



**DUNFERMLINE
WEST BAPTIST**



JESUS SAID

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CHURCH PROFILE - OCTOBER 2022

Who we are

We are a friendly, welcoming and growing fellowship, with 24 members and 11 adherents across several generations, set in a diverse city suburb. We are varied in age, background and, to some extent, in theological outlook – although at heart we are evangelical congregational Baptists and members of the Baptist Union of Scotland and would describe ourselves as Bible-based and Spirit-led. We have a strong digital presence on Facebook, YouTube (Live Streaming and bespoke content) and our website, through which we regularly receive visitors both online and in person. Over the last four years we have enjoyed a change in culture, extensive renovations and ongoing modernisation to our building, resulting in new faces and relationships whilst maintaining a sense of family. We are eager to continue growing as disciples and nurturing our community relationships.

Where we are now?

We are a warm and caring fellowship who holds strongly to the words of Scripture. Over the last 4 years, we have embraced change, striving to be more flexible in our attitudes and worship structure, and pray that everyone would be encouraged to use their gifts to play an active part in helping to further God's purpose for us. We now have several life groups meeting for prayer and bible study throughout the week, and we are excited to be starting a CAP Job Club, in addition to regular activities such as praise and reflective evenings, community events, holiday clubs, Christianity/discipleship explored courses, socials and outings.

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Our leadership team currently consists of people from various generations, sharing responsibility across the following ministry areas: Life Together (Pastoral/Life Groups), Mission (Global and Local), Worship (personal fellowship, online and at church) and Stewardship (Fabric/Finance). We also have a community pastor who oversees various community activities, regularly preaches and is also our CAP job club manager.

Our Community and Mission

We are committed to reaching out into the community as a voice of hope, love and justice. Our church building is situated just off the high street, near to the beautiful Pittencrieff Park. It is located in a diverse area with social and private housing with a wide range of needs. We have been proactively developing relationships with our local community over the last few years, including strong links with the local primary school, litter picks, and community events in our building and community garden. In addition to our local initiatives we regularly support global mission partners particularly BMS, Bethany Christian Trust and Platform 67.

Our Vision

We have developed a clear sense of vision over the last few years, which is reflected in the following values and Scripture:

- Seeking to love God, to follow Jesus, and listen to the Spirit
- Striving to reach out into the community, to serve and to make disciples
- Participating in the Kingdom of God as a voice of hope, known for love and justice

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The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Our hope is that people of all ages will continue to come to worship with us, use and develop their gifts, and actively participate in the life of the church and its mission. We want to be a church family that is growing and moving forward with God. We particularly want to continue to develop our relationships within the local community. We strive to make sense of our story and find purpose in life through the grand story of hope, salvation and love that is revealed in the Bible.

We are seeking

In a new pastor we would be hoping to find a person with a deep unshakable faith with a deep theological outlook, depth to preaching, a team player and firmly based in the Bible as God's Word. With a love of people, good inter-personal skills and a natural gift for communication with all age groups. A visionary with an ability to equip, empower and enable others. A passion for mission, reaching out into the community and sharing God's word.

Our recent pastor was part-time at 50%. Trusting in the Lord we are hoping to appoint our new pastor on at least an 80% basis, according to BUS Stipend for accredited ministers.

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