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President's Message

We just sent another 21 grads back to camps, to their churches, and into the world to follow Jesus, serve the church, and engage the world. It has been marvelous over the last month of school to hear student faith stories reflecting on who they were when they came to SBC, what they learned, the people they have become, and the developing call of God on their lives moving forward. At grad we heard parents celebrating those same developments. So encouraging!

Pray for our students as they serve in many Bible camps over the summer and as they step into their next chapters in

relationships, in education, in ministry, and in careers. This is a momentous time for them.

Pray also for next year's students. A good number have signed up and there is room for more. It is exciting to see new students coming in, knowing the accelerated discipleship that happens in the SBC community.

Pray also for our staff as we plan a series of transitions into our new campus in the coming months. We are expecting to move into the new offices in June (next month)! The classrooms and the dorms will not be quite ready by Sept 1, so we are planning for a transitional semester, with students starting on the old site and finishing the transition at the Christmas break. We

appreciate your prayers for those transitions.

Pray also for the continuing work of fundraising. We have another \$1.3M to raise to meet our \$15M target. If you have been waiting until the end is in sight, now would be a great time to donate toward our character-building mission of empowering servant leaders.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at our golf tournaments.

I pray for all of you a summer of inspiration as you experience Christ in the joy of the summer break.

Dave Reimer
(SBC President)



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Rooted in Faith, Sent to Serve: Celebrating the Class of 2026

On April 25, 2026, the SBC community gathered to celebrate the Class of 2026 at this year's commencement ceremony—an afternoon shaped by worship, reflection, and a shared sense of calling. We were proud to recognize 21 graduates, including four international students from Brazil, Jamaica, Nigeria, and Uganda, each one highlighting the diverse and global nature of SBC's learning community.

The Commencement Address was delivered by Karen Jolly, Associate Professor of Indigenous Studies at Providence University College and Theological Seminary. She encouraged graduates to stay rooted in their faith, to set their minds on things above, and to trust in God's faithfulness as they step into new seasons of ministry, work, and service.

Valedictorian Mark Fortin reflected on the journey of the class, sharing memories and encouraging his peers as they look ahead to what's next. His words captured both the gratitude and anticipation felt by the entire graduating class.

As these graduates step out from SBC into churches, ministries, workplaces, and communities, we celebrate who they have become and all that lies ahead. We send them with our prayers and encouragement, confident that God will continue to lead and use them in the days to come.



Back (L-R): Emma Arendt (BA), Adrian Penner (BA), Jesse Wiebe (BA), Trace Hiebert (BA), Mark Fortin (BA), Reuben Ascough (AA), Andrew Thiessen (BA), Andreas Warkentin (BA), Cole Murdock (BA), Denver Reimer (BA), Rachel Trites (AA)
Front (L-R): Kayla Reimer (AA), Lois Shetler (BA), Amanda Plett (BA), McKenna Martens (BA), Stanley Idogun (BA), Jesse Rempel (BA), Louise Vandenberg (BA), Matthew Vogt (BA), Richardo Andrews (AA), Elijah Kawooya (BA)

On April 24, we also celebrated nine Certificate graduates, recognizing their commitment to growing in faith and preparing for lives of service. During this time, we were grateful to honour Lara Funk for 10 years of service, as well as Emily Dyck and Kaitlyn Thiesen for five years each, celebrating their faithful investment in the SBC community. We also heard from building committee members Abe Bergen and Russ Neufeld, who shared updates and insights into the new campus building process.



Left - Right: Kayden Waldner, Darci Epp, Brooklynn Bankert, Danae Froese, Ryan Penner and Ezra Reimer
Missing: Carter Wiebe, Risa Zacharias and Josephine Unrau

SBC Offices Moving - June 8, 2026

Called to Serve, Equipped to Lead - MBCM Focus

SBC Graduates within Mennonite Brethren Churches Manitoba's 40+ churches

- 3 Associate/Teaching Pastors
- 3 Youth/Children's Pastors
- 1 Worship Ministry
- 1 Conference Office/Admin/Support Staff
- 3 Global Missions Workers

Evan Penner, Class of '25 Youth Pastor, Crossway Elm Creek

I graduated from SBC in 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. I got married in July of 2025, and from that point forward, I began looking for work. I applied to a few different ministry positions but none of those doors remained open. I began applying for entry-level jobs around Winnipeg and again, I could not get a job. In hindsight it seems obvious God was preparing a place for me, but it was challenging at the time being unemployed and newly married. Wouldn't you know God had a plan, and I soon found myself heading out to Elm Creek to candidate for the youth pastor position at Crossway. I was hired in early November, and the rest as they say, is history.

My time at SBC was foundational and transformative for my faith. I left SBC with a new compassion for a world that needs Jesus and continue to enjoy studying the story of scripture with the tools I received during my time at SBC.



Melissa (Thiessen) Wieler, Class of '23 Children's Ministry Director, Fort Garry Mennonite Brethren Church

After graduating from SBC with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies with a focus in Counselling, I spent a year working in a coffee shop before stepping into my role as Children's Ministry Director at Fort Garry MB Church. In 2025, I got married and moved to Winnipeg.

When I moved from Ontario to Manitoba in 2020, I knew almost no one here. One thing I have appreciated about my time at SBC is that I was able to build connections that would have taken me decades to form otherwise. I have been able to reach out, ask advice, and build community within my role at FGMB because of the time and care that went into my discipleship at SBC.



Liam Bull, Class of '23 Local Ministry, Multiply Network

I graduated from SBC with a Bachelor of Arts in Marketplace Ministry.

After getting engaged, I had the opportunity to serve with [Multiply Network](#), ministering to newcomers to Canada.

Following our marriage my wife and I spent eight months in Thailand, where I volunteered teaching English to children from Myanmar. Now we are back in Winnipeg, serving with Multiply Network.



2026 Award Recipients

Returning Student Focus Area Awards

Bible Teaching	Josiah Douma
<i>sponsored by CMC</i>	
Counselling Ministry	Ethan Moore
<i>sponsored by MBCM</i>	
Intercultural Studies	Josiah Harder
<i>sponsored by EMC</i>	
Pastoral	Reese Friesen
<i>sponsored by EMMC</i>	
Worship	Jane Unruh Thiesen
<i>sponsored by Anonymous</i>	
Youth	Xander Janzen
<i>sponsored by Fairway Ford</i>	
Marketplace	Bri Wall Thiessen
<i>sponsored by Anonymous</i>	

Bursaries

Betty Reimer Leadership Training	Josiah Harder
John P. & Katherine Epp	Trista Kehler and Jonathan Redekopp
VIDIR/SBC Ministry	Fauna Wilton and Malachi Reimer
Sanderson Music	Megan Giesbrecht and Ethan Friesen
John Epp Memorial	Xander Janzen

Scholarships

Ben D Reimer	Jason Dyck
Harvey Plett	Evan Dueck

Grad Awards (Awarded at Grad)

Timothy Award	Emma Arendt and Mark Fortin
Spirit of Generosity	Denver Reimer
ABHE Delta Epsilon Chi	Emma Arendt

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MX3: Spain - Faith in Action

The third year Missions Exposure trip (MX3), is one of the last steps towards preparing SBC students to step out of SBC to follow Jesus, serve the Church, and engage the world. This year, a team of 13 of us went to Spain and Morocco to do that preparation.

During our time there, we served in various ways, sometimes in ways that hardly felt like serving at all. We grew as a team, often a team including the locals and other missionaries we were working with. There was so much laughter and joy of the Lord, and God showed up.

There were so many ways God used us in Spain, and so many things he taught us. God used conversations on the bus with locals, church meetings, hikes, manual labor, bowling, camp, music and so much more to draw our attention to him, and to build up his kingdom. Serving God can be so much fun, and it certainly was for us during our time on MX3.

I am not finished processing and learning from my experience on MX3, even though we have been back for 2 months. There is so much still to glean from our time, and so many memories to be intentional about keeping. As a team, we now have a bond that cannot be compared to any other bond. Serving with people under the strength and direction of Christ is so unifying and

beautiful. I know we will stay connected, and often look back on our time, and remind each other of all that God did during our time in Spain.



One of the biggest things I learned in a fuller way is that the church can be truly family, the family of God. As someone who grew up in Landmark, Manitoba, and whose church family has been made up of literal blood relatives my whole life, I thought I knew what that meant. In the church we attended and worked with in Spain, we watched the young adults group, where no two people originated from the same country or region, treat each other like siblings, and the leaders like parents. We had the amazing privilege to be welcomed into that family the second we entered the church. My eyes mist at the beautiful thought of those amazing people we left in Spain and Morocco.

Something we are prepared for in missions training starting in our first year at SBC, is that we will leave a part of our hearts in the places we serve. As much as I somehow never believed it, there is now a part of my heart in downtown Winnipeg from first year, in Thicket Portage from second year, and now in Spain and Morocco from this last year.

As I prepare to say goodbye to SBC, I will leave a piece of my heart here too. But I leave confident that I now have been equipped with what I need to follow Jesus, serve the Church, and engage the World.

Amanda Plett
SBC Class of '26



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January 30, 2027



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