FaithWay Baptist Church and College of Canada

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It is our conviction at FaithWay Baptist College of Canada that the local church is God's program for this present day. The New Testament is replete with Scripture passages that speak to this topic. This basic tenet that serves as a foundation is not something to be skimmed over nor to be taken lightly.

The local New Testament Church is to be instrumental in the transmission of truth. It was the great church-planting apostle that stated by inspiration, "*But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in THE HOUSE OF GOD, which is THE CHURCH of the living God, the PILLAR and GROUND OF THE TRUTH.*" (I Timothy 3:15) God established local church, and He carefully enables them to serve as guardians of His truth. FaithWay Baptist Church is a custodian of God's truth. To this end, the perpetuating of this responsibility necessitates education. In our local church, we have been given a mandate from God to take this educational responsibility to the level of preparing God-called men and women for full-time Christian work. It is our conviction that the training of men and women through the framework and function of a local church is in direct correlation with God's clear New Testament instruction.

Recently a man spoke to me of his son who is presently attending a liberal arts Christian college. He started school there in preparation for a non-ministry related degree and career. Now the student has been called by God for ministry, and the father stated, "The call to ministry now changes things concerning the place of his education." In other words, he was saying, "If you are called by God either to start a local church, pastor a local church, or serve as a staff member in a local church, the best place to receive your training is at an institution under the leadership of a pastor and the authority of a local church!" To this we heartily agree.

There is much to be said about being taught by pastors instead of "professors." After all, pastors are gifts to the church according to Ephesians 4 to "*perfect the saints for the work of the ministry*." There is value in learning on Monday from those you have observed and served with on Sunday. Being able to put into practice what is being promoted and projected in the classroom is valuable.

This is not just true of those preparing for the pastorate, but also of those preparing for other local church ministries. The Christian day school students that are studying to be teachers need to be trained this way. Think of the benefits of seeing teachers and learning from teachers who not only are outstanding in the classroom, but also are committed to their local church! Teachers that serve in ministry with the students on Sunday and then go soulwinning with them during the week are priceless.

I am sure that one can see the importance of a missions-hearted pastor and congregation in the life of the missions student. One of the key elements that the student needs is this type of environment and enthusiasm for the Great Commission.

Consider the value of a sacred music course of study where the local church becomes the laboratory. Having musicians that learn to minister and learn that the pastor is the head of the music department is vital to the transmission of the local church philosophy.

FaithWay Baptist College of Canada has made many changes since our inception in 1983. We have grown, added programs, increased effectiveness, built buildings, and so forth. God has enabled us to make changes along the way. One thing that we have not changed, and do not intend to change, is our subservience to FaithWay Baptist Church. Our college does not function outside of our church. I am first and foremost the pastor of FaithWay Baptist Church. The deacons of our church will always serve as the governing body of FaithWay Baptist College of Canada.

FaithWay Baptist College of Canada is dedicated to promoting, preserving, and perpetuating the New Testament position of pastor-led local churches. We are endeavoring to do it not just in precept but in practice. Pray for us and let us help you prepare for service within the framework of a vibrant independent Baptist church.