

RIVERS

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February 2020



For Such a Time as This...

A Message from John Loge, President

Mordecai said to Esther, “Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Every one of us has been appointed for the time in which we live. We have been given a date of birth and a date appointed for death. We were born in a particular place and learned a specific language. We did not choose our parents or our nationality. God did. While decisions have to a degree been a part of charting our paths since then, many of the things which happen to us even now are beyond our control. A Ukrainian plane is shot out of the sky over the Iranian capital. Gasoline prices fluctuate. Almonds, vanilla, and avocados have become much more expensive (three of my favorite foods!).

We like to be in control, but let’s face it: we have a limited amount of control over the events that surround us. Esther became queen in a foreign land—not her choice. Haman plotted to kill all Jews in the empire—beyond her control. The law of the land was that if one entered the king’s presence uninvited, and the scepter was not extended, it meant execution—she did not make this law! She was certainly not in power over any of these things.

Esther did the right thing—she entreated the One who does have control. She prayed earnestly for three days. Then she did what was probably the most difficult thing in all her life—she went into the king’s presence uninvited. Her life and all the lives of her people were saved as a result.

What is it that God has ordained that we do in such a time as we live in? Our areas of influence will be as varied as the readers of this article. We live in different places and have different responsibilities each day—family, church, work, school.

God has appointed us to go and make disciples of all nations—in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. At such a time as this.

I was reminded of this when teaching a class this morning. The earnest eyes and hearts of the students both thrill and sober me. They are called for such a time as this as well. They will be parents, church workers, missionaries, farmers and carpenters in a very short time. God is training them here at NBC because they will be asked to go into the harvest field as workers—at such a time as this.

Their earnestness thrills me because we get to be a part of preparing them for the battle which is not against flesh and blood. They are being taught, disciplined, trained, and mentored for such a time as this.

I am also sobered. We cannot fail in our responsibility to prepare them well. Such a time as this for the staff is today—we are called to be examples for them. We are called to teach them what God has taught us. We are called to be salt and light so they can learn what that looks like—in such a time as this.

As you think of Nipawin Bible College, please pray that the 15 people currently on staff and the 43 students we are training will fulfill the God-ordained reason we are here. Our core purpose is “developing passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve.” God has raised up this college. He has raised up staff and students in an era and world of great need of the gospel. May we do so with passion, excellence, and diligence.

Esther did what she was created to do. May we be faithful in following her example.



WHAT'S COMING? – An Academic Update

John Loge, Academic Dean

If you are starting or continuing your education at NBC in the fall of 2020, there will be some exciting changes happening!

Study all 66 Books of the Bible Over 4 Years

First, and most importantly, we are going to be teaching all 66 books of the Bible over the course of our 4-year program. We want each 4-year grad to have the opportunity to be enriched by the whole Bible before they leave NBC.

Semesterization

Secondly, the college has been running on a largely modular based system for a number of years. I believe it will be more conducive for learning if we offer most of our classes over a full semester. There will still be modular courses at the beginning of each semester for those classes which are suitable for a condensed setting. This will allow us to bring the students to campus after Labor Day each year and give them a minimum 2 1/2 week Christmas break.

Fourth Year On Campus Internships

If you have a 3-year degree from NBC and wish to upgrade and refresh your learning, we have opportunities right here on campus starting in the fall. There are four options for on-campus ministry and service which will lead to a 4-year degree. There will also be academic requirements, but these are the internships that will be available at NBC in the fall of 2020:

1. Recruitment department: working with the recruitment team under the leadership of Jason Elford, the student will speak to youth groups, represent NBC at career fairs, and visit potential students one-on-one. This will require some travel out of Nipawin with a vehicle provided by the college.
2. Student Life department: working under the leadership of the deans, the student will assist in mentoring, speaking into the lives of the students with a focus on the in-dorm students. This may also include some time working with the deans in arranging events such as three60five.
3. Maintenance department: ministries such as Bible

campus often look for godly people who have experience in "hands-on" skill-based duties. We will offer the opportunity to work with our maintenance manager to gain skills in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, driving tractor/skid-steer, and a variety of other disciplines. This person will also likely be mentoring underclassmen as part of the ministry component.

4. Academic department: This student will work with the professors under the leadership of Dr. Loge in gaining experience in mentored preaching opportunities (chapel), preparing and teaching 2-3 classes to the underclassmen in the first semester, learning how to prepare a syllabus, then team-teaching a full course in the second semester. There will be certain academic prerequisites for this internship.

If you have any questions as to the structure of the 4th year starting fall 2020, please call or email Dr. Loge (jlloge@nipawin.org) for more information.

Married Student Bursary

In addition, NBC has a new bursary to offer to married students! If you are married and both spouses are attending NBC, you only pay tuition for one person! Call it a "2 for 1" bursary. If you are interested in this, call Jason Elford or Tim Stodolka at the college for more information.

Deacons Track

A new program that we anticipate implementing September 2020 is the Deacons Track. Check out the overview to the right or see fuller details on our website. Contact Jason Elford or Tim Stodolka at the college for more information.

Evening Courses & Free Audit for Alumni

We are planning to offer an evening course in the first semester to allow community members to attend. And a reminder that Alumni of NBI/NBC are able to audit one course per college year free of charge. Contact the college if you have further questions.

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

Budgeted General Donations	\$320,000
Year-to-Date	\$191,000
Needed by April 30, 2020	\$129,000

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, 2020 year-end financial needs met?*



CAMPUS DAYS

MARCH 22-23, 2020

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.

REGISTER ONLINE www.nipawin.org

You don't have to be a college student to be in the classroom. Join us March 16-20 for

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OVERVIEW

with Chris Hutchison

Pastor, Nipawin Emmanuel Baptist Church



In this class we'll seek to understand what Biblical theology is and how it works. Then, we'll put what we've learned to work as we explore the plot structure of the Bible. Finally, we'll identify our own place within that plot, and review some of what this all means for our lives today.

Registration Deadline is a week prior to the start of class and fees are \$600 for the 2 credit course or \$200 to audit. Please contact Julie Fehr at 888.862.5095 if you would like to register or have any questions.

DEACONS TRACK



Designed to develop Christ-like servants with a strong Biblical foundation

WHAT IT IS:

An opportunity for those less academically inclined to acquire a biblical education with vocational training on the side. You will be in the same classes, be a part of the same student events, and engaged in the same student ministries as everyone else. The differences are the academic load and regular vocational engagement.



WHAT IT ISN'T:

- An apprenticeship program
- Accredited
- A place to goof off and waste time
- A job placement - this is Bible College with a vocational experience

REQUIREMENTS:

- Profession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
- Consistency in Christian living and spiritual growth
- A high school diploma and at least 18 years of age
- Valid driver's license
- Reliable transportation
- Work gear - work-boots, safety glasses, etc. (or see website for full details)



HOW DO I APPLY?

Simply head to our website: nipawin.org, check out the Deacons Program and fill out an application form. Or for more info feel free to contact Jason or Tim by calling 888-862-5095.

DEVELOPING PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WITH A HEART TO SERVE

For more information, check out our website: nipawin.org or give us a call at 888-862-5095

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Many of NBC's alumni and supporters have responded to God's call to serve in the missions field. Here are a few prayer requests from ministries and alumni serving in the Canadian prairies:



NCEM/Healing Hearts Ministries (Regina, SK): Walter & Cindy (Sanders) Selke ('85)
Pray for wisdom as they are responsible for many missionaries. For spiritual awakening among First Nations and the Gospel to be proclaimed with boldness.



Healing Hearts Ministries (Aylsham, SK): Carl and Brenda (Dyck) Ens ('83)
Pray for their upcoming prison ministry opportunity in Regina and other drama ministry opportunities.



Power to Change-Students (Saskatoon, SK): Andrea Fehr ('14)
Pray that their community will grow in intimacy with and love for God. May they seek God's leading in everything instead of depending on themselves.



Grunthal Drop Zone (Grunthal, MB): J.J. Szeponski ('10)
Pray that the students would have a burden on their hearts to share Jesus with other students in their school at Green Valley High School.



Village Missions of Canada (Boyle, AB): Brenden & Helena Peters ('10)
Pray that God would give them wisdom to discern what is of eternal value and that He would give them the grace and strength to put their time and energy into those things.

JUNE 2020 MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: AFRICA. If you currently serve with a missions organization in Africa, let us know your mission organization, where you are located and a prayer request for your ministry by May 15, 2020 (info@nipawin.org).

SPRING TOUR April 21-May 1



PRAISE & WORSHIP

FACEDOWN



DRAMA

LIVING PROOF

COMING EVENTS

three60five YOUTH RETREAT
MARCH 6-8

LECTURESHIP COURSE
MARCH 16-20

CAMPUS DAYS
MARCH 22-23

DESSERT THEATRE
APRIL 2-4

GRADUATION CEREMONY
APRIL 19

REKINDLE 2020: 1970's REUNION
MAY 29-JUNE 1

ENCORE SENIORS' RETREAT
JUNE 1-5

APRIL 21

Ponoka First Baptist Youth Night • Ponoka, AB

APRIL 22

Northgate Baptist Youth Night • Edmonton, AB

APRIL 23

Slave Lake Koinonia School • Slave Lake, AB

Bethel Gospel Chapel • Warham, AB

APRIL 24

Mountain Christian School • Dawson Creek, BC

Dawson Creek Alliance Youth • Dawson Creek, BC

APRIL 25

Fort George Youth & Young Adults Evening Service • Prince George, BC

APRIL 26

Lakes Community Bible Church • Prince George, BC

Vanderhoof Christian Fellowship • Vanderhoof, BC

APRIL 28

Cedars Christian School • Prince George, BC

McBride Evangelical Free Church • McBride, BC

APRIL 29

Stettler Alliance Youth • Stettler, AB

APRIL 30

Olds Koinonia School • Olds, AB

Territorial Drive Alliance Youth • North Battleford, SK

MAY 1

Osler Mission Chapel Youth • Osler, SK

APRIL 21

Cornerstone Ministries Youth • Crystal City, MB

APRIL 22

Calvary Baptist Church • Emo, ON

APRIL 23

Beardmore Baptist Youth • Beardmore, ON

APRIL 24

Kenora Bible Church Youth • Kenora, ON

APRIL 26

Portage Evangelical Church • Portage la Prairie, MB

St. Pierre Bible Fellowship Youth • St. Pierre-Jolys, MB

APRIL 27

Grunthal Abundant Life Church • Grunthal, MB

APRIL 28

Steinbach MB Church • Steinbach, MB

APRIL 29

Steinbach Christian School • Steinbach, MB

Christian Fellowship Church • Gladstone, MB

APRIL 30 - TBD

May 1 - TBD

If you would like one of NBC's tour teams to come to your church or youth group, contact Jason Elford.

NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

1. For **Wes & Carol (Wiebe) Schellenberg ('82)** and their ministry with the Avant Canada Service Centre: for budget and ministry details; more missionaries to join with Avant Ministries; and for final details of the merger between Avant and Camino Global ministries.
2. For **David & Nicole Guenther ('08)** as he teaches in Taiwan that he would share who God is as he teaches the course material. Pray that they can give the best care of their new son, James, with his health issues.
3. For **Walter & Cindy (Sanders) Selke ('85)** for strength and creativity to share the vision for NCEM and Healing Hearts Ministries with churches, students and others who God may call to participate in the work of cross-cultural ministry.
4. For **Colin & Miranda Meikle ('00)** as they take on responsibility for training new WEC candidates. Pray for balance between ministry and home life and for Miranda's continued health concerns.
5. For **Irvin & Mari Penner ('93)** as they serve in El Cacalotepec teaching English. Pray that doors would be open to share the Gospel to students and parents.
6. For **Alycia (Stephens '97) & Danny DeLong** as they serve with ACOP that the Holy Spirit will fill them with boldness and sensitivity to the Father's voice. Pray for safety as they travel and for their young children who are called to the ministry as well.
7. For **Abe & Debbie Koop ('67)** and their co-workers as they serve in South America with Wycliffe in different church ministries and translation projects.
8. For **Tony & Janet (Klassen) Ens ('86)** as they minister with NCEM in Whitehorse, NWT, look for 20 new missionaries in 2020 and for the Northern Collective Church as it grows both physically and spiritually.
9. For **Laurel (Abrahamson '82) & Tim Schroder** as they move to Port Moresby, PNG to begin to work with Gov Rep Ministries for NTMPNG.
10. For **Bill & Janice Dyck ('79)** as they settle back into their ministries in Bolivia, for their personal financial support and funding for ministries in Bolivia with Canadian Baptist Ministries.
11. For **Josiah & Anne Jisca Meyer ('03)** as they settle into life in Red Lake, ON that as they take a time of rest, they would continue to be faithful in their lives, family and local church.
12. For **J.J. Szeponski ('11)** as he serves with Drop Zone in Grunthal, MB. Pray for his financial support and for the direction of the ministry.
13. For **NBC's tour teams (FaceDown & Living Proof)** as they travel and serve churches throughout the prairies.
14. For **4th year students: AnnaRose Lawrence, Dallas Mehrer, Brittany Sawatzky, Perry Siddons, Ted Siddons and Jordan Tymchak** that they would finish well in their ministries and studies this semester.
15. For the **facilities of NBC**: aging infrastructure (H2O & sewer lines); for a 20 - 30 year vision for the facilities; for the vehicles - both safety in travel and wisdom regarding replacements.
16. For **John Loge (President) and MLT** that they will hire the best people for upcoming vacancies.
17. That God would stir up a desire in people's hearts to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord through pursuing post secondary Christian education.
18. For **Jason Elford and Tim Stodolka (Admissions)** that as they interact with people the Lord would grant them wisdom and discernment in how they present the college and who they are to speak to about the college.
19. That **three60five** would go smoothly, the student committee would learn from their experience, the retreaters would be impacted and inspired to know Jesus Christ and His Word.
20. For our **7-24 leaders** as they intentionally get involved in the students' lives, talking through hard things and striving to apply the Word of God to their lives.
21. For the **students**, that they would take what they learn in class, ministry, 7-24, etc. and would go out with a mindset of a disciple-maker, where they would actively seek the lost, and disciple others to obey Jesus' commands.
22. For the **incoming freshman class of 2020** - may God place it on the hearts of those who should be here, to apply.
23. For the **NBC instructors**: that they finish well and for safety in travel for instructors coming from out of town.
24. For **NBC Alumni as a whole**, that we would be effective servant leaders in our churches. Pray that we would live in a way that makes people look at NBC favourably and as a worthwhile destination for themselves or children. Pray that we would live intentionally each day — continuing to grow in our friendships, marriages or families, and in the time we spend in God's Word and in prayer.

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.

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CHOOSE JOY
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MARCH 6-8
A RETREAT FOR GRADES 9-12

REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.NIPAWIN.ORG



NBC DESSERT THEATRE

AMAZING LOVE: THE LIFE OF GEORGE WHITEFIELD



7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
MELFORT EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
NIPAWIN BIBLE COLLEGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
MEADOW LAKE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

RSVP: BY FRIDAY, MARCH 27
WWW.NIPAWIN.ORG - (888) 862-5095
A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

REKINDLE 2020

1970'S REUNION May 29-June 1, 2020

For any student and staff who were at
Nipawin Bible Institute in the 1970's.

We've already received 50 registrations!

Find out who and register at

www.nipawin.org/rekindle

For more information, check out the NBC website or contact:
Wayne Unrau (1-204-228-3350).

*If you are an alumni from the 1970's and didn't get a letter in
January about this event, please contact the college.*

ENCORE

SENIORS' RETREAT JUNE 1-5, 2020

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. John Loge, MD



- Classroom Sessions
- Workshops
- Concert
- Tournaments
- Crafts
- Group Activities
- Fellowship
- Worship
- and more!

Standard Plan (5-Day Package):
\$395/couple, \$235/single
Commuter Plan: \$150/person/week,
\$85/person/day

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



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