

# Wireless Net Offers Convenient Internet Service At BCF

Whether sitting under the gazebo or out by the lake, in the dining hall with friends, taking notes in a classroom, or studying in a dorm room, Baptist College of Florida (BCF) students can be seen all over campus with their laptops in tow and a smile on their face.

Thanks to the new Wireless Net recently implemented on the Graceville campus, students can now access the internet from anywhere on campus making both study and play a little more convenient.

Wireless Net is the new campus wide wireless Internet service at BCF and is an expansion of the wireless test project, Unwired. Unwired was implemented 18 months ago providing service to a limited area on campus to test the feasibility of the service by the student population.

The test project quickly proved to be a success with students soon asking for additional areas of coverage.

The expanded coverage under the Wireless Net was made available during the fall 2004 semester and has since provided service to the entire BCF campus.

Wireless Net offers all the services of traditional wired Internet access with the addition of content filtering. Users need only a special wireless network adapter for a notebook, desktop, or handheld computer and an assigned PIN from BCF to

have internet access without the restraints of traditional cabling. Wireless users can travel throughout the coverage zones and remain connected to the network.

"The convenience of getting on the internet anywhere is great," explains BCF junior theology major Tim Flowers of the new service.

"I use it in between classes with my laptop to do things like check grades, work on homework and see my class syllabus online. And of course, check e-mail."

Coverage is currently available in all four residence halls, married housing, all buildings on the main campus and at the college's Heritage Village. The service is presently offered to registered BCF students, alumni, faculty and staff.

"We are extremely pleased to offer this expanded wireless service on our campus," explained BCF's

Management Information Services Director Cathy Williams. "High speed Internet access, where it is available today, is still rather expensive when purchased by the individual consumer. The Wireless Net on the Graceville campus gives our users the benefit of high-speed access to the Internet."

The Wireless Net is powered by hardware from Citynet of Panama City, an innovative leader in today's ever-changing technology. ♦



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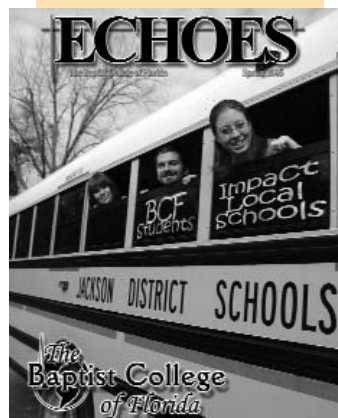
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Cover Photo: These three BCF education majors are serving as student interns at Graceville Elementary School this semester. Cover photo & design by Mike Smith.

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The purpose of The Baptist College of Florida shall be to promote, provide for, operate and control a program of education and training for ministers and other religious workers. The college shall operate as a coeducational, post-secondary institution awarding associate and baccalaureate degrees in the fields of theology, Christian education, church music, Christian counseling, leadership and education.

## From The President

# This is a wonderful year!



Dear Friends,

This truly is a wonderful new year! The enrollment for the spring semester has set another all time record of 582. This will bring our total enrollment for the year to 749. This too is a record. God continues to send some of His choice folks to The Baptist College of Florida.

I am continually amazed at the work that is being done in the name of our Lord by our students, faculty and alumni. In one of our Evangelism courses the students go out into the community and share their faith. A three-semester report from this class reflected the following: 169 students made 1,955 attempts to share their faith and were allowed to make the presentation 964 times. As a result of this 191 persons prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Friends, this is good news. I am so proud of our students.

Another amazing fact is the value that is received by the folks who come to The Baptist College of Florida. A recent report from the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools focused on the costs for colleges related to Southern Baptists. Of approximately 60 colleges listed, The Baptist College of Florida has the lowest tuition and fees! In fact our tuition and fees are equal to 50.4% of the average of all Southern Baptist related colleges. Further, our tuition and fees are equal to 33% of the average for all listed private colleges in the country.

Recently I was blessed to receive a report on the mission activities of our students. During the past year our students have been in: Indonesia, Russia, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Southeast Asia and across the United States. In addition, large numbers of our students serve faithfully as staff members in local churches during their college careers. Truly we are doing while learning and learning while doing.

I am grateful for your many prayers and other indications of support for the work of our Lord at the college. Please continue to pray for us, send us your students, call our graduates for service, come to see us, and support us financially as the Lord gives you opportunity.

God Bless You,



# Graduation Brings

# Celebration, Anticipation

## Fall 2004 Grads Receive Diplomas

Future teachers, preachers, counselors, musicians and more walked the stage Friday, December 10 to receive hard earned diplomas during the fall graduation ceremony at The Baptist College of Florida (BCF).

The graduates gathered early before the ceremony in a classroom where they greeted each other with smiles and knowing looks of anticipation. Nervous conversation and panicked last minute arrivals filled the room. Church music major Melissa Kuder of Tallahassee, Florida sat for the last time at a classroom table in the front of the room with her friends and chattered happily about the milestone.

"It's exciting because you're moving on to a new chapter in life, but scary, because it's not like there's a handbook for the transition," she said. Melissa is the second in her family to graduate from BCF, following in the footsteps of sister Melanie who graduated in 2002. The Kuders are a close family, evidenced by Melissa's special addition to her graduation cap as she bends down to

show her friends the words "Thank You Mom and Dad" written across the cap in white stickers.



**Melissa Kuder, right, found a creative way to share the spotlight with her parents on graduation day.**

"You work for so long and so hard, but it seems like you're never really going to get here," she explained. "I couldn't have done it without them." Melissa plans travel to Europe soon where she will live in Italy for one year as part of the teaching English as a

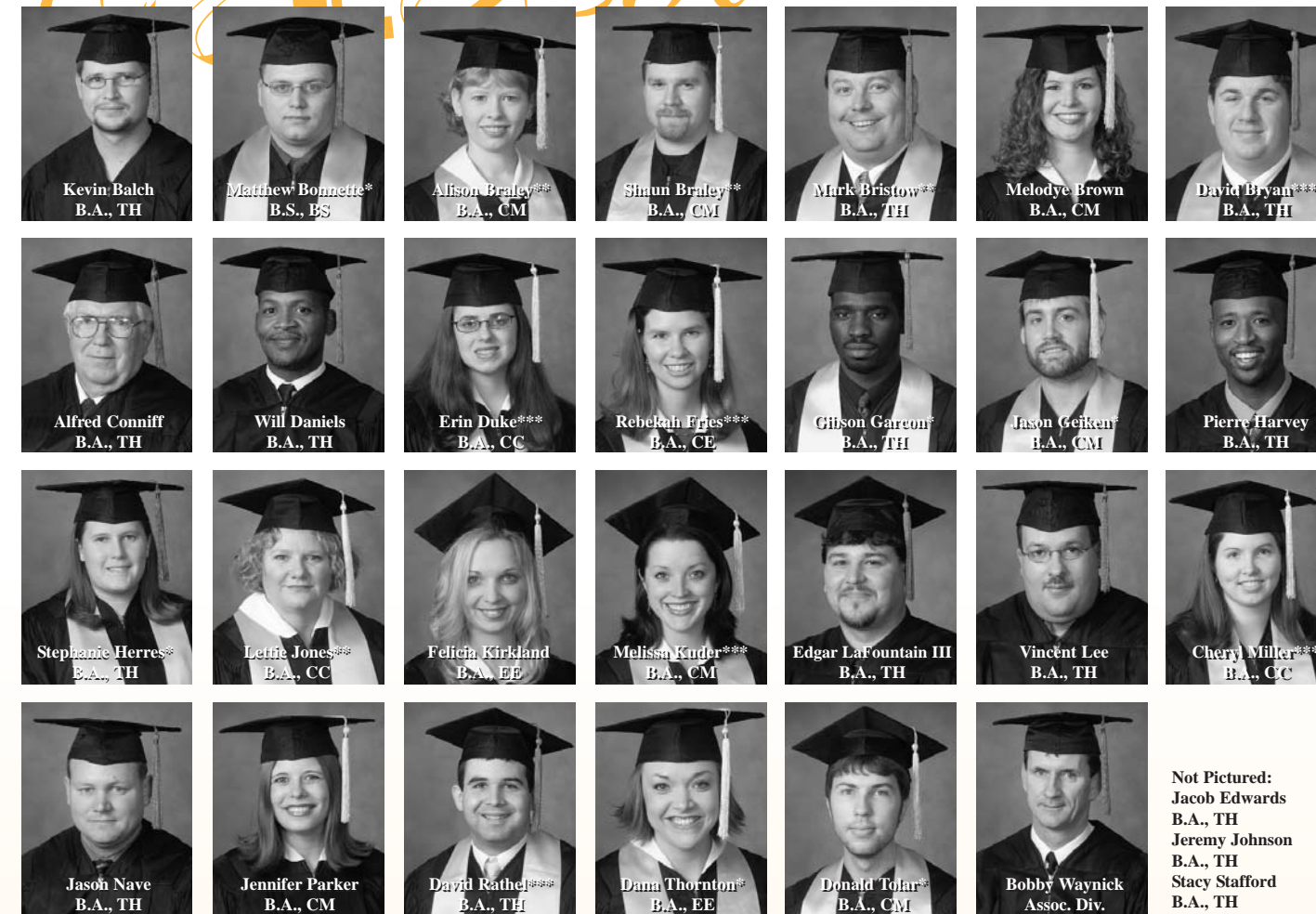
foreign language program. She then hopes to return to the states to study musical theatre.

On the opposite side of the room theology major David Rathel calmly awaited the cue to begin the ceremony. He has long felt at home at BCF even before his studies began in 2000 with mother Angie the college's director of financial aid and father Mark a member of the faculty.

The arrangement might have been stressful for some with both parents so close, but David says he was used to it. "Dad was always the pastor at our church," he explains. "So it was kind of the same."

The fact that David seems to have his father's knack for scholarly study, graduating with Summa Cum Laude honors, likely made the arrangement easier.

Suddenly it was time to begin and the graduates quickly filed down the stairs to make their entrance to their final step in their journey at BCF. Greeted by a capacity crowd they entered with beaming smiles. Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen, college president,



Not Pictured:  
Jacob Edwards  
B.A., TH  
Jeremy Johnson  
B.A., TH  
Stacy Stafford  
B.A., TH

welcomed the group and offered a few words of advice before conferring the 30 degrees.

Kinchen called the graduates to be leaders in this time for revival in a wide array of areas including revival in great commission emphasis, revival of relevance and vitality of what it means to be Christian and Christian leaders and a revival of courage in churches and educational institutions to be "more concerned with what is right than what is politically correct," he said.

"If we see the need for this revival and we conclude the time is now, what will we do about it?" asked the president of the new graduates. "My prayer for you and your ministry, my prayer for you and your church, my prayer for Christian Baptist education is simply this," he continued.

"That we will not let the intellectual blue bloods driving their limousines of license as they seek to pasteurize, homogenize and

satirize the gospel in an effort to make it inept, inert and ineffective," he explained. "God help that they never, ever take over the minds and hearts of our people."

Kinchen concluded in strong admonition, "May it always be said that we have simply seen a day among Baptists, among Christians in higher education . . . in which we stand before God . . . and an often hostile world and proudly proclaim that Jesus Christ and Christ alone makes lives new, churches revitalized, and education transformed."

As part of this proclamation, two new BCF faculty members signed the college's articles of faith. Tod Tanner, assistant professor of Christian education, and Nancy Holley, assistant professor of elementary education, added their names to the roster of those in faculty service at BCF who have all affirmed the college's conservative theological position. ♦

### Degree Key

A. Div.	Associate of Divinity
B.A., CC	Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling
B.A., CE	Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education
B.A., CM	Bachelor of Arts in Church Music
B.A., EE	Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
B.A., TH	Bachelor of Arts in Theology
B.M., CM	Bachelor of Music in Church Music
B.S., BS	Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies
Honors: * ** ***	Cum Laude Magna Cum Laude Summa Cum Laude



# Alumni Focus

## BCF Alum Recounts Journey to Faith Named President of Convention's SBMF

Judaism is more than a religion. It's a culture, a family, a network of friends, a very way of everyday life based intricately on faith. Feasts and joyous celebrations marked with music, dancing and laughter are forever etched into the memories of its believers.

Just as vivid, however, is the monumental suffering and genocide endured at death camps like that at Auschwitz where world leaders gathered recently to mark the 60th anniversary of the camp's liberation. The bond of faith among the Jewish people has brought them through trials like those few peoples have faced.

So, when David Hecht began questioning his Jewish faith in the early 1980's, it was no laughing matter.

Now nearly 30 years later the Jewish believer and Baptist College of Florida grad has committed his life to proclaiming the gospel through full-time ministry and has been tapped as the leader of the Messianic fellowship for the largest protestant denomination in the country.

Hecht's exact lineage is blurry like that of so many of his fellow Jewish people, tracing only as far back as the holocaust and dispersion throughout Europe. The one thing that is clear is that he is a multi-generational Jew, made a Bar Mitzvah at 13 years

of age and confirmed in the Jewish faith at age 15. With a mother of Polish descent and a father of Austrian descent the baby boomer had known nothing but Judaism his entire life.

It was 1983, in Hecht's mid 20's, when he became restless in his Jewish faith. Hecht recalls that he truly felt like something was missing in his life. Unsure where else to turn, he sought guidance in the Tanakh, the Hebrew Scriptures known by most Christians as the Old Testament. He began his reading in Genesis and from there a seven year journey resulted in mounting evidence that left Hecht wavering in his beliefs.

Hecht could not put aside the discrepancies found in reading the Tanakh and the Talmud, a rabbinic commentary considered the standard in Jewish study.

"There was just no peace in my heart when I read much of the rabbinic interpreta-

tion of the Hebrew Scriptures," remembers Hecht. "You just know when you're hearing error and I now know it was the Holy Spirit prior to my salvation that just did not testify to the truth of what I was reading in the Rabbinic commentary. In many cases the Tanakh and the Talmud contradicted each other."

Issues like God's holiness and the law were confusing to Hecht. "When I was honest with myself I wasn't keeping any of the Ten Commandments or the 613 statutes and ordinances in the Law of Moses," he explains.

Reading through Leviticus 16-17 on the law of atonement, Hecht says God spoke to him. "In Leviticus 17:11 God tells Moses 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.' At that moment I

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**--David Hecht ('02)**

understood that my sins had not been atoned for because there was no more temple, or priesthood, or blood sacrifice," he remembers.

Without this atonement it seemed that he was doomed. The alternative, believing that Jesus was indeed the fulfillment of prophecy and the Messiah, was unthinkable in his Jewish faith.

"In Judaism there are many different beliefs for every issue. It's really often a joke among Jewish people," explains Hecht. "But the one thing that is agreed upon is that Jesus is not the Jewish Messiah." His own personal journey, however, would not allow him to let go of his nagging suspicion that he was missing something.

Hecht recalls with great sentiment that momentous day on June 15, 1990 when missionary Israel Cohen of Chosen People Ministries spoke in his hometown of Panama City, Florida.

The gathering intrigued Hecht as Cohen explained that each of the seven feasts described in Leviticus 23 are a "prophetic picture of the redemptive program of the Messiah in his first and second coming," remembers Hecht.

The Jewish culture prominently celebrates the seven feasts as ordained by God when the Law was given to Moses, so Hecht was intimately familiar with the scripture discussed.

"After his lesson, Israel spent the whole afternoon going through the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Covenant Scriptures and showed me one-on-one that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy" Recalls Hecht. That day Hecht accepted Christ as his personal savior.

A whole new life began for the new Christian. Within a few years he began to feel dissatisfied at his job as an advertising account executive with Panama City's local ABC affiliate, realizing that he was more concerned with his clients' spiritual life than their advertising contracts.

By 1998 he had surrendered to full-time ministry and enrolled at The Baptist College

of Florida (BCF), then Florida Baptist Theological College, in Graceville, Florida where he was studying theology.

Noting the completeness of the preparation from theology to missions, Hecht says his studies at BCF gave him the foundational preparation necessary to be able to reach his fellow Jewish people. "I was given a solid biblical, theological, missiological, pastoral and administrative education on which to build a lifetime of ministry," explains Hecht of his preparation.

"The personal commitment of the leadership and the professors at BCF to raise up the next generation of godly leadership in all areas of Church and public life is unmatched."

Graduating in 2002 from BCF, Hecht and wife Maxie moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina where he is now a Master of Divinity student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His student status has not stopped him from beginning his ministry, diving into numerous Jewish outreach programs through the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) North American Mission Board (NAMB), International Mission Board (IMB), and the new Pasche Institute of Jewish Studies at Criswell College to reach his Jewish counterparts.

Trips last summer to Israel and New York City for mission work proved fruitful and further flamed Hecht's passion for Jewish missions. His involvement heightened in June of 2004 when elected president of the Southern Baptist Messianic

Fellowship (SBMF) during their annual meeting in Indianapolis in conjunction with the SBC's annual gathering. Founded in 1990, the SBMF was created by a group of SBC leaders who wanted to reach out to the Jewish community.

Hecht now prayerfully leads 120 pastors, lay men and women, congregational leaders, missionaries and parachurch leaders in conjunction with 40 congregations in the United States, South America, Canada, and Israel through the Southern Baptist organization.

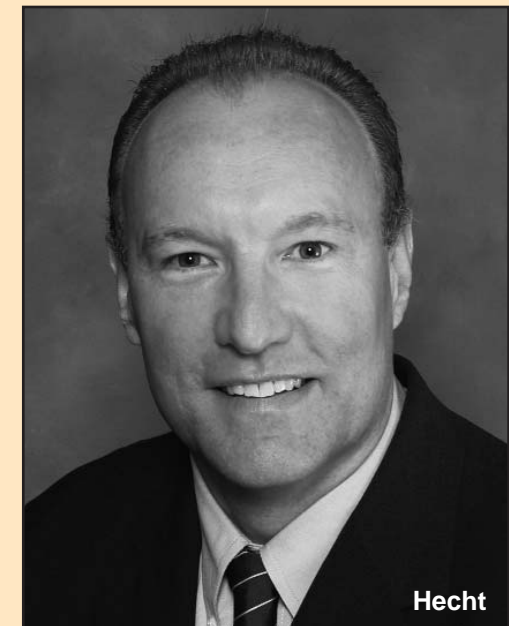
The humble leader takes the position seriously explaining that the group's purpose is to "present the gospel and Jesus Christ from a Biblically Jewish perspective." This, he says, is the guiding principle in everything they do.

The sensitivity of Jewish evangelism and issues like anti-Semitism do not escape the 47-year-old Hecht. Even before beginning this interview with Echoes he stopped to offer a heartfelt prayer that he be able to accurately and sensitively articulate the mission of the SBMF.

Reared in the traditions of Judaism at the Temple Shalom, a reform Jewish congregation in Galesburg, Illinois, Hecht understands the Jewish perspective and hopes that insight helps him reach the Jewish people while still being sensitive to their needs.

"It's difficult for a Jewish person to believe that Jesus is the Messiah because of

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Hecht

# Making the Grade

## BCF Partners With Local School To Improve Student Achievement

Walking down the halls of Graceville Elementary School (GES) in the rural Florida panhandle community brings sights and sounds like that of so many childhood memories. Colorful art projects line the walls and the sound of children's laughter fills the air. Rounding the corner happy chaos fills the indoor playground as students and teachers alike avoid the unusually frigid air outside.

At the school office, the secretary points to the check-in book and sticky visitor tags as she continues to scribble a note with the phone tucked under her ear. Shortly a chaperone emerges from an office across the hall and access to the extraordinary life of an elementary school is granted.

In the next hour students stare wide-eyed seemingly wondering what all the fuss is about as a photographer snaps photos of their classrooms. For them it seems just another day, but to the outsider it is a peek

into the future of America.

After a quick tour of the school, Linda Cox happily sits down to discuss her trials and triumphs as the five-year principal of the school. As she pulls up a chair in the modest office, on her short list of triumphs is a partnership forged with The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) two years ago.

As sounds from the lumber company across the road float through the air, Cox explains that just a few years ago the school was suffering from mediocre state ratings and declining standardized test scores. Part of her plan

to turn the tide on the snowballing problems included a joint effort with BCF to create a mentoring program for her students. She says that since then, in great part due to the help from BCF students, the school has made vast improvements.

The program was fleshed out over a lunch shared by Cox and Evelyn Collier, chair of BCF's education department, during

the summer of 2002 after Cox realized a drastic change was needed to increase test scores and turn around the school's two year

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**--Linda Cox, GES Principal**

run as a "C" school. School grades are assigned to each school based on state-wide standards instituted by Florida Governor Jeb Bush and GES was just not measuring up.

BCF had long sent education majors to the elementary school for specific projects or to observe in classrooms, but there was not a formal, consistent contact between the groups. As a result of the meeting, a mentoring program was established to provide individualized instruction to those GES students who needed a little extra help. BCF has long strived to be a good neighbor and active participant in the local Graceville community. The program seemed a perfect fit explains BCF's Collier.

"In addition to our students having an opportunity to use education skills they are learning in their college classrooms, they are getting a chance to share their faith by showing their love and concern for the children they are working with," Collier says of the interaction between the two institutions. "This program has been as much a reward for BCF as it has been for Graceville Elementary. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful Christian teachers and administrators at a public school with whom our BCF students may work and learn."

The partnership indeed proved a success in its first year when student FCAT scores, the results of a state-wide standardized test, rose in 2003 and the school jumped two grades in overall ratings to become a prestigious "A" school.

The results were not a fluke, proving again the effectiveness of the partnership



**Top: 2003 BCF grad Christina Wilson is putting her training in elementary education to good use as a third grade teacher at Graceville Elementary School. Bottom: Student teacher Suzanne McIlwain reads to a group of first grade students.**



when scores continued to rise and the school was once again awarded an "A" grade in 2004. "I really do attribute a lot of [the success] to the support of the college," explained a beaming Cox. "We were designated an 'A' school for the first time

since school grades were instituted. That says a lot."

With increasing class size an ever-present concern, the mentoring program proved successful by putting into practice what

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educators have long known: that individualized attention increases the success of students. Each mentor is assigned a student and is given strategic plans for helping that student with reading or math. "The students really look forward to those mentors coming because it really makes them feel special," explains Cox.

These days the partnership continues to flourish with about 50 volunteer mentors participating each year from a variety of BCF majors. GES is also host to four BCF student teachers this semester and employs two BCF grads as full-time teachers.

It's easy amidst the state-wide recognition to get caught up in the big picture, but mentors like John Campbell say it's really about touching the life of a child. "The Lord just told me that I am there for a reason. I am investing in a child's life," he explains. "It's not something I do for me. It's something I do to give to a child."

Campbell, a 38 year old Christian counseling major with two children at GES himself, began his volunteer work during the fall 2004 semester not expecting a huge result from the effort.

"I thought it would be too demanding on my time and at first I thought [the students] wouldn't respond," he explains of his early doubts. "But every week when I walk in the room they can't wait to go. They just run up and hug me," he says with excitement.

A few months later he's now the biggest cheerleader for the program as the new president of the college's American Association of Christian Counselors chapter, encouraging students to get involved. "[GES] is always in need of more mentors and very, very appreciative of anyone who is willing to help. It's a wonderful opportunity."

Four BCF interns are finding their own footing at GES as they earn their stripes to soon join the ranks of full-time educators. "The interns bring life to our school with



**Lake City native Gerald Layton directs the fifth graders' attention to the discussion questions on the board during his student teaching at a local elementary school.**

their excitement about education and teaching and the new ideas they bring" says Cox of the estimated 20 BCF interns that have walked the halls of GES in the past five years. "They are well-trained and prepared for the classroom and they keep us on our toes," she continues.



First grade teacher Brenda Vaughn is the supervisor for student teacher Suzanne McIlwain. The thirty-nine year veteran teacher says this is her third student teacher from BCF and she is always happy to have them join her classroom. "Especially this one," she comments of Suzanne while looking up to see her reading to a group of students. "She just can't wait to [teach]," says Vaughn. "She says she's been waiting all of her life for this, so she is very eager to work with me."

The program, elaborates the experienced teacher, is a big asset to her classroom because it allows her more one-on-one time with students. "It's the best of both worlds

for the students."

Just down the hall two BCF alumni are now full fledge teachers in their own right. Both Anna Taylor, fourth grade, and Christina Wilson, third grade, were chosen as "Rookie Teacher of the Year" in their first year of teaching at GES.

Now only in her second year of teaching Wilson has also been chosen as "Teacher of the Year" at GES, an honor bestowed by the faculty on a fellow teacher each year.

Wilson says her studies at BCF were great preparation for her career, "The courses [at BCF] really prepared me for teaching and the internship just really brought it all together."

The 2003 grad says she loves working as a public school teacher and knows she is fulfilling her call to ministry. "I make an impact on [students'] lives every day," she explains. "It's just extremely fulfilling to know that I'm doing what God has called me to do."

Turning her attention back to her classroom full of eager students it is clear to see that the young third grade teacher has settled into her calling, proving once again how BCF students and graduates continue to "change the world through the unchanging Word." ♦

## Markers, Paints, Glitter & America's Future

The elementary education department's students at any college are often an odd duck compared with their classmates. Amongst their seemingly scholarly counterparts they stick out like a sore thumb.

While their fellow students walk the sidewalks with book bags full of huge textbooks and term papers, education majors can quickly be spotted by the armfuls of art projects, nearly life size picture books and the vibrant creative textbooks they daunt.

Life for the Baptist College of Florida (BCF) education major is no different. Not that they aren't busy learning textbook theory, because indeed they are. Theirs, however, is an often more difficult journey that requires that they go beyond "book knowledge" and move into the realm of application complete with markers, paints and glitter to color the trip along the way.

However, it's not a journey for the faint of heart. Once mastered, the skills an education major garners are tested immediately by perhaps the most difficult judge, the child.

Not only does that new teacher have to remember how best to teach a child how to read or do math in a new and creative way everyday, but at the same time ensure the safety of 20 children, wipe noses, check lunch money, stop fights and most importantly show love.

In the course of the day an elementary teacher may play the roles, often simultaneously, of teacher, referee, accountant, policeman, nurse, encourager, coach, and more. All with the looming threat of standardized tests on the horizon to judge their performance on academics only.

Apparently someone forgot to ask the kids on those tests did they make it to lunch every day or did any one beat them up this year?

So why would one choose such a profession? That, says Nancy Holley, BCF assistant professor of elementary education, is a no brainer.

"We LOVE kids!! There is no other profession where we are encouraged to love, sing, paint, draw, read, cook, take field trips, and truly live out our childhood fantasies!" she explains of her chosen profession.

"Through the field of education, we are able to impact children daily. We are able to teach future generations how to read and write, add and subtract, and how to think critically in this crazy world, while embracing them with God's love." ♦

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the way the Gospel and Christ are often presented," explains Hecht. "The church has separated from its Jewish roots and is coming from a completely different perspective."

This difference in perspective, he says, is like buying a 400 page novel and starting to read at page 300. Hecht explains that when sharing with Jewish people, Christian evangelists often begin at the back of the Bible.

"You don't open a novel and immediately go to the last section of the book and expect to understand it," explains Hecht. "When we share the Good News with Jewish people we often begin at the back of the book."

The SBMF is hoping to change that problem through work with local Messianic congregations, pastors of local Southern Baptist churches, state and associational evangelism directors, the IMB, NAMB, Bible colleges and seminaries, the Pasche Institute of Jewish Studies, and through Baptist Campus Ministries on college campuses.

SBMF members provide training to these various groups educating them in understanding the very distinct Jewish perspective and the sensitivity required in Jewish ministry.

Hecht says the best advice he can give to Christians who wish to partic-

ipate in Jewish missions is to prayerfully study the whole counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation.

"The Hebrew Scriptures properly understood reveal God's holiness, man's sinfulness, and the promise of the New Covenant in the person and work of the Messiah as revealed in the New Covenant Scriptures," he explains.

He cautions his fellow Christians to intentionally and lovingly share the Good News with those of Jewish faith as did Peter, Paul and the early church while being careful to distinguish "Christian and Southern Baptist tradition and culture from biblical truth."

As described on the SBMF website, it is among the objectives of the organization to "encourage Jewish believers that their ethnic and historical heritage need NOT be lost upon their commitment to Yeshua."

Hecht says that ultimately the effort is fulfilled in seeking God's heart.

"It is God's desire to reconcile Jew and Gentile into one new man through the Body of the Messiah, the Church," he concludes.

More information about the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship is available at their website [www.sbmessianic.net](http://www.sbmessianic.net). ♦

## Calendar of Events

### Join BCF for these upcoming events!

**Leadership Conference**  
March 28-30 10 a.m.  
Assembly Center

**Evangelism Conference**  
April 25 -27 10 a.m.  
Assembly Center

**Oklahoma!**  
May 5 - 6 7:30 p.m.  
Heritage Village

**Spring Graduation**  
May 13 10 a.m.  
Assembly Center

For more information visit [www.baptistcollege.edu/events.htm](http://www.baptistcollege.edu/events.htm)

## Honor a Loved One With a BCF Scholarship



**By Kyle Luke**  
Director of  
Development

The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) has for 61 years invested in the

lives of students who are called out for Christ. With a priceless education, alumni have made a difference in our churches, community and nation as they spread the gospel to all that will listen.

Current students are now receiving that same education as our alums and are striving to make a difference here on campus. How is this possible? Scholarships!

In the last issue of Echoes, a

new scholarship was announced that is named to honor Dr. J. W. and Joyce Lee for their long dedication in service here at BCF by the Fall 2004 Senior Graduating Class.

With your help, the total scholarship investment has now reached almost \$7,000. This is amazing. Just a few months ago, it totaled only just above \$1,400. The Lord has really blessed the efforts in honoring such a great man.

Giving gifts in memory or in honor of a friend or family member is a great way to say thank you or to share your love for that person. As you can see with Dr. Lee, his BCF family and friends along with personal acquaintances have shown their love and support for

his love of teaching.

Scholarship endowments are also a great way to honor or remember a friend or loved one. If you know of someone who you would like to honor or remember, a named scholarship endowment may be the perfect gift.

Perhaps you do not know of anyone to honor or remember and would like to still support other scholarships, you can always give to BCF's general scholarship endowment.

For more information on how to establish a named scholarship to help provide the best education for BCF students, please contact me by phone at (800) 328-2660, ext. 419 or send me an email to [ksluke@baptistcollege.edu](mailto:ksluke@baptistcollege.edu). ♦

## Chapel remodel continues

Despite frigid weather and pouring rains, construction crews continue work on the chapel remodeling effort. As seen in the picture above, an extension to the current building as well as the structural base



for the new steeple are currently in progress. To support the remodeling project through a tax deductible financial gift, contact the office of Institutional Advancement at (800) 328-2660, ext. 416. ♦

**BCF sets another all-time high enrollment record with 582 students this spring!**



## Stay in Touch with fellow alumni

### 1950's

**Mack Hutson (57)** was honored on December 5, 2004 by Higdonville Baptist Church of Franklin, NC on the occasion of his fiftieth year in the ministry. After his graduation from NOBTS, his entire ministry was in Florida Baptist churches, retiring from the First Baptist Church, Punta Gorda in June, 1999 then moving to Franklin, NC.

### 1960's

**Roy C. Griggs (62)** can be reached by mail at 1026 9th Ave. S.W., Alabaster, AL 35007 or by phone at 205-663-6451.

### 1970's

**John K. Beckett (attended 71-73)**

has completed his sixteenth year as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lancaster, OH. John and his wife **Donna (attended 71-73)** may be reached at 151 Raqinbow Drive NE, Lancaster, OH 43130.

### 1980's

**Tommy Fountain Sr. (85)** is currently serving as pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Opp, AL. Tommy served as Associate Pastor of

Southside while a student in the early eighties. Before returning to the Alabama church, he served for two years as the Associational Missionary for the Mulberry Association in NE Georgia. He and wife Dianne can be reached by mail at 508 Rosalyn Drive, Opp, AL 36467 or by phone at 334-493-4852.

**Mike Golson (83)** is serving as associate pastor at First

Baptist Church in Dothan, AL. He may be reached by mail at 2163 S. Beverlye Road, Dothan, AL 36301, by phone at 334-671-4739 or by e-mail to [mike@fbcdothan.org](mailto:mike@fbcdothan.org).

**Bill Tenny-Brittian (88)** graduated from Northwest Graduate School in June 2004. The same month his book, House Church Manual, was published by Chalice Press. In Feb 2005

Bill's new book titled Prayer for People Who Can't Sit Still will also be available. Look for these books at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Bill may be reached by mail at 17805 160th Ave. SE, Renton, WA 98058, by phone at 425-430-9923, or by e-mail to [pbtb@therockcc.us](mailto:pbtb@therockcc.us).

**Currie Burgess (88)** can be reached by mail at 1574 Creeksville Rd., Conway, NC 27820

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or by phone at 252-585-0062.

**Larry Wade (attended 82-83)** celebrated his 9th anniversary at Park Street Christian Church in Geneva, OH in November 2004. Larry may be reached by mail at 105 Roaming Rock Blvd., Roaming Shores, OH 44085 or by phone at 440-563-9709.

**Clive Beer (84)** may be reached by mail at 1116 Oak Knowles Circle, Sebring, FL 33875 or by phone at 863-381-5384.

**Scott Hilliker (82)** recently celebrated his 20th year as minister of music/education at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. He and wife Kathy may be reached by mail at 6348 Woodmere Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 or by email to hilliker@dbtech.net.

**Wayne Ivey (80)** recently retired after 18 years of ministry at Midway Baptist Church in Smiths Station, AL. Wayne

may be reached by mail at 71 Gullatt Road, Opelika, AL 36804, by phone at 334-298-0604 or by e-mail to wayneivey@bellsouth.net.

**Noel Turner (81)** can be reached by mail at 38 Outer Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or by phone at 865-482-2532.

**Tony Fulbright (82)** can be reached by mail at PO Box 824, Cherryville, NC 28021.

**1990's Dean (98) and Jamie (98) Delfosse** have relocated. They may be reached by mail at 6533 26th Ave., NE Seattle, WA 98115 or by phone at 206-527-1075.

**Adam Hammond (98)** is currently serving as minister of youth in Belleview, FL while pursuing a doctor of ministry degree in student ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and wife, Amber, have three boys. The Hammonds may be reached by mail at

5407 SE 107th PL., Belleview, FL 34420.

**Mike Denning (98)** recently celebrated his sixth year as minister of music at Glynwood Baptist Church in Prattville, AL. He and wife, Donna, may be reached by mail at 1211 Jamestown Drive, Prattville, AL 36067, by phone at 334-361-9180, or by e-mail to

mikedenning@knology.net.

**Sarah (Frazier) Kenny (attended 98-00)** married Michael Kenny in June of 2001. The couple and their two children, Marian Elizabeth and Kaytlin Emmaline, may be reached by mail at 1103 West Woolman St., Butte, MT 59701 or by phone at 406-782-5169.

**Mary E. Johnson (98, 00)** is currently serving as youth minister at Faith in God Ministries in Richmond, VA. Mary also serves as a substitute teacher for Richmond public schools. She may be reached by mail at 351 Winston St., Richmond, VA 23222.

**Charles Gholson (96)** is currently serving as pastor at

Union Baptist Church in Orrick, MO. Charles may be reached by mail at 31420 W. 88th St., Orrick, MO 64077, by phone at 816-770-2493 or e-mail to cnp@aabol.com.

**2000's Michael McGough (00)** may be reached by mail at 1002 Travitine Trail Loganville, GA 30052 or by phone at 770-787-8504.

**Douglas Bass (01)** currently resides in Norman Park, GA. He may be reached by mail at PO Box 607, Norman Pk., GA 31771, by phone at 229-769-3039 or by e-mail to handymaninga@alltel.net.

**Carol Bowen (03)** may be reached by mail at 4013 Sandage Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76110 or by phone at 817-909-8544.

**Roger Phillips (00)** has relocated. He may be reached by mail at 14605 Romulus Rd., Coker, AL 35452 or by phone at 205-339-0048.

**Sharon Conger (03)** may be reached by mail at 5422 Beach Dr., Panama City Beach, FL

32408 or e-mail to sc4him@hotmail.com

**Pat (03) Thomas** and wife Amy have relocated to Ft. Worth, Texas where Pat is pursuing a Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Both Pat and Amy are employed by the seminary. They may be reached by mail at 4114 B William Fleming Court, Ft. Worth, TX 76115 or by phone at 817-923-7926.

**J Matt Maddox (02)** is now employed with Res-Dev Real Estate of Celebration Florida. He can be reached by mail at 8131 Champion Circle Apt.#208, Championsgate, FL 33896 or by phone at 407-928-5022.

**Correction** Jerry Kimbrell (96) may be reached by e-mail to jfkimbrell@sbcglobal.net

**Births** **Patrick (00) and Laura (99) Fuller** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Brooke, on December 1, 2004. She weighed eight pounds and was 19.5 inches long.

**Richard (00) and Bethany (00) Williamson** are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Porter James born October 6, 2004 weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 22 in. long. Richard is now the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Polk City, FL, and plans to graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May. The Williamsons' new address is 5425 Mt. Olive Rd., Polk City, FL 33868.

**Deaths** **Thomas Conrad (68)** passed away in 2004. Bernice Conrad, wife of deceased, may be reached by mail at 2608 Nantucket Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32309

**Robert Knox (66)** passed on December 4, 2004 after a three year battle with cancer. Not only was Robert an ordained minister, but he was also a law enforcement officer for 17 years with the Palm Beach Police Department and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office.

**Delmos DeFriece (77)** passed away in January 2005.

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Dr. Odom  
Music Division Chair

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March 15, 2005 7:00 p.m.  
FBC Dothan, AL

**An Evening with Mozart**  
March 17, 2005 7:00 p.m.  
Grace Presbyterian, Panama City

**Women's Ensemble Tour**  
March 28-31, 2005  
Alabama

**Male Chorale/Jazz Band Tour**  
April 5-12, 2005  
Western New York

**Oklahoma!**  
May 5-6, 2005 7:30 p.m.  
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