



The Link



Staying Connected

God's Hand at Work



Phil Ruten
President

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths” (Prov. 3:5-6). These familiar verses contain a powerful message for daily living and serving Jesus. We seek to live by the truth of these verses. We are weak; He is strong. When we live by faith in this reality, it is a pleasant and wonderful place to be.

We are having a good year! The usual challenges of operating a college continue, but so do the blessings of seeing life-change in our students. Each campus is doing well, and we are thankful for every student God has led to us this year.

As the Winnipeg Campus is getting established and growing, finding adequate housing for our students is an ongoing challenge. Please pray for us as we work through this issue. This year, we experimented with leasing homes for students to rent. For example, one house we leased in Winnipeg hosts seven male students, who commute to the campus for classes and other activities. This living arrangement has provided a place of strong community. Pray for God's provision as we will need more of these housing arrangements for next year. On another note, we will be holding our first graduation service at the Winnipeg Campus on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00pm! We invite you to join us for this special event.

The Rwanda Program is going well. There have been some obstacles as new rules and guidelines were introduced by the government, but the Lord has provided a way for us to continue. We are very thankful for His care and guidance.

We welcomed nine new students into our Graduate Program this past January. There are now 37 students enrolled in the program. This is encouraging and confirms that the program is being used by the Lord to help equip men and women serving in vocational ministry.

Finally, we want to express our sincere gratitude to the Lord for His financial provision. Due to the very generous giving of our constituency, we are in a healthy place financially. Thank you to each of you who support this ministry. You are key partners in this kingdom work.

May God bless you as you continue to serve Him!

Student Testimonials



Abraham Matthews

1st year student, Winnipeg Campus
Starbuck, MB

I came to Millar knowing I would grow, but I didn't know I would grow this much. The Winnipeg Campus has far exceeded my expectations. The teachers are so passionate about what they teach, and

classes are always very engaging. Yet I think what I have appreciated the most about Millar is the focus on discipleship and community. Students from all years meet once a week in community life groups to grow closer together as peers. Because of this intentionality, it really feels like a family here. Living in residence, I have been able to have the joy of getting to know all the students. We study, eat, stress, and grow together as we do our best to build each other up into the image of Christ. Students are close not only with each other, but also with the staff. The staff regularly invite the student body into their homes for movie and game nights. They make us all feel loved and appreciated, not because they have to, but because they want to. All this to say, the community at the Winnipeg Campus has made my college experience formative and life changing.



Maisa Ramsay

2nd year student, Sunnybrae Campus
Regina, SK

This year at Millar, the Lord has been showing me a greater picture of Himself and His church through worship. God could have allowed us to worship Him on our own. Although we do that too,

He also chooses to bring members of His body together to worship. While we are worshipping together, we are adoring God for His character, confessing our sins, being assured of the gospel, and responding to what He has done for us. We get to praise God for the salvation He has given us and tell it to one another. What a special thing to do together! Whether worshipping in song during chapel, at church, or with a couple of my classmates, God has given me so much joy in addressing Him and addressing those found in Him! Although my worship on earth is imperfect, the Lord has been using congregational worship to unify me with the body and point me to the day we will worship Him perfectly in eternity!



Bobby Walton

3rd year student, Pambrun Campus
Rocky Mountain House, AB

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy” (1 Timothy 6:17).

Coming to Millar has been such a blessing to me in so many ways, and I feel rich. I have had opportunities to learn about God's Word from excellent professors, develop deep relationships with friends that I know will last a lifetime, and grow in my sports and worship arts skills. However, while I try to make the most of every opportunity, God has been teaching me that my hope belongs in Him. I can so easily put my hope in relationships, academics, and talents, but these are all what Paul describes as 'uncertain riches'. All the staff desire to see us grow in more than these surface-level areas; they want our lives to be transformed by a personal, intimate relationship with God. Mentors, coaches, professors, and friends have all challenged me to orient my whole life around God. As I am slowly learning this, everything else falls into place.



Isaac Froese

1st year student, Pambrun Campus
Swift Current, SK

Growing up, I was naturally good at almost everything. While this ability was a huge blessing, my value became set in the things I was able to accomplish, and I was always left wanting more. I was particularly good

at lacrosse and one year, my team won provincials, becoming the best team in the whole province.

When we won the game, it felt amazing. But when I got into the vehicle with my parents and started to go home, I still felt empty inside. In that moment, God intervened. I am not sure how, but I found a music album by the name of Camp Luke-warm by Lord's Child. The words of the first song on the album broke me. God touched my spirit in the back of the car that night. God showed me that my satisfaction and fulfilment come from Him.

Since that moment, I have entered a relationship with God and He is continuously teaching me to trust Him more. Last summer I was baptized, this year I am here at Millar, and this spring I am going to Romania on a missions trip. God has saved me from a life of worthlessness and shown me that my worth does not depend on momentary achievements.


Our vision is to develop passionate, relevant servants of Jesus Christ who are shaped by the entire Scriptures

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		(P) - Pambrun (S) - Sunnybrae (W) - Winnipeg			Natasha Hiebert (W) Pray for Natasha as she prepares for a few teaching opportunities she has in the Winnipeg area.	1 Steve & Sarah Janz (S) Pray that God will give Steve wisdom, strength, and ability for the PR and preaching responsibilities God has given him.
3 Nick & Nicole Betting (W) Pray for Nick to recover well from his knee surgery and to teach effectively despite the discomfort.	4 Cliff & Laura Giesbrecht (P) Pray for Pambrun's Facilities team as they plan and prepare for the summer projects.	4 Pray for the Student Life teams at each campus as they begin the process of selecting student leaders for next school year. Pray that God will guide their decisions.	5 David & Wynnale Ruten (S) Pray that the Outdoor Edge trips will be a time of growth and encouragement for the students (March 8-10, 15-17, April 4-6).	6 Melissa Cochrane (S) Melissa will spend much time travelling this semester. Pray that she will be an encouragement to those she meets.	7 Trevor & Phyllis Kiriaka (S) Pray that Trevor will be effective as he teaches a marriage course and a pastoral ministry course.	8 Randy & Karen Reddekopp (P) Pray for opportunities for Randy and Karen to share the gospel at the weekly pickleball night in Vanguard.
10 Kevin & Darcie Peters (P) Pray that the students will have servant hearts and joy in fellowship as they attend and serve their Field Ed churches.	11 Al & Karen Wintemute (P) Pray for discernment as Al finds placements for the fourth-year interns.	11 Joel & Shania Ruten (P) Pray for Shania as she seeks to equip Descendant (Pambrun's drama team) spiritually and practically for their missions trip to Edinburgh this August.	12 Andrew & Laura Enns (P) Pray for Andrew and Laura as they learn to balance their schedules (Andrew working full-time and Laura taking part-time classes).	13 Dustin & Rebecca Burtel (W) Pray that students will understand how the age of rocks intimately and effectively connects to the Rock of Ages.	14 Art & Jackie Thiessen Pray for Art as he plans Replica's tour through Saskatchewan and Manitoba (April 21-May 5). Pray that God will lead him to the right stops.	15 Adam & Tiffany Nicholas (P) Pray for Tiffany's dad, Roy, as he battles cancer.
17 Jordan & Klara Watts (W) Pray that the men in the dorm will be fully devoted to love and serve Christ and glorify Him long after their time at Millar.	17 Mark Wallmann (P) Pray that Mark will have wisdom for mentoring and that he will rest well.	18 Kelvin & Lorie Thiessen (P) Lorie will be presenting a monologue in Swift Current tonight on the life of Gracia Burnham. Pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to those attending.	19 Daniel & Kayla Spelliscy (S) Pray that God will grant Daniel wisdom as he marks papers and that Daniel will have beneficial comments for the students.	20 Preston & Jessica Evans (P) Pray for protection for Preston as he works in Facilities and for Jessica as she travels with Resound (Pambrun's chorale team).	21 Travis & Danielle Johnston (P) Pray for Travis and Danielle as they prepare the Romania missions team (leaving April 24).	22 Ryan & Leah Campbell (S) Pray for the worship leaders at the Sunnybrae Campus.
24 Amy Hancock (P) Pray for wisdom as Amy interacts with students.	25 Peter & Andrea Buhler (W) The growth of the Winnipeg Campus means there needs to be staffing adjustments and additions, as well as more student housing. Pray for clarity for these decisions.	26 Kendra Vanstone (W) Pray that Kendra will have wisdom, insight, and love as she disciples young women in Winnipeg.	27 Murray & Jan Hiebert (P) Pray that Murray will have energy and focus during this busy season.	28 Hope Rampold (P) Pray that Hope will have energy and joy as she serves the students through her various roles on campus.	28 Harry & Connie Peters (P) Harry and Connie are planning to do some travelling in April. Pray for wisdom as they plan and safety for the trip.	29 Scott & Colleen Gebbrandt (P) Pray for Scott and Colleen as they have the privilege and responsibility of caring for Scott's mom.
Praise God for the amazing staff team at the Winnipeg Campus!						

Thank you for taking a few minutes each day to pray for us!

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Melissa Cochrane (S) Melissa is mentoring three ladies this semester. Pray that Melissa will have wisdom and insight to encourage these students.	2 Ryan & Leah Campbell (S) Leah has experienced repeated injuries to both her ankles this past year. Please pray for healing and patience.	3 Trevor & Phyllis Kiriaka (S) Pray for wisdom for Trevor as he mentors students.	4 Lorn & Janet Gieck (P) Pray that God will bless the students as they share what they have learned this year at Pambrun's Worship Arts Weekend (April 4-6).	5 Pray that God's Word will penetrate students' hearts so that they may know God and model His character.	6 Kevin & Darcie Peters (P) Pray for the Pambrun students who are preparing to go to Northern Ireland on a volleyball missions trip with SALT Factory Sports.
7 Jordan & Kiara Watts (W) Pray that Jordan and Kiara will have opportunities to disciple students in the everyday matters of life.	8 Pray that the last few weeks on campus will strengthen and build up the graduates as they leave Millar and embark on a new stage of life.	9 Kelvin & Lorie Thiessen (P) Pray for Kelvin and the Grad Committee as they prepare for Pambrun's graduation (April 19-20).	10 Pray that the students will find summer jobs where they can be salt and light.	11 Joel & Shania Ruten (P) Pray that no details will be missed in planning Descendent's missions trip to Edinburgh.	12 Cliff & Laura Giesbrecht (P) Pray that Cliff and Laura will grow in their walk with the Lord and have wisdom and humility as they serve.	13 Praise God for the first graduation at the Winnipeg Campus today! Pray that God will be glorified through the celebrations, and praise Him for His faithfulness.
14 Matt & Meagan Klumpenhower (P) Pray for grace, strength, and patience as the Klumpenhowers adjust to being a family of five.	15 Nick & Nicole Betzing (W) Pray that Nick and Nicole's marriage will always be growing in the Lord.	16 Harry & Connie Peters (P) Pray that Harry and Connie will display Christ through all that they do and say.	17 Randy & Karen Reddekopp (P) Pray that Pambrun's kitchen staff will finish the school year well.	18 Al & Karen Wintemute (P) Pray that Al and Karen will grow in caring well for others.	19 Pambrun's graduation is April 19-20, and Sunnybrae's is April 21-22. Pray that the celebrations will glorify God for His faithfulness and work in students' lives.	20 Nathan & Kristen Woyke (W) Pray for opportunities for Nathan and Kristen to share the gospel and build relationships with their neighbours.
21 Lorn & Janet Gieck (P) Replica (Pambrun's travelling worship team) is on tour from April 21 until May 5. Pray for safety and good ministry opportunities.	22 Praise God for His faithfulness throughout this year!	23 Travis & Thera Winfrey (P) Pray that Travis and Thera will have a greater awareness of God's presence in their daily activities.	24 Travis & Danielle Johnston (P) Pray for the Romania missions team as they head to Romania today. They will be overseas until May 22.	25 Pray for the students who are not returning to Millar in the fall. Pray that they will be firmly grounded in God's Word.	26 Daniel & Kayla Spelliscy (S) Pray for Daniel and Kayla as they seek to disciple their children and point them towards the Lord.	27 Kendra Vanstone (W) Pray for Kendra and Barak as they get married today. Pray that their marriage will reflect Christ's love for His church.
28 Preston & Jessica Evans (P) Pray that Preston and Jessica's family will be a light in their community as they serve God.	29 Stephen & Missy McComish (P) Pray that the McComish family will have boldness and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in sharing the gospel with their neighbours.	30 Pray that the students will have a desire to serve God and to submit to His leading.				

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE



Pambrun Campus



Benjamin Maahs
Third-Year Student

From lunch on Friday, January 19 to Sunday afternoon, January 21, over 40 representatives from 25 missions organizations came to our Pambrun Campus to share how the gospel is advancing throughout the world. All the continents, except Antarctica, were represented at our conference. In various ways throughout the weekend, the Lord seemed to be asking His people, “What will you do with what you have in front of you?”

Our conference started with a unique, new event. Friday lunch was a “mixer meal”, where a group of students ate each course at a different table with a different missions rep. Amidst the chaos of switching seats, this was a great opportunity to initiate meaningful interactions with our guests. On Friday afternoon, each hall met with a missions rep at a staff member’s home to ask questions about missions and the rep’s ministry experiences. Many students find the hall meetings to be the highlight of missions conference; only at hall meeting can a rep mention their interactions with a pastor who formerly smuggled tanks out of Russia!

The question, “what will you do with what you have in front of you?”, was hammered home by the unexpected absence of our main speaker due to inclement weather. Jordan Watts, the Dean of Men at the Winnipeg Campus, spoke at the Friday evening session and shared his experiences with sharing the gospel and caring for the homeless he regularly meets outside of the Winnipeg Campus. Other godly men, Jonah Sawatzky with NCEM and David Ruten with SIM, also stepped in to share the Word during our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

A highlight for many was hearing the answer to this question through the ministry of Rock Solid Concrete. Owners John Both and Stephen Paterson hosted an afternoon seminar on faith in the workplace and were also interviewed during the Saturday evening program. Students resonated with how they use their business as an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship, and many are excited to put these things into practice when they return to the workplace. While the Lord is calling many to places that have never heard the name of Jesus, sharing our faith and making disciples can happen wherever the Lord places us.

Sunnybrae Campus



Wynnale Ruten
Staff

From Sunday evening, January 28, until Monday evening, January 29, we had our annual missions conference at our Sunnybrae Campus. As we seem to say every year, it was one for the books! Our theme this year was “Heaven – Motivation for Missions”. Norm Funk did a fantastic job directing our hearts and minds to the eternal glory that awaits believers, inspiring us to proclaim the gospel during the time we have on earth. John and Leanne Petkau did a morning session on loss, grieving, the reality of heaven, and how these things remind us of the urgency of sharing the gospel. In an afternoon session, Liam Flaten reminded us that when we have Jesus, everything else pales in comparison.

Many alumni, youth groups, and fellow believers from our partnering churches came out for the conference. Representatives from 13 mission organizations joined us and were kept busy talking to students who are interested in God’s work around the world and inquisitive about opportunities to get involved. Four student worship teams led worship throughout the weekend. It is always so encouraging to see students using their God-given musical talent to further His glory by leading others in worshipping Him!

It was very encouraging to see and hear how God used this conference to challenge each student, staff, and guest in their walk with Him. Praise the Lord for His work in our lives! The interaction between all who attended was lively, the challenges carried lasting impact, and the reminder to share this amazing gift of eternal life with Christ Jesus was one we could never hear enough of!

EDITOR’S NOTE:

The Winnipeg Campus took part in Missionfest Manitoba the weekend of February 2-4, after [The Link](#) went to print.

Missions Teams



NEWFOUNDLAND - May 24 - June 3

Members (left to right):

Janae Bueckert, Amy DeJong, Sarah Janz, Steve Janz, Nathan Truderung, Ashley Nicks, Levi Russell, Sam Hall



NORTHERN IRELAND - April 22 - May 5

Members (left to right):

Back row: Nicole Hahn, Josh Agent, Maddie Boettcher, Zach Sorgen, Scott Friesen, Colin Dyck, Nahum Hiebert, Kyla Luesink, Kevin Peters, Tyler Dees, Nathan Janzen, Jesse Peters, Jacob Hildebrandt, Mike Callaway

Front row: Ethel Borja, Kaden Pegg, Morgan Unrau, Ebony Budd, Kennedy Rheume, Natasha Oke



ROMANIA - April 24 - May 22

Members (left to right):

Back row: Owen Rempel, Serena Vanderstoel, Georgia Bollinger, Jill Thompson, Aiden Parschauer, Isaac Froese, Noah Rempel, Travis Johnston

Front row: Mikayla Martens, Trenace Browning, Angelina Stanger, Matt Lussier, Nathalie Barabas, Adelea Johnston, Mattea Johnston, Danielle Johnston

SCOTLAND

Performing at Edinburgh Festival Fringe August 6-10, 13-17

Members (left to right):

Back row: Joel Ruten, Dylan Ediger, Tim Moonias, Sam Reed, Abel Rempel, John Calvin Thiessen

Middle row: Gemma Ruten, Shania Ruten, Hannah Froese, Brooklyn Doerksen, Allison Trenholm, Meagan Klumpenhower, Matt Klumpenhower

Front row: Emma Fritzke, Cassidy Agent



Alumni Obituaries



Diane Briner (Beierle, G64)

Diane passed away on October 23, 2023. She was a dedicated wife and mother and loved to make time for family and her many friends. Jesus was her source of peace, hope, and joy, which was evident to the very end of her life. Diane is survived by her husband of 59 ½ years, Hans.



Ramona Pollard (Penner, G56)

Ramona departed to heaven on December 18, 2023 at the age of 88. Ramona was on staff at Millar Memorial Bible Institute with her husband, David, where she worked as a secretary and as a campus hostess.



Ida Kimber (Bergen, A49)

Ida passed away on October 30, 2023 at the age of 95. She left her family a wonderful legacy of faith in God and love for His Word. She will be missed by her seven children, 21 grandchildren, and 43 great-grandchildren.



Erin Ramberg (A91)

Erin departed this world on January 20, 2024 at the age of 54. Erin was crazy about animals and loved her chickens (except for that one rooster). She also cared deeply about people and was active in her church. Erin will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Graduate Program

Audit Opportunities

The Graduate Program is planning to hold classes in Pambrun this June. To register to audit a course or for more information, please go to millarcollege.ca/graduate-program. Audit spaces are limited, and audit students are responsible for their own accommodations.

Leviticus **Instructor: Arnie Armstrong** **Date: June 3-7, 2024**

Leviticus will be studied in the context of the Torah. Emphasis will be on the literary structure and content of Leviticus, the contribution of Leviticus to the Torah and to Old Testament theology, and the connections between the themes of Leviticus and the New Testament.

Isaiah **Instructor: Dr. Phil Powers** **Date: June 10-14, 2024**

This course will introduce the student to the content and biblical theology of Isaiah. Emphasis will be placed on the covenantal context, the integration of the messages of the prophets, identifying the major interpretive challenges in Isaiah, and evaluating various interpretive options.

Graduate Program Information

The Master of Biblical Studies degree further equips church and ministry leaders to handle the word of truth in the context of practical ministry (2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17). The Master of Biblical Studies is a sixty credit hour program designed for those who are actively involved in ministry (e.g., pastoring, missions, parachurch ministry) and have an under-graduate degree including a minimum of thirty credit hours in Bible and theology. Classes are offered in week-long modules. One week of courses is offered in early January and two weeks of courses are offered in June each year.

The program consists of the following:

1. Academic Studies (36 credit hours)

The student must complete nine Biblical Studies courses (2 credits each) and nine Ministry Skill courses (2 credits each).

2. Character Development Mentoring (6 credit hours)

Each student will meet regularly with a mature mentor of their choice to address issues of character growth. The student must also mentor another promising leader.

3. Ministry Development Mentoring (6 credit hours)

Each student will meet regularly with a mature mentor of their choice who has significant experience in the ministry field the student is involved in or is pursuing.

4. Thesis/Project (12 credit hours)

Each student will complete a thesis or project which must combine academic learning with practical ministry and have a significant impact on the student's current ministry. Students in special circumstances may qualify for the non-thesis program.

If you have further questions, please send them to the Graduate Program Registrar:

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**Registration opens
on March 1st**

Please see millarcollege.ca
for more information

2024 ALUMNI & FRIENDS



DESSERT NIGHTS



MARCH 22 - 7:00 PM - PAMBRUN, SK
Pambrun Campus 1 Pangman Street

MARCH 23 - 6:00 PM - DIAMOND VALLEY, AB
Gateway Bible Church 212 Centre Ave W

MARCH 24 - 6:00 PM - SASKATOON, SK
Erindale Alliance Church 310 Perehudoff Crescent

Please contact the college to let us know which event you will be attending and how many will be coming.

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Winnipeg Night School

Now accepting applications for the Spring Trimester.
Courses offered:

LEVEL 1: New Testament Overview

Instructor: Al Letkeman
Tuesdays, March 26 - May 28

LEVEL 2: Romans

Instructor: Lorne Meisner
Thursdays, March 28 - May 30

ELECTIVE:

Creation, Science, and the Bible

Instructor: Dustin Burlet
Tuesdays, March 26 - May 28

All classes run from 7:00pm to 9:30 pm.

Visit millarcollege.ca to register!

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