



**1. Who were the important influences in your life that led you to follow Jesus?**

My parents' teaching was particularly important as they shared Jesus with me during childhood. At age 5 with a simple prayer I asked Jesus to save me. As I matured through my teen years I was challenged by the need to do something about my belief. Through various summer camps I came to a point of commitment to serve Jesus.

I had the opportunity for an intense but brief missions experience in Guatemala at the age of 15. At a youth conference in that setting for missions kids I felt the need to submit myself to Jesus and sell out to Christ. This challenged me to live a consistent standard of faith.



Joe and Heather Haynes and their three children

**2. What do you sense your calling in Jesus to be and how did you discern this?**

I think it was primarily the influence of my grandfather (A.J.L. Haynes), pastor of Maple Ridge Baptist church for forty years. As early as fourteen years of age I sensed a desire to become some kind of teacher in Bible and Theology. Perhaps this would be fulfilled in a missions context.

I spent a year in the Philippines and this confirmed my sense of this calling, with the result that I decided to pursue further education towards this outcome. That

JOE AND HIS WIFE HEATHER, A NORTHWEST ALUMNA, ARE WORKING TOGETHER AT MARPOLE BAPTIST CHURCH, AS JOE COMPLETES HIS MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE.

has been a long time coming, but God continues to lead day by day towards this goal. I sense a pastor's call emerging as well as I interact with people through the ministry of Marpole Baptist Church. I continue my professional development through ACTS for this purpose.

**3. Who have been significant mentors for you? How have they helped you?**

Dan Cody, my youth pastor at Maple Ridge, confirmed for me that it was all right not to be cool, to be a person who follows Jesus even though many of my friends and peers would not. Then Jim Badke from Southside Baptist church gave me a stable, encouraging presence during my teen years. During my time at Prairie Bible Institute a fellow student, Daniel, became a very close friend. He had good insight and spoke into my life. He would keep pointing me towards pastoral ministry, perhaps discerning a pastor's heart where I did not see it. His death was very significant for me, forcing me to think seriously about becoming a pastor. And then there is my uncle, Dr. Vern Middleton, who encouraged me to pursue more challenging ministry development and now works with me as a mentor in the Marpole Baptist Church context.



Some learning at ACTS takes place outside of the classroom

**4. How does your wife, Heather, fit into all of this?**

Heather is an immense encouragement to me and helped me deal with fears about College and showed me the ropes as I broke into my studies. She sensed it was time for me to go to Bible College in 1999 even though we had three children under three years of age. She has assumed the key role in our home in caring for our children and continues to help me to organize my time wisely so that I can please God as a husband, father, pastor and student. Heather and I, since our engagement, have shared a vision for our life ministry that we would serve the Lord through our family and home. While we have very different gifts, even now we work as a team in our church ministry and especially in our outreach into the Marpole neighbourhood. Heather doesn't just support my ministry—we share our calling together.

**5. You have a website about prophecy. How did this come into being? What are you seeking to do through this.**

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This arose from my grandfather's influence. He wrote about the end of the age and so I have sought to put his writings, and those from his library, on the

website - sermons, books, articles, etc. The website is [www.historicism.com](http://www.historicism.com). It has been operating now for over three years and averages about 30-40 visitors per day. One overseas Bible College professor uses it for his course. My goal is to challenge people to think exegetically about eschatology—back to the Bible you could say.

**6. What do you enjoy most about your graduate studies at ACTS/Northwest?**

Grappling with the biblical materials, the themes of Scripture, this is what generates great excitement for me. It comes out in my preaching and I enjoy preaching whereas earlier I did not.

I am challenged to think and reflect more deeply on my own faith and calling. Out of this reflection comes a more passionate, lively preaching and teaching ministry.

I also have the opportunity to develop biblical patterns of thinking so that I can bring the Gospel to life and encourage people to live it and penetrate into the mystery of God and His purposes. For me, Greek and Hebrew, church history and systematic theology—this is *fun*. I love being at ACTS.

**7. Given your own journey, what advice would you give to people thinking about preparing for a ministry vocation?**

God has led us one choice at a time. We have not seen the whole picture at all clearly from the beginning. There is a gradual transition in our goals as well, as the more we follow, the clearer our destination becomes. We have sought to follow God's leading together as a family. I believe this is very important.

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The opportunity for a ministry learning placement in Marpole in the city of Vancouver has led us to think deeply about God's direction, with a firmer sense that He wants us to be involved in pastoral work in the city.

For us, being faithful to the choice and following step-by-step has been a critical component of our faith journey. God reveals it and God does it gently. The joy is deep for us as we obey Him.

**8. How can people pray for you and Heather in your time of ministry formation?**

I am deeply burdened for our faith community at Marpole. They have worked so faithfully and need to see fruit for their sustained efforts. The community around Marpole is an extraordinary mix of cultures and we need incredible wisdom in learning how to share the Gospel in this place. This diversity is a challenge. Pray that God would bring to the Marpole community mature Christians who can help us. Pray that the people in the community would be receptive to our presentation of God's good news.

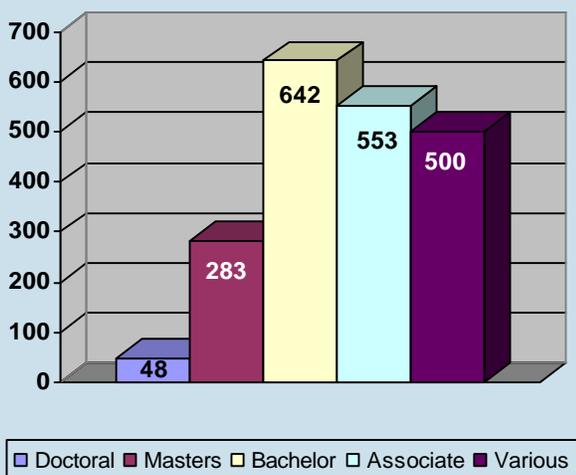
# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The word 'alumnus' derives from a Latin term meaning one who is nourished, a student, a foster-son. Modern English usage has focused its meaning as a student who has graduated, but the family sense remains as educational institutions seek to foster ongoing relations with alumni who become part of their larger educational family.

The origins of Northwest Baptist Seminary find their roots in the Western Baptist Bible College. Rev. Morley Hall was the key initial leader at its beginning in 1934 in Calgary and Dr. Dawe became its first principal. It suspended operations during World War II. In 1945 it reopened in Port Coquitlam as Northwest Baptist Bible College, with Dr. J. B. Rowell as the president. Northwest has operated continuously since that time to the present in various locations.

During our sixty-three years of ministry Northwest has graduated over 2000 people in fifty-six (2003) commencement services. The precise number, to the best of our knowledge is 2026. Many more have benefited from specific courses or other shorter programs. Our faculty have participated vigorously in the life of our churches, planting some and nurturing others.

2026 Graduates



Our alumni, our extended Northwest Baptist Seminary family, minister by God's grace in many different countries through a great diversity of means.

We are grateful to many who have sought to nurture this alumni family through significant voluntary efforts. Many alumni continue to maintain their relationships through informal networks. But we must admit that Northwest has not always considered alumni relations as central part of its

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mission. As we begin this new year, 2004, we are taking some new initiatives to give alumni relations the attention it deserves. In doing so, we embrace that part of our mission that speaks about "nurturing and sustaining" ministry leaders, our alumni.

In our view a Northwest alumnus is a person who has taken at least one year of full time studies through Northwest or served as a staff or faculty member for at least one year.

As we develop our alumni network, we begin by offering the following services:

- an Alumni Page on our Northwest Baptist Seminary website ([www.nbseminary.com](http://www.nbseminary.com)) as the central place for sharing and receiving information about our alumni;
- opportunity through our Alumni Newsletter to communicate with other alumni about your current ministry involvement and to invite their prayer support;
- a placement process in cooperation with the Ministry Centre that gives you access to information about ministry opportunities;
- access to other alumni within the bounds of privacy regulations;
- access to our library services via the TWU website;
- access to academic transcript services;
- information about events that may be of interest and assistance to you, our alumni.

Our first priority is to re-establish connections with interested alumni. We would invite you to visit our website or connect with us directly by email if you are interested in being part of our Northwest alumni network.

We have enclosed a copy of our inaugural Alumni Newsletter— "Kingdom Connections". Our prayer is that this instrument will provide many meaningful and inspiring connection opportunities to our Alumni. A primary desire we have is to profile what our alumni are doing as part of God's Kingdom for the encouragement of God's people. Your suggestions about ways to make this part of our publication as useful as possible would be appreciated.

# CHURCH PLANTING—GIVING IT RENEWED ENERGY.

Our Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in British Columbia has grown primarily through an aggressive church planting mindset. Dan Chapman leads our church planting efforts with passion and wisdom.



Dan Chapman in his office at the Ministry Centre

A significant challenge to planting new churches is to discern those whom God has called and gifted to help establish such new faith communities. During the past year Northwest and its partner Seminaries in A.C.T.S. have worked closely with our Church Planting Directors to put in place a Church Planting Leadership Training track. This col-

laboration has resulted in a training process that incorporates the annual Church Planters Assessment Seminar, as well as the annual Church Planting Strategies Conference led by the B.C.

Catalyzers Group.

This new track can be taken as part of a diploma program, or the Master of Divinity or the Master of Arts in Christian Studies, or just on its own. Those admitted to the track have to have the approval of a committee composed of our denominational Church Planting Directors. The four key courses are offered over the period of twelve months. A practicum is also part of this program, in which candidates are linked with a church planting mentor and gain valuable firsthand ministry experience.

Dr. Ron Toews, one our A.C.T.S. Faculty members directs this track. Dr. Toews pastored a major church in Calgary for many years, a church that mothered four daughter churches under his leadership. If you have a desire to be involved in this training, please contact us. You can get more details by reviewing the program information on the A.C.T.S. website. There is a linkage to this website from [www.nbseminary.com](http://www.nbseminary.com).

## SPRING ENROLMENT

We have met our spring enrolment projections here ACTS Seminaries. A total of **376 students** are busily studying and making our lives full. This represents a new enrolment record for us. 43 of these students are brand new to us this semester.

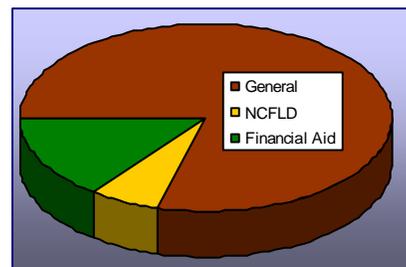
## FINANCIAL UPDATE

We have changed our fiscal year so that December 31 now concludes our annual financial cycle. Our adjusted fund-raising goal for May—December 2003 was \$42,000 for general operations and \$7,350 for financial aid. We are praising God for His full provision of these amounts. Thank you for your generous support of this part of God's Kingdom ministry.

For our new fiscal year, January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 we have set the following fund-raising goals:

- General Operations .....\$65,000
- Our new Centre for Fellowship Leadership Development .....\$5,000
- Student Financial Aid .....\$12,000

This is a total of \$82,000 that we are trusting God to provide through His people. This represents an overall increase of \$8,000.



## EVENTS AT NORTHWEST@ACTS AND ELSEWHERE

<b>PASTORS' AND MENTORS' DAY</b>	
PLENARY SPEAKER—MARK BUCHANAN —"YOUR GOD IS TOO SAFE"	FEBRUARY 25, 2004
OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE	
DR. ARCHIE SPENCER - "GOD THE ALL CONSUMING FIRE"	
DR. ROB HEIBERT—"THE UNSAFE GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT"	
NEXT PASTORS' AND MENTORS' DAY	MAY 4, 2004
ANNUAL SMARTER FAMILIES CANADA CONFERENCE	JUNE 4-5, 2004
FEBC/Y ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CAMPBELL RIVER	JUNE 7-9, 2004

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