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THUS FAR THE LORD
HAS HELPED US."
1 SAMUEL 7:12
RBC CLASS OF 2007

The Class of 2007 decided to make a gift to help RBC meet its current financial need, presenting over \$4,000 to the college at graduation. They also left behind a symbolic and enduring gift of "Ebenezer." This is a rugged nine-foot granite monolith located on the northeast corner of campus where Knobbs Creek joins the Pasquotank River.

It is inscribed in Paleo-Hebrew with Samuel's words from 1 Samuel 7:12 for "stone of help" or "Ebenezer." This event is recalled in the second stanza of the traditional American hymn "Come Thou Fount."

Samuel's stone celebrated a providential victory in the Israelites' struggle to gain independence from Philistine oppression. This stone calls Roanoke Bible College and her students to remember that God will continue to be the source of strength and victory, just as He has been in the past.

Class of 2007 leaves lasting gift



Some of the Class of 2007 pose with "Ebenezer."

On May 5, Roanoke sent forth 48 graduates, the largest graduating class in the college's 59-year history, raising the total of graduates to 1,077. Encouraging the graduates at baccalaureate was **Mike Wise**, manager of Roanoke Christian Service Camp in Washington, NC, and at commencement, **Eddie Lowen '86**, senior minister at West Side Christian Church in Springfield, IL. Class speakers were co-valedictorians **Nicole G. Jones** and **Glen D. Layfield**, each with a perfect 4.0 average, and salutatorian **Robert B. Spruill**, with a 3.953 average.

Honors and recognitions bestowed that day included those named to Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society: 2007 graduates **Nicole G. Jones** and **John W. Scott** and alumni **Registrar Joan U. Sawyer '69** and **Assistant Vice President for Finance Carol M. Stuart '89**.

Honored for their years of service were **Vice President for Student Life Garrett D. Lewis '73** and his wife, **Secretary to the President Melissa I. Lewis '71**, 35 years. "Mom" and "Pop" Lewis, in addition to their other roles, served 27 years as dorm parents



Garrett D. & Melissa I. Lewis

to the male residents. Garrett recently changed to enrollment management; he worked in recruiting from 1972 to 1992, when he was named a Vice President. Melissa taught English and other language classes (1973-1992) before becoming the president's secretary. She has served as secretary to all three of RBC's presidents (BonDurant, 1972-73; Griffin, 1992-2006; Perkins, 2006 to present).

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Others honored for years of service to the college – For 20 years, **Cheryl D. Lindsley** (Library, Circulation and Periodicals). For 15 years– Trustee **Keith Tankard**. For 10 years – Associate Professor **Dr. Lee Fields** and Trustees **Greg Hand** and **Bill McCracken**. For 5 years – Adjunct Professor **Christopher M. McCarthy** and Development Secretary **Jenny E. Rowland**.

Juniors **Howard A. Guidry** and **Daniel F. Dodson** earned the rank of first marshal and second marshal, respectively.

All Roanoke graduates hold majors in Bible and Theology; minors are listed (*right*) and honors marked for four-year graduates – *summa cum laude*, **; *magna cum laude*, *; *cum laude*, +.

Apr. 25, at Honors Chapel, other awards included but were not limited to: **Howie Stacy** (Nonprofit Leadership and Administration); **Lisa Zink** (Counseling); **Jim Conner** (Christian Education); and various awards in Biblical Languages – **Rich Meister**, **Ross Smith**, **Johnny Scott**, **Glen Layfield**.

CO-VALEDICTORIANS (below)
Nicole Jones and Glen Layfield and Salutatorian Robert Spruill, with degrees in hand, relax after graduation.



Rosemond Amado-Taylor*
BS/Counseling



Erin R. Amiss
BS/Elementary Ed



Curtis L. Ashley III
BS/Youth Ministry



Sarah T. Bland
BS/Worship&Music Min



Jonathan A. Boyd
BS/Counseling, Youth Min



Scott M. Cumberledge
BS/Youth Ministry, Couns



Bernice E. Davis
BS/Couns, Nonprofit



Michael E. Dawson
BS/Preaching Ministry, Couns



Troy N. Farthing
BS/Preaching Ministry



Angela T. Ford
BA/Elementary Ed



Bruce W. King+
BA/Youth Ministry



Elizabeth G. Kretzer
BA/Cross-Cultural



Glen D. Layfield**
BA/Preaching Min, Couns



Heather L. Layfield
BS/Counseling



Katie L. Powell
BS/Elementary Ed



Joseph P. Snow
BS/Youth Ministry



Robert B. Spruill*
BA/Preaching Ministry



Howard M. Stacy+
BS/Nonprofit



Jenny L. Thornton
BS/Elementary Ed



Sarah E. Yancey+
BS/Nonprofit



Jael L. Harris
Assoc/App Science



Rachel L. Hayes
Assoc/Bible



Brianne B. Miller *Honors*
Assoc/Bible



E. Rebecca Robbins *Honors*
Assoc/Bible



Shannon A. Rogers
Assoc/Bible





Jordan A. Clark
BS/Counseling



James W. Conner*
BA/Preaching Min, Christian Ed



Shaun C. Cooper*
BS/Cross-Cultural



J. Glenn Crocker, Jr.
BS/Christian Ed, Cross-Cultural



Jessica J. Crocker*
BS/Cross-Cultural



HORACE "SANDY" JOHNSON
and his wife, Bonnie, moved from Winchester, VA, for him to pursue Bible college education. He represents a growing number of "nontraditional" students who make dramatic life changes in order to pursue higher education. Bonnie worked as the receptionist in the business office while Sandy completed his certificate.



Mary Ann Godley+
BS/Cross-Cultural Ministry



Bree A. Hugus
BS/Youth Min: Children



D. Blaire Hundley
BS/Counseling



Benjamin D. Jones
BS/Nonprofit



Nicole G. Jones**
BS/Youth Ministry, Couns



Eric B. Pruitt*
BS/Cross-Cultural



Kevin T. Reiver
BS/Youth Ministry



Christopher B. Ringler
BS/Youth Ministry



Helen M. Scott*
BS/Cross-Cultural Ministry



John W. Scott*
BA/Cross-Cultural Ministry



Lisa L. Zink+
BS/Counseling



E. Benjamin Amland
Assoc/Bible



Jennifer D. Creech Honors
Assoc/Bible



William M. Dyer Honors
Assoc/Bible



Rebekah L. Graham
Assoc/App Science



V. Brooke Stumbo Honors
Assoc/Bible



Amy S. Walton
Assoc/Bible



H. Sanford Johnson
Certificate/Church Leadership

NEW DELTA EPSILON CHI MEMBERS.
(Below, clockwise from top left) Nicole Jones, Johnny Scott, Carol Stuart, Joan Sawyer.



WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.
(left to right) Johnny Scott, Helen Scott, Shaun Cooper, Nicole Jones, Eric Pruitt, Mike Dawson, Glen Layfield.

Priority of Preaching

*Timothy Award
Preachers of the Month
Golf Tournament*

C. Ronald Stuart, Jr. '88

March



Gregory A. Sexton '82

April



Davon L. Huss '93

May



Preachers of the Month

Ron Stuart '88 enrolled in Roanoke—along with his wife, Carol '89—as a married student with three children under the age of three. As a student, he preached for Outer Banks Church of Christ (Buxton/Frisco, NC); Gum Neck Church of Christ (Columbia, NC); and South Mills Church of Christ (South Mills, NC), where he continues, now in his twentieth year there. He was ordained in 1985 by his home church, Ocean View Church of Christ in Ocean View, DE. He and Carol also have two grandchildren.

Greg Sexton '82 graduated from Roanoke in 1982, married school mate Jenice Casada in 1983, and was ordained by his home congregation, Stone Memorial Christian Church, Collinsville, VA, in 1984. He was youth minister there for eight and a half years, then moved to Macedonia Christian Church, Williamston, NC, to be youth minister. After thirteen years in that role, he became the preaching minister at Macedonia in 2004.

Davon Huss '93 graduated from Roanoke in 1993, the same year he was ordained by Central Christian Church, Carmel, IN. He preached for Arthur Christian Church (Bell Arthur, NC) and the Church of Christ of Vinton (Vinton, VA), and since 2002 has served the Mount Airy Christian Church, Mount Airy, NC. He and the former Crystal Conley have two sets of twins: Alex, Andy, Zach, and Zane.

Spruill Receives Timothy Award

Robert B. Spruill received the 2006-2007 Timothy Award presented by the Alumni Association's Preaching Ministry Advisory Committee (PMAC). The annual award recognizes a student enrolled in the Preaching Ministry program for his "outstanding service in preaching ministry."

Dr. Gene Andrews, advisor of the Preaching Ministry minor, presented the award at Honors Chapel Apr. 25. He noted that Robert has served as full-time preaching minister at Laurel Avenue (Church of Christ in Chesapeake, VA) for a while and will continue to do so after graduation. He will also be enrolled in a masters program at Regent University. Congratulations, Robert!

PMAC Golf Tournament

In April the annual golf tournament to aid the Preaching Ministry Advisory Committee in their efforts to encourage preachers-in-training raised \$1,400.

Special thanks to participants and their congregations: South Mills Church of Christ, South Mills, NC; Towne South Church of Christ, Elizabeth City; Avalon Church of Christ and Kempsville Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, VA; Williamston Church of Christ, Williamston, NC; Hamilton Church of Christ, Hamilton, NC; Haw Branch Church of Christ, Chocowinity, NC; and Jarvisburg Church of Christ, Jarvisburg, NC.

Thanks also to tournament director Carl Davis and to BJ's Restaurant, Coinjock Marina, Morris Farm Market, Carolina Coastal Homes, and Grandy Drug Care.



Trustees Emeritus named

In January, the Board of Trustees elected two past trustees Trustees Emeritus: William A. Griffin (1986-2006) and Charles G. Presley (1977-2005).

Griffin served by virtue of his position as president of RBC. He continues as professor and assistant to President Perkins. Presley, a

retired minister living in Florida, traveled farther than any trustee to faithfully attend meetings. He taught at RBC from 1959 to 1963. Griffin's certificate was awarded at commencement; Presley's will be presented at the 2008 Gospel Rally and Homecoming.



BonDurant 'retires'

After a second tenure as Vice President for Academic Affairs, Beth BonDurant will again retire to devote more time to teaching music courses. She became Academic Dean—as the position was first called—in 1969. After a year's break in 2001-2002, she returned to the vice presidency for five more years.

A major accomplishment in the academic division during her second term was the development and implementation of the Service-Learning program as the college's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). A QEP is required by one of our accrediting agencies (SACS), and has proven a blessing to both the college and the community at large. She will continue as QEP director.

She also looks forward to directing the fiftieth year of The Master's Twelve, a group she formed as an RBC student.

While her first retirement from administrative duties was heralded with a banquet in 2001, she asked to quietly transition to her new role this year. Those who wish to express their gratitude for her extra five years in academic leadership may write her at the college address or at seb@roanokebible.edu or make a donation to the RBC Foundation in her honor.

Professors' achievements, community involvement



Dr. Lee Fields has been selected to work with the CoHeLeT (Communicative Hebrew Learning and Teaching) Project. This project, headed by Dr. Paul Overland

of Ashland Theological Seminary (ATS in Ashland, OH) and funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion in Wabash, IN, aims to apply lessons learned from second language acquisition to teaching biblical Hebrew. Fields is one of six professors involved in the second tier of the project. This second of three stages is field testing and evaluating communicative materials that have been designed by the first tier of researchers. His duties this year will involve attending a training workshop at ATS, June 12-14, implementing those into his Biblical Hebrew course for 2007-2008, and evaluation. Another workshop will be held June 9-13, 2008, to determine results and begin publishing findings. Dr. Fields was also named Roanoke's **Teacher of the Year**.

President Perkins, along with his wife, Sandra, traveled to France in May for him to make a presentation at the European Academy of Management (EURAM) Annual Conference. Dr. Perkins, with Dr. Dail Fields of Regent University, presented a paper entitled "Exploring the Relationship of Top Management Team Diversification with Organizational Performance of Christian Churches," which they co-wrote. In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Perkins teaches leadership courses at RBC. EURAM is a professional society for scholars in the field of management. While in France, the Perkinses also visited Karen Richardson '87, a missionary in Poitiers, and Justin and Jen Powell, missionaries in Paris. Justin is the son of George '77 and Ann '74 Powell.

Some of **Prof. Don McKinney's** counseling students volunteered counseling services at Perquimans Juvenile Detention Center. Students of **Prof. Sam Loveall** (Advisor, Worship and Music Ministry Minor) provided music two times each month at a local elementary school's after-school program. He also took students with him to lead worship at

two men's retreats (Park Springs Christian Assembly, Apr. 20, 21; Roanoke Christian Service Camp, May 25). Students in **Prof. Wendy Guthrie's** Educational Psychology class developed and led the learning centers for Spring Fling, sponsored by the Museum of the Albemarle, Mar. 24.

Dr. Bob Smith spoke with David Herring's ('06) youth group via speaker phone on Mar. 21, explaining passages or topics as diverse as Daniel 2 and the role of faith in the church.



"**Dr. Bob**" was named this year's yearbook dedicatee. **Prof. Linda Joyner** is spending the summer overseas working on a BAM project (Business as Missions), which will enable Christians to be self supporting rather than depending on outside financial support.

Access to RBC: In home or Kernersville

Taking courses and earning a degree from RBC may be easier than you think! This summer twelve on-line courses are offered (deadline to enroll is June 11). Two of them are taught by Roanoke personnel: Dr. Kevin Larsen, Pauline Epistles II, and Frank Dodson, American Denominations & Cults. Contact Teri Woolard (252.334.2086, tpw@roanokebible.edu) immediately if interested.

RBC-Kernersville opens this fall! Potential students in the western part of North Carolina will have the opportunity to receive an excellent Bible college education. RBC is partnering with First Christian Church Ministries in Kernersville, NC, to offer courses that will lead to a Certificate in Biblical Studies, apply toward a degree, or satisfy ACSI-CEU requirements. Instruction will be delivered through a combination of face-to-face and distance education courses. This fall Prof. Ronnie Woolard is teaching Acts of the Apostles; in the spring Dr. Lee Fields will teach Interpreting Biblical Literature. For information or application, contact admissions@roanokebible.edu or 800.RBC.8980.



RBC at Convention, Camps & Conferences



DOXOLOGY 2007 (clockwise from bottom):
Josh Curry, Kalyn Lean, Sara Biggs, Laura Gross.

DOXOLOGY ITINERARY

- June 10-16
Round Lake Christian Assembly
Lakeville, OH
- June 17-23
Delmarva Christian Service Camp
Laurel, DE
- June 24-30
CIY, Milligan, TN
- July 1-7
Blue Ridge Christian Camp
McCoy, VA
- July 8-14
Tri-State Christian Service Camp
Strasburg, VA
Appalachian Christian Camp
Unicoi, TN
- July 15-21
Round Lake, Lakeville, OH
- July 22-28
East Coast Encounter, RBC
- July 29-Aug. 4
Camp Epachiseca, Stillwater, PA

In addition to Doxology, admissions counselors are also working a total of 11 weeks of camp, the North American Christian Convention, and one CIY conference. Other faculty and staff members

will be traveling and speaking this summer, as well.

Please pray for the safety and effectiveness of all as they encourage young and old to serve Jesus this summer.

Gospel Rally Roundup ALUMNI NEWS

Attendance at the four main sessions of the Gospel Rally and Homecoming in March averaged 389, with the Friday morning session's the highest since 2002. In response to an appeal to "Erase the Deficit," attendees gave a record-breaking offering of over \$52,200.

At the Alumni Association meeting held during the rally, the following were elected: Officers--Lee Ashley, President; Vince Rodkey, President-elect; Rita Joyner, Secretary; Jim Cooper, Treasurer; Melvin Styons, Parliamentarian; Neal Alligood and Chris and Crystal McCarthy, Retreat Chairmen. ARC members (2007-10)--Frank Dodson, Chris Hux, Sharon Joyner Lewis, Jim Moore, Phil Murdock, Karen Schultz Murdock, Penny Spruill, Wendee Spruill, and Donna Strawderman.

Fifty-six attended the Blueprint Seminar the Thursday of the rally. That same day, the students defeated the alumni in overtime 83-72 at the annual basketball game. Homecoming court was crowned at halftime (right): Joe Snow and Amy Walton, prince and princess; Jessica and Glenn Crocker, queen and king.



Way to go!

Congratulations to those named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2006-2007. This honor is for students enrolled in 12 or more hours at RBC who earned at least 3.500 out of 4.000 this term.

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| Rose Amado-Taylor | Howard Guidry |
| Nicole Anderson | Lyle Hinsdale |
| Curt Ashley | Corey Jones |
| Sarah Bland | Nicole Jones |
| Mary Jo Cecil | Glen Layfield |
| Janet Conner | Guy Layfield |
| Jim Conner | Steve Levie |
| Shaun Cooper | Chad Lopez |
| Glenn Crocker | Ian McCarty |
| Jessica Crocker | Eric Pruitt |
| Daniel Dodson | Rebecca Robbins |
| Casey Doty | Helen Scott |
| Jonathan Duffer | Johnny Scott |
| Chris Gallihugh | |

Upcoming events

- July 22-27 East Coast Encounter (gr. 9-12)
UNPREDICTABLE
Mark Moore, Speaker
Sarah Lynn Grubb, Worship Leader
Operation 12, Special Guest
Cost: \$160.00
- Aug. 20 Classes begin, 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Investiture of Dr. Kevin W. Larsen
Third Academic Dean
and Convocation
Blanton Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 25th Annual Softball Tournament
at Elizabeth City Parks &
Rec fields behind Bojangles
FMI--contact Garrett Lewis at
252.334.2005
or gdl@roanokebible.edu
- Sept. 9 Sunday Night Live
- Sept. 18 RBC Foundation meets
- Sept. 21-23 Oasis (gr. 9-12)
THE 3 CHAIRS
Dave Milam, Speaker
Ben Perkins, Worship Leader
Cost: \$50.00
- Sept. 25 '08 Gospel Rally
Committee meets
- Sept. 28-30 Trustees Meeting, Retreat
- Oct. 5-7 Oasis (gr. 9-12)
Neal Alligood, Speaker
David McCants, Worship Leader
Cost: \$50.00
- Oct. 7 Roanoke Day
- Oct. 13-21 Midsemester Break
- Oct. 26, 27 Small Church Seminar
- Nov. 9, 10 Alumni Retreat
- Nov. 11 Sunday Night Live
- Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 2 Christmas Musical
- Dec. 10-13 Exams



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.

The year 2006/2007 has been a memorable one for RBC. We are pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Kevin Larsen as our third Vice President for Academic Affairs. Please join us for this important service on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., Investiture and Convocation.

As in all years, there have been victories and disappointments. Victory—we welcomed Professor Ken Greene in youth ministry and Adjunct Professor Ivy Brothers in Deaf Studies. Disappointment—we discovered that RBC has been operating in a deficit. Victory—those who love RBC have responded with over \$245,000 over and above regular

giving. Disappointment—we still need to raise \$755,000 or we will need to borrow funds to operate. Victory—RBC will open an offsite campus at First Christian Church Ministries in Kernersville, NC. Disappointment—the staff and faculty lost both the alumni basketball game and the softball game at River Day. Victory—RBC is offering more and more on-line classes. Victory—RBC offers a co-op nursing program in conjunction with the College of The Albemarle. Victory—Preaching is now a major, not just a minor.

There is so much more. But know this: RBC has been set for the defense of the Gospel since 1948 and now she stands ready to continue the tradition of educating extraordinary leaders. The future certainly holds challenges, but the future is just as certainly very bright for RBC.

Three blue ribbon task forces are studying the challenges before us: increasing student enrollment, reducing

costs to students, and a possible name change for RBC.

Next year RBC will celebrate 60 years. Rumor is there will be fireworks.

At graduation we started a new tradition. Each graduate received a spike and a towel and was encouraged to place them where they would be seen often. The spike is a reminder of the price that has been paid for his salvation. The towel is a reminder to be a servant leader.

We graduated 48 extraordinary leaders for the Kingdom—our largest graduating class in our 59-year history. Four of these began their college education at Lincoln Christian College—East Coast. The vast majority are headed for full-time ministry.

Thank you for your support of and trust in RBC!

Clay

Kevin Larsen appointed new Vice President for Academic Affairs



On July 1, Kevin W. Larsen, Ph. D., will become RBC's next Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Larsen joined the Roanoke faculty in 2005 when Lincoln Christian College—

East Coast closed (previously known as Eastern Christian College); he had taught there since 1994. Dr. Larsen's education includes a Ph.D. (Biblical Studies, The Catholic University of America, 2002); graduate work (Westminster Theological Seminary); M.A., M.Div. (Cincinnati Christian University, 1994); and B.A. (Nebraska Christian College, 1991). He teaches courses in Greek, Bible, and Bible-related subjects.

Dr. Larsen has also taught classes

for Regent University and Appar Bible Seminary (Philippines). He was ordained to ministry in 1992 and has held ministries in four states. Mission trips have taken him to eight countries, and at press time he was in Prague with a group of RBC students, faculty, and staff members.

As RBC's Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, he has been instrumental in various curricular and accrediting association advances and projects. He is published in various journals and, since 2005, has been a consulting editor for the *Stone-Campbell Journal*.

The college family eagerly anticipates this new era of leadership. Words of encouragement may be sent to Dr. Larsen at the college address or at kwl@roanokebible.edu.

*Please join us for
Convocation
and the
Investiture
of
Kevin W. Larsen, Ph. D.
as the third
Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Roanoke Bible College
Davenport Chapel
Wednesday, August 22, 2007
7:30 p.m.*





Fourteen female students and two staff members took part in the second "Seven Secrets to Sexual Purity" retreat, which was held in Sandbridge, VA, Mar. 23-25. The study began Friday evening, continued on Saturday, and finished by attending area churches in Virginia Beach.

The study included such topics as purity as a process, the covenant purpose of sex as God intended, and setting goals. There were also testimonies that included both victories and

disappointments or struggles. The women held a tea party to signify how precious each woman is to God and that each should present herself as precious and special to others.

Residence Hall Director Becky Yager (above, first row, far right) is willing to offer a similar retreat for girls and women in area churches.

Contact her at rjy@roanokebible.edu or 252.334.2013.



Missionaries with Pioneer Bible Translators (pictured above with students and other workshop attendees) challenged Christians to discover their place in God's Kingdom at a Discovery Intensive this past January. Their visit helped to bring a record number of missionaries to campus this academic year. One student said, "The intensive has really opened my eyes to the enormous need for translation work and to the even bigger need for people to willingly leave the comforts of home to reach people thirsty for the Word of God."



NACC hosts ice cream social

All alumni and friends of Roanoke Bible College and Eastern Christian College attending the North American Christian Convention this summer are invited to an ice cream social on Thursday, July 5, 8:30-10:00 p.m., in the Marriott--Julia Lee Room.



Men's work day at Festival of Faith



At the Festival of Faith during the winter, the churches of Hampton Roads announced a work day. They decided to help "two of our most important regional, parachurch ministries—our local camp (Camp Rudolph) and our local Bible college (Roanoke)."

Alumnus Malcolm Puckett, an associate minister with Avalon Church of Christ in Virginia Beach, VA, led the team assigned to help RBC. On Saturday, May 19, seven joined him to paint the lobby

ceiling in the men's dorm. Old ceiling tiles were removed, and the exposed beams painted, giving the room a clean, updated look. Malcolm especially cited Randy Gollihur of Forefront Church in Virginia Beach, who is a professional painter. The men also built bookcases for Presley Hall.

Many thanks to the first of the volunteers who will help the college this summer.

The Society of 1948

RBC was established on September 13, 1948. Since that date, over 3,000 students have enrolled. As we contemplate the 60th anniversary of the college, we introduce The Society of 1948 as a means by which each alumnus can express appreciation for the college and for those who have worked here through the years.

The Society of 1948 will include every alumnus who donates at least \$19.48 to the college during a fiscal year (July-June). In our annual report, we will publish a list of all the members of this elite society.

Those who participate (which would include alumni who are already giving to the college) might want to honor someone from your days at RBC – a teacher, a staff member, a classmate, someone else who guided you along the way. Such a gift is a vote of confidence and thus great encouragement to those currently serving at RBC.

If you have not contributed during this fiscal year, would you consider a gift of at least \$19.48 before June 30?



Betty Lou Congleton Harding '66

Betty Lou Harding passed away March 3, succumbing to a fight with cancer. She was born in Beaufort County, NC, graduating from high school there in 1964 and then from RBC in 1966. Mrs. Harding worked as a bookkeeper. She was a member of Haw Branch Church of Christ in Chocowinity, NC, where she played the piano for twenty years. Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, Phil; their son and daughter-in-law; her brother, Arthur Congleton, Jr. '78; and extended family and friends.

Eating, searching benefit RBC



If you buy groceries or search for anything on the Internet, RBC may benefit financially when you do the following:

- ◆ **Register your Food Lion MVP card at www.foodlion.com,** and the college may receive a quarterly gift from the company up to \$350.
- ◆ **Sign up and use www.goodsearch.com for conducting your Internet searches,** and RBC will receive approximately \$0.01 per legitimate search. The more people who use GoodSearch, the higher the potential gift income because there is no cap!

ATTENTION: Church Secretaries or Administrative Assistants

The Office of the President wants to send you monthly announcements (one slide) to run in your PowerPoint announcements for your congregation.

Please notify Melissa Lewis via email if you are willing to participate: mil@roanokebible.edu.



ALUMination ... *Shining the light on alumni*

■ *New ways to serve*

Creighton Beatty '79 is now preaching for Burlington Christian Church in Burlington, NC.

After serving as worship minister for First Christian Church in Kissimmee, FL, since 1999, Paul Tucker '87 has been called to be the minister of worship and creative programming at Northside Christian Church, Yorktown, VA.

Keith Hamm ex'90 is preaching for Mt. Olive Church of Christ, Belhaven, NC.

After years of ministry in Florida, Rick Robie '93 is youth minister at Reidsville Christian Church in Reidsville, NC.

Jay Hardison '95 has returned to North Carolina to preach for Maple Grove Christian Church in Jamesville.

Chris '96 and Valerie Tenney '96 Thornton are at Lakewood Christian Church in McAlester, OK, where he is youth minister and she works in the Christian school as a teacher and guidance counselor.

Matt Wagner '99 has been called as youth minister to Howard Lake Christian Church, Howard Lake, MN.

Bobby Wallace '00 is serving as youth minister at Haw Branch Church of Christ in Chocowinity, NC.

Jason Bedell '01 is the new creative arts pastor with Forefront Christian Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

John McLeod '02 is serving First Christian Church, Springfield, OH, as associate minister for young adults/college/career.

Jonathan Snoots '02 is full-time family life minister with Towne South Church of Christ in Elizabeth City.

Levi Cichorz '03 is associate minister with Old Ford Church of Christ in Washington, NC, where Patrick Harrison '04 is now full-time youth minister.

North Danville Church of Christ in Danville, VA, has called Tim Winberg '05 as youth minister.

Cesar Sosa '06 is active with Geneva Park Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA, where he ministers to Hispanics.

Jim Conner '07 is preaching for Countryside Church of Christ, Edenton, NC.

Scott Cumberledge '07 is serving a yearlong internship with Suncrest Christian Church in St. John, IN.

Eric '07 and Bree Hugas '07 Pruitt are serving Concord Christian Church in Concord, NC, as youth minister and children's director, respectively.

Senior Daniel Dodson is serving a yearlong internship with Northside Christian Church, Yorktown, VA, assisting the student minister.

Seniors Krystal Strawderman (Thailand) and Ashley Young (Ethiopia) are serving yearlong and 7-month internships, respectively.

■ *Weddings*

Noah Peer ex'05 and Katie Jones '04, June 17, 2006

Dennis Mitchell and Julie Schaffner '04, Mar. 3

Dave Sanders and Suzanne Prescott '05, Mar. 24

Morris Price and Shannon McCracken '96, Apr. 7

Sophomores Chris Gallihugh and Joey Cecil, May 11

Eric Pruitt '07 and Bree Hugas '07, May 12
Daniel Humphrey and Whitney Jones ex'10, May 19

■ *New family members*

Teddy and Lynn Reed ex'91 Moldovan--Amanda Leigh and Abigail Mae, Dec. 12, 2006

Bobby '00 and Shari Jones '99 Wallace--Daniel Edward, Feb. 7

James '03 and Andrea Rhodes '03 Scheffler--Madison Grace, Feb. 8

Bobby ex'06 and Jennie Cease '05 Gross--David Bernell, Mar. 14

John '92 and Ira Murphy, Stefan Martin-- Mar. 19

Keith '93 and Nicole Chatham '93 Wood--Evan Chatham, Apr. 9

■ *Ordinations*

Glen Layfield '07 at Berea Church of Christ, Hertford, NC, where he has been serving as associate minister

Jim Conner '07 at his home congregation, Severn Christian Church, Severn, MD, May 20

Sandy Johnson '07 at his home congregation, New Life Christian Church, Winchester, VA, May 20

Eric Pruitt '07 at his home congregation, Stella Christian Church, Patrick Springs, VA, May 27

■ *Retiring*

Several alumni are retiring this year from regular or full-time preaching duties:

Thomas Biggs '63, serving Cape Colony Church of Christ, Edenton, NC

Phillip Alligood '64, serving Bethlehem Church of Christ, Hertford, NC

Reggie Webb '69, serving Countryside Church of Christ, Edenton, NC

■ *Notes of Sympathy*

To Clyde '67 and Madelyn ex'79 Dalton on the death of their oldest child, Clyde Junior, Dec. 19, 2006

To the family of Kevin Parant ex'91, who died Dec. 24, 2006, of heart failure

To Robbie Harrell ex'79 on the death of his wife, Dale, in February

To Margie Seymore ex'97 on the death of her husband, Rudolph, May 13

■ *Other news 'n' notes*

Alumni who are not receiving an alumni prayer letter via email should ask to be included by e-mailing Bill Griffin at wag@roanokebible.edu.

Alumni, please visit www.roanokebible.edu to update your entry on the alumni page.

To find the available ministries on the web site, click on the alumni page and then on "Ministry Opportunities" in the right-hand column.

Guest chapel speakers have included Mike Wise, Georgia McDonald, Tim Bussey, team members from Pioneer Bible Translators, Greg Coverdale '02, David Jones, Scott Haulter, Greg Sexton '82, and Heather Ferguson.

Members of the college family collected over \$930 for IDES in their blue fish banks.

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A Life Well Lived - Lucille Dunbar Griffin

November 10, 1912 - February 18, 2007

The following are excerpts from former President William Griffin's tribute to his mother, "Grandma Lucy," which he spoke at her memorial service in the college chapel on Feb. 21.

Mother was born on November 10, 1912, to Hertford and Julie Dunbar and grew up in Scranton, NC. Her father was from a great line of loggers. Her mother was the religious leader in the family. She passed a lot of that on down to her daughter. I have often said that I was somewhat like Timothy . . . Timothy's faith "dwelt first in [his] grandmother Lois and then [his] mother Eunice."

On April 10, 1935, she eloped with John Griffin, her almost next door neighbor. I was born in 1939. Lucille became very active in the church, but John was not. Mother continued in her relationship with the Lord and church and had me there all the time.

Things changed in our lives in 1947 when my dad was baptized and soon became a leader in the Scranton Christian Church. Our home became a haven for preachers, primarily those who were preaching at Scranton and thus coming for the weekend or coming for revivals. It was also a stopover place for preachers going to other churches in the area. In 1954, Mother became a dorm mother at Camp Roanoke. This began her love affair with RBC. From then on, there was hardly ever a choral program or anything the college did that they were not in attendance.

My mother and dad were inseparable—they did everything together. My dad began a logging business of his own in the

late 60s. One of my memories is of Mother's driving the log truck to take a load of logs to the saw mill. The patrolman stopped her and she did not have special truck driver's license—she argued that she owned the truck—but Dad's name was on the registration card. So the patrolman took Mother home, leaving the truck along the road.

It was this same truck that Dad drove to the mill in Pantego in 1971 and when he took the chains off the logs, they rolled off on him. That was a tragic day in Mother's life for their lives had been so intertwined for almost fifty years.

But Mother was a fighter—she moved to Elizabeth City in 1972. I was managing the college bookstore at the time and Mother became the assistant manager, which she continued when Ed [Griffin] became the bookstore manager. She eventually retired, but soon began volunteering in the cafeteria—because it was so important to be present to be the "grandmother" for all the college kids. That's the way she always introduced herself during orientation.

To the Griffins and the host of Grandma Lucy's extended family, friends, and RBC "kids," we extend heartfelt sympathy. Her legacy of faith will live on in them and in those who will benefit from the John and Lucille Griffin Fund in the RBC Foundation.





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