



The Legacy

2016

Alumni
Gathering
Saturday,
January 23
6:00 PM!

Reserve your spots
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Change Happens!

Some of you might not know that Dr. John Sullivan resigned as Executive Director—Treasure of the Florida Baptist Convention in February. That's the position that gives leadership to our Florida Baptist Convention. In June, Dr. Tommy Green was elected to that same position.

As with any transition, there has been some significant changes in the vision and plan for the ministries of the Florida Baptist Convention under his leadership.

Several people have asked what that means for the BCM work across our state. Dr. Green believes in and fully supports the work of the BCM. In fact, we are a part of one his priorities, namely Next Gen ministries. We have a new

director of that group, Billy Young who is one of our own.

Rest assured that Florida Baptists are committed to not only continuing the ministry on our campuses, but expanding them as the Lord provides the resources to do so.

You can help as alumni and friends by making planned donations to the BCM directly or to the Spangler Fund to allow us to continue to expand our ministry to the students at UF and SFC. .

We have over 866,000 college students in the state of Florida. Over 75,000 reside here in Gainesville between UF and SFC. Dr. Green knows that to continue to be a strong denomination we must reach and keep the next generation of Florida Baptists. Billy

Young's work will also focus on youth and children as well as giving oversight to the BCM ministry.

I am thankful that the Lord has given us a leader who values reaching the next generation for Christ. I am honored to be a part of the new chapter in the life of Florida Baptists.

The Legacy of commitment to reaching students at the University of Florida and Santa Fe College will continue to expand thanks to the vision of Dr. Green and our awesome Alumni and friends.

Your Co-Laborer,
Eddie



Over 50 students served as short term missionaries this year through the BCM. Many of them invested their summer at camps like Centrifuge, Crossroads, and other smaller camps. For the second year our BCM had a team of students serve with NAMB in Portland, Oregon as part of their Send City and Gen Send initiatives. Our team will serve in San Francisco this summer. We are thankful that God continues to call out BCM students to serve on Mission each year.

One of our long term goals is the creation of the UFBCM Summer Missions Endowment Fund. Our goal is to raise an endowment of 1 million dollars to make it possible for everyone who wants to go on a trip like this one to be able to do so. The interest would be used as scholarships and supplements for student mission trips around the world. Would you consider making a donation to help make this goal become a reality?

Roger and Gale Davis '60



We enjoyed meeting you a couple of weeks ago and getting a tour of your facility. It brought back many fond memories we have of our BSU activities and especially our "First Date" at the 1960 Sweetheart Banquet. Roger served as President of BSU in 1960. We were active in the events in the center and at First Baptist Church

We first met at First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Baptist Training Union (held on Sunday evening) in February 1960. Gale is originally from Gainesville but completed 1 1/2 years at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga. before coming back to UF. Roger is from Dothan, Al. and had graduated from Auburn before coming to UF for graduate work in accounting.

Roger began working for IBM in Jacksonville in June 1960 and was transferred to Richmond, Va. in 1961. Gale continued her studies, getting a degree in Education in February 1962. We were married at Thanksgiving in 1961 in First Baptist Church and had our wedding reception at the KD house on campus. We established our first household in February 1962 in Richmond. Our first child, Perri, was born in Richmond. We were members of First Baptist Church of Richmond.

IBM transferred us to Tampa in 1963 and we attended Lake Carroll Baptist Church there. Our second child, Cynthia, was born in Tampa. In 1964 Roger was offered an assignment in New York City and we lived in Bergenfield, N.J. and attended Bergenfield Baptist Church. Our third child, Mark, was born here.

We moved to Wayne, N.J in 1969 and attended the Jacksonville Chapel, a non-denominational church.

In 1982 IBM transferred us to Atlanta - we located in Roswell and still live here. We have been members of Roswell United Methodist Church since 1982. Roger retired in 1989 and in 1990 we were asked to assume responsibility for the area of evangelism at our church. We were responsible for that area for ten years and thoroughly enjoyed it. We participated in seeing approximately 4,000 new members join the church. What a blessing.

We are still active in our church and are involved with our children (3) and grandchildren (7).

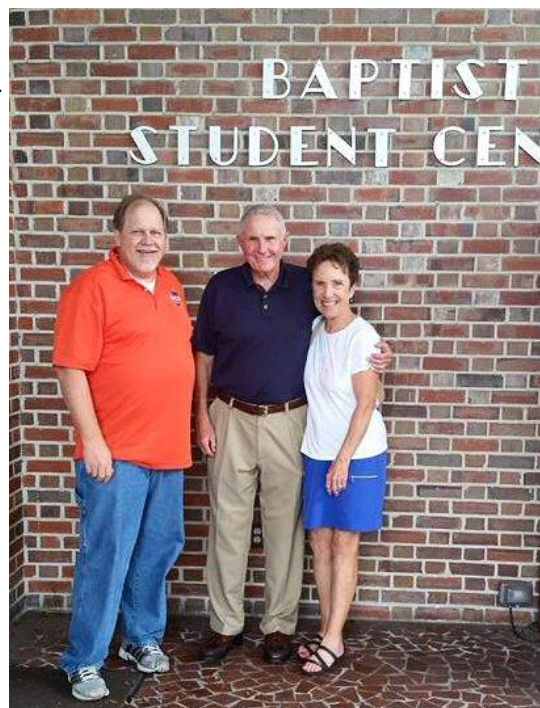
The BSU at UF was an important part of our lives and we are thankful for the experiences there and especially our "First Date".

We are delighted you were there when we dropped in. Thanks for your hospitality.

Regards,

Gale & Roger Davis

Please drop by just like Roger and Gale did when you are in the area! We really do love to catch up with our alumni and share with you what the Lord is doing today in our ministry!



David Wood's role is transitioning

We have been blessed to have David serve as our administrative assistant for the past 6 years. He has done so much more than was required by the job description. In the spring, David will be moving into a self supported faith based position of missionary to the campus through his home church, Morriston Baptist. His plans are to continue to assist us as a partner as part of that ministry position. Many of our younger alumni have been greatly impacted by his wisdom and encouragement especially in the area of exploring God's call to missions. He and Tami have been a great blessing to me allowing us to extend our ministry and multiply our influence. I am praying and believe that God will provide the resources needed for David to continue to influence a new generation of Gators and Saints to follow God's call wherever that may lead. Thank you David for your faithful service to the BCM and the Convention as a whole. You've made me look better than I am, kept me on track and organized, challenged me to be a better leader, husband, father, and follower of Jesus. More than anything, you have been my friend and a true companion on this ministry journey. If you want to express your appreciation to David directly or keep in touch with him, please contact him at dntwood@thebigtask.com.



I am John Ellis. I lived in the BSU (that what it was called in my day) house from 1952 - 1955 and was president 1953-1954. I had many wonderful experiences. When I was president we had to have our board meetings at 10:00 pm. Of course there were problems getting the girls back to the dorms because of curfew. One night the girls were having a sleep over at the BSU house (and three guys in the back were warned to stay back there). Just before midnight a knock was heard on our door. About four girls wanted me to drive them to the SAE house (back then it was only four blocks away) so they could paint the lion in the front yard. We did it and never got caught. One time I had a flying squirrel and a cockatiel in the apt. I loved the retreats. Ray Koonce, our director, was great man and he left a legacy in Gainesville.

2016 Alumni Gathering Reservations

Name _____ Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

How many adults will be attending _____ How many children _____

How many plates of cheesy chicken _____ or lasagna _____

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Don't forget to make your Alumni Gathering Reservations!

Century of Ministry Club

We've exceeded the \$150,000 mark in the Otto Spangler Fund and we received gifts and are working with the FBC to get the Mission's Fund started. We are praising the Lord that we are on our way to reaching the 3.6 million dollars that we need to fully endow the funds to help us hire a provide scholarships for mission trips, assist with other ministry needs, and to provide for major renovations of the BCM facility.

If the BCM/BSU impacted your life in a significant way, would you pray about joining in this campaign to meet these needs prior to our Century of Ministry celebration in 2017?

The numbers in parenthesis demonstrate those friends and alumni who have committed or fulfilled that level of giving. Obviously to meet our goals we need to have a lot more come on board. So if you haven't committed yet, would you pray about making your commitment known before the end of the year?

Century Club Levels

Gators Level

\$100 total gifts by '17—100 (8) members

Baby Gators Level

\$1000 total gifts by '17—100 (3) members

Mama Gators Level

\$10,000 total gifts by '17—50 members

Papa Gators Level

\$100,000 total gifts by '17—10 (1) members

Big Gators Level

\$1,000,000 total gifts by '17—2 members

You can also create your own level anywhere along the scale as the Lord leads!

Leave a legacy for the next generation of students who will call the BCM their home base for ministry during the next Century of Ministry! Let's do our part to provide a perpetual source of income for the future students to be able to reach and impact the world for Christ from The University of Florida and Santa Fe College! Send Eddie an email at eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org to claim your membership in the Century of Ministry Club today!