

CMD Programme 2023



<p>Thursday 9th March</p>	<p>Learning from Young People's Experiences of Communion: Re-envisioning the Meal as a Space for Nurturing Faith</p> <p>This in-person/online session is the Whitley Lecture 2023, hosted by the Scottish Baptist College.</p> <p>In this lecture, Linda Hopkins asks whether we leave “adolescents to work out for themselves their sense of place within our practices of faith?” She goes on to suggest “we should appreciate the potentiality of young people as they are, as those who bring fresh perspective, and whom the adult church can learn from.” Informed by the voices of young people, At the heart of her argument, she considers that “Baptist communion, as an important ritual, is a place for the potential nurture of faith for all ... argu[ing] that we may want to reconsider our practice of communion, to enrich the experience as a place for being and becoming the body of Christ.”</p> <p>Linda Hopkins (Baptist/URC minister)</p>	<p>Time: 1:30/2:00-3:30 Venue: Scottish Baptist College (from 1:30) or online (from 2:00) Cost: free Book using this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/whitley-lecture-2023-learning-from-experience-tickets-506041713387 Further details: https://scottishbaptistcollege.org/event/whitley-lecture-2023-with-rev-linda-hopkins/</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th March</p>	<p>Supporting Bereaved People</p> <p>This Bereavement Care Awareness training aims to provide help and support for those who support people who have been bereaved.</p> <p>During the training you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop knowledge of how bereavement affects people • Better understand the process of grieving • Consider the practical and emotional support that can be offered • Explore the importance of supportive listening • Identify ways your church can support bereaved people in their community <p>The training is designed to provide practical insights into supporting those going through the grief process. This training provides a range of ideas for offering practical and emotional support. Each person will gain more confidence to walk towards someone who is hurting</p>	<p>Time: 10:00-13:00 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 Book directly using this Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bereavement-care-awareness-online-15-march-2023-tickets-518659633927</p>

	<p>through bereavement rather than leaving it to someone else.</p> <p>Led by Sonya Pascoe, Bereavement Care Awareness [Care for the Family]</p>	
<p>Thursday 16th March</p>	<p>The Pastor's Emotional Wholeness</p> <p>The steady stream of pastors who are considering leaving their vocation is legendary. The reasons for this are many, but at the core is the matter of personhood and character.</p> <p>In this workshop, we shall consider knowledge of self in the context of our knowledge of God and knowledge of our emotions. We shall look at the importance of emotional awareness and emotional intelligence in avoiding attrition. This workshop will draw on a personal story of life with depression.</p> <p>This will be explored within a Trinitarian and gospel context, and will be an invitation ultimately to intimacy with the triune God from which his mission and ministry flows.</p> <p>Led by Professor Ross Hastings, Regent College, Vancouver</p>	<p>Time: 14:30-16:30 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 Book using this link: https://bookwhen.com/scottishbaptist</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th April</p>	<p>Reading the Bible Together</p> <p>Reading the Bible in community has historically been a core value of Baptist churches. This session looks at some recently developed, accessible tools that are designed to encourage church communities to value reading the Bible, especially together.</p> <p><i>YouVersion for Churches</i> builds on the widely adopted YouVersion Bible app. This additional tool is designed to help church communities follow devotional reading plans together. It also allows ministers to observe some anonymised reading patterns across their congregation and plan accordingly.</p> <p><i>Immerse: The Bible Reading Experience</i> is an approach designed to feel much more like the way we approach a long novel – by daily reading consecutive, large sections. Groups of people</p>	<p>Time: 14:00-16:00 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 Book using this link: https://bookwhen.com/scottishbaptist</p>

	<p>can support each other with this model in a Book Club style.</p> <p>Richard McChesney (Immerse Churches Coordinator); Paul Caminiti (Institute for Bible Reading)</p>	
Tuesday 26 th September	<p>Communities of Welcome</p> <p>This session sits alongside ‘Trauma-informed Preaching’ (below). Delegates are encouraged to register for both.</p> <p>As Christian families step forward to foster or adopt, we want to ensure our churches are safe and welcoming for all children, young people and their families. It is designed to help people better understand the needs of care experienced children and their families so that your church community is a brilliant, supportive space for them.</p> <p>This training is especially useful for church leaders, youth leaders and Sunday School teachers. It offers an introduction to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand why children are in care and the current UK context • To begin to understand how early life experiences can impact the child or young person, and how the outworking of these can affect behaviour • To inspire and equip with some great ways to support families who foster, adopt or are offering supported lodgings and find out the vital role the church can play in making a big difference <p>Led by Duncan Shelton (Southern Scotland Regional Lead, Home for Good)</p>	<p>Time: 10:30-12:30 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 Book using this link: https://bookwhen.com/scottishbaptist</p>
Tuesday 26 th September	<p>Trauma-informed Preaching</p> <p>This session sits alongside ‘Communities of Welcome’ (above). Delegates are encouraged to register for both.</p> <p>Creating Communities of Welcome is an important mission for the church. As we invite our communities in, we also invite in the stories that they bring with them. Care-experienced people, adoptive families and many others, bring stories of trauma. Trauma has a significant</p>	<p>Time: 1:30-3:30 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 Book using this link: https://bookwhen.com/scottishbaptist</p>

	<p>impact not only on human development, our minds, our bodies, and our relational capacities, but on our faith development and spirituality too. Our understanding of God and church, and how we understand Scripture can get inextricably tangled up in our experience of the world and how it's shaped us. Preaching has the power to help or hinder those who are healing from trauma and it's important to recognise the responsibilities we have as we shape our message each week, whether in our own churches or as a visiting speaker.</p> <p>This session is an introduction to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the impact of trauma on our human development and spirituality • Investigating how trauma impacts communication between a speaker and listener • Navigating theological difficulties from the pulpit with a trauma-informed approach <p>Led by Amie Aitken (Home for Good [Scotland Advisory Board member]; minister of Leslie Baptist Church)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 31st October</p>	<p>The Pastor's Missional Orientation</p> <p>The steady stream of pastors who are considering leaving their vocation is legendary. The reasons for this are many, but at the core is the matter of personhood and character.</p> <p>In this workshop, we shall consider knowledge of our beings as missional. How the pastor can be engaged in the <i>missio Dei</i> in ways that are deep and wide and that bring flourishing.</p> <p>This will be explored within a Trinitarian and gospel context, and will be an invitation ultimately to intimacy with the triune God from which his mission and ministry flows.</p> <p>Led by Professor Ross Hastings, Regent College, Vancouver</p>	<p>Time: 14:30-16:30 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 Book using this link: https://bookwhen.com/scottishbaptist</p>