



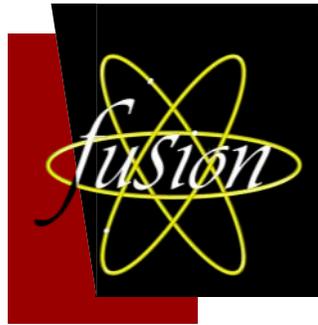
Living Faith News

February 2014

Volume 49, Issue 1

Introducing LFBC's New FUSION Program *Learn a Trade while Growing Spiritually and Preparing for Ministry*

Did you know that 50% of all churches in Canada are 75 people or less? And that church attendance in the U.S.A. is only slightly higher with 85 people or less in 50% of churches? Because of their small size, many of these churches have a difficult time paying a viable salary to their pastors. Consequently, many of the pastors in these churches have to work to provide for the needs of their families. Sadly, many of them have no other marketable job skills and they are frequently limited to lower paying jobs. The fact is that 70% of pastors feel grossly underpaid and financial pressures are one of the top ten reasons that pastors leave the ministry.



Another sad reality is that many smaller congregations struggle to attract a pastor because they are unable to pay a full salary. Over the years, a good number of churches facing this challenge have contacted LFBC looking for pastors. In addition to small churches, we have received regular requests from pastors in churches ranging from 75 to 150 who are wanting to bring on a second pastor to work with youth, children, or as an associate. These churches can often afford the salary for a lead pastor and usually some level of administrative support, but can only provide partial support for a

second pastor. It is not until a church reaches between 150 and 200 that they are generally able to pay a viable salary for a second pastor. This means that 75-80% of all churches struggle to add a second person to their pastoral staff.

One great solution to these scenarios is bi-vocational ministry. In such cases it is very valuable when the pastor has a marketable skill in addition to ministry training. In fact, there are many exciting opportunities for ministry if students would consider bi-vocational ministry. On top of serving in small to medium size churches are opportunities for joining a church planting team to work with children, youth, or worship. Not to forget the incredible value of mission students having trade skills for going onto the mission field.

This is where Living Faith's new Fusion Program comes in. We are very excited to announce that we will be offering a new program that combines spiritual growth with ministry preparation and trades training.

LFBC's Fusion Program Combines . . .

Spiritual Growth

Ground your faith in God's word and experience personal transformation



Ministry Preparation

Prepare for ministry in a local church, foreign mission context or parachurch organization



Trades Training

Begin or complete your training in one of more than 50 trades



(Continued on Page 2)

In This Issue:

- **Introducing Fusion**
- **Amazing Donation**
- **Spring LYFE**
- **Alumni News**
- **Family Camp & Alumni Reunion**
- **Graduation 2014**
- **Upcoming Events**



Fusion Program Target

LFBC's Fusion Program will target two types of students:

1. Students pursuing a vocational trade, but who also want one or two years of Bible college to grow spiritually and be grounded in their faith. Students completing a two year program would receive a diploma from LFBC and simply continue to pursue further training in the trade of their choice.
2. Students called to ministry and who want to complete both their ministry preparation and their trade training to be better prepared for a wider range of ministry contexts. Students completing the full bi-vocational program would receive a BTh in Bi-vocational Ministry.

Fusion Program Overview

The Fusion Program at LFBC is designed for students to complete core courses in Bible, Theology, Christian Living, and Ministry Skills while also completing courses and apprenticeship requirements for their selected trades. While the former courses will be taken at Living Faith Bible College, the trades courses will be taken at one of eleven certified training colleges in Alberta.

The advantage of partnering with other certified training colleges is that LFBC does not need to build the very expensive infrastructure of buildings, equipment and teachers required to offer a quality trades program. It also doesn't limit our students to only one college and allows them to receive training in one of more than 50 trades.

Nearly all trade courses in Alberta are taught in 8 week blocks and offered up to five times each year. Because LFBC offers nearly all of its courses in a block/modular format, our students are uniquely positioned to take their trade training off campus for 8 weeks during the second quarter of the fall semester without missing their other required courses for the Fusion Program.

Students will earn their apprenticeship hours primarily during the summer months. Starting at 50% to 60% of a ticketed tradesman's salary, apprentice students will receive a wage much higher than minimum wage allowing them to more easily earn money for subsequent college years at LFBC.

Typical Year for Fusion Students



Though the final details of the program and schedule are yet to be decided through ongoing communication with Trades Alberta, below is a possible paradigm of what a schedule would look like for a student in the Fusion Program taking the full bi-vocational degree.

Possible Five Year Overview if LFBC Arranges the Apprenticeship

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Year 1	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			
Year 2	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			
Year 3	Apprenticeship	Trade Courses	Trade Courses	Apprenticeship								
Year 4	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			
Year 5	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			

Another possible schedule follows.

Possible Five Year Overview if Student Arranges the Apprenticeship in Advance

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Year 1	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			
Year 2	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			
Year 3	Apprenticeship			Trade Courses	Apprenticeship							
Year 4	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			
Year 5	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Trade Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	LFBC Courses	Apprenticeship			

To better prepare students for the benefits and challenges of bi-vocational ministry, those pursuing the BTh in Bi-vocational Ministry will also receive specialty training from experienced bi-vocational pastors.

Fusion Program Benefits

- Students learn a marketable trade while attending Bible College. This trade can serve to provide their personal and family financial needs for their life-time. Like the Apostle Paul who had a tent-making trade, LFBC Fusion students have the flexibility to support themselves well wherever God calls them to serve.
- Students pursuing trades as a career choice can take a year or two at LFBC to be grounded in their faith and still move forward in their trade training.
- Students preparing for bi-vocational ministry will find a much wider array of ministry opportunities available to them rather than waiting for the limited openings in large churches.
- Trades provide the flexibility of self-employment and well paid part-time work that can more easily accommodate ministry than many other occupations. If one's ministry salary increases, one could correspondingly cut back trade involvement.
- Students are better able to earn sufficient finances for subsequent college years at LFBC.

To register or request more information phone 1-800-838-2975. Check out our website at www.lfbc.net.

Amazing Donation of Furniture

We are incredibly excited to announce yet another demonstration of God's astounding provision. This month, we received an amazing donation of 100 new bedroom sets for our dorms.

Originally purchased by Suncor Energy for a camp they had planned to build, 300 of these bedroom sets were donated to Olds College when changes in Suncor College caused them to modify their plans. Olds College intended to place this furniture into a new dorm facility that was to be built on their campus, but the contractor who won the bid for those dorms also included furniture in his bidding price. Since they no longer needed the furniture provided by Suncor, they attempted to sell some of it at a reduced rate, and eventually started giving it away to non-profit organizations, so that they no longer had to pay large storage fees.

Through a providential network of relationships connected to both Living Faith and Olds College, we heard of this amazing opportunity. In the end our communication with Olds College resulted in receiving 100 sets of bedroom furniture. Each set consists of:

- Twin X-Long Captains Bed with 2 Drawers
- Twin X-Long Mattress
- Wardrobe
- Bathroom Vanity
- Laptop Desk with Drawer
- Desk Chair
- Night Stand Bookshelf

- Medicine Cabinet (mirror)
- Coat Rack
- Role-up Shades and Valances

The retail value is \$2,000 per bedroom set, which comes to a total of \$200,000 worth of free, good quality furniture. Every item is still in the original boxes and has never been used! Even the mattresses are still wrapped in their original plastic. Thank you Olds College for your kindness to us and to numerous other non-profit organizations that also benefited from your generosity.

On top of this incredible gift of furniture, Marvan Transport donated the use of a semi tractor and trailer along with a driver and all fuel costs. Thank you Marvan for your generous donation. Thank you also to the students, volunteers, and staff members who worked tirelessly to move everything onto our campus. It took several trailer loads to fill up every nook and cranny we could find for storage and we will begin updating the dorm rooms this month.



LYFE

April 11-13, 2014

Ages: 13-18
Cost: Early Bird: \$65
Regular: \$85
Sponsors: half price

Speaker: Danny MacKay

Danny's message inspires people to be passionate about Christ and the call to build His kingdom. Combining humor and depth, Danny's ability to bring Scripture to life moves listeners to a deeper love for God and a commitment to reach the world around them.



For more information go to www.lfbc.net

CONGRATULATIONS

- Darren & Jacq Zacharias on the birth of their son, Aaron William, born July 28, 2013, 7 lbs 10 oz, 21 in.
- Jesse & Melodie (Cocks) James on the birth of their son, Riley Kjell, born Jan. 1, 2014, 7 lbs 10 oz 20 in.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences ...

- To the family of Allan Down at his passing on July 6, 2013. Allan and his wife Esther served on the staff of Living Faith for 23 years. Five of their children and a number of their grandchildren attended LFBC. He will be greatly missed.
- To the family of Deb Stone at her unexpected passing on July 30, 2013. Tim and Deb's sons, Garth and Glenn both graduated from LFBC along with their wives Misty and Julie. We are so sorry for your loss.
- To the family of Glenna Cumming at her passing in early January 2014 after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. After graduating from LFBC, Glenna served on LFBC staff for a season before her extended time of ministry in northern Alberta.

May all of you know the ongoing comfort of God's presence.

FAMILY CAMP & REUNION '01-'10 ALUMNI

July 2-6, 2014

Cost: Free-will

Calling all campers and all alumni who attended LFBC during years 2001 to 2010. Don't miss this exciting gathering where you can reconnect with friends from years gone by. Enjoy lots of fellowship, great food, and activities for all ages. Be enriched by times of worship and inspired by special guests Dan and Wendy Pope plus an array of staff from the first decade of the 21st century. Special alumni activities are being planned for the weekend, but attend the entire camp and have more time to catch up with your friends.



Dan & Wendy Pope



Cliff & Donna Stalwick



Paul Reich



Keven Funk



Gene Enns

Graduation 2014

May 3, 2:00 PM



Speaker: Lovelace St. John

Church planter and pastor, national Elder for the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies, and a dynamic communicator, Lovelace has a heart for fathering the next generation and is a favorite convention speaker of the students.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 5 - 16	Spring Ministry Tour
Apr. 11 - 13	Spring LYFE
May 3	Graduation Ceremonies
May 30 - Jun 1	Wildman
Jul. 2 - 6	Family Camp & Alumni Reunion 2001-'10
Jul. 21 - 25	Art Life Camp
Jul. 28 - Aug 1	Middle School Camp (Ages 11-14)
Aug. 2 - 4	FCA Family Camp
Aug. 4 - 8	Kids Camp (Ages 7-10)
Aug. 8 - 10	Wild Woman
Aug. 17 - 22	Mjorud Family Bible Camp - Montana

Digital Newsletter

Living Faith News can now be delivered directly to your email inbox in PDF format. Send an email with the word *Newsletter* in the subject line to office@lfbc.net and the next newsletter will be emailed to you.

LIVING FAITH NEWS

is a publication of

Living Faith
Evangelistic Association

Box 100, Caroline, AB
TOM 0M0
403-722-2225 or
800-838-2975
www.lfbc.net

