

CMD Programme 2023



<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 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>	<p>Time: 14:00-16:00 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10</p> <p><i>Our ministers will have received this programme by email. Information on how to book can be obtained by emailing ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk</i></p>
<p>Thursday 24th August</p>	<p>Asking better questions of the Bible – a Scottish Baptist Day Conference for Interpreters of the Bible</p> <p>This day will focus around understanding and applying advanced tools of Bible interpretation. We shall look in detail at aspects both of immediate literary context as well as intertextuality across multiple books of the Bible. We shall also consider the cultural interplay between the original authors, the specialist commentators we read, and ourselves as we seek to engage a typically Western audience. When people describe something as ‘biblical’, what do they mean? Detailed examples of interpretation will be drawn from both the Old and New Testaments. The underlying premise for this day of exploration is that we will likely become better interpreters of the Word if we</p>	<p>Time: 10:00-4:00 Venue: Adelaide Place Baptist Church, 209 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4HZ Cost: £30 (Lunch and refreshments included)</p> <p><i>Our ministers will have received this programme by email. Information on how to book can be obtained by emailing ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk</i></p>

	<p>develop skills in asking better questions of the text.</p> <p>Keynote speakers: Andrew Clarke (BUS); Lisa Holmes (BUS); Abi Ngunga (St Andrews Baptist Church); Paulus de Jong (St Andrews Baptist Church and Scottish Baptist College).</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 <i>Our ministers will have received this programme by email. Information on how to book can be obtained by emailing ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk</i></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</p>	<p>Time: 1:30-3:30 Venue: Online (Zoom) Cost: £10 <i>Our ministers will have received this programme by email. Information on how to book can be obtained by emailing ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk</i></p>

	<p>stories of trauma. Trauma has a significant 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</p> <p><i>Our ministers will have received this programme by email. Information on how to book can be obtained by emailing ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk</i></p>