

RIVERS

OF LIVING WATER

June 2018



"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sent out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

It is from this passage that the student leadership team chose the theme for the year: "ROOTED." I had the privilege of being on that team, serving as the head RA in Baxter Hall (the men's dorm). As we worked on choosing the theme for this year, we knew we wanted the theme to accomplish three things. The first was that it had to be something that all students could work on throughout the year. The second goal was that it would be encouraging to us as Christians. The third thing was that we wanted it to be something that would continue to challenge us after the school year was over.

The first part of the passage accomplished our first goal nicely. It gave us the challenge of trusting in the Lord, of becoming like a tree planted by the stream, whose roots grow nice and strong. Something we realized quickly, though, is that this is a process that never really ends. We have to continually work on trusting in the Lord. But it was something we could work on while we were here as students. The entire passage encourages us by reminding us that if we trust in the Lord, we will remain steadfast. Despite what comes, because our roots of faith are deep, we will be blessed by the Lord. The second part of the passage provided the challenge we wanted for after the school year was over—to keep our leaves green, and continually produce fruit. This is something that can only happen when you're rooted in the Lord.

With these things in mind, we decided that "ROOTED" would be just right, along with Jeremiah 17:7-8. We wanted this school year to be a time when we as students could work on becoming solid in our faith in the Lord, so that we could produce the fruit that He would make evident in our lives.

It is with strong roots that a tree is able to withstand drought or heat whenever they may come. And they will come. Our prayer was that through this year of school, all of us as students would develop strong roots, so that when trouble comes our way we could stand strong in our faith and continually trust in the Lord for strength.

This year was good for developing strong roots. Throughout the year we all had many opportunities to put our trust in the Lord. Whether we were writing big papers for the first time, pressed for time to do assignments, encountering new challenges in our ministries, or developing new friendships, we all had chances to trust God for our strength.

We decided that our "fruit" has to be seen by others. There is no fruit if there are no roots, and if the roots aren't healthy and strong, the fruit will demonstrate that. We also decided that our fruit is not for ourselves. Fruit never serves the tree itself—it is used either as food for other creatures, or for spreading seeds and reproducing. Therefore, the fruit that we produce is shown in our service to the Lord and other people.

I pray that this year's fruit will show itself in the lives of all of the students who were at NBC this year. I pray that this year was one that strengthened our faith so that when trials come, we can say that we trust the Lord. I pray that we became ROOTED. 🌳

Timothy Fehr
2018 Head Resident Assistant
NBC Graduate 2018
Bachelor of Christian Ministry



UPCOMING EVENTS

REKINDLE2018

August 3-6

For students/staff from 1985-90



NIPAWIN COUNTRY MILE 2K, 5K & 10K

August 4 • Call NBC to register



FRIENDS OF NBC OPENING SUNDAY BBQ

September 2 • 5:30 pm



THREE60FIVE JUNIOR

September 21-23

Ages 13-15 or Grades 7-9



MISSIONS CONFERENCE

November 2 & 3

Speaker • Reps • Workshops



ALUMNI WEEKEND

November 23-25

Watch for details at nipawin.org



ROOTED



"My classes this semester (Israel: Conquest to Crisis & Hebrews) gave me a huge excitement for the Bible and the Old Testament in particular."

Emily Reimer
2nd Year Student



"I loved learning more about the Bible and things about it. It was also good to hang out with godly men and women who also desire more of God."

Myles Abrahamson
1st Year Student



"My practicum and ministry encouraged spiritual growth significantly. I do not know where I would be without their personal encouragement."

Julie Desharnais
3rd Year Graduate



DISCIPLESHIP & STUDENT LIFE

- Year-End Evaluation average: 9.40/10 students said that *"this year at NBC was spiritually worthwhile."*
- 7-24 Discipleship Groups saw 14 groups of staff and students growing in Christ.
- Youth retreats—three60five JUNIOR (September) & three60five (March) had a combined total of 265 youth and 69 sponsors challenged to go deeper with Christ.
- Access, FaceDown, & Living Proof teams & student ministry served throughout the year.
- Year-End Evaluation average: 8.51/10 students said that *"I had opportunity to develop my gifts and put them to use."*
- Philippines mission trip: July 2018.



ACADEMICS

- Seven Academic Excellence Awards
- 16 graduates (3rd & 4th year)
- Two fourth year grads going into full-time ministry (Joël Desharnais, pastor, *Park Avenue Bible Church*; Andrea Fehr, *Power to Change*)
- Year-End Evaluation average: 8.51/10 students said that *"the classroom experience led to growth in their spiritual lives."*
- Year-End Evaluation average: 8.51/10 students said that *"[Academics] significantly strengthened my Biblical foundation for my life."*



DEVELOPING PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WITH A HEART FOR

ANNUAL REPORT

NIPAWIN BIBLE COLLEGE

Meeting with the deans and personal growth know where I would be an investment in my life."



"7-24 Discipleship Groups, being able to keep each other accountable, chapel and classes where the teaching was not just for knowledge, but challenged us in our lives —these all helped to bring about spiritual and personal growth."

Janelle Pope
2nd Year Student

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8



ADMISSIONS

- Applications received by May 15, 2018: 20
- Freshmen expected fall 2018: 22-25
- Admissions Work from July 2017 to June 2018:
 - Spring Tours: 44 locations, 3 teams, 3 provinces
 - Alumni & Friends Connect Nights: 9
 - Summer Camps visited: 17
 - Youth groups/Tour Teams/Career Fairs: 75
 - Personal coffees/visits/calls: countless



FINANCE & FACILITIES

- Year-End Evaluation: 9.63/10 students said that "cost was a good investment."
 - Dining Hall upgrades (Cooler/Freezer, Dishwasher, & Stove)
- Record high giving at Alumni Weekend and a foundation gift to make upgrades possible.
- Gym roof to be replaced this summer.

ART TO SERVE

GRADUATION & AWARDS

Valedictorian

Timothy Fehr

Grad of the Year

Joël Desharnais

Leadership

Julie Desharnais

Baxter Homiletics

Timothy Fehr

Charge to the Grads

Murray Lees

Barnabas

Julie Desharnais

Fine Arts

Campbell Tieszen

School Spirit

Emily Reimer

Student Ministry

Dallas Mehrer/Perry Siddons/
Caitlyn Watson

Student Work

Susanna Lawrence/
Kelsey Driedger

Academic Excellence

Caitlyn Watson/Josh Bondoc/
Dallas Mehrer/Brittany Sawatzky/
Timothy Fehr/Joël Desharnais/
Janeil Mehrer



Back: Tim Stodolka, Jeremy Wall, Jordan Lepine, Joël Desharnais, Joshua Lees, Timothy Fehr.
Middle: Shania Bueckert, Bryn Lees, Janeil Mehrer, Andrea Fehr, Destiny Sawatzky.
Front: Sharmyn Abrahamson, Saralyn Andres, Kaylee McGillivray, Julie Desharnais, Kelsey Driedger.

Dean's List

students
with a
GPA of
3.50 or
higher

Joshua Bondoc
Joël Desharnais
Andrea Fehr
Timothy Fehr
Dallas Mehrer

Janeil Mehrer
Joshua Lees
Brittany Sawatzky
Daniel Tully
Caitlyn Watson

FAREWELLS



LINDSAY & AMANDA ANDERSON have accepted an Associate Pastor role at Hillsdale Baptist Church in Regina, SK. After 12 years on staff and five years as a student (Lindsay) Nipawin has become home. While it will be hard for them to leave NBC, we trust that God will be faithful as they transition.



TIMOTHY LENKO has stepped down from his role as Admissions Counsellor and Drama Coach. NBC has valued the enthusiasm that Tim has brought to NBC and the areas in which he has served. As he makes decisions for the future, we trust that God will work in and through Tim for His kingdom.



LANCE & MELANIE SCHUBERT have served in the role of President over this past year. After prayerful consideration, they have stepped down from the role of President and have returned to North Bay, ON. We wish them God's blessing as they continue to faithfully serve Him there.



ADAM & SUSANNA YADLOWSKY both attended NBI as students and joined the staff in 2008. Adam has served as faculty and as Dean of Student Life with passion and commitment over the past 10 years. As they look to what is ahead, we pray with them for God's clear direction and wish them God's blessing where He leads them.



Foundations for Life Certificate



Christian Ministry Diploma

APPOINTMENTS



MYRA SCHMIDT joined the staff in 2012 and has brought leadership to Cantata, chapel teams, website and most recently joined the Admissions team. She will take over much of the Administrative Assistant role, beginning this fall.



TIM STODOLKA will join the Admissions Team this fall as an Admissions Counsellor, taking over for Timothy Lenko. He will help share about NBC in churches, schools, youth groups and more. We are excited to welcome Tim & Olivia onto campus as a staff couple following their wedding in June.

NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

1. For **Brenden & Helena Peters ('10)** for continued strength in ministry and as Helena leads a personal Bible study with a woman from the Boyle Playgroup.
2. For the **NBC Admissions Team** over the summer as they connect with prospective students and visit youth groups and camps.
3. For **Irv & Mari Penner ('93)** as they adjust to the new culture, lifestyle, and climate—seeking opportunities to reach out to both Spanish and English speaking communities in La Paz, Mexico.
4. For **Josiah & Anne Jisca (Gaucher) Meyer ('03)** as they have set some new goals for 2018—visiting 6 new churches, increasing their buffer account, and seeking 12 new donors to get to 100% monthly support.
5. For **Peter & Diane (Gruchy) Salmond ('76)** as the Ashes to Worship sewing school in Rwanda has been full and needs more space. For wisdom as they seek a bigger property that would better suit their needs.
6. For **the three60fiveJUNIOR staff team** as they prepare for the retreat in September. That junior high students would be excited to attend.
7. For **Terry & Rosie (Dyck) Banman ('88)** as they return to Papua New Guinea with Ethnos Canada in June. For Rosie's mom who grieves the recent loss of her husband and sister. For the kids with parents away.
8. For **the the 2017/18 students** as they have been back home serving at camps or in the workplace. That they would continue to grow in faith and make God-honouring decisions.
9. For **Nate & Natasha (Ginther) Enns ('02)** for all the details to come together for their move to Durham, ON to continue to serve with Ethnos Canada. Pray for FirstStory Ministries—an Ethnos and NCEM joint initiative to develop churches in Northern Canada.
10. For the **2018/19 Freshmen Students** as they prepare to come to study at NBC for the first time. For finances and determination through potential obstacles.
11. For **the family and friends of Cindy Wiebe ('94)** as she passed away in February after a battle with cancer.
12. For **Carl & Brenda (Dyck) Ens ('83)** as they serve with Healing Hearts Ministries and serve the church and people in Aylsham, SK. Pray for their grandson as he struggles with health and for their son Jared, as he is walking apart from God at this time.
13. For **NBC Faculty** as they prepare through the summer for classes they will teach in the fall.
14. For **Timothy & Laura Block ('14)** for increased openness to the presentation of the Gospel with the people they come in contact with in the communities around Big River.
15. For continued wisdom and direction for the **Board of Directors** as they bring leadership to NBC.
16. For **the Humboldt Broncos hockey organization and the community of Humboldt, SK** as they continue to heal following April's bus accident. For believers to love and care for their neighbours.
17. For **Caylea Selke ('11)** for recovery from treatments/surgeries and their after effects. Also, wisdom and direction in making big decisions moving forward in life while still recovering.
18. 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.
19. For **Walter & Cindy (Sanders) Selke ('85)** as they praise God for safety in traveling many KMs to visit NCEM missionaries in northern Canada. For God's wisdom to lead both NCEM & Healing Hearts Ministry. For more labourers in the field among First Nations communities.
20. For **Myra Schmidt & Val Moulton** as they serve at Stoney Lake Bible Camp over the summer months.
21. For **camps & towns** that elected not to check the box on government grant applications stating they support & believe in abortion. Pray for our government, that God's will would be accomplished.
22. For **Laura Drake ('07)** as she gears up for six weeks of camp and VBS in Ontario. Pray that Faith Mission Canada (and other camp/VBS ministries) would see many come to know Christ!
23. For **2018/19 Returning Students** as they work and serve through the summer and look forward to another year of study at NBC.
24. For **Devin & Jessica (Friesen, '07) Dyck (Torch Trail Bible Camp Directors)** as they have increased their season to include a second week for kids from the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. Pray for another year of hope and healing.
25. For **staff and faculty** that have transitioned out of NBC this spring. For wisdom and direction for the future.
26. For **Nate & Kenniston (Korzenowski) Coulson ('16)** as they settle into married life and await Kenniston's results from the pathologist and then undergo cancer treatments. Pray for wisdom and understanding for treatment decisions.
27. For **Bill & Janice Dyck ('79)** as they initiate ministries in Bolivia. Janice teaching music to vulnerable kids and Bill setting up pastoral support groups.
28. For **staff and faculty** that remain at NBC through this time of transition. That they would know God's peace and presence as they serve God faithfully.
29. For **Tim & Laurel (Abrahamson) Schroder ('82)** as they fill in as Government Representatives in Port Moresby (PNG) for about four months. Pray for God's direction in their future placement.
30. For **Kevin & Krista (Smith, '94) Rideout** as they will be heading to Canada and the U.S. for a year of home assignment.

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.

NIPAWIN BIBLE COLLEGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Alumni & Friends of NBC,

The end of the 2017-2018 term saw many changes at Nipawin Bible College. Lance Schubert (President), Lindsay Anderson (Academic Dean), Amanda Anderson (Administrative Assistant) and Timothy Lenko (Admissions Counselor) resigned and will not be returning in the fall.

Lance Schubert and the NBC Board of Directors have also chosen not to renew Dean of Student Life, Adam Yadlowsky's employment contract.

Please be in prayer for the search for new faculty members to replace both Lindsay and Adam.

The Board's plan is to hire an interim president and we are encouraged to announce that we have several good candidates that we look forward to interviewing. We trust that the new interim president will begin his tenure in the next few months and serve until a full-time president can be installed. We covet your prayers that we would find the man of God's choosing for this important role.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of Nipawin Bible College

REKINDLE 2018

A reunion for students and staff who
attended Nipawin from 1985-1990

Friday, August 3 — Monday, August 6, 2018
at Nipawin Bible College

A relaxing weekend of reconnection and fellowship:

- kickoff BBQ at Friday supper
- lots of time for visiting
- campus tour
- free time for local leisure
- games or gym use as you feel led
- sharing, worship, and prayer time
- free lodging in dorms
- houseboat cruise option
- breakfast Monday to close weekend

Contact Jason Elford for more information
306-862-5095 or info@nipawin.org
Register at nipawin.org or the facebook group page
Please RSVP by June 15th

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RESOLUTE

JOSHUA 1:7-9

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018

A youth retreat for grades 7-9 or ages 13-15

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