

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bethany has much to be optimistic about: the return rate (for first to second year students) stands at over 80 percent, the highest rate in a generation; Paul Morgun has joined the College in student recruitment; our financial picture keeps improving; the kitchen fundraising project has exceeded its goal; and we hosted a full house at Youth Advance. In spite of this encouraging picture, people ask how the College will move forward without two key team members - Paul Woodburn and Rob Neufeld. The answer to this question involves faith.

As much as we may resist it, we know that change and transitions are inevitable. Charles Handy has written, "Change comes so fast from so many directions that we cannot extrapolate into the future with any certainty. The only constant ... is that it will change." How do we model scriptural principles in the midst of change? People yearn for predictability and stability, but we also know we are called to live faithfully whatever the circumstance.

One story about a wrong perspective is found in Numbers 14. When things were getting difficult in Israel's journey from Egypt, they not only grumbled, but they were willing to trade their future hope for the predictable past. (vs 3) "Why is the LORD taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?" They were called to embrace change in their lives but they responded by fearing the unknown.

When hearing of my new role as President at Bethany College, a family member challenged me: "Don't just sit in your office and pray. Make sure you get out there and get things done." While we are dependent on God to provide, we also need to be diligent in our work to accomplish good things. These are not independent ideas, but are linked together. It is healthy to "do our doing" with an attitude of dependency.

Scripture uses the example of farming to illustrate this tension. There is

much work in preparation, seeding, and harvesting, yet there is nothing we can do to actually cause the seed to germinate (Mark 4:26-29). In good times and in challenging times, the children of Israel repeatedly recalled the past when God was faithful. Challenges are places to keep our eyes open so as to see where God will work. God will either show the way or provide the way forward. Believing this reflects dependency on God and often requires faith on our part in the solution.

Bethany is in a very good place. In this good place, we must continue to be dependent on God. We are depending on God to provide people to fill the key positions in the College ... and we'll do all we can to find those people.

Thank you for your involvement through prayer, gifts of time and money, and entrusting your young adults to us. Together, we are all depending on God to complete His work in our lives and the lives of our students.

Howie Wall, President

The goals of Bethany's Annual Youth Advance are to have fun, worship God and see hearts change. We believe these goals were accomplished, whether students were playing dodgeball, worshipping God in a variety of ways, or unpacking what Kevin Snyder said during his sessions. YA was a success because God answers prayer, and has the power to change lives!

Adriana - YA Committee Member



Thank you so much for the wonderful weekend! It was an amazing experience to go there and worship God, it definitely was a memory that will stay forever!!

Ashlee - Youth Advancer 2012

Left Top: Main Speaker and Alumnus Kevin Snyder. **Top Right:** Foot washing at Bethany Youth Advance. **Bottom Right:** Bethany House Band leads Youth Advancers in worship.

PAUL WOODBURN

During the past seven years of service, Paul has inspired others to join him in offering our very best to the LORD... in all that we do and through all of our lives.

Rick McCorkindale,
Academic Dean



Paul Woodburn has served the College from 2005-2012, as our Ministry Arts Director, instructor in worship, music, technology and the Director of Point of Impact; the College's music ministry team.

BC: Favourite Bethany College memory?

Woodburn: Basically getting up every day to the realization that I really enjoy what I do. I enjoy the teaching, the prep, the discussions, colleagues and students... everything. Obviously, some of my best memories involve Point of Impact. Each year brought joys and frustrations and surprises and wonderfully, genuine, life-transforming ministry. Nothing

compares to being used by God to minister powerfully to others.

BC: What do you hope to have left on the hearts of the community of believers at Bethany College?

- Woodburn:**
1. It's bigger than you...
 2. Stop trying so hard... He already loves you.
 3. Try harder ...there are still so many others that still do not know His Love.

TRANSFORMATION IN COMMUNITY



WHO AM I?
At Bethany, we recognize the significance of your **identity** questions and seek to walk with you to discover more about who you are and what God has given you.

WHO IS GOD?
At Bethany, we guide you through a process of discovering and owning core convictions about who **God** is and what He has done in Jesus.

HOW DO I LIVE?
At Bethany, we give you opportunities to test your gifts and abilities and challenge you to use these gifts faithfully in **service** to others.

At Bethany, our commitment to the **Bible** infuses everything we do. It informs our philosophy of education, our practices of community life and corporate worship, and our commitment to service and mission.

63%

of first year Bethany students asked to be matched up with a **Mentor** (34% last year).

93%

of returning Bethany students are in **mentoring relationships!**



APRIL 30

The start date for the **Kitchen Renewal Project!**

SUMMARY OF BUDGET & AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund

	Actual 10-11	Budget 11-12	%of Budget
Income			
Donations - Constituency Churches	204,199	205,000	9%
Donations - General	555,810	479,600	22%
Student Fees - Tuition	729,926	774,420	36%
Student Fees - Room & Board	473,400	527,340	25%
Other	147,853	187,220	8%
Total Income	\$2,111,188	\$2,173,580	100%
Expense			
Academic & Student Dev't program	1,443,081	1,447,933	67%
Administrative Support	348,865	274,637	13%
Advancement	337,186	448,738	20%
Total Expenses	\$2,129,132	\$2,171,308	100%
Net from Operations	\$ (17,944)	\$ 2,272	

\$72,887

The amount Bethany students received in **scholarships, bursaries and financial aid** in 2011 - 2012 school year.

BETHANY COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Saskatchewan MB Conference Board Members

			Term Ends
Brian Heinrichs	Waldheim, SK	Accountant	2012
Dan Stobbe	Meadow Lake, SK	Pastor	2012
Marjorie Klassen	Glenbush, SK	Music Teacher	2013
Janelle Loewen	Warman, SK	Admin Assistant	2013
Trevor Rempel	Hepburn, SK	Public Relations	2013
Lorraine Mau	Guernsey, SK	Homemaker	2014
Don Wiens	Regina, SK	Agribusiness	2014

Alberta MB Conference Board Members

			Term Ends
Randy Schellenberg	Coaldale, AB	Business Owner	2012
Brent Miller	Lethbridge, AB	Pastor	2013
Aurelie Sondermann	Calgary, AB	Electrician	2013

Alumni Board Members

			Term Ends
Ed Schmidt	Elm Creek, MB	Farmer	2013
Crystal Blair	Calgary, AB	Systems Analyst	2014
Chantelle Funk	Kelowna, BC	Business Owner	2012

Heagy Altrogge Matchett & Partners LLP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

To the Directors of
Bethany College

We have audited the statement of financial position of Bethany College as at June 30, 2011 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended along with the summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the college's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the college's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the college derives revenue from the general public in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the college and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year, assets and unrestricted net assets.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bethany College as at June 30, 2011 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
September 12, 2011



*Bethany
has helped
me find my
strengths
and weak-
nesses with*

which I'll be able to discern where I am called to in the church...there is nothing more important in life than building a strong foundation on God's word and a solid relationship with Christ"

Dynel, Bethany Student

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLOSING WEEKEND:

Spring Concert: 2:30 pm April 21, 2012
Commencement: 2:30 pm April 22, 2012

SPRING TOURS:

Bethany Players: Saskatchewan/Manitoba
April 24 - May 6, 2012
Point of Impact: Saskatchewan/Alberta
April 24 - May 7, 2012

BETHANY SUMMER CAMPS:

ATTACK/ELITE Volleyball: July 9-13, 2012
ABOVE THE RIM Basketball: July 16-20, 2012

See www.bethany.sk.ca for details

FAREWELL

Early in 2001, over lunch, Bethany's then President Rick Schellenberg floated the notion of my coming on staff as Director of Finance. "No way!" I recall saying to myself as I drove away. "Bethany has too many problems for me to deal with. Not a chance!" A few weeks later, Rick approached me again, this time I heard the vision for the College, not just the challenges. The potential for biblical discipleship in a campus community intrigued me. "Hmmm. That sounds like something I could do." I would soon be Bethany's newest employee.

Expecting a stay of five years or so, I underestimated Bethany's hold on me. It's now been 11 years, and what a remarkable time it has been!

Though my faith was stretched here, it is being stretched again as I prepare to leave. 1 Peter 1:7 says, "These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold." For all of us, our faith is tested throughout our lives. While it takes faith to change jobs, it also takes faith for a farmer to plant a crop; for a business owner to purchase new equipment; for a student to take on a student loan. There is still uncertainty about my next career. But, He who has led me thus far is faithful. And I trust Him.

It has been an incredible honour to be part of this college. We who serve here today, stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Over the past 85 years, there have been many who have followed God's call here and have given up much to obey that call.



While it hasn't been easy, I have found much joy in this work. Here are a few things that "stoke my fire" for Bethany:

Passion and potential – Watching our students grow in their relationship to Christ, their faith and love for the church, is a great treat! It's hard not to be inspired and hopeful when you hang around young adults who passionately love Jesus.

Real community – The members of Bethany's campus community live, study, eat, work, play, and share together. They welcome one another and yes, put up with one another, with all of their differences. It's truly amazing.

Big Bethany family – It's been overwhelming to meet so many donors who believe in Bethany's mission, care about our students and staff, and stand with us. It takes a "cast of thousands" to make it all work!

Don't flinch! - I've seen the faith of my colleagues grow in conviction and optimism. "Don't flinch" is a phrase that has challenged us to trust God for his provision and leading. I am so grateful for this opportunity I have had. I have gained much more than I have given. My world has gotten larger, learning things in non-profit management that I could not have learned in my former career in the business world.

Thank you donors, for entrusting Bethany with your financial support. The measure of your trust is deep and I have been humbled by your countless sacrificial gifts. God has knit together a support community for Bethany where everyone gives as they are able and called. It has been an honour to know your trust, generosity, goodwill and friendship. I hope that in my future endeavours, I will continue to meet many of you.

There will be changes within The Donor Relations office after my departure at the end of April. But also, many things will continue on as per normal. If you haven't met Cliff Brandes, then you need to! His background is well-suited to this work and he's been serving with us since last June. President Howie Wall will continue in his role, focusing on Church Relations. We welcome back Joy Lise Nokinsky in March from her maternity leave. As Director of Advancement, her work intersects and overlaps with Donor Relations. Ruth Letkeman and Lynda Klassen will carry on in their support roles. And we're currently in conversation with some capable individuals about filling the vacancy I am creating. Please pray that God would clearly call and lead people to serve at Bethany College.

May the vision that began with a few M.B. churches in 1927 continue to be reshaped and guided by our Lord. Bethany College is a rare gem among the Bible schools of Canada. God has sustained the College and He causes it to thrive. Though never great in material wealth, Bethany's influence on the Kingdom has been profound. To God be the glory, great things he hath done

Rob Neufeld, Director of Donor Relations