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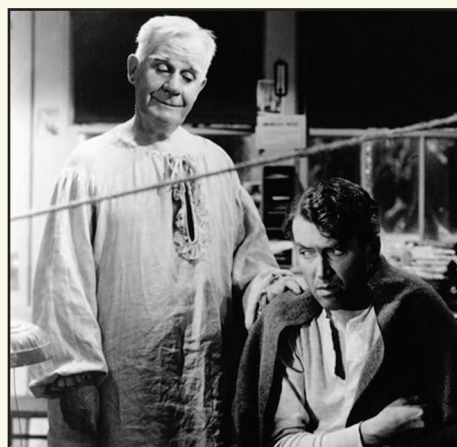
BBC Alumni Association
SPECIAL FEATURE

By Marty Hughes

The theme “What if...?” is a common one in literature and movies, and even in our personal daydreams. What if we had made different choices or traveled the road not taken? What would be different if that one pivotal person had not entered our lives? The friends, mentors, job opportunities, triumphs, and tragedies have all been pieces of the puzzle that have made us who we are today. Paul said, “All things work together for good...” But what if one of those “things” had never been? No less a theological expert than Clarence, the would-be angel in *It’s a Wonderful Life*, said, “Strange, isn’t it? Each man’s life touches so many other lives. When he isn’t around he leaves an awful hole, doesn’t he?” But what if that “man” isn’t a man at all, but an institution — a Bible college made up of teachers and speakers and role models and students who changed your world on a daily basis for four years during the formative days of your Christian walk and preparation for ministry? What would your world, your life, your walk with God, and your service for Him be like if Baptist Bible College had never existed?

First, let me acknowledge that God is sovereign in the affairs of men and His plan for us

has been in place since before the world began. But it is also true that He has chosen to use things and circumstances and people to accomplish His purposes. It is hard for me to imagine the impact on my own family if Baptist Bible College had never existed. Where else would a bookish country boy from East Texas (my



father) have met up with a beautiful hill-billy from Paducah, KY (my mother) and fallen in love? In a way, I owe my very existence to BBC. The friends and influences that my parents came in contact with while in Springfield set their lives and ministry in motion, creating the backdrop for my

life as a child growing up as a preacher’s kid in a BBF church and thus having the privilege of personal contact with some of the greatest men of God of their generation — often sitting at our own dinner table.

My own experiences at BBC introduced me to some of my greatest role models and the mentors that shaped my life and ministry, not to mention the young lady who would become my partner in ministry for the last 28 years. The relationships I established while at Baptist Bi-

ble College have provided a network of friends and resources over the years that have opened every door for ministry I have ever needed. The fact that some of those men are still serving faithfully on the faculty of the college gives me the confidence that my children are receiving the same benefit from BBC that I did so many years ago.

I can see the impact that BBC has had on my parents’ lives and my life and ministry now beginning to show in the lives of my children. My daughter, Chelsea, whose testimony was that she majored in business at BBC because they wouldn’t let her major in basketball, is now on the mission field changing the world for Christ — because of contacts and relationships she established while at BBC. My son, Bobby, also a business major and a basketball player, has also caught the vision for seeing the world won to Christ during his four years on campus.

The question “What would our lives and ministries have looked like without Baptist Bible College?” is impossible to answer, but one thing is certain — it would have no resemblance to what it is today because the influence of Baptist Bible College is written all over it. And that fact motivates me to continue supporting the school through times of transition and change, to participate in the process of honoring the past while preparing for the future, and to find a way to be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem. That way my grandchildren will never have to face the prospect of life without Baptist Bible College.



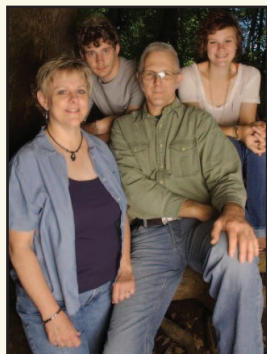
Where are they now?

Trina Ogle-Achterman

Class of 1980

B.S. Youth Ministries

Trina came to BBC in 1977 right after high school. Not knowing which direction God would take her, she enrolled in the Christian Education Department. Feeling a burden for youth, Trina later switched over and received her youth counseling degree. She met and married her husband, Greg Achterman, while



attending BBC. She began attending Park Crest Baptist Church in 1978 and has served in various ministries while attending PCBC under pastors Bob Perryman, Gary Grey, and most recently Phil Housley. She has served in junior

church, taught Sunday school classes, been a Bible study leader, and a high school counselor. Trina even went to youth camp the year she turned 50! Presently, she and Greg are counselors in the college class and sing/play in the adult choir/orchestra. She is using her degree in her capacity as staff coordinator for a large local hospital-based childcare center. She hires and oversees 117 staff members that care for over 400 children weekly while their parents work at the hospital. Greg and Trina have been married 30 years and have two children, Kurtis and Karrisa, who are very dedicated to Christ's work. Kurtis serves in the music ministry of a new church plant, Lifepoint Church in Ozark, MO. Karissa, who will become Mrs. Logan Pyle on April 16 of this year, also serves in ministry at Lifepoint. Trina says, "If it weren't for BBC I would never have met Greg and stayed at Park Crest to serve, nor see my children serving the Lord with so much passion."

Gary Phelps

Class of 1999

B.S. Pastoral Studies

Gary and Carolyn Phelps have been married for 22 years and have three boys, Spencer (15), Garrett (11), and Jackson (4). Right after graduating from Baptist Bible College in 1999, Gary started Cornerstone Baptist Church in Richmond, KY. The church initially met in the Phelps's home, then moved to a meeting room in a local restaurant, and later to a conference room in a motel — where they met for over three years.

Finally, Cornerstone was able to purchase 31 acres of land and build the church building where they meet today. Gary was pastor at Cornerstone until 2006 at which time he felt called to go back to his home church, Oak Hill Baptist Church in Somerset, KY, and



serve as associate pastor. In August 2010, Harold Brown retired and Gary became the senior pastor. Gary has served as the secretary and vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Bible Fellowship and is actively involved in the state meetings, usually hosting the meetings once every year or two. Currently Gary is working on his Master of Arts in Theological Studies through Liberty University's online program. Gary has been on two mission trips, one to the Philippines, and this past June, Gary and Carolyn led a group from their church to Kenya, Africa.

Sharon Panages Fenley

Class of 1980

Business Certificate

Sharon has been actively involved at Park Crest Baptist Church since 1979. There she met her

husband, Ed, while attending BBC. They were married in 1980. In 1981 she and Ed began working as counselors in the high school ministry with Dave and Bonnie Jones. They served for 10 years and then moved to the college class for five more years. In addition to those ministries, Sharon has been actively involved in the music ministry since 1979 and is currently a member of the praise team. Sharon works as a paraprofessional with the Nixa School District in the Special Education Department. They have three children. Their first born, Erica, is a graduate of St. John's School of Nursing and is currently a nurse in the NICU. She is married to Adam Mariage (BBC graduate) and lives in Austin, Texas. Their son, Ethan, is getting married this summer and has future ministry plans. Their youngest, Brooke, is a junior in high school with eyes and a heart for full-time ministry. Sharon's decision to attend BBC after high school has made a great impact on her life. She met her husband, had the opportunity to serve in Springfield, MO, and raised her children with a love for God and a heart for the ministry.



Rachel Dawsey

Class of 2005

B.S. Music Education

Rachel came to Baptist Bible College in 2001 from Indiana. While at BBC, Rachel met her husband, Thomas Dawsey, and was married in June 2004. Since then Rachel has worked at Springfield



Music, starting as the education coordinator for their lessons program. For the last four years she has been the store manager. Rachel and her husband have been ministering at Sonrise Baptist Church under the leadership of Kevin Carson. While there, they have had the opportunity to serve in the music ministry, children's ministry, and as small group mentors. During this time, Thomas has completed his Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling and Master of Divinity at Baptist Bible Graduate School. Over the past four years the Dawseys have been planning a church plant in Round Rock, TX, with Matthew and Michelle Breeden. They will relocate there this summer to start Southern Hills Baptist Church. When asked how BBC influenced her life, Rachel said, "BBC played a large role in my life and had a huge impact. I met the love of my life, my husband, at BBC. I met many wonderful life-long friends while at school; two of which are on our church planting team. I grew in my understanding of God and His Word while at BBC. One thing I have always appreciated about BBC is the wonderful interaction I was able to have with my professors, particularly the professors in the Music Department. They were always more than willing to take extra time to help me. Professor David Giles and his family were a big encouragement in my life. BBC also played a large role in encouraging the direction of our ministry. While at school we learned about the sufficiency of the Scriptures in dealing with life's problems. The focus BBC has put on biblical counseling has encouraged us to develop a counseling center at Southern Hills Baptist Church. I have started my certification with the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors (NANC), where my husband is already certified." Rachel and Thomas welcomed their first child, their daughter Avery, this February.

Jon Haley

Class of 1995

B.S. in Theology

Joy (Daniel) Haley

Class of 1995

A.A. in Business

Jon and Joy met and married while at Baptist

Bible College and will celebrate their 18th anniversary in the summer of 2011. Jon earned his Master's degree in Christian Leadership from Liberty University in 2008. They served as



youth ministers for two years at Woodcliff Baptist Church in Austin, TX, from 1995 to 1997. In

1997, Jon and Joy went to work for Jon's father, Mike Haley, at Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX. While there, Jon served as youth pastor and family pastor until October 2010. In November 2010, Jon became the pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Arkansas City, KS. Jon and Joy have two children, Blake (13) and Blaire (10).

Jennifer Johnston Buttram

Class of 2000

B.S. Children's Ministries

Jennifer married Keith Buttram in August 1999 and served at Flat Creek Baptist Church in Cape Fair, MO, in their youth ministry. In July 2000, God led the Buttrams to Orlando Baptist Church in Florida where Keith served for four years as the junior high youth pastor and they served on the staff of Orlando Christian Preparatory School. In May 2003, Keith and Jennifer moved to East Orlando to serve at Avalon

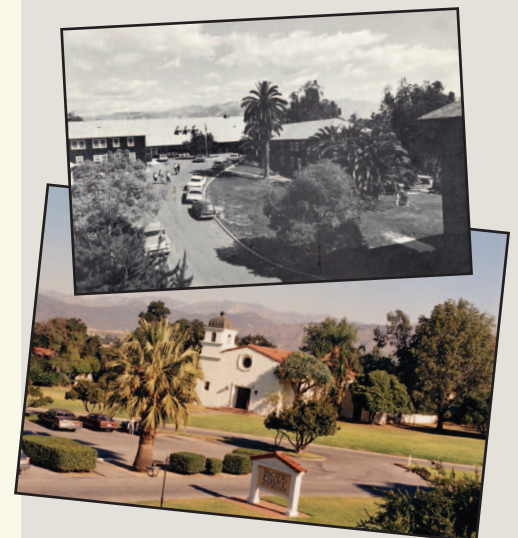


Church under Pastor Dale Brooks in the area of youth ministry. They were then led to Northern Virginia in August 2004 to serve full time in youth ministry. Keith and Jennifer moved to Springdale, AR, in March 2006 to serve as youth pastor at Keith's home church, Temple Baptist Church, under Pastor Don Elmore, where they continue to serve. Jennifer serves as fundraising

coordinator for mission trips and she and Keith work with the teens. God has provided Jennifer with the opportunity to visit the Philippines and Keith to visit Brazil and Ecuador. These mission trips broadened the Buttram's worldview and changed their perspective in regard to missions and missionaries. This summer Keith and Don Elmore will lead a mission trip to Kenya where Keith will have the opportunity to see the World Hope Center that was started by David Janney while they served with him in Orlando. In August 2011, Keith and Jennifer will celebrate 12 years of service in youth ministry. Keith and Jennifer have been blessed with two beautiful girls, Sadie (6) and Chloe (5).

PCBBC Grads Welcomed as Honorary Alumni

The BBC Alumni Association has extended an invitation to all Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College graduates to become Honorary Alumni of Baptist Bible College. If you are a supporter of Baptist Bible College and would like to be recognized as an honorary alumnus, please contact BBC Alumni Association President Tim Wertz at timwertz@seminolebaptist.org.



BBC Alumni Association Introduces New Website

The Baptist Bible College Alumni Association is pleased to introduce its new website (www.bbcalumni.org). Please take time to get acquainted with it. The site is still in its infancy but it will give you a great picture of what the Alumni Association is doing for BBC and its students.

Here are several interesting things you will find on the new website:

- **The Patriot Voice** - The place to find resources for use in recruiting students and promoting BBC.
- **Alumni Spotlight** - The place to find articles about BBC Alumni and how they are changing the world. (We will update the spotlight several times a year.)
- **Alumni Scholarship Recipients** - Read bios on our recent scholarship winners and find out how you can contribute to the scholarship fund.
- **Alumni Projects** - The place to find out about current Alumni Association endeavors. The 2011 Alumni Project is the renovation of the campus Student Center. You can also find out how to be a part of this exciting undertaking.

www.bbcalumni.org



Please add the new Alumni Association website to your list of favorites and visit it often to find out about upcoming reunions, spotlights, and giving opportunities. This is just one more way for you to be involved in enhancing student life at BBC.

2011 Alumni Project: Renovation of Student Center

The next phase in the Alumni Association's continuing effort to enhance student life on the BBC campus will be to renovate and refurnish the Student Center. The Student Center is used heavily by the students and has not seen any significant upgrades since its opening in 2003. Dean of Students Ray Adams says, "The Student Center is one of the most popular places on campus for students to gather and visit, and the prospect of having it renovated is very exciting." The furniture, computers, TVs, and lighting are all in dire need of replacement. The Alumni Association has set an ambitious goal of \$20,000 for this project in order to provide a first-class setting for the students to gather, fellowship, and study together. Please consider giving generously to this exciting project. It is hoped that the funds can be raised quickly so that the work can be finished this summer before school opens in September.

Support the Alumni Association today!

Your generous gift will be used to enhance student life by providing scholarships, supporting student government, funding student and alumni events, and paying for alumni campus projects.

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