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Night of Noel
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Women’s Conference
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Chick-fil-A Leadercast
5.10.13

SAVE THE DATES! Visit www.FCC.edu for more info on these events (and more!)
Welcome to the Fall Issue of SunLife 2012. As you browse through this issue, you will notice the transition into a new and different look. There are pictures, informative articles, highlights, and information regarding this past summer’s activities and upcoming special events.

NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Orlando was privileged to host the convention this summer (photos taken around the JUFL booth are pictured below). What a wonderful time we experienced as thousands gathered at the Marriott World Center to be edified and to renew acquaintances. A convention like this takes numerous volunteers, and I want to thank all those who so willingly gave of their time and energy to make this year’s convention a success. We had over 1,000 volunteers from the nursery to the main sessions. I heard many wonderful compliments from attendees regarding the hospitality from the volunteers. Johnson University Florida hosted a Bible Bowl Tournament (a few days before the NACC) from across the country. How great it was to see so many young people actively engaged in learning God’s Word. This too, took many volunteers to make this all-important event a success. Thank you!

“IT’S TIME TO SING” was a great event hosted on campus during the NACC. If you were fortunate enough to attend this event, you know what a wonderful time we had as we sang some of the favorite hymns of praise. Over 270 participants were bussed from the World Center to JUFL where we lifted praise to our God. Again, this event took many volunteers to make it the success it was—and let me say—thank you! We are looking forward to sponsoring this same event during the NACC in Louisville next year.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Getting organized and identifying study time and scheduling can be quite a challenge. Johnson University Florida is committed to helping students achieve their educational and career goals—and become better prepared for ministry. That’s the purpose of the Student Success Center (SSC). The goal is to provide students with resources and services that will equip them to achieve academic success. Dr. Joe Harvey, Director of SSC, is eager to guide and direct the students in achieving their short and long-term goals.

ROUNDUP

Saturday, November 3, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will once again gather for a time of fellowship, great food and fun. The theme this year is “Family Reunion.” Our speaker for the day will be Professor Lyle Bundy. A barbershop quartet and various JUFL music groups will be leading us in worship. There will be activities for all, and we will be enjoying a tasty BBQ lunch hot off the grill. Our Roundup goal this year is $100,000. This is a family event, so plan to bring your entire family. Esther 9:28 says: “These days would be remembered and kept from generation to generation and celebrated by every family…” As we celebrate the Lord with our family, we model the Lord’s presence in our lives. This is one of the greatest inheritances we can give to our children and grandchildren; it is a treasure to be passed on to future generations. See you at the FAMILY REUNION!
IGNITE is a FREE night of dynamic worship, inspiring speakers, and creative worship elements that will drive home a challenging message for your youth group.

IGNITE: Community takes place the day after some IGNITE events. Join us for “youth group vs. youth group” athletic challenges! This is also a free event.

Voices of Praise is a small ensemble of students who bring their unique talents and abilities to different churches around the state of Florida. The two-fold purpose of Voices of Praise is to present Christ and to represent Johnson University Florida. To read more about this year’s team or to fill out a form requesting that they visit your church or event, please visit: www.FCC.edu/VOP.asp

A one day, in-depth preview of Johnson University Florida which gives high school juniors, seniors, and college transfers the opportunity to get the full JUFL experience.

A weekend of fun, football, and so much more! Join us for Sun Bowl, the largest touch-football tournament of its kind in the nation. The full IMPACT event also includes opportunities for your youth group to worship God and learn from His Word in an engaging, youth conference setting.

For more info on these events, visit: www.FCC.edu/Admissions/admissevents.asp or email Admissions@FCC.edu

**UPDATES FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE**
Written by Kellie Spencer, Director of Traditional Admissions (pictured on the left)

Although I have only been the Director of Traditional Admissions for a short time, I have already had the privilege of seeing what happens when an institution puts its complete trust in the Lord. So often in higher education, there is a tendency to focus on meeting quantitative goals (how many students can we get?) and a tendency to forget about qualitative goals (are these students coming to our institution for the right reasons?). At Johnson University Florida, we strive to satisfy both goals. However, matriculating quality, mission-fit students is our highest priority. The incoming class for Fall 2012 has already exceeded our expectations. With a total of 116 traditional students and 18 LEAD students, this class’ credentials are some of the best we’ve ever seen.

The amount of time and energy that is put into the students and their recruitment process is essential in securing mission-fit students, and I believe that this year JUFL can be proud of the young minds that are walking through our doors and, more importantly, the product walking out.

“**My overall impression of the freshmen class is that they are passionate and excited to be here. It seems to be a good mix of young leaders. They’re raw and full of potential. I have no doubt that their growth and development will have a great impact on JUFL during their time here.”**

Jordan Stancil, Senior, Class of 2013

(“In reference to the crowd at an JUFL soccer game” Tonight I witnessed firsthand the quality of students at my alma mater. I was so impressed with the things I saw and heard. But then again, that’s what my office and other departments have prayed for all year—that God would bring to JUFL the students HE wants there. God certainly did not disappoint.”

Brittany Long
Assistant Director of Recruitment Services
Class of 2011

**DATA FROM THE NEW STUDENTS OF JOHNSON UNIVERSITY FLORIDA**

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**YOUTH WORSHIP AND RECRUITMENT EVENTS**

Johnson University Florida has a great tradition of hosting events on campus geared towards teens. These events have seen many changes over the years but have always had the reputation of being high-quality events that show off many of the university’s strengths. Are you a youth minister or youth sponsor at your church? Do you work at a Christian High School? Do you know any students who might be interested in exploring out all that JUFL has to offer them? Check out the events we have scheduled for the rest of the year!

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**IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL DAYS**

**IMPACT 2013**

**Photos from registration and orientation days**
ROOTED IN CHRIST
JUFJ family and friends collaborate on a book

Over a year ago, the faculty committee for student life recognized a need for a tool that could help encourage the JUFL community towards more consistent spiritual practices and holy living. A group of 20 authors, from JUFL faculty, staff, and trustees, contributed to a book that is geared to personal and small group study. Dr. Les Hardin served as project manager as well as editor, along with Professor Greg Hartley. Rooted in Christ: A Beginner’s Guide to the Christian Life will be used in university discipleship groups this year and will be available to the public at this year’s ROUNDUP event and later through the website.

AUTHORS INCLUDE:
TERRY ALLCORN
RODLAND HOWARD
JIM BOOK
SANDI PEPARD
LYLE BUNDY
DAVE PETERS
JIM CHESSER
BRIAN D. SMITH
TERRY DAVIS
RUTH T. REYES
TIM GRAY
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WENDY GUTHRIE
TWILA SIAS
LESLEY T HARDIN
KELLY SPENCER
GREG HARTLEY
GARRETT THOMPSON
JOE HARVEY
M. SHANE WOOD

AN EXCERPT FROM ROOTED IN CHRIST
“Let’s Worship!” by Dr. Ruth T. Reyes

To proceed into this discussion of worship, there are three presuppositions I submit as foundational in our study First, worship is life, and life is worship. Worship includes personal worship, the 24/7 deal, day-to-day living, breathing, eating, studying, working, meditating, resting, and playing. Romans 12:1-2 reminds us: ‘In view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. What we do with the life that God has given us is worship. To live holy lives, pleasing to God, is worship. But worship also constitutes our participation in the life of the Body of Christ, the Church, where we are encouraged, uplifted, and serve.

Several years ago I led a discipleship group on the campus of Johnson University Florida. All the groups tackled a study of spiritual disciplines, including worship. One of the group activities was to come up with a simple definition of worship. After a discussion in which we tried to describe what worship is, our group came to a consensus that worship is simply “being preoccupied with God.” It means to focus on God. It means to recognize His presence and His active involvement in our lives. Whatever we may be doing, in whatever situation we find ourselves, or wherever we are, worship is thinking about God. When alone or with people, whether in a car or in a church auditorium, or just in the privacy of our bedroom, worship is to acknowledge His presence and to be aware that God is active and in tune with who we are and what we do. We do not go in or out of worship, because worship is being fully engaged and deeply absorbed with thoughts of God. This is being preoccupied with God. Worship is ascribing worth, honor, and value to God and God alone. We engage in worship when we think of Him and when we acknowledge who He is in heartfelt submission. We may be in a group or by ourselves. We may be singing songs of praise in a worship service, or we may be wrestling with our secret sins. Dropping our checks in the offering plate is an act of worship, but so is volunteering to drive a classmate to get groceries. Hearing God’s Word preached and responding with a resolve to obey is an act of worship, but so is taking the time to help a friend in crisis. Worship avoids preoccupation with ourselves. The self-focus is set aside. The God-focus is heightened, and all our senses become attuned to God’s presence.

Dr. Reyes has been a Faculty member at Johnson University Florida as a Professor of Music for 16 years.

ROOTED IN CHRIST
SPIRITUAL LIFE ON CAMPUS

Throughout its years, Johnson University Florida has seen many formats of student-led, weekly bible study on campus. Two years ago, Student Council decided to make these optional weekly meetings a major part of their function and purpose. Since then, “Coffee Shop” has grown to be a weekly meeting of 90-100 students who come together to drink specially hot beverages and worship together, while their fellow students lead music and speak from the Word of God.

“Part of our goal in Student Council this year is to be a spiritual catalyst for the student body,” said Brad Warren, Student Council President. “At Coffee Shop, we create an environment that caters to their spiritual needs as students. It’s a quiet place where they can come and just sit, enjoy a cup of coffee with friends, and be intimate with God through worship. It’s a great way to be rejuvenated in the middle of your week.” Student Council also organizes monthly Night of Worship events in the Chapman Center and organizes service projects.

This year, students from JUFL will serve inner city kids at Orlando Children’s Church. “We want to give students the opportunity not just to foster their faith but to begin putting it into action while they’re here,” said Warren. This year, the chapel committee set a goal to help the university achieve an even higher level of unity amongst the students. The theme of UNITY in chapel has begun to take shape through corporate prayer time, led each week by Alex Wierda, a senior at JUFL. “Our prayer time varies from week to week. For instance, our students know that faculty and staff pray for us, so it was our privilege to pray for and with our faculty and staff during chapel,” said Wierda. “Another week, we handed out names at random and asked each person to pray for the student on his or her slip of paper for the entire semester. Some people have taken their people out to Starbucks, have been writing them notes of encouragement, or have been meeting with them on campus to pray together.”

Wierda continued to reflect on his time as a student at JUFL by comments. “the campus feels more focused on Jesus this year than any of the previous 3 years I have been a student. A lot of intentional discipleship is happening. People are starting up bible studies in their rooms, in the SUB...I have even seen spontaneous music and worship around campus.” Though the semester is young, it is apparent that something big is happening on campus as we have seen evidenced through at least 10 students baptized in the campus pool in just the first two months of class. Dr. Les Hardin, New Testament professor at JUFL, recently said, “I’ve never seen this kind of spiritual movement on a Bible college campus before. It’s clear that the Spirit is up to something. It’s also clear that this work is taking place because the Word of God has a prominent place, not just in our curriculum, but in all areas of our campus. These students come from all walks of life, from a variety of faith backgrounds. In the spirit of the Restoration Fathers, they are joining us in meeting at the Scriptures, not denominational loyalties.”

“10,000 REASONS: A CHALLENGE

A popular worship song on JUFL’s campus is “10,000 Reasons” by Matt Redman. This song inspired the most popular student activity throughout the year: the 10,000 Reasons Challenge. Alex Wierda explains that “we want to emphasize the importance of living a life of thankfulness.”

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From one of our newest teams to our oldest, the Men's Baseball team. At the end of their inaugural season, the SUNS brought home from the World Series. "Our team was great opportunity to coach and teach the game of basketball through this game that translate directly to life. I believe our players are getting the best training, spiritually and practically, compared to what is offered at alternative institutions. I am proud of this feat but even more proud of another award the SUNS brought home from the World Series. "Our team was the recipient of the 2012 Sportsmanship Award, which is given to the team who embodies respectful attitudes and actions towards the other teams and coaches. That award speaks loudly of the character of JUFL athletes."

As far as the future of SUNS Athletics, Phillips is excited to continue to add sports to our repertoire. As for next year, that means adding golf for men and women as well as softball. Tom enthusiastically adds, “I also see us building facilities. Having a new gym and on-campus soccer fields would allow us to offer even more sports.”

JUFL's teams travel all over the Southeastern US throughout the year, so be sure to check out the SUNS' schedules on our website (www.FCC.edu/Athletics) and catch a game when they are near you. You can also keep updated through Facebook and Twitter (@FCCSUNS), where you will find links to watching games LIVE via webcast.
ALUMNI UPDATES

Jem & Lisa Joiner (both ’83) have returned to Florida. Jim is the new Senior Minister at First Christian Church, Orange Park.

Butch Gasfeld (’86) began a new ministry with Fairway Christian Church in The Villages as Associate Minister of Involvement & Outreach on March 26, 2012.

Steve Vinson’s (’89) company, Stonewater Films, is launching “Sunday Shorts”—a series of short films and accompanying lessons designed to be used as ministry resources in Youth, Small Groups, & Worship settings. For more information, check out www.SundayShorts.com.

Eric (’97) & Patti (Simms) Peters (’96) have returned to Kissimmee. FL. Patti is once again the Children’s Minister at First Christian Church. Eric has accepted a job at MyList.com, a Facebook app. Shortly after their move, they were blessed with a new baby, Aldrin James Peters (born October 27, 2011).

Shawn Grant (’03) completed his PhD in Humanities from Florida State University in March 2012. He and his wife, Erica (Pasonen) (’03) Grant, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Nicole Peters (born March 28, 2012).

Andy (’04) & Kim (Fleming) Frazier (’02) announce the birth of their son, Elijah Samuel Frazier (born March 15, 2012).

Chet (’04) & Amanda (’03) (Van Tassel) Zema announce the birth of their son, Henry (born February 20, 2012).

Todd Holderby & Jennifer Merkley (’04) were married on March 17, 2012, at First Christian Church of Kissimmee.

Brent & Heather (Myers) (’06) Mooney announce the birth of their second child, Theodore Camden (born March 16, 2012).

Jeff & Allison (James) Terpstra (both ’06) have moved to North Huntingdon, PA where Jeff is serving as Youth Minister at the Norwin Christian Church.


Jenni (Littiken) Grenier (’07) began a new ministry at South Lake Christian Church, Groveland as Children’s Ministry Director on August 13. South Lake Christian is Jenni’s home church.

Dana (’08) & Jennifer (Mason) (’07) King announces the birth of their daughter, Piper Christine (born March 29, 2012).

Kane Miller (’08) accepted the position of Director of Christian Campus Fellowship at Florida State University in May, 2012.

Karen (Moeller) Harden (’08) recently began a new job at South Florida Baptist Hospital as Registrar. Karen and her husband, Anthony, live in Zephyrhills.

Ron (’08) & Shannon Sieber have relocated to Spring Hill, Florida. Ron is serving as Associate Minister at Harvest Christian Church in Spring Hill.

Joseph Romero (’09) received his M.Div from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary this past Spring.

Justin (’03) & Keri (’00) Haleck recently moved to Athens GA. Justin serves as Student Ministry Small Groups Director at the Athens Church.

Seth (’11) & Erin (Tyree) (’10) Byrd have relocated to Lake City, FL where Seth is serving as Youth Minister at Lake City Christian Church. They would also like to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Danielle Elizabeth and Kylee Grace (born January 27, 2012).

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Lance Spencer (’12) was ordained on May 6 at First Christian Church, Kissimmee. Lance is serving as Student Minister at Canoe Creek Christian Church in St. Cloud.

Josh & Jill (Hantsberger) Wright (both ’04) announce the birth of their son, Josiah James Wright (born September 21, 2012).

JUFL AT THE ICOM

JUFL will be attending the International Conference on Missions November 15-18 in Indianapolis, IN. If you live in the area or are attending the conference, we hope you will stop by our booth (numbers 1504, 1506, 1508 & 1510) and say hello.

We will host an Alumni lunch on Saturday, November 17 at the old Spaghetti Factory in Downtown Indianapolis at 12:15. Tickets are $6 and can be picked up at the JUFL booth.

STAY UPDATED!

Have you updated your contact info lately? You are a part of the JUFL family and we love to receive family news! Please keep us informed of address changes, family status, job changes, births, deaths in the alumni family, etc. It helps us keep our records up to date as well as keep the family informed.

www.FCC.edu/Alumni

Provide & Protect

Did you know JUFL partners with local churches to offer FREE SEMINARS to help families plan their estates? Directing our resources is one of the most important stewardship decisions we will make. As Moses reminded the Israelites, “Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth” (Deuteronomy 8:18). One of the best ways to honor God with your possessions is to plan carefully for the use of those possessions after you are finished with them. Contact Bill.Twaddell@FCC.edu today if you’d like to schedule a PROVIDE & PROTECT seminar for your church family or to learn of seminars scheduled for your area.

“THROWBACK THURSDAYS” ON FACEBOOK

Have you “liked” the JUFL Alumni page on Facebook yet? If so, you have no doubt noticed that Alan Tison, Director of Alumni, updates most Thursdays with a picture he has found in the yearbook archives. As you see these updates, be sure to tag the people in the photos if you know them! Be sure to check back and see all the hilarious comments made on each photo.
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LUNCH  BBQ HOT OFF THE GRILL WITH ALL THE FIXINS!
KIDS  ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES, 9AM TO NOON
GOAL  $100,000

Bring the whole family!
SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 2012  BEGINNING AT 9:00AM

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