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Celebrating the Old, Old Story; Giving Newness to Life

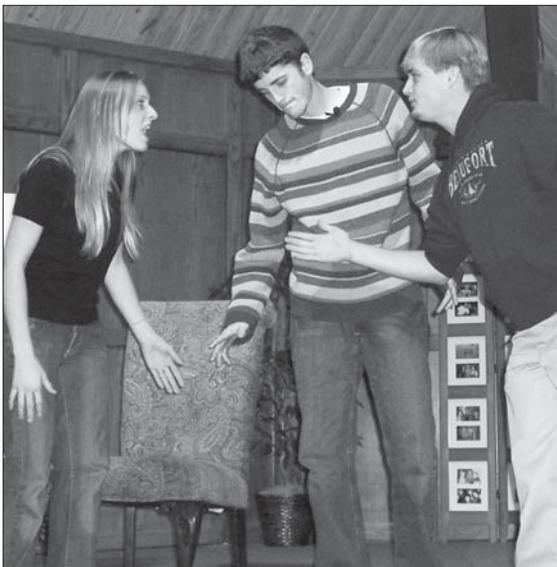


Steve Jackson's *Where Are You, Christmas?* thrilled record-breaking audiences for two evenings, November 30 and December 1. The second evening, about 250 attended the Class of 2007's annual Christmas Dinner, which preceded the production (*above*).

Why did so many come to see or to be a part of yet another Christmas event? We believe that they came to celebrate the old, old Story, the Good News that Jesus came and that He has made all the difference. He certainly did make the difference in the lives of the various family members pictured here as they appeared in the musical drama.

In them we saw some of our own family struggles--rivalries, elderly members beginning to slip, young marrieds trying to find their way. But their love and family traditions and especially their reliance on the Lord carried them through their difficulties, giving new hope and joy to their lives.

May that same Lord fill your new year with hope and joy, both in your families at home and in your church families.



Taking Christ to Those Near, Far



Students move rapidly and often from the classroom and chapel into the community and beyond to take the love of Christ to others. In November a group was visiting the elderly at Hariot Heights. Paula Lynch, the coordinator there, sent the following to Service-Learning Director Debbie Dodson: "We have a male senior citizen who had a stroke and lost his voice. He only makes a growling noise. I cannot understand him. You will not believe this, but when the RBC group came and sang 'It Is Well with My Soul,' he found his voice and started singing the song with them. It brought tears to my eyes. That's the first time I have heard his voice."

After exams, four students left for Jamaica to work with O'neil Chambers '99 for two weeks in his native country. We await their report.

Summer Teams Prepare for Travel

Commissioned (*above right*) will travel this summer representing the college at Christ in Youth conferences. **Doxology** (*right*) will be available to visit churches later in the spring semester and to serve in camps and various church services and settings during the summer. To schedule a team visit, contact Steve Jackson at 252.334.2091 or at sfj@roanokebible.edu.

COMMISSIONED (*above right*). Eric Pruitt, Spenser Haskett.

DOXOLOGY 2006. Kalyn Lean, Joe Burton, Bruce King, Sarah Biggs.

NC Residents Receive over \$131,000 in State Grants

At the close of the 2003-2004 academic year, 36 RBC students received a total of \$64,800--or \$1,800 each. The next year, 37 students received \$66,600--again, \$1,800 each. Something similar will happen again this coming summer.

Are you a resident of North Carolina who wishes to attend an accredited Christian college? Are you looking for a Christian college where you can get an excellent education? Are you looking for a college where you will be taught with a Christian worldview, nurtured as a person, and challenged to grow in your spiritual life? Are you looking for an affordable college?

Look no further! Roanoke is regionally and nationally accredited, takes your spiritual and academic development seriously, and is very affordable.

Included among the options that may become a part of your financial aid package, should you enroll at Roanoke, is the NC State Grant for Students Attending

Certain Private Education Institutions (CPEI).

Here's how it works. You must:

- Be a resident of North Carolina.
- Complete the admission process.

(You can begin by applying on-line at www.roanokebible.edu/admissions/index.htm.)

- Enroll as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours both semesters of the academic year).

- Complete and submit the CPEI State Grant application to the RBC Financial Aid Office. (That office provides applications during the spring semester each academic year.)

- Successfully complete each semester.

A North Carolina CPEI State Grant check will then be mailed directly to you between July and September, following the completion of the academic year. It really is that simple!

If you or someone you know is considering enrolling, please contact Lisa Pipkin in our Admissions and Financial Aid Office by e-mail at lwp@roanokebible.edu or call her toll free at 800.RBC.8980 ext. 2020. She will help you discover ways to finance a quality Christian education.

RBC is accredited by The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award certificates, associate and baccalaureate degrees and by The Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE; formerly the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges) to award certificates, associate and baccalaureate degrees. The ABHE is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the United States Department of Education (USDE). Note: Inquiries to the accrediting associations should relate to accreditation status. All other inquiries should be directed to the RBC Admissions Department.



Calling Members of the Classes of "6" to Rally

Did you graduate with or enter college with the class of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, or 1996? If so, this is the year you will especially want to attend the annual Gospel Rally and Homecoming on March 16 and 17. Your special time will be during the Friday morning session. Speaking Thursday evening and Friday afternoon will be Mark Scott, academic dean at Ozark Christian College. Jeff Bennett '94 (Christ's Church at Cobb in the Greater Atlanta area), representing the alumni, will preach Friday morning. Also, a missions speaker will speak Friday morning. Jeff Marks '74 and Bob Moulden '73 will lead singing.

An important variation in this year's programming . . . The Friday afternoon session will be the closing session of the rally. There is no Friday night session. That frees the evening for class reunions or other get-togethers for those who desire extra time with former school mates.

Also, Brother Scott and Ben Merold will be presenting a BluePrint seminar on the Thursday of the rally. The seminar, sponsored by the Church Development Fund, is especially for preachers, church leaders, and those interested in church planting. Registrations can be made on-line at www.blueprinttour.org/events/. Contact Dr. Gene Andrews for more information, aea@roanokebible.edu or 252.334.2045.

On Thursday afternoon, the Flames will play an alumni basketball team, and ARC will meet. Friday at noon, the Alumni Association will hold its annual lunch and business meeting.

By the Numbers

Or, One Way to Look at What's Happening

"Why do you want to know that?" or "What will you do with that information?" Numbers, or statistics, help us to measure some areas of performance, usually against projections or goals. The results help us to continue or to adjust our strategies as we constantly seek to be faithful and effective stewards of the souls and support God sends our way. Dr. Kevin Larsen, Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, shares the following statistics . . .

East Coast Encounter July 24-27 GET OUT!

(plus bonus Beach Days, July 28, 29)

Youth who have completed grades 8-12 will not want to miss East Coast Encounter (ECE), the college's new summer event for youth!

Since the mission of ECE is to "challenge teens to grow closer to Christ while learning to serve others," **service projects** will continue to be an important part of the program. Along with that, special emphasis will be placed on our **worship** interaction as a means of serving God. The ECE team is already working on plans for four incredible worship encounters that will refocus minds, renew hearts, and change lives.

Operation 12 out of Florida will be returning by popular demand to add a unique dimension to the event, with their wakeboarding demonstrations and clinics, performed on our waterfront campus on the Pasquotank River. They use their skills to the glory of God and "exist for the sole purpose of reaching those far from God."

Youth will arrive on Sunday evening; programming and meals are Monday morning through Thursday evening. The cost of \$150 includes housing through Friday morning. Groups are encouraged to stay Friday and Saturday nights for only \$5 per person per night in our dorms to celebrate their own **Beach Days**.

Last year's "Encounter" left us excited about the potential for this event to serve youth and sponsors in a unique way. Check out www.eastcoastencounter.com for more information and on-line registration. Space is limited, so registration will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

DEAN'S LIST FALL 2005

Congratulations to these full-time students (carrying 12 or more hours at RBC) who this term earned a grade point average of 3.500 (out of 4.000) or above.

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| Rose Amado-Taylor | Corey Jones |
| Melissa Ashley | Glen Layfield |
| Brianne Bane | Guy Layfield |
| Mike Buchanan | Kendal Lean |
| Lauren Bullock | Lee Modlin |
| Joe Burton | Stuart Paul |
| Nicole Cantelupe | Eric Pruitt |
| Jim Conner | Rebecca Robbins |
| Shaun Cooper | Johnny Scott |
| Sarah Danielsen | Shea Shropshire |
| Daniel Dodson | Robert Spruill |
| Billy Dyer | Brooke Stumbo |
| Laura Gross | Daniel West |
| Howard Guidry | Janiya Winns |
| Lyle Hinsdale | Becky Yager |
| Chris Hux | Sarah Yancey |
| Jan Ingoglia | Whitney Young |
| Chris Jones | Lisa Zink |

NEWS IN BRIEF. . .

□ Changes of ministry include Allen Byers '95 to New Beginnings, Ladson, SC; Eric Woolard '01, Macedonia, Williamston, NC, associate minister.

□ Wedding bells rang for Lloyd Reynolds and Janie Knight Stewart ex'85, Sept. 17.

□ Aaron '99 and Laura Cutler '98 Saufley welcomed Madalyn Faith, Nov. 28; Donnie and Tracey Gervais '93 Denney, Israel Vincent, Dec. 1; Doug ex'82 and Mikki Harris '84 Styons, Lea Caroline, Dec. 3; Paul and Freshman Ariel Bovat, Elijah Nahum, Dec. 8.

□ Guest speakers in chapel include Tara Woolard and Ellen Rohrer.

During the past five years:

- the counseling program has experienced a 96% increase in enrollment
- the cross-cultural studies program has experienced a 115% increase in enrollment
- the number of students who transfer to Roanoke from other institutions has increased 32%
- the occupancy of the women's dorm has increased 12%
- the number of churches that make financial contributions to RBC is down 3%, but the amount given by those churches that do contribute has increased 31% over the same time period

And in other areas:

- 52% of our students are male
- 85% of our students come from Restoration Movement churches
- 90% of Roanoke's 2005 graduates performed volunteer work; our peer institutions report a 73.2% volunteer rate.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF . . .

- Allen Herndon**
by Corinne P. Herndon
- E. S. "Dusty" Lowen**
by M/M E. C. Dressler
- Melvin Rawls**
by Virginia Rawls
- Mary Jane Watson**
Merritt Watson (Honor)
by Jane W. Brown
- Harvey & Danny Whitehurst**
by Edith L. Whitehurst
- Polly Winslow**
by James A. Winslow

TO THE FOUNDATION
IN MEMORY/HONOR OF . . .

- S. Elizabeth BonDurant** (Honor)
Sarah P. BonDurant
by George W. BonDurant
- Ted Clifton** (Honor)
by Forrest Hill Christian Church,
Penhook, VA
- Willard Fritz**
by M/M Denis Fritz
- Alva Douglas** (Honor)
by M/M Bruce A. Biggs
M/M Aron Douglas
- Lucy Duke**
Iola P. Keffer
by M/M Linden B. Keffer
- Frank B. Fuller, Sr.** (Honor)
by Pittsylvania Christian Camp
- Henry Clay Owney**
by S. Elizabeth BonDurant
- Jack & Rea Pressley** (Honor)
by Fred J. Pressley
- Lamira Slagle**
by Jimmie Slagle

TO THE LIBRARY
IN MEMORY/HONOR OF . . .

- Violette Butler Howard**
by M/M James F. Stanley, Jr.
- Lucille Lacks Joines**
by M/M Kenneth Haskett



B. Neal Puckett '50

Puckett 'Preacher of the Month'

Neal Puckett '50, Preacher of the Month for December, was one of Roanoke's early pioneers. He graduated from Atlanta Christian College in 1949, then came to Roanoke to teach and to study, graduating from Roanoke in 1950. Brother Puckett spent most of his 50 years in the pulpit serving churches in Georgia: Corinth (Loganville); Central, North DeKalb, and North Druid Hills (Atlanta); Roswell; Conyers; Jackson; and Red Oak. He also preached for Hamilton (NC), Bethany (Whitakers, NC), Berea (Hertford, NC), and Berkley (Norfolk, VA). Serving with him was his wife, the former Egypt Presley '60, who died in 2002. To them were born three children, including Malcolm '86. Brother Puckett now resides at Christian City in Union

City, GA, where he has been a volunteer chaplain nine years. He loves being a preacher because "Jesus died sacrificially for me, and I want to live sacrificially for Him" and cites Joshua 24:15 as his favorite text, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (NIV).

Why Pay for a Living Trust and Will?

Attorneys usually charge several hundred dollars--or more--to prepare a will and/or a living trust. Roanoke offers *free* professional estate planning services to friends and supporters of the college through Financial Planning Ministry (FPM). This valuable service includes the preparation of a revocable living trust and a will for you and/or your spouse at no cost. And the trust and will may be revoked or amended by you at any time. This is a tremendous value regardless of the size of your estate.

FPM was founded by Michael Prior, a Christian attorney who works in partnership with several ministries associated with the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. RBC is a sponsoring ministry of FPM in order to provide estate planning services to all our constituents without cost or obligation. Contact Emmett Murphy, Assistant Vice President for Development, at 757.872.7357 or epm@roanokebible.edu for more information or to schedule an FPM estate planning seminar at your church.

Matching Gifts

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