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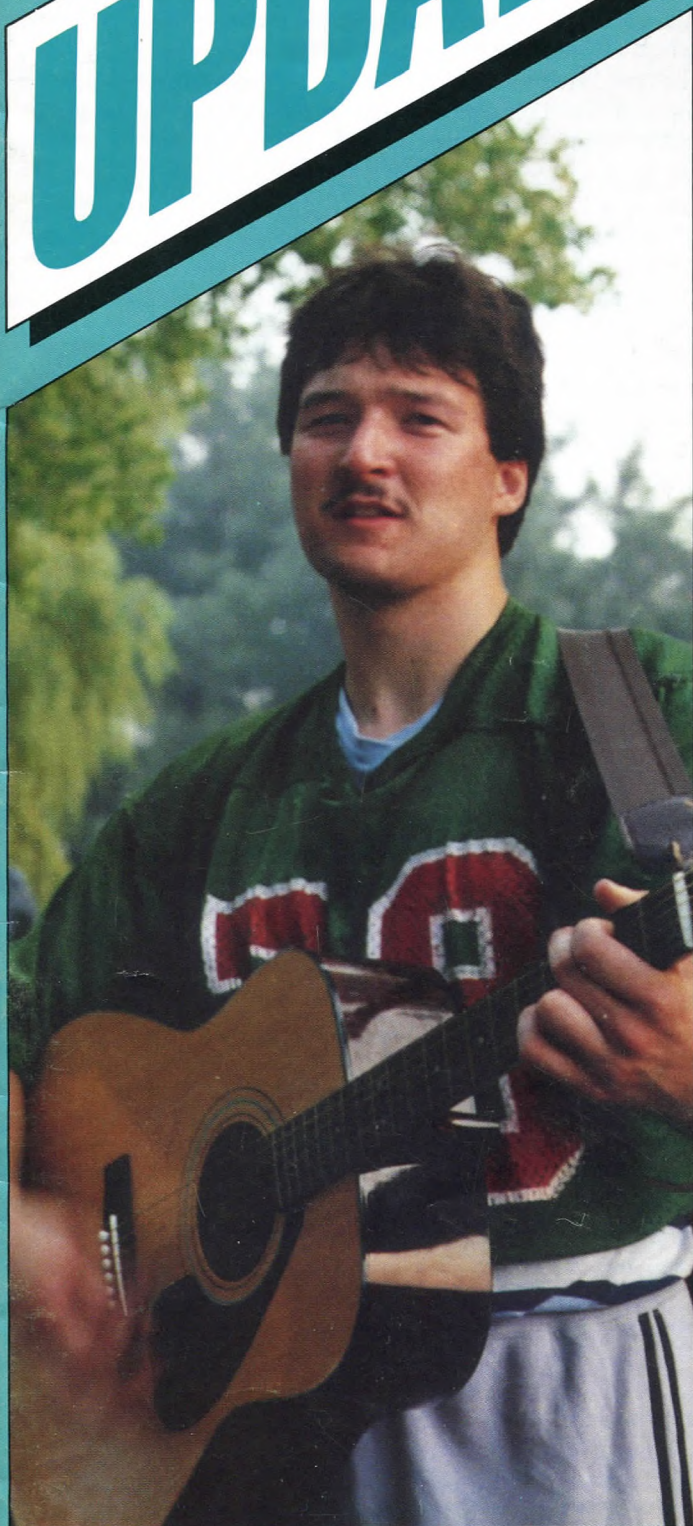
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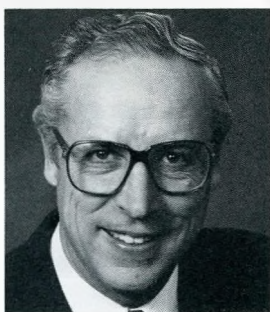
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# UPDATE







**E**ach new year brings new students, challenges and opportunities, but our distinctives remain unchanged. On the threshold of this academic year it is important to affirm again where we stand in the world of theological education.

We are *Biblical and evangelical*. Theologically, spiritually and academically the sacred Scriptures are the foundation upon which we stand. Our philosophy of education is grounded in the firm conviction that the Bible is the authoritative inerrant Word of God. Consequently, all our students major in the study of the Scriptures.

We are *multi-denominational*. Last year our student body consisted of representatives from 7 provinces, 17 countries and 23 denominations. While we are not directly affiliated with any particular denominations, we respect the various distinctives, encourage our students toward a loyalty and commitment to their local church fellowship and seek to cultivate loving attitudes which encompass the whole body of Christ. We are endeavouring to build bridges, not walls, and to be a catalyst to evangelism in this part of our country.

We are both *academic and devotional*. Academics are important in any accredited institution, but we are more than academic. The development of a devotional life, growth toward spiritual maturity and understanding and knowledge of God are of primary significance.

We are a *training institution*. At the College students are trained for vocational ministries in missions, pastoring, Christian education, camping, secretarial, early childhood education, church music, youth ministries, etc. Bible College students are required to do four hours a week in supervised field education. Seminary students do ten hours per week. Our commitment is to train men and women for practical ministries.

I believe one of our greatest distinctives is our philosophy of community life. We are committed to maximizing the privilege of the individual to make responsible choices, with the expectation that the individual also recognizes an obligation to contribute to the growth and welfare of others in the community. Life on campus reflects this philosophy.

As our new year begins, can we count on you to be a partner with us? Together, under God, the possibilities are tremendous!

*Wm. J. McRae*  
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# Blessed are the Risktakers

written by Dr. Roy Matheson  
OTS, New Testament Professor



A traveller stumbling across the desert, thirsty and tired, found a rusty pump standing in the middle of a small oasis. A faded note was attached to the pump which instructed the wanderer to dig in the sand to find a container of water. The traveller followed instructions and discovered the water, but he noticed also a second note with further directions. "Do not drink this water," it said. "Use the water to prime the pump and you will have enough for yourself and the next traveller who comes along." It was a risky decision. If the note was in error, all the water would be gone. He had to make a choice. He decided to follow the suggestions and soon had the pump supplying all the water he needed both for himself and to replenish the container. Our desert traveller discovered a basic fact of life – that many of our decisions involve a high degree of risk.

Jesus tells a story that makes a similar point. In Luke 19:11-17 He describes a nobleman who has to leave on a business trip. He calls his staff together and gives them each a sum of money to invest. He later returns and calls his employees together. The first two servants had invested wisely and were commended. The third one played it safe, hid his money and was rebuked. The first two took calculated risks, but the last one held back. The lesson is clear – those who take risks for the Master are rewarded. God calls all His followers to a life of risk-taking. A more careful look at the story will reveal what is involved.

There are actually two groups in the parable. One involves the wicked subjects who challenge the nobleman's rule and are ultimately destroyed. The second are the servants who carry on the master's business while he is away. The fate of the rebellious subjects provides a sub-plot in the parable and teaches another truth, but it is the servants who are the key actors in this drama.

## 1. WE MUST ACCEPT SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Each servant in the story is given five minas or pounds. The sum was approximately three months wages which was neither an exorbitant amount nor an insignificant sum. They are expected to accept responsibility for what is entrusted to them and put it to work.

Jesus is teaching that He expects the same from us. What the pounds in the parable represent in our lives will vary with the individual. They depict any and all spiritual resources that are given to us. The New Testament speaks of the Christian Gospel as a sacred trust that is to be carefully preserved. We are told to "Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to (us) – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit Who lives in us" (2 Tim. 1:14).

It is important that we see ourselves as more than caretakers of the truth. We must take this deposit and do something with it. We must protect the Gospel, but we must do more than that. Standing around the fire of God's truth so the winds of unbelief will not blow it out is not enough. We must aggressively seek opportunities to share the message. It is imperative that we not only protect what we have but also take risks. We have to carry



# Blessed are the Risktakers

it to high schools, neighbourhoods and the business community. There is always an element of risk involved, but risktakers are those whom the Master seeks.

Our "pounds" may also be abilities and gifts God has given us to serve. They may include a brilliant mind, a good singing voice or well honed inter-personal skills. They could involve the abundance of material wealth placed in our care. In each instance we must do more than play it safe. These items have to be invested for the advance of the kingdom of God.

## 2. WE MUST AVOID EMPTY RATIONALIZATIONS

The master is displeased with the third employee because he has not invested wisely. The servant is quick to justify his behaviour and points out he wrapped the money in a piece of cloth and laid it away so it would be safe (vs. 20). The explanation sounds plausible on the surface, but was actually a dangerous procedure. Homes were easily broken into in those days and any valuables left inside would be quickly stolen. Jewish writings of the period warned people about leaving valuables in their houses. A far safer method was to dig a hole and hide the treasure in the ground. What seems like a logical step is really an irresponsible act.

The servant then blames the master for his lack of initiative (vs. 21). He sees the master as a hard man who will judge him severely. He feels he will "take out what he did not put in and reap what (he) did not sow," which means he is accusing the master of not taking risks. He thus blames the master for wanting to make a profit but not putting in enough capital to make it a viable project. The very fault of which the servant is guilty is projected on the master.

We cannot listen to this servant without hearing our own excuses echoing back to us. We always have good reasons why we cannot do more for God. Our speech lists a number of factors to explain our lack of initiative. We always know who to blame. Our rationale may be our parents who never understood us, or perhaps our wives or husbands who did not support us. Perhaps it was the church members who did not supply our grocery list of needs.

We hear the church of our day with its own list of rationalizations. We have heard the reasons why our congregation cannot grow, or why it is not possible to support another missionary. We seek to explain why more people are not introduced to Christ. Our low standard of commitment and lack of holiness are glibly defended. Like the master in the story, however, Jesus cuts through our many excuses and warns us that our own words will come back to condemn us (vs.22).

## 3. WE CAN ANTICIPATE A FINAL EVALUATION

Christ commends the faithful servants and rewards them in proportion to what they have accomplished. The unfaithful servant is unmasked and loses his reward. The parable depicts some significant principles about rewards that are taught in other New Testament passages such as 1 Cor. 2:10-15 and 2 Cor. 5:10.

The area of rewards is a perplexing one to many Christians. They do not seem to fit our concept of what heaven will be like. Is there really a spiritual Olympics in progress where a few will win the gold, silver or bronze, and the rest never make it to the winners' stand at all?

The story does teach that rewards are proportionate to what has actually been done. One servant receives ten cities, another five, and the third none at all. This suggests there is a gradation of rewards which is affirmed in a passage such as 1 Cor. 3:10-15.

It also teaches that loss of reward is not the same as loss of salvation. The group of rebellious subjects are ultimately punished for their rebellion. The servant, by contrast, loses his reward. 1 Cor. 3:14-15 gives the same picture for the believer. It is the scene of a person fleeing from a burning building and losing all his possessions, but having his life spared.

There are unanswered questions about rewards that will become clear only when we actually stand in Christ's presence. One thing is certain, however, a final evaluation will take place. We will receive exactly what we deserve and empty excuses will not be accepted. This gives a sense of urgency to all that we do.

The parable raises significant questions for us all. Are we playing it safe because we are unwilling to move out into unexplored territory? Are we shunning significant spiritual opportunities and responsibilities that God wants us to accept? Are our fingers wrapped so tightly around material things that we cannot be pried loose from them? May God help us all to take bold steps of obedience. Blessed are the risktakers for they shall be rewarded.

## NEW PERSONNEL IN THE LIBRARY

MR. CHRIS BELDAN will assume the position of Technical Services Librarian at OBC/OTS on July 1, 1987. Mr. Beldan holds the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Western Ontario and the Master of Religion degree from Wycliffe College. He has seven years pastoral experience and has served the past five years as the librarian at Mountainview Bible College, where he has also taught courses in Bible, theology, Greek, English and comparative religion.

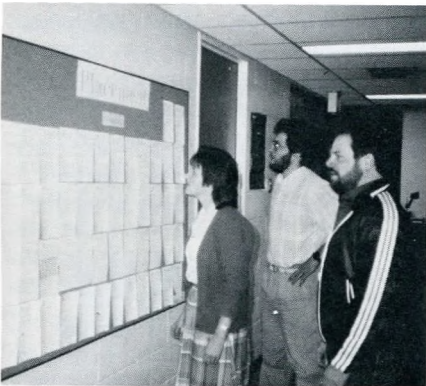
MRS. JOYCE MEADOWS has been appointed as Public Services Librarian at OBC/OTS, beginning August 1, 1987. Mrs. Meadows is just completing her Masters degree in library science at the University of Toronto, and has previous library experience at Robarts Library, Emmanuel College and the Queen's Park Legislative Library. She also holds a Masters degree in history from the University of Waterloo and has pursued doctoral studies in history at the University of Toronto.





#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Miss Sharon Beers, B.R.E. '75 (shown in picture) is supervisor at Doncrest Day Care Centre (Bayview Glen Church). She is assisted by Mrs. Caroline Hawkins (HUNTER '81-82) and Mrs. Cheryl Vandenbrook (TOFELMIRE '83-85) (not shown).



#### ALUMNI REFERRAL SERVICES

This service is available to both alumni and graduating students and links them with available opportunities for ministry.



Rev. Don MacKenzie, B.Th. '58, Vice-President of OBC Alumni Association presenting alumni pin to Mr. Steve Wilson, B.R.E. '87, President of graduating class.

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

October 16 & 17

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.

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Come and enjoy a day of "memories."



After graduating from OBC (Toronto Campus) in 1942, Dorothy Loveday was employed as church secretary at Central Baptist Church, Brantford.

In 1945 she married Victor Thompson and they have worked together in their family business. They have been able to help their church through their financial offerings and have assisted in the support of missionaries.

Ministry with the Gideons has formed a part of their service.

For 17 years Dorothy worked with Pioneer Girls in their church and for many years she has had the opportunity of being superintendent of the Pre-Primary Department. This ministry with girls has been a real joy to Dorothy because these children are so open and receptive to the claims of Christ and her great love is working with children. Her joy is expressed in Scripture in 3 John:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

As parents, Victor and Dorothy are very thankful that their three children are involved in the Lord's work. Their daughter, Patricia, is married to Rev. Eric McGrath, pastor of North Broadway Baptist Church, Tillsonburg. Their daughter, Betty, is married to Rev. Mike Faris, who is pastor of Youth and Christian Education at Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener. Their son, Rev. John Thompson, is pastor of South End Baptist Church in Owen Sound.

In retirement years, as all through their lives, the Lord is demonstrating His faithfulness in every circumstance and situation.

Dorothy sums up her thoughts in the words of the Psalmist, "How precious it is, Lord, to realize that You are thinking about me constantly! I can't count how many times a day your thoughts turn towards me. And when I awaken in the morning, You are still thinking of me." (Living Bible)

## SOME ALUMNI ARE SAYING...

"We are grateful for the good reports we hear about OBC/OTS and pray that God will continue to use our alma mater to train effective workers."

"My wife and I praise the Lord for the solid Bible teaching we received at LCBM many years ago."



## MARTY VERK



ften when I'm asked "What do you do?" I hesitate. If it is a Jewish relative who doesn't know what I do, I usually say, "You don't want to know!" I am not ashamed of what I do. On the contrary, I'm honoured that the Lord would use me as He does, but people tend to have a misconception of the activities of an approved student missionary with Jews for Jesus. Some think it a

glorified work, high above their own standard. Others may be ruffled by our boldness and recoil, disliking our approach. But what do I do? I wear many different hats. First, my ministry, Scripturally, is to my family – my wife Leena, son Joshua, and another on the way. These are my first priority, and juggling this responsibility with studies at Ontario Bible College and missionary work with Jews for Jesus, is not an easy task. The hours left available to me for ministry are very full. Many of them are spent on the street distributing tracts, talking with interested persons, arranging for leisurely discussions, encouraging attendance at a weekly Bible study led by our staff. Considerable time is spent phoning persons whose names I've received through Christian friends, discussing Scripture with them and encouraging their interest in the Gospel. Though sometimes my work can be mundane and tedious, it is often exciting and humbling. In either case, I know that my labour in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). One aspect that has greatly enhanced my ministry has been the ability to study at OBC. In my studies I'm able to learn Biblical principles which I can put into practice. Summers always bring with them challenges and opportunities. This one is no exception. Each year we head to New York City where others from all over North America and Israel gather for the Summer Witnessing Campaign – 30 days of extensive evangelism on the streets of the city with the world's largest Jewish population. The only way my work can be accomplished is by the prayerful and financial support of others. I ask you to pray for my family, for my studies at OBC and for my ministry with Jews for Jesus. Please pray, too, for those to whom I minister that their hearts will be open to receive the message of the Gospel.

Yours thankfully in Y'shua,  
Marty Verk

Photo above:  
Marty demonstrates a Passover service

## HEATHER CLEMENS



n Monday morning 6:15 comes very early. I know that it is the beginning of another long week and Sunday has not been a "day of rest." This is quite a switch from the slow, boring summer I had anticipated at the end of April.

I had planned to spend the summer in Toronto in order to work in a Korean church as part of my training in cross-cultural Christian education. As I began to realize what I would be doing, I was not at all sure it was going to work out and I was concerned that I would not have enough to do.

When I first began to plan, everything seemed to come together just perfectly. My summer involvement at the church was confirmed before I had a job or a place to stay. Then the ideal job was dropped in my lap, working in a hospital with the elderly. It would allow me enough time to fulfill my responsibilities at church and it would pay well enough to keep me in Toronto. Finally, my living situation was settled as well. I was ready for summer.

I now find myself very busy with my church responsibilities. Preparation and organization take a great deal of effort and discipline. Working with teachers of another cultural background is both challenging and exciting. Of course, the children always keep me on my toes, and make Sunday a very hectic day.

My job in the hospital also turned out to be an ideal opportunity for ministry. My eyes have really been opened to the needs of the elderly. They need so much care, patience and love. These are not always the easiest things to give day after day. However, the impact can be seen every once in a while in many little ways.

As I enter my senior year at OBC I am becoming more aware of the needs all around and how I can be a part of meeting those needs. It seems the more I get involved with people the more opportunities I see.

- 16 months in Uganda before OBC
- Parents are alumni of London campus
- Father is pastor, Westboro Baptist, Ottawa
- Brother Mark is one-year alumni
- Brother Les is BRE/Camping/Pastoral alumni

# Calendar of Upcoming Events at OBC/OTS

**September 8 - 11** – Arrival and Registration of OBC and OTS students

**September 8** – NOTE CHANGE: PARENTS' DAY at OBC

**September 14** – Classes begin OBC/OTS and Evening School

**September 21 - 25** – Spiritual Life Conf. REV. KEITH PRICE

**October 5** – NEW Prayer Partners' meeting

**October 27** – Reach the City Conf., DR. RAYMOND BAKKE

**November 7** – Shaping Tomorrow Banquet

**November 12 - 14** – Christian Writers' Conference

## College Credit Division Class Schedule – Fall Semester 1987

### MONDAY EVENINGS

**September 14 to December 7, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Piano Class MU-165 – A. Wiseman

**September 14 to December 7, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

Gospel of Luke BI-207 – B. Allison

Camp Counselling CA-201 – J. Fabok

Introduction to Philosophy PH-205 – J. Franklin

### TUESDAY EVENINGS

**September 15 to December 8, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

Isaiah BI-305 – G. Wyper

Life and Teachings of Christ BI-307 – B. Smith

Dynamics of Interpersonal Development FD-106 – J. Unger

Comparative Religions MI-301 – S. Cowan, E. Hahn, R. Morris, H. Park, C. Tipp

### THURSDAY EVENINGS

**September 17 to December 10, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

Theological Studies TH-321 – B. McKenzie

Understanding the Old Testament FD-101 – R. Hiebert

The Mission of the Church FD-108 – E. Sikakane

Understanding Children CE-201 – B. Posterski

## Diploma Division

### Class Schedule – Fall Semester 1987

#### PART I - MONDAY EVENINGS

**September 14 to November 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Piano Class – A. Wiseman

#### PART I - TUESDAY EVENINGS

**September 15 to October 20, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Studies In Matthew (1) – J. Vold

The Cult Phenomenon – L.J. Marsh

Salvation: Steps Toward Heaven – R.C. Duez

Introduction To Christianity – T. Hwang

Basics Of Bible Study Methods – B. McKenzie

#### PART I - THURSDAY EVENINGS

**September 17 to October 22, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Galatian Themes – G. Miller

Discipleship And Evangelism As A Lifestyle – M. Noble

The First Epistle Of John – H. Winborn

Music and Worship in the Local Church – J. Mee

#### PART I - SATURDAY

**October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

This is a one-day, all-day course

The Dynamic Ministry Of Books: Cataloguing And Classifying For Church Librarians – M. Knaap

**October 3, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

This is a one-day, all-day course

Introduction To Counselling – J. Brownlee

#### PART II - TUESDAY EVENINGS

**October 27 to December 1, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Studies In Matthew (2) – J. Vold

Guitar For Christian Work And Enjoyment – A. Davey

Genesis – W. Foster

Current Issues In World Missions – E. Sikakane

Selecting And Securing Computers For Church And Ministry –

B. McKenzie

#### PART II - THURSDAY EVENINGS

**October 29 to December 10, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

New Life In Christ – T. Eng

The Gospel of Luke – B. Allison

\*Old Testament Survey: Poetry & Prophecy – B. Maukonen

Discover The Keys To Successful Aging – L. Larmour

#### PART II - SATURDAY

**November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

This is a one-day, all-day seminar

Musicians Music Ministry Seminar – John Bell

**November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

This is a one-day, all-day seminar

Christian Education Seminar

"They Never Stopped Teaching" (Acts 5:42) – G. Bredfeldt

## Ontario Theological Seminary

### Continuing Education – Fall Semester

**September 14 – December 10, 1987**

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

**History of Christianity I 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



## REACH THE CITY CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 27, 1987

This year OTS is delighted to host the Reach The City Conference featuring Dr. Raymond Bakke, one of the outstanding figures in urban ministry. Dr. Bakke is Professor of Ministry at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting at 9:15 a.m. The day will conclude by 4:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$8, exclusive of the meal.

The theme for the day is "The Significance of Urbanization for World Mission."

The three presentations will be:

1. Theology; 2. Theory; 3. Strategy.

## CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS, CHURCH WORKERS AND SPOUSES

The Conference for Pastors, Church Workers and Spouses will be held on campus January 18-20, 1988, with Dr. Carl Lundquist as theme speaker. His wife, Nancy, will also participate. They have been associated with Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. The conference will feature workshops designed to encourage effectiveness in ministry. Details to be announced as plans develop.

Alumni: Inquire about your 25% discount.

## LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Essential to our Seminary accreditation is the completion of our Library Project. Phase III, our final stage, has \$70,580 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 OBC/OTS 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 Facilities Co-ordinator.

## 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!

# New Appointments at OTS



THE REV. FRANK BYRNE has been appointed Professor of Missions. Frank and his wife Jane are both graduates of

OBC. Frank secured his B.A. from McMaster University and his M.Div. from McMaster Divinity College, while also doing graduate studies in Philosophy at the University of Guelph. In addition, the Byrnes pastored in Ontario churches. For over ten years, with their three daughters, they were missionaries in Indonesia, particularly involved in theological education, but also with a healthy evangelistic component. Frank has completed his M.A. in Missions at Fuller Seminary School of World Missions and is a candidate for the Doctor of Missiology degree. He has been an Associate Secretary of the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board for the past several years, and during this time his occasional courses at OTS have been much appreciated. Frank will continue to carry some responsibilities with CBOMB which will help to keep him up-to-date on the practical issues of missions. There is a particularly pleasant wrinkle to this appointment because Jane is the Secretary of the Toronto Institute of Linguistics which has its office at OBC.

MRS. LYNN SMITH has been appointed Dean of Students. She has been acting as Assistant Dean during the past year, and now assumes full responsibility in the area of student life and development. Lynn is a school teacher, having studied in Victoria, Vancouver and Edmonton. She is an Associate Volunteer Staff with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, having commenced the ministry among students at Seneca College. She is a deacon of Immanuel Baptist Church, Toronto, and has completed the Counselling program at OTS. Lynn is married to Roger who has been active in various ways in the OTS community. They have three adult children.

DR. DAVID SHERBINO was appointed Professor of Pastoral Studies at OTS by the Board on March 1, 1987. He and his wife are both graduates of OBC. He is also a graduate of Presbyterian College, Montreal, and has done special study in pastoral counselling. He has recently completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Sherbino ministered for some years in Kapuskasing in northern Ontario, and has recently been in McKercher Drive Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon. There he led the congregation, almost from the planting stage, and within a few years saw it grow into a thriving community. His ministry has been characterized by spiritual vitality, freshness, creativity and wholeness. He is a strong Bible teacher, seeks to equip the laity for ministry, lays great stress on worship, has established a Christian counselling centre and is active in community affairs. This is exactly the pattern that is needed to train people for pastoral ministry today. Dr. Sherbino's father has worked in the OBC/OTS Development Department, and his brother, Michael, graduated this year from OTS.



**BIRTHS**

Andrew Kofi, to Mr. & Mrs. Eric Asare '84-'87, on April 24, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Timothy Robert, to Mr. & Mrs. Don Blair (JENNIFER FREW, B.R.E. '78) on September 17, 1986, Toronto, ON.

Matthew James, to Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kevern (LINDA BUSSEY '69-'71), adopted April 16, 1987 (born on January 2, 1987), Waxhaw, NC.

Daniel Caleb, to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Matheson '82-84 (SUSANNE JAQUES '83-84) on April 16, 1987, Thornhill, ON.

Kayla Clare, to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Turner (MARY GARD, B.R.E. '83) on April 9, 1987, Bramalea, ON.

Allison Dawn, to Mr. & Mrs. David Watson, B.R.E. '79 (DONNA SOUCOUP, B.R.E. '78) on December 30, 1986, Petitcodiac, NB.

Julie-Anne Rose, to Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Wideman, B.S.M. '78 (JOAN, B.S.M. '78) on December 30, 1986, Uxbridge, ON.

Jessica Anne Chapman, to Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Barnes, B.R.E. '72, on January 18, 1987, Chapleau, ON.

Bethany Rita Anne, to Rev. & Mrs. John Pepper, M.Div. '81, on March 25, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Jessica Lee, to Mr. & Mrs. David Annunziello '80-'81 (BARBARA MATHESON, B.R.E. '82), on June 24, 1987, Stratford, ON.

Julianna Alyssa Joy, to Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Marquis, B.R.E. '75 (PATTI LAWSON '73-'75), on April 26, 1987, Bowmanville, ON.

Rebekah Dawn, to Mr. & Mrs. David Roberts, B.R.E. '84 (SANDRA JANZEN, B.R.E. '83), on May 26, 1987, Willowdale, ON.

Micah John, to Rev. & Mrs. John P. Ross, B.Th. '82, on May 15, 1987, Perham, ME.

Joshua Joseph, to Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Ross, B.Th. '82 (ELIZABETH MOREY, B.R.E. '81), on July 12, 1987, Toronto, ON.

**DEATHS**

Rev. Allister E. Morrison '36 on December 17, 1986, in Truro, NS.

Mrs. Doris Osborne (MCCANDLES '27-'29) on February 16, 1987, in Athens, ON.

Rev. Edward Pinkerton '23 on January 12, 1987, in Paris, ON.

Rev. H. Clifford Weeks '34-'36 on June 2, 1986, in Sault St. Marie, ON.

**MARRIAGE**

Miss Dawn Osborne, B.R.E. '86, to Mr. Dan Tobin, on May 2, 1987, at Bayview Glen Church, Toronto, ON.

**PASTORAL**

Mr. Godfrey Green, B.Th. '82 was inducted on January 18, 1987 as pastor at Renforth Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

Rev. Tom Townsend, B.R.E. '72 is presently pastoring at Douglas United Church, Fredericton, NB (July 1987).

**GENERAL NEWS**

Miss Nancy Black, B.R.E. '71, M.T.S. '86 has accepted the position as Director of Christian Education at the First Alliance Church in Scarboro, On. Nancy leaves OBC after a ministry of 16 years in various capacities.

Miss Karen Homer, OTS '80-'81 is presently serving as News Editor of "Christian News," Toronto, ON.

Mr. & Mrs. William Howlett '31-'33 (SARAH MCCORMICK '37) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 23, 1987.

Mr. David J. Reimer, B.Th. '80 has been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship at Oxford University where he is a D.Phil. candidate in the Faculty of Theology.

Miss Lillian Scobie, B.R.E. '63 is presently serving as Office Manager at Fellowship of Faith for Muslims.

Rev. & Mrs. Don Webster, B.Th. '57 (THELMA CUDNEY, B.Th. '57) have returned to Canada to be engaged in pastoral ministry following 30 years overseas service with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

**MISSIONS**

Miss Gloria Amritt '60 is presently on furlough (May 1987) from Columbia, SA where she served as a missionary nurse with L.A.M.

Miss Sheila Burgess, Dip. '70 is on furlough (August 1987) from Kenya, Africa where she serves with A.I.M.

Mr. Curtis Gautschi, '85-'86 has returned to Canada after serving with J.A.N.Z. mission team in Switzerland.

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

Mr. & Mrs. David Jeffery, B.Th. '79 are presently serving with W.B.T. in South Asia, involved with translation work (April 1987).

Rev. & Mrs. James Longworth, B.Th. '74 have returned to Niamey, Africa

where Jim serves as Area Director for S.I.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris, B.Th. '66 (PETIE CHAMBERS '64) have returned to Canada to continue new responsibilities with B.M.M.F. Int'l.

Miss Doris Nesbitt '65 has returned to Niamey (June 1987) where she serves as a missionary accountant with S.I.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Richardson, B.Th. '74 (JOYCE LAMBIE, M.T.S. '79) are on furlough (June 1987) from Nigeria, Africa where they serve with S.I.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Russell, B.Th. '81, M.Div. '84 have returned to Ndola, Zambia (April 1987) where Paul teaches at The Theological College of Central Africa, AEF.

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Smith (EUNICE VELEY, M.Div. '83) are on furlough (July 1987) from Mexico with C.&M.A.

Mr. & Mrs. David Stevens, B.R.E. '79 (CAROL TIPP '74-'77) are presently on furlough (June 1987) from Kathmandu, Nepal where they serve as missionaries with B.M.M.F.

**FOR ALL ALUMNI**

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