

Sending Out Graduates with a Foundation in God's Word

Several years ago, a prominent Canadian bookstore franchise promoted the sale of Canadian books with the tagline, "The world needs more Canada." Though we may agree that Canada is a great country to live in, we know that our country is not close to being the answer to the world's greatest need. Our greatest needs are only met in Jesus and the salvation He purchased with His blood. The world needs Jesus! And this is the good news we celebrate this time of year – that God became flesh and dwelt among us, beginning a journey on earth that would lead to the cross, His death and resurrection.

How do we know this to be true? We know because God has graciously communicated to us through His Word.

This Fall, we have asked our students, faculty, staff, and alumni, "Why did you come to Heritage?" Followed up often by asking, "Why do you stay?" The constant response we hear centres on the unique opportunity they have to study and learn about the life-giving, authoritative, inerrant Word of God they treasure in every class at Heritage.

We delight that the Bible is the foundation of the biblical and theological education we offer here at Heritage. Our prayer is to send out graduates better equipped with a knowledge of God's Word to serve their churches as pastors, ministry leaders, or faithful congregants around Ontario, Canada, and wherever God may have them live and work. We aspire to see God use our college and seminary to prepare more men and



women to boldly proclaim the good news of great joy for all people—that Christ has come to save those who repent and believe in Him and restore a right relationship with God, our heavenly Father. To see God glorified in Canada and throughout the nations is the highest motivation for all that we do as a school.

To each of you who value the ministry of Heritage, we are grateful for all you do. Thank you for your involvement in talking to people in your churches who are considering post-secondary and graduate-level studies and pointing them to Heritage. Thanks for your prayers for our current students and our future college and seminary students.

And thank you for your generous financial investment in our mission. We would earnestly trust that you will continue to give. Your support enables us to partner with churches in the Great Commission task of equipping those who will go out into the world with the good news of the gospel. Our world surely needs more of this.

Gratefully serving on your behalf,

Bob Kallonen
Interim President

Dr. Barry Howson
Acting VP of Academics &
Dean of College and Seminary

Applying Lessons Learned to Serving Young People

*Bachelor of Theology – Youth Ministries student
Branden Wiebe shares how God has transformed his life while
studying at Heritage but has also prepared him to serve in
youth ministry.*



As a student in a youth ministry program at Heritage, I seek to take what I learn and experience here at Heritage and see how I can apply it to today's young people in the church. Since I first entered my program at Heritage, my time and energy have not been wasted; God has used my time here in a significant way to grow me in my own spiritual life and prepare me for serving today's young people in the church. I will talk about two main ways I have seen this.

Firstly, God has used my time living in dorm to grow me spiritually. Heritage residence is a place where brothers and sisters in Christ help one another grow in Christlikeness. This beautiful picture of a Christian community that I have experi-

enced is something I hope to bring to today's young people in the church.

Secondly, God has blessed me with more knowledge of His Word—more than before coming here. Whether in classes, chapels, Impact Groups or just general biblical conversations around campus, Heritage is a place where further knowledge of God's Word happens. However, Heritage has made it clear that it doesn't stop at knowledge; this should translate to building up the body of Christ in the future. I hope to use my knowledge of God's Word learned at Heritage to pour into today's young people in the church. Praise be to God in this joyous season!

How Can You Help Heritage?

Here are a few ways you can support Heritage in the new year.

Share Heritage: Is there someone in your family or church who is looking to take one year to study God's Word or is feeling led towards a future in ministry? Talk to them this year about coming to Heritage! Go to DiscoverHeritage.ca/Academics to learn about our programs.

Come to Heritage: Invite people to visit us! From Campus Tours to encouraging students to attend a Student Sampler—there's plenty of opportunity to experience Heritage firsthand. Visit DiscoverHeritage.ca/Tour to learn more.

Give to Heritage: Through your generosity throughout the year, we can support our students by providing the services and faculty needed while making biblical education more affordable. Visit DiscoverHeritage.ca/Donate to give today.

Pray for Heritage: We are grateful for a community that continually prays for our current and future students, staff, and faculty as they serve Christ and His Church at Heritage.



Learning and Growing Together

Master of Theological Studies student Wendy Saulesleja shares her experience of experiencing the impact of Heritage personally as a seminary student and also as a mother to Karen, a Bachelor of Religious Education – Honours – Social and Family Studies student in the college.

Heritage College & Seminary, has created a unique atmosphere for students to learn, grow, and strengthen their faith in a small and closely-knit community. One of the standout features of Heritage is its intimate size, which allows for a personalized and versatile academic experience. Heritage is not just a school; it's a community of believers. Students find support and inspiration in being surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their faith and values. The atmosphere fosters deep friendships and spiritual growth, as individuals sharpen each other in their faith journeys.

Both my daughter and I have experienced a significant increase in our spiritual well-being since joining the Heritage community. The school's environment, with its strong focus on faith, has become a catalyst for growth in our relationships with God. This unique opportunity has allowed us to

compare notes on classes, encourage and challenge one another, read each other's papers, and connect with each other's classmates. I love coming to school and knowing I'll get a hug from her or one of her friends!

At Heritage, the faculty is more than just educators. They are mentors and guides who personally invest in the success and spiritual growth of their students. With smaller class sizes, professors form meaningful relationships with students, knowing them as brothers and sisters in Christ rather than just students.

In a world where large universities often overshadow smaller institutions; Heritage College & Seminary stands out as a place where academic and spiritual growth go hand in hand.



Help Heritage continue its mission to train and equip men and women for life and ministry.

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A Time of Growth for a Life of Ministry

Bachelor of Theology graduate Mitchell Mowbray '23 reflects on how his time at Heritage prepared him for his life and service in ministry by providing time for growth as a disciple of Christ and servant leader.

Life happens quickly. There is no slowing it down. Within one week of walking out the front doors of Heritage, I was married, and within four months, I moved, started a full-time ministry role and was helping start a youth ministry at my church. Where did the time go?

God has been and will continue to use me and my life to fulfill his work. As I continue to see him work, I also look back and see how God used my time at Heritage in an intentional way. My four years at Heritage created an environment that prioritized my growth and learning and equipped me with the tools to serve in a life of ministry—a life pointing to Christ. While activities, ministry work, friends, family, appointments, and everything else filled my day-to-day life, Heritage created a space that protected and prioritized my

learning and growth.

As life moves forward, we need to be intentional with how we use our time. We need to actively pursue a growth mindset and a desire to continually challenge what we think we know, learning from our mistakes and victories.

At Heritage, I was given the opportunity to be fully committed to my growth as a disciple of Christ, a servant leader, a friend, and a mentor. Whether in class, serving on the Student Council, in the gym, at meals, in the local community, at church, or in a meeting with a professor, all these moments focused on helping me to be more like Christ in my everyday life. How are you pursuing and prioritizing growth in your life?

***From the students, staff, and faculty of
Heritage College & Seminary –
Merry Christmas to you and your family.***

***Thank you for supporting Heritage through
your continued prayers and financial gifts.***

*“Fear not, for behold, I
bring you good news of
great joy that will be
for all people.”
Luke 2:10*



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Upcoming Events at Heritage

Student Samplers: February 5-6 &
March 11-12

Ministry Leadership Day with
Dr. Darrell Bock - March 28, 2024

Graduation - April 26 & 27, 2024

Heritage Preaching Lectures with
Josh Moody - October 3, 2024