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Willful Steps of Faith

Joy and Perspective Along the Journey

"Faithfulness is never fast." This is one of the challenges I extended to the student body in the first chapel this fall. It's rare to praise someone for faithfulness after one day of marriage, or for being on time for their first music practice. Instead, faithfulness is often measured in weeks, months, years, or longer. God will bring about growth in students' lives this year as they are faithful - with effort, attitude, relationships, and more. God asks for our faithfulness (1 Cor. 4).

For over two years we have worked faithfully toward a new ladies' residence; planning, prayer, reaching out to potential contractors, volunteers, more planning, and more prayer. We have seen the work progress, run out of money, tasted delays and unexpected challenges of all kinds, which led to more prayer! The pace quickened this summer as we saw the finish line and felt the pressure of a new college year approaching. June through August were much busier than I hoped…more prayer. We were granted occupancy for the dorm mere days before the first students arrived. We praise God for his mercy and good gifts as we practiced faithfulness.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 is such a reminder of keeping our eyes on what is unwavering while we experience the waves that accompany our lives on this earth. As I read through a handful of the minor prophets this summer (including Habakkuk), there were many timely reminders of just how uncertain things felt for Israel in the years those books were written. Habakkuk 3 reminds us that it is not our circumstances that give us strength or security. Rather, it is God, the Lord, our everlasting strength in whom we can rejoice in every circumstance, and it is hope in Him that we can hold to through our trials or successes.



I praise God that we can look back over two years and know we trusted Him along the way while we kept labouring on the ladies' residence, decision by decision, stud by stud, wire by wire, step by step, until we stand where we are today. We have a brand-new residence ready to serve our purpose of developing passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve for decades to come. I rejoice in the LORD, and take joy in the God of my salvation. Reminding myself of the truth of Habakkuk is a major part of what kept me going over the last two years when things didn't always seem to go as we were planning. And in the struggle of day to day living that will last a lifetime, yet I will rejoice.





Having a new dorm can't change our desire to continue in faithfulness. We desire to be faithful stewards of what God grants us. He's given us a building, but ultimately, success at NBC will be measured by seeing growth in our students and their lives. Challenges and struggles are sure to come over the coming year, but what a great opportunity to remind our students of faithfulness. How will we choose to be faithful each day as we put on Christ and pursue knowing Him together?

We plan to have a more formal grand opening for the new Snider Hall Ladies Residence in November at Alumni Weekend. We'd love to have you register and join us for that weekend (check out the website for more details). §



Jason Elford
President







Madalina Luedtke
Food Services Assistant

Madalina is the newest member to join the NBC staff team, beginning her role in the kitchen at the beginning of September. She grew up in Outlook, SK and spent two years at CLBI in Camrose where she completed a 2-year diploma in Christian Leadership & Mission. She's also spent time around the world in a couple different YWAM settings. Having spent a couple of summers in camp kitchens, she is glad to come alongside our Food Services Manager and serve in the kitchen. Madi enjoys walks, the outdoors, and varying sports and activities.



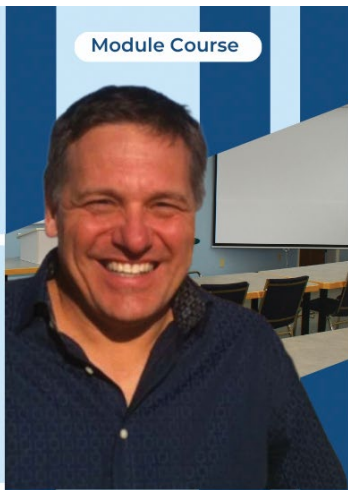




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Hezekiah Plamping
StuCo Spiritual Coordinator

Habakkuk is a unique book. If you are familiar with the prophets, you will know that they generally follow a formula: The prophet recieves a message from God, and they deliver it. Not so with Habakkuk. This book records a conversation between the prophet and God. Habakkuk complains to God about the wickedness of his people, and God responds by promising judgement via the Babylonians. Habakkuk, alarmed, asks God why he would use a people whose wickedness far surpasses that of Judah to judge them. God promises that he has not overlooked the wickedness of Babylon, and that he has judgement in store for them too. Habakkuk spends the final chapter of the book praising God.

The select verses, 3:17-19, are the final three verses in the book. Verse 17 describes the total destruction of Israel. Figs, fruit, olives, grain, and livestock sum up pretty neatly their entire economy; and Habakkuk shows each one being totally destroyed. That means no food for the entire country, and that means mass starvation.

"Yet," Habakkuk says, "I will rejoice (celebrate) in the Lord." God is greater than any mortal situation or problem we may have. God is greater than the destruction of Habakkuk's nation and the death of many of his people. Habakkuk trusts not in human security, in food, in wealth, or any other worldly thing. He trusts in God, and God will not fail. It is in this trust that Habakkuk can rejoice, and we as Christians can share Habakkuk's godly joy. We are promised trouble and persecution while on this earth, but this is not the end. We have salvation in God almighty, and that can never be taken from us. So even when we face trials, we can rejoice in the God of our salvation. §





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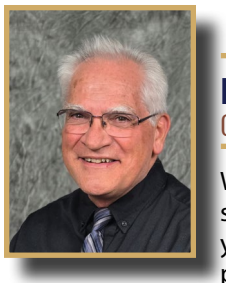


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We encourage you to remove this page and use it as a prayer aid.

Delighting in the Lord
The Importance of Prayer



Doug Harkness
Campus Chaplain

While pastoring a small church for 14 years, my constant prayer was for youth workers! Traveling now as a missions mobilizer, it appears typical to find a few committed people willingly carrying heavy loads, motivated by love for the Lord, His Church and people.

"We need more workers" could be the theme of any church, parachurch ministry, or mission agency. Another familiar theme relates to resources: "We could do so much more, if only we had more _____!" Does this describe your ministry neighbourhood?

One painful reality of ministry is the tendency to be intimidated by circumstances.

The business world produces endless volumes of solutions to fill the holes, fix problems, deal with difficulties or dismiss any impedance to corporate unity and progress. And too often the Church has tried to impose business paradigms on church situations. But the Church isn't a business! Introducing students to church ministry, we talk about scriptural pictures of Christ's Church: a Body, a Building and a Bride.

God hasn't designed the Church like a business. He has ensured utter dependence for success (John 15:5). Most readers will agree, but in practice, quickly shoulder burdens not intended for them to bear (1 Peter 5:7), worry about outcomes only God can determine, and wear themselves out trying to become the solution to the shortage of personnel and resources problem. Am I wrong?

Wednesday mornings we have a prayer group. Prayer acknowledges dependency on a loving God who cares enough to listen and respond. This week we looked at the promise of Psalm 37:4, "*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*"

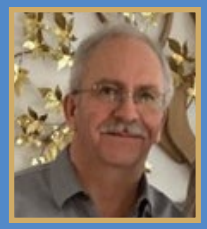


Could the real needs in our labours, intended to drive us to Christ, become distractions that draw us away from the communion He prioritizes (Luke 10:41-42)? Fourteen years of prayer for workers helps me understand the delight God desires for me. It explains a biblical theme the secular business world will never understand: how Job, after losing everything, could say, "*Though he slay me, I will hope in him*" (Job 13:15); why a Psalmist would compare his thirst for the living God to a deer panting for flowing streams, while scoffers ridiculed him when "*tears [had] been [his] food day and night.*" (Psalm 42:1-3); and how Paul and Silas could sing hymns to God at midnight, in prison chains after being brutalized while doing God's will (Acts 16:25); and why Paul remained faithful despite imprisonments, constant dangers, countless beatings, persistent hardships, sleeplessness, hunger, thirst, cold and exposure (2 Cor. 11:23-28)!

Have you ever found the cupboard bare? No jar of oil for God to miraculously multiply (2 Kings 4:2)? Felt overwhelmed? Grief too deep for comfort? Our student leaders chose Habakkuk 3:17-19 as the theme for this year. Incomprehensible to the uninitiated, but a sober reminder to everyone whose delight is secure, independent of circumstances: "*Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, yet I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Lord my Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!" (Habakkuk 3:17-19 CSB)*

He is delightful! §

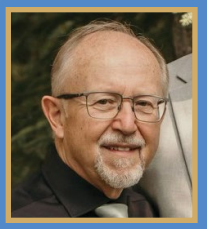
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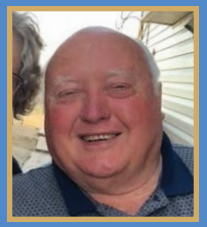
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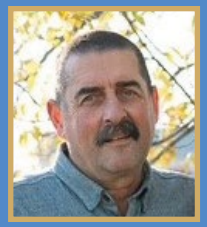
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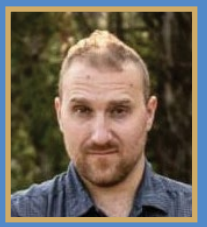
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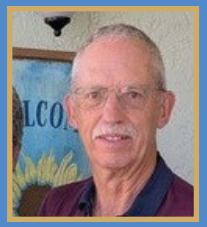
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Thank you to these men who faithfully serve with their prayers, gifts and wisdom.

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Alumni PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new college year has begun and with it the excitement of seeing more students learn and grow through the work of Nipawin Bible College. My time there taught me not just what I should know about God's word, but how to understand and live it. The time each of us spent at NBC will have given us different things, but we can know that we are united under Christ and the work He has done in us and the work He is doing through the college.



Alumni Weekend is coming up in short order which means that our sign up for the weekend is now open. Our form this year also has a place to fill in details about any item you may want to bring to donate for the silent auction. We are looking for new/like-new or hand made items. We collect donations from local businesses but would also love to see our alumni community show their skills and talents with works of art or craftsmanship.

Our workshops this year will be a study on grief by Dylan Hamata ('21) as well as a marriage question panel with Jason ('95) & Lindsay Elford, Kendall & Melisa Willson ('93), and Campbell & Rebecca Tieszen ('16). If you have questions about marriage for these couples during the panel, there is a place on the registration form for you to ask these questions.

It is also my honor to welcome Wes Dobson (Staff '09-17) as our speaker at the Sunday morning session. He taught me a number of classes while I was at college. Learning Greek from him was especially memorable. I am excited to catch up with him and hear what God has been teaching him through his study of scripture.

Life is busy and there is always something that can be occupying our time, but unless we are intentional about it, we can lose track of the things that are truly important. Nipawin Bible College helped me grow deeper in my faith and I want to honor that. But not only that, it was the fellow Christians with a passion to teach and guide that helped me in that journey. I want to commit this Alumni Weekend to help build up and support the staff at the college and to connect with those who have been influenced by the college, those that came before and those that are there now.

Looking forward to seeing you there and may God give you the motivation to keep growing towards Him and building up those around you.

Josh has been the Alumni President since 2024. He was a student at NBC from 2008-2012, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies.













Prayer & Praise

NBC Alumni & Friends Please Pray...

1. for **Geoff & Riki Lucas ('20)** as they serve with Village Missions in Middle Lake, SK. Pray for the transition of moving and settling into this pastoral role.
2. for **Jordan & Makyla (Looy) Bergen ('12, NBC Academic Dean)** that the timeline for his upcoming ACL surgery would not interfere with his responsibilities at NBC, and that his knee would function well for many years to come!
3. for **Sharmyn Abrahamson ('15)** as she settles into a new job and home, that she would keep walking closely with the Lord regardless of what each day brings.
4. for **Irv & Mari Penner ('93)** as they continue to serve with Commission to Every Nation in El Cacolote, Mexico. Pray as they get back into their routines and ministries: Sunday morning services and Bible studies, a one night per week taco stand to let people know about Casa Esperanza and as they look into teaching English again.
5. for **Colin & Miranda Meikle ('00)** as they serve as directors of WEC Canada. Pray for rest, balance and for God's wisdom as they provide guidance and encouragement to other workers.
6. for **Guillermo & Mary-Ann Reddekopp ('86)** as they serve with SIM and settle into their new place in Airdrie, AB and make new connections and friendships. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading towards other opportunities to serve.
7. for **Peter & Diane Salmond ('76)** in Peter's new position as the President For the Fellowship of Christian Farmers chapter in Lloydminster Battle River area and his ministry with the Battle River Ranch Camp and Church.
8. for **Terry & Rosie (Dyck) Banman ('88)** as they continue to serve with Ethnos Canada. Pray for their travel and speaking engagements at churches, Bible colleges and conferences.
9. for **Michael & Sharlene McDonald ('95)** as they serve in Duncan, BC with Commission to Every Nation. Pray that the Lord would continue to build His church in Duncan, and especially that He would bring people who need Jesus and people who are hungry to know Him and grow in His Word.
10. that the **NBC students** would eagerly seek after wisdom (from God through the Bible and through believers).
11. for **NBC Finances.** Pray that the Lord would continue to provide for the general budget. Pray for the ability and wisdom to operate within the budget we have this year for the general maintenance and operation of the campus.
12. for the **Student Life Team (Bradly Lytle, Josh Lees, Natalie Driedger).** Pray that they would humbly and boldly ask the students good questions and guide them through their challenges.
13. for **NBC Facilities (Steven Friesen, Zane Abrahamson).** Pray that they could build meaningful relationships with the students who are helping them with maintenance as their student work. Pray as they work on some "bigger" tasks that need to be completed this fall before winter. Praise for the donation of a 3-ton truck with the intent of selling it in order to raise money for other projects.
14. for **NBC Admissions (Brendan Willson & Josh Bondoc).** Pray that the encouraging number of applications for fall 2027 keep coming in as they seek to recruit quality students for our staff to disciple, help grow in their faith and in the knowledge of God and the Bible.
15. for **NBC Instructors (Jordan Bergen, Jay Postnikoff, Chad Hardy, Doug Harkness, Bradly Lytle),** that whether teaching new classes or repeat classes, instructors would rejoice in the majesty of the God who has revealed Himself through Scripture. Pray that this joy would be passed on to each student, and that even as students are asked to read books and write papers, they would do everything to the glory of God and for His good pleasure.
16. that **NBC staff and students** would grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, applying the truths they learn from God's Word.

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