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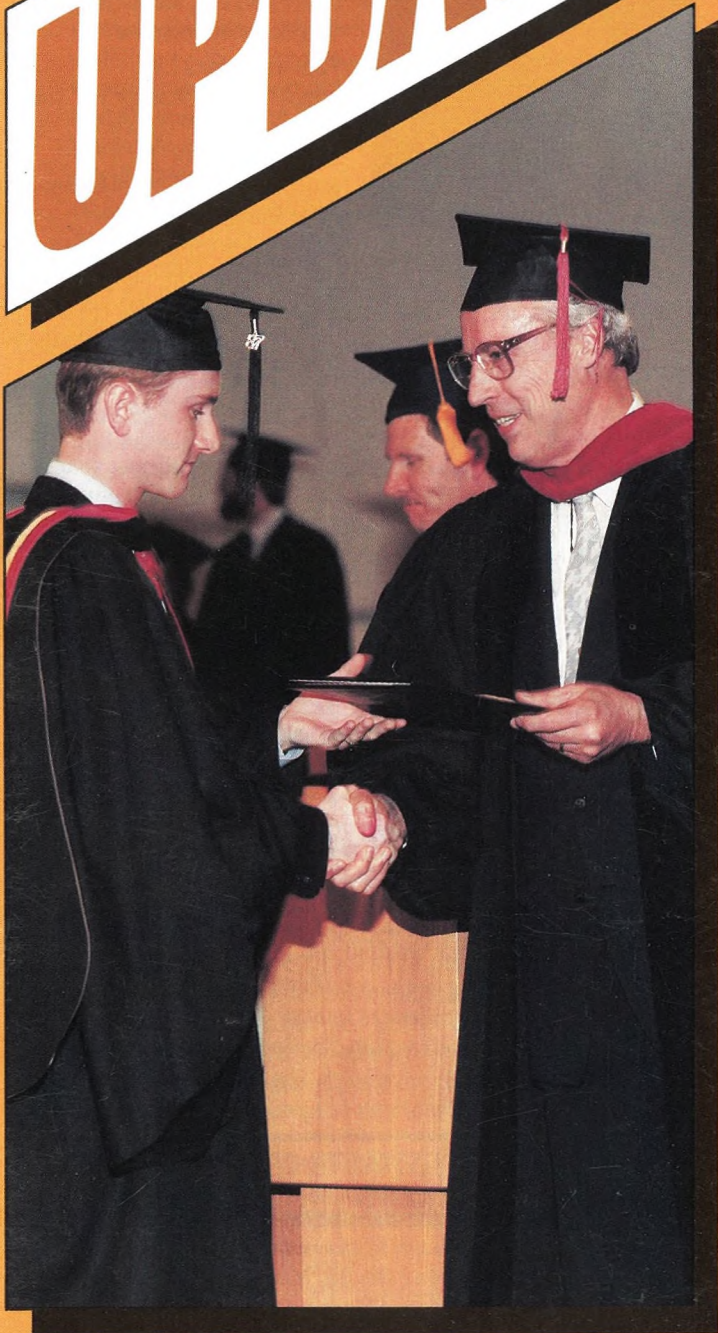
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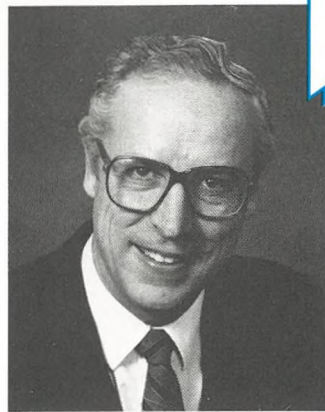
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# UPDATE



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A young student, confused by Scriptural perplexities, once came to C.H. Spurgeon. The great preacher responded, "Young man, give God credit for understanding some things you don't understand." Paul addresses his magnificent doxology to "the only wise God" (Rom. 16:27). Of all God's attributes, I find His wisdom most intriguing.

Dr. S.L. Johnson defines God's wisdom as the application of His knowledge to attain the best possible goals, by the best possible means, for the best possible reasons. Because He is wise, His goals, means, and reasons are perfect. If better goals were possible, or means to achieve them, than those God chooses, He is not wise. To complain is to question His wisdom.

The display of God's wisdom during this past academic year has been impressive. OTS became a Center for Chinese Studies. Canada's first graduate Youth Ministries program was launched. Two new Vice-Presidents joined OBC/OTS. Our Bachelor of Religious Studies degree was government approved. The government also approved grants to our students. OBC/OTS graduations were thrilling. Quality men and women moved into further study and ministry – each a monument to His wisdom.

In God's wisdom, some faculty and staff will leave us. We will miss them.

Wisdom not only resides in God, it is derived from Him. "He gives wisdom to the wise men" (Dan. 2:21). What an encouragement! Expanding the Library, Seminary and Liberal Arts program, developing our Center for Expository Preaching, finalizing the OTS accrediting process and cultivating Biblical spirituality require God's wisdom. Do pray that it may be ours.

Thank you for standing with us so faithfully. We are deeply grateful. God's wisdom dictates mutual dependency – you upon us, we upon you. The plan couldn't be more perfect.

*Wm. J. McRae  
President, OBC/OTS*

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# Refining a Critical Mass

by Doug Webster, OTS Professor of Theology

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Physicists call the amount of fissionable material needed to sustain a nuclear chain reaction a *critical mass*. It is the minimum mass of uranium necessary for a nuclear reactor or a nuclear bomb. The term invites application in other spheres as well. Bell Labs has its basic research facility in Murray Hill, New Jersey. Housed in a single, 6-storey brick building, Bell has gathered a research force of 3,200. Bell has intentionally formed a critical mass of gifted scientists and brilliant Ph.D.s. Grouping this enormous amount of human inventiveness and ingenuity in one place has set off a chain reaction leading to inventions and patents changing the way the world communicates.

Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary have intentionally sought to refine a critical mass within the Christian community by gathering together faculty and students who are committed to a disciplined and intensive study of God's Word, Christian theology, and practical ministries. Aided by the support of others and with some measure of personal sacrifice, people are brought together for a short period of time to stimulate and further develop their understanding of God, the church, and the world, and to become better equipped for ministry.

Although academic excellence is important, the emphasis is on spiritual maturity and giftedness, rather than brilliance. The end product is not a new profit-making technique but a better equipped, wiser Christian who sets off a chain reaction of ministry.

## NEHEMIAH: A CASE STUDY IN CRITICAL MASS STRATEGY

Nehemiah is an excellent case study in the implementation of a critical mass strategy. The same principles used to unite the people of God in common cause to rebuild Jerusalem and deepen their devotion to Yahweh are significant for establishing Christian solidarity. As a spiritual leader, Nehemiah combined an earnest devotion to God with the practical expertise of a capable administrator. This combination of practical and spiritual considerations was crucial to the development of Israel's solidarity. No amount of emotional support or public challenge could replace the practical strategy Nehemiah was committed to working out.

## AN INTEGRATED STRATEGY OF PLANNING AND PRAYER

Nehemiah facilitated a critical mass strategy by thinking through a full range of issues: from repentance to work routines, from worship to interest rates, from Bible study groups to construction materials. Nehemiah demonstrated that critical mass is not formed on good intentions or great principles alone. Whether we are planting a church or developing a seminary, we need to deal with people as whole people. As John Stott says, "People are neither bodyless souls nor soulless bodies

# Refining a Critical Mass

but bodies and souls in community.’’

Nehemiah’s vision of God’s mission for Israel was not at the expense of basic practical considerations.

Nehemiah was a spiritual leader as well as a diplomat, engineer, and accountant – a rare combination of abilities in one man. But even Nehemiah saw himself as part of a leadership team, dependent upon the wisdom and ability of others to sustain the critical mass. Nehemiah knew that timber as well as trust was necessary to rebuild Jerusalem and Israel’s spiritual community.

Those who support OBC and OTS have a right to expect leaders who plan and pray like Nehemiah. If we follow Nehemiah’s example, we need to be wise and creative in fulfilling our responsibilities to educate men and women in the Word of God. But we also need to be wise and creative when it comes to physical facilities, library development, salaries, and financial aid. All these concerns are important for shaping the OBC/OTS critical mass.

## ENCOURAGING OWNERSHIP AND SOLIDARITY

A second quality of Nehemiah’s leadership was his ability to encourage ‘‘ownership.’’ Models of leadership which promote the leader’s public image and depend upon a contrived enthusiasm fail to build Christian community. Nehemiah knew that success depended upon God’s people, personally and corporately, owning the community experience. This went far beyond each family building up its section of the wall. It

extended to virtually every aspect of community life.

‘‘Ownership’’ meant that each Israelite accepted as his or her own the spiritual, ethical and vocational responsibilities of being part of the critical mass. From his initial challenge ‘‘Come let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem’’ to the final dedication of the wall, Nehemiah believed in the people’s ownership of God’s work.

When he opposed the ‘‘nobles and officials’’ for exacting usury from the poor, Nehemiah risked his own leadership to guard the dignity of people. Cultivating ownership meant pursuing Biblical justice rather than economic expediency. It involved taking the time to nurture spiritual understanding rather than staging religious performances. By subsuming individual success and achievement within the larger and more meaningful sphere of the people of God, Nehemiah sought to sustain the chain reaction of God’s people doing God’s work.

In the ‘‘Body’’ language of our day, Nehemiah’s policy means ‘‘shared leadership,’’ ‘‘team ministry’’ and ‘‘every-member’’ participation. We need this spirit of *ownership* to characterize the corporate solidarity of OBC and OTS. This means gathering faculty, students, supporters and board members into a partnership which respects each other’s needs and abilities, and depends upon one another for his or her distinctive contribution. Personal sacrifice and individual accomplishment are seen from the vantage point of a shared commitment to the mutual benefit of a dynamic spiritual community.

## PERSEVERING UNDER PRESSURE

A third quality of Nehemiah’s leadership was his commitment to persevere against powerful critics and serious cultural pressures poised to rob God’s people of solidarity. Sanballat and Tobiah have their counterparts today in those who cling to their selfish interests by defending the status quo. They resist change because it disrupts their position of control and power. They are disturbed when the welfare of others is promoted. Against the success of Jerusalem they mock and plot, unaware that God will judge them for their sinful resistance.

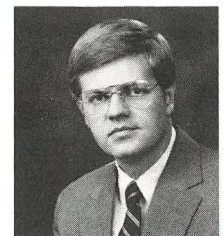
Tobiah was proud and powerful – a man impressed with his own importance. He was a political insider, networking his negativism and seducing the elite. One of Nehemiah’s final acts was to expel this spiritual outsider from an apartment in the temple, right at the nerve centre of Jerusalem society. What was true in Nehemiah’s day still is sadly true today. The likes of Tobiah need to be resisted for the sake of the spiritual community. The expenditure of spiritual energy may be draining, but it is necessary for the sake of faithfulness and spiritual solidarity.

## A CRITICAL MASS OF TEACHABLE, GIFTED CHRISTIANS

At OBC and OTS we have a responsibility to refine a critical mass of teachable, gifted Christians who are ready and willing to set off a chain reaction of ministry: ‘‘to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the

Body of Christ may be built up’’ (Eph. 4:12). Following the leadership example of Nehemiah, we ought to think Christianly *about every aspect of work*. We need to encourage ‘‘ownership’’ so that faculty, students, board members and staff participate fully in their calling. Finally, we must *stay alert* to the pressures which threaten to obscure our vision and frustrate our involvement. At a discouraging time and in a defeated condition Israel became a critical mass to the glory of God and to the displeasure of her enemies. We have that challenge before us and by God’s grace we can ‘‘reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ’’ (Eph. 4:13).

These three principles – holistic leadership, personal involvement and spiritual discernment certainly apply within our local churches. They do not arise automatically. They need to be nurtured by sensitive leaders who are willing to deny their own egos and opinions for the sake of solid Christian issues and community solidarity. ‘‘Ownership’’ not only must be offered, it must be sought by Christians who desire to give of themselves and use their spiritual gifts. And spiritual discernment is the fruit of a long-term, Spirit-guided, disciplined approach to the whole counsel of God.



Douglas  
Webster



## THE ALUMNI CANADA-WIDE PHONOTHON

During the week of March 23-28, the first Canada-wide Alumni Phonothon took place. Hundreds of Alumni from Victoria B.C. to Halifax N.S. were contacted. News of OBC/OTS developments were shared. Alumni were invited to continue their participation towards the costs of student education. Pictured here doing some phoning is Mrs. Muriel Flanagan (McGUFFIN, E.C. '31-'33). Thanks Alumni who called and Alumni who responded!

## LOCAL ALUMNI MEETINGS

In many centres in Southern Ontario (and some Northerly ones as well) Alumni gather to hear news of OBC/OTS, view slides of students and Alumni, pray for the ongoing work of the College/Seminary, and experience fellowship with other Alumni in their area.



*A Group of Alumni who regularly meet for information and prayer on behalf of OBC/OTS.*

*Back row: (left to right) Mrs. Ivy Mildon, Mrs. Alice Self, Mrs. Pearl Dobson, Miss Chat Dancy.*

*Front Row: (left to right) Mrs. Muriel Rae, hostess; Miss Grace Hinc, Miss Viola Lewis.*

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Friday night, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 are opportunities for renewing acquaintances, making new friends and being informed about the latest developments at OBC/OTS.

THEME: "Ministering a Changeless Christ to a Changing Community"

TESTIMONIES from members of the classes of '37, '62, '82

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Terry Tiessen, B.Th. '64, Vice-President and Dean of OBC.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED

CLASS OF '37 HONOURED

CLASS REUNIONS:

'37, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82.

Free babysitting and shuttlebus service provided. Tour the campus. Visit the bookstore. Meet the faculty.

On Friday night the Class of '82 (and other specially selected Alumni) will take on the present student body at volleyball.

Last year Alumni won. Let's do it again!

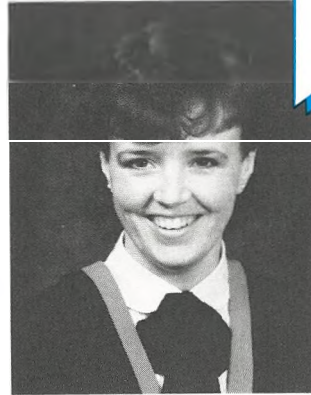
More details to follow through the mail.

Mark your calendar and plan now to come!

## CAROL COMEAU:

# A Missionary in Downtown Toronto...

*Written by Karen Homer*



A people person. That's how colleagues, friends and those she ministers to describe Carol Comeau (M.T.S. '85). As a faith missionary at Evergreen, a branch of the Yonge Street Mission, Carol uses her many talents and natural relational skills in ministering to street kids and psychiatric outpatients. Carol came from Fredericton to study at OTS after completing her education

degree at the University of New Brunswick and teaching elementary school for three years. Her field education placement at Yonge Street Mission abruptly plunged her into the inner city – an unfamiliar world filled with colourful people. But their open honesty and friendliness attracted Carol to them. Upon graduation, she joined the Mission full time. Since then, she has played an integral role in helping to plant the Church on the Street (a congregation for street people which meets at Evergreen) and developing a women's ministry at Evergreen.

"Serving here means having my blinders of naivete ripped away," says Carol. "You see and experience things that will never allow you to be quite the same again." She describes street people she knows: child prostitutes, homeless teenagers living in stairwells and eating from trash cans, and psychiatric outpatients longing to be treated like human beings.

While there is sorrow in the city, there is also much joy: Lucille's delight about getting her own place after years of living in a psychiatric outpatient's boarding house; Jason's excitement about staying straight and holding a job for the first time in his life; Kim's enthusiasm, as a new Christian, after leading a fellow punker to faith; Steve's pride at becoming a street church leader when he grew up believing he'd always be a failure.

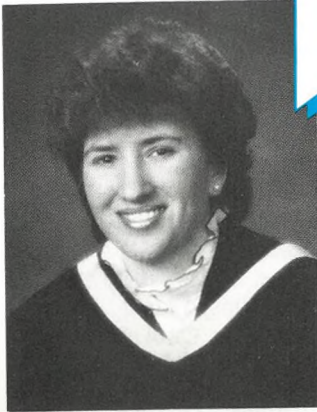
These are the rewards of inner city ministry.

Not only does she work downtown, but Carol and her husband, Michael, live and play there too. They enjoy the sights and sounds of their Greek neighbourhood and are involved in an inner city church, Danforth Baptist.

Carol says she is grateful for the training she received at OTS that prepared her for ministry. Yet she wonders why Ethics class never tackled the question, "Does reaching the street kids mean you have to dye your hair purple?"

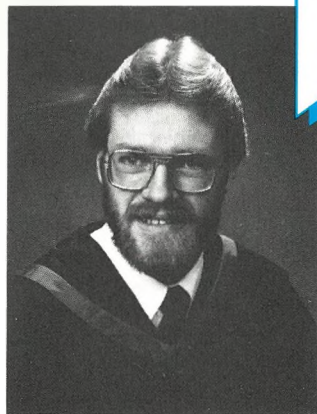
# OBC GRADUATES

RUTH MORTON



**O** came to OBC with a desire to learn more about God and be trained in camping ministries. Coming to OBC meant stepping into a new phase, leaving my loving Christian family to go into the world and begin a new life. Arriving on campus, I was scared and believed all graduates were extremely godly, knowledgeable, but unapproachable, people. Graduation seemed far off and remote. Now I can laugh, realizing with the quickly passing years my understanding has grown that graduates are actually very human and approachable. Successful, busy and fun describe my years at OBC. Here I met my fiance', and following my marriage on May 23, we will be involved in full-time camping ministry at Fair Glen Youth Camp. OBC has been all I desire, and a lot more. The number one thing I learned was to rely on Him totally in all situations, and He will remain faithful, answer prayer and bring me through. Praise the Lord!

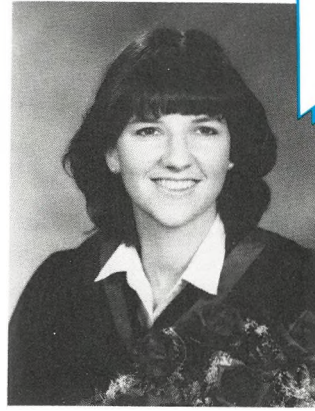
STEPHEN FORD



**E**lizabeth Elliot once shared: "God does not guide like a spotlight, allowing us to see the total path. For if we knew what lay ahead, we would most likely turn aside. Instead, God guides like a candle, giving us just enough light to make the next step." Similarly, God is leading me. I came to OBC with a specific future ministry in mind, but here my horizon was broadened to include several possible ministries. People and experiences have been used to hone and shape me. Leadership responsibilities for which I have felt totally inadequate, have helped me understand my gifts and abilities and grow in my perception of God. It is our perception of God that determines our response to Him. My dependence upon God has become natural rather than forced. Next fall I plan to further my education at a graduate level. Beyond that the future is uncertain. But recalling God's enabling for my responsibilities in the past, I am assured of His empowering for the future.

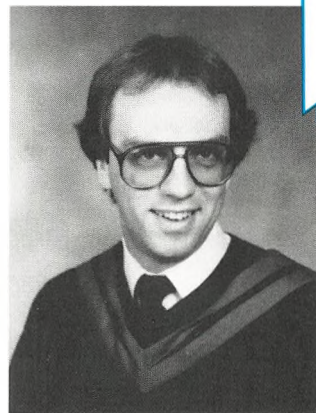
# OTS GRADUATES

SHEELAH MARWICK



**O** have recently been graduated from York University (Glendon College) with an Honours B.A. in Sociology and French. The most outstanding moment of my life is the night I turned over my life to my Saviour - November 13, 1980. Since then, God has been doing major reconstruction in my life, and given me a burning desire to know Him more fully. Growing closer to the Lord was a motive for enrolling at OTS. Upon arrival at school, the unity of purpose among students and their firm commitment to Christ impressed me. The testimony of the staff at OTS was refreshing and the professors have not only instructed me, but also been role models for me of consecrated living and zeal for the Lord. My courses and assignments have taught me about the Lord, life, and myself. In the fall I plan to attend Ontario Bible College for a one-year certificate in church music. I am looking forward to the adventures God, in His wisdom, has in store for me in the future.

CRAIG SMITH



**F**rantically I tore open the Regent College letter. My heart was set on attending there. The shock of rejection left me disillusioned. I had earlier told God I would *never* go to OTS. I should NEVER have said NEVER to God, for it was at OTS I discovered my call to Seminary was indeed true; only my geography was confused. Seminary involves more than classroom academia. Jesus' concern is for the whole person, and He achieved ministry to my whole person through Seminary. He used all means: professors, students, situations and even essay writing to bring me into conformity to His image. All He required was my faithfulness and obedience - a small price for His graciousness. At ten years of age, I believed I would some day be a Pastor. Fourteen stormy years later I accepted Christ. That moment marked the beginning of my new life (Prov. 9:10b). My time at OTS has been filled with challenges to deepen my understanding of God.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events at OBC/OTS

## JULY & AUGUST

### Ontario Theological Seminary Summer Studies

#### CRASH GREEK

July 27 - Aug. 28, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### SUMMER SESSION

August 10 - 21, Monday to Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / **Second Corinthians**

Dr. Roy Matheson, Professor of New Testament, OTS

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / **The Bible as Literature**

Dr. Leland Ryken, Professor of English, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

#### **Creeds of the Early Church**

Dr. Gerald Bray, Professor of Doctrine, Oak Hill Anglican Theological College, London, England

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / **Developing Lay Leaders**

Rev. Alan Andrews, Canadian Director of the Navigators

#### **The Brethren Heritage**

Dr. Donald Tinder, Professor of Church History, Tyndale Theological Seminary, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### **Christianity and Chinese Culture (in Cantonese)**

Dr. Wing-Hung Lam, Professor of Church History, China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong

August 10 - 14 Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A Christian Perspective on Psychotherapy. Dr. Vernon Grounds, President Emeritus of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary

#### **BUILD YOUR FAITH**

August 24-28 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### **Evangelism in a Post-Christian Society**

Canon Michael Green, Professor of Evangelism, Regent College, Vancouver

#### **Exploring Prayer**

Mrs. Rosemary Green

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / **The Gospel of Mark**

Dr. Larry Hurtado, Professor of New Testament, University of Manitoba

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / **Counselling and Sexual Problems**

Dr. John Bettler, Director, The Christian Counselling and Educational Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary

#### **Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally**

Dr. Miriam Adeney, Adjunct Professor of Missions and Cross-Cultural Communication, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.

#### **BANQUET**

November 7, 1987

Reserve this date for the exciting yearly banquet for OBC/OTS. This will be held at the Royal York Hotel.

## SEPTEMBER

### (Ontario Bible College)

September 8 - Arrival of New Students

September 8 -11 - New Student Orientation

September 10 - Freshmen Registration

September 11 - Upperclassmen Registration

September 14 - Beginning of Classes

Evening School Registration (Credit)

September 15 - Evening School Registration (Diploma)

September 16 - Convocation Service

September 21-25 - Spiritual Life Conference, Rev. Keith Price

September 26 - Parents' Day

### Ontario Theological Seminary Continuing Education - Fall Semester

September 14 - December 10, 1987

Monday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**History of Christianity 1 561** Mr. Donald Goertz, Lecturer in Church History, OTS

**The Theology of Karl Barth 634** Rev. John Vissers, Professor of Theology, OTS

**Christian Spirituality 538** Dr. William Foster, Lecturer in Christian Spirituality, OTS

Monday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Exegesis of Mark 621** Dr. Roy Matheson, Professor of New Testament, OTS

**Theology of Culture 652** Mr. Brian Walsh, Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, OTS

**Critical Youth Issues 593** Mr. John Wilkinson, Professor of Youth Ministry and Christian Education, OTS

Monday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Ministry in an Urban Context 1 848** Rev. Rick Tobias, Lecturer in Urban Ministry, OTS

**Pastoral Epistles 628** Dr. Kevin Quast, Registrar and Lecturer in New Testament, OTS

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 pm.

**Adolescent Development in a Changing World 591**

Mr. John Wilkinson, Professor of Youth Ministry and Christian Education, OTS

**History of Missions 863**

Dr. Ian Rennie, Vice-President and Professor of Church History, OTS

Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Elementary Greek 321** Mr. Harry Hahne, Lecturer in New Testament, OTS

Monday - Friday, September 14-18 and November 23-27 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Learning and the Art of Teaching 757 (4)**

Dr. Linda Cannell, Lecturer in Christian Education, OTS

Mr. John Wilkinson will be providing supervision and assistance between the two segments of the course.

Monday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Preaching Practice, 746**

Mr. Michael Eizenga, Lecturer in Preaching, OTS

Monday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**World Evangelization 555**

Rev. Frank Byrne, Professor of Missions, OTS

## **LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE**

Essential to our Seminary accreditation is the completion of our Library Project. Phase III, our final stage, has \$70,000 to go! The examination by the accrediting association is scheduled for this fall. Please pray with us.

## **OSAP STUDENT GRANTS**

Student grants are now available through the government for Ontario Bible College students. Be sure to inquire through the Community Life Department.

## **STEARNS FOUNDATION**

The Stearns Foundation in Philadelphia is the agency which makes possible tax-deductible receipts for our U.S. friends. Please send your gifts to: The D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund, 147 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Designate for: Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary.

## **CONFERENCE FACILITIES**

Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary facilities are available for conferences, banquets or meetings. Please make your needs known to our Business Administration office.

## **CHINESE STUDIES PROGRAM**

This program has been approved by the boards of the China Graduate School of Theology and of OBC/OTS. The program will be launched in the fall of 1988!

## **BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEGREE**

This new three-year program in Bible and General Arts is offered with a Seminary track or a university track. The program includes introductory and advanced courses in Biblical Studies and Theology as well as a wide selection of courses in the humanities and social sciences.

## **A PASSION FOR CHRIST**

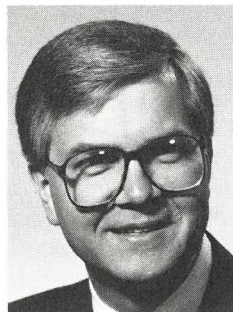
Dr. Douglas Webster, OTS Professor of Theology, has just written a new book, *A PASSION FOR CHRIST*. This is a unique integration of theological analysis, which carefully considers the various issues in Christology today and reflects on the implications of Christology for Christian living. It sets a new direction in the evangelical study of theology.

## **FIRST CORRESPONDENCE COURSE**

We would like to bring our College training program into your home. By means of audio-cassette, our Extension Department is making this possible. Presently we have our first course available. "Rev. Jim Vold on the Book of Revelation" is available for independent home study which can be done for College credit or for personal interest. For specific details on this new venture, call the Extension Department of the College (416-226-6380, Ext. 21) or write to the Extension Department.

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## **APPOINTMENTS – DAVID J. PAVEY, C.A.**



We believe God has been preparing David during the past 17 years for his ministry of service at OBC/OTS as Vice-President, Administration and Finance. David has been equipped with broad business experience. He completed his OBC studies in 1971 and obtained an undergraduate Business Administration degree in 1975 from the University of Western Ontario. After three years with Price Waterhouse, he became a

Chartered Accountant in 1978. Subsequently he held senior positions in corporate accounting and financial planning at Simpsons and for the past four years has been Director, Audit Services for Hudson's Bay Company.

David is a member of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Corporation and was President of the Fellowship at Western in 1974. David and his wife Liz and two young children are active members at Spring Garden Baptist Church in Willowdale.

## **CHANGES AT OTS**

This summer there are three faculty removals from OTS. Dr. Wm. Foster and Dr. Mariano Di Gangi are retiring and Dr. Douglas Webster has accepted the pastorate of the Evangelical Community Church in Bloomington, Indiana. Each has made a great contribution and will be correspondingly missed. Dr. Foster was at the London College of Bible and Missions for many years, was then at OBC after the merger, and has taught theology at the Seminary since its inception. As with his Lord, his life and ministry among us has been characterized by grace and truth. Dr. Di Gangi has taught Pastoral Studies since the Seminary began, and has brought rich experience in the pastorate and missions, and rich gifts of mind and spirit. The best compensation is that both will remain as adjunct faculty offering occasional courses. Dr. Webster has also taught Theology, and in his own singularly effective way, with great intellectual ability, the penetrating power that enables one to look at issues freshly, and a great passion for Christ and the Church. He will also be returning from time to time, the first occasion being the Intersession of 1989. OTS will greatly miss these teachers, colleagues and friends, but there is much thanksgiving, and expectation of a new, though different, relationship.

## **PRAYER FOLDER REMINDER**

If you would like to receive a copy of the OBC/OTS Prayer Calendar (containing references to alumni, faculty/staff, and special events), please forward your request with correct mailing address to: OBC/OTS Att. Mrs. Liz Schouwstra, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale, Ontario M2M 4B3. (226-6380 Ext. 23 or 43)



**BIRTHS**

Jonathon Victor, to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bennett, M.Div. '86 (Janice), on August 26, 1986, Kitchener, ON.

Jenna Elaine, to Mr. & Mrs. Barry Bonvanie (DIANA BLEKKENHORST '82-'83), on February 4, 1987, Willowdale, ON.

Marlaina Lise & Erika Rose, to Mr. & Mrs. Dave Casement (KATHY CROZIER, B.R.E. '82), on December 12, 1986, Ottawa, ON.

Adam Leslie, to Mr. & Mrs. Stan Coates (JUDITH FRASER, B.R.E. '76), on November 27, 1986, Bradford, ON.

Matthew Anthony, to Mr. & Mrs. Audley Goulbourne, B.Th. '80 (YVONNE PRYCE, B.S.M. '80), on February 3, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Sharon Elise to Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Hall, B.Th. '70 (Joy), on December 28, 1986, Scarboro, ON.

Samuel Peter, to Dr. & Mrs. Derek Johnston (HENDRINE VERMEULEN, B.R.E. '78), on November 7, 1986, Auckland, New Zealand.

Daniel Michael, to Mr. & Mrs. Gary McKee, B.R.E. '84 (DONNA NOBLE '80-'81), on January 23, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Kenneth Leonard Earl, to Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Reed, M.T.S. '86 (Mary), on January 26, 1987, Thornhill, ON.

Dallas Gordon, to Mr. & Mrs. Norm Tiffin (BARBARA CASSIDY '76-'77), on February 25, 1987.

Hannah, to Mr. & Mrs. George Pawluk (RUTH JORDAN, Dip. '74), on December 15, 1986, Dorion, ON.

Alicia Nicole, to Mr. & Mrs. Art VanMiddelkoop, B.R.E. '82, B.Th. '84 (Kathryn), on

November 7, 1986, Bothwell, ON.

**DEATHS**

Mrs. Marjorie Muchan (MARSHALL '40), on March 9, 1987, in Rexdale, ON.

Miss Hazel Reesor '37 on March 28, 1987, in Agincourt, ON.

**MARRIAGES**

Miss Ann Hook, B.Th. '70, to Mr. Steve White, on February 14, 1987.

Miss Jacqueline Stark, B.R.E. '86, to Mr. Martin Tot, '84-'85, on August 16, 1986, St. Catharines, ON.

Miss Lois Templeton, B.R.E. '81, to Mr. John Dillon, on October 18, 1986 at Spring Garden Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

**MISSIONS**

Miss Helen Craig '82-'83, is presently serving as a volunteer nurse at Kapsowar, Kenya in the hospital with A.I.M. (January, 1987).

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Crawford, B.Th. '82 (LINDA CARR, B.R.E. '81), are presently involved with language study at the O.M.F. Study House, Bangkok, Thailand.

Miss Elaine Esser, B.R.E. '70 is presently on furlough from Thailand (March 1987), as she serves with O.M.F.

Miss Susan McLeod, B.R.E. '74 has returned from Nigeria, Africa and presently is studying a course for nurses in International Health (S.I.M., January, 1987).

Miss Winifred Price '49, has returned from Japan as a church planter. Winifred plans to retire October 1, 1987 (SEND Int'l).

Rev. & Mrs. Rick Rancourt

(LYNN, OTS '78-'79), are presently on furlough from Thailand with O.M.F. (March-August 1987).

Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Ross, B.Th. '82 (ELIZABETH MOREY, B.R.E. '81), have returned from Israel to Ontario (March 1987).

Dr. & Mrs. Milan Springle '72-'73 (ELIZABETH '72-'73), have returned from Zambia to Canada (A.E.F., May, 1987).

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilkinson, B.R.E. '84 (BONITA STEADMAN, B.Th. '81), are presently serving in the Philippines as church planters with O.M.F.

Mr. & Mrs. John Adams, T.Th. '73 (CAROL, B.R.E. '73), have returned to serving in Quito, Ecuador with H.C.J.B.

Miss Grace Allison, B.R.E. '66 has returned to Tanzania, Africa as missionary nurse with A.I.M. (Jan./87).

Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Dresser '57-'58 (SYLVIA JEAN '57-'58), are presently serving in the medical field at Senggo Christian Hospital, Irian Jaya, Indonesia with T.E.A.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Estabrooks, B.Th. '66 (DIANNE PALMER, B.R.E. '63), have returned from Singapore to ON. Presently Paul is serving with Open Doors Ministries, as Canadian Director.

Mr. & Mrs. Evans Laryea, B.Th. '78 (TEGENU GENETIE, B.R.E. '80), are presently serving in Ghana. Evans is teaching at Maranatha Bible College and pastoring at Grace Bible Church

Miss Velma Foreman '59 has returned to Papua New Guinea (Jan./87), as she continues as a translator with W.B.T.

Miss Joyce Hatch '53 has returned to Mossoro, Brazil, where she serves with A.B.W.E. (Jan./87).

**PASTORAL**

Rev. Ross Beagan, M.Div. '86 commenced his ministry as Pastor of Visitation and Evangelism at the People's Church, Toronto on March 2, 1987. Ross also will be coordinating the Home Bible Study Groups in the Church.

Rev. Ross Beagan, M.Div. '86 was ordained to the gospel ministry on April 1, 1987 in the People's Church, Toronto, ON.

Mr. Audley Goulbourne, B.Th. '80 is presently serving at Lisle Memorial Baptist Church, Toronto (January, 1987).

Rev. John P. Ross, B.R.E. '80, B.Th. '82 is presently serving at First Baptist Church, Perham, Maine (February 15, 1987).

Mr. Elliott VanEgmond, B.R.E. '85 is presently pastoring at Madison Baptist Church, Montreal, PQ.

**GENERAL NEWS**

Rev. Paul Stevens, M.Div. '86 was ordained on November 30, 1986 at Val Royal Baptist Church, Montreal, PQ.

Rev. Lloyd Stewart, B.Th. '57 was honoured on the 25th anniversary of his ordination on December 14, 1986. Rev. & Mrs. Stewart have served the Pugwash-Wallace Baptist Pastorate for 20 years, in Nova Scotia.

Dr. David Sherbino, B.Th. '70 has been appointed Professor of Pastoral Studies at Ontario Theological Seminary.

Rev. & Mrs. George Worling '33 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 5, 1986. Sue and George met in Nigeria while both serving there.

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# Graduate Studies in Youth Ministry

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Ontario Theological Seminary presents Canada's first graduate program in youth ministry leading to a Master of Theological Studies (2 years) or Master of Divinity (3 years) degree.

The initial emphasis of this major is the preparation for church youth ministry. As the program grows, training will be provided for a variety of youth contexts (parachurch, lay leadership, adolescent research and development).

The present church youth ministry focus, now in its second year, is *not* a major with only one or two courses in the general area of youth ministry and a little field work/experience.

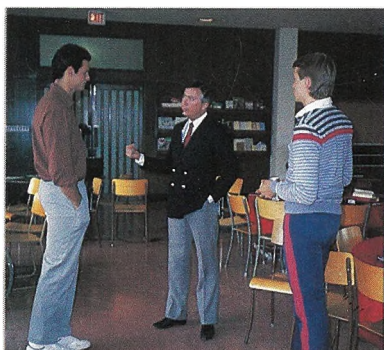
It is a major that provides an *in-depth* examination – through the classroom and experientially – of youth ministry.

Each youth course is designed to take the "theory" of the classroom into the "field" for an "applied" examination and learning experience.

While such teaching/learning is transpiring, the youth ministry major will have the opportunity to be mentored by a *veteran*

youth worker in his/her internship and field education program.

A variety of youth specialists will join the professor of this youth ministry program, John H. Wilkinson, in giving classroom input, supervising internships and leading special training events. This will add to the richness and depth of the training provided.



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## UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY COURSES

### Critical Youth Issues 593

Mondays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (September 14 - December 10, 1987)

### Adolescent Culture and Development 591

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (September 15 - December 11, 1987)

### Internship Part I 596

Individual timetabling with professor (September 14 - December 10, 1987)

### Evangelism & Discipleship of Youth 594

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Intersession, January 11-15, 1988 - Advanced Training, Sonlife Discipline Strategy)

### Internship Part II 597

Individual timetabling with professor (January 25 - April 26, 1988)

### Youth Ministry in the Church 592

Mondays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (January 25 - April 26, 1988)

### Methods for Youth Ministry 595

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (January 26 - April 27, 1988)