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REVERBERATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Open Door Outreach 2016 Fall Newsletter, *Reverberations*, has now been released!

Please find your copy attached to Nazarene News, and read about the vital ministry of Open Door Outreach.

**NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE
TRANSITIONING TO ONLINE MODEL**

It is with a sense of anticipation and a firm commitment to the mission of Nazarene Bible College that the NBC Board of Trustees announced the college is transitioning to a fully online institution. The new model will continue to serve the college's 1,200 current students and prospective students effectively and efficiently.

"Once again, we face the challenge of choosing innovative change or simply accepting the conditions as they exist," said Harold B. Graves Jr., NBC President.

The proposal from Graves that has been unanimously accepted by the Board of Trustees is for a new NBC – one that reflects that the college is an online institution with a leaner operational and organizational structure.

The current school year will be completed on campus and, as the college celebrates 50 years of service (1967–2017) to the USA/Canada Region of the Church of the Nazarene, a transition to the online model of adult ministerial education will unfold. Future announcements will be made as to where the operational team and offices will be located.

NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2016–2017 NCM Canada Gift Catalogue is available and has been mailed out to all Nazarene churches in Canada.

This year's catalogue includes popular favourites, such as goats, blankets, wells, school books, etc. Also included in this catalogue are opportunities to give towards children's needs in child development centres in South Asia and Malawi (Africa). The catalogue also features our relationship and projects with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where your giving can be matched by the Canadian government (see page 10 of the catalogue).

Youth groups, Sunday School classes, seniors groups and others, including local NMI, continue to participate in giving through the catalogue. Some have fundraising events, others collect loonies and toonies over several weeks, others hold 'auctions' of catalogue items.....the possibilities are endless!

You or your group may give in one of three ways:

1) You can mail your order form and payment to the National Office using the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
20 Regan Road, Unit 9
Brampton, ON
L7A 1C3

Please ensure that your cheque is made payable to [Church of the Nazarene Canada](#).

2) You can call the National Office at 1–888–808–7490.

3) You can submit your order online at www.ncmcanada.ca.

Please find your personal copy of the Gift Catalogue attached to your copy of the newsletter. You can also view the Gift Catalogue online at www.ncmcanada.ca.

Give a Gift of Compassion.....Make a Difference Today!

PLEASE NOTE

To help ensure that you will receive your gift cards in time for Christmas giving, your order must arrive at the National Office by **December 1, 2016**.

For additional copies of the Gift Catalogue, please contact the National office.

*Thank you to all who give.
Your gifts do make a difference!*

**BGS CALLS FOR TIME OF REFLECTION
AS THANK OFFERING APPROACHES**

When you look around, you can't help but notice it: God has blessed us in so many ways. The psalmist calls on us to "*sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy*" (Psalm 107:22). When we give back, we recognize God as the giver of all good things. We remember now so that we never forget: it's **All From Him**.

"All From Him" is the theme for the 2016 Thanksgiving, or Thank, Offering. Together, we join in prayer and preparation for this annual emphasis in the Church of the Nazarene. As our gifts come together through the World Evangelism Fund, we *make Christlike disciples in the nations*. We remember God's generosity toward us and respond by giving back and spreading the gospel around the world.

As you prepare for this important offering, remember these verses from Deuteronomy 8:

"Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today" (Deuteronomy 8:11, 16-18).

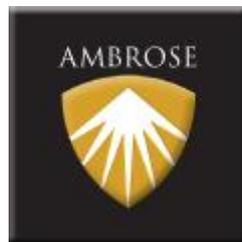
Prepare your church for this offering emphasis by reflecting together on your blessings, praying for ministry around the world, and remembering that God is the great giver.

The offering will be received on 9 October 2016 in Canada and 20 November 2016 globally. Please note that this date may vary for some, depending on the calendar of each field or district. Resources will be available at nazarene.org/generosity in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Korean. If you have questions, contact Stewardship Ministries at 1-800-544-8413 or stewardship@nazarene.org.

Yours in Christ,

The Board of General Superintendents

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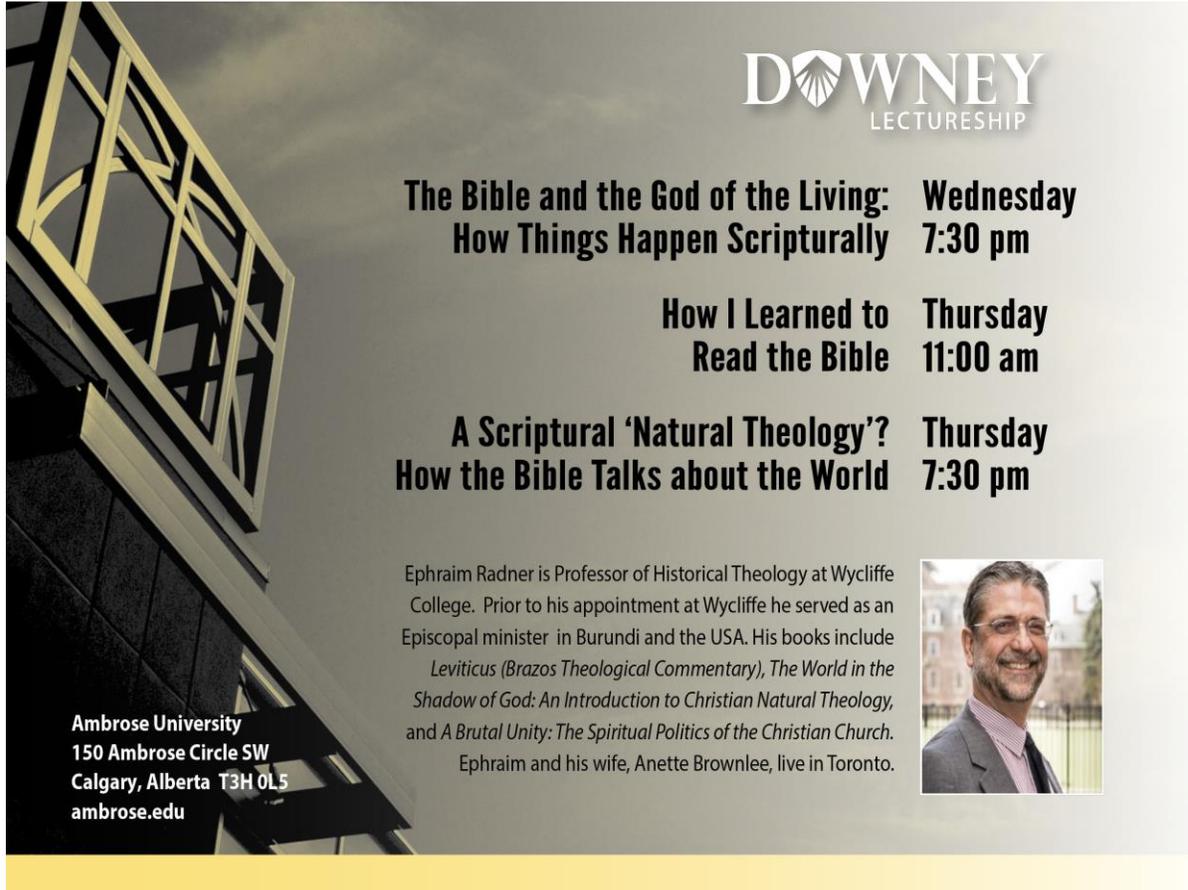


GOD, THE BIBLE, AND TIME

Join us on October 19th and 20th as Ephraim Radner explores how the Bible reflects the nature of time in the hands of God, the Creator of all things.

God creates temporal experience, and the Bible, as God's creative Word, is therefore "before Time" in a real way. These talks will reflect on how reading the Bible deeply and truthfully involves subordinating our limited experience of time to God's sovereignty over created nature, opening unexplored avenues for understanding Scripture and overcoming certain modern problems associated with reading Scripture.

Downey Lectureship Fall 2016 – October 19 and 20



DOWNEY
LECTURESHIP

**The Bible and the God of the Living:
How Things Happen Scripturally** **Wednesday
7:30 pm**

**How I Learned to
Read the Bible** **Thursday
11:00 am**

**A Scriptural 'Natural Theology'?
How the Bible Talks about the World** **Thursday
7:30 pm**

Ephraim Radner is Professor of Historical Theology at Wycliffe College. Prior to his appointment at Wycliffe he served as an Episcopal minister in Burundi and the USA. His books include *Leviticus (Brazos Theological Commentary)*, *The World in the Shadow of God: An Introduction to Christian Natural Theology*, and *A Brutal Unity: The Spiritual Politics of the Christian Church*. Ephraim and his wife, Anette Brownlee, live in Toronto.



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About the Downey Lectures

Murray W. Downey was a founding member of the faculty of the Canadian Bible College in 1941 and taught there for 31 years. An Academic Dean for six years, he was also Director of Christian Service for 30 years. In 1982, the Canadian Theological Seminary along with the Canadian Bible College established the Murray W. Downey Chair of Evangelism. The Downey Endowment and Scholarship Fund and Lectureship Series honours Mr. Downey's service, passion, and commitment, and assists future M.Div. students.

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