

ON THE ROAD

BARRY BEEBE

February 11-13
Pleasant Valley Bible Church
& Calvary Bible Church
Bethel and Andover, ME

JOHN HOAG

February 2,9,16,23
Jacksontown Baptist Church
Jacksontown, NB
Extension Classes
February 3,10,17,24
Dumfries Community Bible
Study
Dumfries, NB

ROBERT BOOKER

February 2,9,16,23
Jacksontown Baptist Church
Jacksontown, NB
Extension Classes

KEITH MCMAHON

February 5-6
Mars Hill Baptist Church
Mars Hill, ME
Youth Rally and Sunday
Morning Service

February 7,14,21,28
Lincoln Baptist Church
Lincoln, NB
Extension Classes



FAMILY FILE...

BIRTHS



July 3, 2010 - to Rick and Elizabeth (Izon, ABM '00)
Rochette, a daughter, Lila Michelle.
December 14, 2010 - to Jonathan (ABM '07) and
Ann Dowdy, a son, Abide Ackroyd.

ALUMNEWS

by Bob Booker, Alumni Committee

At the time of this writing, Randy ('00) and Rachel
(Doyle '00)Burwell and their five children are excit-
edly awaiting December 13. This date signals their
departure as missionaries to Mongolia with Pio-
neers Mission. God has wonderfully provided for
them for which they are thankful. For more informa-
tion about them and their ministry including prayer
requests, check their website at:
<http://theburwells.wordpress.com>.

To have your alumni update published in
"Alumnews" please send it to <bob.booker@nbbi.ca>

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

February 2-3 Chris Sippley
Open Air Campaigners
February 8-11 John Romano
CEF of Maine
February 16 Marsha Mitchell
Christian Action Federation
February 17-18 John McKim
Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry
February 22 Don Pickel
Avant
February 23 Roger Black
Living Waters Bible Conference



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The Word of Hope in the New Millennium

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These are great days to serve God, but they are
difficult days as well. Down through the ages, born again
people have zealously guarded the
fundamental principles of the Gospel
in the midst of unrelenting persecu-
tion, all while maintaining a life of
compassion, love and burden for the
lost. There was a passion to impact
the world for Christ but an ongoing loyalty to the truth and

SOLID ROCK OR SHAKY GROUND

unwillingness to compromise it. Early
Christians were separatists
and nonconformists and gladly
embraced those terms that the
average believer now regards as dirty,
harsh and possibly offensive. As the centuries
came and went and the enemy sought to do his
worst, God's people met the challenge by drawing a
line in the sand and boldly declaring, "Here we stand, and
we shall not be moved."

But a monumental shift has taken place that has
knocked us from our traditional moorings and has set us
afloat on a sea of compromise. We have become a
generation of non-separating evangelicals. We no longer
are separating from those that deviate from the "faith that
was once delivered to the saints"(Jude 3b). 2 Corinthians
6:14-17 warns the believer to not be "unequally yoked
together with unbelievers." In fact, it says "come out from
among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." The
word "separate" refers to the setting of a boundary.
Darkness, error and cooperation with false doctrine must
be out-of-bounds for the believer. Many believers are like
Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, who followed the Lord, but

when asked to join wicked King Ahab said, "I am as thou
art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with
thee..."(2 Chronicles 18:3). This com-
promising decision was met with the
swift indictment of God, "Shouldst
thou help the ungodly, and love them
that hate the Lord? Therefore is wrath
upon thee from before the Lord."

Those who deny the fundamentals of the faith must not
be given "spiritual recognition" by God's people, and
certainly not spiritual cooperation.
Evangelicals have stopped con-
tending and have begun compro-
mising the faith. They are accept-
ing the non-evangelical element
as legitimate and equally Chris-
tian. The lack of separation by
God's people has led to a growing
spirit of confusion amongst the
unsaved and believer alike. Sepa-
ration should not be viewed nega-
tively by a Christian but rather

positively. It is boldly declaring that you are exclusively on
the Lord's side. It is a decision to give no aid or to render
no service to the enemies of the Gospel. Love them; yes,
reach them; yes, but do not dignify or support their error.
To take such a stand may sound the alarm of many and
cause others to view you as some kind of spiritual
maverick, but never forget that it puts you squarely into
the camp of thousands of believers who have marched
faithfully through the corridors of history.

by Matthew Little



Don't miss

SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE 2011
APRIL 28 - MAY 1

Guest Speaker, Dr. Ray Pritchard
Guest Singers, DW & Jessie Crutchfield



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WHAT'S UP?...

NEW BRUNSWICK BIBLE INSTITUTE TEEN RETREATS

FEBRUARY 18-20 AND FEBRUARY 25-27, 2011

Don't miss this exciting and challenging annual event for young people ages 13 to 18 (grades 7-12).

Don't miss this exciting and challenging annual event for young people ages 13 to 18 (grades 7-12). 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, Wayne Heikkinen was born in rural Maine and received Christ at a Daily Vacation Bible School at the age of 6. His family was involved in their local church and upon Wayne's graduation from Wayside Christian Academy, he enrolled at New Brunswick Bible Institute. At NBBI, Wayne met his life partner, Sandy and felt his call to ministry. Wayne spent time as a youth pastor in Nova Scotia and, for 23 years after that, represented Word of Life Local Church Ministries. In 2002, God led Wayne to Rock Mills Fellowship Baptist Church as Pastor. For

the past years, Wayne has had the wonderful privilege of sharing in the revitalization process of this local church. The emphasis of spiritual leadership, biblical discipleship and equipping the saints produced a commitment to reaching out to the community. God has blessed this ministry. Wayne and Sandy make their home across the road from Lake Eugenia in Ontario and love to spend time with their 3 grown children (2 are married), 4 grandchildren and their dog and they enjoy gardening, landscaping, walking, travelling and entertaining.

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. ✪



by Dr. R. Barry Beebe

President's Challenge...

WHAT IS LOVE?



Only in the Word of God can we hope to know and understand the essence of true love. We often allow the world's philosophy of love (just an emotion, attraction, or a physical relationship) to cloud our estimation of love's true quality.

Love is a Person - 1 John 4:7-12, 16-19 - God Himself is the essence, the personification of love. Love originated in God and only by knowing Christ as Lord and Saviour can we begin to understand the actuality of love.

Love is a Decision - "For God so loved the world", John 3:16 - God chose, by an act of His will, to love His creation in spite of their sin and rebellion. God was not motivated by feeling, emotion or by the goodness of His creatures, but by His sovereign will and purpose toward man.

Love is an Action "...that he gave his only begotten son", John 3:16 - God acted first in His mind and by His will to purpose and plan to work on behalf of His creation to provide a way of redemption. God then acted outwardly toward His creation by revealing His love, mercy, grace and eventually, by the gift of His son. ✪

Love is an Emotion - Psalm 16:7, Hebrews 11:6 - Our God is blessed, exalted and pleased by the response of lost sinners embracing Christ, by faith, and seeking to grow to be like Christ in their daily lives.

Pure love takes place when a person, in obedience to God, decides by an act of the will, to express himself or herself unselfishly in thoughts, words and deeds of loving kindness toward another. This act and expression of love is with or without feelings of affection and regardless of whether or not it is deserved. The result of such love may lead to the creation of, or renewal of, emotions or feelings of fondness between both parties or it may not. Regardless of the outcome, it is how we are commanded to love others and how our God has showed us to love others.

This agape love is to be given to God (Luke 10:27); partners in marriage (Colossians 3:19); family members (Titus 2:4); brethren in Christ (John 13:34-35); neighbours (Matthew 19:19); strangers - unbelievers (Leviticus 19:34); and our enemies (Luke 6:32).

If we love Him because He first loved us, let us love Him and others, as He first loved us. ✪

STUDENT TESTIMONY

by Samuel Rushton, Student Body President

When I was first asked to give my testimony I thought, "Why give my testimony?" It isn't very exciting, where I was saved from alcoholism or drug abuse. Someone told me though, that I can share my testimony to show how blessed I was. It is a testimony of God's goodness and grace. I was born into a Christian family where I was constantly taught the Bible and had Godly parents as role models. My father worked on staff here at NBBI so I was also surrounded by people who loved the Lord, which was a big reason why I am now a student here at NBBI. Growing up, I was involved in Church every week, did Awana programs and also youth group in high school. God was faithful in watching over me in high school while being surrounded by negative influence. He helped me to not stray from the faith.

In my last year of high school, I had made up my mind not to go to NBBI, because I lived there all my life, but God had other plans for me. I think God had Psalms 119: 9-11 in mind when sending me to NBBI, to learn His Word and live my life devoted to please Him. Now I am in



my senior year here and I have enjoyed the past years so much. God has taught me to rely on Him and how great He is. Being involved at school in things like SEM team, praise team, Bermuda missions trips and now as student body president has been challenging, but God is faithful, and I have grown and enjoyed these times so much. I encourage you to keep us students in your prayers as we finish the school year and decide where God is leading us in our future jobs and ministries. ✪



TEXAS TRIP

by Matt Larabie

It is with great excitement that we are returning to South Texas with a team of students this year. After four consecutive years of taking teams to Texas, we had taken a few years off due to conflicting schedules with the Texas school calendar and ours. However, all that has changed and we are so happy to be able to return.

Out of a smaller "on-campus" student body, we had over forty interested in being part of this team. After having had a few meetings the crowd thinned itself down and we eventually picked a team consisting of nineteen members. The Texas missions trip has been a favourite of many students in the past; not because Texas is the most beautiful place on earth, although it is beautiful and it's nice to get away during the cold month of March; not because it's an easy, relaxing and sun-bathing time of



Texas Mission Team: Matt Larabie, Al Cabral, Etienne Lessard, Douglass Pennington, Josianne Leduc, Katie Fillmore, Isaac Swan, Rebecca Bourque, Charity Klein, Bronson Ellis, Samuel Rushton, Leanna Sparkes, Sarah Button, Devin Groff, Rachel Goode, Rebecca Bartlett, Tom MacLatosh, Samantha McGraw, Kendra Kay, David Archambault, Kurtis Kent, (missing from photo-James Goode).

hanging out; but because it has been one of the hardest things these students have done. God shows Himself so Mighty and Awesome to the team that no matter how challenging the trip may be at times, it is the best thing many of them have ever done. We have seen many teens and children trust Jesus as Lord and Saviour and we want to be used of God to reach many again this year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for us as we head down to Texas on March 10-19, 2011 to be a part of a wonderful camp program in the hill country of Leakey, Texas. Later y'all! ✪