

ON THE ROAD

BARRY BEEBE

March 26-27
Geary Baptist Church
Geary, NB
Youth Rally and Sunday
Services

MATTHEW LITTLE

March 26-27
West Sidney Baptist Church
West Sidney, ME
Extension Classes

March 27
Belgrade Bible Church
Belgrade, ME
Sunday Morning Service

ROBERT BOOKER

March 7,14,21,28
Chapel of the Living Water
Tracy, NB
Extension Classes

JACK CARON

March 8-17
Iglesia Biblia Abierta
La Paz, Uruguay
Missions Conference

KEITH MCMAHON

March 13
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Oakland, ME
Morning Services

JOHN HOAG

March 3,10,17,24,31
Dumfries Community Bible
Study
Dumfries, NB

March 7,14,21,28
Chapel of the Living Water
Tracy, NB
Extension Classes

March 12
First Evangelical Free
Church
Westbrook, ME
CEF Workshop

March 19
Wayside Bible Baptist Church
Livermore, ME
CEF Workshop

March 20
Burlington Bible Church
Burlington, ME

March 26

Hermon Baptist Church
Hermon, ME
CEF Workshop

March 26-27

West Sidney Baptist Church
West Sidney, ME
Extension Classes

KURTIS KENT

March 10-19
HEB Camp
Leaky, Texas
Spring Camp

MATTHIEU LARABIE

March 10-19
HEB Camp
Leaky, Texas
Spring Camp

FAMILY FILE...

MARRIAGES

David Cross (Assoc. '09) to Hillary Parent (Assoc. '09)
on August 21/10.

BIRTHS

May 20, 2010 - to Jonathan (ABM '97) and Marsha
McLeod, a daughter, Sophie Grace.
October 27, 2010 - to Martin '00 and Naomi (Dana, '02)
Tetrault, a daughter, Meganne Allyssia Emma.
December 16, 2010 - to Trent (ABM '10) and Laurie
(Goupille '90) Boyd, a daughter, Natalia Hope.
January 17, 2011 - to Paul and Karine (Lacerte, ABM
'04) Bourassa, a son, Nathan.
January 29, 2011 - to Colin (ABM '08) and Hannah
(Pennington, Assoc. '05) McGie, twin daughters Aili
Ilannah and Isobel Rebecca.
February 1, 2011 to Josh (Assoc. '00) and Lydia
(Larabie, '03) Ninaber, a son, Zachariah Matthieu.

HOME GOING

Gladys (Kelly) Wilson, grad of 1954 was promoted to
Glory on December 12, 2010.

ALUMNEWS



by Bob Booker, Alumni Committee

Gregg Bryce ('84) is the director of SIM Canada. He
and Patti have four children and they write from
Ontario: *"We have much to be thankful for in spite of
the economy... (we) appreciate the part that each of
you plays in our collective desire to reach the nations
around the world and here in Canada."*

To all alumni: Please set aside the dates of April 28-
May 1 to be here at NBBI for Spring Conference and
graduation. God bless!

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In II Samuel 9 we are given a wonderful glimpse into
the kindness of King David towards Mephibosheth, a
relative of Saul, who he treated as his
own. This kindness is very much in-
dicative of the kindness of King Jesus
towards His own. In Samuel's account
we find King David inquiring *"Is there
yet any that is left of the house of Saul
that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"* It

THE KINDNESS OF THE KING

FOCUS
would have been customary for a new
king to exclude anyone remain-
ing from the family line of the
previous king, especially a king
who had been as fierce an enemy as
Saul had been to David. Mephibosheth was the
son of Jonathan, the grandson of Saul.
Mephibosheth was lame on his feet, due to an acci-
dental fall when he was just five years old (II Samuel 4).
He was of no seeming practical use to anyone around
him, especially the new king. In fact, Mephibosheth
considered himself to be only a *"dead dog"* (9:8). Yet, in
spite of the custom of the land, and the condition of lame
Mephibosheth, King David reached out and brought
Mephibosheth into his very presence and provided him
with a place at the king's table and an inheritance. The
final verse in the chapter reads as follows: *"So
Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continu-
ally at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet."*

There are a number of principles that are in force in this
text. They are principles that truly apply to believers
today.

1. **Our relationship to the King is based on a
covenant:** David had made a covenant with Jonathan (I
Samuel 18:3). Our salvation is based
upon the New Covenant that our King
has inaugurated in His death and res-
urrection (Matthew 26:26-28). The
basis for both of these covenants is
love and grace.

2. **Our reality before the King is one of lameness:**
Just as lame Mephibosheth, from Saul's
kingdom, had been given entrance into
David's kingdom, to sit at his table, so
has our God brought believers, in all of
our spiritual lameness, into the king-
dom of His dear Son (Col.1:13).

3. **Our response to the King
must be that of humility and loyalty:**
When Mephibosheth heard the words
of King David he responded by bowing
himself before the king and uttering a
statement of absolute humility. He knew
that the king's kindness far exceeded

anything that he deserved. Further, in chapters 16-19 we
read of David's departure from Jerusalem and of
Mephibosheth's loyalty as he remained faithfully preoc-
cupied with the return of his king. So too should our
response be one of utter humility and loyalty. Those who
best appreciate God's mercy are those who having
accepted the invitation of King Jesus, and recognized the
enormity of His kindness, look forward to His coming (I
Tim. 1:12-17; 6:14-16).

by Keith
McMahon



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SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 28-MAY 1, 2011

Guest Speaker, Dr. Ray Pritchard



Our keynote speaker is Dr. Ray Pritchard, president of *Keep Believing Ministries*. He has ministered extensively overseas and is a frequent conference speaker and guest on Christian radio and television talk shows. He is the author of 27 books, including *Credo*, *The Healing Power of Forgiveness*, *An Anchor for the Soul* and *Why Did This Happen to Me?* Dr. Pritchard will be speaking on “Man of Honour: How to Build a Life of Godly Character.”

Guest Singers, DW & Jessie Crutchfield

DW and Jessie Crutchfield committed themselves to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music and testimony in October 2004 when they married.



DW grew up in a singing family and has been singing for more than 20 years throughout Eastern United States. Jessie also came from a singing family who has made its mark throughout Canada and the United States.

Their goal is to utilize their gifts to magnify the Lord, Jesus Christ, to lift the spirits of the saints and to present a clear salvation message to the lost. ✦

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

March 1-2	Jerry VanderVeen
	Gospel Mission of South America
March 3	Bob Sloma
	Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp
March 24	Harry Straub
	Crossworld
March 25	Les Dennis
	Atlantic Regions Ministry
March 29-30	Jim Wickliffe
	Children's Bible Fellowship

MARCH MISSIONS TRIP
TO HALIFAX

by Tiz Eatmon, Fourth Year Student

On March 12, 2011, ten other NBBI students and I will be travelling to Halifax to come alongside a local church plant to reach out and show Christ's love to the North side. This will include ministering to homeless and street-level communities. In preparation for the trip, the team gathers for half an hour before classes twice a week to focus energy on praying for those in Halifax, those already ministering in Halifax, and team needs. The team also meets together in unity opening God's Word and preparing spiritually for the trip. I am so thankful for this ministry, as this is my fourth year being a part of the team.

In the past some of the projects the team has been able to do to reach out to the community included providing a free breakfast on Saturday morning for the homeless, handing out free hats and gloves, a free pizza run, cleaning and painting in a men's shelter, organizing and cleaning a free clothing bin, cleaning a parent center and cleaning a home for a church member. We travelled through Halifax on a prayer tour learning of the city, and specific ways we can continue to keep them in prayer.

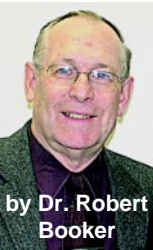
This year's teams members are Tiz Eatmon, Katie Bartlett, Ale Corts, Lanna Sigfusson, Nolan Sigfusson, Shawn Andres, Dustin Davidson, DJ Ault, Ryan Farrell, Philippe Paul and Mike Lush.

Your prayer support is needed and thoroughly appreciated. ✦

SUMMER
PROJECT 2011

Liberty Hall, our ladies' dormitory, is in great need of improved shower and bathroom facilities. We are seeking to raise **\$20,000**, before May, 2011, so that we can install new showers, sinks and counters, as well as repair flooring, doors and the dorm lounge.

Would you please pray for and, if the Lord enables you, give to this worthy project. ✦



by Dr. Robert Booker

VICE-PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE...

THE LORD IS THERE!

The book of Ezekiel has been a special blessing to me over these last few weeks, and in Dr. Beebe's absence, I would like to share with you some of those blessings.

1. Ezekiel was a young prophet during the Babylonian seige of Judah and Jerusalem. In the first three chapters of the book, God displays for Ezekiel angels and wheels in order to get his attention and to show him His glory. I was challenged to consider this: does God have my **full attention**? Have I “*seen*” His glory in His Word and do I fully understand my responsibility to listen closely to Him and His calling?

2. In Ezekiel 4-24, God gives the prophet over twenty signs and warnings to disclose to Israel as to why He is allowing Babylon to defeat them and take many captives. Our wonderful God never has an afterthought and never makes a mistake; He makes it clear when we sin and, above all, declares freely His desire for our renewal. His grace is amazing and His mind and actions are always toward restoration. Consider I John 1:9-2:2.

3. Chapters 25-32 contain God's message to the Gentile nations. It is generally a message of condemnation in this case, but His message for the last 2500 years (the times of the Gentiles) has been one of grace.

4. Ezekiel chapters 33-48 deal primarily with the future of Israel and God's great plans for them. It is a message of physical and spiritual restoration. Chapter 37 gives two picture lessons of the gathering of the Jews from the nations and the new life and unity that will be given them. It never ceases to amaze me how God maintains His love for Israel even though they have been so disobedient. However, we Christians of this dispensation must be thankful for His gracious love as well.

5. The most amazing four words in all of the book are the last four words of the book. “**The Lord is there.**” What a way to end the story! Someday (the millennium) Israel will be restored, the land will be theirs and Jesus, the Messiah, will be in the new temple, in Jerusalem, in the midst of His people **where He has wanted to be all along!** Jehovah Shammah - The Lord is there!



STUDENT TESTIMONY

by Tara Johnson, Senior Class Secretary

I came to NBBI at a later age than most students. I had already graduated from college and had been working for two years. I had always planned to be a career woman, make lots of money, and live a good life. God was somewhere at the end of that list. However, God was working on my heart for about two years and He was changing that list of priorities. I finally surrendered to His will and arrived on campus in September of 2008. Little did I know how much work God still had to do.

Over the last two years, the lesson that I have learned and that I keep learning is that God wants all of me. He wants me to love Him first, and then, out of that will come complete surrender, commitment, and obedience in every area of my life. In my freshmen year, I made a commitment to God that I would go anywhere and do anything for Him. The last two years have not been easy, but He always takes me back to that commitment and reminds me of the cost of serving Him. As a close friend often reminds me, God is trying to shape me into a pearl. That process is not a pleasant one, but without the irritant (a small piece of sand) you would never see the pearl's true beauty and potential.

As I finish my time at school, I do not know where I will end up. I only know that in five, ten, or forty years I want to be found serving my Lord and Saviour to whom I owe my life. God often reminds me that serving Him costs everything, but He is worth it!

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27

