrease slightly in January this was partly due to there being no series as such which was pulling people in.

Website Post Series

The series have been a huge factor in the increase. So far we have had two series 'advent' and 'Exploring worship'. I am thankful to members for the contributions they have made to these. These are aimed at being a resource to encourage preachers and hopefully members from our churches would be encouraged by them as well. The next series is going to be on 'Resurrection and the developing early church' starting on Easter Sunday and would like to encourage as many members as possible to involved in this. In between series we have focuses on book reviews, meet a preacher feature and other things. We will continue to let Roberta Hope know of forthcoming series so that these can put in the connect emails she sends from Resource House.

Weekly Updates

Since the beginning of the year these have been sent out on a Sunday and will keep you posted about the weeks posts on the website. You will also be kept posted about the website on

tweeter or <http://twitter.com/SBLPA>

facebook "SBLPA" Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=166662769788&ref=ts>

I will not personally be able to make the AGM this year due to our third child being due on the 15th March which Morven, Catriona, Esther and I are looking forward to but will happy to receive any feedback on the website through email pjt_magee@yahoo.co.uk or 01349 866850. I look forward to hearing from you.

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