

# Prairie Bible College Chapel/Assembly Handbook 2005-2006

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# Action Prayer Groups

## WHAT IS AN ACTION GROUP?

The heart of God is moved with compassion for the people of the world. Action Prayer Groups are small groups that regularly pray for people, countries, needs, and/or concerns of the world. Students see God answering prayer as they join Him in His heart for and work in the world. Prayer Groups are also a means to developing as a “world” Christian who’s heart is moved by the issues that move the heart of God.

## WHEN ARE ACTION GROUPS?

These student led groups meet Tuesdays and Fridays (9:55 – 10:25 AM).

## WHERE ARE ACTION GROUPS LOCATED?

<b>Inner City</b> (Lindy Taylor Joshua Odom)	Tab Foyer	<b>Europe</b> (West Hicks Yi Hong)	FH 247
<b>Middle East</b> (Matt Lacey and Carl Stroh)	FH 244	<b>Bible-less People</b> (Keren Massey)	FB 106
<b>Persecuted Church</b> (Kari Asselstine)	FH 231	<b>Unsaved Families</b> (Aaron Redditt Carley Summers)	TAB West
<b>Jewish Prayer Band</b> (David Dunn)	TAB Balcony East	<b>Student Leaders/Campus</b> (Jenilee Doerksen Jamie Martin)	FH 307
<b>Mexico/Latin America</b> (Brian Phillips)	FH 301	<b>Europe</b> (West Hicks Yi Hong)	FH 247
<b>High School</b> (Jordan Cavanaugh Tara Davidson)	TAB Balcony West	<b>Native North</b> (Ivan Harper)	Small Banquet Room
<b>North America</b> (Eric Lewis Jeremy Koleba)	FH 248	<b>Camp Ministry</b> (Erik Sisson and Bobbi Durden)	FH 302
<b>Caribbean</b> (?)	TAB East	<b>Asia</b> (Joshua Reimer Jeremy Oaten)	FH 232
<b>Africa</b> (Natalie LeBlanc Edward Resand)	FH 234		

## **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION GROUPS?**

Action Prayer Groups are under the authority and the responsibility of the Student Union (not the Chapel Coordinator). The Commissioner of Spiritual Life (Morgan Mosselman) is the officer of the Student Union who is directly accountable for this ministry. He has delegated oversight for Action Groups to Dina Sabiri who in turn has the above stated leaders who are responsible for the specific Action Groups.

## **Announcements**

Information sharing and communication are very important for the College community to function well. However, within chapel we want to be careful to not substitute vital things such as worship and prayer with the “urgent” things such as announcements and information.

We will not make verbal announcements in chapel. We will make limited verbal announcements in Assemblies on selected Tuesdays.

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WANT TO MAKE A VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN ASSEMBLY?**

1. First, type out your announcement and then email it to the Prairie bulletin board that is accessible via this email address: *students@prairie.edu*
2. Second, send this same written announcement to Glenn Loewen at *glenn.loewen@prairie.edu* along with your request to make this announcement verbally. In addition to this written announcement I will need to know:

- Do you need to make the announcement personally or can the person leading the assembly read it?
- Is there any technology needed to make the announcement (e.g. Lapel mic, video, Power Point)?
- How much time will it take to make the announcement?

Glenn will make decision about announcements that will be permitted in assembly based on the following criteria:

- Priority of importance – Is this information that is critical?
- Priority of request – Who requested the announcement first? (If you come and ask for an announcement immediately before assembly probably permission will not be granted).
- Priority of audience – To how many people is this information pertinent?
- Priority of quality – Is the announcement in good taste, creative, and excellent in quality?

If you have requested to make a verbal announcement personally I will contact you if you are able to make the announcement. If granted, you need to be at the front of the Dining Hall at least 10 minutes before the assembly begins (i.e. 9:15 AM) so that we can organize this time of communication. If you have a video or other technology you need to be there by 9:00 AM so that we can do audio/visual check. If you are not present by this time you will be taken off the announcement list for that day.

## **HOW CAN I COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS IF I CANNOT MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN ASSEMBLY?**

- *Intranet bulletin board* – you can communicate information to all students through this address: students@prairie.edu
- *Screen announcements* – if you would like to have an announcement made on the screen (before chapel/assembly) you need to personally develop the Power Point slide and give the slide to me (on a 3.5 floppy disk) the day before it is expected to be shown.
- Consider using other campus communication vehicles such as the *Title*, posters, Dining Hall PA, announcements at other types of gatherings, residence PA's, newsletters.

## Chapel Program

### **WHY IS THERE A CHAPEL PROGRAM AT PRAIRIE BIBLE COLLEGE?**

Prairie is a faith community of learners and followers of Jesus. Together we are traveling in the journey of learning to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength. At the core of the educational experience are intentional spiritual formation opportunities to assist us in the adventure of this journey of faith.

The College community has an integral commitment to corporately seek and glorify the Lord on each class day in chapel.

Because of Who God is in His Person He is worthy of all glory. He is rightfully jealous of all glory (Isaiah 42:8). The Westminster catechism states, "Man's chief end is to glorify God." People are created to magnify God's glory! John MacArthur writes, "Clearly the supreme duty of the creature for time and eternity is to worship the Creator" (*The Ultimate Priority*, pg.vii). "Worship is all that we are, reacting rightly to all that He is" (*The Ultimate Priority*, pg.147). In the truest sense, all of life should be a worship experience in that all of life is to intentionally be lived for His glory. Authentic worship should not be narrowly defined as being choruses or hymns or music or even something we exclusively do within worship services. At the same time as all of life is a worship experience; it is also true that the community of Christ gathers to intentionally express worship in specific services. This practice of worshipping corporately is in keeping with the historical community of Christ (Heb. 10:25), the Bible College chapel distinctive, and the chapel heritage of Prairie Bible Institute. Seeking God and glorifying Him are central to the Christian faith and to the mission of the College. Chapel is not simply a "historical relic" that we do because we have "always done it that way". It is a present commitment to worship God and experience Him in our lives today. Chapel is not a 'performance', a 'show', or 'entertainment'. The audience for each chapel is the Lord God Himself. The leaders on the platform are *not* there to 'perform' for those people in the pews who passively watch the performance. Both those on the platform and those in the pew are there to actively worship, please, and serve God.

We join together as brothers and sisters in Christ to worship the One Almighty God. Chapel is not a replacement of or substitute for either personal spiritual worship discipline or for the service of the local church. However, it is an experience of this community in which we desire to experience God and His blessings in our lives. We listen to His Word, we seek Him in prayer, we celebrate, we experience His work in our lives, and we anticipate His moving in our community!

## WHAT PRINCIPLES GUIDE WORSHIP IN CHAPEL?

Our chapel worship is guided by the following principles:

- The **biblical and historical Christian corporate disciplines and means of grace** are the primary ways of seeking and worshipping God (e.g. Word of God, Prayer, Hymns and spiritual songs, Silence, Confession) in chapel. We believe that chapel should serve the College community primarily ‘heart to heart’ as compared to ‘head to head’. This is not to suggest a dichotomy between the heart and head. It simply reflects a ‘balance’ to the college life that largely focused on the educational component.
- The chapel will be **targeted for the college student**. Although the college students are not the only participants they are the main and majority.
- **The chapel will be a place for students to try, discover, and develop gifts**. Our commitment is to train students who can participate and lead worship services in local churches. Chapel is an ideal venue for such training.
- The chapel should be done with **excellence** because it is to and for the Lord. Excellence has to do with attitude of the heart and not perfection of skills. We believe Bible College is a place for members to develop and learn skills and that the chapel provides an opportunity to do so. Every member of the Body is gifted to serve the Body. This does not mean every member is gifted for leading in corporate worship.
- The chapel should help us to experience and appreciate the **diversity of the Body of believers**. The College community reflects the beauty of racial, cultural, denominational, social diversity that is the reality of the family of God. With that diversity there comes diversity of traditions, preferences, and opinions regarding the forms and styles of worship. We desire chapel to reflect this diversity as an opportunity to learn and appreciate the richness of the Body of Christ. We believe that the diversity finds unity, not in becoming like each other, but in our common purpose of seeking God together.
- Authentic worship is to be in **truth**. Thus, we will conduct the ministry within the historical doctrine and emphasis of Prairie Bible Institute, as our understanding of the Word of God.
- Authentic worship is in **Spirit**. This is an individual responsibility of the believer to enter into this experience with a contrite and broken heart. This is much more than how an individual ‘feels’ or whether he/she likes the liturgy style or form. We believe that the liturgy can express the heart and aid the heart in responding to God. However, it is not the responsibility of the leaders or liturgy to ‘wake people up’ or ‘work the crowd’ to develop the right *feelings*.
- The chapel should result in **life transformation**. True worship will change our lives because of the experiencing of the living God. The chapel should provide for and challenge students toward actually experiencing God in their lives. It is not simply talking about God but rather leading people to God.

## **WHAT IS THE CHAPEL PROGRAM AT PRAIRIE BIBLE COLLEGE?**

The following is the general weekly format for chapel (However, please note the specific schedule will have some exceptions):

### ***Tuesday***

#### **9:25 –9:55 – Assembly (Location: Various)**

*Purpose:* Communication is essential to healthy community. This will be an opportunity for common interest/purpose groups to meet and/or for whole college community information times. (e.g. Student Union, Student Development, Classes, Academic Programs, Dean of the College, Registrar, President, Exit Survey)

**9:55-10:25 - Action Groups:** Action Groups are small groups that pray for various regions/issues of the world. (Action Groups are under the authority and the responsibility of the Student Union.)

### ***Wednesday***

#### **9:25 –10:25 – Chapel (Location: Dining Hall)**

*Purpose:* Chapel is to glorify God through corporate worship by the college community. There be times for preaching, testimony, music, drama, celebration, prayer, petition, confession, thanksgiving, and intercessory prayer for community needs.

### ***Thursday***

#### **9:25 – 10:25 – Community (Location: Various)**

*Purpose:* Spiritual formation in the context of small group communities (i.e. IMPACT Groups) through worship, prayer, Bible Study, and "one another" care (Acts 2:42-47). Faculty/staff are invited to participate as group members, leaders, or mentors.

### ***Friday***

#### **9:25 –9:55 –Consecration (Parable Place, FH231, FH302)**

*Purpose:* God is working in His world. This will include stories of how God is working in and through consecrated Christians in His kingdom! There is a choice of 3 venues on this day.

**9:55-10:25 - Action Groups:** Action Groups are small groups that pray for various regions/issues of the world. (Action Groups are under the authority and the responsibility of the Student Union.)

## **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHAPEL PROGRAM?**

The chapel is a ministry of the College and therefore falls under the authority of the Dean of the College. Oversight of the chapel ministry is delegated to Glenn Loewen (Chapel Coordinator). Members of the College community are encouraged to communicate their questions, concerns, and ideas for chapel program through the PBC Chapel Coordinator. Glenn can be contacted through the following:

Office: Faculty Building #104  
Phone (office): 403-443-3039  
Phone (home): 403-443-2608  
Fax: 403-443-5540  
Email: glenn.loewen@prairie.edu

The program of the chapel will be accomplished together with the Chapel Worship Team Leaders that will include the following for 2005-2006: Eric Forbes, Jesse Peters, Krista Patti, Chenelle Falconer, and the Theology and Practice of Worship teams.

Students' Union Spiritual Life Commissioner (Morgan Mosselman) can also be contacted about chapel questions/concerns.

It is the responsibility of the individual member of the College community to participate in the chapel spirit and in truth. This is an individual responsibility of the believer to enter into this experience with a contrite and broken heart. Students and faculty are encouraged to participate in glorifying God and serving the Body, whether on platform or in the pew.

## Christian Life Week

### **WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK?**

This is a series of chapels with an emphasis to challenge students and faculty to passionate follower-ship of Jesus.

The roots of this chapel series are the "deeper life" conference that through its history has had significant spiritual influence on the Prairie community. This conference was rooted within the Keswick theological framework. "A traditional Keswick Convention pursues a specific topic each day. The first day emphasizes sin. God's standard of holiness and human failure are held before the people with the express intention of promoting deep conviction of sin and spiritual need. On the second day God's provision for victorious Christian living is presented. The finished work of Christ provides more than justification-it provides identification. In fact, union with Christ is seen as the heart of Pauline theology...The third day is absolutely crucial. Consecration is the theme, and people are challenged, in light of their own failure and inability and in the light of God's full provision, to surrender unconditionally to God..."Life in the Spirit" is the theme of the fourth day. This topic is also extremely important, for Keswick teaches most distinctively that living a life filled with the Spirit is the birthright of every Christian...The holy Spirit is God's provision both for holy living and for effective service." (Dieter, Melvin E., Anthony A. Hoekema, Stanley M. Horton, J. Robertson McQuilkin, and John F. Walvoord. *Five Views on Sanctification*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987. Pg. 154-155)

### **WHEN IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK?**

For the 2005-2006 academic year this series will be September 27-29, 2005.

The speaker is Dr. Richard Blackaby (B.A., M.Div., Ph.D.). He is the oldest child of Henry and Marilyn Blackaby. He has co-authored a number of books with his father including *Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda*, *Hearing God's Voice*, *Called to Be God's Leader: Lessons from the Life of Joshua*, *When God Speaks*, *God's Invitation*, *CrossSeekers*, *Experiencing God Day-by-Day* and *The Experience*. He has also contributed articles and chapters for various magazines and books, while maintaining an extensive speaking schedule. He is married to Lisa and enjoys having three teenage children, Mike, Daniel, and Carrie. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Honors in history from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master of Divinity and a Ph.D. in Church History from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Formerly the senior pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Richard continues to serve President of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochrane, Alberta since 1993

# Consecration Chapel

## **WHAT IS CONSECRATION CHAPEL?**

Consecration Chapel (God's Story in our World!) is a focus on declaring God's wonderful story in the world as experienced through His consecrated servants. There will be up to three separate venues from which students will be able to choose to hear what God is doing in His world.

Within these venues will be missions organizations, Christian workers, pastors as well as Christians involved in "non-ministry" vocations to share with students. Our prayer is that students will gain encouragement and be challenged to involvement as they hear about God's work through his servants. Consecration is from 9:25 - 9:55 AM on Fridays.

## **HOW DO I BOOK A PRESENTATION TIME IN CONSECRATION CHAPEL?**

Consecration chapels can be requested by completing the *Chapel Presentation Application* and submitting this to Glenn Loewen (Chapel Coordinator). Please note the Consecration schedule for dates that are available. These are allocated on a first come, first-serve basis.

For Consecration we encourage presenters to share one or more of the following:

- How God is working in your life - God's story in you! (for students to see your personal passion of consecration to Jesus).
- How God is working through you - God's story through you! (for students to hear about how God is working through you and gain vision for how God could use them in His world).
- How God is working through your organization - God's story in the stories of people in your organization! (This could include a brief introduction of your ministry organization and windows of opportunity available to students).
- Prayer requests from a country/need of the world (for students to be able to be informed and to pray for needs in the world).

# Day of Prayer

## **WHAT IS A DAY OF PRAYER?**

Each semester the College has a Day of Prayer that includes not only the chapel time but also the entire class day. We take an entire day to seek God together in an adventure of prayer. This is a special opportunity for us to seek the Lord through quiet personal reflection, intercessory prayer, meditation on God's Word, and praise. For many students this experience has become a highlight in their spiritual pursuit.

The specific schedule for each of these days will be posted just previous to the day.

## **WHEN ARE THE DAYS OF PRAYER SCHEDULED?**

This year these days are scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 and January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006.



## Offerings/Collections in Chapel

It needs to be recognized that most students have very limited resources. They also can and should support the local church ministry. Offerings will be few in number and without coercion. Announcements about offerings taken outside of chapel (e.g. Loony box) can be made within the assembly with prior authorization of the Chapel Coordinator.

All offerings to be received within the chapel program will be first approved by the Chapel Coordinator. The general guidelines for approval will be:

- 1) Requests for Emergencies of PBC student - The request would normally be approved first by the Students' Union and if approved there, would be considered by the Chapel Coordinator. The offering for a college student would be for a genuine emergency situation. It would not be as a result of student negligence such as failing to purchase health insurance. It would also not include tuition shortfall of any individual student.
- 2) Requests for ministry experiences- the request would be approved first by the Students' Union and if approved there, would be considered by the Chapel Coordinator. All students in a similar ministry would receive the benefit. For example, all students on college sponsored summer teams would benefit and not just one team or one individual on a team.
- 3) Requests for Other Needs - This could include things such as child sponsorship, special missionary need, and disaster relief. The request would be approved first by the Students' Union and if approved there, would be considered by the Chapel Coordinator.
- 4) Requests from other PBI schools - The request would be approved by the President of Prairie Bible Institute.

## Prayer Requests

### **WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE THE STUDENT BODY TO PRAY FOR ME IN CHAPEL?**

Prayer requests that you would like to share with the College family can be emailed to the Chapel Coordinator at [glenn.loewen@prairie.edu](mailto:glenn.loewen@prairie.edu). These will be posted on the large screen before chapel begins. We encourage College family members to come early and pray for these requests. The chapel leader may also pray for these requests as part of the regular chapel program. Prayer items can also be presented to the whole Prairie community via [i-prayer@prairie.edu](mailto:i-prayer@prairie.edu).

### **WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A REQUEST WITH STUDENTS IN CHAPEL?**

Contact the Chapel Coordinator. Glenn can be contacted through the following:

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Fax: 403-443-5540

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## Chapel Recordings

### **WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A CHAPEL RECORDING?**

Chapels are normally broadcasted on the local campus line radio. Normally, chapels are also recorded. You may purchase a cassette recording for a nominal fee. Please contact:

Abe Weibe  
27 Mobile Drive  
Box 4372  
(403) 443- 5057

**WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN TO A CHAPEL RECORDING?**

Many of the chapels (both past as well as present) are archived in the T.S.R. Library. These are available for loan.

## Worship Team Leaders

**WHO ARE THE WORSHIP TEAM LEADERS?**

Chapel Worship Team Leaders that will include the following for 2005-2006: Eric Forbes, Jesse Peters, Krista Patti, Chenelle Falconer, and the Theology and Practice of Worship teams.

**WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CHAPEL WORSHIP TEAM?**

Please contact one of the above leaders to see if he/she has opportunity/openings in his/her worship team.