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Inauguration: Regalia, Rejoicing, Remembering, Relying on God



Descriptions of the photos, references to events, highlights from the program . . .

Wednesday, September 27 . . .
prayer and fasting

Thursday, September 28 . . .
Hawaiian Shirt Day
Celebration Service
a walk through yesteryear
a talk for our tomorrows
Campfire and marshmallows



Friday, September 29 . . .
Bagpipe processional
Flags of the Nations
where alumni serve
Color Guard

*How great is our God,
sing with me . . .
Worthy of all praise*

Greetings from dignitaries,
friends, family
Inaugural Address by
Peter L. Kunkle
Investiture of the President

Reception, Presley Hall Lobby
and under the tent

59 years, 3 presidents
George W. BonDurant
William A. Griffin
D. Clay Perkins



To view the inauguration program book, read Dr. Perkins' message, and see more pictures, visit www.roanokebible.edu.

The school year is only two months old, and students have already met and been challenged by numerous missionaries. From Evelyn Jones--serving in Italy since 1949--to Brian Paris--a 2006 RBC graduate and recruit with Pioneer Bible Translators, visiting missionaries have made class presentations, spoken in chapel, or met in informal gatherings.

What an awesome way for students to learn of God's work in the world! Mark Mudrik spoke of work in the Czech Republic; Bethany Free of her work with Food for the Hungry, International in Indonesia; Jeff and Sherrie Hostetter of their work in Ghana; Brian Paris of preparing to work with PBT; a team from New Missions Systems, International; John Murphy of his work in the Ukraine; and Curt Nordhielm as the president of the 2006 National Missionary Convention.

'Pure Freedom,' Accountability Groups for Women

This semester female students have had the opportunity to meet with two Bible study groups with particular purposes. Becky Yager, Residence Hall Director for the women, is leading a ten-week study on purity (*above*) that gives helpful tools for sexual purity or for finding healing from transgressions. The study will end with a retreat and will be offered again next semester for those unable to attend this semester. The other is an accountability group (*right*) being led by two 2006 graduates living in Elizabeth City, Amanda Eheart and Aimee Curry. We are grateful for the women willing to lead the students and for students who are eager to be led.

BLOOD DONORS, many of them first-timers, refresh themselves and comfort each other at the campus blood drive Sept. 27. **Clockwise from left:** Mary Ann Godley, Ivy Brothers (freshman class sponsor and chief cheerleader), Rachel Thayer, Sarah Hayes, Jon Boyd, Judson Simpson, Tiff Adams, and Corey Jones.

Missions: Up Close and Personal



FELLOWSHIPPING in the cafeteria. **Front:** Kimmi Cooper, Sarah Biggs, Evelyn Jones, Lina Prayanti, Kelly Hazen, Kim Clarke. **Back:** Aaron Lewis, Mary Ann Godley, Krystal Strawderman, Ashley Young.





LADY FLAMES VOLLEYBALL TEAM, 2006-2007. *Front:* Kim Clarke, Alina McGriff, Bethany Williams. *Middle:* Melissa Ashley, Kalyn Lean, Jessica Joyner, Cecily Butler. *Back:* Rebecca Robbins, Bree Hugus, Sarah Hayes, Ashleigh Dooley, Whitney Jones, Coach Paul Pipkin.

Gateway Goes All the Way in Tournament



Gateway (pictured above), a team organized by Junior Curt Ashley and sponsored by Gateway Church of Christ in Hebron, MD, claimed the top position in the twenty-fourth annual softball tournament Sept. 9. Community/Hamilton (second place) and thirteen other teams met in competition and fellowship, netting almost \$2,800 for the college. Community/Hamilton donated \$830, in addition to the \$200 entry fee. Thanks to players, fans, and donors for a great day at the ball park!

LIVIN' the LIFE . . . Notes from Student Life

CLASH OF THE CLASSES, Sept. 14--Intramural basketball tournament won by Senior Class, sponsored by Sophomore Class. **BLOODMOBILE, Sept. 27**--a smashing success, collected about 50 pints--142% of the goal! So many came that some were turned away because the Red Cross ran out of bags. **WALK FOR HUNGER, Oct. 8**--about 15 from RBC walked, raising \$560, enough to buy 3,360 pounds of food.

Flames Three-peat! Conference Champs Again

For the third consecutive year, the Lady Flames volleyball team has claimed the championship in the Shenandoah and Chesapeake Athletic Conference. On October 7, the Lady Flames swept Christendom College in the semifinals and captured the title with a 3-to-1-game victory over Washington Bible College. Their conference play is rather remarkable: they have won every conference match during the three years of the conference's existence.

Coach Paul Pipkin said, "Coaching these ladies has been easy because of the desire and dedication they brought to the court each practice and game. It has been a joy watching them play the game, but even more enjoyable was seeing their Christ-like attitudes on and off the court. They really are a great group of athletes."



You are cordially
invited to a
Christmas Musical
"Not That Far
From Bethlehem"
Wednesday, Nov. 29
Thursday, Nov. 30
Friday, Dec. 1
7:00 p.m.
Davenport Chapel
Free admission, but
reservation required

To attend the
Christmas Banquet
Wednesday, Nov. 29
before the musical,
contact Dr. Bob Smith
by Nov. 14
rws@roanokebible.edu
252.334.2018



ADMISSIONS NEWS

OASIS TOTALS

Nearly 450 high schoolers and sponsors visited campus for Oasis. During the two week-ends, 17 left applications.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Live from RBC, it's a worship fellowship for area youth groups on Oct. 22 and Nov. 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information about this free event, contact Jason Woolard, 252.334.2047 or jmw@roanokebible.edu.

SEND US YOUR BEST

If you know of a person who would be a good preacher, youth minister, counselor, worship minister, nonprofit business manager, teacher for the Kingdom, or other spiritual leader, please tell him or her about the gift you see. Then send our admissions team that person's name and contact information so we can also encourage him or her to be educated for service at RBC. Current students are now preregistering for the spring semester. Check out the spring class schedule at:

www.roanokebible.edu
admissions@roanokebible.edu
1.800.RBC.8980
Local: 334-2028

WALLACE-EAKES RECEPTION

At a reception on Sept. 6, Mrs. Doris Eakes met this year's recipients of the Wallace-Eakes scholarships. She presented each with a small gift; the students told her and others present what the scholarships meant to them. Wallace-Eakes scholarships have been awarded since 2000.

2006-07 WALLACE-EAKES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. *Front:* Kelly Hazen, Kimmi Cooper, Ryan Puterbaugh, Lisa Zink. *Back:* Michael Dawson, Janiya Winns, Chris Gallihugh, Mrs. Eakes, Ashley Young, Howard Guidry, Johnny Scott.

Farewell to the Cormodes



James R. Cormode, Vice President for Finance since 1998, is leaving the RBC family. His wife, Charlea, concludes her work as a secretary in Academics on Oct. 31. Jim and Charlea came in the fall of 1998 for Jim to

lead the Finance Department, which also oversees the physical plant. During his years of service, the college has built two buildings, conducted six major remodeling projects, become accredited by SACS, and been reaffirmed by ABHE. His contributions to each of these endeavors have been enormous and deeply appreciated.

Charlea also joined the staff in 1998. In 1999 she also enrolled in RBC classes, earning a B.S. degree in 2002 and a TESOL certificate in 2003. Her careful and kind services will be sorely missed by both colleagues and students.

Throughout their years at the college, Jim has held several interim ministries and done fill-in preaching. He and Charlea have logged many miles in this labor of love for serving the churches. They have also served their family well with their willingness to travel far and more often than most. Whether north to Canada or west to Kansas, no place has been outside of the reach of their devotion.

They came with broad service and experience, including service with Ontario Christian Seminary, work in Italy as missionaries and with Troy State University, Christian service camps, and various settings inside and outside the States. We say good-bye with much love to Jim and Charlea.

NEWS IN BRIEF . . .

❑ Wedding bells rang for Benjamin Oravetz and Becky Dahmer '04, Sept. 16; Jared Miller and Sophomore Brianne Bane, Sept. 17.

❑ Changes of ministry include Doug Carter '84 to Real Life Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA; Marty Anderson '03 to Friends in Fellowship Christian Church, Winterville, NC; Senior Jordan Clark to Christ's Church of Greenville, Winterville, NC, worship minister; Juniors Guy Layfield to Athens Chapel Church of Christ, Bath, NC, youth minister, and Jonathan Thayer to Church of Christ at Creeds, Virginia Beach, VA, youth minister; and Freshman Tommy Leopard to Gospel Light Church of Christ, Jamesville, NC, youth minister.

❑ Freshman Chad and Roberta Lopez welcomed Jeremiah Blair, Sept. 6; Chris '04 and Lindsey Lamb ex'05 Woolard, Silas Christopher, Sept. 14; Michael ex'03 and Priscilla Webster ex'06 Styons, Javen Scott, Oct. 10.

❑ Guest speakers in chapel include Mark Mudrik, Bethany Free, Jeff Hostetter '83, John Murphy '92, Greg Swinney, and Curt Nordhielm.

❑ **Alumni Spotlight:** Ginny Gibbs Ambrose '94 was chosen Teacher of the Year at Creswell Elementary School, Creswell, NC. *Congratulations!*

MATCHING GIFTS

Sprint Foundation

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*for Mary Ann Jones Foster
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Partnering to Impact the World

Comprehensive Campaign Update

One year ago the college launched Partnering to Impact the World . . . the Comprehensive Campaign for Roanoke Bible College. The campaign is designed to supply \$12.4 million needed for general operations and for growing enrollment, academic programs, scholarships, and facilities during a four-year time frame.

We thank God and His people for the gifts and commitments to date: More than \$2.3 million in commitments and about \$2.7 million in gifts have been received so far. We anticipate receiving an additional \$4 million in commitments and gifts during this time from individuals and churches that regularly support the college.

About 760 attended five regional stewardship banquets for alumni and friends, resulting in several commitments and gifts. The campaign has been formally presented to more than 65 congregations. For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact Howard Amland, Vice President for Development at eha@roanokebible.edu or 252.334.2025.

Please join us in this campaign that is about much more than money: it includes an ambitious strategic plan to multiply the number of extraordinary Christian leaders launched from RBC who will help address the spiritual challenges of this generation and the next. If you have not submitted an "intention to give" form already or if you are unsure whether you have, please clip the item below and send it to Vice President Amland at the college address.

 Name(s) _____

As a supporter, my/our intention, as God provides, is to continue our current giving to the ministry of RBC plus an increase to help support the Comprehensive Campaign, which includes all the foreseeable gift income needs for the next four years: General Operating Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, and the RBC Foundation/Endowment Fund.

Suggested Formula to Factor Commitment:

(Current Annual Giving + an Increase) x Four Years = Total Four-year Intention to Give)

Total Four-year Intention to Give \$ _____

Initial Gift Enclosed = \$ _____ Remaining Balance = \$ _____

Indicate how balance is intended to be given:

monthly quarterly semi-annually annually Beginning date: _____

Preferred Method of Giving

Automatic Bank Transfer: I authorize Roanoke Bible College to receive the above amount through my checking account on the first day of each month. I have enclosed a check marked VOID for bank coding purposes.

Credit Card: I authorize RBC to receive the above amount through my debit or credit card on the first day of each month.

Visa Master Card Discover Card No. _____
 Name on card _____ Exp. Date _____

Check: I will send RBC a check for the amount and frequency (e.g., monthly, quarterly, etc.) as indicated above.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Please indicate your e-mail address to join as

an RBC prayer partner _____

Tribute Gifts

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TO THE FOUNDATION

S. Elizabeth BonDurant (Honor)
by George W. BonDurant

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by George W. BonDurant
S. Elizabeth BonDurant

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Michael Thornton
by M/M R. Dale Kendrick

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Willard Fritz
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M/M Jeffry Martin

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by Jimmie Slagle

Other Foundation Gifts:
The Lindsley Fund
 A new fund established by
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TRIBUTE GIFTS

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF . . .

- James "Jimmy" Davenport**
*by M/M Standley Bass
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- D. Clay Perkins (Honor)**
*by Avalon Church of Christ,
 Virginia Beach, VA*
- Eula Small**
by M/M Gerald H. Dunn
- Danny & Harvey Whitehurst**
by Edith Whitehurst

TO THE LIBRARY

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF . . .

- Sarah P. BonDurant**
June Elizabeth Watson Branock
Mildred Cutler Doughridge
Sam D. Eggleston, Jr.
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Verna Gray Hopkins
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Gerald Thomas
Mary Louise Mercer Thomas
Sybil Hodges Watson
by M/M Roy Watson
- Gladys Jones Collie**
Allen S. "Dick" Sherwin
by M/M Denis Fritz

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Marvel, Clark Honored in September, October



Roger K. Marvel '73

Roger Marvel, a 1973 graduate, came to Roanoke from the Church of Christ in Ocean View, DE, one of numerous students from that congregation and the surrounding area enrolled at that time. As a student, Roger served Gospel Light Church of Christ, Jamesville, NC, and Lincoln Park Church of Christ, Mechanicsville, VA, where he continued following graduation. He then ministered with First Christian Church, Glen Burnie, MD (8.5 years), and then with Geneva Park Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA, where he is in his thirteenth year. He cites as one of his favorite texts Ephesians 3:20, 21, which says, in part, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more . . . according to His power . . ." He loves "preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ because of the impact I am allowed to have for Jesus on people's lives and their eternal reward" and loves "being used by my Lord to speak and counsel with others and then to see the glorious change that the Truth of God makes in their lives and actions." He is married to the former Libby Moore and has five children.



Richard S. Clark '78

Richard Clark '78 was one of many students through the years sent by Geneva Park Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA. He met his wife-to-be, Joanne McKinney ex'76, at Roanoke, and they married in 1975. Richard also earned an M.A. degree in Theological Studies from Cincinnati Christian University. Most of Richard's years of ministry have been spent in youth/associate positions, but nine years ago he was called by the congregation where he was serving to become the preaching/senior minister-- Central Christian Church, Carmel, IN. He is challenged by a quote from Os Guinness, "Calling is the truth that God calls us to Himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out in response to His summons and service." Of being a preacher, he said, "Truthfully, being a preacher is a calling I resisted and still have trouble coming to terms with at times, but 'the love of Christ compels me' and His 'word becomes a fire burning in my heart.' So, for God's pleasure and for His honor and in the hope of drawing people to Him, I attempt to proclaim the Good News of salvation by grace."

Selection of "Preacher of the Month" is a function of the Preaching Ministry Advisory Committee, a committee of the Alumni Association that promotes the Preaching Ministry Minor and encourages the college's ministers-in-training as they study and as they serve.

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