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Cover Photo: SBC students (L-R) Justin, Levi, Gino, and Eli walk in the neighbourhood of Gino's extended family in the Philippines together during Mission Xposure in February.

Message from the President



It is good to be able to address all of you. I trust and pray that you are all doing well and keeping in good health. By the time you read this, so much about the COVID-19 pandemic will have changed, however I want to tell you how we are responding at SBC.

For us as leadership, much of our time has been focused on two main aspects. The first is simply addressing the immediate needs of the college. This has included the shift to an online delivery of all our courses, reconfiguring how we will do student recruitment, raising the necessary funds for year-end, and closing down the main campus.

I am so proud of our students, faculty and staff for their efforts in making this work. They had very little notice to make these adjustments and must be commended for their great attitude and unwavering efforts! It is during life's challenges that we find out

our true character. Once again, SBC has risen to the challenge!

Our second area of focus has been looking forward to the future. One of the most challenging aspects of COVID-19 is how to proceed in the months ahead. As a world, we don't know what the best course of action might be. We have ideas, but this is all new territory. The same is true for those who are leaders in Higher Education.

I do want you to know that we are working hard planning for the future, regardless of what will come our way. We are discussing and playing out a variety of scenarios and what that means for our students, as well as our faculty and staff. As things come into better focus, and as we have more information about what our next steps will be, we will keep you updated.

From a financial perspective, we have experienced a significant shortfall in revenue. We refunded our dorm students for their dorm and food fees on a prorated basis. We have also lost revenue from those wanting to rent the college. Part of the impact is that we have had to lay-off some staff or reduce their hours, including some kitchen staff, our librarian and receptionist. I want to thank you for your prayers and encourage you to continue to pray for us! Your prayers are so critical as we plan for the future. I also want to thank you for your continued financial support. I want to ask you to help us as we navigate these

challenging times.

I also want you to know that we are praying for you. I know that many of you are being impacted financially by COVID-19. If you want prayer, please email me, or anyone at SBC, and we will add you to our prayer list. Your requests will remain confidential.

Finally, it is a comfort to know that God is in control. He is our source of hope, our

guide and the reason why SBC exists. He has been faithful in the past, and we know that He will be faithful today and in the days to come. For that we can praise Him and give Him thanks! 📍



Dr. Rob Reimer, D.Min
President



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An Experience of Learning Online

Tammy Fehr (2nd from right), Online BA in Christian Leadership '20

Tammy and Ben Fehr were young when they got married and chose to start a family. They chose to attain post-secondary education once their children were older. Ben went to college first and received his industrial electricians license in 2009. Tammy chose the online 3-year Bachelor of Arts degree through SBC as it fit into their busy family life and allowed for her to achieve her goal of following God in serving Him with a Masters in Counselling.

I was a full-time babysitter in my home when the time came for me to start my schooling. We decided online learning would be a viable option for everybody because I could not be away from home for long periods at a time. I first enrolled into an online BA degree through a different college, but after a few years of studying there I transferred to the SBC Online BA Degree to accelerate my degree as I was pursuing a career in counselling.

Since I started this journey, my goal has always been to go on to receive a Masters in Counselling, while remaining open

to God's leading. I did not want to be so narrowly focused on my goals and aspirations and miss what God had for me along the way. With every step we take, we are called to be faithful and obedient. While I have specific goals in mind, it has never been about reaching them—although it would be wonderful to reach them—it was and is always about glorifying God in the journey.

A big challenge at the beginning of this journey was to figure out a routine that worked for all of us. Not only did we have a young family (3 children), but

we were also very involved in youth ministry at this time. Juggling family, friends, assignments/deadlines, ministry (meetings, events, teaching, leading Bible studies, and mentoring), and the daily things of running a house proved to have its ups and downs. Studying online gave me the freedom to be available when I was needed, but also challenged me to get my assignments done early, so there was time for family activities and vacations.

Another challenge was to find a workspace in the house, so I did not have to move all my school stuff when we needed the kitchen table or counter. After creating this space, it became the space that everybody left alone, it simply became workspace.

Over the years, God has used many assignments to grow, challenge and stretch my faith. But there are two things that happened over the years that not only impacted my studies, but had a huge impact in my life and the life of other people.

In 2017, two years after my stepdad passed away, I took a Crisis Counselling course. I did not plan on working on my grief, but God had other plans. Through that course, I was able to take the healing steps I needed in my grief journey. In the final assignment, I was able to write about my own crisis in grief and how I would help someone in my position. Not only was I able to use the course material to help my crisis in grief, but since writing that assignment I have been able to share it with others and help others in their grief journey.

The second thing that happened in our life was when our daughter said she was gay. Shortly after she told us, I did a course called Ministry Studies Project. After

having trouble finding resources to help us navigate this as a family, we as a family decided I would tackle the subject of LGBT and the church. The paper that came from this assignment helped me to have a better understanding of what the Bible says about this topic. My position did not change, but I can tell you, my heart did. Since writing this assignment, I have been able to share it with many different people, including church leaders, in our area.

The benefits to me taking my degree online is that I adapted my day to fit in with our children's schooling hours, this included me 'going' to school while the kids were in school, and when they came home, I would stop. Although I was a student, I was also a wife and a mother of now teenagers, so I needed to make sure that I did not always talk about my schoolwork. I needed to still meet their needs in meaningful ways, while making space to let them meet my needs as well. However, they all were very instrumental in assisting me in various ways with my studies.

The Online Degree program appealed to me as I was also a shy, intimidated of people, kind of introvert, I just wanted to do my studies quietly without much recognition, but God had different plans. The more I studied the Bible, the more God spoke; and what He spoke was for me to share what I was learning. Suddenly, assignments were not only lessons for me to practically learn in life, but also lessons to share with others in written form, while leading a Bible study, or even sharing while being a speaker for women's church camp.

As you have read, I could not have done my studies without my family being on board through the journey. But I also have to mention the mentors I had over the years. They not only encouraged, challenged,

and prayed for me; they also helped me to learn to live out what I was learning in my classes. Moreover, at times, they also became classmates I could bounce ideas off of and discuss class material.

My online BA Degree took me longer than 3-years, and that is the benefit to an accredited online degree course. I am thankful to Professors Hali Reimer-Chaplin, Darryl Klassen, Rachel Dreher, Patrick Friesen, Garth Friesen, Arlene

Friesen, Terry Hiebert, Arden Thiessen, Chris Marchand, and Rob Reimer who have made it possible for me to graduate this April – thank you!

“As good as it is to have goals and aspirations, life is not about attaining our goals, but rather learning to worship God in the journey.” 📍

CONGRATULATIONS Grads of 2020

We look forward to celebrating our
2019-2020 graduating students on
October 17, 2020.

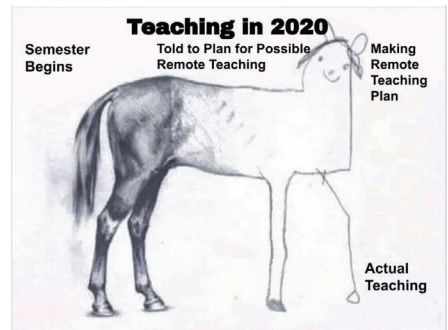
Information regarding COVID-19 restrictions is changing regularly, please stay tuned to **SBCollege.ca** for any announcements regarding grad ceremonies.



SBC Moves Online to Finish Semester

Dr. Terry Hiebert, Academic Dean

In the 2006-07 *InTouch*, I wrote optimistically about making SBC courses accessible to working students. “SBC continues to look for more ways to make courses accessible to working students. This fall Dr. Arden Thiessen’s Pastoral Ministries course is being delivered to a pastor in Ontario via webcam...If the test is successful, more courses may be delivered online.” The test worked fabulously! Now in 2020 SBC is fully online! And we are living happily ever after!



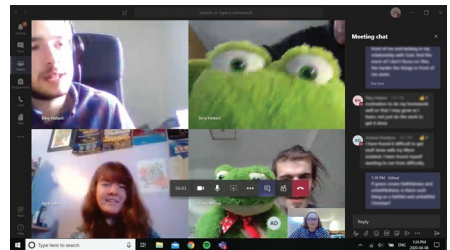
Pandemic Pedagogy Meme [Renea Frey]

That’s not the way change happens in a Bible college, even in one considered tech friendly. After tests on video classes with individual students, SBC went online with a certificate program in 2012, an online BA degree in 2017, and Canada Student Loan approved in 2019. Our online program has quietly grown to over 50 courses this year. But then COVID-19 changed everything.

Knowing that college life would change radically in a short time, SBC transitioned to online in just a few days. On March 16 the Introduction to New Testament class was taught in a live class using Microsoft Teams to connect with students in self-isolation. Teams gave students and faculty a common space to collaborate using chat, video, and more. By the end of the week the technical issues were fixed, and all students and staff had been trained to go fully online. Since March 23, Teams classes, chapels, announcements, meetings, and events like Social Butterfly, Hootenany, and Worship Night have connected the SBC community during this difficult time.

The transition has been challenging. While the commute to class has improved (a few steps!), working and studying from home is isolating, watching screens all day is fatiguing, and motivation to finish the year needs ever more encouragement and prayer. Still a highlight of my week

is Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. when several students and I gather online to talk about our week, focus on God’s presence in our lives, laugh together, and pray for each other. If we had been on campus this meeting would have ended at 12:00 for lunch. But online, the gathering continues until 12:30 p.m. or more because we have no place to go. And this is the closest thing we have to being at home with our SBC family doing what we do well: connect. 📍



Weekly Ministry Formation Groups connect via Microsoft Teams. A space where faculty mentor students, engage in discussions, encourage one another, and of course, have fun.

Dr. Terry Hiebert, has served as Professor of Theology at SBC since 1995 and as Academic Dean since 2006.



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In our last issue,
we asked our
alumni to identify
fellow alum in
photos.

Congratulations CAROLYN LOEWEN!



Carolyn Loewen '73

I lived most of my life in British Columbia, currently in Salmon Arm. I spent two years in Papua New Guinea (1980-1981) as a bookkeeper with SIL (subsidiary of Wycliffe Bible Translators). I married in 1990 and I have two children, a son (26) and a daughter (24). I divorced in 2018 and am now retired and spend my time with friends and family.



Reuben Signh '04

It's hard to imagine that it's been 16 years since graduating from SBC. I'm thankful for the staff and their passion for advancing the gospel through investing in students like myself who have gone on to be involved in ministry whether vocationally or not. Immediately after graduating I started working with Youth for Christ Steinbach (and still am today). Most of those years have been working directly with at-risk youth through our drop-in center, *Backstage*. I'm encouraged each year when fall classes begin at SBC as we often see students come to volunteer in our ministry, eager to learn, engage and grow as they serve our youth. I see the same heart of student leadership in them as was taught and modelled during my time there and that posture makes a difference no matter where you take it.



Richard Sayer '04

With heart-pulls toward vocational international ministry, Rich & Joy married in 2005. During and after completing BA degrees from Steinbach Bible College. We moved to Spain in September 2017. We are presently in a season of developing a foundation for organized ministry by way of first being learners of language, culture, mindsets and perceived needs through deepening friendships and connecting within their local church & community. As we become equipped, we look forward representing the Kingdom of God through church discipleship and partnering together to serve the local community.

www.actioninternational.org/missionary/Richard-and-Joyelle-Sayer

Ramona Klassen '53

I thank the Lord for my years at SBC many years ago. Many good and precious memories were made. When I entered Bible College I believed God had called me to be a foreign missionary and the school would prepare me for this. At SBC I found that God's Word is a living word when we study it. His word helped prepare me to follow God's will. It changes us when we commit ourselves to obey it. The Word became a guide for my life and drew me closer to my Saviour and Lord. It encouraged me to become more mature in becoming more like Jesus. I believe my time at SBC prepared me for the way God led me in His service.



A Donor's Story

Barb Hamm

Steinbach has been home since moving from Winnipeg in 1993. Until that time, I worked in surgical nursing. It is now a privilege to serve part time in my home church, job-sharing the administrative assistant position. I love the Church! The promise of life through faith in Jesus Christ is not only for the future. He is my current daily source of strength and joy!

I'm a mother to 3 married daughters; 'my 3 sons' were each born on different continents. Being a grandmother is one of life's greatest pleasures! God has blessed our family richly. The loss of my husband in 2009 through suicide caused us to experience the Father's intimate presence as we walked through the valley of the shadow of death. The Lord has proven Himself to be most adequate for life's heartache. He faithfully walks with me moment by moment.

We live in a world filled with challenge and uncertainty, and need to know the One who overcomes this life. Psalm 119:92 says "If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction." We can know God through His Word. I rely on His sustaining power for each day. SBC engages people in the Word, connecting them to the One who is sovereign over His creation and in Whom alone is our certain hope. This is worth supporting! 📍

Barb Hamm, faithful SBC donor.



Praise & Prayer

Praise God for:

- Helping students finish well. This was a monumental task innovatively approached by our I.T. staff and professors.
- For the 44 students who graduated from SBC this year who we plan to celebrate in the fall.
- The 86 students to date planning on attending SBC in the fall.

Pray for:

- Students considering attending SBC in the fall.
- COVID-19 has significantly impacted our finances. We have refunded dorm students (\$71,000) and have suspended all rentals (\$54,000). To help us cover this loss of revenue, **we ask you to prayerfully consider another gift, or becoming a monthly partner.**

Can we pray for you? Send us your personal prayer requests or praises to LEsau@SBCCollege.ca.



“Connecting with the people through their own language and through worship was so much fun. That’s something I’ll cherish forever, to know that there’s a greater community out there than what we have here in North America. It’s so beautiful to see how diverse God has made us.”
- Zoey (Pursuit DTS, Brazil)

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"I now recognize on a deeper level that there needs to be less of me so that there can be more of Jesus; for it is not I who can change the lives of people, but it is God, Who has created all and is in all." - Jess (MX2, Thicket Portage, MB)



X-POSURE



“This trip was a memorable experience not only because of my personal connection to the island nation but also because of what I learned from the people; I had put limits on God’s work, and realized He works beyond our expectations and beyond our own limits.” - Gino (MX3, Philippines)



“I think it is important to not only be in class and learn, but to also go out and put into practice what you have learned. I appreciated the leaders/professors and the leadership they provided for the group through obvious love and care for each individual.” - Dion (MX1, Inner-city Winnipeg)

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MAY 20	Virtual Campus Visit
JUNE 18	Virtual Campus Visit
JUNE 30	Fiscal Year-End
AUG 11	Annual Steinbach Golf Tournament @ Quarry Oaks <i>(post-poned date)</i>
AUG 25	Annual Morden Golf Tournament @ Minnewasta <i>(post-poned date)</i>
SEPT 8	Orientation Day 2020-2021
OCT 17	Tentative date for 2020 Graduation Ceremonies

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