

## NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

- For David & Nicole Guenther ('08) as they work through the paperwork for David's US citizenship and finish up their time in Taiwan.
- For Gordon & Carole Sawatzky ('71) as he prepares and facilitates workshops, classes and Freedom to Lead internships as well as personal mentoring and discipleship in their ministry with Africa Inland Mission.
- For Carl & Brenda (Dyck) Ens ('84) as they continue to minister with their drama ministry and with Healing Hearts ministries in Aylsham, SK.
- For Guillermo & Mary Ann Reddekopp ('86) to finish their time well in La Paz, Mexico with SIM. Pray for wisdom to know what is ahead.
- For Dylan & Mikayla Martens ('11) for wisdom and discernment as they make various life decisions.
- For Irvin & Mari Penner ('93) and family as they grieve the death of their 23 year old daughter, Leah, in June.
- For Darwin & Shania (Pearson) Harder ('15) as they serve with NCEM in Buffalo Narrows, SK. Pray for wisdom and understanding as they strive to live according to God's Word and how to live in unity with others who disagree with them.
- For Michael and Kristina (Lamontagne) Wilton ('12) as they work with the Drop In in Carman, MB. Pray for the various ministries they lead and the youth they interact with.
- For Wes & Carol (Wiebe) Schellenberg ('82) as they work with Avant Ministries serving in the home office.
- For Sharmyn Abrahamson ('15) as she continues in her second year in the Emanate program with Ethnos Canada. Pray that she would continue to grow in her knowledge and relationship with Jesus and sharing the Gospel.
- For Laurel (Abrahamson) & Tim Schroder ('82) for ministry opportunities that are before them, for wisdom and direction, as they work with NTM-PNG from home and other ministries through Ethnos Canada.
- For Brenden & Helena Peters ('10) for direction for a potential youth group in their church and for strength and wisdom for leading Bible studies, Sunday School, and small groups.
- For the NBC students that they will grow deeper in their love for Jesus while they diligently study; that they will serve well in their student work and student ministry areas; that they will grow strong friendships that challenge and encourage them in their walk with the Lord.
- For continued wisdom and direction for the Board of Directors as they bring leadership to NBC.
- For the NBC Student Life Department as they meet with students on a regular basis, working on issues in their lives.
- Praise God for a good start to NBC applications for Fall 2022. Pray for wisdom in how we (Jason Elford & Josh Bondoc) use our time in the Admissions Department and with who and where we invest our efforts. Pray for a good sized freshmen class next fall. We'd love to invest into 30 new students.
- Pray for how we spend our time as NBC staff. May we raise our children to know and love the Lord and His Word. May we exercise wisdom in how much we invest into our marriages, children, our relationship with our fellow staff, and our "work hours" with students and/or serving in our roles.
- Pray for NBC staff and our roles in the local church. May we be part of striving for unity, doctrinal purity, building up the Body of Christ as we serve in various ways.
- Praise God for the support of so many of our alumni. Pray that our new staff can become acquainted well with our alumni (and vice versa), and that Jason (as Director of Alumni Relations) and Josh Lees (as President of the Alumni Association) would have wisdom on how best to continue strengthening relationship and connection between the College and former students.

We invite you to submit your requests throughout the year at 888-862-5095 or info@nipawin.org. Find more requests at www.nipawin.org/praise-n-prayer

### TOWNHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

The new building on campus is well underway! We are grateful for the work done by the crew under the leadership of Brian McArthur ('77). God has been providing the finances and people needed in His timing to complete the various stages of the building project. We hope that two of the four suites will be completed by November 1 so that one of our married student couples and a new staff member can move in. The final completion date is scheduled for January 1, 2022. Please pray for safety and wisdom in the construction process as well as the finances needed to complete the project. Funds needed: \$186,600.



## INVITE US OVER!

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 would love to join you in your ministry. Our student ministry team, 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 teaching workshops in your setting.

Please contact the College at 888.862.5095 for more information.



## CAMPUS DAYS

October 31- November 1



### Come get a taste of life at NBC!

At Campus Days you'll meet our staff, spend time with our students and 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.

[www.nipawin.org](http://www.nipawin.org)

For more information or talk to Josh Bondoc (888.862.5095)

## MODULE AND VIRTUAL COURSES

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

### VIRTUAL COURSES:

**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

**Major Prophets II: Ezekiel & Daniel**  
Jordan Bergen  
Wednesdays, 8:30-11:10 a.m.  
Jan. 12-Apr. 6, 2022  
3 credits - Also offered on campus

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

### 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).



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## ALUMNI WEEKEND

November 19-21, 2021

### WORKSHOPS

**Missions**  
Doug Harkness

**Theology of Worship**  
Dr. Paul Smith

**Marriage Roundtable**  
with NBC Staff  
who have almost 90 years of marriage combined!

### Obah Night: Sports

Silent Auction • Indoor Soccer Tournament • Presidential Pie Challenge • Coffee House  
Register online at [www.nipawin.org](http://www.nipawin.org)

# RIVERS

OF LIVING WATER

October 2021

## THE LORD WHO DOES ALL THINGS WELL

A perspective from a NBC staff wife: Christina Lytle ('12)

I like to think of myself as a campus kid. Not in the sense of my parents raising me here on the Bible college campus, but rather that this is the place the Lord has used to really grow me up in my faith.

My husband, Bradly Lytle ('11), and I moved onto campus for him to start his position as Dean of Men in 2015. We had only been married for one year and we also welcomed our first baby boy that fall. I had only done one year at NBC as a student in 2012, so in many ways I was quite young. Young in my faith, a young wife, and a young mom.

I usually encourage the students here at NBC that looking back I wish I had stayed for longer as a student myself, embraced the unique season of the dorm, practiced my gifts and abilities with friends, and learned more about who the God of the Bible is. I may have only come for one year as a student, but I am so glad the Lord has allowed me the chance to grow up on campus during these seven years as a staff family.

NBC has been a place where I have learned from older moms, where I have made mistakes in ministry and learned from them. Where I have spoken into lives, and had my life spoken into. In seven years the Lord has taught me about my role as a follower of Christ, as a mom, as a helper to my husband, and as a member of my local church. I look around and I think to myself, "This is the good work God has for me to do today."

In the early years I wrestled and complained through sleepless nights and the business that comes with being in ministry. Now I know much more clearly the value of this ministry and the amazing opportunity it is to serve the Lord here, and that when I am weary or afraid I can take refuge in the Word of God.

The Lord has also taught me about loss, as students and staff come and go. I have grappled with how to navigate those challenges in a way that honours Him, and I have at times grumbled or complained but as the years go by I begin to learn that He is the Lord who does all things well.

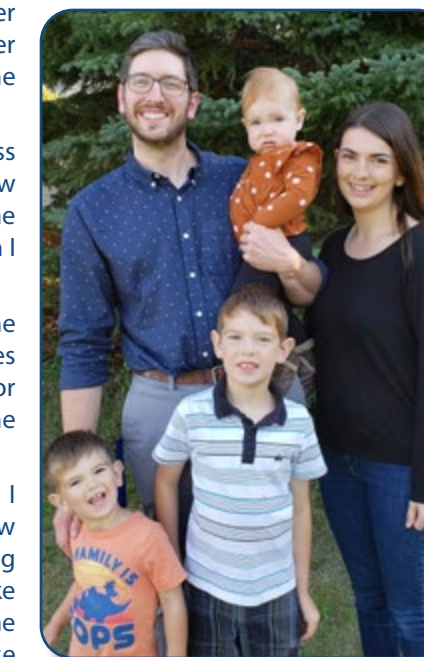
He teaches me about friendship, and doing for others what I would have them do unto me. After every loss of a friend, new staff move onto campus. He reminds me that if I was moving somewhere new I would appreciate the fresh bread, and so I make and deliver the bread. Praise the Lord for the lady who taught me to make bread that is actually good, and my apologies to those

who received dense or doughy bread while I was learning.

My Father in Heaven teaches me about His provision: for us, for the college, and for the church. He has provided in such numerous ways I could not begin to list them here.

I have also had the opportunity to take classes over the years. I was able to appreciate the teaching of a professor I had in my freshman year much more than I did originally. I have had the chance to learn from new faculty in classes like Sexual Ethics, and The Church and End Times, and have thoroughly enjoyed each class I have taken.

This year I walked into the office in September to check our mail and was confronted with all new faces at the front desk. But what lovely, warm and welcoming faces they were! Faces of people the Lord has provided to work and serve at NBC, faces of humans that love God. Every year at NBC is different from the last and perhaps you look at the college and only see those differences. But praise the Lord that He is the God who does not change, and that by His grace He allows us to. I am so thankful that I keep growing. Change might not seem pleasant in the moment, but I am glad for the change in my life over the years, and very encouraged to be a part of NBC as it keeps growing as well.



May we at NBC keep growing in the Lord, and recognize the good work that God has for us to do this day. May we glorify Him in all that we do, apologize to Him quickly, and take refuge in His word. And for all previous staff and Alumni, may you also continue the good work God has for you, He is the Lord that does all things well.

Brad & Christina Lytle  
Bennett, Levi, Elise



# DANIEL: EYES SET ON A HIGHER CALLING



John Loge

It is hard to find a character in the OT which is a better model than Daniel. One particular story (Daniel 5) sticks out today. Remember one of the successors to Nebuchadnezzar's throne, a King Belshazzar? He was the diametric opposite to Daniel. King B got an "F" in every moral category: he was an idolatrous, wine-bibbing, proud blasphemer who completely disregarded a knowledge of Israel's God.

When a bodiless hand wrote three words on a wall, festivity turned to terror, especially on the part of the immoral king. No one could interpret the message left on the wall, inciting even more panic. There was a woman who remembered the role Daniel had played during past kingdom administration and suggested he be consulted. The king was more than open to any suggestion. It appears that Daniel hardly had time to comb his hair before he was ushered into the presence of the knock-kneed crowd. There were goblets everywhere (which should have been used in worship of Yahweh, not in a pagan orgy). Also in the room were drunk guests, unclean food which no one in the room had an appetite to eat, and a very pale King Belshazzar. This is the conversation Scripture records:

"Daniel, if you can tell me what those three words mean, I will give you a purple robe, a gold chain around your neck, and make you one of the top three rulers in the land."

It is what Daniel replied which is astoundingly insightful: "Keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. However, I will tell you what the writing means."

That is character speaking! Daniel was in the service of the One who rewards eternally. Daniel and his three friends had lived through an awful exile, threats on their lives, and passed test after test of their trust in Yahweh. Experience told this man (likely around 80 or more at the time of our story) that "The things of earth will grow strangely dim." His goal was not gifts and rewards as kings could give. But he would be faithful to his call—one which included revealing mysteries to pagan kings.

Daniel's speech was short and to the point—Belshazzar, you and your kingdom are finished. God is judging you and Babylon for godlessness, lawlessness, and idolatry.

It was not 24 hours and the kingdom of gold, the head of the statue, the lion with eagles' wings, was completely destroyed and Belshazzar was killed.

Think about it...Daniel was third highest ruler of the land! However, his devotion to the King of Kings was unshakeable. He was third highest ruler for less than a day—he is servant of God Most High for eternity. May we be like Daniel, who would have completely agreed with Paul (Colossians 3:2), who said, "Set your affections on things above, not the things of the earth."



## NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



TINA KROEKER  
- Finances Manager

### Tell us a bit about yourself.

I was born in Mexico, the 4th out of 8 daughters. When I was 7, we moved to Texas and lived there for two years. After that we moved to Ontario where

I spent the remainder of my childhood. My family attended a great little country church, where I was able to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus, and also grow in my faith. In grade 12, I knew that I wanted to attend Bible school once I was done high school. I attended Winkler Bible Institute for one semester in the fall of '96 and then in the fall of '97, I came to Nipawin Bible Institute, where I attended for 2 years. At Bible school, I was able to grow in my faith, and meet some wonderful people. It was there that I met my husband, Doug. We have stayed in the community, where we have enjoyed raising our three boys, being involved in a local church and working.

### What is your role on staff at NBC and how did God lead you to NBC to undertake that role?

It is a great honour to be able to come work at NBC, the school that had such a huge impact on my life. I have taken the role as the Finances Manager. For the past 10 years, I have enjoyed working at a local accounting firm, but God had been stirring in my heart that a change was needed, and directed me to the position here at the school.

### What is one memorable ministry moment for you, past or present?

One of the most memorable ministry experiences I have had was the trip we took to Vancouver while at NBC.

ANGELA HUTCHISON  
Administrative Assistant & Registrar -



### Tell us a bit about yourself.

I was raised in Ottawa, Ontario by a single mom whom God had delivered from a very destructive path. The transparency and authenticity in her relationship with Christ was formative in my life, helping me see my own need for Christ's salvation and forgiveness. Music was always a significant part of our family, and we sang and recorded music together for many years, particularly after moving to Saskatchewan in 1990. After years of health struggles, my mom was diagnosed with cancer in 2003 and passed away five years later. Throughout that time the LORD helped me trust Him when my future seemed uncertain, painful, and ambiguous, and I always found Him faithful. In 2014 I began a two year internship in my local church which led to five years in full-time children's ministry. Today, I love making music, serving in the local church, procuring good books, and taking walks or runs in the great outdoors.

### What is your role on staff at NBC and how did God lead you to NBC to undertake that role?

I've been hired as Administrative Assistant and Registrar. Over the last many months my heart has been stirred to prayerfully consider where else the LORD might have me serve. The position at NBC puts to use many years of administrative experience, and the desire to continue to intentionally build into the lives of the next generation.

### 3) What is one memorable ministry moment for you, past or present?

This year a particular highlight was the young adult mentoring I was able to participate in.



NBC Staff Team

Front Row (L-R): Morgan Allen, John Loge, Tina Kroeker, Angela Hutchison, Valerie Moulton, Lorenda Friesen, Jeralee Bernard, Myra Schmidt; Back Row (L-R): Paul Smith, Josh Bondoc, Jason Elford, Doug Harkness, Jordan Bergen, Brady Lytle, Darwin Friesen

We encourage you to cut here and use this page as a prayer aid.

**Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16 (ESV)**



## COMING EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 3 & 4  
Theme: The Glorious Light of Christmas

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 11-12  
Mission Reps • Workshops

### three60five YOUTH RETREAT

MARCH 11-13  
A youth retreat for Grades 9-12

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## IN MEMORIAM: MURRAY LEES (1959-2021)



We are saddened by the loss of a strong supporter and friend of NBC. Murray Lees peacefully passed away on September 25, 2021 surrounded by his wife, Glenda, and their family after a seven year battle with leukemia.

Born and raised in Melfort, SK, in a Christian family, Murray committed his life to Christ as a young boy. Murray became a pastor in 1998 with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church serving in three different churches over his 23 years of pastoral ministry. His passion was sharing the Gospel with anyone he came into contact with, whether that was while riding motorcycles, playing sports (especially golf), or sharing coffee.

Murray and Glenda raised their family to love the Lord and to serve alongside them in ministry. All five of the Lees' children are alumni of NBC: Sharaya ('05), Danielle ('07), Rachel ('09), Jessica ('12) and Joshua ('15). Murray was a current director on the NBC Board of Directors having started in 2019.

Our love and prayers go out to Glenda and family during this time.

### What is one thing you have already learned in your first weeks here at NBC? What is one thing that excites you about being at NBC this year?

I'm excited to learn more about God's Word and growing in my relationship with Him!  
- Victoria B., Freshman

I've realize how much of a distraction technology is and how much control it had over me. I'm excited to renew my relationship with God...and be open to what God is leading me to do as I move forward. - Austin D., Freshman

I'm excited to take what I know and learn about God, and using that to increase my worship of Him. - Dylan H., Freshman

I'm excited to grow in my faith through this community. - Anson K., Freshman  
I have been learning the importance of focusing on Christ in every situation! He needs to be my strength and the centre of my life. All that I do revolves around Him. - Julie N., 4th Year

I have learned the importance of knowing the entire story of the Bible, including the Old Testament. It adds so much depth to the story of Jesus' life on earth. I'm really excited to grow in community and to extend my knowledge of God's word. - Kaylee R., Freshman

Ministry is rewarding and God is good. Ministry is hard but God is faithful. - Dana W., Senior

## NBC FALL 2021 REPORT

Foundations For Life Certificate (Academic Program)  
17 Full Time Students  
1 Part Time Student

Foundations For Life Certificate (Deacons Program)  
4 Students

These students are being given on-the-job mentorship in the NBC kitchen and on the new townhouse building project site!

Christian Ministry Diploma 7 Students

Bachelor of Christian Ministry 9 Students

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies 2 Students

TOTAL: 40 Students

17 Female Dorm Students; 17 Male Dorm Students; 6 Married Students

Students come from B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario

Full Time Staff 12 Members

Part Time Staff 4 Members



## Students & Staff 2021/22

Front Row (L-R): Myra Schmidt, Kaleb Gedert, Austin Dyck, Cassidy Palmer, Morgan Allen, Jason Elford, John Loge, Dana Willson, Makenna Willson, Jordan Dudgeon, Brady Lytle, Johnny Mirasty, Kelsey Ballantyne; 2nd Row (L-R): Jelena Mak, Afifa Farooqi, Marla Bueckert, Katie Bueckert, Victoria Bell, Rachel Quiring, Teresa Regnault, Kaylee Reimer, Julie Nelson, Cassandra Quiring, Jeralee Bernard, Valerie Moulton, Lorenda Friesen, Darwin Friesen; 3rd Row (L-R): Josh Bondoc, Damian Neudorf, Paul Smith, Cole Penner, Skyler Knudson, Elijah Adrian, Micah Hildebrandt, Vanessa Sawatzky, Allison Dyck, Natalie Driedger, Tina Kroeker, Angela Hutchison, Doug Harkness; Back Row (L-R): Evan Stensrud, Gennes Mak, Marlow Masich, Isaac Wood, Anson Kroeker, Cameron Kroeker, Brendan Willson, Adam Parsons, Zane Abrahamson, Dylan Hamata, Jordan Bergen; Missing: Braxton Siemens