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It gives me a lot of personal satisfaction to bring you a brief report from the governing Board of the College. I'm of course limiting my comments to the past year in particular. On the surface it was a typical year of lectures, community life, frustrations with such things as internet connections, inevitable assignments, and the awesome and stressful experience of exam weeks. Then, behind the scenes, faculty and staff were also about reaching into the lives of the students with emotional support and wise counsel wherever they could. Seemingly another typical year! Yet, not so! For no year can be the same.

How blessed the College was to find the journey with each student was again unique, every student bringing such a special presence by being at the College. In a sense what's happening here this afternoon brings the year of 2017 to a wonderful climax in which we put the pen down, turn off the iPad and celebrate that hard work, matched every step by the grace of God. Our graduating students today, are now over the line.

Last week I was watching a TV reporter while he, microphone in hand was covering the Commonwealth Games. He was interviewing people attending the opening ceremony on the Gold Coast. A woman was responding to him along the lines that coming to the Games was one of the items on her "must do" list that she had as one of her life goals. This was one of those big life moments.

Well, here we are in Duncraig, our spectacular moment is not on a race track or in a pool. But something big has happened! The year of 2017 saw our students shaping their lives around the gospel. Most of them are here today to graduate. That word "graduate", spoken so easily, yet carries such a weight of meaning of achievement, of maturity and of glory, because above all you have been blessed. You have emerged from a year of huge challenge as a recipient of personal effort, blessed by grace and it culminates here today. As a Board of Management, though often in the background, we prayed for you and committed our time and energy so that you could be here today. It gives us joy to reflect on the past year and recognise the integrity and passion the students brought to make their graduation possible.

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As a Board we also continued to work at growing the capacity of the College and were delighted to work with the Faculty in establishing a doctoral program in addition to the College curriculum. That reflects also in no small measure on the way our Masters programs have been made possible through the support and accreditation of the Sydney College of Divinity. The role of SCD has been very much appreciated and the presence of Professor Speed with us this afternoon is an indication of that valued link. Her support and wisdom has been outstanding and has meant that many of those same Masters students are now able to pursue a doctorate. We are also so encouraged that the College is able to offer a Bachelor in Social Science degree. Now this has been something on my personal wish list for many years coming from my interest in chaplaincy and counselling as a key missional strategy in Australia at this time. The degree is the vital step forward and comes at the right time for the College.

The Board would also want me to put on record the outstanding ministry by Faculty and students into local and overseas missions. I believe this is the 10th year we have been sending ministry teams to Cambodia. Last year also saw one of our International Missions Teams (IMT) spend valuable ministry time in a number of African countries. Both these events spoke clearly that the DNA of Perth Bible College is in the mission of God. From 1928 to 2018, it's 90 years of a commitment to the ministry of the gospel at home and overseas. On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank the Faculty and Staff for their input and faithful service over this last year. Those of us on the Board of Management will continue to keep you in our prayers. God is with you. We can see that. We recognise that a College of this size will be challenged from time to time but, let's recognise since 1928 God has been doing something very special through His people in this College.

Dr. Garth Eichhorn
Chair BoM



INTRODUCING BABY BURTON

I write to you from the cold tiles of my bathroom floor. Why there, you ask? Well, this is the safest place in the house. You see, the baby can't hear me and if I lie on the cold tiles, I am once again reminded I'm not dead, just sleep-deprived.

Yes, you heard correctly, baby! Elijah joined Chris and I on Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 10:52pm weighing 3.8 kgs and in his first moments unlocked a pocket of love inside our hearts we didn't know existed. The first 24 hours flew by, and we believed we were made to be parents: we boasted to family about how calm Elijah was, and how easy we found him to be, and then day 2 arrived – the first real glimpse into the intensity of parenthood.

We could disclose a story of sunshine and roses, but the truth is, the newborn haze or the fourth trimester as some refer to it, has been a rocky adventure so far, and we are sure every parent can relate. However, all the "hard stuff" is balanced by the joys, and the deep sense of awe we have regarding the process of parenthood and raising a child who God has entrusted into our care. However, this really is a wonderful experience that constantly challenges our ability to put our agendas aside, sacrifice ourselves and cling to our Heavenly Father as we raise our little Elijah to become a lover of Jesus and a lover of people.

So, whilst I lie here on the bathroom floor and write this, I realise while we are sleep-deprived, we are still more awake now than we have ever been. More so in this very moment, because the baby is now awake!

Tia Burton
Student Services

THE CHURCH: ITS HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

Church history is one of the most neglected areas of theology, and we ignore it at our peril. While there is a trend in our culture to regard the past as irrelevant, this condemns us to superficiality. If we don't know our past (either as individuals or corporately, as the Church) we cannot understand our present, and this leaves us ill-equipped to minister effectively and to plan for the future.

So – this unit offers a swashbuckling survey through the blood, sweat and tears of 2,000 years of Church history. You will see theology forged in the heat of persecution; you will see the tragic irony as the persecuted become dominant and persecutors themselves; you will laugh at bizarre antics; you will wince in disgust; you will be amazed at courage and self-sacrifice, and at the end of the unit, you will understand both the Church and yourself better.

Although this is a core unit for both Advanced Diploma and Bachelor courses, enrolment is open to anyone, even if you only want to do this one unit. Join us!

Dr. Peter Elliott
Lecturer



SCHOLARLY CULTURE AT PBC

The Dean of Academics and Research, Dr Andre van Oudtshoorn, reported on the academic and scholarly culture at Perth Bible College during the recent graduation ceremony. Andre particularly noted the extended PD session every Friday morning during which a faculty member shares his or her latest research with the faculty. These sessions allow for in-depth, critical discussion and provide the opportunity for all the faculty to be exposed to new insights from the different areas of theological specialisation.

Dr van Oudtshoorn thanked all the lecturers who had been instrumental in preparing the students for graduation. Mrs. Hanlie van Rooyen has provided consistent critical support to many struggling students to help them reach their academic goals. Mr. Basie van Rooyen has continued to excite students about the many riches of the Old Testament. Dr van Oudtshoorn also reported that the Lord has given PBC Principal, Dr David Smith, many exciting opportunities to equip Christian leaders across the world. In May, this year, Dr Smith will be speaking at the Christian Community Churches' National Conference on Mission in Brisbane. David will also address a gathering of "Trainers and Theologians" within his denomination in Dubuque, USA later this year.

Dr Peter Elliott has had two significant articles published in a very prestigious International Journal and has also presented papers at two national conferences. Dr van Oudtshoorn recently published an article on the absence of demons in the Gospel of John and also presented a paper in Sydney on: "The Insignificant Impact of the historical Jesus". His contribution, along with one by Dr David Shaw, will be published as chapters in a forthcoming SCD publication. Dr van Oudtshoorn also advised the audience that he had again been appointed by the Sydney College of Divinity as their Course Co-ordinator for Biblical Studies and also to serve on the SCD Academic Board. Dr van Oudtshoorn finished his report by reading some of the excellent reviews of Dr David Shaw's doctoral thesis which he completed last year entitled "A People Called: Narrative Transportation & Missional Identity in 1 Peter." The work is said to break open exciting new ground in Petrine studies. At the end of the report Dr Shaw handed Dr van Oudtshoorn a symbolic copy of his manuscript for the PBC library.

Dr. Andre van Oudtshoorn
Dean of Academics & Research

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: JILL PILKINGTON

My journey with PBC, and that of my family, began in 1996 and still continues today, 22 years later. My husband Gary began full-time study in February 1996 when our children were 5, 5, and 3 and at some point during the following 3 years I began my own journey of study. Over the years I have studied part time, full time and not at all, obtaining along the way a Certificate in Pastoral Counselling and a Diploma of Ministry. Our youngest daughter is also a PBC graduate so it really has been a family affair. Now once again I am back, very part time, studying one unit and beginning a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Chaplaincy.



During the last 22 years I have done a few different things including working in a school office, a church office, a year as a foster parent, 7 years in childcare, all while supporting Gary in his varying ministries and raising our 3 kids who have turned out to be amazing adults.

In October 2013 Gary and I moved to Wagin, a town of 1800, where Gary took up the position of Pastor in the Baptist Church. We both felt the call to Wagin very strongly, and still do, but I found myself in a very small town, away from my kids, wondering what was I going to do. I felt like I had no role, no purpose, I had gone from raising my kids to helping raise other people's kids to nothing. That was a tough period for me but God in his wisdom had a plan, He just hadn't let me in on it yet.

The following year I began getting some work in the local school as an Education Assistant and during that year discovered that the Chaplain was planning to retire at the end of the year. With encouragement from my husband and daughter I began to think about the possibility of applying for the position. To cut a long story short, after having to very quickly finish some study, I became the Chaplain of Wagin District High School in February 2015 and I have found my place and my purpose. I love my job, it wears me out, but I love building relationships with the kids, the staff and the families and becoming a part of the community of Wagin. Oh and I'm a granny times 2 and that's the best thing ever.

Jill Pilkington
PBC Graduate & Current Student



DR. E.G. GIBSON MISSION FUND

Stepping Up spoke with Mr Mark Ingram, a longtime supporter of PBC, about the Dr. Gibson Mission Fund initiative.

Why did you start the Dr. Gibson Mission Fund?

PBC has always been known for its commitment to mission. I wanted to encourage and support the important work that PBC is now doing through its IMT (International Mission Teams) mission arm. I also wanted to encourage others to invest in the work that God is doing through this ministry, by setting up a fund specifically for mission.

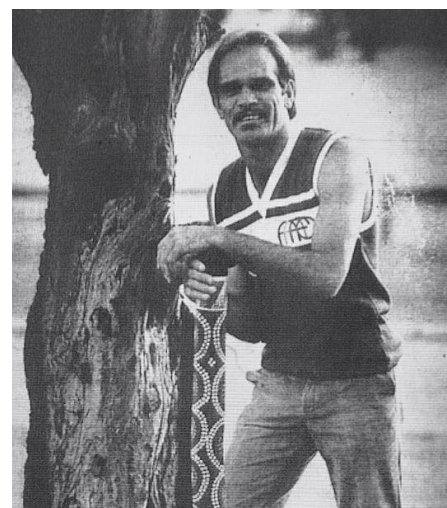
Who is Dr. Gibson?

Dr. E.G. Gibson was Principal of the College from 1949-1959, in the days of PBI. He came to Perth

PASTOR HARLEY HAYWARD (1957 - 2018)

It is with sadness that PBC acknowledges the passing of Pastor Harley Hayward. Pastor Hayward, a Noongar man was born and raised on the Katanning reserve in the days of segregation. Harley in his adult life became a leading indigenous pastor, desiring that all be included in life of the Gospel and no one be excluded. While he pastored the Aboriginal Church in Balga for over 20 years, his influence spread throughout the state, the nation and internationally.

While known for his teaching and preaching, his pastoral heart for his people and for all in need was remarkable. He not only cared deeply for those in the Balga Church but for all in the Noongar community and beyond. His workload was often over-whelming but he was strong in his conviction and calling. In all his pastoring he was partnered and supported by his wife Roslyn.



While ministering at Balga, Harley studied at PBC in 1988-1989 and brought to the college his friendship, humour, care and another way of seeing and living the Gospel as an indigenous man. A number of PBC graduates who worked alongside Harley honoured him at his memorial service. Over a thousand people attended, a mark of how much Harley was loved and valued.

Sadly Harley suffered from early onset dementia and it was painful for family and friends to see Harley struggle so much in recent years and experience the pain of his death and what seems a life cut short. Yet in his pastoring he lived what would be two or three lifetimes for many people, and the number of people he has blessed and influenced is innumerable. He lived for the God he loved, the family he loved and the people he loved. He is now with the God who loved him.

Our prayers, love and shared sadness are extended to Roslyn, daughter Quintella and family. We also share with them in the hope of the resurrection and the life to come. Pastor Harley Hayward was a moorditj Noongar marman, a great, good Noongar man.

Dr. David Michie
Lecturer

from Sydney and was the first Australian trained Baptist pastor to receive a doctorate. He started his doctorate whilst Principal of the College and completed it in 1953. His doctorate was on the historical development of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. He was passionate about showing you can be an evangelical and a biblical scholar. His passion for Christ and mission came through his teaching and his life example. In his summer breaks he was involved with the Marri Bank, an aboriginal mission.

What was Dr. Gibson like?

I actually had the privilege of being trained by Dr. Gibson towards the end of his ministry in Brisbane at what was known then as the Queensland Bible Institute. Dr. Gibson was a passionate preacher, shy by nature but very relational and intentional with people. Dr. Gibson was inspired by the pioneering work of Hudson Taylor in China which in turn

motivated his cross-cultural involvement, his local mission, and the continuing spirit of mission at PBC. "God's work done God's way will never lack God's supply," underpinned his missional thinking. And today this aligns closely with the continuing work of PBC through IMT.

How can the funds be used?

All the funds that are given to the Dr. Gibson Mission Fund go to support the mission initiatives of Perth Bible College, specifically the work of IMT which works to partner with, encourage, and build up under-resourced networks of Christian leaders across the world. Currently IMT is working among people in Cambodia, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan and Ethiopia.



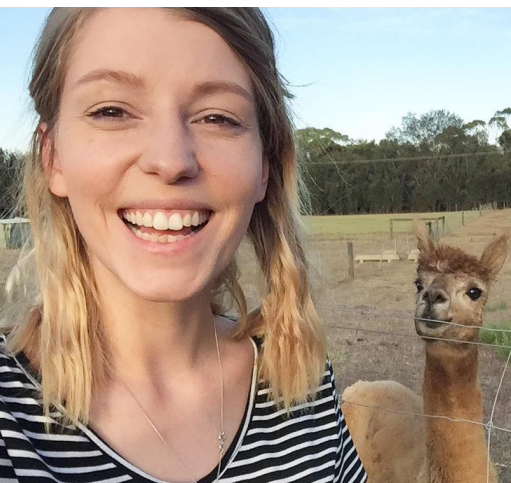
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SPEECH: GRADUATION 2018

It is a great privilege to undertake theological studies at Perth Bible College (PBC). Many of us come to PBC unsure of the journey but curious as to what God is going to do. However we come because we are obedient to the call of God to go to Bible College.

As we think back to the journey we can say that the journey has been challenging, exciting, endless assignments, a lack of sleep due to some theological ideas and the incredible community life. It has paid off because we are here today, we made it. As a student we can not only celebrate the academic achievement but also the work of God in our personal lives which will be the foundation of our ministry in whichever sphere God places us. I would like to thank the staff for believing in the call of God in our lives and supporting us through our studies. They have given us knowledge, led us by example, and encouraged us to continue to learn. They have invested their lives and knowledge in each of us through the classroom interaction, class lectures, group assignments, and prayer.

The community of life at Perth Bible College is the highlight of our studies, sharing meals together, working together in assignments; retreats are all memorable times for us students. We all come from such diverse backgrounds and denominations, and yet unity of that is like practising heaven on earth, mostly. Perth Bible College staff, on behalf of the graduating students I would like to say thank you for placing such a great foundation in our lives, and I pray as graduates will take what we have learned into our community, and we will serve our God with integrity. As C.S Lewis put it: "The great things are to be found at one's post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last but planning as though our world might last a hundred years."

Marci Cohen
PBC Graduate



STUDENT PROFILE: JACKIE TURNER

Oh, the adventures one goes on, especially when one does not intend to, but stumbles onto it! I started at PBC in July 2017. For myself, there was no call or need to come to study, it was something I simply wanted to do. So, I sought a place to learn, which led me to an interview, where I was only planning on coming in to see what the place was like, but thanks to Gillian Dixon and her smooth moves, I left having handed in my application. It may also have been due to the atmosphere I stepped into as I walked through the doors. Consequently, I commenced my Bachelor of Ministry. Something I never expected to do. But God does have a funny way of surprising you.

Why was this surprising? Well, after having served six years in our youth ministry, I was asked by the church to be the interim Youth Coordinator after our youth pastor left. At that stage, I was working as a receptionist at our church, and in a coffee shop, patting cute dogs that came in, with no real aspirations in life, other than to get a dog myself. Now, only 18-months later, I am the Youth Coordinator and studying here... with my own dog. God is good and has guided me well.

Moving into 2018, I really wanted to serve in the student council. One of my greatest passions is seeing people enjoy life and grow in their faith. Now, as part of the student council, I am excited about the incredible team we have and seeing our student family grow in their faith and do life together. I love being a part of the incredible family at PBC, they are amazing, and I have loved my time here so far. Except for Greek class. Kidding! Or am I?

Jackie Turner
Current Student

10 YEARS SERVE CAMBODIA & PBC PARTNERSHIP

We are so blessed to be a part of PBC work in Cambodia. PBC is not just a Bible college, but it is where to make disciples across the nation, building such as relationship between both countries.

Dr. David Smith is a great man of God who led the team most of the years to Cambodia, not just work with us but more than that he became great friend and family to all of us. However, the students and staff from PBC are fantastic and well-disciplined, they get along well with the local staff, working together even we are difference and language issues. PBC students have involved such as Bible teaching in the communities and cell group, supporting teachers in each classroom where SC running the education centres. PBC staffs and lecturers did the home visit and listened to the stories or testimonies from the villager, praying with them also gave words of encouragements while they have been hearing the stories.

It's the great honour to have PBC supporting pastors and leaders conference in Cambodia last year was the 8th conference, it was held in Siem Reap city as the topic was "Serve with Integrity". During 10 years PBC and the Fellowship of Hope churches have built lots of leaders and young pastors to be mature in leadership and serve as Jesus pattern. 10 years seem like yesterday, there were so many things had been happening during time pass, but PBC always stands with us in a good time also in a bad time you are such a truly friends and family to us. We feel comfortable and safe to be around with PBC. Thank you to the leadership of PBC that trust and work with us for the last ten years May God bless you all abundantly.

From Sara San
Director of Serve Cambodia



INTRODUCING THE PERTH BIBLE COLLEGE LIBRARY

The Perth Bible College Library (officially named the Carment Urquhart Memorial Library, after our founding Principal) is located at the college site in Karrinyup, and is a great resource for both our own students and the wider community. It has holdings of over 20 000 books and over 100 DVD's with additional access to journal databases online. The library is free to join for past students of the college, plus pastors and students of other theological colleges. For other users the library is available for a fee of \$52 per year.

The library catalogue can be accessed through the college website so anyone is free to browse and see what resources are available. It can be an invaluable resource for anyone wanting more in depth information for Bible study, those preparing talks or devotions for church or small group situations or anyone who just wants to deepen their knowledge or have access to a wider pool of reading material. The college is continually adding to the collection so you don't have to outlay the cost from your own pocket to have access to some of the latest Christian books. Most of the collection is in the area of religion but we do hold titles in other areas that fall into categories that are studied by our students, such as counselling or psychology. If you would like to investigate further, you are welcome to come into the college and browse around the library. There are quiet places to read or study. While you are on site you could also visit our second hand book shop which is open Monday-Friday during office hours.

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