

# RIVERS

OF LIVING WATER

October 2018



STUDENTS &  
STAFF 2018/19



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**Missing in Photo:** Val Moulton, SaraLyn Andres (Osler, SK), Julie Desharnais (St. Pierre, MB), Timothy Fehr (Hague, SK).

## This year's school theme...

## unhindered

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off** everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us. Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the **throne of God**." Hebrews 12:1-2, NIV*

These are the theme verses that student leadership chose for this school year with the word Unhindered to go along with it. One question that we were challenged to think about while choosing our theme was "What do you want April to look like?" We realized that this theme was something that we wanted the student body to be able to say they grew in. Our heart is to see people fall in love with Jesus and become more and more like the passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve that NBC is on mission to cultivate for Christ.

A way in which we desire to see men and women of God becoming

more like Jesus is to lay aside not only sin, but the many distractions that weigh us down. Runners do not try to win a race holding big suitcases, they do not even want a briefcase, that is still too much weight. In fact, they run in the most aerodynamic way possible, not even the slightest amount of unnecessary weight is wanted in order for a runner to finish his race well.

The same is true for the Christian life. Even if it is not sin, John Piper asks us to think to ourselves, "Does it get in my way?" in his fantastic sermon on these very verses. Having tasted what it is like to run with increasing freedom, I find myself desiring for those around me to experience this more and more as well. May we desire to be holy, and look to our example, Jesus, and always strive more and more to live the way He did, knowing that it was Him who ran the perfect race, making it possible for us to run unhindered.

Bridget Fehr  
3rd Year Student &  
Student Council Chair







# FROM THE INTERIM-PRESIDENT

Jason Elford

I began reading through the Psalms over the past couple weeks. What a melting pot of gladness and sorrow, joy and despair, uncertainty and hope. In chapter 16 a few verses reawakened a memory.

During my 2nd year on staff at Nipawin I gave an assignment to one of my student leaders to take something from the Psalms and put it to music. As a side, I thought, 'I might as well do this myself.' God led me to Psalm 16:7,8 which say "I will praise the Lord, who counsels me. Even at night, my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." With a bit of crafting, a couple verses and a chorus came together. A couple days later I was reading through Psalm 62 and verse 5 jumped out: "Find rest, oh my soul in God alone. My hope comes from Him." A bridge just flowed out in a matter of seconds and the personal song, "I Will Not Be Shaken" was complete. I still play and sing the song on my living room piano somewhat regularly.

"I will not be shaken" is something to remember, as more and more I discover life as an ongoing process of many struggles. Do I set the Lord before me? And if so, like David, can I then see God with me, at my right hand, so that I may not be shaken? It seems that each week, or chapter of life, presents itself with something else to challenge the smoothness of life I desire. This shouldn't be a surprise. All throughout the Bible we read the story of people and, with the advantage of hindsight, see the struggles that accompany their journeys, where they succeed, and where they fail. And failure seems to come each time we don't set the Lord before us—when we forget He is at our right hand, and choose to see only the struggle or how weak we feel in the moment.

In Romans 8:18-30 we are told God's entire creation has been subjected to struggle, and that we will groan inwardly as we await the final and complete redemption of our bodies. But we can find rest in our souls because we have a hope in Him. We have a hope knowing we will attain a full and final salvation where there are no more struggles. As we learn to wait patiently (v.25), be reminded to recognize the grace of God at work through our struggles, bringing about good in our lives through them as we love Him. This refining makes us more like Christ, more capable to impact others, and to show them the hope we are able to live by with the accompanying peace and rest our souls can find in that truth.

So what struggles and challenges do you face as you begin Fall 2018? At NBC, our students have the tremendous opportunity to spend hours being taught God's Word, what it says, all the while living life for the next 8 months (5,840 hours! But who's counting!) with a family of believers where we get to learn how to apply the truths of His Word to our every day lives. That will include a lot of struggles.

Will you commit to pray for our students and staff? As we see in the Psalms we are sure to journey through a melting pot of experiences this 2018/19 year, but may we remember to tightly hold onto the hope we have in God through Jesus Christ. There is rest for the soul to be found even through the greatest struggles of life.



Jason Elford  
Interim-President

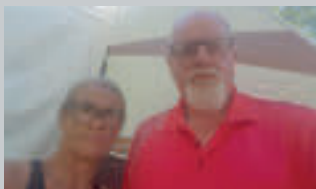
Alumni Weekend  
November 23-25, 2018

Featuring:

**Guest Speaker**

Larry Rempel

(Alumni '77, Staff '89-'94)



Last Annual

**Alumni Hockey Challenge**

## Workshops

- How to Move on When Things Don't Go Right  
*Rob MacDonald ('94)*
- Rest, Recalibrate, Re-engage  
*Sam & Pauline Doerksen ('87)*
- In the Way They Should Go  
*Lorenda Friesen (Alumni Parent)*
- The Leadership Principles of Jesus  
*Josiah Meyer ('03)*

## Other Activities

Coffee House / Crafts / Soccer Tournament  
Silent Auction / Worship Sessions / Reconnect Meeting / Child Supervision & Activities

## Obah Night

What I want  
to be when I  
grow up...

**Register today at  
nipawin.org**

There is no cost for the weekend if you register before Nov. 1! (\$10/adult after Nov. 1)



# FACULTY & STAFF TEAM



Front Row (L-R): Tim Stodolka, Jason Elford, Joel Houston. Middle Row: Jennifer Enns, Myra Schmidt, Melisa Dyck, Hope Vion  
Back Row: Peter Barber, Val Moulton, Kendall Dyck, Noah Wahlstrom, Jeremy Loseth, Brad Lytle, David Smith

## NEW STAFF



### DR. PETER BARBER

**Faculty, Tutor**

Peter is a new addition to the faculty at NBC as of 2018. He, his wife Amanda, and their four children are from B.C. Currently teaching in the areas of Bible & Theology and Mission Studies, Peter also serves as college tutor. His PhD dissertation was recently accepted through the University of Aberdeen.



### JEREMY LOSETH

**Faculty**

An alumni of NBC ('13), Jeremy has served on staff at NBC in the past and now returns in a faculty position. He and his wife, Wynona (also an NBC alumnus), have one daughter. Jeremy is working on his Masters of Theology from South African Theological Seminary with a focus on Apologetics.



### TIM STODOLKA

**Admissions Counsellor**

A 2018 graduate of NBC, Tim returns to assist Jason Elford in the Admissions department. He and his wife, Olivia, were married in June. Olivia is also an alumnus of NBC. Tim is thankful to be on staff at the college and is excited to jump into this role.

## NEW ROLES



### DR. JOEL HOUSTON

**Academic Dean**

Joel has been a faculty member at NBC since 2014 and has directed the missions conference weekends for the college. He was appointed Academic Dean of the college in June of this year.



### TIMOTHY LENKO

**Drama, Adjunct Faculty**

Timothy has been on staff at NBC as the Admissions Counsellor and Drama Coach. While he pursues a Master's degree from Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College he will continue as the Drama Coach and as an adjunct faculty member.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FACULTY & STAFF FOR:

- Quality time with the Lord in prayer and His Word each day.
- Wisdom as they teach and lead the students.
- Patience and energy for each day.
- Protection against the evil one.



## NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

1. For **Peter & Diane Salmond ('76)** as they spend time in Canada (meetings August-November 2018). Pray for **Julius & Evelyne** as they run **Ashes to Worship** and for the 30 students set to graduate in November.
2. For the **NBC students** that they will grow deeper in their love for Jesus while they diligently study and serve others.
3. For **Joe & Trudy Miller ('96)** as they seek wisdom in training their boys in God's Word. Also, that God would be first in their marriage.
4. For wisdom and discernment for the **NBC Mission Leadership Team and Board of Directors**.
5. For **Brenden & Helena Peters ('10)** as they begin homeschooling Liam, Helena learns to lead worship, and Brenden discerns where he can best serve in the community this season. Also, for the huge growth they are experiencing in the Village Missions church where they serve in Boyle, AB.
6. For **Shannon Fiddler ('09)** her husband Jeff and their family. Also for her parents and all the grandkids.
7. For **Allan Kreller ('01)** as he has just finished working at Frontier Lodge for their summer camps. Pray for those attending the camp that may have heard the Gospel for the first time.
8. For **Bill & Janice Dyck ('79)** as they praise God for a great first year—answered prayer regarding: health, support, language learning, working relationships with colleagues and national leaders, ministries, and well-being of family back in Canada.
9. For **4th year internship students: Sharmyn Abrahamson, SaraLyn Andres, Julie Desharnais, and Tim Fehr** as they work in ministries around MB and SK, attend classes at NBC, and complete course work.
10. For **Terry & Rosanne Banman ('88)** now back in Papua New Guinea. For financial and health needs as medical insurance costs rise (Parkinsons-Rosanne). For wisdom as they oversee community relations with landowners. Praise God for response to Bible lessons with the Menya language group.
11. For **Stella Neff** as Manfred ('99) passed away in June 2018. Pray for the church Manfred pastored in Grand Rapids, MB and for their unsaved children.
12. For **Peter & Amanda Barber and family (staff '18)** as they settle into their new home and the NBC community.
13. For **Walter & Cindy Selke ('85)** as they begin their second year of directing Healing Hearts Ministry and NCEM. For wisdom, balance, and energy.
14. For **J.J. Szeponski ('11)** as he seeks to raise support by 25% and that his life would reflect, "not my will, Lord, no but yours be done" in everything.
15. For **NBC's Student Life Department** as they meet with and challenge the students and bring leadership to the Resident Assistants.
16. For **Tony & Janet Ens ('86)** and the church plant as they seek to develop a core group and find their own place to meet. For the salvation of the inmates who went through a Bible study this year.
17. For **Carl & Brenda Ens ('83)** for wisdom as they plan services in Aylsham, SK and Brenda ministers to the Nicaraguan families that have settled in the area, especially a young mom that she's connected with.
18. For **Wes & Carol (Wiebe) Schellenberg ('82)** as they moved to Winnipeg to take up their role with Avant Ministries. That God would provide a job for their son, Matthew who stayed back in Calgary.
19. For each **NBC staff member** who has taken on new roles this year, that they would rely on the Holy Spirit's leading and wisdom to settle into their responsibilities.
20. For **Jason & Becky (Townsend) Salmond ('02)** and their family as they seek to prioritize their relationship with God. Specifically for the salvation of their children (Nolan, Makenna, & Daeton) that it would be more than head knowledge.
21. For **Kirby & Bernie James ('13)** as they seek wisdom in parenting their 12 year old son who wishes he was a teenager already.
22. For **Tim & Laurel (Abrahamson, '82) Schroder** as their position in Port Moseby, PNG ended in Sept. and they seek God's direction for the next step. For the Pukapuki believers to run the race well, standing against temptation.
23. For **Keith & Stacey (Thiessen) Friesen ('01)** as their daughter, Holland, has been diagnosed with Cholesteatoma in the ear that had the cochlear implant and has a CT scan in Dec. Pray for healing and that Holland would not be anxious.
24. For **7-24 Discipleship Groups** that students and staff will be open and honest with God, themselves and others as they meet weekly to pray and dig into God's Word together.
25. For **Guillermo & Mary-Ann Reddekopp ('86)** as they anticipate moving to La Paz, Mexico in November to join the Transformados (Transformed) youth ministry team with TEAM.
26. For **Bill & Bev McCaskell ('86)** as OneHope Canada works toward the national board's new 10-year vision. For unity amongst the Ministry Resource Centre as they direct, encourage, and equip the front-line.
27. For **Irv & Mari Penner ('93)** as they move from being missionaries with YUGO Ministries to Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) and seek funds to continue the La Huerta School of Ministry as YUGO will no longer be supporting the school financially.
28. For **Kevin & Krista (Smith '94) Rideout** as they minister at the Bible school program in Benin and the orphanage as they mourn the loss of "Mamma Josee" and her family (husband, Bernard & three children) move on from this loss.
29. For **Josiah & Anne Jisca (Gaucher) Meyer ('03)** and the great team of students and volunteers in place for this year's ministry. As they adjust to their 5th child, due September 2018.

*We invite you to submit your requests throughout the year by calling NBC or by visiting the Praise & Prayer page under "get involved" on the Alumni tab on our website.*





**Join us as we hear from each team member about their experience this summer.**

**Jennifer Enns**

**Tell us about the partnership with Action Ventures.**

*NBC partnered with Action Ventures, whose focus is to train and facilitate short-term outreach opportunities using their gifts, including the arts, personal testimony, prayer ministry and practical work projects. We had a training day in March at NBC, and then a full week of preparation at the beginning of July at the River of Life Church in Calgary. We had the privilege to stay with several Filipino families and learn from them. Mark Sorell led the team, and Kimmie Roszmann and Helmuth Graewe also led different aspects in the training and debrief.*

**Sharmyn Abrahamson**

**Tell us about the people you met.**

*Filipinos love to have fun. We would laugh so much together and there was continual joking around between us. They taught me the value of hospitality and how I need to slow down and take time to connect and have fun with those around me. Life doesn't have to be lived in such a rush. The people I met were a huge blessing to me through their love, generosity, and open hearts.*

**What surprised you about the culture?**

*We were there during rainy season and it rained almost all of our 17 days there. I was surprised by the fact that they don't go out in the rain – you always have an umbrella with you. I would have a jacket on so I would stay dry but no matter how much I assured them I would be fine, they were adamant that I needed to use an umbrella.*

**Zachary Rempel**

**What did you do in the Philippines?**

*In the Philippines, we did many different things. However, there were two things that we did more than anything else. One of those was a program that consisted of the performing arts such as singing, puppets, dance, illusions, and drama. The second was participating in and leading Life Groups (Bible studies) of the church that we were staying at (Bible Christian Church of Pampanga). One other thing that stands out is the handing out of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. For a person who has only ever packed the boxes, that was pretty neat.*

**Emily Reimer**

**How did God change your view of the world?**

*During the Philippines trip, God opened my eyes to see how big the world is but more than that, He opened my eyes to see how far the family of God reaches! I was able to meet and get to know so many more people who are my brothers and sisters in Christ who I could have never met otherwise.*

**Bridget Fehr**

**How do you want to remember this experience going forward?**

*I want to remember it as a time where I was able to meet and connect with other Christians around the world and share in the same ministry for a short time. To remember the blessing that we could be to each other!*

**What did God teach you about Himself?**

*He taught me that He is good and trustworthy and that we need to lean on Him for our satisfaction.*

**Mary Yanke**

**What was a highlight of the trip?**

*The highlight of my trip to the Philippines would be all the amazing people that I met, especially the kids. They would teach me how to speak Tagalog and teach me about the Philippines.*

**Wyatt Penner**

**How did this experience stretch you?**

*During the trip I was stretched in my public speaking/performing and in being more extroverted in getting to meet new people.*

**What was your favorite part of the Philippines?**

*Hands down it would have to be the Filipinos themselves, they were so hospitable and unbelievably fun to be around. But second to that it would have to be the food, especially the homemade stuff. It was kind of odd not knowing exactly what it was but that was part of the fun.*

**Thank you to all those who supported this trip through both prayer and finances.**



# CAMPUS DAYS



Hey there, Grade 11 & 12 students or recent grads...

**Come get a taste of life at NBC on October 28 & 29, 2018!**

At Campus Days you'll meet our staff, spend time with our students, stay overnight in dorms, get a campus tour, and take in some classes. Campus Days is for any Grade 11 & 12 student or any recent grad.

Check out our website [www.nipawin.org](http://www.nipawin.org) to find out more!

*\*with at least 20 in attendance, we will give away one \$300 coupon toward NBC tuition*

# MODULE COURSES

## November 19-23 Classes (2 credit hours each)

- Creative Arts Ministry**—Timothy Lenko
- Youth Ministry**—Phil Houston
- Biblical Theology of Mission**—Glenn Flewelling
- Leadership Dynamics**—John Loge

Registration Deadline is a week prior to the start of class and fees are \$300/credit or \$150/credit to audit. Please contact Academic Dean, Joel Houston at 888.862.5095 if you would like to register or have any questions.



TIMOTHY LENKO



GLENN FLEWELLING



PHIL HOUSTON



JOHN LOGE

# MINISTRY TEAMS

Nipawin Bible College wants to connect with you and partner in your ministry. Whether it be a youth night, Sunday morning service, or another event, we have a few teams that might fit well in your setting. Living Proof, our drama team is ready to perform Biblical, biographical, time flexible dramas with your group of any age, while our worship band, FaceDown, is able to lead music for a youth group, Sunday service, or other event.

There is also potential for us to offer pulpit supply or to teach workshops in your setting.

*Please contact Nipawin Bible College at 888.862.5095 for more information.*



# COMING EVENTS

## ALUMNI WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 23-25

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 7 & 8

## three60five YOUTH RETREAT

MARCH 8-10 • Grades 9-12

# NBC MINISTRY

*"It is heartening to know that the truth—the Word of God—is still being taught and lived at Nipawin Bible College. God bless you. May we keep on keeping on in spite of adversity. We are on the winning side in these days of deception—these later days."*

—Blanche (Snider) Hitchcock (TRBI, 1945)

*"...the school and staff have made a big impact on the kids I know. I spent 4 years at a Bible College and never got to know the staff like the students do at NBC. When I hear stories of how the staff speak into their lives and challenge, correct, rebuke and encourage them, I often wish I had that in my experience. Small schools have a special and unique ministry that bigger ones may not have."* —Elaine Brewer, Camp Director



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