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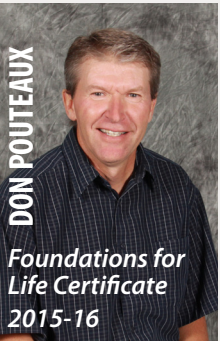
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February 2018



PROGRAM for your Life

How God develops students at NBC for what comes next



DON POUTEAUX

*Foundations for
Life Certificate
2015-16*

Don, what led you to Bible College?

First off, to be really blunt, what *kept* me from going to Bible College was rebellion to God's call, foolishness, and the pursuit of material things of the world. It took a long time, but I happened to see an NBC brochure at a conference and we first sent our daughter. It absolutely changed her life in the development of her as a person and her walk with God. A window of opportunity opened up in my life so I just decided, even though I was older, to go for the **Foundations for Life Certificate** no matter the cost, both financially and personally. It turned out to be the best winter of my life!

How did the year prepare you for life?

Since I came as an older student, I had accumulated a lot of puzzle pieces of life and theology. Right from day one in the first class, with an amazing teacher, Joel Houston, it was like he took all the pieces of the puzzle and put them together. It made a beautifully clear picture of how God's Word and our lives fit

together, in relation to each other, so we can understand our purpose for life. Every day thereafter just got better and at the end of the year one truly walked away with a Foundation for Life!

How did NBC better prepare you for ministry in life?

It may seem crazy, but it doesn't seem to matter whether I am dealing with my wife, daughter, a parent in palliative care, an employee, or customer, something I learned at Bible College is always coming into use. Just the other day in a meeting I used an example of something I learned in the "Team Work in Ministry" course about the compounding effect of people working together for the common good. When asked where I got that from I was able to say with a big radiant smile and healthy pride, Nipawin Bible College!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

three60five YOUTH RETREAT
MARCH 9-11

**LECTURESHIP COURSE:
HISTORY OF
CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS**
MARCH 19-23

CAMPUS DAYS
MARCH 25-26

DESSERT THEATRE
APRIL 6

GRADUATION CEREMONY
APRIL 22

ENCORE SENIORS' RETREAT
JUNE 4-8



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MARCH 9-11, 2018

**A YOUTH RETREAT FOR
GRADES 9-12 AGES 15-18**



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

LANCE SCHUBERT

Our core purpose is to develop passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve. A core value in achieving this purpose is to equip people for humble and dedicated service for Christ by developing their spiritual gifts, and their minds for biblical thinking and discernment, through a balance of knowledge and practical experience. In order to accomplish our equipping value, we have a one-year, Foundations for Life program, a two-year Christian Ministry Diploma, a three-year Bachelor of Christian Ministry and a four-year Bachelor of Arts program. I look at these programs as "programming for life".

When I think of these programs I am reminded of when I was pastoring and went out to lunch with our youth pastor and his family. After lunch, as we were leaving the restaurant, his wedding ring somehow fell off in the snow. I remember all of us looking fervently for that ring. As we did, I was thinking we were never going to find this ring that we continued to pursue. I remember during that process thinking that he must really value the ring to keep pursuing (looking) for this ring in the snow. Then the thought came to mind, that if it had been a Band Aid that had fallen off his finger into the snow, would he have even told us that he littered. That thought brought me to the concept that we pursue what we value.

This edition of the Rivers highlights the value of a Bible College education through the responses of four different alumni, in various stages of life, enrolled in four different programs. I am encouraged by their responses as they reinforce that a biblical education is of

value to everyone, for wherever and whatever life has in store. No matter one's pursuit in life, there is a program to pursue that will suit you.

The program that is right for each student honestly depends. It depends because each program, I would suggest, has value worth pursuing as programming for life. Whether one program over another may be the best for a person depends on each person's uniqueness and unique individualized pursuit. As can be seen from the responses taken from first, second, third, and fourth year students, each person and pursuit is unique, as are the outcomes. Some enrol in a one-year program over another as a function of desiring to return to school to get a biblical foundation for life in order to build on one's own biblical proficiency and confidence for the real world. For some, a particular program is of interest as a preparatory stepping stone to build on one's biblical proficiency and confidence in their faith in order to better succeed, all around, for life and academics of post secondary education elsewhere. Still there are others that see a particular program as foundational to a long term career, in developing them as men and women equipped biblically for their particular long term career commitment. Then of course some choose a particular course over another in order to equip them for lay leadership or for full-time, paid pastoral or mission ministry or otherwise. Whatever God's purpose in your life, as is evident in the responses of four students in four different programs, there is a particular program of value worth pursuing, to equip each one in their life pursuit.

Lance Schubert
President, Faculty



CAMPUS DAYS • MARCH 25-26, 2018

Do you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Do you desire to know God and His Word better? Do you want to make a difference in this world for Christ? Nipawin Bible College can help you grow in these worthwhile, challenging, and God honouring goals for your life. Come and spend a couple days with us! We're confident that you will see God at work here, and will sense NBC is a place with tremendous value for your life and walk with God.

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You don't have to be a college student to be in the classroom. Join us March 19-23 for

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS

with Alan Guenther, PhD
Briercrest Faculty



Increasingly, Christians in North America are encountering Muslims. A review of the ways in which Christians and Muslims have interacted in the past provides guidance for our current relationships.



KARISSA PICHÉ

Christian Ministry
Diploma
2008-2010

Karissa, at what stage of life did you attend NBC and what led you to enrol in the two-year Christian Ministry program?

As a young adult I had graduated with honours from high school and wanted to try my hand at independence. I didn't intend to stay longer then a year due to the pressure from home to seek higher education; but I felt drawn to come back for another year to grow in my knowledge of the Bible and strengthen the bonds with my school mates who had become more like a family.

After NBC you went on to attend University to attain your teaching degree, how did the Christian Ministry Program prepare you for life at University?

After NBC I took some time to figure out where God was calling me and later felt called to enter the four-year Education Program at the University of Saskatchewan through the Indian Teachers Education Program (ITEP) on campus. NBC helped prepare me for university through developing critical thinking skills, essay writing, and general research skills needed to navigate through classes and varying workloads.

What aspects of the Christian Ministry Program do you see as beneficial to you now as a teacher?

I've always been active in ministry whether it be sharing Christ's love with inner-city youth at the Rock Church in Saskatoon during my first year in Education to being on the ministry team for College and Career at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon. I am now using my knowledge and training in working with inner-city youth in Meadow Lake, SK as well as mentoring youth in high school.



JUSTINE SHERWOOD

Bachelor of
Christian Ministry
2013-2016

Justine, how would you categorize the stage of life you were in when you attended NBC?

While I was at NBC my stage of life was one of constant growth. Through the growth I received I was transformed from an immature Christian with a lack of biblical knowledge and dedication who still doubted regularly, into a young Christian woman who knows her way around the Bible and is completely certain that God is the Great I Am. By the end of three years I was equipped in such a way that I can continue to grow and mature without needing teachers constantly pushing me towards Christ and I have a desire to seek this continued growth.

You are married to Pastor Jeremy Sherwood, how did the three-year Bachelor of Christian Ministry prepare you to be married to a pastor?

It prepared me for ministry by giving me a biblical foundation that was previously absent and teaching me to love people. Both are very important because without love I wouldn't be able to minister to the people in our church and without a biblical foundation I would have little hope of directing them towards Christ.

What courses from the three-year program have you found particularly useful in your current ministry?

I think the third year course that has been the most useful in my ministry so far was my Christian Leadership Practicum as the student leader of the Living Proof student drama team. It helped me by giving me a lot of practice talking to and loving people I didn't know in many different churches and giving me opportunity to serve in those churches. I believe that has helped me to be more comfortable while in conversation with the people from my church and trying to get to know them.



CALVIN NICKEL

Bachelor of Arts
in Biblical Studies
2009-2013

Calvin, how would you categorize who you were when you began Bible college?

I was a person with no plans or intent regarding vocational ministry, and to be honest, no plans for life in general. I didn't know what I wanted to do and felt a lot of pressure that I had to. I decided to go to NBC as a practical way to put God first in my life because it seemed like a pretty good place to be while living in that place of uncertainty. One year turned into four and that year the opportunity to pastor at Nipawin First Baptist presented itself and my wife and I came to feel that this was indeed something God was calling us to do. I still don't know what the plan is, and I still live in great uncertainty but I've come to have more peace about that than I did when I was 17 starting my first year at college.

Along with being a full-time pastor you also maintain partial employment in the community, how did the program of a four-year Bachelor of Arts prepare you best for marketplace ministry as well as for preaching and teaching?

I started working at the Dairy Queen after my first year. I'll never regret having a job while at college. During this time in my life I did a ton of rethinking what ministry and "witnessing" were required to look like. NBC stimulated me to wrestle with such questions, and the DQ provided a place to actually see what works and what doesn't—to listen to people share their experiences of what church has been like for them and get a sense of what needs to change.

What course that you took within your four-year program, surprisingly has been a help to your ministry as a pastor?

It should be no surprise that courses like Communications, Advanced preaching, Sermon Design & Delivery, and Ministry Synthesis were and are helpful, yet I'd probably pick these classes because I still had no plans or ideas about ever being a preacher, so the surprise was more so just how directly applicable these classes would end up being in life as I know it today. I had no idea what was coming. I find myself reminded time and time again of little things, tidbits of experience-based knowledge and wisdom, that pastor Dan Esau, one of my teachers, said in class.

NBC has been a place to stimulate thought, a safe place to ask some potentially dangerous questions, and a place where my life's path changed directions (and took direction).

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PROGRAM
for your life

CANTATA

This past year's Christmas Cantata was one of the biggest yet! The gym was full both nights and the stage was packed with almost 60 people who made up the choir, kid's choir, actors, and band! I am so grateful and blown away by the dedication that everyone put into making the whole event a huge success. Because of the strong talent and the continuity of members from prior years, Timothy Lenko and I were able to bring both an original script and music to the choir and Living Proof drama team to learn. The drama was a mixture of comedy and seriousness as we followed a family searching the mall on Christmas Eve for their lost daughter even as they were celebrating their first Christmas after their son had passed away. From the beginning of the process, my prayer was that the message of hope, peace, and joy would be heard by those who attended—and I believe that is what happened! Many people were impacted by the message that despite our grief and hurt, God is present and there to comfort. Several guests commented that the theme is one that needs to be heard throughout the year. Thank you to all who performed, attended and prayed for this event.

—Myra Schmidt, Music Director

ENCORE

SENIORS' RETREAT JUNE 4-8, 2018

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Russ Wilson
Canada West Director
Associated Gospel Churches



CLASSROOM SESSIONS

David Smith
NBC Faculty



CONCERT

The Hutchisons

Siblings, Angela, Chris & Amy,
sharing their love for God through music



NEW THIS YEAR: WORKSHOPS

LADIES: "Older Women Likewise"

Looking at the Titus 2 model of living for women

MEN: "Retirement or Refiring & Retooling"

The promises that go along with finishing well.

Standard Plan (5-Day Package): \$350/couple, \$210/single
Commuter Plan: \$160/week, \$85/day

Please contact the college for more information
or to book your spot for June!

NEXT STOP...PHILIPPINES

We are excited to tell you about an adventure some of our students are embarking on this summer in conjunction with Action Ventures—a mission trip to the Philippines taking place July 2-29, 2018 in Silang and Pampanga! It will be an opportunity for our students to serve and grow while communicating the Gospel, using the arts. They will serve street kids and youth, learning to perform with these same kids in schools sharing the hope of the Gospel using mediums like music, drama, illusions puppets, and chalk art. The team will help with existing church plants, home visits, Bible studies, prayer, and community events. In some instances, the team will help with vocational training like mechanics, welding, sewing, and, worship & art.

We recently had the opportunity to ask Sharmyn Abrahamson and Wyatt Penner about the trip. Both have been on mission trips before but look forward to experiencing this new culture. Wyatt signed up for this trip because, "he felt God calling him to it" and is anticipating "spending lots of time with kids and serving people in a different way than what he's done before." Sharmyn expects that "she will be tempted to stay in situations where she is more comfortable but wants to learn to trust that God is in control and be willing to be pushed out of her comfort zone." Both students, like the rest of the team, have expectations and aspects of the trip that they are looking forward to, or are a little concerned about.

Please pray with us for these students as they spiritually prepare for what is ahead of them—trusting in God's faithfulness. If you would like to support any of these students financially, please contact Action Ventures directly at (403) 204-1421.



(L-R) Sharmyn Abrahamson, Zachary Rempel, Emily Reimer, Jennifer Enns (NBC Leader), Bridget Fehr, Alisha Morton, Mary Yanke, Wyatt Penner, Mark Sorel (Action Leader)

REFRESH

We want you as alumni to stay refreshed in classroom learning while having an opportunity to reconnect with the College.

NBC is offering one free course audit per college year to NBI/NBC third and fourth year graduates. Credit hour fees would be waived but alumni would be responsible for their room and board.

Some restrictions apply. Application forms are available on our website or by calling 888.862-5095.

GIVING

As our fiscal year-end approaches, we want to give you a look at where the giving numbers currently sit:

Budgeted General Donations **\$300,000**

Year-to-Date **\$170,000**

Needed by April 30, 2018 **\$130,000**

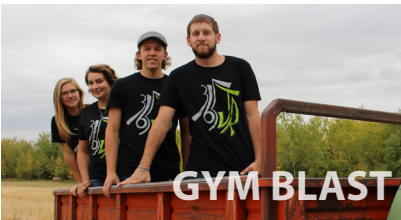
As you read this, we are approximately nine months into our fiscal year. With only three months to go, we are praying for a strong finish in April. *Will you prayerfully consider a gift to the General Fund of Nipawin Bible College to see our April 30, 2018 year-end financial needs met?*

NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

1. For **Michael & Sharlene McDonald ('95)** that the 12 students attending their missionary and pastor's college would grow in the Lord. For Calvary Chapel in La Paz (Mexico) that God will add those who are being saved.
2. For the **NBC students** that they will grow deeper in their love for Jesus while they diligently study and serve others.
3. For **Laura Drake ('07)** as she conducts two kids clubs, youth group, and a young adult group. For many it's the only "church" they get.
4. For **Josiah & Anne Jisca (Gaucher) Meyer ('03)** in their ministries in Quebec and for God to fill in the gaps of their financial support.
5. For the **NBC Student Life Department** as they meet with students on a regular basis, working on issues in their lives.
6. For **Tyler & Brianna (Fehr) Shore ('05)** as they anticipate the arrival of their 4th child on February 22. That the weather and roads will be clear for the trip to the hospital.
7. For the **NBC President Advisory Committee** and president, Lance Schubert as they bring leadership to NBC.
8. For **Les & Kim (White '01) Adrian** as they begin taking foster children into their care. For wisdom, strength, and guidance along the way. That they would be a shining light.
9. 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.
10. For **Ken & Marion Graham ('86)** for complete recovery from surgery for his leg and ankle following a bad fall in December.
11. For **Carl & Brenda (Dyck) Ens ('83)** as they serve with Healing Hearts Ministries and serve the church and people in Aylsham, SK.
12. For **Nate & Natasha (Ginther) Enns ('02)** as they begin helping full-time with the Ethnos Canada (formally New Tribes Mission) PR department in Durham, ON.
13. For **Irv & Mari Penner ('93)** as they trust God for their finances and for a different vehicle with which to head back to Mexico.
14. For **NBC's tour teams (Access Team, FaceDown, & Living Proof)** as they travel and serve churches throughout the prairies.
15. For **4th year students: Andrea Fehr, Joël Desharnais, Jordan Lepine, and Janeil Mehrer** that they would finish well in their studies this semester.
16. For the **3rd Year NBC Students** as they complete requirements and learn from their practicums both on and off campus.
17. For **Kirby & Bernie James ('13)** as Bernie's aunt has just had surgery to remove cancer in her mouth. She believes in God but pray that she would have a true relationship with Jesus.
18. For **Kendall & Melisa Dyck (staff)** and their two teenagers Dana and Brendan, as they look for a short-term family mission trip opportunity.
19. For **Tony & Janet (Klassen) Ens ('86)** in their new NCEM responsibility coordinating member care and Tony's work with the Salvation Army to address Yukon homelessness.
20. For **NBC Faculty** as they prepare for classes and meet with students to discuss assignments.
21. For **Kevin & Krista (Smith '94) Rideout** as Krista continues to take a team of students from the academy to the orphanage each week to teach English. That God would use this time to give the youth a firm foundation in Christ.
22. For **Caylea Selke ('11)** as God has used the journey of cancer to bring glory to Himself and to use Caylea as His spokesperson. For contentment with a mindset of moving forward still.
23. For **Hope Vion ('12)** as she prepares to lead a missions team to Costa Rica in May. That God would use the team for His glory.
24. For continued wisdom and direction for the **Board of Directors** as they bring leadership to NBC.
25. For **Norm & Diane Janzen ('71)** as Norm has just joined the Board of Village Missions and asks for wisdom in serving with this team.
26. For **Don & Melody Pouteaux ('15)** as they care for Don's ailing father and just lost his mom last year. For joy in the midst of loss and the lessons that God wants to teach them.
27. For **Bill & Janice Dyck ('79)** for balance as they already see Bill pulled in multiple directions that could all be full-time involvements. For language learning.
28. For **Peter & Diane (Gruchy) Salmond ('76)** for health, energy, guidance, and wisdom. Also for their personal and Ashes to Worship financial needs.
29. For **Adam & Susanna Yadlowsky (staff)** that God would give them wisdom to lead their family and as Adam leads Student Life. Wisdom for testing and knowing God's will and determining clear direction for the future.
30. For **Timothy & Laura Block ('14)** as they work with Awana Clubs and also seek wisdom to parent their children while balancing ministry.
31. For the **finances of NBC** that donors would rise up and give to the General Fund to meet the budgeted year-end need of \$300,000.
32. For **John & Kathy (Peters) Froese ('71)** as God has given them a heart for senior's ministry and they serve regularly in this capacity.
33. For the **staff and their families of NBC**. As they seek to balance time at home with ministry at the college, and local church involvement.
34. For **Kristina Peters ('14)** as she recently got a new job. That she would continue to make God the centre.
35. For **Wes & Carol (Wiebe) Schellenberg ('82)** as they seek the Lord's direction for InterAct's work in Western Canada. For God's continued work in the lives of those impacted by InterAct's summer program.

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.

ACCESS TEAM



GYM BLAST

- MARCH 2
Ebenezer Baptist • Saskatoon, SK • Youth
- MARCH 3
Lipton EMC • Lipton, SK • Youth
- MARCH 4
Lipton EMC • Lipton, SK • AM Service
- MARCH 24
Norquay Covenant Church • Norquay, SK • Youth
- MARCH 25
Norquay Covenant Church
Norquay, SK • AM Service
- APRIL 25
Bow Valley Baptist • Cochrane, AB • Youth
- APRIL 26
Penhold Church of Hope • Penhold, AB • Youth
- APRIL 27
Kingman First Baptist • Kingman, AB • Youth
- APRIL 28
Grace Baptist • Airdrie, AB • Youth
- APRIL 29
Community Church • Garrington, AB • AM Service
Faith Covenant Church • Breton, AB • Youth
- APRIL 30
Coaldale MB Church • Coaldale, AB • Youth
- MAY 1
Church of the Open Bible • Swift Current, SK • Youth
- MAY 2
Bay Park Baptist • Saskatoon, SK • Youth

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

- APRIL 8
Lost River Bethany Mennonite • AM Service
Lost River, SK
- APRIL 24
Cornerstone Ministries Church
Crystal City, MB • Youth Night • 7:30 pm
- APRIL 25
Westpark School • Portage La Prairie, MB • Chapel
Grace Mennonite Church
Winkler, MB • Youth • 7:30 pm
- APRIL 26
Mennonite Academy • Grunthal, MB • Chapel
EMB Church • Grunthal, MB • Youth
- APRIL 27
Christian Academy • Austin, MB • Chapel
Alliance Church • Virden, MB • Youth • 7:30 pm
- APRIL 28
Carman Friends Church • Carman, MB • Youth
- APRIL 29
Westend Community Church
MacGregor, MB • 10:45 am
Evangelical Free Church • Carberry, MB
- MAY 1
Drop Zone Youth Centre • Grunthal, MB
Word of Life Mission Church
Niverville, MB • Youth • 6:30 pm
- MAY 2
Kings School • Winnipeg, MB • Chapel
Blumenort Mennonite Church
Rosetown, MB • Youth • 7:00 pm

LIVING PROOF



DRAMA

- FEBRUARY 11
Faith EMC • Swift Current, SK • 10:00 am
- MARCH 23
Lashburn Community Church • Lashburn, SK
- MARCH 25
Hope Mennonite Fellowship
North Battleford, SK • 11:00 am
- APRIL 7
Dessert Theatre • Saskatoon, SK
Diefenbaker Drive Community Church
- APRIL 8
Watrous Baptist Church • Watrous, SK
- APRIL 24
Emmanuel Baptist Church • Saskatoon, SK
- APRIL 25
Rosthern Junior College • Rosthern, SK
Langenburg Evangelical Fellowship
Langenburg, SK
- APRIL 26
Pelly Fellowship Chapel • Pelly, SK
- APRIL 27
Lac Vert Associate Gospel Church • Lac Vert, SK
- APRIL 28
CMD Quizzing Finals • Caronport, SK
- APRIL 29
Kelstern Community Church • Hodgeville, SK
- APRIL 30
Dalmeny Community Church
Dalmeny, SK • Youth
- MAY 2
Living Hope Alliance • Regina, SK • Youth
- MAY 3
Cornerstone Christian School • Moose Jaw, SK
- MAY 4
Cornerstone Christian School • Moose Jaw, SK
Diefenbaker Drive Community Church
Saskatoon, SK • Youth
- MAY 5
Loon Lake Native Fellowship • Loon Lake, SK • Youth
- MAY 6
North West Community Church • Meadow Lake, SK
Compass Emmanuel • Rapid View, SK

For more information on any of these events, please visit www.nipawin.org

ALUMNI & FRIENDS CONNECT NIGHTS

ALBERTA

MARCH 1
Didsbury, AB

MANITOBA

MARCH 12
Hodgson, MB
March 13
Swan River, MB
May 14
MacGregor, MB
May 15
Brandon, MB

SASKATCHEWAN

April 12
North Battleford, SK
April 13
Meadow Lake, SK
May 17
Lanigan, SK
May 22
Wadena, SK



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