



SCOTTISH BAPTIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

'Helping to Grow Healthy Churches'

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Dear Pastor/Church Secretary,

SCOTTISH BAPTIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION 'SERVING SCOTTISH BAPTIST CHURCHES'

Drawn from a variety of Scottish Baptist churches, the men and women of the network that is the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association, are by preaching, by teaching and by communication, committed to engaging the relevance of the Bible for today.

Here to serve you and your church, we are a rich and varied growing resource of just under 90 lay preachers. In 2013, we served no less than 106 Scottish Baptist churches - around 63% of those in our Union - conducting 1,051 services, 816 of which were on a Sunday. Overall, we conducted 1,787 services, as a result of more Scottish Baptist and other evangelical churches churches using us.

Put simply, we are here to serve you through the provision of pulpit supply, be it during a vacancy period, for a couple of Sundays or a Sunday. As part of our commitment to serve the Scottish Baptist constituency well, there are three links below, the first of which will take you to our Profiles Directory. It gives a snapshot of most of our lay preachers and up to date membership list. Do feel free to contact any of our members direct if you'd like a lay preacher to come to your church, or come through myself and I will be happy to suggest those who might be best suited for you:-

<http://www.sblpa.co.uk/content/Directory/SBLPA%20Profile%20Directory.pdf>

By clicking on the next link, it will take you to our promotional media presentation which will paint for you a two minute engaging picture of who we are and what we do:-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=romYaxxIZiQ>

Take a few minutes too to access and have a look at our website at www.sblpa.co.uk - kept bang up to date, it contains news, information, downloads to reference and a raft of helpful resources. If your church has a website, would you be willing to put a link on it to our website please? A number of Scottish Baptist churches already have and we would be happy were you to do this.

Finally, is there someone in your church who has a gift in preaching - a young person maybe who has potential to develop - or perhaps someone who is a member of your preaching team? It would be good to welcome them to the growing network of lay preachers', and to that end, the following links to our application form. Anyone wishing to apply should simply complete and return to me.

<http://www.sblpa.co.uk/content/files/SBLPA%20Application%20Form.pdf>

We place great emphasis as an Association on excellent preaching and investing in developing excellent preachers and offer a varied and rich range of training and developmental opportunities.

We want to serve you and the wider Scottish Baptist constituency of which we're together a part, so if you feel we can help in any way, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Look forward to hearing from you and to serving your church in 2014!

Your servant in Christ,

GLEN P CARTWRIGHT

General Secretary