

Peoples Church History

Pastor George McKim grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland with aspirations of becoming a professional footballer – destined to play in the English Premier League until the troubles escalated in Northern Ireland.

Pastor George became involved in loyalist paramilitaries and received a prison sentence for a political crime. During such times his parents had become Christians and began seriously praying for their rebel son.

Prayer answered. After his release from the infamous Maze Prison, he attended the Metropolitan Tabernacle Whitewell, Belfast and through the preaching of Dr. James McConnell surrendered his life to Jesus Christ on Mothers Day 1979. He continued his football career with Bangor Football Club and worked as a Fitter in Shorts Aircraft Factory.

In 1983 due to the rapid growth of the Church – God called, changed and then commissioned him into full time ministry as an Assistant Pastor in Whitewell.

Pastor McKim and his wife Linda moved to Falkirk in 1986 to pioneer The Peoples Church. The Church started with 12 people at the Old Drill Hall. Then 5 years later, with a growing congregation, purchased the Falkirk West Church.

As the ministry began to grow so too was the need for an Assistant Pastor. In 1993 David Morrison joined the ministry team (who had been involved voluntary from the beginning). David is a great asset, inspiration and example in the Church.

Growth continued and in 2001, two new members of staff were employed - Linda McKim (Pastoral Assistant) & Elaine Morrison (Personal Assistant & Church Administrator).

Today, the Church is a strong & thriving congregation of 250+ and an inspiration to many Pastors and congregations throughout the world.

On 3rd April 2005, Pastor McKim announced to the Church that he would be returning with his family to Belfast to join the Leadership Team of The Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle to eventually become the successor to Dr James McConnell.

As a result, 2 new staff were brought into full time ministry - Assistant Pastor Nancy Craig & Youth Pastor Andrew Workman on 1st Jan 2006.

The Leadership of the Peoples Church was handed over to Pastor David & Elaine Morrison on 20th June 2006 with Pastor McKim's Farewell Service being held on 27th June 2006.

Many Pastors, friends, relatives & visitors came from around the world to witness this momentous occasion as the Church moves into an exciting new era!