

# IN TOUCH



## Message From President Dave Reimer

This year we have been reflecting on the theme of “Remember Your Creator” (Ecc 12).

We are hearing stories of students returning from Mission X. Students are seeing that the God who created us also created people in these other countries, cultures, and circumstances. One of the things that I have heard a few times is that “Christ was there ahead of us,” and “Before I could pray for them, they were praying for me.” We are learning a confidence in the Gospel as we see that Christ has become Lord in these places, and that Jesus really is good news and hope in these communities.

We have been preparing students to follow Jesus, serve the church, and engage the world. As we run toward the end of the school year, there is much reflection on the people we have become and the mission which lies before us. Pray for the graduating students as they put their education into practice in various churches and marketplaces. We celebrate the part that we have had the privilege to play in that development.

Pray for many new students to engage in servant leadership training at SBC next year for the strength of the Church into the future. Pray for donations to come in to cover our budget by our April 30 year end, so that we can continue to invest in the development of next-gen disciples and leaders. Pray for our churches as they engage the spiritual battle with the grace of Christ in this increasingly angry world.



*A major highlight at SBC every year is the annual Mission Xposure trips. We asked Evan Penner to share about going on MX2 to Nelson House, Manitoba.*

During my time in Nelson House, my group and I had many opportunities to host members of the community in the home we were staying in, as well as being guests and hosted by others in the community. On a Friday night we were able to host a local bible study in the community (SALT) at the home we were staying in. We had the opportunity to share the word of God with the youth of Nelson House and spend some time talking with youth and other members of the community about Christianity. It was incredibly encouraging to see the reach that Midway Bible Camp has in the community of Nelson House, and how some of the youth are interested in attending SBC when they graduate from high school.

God worked in a multitude of ways during MX2. One was on our first night, when we planned to go to a Cree lesson in the community. We showed up to where the lesson was supposed to be, but the doors were locked and there were no other people in sight. After a half hour of waiting to see if anyone would show up, we returned to our house in the community. Within ten minutes, there was a knock on our door. Two girls had come by to say hi. They became our closest friends in the community, and we would end up hosting those same two girls almost every night for the rest of our time in Nelson House.



One of the biggest eye-openers for me was the generosity and openness of the community. I had been told many times leading up to the trip that we would be welcomed and served during our time up north, but I never expected the generosity and care we were met with. Many people in the community were open to conversation and were very open to answering questions. I was greatly impacted by how much thought was put into conversations. Not just simply rattling off quick answers and moving on, but truly engaging with the topic and the person you are speaking to. This is something I want to incorporate into my life and into every conversation I have.

# GRAD UPDATES

With graduation coming up later this month, here are some student updates from our 2023 SBC graduating class!



## Liam Bull

Working as a missionary with Multiply in Winnipeg by discipling and sharing Jesus with newcomers to Manitoba. He is anticipating his upcoming wedding in June and is aiming towards similar mission work in Japan in the future.



## Tyla Pankraz

Currently working towards planning for an exciting summer and building a discipleship team to share the good news of Jesus with campers as the Program Director at Camp Cedarwood.



## Nolan Penner

After graduating from SBC, Nolan is currently studying his Masters degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and using his studies to currently teach a class. He is considering pursuing an MA of Education, and possibly a PhD.



## Kalia Kruse

Kalia continues to be taught and amazed by God as she, along with her family, supports MK's (Missionary Kids) in Uganda and serves in the Sudanese refugee community.



## Suzanna Friesen (nee Hopcraft)

Recently got married and is currently working at a local business in Morris. She is seeking Jesus in the ordinary while looking towards continuing her education by getting her Master's degree.

# The Church Has No Leadership Shortage

*Layton Friesen, Academic Dean at SBC, shares a reflection on leadership development in the church.*

When I entered the academic world recently, I noticed changes in Christian education. Over the last several decades Bible colleges had become more focused on “leadership development”. Across Christian colleges there are now whole academic degrees in “leadership”, and faculty whose sole role is to teach “leadership development”. Colleges try to be innovative and flexible, finding ever-new ways to offer “leadership development.”

It is often said that the church now faces a “leadership” crisis. Who will pastor our churches after the looming swell of burnouts and retirements? I often hear that the answer to this is to create more opportunities for “leadership development”. But never in history have we focused more on “leadership development” than in the recent generation.

May I speak bluntly? The church does not need more leaders; the church needs more Christians of a certain kind. We need baptized Christians. We need Christians whose minds have been melted down and re-forged by the slow, careful study of Scripture. We need Christians who have drunk deeply from the wells of the church's historic tradition. We need Christians who have detoxified from idolatrous, consumerist, violent and narcissistic poisons of the soul. We need Christians who are practiced in the virtues—courage, prudence, temperance, humility, and justice. We need Christians baptized by the Holy Spirit, firing all this with a radiant love compelling the world to follow Jesus. And then we need to teach these Christians leadership.

When the church has trained Christians, the church has leaders. When we invest in schools that train students in righteousness, and when we send students to those schools, we will have the Christians we need to lead the church. SBC aims to be that kind of school.



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- April 26** Spring Showcase and Certificate Grad Ceremony - 7:00 PM at SBC Chapel
- April 27** Graduation Ceremony - 3:00 PM at Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church (360 McKenzie Ave., Steinbach)
- Apr 29-May 2** One-Week Spring Intensive Course - "Jesus, Moses, and the Church: The Role of the Torah as Christian Scripture" with Cameron McKenzie



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