A Major Milestone
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The ancient Romans built the most extensive network of roads ever constructed to access the territories of their far-flung empire. To measure the distances on these routes they erected milestones, markers made of local stones or concrete posts. Down through the centuries the term has come to signify important events and anniversaries in the life and history of people and institutions. I have been blessed to share in hundreds of milestone anniversaries over the decades in churches and institutions throughout the nation and in other parts of the world.

Milestones provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the men and women who laid the foundation, developed the resources, and often endured hardships to make our celebrations possible. They also give us special occasions to praise God for His guidance and His provision that enable us to move from one milestone to another in our journey with Him. Furthermore, they prod us to enlarge our visions and dreams in faith about possibilities that lie ahead, with renewed commitment to Him and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Johnson University Florida, formerly Florida Christian College, is celebrating a significant milestone in this its 40th year. The first milestone year was 1975 when the university began as Central Florida Bible College in First Christian Church, Orlando. John Hasty was the first president (see interview with John Hasty on p. 4), and James Smith was the first academic dean.

Experiencing growth over the next decade, in 1985, another milestone year, the college relocated to
Kissimmee on a wonderful 40-acre campus given to the institution by Clifford and Aileen Chapman (Chappy & Miss Bill). With the gifts of generous friends and churches during the next 30 years, a main building with gymnasium, library, student union facility, music building, and six student apartment buildings were constructed. Each of these additions to the campus became a milestone in the history of FCC.

The most recent milestone was set when FCC became Johnson University Florida. The first full year of JUFL is the 40th year of the institution. We want to celebrate this milestone by raising $1 million over the next fiscal year, July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. Our goals are $750,000 for the Florida Fund for operating expenses beyond what the students are charged, $200,000 for permanent scholarship funds, and $50,000 toward construction of a much-needed fence around the campus.

Please join us in this celebration by praying for us and by helping us reach these challenging goals.

Send your plans for involvement and contributions to us at: 1011 Bill Beck Blvd., Kissimmee, FL 43744, give online at JohnsonU.edu/FL/Support, or phone 407-847-8966.
JOHN HASTY REFLECTS ON LAST 40 YEARS

An interview with Central Florida Bible College’s first president.

by Alan Tison, JUFL Director of Advancement

As the first president of Central Florida Bible College, you were on the ground floor of a Bible college in Florida. What is one of your fondest memories of the early years of the college?

In 1974, I resigned as president of Great Lakes Christian College to accept the appointment as founding president of a new Bible college in Florida. My first duty was to travel to Tallahassee to visit the Commissioner of Higher Education to finalize forms in our application for the license needed to establish a new independent college in the state.

After exchanging pleasantries, the commissioner asked me what resources I had to establish a baccalaureate college. In so many words, I told him as the founding president of this yet non-existent educational institution, I had NO CAMPUS, NO FACULTY, NO STUDENTS, NO MONEY, NO LIBRARY, NO TRUSTEES, NO CURRICULUM, NO SECRETARIES, and NO SCHOOL CATALOGUE. All I and a few other church leaders had was a vision the Lord would provide if we had faith in Him.

As I exited the commissioner’s office with the Provisional License in hand, I knew the Lord was supporting our vision!

In the early years of the college many of the faculty, including you, traveled around the state encouraging churches to partner with the college. What was the greatest challenge to the college in the early years?

In those early developmental years, our policy was never to encourage churches to stop giving financial support to out-of-state colleges they were supporting. Not once did we encourage local congregations to divert their limited mission funds to our new Florida college.

What most people today don’t know is that in the 1970’s our country was in the depth of a serious economic recession. In those formative years, we promised financial donors our school would never spend money we did not have. The friends in our churches appreciated our pennywise policy. We were tested at times as faculty and staff salaries were delayed because we refused to borrow money. But our faculty and staff were committed. The Lord always provided! Our teaching staff never wavered in their service, both inside and outside the classroom.

What was one of the great joys as president?

Great colleges always have great teachers. Great teachers attract great students. With that thought in my mind as we shaped our Florida Bible College, I was determined to hire great teachers. The Lord led as we searched and hired great professors to join us in this new venture. In the early years dedicated faculty members were willing to travel extensively, speaking in many of the Florida churches, as well as at state conventions and mission rallies, etc.

I cannot say enough about the greatness of our Old Testament professor, Dr. James “Doc” Smith. Not only was he an inspiring professor, he was also a very creative person. He came up with an idea which brought our student body, faculty, and staff into a loving fellowship. Each student was placed in a “faculty family.” The “families” met weekly in faculty and staff homes where they ate, played games, took trips to local parks where “families” challenged other “families” in sports such as softball, soccer, horse shoes, table tennis, etc.
Wives of those early faculty members deserve special honors for their unique role in these extracurricular activities. It was our faculty wives who did most of the planning for weekly “family” meetings. I thank my wife Ginger who organized and planned hundreds of “Hasty family” activities. These weekly gatherings bonded me to our pioneer students and their commitment to ministry. Those are some of my happiest memories of the early days of the new Florida College.

As the first leader of CFBC, what was the vision you had for the college?

When Central Florida Bible College received its state license, there was no way any of us in those formative years could have fully envisioned what would happen over the next 40 years, but the Lord knew.

Good leaders plan for at least a decade ahead. Great leaders have a vision for at least twenty years in the future. Inspiring leaders have a characteristic that seems so simple, but a characteristic that elevates them in the eyes of God. It is trust in the Lord’s leading. My point is that God leads when human leaders cannot possibly see thirty or forty years into the future. Wise leaders always depend upon the leading of the Lord. Only He knows the future.

Johnson University has always had good leaders who trusted the leading of the Lord. I believe the merger of our Florida College with Johnson University is the result of these inspiring leaders following the leading of the Lord.

You experienced many “firsts” in the early years of CFBC; describe how you felt overseeing the first commencement.

We graduated our first class in 1980. As I watched the 36 graduates receive their diplomas, I choked up. I realized I had made a big mistake. I had not followed the Lord’s leading. My ego led me a month earlier to accept the presidency of my alma mater in Lincoln, Illinois. This would be my one and only CFBC commencement.

In four years, I had emotionally bonded with these pioneering students. At commencement, I realized I would never see the next three classes graduate. At home later that evening my wife and I cried.

Ten months have passed since the merger of FCC and Johnson. What has been your impression of the merger thus far?

Culture is always changing. It’s never static. Life is about adjusting visions, adapting to changes. I believe the merger in 2013 of Johnson University and Florida Christian College has been the Lord’s leading.

This merger is the Lord’s answer to diminishing American resources, while at the same time giving students a greater variety of educational opportunities. I foresee this merger as a trend that will be and should be replicated by many of our other institutions of higher education in the USA.

What do you see for the future of Johnson University Florida?

Within the next ten years, Johnson University, with three campuses: Tennessee, Florida, and Online, will experience a combined enrollment of 5,000 students...or more.
A SECOND GENERATION OF JUFL GRADUATES

by Alan Tison, JUFL Director of Advancement

With each graduation, Johnson University Florida sends out a new group of students prepared for ministry and other strategic vocations. Many of the students will begin full-time ministries in the local church. Some students will continue their education with graduate school; others are preparing to go to the mission field. As we prepare to celebrate the 40th year of existence, we want to recognize the second generation of graduates. This year, five graduates received degrees at commencement from the same institution as their parents. While there have been many changes at Johnson University Florida since the graduate’s parents received their degrees from the institution, one item has remained the same: the training of Kingdom workers remains the focus of Johnson University Florida. We rejoice in the fact that our first generation of alumni continue to send us their students who become the second generation of alumni for Johnson University Florida and celebrate this milestone in their lives and in the lives of their children.
GRADUATE REFLECTIONS

ALICIA HOFFMAN

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My time at Johnson University Florida has been one of hard work, personal growth, great moments, and, dare I say, surprises. After graduation, I have plans to work in campus ministry with CMF International as a missionary in Salamanca, Spain. This position was offered to me following my internship last summer working with students and CMF missionaries in Ukraine. I knew God was calling me to campus ministry, but I never dreamed He would call me to move across the world. When I was given the choice between Chile or Spain, knowing very little about either country, I prayed for several months about where I was needed most. The Lord finally placed Spain on my heart, and after more prayer and much opposition on my part, I accepted the call to become a full-time missionary for a year. I will be leaving for Spain in September to spend 10 months mentoring students and learning alongside my missionary team. I am not sure where this adventure will lead me in the future, but whether I remain in Spain long term or come back to the States, I plan to follow God’s calling to campus ministry for as long as He permits.

I am very grateful for Johnson University Florida. My fondest memories will always be of Dr. Reyes and her music history and music and worship classes. I loved to hear her play piano in class. She would make the information come to life.

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I began my journey at Florida Christian College several years ago. I received a voice scholarship and intended to complete my degree in music education. That same year I gave birth to my daughter, and my husband and I decided it would be best to put my college plans on hold. When I returned in 2011, God enabled me to continue my education. I appreciate the kindness and grace that was shown to me from all of the staff and faculty of the University; they handled every situation with a Christ-like attitude. Each of them was encouraging, and it was evident that they wanted to see all the students succeed. Their attitudes gave me the courage and perseverance to complete my requirements to graduate. God is doing a great work on the campus through the staff and faculty, and it overflows to the students. I am very grateful to my Heavenly Father for allowing me the opportunity to attend and graduate from Johnson University Florida. I plan to begin graduate school in the fall and will continue to use what I have learned in ministry to glorify The Lord.
PRAISE BE
TO THE LORD

Reflections of 2014 graduate Levi Richards as delivered at the May 2014 Commencement.

by Levi Richards, JUFL Class of 2014

Ten times in the Psalms these words are written, “Praise be to the Lord.” As I think about my time here at Johnson University Florida, those same words come to mind. “Praise be to the Lord.” There are three distinct areas that I feel the most blessed by.

STUDENTS
“Praise be to the Lord” for my fellow students. During preview days, student workers often tell the story of how they got to Johnson. I think God brought every one of us here. I have no doubt He placed us in this graduating class together. I am honored to be graduating with you all. I am honored to be in the same picture frame as you, hanging forever in these halls. I am especially honored to have been chosen to speak in front of you today. I went to a community college before coming to Johnson. I went to class, went back to my apartment, and rarely talked to any of my classmates. I figured it would be the same here. It wasn’t. We are a family. A family that laughs together, cries together, and sometimes even studies together. My favorite memories are of us just being together: going to downtown Disney because it’s free, getting lunch instead of cooking, messing with the other classes about fall fling, and lighting fireworks in the prayer garden and turning around to fire in my face and everyone running in different directions.

Students, you taught me what it means to have a friend that sticks closer than a brother, you taught me how to dream, you taught me not to take things too seriously, and you taught me how to love unconditionally. Having my degree pales in comparison to the friendships that I will take with me. I’m a better person for simply being around you.

FACULTY & STAFF
“Praise be to the Lord” for the faculty and staff. As I served my internships, I realized that what I learned academically was of secondary importance. The Bundy quizzes, the Hardin reading, the Peters memory verses, the Chesser timeline, all had a deeper meaning. What I really learned through all of those projects was how to deal with life. I learned patience, teamwork, perseverance, problem solving, and integrity. I learned that hard work is what really matters. You, faculty and staff, wanted what was best for me, even if it meant me pulling an all-nighter. You knew that you had four years to get me academically prepared, but more importantly, you only had four years to train me for the next 60 years of life. Life is relatively easy at Bible college, but there’s a hurting world out there that needs us. I’m not afraid of it anymore, though, because I feel prepared. I’m prepared for disappointments, failures, tragedies, and frustration. Professors, you’ve given us more than just an academic education, you’ve given us your time and even your hearts. The times where I learned the most were the lunches with Doc, the mission trips with Howard, and the times spent in Kellie’s office getting advice and talking about life. I’ve come to realize that many times you care more about us than we care about ourselves. You teach us lessons whether we want them or not, and for that we are grateful. We may not say it enough, but our lives and our ministries are a testament to you all.

FUTURE
“Praise be to the Lord” for what God will do in the years to come. I’ve had this saying that I’ve lived by over the last
few years: “Love God. Change the world.” I’ve never been somewhere that I thought this rang true more than here at graduation. I can already see how all of you are living this out. I encourage you never to lose your zeal. I came to this college because living my life doing anything but serving the Lord wasn’t good enough for me—and because I wasn’t tall enough to be in the NBA. I pray that serving the Lord is always the most important thing for all of you.

“As you go to India, France, Spain, start your youth ministries, or enter the school system, remember this is all because of God. And if you’re struggling to find a job, remember that you are not a failure. The times I learned the most here were not from the A’s I received, but the disappointing grades. Those are the ones that pushed me to be better. Those are the grades that pushed me to persevere, and those are the grades that have made me into the man I am today. We are defined not by the easy times, but by times of adversity. Surround yourselves with people who will push you, people who will be honest with you, people who care more about you and your salvation than your friendship, and be that friend to other people.

I want to leave you with this. There was a study done by a team of researchers at the University of California in the psychology department. They used students just like you and me as subjects. They divided everyone into teams of three and arbitrarily assigned one member as leader. They were assigned a moral issue like how to regulate cheating. After exactly 30 minutes, one of the researchers brought in four cookies for the three subjects. Every member got a cookie, and there was one left over. The randomly selected team leaders took the fourth cookie with incredible consistency. The leaders felt they deserved the extra cookies. Don’t assume you deserve an extra cookie because God called you to the table. God has not chosen you to be a leader because of your good looks, incredible speaking ability, musical talent, or anything you’ve done. You are blessed to have studied here, you are blessed to be graduating, you are blessed to have a job, and, most importantly, you are blessed to know God.

In the past I’ve acted like I deserved it. I don’t. Don’t forget you are a mere servant of God. God is going to do things with you that you can’t even imagine right now. You’re going to be in situations that you have no place being in, and, because God is with you, it’s going to be awesome. Never forget what you’ve learned here. Never forget the words of Dr. Hardin, “you know nothing about Jesus,” and strive to know more. Class of 2014, you will change the world, but it starts with loving God. Love God. Change the world. Thank you!

Levi Richards (Derry, New Hampshire,) is a 2014 JUFL graduate on the counseling program. He has accepted a full-time position as an admissions counselor in the JUFL Admissions Office.
On March 22, one hundred fifty friends of Johnson University Florida attended the annual Imagine Luncheon. The last several years this event has provided an opportunity for our supporters, friends, and families to imagine the possibilities ahead for Johnson University Florida. This year’s banquet brought many attendees to the campus who were interested in the future of the University, in light of the merger with Johnson University in 2013. In the audience were the first president of Florida Christian College, John Hasty, and the last president of the College, Bill Behrman. David Eubanks thanked both men for their years of faithful service to the College.

Dr. Eubanks welcomed the guests and shared the significance Florida Christian College, now Johnson University Florida, has played in the churches in Florida. Currently forty alumni of Johnson University Florida serve as senior ministers in the state of Florida. In total, 117 alumni serve in some form of full-time vocational ministry around the state. Furthermore, he added there are many other alumni who serve as elders, deacons, and in other volunteer ministries in local churches. Johnson University Florida has been and continues to play a vital role in leading the local church.

The keynote speaker for the day was Gary Weedman, president of Johnson University. Weedman began his message quoting John Lennon’s signature song, “Imagine.” Lennon’s view of utopia asks his audience to imagine a place of no pain, no limits, and no boundaries, among other items. A ‘perfect paradise’, however, Lennon’s dream cannot become a reality in this current age. As Weedman pointed out, it is one thing to “dream” about such a world, but merely dreaming does not bring it about.

While the world is looking for a perfect place, Weedman challenged the audience to consider the words of Jesus and His promised coming Kingdom. It was, and is, the Kingdom of God, which when fulfilled will bring about the utopia the world longs for today. The Old Testament prophets predicted the new Kingdom; Jesus’ messages focused on the new Kingdom. First century believers longed for the new Kingdom. Why is this so important to Johnson University Florida and the Imagine Luncheon? The Kingdom reminds us we have a mission. The mission is to be a witness to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).
Dr. Weedman also addressed JUFL’s future:

*Many of you have come here today wanting to know about the future. What’s going to happen on this campus? I wish I knew; I don’t, but I know we are committed on the Tennessee and the Florida campuses to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. Yes, there will be new programs. Yes, there will be campus improvements, and yes, we will live within our means. Most importantly, I can assure you that we will continue first and foremost to be guided by our mission to prepare men and women to extend the Kingdom of God among all nations.*

Following Weedman’s message, David Eubanks challenged the audience to be a part of “Celebrating 40 Years of Kingdom Service” of Johnson University Florida. Over the next year, the University will commemorate the forty-year milestone in publications and events and through a campaign to raise one million dollars to help the University continue its mission.
NEW ATHLETIC FIELD BOOSTS
SOCcer program
by Doug Johnson, JUFL Athletic Director

The Johnson University Florida Athletic Department is filled with excitement and anticipation as we look forward to significant enhancements already in place for the fall of 2014!

Women’s soccer has been part of intercollegiate athletics at JUFL since the fall of 2012. When starting the program, we hoped to construct a soccer field on campus. However, a quote of over $175,000 for constructing the field caused us to choose another option, renting a soccer field at a facility about fifteen minutes away from campus.

On November 6, 2013, I received an email with “Soccer Field” in the subject line and one simple sentence: “Doug, are you available to discuss the possibility of me coming down to review?” This email, sent by Ken Underwood, the athletic director and men’s soccer coach at Johnson University Tennessee, was followed by another one that very day asking if it would be okay if Ken brought a friend of his, Joe Vergara, who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, to our campus the following Tuesday, November 12th.

Over a period of nineteen days, Ken, Joe, and a team of volunteers graded in new soil and mulch to shape the field, dug drainage ditches, and installed an irrigation system. In April 2014 two thousand bushels of Bermuda sprigs were planted. All of this work was done at a total cost of $25,000—a fraction of the original quote we received. Today as I write, the field is turning green. It’s amazing to think that in 9 to 12 weeks we could play on it! God’s timing is amazing! If you had told me last summer that we would be playing soccer on our own field in the fall of 2014, I probably wouldn’t have believed you. But with the help of some amazing volunteers, it is a reality. I would like to thank all the people who gave up their time to come from Tennessee, Indiana, and here in Florida. They sacrificed vacations, work at their own jobs, and
family time to come down here and serve us in this way. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are overjoyed to see what these saints have done to help our University build community and school pride by providing a true home field advantage to our women’s soccer team.

Men’s Soccer Added. In order to maximize use of this new tool God has provided, we will be adding a new sport in the fall—men’s soccer! This sport will provide another avenue to help JUFL give glory to God in all that we do. We have about 11-12 students already attending JUFL who will be playing soccer this fall. These are great mission-fit students who love the Lord and are excited about taking part in this new program.

New Coach. We have hired alumnus Shan Wood to build and lead our new men’s soccer program. Shan is committed to utilizing athletics to teach, to train, and to grow our student-athletes toward making an impact in the Kingdom.

Athletic Department is on a pursuit! We are on a journey to excel at everything we do. I think God expects nothing less than a pursuit of excellence! We will strive to go above and beyond what is expected. We will “work with all our heart as for the Lord, not for men” (Col 3:23).
Johnson University Florida is pleased to welcome Mark Ziese as professor of Old Testament, beginning in the fall 2014 semester.

Ziese is a graduate of Ozark Christian College, with master's degrees from Cincinnati Christian University and Hebrew Union College. His Ph.D. is from Andrews University, where he focused on the archaeology of the Old Testament. He served for several years in preaching ministry and was, for 21 years, a member of the seminary faculty of Cincinnati Christian University. Highly respected by his colleagues and highly popular with his students, he received the Excellence in Teaching award at CCU in 2000.

Ziese is a veteran of several seasons of archaeological excavation in the lands of the Bible. Having lived and traveled extensively in Israel and other biblical lands and serving as an adjunct professor at the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies, he regularly leads study groups on tours of biblical sites. He makes those experiences available to a wider audience through his blog, Bible Lands Explorer at markzieze.com.

Ziese is also an accomplished author. His publications include technical works on archaeology, commentaries on Joshua and Ruth in the College Press NIV Commentary series, and many popular-level articles.

Ziese and his wife, Vicki, have two adult children.

Widely recognized as one of the leading Old Testament scholars and teachers in the Stone-Campbell Movement, Ziese will continue the legacy of outstanding biblical teaching established by Dr. James Smith, who will continue in retirement as a part-time teacher at Johnson University Florida.

We are excited to announce that Shan Wood will be joining the coaching staff of Johnson University Florida as our head men’s soccer coach. Shan is a 1994 graduate of Johnson University Florida, formerly Florida Christian College.

Coach Wood played on the varsity squad of the University at Buffalo SUNY (NCAA Division II) for two years as a defender. He served our country for five years as a helicopter aircrewman and rescue swimmer in the U.S. Navy. During his time in the Navy, Coach Wood played on multiple teams representing his squadron and base.

Coach Wood is married to his wife of 26 years and has three children (one who attends JUFL). Coach Wood spent a lot of time (eight years) coaching in club soccer within Central Florida as his kids were playing. He has served as senior minister of First Christian Church of Orlando for 13 years.

Athletic Director Doug Johnson says, “Coach Wood is a perfect fit for what we need to build our men’s soccer program. He knows who we are as an institution, and he knows the game of soccer!”

As Coach Wood joins the staff of Johnson University Florida Athletics, he says, “I love the game. I love the University. This is a great opportunity, and I am so excited to see men’s soccer begin at JUFL.”

GO SUNS!
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Please pray for the 2014 New Life teams; their safety, spiritual walks, and influence on future students whose ministries will extend the kingdom of heaven.
The mission of Johnson University is to educate students for Christian ministries and other strategic vocations framed by the Great Commission in order to extend the kingdom of God among all nations. We seek to be mission-driven in all we do.

Last year’s merger preserved an important influence for Christian higher education in Florida. Another significant factor Johnson took into consideration was the potential the Florida campus offered to educate more students for kingdom service.

The next step in realizing that potential is to offer more educational opportunities for students committed to extending God’s kingdom. Some of these areas of study already existed at JUFL, but were not majors, and some are new programs. These enhancements and additions are strategic investments in Johnson University Florida, the students desiring to serve in these areas, and ultimately in God’s kingdom.

Join us in letting others know about these opportunities and praying that God would “send forth laborers into his harvest.”

NEW MAJORS

by Brian Smith, Associate Provost

NEW MAJORS FOR FALL 2014:

- Preaching & Church Leadership
- Preaching & Youth Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Children’s Ministry
- Children’s Ministry with Preschool / Daycare Director Emphasis
- Intercultural Studies with Missions Concentration
- Intercultural Studies with Linguistics Concentration
- Interdisciplinary Studies—Elementary Education Grades K-6 & English as a Second Language K-12
- Human Services with Counseling Concentration
- Musical Arts
- Music and Worship Ministry
**BIRTHS**

Justin and Amy (Simonson ’03) Nichols announce the birth of Grant Edward Nichols, born February 1, 2014.

Chuck (’05) and Christina (Cottrell ’05) Babbino announce the birth of Graham Crofton Babbino, born February 28, 2014

Donna and Amanda (Folsom ’05) Williams announce the birth of Brantlee Makai Williams, born December 22, 2013

Brian and Jennifer (’08) Hall and big brother Kaiden, welcomed Landon Reese to their family November 19th, 2013.

Chase (’11) and Taylor Allen announce the birth of Noah Allen born November 23, 2013

**EMPLOYMENT**

Josh (’08) and Jill (Hantsbarger ’08) Wright began a new ministry with the Bettendorf Christian Church in Bettendorf, Iowa, in February 2014. Josh serves as the worship minister.

On April 7, 2014, Robbie (’13) and Brittany (Clark ’12) Rutherford began new ministries with the Port Orange Christian Church, Port Orange, Florida. Robbie serves as the church’s youth minister, and Brittany is the children’s minister.

**POTPOURRI**

Arron Chambers (’93), has recently authored his 6th book Narrow-Minded Evangelism: ReThinking Evangelism…and The Golden Rule. It is available for free as an eBook at exponential.org/resource-ebooks/narrow-minded-evangelism.

Kenny Beers (’10) has recorded an original album and is promoting it through Kickstarter. This is Kenny’s first time putting out an all original worship album of songs expressing his journey with Christ the past couple of years. For more information on Kenny Beers’ ministry, check out kennybeersband.com.

Earl Winfrey (’10) received his Master of Divinity in Practical Ministries and Pastoral Leadership from Cincinnati Christian University on May 16, 2014.

In 2013 Chase Allen (’11) was a contributing author to “All Time Verses: A 90 Day Scripture Journey,” a work compiled by Student Ministry Sidekick and published by Xulon Press.
(6) New Sign on the front lawn of the campus (7) Associate of Arts Graduates (8) Bachelor’s Graduates
**Calendar of Events 2014-2015**

**ROUNDUP**

“Celebrating 40 Years of Kingdom Service”

**Saturday, October 11**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.


**Help us reach our million dollar goal to support our growth.**

**CATCH THE VISION!**

**“HEALTHY ELDER!” SEMINAR**

Presented by: e2 Effective Elders

**Saturday, November 1**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A 3-part seminar designed to help elders find more focus and direction in their leadership.

Featuring: Dr. James Estep, Dr. Gary Johnson, and Dr. David Roadcup

**Early Bird: $35/per**

**After October 10: $40/per**

Includes materials, lunch, and hearty snacks!

**NIGHT of NOEL**

“The Message of Christmas through Music”

**Friday, December 12**

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

$15 / per person or two for $25

Featuring choirs from both Florida and Tennessee campuses!

**IMAGINE LUNCH MEET**

“Imagine the Possibilities”

**Saturday, March 7**

Noon - 2 p.m.

$20 / per person

Featuring incredible speakers, delicious lunch, and inspirational music.