

# ON THE ROAD

## BARRY BEEBE

March 11-12  
Camp Good News  
Livermore Falls, ME  
Pastors' Retreat

March 13  
First Evangelical Free Church  
Westbrook, ME  
Kids Can Know God  
Conference

March 20  
Westside Bible Baptist Church  
Livermore, ME  
Kids Can Know God  
Conference

March 27  
Hermon Baptist Church  
Hermon, ME  
Kids Can Know God  
Conference

## MATTHEW LITTLE

March 27  
West Sidney Baptist Church  
West Sidney, ME  
Extension Classes

March 28  
Belgrade Bible Church  
Belgrade, ME  
Sunday Morning Service

## JOHN HOAG

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

March 27  
West Sidney Baptist Church  
West Sidney, ME  
Extension Classes

March 28  
West Sidney Baptist Church  
West Sidney, ME  
Sunday Morning Service

## KEITH MCMAHON

March 19  
Devon Park Baptist Church  
Fredericton, NB  
Youth Rally with SEM

March 20  
Perham Baptist Church  
Perham, ME  
Youth Rally with SEM

March 27  
Woolwich-Wiscasset Baptist  
Church  
Woolwich, ME  
Youth Rally with SEM



Plan to be with us for Vacation with a Vision during one or more of these weeks.  
June 20-25, June 27-July 2, July 4-9

## FAMILY FILE...

### MARRIAGE

Annie Paradis ('06) to Patrick Dusabimana  
on June 20, 2009.

### BIRTHS

May 26, 2009 - to Luigi (Assoc. '96) and Mireille  
Pugliese, a son, Elzo.

December 22, 2009 - to Matthew and Marsha  
(Dickinson, '03) Collicott, a daughter, Mataya  
Joy.

## CHAPEL SPEAKERS

March 16 ..... Harry Straub  
Crossworld  
March 17 ..... Roger Black  
Living Waters Bible Conference  
March 18-19 ..... Kirk Hubick  
Open Air Campaigners  
March 23 ..... Bob Sloma  
Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp  
March 26 ..... Grant Fawcett  
Northern Canada Evangelical Mission  
March 30-31 ..... Rick Lamothe  
Canadian National Baptist Convention

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The Word of Hope in the New Millennium

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Most Bible commentators believe that the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3 were actual churches in Asia. Not only did they have messages to be applied to the church universal and local, but God, through John, was also instructing us regarding the history of the church. The first church mentioned, Ephesus, refers to the first century church. If each subsequent church logically follows history, then Laodicea in Revelation 3:14-22 describes the present day church.

From verse 14, we must understand that throughout history, and in these "perilous times" (II Timothy 3:1), Christ is faithful and true and He is the accurate Witness to the past, present and future. No matter how difficult times are, how poorly we conduct ourselves, or how cold the church gets, Christ is faithful and gracious.

How did God view this church at Laodicea?

First, He said it was "lukewarm." It certainly wasn't "hot" (on fire) for God and it wasn't "cold." It was best characterized by being a nauseous "lukewarm." I can't think of any time when a lukewarm drink would be satisfying. Is the way that we worship and the heart with which we conduct ourselves, self-gratifying or God-gratifying, and does the world see in us and our churches the answer to their deep, longing thirst? Every local church should be notorious in their community, that is, notorious for their unity and notorious for their love both for one another and for the lost. Isn't this what Christ meant when He said, "By

this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" in John 13:35.

## THE LAODICEAN CHURCH

Second, He said the Laodicean church was "lacking." In verse 17, it seems that they didn't realize their greatest need which was a spiritual need. As today, their offering plates were full but they were spiritually destitute. The preaching and teaching of the Word of God must be prepared, predominant and passionate so that the Spirit of God will apply it to the hearts of His people and cause us to be Christlike. Our every need is addressed and supplied by Christ and His Word. In verse 18, He said the answer to their need was testing fire, holiness and yieldedness to the Holy Spirit.



by Dr. Robert Booker

school or institution, that Christ always is the focus of our worship, teaching and reason to exist.

If we are now living in a Laodicean-like era, then may we sincerely determine to be faithful, to represent Christ well, and to allow Him pre-eminence in the church.

## MARCH BREAK HALIFAX TEAM

Pray for our Halifax team which will travel to Halifax on March break.

Members of the team are: *Left to right, top row:* David Beauchemin, James Newcombe. *Middle row:* Andrew Ardern, Kayla Lambertson, Sharayah Banks. *Bottom row:* Tiszandra Eatmon, Amanda Aulenback, Kendra Kay, Brianna Cross and Deanna Stearns.



# INTRODUCING THE 2009-2010 NBBI MUSIC GROUPS

by Matthieu Larabie, Music Director



Ladies' Trio,  
**Spoken For**  
Leanna Sparkes (pianist (New Brunswick), Hillary Parent (Maine), Sarah Paterson (Ontario) and Breanna Owen (New Hampshire)



Men's Trio,  
**Transformed**  
David Beauchemin (Quebec), David Cross (New York) and Josh Fillmore (Nova Scotia)



Mixed Trio,  
**Broken**  
Sarah Button (New Hampshire), Dustin Davidson (New Brunswick), DJ Ault (Maine) and Janessa Smith (pianist, New Brunswick)

Each year, one of my favourite things to witness is the music groups forming and learning to minister to people using the gifts and abilities God has given them. As music director, I have the great privilege of auditioning all the new students and a few of the returning students to see what vocal and musical talents are hiding within. This year, we have put together three groups that will be traveling with our staff to minister in song to churches in the Maritime Provinces and the New England States.

As they practice a minimum of four hours a week, these groups are seeking to better themselves to be able to minister to the best of their ability to the glory of God. Over

50 churches and Christian schools will be hearing them throughout this school year and as they travel for two weeks after graduation. Please come out and see us if we are in your area. You can find our tour dates and locations by looking on our "On the road" calendar. If you would like a music group in your home church please contact us at 1-506-375-9000.

Please pray for each of these students as they try and balance school work and ministry throughout this year. Hope to see you at some of these outings.





Our seventh annual **Men for God Rally** was a huge success with approximately 340 in attendance. Our speaker, Dr. Michael Loftis, President of ABWE encouraged us to be **Battle Ready Men**.

Praise the Lord, **\$3,000** was given to our **Men for God**



Dr. Micael Loftis



High Meadow Quartet



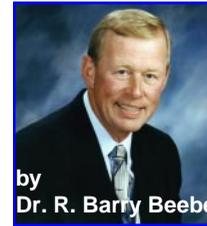
Hartland Fire Department  
Jaws of Life Demonstration



Soloist, Steve Sahagian



Scholarship fund which will be awarded to students this year!



by  
Dr. R. Barry Beebe

## President's Challenge...

### THE DISCIPLINED CHRISTIAN LIFE



To fully follow the Lord Jesus Christ as a genuine disciple will require a spiritually disciplined Christian life. Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, forsake all and bear their cross daily by denying themselves.

Living for Christ in this godless world, controlled by satanic forces and dwelling in bodies cursed by sin and the sin nature, will demand complete surrender to the Holy Spirit and the divine nature given to us through salvation. Any hope of victory or success in holy living, holy worship and holy service will require commitment, dedication and consecration to spiritual discipline.

**Self-discipline** is a worthy ideal when it is achieved with a sincere, humble heart. Many people have become self-disciplined by force of character, inherited traits, influence of personality, structured programs, leadership, etc. We must however be aware that ungodly people can also be very self-disciplined. We must not allow the apex of human discipline be the goal of our Christian lives, no matter how impressive it looks.

**Supervised discipline** is needed in all aspects of society whether the home, school, church, work place, nation, etc. Supervised discipline refers to those in leadership using regulations, rules, guidelines, etc. in mandating forms of behaviour for the good of individuals and groups of people.

I suppose, if we lived in a perfect world, full of perfect people, we would not need supervised discipline. Heaven

will be such a place! Until then, we need the directives of those in leadership to help promote order, structure and efficiency among people groups and to guard against a form of life lived at the lowest form of accountability and carelessness. Supervised discipline cannot however bring people to the pinnacle of accomplishment. There must be something better.

**Spiritual discipline** is alluded to in Galatians 5:22-23 as temperance. This word means "strength of control." It refers to the influence of the Holy Spirit upon the mind and will of a believer so that he or she determines and chooses to live, act and serve in a way that is most Christlike.

I Timothy 4:7-8 speaks of exercising your self to godliness for the sake of your present life, future reward and for the glory of our great Saviour. Exercise speaks of gymnastics, the training and discipline of your inner and outer man to achieve spiritual heights of victory, service and character.

The Word of God, the example of Christ and the lives of holy people, of past and present days, should motivate us to reach for the highest level of Christian living.

When we yield to the Holy Spirit and give our members as instruments of righteousness in obedience, we will rise to a level beyond self or supervised discipline. Spiritual discipline must be the ultimate goal for ourselves and those we influence.



## SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE

APRIL 29- MAY 2

with Special Guest  
Dr. Renald Showers,  
author and international conference  
speaker for Friends of Israel



A special 50<sup>th</sup> reunion is being planned for grads of 1960. Please contact Rolla (Taylor) Vanderveen for more details, (506) 836-2901.

Conference will begin on Thursday morning, April 29 and end with the graduation service on Sunday afternoon, May 2. For more information, email us at [nbbi@nbbi.ca](mailto:nbbi@nbbi.ca) or call (506) 375-9000.

