

NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

- For **Sharmyn Abrahamson ('15)** for continued guidance as she prepares for future ministry with Ethnos Canada. Pray as she raises support while waiting on God's direction.
- For **Morgan Allen (Facilities)** and others involved in the building of the new 4-plex project - wisdom, energy and strength to complete the last details of the project.
- For the **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.
- For **Irvin & Mari Penner ('93)** that prayer and financial support would grow as they share the word of God in Mexico. Praise for support and relationships they are building in Mexico. Pray that these relationships will continue to get stronger.
- For **Timothy & Laura Block ('14)** and for the youth and adults who participated in camp this summer that they will all continue faithfully following the Lord in these changing times. Pray for them to see God's direction as they seek mentorship to grow in the Lord and in ministry.
- For **Bryan & Jamie Hildebrandt ('96)** for their son and his wife - Micah & Shaylynn - as they adjust to being new parents. And for Micah as he balances his studies as a 3rd year student, husband & dad. Pray for wisdom, patience, peace & strength.
- For the **NBC students** - that they would be listening for the Holy Spirit's voice in class, their homework, and personal devotions and be willing to make the changes that God calls them to make in order to continue to grow in their faith.
- For **Bradly Lytle and Lorenda Friesen (Student Life Deans)** as they walk alongside students - that they would have wisdom to know how to encourage and mentor the students to look to God's word and Spirit for guidance.
- For **Walter & Cindy (Sanders) Selke ('85)** as they lead NCEM. Praise for connections with college students and other young adults inquiring to serve with NCEM. Pray for open doors into First Nations communities as they seek to wisely place their new recruits to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- For **Michael and Kristina (Lamontagne) Wilton ('12)** as they work with the Drop In in Carman, MB. Praise that they are close to the fundraising goal for the expansion for center. Pray that the remaining funds come. Pray for the lunch program and the youth Alpha program they are doing with the students and for the leaders that they would be able to show God's love to the students in a tangible way.
- For **John Loge (President) and MLT** - that they will have wisdom in order to teach the Word effectively in our ever changing society.
- For **Jason Elford and Josh Bondoc (Admissions)** as they try to connect with potential students and speak in churches and youth groups.
- For the **instructors (Dr. John Loge, Dr. Paul Smith, Morgan Allen, Jordan Bergen, Doug Harkenss)** for wisdom and clarity as they prepare and teach their courses and grade assignments. Pray that they would continue to teach God's word faithfully and carefully.

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4-PLEX UPDATE: WE'VE MOVED IN!



We are excited to announce that the first of the suites in the new 4-plex is now occupied. The Bergens moved in the weekend of January 22. The second suite is almost finished and we hope that the next family can move in mid-February. Please pray that this project would be completed well and that those who live here would be blessed and blessing to those they show hospitality to.

RIVERS

OF LIVING WATER

February 2022



THE SPIRIT SAYS...

John Loge, President

"The Spirit says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." These words from 1 Timothy 4:1 are jarring. These are the last days. The Spirit says that in these days, some will abandon the faith. There may be some prominent people who come to mind—but your neighbors and former church friends may come to mind as well. Abandoning the faith. Some are former leaders, some are from your youth group. It is a marker of the last days.

The second part of the verse is equally sobering: people who have abandoned the faith are at great risk of following deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Sound impossible?

Consider this: The leader of a national association of evangelicals (who had preached against homosexual behavior/rights) was found to be having homosexual encounters himself. He appeared in a reality TV series episode depicting a week of swapping wives with a friend of his. Several pastors have been caught in some pretty shady financial deals. Four hundred pastors and seminary professors were caught as customers of Ashley Madison.

Some will abandon the faith. They will be influenced by deceiving spirits. They will follow things taught by demons. My friends, this passage is not talking about the world—these are individuals who have been in the faith and abandon it. So, what is the church's response to this? I would suggest three fundamental things:

- 1. A solid understanding of the Word of God.** John 17:17 says, "Sanctify them (Jesus' followers--us) by the truth--your Word is truth." It is the truth which sets us free. Truth is the antidote to false teaching. We must know it, live it, and teach it. This is why we here at NBC are so committed to teaching the next generation of church members and leaders the whole of the Scriptures. Pray that we would do so well.
- 2. Maintain fellowship and accountability with**

other believers on an individual basis. We need to be personally held accountable for our lives. If we live solo lives (especially leaders) we run a great risk of slipping into error, both in doctrine and lifestyle. This is what we do here at NBC--each student is mentored/disciplined during their time at the College. The desire is to help them grow while they are here. AND when they leave, may they have the desire to do the same for themselves and others.

3. Maintain fellowship with the wider body of Christ. There is a reason Scripture implores us not to neglect assembling together as a church (see Hebrews 10:25). When the weather is cold, we need each other. When it is hot or raining we need to assemble and worship with believers. When we are on vacation, we need to be with other Christians. Unless we are housebound, TV or internet church is a poor substitute for in-person fellowship. Online resources are great, but face-to-face worship, Bible teaching/study, and prayer are indispensable.

What will happen if we do not have a clear understanding of the Word? What will happen if we neglect the assembly and accountability? Well, we are witnessing what Paul warned us to be prepared for: an abandoning of the faith, deceiving spirits, and things taught by demons. However, this is why we are warned: First Timothy 4 goes on to say that we are to be good ministers of Christ Jesus. We are to labor and strive as we put our hope in the living God who is the Savior of those who believe. We will be faithful! Just because there are counterfeit bills does not mean we discontinue the use of cash--we learn to recognize true bills and the false are readily identified.

May it be the same with us: may we know and recognize the truth; may we enter into/continue in relationships which will cause us to grow in our faith; may we labor and strive as a part of the wider body of believers--the church--for which Christ died.

If we do so, we will be blessed, the church will benefit, the world will see us doing so, and our God is glorified.

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1 Peter 2:9-10

...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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CAMPUS DAYS

MARCH 20-21, 2022

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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General Donations

Budgeted \$320,000
Year-to-Date \$226,000
Needed by April 30, 2022 \$94,000

We are praying for a strong financial finish by our fiscal year-end of April 30th.

Will you prayerfully consider a gift to Nipawin Bible College to see our financial needs met?

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



MORGAN ALLEN
- Facilities Manager

Tell us a bit about your family life.

When we moved onto the NBC property in September, the activity level at the school was immediately changed. 5 children, aged 3 to 11 with very high energy have made this wonderful place their home. Tobias, Selah, Mercy, Mika, and Naomi love to play outside in almost every kind of weather and have adventures. The best adventure has been living near the Elford and Lytle children and together discovering new ways to play.

In our home we are loud and laugh often. Everyday Joelle leads the kids through their daily homeschool lessons and continually tries to manage the high energy and the high volume. Our continual goal is to raise 5 God fearing young people.

How did God lead you into ministry and what ministries have you served in prior to NBC?

I have known since I was 14 that I belonged to the Lord. It wasn't until September of 2003 that I finally surrendered to that calling. Since that transformational moment, I have worked in ministry. These have been volunteer, part-time, and full-time positions. I have served as a youth leader, college and career leader, small group leader, missions coordinator, maintenance and facilities director, and camp pastor. Most of those adventures were while I was a member of Bow Valley Baptist Church in Cochrane Alberta.

I later spent almost eight years as an associate pastor of Bonnyville Baptist Church in Bonnyville, Alberta. This position was mostly in relation to youth and young adults but included almost all pastoral duties.

In your spare time, what do you like to do for fun?

I like to do several things for fun. I really enjoy hunting and fishing and being outside. I love wood working. I love playing long and intense strategy board games. I like reading. And I really enjoy eating new and exciting foods from different cultures and learning about those cultures and people. I like to sit around the table with other people and tell stories.

DOUG HARKNESS
Campus Chaplain



Tell us a bit about your family life.

I grew up in Hamilton, ON and have six siblings. My dad was a factory worker and lay preacher at the Harbour Rescue Mission and Six Nations Reserve. I received sound Bible teaching at an Associated Gospel Mission.

I gave my life to Christ on January 14, 1977 and God immediately gave me a burden for unreached peoples that has never waned. I began serving the Lord by cutting the lawn at Westside Baptist Church where I was introduced to New Tribes Mission by my pastor.

Debi and I married in 1977 and were blessed with two sons. She died in 2008 and never got to meet our three grandsons.

What ministries have you served in prior to NBC?

My first short-term mission trip was to Jamaica while a student at London Baptist Bible College. I have since been to the Philippines, Haiti, and Bolivia. I graduated in 1984 (BTh) and planned to serve in China, but the Lord closed the doors so our family spent 17 years in Simcoe, ON. While there, I was ordained by Grace Baptist Church within the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada and was introduced to chaplaincy at the Norfolk General Hospital and Nursing Home.

I served for 14 years as Pastor in Bobcaygeon, ON and became chaplain of the Royal Canadian Legion branches in Bobcaygeon and Durham, ON. When the church merged with a sister congregation in 2016 I was asked to represent New Tribes Mission. NTM became Ethnos Canada in June, 2017 and I served as coordinator of Church Relations for Central Canada representing Ethnos in churches and conferences from Halifax, NS to Okatoks AB. In 2021, Ethnos asked me to serve at Nipawin Bible College so I moved to Nipawin in August.

In your spare time, what do you like to do for fun?

I bought my first motorcycle after Debi died and have ridden to both coasts several times and as far south as Mexico.



We were excited to once again send our students on their annual ministry trips - FMP & OMP - this year the week of January 9-15, 2022! Because of the restrictions in 2021, we were unable to send students on these trips last January. Here is a report of what the students did and how they were impacted!



FMP/OMP 2022 Reports

OMP - Outreach Ministry Practicum

This year OMP looked different than in previous years. Our third years went on this trip as they missed it last year. Also different, instead of

going to Vancouver as is typical, they went to Saskatoon and Regina. The point of OMP is to give the students opportunities to serve in inner city ministries. The students learned about and served with ministries such as The Bridge, Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, and House for All Nations in Saskatoon, chapel at LCBI in Outlook, Youth for Christ, Good News Chapel, Morning Star Christian Academy, the Log House Thrift Store, and the Faith Baptist Church youth group in Regina. Though some of the planned ministries changed even throughout the week due to COVID restrictions, the students and Dr. Loge who accompanied them had a great time serving and learning together.

A huge thank you to the ministries and their leaders the team had the privilege to work with! May God bless your service. A special thank you to Caylea Selke ('11) who helped plan the Regina portion of the OMP trip!

FMP - Freshmen Missions Practicum

This is a one week trip for first year students, giving them an opportunity to serve mainly in native ministry settings. Our current second year students joined the freshmen this year since they missed out on last year's trip. Fourth year students Jeralee Bernard and Julie Nelson as well as staff members Angela Hutchison and Paul Smith joined the teams to give leadership.

After a brief orientation January 7-8 on campus by Walter Selke (NCEM Director, NBI alum '85) three teams of students were sent out to Pine Ridge Bible Camp, Big River Bible Camp and Meadow Lake Turning Points Youth Center. Although the teams were unable to do some of the normal activities at the camps on the local reserves due to COVID restrictions, they had a great time of bonding and serving in other ways such as painting new buildings, playing broomball and hockey with local youth and community members. The Meadow Lake team had the opportunity to serve at the youth centre, help out with a soup kitchen and lead a youth group.

Thank you to Tabitha Wahlstrom and her crew at Pine Ridge Bible Camp, Jason & Anita Boucher ('95) and crew at Big River Bible Camp and Belinda Martens and Joshua Klumpenhower at Turning Points Youth Centre in Meadow Lake for hosting the teams and helping them grow.



How did your time on FMP/OMP impact you?

FMP impacted me deeply in my view of homeless people or families living in poverty. As I interacted with these people at the Door of Hop Soup Kitchen, I was able to see how despite some people's circumstances many of them still choose to let joy shine through them. My prayer is that when people see me they would see God's joy shining through me.

Brendan W., Meadow Lake Team

It was useful in growing/developing deeper relationships with the students and gave many mentoring opportunities.

Angela H., Big River Team

OMP was a time to rely on the Lord for strength and discernment, an opportunity to serve with my classmates and a practical way to apply what I have been learning in class.

Dana W., OMP Team

I learned that at Big River, the nearby reserves do not have any evangelical church nearby. It showed me how unreached many reserves are.

Gennes M., Big River Team

I was amazed at the work the people who ran the places put in. We went to a youth centre and the love the leaders had for the youth was so evident. It pushed me to pray for the leaders...and it also challenge me to continually love ALL the people I see day to day.

Marybeth B., Meadow Lake Team

It gave me an experience where I was able to serve the Lord through serving others, and to catch a glimpse of how the Lord is working in and around Meadow Lake. I'm thankful that I was granted this opportunity, as I was able to examine my faith in the Lord, and learn ways in which I can serve the Lord more.

Austin D., Meadow Lake Team

It impacted me a lot in growing into deeper friendships with people. Also touring the reserves and learning about peoples' backgrounds on the reserves was cool.

Skyler K., Big River Team

The time at the soup kitchen, talking to the staff and the street people was very eye-opening and stretching. I really enjoyed that.

Vanessa S., Meadow Lake Team

I learned a lot about the importance of grace while leading. The Lord has extended grace to all of us - I can do the same while leading.

Julie N., Big River Team

I was able to put into application that my trust and security is in the Lord alone in times of uncertainty and when curveballs in life come... He is in control and is always faithful.

Jeralee B., Meadow Lake Team

COMING EVENTS

three60five YOUTH RETREAT

MARCH 11-13

A youth retreat for Grades 9-12

GRADUATION

APRIL 10

All are welcome to join as we celebrate our graduates!

ENCORE

Senior's Retreat

MAY 30-JUNE 3

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NBC COMMUNICATIONS

In order to minimize the amount of mailings alumni and supporters receive from NBC, future editions of the RIVERS will now also include the alumni newsletter and larger advertisements for events such as the three60five Retreats and Alumni Weekend. In total alumni and supporters should *only* receive 5-6 mailings throughout the year - 3 RIVERS newsletters, a Christmas letter, end of year letter and a tax receipt if you are a donor to the college. We are grateful for all who support NBC by reading our communications, prayer and financial support.

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