



# Canavans

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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Youth worker to help with teens.
2. Church offerings to increase
3. Soul winning efforts to be Holy Spirit filled and bring forth fruit
4. Wisdom and time to disciple men and male teens
5. Anthony - teen recently saved to go on for God

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**November 2023** - We've had a busy fall this year. We have seen several visitors come to the church and some of them have continued to come. We also had several visitors from the United States come and spend some time with us. We greatly enjoyed these visits and the sweet fellowship! Here are the highlights of the events at our church this fall.

**KJV BBQ Sunday** (September) - We usually have an annual BBQ Sunday each year. This year we decided to combine it with a day filled with teaching about the reliability and superiority of the King James Version. Several of our people are from other countries with English not being their first language. We are conservative, but we don't use the King James Version just because we are conservative. There are very good reasons for this choice. Brother Stephen Finley from Redemption Baptist Church in Athlone, Ireland came and spoke on this topic. He did a thorough job and our people have a better grasp of the topic.

**Anniversary Sunday** (October) - Hope Baptist Church celebrated its 19th Anniversary. The people got very excited about the celebration and invited many visitors. We were grateful to have our sending pastor, Pastor Mark Carpenter and his wife, Rachel, with us for this special day. He preached and fed the people spiritually and then we were fed a feast physically. The feast included a roasted pig and food from around the world as we have a very international congregation. What a glorious day to rejoice in all that God has done here in Dublin, Ireland! Thank you for your faithful support and prayers through the years that helped to make this possible!

**Parenting Conference** (November) - On Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th, we had a conference on Parenting. The theme was Creating a Christian Culture in our Homes. We were blessed to have a supporting pastor, Pastor Dave Mallinak and his wife, Belinda, here to teach this encouraging and yet challenging truth. Our people were blessed and challenged to have more Christ-like homes. I believe that this will strengthen the families in our church and in turn strengthen our church.

**Soul Winning** - There is a little anxiety before our weekly session of knocking on doors to share the gospel. However, God has commanded us to go into the world with the gospel and we must in faith, obey. We are thankful that God gives at least one, and often times a few clear presentations of gospel truth. Though we long to see more saved and fruit from this outreach, we leave the results with the Lord. Though door knocking is begun with some anxiety, it amazes me how we always finish 2 hours later with deep joy in our hearts. Nothing cheers the soul like sharing the gospel with someone!

**Offerings** - Though attendance remains high, offerings remain quite low. I have prayed, fasted and preached much on giving to little avail. We are not seeking financial help, only prayers to help find a way forward.

