



Steinbach
Bible College

WE ARE BUILDING

a new campus: to serve, to lead.

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President's Message

Over the summer, I have been troubled by the ongoing “news” of seemingly endless and aimless war and violence in our world. It is not only in the Ukraine and the Middle East. Hatred and anger is producing violence on the streets in North America. But, I am reading through the Gospels. Jesus’ call to peacemaking (Matthew 5:9), love (5:44), and servanthood (20:26) shouts a loud call into that noise. Christ and His Church overturned a violent Roman Empire. We have lived in a Christ-inspired civilization. Our experiments in living as if there were no God have produced disturbing trouble.

All of this raises in my heart our responsibility and our opportunity to empower servant leaders to follow Jesus, serve the church and engage the world. In a few weeks, we’ll be seeing over 100 students (49 new ones) and imagining how each of them will grow in Christ and in wisdom and become an influence toward faith, hope, and love in their communities.

Join us in prayer!

- Pray for our faculty, staff, and students as we engage in the work and the passion of Christian higher education in this new season.
- Pray for our construction project. As I write, we are ready to pour the concrete. The walls will be going up soon and we will be seeing the reality of the new campus take shape.
- Pray that construction will move quickly.
- Pray for our fundraising. Over \$12 million of the \$15 million needed for the new campus has already been committed!
- We are praying for God’s provision of the remaining \$3 million. Please consider how you can participate to make this happen. If half of SBC’s alumni gave \$1000, that would be one-million. If they committed to do that for 3 years, the cost of the building would be covered.

We can do this! Consider your part.

- And pray for our many transitions as we prepare for our big move.

Jesus is Lord!

Dave Reimer
(SBC President)



Legacy Dinner

BUILDING ON THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Calling all SBC Alumni and Friends!

We are planning to say goodbye to our current campus. Join us for our annual Legacy Dinner on October 5, 2025.

Bid a fond farewell to what has been SBC for the past 89 years and celebrate the new campus with us.

Scan the QR code below to reserve your seat or email Bev at: advancement@sbcollge.ca before September 19, 2025.

Plan your class reunion!
Connect with us, we will help!

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO RSVP



Called to Serve, Equipped to Lead - EM Conference Focus

Steinbach Bible College is supported and guided by four key church bodies:

- Christian Mennonite Conference (CMC)
- Evangelical Mennonite Conference (EMC)
- Evangelical Mennonite Mission Conference (EMMC)
- Mennonite Brethren (MB) Conference of Manitoba.

We are deeply grateful for the leadership and partnership of these churches. Their ongoing support plays a vital role in shaping our mission and community.

Have you ever wondered how many of these Conference offices are staffed by SBC alumni? Or how many of their workers—both locally and globally—attended SBC? Here’s what the EMC office was able to share with us...

- Of our 80 global missionaries, 27 attended or graduated SBC.
- Approximately 20 of our 90 pastors attended SBC at some point.
- Of our 10 personnel in the Conference Office in Steinbach, eight have attended SBC!
 - Beth Brown (nee Pauls), Bookkeeper
 - Carl Heppner, Director of Canadian Outreach
 - Emery Plett, Executive Director
 - Erica Fehr (nee Bartel), Director of Communication
 - Kareenna Pauls (nee Ginter), Church Leadership Assistant
 - Mo Friesen, Director of Next Generation
 - Rebecca Roman (nee Buhler), Editor of The Messenger
 - Ruth Konrad (nee Block), Outreach Assistant

Here are some of their pathway stories after graduating from SBC.

Emery Plett Executive Director:

- Graduated from SBC in 1990 with Bachelor of Religious Studies.
- Got married and worked construction for one year.
- Bachelor of Education from University of Manitoba.
- Taught Computer Science at Steinbach Christian School (SCS).
- Became Vice-Principal, then Principal at SCS.
- After 28 years at SCS, and handing all three of my children their Grade 12 diplomas, I moved to the Executive Director position of the EM Conference.



Mo Friesen Director of Next Generation:

- Graduated with Bachelor of Religious Studies from SBC in 1997.
- Served 6 years at YFC Steinbach as a Youth Guidance Worker.
- Served 20 years as Associate Pastor of the Evangelical Fellowship Church in Steinbach.
- Currently serving as Director of Next Generation for the EM Conference.



Beth
Brown



Carl
Heppner



Rebecca
Roman



Ruth
Konrad

Erica Fehr Director of Communication

- Graduated from SBC in 1983.
- Worked locally in a store.
- Married and moved to Winnipeg, worked in the archives at MBBC.
- Stay-at-Home Mom, volunteer Sunday School superintendent and Christian Education chair at Kleefeld EMC.
- University of Manitoba Bachelor’s program (Global Political Economy) but only made it to the third year.
- Began at the EMC office as a part-time Administrative Assistant.
- During pandemic staff reduction, worked in the Communications area at EMC office.
- Took on full-time role in Communications.



Kareenna Pauls (nee Ginter) Church Leadership Assistant

I graduated in April 2024 with a BA in Biblical Studies, Youth Ministry focus and started at the EMC in September of that year. My time at Steinbach Bible College ended on a note of excitement and anticipation of the ways God was going to use me in the youth ministry world. I jumped at the opportunity to work at the EMC office, especially with Abundant Springs, even though it was not directly youth work. My time helping at SBC’s Expedition Now and my internship as camp assistant director were so helpful with the planning and organizing process. This has only made me more passionate about youth work and serving God through administrative ministry roles.



Keeping In Touch: Alumni Update - Debbie Voth

I was excited to recently reestablish contact with Bev Plett, who asked me to submit an update, so here goes...

After graduating from Steinbach Bible College in 1989, I headed back to Vanderhoof, BC to work as a sign language interpreter in the local schools. I met my husband of 34 years, Nathan Voth, in January 1990, and we were married in August 1991. We have raised two red-headed children, Elisa and Jaedon, who are now married. After spending 10 years homeschooling our children, I went back to work part-time as an administrative assistant in our home church, where I have been serving for 14 years. Leading two ladies' groups spurs me towards consistent and continual study of the Scriptures. Nathan has recently retired from his career in the Forest Service and we love spending time outdoors together camping, fishing, snowmobiling, quadding, and in between, managing the rentals in our 8-plex. We enjoy retreating to our little cabin at the lake and participating in all the activities that each season offers. We have a deep friend group here in Vanderhoof and enjoy the richness of long friendships in our church and community.

Spending three years at SBC during my formative years has influenced the trajectory of my life substantially. My dedication and love for Jesus has continued to grow through the years as I build on the foundation of my Biblical Studies degree.

I am very thankful for the time I spent at SBC and the relationships I developed with students and professors. I still feel a connection to many of these people even though I have lost touch. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to reconnect.

My email is ndvoth@gmail.com.

When I heard that SBC is moving their campus, I felt like visiting the campus again... I haven't been there for 28 years! Bev invited me to the Legacy Dinner that is taking place on October 5, 2025 and Nathan and I have been considering attending. Lord willing, we will be there! Hope to see many of you there!

In Christ,
Debbie (Penner) Voth, SBC Grad '89



Debbie Voth with her husband Nathan and their children.

WE LOVE HEARING FROM OUR ALUMNI - SHARE YOUR STORY - EMAIL BPlett@SBCCollege.ca

In The Community

On August 1st, Steinbach Bible College had the opportunity to participate in Steinbach's Pioneer Day parade. The parade provided a wonderful opportunity for SBC to engage with our community and share the joy of worship.

SBC staff and students came together to distribute t-shirts, sunglasses, candy, and magnets, while SBC's Free Servant, led by Jeff Neufeld provided uplifting praise and worship from the truck bed of Don Wiebe's classic 1936 Ford. Hearing the voices of the parade participants praising our Creator and witnessing the community's excitement at having us involved was a true blessing!

Kari Bachmeier
Marketing and Communications



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sep 9 - Dec 2 | Introduction to Counselling
<i>with Sheila Ginter</i> |
| Sep 18, 25
and Oct 2, 8 | Two Views on Christian Zionism
<i>with Micheal Zwaagstra</i> |
| Oct 5 | Legacy Dinner
3:00-4:00pm - Old Campus Tour
4:00- 7:00pm - Dinner |
| Oct 16, 30
and Nov 13, 20 | Serving from the Soundbooth
<i>with Jeff Neufeld</i> |
| Oct 30 | SBC Day of Prayer |
| Nov 6-9 | Drama Production |
| Nov 22 | Expedition Now
Senior Youth Event @ SBC |

For more information visit www.SBCCollege.ca/events

Upcoming Courses

INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING

TUESDAY EVENINGS: SEPT. 9 - DEC. 2

Have you ever found yourself in a position to help someone through a difficult situation and yet struggled with knowing what to say or even how to say it?

SBC is now offering the Introduction to Counselling course on Tuesday evenings to make it accessible for everyone who wishes to gain strength in their people skills and feel more confident in knowing how to help. You will learn basic counselling concepts in both theory and practice based on biblical truth and scientific evidence, such as: practical body language, developing good questions, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and pastoral counselling. This is an invite for pastors, youth workers, caregivers, parents or mentors who wish to expand their knowledge and increase their effectiveness in people care.

If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact the SBC main office and ask for Professor Sheila Ginter.



SERVING FROM THE SOUNDBOOTH
-JEFF NEUFELD

THURSDAY EVENINGS:
OCT. 16, 30 AND NOV. 13, 20
SBC MAX 8 STUDENTS

TWO VIEWS ON CHRISTIAN ZIONISM

THURSDAY EVENINGS: SEPT. 18 - OCT. 2 AND

WEDNESDAY EVENING: OCTOBER 8

Did God give modern Israel to the Jews?

That is the subtitle of Steinbach Bible College's upcoming fall course, Two Views on Christian Zionism. This course will explore two different views on Christian Zionism. As part of this process, students will learn about the history of Israel and of the Zionist movement, evaluate the biblical and theological arguments for and against Christian Zionism, and consider how Christians should respond to the current Israel/Palestine controversy.

By the end of this course, students will better understand how Christians from different perspectives think about Israel and Zionism. Regardless of one's personal view on this topic, the goal is that students will come out of this course equipped to think critically about this challenging issue.

The course is taught by Michael Zwaagstra, a long-time instructor at SBC. Michael has many years of experience helping students navigate challenging theological topics.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THESE COURSES VISIT: www.SBCCollege.ca/UPCOMINGCOURSES



Seek Truth
"and the truth will set you free"
John 8:32b

Senior Youth Event @SBC
11-22-25

Registration: Before OCT. 15 - \$70
After OCT. 15 - \$80

www.SBCCollege.ca/Expedition-Now

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