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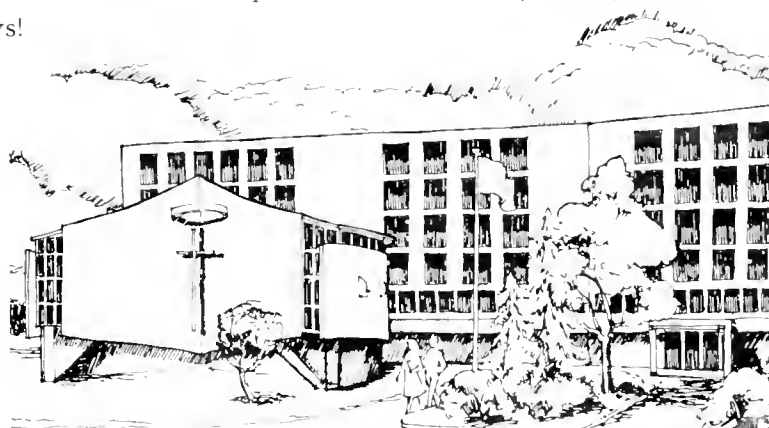
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# EDITORIAL



One hundred combined years of ministry were celebrated last month with the 91st College Graduation, and the Seminary's eighth commencement. All of us have an overwhelming sense of gratitude to God for His great faithfulness. It has been absolutely thrilling for me to witness this in every way during my three years as president. "He abideth faithful."

What greater desire could we possibly have for the 132 graduates honoured last month than that they be faithful servants of God. Nothing more, and nothing less, is required of them. Your prayers and gifts have been investments in these men and women. May each of them so run their race that at the finish line the Master will say, "Thou has been faithful."

Our responsibility is no different. By God's grace we are seeking to be faithful stewards. This has required some hard decisions, one of which is evident in this issue of the *Evangelical*

*Recorder*. We have cut back the number of pages by 40%, eliminated many of our ministry articles and changed the Prayer Calendar. Our new format will appear in the September issue. These decisions have been prompted by several factors: First, our recent Readers' Survey identified what you were and were not reading – and wanting. Second, we are not in the magazine business. There are nineteen evangelical magazines published in Canada, and many more from the United States enter Canada. These offer excellent ministry – do we need more? Third, the financial restraints of today have forced us to take a careful look at the amount of money the *Recorder* costs us. We simply do not believe it is good stewardship of the Lord's money. Our new format for the September issue will cut our costs in half. We plan to eliminate our outside advertising and feature on a relevant ministry article. You will certainly appreciate "Wisdom in Decision-Making" this month – a timely word for our graduates and all who want to be faithful servants.

The primary emphasis of the rest of the magazine will be an update on the changes and challenges, the opportunities and possibilities of OBC/OTS. We trust it will serve you well and encourage you in your prayer partnership with us.

By the way, our revised Prayer Calendar is available to all who wish to receive it. Simply write or phone our Alumni Office and we will be delighted to send it to you. We are most grateful to God for each of you who daily pray for us. The Calendar will be a great help.

Faithfulness! Join with us in our commitment.

William J. McRae

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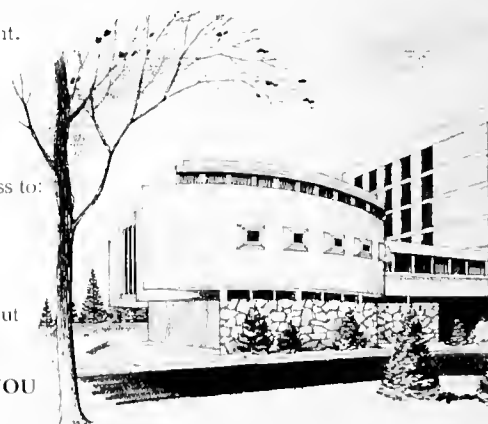
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# WISDOM IN DECISION MAKING

John Franklin



Angie was in her last year of high school. She had a special talent for painting and had often dreamt about what it would be like to be at Art College. There would be good money in commercial art, but there was also a certain appeal in venturing out on your own just to see if you could make it. There was another tug in Angie's life which seemed to take her in a very different direction. She had been a Christian for just two years and felt the need for a good grounding in her faith. Bible College was a serious option, but with all these possibilities how does one decide. David went to the same church. He had shared his experience of Bible College with Angie. He was graduating this year and unlike some of his classmates he had two job offers for ministry, one in his home church and one overseas. To complicate matters he had been thinking seriously about further education at university. He longed for a clear sense of what would be the right choice.

The burden of right decisions is something that weighs heavily on many in our diverse and complex culture. Princeton philosopher Walter Kaufman wrote in one of his books<sup>1</sup> about the modern problem of "decidophobia" which he described as fear of autonomy. We also hear Alvin Toffler speak of "choice fatigue" as characteristic of contemporary man faced with so many options. There is, however, a peculiar dimension to this problem for the believer. The Christian is concerned to know the mind of God

on such matters and yet in all honesty must admit that this knowledge is often elusive. Many confess "I don't always feel sure that I know exactly what God wills for me." Our concern in the short space of this article is to consider the subject of wisdom in decision making. How may we make wise decisions and not be trapped by human folly or unrealistic expectations? How do we know what is the right thing to do? What is the nature of divine guidance? It is commonly accepted by many Christians that God has a detailed plan for each individual. The responsibility then is for each individual to discover what the specific will of God is for them. How will Angie and David make up their minds so they can be assured they are doing what God wishes for them? Reflection on this general problem has led me to adopt a different model for understanding divine guidance. This alternate model has been argued for extensively in *Decision Making and the Will of God* by Garry Friesen.<sup>2</sup> The central point of this alternate model is that biblical teaching about the will of God is not a matter of finding an individual will for my life so much as it is a call to know and live out the moral will of God. The significant practical difference should be noted. If there is an individual will of God for me it is of utmost importance that I get it right each time I decide. In Friesen's terms I must "hit the bull's eye." If, on the other hand, the moral will of God is my chief concern then any decision compatible with that moral will is acceptable.

There are a number of advantages in this view. First, it has substantial biblical support. So many of the texts speaking of our responsibility as believers are calls to moral excellence. (Eph. 2:8-10; I Cor. 10:31; Rom. 12:1-21; Eph. 5:1-15; Col. 3:1-17; II Peter 1:3-11). The will of God for all believers is essentially conformity to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29). A second advantage is that this view liberates us from an undue burden of guilt. Many who seek the individual will of God find they have no clear direction. This can be perceived as a lack of spiritual sensitivity and perhaps a deep rooted unwillingness to hear God's direction. One may also feel guilty after the decision has been made. Have I made the right decision? (Remember there is only one right decision.) Am I really where God wants me to be? If, however, these decisions are not matters of God's command there is moral freedom in the choices and no need for guilt. The third thing that may be said about this view is that it calls for significant personal involvement in the decision-making. We are often counselled not to "lean on our own understanding" as though this is somehow incompatible with listening to God. It would seem rather that the Scriptures repeatedly call us to personal responsibility in our decision-making (Eph. 5:16-17). As we need to make decisions about education, job opportunities, marriage, vocation or a place to live, the key responsibility for us is that we choose wisely.

This is easier said than done for we must understand the meaning of wisdom. The ancient Greek philosophers were said to be "lovers of wisdom." For them wisdom was concerned with practical life. The same emphasis is present in the wisdom literature of Scripture. There is in that literature a certain life-affirming quality which calls us to make choices which will foster order and harmony in our lives. There is amongst us at times a general distrust of human opinion and our ability to discern what life is really about. The consequence of this kind of thinking tends to lead us to the point of wanting others to make our decisions for us. We have the

impression that what God would have us to do is difficult to discern and elusive. God's word to Israel is instructive.

*Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven so you have to ask, "Who will ascend to heaven to get it so we may obey it?"...No the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it...love the Lord your God,...walk in his ways...keep his commands...*

(Deut. 30:11-16)

Wisdom assumes that man has the capacity to choose responsibly.

*He who ignores instruction despises himself, but he who heeds admonition gains understanding (Prov. 15:32).*

To try to escape this responsibility is to despise oneself and to forfeit a God-given opportunity to discern life.

True biblical wisdom challenges any spirit of anti-intellectualism which seeks to disparage the mind, but it also challenges any sense of complete autonomy. Wisdom has been defined as "the ability to see the true nature of things and how, in the light of that, we should live."<sup>3</sup> Seeing the true nature of things begins with a "fear of the Lord" knowing that He has created all things, He has also designed for man specific moral and spiritual guidelines, which if followed will be life-affirming, bringing harmony, order and balance to life.

Wisdom in decision-making requires a clear understanding of who God is and who He calls us to be. It is to Scripture we must turn to find instruction on

this. As we understand these things well we have a context in which to make decisions. Prayer also is an important part of our decision-making. As we seek to act wisely we ought to ask God for wisdom (James 1:5,6).

Prayer helps us to be clear and discerning about our own motives and intentions as well as giving us a place where we may hear God. We must also take into account circumstances. A wise decision cannot ignore the details of the situation. These need to be weighed carefully so that we do not choose blindly. There must also be a willingness to listen to others. Those who have more experience in life may give good counsel. Those who know us well and those who may be affected by our decisions should be consulted. The final decision is still ours to make.

It is difficult to give a clear statement of the nature of wisdom but I have found helpful a short paragraph in J.I. Packer's *Knowing God* where he describes wisdom in the context of the book of Ecclesiastes.

*"Fear God and keep his commandments (12:13). Trust, and obey Him, reverence Him, worship Him, be humble before Him...(5:1-7) do good (3:12) remember that God will some day take account of you (11:9, 12:14)...live in the present and enjoy it thoroughly (7:14, 9:7ff 11:9)...Seek grace to work hard at whatever life calls you to do (9:10) and enjoy your work as you do it (2:24; 3:12; 5:18) Leave to God its issues,...your part is to use all the good sense and enterprise at your command to exploit the opportunities that lie before you. (11:1-6)"<sup>4</sup>*

The decisions we make should be made with a deep confidence in God and a genuine desire to obediently serve Him. We must bring to those decisions all the wisdom that we can, and then make our choices without fear. It would seem that rather than being sure ahead of time what precisely is the right decision, that we simply make our decision as wisely as possible and offer it to God as a new context in which we desire to know him. So what becomes important is knowing God in whatever we do, recognizing that all we do, we do for God's glory.

The freedom that comes in this kind of decision-making is a freedom that comes as a gift from God. We are affirmed in our capacity to choose and to choose wisely. We need not fear mistakes for even our poor choices can be occasions for growth in our knowledge of God.

Angie and David have a lot of thinking to do about their future. But whatever their decisions, if done with a heart and mind for biblical wisdom they need not fear they have missed the mark. Rather they may anticipate new and exciting horizons in which they may learn more deeply of life, God and his truth.

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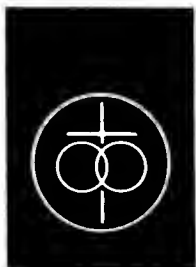
<sup>1</sup>Waller Kaufman, *Without Guilt and Justice* (New York: Delta Books, 1973) Chap.1

<sup>2</sup>Garry Friesen, *Decision-Making and the Will of God* (Portland, Oregon: Multnomah Press, 1980).

<sup>3</sup>Oliver Barclay, *The Intellect and Beyond* (Grand Rapids: Academic Books, Zondervan, 1985), p.72.

<sup>4</sup>J.I. Packer, *Knowing God* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1973) p.96.

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# Alumni Communique

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Alumni Association of Ontario Bible College  
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As Lee Bryant, a former alcoholic and homosexual, nervously anticipated graduating from Toronto Bible College in 1963, she itemized her employment skills.

"I was good at painting, drawing, writing and placing horse bets," she cracked wryly. "What kind of ministry was I fit for?"

She wound up working with alcoholic women at Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission. That's ironic because one of Lee's former pastimes had been breaking up rescue mission meetings with a complimentary case of bootleg. Returning to Toronto, she later was employed by Family and Juvenile Court. More recently, she counselled at Recovery House, an alcoholic rehabilitation centre in Kitchener, Ont.

Today, Lee is a renowned addiction expert, conference speaker and author. Her books *Come, Fill My Cup* and *The Magic Bottle*, which was reprinted in several languages, have won international recognition. In February, she lectured on alcoholism during the North

American Association of Christians in Social Work conference held at Ontario Bible College.

During her seminar, with machine gun rapidity Lee rattled off the startling statistics about addiction and the story of her own hard won battle against booze. She was a rampaging alcoholic for eight years before her "Damascus Road" conversion from atheism at age 27. Traumatized by her mother's death when Lee was 17 and her subsequent shattered dreams of becoming a portrait artist, she eventually turned to the bottle.

It was the accepting, perseverant, new-found friendship of Ellen Trimmer, a Waterloo pastor's wife, that persuaded Lee that Christianity was more than dead orthodoxy. Ellen was convinced that Lee would one day surrender her steely, rebellious will to God.

"I just can't see the devil getting all those brains of yours," she told Lee indignantly.

However, Lee surpassed even Ellen's expectations when, years later, she announced her plans to attend Bible College. "I think I need a cigarette," gasped Ellen. She wondered if T.B.C. could handle this fireball of unrefined energy. Both the college and Lee survived.

Lee hasn't lost her direct, no-nonsense style. It's evident both in her mannerisms and her attire. Her trim figure, clad in an impeccably tailored blue-gray pant suit, is accessorized with brown, well-worn adidas. This fashion juxtaposition hints at the unconventional character of its model.

She is equally at home in the cultural world, describing the arts as her "addiction", as she is in the

painful, sometimes violent realm of the alcoholic. As a friend once observed, Lee is a successful addiction counsellor because she is not obsessed with it. She is wise in not trying to fulfill her personal needs through her ministry.

"Literature and history are my greater loves. I go on reading binges," she confessed, laughing. "But I care about people. You need one to do the other because, in essence, I'm in the failure game. Ninety-eight percent of all alcoholics don't make it."

With fervent enthusiasm she lists the myriad of authors who have shaped her thinking. They span from Russia's Dostoyevsky to American classical writer, Hemingway. She is also fascinated by the bizarre link between great writers and alcoholism, noting that seven of the past nine Nobel Prize winning authors were severe drinkers.

"I think it has something to do with their extreme sensitivity and the uncertainty of a writer's lifestyle," she commented.

While Lee's own ministry has been primarily among alcoholics, her openness in *Come Fill My Cup* about struggles with homosexuality led "a procession of gays from across North America" to her doorstep seeking counsel. When Lee became a believer, she lost her desire for alcohol. Her faith also affected her sexuality.

"Although I was convinced from the beginning that it (homosexuality) was wrong as a Christian, I was not so aware that it needed changing. Rather, I found that it no longer needed expression...I see myself more as a



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creative person and that's not particularly tied to one's sex."

Lee says that although many people react with "general horror" toward gays, she has never sensed any rejection from Christians. She praises T.B.C. for helping her make the transition from a reckless lifestyle to that of a Christian. "Initially, I was on a dry drunk at college," recalls Lee. "I went through severe depression, although few people recognized the symptoms. The school provided the structure, routine and discipline that I needed to recover." Lee is still in contact with the close group of supportive, understanding friends she met at T.B.C.

Lee added that the theological aspect of her education also proved invaluable. "Some of the books that I studied in Tom Maxwell's apologetics class, I'm now reading in graduate school."

After completing her B.A. last year at the University of Waterloo, Lee balances a hectic life of researching her master's thesis (entitled "The Investigation and Evaluation of the Stance of the Confessing Church in Germany during the Period of National Socialism") pampering her Siamese cats, revelling in classical music and getting her next book into manuscript form.

"And to think I once feared that being a Christian would be dull!" she chuckled.

*Karen Homer (OTS '80-81) is public relations co-ordinator for the Yonge Street Mission. Karen, a freelance writer, also serves on the OBC/OTS Alumni Executive.*

We regret not being able to include all submissions of "profile" material due to revision of the Recorder and lack of space.

PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Fellowship Calendar will no longer be a regular insert in our magazine. However, the new format for our Prayer Calendar will be available separately on request beginning in August. If you do wish to receive it please phone or write our Alumni Office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Weller (DORIS LEONARD '45) request prayer for their ministry with seniors' services, Bible Studies, missions' prayer groups and in the future at Expo '86.

Rev. & Mrs. Judson H. Merritt (KATHLEEN HENDERSON '35) request prayer for their ongoing ministry at Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton, ON.

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Hope, B.Th. '69 (CATHERINE '67) request prayer for his responsibilities as Director of Financial Planning and her work as Assistant Administrator for Circle Square Ranches (HUNTLEY STREET).

Rev. & Mrs. Hugh Gordon, '65, B.Th. '82, request prayer for their opportunities with the "Asian Outreach Team" (I.C.F.) in Toronto ministering to the Urdu-speaking people from the Indian sub-continent.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lapsley (JANE '68-'69) request prayer for their bookstore and beach missions ministry with Scripture Union in the summer months.

Miss Helen Bacon '63, in Thailand, desires prayer as she continues to serve at the Christian Hospital, Saiburi (OMF).

Rev. & Mrs. David Knight, B.Th. '72, in Geraldton, ON, request prayer for the outreach in the community and that the needs for the building of a new chapel may be met as they arise (Rural Life Mission).

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kevern (LINDA BUSSEY, '69-'71) request prayer that as they now serve in Waxham, NC, at the Wycliffe, JAARS Centre, God's Word would continue to get into the hands and hearts of all those who have never heard.

Mr. & Mrs. Ian McGrigg, '69-'70, desire prayer as they serve in Manila, Philippines with WBT and the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Mackey, B.R.E. '73, in Scarboro, ON. Pray for them as they begin a new responsibility with World Relief Canada as Director of Overseas Ministries.

Mr. & Mrs. Gernot Kunzelmann, B.R.E. '63, in Austria, thank God for financial means and work being done through the Tauernhof Bible School (Capernwray Miss. Fellowship of Torchbearers).

Miss Audrey Lawrence '56, in Moundou, Chad, requests prayer for strength and wisdom as she continues to minister and teach to the missionary children (T.E.A.M.).

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Gracey (LUCILLE SYMES '50) in Hong Kong. Pray for wisdom and God's direction as they present the Gospel to many (OMF).

Mr. & Mrs. David Richardson, '73-'74 (DIANE GLOVER, B.Th. '77), in France, request prayer as they serve and minister with the Red Sea Mission Team.

Mr. & Mrs. Glen Lorch (LORALYN TURNER, Dip. '67) in Abbotsford, BC, desire prayer for their involvement in the ministry with Campus Crusade.

Rev. & Mrs. William Cameron (JEAN RENDLE '49), Cambridge, ON. Pray the Lord's blessing in the various ways of serving in the home church since returning from Chad.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Duvall, B.R.E. '83 (ESTHER WRIGHT '75-'76) request prayer for the raising of 65% of their support with C.E.F. in 1986.

*We regret the incorrect information given in the Faculty Focus (p.18) of the Spring Recorder. Dr. Donald Leggett has a Doctorate in Theology from Free University of Amsterdam and also he is the father of five children.*

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## DEATHS

Mr. Donald Bainard '36 on Feb. 25/86, in Toronto, ON.

Mrs. Evelyn Jordon (WILLIAMS '22) on Feb. 10/86, in Toronto ON.

Rev. Charles Long, '50, B.Th. '64 on April 1/86, in Scarboro, ON.

## MARRIAGE

Miss Sharon Cole, B.R.E. '83, to Mr. Dwight dePhillippeaux '82'85, on March 1/86, at Oxford Baptist Church, Woodstock, ON.

## BIRTHS

Stefanie Rae, to Mr. & Mrs. Gary Curran (MARNEY ADAMS, B.S.M. '83) on Jan. 3/86, Newmarket, ON.

Andrew William, to Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Duvall, B.R.E. '83 (ESTHER WRIGHT '75'76), on Jan. 23/86, Oshawa, ON.

Sarah Ann, to Rev. & Mrs. Wray Graham, M.T.S. '82, on Feb. 22/86, Mississauga, ON.

Melissa Ashley, to Mr. & Mrs. John Kucher, B.R.E. '86 (SHERRY LEUBNER '82'83), on Feb. 26/86, Toronto, ON.

Elisabeth Ashley, to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lymburner '76'77 (COLLEEN FUTERS, B.R.E. '86), on Jan. 27/86, Toronto, ON.

Adam Eric, to Rev. & Mrs. John Pepper, M. Div. '8t, on Oct. 25/85, Durham, ON.

Crystal Marie, to Mr. & Mrs. James Rendel (SANDRA MITTON, Dip. '79), on Dec. 22/85, Bloomfield, NJ.

Jonathan James & David Ryan, to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Seabrooke, B.Th. '83, on Jan. 31/86, Maynooth, ON.

Brittany Jill, to Rev. & Mrs. Michael Sherbino, B.Th. '80 (TERRIE KAUPP, Dip. '79), on Dec. 14/85, Toronto, ON.

Michelle Renee, to Mr. & Mrs. Murray Sinclair (LUELLA HOLLEY, B.R.E. '79), on Nov. 28/85, Calgary, AB.

Rachel Kathleen, to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Steinborn, '83-86 (KATHY WHITE '83'84), on Oct. 25/85, Toronto, ON.

Benjamin Philip Charles, to Mr. & Mrs. David Stevens, B.R.E. '79 (CAROL TIPP '74'77), on Nov. 16/85, Paton, Nepal.

Jill Haley, to Rev. & Mrs. Calvin Stone, B.R.E. '77 (BRENDA KROEKER '76'77), on Jan. 12/86, Stouffville, ON.

Janie Roberta Danielle, to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Wright, B.R.E. '81 (LYNN HOWARTH B.R.E. '79), on Jan. 30/86, Etobicoke, ON.

Christopher Matthew, to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Laser (JANICE COMFORT '78'79) on May 9/85, Hamilton, ON.

## GENERAL NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Terrell Boyes (LAURA COLLAR '44) are presently serving as part of the team at Headquarters of the C.O.M.C. Chinese Overseas Christian Mission, London, England.

Mr. Robert Hall, B.R.E. '82, is serving as a graphic artist in Printing Arts Department, Calgary, AB (W.B.T.).

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Nicholson, B.Th. '85 are serving in Sudan (Jan. - June/86) with World Vision as short term missionaries. Dan is involved as a building supervisor, while his wife, Cindy, serves as a dietician to the needy people.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Peebles, B.Th. '82 (DAWN TAYLOR '79-81) are presently serving with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship working in high schools and universities, St. Catharines, ON.

Rev. Philip Collins, '52, B.Th. '58, was appointed as Principal at Carey Hall, Vancouver, BC.

Dr. Gordon Dory, B.Th. '57, former faculty member of OBC, was inducted on Feb. 2/86 as Canadian Director of Africa Inland Mission in the Hooper Chapel, OBC.

## MISSIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Harrison '41 (MARGARET BARNEY '43) have returned from Mexico and are presently serving with W.B.T. on reduced assignment, Orillia, ON.

Miss Marjorie Dance '51 has returned from Nigeria and is presently serving at S.I.M. main office, Toronto, ON.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom McCallum (LYNN SMITH, B.R.E. '75) are presently serving in Brazil, church planting with U.F.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Ross, B.R.E. '82 (ELIZABETH MOREY, B.R.E. '81) returned to Israel in March after being in Canada for six months.

Dr. Olive Shell '44 returned to Peru in Dec./85. She is working on a Cashibo dictionary and new textbooks at the Yarinacocha Centre (W.B.T.).

Miss Gloria Stafford, B.R.E. '85 is serving in Malawi, Central Africa until August 1986 with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Gloria is the headmistress at a play-school for children 3-5 years old.

Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Thiessen (JUDY OTT '67'69) are presently serving in the Philippines with W.B.T. as translators.

## PASTORAL NEWS

Mr. Robert A. Clement, Dip. '72, is presently pastoring at First Baptist Church, Ramona, CA, USA after serving overseas with Operation Mobilization in the Ship Ministry.

Mr. John Lambshead, B.Th. '83, is presently serving as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Smiths Falls, ON.

Rev. Lee Tuson, B.Th. '82, was ordained on Nov. 15/85. Rev. Tuson is pastor of Alvinston and Brooke-Enniskillen Baptist Churches, Alvinston, ON.

The Alumni Association is in the process of updating files. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to the Alumni Office as soon as possible.

If your denomination is Baptist, please indicate if you are Convention or Fellowship. If you are pastoring a church or serving in a church, please indicate which church.

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# OBC GRADUATION TESTIMONIES

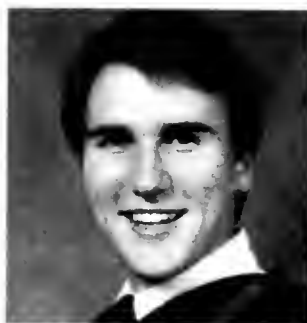


WINNIE REID  
OBC

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of eight, and sensing a strong call at the age of nine to mission work, I have been preparing for missionary service throughout all of my education. Several years with youth groups and a term with Youth With A Mission gave me practical experience. God used a disastrous term at

University to call me back to relying on His strength instead of my own. He then used a close friend to lead me in the direction of Ontario Bible College. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year of studies and desired to continue at OBC. However, I recognized that my return to school would cost my relationship with a Christian young man I had grown fond of. After a great deal of prayer, thinking and many tears, I chose to come back and finish my degree. My choice brought about the results I had expected, but the Lord has blessed me abundantly in that decision. I plan to attend Waterloo next year to finalize my education. From there I desire to pursue what I believe God has called me to do, teach overseas. "For I know the plans that I have for you,

declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11



TODD BRAITHWAITE  
OBC

My four years at OBC has provided me with a number of memories, many very fond, and others...not quite so. But the memories

most significant in terms of shaping the direction of my life as I leave here are those when people were honest with me and I was the same with them. Being a Bible College student put me in a situation where many ideals were expected from both outside and inside the school. Not all of those expectations were entirely fair. If there is one thing that I have learned it is that to help people to grow in Christ, wise vulnerability is a necessary quality. It takes courage to admit that you are confused, unsure, even fearful. There is cost and potential danger, but it is in those very moments that we experience solidarity with our brothers and sisters. Is not that the essence of bearing one another's burdens?



# OTS GRADUATION TESTIMONIES



**RUTH-ELLEN BAKER**  
OTS

What am I doing after graduation? My usual response to that is - recuperating of course! The M.Div. program tends to interfere with one of our primary needs - sleep! All jesting aside though, I am most interested in the following areas: 1) teaching Bible and related subjects, at the Christian high school level perhaps; 2) some involvement in pastoral counselling; 3) and some preaching responsibilities in my church.

OTS was an excellent choice for the requisite training involved for many reasons. Here are a few of special importance to me. First, OTS is interested in the individual's ministry goals. I appreciated the flexibility in the course requirements which allowed me to take some courses crucial to my future goals - like counselling and a teaching assistantship. Second, OTS is truly interdenominational.

I am in awe of the deep fellowship among us all, with no compromise to individual belief. Living in and modelling such an atmosphere is vital for one who calls herself 'baptopentecostal' and plans to work with many different groups. Finally, OTS is supportive of women. I revel in the fact that many of my professors and colleagues have encouraged me toward my goals. Yet, whether or not

we agree on the women's issue, the respect, courtesy and fellowship shown to one another is most honouring to our Lord.



**WAYNE BURKE**  
OTS

One of the joys of being a parent is sharing the excitement of a good adventure story with my children. In many ways my time at OTS seems like one of those stories.

There was the feeling of both fear and excitement as we left our home in P.E.I. and made our way to the "big city." There has been the excitement of learning and growing as a result of classes, fellow students, and participation in a dynamic and growing church.

Like all good adventures there have been times of fear and worry. There has been worry over family, friends, money and God's plan for our lives.

Most of all there has been a feeling of thankfulness as we have seen God work in our lives and in the lives of OTS students, faculty and staff.

But like all adventure stories this one too must end. It is now time to move on to the next chapter in the adventure of Christian living and ministry.



# YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Ontario Theological Seminary announces a new and progressive study focus in the vocational area of youth ministry, effective September 1986.

After a careful market analysis (is there a need from the field for such a program?) and evaluation of a one year preliminary study (examining student response to actual youth courses offered at OTS), it became very apparent that Canada has a dire need to establish an Institute for Youth Ministry. On the basis of this conclusion, OTS has responded.

The initial emphasis of this major will be preparation for church youth ministry and as the program grows, to include training for a variety of youth contexts (i.e., parachurch agencies, lay leadership, adolescent research and development).

## CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY MAJOR

A growing trend in churches through North America today is the addition of full-time youth pastors. However, available candidates are often too inexperienced or lack the necessary maturity, "textbook" informed but lacking "practical" understanding, great with kids but no long-term strategy of ministry, desirous of working with youth but having little theological depth, and the list goes on.

The design of this youth ministry major will counter these kinds of concerns. It will combine the academic with the practical and

provide the student with a program offering a blend of biblical studies, theology, and youth ministry courses. This is *not* a major with only one or two courses in the general area of youth ministry and little field work/experience.

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

## ACADEMIC AND PRACTICAL EMPHASES

A minimum of four courses in youth ministry will provide the theoretical background for the student's one or two year (depending on the degree program undertaken) internship program.

Utilizing both pedagogical and andragogical processes of learning, class time will focus on a theology of youth ministry, long-term strategies for youth ministry, adolescent development and youth culture, special issues involving youth, evangelism and discipleship, programming methodologies, and youth resources.

While such teaching/learning is transpiring, the student will be mentored by a *veteran* youth worker throughout his/her internship program. This will provide the participants with a good mixture of the classroom and the field and a *guided* experience of actually working with youth in the church environment.

For those students who come into the program as

full-time youth workers or have sufficient field experience in youth ministry, a specially tailored internship program will be designed to expand their present knowledge, skills and interests.

## DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION

Two degree programs are offered to meet the varied needs and interests of attending students.

The *Master of Theological Studies* degree is a two year program which provides a thorough biblical and theological background with considerable freedom of course selection as well as the youth ministry courses. Hebrew and Greek are optional.

The *Master of Divinity* degree requires an additional year of study and includes Bible, theology, pastoral studies, as well as Hebrew, Greek, and the youth ministry courses. It is recommended for those students who feel God may one day be leading them into the pastorate although their interest at present is in youth ministry.

Graduates from universities, general arts colleges, and accredited Bible colleges are encouraged to enrol *now* for the fall program.

## PROVEN CANADIAN LEADERSHIP

The Director of the Institute and professor of youth ministry courses is John H. Wilkinson. He brings to OTS a rich heritage of youth ministry field experience (church,

youth agencies, camping). He is completing his doctorate with a special research interest in the field of adolescence, particularly adult/teen relations. His classroom teaching over the past ten years has been evaluated most highly by his students as being practical, stimulating, and current. He will be joined by veteran adjunct faculty - active in the field - who will give leadership in terms of classroom input, supervising internships, and special training events. They will represent a variety of denominational contexts in order to accommodate a student's denominational requirements and interests. These proven, current leaders are uniquely equipped to address many of the youth issues that are peculiar to Canada and in Canadian churches today. It is their aspiration that these youth ministry majors will graduate from the program with a solid understanding of youth ministry and the ability (experience) to implement effectively their theology and strategy of youth work for the furtherance of the Kingdom.

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Practical workshops, program planning with an eye for details, and a day that went as smooth as silk, led conferees to say it was one of the best conferences ever attended.

Dr. Jay Kessler, President of Taylor University, youth specialist, and author of several books (most notably, *Parents and Teenagers*), will be the keynote speaker next year – February 14, 1987.

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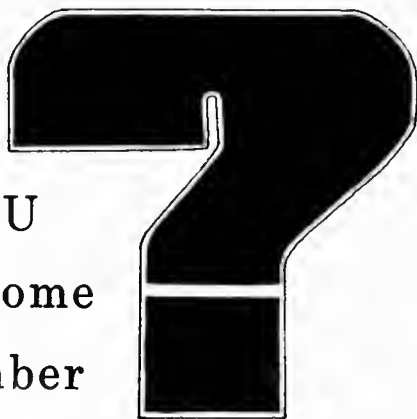
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- SEPT. 18** **OTS TENTH ANNIVERSARY**  
Open to all Free of charge. With Gordon and Gail MacDonald  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Seminar on Ministry Today with Gordon and Gail MacDonald. Room 101-102, OTS.  
7:45 p.m. - Convocation at Bayview Glen Church Bayview and Steeles with Gordon MacDonald speaking
- OCT. 18** **HOME COMING**  
The theme is *Encouragement. Dare to Care?* with special speaker Dr. Rod Wilson, OTS. Also speaking will be Dr. Wm. J. McRae, OBC/OTS President. The class of '36 will be honoured. Class reunions are for: '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81
- OCT. 31** **JOY IN SHARING SEMINAR**  
**NOV. 1** Featuring Ken and Joni (Eareckson) Tada on Saturday Nov. 1 on the OBC/OTS campus. Joni will also address a large public rally (by ticket only) in the Toronto Convention Centre on October 31. For more information contact: Mrs. Arlene Bowie, c/o *Women Alive*, 89 Dunlop St. East, Ste. 101, P.O. Box 911 Barrie, Ontario L4M 4Y6, (705) 726-3803 or phone OBC/OTS at (416) 226-6380.
- NOV. 14-15** **GOD USES INK! - CHRISTIAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE**  
Keynote speaker: Maxine Hancock  
Co-sponsored by OBC/OTS and *Faith Today*. For information contact OBC/OTS or *Faith Today*, Box 8800, Station B Willowdale Ontario M2K 2R6. Phone: (416) 497-4796.
- NOV. 18** **REACH THE CITY CONFERENCE**  
Featuring Rev. Frank Tillapaugh of Denver Colorado, author of *The Church Unleashed*
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