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But God...

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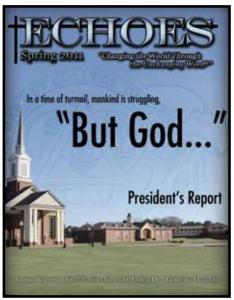
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The Baptist College of Florida shall operate within the context of a Christian worldview to promote, provide for, operate and control a program of education and training for Christian leaders through awarding certificates and associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees in a co-educational post-secondary setting.

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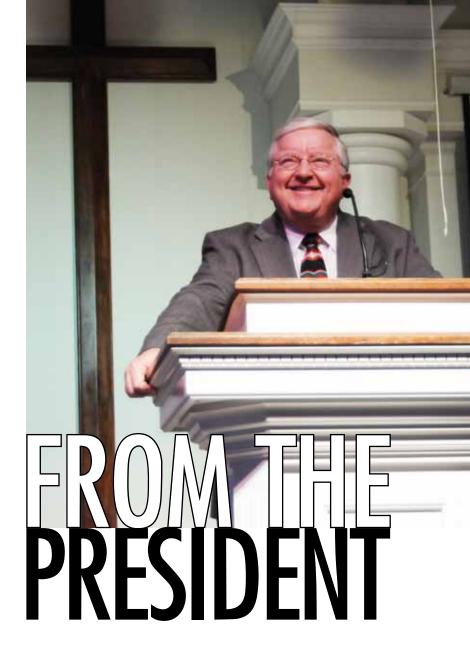
To fulfill its mission, the college seeks to develop those qualities in students that contribute to effective ministry. In the area of personal growth, we seek to foster a desire for knowledge; develop cultural awareness by introducing students to a wide range of knowledge; nurture the ability to acquire, evaluate, assimilate, and use information; and promote personal and social maturity.

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For spiritual growth, we provide the resources for gaining biblical and religious data; we also assist students in learning and living the Christian life. In terms of professional growth, students are enabled to gain the credentials that enhance opportunities for ministry, and they learn to master a specialized body of knowledge.

At the same time, we encourage positive attitudes toward ministry and foster both an awareness of and a loyalty to the Southern Baptist heritage.

"But God..."



Dear Friends,

For me, one of the most intriguing statements in scripture is "But God." In the second chapter of Ephesians I am reminded of how often our God uses us in the building of His Kingdom in spite of our insufficiency and sometimes our inattention. Right at the time of our greatest need we come to the point of "But God." This is certainly true in the life of The Baptist College of Florida. There have been times in our history when there was a real question of being able to keep the College open, "But God" has provided men and women who have served unselfishly and given generously for the cause of educating the next generation of Christian leaders.

We live in a time when our society is rejecting the gospel and turning to all

types of counterfeit gods, "But God" is still calling out some of the finest students I have ever known; and they are responding to His call. I am convinced that the current generation of students is indeed our "greatest generation." They have a zeal that is unmatched and a sense of surrender to our Lord's will that is contagious. As long as they are responding to our Lord's leadership and seeking the education that is needed, we can do no less than provide them with the finest tools and training available. That is BCF's total purpose.

It would come as no surprise to you that we are living in challenging economic times. Finances are tight; needs are great; countless priorities call out for our attention. "But God" is not surprised by our current circumstances, and He is not "caught short" in His ability to finance what He has called us to be and do. Recently when I met with one of the workgroups from our Florida Baptist Convention's State Board of Missions, I assured them that whatever needs face us The Baptist College of Florida is a "No Whining Zone." We are not going to moan, groan, whine and complain. Rather we are going to stand up, speak up, and

offer thanks up for our Lord's provision through the Florida Baptist Convention and our many friends across the country. We do not know how and when all of our provisions will come, "But God" in His perfect timing will provide according to His will.

There are some who would say that this type of total dependence on the "But God" moments is a cop out on our responsibility. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is not a cop out on responsibility; it is a buy in on faith and trust. As you read this edition of Echoes you will see that we are planning, praying and working simultaneously. I want to thank you for your support through prayers, referral of students, and financial support. In the final analysis you and I will plant and water "But God" will give the increase. Your Baptist College of Florida and I live by that firm belief, and we find great joy in anticipating what He will do in and through us and this great school in the future.

God Bless You,

President

Thomas A. Kinchen

Campus Additions...

Right: New banners adorn BCF campus.

Below: December '10 graduates donate Eagle sign.





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Emily Redmond from Altha, Florida and Thaddeus Jones from Pensacola were the winners of the two \$500 scholarships that were awarded during BCF's Spring Preview Day! If you missed Preview Day, call for a VIP tour today!

BCF Women's Ensemble to Tour Through Florida



From Plant City to Miami, the BCF Women's Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Buford Cox are sure to delight crowds at every venue...

April 13- Durant High School in Plant City April 13-Sarasota Baptist Church (Lakewood Ranch Campus) April 14 - Calvary Christian School in Clearwater April 15 - Florida Christian School in Miami

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The Missouri based BUDD Builders (Building Under Divine Direction) have once again stationed their hard-working volunteer group on the BCF campus. Arriving shortly after the Christmas holidays, the group went to work on the modular buildings located near Heri-



BUDD BUILDERS CONTINUE TO SHOWER BLESSINGS ON BCF

classroom spaces and faculty offices. Since 2006, the group has been coming to BCF to assist with multiple build-

> ing projects including the construction of the first Shepherd's Cottage, the relocation of the Graceville Train Depot which now serves as the administration building, and other renovations in the business office, president's conference room, prayer chapel, and student center. The Missouri volunteers' handiwork and evidence of their hard work can been seen on any given day throughout the BCF campus.

> The Builders, who sacrificially give of their time and talent, consist of retired electricians, lawvers, military members, teachers, and numerous other vocations. Many travel with their wives who use their time in Graceville to quilt and sew for nearby Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Battered Women's Centers, Nursing Homes and the Florida Baptist Children's Home.

> Their efforts and existence can also be seen throughout

tage Village converting them into large the community as they actively participate in local church congregations working with children and teens in the area. They also enjoy spending time with BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen and First Lady Ruth Ann. Each year, Mrs. Kinchen takes the group of ladies for day trips to local areas of interest such as Pier Park, Destin and various antique and quilt shops. After their busy work days are finished, many of them gather for a time of prayer and worship as well as rest and relaxation in the old log cabin.

> For more information on BUDD projects or how you can be involved in missions on the BCF campus, please contact 800.328.2660 ext. 460 or visit www.baptistcollege.edu.

> > Special BCF Good Friday Service on April 22 @ 10:00 a.m.



The historic R.G. Lee Chapel was filled to capacity as BCF musical groups presented "An Evening of Hallelujahs" under the direction of Music and Worship Division Chair Bill Davis.

BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen expressed his deepest appreciation to the talented musicians and participants remarking that in his 21 years as President at the college, he had never experienced a night of worship quite like this one.

The night of worship was just one of the events in the Spring lineup featuring every musical group on campus praising God through the musical talent of the students studying at BCF. From the worship experience during Spring Preview Day to the Jazz Band, College Singers, Women's Ensemble, and Male Chorale tours, much of the state of Florida was exposed to the stellar musical worship experiences at BCF.









Nicholas Ciraldo

Renowned guitarist Nicholas Ciraldo performed at The Baptist College of Florida on March 17.

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The following is an annual report of gifts to The Baptist College of Florida. All gifts received during the preceding calendar year are included. The purpose is to express appreciation to those who have shared on behalf of students, faculty, staff, and trustees. Extreme care is exercised to ensure accuracy. Your assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated. Please call (800) 328-2660 ext. 416 for questions or to provide additional information. Gifts to BCF are an investment in the preparation of men and women for Christian service. Supporters are recognized in categories on the following pages for their faithfulness!

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-Eph 2:4



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ALUMNI UPDATES

Update your alumni information by contacting alumni@baptistcollege.edu or call 800.328.2660 (ext. 419)

Ledbetter, Don ('74) is serving in his 28th year as a vocational evangelist and has written two books. He can be reached at PO Box 689, Fayetteville, GA 30214; Ph: 770-461-8380; Email: don@donledbetter.org.

Mills, Tommy J. ('74) recently retired having served in the same association since graduating in 1974. First he was at First Baptist Woodsvield, then Calvary Baptist in McConnelsville and retired from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Steubenville, Ohio where he served for 28 years. He currently drives a school bus and plans to retire from that the last of June. "I have driven for 25 and half years." stated Mills. "Working as a bivocational pastor has been very rewarding but demanding. I praise God for the education I received while at The Baptist College of Florida (old BBI - 1971-1974)."

Glover, Danny ('78) has pastored churches in Florida, Texas, Kentucky, and North Carolina for 25 years and has started a company assisting churches with leadership and stewardship development. He can be reached at 224 Shalimar Dr, Durham, NC 27713; Ph: 919-544-2883 or 919-345-6028; Email: DannyG@gloverconsults.com.

Johnson, John P. ('86) at 840 is serving as pastor of Ph: 22 New Garden Baptist Email: Church in Wakefield, MS. He can be reached Peavy, I at 415 Sterling Drive, Collierville, TN Washing 38017. Email: revipj@hotmail.com. can be recommended.

Crews, David ('86) is currently filling pulpits and leading Expository Bible Studies, musical worship services, retreats, revivals and other special events.

Martin, Gary ('86) is serving as senior at 807 Bridgewater Street, Avon Park, pastor of Southern Community Fel- FL 33825. Email: kingin4ht@msn.com.

lowship in Marianna, FL. He is also employed with the Jackson County School Board. He can be reached at P.O. Box 148 Campbellton, FL 32426. Email: gbenmartin@centurytel.net.

Romick, Eric ('88) is serving as pastor of First Baptist Church Nocatee. He can be reached at P.O. Box 447 Nocatee, FL 34268.

Deese, Dennis ('90) and his wife, Teri, have celebrated their third anniversary as vocational evangelists. He can be reached at 1035 Austin Ridge Ct, Piney Flats, TN 37686; Ph: 423-391-7489; Email: drdeese@gmail.com.

Wolcott, Matthew ('91) is serving at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Moscow, TN. He can be reached at 1351 Dorse Road Michigan City, MS 38647. Email: covserv@yahoo.com.

Hall, Timothy ('94) is serving the Lord and can be reached at HC 71 Box 17, Franklin, WV 26807; Ph: 304-358-7668 or 304-358-7797; Email: waysidepastor@gmail.com.

Odom, Fred ('95) has been the pastor of Springfield Baptist Churchin Jakin, Georgia since July 2005. He can be reached at 8408 Hwy 29, Jakin, GA 39861; Ph: 229-723-4256 or 229-793-4432; Email: pastorfredodom@gmail.com.

Peavy, Rodney ('98) is serving as Pastor of Washington Heights Baptist Church. He can be reached at rodneypeavy@aol.com.

King, Scott ('00) was named 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Park El School in Avon Park, FL. He can be reached at 807 Bridgewater Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Email: kingin4ht@msn.com.

Williams, Greg ('03) and Emily ('06). Greg is serving as senior pastor at Crossroads Baptist Church in Lithia, FL. They can be reached at 6406 CR 39 South, Lithia, FL 33547.

Shumaker, Tim ('05) is serving the Lord through a special ministry of illusions, spreading the Gospel and teaching Biblical truths to children. He can be reached at 929 Hwy 277, Chipley, FL 32428; Ph: 850-638-0677; Email: shumakerlink@aol.com.

Holmes, Gary ('07) is serving as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. Gary can be reached at 5201 Cedar Point Road Jacksonville, FL 32226. Email: holmesgary@yahoo.com.

Nation, Heather ('08) is employed at Walmart and finding plenty of minstry opportunities there. She is interning at a counseling agency and planning to go back to school for a nursing or medical degree.

Burdick, Tim ('09) is serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Minneola, FL. He can be reached at 1411 Pembrook Drive Leesburg, FL 34748.

Sammons, Darrell ('10) and Gail ('09). Darrell is serving as Pastor of Fleming Island Baptist Church in Fleming Island, FL. Gail is currently serving the Clay County School System as an instructional substitute. Both are attending Liberty University Online for their graduate studies. They can be reached at 4027 Maggie Lane, Middleburg, FL 32068. Email: Darrell.sammons@gmail.com or gail.sammons@yahoo.com.

Condolences to the Families of:

Winifred C. Allen
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New Alumni Director

Dr. Bill Floyd is the new Director of Alumni Affairs for The Baptist College of Florida. He is currently trying to locate and make contact with as many alumni as possible!

The BCF Development office is planning on scheduling some Alumni events, and would appreciate your help in locating all of our alumni! If you'd be interested in an alumni event in your area, please give Dr. Floyd a call at 1-800-328-2660 ext. 419.

BCF Alumnus Presents at AEJMC Southeast Colloquium

Matthew LeHew, a 2009 BCF alumnus, put the skills he received in his undergraduate education to the test as he presented a paper at a graduate conference on March 18.

LeHew, who received his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies *magna cum laude* and is currently employed as BCF's Lead Graphic and Web Designer, is working on his Master of Arts in Integrated Marketing Communication from Florida State University. He wrote the paper to fulfill the requirements for a communication policy course.

"Of course it was exciting and nervewracking to present to communications faculty and fellow students who are all held in such high esteem," said LeHew. "One thing I'm thankful for is how well the Biblical Studies curriculum at BCF prepared me for academic writing. I came into FSU already ahead of a



lot of the other students who had also just received their undergrad degrees."

The conference that LeHew spoke at was the Southeast Colloquium of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), hosted by the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

LeHew is just one example of the many ways that BCF alumni continue to impact their fields, both in continuing their education and in practical ministry. BCF is proud of its alumni as they make a difference in the world to further the Kingdom of God.

Graduate Classes... Answered prayer! A dream realized!

As the second semester for the graduate program at The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) in Graceville draws to a close, discussions are already underway about hooding the first student who hopes to earn the new degree. "It is absolutely one of the most exciting programs on the BCF campus," stated Marketing Director Sandra Richards. "For years, providing graduate level studies to men and women preparing for areas of service and ministry has been a vision and desire in the heart of our President. Now it is a reality."

Launching the first graduate class this past August, BCF began offering a thirty semester hour Master of Arts in Christian Studies degree with concentrations in Biblical Studies or Christian Ministry. The degree possesses the same characteristics that identify so well with BCF's undergraduate programs in that they are strong Bible-based, Christ-centered and Ministry-minded. One key advantage to the graduate program is that

instruction is offered through a mixture of short term campus experiences coupled with web-based and internet delivery components.

Graduate Division Chair Ed Scott led the first two classes through their initial study of graduate research and has scheduled the third research class to be offered during the summer semester. The first required class is designed to introduce new graduate students to the advanced level of research and writing that will be needed in each successive course and ultimately in their Graduate Thesis.

According to Scott the first two classes have been tremendously suc-



Members of the first graduate research class.

cessful with students providing positive feedback on the content of the course and the direction of the entire program. Several of the students who completed the introductory course are currently enrolled in other courses which are meeting this semester.

For more information about the BCF Graduate Program, please call at 800-328-2660 ext. 460 or access the complete graduate catalog online at www.baptistcollege.edu.

"But God..."



Spring 2011 Graduation

The Baptist College of Florida will have 76 seniors graduate during the Spring 2011 Graduation ceremony on May 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the BCF Assembly Center. This will be the largest graduating class to date! Join us as we celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

