



# The Legacy

## *Leaving a Legacy*

### Did you know?

- The BCM and local churches fed over 1200 students during the '13 Welcome Week Free Lunches
- Over 60 students participated in our Share Your Story effort after a recent Gator by sharing their faith journey with students on campus
- The gospel was shared with at least 65 different individuals on campus during the fall semester by BCM students
- Seven students went to Honduras in December for a week of international missions
- There are mission trips planned for Miami, Central Asia, and the Northwest US for the spring and summer semesters

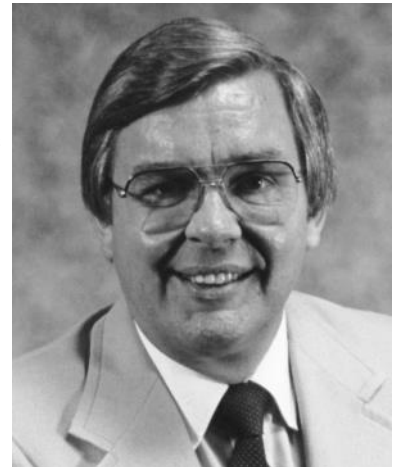
Hello Beloved!

No, I'm not stealing Otto's famous greeting. Many of you know that Otto went home to the Lord in August after years of physical illnesses. I can't help but wonder who was the first he said that to there. Or maybe he just was able to recall every name of every person he touched along his long journey of faith and ministry!

Otto left a legacy in my life and is one of the primary reasons I am following in his footsteps as the director of the BCM. He was always encouraging me as a young minister. He shared his "kids" with me and his wisdom as well.

One of his greatest joys was talking about the thousands of students who had come through the BCM over the years. So we wanted to re-introduce the alumni newsletter to keep that legacy going. We want to celebrate what the Lord has done through you since you left the Baptist Student Center.

For the spring edition please send stories of how Otto and the other directors impacted your lives and how the Lord has used you since you left us. Don't worry it doesn't have to be spectacular to give honor to the Lord and to those he put in



place to help you on your faith journey. We will publish as many as we can in the next edition, so please send them to me at [eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org](mailto:eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org) or mail them to the Student Center!

## *Century of Ministry Club*

2017 will mark 100 years of Florida Baptist ministry near or on the campus of the University of Florida. One of Otto's goals was to create an endowment fund to provide for a full time assistant director. We have expanded that dream to include an

endowed mission fund and a fund for needed capital expansion projects. We'd like you to pray about what the Lord would have you give to help us reach the 3.6 million dollar goal between now and 2017. Whether you are the one to give a million or one of the

hundred to give a hundred over the five year period, your gift is important. We can't reach our goal without generous gifts from our alumni and friends. If you want to talk about how to give your gift, give Eddie a call or email him at [eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org](mailto:eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org).



Our dearest friends, Rev Bill and wife Rae Cole were relating to us a funny story told by the director of the UF and SFC BCM of inviting students to the Baptist Student Union (BCM) and describing the building as the building with "the Coke Machine". That is when I said "I can top that!" . "When I entered college as a 1949 Freshman, the second year that COED students were accepted at UF, a beautiful Vespers Chapel existed! Imagine the horrors of this beautiful chapel where spiritual

## *Jeweline Hayes Richardson '53*

Biblical devotionals and prayers had been now being replaced by a "Coke Machine" and ping pong tables. These things, in "our day" had been located in the Fellowship Hall where students came to play a few games, relax, cheer for our ping pong team and posting notes on a cork bulletin board to tell fellow students "Sorry to have missed you, prayed for you during your exam....see you at Vespers tonight" (No land line phones, cell phones, texting, twitter, Face book, Skype, Face time....just the "Note Board at the BSU"). When "the Coke Machine " building was dedicated I was the first person to sign "the Guest Book".

The Chapel was not only used for Vespers, it was also used for special award services and weddings. I had served as the BSU Devotional Vice President serving with Student Council President, Julian C. Bridges, an engineering student now Dr Julian Bridges,

retired Professor, Hardin Simmons University.

I became engaged to Julian's fellow engineering student, John William (John Bill) Richardson and we chose to be married in the Baptist Student Union Chapel on January 31, 1953. John's father, Chaplain James C. Richardson (Base Chaplain at Camp Blanding from summer 1941 to 1944) assisted by BSU Director Ray Koonce performed the wedding in "The Chapel" of the BSU.

John and Jeweline are graduates of P.K. Yonge (1944) and Gainesville High School (1949) respectively. John has a BS and MS Aeronautical UF, and MS Nuclear Engineering SMU. Jeweline has a BA Education UF. They are active California Southern Baptists. Both retired for 20 years after serving 42 years as Design Specialists at Convair and Space Systems Divisions of General Dynamics Corporation. They will be married 61 years in January, 2014. Have 3 girls, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

## *Jean and Ken Wilson*

After being in Gainesville and working at Crystal River Nuclear for nearly 35 years, we were expecting to stay until retirement. Last February, the decision was made to shut the plant down permanently. We chose the severance package because there SEEMED to be lots of other opportunities. By

the time I separated, most options had dried up and we were faced with how long we would be able to live off of the severance package. God in His own perfect time, was faithful and provided a contracting job at a nuclear plant in Southern California. We have repeatedly remarked about how generous God

has been to allow us to be here. We live on the Pacific Ocean at San Clemente which is beautiful beyond imagination with mountains to the east and ocean to the west. The drive to work is about 10 minutes. Attending football games is a bit more adventurous, but we have made most of them as always. God's Timing is Perfect and His Provisions Plentiful. We may be here through most of 2014, and we know God has it all under control.

Submit your stories of how Otto or your director influenced your life before March 1 to be included in the Spring Edition by emailing them with a picture and your year of graduation to [eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org](mailto:eddie.gilley@ufbcm.org)

### *Ginger Wade Hamlett '01*

When I was growing up, my career goals changed almost as frequently as the wind, but one thing



that never wavered was my desire to be a mommy to several children. After several years of marriage, Gabe and I decided that the time was right to grow our family. God gave us two girls and two boys over the years, and I am truly blessed to be able to stay home and educate our children.

As rewarding and fun as my job is, I

have had to grow even more in my spiritual walk and depend on Him for discernment in parenting. God has been refining me to be more like Him. I learned to put away selfish desires, to have more patience, and to put on gentleness. My main goal as a mom is to lead my little ones to Him, and I hope that along the way they see Him in me and desire to have a strong relationship with God. One of the best things about having a larger family is that our love is never divided among them; it multiplies and comes back to bless us even more.

### *Paul Coletti, Class of '95*

What have I been doing since I graduated May 1995? I knew God wasn't calling me to leave Gainesville. I took a job at the YMCA. I started as counselor, then Associate Program Director of Child Care, which led to Program Director of Child

Care. 1997-God led me to Hidden Oak Elementary: counselor, substitute, Art teacher, and I went back to school for teaching certification. I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade there for eight years. 1999- I met Candice Williams. We were married

July 2001. We have two girls: Allie 8, Taylor almost 4. Then God spoke. We were called to move from Gainesville and head to Plant City in 2008. Crazy, I know! I have been teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade these past six years. Being obedient is tough! But, God is good.



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### *Craig Naylor '87*

I graduated from UF in December of 1987 with a degree in Business Marketing. Soon after graduation God called me into full time vocational ministry working with students. For 24 years God allowed me the incredible opportunity of ministering with thousands of students through serving as a university campus minister, serving as a student minister on two church staffs, working on staff at several youth camps, and leading mission trips. I was truly blessed!

Several years ago, through some hardships I was having in ministry, God began transitioning me away from student ministry into a ministry of caring for my mom. She began struggling with dementia and needed to have more care. I have been living with her now for almost two years. It is challenging at times and yet such a blessing to spend time with her and strive to help meet her needs like she has so unselfishly done for me my whole life. One of the greatest joys I have is sitting next to mom on the couch

at night as we watch TV. I am truly blessed!

I went without a job for many months during part of this transition time. Then, God opened a door for me to work as a Certified Personal Trainer through a private fitness studio. This allows me great flexibility with my schedule so I have the time to take care of my mom. Just recently God opened another door for me to purchase this fitness studio and now as a business owner I have even more flexibility with my schedule.

This time of transition from ministering to students to ministering to my mom has been one filled with mixed emotions and a time of great uncertainty. I have felt confused, hurt, afraid, lonely, sad, angry, hopeful, happy, and felt other emotions that I don't even know how to describe. Through it all though, I have had an

incredible peace. I have experienced God at work through every step of this transition. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," is a scripture that I greatly rely on.

