

# ON THE ROAD

## JOHN HOAG

February 1 & 8

McAdam Independent Baptist Church  
McAdam, NB  
Extension Classes

February 3,10,17,24

Jacksontown Baptist Church  
Jacksontown, NB  
Extension Classes

February 4,11,18,25  
Dumfries Community Bible Study  
Dumfries, NB

February 13-14  
Lincoln Center Baptist Church  
Lincoln Center, ME

February 19-21  
NBBI Retreats  
Victoria Corner, NB

## ROBERT BOOKER

February 5-6

West Buxton Baptist Church  
West Buxton, ME  
Extension Classes

February 3,10,17,24

Jacksontown Baptist Church  
Jacksontown, NB  
Extension Classes

## KEITH MCMAHON

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Extension Classes



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I Kings 8 takes us back to one of the most celebrated events in Jewish history. The Tabernacle of the wilderness had given way to the Temple in all of its magnificence and splendour. After seven long years of sacrifice and labour, Solomon completed what his father could only dream of. A new era had

of overestimating our greatness and underestimating the greatness of God.

## UNLOCKING THE KEYS TO POWERFUL SERVICE

begun as the Temple stood as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and the crowning achievement of the Jews. The congregation of Israel gathered around their king as he stood with outstretched arms by the altar of the Lord (v. 22). What a powerful gesture this was. Solomon wanted the nation to know that he expected the success of his prayer to be linked to the sufficiency of the sacrifice. So too we learn that God will heed our prayers because of the sufficiency of our sacrifice, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Second, Solomon asked that God's eyes would be towards this Temple (v. 29). King Solomon wanted himself and his people to live under the watchful eye of God and be open to the scrutiny of God. As believers, we must faithfully serve the Lord, and do it in such a way, that we would not fear the glance of God upon us. It is also impressive to consider where the eye of God will be found. God will certainly take note of the place where He can say, "My name is there."



by Matthew Little

Third, Solomon wanted God to "maintain their cause" (v. 49, 59). This is a world where everyone has rights and everyone has a cause. The saint has a cause and the apostle Paul summarized it beautifully. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:20). If God doesn't maintain our cause, then we don't have a cause. When is it that we need God to maintain our cause? "At all times as the matter shall require." (v. 59)

These three things together paint a wonderful picture. We should recognize the greatness of God, live under the watchful eye of God, and trust in the power of God to maintain our cause.

Three keys can be noted in this chapter that will unlock the doors that lead to the pathway of powerful service.

First, Solomon recognized that God was much bigger than his plans, activities and accomplishments (vs. 27-28). Here is this splendid piece of architecture, and yet we find a humble confession that God would not be bound to it or by it. God cannot be limited to nor confined by our ministries, no matter how great we may think they are. His work reaches beyond the confines or borders of our influence and His work will not rise or fall based upon what we might be attempting for Him. We are often guilty

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By Ron Forsythe

Chairman, NBBI Board of Directors

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## FAMILY FILE...

### BIRTHS



November 28, 2008 - to Scott ('99) and Heather (Dauphinee, ABM '02) MacKenzie, a girl, Maggie Lynn.

December 3, 2009 to Brian (ABM '01) and Amy (Goodrich '00) Richie, a daughter, Julia Jasmine.



## CHAPEL SPEAKERS

February 9-12 ..... John Romano  
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maine

February 18-19 ..... John McKim  
Friends of Israel

February 23-24 ..... Chris Emery  
Kingsley Baptist Church

February 26 ..... Scott Foreman  
Word of Life Canada



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author and international  
conference speaker for  
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**OUTREACH 2010**  
**NBBI'S TEEN RETREAT**  
**FEBRUARY 19-21 AND FEBRUARY 26-28**



Don't miss this exciting and challenging annual event for young people ages 13 to 18. Teens will be involved in various indoor and outdoor activities such as relay games, three-on-three basketball, table games, tubing and more. Our guest speaker, Scott Foreman, who oversees youth ministries and marketing for Word of Life Canada based in Owen Sound, ON will challenge you from God's Word. You will also be

hearing various NBBI faculty members, as they share from God's Word during our class times and our NBBI musical groups as they share in song throughout these weekends.

The total cost for the retreat is \$45. Space is limited, so register Early!

For more information check out our website at [www.nbbi.ca](http://www.nbbi.ca) and download our free brochure, email us at [retreats@nbbi.ca](mailto:retreats@nbbi.ca) or call us at (506) 375-9000.



**MY WALK WITH NBBI**

by Andrew Ardern, Student Body President

Kids' Quest, Teen Retreats, Fall and Spring Conferences, College for a Day and Vacation With A Vision - before becoming a student here, I attended them all. I remember the first time I stepped on campus, having a very hard time navigating the campus. I remember being led to my seat at dinner by Mr. Wiggins with his flags. I also remember staying in the dorm with some students at different retreats and thinking they were very old. I am still in contact with some of those former students, some challenged me during devotions before bed and some shared with me what they had learned in class that week.

At one Spring Conference, the men's quartet sang the song, "A Few Good Men" by the Gaither Vocal Band. I was probably only around twelve at the time but I was deeply moved by that song and vowed to be one of those few good men whom God can depend on. At that time I knew I would be attending NBBI.

Years passed and I finally arrived on campus as a freshman. That year was a hard year for me as I struggled

with different heart issues of which I was not ready to let go. Although it was a painful experience at times, I stuck to it and God taught me many lessons that year.

Last year was my junior year. That year I grew immensely and learned many lessons. God began to change my heart and develop me. I was also privileged to have a couple of classmates invest in me and strive to see me succeed.

As this year began, I was elected Student Body President. It has been a great privilege to lead the students this year. I do not know exactly what the future holds for me. However, I do not think I will know the value NBBI will have had on my life until I get to Heaven.



by Dr. R. Barry Beebe

*President's Challenge...*



**MISSIONARY HOMES!**

Do you have a missionary home? Is your family interested in missions? Have you taught and exemplified a missionary life style? Let me explain.

1. Have you and your spouse committed your lives to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ? Is your life dedicated to glorifying God by evangelism and discipleship?
2. Are you raising your children and grandchildren to consider a life on the mission field; to be open to God's call to full-time Christian work; to value the privilege of devoting one's life to the proclamation of the Gospel?
3. Do your children and grandchildren know that you pray for missionaries, give to support missionaries, entertain travelling missionaries and are involved in your local church's missions program and missionary meetings?
4. Have you gone or have you encouraged your children or grandchildren to go on short-term mission trips?
5. Do you encourage your children or grandchildren to attend at least one year of a missionary focused Bible institute such as NBBI.

At NBBI our students have courses in missions each of their three years, regular weekly chapels where missionaries and Christian workers challenge us as to the vast, exciting opportunities that exist around the world. Our students have access to our mission teams that train and pray during our school year and then go forth for God in committed service. In 2010, we have one team going to Uruguay, South America, one team going to the inner city of Halifax, NS and two teams going to Bermuda.

We are far behind in our task of getting the Gospel to the world in each generation. There are often more missionaries coming home than are going forth.

Why have we made secular work, secure careers, university education, high salaries, good benefits, comfortable retirement and the accumulation of this world's goods so important to our children and grandchildren? What about a life of faith, a life of service, a life of sacrifice, a life devoted to the call of Jesus?

Do our children and grandchildren see our homes as missionary homes and do they see our lives devoted to the Great Commission?



**FIELD TRIP...**

**PCS REPORT**

by Dr. Robert Booker

It has been my privilege this year to head up the Practical Christian Service involving our students. PCS is the responsibility of every student, that is, to do some kind of ministry every week during the school year.

Twelve of our students travel regularly on weekends with singing groups, five others are in the Special Events Ministry concentrating on youth and youth rallies. All of the rest of our students are active in local churches and their youth groups, Awana and Sunday Schools. Some of our men lead services, do visitation and preach on a regular basis. Four students hold Good News Clubs in the public schools and another four visit two Senior Citizens' homes regularly. Still another four hold jail services for both men and women. The distance we travel ranges from Grand Falls to beyond Fredericton, New Brunswick and across the border into Houlton, Presque Isle and Perham, Maine.



SEM Skit

At the beginning of the year I challenged our students to seek to have a stretching ministry experience with PCS. I challenged them to be active, work hard, pray for souls and serve the local church in any way possible. We thank the Lord that, as of December 6<sup>th</sup>, two people have received Christ as Saviour through this outreach.

I trust our students are learning, in a very practical way, how to put their Bible knowledge to use and how rewarding it is to serve our Lord and to serve others.

Please pray for the many people that are reached by PCS and for the students who faithfully reach out to them.

