

# RIVERS

OF LIVING WATER

June 2021



## NOT THEN—AND NOT NOW!

A Message from John Loge, President

The Apostle Paul was in prison (for the last of his innumerable incarcerations). He was lonely; he was cold; he was jailed for preaching the gospel. During this final confinement, he wrote his last letter, which we know as 2 Timothy. Notice the content of the epistle: He was nearing execution—but he knew of the promise of life (1:1). He was treated poorly—but continued to give thanks (1:3). He did not display self-pity in his circumstances—rather, he constantly prayed for others (also 1:3). He was powerless (humanly speaking) to escape Caesar’s hate-filled clutches—but he spoke of a spirit of power, love and a sound mind (1:7). And this is just the first 7 verses of the letter! The apostle to the Gentiles was so focused on his eternal reward—and helping others to enjoy the same—that he was compelled to keep preaching, writing, and sharing the gospel until the day he died, regardless of his circumstances.

We have lived with the chains of restrictions in Canada for over a year now. We know nothing of the intense hardships Paul was living through—but do we have the same concentration on things above? Do we look for opportunities to share the gospel with those around us?

I was in a recent church service when a lady asked prayer for easier circumstances. The prayer offered in response to this request was more in line with Paul’s instructions (inspired by the Holy Spirit): “Join me in suffering for the gospel” (1:8). Paul reminded Timothy that we have been given this astounding gift called salvation by grace AND that we are called to a holy life (1:9-10). You have to look pretty hard in Paul’s 13 letters to find a place where he asked to be relieved of hardship. The one place where he

asked to be rid of his thorn (1 Corinthians 12:7ff), God said, “No.” Paul’s response? “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (v. 10). Is that the way we respond to difficulties? Who knows—maybe these restrictions and the difficulties that we face as a result are here to make us strong!

Here at NBC, we have had two College years heavily impacted first by a shutdown, then by significant restrictions. We are learning to be steadfast, immovable, abounding in the work of the Lord. We look for what we CAN do. We do everything we ARE allowed to do. The gospel is being learned, spoken, taught, and lived here at Nipawin Bible College. God did not give us a spirit of timidity—but of power, love, and a sound mind. That is what we seek to build into our students: lives lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, with love in the forefront of a sound mind.

Back to 2 Timothy...I wonder if we are spending too much time speaking about the difficulties, restrictions, and what we cannot do. Instead, what was Paul’s discussion regarding his circumstances? It was quite short: I am suffering (2:9). I am chained like a criminal (2:9). But then he makes a declaration that should ring in our ears today: “But God’s word is not chained.” What a perspective! Physical chains can be placed on our wrists. God’s word cannot be chained. Men can be made to suffer. God’s word says suffering is there to make us strong. Men can even kill our physical bodies. God’s word says that followers of Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, will rise again. Is that the way we live? Or do we live as if the gospel is restricted? Remember: God’s word is not chained—not then and not now!

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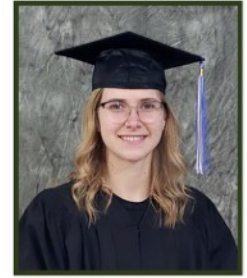
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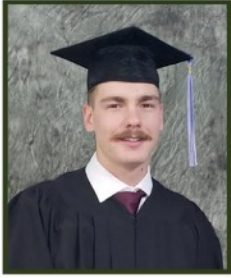
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Madison Bueckert

**Grad of the Year**  
Madison Bueckert

**Leadership**  
Melisa Willson

**Baxter Homiletics**  
Madison Bueckert

**Barnabas**  
Evan Stensrud

**Academic Excellence**  
Cummulative GPA

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Jolene Wiebe

**Juniors (3.8 or higher):**  
Jordan Dudgeon  
Makenna Haghighi

**Senior (3.7 or higher):**  
Madison Bueckert

**4th Years (3.65 or higher):**  
Josh Bondoc  
Melisa Willson

**Dean's List**

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Zane Abrahamson  
Elijah Adrian  
Jeralee Bernard  
Josh Bondoc  
Malachi Boucher  
Madison Bueckert  
Jordan Dudgeon  
Afifa Farooqi  
Adelaide Fehr  
Fionna Fehr  
Kaleb Geddert

Makenna Haghighi  
Micah Hildebrandt  
Gabe Mak  
Jelena Mak  
Cole Penner  
Cassandra Quiring  
Vanessa Sawatzky  
Evan Stensrud  
Jolene Wiebe  
Dana Willson  
Melisa Willson

# GRADUATES & AWARDS

**Leadership**  
Josh Bondoc

**Baxter Homiletics**  
Josh Bondoc

**Barnabas**  
Caitlyn Watson

**Fine Arts**  
Darwin Harder (Music)  
Evan Stensrud (Drama)

**School Spirit**  
Dana Willson

**Student Ministry**  
Isaiah Stetski  
Brooklyn Diamond

**Student Work**  
Kelly Fehr

## 2019-2020

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Zane Abrahamson  
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Becky Jo Brown  
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Emily Dyck  
Fionna Fehr  
Makenna Haghighi  
Darwin Harder  
Anna Lawrence

Dallas Mehrer  
Cole Penner  
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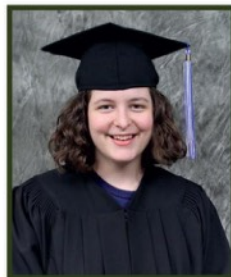
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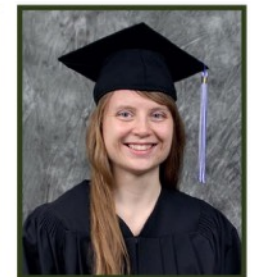
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# 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

**Gabe Mak**

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**Julie Nelson**

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## Fine Arts

Kaleb Geddert

## School Spirit

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## STUDENT LIFE

- Year-End Evaluation average:
  - **8.6/10** that they "experienced growth in my spiritual life"
  - **8.3/10** that they "My prayer life and Bible study/reading was encouraged and enhanced"
  - **8.6/10** that they "I have more clarity on what it means to be 'In Christ'"
  - **8.4/10** that "Student Ministry experience was beneficial"
  - **9.0/10** that "my 3rd year practicum was a beneficial leadership experience"
- **7-24 Discipleship Group** saw 10 groups of staff and students aiming to grow in Christ through focus on four spiritual disciplines (Bible Engagement, Prayer, Journalling, and accountable relationships)
- Students served in **10 Student Ministry areas** both on campus and in Nipawin & Tisdale communities
- Amidst COVID-19, StuCo worked hard to execute multiple events that worked within the Public Health Regulations
- We were saddened to cancel three60fiveJUNIOR & three60five this past school year

## ADMISSIONS

- **Highlights:** Four teams were able to go to 13 different churches and youth groups over the school year
  - We were able to preach in 9 churches
  - Jason and Jordan were able to do numerous coffees and meals one-on-one with people
  - Jason and Jordan were able to visit a few youth groups in person over the year
- Excited about **Admissions team for 2021/22** (as of May 1st)
  - Jason & Josh anticipate 12-15 youth group visits in May & June
  - Already have interest from a number of Bible Camps for us to come for day camps
- Know someone interested in Bible College or want someone to consider it? Contact Jason or Josh and help us arrange a coffee, meal, or phone call with them. Please join us in praying for 15-20 freshmen or more

## FINANCES & FACILITIES

- Alumni Day Donations: **\$5740**
- 2020/2021 General Funds Surplus
  - Budget: \$300,000
  - Actual: **\$312,705**
- 4-Plex Project
  - Budget: \$600,000
  - Donations to date: **\$253,778.37**
- **4-Plex Project Timeline:**
  - Evan's Wing Moved - May
  - Basement Dug - May
  - Concrete Poured - June
  - Construction Begins - June
  - Completion Date - Dec. 31



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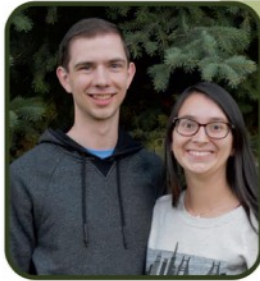
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# NBC STAFF FAREWELLS & WELCOMES



**PETER BARBER**

Peter has served as a faculty member for the past 3 years teaching primarily Old Testament, theology and language courses. We pray all the best for Peter & Amanda and family wherever the Lord leads them in the future.



**JULIE FEHR**

Julie has served as the Registrar and Administrative Assistant for the past 2 years. She has capably helped organize various events such as Missions Conference, three60fiveJUNIOR2019 and several sports camps during summer 2020. We are excited for Julie as she begins her new role as a mom and wish

her & Tim many blessings for their new family!



**HOPE VION**

Hope has served as the Assistant Cook for the past 4 years and Drama Coach for the last 2. She has blessed NBC with her cheerfulness and creativity both in the kitchen and in the arts! We pray all the best for Hope wherever the Lord leads her in the future.



**KENDALL WILLSON**

Kendall has served at NBC for the past 15 years as the Finances and Facilities Manager which required him to wear many hats and learn many new skills over the

years. He has impacted the lives of many students, staff and supporters over the years as well as being a strong Christian witness to the various business contacts he has dealt with in his role. Kendall and Melisa will continue to live and serve in Nipawin. We pray the best for him as he works in his new position at an accounting firm in Nipawin.

**MORGAN & JOELLE ALLEN**



Morgan will be joining NBC in August 2021 to serve as a faculty member and Facilities Manager. The Allen family come from Bonnyville, AB where Morgan served as an Associate Pastor and completed his Red Seal Carpenter trade. Joelle is a full-time mom as she cares for and homeschools their 5 children. Having this unique opportunity to both teach and work with his hands while at NBC is a huge blessing for Morgan.

**JORDAN & MAKYLA BERGEN**



Jordan started as a faculty member and Admissions Counselor in 2020. We are excited to have him move into full time teaching this fall. He and Makyla welcomed their first child, Reuben, in March!

**JOSH & EMILY BONDOC**



Josh started in his part-time role as Admissions Counselor in May after graduating from NBC with his 4 year Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies in April 2021. He is also serving part-time at Nipawin Emmanuel Baptist Church as Director of Young Adults Ministries. He and Emily (Reimer '16) were married May 2020. Emily works at a local business in Nipawin and helps Josh in his youth ministry.

**DR. PAUL SMITH**



Paul started as a faculty member in 2020. We are excited to see him move into the role of Academic Dean this September 2021. Paul teaches a wide variety of courses but enjoys Church History.



## NBC/Ethnos Canada Partnership

NBC is pleased to announce our partnership with Ethnos Canada in order to promote biblical education and missions. We welcome Ethnos Representative Doug Harkness to our staff team!

Doug Harkness will be joining NBC in September 2021 to serve as Campus Chaplain and faculty. He served as a pastor in Ontario before joining Ethnos Canada as a representative and serving on various missions trips. Doug will serve dually with Ethnos and NBC as he recruits students for both Ethnos and NBC with the goal of serving in missions.



## NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- 1. Tony & Janet (Klassen) Ens ('86)** as they work with NCEM in Whitehorse, YT. Pray for wisdom in their ministries and work with new candidates.
- 2. Jeremy & Justine (Berlinic) Sherwood ('11)** as they have joined NCEM. They plan to move to Prince Albert, SK in August where they will work at mission headquarters.
- 3. Nathan & Natasha (Ginther) Enns ('02)** as they serve with Ethnos Canada in Durham, ON. Praise for the work God has been doing in their children's lives and how He has been supplying their needs.
- 4. Terry & Rosanne (Dyck) Banman ('88)** as they serve as missions reps for Ethnos Canada, that they would know how to creatively connect with churches and Bible Colleges.
- 5. Michael & Kristina (Lamontagne) Wilton ('12)** as they serve with YFC, that they would know how to creatively connect with the youth at the Back Door. Pray for the summer farming season.
- 6. Carl & Brenda (Dyck) Ens ('83)** as they serve with Healing Hearts Ministries in Aylsham, SK. Pray that they will be able to be involved in camp ministry this summer as well as minister to the summer workers in the area.
- 7. Jason & Lindsay Elford (NBC Director for Admissions & Alumni)** for wisdom to raise their daughters (12, 10, 8, 7) to know and love the Lord.
- Pray that we as alumni would desire our children to love and follow the Lord more than any other earthly pursuit.
- 9. Bruce & Rosella (Dueck) McCaskell ('88)** as they have joined NCEM and moved to Pine Ridge Bible Camp in Beauval, SK. Bruce will serve in maintenance and Rosella in registration.
- 10. Walter & Cindy (Sanders) Selke ('85)** - Praise for the 10 new missionaries being trained for service with NCEM. Pray for God's leading as they step down from leading Healing Hearts Ministries and focus on NCEM. Pray for wisdom for future leadership of HHM.
- 11. Sharmyn Abrahamson ('15)** as she studies with Ethnos Canada in the Emanate program. Pray that she will have open eyes to see people who need encouragement and to connect well.

*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.*

## NBC STUDENT AND STAFF REQUESTS...

- PRAISE that we could finish the college year with in-person classes!
  - PRAISE for the growth that took place in each student this year.
  - For wisdom and direction for the graduates and non-returning students in their future ministries.
  - For wisdom and discernment for **Dr. John Loge, the leadership team and board of directors** as they continue to make plans for the fall especially with the continued uncertainties of COVID restrictions.
  - For **the staff** that they would have restful and productive summers as they take holidays and prepare for the fall.
- For the students as they are home for the summer:**
- that they would be committed and consistent in their personal growth with the Lord, continuing in the growth that they made this past year.
  - for jobs and ministries
  - for strong and deliberate connections with their local churches in order to grow, serve and help others grow.
  - for wisdom for fall plans and returning for another year of Bible college.
  - that they would be lights for Christ to their families, their friends and communities.
- For the **new 4plex construction** - for finances, for building plans and for wisdom and safety for those working on the building.
  - For wisdom as we look for several **new staff members** for the fall.
  - NBC Admissions (Jason Elford and Josh Bondoc)** that they would be sensitive to God's leading and intentional in asking Him for direction as they seek to connect with the right individuals, churches, youth groups, camps, or with anyone else. Pray that God would stir in many people's hearts and lives and direct them to invest so intentionally in equipping themselves at a place like Nipawin.





# 2021-2022 ONLINE & MODULAR COURSES

Join us this year on-campus or virtually  
in one of the following courses:

## VIRTUAL COURSES:

**World Missions** - Doug Harkness  
Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Sept. 27-Dec. 13, 2021  
3 credits - Also offered on campus

**Cults & Other False Teachings** - Dr. John Loge  
Wednesday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
September 29-Dec. 15, 2021  
3 credits - Also offered on campus

**Theology & Practice of Worship** - Dr. Paul Smith  
Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Jan. 10-Apr. 4, 2022  
3 credits - Also offered on campus

## JANUARY MODULE COURSES:

8:30a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Jan. 3-7, 2022

2 credits - On campus only

### Women's Ministry

Lorenda Friesen & Melisa Willson

### Biblical Theology

Chris Hutchison

### FEES:

**Audit: \$200/course**

**Credit: \$300/credit hour**

Registration Deadline is a week prior to the start of class. Please contact the registrar if you would like to register or have any questions (888.862.5095).

**REGISTER ONLINE - [www.nipawin.org](http://www.nipawin.org)**

## CAMPUS ROOM RENTALS



**NBC's dorms are available for rental  
during the summer!**

If you are looking for a place to stay during your time in Nipawin consider booking a room at Nipawin Bible College! Our dorm has many rooms that we are happy to have guests stay in while our students are gone.

**[nipawin.org/summer-room-rental/](http://nipawin.org/summer-room-rental/)**  
for more information or to book a room  
or call 888.862.5095

## COMING EVENTS

### Keep watch on our website and Facebook!

Due to the uncertainty of restrictions and government guidelines, we are not announcing dates and information for our regular events (three60five, Missions Conference, Alumni Weekend, Cantata, etc.) at this time. However should the restrictions allow us to host these events we will be prepared to do so and will announce all information on the website and our social media platforms.

## YEARBOOKS

### Misplace your yearbook?

### Looking for the NBC history books?

We have multiple copies of yearbooks from as far back as 1962 as well as the two history books "A Journey of Faith" written by Clifford & Eleanor Maier, published in 1994. If you would like a copy, call or email the college. These are available for FREE\*!

*\*Shipping costs may apply*



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