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Dear Friends,

Writing this Echoes letter seems altogether appropriate today. For the last two days the trustees, faculty, staff and friends of The Baptist College of Florida have taken the time to honor Ruth Ann, our family and me on the occasion of our twentieth anniversary at the College. The sounds of your kind comments literally echo in our ears and hearts. This has been one of the most humbling times in my life. Truly to serve our Lord at a time and in a place where He chooses to make His power evident is a blessing beyond compare. That is how I view my opportunity to serve here. “Thank you” to all who make this great blessing a reality.

Our trustees met to receive reports and vote on actions that will help to set the direction and work of the College for decades. Our Lord continues to provide us with opportunities for expanded ministry in areas that were unknown to us only a few years ago. In a time of financial hardships God’s people continue to be generous, and for that we are grateful.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new class in August. Initial reports indicate that this could be one of the largest groups that we have had in a long time. The excitement grows as God continues to call His people and they continue to respond. Each semester we have students representing almost half of the states in the United States as well as those from several international locations. The world is coming to our doors, and we want to give them the education and training to go back into the fields of service.

I want to congratulate those of our campus family who will be active on the mission field during the summer months. We have over forty of our folks who will be serving across the United States as well as in Central and South America, the Caribbean basin, Africa and Asia. I am so grateful that our students and faculty take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it on the mission field. Please pray for these folks and for those lives that they will touch.

God continues to bless on the campus as construction progresses on several fronts. We are planning to begin the new fall semester with new classrooms as well as renovated housing units in place. Pray for the volunteers who will join us during the summer as we prepare these facilities.

We have paused to celebrate twenty years together. My prayer is that we will have many more years to walk and work together in the service of our Lord.

God Bless You,

Tom Kinchen
President
Dr. Kinchen’s children, Lisa and Alex, were a special blessing at the 20th Anniversary Celebration honoring Dr. and Mrs. Kinchen. Alex gave a moving tribute to his Mom and Dad, and Lisa performed the evening’s special music in their honor.

Pictured left to right: Ruth Ann Kinchen, Lisa Kinchen Potter, President Tom Kinchen, and Alex Kinchen.
BCF paused to celebrate a historic anniversary on May 21, recognizing that Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen was selected as the institution’s sixth president on this day in 1990.

The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) community marvels at all the ways God has used this visionary leader during his career as the longest serving President the college has had in its 66 year history.

When Kinchen arrived in 1990, he was given 18 months to find innovative ways to inspire growth on the campus, or the school would be closed. Those 18 months saw great change and growth, but as Kinchen quickly notes, it was not through him but rather by the very hand of God.

"Without a doubt I feel a greater excitement than I did 20 years ago as I anticipate what our Lord has in store for the days ahead of us," stated Kinchen. "I look forward to showing up, standing up, and speaking up for our Lord and this wonderful college with all of the strength, energy, and vision that God can and will give to me."

God has used this willing servant to accomplish many things, beginning with his years of diligent educational training. Growing up in the beautiful and quaint town of Thomasville, Ga., as the son of the late George H. and Annie Lou Kinchen, he finished his first two degrees in his home state. He received a Bachelor’s degree at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and a Master’s degree from the University of Georgia in Athens. Kinchen continued his education by obtaining the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, La.

President Kinchen began his professional career in education as a teacher at Swainsboro High School in Swainsboro, Ga. While in Georgia, he pastored churches in Thomas County, worked with the Georgia Department of Human Resources in Thomasville, and served as a counselor at Delgado Junior College in New Orleans.

While at Seminary, Kinchen served as the Director of Continuing Education and Doctor of Ministry Program, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Director of Church Minister Relations and Communications. Additionally, he assumed leadership positions in local churches as minister of education, associate pastor and interim pastor. Kinchen served as a member of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Florida State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities. He was named Chair of the Committee on Strategic Planning of the Board of Independent Colleges and Universities and served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

In 1986, Kinchen was elected to serve as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists and held this position until May 21, 1990, when he became President of The Baptist College of Florida.

Incredible things have happened at BCF since Kinchen took on the responsibility as President of the College. Over 100 acres have been added to the college’s property holdings, a home for missionaries was opened on campus, and Lakeside Hall, Shepherd’s Cottages, and an Assembly Center were built, as well as extensive renovations of the Student Center and the historic R.G. Lee Chapel. The Preaching Lab and the Administration Building were dedicated and construction is almost complete on the state-of-the-art Missions and World Evangelism Conference Center.

One on-campus project, often called his brain child, was the construction of Heritage Village. The Village is a collection of turn-of-the-20th-century homes, churches, and other structures that represent a rich history Kinchen knew was worth preserving. It is made up of five homes, three churches, a schoolhouse, and community center. It is the home of the annual Holiday Homecoming event featuring artisans, crafts, and numerous musical performances, and serves as headquarters for the Florida Baptist Historical Society and Amazon Vision Ministries.

Not only has physical growth occurred during Kinchen’s 20 years, but academic programs at BCF have flourished. The 90’s saw the addition of degrees in Elementary Education, Christian Education, Leadership, Biblical Studies, Christian Studies and Bachelor of Music. The college was accepted into the National Association of Schools of Music and the curriculum was revised to ensure that all BCF degrees had the same general education and biblical/theological foundations. Educational opportunities and programs on-campus have multiplied as well as programs in Barbados, Brazil, certificates sites throughout Florida, distance sites in Pensacola, Orlando, Jacksonville, and a degree completion pro-
program entirely online. Nine degree programs have been added since 2000, including Music Education, Missions, Christian Studies, Contemporary Worship Ministry, English, English Secondary Education, History and Social Studies, History and Social Studies Secondary Education, and Ministry Studies.

In 1998, Kinchen was not only instrumental but championed the call to change the world with the establishment of the Hollinger Chair for Missions and Evangelism. Through the endowed chair, faculty and programs were secured to promote the evangelism efforts throughout the College curriculum and within a Missions degree.

Because of his desire to utilize every possible avenue to connect with students and the community, Kinchen paved the way for BCF to operate a low power radio station, 94.7 WFBU, from the campus in 2003. The station currently broadcasts chapel services, a live morning show, a blend of Southern Gospel and Contemporary Christian music, as well as entertaining segments from students and professors.

Utilizing his Public Relations background, Kinchen launched the development of web casting and a large social media presence for BCF on the internet. Under his leadership, the internet site, www.baptistcollege.edu, was established and has become one of the primary marketing tools for disseminating BCF information. Last year, the BCF website was ranked among the top 3 percent nationally of higher education websites.

The BCF student body and community is reenergized each year through the annual Missions Conference, Evangelism Conference, Prayer Conference and Powell Lecture series established by President Kinchen. Exceptional guest speakers are invited by Kinchen to campus every year to attend not only during these special events but also to chapel services held three days a week in the R. G. Lee Chapel.

As Kinchen preaches in chapel the first week of each semester, students have the opportunity to hear firsthand the heart of their President. In addition to his own personal passion for preaching, he and wife Ruth Ann established a preaching award that is presented each semester to a deserving student. The student is selected by a committee and awarded the “President’s Excellence in Preaching Award” and given the opportunity to preach in chapel. Responding to a strong need for more practical and theoretical resources for ministers, Kinchen also established a “Center for Expository Preaching.” Designed to provide resources to enrich and energize biblical preaching in Baptist churches, the center conducts several annual conferences to help pastors and lay leaders with Doctrinal Studies, etc.

During his 20 year career as President, Kinchen has seen many students pass through the doors of BCF, and it is with great joy that he encourages each and every one of them to pursue the plans God has for their lives. This unwavering motto has been at the heart of his service to BCF from the very beginning of his ministry here. Upon his arrival in Graceville, he is quoted as saying, “I intend for The Baptist College of Florida to become the College of choice for those who are committed to lives of service for our Lord.”

He also challenges the faculty and staff to always be aware of the tasks before them. “As we pursue our trademark statement of ‘Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word,’ we have an absolutely unique opportunity to educate and train that army of Christian servants who will lead our churches and serve as Godly leaders throughout our communities,” said Kinchen.

In his latest report, Kinchen stated, “There is still much to be done: people to be reached, lives to be touched, programs to be developed, and ministries to be strengthened. With the leadership of our Lord we have seen this great school make great strides, and following that same leadership our greatest days are still ahead.”
Hyatt Wins Presidential Excellence in Preaching Award

Lee Hyatt, a graduating senior at The Baptist College of Florida (BCF), was chosen as this semester’s recipient of the Excellence in Preaching Award presented by BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen and wife Ruth Ann. As the winner, he opened the final week of chapel services for the spring semester on Monday, May 3 with a message about being encouragers. Hyatt emphasized how we need to be aware of our responsibility to encourage others. “If Paul needed encouragement, how much more do we need it,” questioned Hyatt.

He competed with seven other BCF preaching students in April, presenting his sermon before a panel of faculty judges and a student gallery. He was given a commemorative Bible during Senior Honor’s Day Wednesday, May 5 by President Kinchen.

Hyatt received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ministry during spring graduation ceremonies Friday, May 14. He will be serving as a Ministry Assistant at First Baptist Church of Fruitland Park, FL.
Spring Commencement services were held Friday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in the BCF Assembly Center with the traditional graduate processional “Pomp and Circumstance” performed by Professor Glover.

New English Professor Geoffrey Reiter led the invocation followed by Music and Worship Division Chair Don Odom leading the congregation in “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.” BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen recognized guests and visitors before honoring retiring Mathematics Professor William Stuart McArthur for his twelve years of dedicated service. He also recognized Dr. Don Odom for his 19 years of leadership in the Music Division at BCF. McArthur and his wife Fran plan to do some traveling and serve in a multitude of ministries, while Odom will be returning to his Alma Mater to take over the music department. Kinchen also called upon the two newest faculty members Reiter and Business Professor M.J. Albin to sign the Articles of Faith, a document signed by all faculty members signifying their commitment to the Lord and His Word while they teach at BCF.

As the ceremony closed a chapter in the lives of the graduates, it also reminded them that their lives are ones of service to God and commitment to reaching the world with the Gospel. The school’s registered trademark of “Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word®” is not only a challenge repeated while at college, but a lifelong commitment that resonated through graduation. These graduates have received four years of intense training in a vast array of disciplines, and at the heart of each program is a passion to share Christ and change the world.

No one could have emphasized this more than BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen in his heart warming presidential address to the graduates and their families. He inspired the group of 57 men and women to always answer with a resounding “Yes!” when God calls them to an area of service and ministry. Trusting that God always has a better plan for their lives, Kinchen challenged the graduates to listen to the Lord and not try to mold God into their plans, rather follow His.

This year marked the largest graduating class of students receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree in Contemporary Worship Ministry (CWM) since the program’s inception in 2007. Jarrod Odom, son of BCF Music and Worship Division Chair Don Odom, was greeted on stage by his father as one of the 10 in the music program.

Also among the graduates was a husband and wife team who met while attending BCF. Tim Brigham began taking classes at the BCF distance site in Orlando, but moved to Graceville in 2007. During his English class the first semester on campus he met his wife Rayel. Tim graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and Rayel received a Bachelor of Arts in Missions. He recalled how he would get his mother’s clothes hamper and stand on it to preach to his siblings when he was younger. He was taught the Bible at home, but says that BCF showed him how to study God’s word for himself. He will be continuing his education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina. “I feel like the Lord is calling me to be a professor,” said Brigham. “My father is deaf and there is no Southern Baptist institution that teaches deaf people to minister. Maybe God can use me in that way.”

Rayel felt God call her to missions and came to BCF to further her education so she could be used however God would use her. She will be serving in the association and churches in North Carolina while Tim is in school.

Senior Vice President R.C. Hammack presented the graduating class to President Kinchen. Once the verification by the registrar and faculty was read, all 57 graduates received their degrees. Odom then returned to the podium to lead the congregation in the college hymn, “Tell Me the Story of Jesus,” before Professor Albin closed the service with a prayer of benediction.

Graduates could be seen surrounded by family, friends and hoards of well wishers outside the Assembly Center as the BCF community came to congratulate them on a job well done.

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Front Row (Left to Right): Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen, Ashley Goodman, Walker Sherman III, Dennis Kirkland, Lydia Armstrong, Brittany Palladino, Brittany Alley, Melissa Kelly, Nikki Cobb, Abigail Mathewson, Jessica Phoenix, Judith Robertson, Ashley Lathrop, Laura Clark, Rayel Brigham, Kevin Stone, Travis Smith, Lauren Clement (Marshall), Dr. R.C. Hammack.

Middle Row (Left to Right): Ryan Ayala (Marshall), Lee Hyatt, Jarrod Odom, Robert Raker, Sandy Derrick, Jared Means, Tripp Battle, Carol Bailey, Jr., Darin, Ricks, Joshua Willis, Bradley Borowski, Adam Clark, Christopher Traylor, Dale Vinson, BJ Shelton II, Joseph Perdue, James Wells.

Back Row (Left to right): Daniel Lloyd, Matthew Sawyer, Caleb Jones, Donald Way, Jr., Kevin Hester, Dakota Bishop, Kyle Hunter, Timothy Brigham, Brian Broome, Douglas Gilmore, Bobby Sammons, Brandon Saunders, Jonathan Collett, Pierre St. Louis, Jason Osborn, Christopher McColl, Joshua Evans.
The Next Step...

Twice a year we have the privilege of sending out another group of well trained and equipped men and women to change the world. BCF graduates have always stood head and shoulders above their peers in areas of leadership, ministry, and faithfulness to God’s call on their lives. The impact they are making is astonishing and we marvel at what God is doing in and through them.

Please join us in praying for our Spring 2010 graduating class. As they left the graduation ceremony on May 14th, they were headed to graduate schools, seminary, mission fields, churches, businesses and educational institutions. They will boldly proclaim the Word of the Lord in every venue imaginable and we promised to pray. Please remember them by name as you pray for their safety and success!

Not Pictured:
Jean-Ernst Camille
Joel D. Capra
Gregory Kyle Hannah
Fredrick L. Henderson, Jr.
Gregory Scott Johnson
Charles H. Phillips
Joshua Isaac Ryals

Congratulations
Melissa Kelly
BCF’s First Bachelor of Arts in English Graduate

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- Jeremiah 29:11
On May 6, 2010, faculty, staff, and students at BCF took time out of the day to gather under the flagpoles on campus and pray for the federal, state, and local government, as well as the nation as a whole.

Led by Dean of Faculty and Professor of Evangelism and Missions Robin Jumper, the gathered students prayed individually and corporately for the nation.

“At no point in our history has our Nation stood in greater need on the prayer of its people,” stated BCF President Tom Kinchen. “Our Lord has promised that He will hear our prayers, forgive our sin, and heal our land. May we ever pray!”

Since the Civil War, our Nation has honored our military men and women who have served our country during times of war and peace. The day set aside to honor these men and women is May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day!

The Baptist College of Florida invites you to honor those family members, relatives, or friends who have or are currently serving our country with a memorial or honor gift to the college. We will write a letter to the person or family you designate to inform them that a gift has been received by the college in honor or memory of their military service.

Far too many of our Veterans have never received a proper “Thank You” for their service to our country. Your contribution would assure that this year they receive a letter showing a gift of appreciation. If the individual is deceased, the letter will be sent to the family member you designate.

Please provide the Veteran’s information with your contribution in the envelope enclosed. A letter will be sent to the Veteran or Veteran’s family acknowledging your gift in their honor or memory. Your contribution is tax deductible.

For more information contact the Development Office 800.328.2660 ext. 416.
Professor McArthur Retires

Retirements always bring about a multitude of emotion at BCF. It is exciting to see what God has in store for an individual who is leaving the classroom, but it is also sad to think about the seat in the faculty being emptied.

At the close of the spring semester, the BCF family celebrated the career of Professor William Stuart McArthur. He has taught classes at BCF in mathematics for the past 11 years and has seen many changes throughout his time on staff. Math is not typically a class that students enthusiastically sign up for, so McArthur has always sought to help students find an understanding for math and perhaps a passion for the subject. It is a challenge he has always been willing to accept with a smile on his face.

Amidst all the changes, one thing that Professor McArthur says has never changed is the excitement he feels when a student finally grasps a mathematical concept. “It’s like a light bulb goes off, and it brings a tear to my eye every time I see that look of understanding,” said McArthur.

“I did learn one valuable lesson before giving my first test here,” remarked McArthur. “I called on a student to pray, and he prayed for 20 minutes. Now I always lead the prayers for 20 minutes. Now I always lead the prayers prior to testing.”

McArthur has several teaching responsibilities under his belt. His career began in the United States Air Force where he taught basic electronics before instructing seventh and eighth grade math classes at Opelika Middle School. His nights and summers were filled teaching classes at Southern Union Junior College which later became Opelika Junior College. He taught two years at Wallace Community College before joining the faculty at BCF.

McArthur holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Mathematics from Auburn University and resides in Ashford, Ala. He and his wife Fran live in the house his grandfather built. It is where he lived until he was five years old.

He says his wife has the immediate months experience for her. This was not the first time DeFelix has attended the Round Table, but it was the first time she was a presenter. “I submitted an abstract in November of 2009 and it was accepted,” stated DeFelix. The topic of her paper was “The Forgiveness Factor in the Lives of Various Literary Characters.” It was a topic that she had been mulling over for years and has even encouraged her students to write on. There were 25 participants and all were given 15 minutes to present their papers before discussion sessions were opened.

This opportunity became a chance to share Christ with a very intellectual crowd who was open to listening to ideas about God, His Son, and the availability of forgiveness. Even though the Oxford website defines the Round Table discussion as “free-standing, apolitical and non-denominational,” the topic of forgiveness could not have been presented without giving an explanation of how the characters understood and received it in their particular stories. According to DeFelix, the discussion opened an avenue for great debate among the professionals gathered in Oxford and was a very humbling and exciting experience for her.

BCF’s well known motto “Changing the World Through The Unchanging World®” is exemplified in the far-reaching connections established by members of the faculty, staff and students as they spend their summer vacations sharing the love of Christ in destinations around the globe.

For the past four years, BCF Professor of Voice Kimberle Moon has traveled to Italy to perform and teach. She will return this summer with BCF pianist Tanya Hobbie and former student Lori Slade. These three women comprise the musical theatre team. “Tanya and I will be teaching the musical theatre numbers to the workshop participants while Lori choreographs the numbers for the performance at the end of the week,” said Moon. “This is going to be such great fun!”

Last year, Moon booked and taught nine workshops including Anatomy and Physiology of the Voice, English Diction and Vocal Health and Hygiene. She worked with professionals, amateurs and high school students. She mentioned that, “It was a very long and tiring summer, but it gave me the subject matter for a book that I am currently writing for Italian singers.”

This summer, she will only be teaching one workshop lasting eight days. Though only there for a short time, she will have quite the scenic location to work in. The workshop is held in Pinzolo, Italy which is nestled in the Alps.

Moon holds a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in vocal performance from Ohio University, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in vocal performance and speech pathology from Ohio State University. Her skills and talents have allowed her to travel and study in numerous countries including Austria, Germany and England.

DeFelix Presents Paper at Oxford

While most students headed home to spend time with family or to the beach to enjoy the sunshine during Spring Break, the Writing Center Director for The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) in Graceville, Deanie DeFelix, traveled to England.

Even though she was able to get in a little sight-seeing with her husband, DeFelix was in Oxford, England, to present a paper at the Oxford Round Table symposium. There are six different symposiums held each year, and this is the 20th year they have been held. According to their website, “The Oxford Round Table is an international educational organization whose purpose is to promote education, art, science, religion and charity.” The spring event was held Sunday, March 28 through Friday, April 2.

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BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen opened an inspiring week of chapel services by introducing the speaker for this year’s Missions Conference, Dr. Gary Crawford, pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Gainesville. Crawford, whose church epitomizes global missions involvement, filled the pulpit for the conference Monday through Wednesday in the historic R.G. Lee Chapel, where students enjoyed exhilarating praise and worship services led by BCF graduate Daniel Morris, who also serves at Westside Baptist Church.

The theme for this year’s conference was “The Great Commission: We Take It Personally.” In Monday’s message, Crawford dove into that theme when he taught about the changes God’s love requires if we are to reach the lost. “When we love God we will love what he loves, and what he loves more than anything else is people,” said Crawford, “This is the very heart of missions.”

During the second day of the Missions Conference, Crawford presented President Kinchen with a colorful painting by a Brazilian artist to be displayed in the new Missions and Evangelism Center. In his sermon, Crawford challenged students and faculty members by saying, “God is not the hesitant one; we are.” Accord-
Please pray with us as our students and professors are on Missions this summer!

They come from different backgrounds, different places and different walks of life. But they all share two things in common: they are all students at The Baptist College of Florida and they all are investing some of their time this summer doing missions.

“We have an amazing bunch of students at BCF,” commented Missions Professor Rich Elligson. “They don’t just come to learn, they come to ‘do.’” Dozens of our students have taken up the challenge to do more than just ‘spend the summer.’ They are investing in Kingdom work. “One group started as a team going with a partnering church to Ghana, West Africa for a two week project,” Elligson shared. “The next thing I knew, I was getting phone calls from them wanting to stay for the whole summer. So we spent the next few months working out details and by God’s grace, it all worked out.” That team left the day after graduation and will not be returning until sometime in July. “I hope the Baptists in Ghana know what they’re in for!” Elligson quipped.

Besides Africa, BCF students will be working in eight different states here in the US and in ten foreign countries. Some are participating as part of class work; others are doing it for the experience. But all are doing it because they share a deep burden to spread God’s love and His saving message. “It’s not because I have to go,” said BCF junior Ben Bean, who will be spending three weeks in the Amazon River Basin. “It’s because I want to. It’s part of who I am, and part of what I want to be.” Like all of the BCF students involved in missions this summer, Ben is excited about the opportunity to put his faith into action. “It’s just one way that maybe I can help ‘Change the world through the unchanging Word.’”

BCF students are investing their summer all over the world!

North America
Todd Alan
Aarika Deerey
Allison Henderson
Brittany Palladino
Michael Hogeland
Kelly Johnson
Matt McCall
Becky Castle
Carolyn Holmes
Titus Terrebonne
Clara Fay Daugherty
Seth Swindle
Leah Dalton
Emily Mitchell Mark
Bateman Rebecca
Hale Derrick Crum
New Hampshire
Florida
Florida
Florida
Florida
New York
West Virginia
Virginia
Georgia
Kentucky
Florida
Alabama
Florida
Florida
Florida
Various (with NAMB)

International
Douglas Gilmore
Jeremy Peery
Anthony Gardiner
Rebecca Hale
Joel Laseter
Nicaragua
Jamaica
Cuba
Cuba
Cuba

Professors
Rich Elligson
David Coggins
Cuba
Ecuador
Scott, Elizabeth M. (’74) has written and published three Christian children’s books within a year. She and her husband John (’74) are currently serving in a mission area along the Texas coast. They can be reached at 1903 Shady Lane St, Richmond, TX 77469; Ph: 281-239-8073; Email: scottintex@yahoo.com.

Morris, Noel (’76) is serving in an outreach ministry through Midway Baptist Church. He can be reached at 594 Bushmill Rd, Bremen, GA 30110; Ph: 770-537-4003; Email: npmorris@bellsouth.net.

Hilliker, Scott (’82) was recently honored by Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, AL for 25 years of service as Minister of Music/Education. Scott and Kathy can be reached at 1520 Waterford Ln, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405; Email: rbscott@comcast.net.

Snipes, William M. (’82) is the pastor of New Home Baptist Church in Wigginsville, VA. He and his wife, Sandra, have four children who are married. They can be reached at 163 Whipporwill Lane, Tеннille, GA 31089; Ph: 478-552-6834.

Eaton, Jo (nee Lehman) (’83) is actively involved in music (children) and women’s ministry at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Snellville, GA. She can be reached at 1540 Cedars Rd, Lawrenceville, GA 30045; Ph: 770-822-3421 or 678-301-7129; Email: Eaton265@msn.com.

Allen, Stephen (’84) has served as an Air Force Chaplain for the past 17 years and now serves as the senior permanent party chaplain at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Using his education at BCF, he went on to complete an M.Div. at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, along with an M.A. in Marriage and Family Christian Counseling at the University of Mary Harden-Baylor in Belton, TX. He can be reached at 13018 Walking Horse, Helotes, TX 78023; Ph: 210-281-4683 or 210-671-4208; Email: sma0362@gmail.com.

Fountain, Tommy Sr (’85) and his wife Dianne are in a full time evangelism ministry known as “Fountain of Joy Ministries.” Tommy also serves as a Trustee at Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, GA and is the Associational Missionary of the Mulberry Baptist Association. They can be reached at 773 Baskins Cir, Winder, GA 30680; Ph: 678-928-1574; Email: tommy@fountainofjoyministries.com.

McNeill, John (’85) and Jan are serving at BCF alumnus Fred Cooley’s church in St. Pete, FL, where John is a pastor and Jan organizes morning worship. They can be reached at 8301 59th Ln, Pinellas Park, FL 33781; Ph: 727-545-1983; Email: preacherfuzz279@yahoo.com.

Grimes, David A. (’86) has been asked to serve as Executive Director of Pinnacle Forum of America in Phoenix, AZ, an organization that strives to see God restored to the center of our culture. He can be reached at 2201 E. Bellerville Pl, Chandler, AZ 85249; Ph: 480-883-0458; Email: davidgrimes@pinnacleforum.com.

Crews, Rev. David (’87) is serving as a Christian vocalist singing at revivals, worship services, and youth services. He can be reached at 3400 Arizona Dr, Pensacola, FL 32504; Ph: 850-281-0097; Email: davidcrewpensacola@yahoo.com.

Davis, Michael (’89) and Melanie (’90) are still serving at Olivet Baptist Church in Ocala, FL. They can be reached at 8493 S. Magnolia Ave, Ocala, FL 34476; Ph: 352-237-8377; Email: MDavis372@cfrr.com.

Deese, Dennis (’90) is an evangelist who has just released his new book: “Why I Can’t Quit (Why You Shouldn’t Either).” It can be ordered at www.dennisdeese.com. He can be reached at 1035 Austin Ridge Ct, Piney Flats, TN 37686; Ph: 423-895-2847; Email: drdeese@gmail.com.

Ford, Fred R. “Bob” (’90) is retired and has an internet prayer ministry. He can be reached at 1012 Jefferson Circle, Martinsville, VA 24112; Ph: 276-352-4150; Email: kjvgal22@hotmail.com.

Wiles, Martin (’91) is serving as Pastor at First Baptist Church of Harleyville. He recently published a devotional book. He can be reached at 209 W. Main St., Harleyville, SC 29448; Ph: 843-701-6022; Email: mandmwiles@homesc.com.

Steinbach, Robert Paul (’92) is serving the Lord as pastor of Coastal Baptist Church. He can be reached at 750 Girvin Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32225; Ph: 904-472-4345; Email: steinbach82@hotmail.com.

Ferger, Chris (’94) is serving the Lord and can be reached at 2335 Garden Ln, Festus, MO 63028; Ph: 636-937-9961; Email: cferger@sbcglobal.net.

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Davis, Bruce R. (’95) is serving as a Worship Pastor at Harvest Time Bible Church in Rock Falls, IL. He can be reached at 26680 Fulfs Rd, Sterling, IL 61081; Ph: 815-564-0332; Email: bruce@htbc.info.

Ferrell, George L. (’95) is serving as pastor of Jefferson First Baptist Church in Jefferson, SC. He can be reached at PO Box 232, Jefferson, SC 29718; Ph: 843-658-6550 or 843-658-3433; Email: george_ferrell@yahoo.com.

Fox, Michael W. (’95) is serving as the pastor of Sugarloaf Baptist Church. He can be reached at 19510 Mayan St, Sugarloaf Key, FL 33781; Ph: 305-396-7421; Email: bro-mikeathome@comcast.net.

Denning, Mike (’98) has served Glynnwood Baptist Church as Associate Pastor/Minister of Music for over 10 years and is still following God’s call there. He can be reached at 1211 Jamestown Dr., Prattville, AL 36067; Ph: 334-358-4913; Email: mikedenning@knology.net.

Frank, Wesley (’98) is serving as Senior Pastor of Sargent Baptist Church in Newman, GA, a new ministry started on January 25, 2010. He can be reached at 35 Windsor Rd, Newman, GA 30263; Ph: 678-733-2281; Email: fwsley62@msn.com.

Gilmore, Matt (’98) is serving as a bivocational pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and as a full-time Bible Teacher at Victory Christian Academy. He graduated from Southeastern University with a Master of Education degree. He can be reached at 3503 Publix Rd, Lakeeland, FL 33810; Ph: 863-937-6329; Email: matt@mymtb.com.

Bates, Don (’99) is serving as the Music Minister at Bethany Baptist Church in McDonough, GA. He can be reached at 500 Austin Dr, McDonough, GA 30252; Ph: 678-432-3414 or 770-957-4455; Email: donaldbates1@bellsouth.net.

Knight, Ronnie (’99) is currently serving at Seman Baptist Church in Wetumpka, AL and is working on his M.Div. through Liberty University. He can be reached at 500 North Pine St, Wetumpka, AL 36092; Ph: 334-315-2720; Email: rknights@cttesting.com.

Richardson, Ronald (’99) has accepted a pastoral position at Faith Community Church in McAlpin, FL. He can be reached via email at ronnie@deronenterprises.com.
Randall, William Mike ('02) has been committed to serving full time in India since 2005. He operates his ministry through his home church, Rose Hill Baptist of Columbus, GA. Information about his ministry can be found at www.hearthecries.org. He can be reached at indiamike09@yahoo.com.

Bass, Matthew ('04) is serving as Associate Pastor of Music and Worship at Wayside Baptist Church in Ashford, AL. He can be reached at 209 Sweet Gum Dr, Dothan, AL 36303; Ph: 334-791-1901; Email: swordphish55@aol.com.

Rathel, David ('04) is serving as pastor of Fork Baptist Church and is a ThM student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He can be reached at 5208 Falkland Rd, Scottsburg, VA 24589; Ph: 434-572-2316; Email: drathel1@mac.com.

Campbell, John ('05) is serving as Associate Pastor of Church on the Rock in Plant City, FL. He can be reached at 4539 Swinger Rd, Dover, FL 33527; Ph: 813-752-8086; Email: jmmjc@hotmail.com.

Griffin, Keith ('06) is serving at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Boone, NC and recently married Stacey Russell. They can be reached at 174 Adams Ln, Boone, NC 28607; Ph: 239-898-8127; Email: kogriffin@gmail.com.

Philips, Chris ('08) and Rebekah ('04) welcomed Timothy Alan on May 4. They can be reached at 348 SW Baya Drive, Lake City, FL 32025; Ph: 386-365-5804; Email: chris@friesville.net or bekah@friesville.net.

Cochran, Adrian ('09) can be reached at 5490 College Dr Ap, 28, Graceville, FL 32440; Ph: 334-202-1573; Email: ade4given@gmail.com.

Bailey, Carol “Barol” ('10) is currently serving at Madrid Baptist Church in Cottonwood as Music and Youth Minister, and is letting the Lord lead him in his post-graduation plans. He can be reached at 261 Decatur Rd, Cottonwood, AL 36320; Ph: 864-426-5862; Email: barol60@yahoo.com.

Taylor, Marvin ('66) passed away on April 6, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Nora.

Halford, Patricia passed away on March 14, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Clifford.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Prayer Conference
  with Dr. Wayne Barber
  and Dr. Rick Shepherd ............... September 13-15

- Missions Conference
  with Dr. Keith Eitel .................. October 25-27

- Fall Revival/Homecoming
  with Dr. Craig Conner ............... November 1-3

- U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers Chorus
  Concert (3:00 p.m.) .................. November 7

- Preview Day ......................... November 12

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