

ON THE ROAD

ROBERT BOOKER

September 11
New Brunswick Bible Institute
Victoria Corner, NB
Sunday Morning Service

JOHN HOAG

September 12,19,26
Hudson Baptist Church
Hudson, ME
Extension Classes

September 23-24

Mattawamkeag Bible Church
Mattawamkeag, ME
Extension Classes

September 15,22,29

Dumfries Community Bible
Study
Dumfries, NB

September 17-18

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Oakland, ME

September 23-24

Mattawamkeag Bible Church
Mattawamkeag, ME
Extension Classes

MATTHEW LITTLE

September 12,19,26

Hudson Baptist Church
Hudson, ME
Extension Classes



FAMILY FILE...

WEDDINGS

Sarah Hager ('10) to Mike Porter ('09) on July 2, 2011.
Stefanie Jipson ('09) to Robbie Arnold on July 2, 2011.

HOMEGOINGS

Frances Reed, (attended NBBI '63-'64) went home to be with the Lord on January 5, 2011.
Winburn (Chuck) Cram, grad of '64, went home to be with the Lord on July 10, 2011.



ALUMNEWS

by Bob Booker, Alumni Committee

Beatrice (Rand) Smith writes: *"I feel so blessed that God led me to NBBI, graduating in 1957. They were three wonderful years and I was so blessed to sit under the teaching of godly men and women. Walter and I have five children, eighteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. It would be nice to visit the school but not possible because of distance. May God bless all of you there at NBBI."*

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

September 7-8 Kirk Hubick
Open Air Campaigners
September 13 Harry Straub
Crossworld
September 20-21 Ron Grossman
Israel's Hope
September 26,28 Chris Gnanakan
Outreach to Asia Nationals

COLLEGE FOR A DAY

ATTENTION! Grade 11 students and older! Come join us for *College for a Day*, **November 10-12, 2011**. Thursday night is registration and a rally. Friday you will sit in on regular classes, meet our faculty and spend time with our students. Departure will be Saturday morning after breakfast. Some transportation will be provided.



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The Word of Hope in the New Millennium

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As I think about the new school year, I think about how we as staff should be focused on what the Lord wants from us. The Lord wants us to give of ourselves in order for us to be more effective in the way we minister to the students. When we put Christ first in our lives, we learn how to live

FOCUSING ON HIS WILL

by Kurtis Kent

a more abundant life, a life filled with favour and blessing, and a life that is sacrificial to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As I start my second year of ministry here at NBBI, there are things I want to do differently. Last year there were opportunities which I missed, times in which I should have stepped up but instead, stepped back. We should never let opportunities pass us by but always take advantage of the opportunities the Lord gives us.



In July our family made our summer trek to visit relatives and Church family in PEI. The main reason we went though, was to see my aunt, now in her 80s, who was dying of cancer. As far as I knew, there was no evidence of salvation in her life. Before I went to visit her I asked the Lord to give me an opportunity to share the Gospel. She sat with me at her kitchen table along with other relatives and halfway through our visit, she became tired and had to return to bed. As her door shut, I thought to myself, I will never see her again or get another chance to tell her of the love of Christ. In a bold attempt to gain access to her room, I asked her daughter if I could go in and pray with her. She said "yes"! I couldn't believe my ears because they are very closed to the Gospel and they know where I stand as a believer. I went in, took my aunt's

hand and told her that I loved her very much and the God of heaven and earth had sent me that day to tell her that Jesus Christ came to this earth to die for sinners like me and He died for her too. I quoted 1 John 5:11-12, *"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."* I told her I had found eternal life and I wanted to share it with her. As we talked more, I told her that Jesus is truly the way, John 14:6, *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."* I then prayed for her and her salvation. I wish I could tell you she accepted Jesus as Saviour but she didn't, not while I was there. God knows the heart and He knows the time and hour one will be saved. I believe that and must keep my focus on things above and doing the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Is there someone in your life who needs to hear the truth; a co-worker, an acquaintance, a friend or a family member? If God is prompting you to share the Gospel with someone today, maybe you should. Eight years ago, I let an opportunity pass me by in giving my uncle the Gospel. He died two days later. I promised the Lord then that I would never allow that to happen again. Even in an uncomfortable situation, I needed to keep my focus on why the Lord sent me there. Be ready always! 1 Peter 3:15 says, *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."*

1ST SEMESTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upperclassmen registration Thu., Sep. 1
Freshmen registration Sat., Sep. 3
Module 1 begins Mon., Sep. 5
Harvest Fest Sat., Sep. 17
Kids' Quest (children's retreat) Fri.-Sat., Sep. 30-Oct. 1
Exam day Mon., Oct. 3
Module 2 begins Tue., Oct. 4
Thanksgiving weekend Sat.-Tue., Oct. 8-11

Transforming Faith (ladies' retreat) Fri.-Sat., Oct. 21-22
Exam day Fri., Nov. 3
Module 3 begins Fri., Nov. 4
College for a Day Thu.-Sat., Nov. 10-12
US Thanksgiving weekend Thu.-Sun., Nov. 24-27
Christmas banquet & program Fri., Dec. 2
Exam days Wed.-Fri., Dec. 7-9
Christmas vacation Fri.-Sun., Dec. 9-Jan. 8

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WHAT'S UP?... KIDS' QUEST 2011 SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1

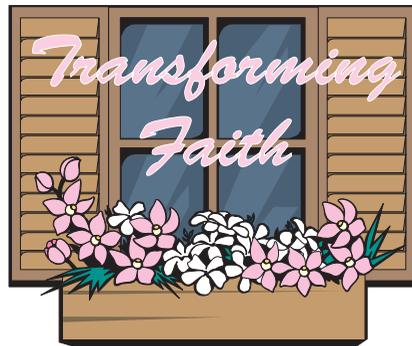


Kids' Quest is just around the corner. If you're looking for a great way to kick off your children's program then this weekend is for you. Children ages 7-12 will be treated to good Bible teaching, great singing, swimming and lots of other exciting games and activities. Your kids will be staying in the dorms with our students and hanging out with them every step of the way. Our speaker for this year will be Brad Walker. Brad is a grad of NBBI and has been working with the Central Maine Chapter of

CEF for the past 11 years. He is responsible for teacher training and Good News Club ministry in the greater Bangor area. In the summer, Brad directs the River of Life Bible camp in Maxfield, Maine. Brad, his wife Alecia and their children live in Hermon at the Central Maine Headquarters for Child Evangelism Fellowship. We hope you will join us for this exciting event. Get your application at nbbi.ca or call 375-9000.



"Transforming Faith" will be here before you know it!!! If you have not already made plans to be with us for our annual ladies' retreat, please start making those plans now and bring some friends with you! Our ladies on staff are excited as we look forward to seeing this campus full of women ready for fun, fellowship and worship as we hear from our guest speaker Gracia Burnham and our guest singer Shauna Stevens (Grad of '05)! So set aside **October 21st and 22nd** and plan on joining us here on the campus of New Brunswick Bible Institute.



Ladies' Retreat

Gracia Burnham is the widow of Martin Burnham and the mother of Jeff, Mindy and Zach. For 17 years she and Martin served with New Tribes Mission in the Philippines where Martin was a jungle pilot delivering mail, supplies and encouragement to other missionaries, and transporting sick and injured patients to medical facilities. Gracia served in various roles supporting the aviation program and also home-schooled their children--all of whom were born in the Philippines.



While celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary at Dos Palmas Resort off Palawan Island, the Burnhams were kidnapped on May 27, 2001,

by the Abu Sayyaf Group, a militant group of Muslims. They seized several more guests and took them to Basilan Island, an ASG stronghold. In the ensuing months some of the hostages were killed, but most were set free. From November 2001, only the Burnhams and one other hostage remained in captivity. During their 376 days of captivity, they faced near starvation, constant exhaustion, frequent gun battles, coldhearted murder and intense soul-searching about a God who sometimes seemed to have forgotten them. On June 7, 2002, in a firefight between the Philippine military and the Abu Sayyaf Group, Martin was killed. Gracia was wounded, but was freed.

Since that time Gracia has authored two books, *In the Presence of My Enemies*, and *To Fly Again*. Her oldest son, Jeff, and his wife, Sarah, have accepted an assignment with Flying Mission Services in Botswana, Africa. Mindy is now married to Andy Hedvall, a "missionary kid" from South America. Mindy has completed her course of study at New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, WI and Andy continues in his training there. Zachary is attending Butler County Community College on a voice scholarship. Gracia resides in Rose Hill, Kansas. Because of her unique story, Gracia is a popular speaker for churches, conferences and schools.

Can't wait to see you here!!!!



"ABSENT FROM THE BODY, PRESENT WITH THE LORD" GLENN DUFF

MAY 23, 1925 - AUGUST 9, 2011

by John Hoag, Chancellor

For over 30 years Glenn Duff served as the Chairman of the New Brunswick Bible Institute Board of Directors. His leadership is remembered fondly by the board, staff, alumni and friends of NBBI. Glenn was no stranger to hard work. He was a busy dairy and potato farmer, and yet, he always made himself available to those who served under him. He was a leader who listened, and was impartial and unbiased in his judgments. He lifted many a barrel physically and many a burden spiritually. As a man of faith, Glenn began every NBBI board meeting by asking us to get on our knees in prayer. At times, midway through a meeting, he would have the board seek the wisdom of God through prayer.

Glenn was a christian role model in his love for his wife Flora, and an example of integrity to his children and grandchildren. He loved good music and must have smiled from heaven as a quartet of his grandsons gave a wonderful, Christ exalting, rendition and a choir of his grandchildren sang beautifully and harmoniously, "Great is thy Faithfulness." His brother George spoke eloquently at the memorial service and addressed the truth that, in God's sight, serving faithfully in the fields is equally as important as serving as a full-time Christian worker. Truly Glenn was "a man of the soil" and "a man of the spirit."

Pastor Paul Juris, in a heartfelt message, commended Glenn and Flora for their faithful attendance at Church meetings, especially the prayer meeting. He also expressed gratitude for their home being a centre of hospitality; but he made it clear, Heaven was Glenn's final



home because he had placed his trust in the work of the crucified, and risen Christ.

Glenn was loved by all our staff, for his personal interest in each of us and for his unwavering commitment to the "training of young people" to serve Christ. He had a special place in his heart for NBBI's Campus View Farm, as farm managers, Clarence Knowles and Rob Burns would testify. He believed that the farm played an important part in the training of young people in teaching "the discipline of daily duty." Glenn never lost sight of the importance of the individual staff members as he directed the pursuit of the organization's goals.

I found Glenn Duff to be a man who did not faint but fought on, in faith. A small gift which was given to a staff member by Glenn has inscribed upon it the words that I believe express Glenn Duff's honest lifestyle, "One day at a time, only one person to please - the Lord Jesus Christ."

Our heartfelt prayers and love go out to his wife, Flora and all his beloved family. Along with them, we will miss his presence here on earth but rejoice that He is in the presence of the Lord Jesus with whom he walked his life-long journey and whose fellowship he now enjoys "face to face."



The days are flying by and soon our students will be returning. We have a great **Weekend of Welcome** planned. The upperclassmen will return on Thursday, September 1 and on Friday night we will have a barbecue and rally at our Riverside Park. The freshmen arrive

SCHOOL OPENING

Saturday and Saturday evening will be the *Welcome to School Rally*. Pastor & Mrs. Dave Storey, church planters in Blackville, NB, and their family will be here to speak and sing the entire weekend. The public is invited to the Saturday evening and Sunday services.

