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60 Years in the Making!

- 1,077 graduates
- Over 3,000 students trained
- Over 450 churches planted around the world
- Alumni serving in 13 nations, 37 states
- Unwavering allegiance to the ideals of the Restoration Plea
- Uncompromising commitment to the Bible as the Word of God
- Compassionate but firm insistence upon Jesus as the only Way to God
- Changing methods but unchanging principles
- Adaptation but never compromise

Celebrating 60 Years

VALUED PAST ... VIBRANT VISION

*W*hat has brought us this far? Some would say it's the family atmosphere. Others, our dedicated professors and staff. Still others, our beautiful campus and location within 45 miles of the Outer Banks of North Carolina and the metropolitan areas of Tidewater and Hampton Roads in Virginia.

We say it's the grace of God and the generosity of His people—a mission for a Mighty God and a desire in the hearts of His people—that has brought Roanoke Bible College to this landmark year, her Diamond Anniversary. Throughout this publication are some of the ways Roanoke and her people have been serving this summer and will be serving this fall. Like us, you will see many reasons to celebrate.

A committee, chaired by Library Director Frank Dodson, has been planning features and activities that will set off the 2007-2008 year as one to be remembered, starting with the logo.

The diamond is the symbol marking a 60th anniversary. The Greek word for "diamond" is *adamas*, meaning "unconquerable" and "enduring." The words "valued," "vibrant," and "vision" relate to a diamond as well as to the college. Value: a precious stone/a Holy God and sacred mission. Vibrant: sparkling/shining light and life around the world. Vision: clear, multifaceted, beautiful to look at/a clearly multifaceted and beautiful future following the Lord's lead.

Six 12-foot banners on campus will draw attention to our 60th year. Convocation on Aug. 22 will include a parade of the flags, and a 60th anniversary DVD will play at the



convocation reception and at other events during the year. (Copies will also be for sale. Contact Frank Dodson at lfid@roanokebible.edu or 252.334.2046.) Fireworks on campus will follow the final session of the Gospel Rally and Homecoming on April 4. Reprise, a 50th anniversary reunion chorus of The Master's Twelve, will sing at several events.

Another landmark of this special year is the publication of *Those Unforgettable Choral Tours*, which is "an historical and anecdotal account of the curricular choral groups of Roanoke Bible College from fall 1948 through spring 2007."

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Introducing the Leadership Team

Dr. Ken Greene, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Clay Perkins, President; David Sayers, Vice President for Finance; Garrett Lewis, Director of Enrollment Management; Dr. Kevin Larsen, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Who is at the helm, navigating the college into her sixtieth year? Meet the Leadership Team, some of whom you know well. Directly answerable to the Board of Trustees is D. Clay Perkins, Ph. D., who is beginning his second year as president. The other team members report to him and serve together as a team leading the college.

E. David Sayers, Vice President for Finance, is the newest member of the team. He came to Roanoke from Blacksburg, VA, where he was a vice president and a commercial loan officer for a bank. For three years (2001-2004) he was an assistant professor of business at Atlanta Christian College. He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in business administration (Radford University and East Tennessee State University, respectively).

From 1994 to 2001 he rose from teller to vice president of a bank in Bristol, TN. He has served the church as a deacon and in the area of budgeting and finance. He and wife Kristy have three young children and one on the way in January. David said he has grown to "love the entire Christian-based educational structure not only as a vocation, but also as a ministry opportunity" and that his position will allow him to "continue

good works for God's kingdom and for RBC."

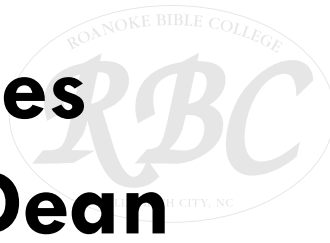
Dr. Ken Greene, hired last summer to head the youth ministry minor, became Vice President for Student Life (VPSL) in July. He will continue to oversee the youth ministry program as a new full-time faculty person is sought in the area of student, youth, and/or family ministry.

The VPSL position opened when Garrett Lewis, who had been VPSL since 1992, returned to admissions, the department he had led from 1972 to 1992. From March through June he bolstered enrollment efforts as he finished student life duties. On July 1 he became Director of Enrollment Management, a position that is a direct report to the president.

Dr. Kevin Larsen, as introduced in the last issue of *The Messenger*, is now Vice President for Academic Affairs. His interview on the next page will acquaint readers with him more.

The team asks for your prayers as they seek the Lord's will for the college and all who would study here. They understand that much has been given to them and that, therefore, much is required of them. They are grateful for your prayers that they will be watchful, willing, and wise in the things of the Lord.

Dr. Larsen Becomes Third Academic Dean



As Dr. Kevin Larsen begins his duties as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year, he brings to RBC a tremendous respect for the history of the school and a broad vision for the future.

A 1991 graduate of Nebraska Christian College (NCC), Dr. Larsen received an M. A. in Biblical Studies and an M. Div. with a concentration in Theological Studies from Cincinnati Christian University, and a Ph. D. in Biblical Studies from The Catholic University of America.

He came to RBC after teaching at Lincoln Christian College-East Coast (LCC-EC) for about ten years. During that time and during his time at Cincinnati, he also held weekend ministries.

In a recent interview, he spoke about his background and his vision for Roanoke Bible College.

When did you first know that you wanted to have a career in ministry and what influenced this decision?

Dr. Larsen: I grew up in a Christian home in Omaha, Nebraska. I decided during my second year of high school that I wanted to go to Bible college. The preacher at my home church was certainly influential in this decision, but I was also blessed to be part of a really strong youth group.

What exactly is the role of a VPAA?

Dr. Larsen: There are two main areas of responsibility. The first is to protect the academic integrity of the school and the second is to develop and enhance courses of study and faculty.

Because a VPAA is a member of the faculty and is also an administrator, this person has to work closely with both groups. The VPAA is a liaison between the two, taking the concerns of the faculty to the administration and taking the concerns of the administration to the faculty.

Will you be giving up your teaching responsibilities to be VPAA?

Dr. Larsen: No! Teaching has always been very important to me. When I went to NCC, I planned on entering the preaching ministry, but during my second year of studies I knew that I wanted to be a college professor. At RBC the VPAA has always had teaching responsibilities, and that will continue to be the case.

What do you see as the major challenges in education today?

Dr. Larsen: One major challenge is for a college to be able to attract the right kind of students. Like all colleges, we have a certain number of students who are simply not prepared for the rigors of college. At RBC we are committed to training extraordinary leaders.

To do this effectively, we need for our congregations to

challenge the best and brightest students they have to become leaders in the church.

Then in partnership with the church, we can provide the education and training to help these individuals become extraordinary leaders. Some of these leaders may be preachers, youth ministers, or missionaries. Others will be teachers, lawyers, or engineers. But RBC can help each of them be better Christian leaders.

Another challenge is to be able to provide a quality education at an affordable rate. The trend in recent years has been for students to come out of college with more and more educational debt. The challenge we have is to provide quality education without strapping graduates with too much debt.

How do you see things changing in the next five years?

Dr. Larsen: One of the first things I would like to do is lay out a plan for elevating our minors to majors. I would also like to see us add more academic programs that engage the culture we live in, and I would like to see a higher percentage of our graduates go on to graduate school. Another goal is for us to have

a higher percentage of our faculty with terminal degrees. Currently less than half of our professors have a terminal degree compared to one sister school where 80% of the faculty has a doctorate.

How would that be accomplished?

Dr. Larsen: When new faculty members are hired, we will be looking for individuals who either have a doctorate or are willing to pursue one.

What can you tell me about the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities?

Dr. Larsen: It is an organization that seeks to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education. I would like to form a study group to see whether we should affiliate with this group. One of the really interesting things they do is called the "Best Semester of Study." In this program students study abroad one semester. During this time the student takes a certain number of courses in the country he or she is visiting. I think that might be something some of our students would be interested in.

Anything else you wish to say?

Dr. Larsen: Yes, my goal for RBC is that on the Eastern seaboard—from Maine to Florida—we will have a reputation for being a premier Christian college within the Stone-Campbell tradition.

Interview by Prof. Don McKinney, College Counselor and Advisor for the Counseling Minor



Dr. Larsen with friends and transfer students from LCC-EC

Emphasizing Preaching *for* 60 Years



Raffael B. Farrow, Jr. '87

June



G. Fredrick Messer, Jr. '96

July



Roy W. Carter '71

August

Preachers of the Month

Raffael Farrow '87, a native of Hyde County, North Carolina, met his wife-to-be, the former Beth Fritz '87, at Roanoke. The same year they graduated, he was ordained by his home congregation, Pleasant Grove Church of Christ, Fairfield, NC. He held a student ministry with Nazareth Church of Christ (Kilkenny, NC). Since graduation Raffael has preached for churches in North Carolina (Berea in Hertford and Swan Quarter in Swan Quarter). He is in his second ministry with Poplar Creek Church of Christ in Grundy, VA (June 1990–December 1994 and November 2006 to present). He and Beth have three daughters.

Rick Messer '96 was ordained

at Harrison Church of Christ, Harrison, OH, in 1993. He received his associate degree from Roanoke in 1996 and a bachelor's degree from Cincinnati Christian University in 1997. He served as youth minister with three congregations before answering the call to the preaching ministry. Since that time he has served Demopolis Christian Church, Demopolis, AL; Holly Neck Church of Christ, Roper, NC; and Howard Lake Christian Church, Howard Lake, MN, where he has been since December 2001. He and wife Kathleen have two children.

Roy "Bill" Carter '71 gives much credit to his recently deceased wife, Jeannette (died June 4) for his entering the

preaching ministry: "Without her encouragement I may not have ever entered RBC." Ordained in 1967 at a joint service of the New Marshfield and Rutland churches of Christ (New Marshfield, OH; Rutland, OH), he enrolled in Roanoke as a married father of four. He graduated from RBC in 1971 with a Christian Worker's Certificate, and has spent his life preaching in North Carolina and Ohio, and since 1997, at Dunlap Church of Christ in Covington, VA. He and Jeannette have four children (including Billie Jeanne Veasey '72, Scott '73, and Brett ex'82), 11 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

*...more
than a
Sunday
sermon...*

Preaching ministry is more than a Sunday sermon. With this in mind, the preaching ministry program anticipates the launching of the new Preaching Ministry major this fall. Preaching classes on selected issues of the day as electives, multiple options for church growth electives, and a strong internship program will provide tools that will help prepare students for preaching and preaching ministry.



Dr. Gene Andrews, Professor
Preaching Ministry Program Advisor

In Support of Preachers: Preacher Boy Golf Tournament



The Preaching Ministry Advisory Committee hosted a biannual golf tournament Aug. 6. Proceeds, expected to exceed \$3,500, will be used to help the young men who are studying to enter the ministry by providing scholarships to attend conferences and other encouragements as they train to serve.

Ninety-six golfers in 24 teams from 12 churches met at the Links of Cotton Valley in Tarboro, NC, for the event. Behind the winning team (pictured) were several teams tied with a 59. After a tie breaker, teams 1 and 2 from Christ's Church of Greenville (Winterville, NC) came in second and third, respectively.

Sponsors of the event--From Greenville: Lavender Days Spa, Occasions Party and Tent Rentals, NC Earthworks, Greenville Auto Brokers, Yongue Electric, Woodland Vegetation Management, Factory Mattress and Bedrooms, Cliff Hollis Productions, Parker's Barbecue, Pizza Inn on Greenville Blvd., Subway in Greenville. From Washington: The Eye Care Center, Jeremy Shadle Golf Shop. From Williamston: Williamston Cleaners. From Elizabeth City: Flowers Printing, EmbroiderOn. From Hertford: Tarheel Fireplace and Grill Shop. Individual: Tad Wood.

A special thanks goes to the event staff--Rachel Collins, Brian Gibbs, Cliff Hollis, Rich Meister, and Alyssa Turner--and to Tim Turner, tournament coordinator. (Photos by Cliff Hollis)



WINNING TEAM, FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, WASHINGTON, NC: Mike Poorman, Derek Joyner, Mark Lilley, Jeremy Shadle, with a 55.



Event Staff: Rachel Collins, Brian Gibbs, Rich Meister, Alyssa Turner.



Lunch at the club.



RBC is hosting a Standard Publishing conference, Energizing Smaller Churches, Oct. 26, 27. Nationally known church leaders Wayne Smith, Richard Crabtree, Bill Butterfield, and David Faust will host main sessions. Valuable workshops! Register early (\$59 or \$15 student). For details and registration, visit www.escnetwork.org/conferences.aspx. For housing in the dorms at \$15/night, contact Dr. Ken Greene, 252.334.2019.

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George BonDurant and daughter
Professor Beth BonDurant

History of Choral Programs

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The author/compiler of the work are George W. BonDurant, founding President of the college, and S. Elizabeth BonDurant, music professor and former Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Vividly described in this work are the spiritual starvation and meager physical facilities of the more than 100 congregations of the Roanoke District of Churches of Christ in northeastern Carolina when the college began in 1948 and which the college was founded to address.

For the first 11 years, choral presentations were given in churches within two or three hours' drive of the college. Then longer tours began, eventually reaching as far as Florida to the south, Texas to the west, and Canada to the north. The number of performances of the three groups is a combined total of 1,855.

The book is enriched by anecdotal memories from 74 individuals who were members of or hosts to one of the choruses. Some memories are featured in the text, and others are listed alphabetically in Chapter Five: Memories of Singers. Many alumni will find themselves or their classmates in one or more of the 33 group pictures, and friends of the college who never attended will still find much of interest.

There are chronological appendices of presentations, as well as appendices of members by semester, compiled from printed programs and other college records.

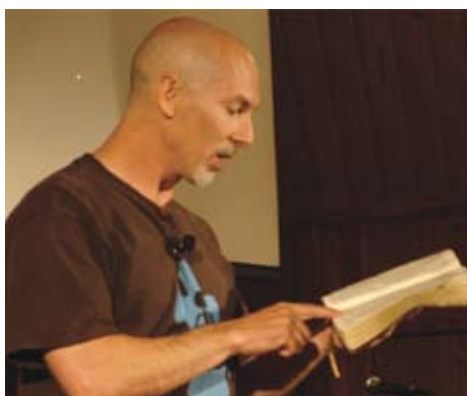
For complimentary copies of the book, contact S. Elizabeth BonDurant at Roanoke Bible College, 715 N. Poindexter St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909; 252.334.2011; or seb@roanokebible.edu.

(copied from press release)

East Coast Encounter '07

Save the dates: East Coast Encounter '08, July 20-25

With the theme "Unpredictable," those attending East Coast Encounter (ECE) found themselves engaged in unpredictable acts of service and following an unpublished schedule, which included a surprise session at 3:00 a.m. and another off campus. In the words of one sponsor, "We had a great time! A couple of the teenagers already had it counted down to 358 days remaining [until next year's ECE]. . . . We look forward to the event every year." And another, "Thanks for all of the planning, preparation, and presentation that you folks put into this week for our teens to enjoy. We have heard from parents that their teens seem to be 'refreshed and renewed in faith.'"



FREE RETREAT. Pictured are those attending the first FREE retreat for youth ministers and sponsors. It was held on campus in May and was, well, free. Plan now to join us next May 19 and 20 for this time of respite and rejuvenation.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.



RBC has a valued past and a vibrant vision! In 1948 RBC started as a preacher training school to answer the need for more preachers who would preach the Word of God completely. This passion is alive today. RBC is committed to educating extraordinary leaders to impact the culture for Christ.

As we start RBC's 60th academic year, we are truly thankful to all who responded to "*Erasing the Deficit: A four-month act of faith for a better future.*" Many individuals and churches gave from their hearts to aid in reducing RBC's liquidity deficit. Over \$330,000 was raised. While

we did not "erase" the deficit, we have certainly improved the financial strength of RBC. We say thank you to those who gave.

In this 2007-2008 academic year, RBC will need to raise 1.5 million dollars. Yes, we can. By asking everyone who loves the mission of the college to continue to give, pray, and use their influence to encourage others to do the same, we can. All gifts, whether \$5 or \$5 million, are needed to continue the tradition of educating extraordinary ministers for God's Kingdom.

So many great things are happening at RBC. A fantastic leadership team is taking shape. These men are committed to the mission of educating men and women for career and volunteer Christian service. I am excited that RBC is now offering more opportunities for those who want to take a collegiate-level class but who cannot relocate to

Elizabeth City.

This fall we are opening a campus in Kernersville, NC, in partnership with First Christian Church Ministries. RBC is also adding more and more classes for on-line students.

I am also excited about the nursing program offered in cooperation with the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

You do not want to miss this 60th year Gospel Rally and Homecoming on April 3 and 4. Rumor is there will be fireworks.

On a personal note, thank you for making my first year in the RBC family a great one. Sandra and I have felt welcomed and loved. Truly RBC has a valued past and a vibrant vision.

Serving those who serve,

Clay



Gifts that Keep on Giving; Graduates Who Give Back

At a time when numerous repairs and upgrades were needed and funds were low, God's provision again covered us. It came in the form of a gift made 35 years ago, a gift that was restricted to "improvements to East Campus."

In 1972 Polly Clark gave RBC 800 shares of Texaco stock, then valued at \$25,600, in memory of her husband, Miles Clark. The restrictions protect the original investment, and the earnings, which can be used only for work done on East Campus (the part of the campus that touches the Pasquotank River), had not been used for many years.

Her generosity provided \$100,000 for refurbishing the first floor of the women's dorm, Presley Hall (hvac, carpet,

paint); improvements to the first floor of the student center (painting, ceiling); repairs to the solar heating system in Turner Hall (men's dorm); and resurfacing tennis courts, to name several projects.

Help also came in the form of volunteers. Donna Strawderman '76 donated two weeks of labor in various offices, accomplishing many administrative and clerical tasks. Her daughter, incoming freshman Andrea, also assisted. Howie Stacy '07 and Shea Shropshire '06 had a day off and drove from Virginia to do an assortment of chores. Aaron Grosjean '06 and Susanne Edwards have helped in the library. Thanks to these who freely gave valuable help.



TENNIS COURT RESURFACING AND FENCE PAINTING CREW.
Front row: Neil Anglen; Joey Balsamo; David Klein; Kyle Wilkins (volunteer); Ray T. Wilkins, Sr. (volunteer); Al Clark. Back row: Phillip Alligood, Rodney Wilkins (volunteer), Joe Cartwright.



Services Rendered, Services Beginning

Thanks to Amland, Matney, Jones; Welcome to Others

E. Howard Amland, Vice President for Development, has left after six years of service to the college. Howard writes, "we [he and wife Blythe] are open to serving Him anywhere, preferably in helping indigenous missionaries through raising prayer and financial support." To him we extend our thanks for his service and ask you to join us in their request for prayers regarding their next point of service. We commend him and his family as faithful workers in the Kingdom.

Thanks also to Randall S. Matney, who has served as interim Vice President for Finance since December. He will continue work in the finance department until the current audit is completed. Randy is a CPA and holds degrees from Milligan (BS, Business Administration) and Johnson Bible College (BA, Preaching).



Howard Amland

As a CPA he practiced accounting for 22 years, concentrating in corporate and individual taxation. From 1984 to 2004 he served Emmanuel School of Religion as Director of Finance and Data Processing. He and Laura have two children and two grandchildren.

After a year as an admissions counselor, E. L. Jones is leaving to enter youth ministry. He will be serving with Olivet Christian Church, Newport News, VA. We appreciate his good service with us.

The new year welcomes the return of Angela T. Ford '07 as receptionist. She



Randall S. Matney

served previously in admissions (1997-98) and development (1999-2001). Darrell E. Hairston '91, minister of Rehoboth Victory Christian Church in Elizabeth City, will be coaching the men's basketball team. Nicole G. Jones '07 is serving as an intern in the Student Life department. Sophomore Mary Jo "Joey" Gallihugh is one of the academic affairs secretaries. We welcome these to their new roles in the college family.

Former Trustee, Longtime Friend of College Dies

Hilton O. Chesson, Sr., longtime friend of the college and a trustee from 1960 to 1991, died June 5 at the age of 94. Brother Chesson was an active member of Scuppernon Church of Christ in Creswell, NC, where he held many offices. He served the community as chief of the volunteer fire department (24 years) and as magistrate (Washington County, 34 years). He began an ambulance service which continues today and, with his wife, co-owned Creswell Sales and Service (1957-1975). He and his

wife Merle (dec. Aug. 29, 2004) were longtime supporters of the college, having helped furnish the first rented building. They have perpetuated their legacy through the RBC Foundation.

Chesson Gymnasium in the Blanton Center is named in honor of the Chessons, whose generous gift helped build the gym. Their sons--H. O., Jr. (Chip) and Mike--donated the score board in honor of their parents. They continue to honor their parents through gifts to the college. To the family, we express much sympathy and much gratitude.

Something NEW about Something OLD



This year students taking Hebrew--the language in which the Old Testament was written--at Roanoke Bible College will participate in an innovative classroom experience. Dr. Lee Fields is a member of the CoHeLeT Project (Communicative Hebrew Learning and Teaching), a research study to apply to ancient language acquisition the lessons learned from second language acquisition of modern languages.

Dr. Fields will incorporate materials developed by the Design Team of CoHeLeT that are intended to teach Hebrew in ways far different from the traditional. From the first day students will learn to converse in Biblical Hebrew. During the course of the eight weeks of the CoHeLeT materials, students will role play, use props, etc., so that they will actually begin to think in Biblical Hebrew.

The goal is to enhance both learning and motivation for learning the language. The ultimate aim is that students of Hebrew should be better students and teachers of God's word. At RBC we are intentional about educating extraordinary leaders for the kingdom.

Join us this year for Oasis!

The Senior High students at your church do not want to miss Oasis at **Roanoke Bible College** in Elizabeth City, NC! The theme this year is "The Three Chairs." There are now three weekends to choose from at **only \$50 per person** for the entire weekend.

To register go to www.roanokebible.edu to download registration and information forms for this year's Oasis. Individual church packets will not be sent out this year unless you request one. Call Steve Jackson at (252)334-2091 to request a packet for your church.

Sept. 21-23, '07



featuring:
DAVE MILAM
worship by:
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October 5-7, '07



featuring:
NEAL ALLIGOOD
worship by:
DAVID McCANTS

April 18-20, '08



featuring:
SCOTT HAULTER
worship by:
CHRIS McCARTHY

go to www.roanokebible.edu for more information

Blue Ribbon Task Force News

RBC has established three Blue Ribbon Task Forces to tackle "Solomon-like" questions that impact the college. A Blue Ribbon Task Force is a "think tank" of experts who will consider various ways to address an issue. In this case, they also pray and fast as a group concerning the assignment.

RBC seeks your comments on any of the issues that the Blue Ribbon Task Forces are studying: 1) Ways to recruit more students; 2) Ways to make the cost of attending RBC more affordable; and 3) Whether Roanoke Bible College should change her name, not her mission, only the name. These items are being studied and the groups will report their findings in September.

RBC seeks your comments and suggestions. All comments or suggestions can be sent in writing to dcp@roanokebible.edu or mailed to: Blue Ribbon Task Force, RBC, 715 N. Poindexter St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909. These comments will be sent to the appropriate Blue Ribbon Task Force members. If you would like a list of the task force members, please contact the Office of the President at the addresses above or at 252.334.2004.

New Rally Dates: April 3, 4, 2008

Longtime friends of the college, please note: this year's Gospel Rally and Homecoming is not in March, but in April! We hope that you will mark your calendars now to be with us for a great time of celebration in the Lord!

Cam Huxford, senior minister with Savannah Christian Church in Savannah, GA, is the main speaker.

Upcoming events

- 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
FML--contact Ken Greene at 252.334.2019
or ksg@roanokebible.edu
- Sept. 9 Sunday Night Live
- Sept. 18 RBC Foundation meets
- Sept. 21-23 Oasis (gr. 9-12)
Dave Milam, Speaker
Ben Perkins, Worship Leader
- 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
- 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
- Jan. 7-11 Early Spring Intensive
- Jan. 14 Final Registration
- Jan. 14 Classes begin, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 20 Sunday Night Live
- Jan. 22 RBC Foundation meets
- Jan. 29 '09 Gospel Rally Committee meets
Trustees Meeting

Way to go!

Congratulations to those named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2006-2007. The students listed below were inadvertently omitted from the list that appeared in the last issue:

Robert Spruill	Ashley Young
Howie Stacy	Lisa Zink
Becky Yager	

ALUMination ... *Shining the light on alumni*

■ *New ways to serve*

Ray '79 and Karla ex'80 Eure have been instrumental in launching Climbing Higher Ministries, a nonprofit corporation to "help people with special needs and disabilities climb higher in their relationship with God." To learn more, contact them at 434.369.5274. They continue to serve Lynchburg Church of Christ, Lynchburg, VA.

Tony Troop '81 is serving as Program Coordinator for Governor Easley's School Based Child & Family Support Team Initiative.

Jay Banks '82 travels as a full-time teacher in-service trainer licensed with the US Dept. of Education as a special school presenter (presenting special interest programs e.g. bullying, character education, conflict/resolution, etc.).

Bobby Johnson '90 is Minister of Worship and Small Groups with Real Life Christian Church, Chesapeake, VA.

Mike McNamara '98 has been called to preach for Bethlehem Church of Christ, Hertford, NC. Daniel Davenport '02 has been called to preach for Cape Colony Church of Christ in Edenton, NC.

Dave Herring '06 is Worship Minister at Concord Christian Church, Concord, NC.

Kristyn Kinney '06 is Children's Director at Gethsemane Church of Christ, Mechanicsville, VA.

Kenneth Wallace '06 has been called as pastor with Bandon Chapel, Edenton, NC.

Troy Farthing '07 is serving Midlands Christian Church in Lexington, SC, as an associate focusing on youth.

Kevin Reiver '07 is now serving First Christian Church in Lake Butler, FL, as Associate/Youth Minister. He was ordained May 14 at his home congregation, Kempsville Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, VA.

Junior Rich Meister is a youth ministry intern with Christ's Church of Greenville, Winterville, NC.

■ *Weddings*

Brian McCracken '99 and Cassie Cardillo, June 16
John McLeod '02 and Kelley Hively, June 30
Michael Atkins and Connie Herndon '75, July 14
Mike Dawson '06 and Crystal Williams ex'08, July 28

Les Croft '05 and Katie Lean '06, Aug. 4

■ *New family members*

Ray ex'99 and Candy Pilkington--Elijah Ray, Apr. 9
Levi '03 and Megan ex'04 Cichorz--Micah Grey, Apr. 19

Nick '98 and Abbie Vipperman--Bliss Ella, May 2
Chris '06 and Jessica Hux--Mariah Catherine, May 26

Greg '02 and Katie Davenport '01 Coverdale--Gracie Kathleen, June 22

Myron '99 and Emily Williams--Zachary Irwin, July 19

■ *Notes of Sympathy*

To Roy "Bill" Carter '71 and family on the death of his wife, Jeannette Carter ex'73, who died June 4. Their children who attended are Billie Jeanne Veasey '72, Scott '73, and Brett ex'82.

■ *Other news 'n notes*

Woodie Rea '85 recently earned a D. Min. in Medicine and Spirituality from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. His dissertation was "The Effect of Brain Injury on Church Attendance." He is Director of Pastoral Care at Riverside Rehabilitation Institute in Newport News, VA.

West End Church of Christ in Gretna, VA, celebrated its 55th Homecoming Anniversary June 24. Guest speaker was Ted Clifton '66, minister of Forrest Hill Christian Church in Penhook, VA. Host minister Randy Parker '79 was recognized by the church family for his 18th anniversary as minister at West End.

Congratulations to VPSL Ken Greene, Ed.D. He passed his dissertation on July 31 at St. Mary's University, Rochester, MN: "The Effect of a Mega-Church in Developing Christ-Centered Living in Its Members: A Case Study of Southeast Christian Church."

Alex Stauff ex'04 is in the Air Force stationed in Kansas.

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William M. Waters '88

William Waters '88, a native of Washington, NC, died suddenly July 7 at the age of 52. He was ministering with the Fifth Avenue Church of Christ in Williamson, WV, at the time of his death. He had held previous ministries in Virginia and Pennsylvania. William was instrumental in creating a local annual Christian music festival, "Pneumafest," and was an active member of the Williamson Ministerial Association. As an organ, tissue, and eye donor, he will give an estimated two hundred people the opportunity for renewed health through transplantation. William lived in South Williamson, KY, with his wife, the former Pat Farrar '79, and their son, Nathan. To them and to his extended family, the college sends deepest sympathy.

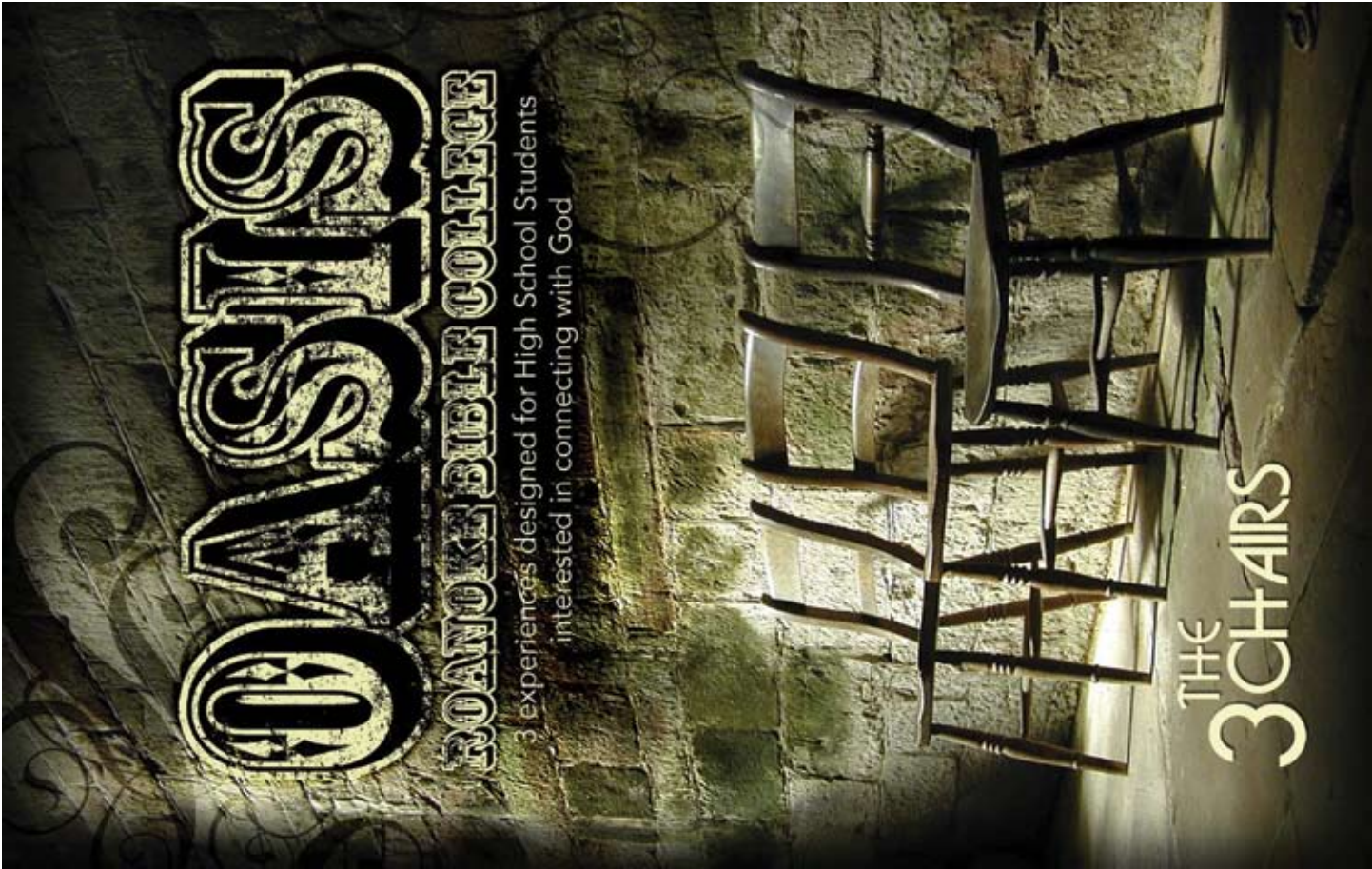


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