



**February 23, 2009**

Dear Alumni,

How did your day start out this morning?

I am amazed at some of the things I remember that someone said even years ago. Sometimes it is prompted by a radio message, something someone says, something I read (book, bible side note, blog, etc.) or even a song I hear. But the point is, God has given us a powerful memory capacity (that can at times be a negative but God's grace takes care of that). At times we do recall something that touched our lives and it again ministers to us.

I am not sure when Dr. Von developed or started teaching the brief "How to Start Your Day" material. Perhaps you heard it – maybe you still do it. But it has been a blessing to me, so I have included it for you to consider. I know it will be a blessing.

Have a good day – perhaps you will be challenged by starting your day tomorrow with those thoughts.

In Christ,

Dr. Wynne Kimbrough



### ***Reversing Your Day by Marty Von***

Have you ever had a "bad day?" A huge reason for bad-ending days is not starting them out right. Psalm 5:3a sets the venue for ordering our day: "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee." What does starting your day with God mean; what does it look like? It is not your devotions along with your morning coffee; it is not looking through the blinds checking the weather, or awaiting the forecast or the news report via your wake-up alarm.

Starting your day with God begins in the first waking moments of your day. When you are first awake, when you become consciously aware "I'm alive for another day," these four simple steps become an expression of your heart's desire and reflect your God-ward relationship. I do recommend that you sit up in bed. This ensures that you remain awake through all four steps—I have drifted off a time or two if my head remains on the pillow. So sit up and get started tomorrow! It takes about 40 seconds to do this exercise. How about reversing any "bad days" you could have by making this waking practice a pattern for the rest of your life?

### ***Starting Your Day with God***

- **Give Thanks** - "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- **Give the Day** - "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24
- **Give Control** - "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." Psalm 119: 133
- **Give Yourself** - "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:18b-19



### **Looking For...**

We would like to locate alumni with whom we have lost contact. If you have an address – mail or email of any of the following graduates, we would love to try to contact them.

#### **Class of 1984**

- Chris and Patti Edington
- Glenn and Sally Forss
- Karen Gibson
- John Gleason
- Wanda Larson
- Pat and Irma Nolin
- Irene Raja
- Kelly Roberts
- Mark Stilwell
- Mike and Vennie Weaver
- Mark Weinert

If you have any information, please contact Jennifer Keith at [alumni@nbbc.edu](mailto:alumni@nbbc.edu). Thank you!

### **Verse of the Week**

“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” – Philippians 1:21

### **Name of God**

El Sali – God, My Rock (Ps. 42:9)

### **This Week At Northland**

February 26-28 – Dinner Theatre – C.S. Lewis’s “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Silver Chair”

### **If you missed the HEART Conference...**

If you missed the HEART Conference and are interested in a message or session taught last week, go to this address: <http://www.northlandstore.org/index.html> for more information.

If you would like to listen to messages given in chapel during the school year, please go to this address:

<http://www.nbbc.edu/ministries/podcast.html>

### **Travel Schedules:**

Dr. Ollila - February 22-25 – Heritage Bible Church in Greer, SC  
February 28 – Calvary Baptist Church in Watertown, WI  
Dr. Horn – February 22-28 - Panama Mission trip (with Brookside)

### **Encouraging Emails:**

**Thank you to those who have emailed us with some things that have encouraged you. We have included some of them here. They will encourage you as well.**

**Kyle ('95) and Christina ('94, Wamsley) Sullivan:**

Mr. Kimbrough,

I'm am encouraged by II Chro. 20:12b ". . .neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee." Our family is transitioning from a youth pastor position to becoming missionary supported and working with Missionsports Foundation. I need to keep my eyes on the Lord and His will.

Christina & Kyle Sullivan

**Elizabeth Kain ('04):**

Hi, Dr. Kimbrough,

I have been encouraged recently by.....

1. God's Word and the conviction to live for the eternal in daily life (i.e. my day off should be given over to God and flexible enough that I can spend some of my time with people and ministering to them through the time I give them and it doesn't matter if I don't get the house cleaned as I'd like to). God recently convicted me of this through His Word.
2. Friends who are going overseas as missionaries - one of them is a friend from NBBC (Kerry Corbett) who I got to hear a presentation of her missionary plans just a couple weeks ago at her church
3. Psalm 118:14 "The Lord is my strength and my song"
4. God allowing me to be a blessing to the elderly at the assisted living facility where I work.
5. God's provision for me in the past and the knowledge that He will continue to be faithful and be my Shepherd.
6. Heart Conference that my dad can look forward to each year to be encouraged.

Thanks for listening, Dr. Kimbrough. This was a great idea. It's great to be reminded of these things to thank the Lord for. I live in Minneapolis, MN, right now and am blessed to be a part of Fourth Baptist Church where Dr. McLachlan was and now Pastor Matt Morrell is (from Northland!!!) Thanks again. Have a great day!

Elizabeth Kain

**Amy Callahan ('01):**

Hi!

God has encouraged me recently by providing babysitting jobs while I'm looking for a job. He has also used others to pay for some fun activities that I wouldn't have been able to go to because I didn't have the money. Also, just the little ways He provides for me are very encouraging!

Under His Wings,

Amy Callahan

**Elizabeth Lovelace ('01 Eckman):**

I've been encouraged by God's provision. We're moving to Argentina and were wondering about finances. But in the same week God provided a contract for my husband to do freelance translation and the company I work for now will have me continue working for them part time at home even in Argentina! We're very thankful!!

Liz and Chris Lovelace

**We would love to hear from more of you so just send us a note. Keep it brief but perhaps state it like this, "I have been encouraged recently by \_\_\_\_\_."**

***Alumni Updates:*****Julie Myer ('02):**

I've been asked if I have any friends who would be interested in coming to my company to work. Our company needs someone who is a native English speaker to work full time, part time, or as a student worker/apprentice. From what I understand, the work would be very similar to mine, which is proofreading. It's not as boring as it sounds, actually--it's a great opportunity to learn a lot. I would also love to have someone here to Work with me.

Think about it. If you're interested, let me know!

Julie

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***Alumni Prayer Requests:*****Michael ('01) and Sarah ('04, Rader) Miller:**

Just wanted to share with you folks something that is worth praising the LORD over. Next week will be the starting of a festival similar to Mardi Gras (sp?) but with lots of indigenous and popular variations. Last night after our Bible study a very faithful Quechua grandma suggested that we do something apart from the big fiesta. All present thought it would be a good idea, and so plans have been made for a time of eating, singing and our weekly Bible

study. It is exciting to see the initiative. Yet continue to pray for the blind eyes to be open to see their personal need of the Glorious Gospel of Grace in the Blood of Jesus.

In Christ,

Michael

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### ***God's Word for Every Language...***

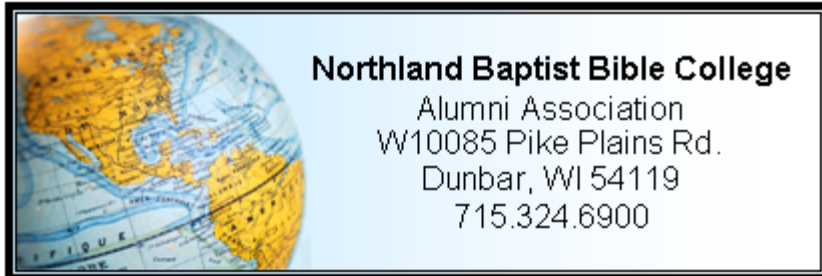
Each week for the alumni update we are featuring John 3:16 in the languages where Northland graduates are serving on the mission field.



#### **John 3:16 in Romanian:**

“Fiindcă atât de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea, că a dat pe singurulnăscut Fiu al său, pentru ca oricine crede în el, să nu piară, ci să aibă viață eternă.”

Ioan 3:16



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