Homecoming 2012

Alumni & friends of Boise Bible College, do you like hanging out with good people and having fun? Get over to Homecoming 2012, October 18-20 on the BBC campus.

Come to BBC & visit your “old” professors, hook up with dear friends, have some fun, eat good food and be inspired by graduates Dave and Hester Christensen. Enjoy a special reception at President’s Stine’s home with singer James Dewberry. Join us on Friday for a trip to the Zoo and a “Homecoming Parade” on Golf carts! Root for the BSU Broncos at a tailgate party on Saturday. Where else can you get that kind of a deal for only $35? Where? Only at the BBC Homecoming, 2012! We would love to see you, even for just some of the events.

Register now! Call Jim Byerly at (208) 376-7731.

Alumni Spotlight— Andy Morris and Jeff Nichols

Andy Morris (85’) and Jeff Nichols (00’) have been serving together at First Christian Church in Gooding, Idaho for over eleven years.

Andy was called to Gooding in 1991 to serve as their preaching minister. He and his wife, Debbie, (she attended BBC) raised two boys during their ministry. Their youngest, Caleb, is serving in Vale, Oregon as Youth Minister. Andy has been a solid fixture in the community as a member of the Rotary club, in years past as a basketball, soccer and football coach and as a big supporter of local activities and sports. Together Andy & Jeff with Debbie & Riley are a vital part of the “Puppet Ministry” of the church.

Jeff made his mark as a caring and strategic youth minister soon after graduating from BBC. He has directed High School Camp at Intermountain Christian Camp for many summers; providing spiritual growth and loads of fun in the rustic setting of camp. He is the founder, brains and brawn behind “Swat Camp,” a special camp for young men designed to challenge them both physically and spiritually. Nearly every year Swat Camp students commit to attend Boise Bible College and be equipped for ministry. Jeff and Riley’s home is always open to young people. They have mentored and encouraged numerous youth to attend BBC.

Andy and Jeff are good examples of the strength to commitment and longevity in ministry.
Boise Bible College is committed to equipping everybody for ministry. We believe our youth must be challenged from an early age to know Jesus personally and to be engaged in living faithfully. We are very involved in camp ministries and conferences throughout the year focusing on high school, junior high and even grade school youth. It is never too early to begin encouraging young people to build a relationship with God and to develop a passion for ministry.

As a student Jakob King had a vision to create a magazine for junior high and high school youth. Jakob, a recent graduate and field representative in our admissions department, is now publishing the *ministry spark* magazine four times a year as an outreach to these young people. Filled with challenging articles, artwork, advice and news from around the region, *ministry spark* is available for free as a tool for youth ministers and a connecting point for youth.

To receive your supply of the *ministry spark*, contact Jakob directly at jking@boisebible.edu.

**God Answers Prayers**

The BBC family has had its share of cancer patients over the last year. Many of you prayed for our business manager, Jim Vaughan last year as he went through stem cell replacement—Jim is back in the office and doing well! Mark Stevens, a member of our Development team, is undergoing chemo treatments for colon cancer. He is nearly halfway through his six month regimen. Each week has been a larger challenge physically but Mark's mental attitude is high! Please pray for Mark as he has treatments every other week until January. Linda McCoy, wife of Professor Chuck McCoy is a breast cancer survivor! She had a bout with breast cancer several years ago and this summer it reappeared. She had surgery and is also having chemo treatments. She is doing well at this point. Please remember Jim, Mark and Linda and their families in your prayers.

**Special Salary Survey**

You may have recently received a salary survey from us. We are attempting to determine starting salaries for ministers in churches around the Northwest. Our concern at Boise Bible College is the debt load that some of our students take on to graduate. Students often need help with budgeting, understanding the cost of living in the real world, and how much they can expect to make upon graduation.

We are trying to address this issue in a number of ways. The survey is one way to give students a realistic view of potential salaries and positions. Curt Nordhielm teaches a Personal Finance class based on Dave Ramsey’s approach to finances and we are working to involve students, parents, churches, potential employers and friends in our effort to reduce the debt load of our students.

If you did not receive a survey, please contact, Curt Nordhielm at (cnordhielm@boisebible.edu), or call him at (208) 376-7731. We will keep your information private and only use the facts and figures as part of a larger group average. If you would like to see the results, please let us know. Thanks in advance for your help.