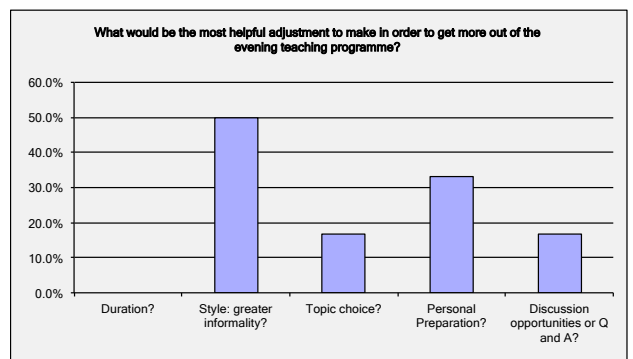
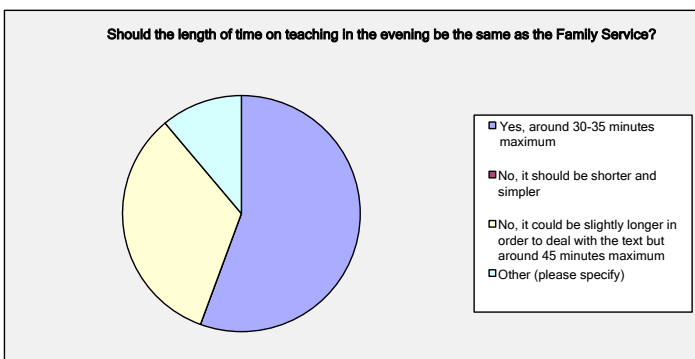
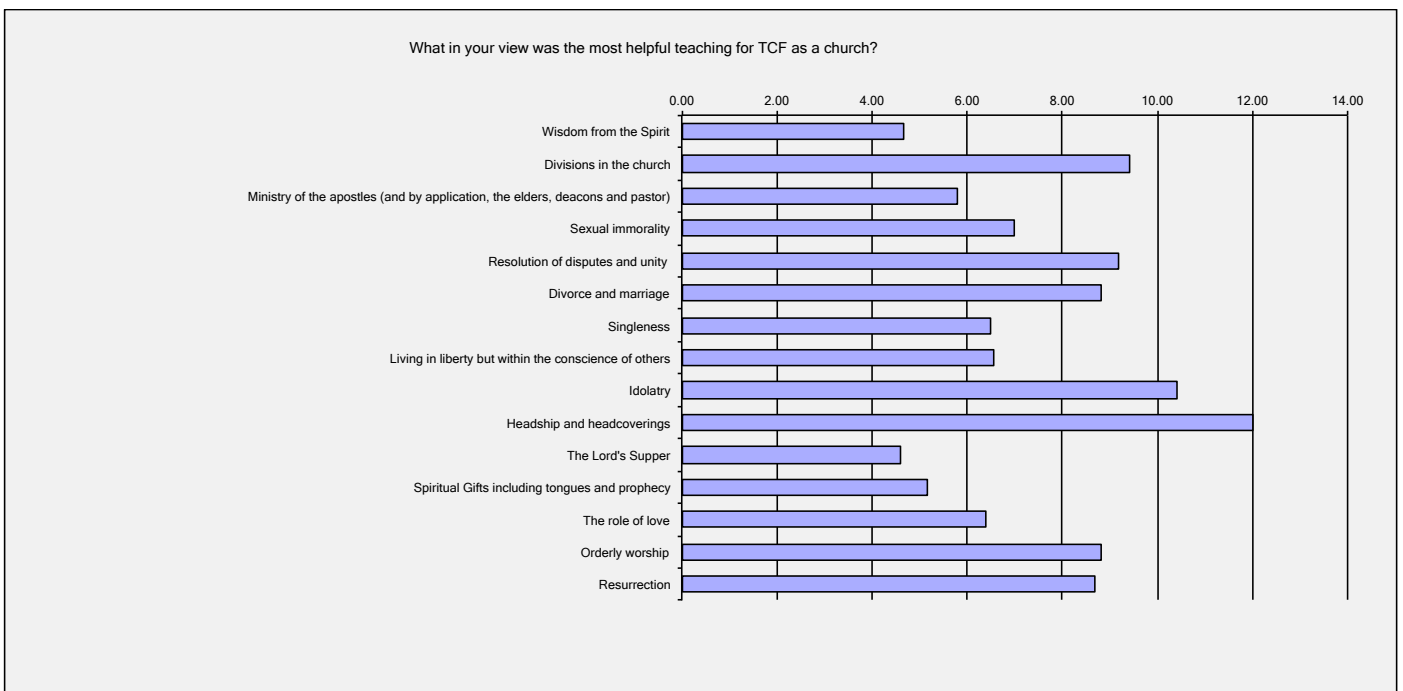
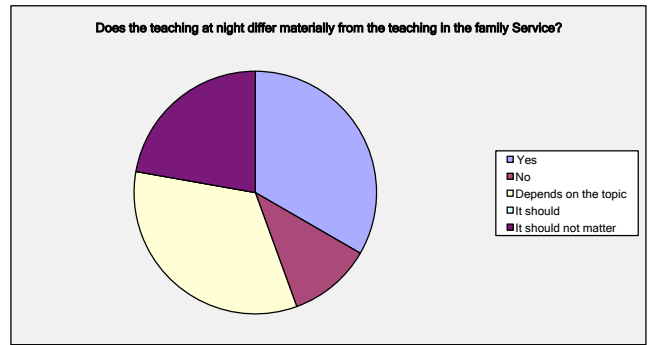
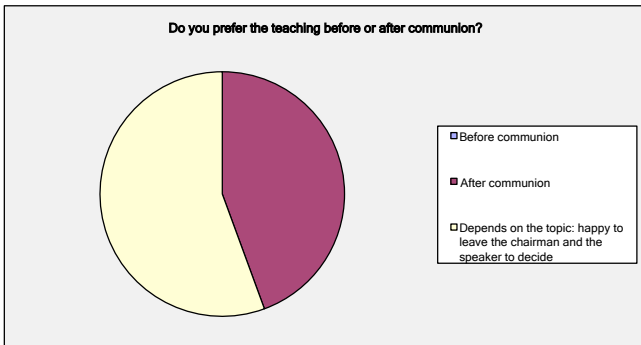


Results from survey on Corinthians



100% felt that the text of the Epistle was dealt with.

I continue to struggle to be faithful to the text and to both simplify and shorten but the comments made by respondents are both instructional and encouraging. I remain absolutely focussed on being faithful in terms of the ministry as outlined in 1 Corinthians 4 but appreciate the adjustment still being made by you all. The results of the surveys are cumulative and will allow us to see how the Fellowship is changing over time in relation to the teaching of God's Word.

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You've got mail: pastor's letter

July 16



Prayer Breakfast

Two meetings of the Perth Ministers fraternal 'Los Amigos' have been held in June including a 07:00 start for the National Prayer Breakfast live streaming. David Trodden joined me for that event and it was good to have fellowship together in Perth but also join with '000's across Scotland praying for our nation and our communities.

Perth College Board of Management

As you may know, I was invited to become a member of the Board of Perth College. It's not clear how I can contribute as a local Pastor or Christian to this significant community-based Institution but the strategy event and first Board meetings were held on 4 and 15 June 2016. I will simply be integrating into the Board to be useful in it.

Visitation

16 home or personal visits were undertaken during June including the first celebration of communion with sister Lottie Gow in Blairgowrie. Lottie was very appreciative of being able to partake of bread and wine and remember the Lord Jesus. Please let me know if there are others who would like to have this at home.

Other

In addition to the 6 preaching sessions in June I also produced two papers for consideration by different groups - one on the Home Groups and the other on Evangelism and Social Action. Please pray for two separate meetings during July when various individuals and groups will be meeting to take some issues forward or to seek clarity in our ambitions in these areas. As you also know, the Strategic Plan has been updated with the feedback from the church and the updated plan (which will function as a framework for our actions for the period 2016 - 2020) is available on request for anyone who wishes it.

Summer Availability

The pace changes slightly during the summer as many of the TCF family take holidays. I will be undertaking two preaching sessions in TCF but I will also be visiting Romania from 6-10 July 2016. I will be visiting churches I have known for 26 years and also reviewing the work of the business established there in 1996 and which sustains the relief work there. I shall be on holiday in Faroe from 18 July - 1 August (inclusive). You know how much my dear son and daughter in law and grandson mean to me and I am very much looking forward to some special family time there, especially as Susanna is pregnant again and will have the baby, DV, in December 2016. However, for the remainder of the month I will be available and I have made some arrangements for around 5 pastoral visits already. There will be other meetings as intimated above but this could be a good time to try and get some quality time with the TCF Family - can I please encourage you to use me and call 07784 702876 to arrange a visit.

As far as other personal issues are concerned, I am looking forward to finalising the decor and so on for my house in Guildtown which is scheduled to be finished for 14 September 2016. I have minimised the time thinking about this but hopefully summer will allow some space to get things sorted. In common with others in TCF, I will be having a moving experience and I am very much looking forward to being permanently settled in TCF and Perth!

Final Thought

Habakkuk 1:5 *'For I am doing a work in your days...'* If any of us doubted that God is active in our own day and age, we need only survey the affairs of nations and our own recent Referenda turmoil. As these national and international events unfold, our focus is upon a God who reigns and who desires us, as the instruments of His work in this generation, to trust Him and seek His Counsel and Wisdom and live for the Gospel and for our Lord Jesus to whom all history belongs.

I am so grateful that the Trustees have confirmed the 6 month probationary period in my role has been completed and they want me to stay! My heart has been captured by TCF and the role that God has led me to. I know I need to continue to learn and I am committed to doing that with your help and honest feedback. I hope the initial 6 months is not the stereotypical 'honeymoon period' but that I continue to serve you to please God and to help in the spiritual development of His people.

Jim

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