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During our 100th Anniversary Chapel Service I told the story of the most significant three hours in the history of Belhaven.

It happened August 9, 1927.

In those days, our entire campus was limited to one building, which we now know as Preston and Fitzugh Halls. These two stately white buildings, were all one building at that time, with the center section being

where the fountain now stands.

Knowing that the College had to grow, and eventually build more buildings, President Gillespie, who had been president for six years, left Jackson for most of that summer to go to Columbia University in New York City to take a course in college architecture to prepare for this anticipated expansion.

At the end of his study at Columbia, and beginning his trip home, Dr. Gillespie was taking the train to visit a sister Presbyterian College, Princeton University. But while on the train, he received this telegram from his secretary Jennie Armistead, which was sent at 7:35 that summer, Saturday morning. It read:

"Belhaven on fire • Absolutely no chance of saving."

Lightening had hit the center part of the building, and that section was going up in flames. And with the limited fire fighting capabilities in those days there was nothing to be done to stop the College's only building from burning.

As told to me by President Gillespie's son, and pieced together by our campus historians Evelyn Tackett, Bettye Quinn, and Paul Waibel, what I believe to be greatest three hours in our history happened on August 9, 1927.

Now, the history is unclear of exactly what happened after the president's secretary sent the telegram saying all was lost. But to get the emotions of that moment, we need to remember that when Belhaven opened in 1884 a fire destroyed the entire home that was our campus, after only seven months of operation. The College rebuilt and opened on the same location and opened for a second time, 18 months later.

But when that new structure was again destroyed by fire in 1911, the founders gave up, and the charter for the college was given to First Presbyterian Church, and that is how we became a Presbyterian College.

So we reopened for a third time in less than a quarter century, in the suburbs of Jackson, at our current location. But just sixteen years later, now in 1927, this third consuming fire wiped out the hopes and dreams of Belhaven College, which at the time . . . was in difficult financial trouble, fighting to gain its first accreditation, the physical plant that was already significantly inadequate, and a faculty had missed pay checks with regularity.

It would have been a very good time to quit.

The heart of the only campus building was now totally lost, and the columns from that front porch which remained standing must have looked barren against the smoldering heap of a building.

As word spread across Jackson of the fire, board members anxiously came down the dirt road that is now Belhaven Street, to be on the campus. Faculty members had all gathered to comfort one another as their hopes went up in smoke. Students were crying,

and staff members were devastated by the loss of everything they had worked so hard to create.

We don't know who lead the discussion or maybe it was just a prayer service. It is unclear what turned that crowd from fear to courage.

But we do know that just three hours after the first telegram to the president, whatever they talked about, prompted a full board meeting and this second telegram from Dr. Gillespie's secretary to the president which read:

"Belhaven total loss • Board meeting this morning • formulate plans • rebuild."

And in those three hours, what could have been the abandonment of dreams and effort, turned into the most significant moment of courage in the history of Belhaven.

Besides the raw courage God gave them to build out of the ashes, there are four things I love about this story:

1. I love it that the president was not even part of the discussion of whether to go on or quit. They were of such one mind that they didn't need any donor feasibility studies, any campus committee meetings, or any planning documents. They were going on with God.
2. I love it that we don't know who lead the effort to rebuilt, who resisted it, who was afraid, and who got the credit to push ahead. God alone got the glory for the most courageous three hours in our history.
3. I love the "rest of the story"... While Dr. Gillespie was taking the architecture course at Columbia University, he was required to do a design project. He had never really liked the campus all being one building, and so he developed a plan for taking out the center section, and creating two distinct buildings like we have with Preston and Fitzhugh halls today.
And so when the President returned to the campus three days after the fire, he came back with fully developed blue prints of how to rebuild. When God asks us to act courageously, he always supplies what we need.
4. And finally, I love it that they put a reflecting pool where the fire had been to remember God's healing waters... or maybe, as a close source of water in case there was a fourth fire to come?

I pray that we don't have a similar three hours in the next 100 years for Belhaven at the Peachtree campus. But I guarantee, that each of us will have a personal "fire" of our own - a time when all seems lost - we will each have one, or many times, when God will call us to act courageously.

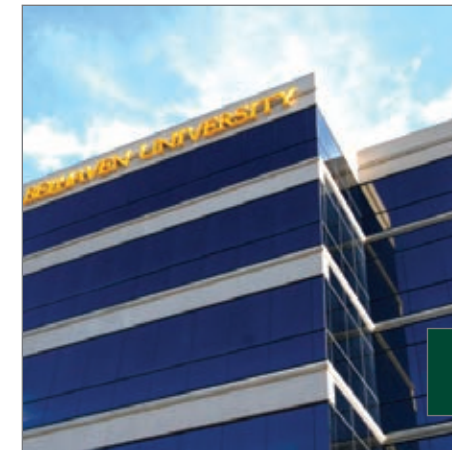
And just like Belhaven of 1927, when God calls us to be courageous He will give us all the resources we need to respond and the assurance Jesus will lead us all the way.

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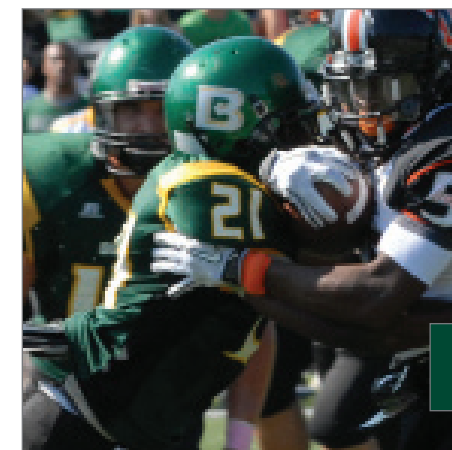
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100 Years ON PEACHTREE STREET



THE BEGINNINGS

For a century Belhaven has seen many changes. Parts of the campus have been built up, torn down, burned down, rebuilt, burned again, expanded, and even crossed state lines. Through these many changes, Christ has remained the unshakable cornerstone this university was built upon.

Please join Belhaven as it celebrates these 100 Years that we have been located on Peachtree Street with this photo tribute to “this dear green hill” that binds us still to God and thee in heart.

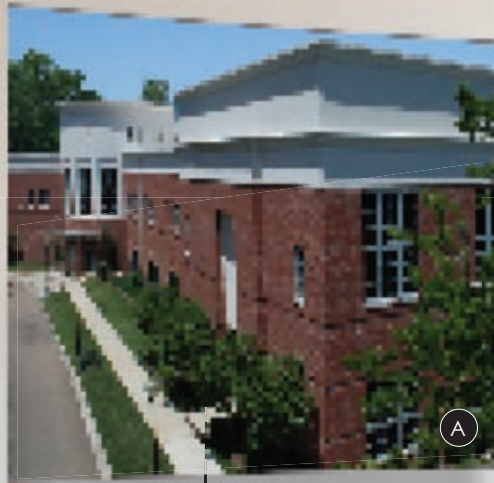
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PHOTOS: A] Belhaven's "Gas Well" 1932 B] 1922 Women's Basketball Team
C] Early Classroom D] Located in the bottom of Fitzhugh, the Belhaven
swimming pool E] The remains of the main building after the fire of 1927.
F] Belhaven Collegiate and Industrial Institute's main building



PHOTOS
 A) 2005—Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center
 B) 1929—Helen White Hall
 C) 1998—Gillespie Hall
 D) 1962, 1966, 2006*—Robertson-Wells Hall
 E) 2002 McCravey-Triplett Student Center



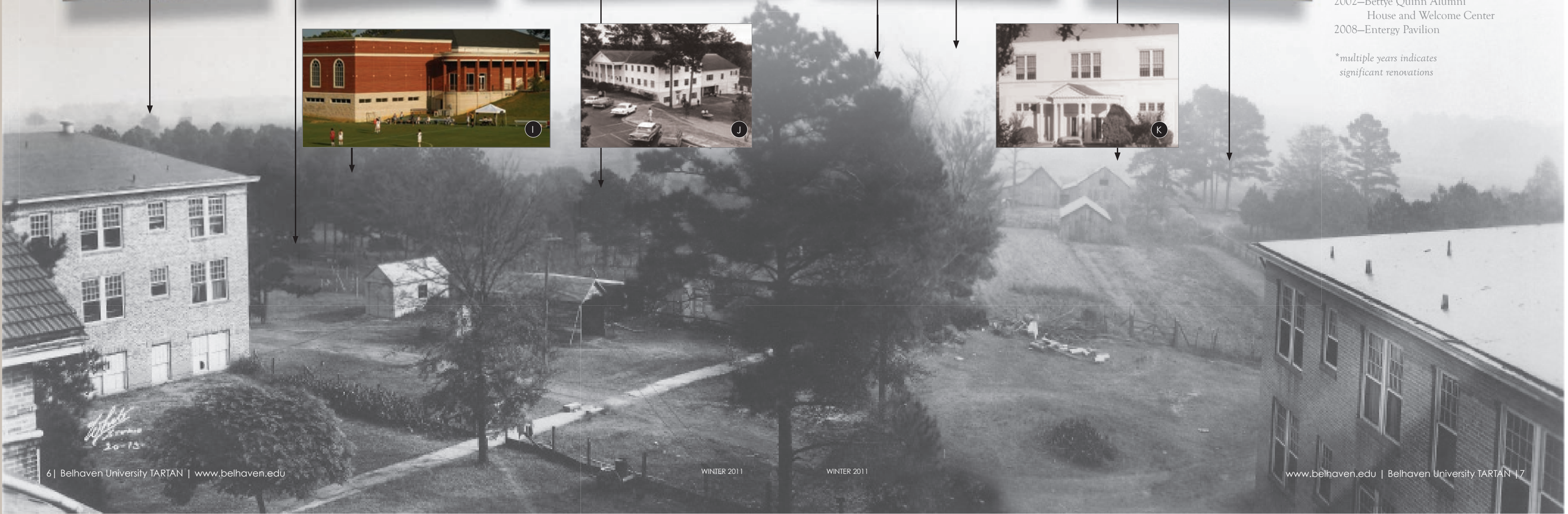
BEHIND THE SCENES:
 Before the fire of 1927
 behind present day Preston
 and Fitzhugh Halls.

PHOTOS
 F) 2002—Center for the Arts
 G) 1940—Raymond Hall
 H) 1958, 1998*—Stuart C. Irby Science
 I) 1963—Heidelberg Gymnasium
 J) 1949—Fine Arts Building (Razed)
 K) 1928, 1939*—Lancaster Hall, (Razed)

OTHER PEACHTREE
 BUILDING HISTORY

- 1927—Preston and Fitzhugh
 as separate buildings
- 1956—Men's Small Dormitory
 (Razed)
- 1967—Caldwell Hall
- 1974—Warren A. Hood Library
- 1999—Lagoon Renovations
- 2002—Bettye Quinn Alumni
 House and Welcome Center
- 2008—Entergy Pavilion

*multiple years indicates
 significant renovations



the way it was...

- A visit to the city of Jackson required permission and an adult chaperon
- Absolutely no visitors were permitted on campus during class hours or on Sundays
- Only on written request of the parents would male visitors be allowed on campus
- Students could receive mail only from individuals whose names appeared on a list of approved correspondents provided by the parents
- In 1933 a student was disciplined for “ordering hamburgers through boys after hours”
- All printed material owned by the students was subject to inspection by the dean
- Students were required to be in their rooms and quiet for two hours every Sunday afternoon
- Possession of bridge cards resulted in being grounded for four weeks
- Spending a night off campus without permission resulted in being grounded for six weeks
- In 1946, students were allowed to wear socks and go bareheaded to picnics
- By 1953, freshmen were permitted to ride in cars with upperclassmen and to go on double dates on the bus

MILESTONES



- A) 1954 First Males Attend Belhaven
- B) 1971 First African American Students Attend Belhaven
- C) 1946 Accredited
- D) 1990 Belhaven Serves as International Ballet Competition Olympic Village
- E) 1983 NAIA National Champions in Men's Tennis/1992 Men's Soccer Wins NAIA National Title
- F) 1933 Singing Christmas Tree begins
- G) 2009 Belhaven College Changes to Belhaven University
- H) 1997 Belhaven Starts Varsity Football Program
- I) 1960 Mississippi Symphony Orchestra started on Belhaven Campus



ON PEACHTREE TODAY



Makoto Fujimura



Makoto Fujimura, one of the world's most significant visual artist, creative catalyst and influential leader in the arts, was the commencement speaker for Belhaven University's April graduation ceremony in Jackson. Fujimura was awarded an honorary doctorate from Belhaven University during the commencement ceremony for his significant work and leadership in the arts. His commencement address, "Aroma of the New," was presented to a full auditorium of eager graduates and their families at the Christ United Methodist Church.

Fujimura opened by thanking Dr. Parrott and the Board for their commitment to the Arts and added, "Belhaven is making a statement: that the arts are fundamental to the core of higher education. The arts are not a peripheral luxury for the elite few but a central necessity, how a civilization is to be defined and how our humanity is to be restored. The arts, like the spring flowers all about Belhaven this day, bring the aroma of the New."

Belhaven is one of 30 institutions in the nation accredited in visual art, music, theater, and dance. Belhaven competes with some of the top schools in the nation and is the only Christian university in the nation to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts in creative writing.

Fujimura's influence spreads to almost every area of the arts. Artist, writer, creative catalyst, and speaker are just a few examples of his depth of talent. Fujimura is also recognized worldwide as a cultural influence by both faith-based and secular media.

Fujimura's message focused on the importance of art as a testimony of God's life and light to a dead and dark world. Fujimura adds, "Instead of reminding people of the cold

earth, we need to awaken the deposit of what is to come. There is a banquet waiting for us beyond the veil. If all is in flux, our task is to touch the fragile earth with the promise of heaven."

Bob Pennebaker, Chair of the Visual Arts Department, says "Fujimura is one of the most important contemporary artists; he is held in high regard as a practicing painter who advocates the connectivity between art and faith in Christ."

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Prior to the commencement ceremony, Fujimura toured the Jackson campus and hosted several lectures with students, staff and faculty. He also took time to answer questions and discuss his art with all participants.

Fujimura was a Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts (2003-2009) and has contributed internationally as an advocate for the arts, speaking with decision makers and advising governmental policies on the arts.

The International Arts Movement (IAM) is one of Fujimura's creations that he considers his greatest achievement. IAM is a Christian non-profit arts organization created by Fujimura to influence and mentor current

or beginning artists about matters of faith and art. Artists with IAM produce lectures, performances, exhibitions, screenings, projects, and workshops.

Fujimura's work is exhibited at galleries around the world, including Dillon Gallery (New York), Sen Gallery (Tokyo), The Contemporary Museum of Tokyo, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts Museum and Oxford House, Taiku Place (Hong Kong). He has painted live on stage at New York's

legendary Carnegie Hall as part of an ongoing collaboration with composer and percussionist Susie Ibarra and the American Composer's Orchestra.

Fujimura has lectured at numerous conferences and universities, including the Aspen Institute, Yale, Princeton, the Q Conference, and IAM's Encounter 10.

Fujimura's essays and books have expanded the dialogue about faith, art and

culture. His first book, *River Grace*, is an intimate, autobiographical look at his early years as an artist in Japan. Fujimura's second book, *Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture*, is a collection of essays bringing people of all backgrounds together in conversation and meditation on culture, art and humanity.

He is currently exhibiting *The Four Holy Gospels* which he created in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.



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NEW ONLINE DEGREES
Associate of Arts in Business
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Health Administration
Master of Sports Administration
Master of Health Administration

Belhaven Adds Five Online Degree Programs

Belhaven University expanded its online degree program and gave prospective students five more opportunities to earn their degree online. A Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Health Administration, Master of Sports Administration, Master of Health Administration, and an Associate of Arts in Business are now available through Belhaven's online program.

Life's many pressing needs leave little time to finish or even start a degree, so Belhaven designed its online program for and around people who cannot be in the classroom every day like traditional students.

Kevin Russell, Vice President for University Advancement, said, "We are excited about expanding our online offerings because it allows us to reach even more students who are interested in a Christ-centered education but need the flexibility to take their classes at home and on their own time."

Belhaven online is unlike other online degree programs. The benefits of online learning at Belhaven go further than just the flexibility of classes. Belhaven is known for offering personal attention from highly qualified faculty and staff while giving each student the individualized attention that most big universities do not give.

Russell added, "While the programs are academically rigorous, the personal attention students receive during the admission process and once they enroll allows them to focus on their number one priority—obtaining their degree."

Because Belhaven is a Christian university, the core curriculum is designed to help students navigate through the world of ideas while fostering a Christian worldview. Belhaven's 128 years of educational experience and high academic standards point to the excellence a student can expect to receive while pursuing his or her academic goals.



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Tim Keller Speaks on Campus Dr. Timothy Keller, Founder and Pastor of New York's Redeemer Presbyterian Church and New York Times Bestselling Author, spoke to a capacity crowd at Belhaven University's Center for the Arts about his new book *King's Cross*.

Keller's new book is about the life of Christ as found in the Gospel of Mark. The publisher describes it as a "revelatory look at the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark. In it, Keller shows how the story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God. Like Keller's other books, it speaks to skeptics and is ideal for the faithful, those who are looking for a closer connection to Jesus and a saving faith."

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Keller graduated from Bucknell University, Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary, and Westminster Theological Seminary. He spent his first nine years as a pastor at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Hopewell, Virginia. He left Hopewell and founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan in 1989 with his family. *Christianity Today* has called Redeemer, "one of Manhattan's most vital congregations." It draws about 4500 attendees to its services on the Upper West Side and Upper East Side. Keller is an acclaimed speaker and evangelist as well as a very successful author. He has published many titles including *Generous Justice*, *The Reason for God*, and *Counterfeit Gods*.

Afterward Keller stayed to talk with guests and sign copies of his books. The event was sponsored by Belhaven, Lemuria Books and Reformed University Fellowship.

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Dr. Philip Kelly Retires After 32 Years of Service

After 32 years of devoted service at Belhaven University, Dr. Philip Kelly retired from teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the morning paper, and a beaker for a glass of sweet tea.

Dr. Kelly started teaching at Belhaven in 1979 and was the Professor and Chair of the Chemistry/Physics Department and Division of Natural Sciences. Those who had the opportunity to work alongside him or be one of the many students passing through his door were tremendously blessed and affected by his teaching.

A retirement dinner and reception in his honor was held in the H.C. Bailey Dining Commons where colleagues and students past and present could express their gratitude. Dr. Al Chestnut, Chair of the Biology Department, said, "The one word I would use to describe Dr. Kelly would be 'refreshing.' I was always amazed at the patience he had while teaching or answering questions. Not only did he teach with clarity, but he would spend countless hours helping students and investing in people's lives. We will miss him and never forget the legacy of a devoted professor, colleague, and brother in Christ!"



Jackson Mayor, Harvey Johnson; Ridgeland Mayor, Gene F. McGee; representatives from the Jackson, Rankin and Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce joined Belhaven President, Dr. Roger Parrott at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Grand Opening of the Belhaven ASPIRE Program located on I-55 at the LeFleur Bluff Towers Building.

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ASPIRE Program Moves to LeFleur's Bluff Tower

The ASPIRE degree program relocated to the LeFleur's building, just north of the main campus, on I-55 Frontage Road in August.

Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University, said, "The growth of our ASPIRE program and graduate enrollment brought us to a wonderful but complex challenge: we were out of space for evening students on our campus. So, we took a bold step in August that enhanced adult students' learning experience, made parking abundant, and allowed students to learn in a first-class environment that reflects their career desires."

The ASPIRE program occupies two floors of the LeFleur building and houses staff, faculty, and students. A Belhaven University sign was constructed on top of the five-story building, now visible from the interstate at night.

The administrative offices are on the first floor where students will have admission support in one centralized location. The second floor contains 17 "smart" classrooms that utilize current technology to give each student a quality learning experience.

Students no longer have to worry about the long hikes from car to class. Parking at the new location is spacious and right next to the new building. Belhaven security officers and the well-lit parking lot help ensure the safety of each student.



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Martin Named to Legacy of Learning

Mrs. Helen S. Martin, a 1961 Belhaven graduate, is the 46th faculty member to enter the University's prestigious Legacy of Learning. This special group is comprised of individuals who have given twenty years or more of teaching service to Belhaven. She joins her husband, Dr. Joseph Martin, who was inducted as the 45th Legacy of Learning faculty member in 2010.

In 1991, following two years as Belhaven's missionaries in residence with Dr. Martin, Helen began teaching within the Department of Biblical Studies, as well as serving as a staff member in the Residence Life department. Her compassionate awareness of the needs of students and desire to minister to them at every turn continues to mark her body of work at Belhaven as Campus Student Advisor.

A native of Brazil, born of American missionary parents, she was the first of four siblings to graduate from Belhaven. She married Dr. Martin in 1963, and after two years at Columbia Seminary earning a Masters degree in Bible, the couple had a two-year pastorate in Alabama. In 1965, they answered a call to serve as missionaries in Brazil, where they would serve for more than twenty-four years. Their first term was in pioneer church planting in rural Brazil and the remaining time was spent teaching at the Edward Lane Bible Institute in Patrocinio, the town of her birth.

All three of the Martin's children were born in Brazil. Their daughters, Lisa and Sara, are both Belhaven graduates. Their son, Jody, completed his science pre-requisites at Belhaven before going to nursing school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.



CDA Young Artist Finalist Belhaven's own Shellie Brown, a senior violin student, was selected as one of nine finalists for the Coer d'Alene (CDA) Symphony Young Artist Competition after competing with 139 applicants at Washington State University. Among the competitors were students from Eastman School of Music, Yale, and Vanderbilt.



Jake Donald Earns NACCAP Service Award

Anyone who has walked through the doors of Belhaven was probably greeted by one of the helpful and friendly staff members from admission. One of those caring staff members, Jake Donald, Associate Director of Admission, was recently honored with the North American Coalition for Christian Admission Professionals (NACCAP) Regional Service Award.

Suzanne Sullivan, Director of Admission, said, "I'm so proud of Jake and the work he has done for Belhaven. He has a passion for students and their families, and it shows in all that he does. It's obvious that Jake enjoys what he does by his attitude and actions."



McAllister Receives Mentorship Grant

Edwin McAllister, Professor of English and Student Publications Advisor, was awarded a Mentorship Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. McAllister had the opportunity to study and learn the banjo from well known banjo player, Johnny Rawls, who is best known for his clawhammer picking skills. Both McAllister and Rawls then performed at Governor Haley Barbour's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.



Marguerite P. Joyce Published

Dr. Marguerite P. Joyce, Dean of Faculty at Belhaven University Houston, co-authored, alongside Reginald L. Bell, an article entitled "Communication Practices of Managers and the Predictability of Uncivil Communication in Response" in the *International Journal of Business and Public Administration*, Volume 7.2 (2010). The article was written as an examination of the direct correlation between poor managerial response to employees and the increase in workplace violence.

The article stated, "The words we use to communicate are powerful." It concluded saying that we need to "commit ourselves to creating and maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation." Joyce and Bell make several recommendations in the article, supported by strong evidence, to keep communication and respect levels high and workplace violence low.



Dr. Larry Ruddell Writes Book on Ethics

Dr. Larry Ruddell, Associate Professor of Business in Houston, along with Patrick Thornton and Walter Champion, wrote a helpful guide, *Sports Ethics for Sports Management Professionals*, which aids in the discussion of this hot topic.

The book covers everything from discrimination and unsportsmanlike conduct to drug testing. Other topics such as managing student athletes, parents, assistant coaches provide helpful insight. Ruddell's book is used in business and sports administration courses at Belhaven and will be used in additional courses in the future.

Memphis Campus Relocates to Forum II

In order to better accommodate the growing number of students in the Memphis metropolitan area, Belhaven University's campus in Memphis has been moved to 1790 Kirby Parkway, and is better known as the Forum II Building.

"We are thankful that over the past five years our enrollment has grown significantly. But with this blessing we are in need of a different location that will fit the needs of our campus, both for your needs right now and to accommodate this wonderful pattern of continued growth," said Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University.

The change of venue marks a new chapter in Belhaven's 20-years history in Memphis. The new campus has improved classrooms, technology, amenities, and more functional space.

Dr. Audrey Kelleher, Vice President of Adult and Graduate Marketing and Development said, "We are very excited about the new facility with the many upgrades to our classrooms. Students will also find this new location easy to access with convenient parking close to the building."

The new Memphis campus, located on the first floor of the Forum II Building, will provide students with quick access from all parts of town. Additionally, classrooms and faculty offices are placed in the same proximity.

The adult and graduate degree programs at Belhaven's Memphis campus offer associate, bachelor, and master degrees and enable working adults to fit a quality education into their busy schedules.



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Our Standard is Christ

Back to Belhaven – Homecoming 2011

Alumni, parents, friends, and prospective students filled campus during the Back to Belhaven – Homecoming 2011 Alumni and Parents Weekend, October 21-22. In total, nearly 400 individuals enjoyed a fabulous weekend, full of significant BU activities and events!

As has become an annual tradition, the Office of Admission hosted prospective Belhaven students and their families for “Discover Day,” with over 100 guests in attendance. The first alumni event took place on Friday evening during the Alumni Reunion Reception in the McCravy-Triplett Student Center commons. This event served as the initial connecting point for alumni to meet up with classmates and check out the latest changes around campus. Following the reception, parents of current Belhaven students enjoyed ice cream and social interaction with other families, including competing against each other in an interactive game of Family Feud.

Members of the Class of 1961 enjoyed a special Fifty Year Reunion dinner on Friday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Larry Mills. A large group enjoyed an evening of good food and sharing wonderful memories of Belhaven days past!

Friday’s festivities concluded with capacity crowds during the Blazers Volleyball team competition against Jackson State University in Heidelberg Gymnasium, as well as the Belhaven Musical Review and *The Life of Galileo* Theatre productions, held in the Bitsy Irby Dance Studio and Black box Theatre, respectively.

Saturday morning began with the 7th Annual Belhaven Homecoming 5k Run/Walk, which took place along the newly installed walking trail around the perimeter of campus. Participants enjoyed the fabulous weather, the trek around campus, and their free t-shirt! This year’s champions came from the same family, as freshman Tianna Rogers (28:12) and her 7th grade brother, Josiah (24:25), took home winning honors.

Bailey Dining Commons held the Alumni Awards Luncheon on Saturday morning as outstanding Belhaven alumni were recognized and honored for accomplishments in their careers, churches,



Honored for their accomplishments at the Alumni Awards Luncheon. (LEFT TO RIGHT) Brad White '06 – Young Alumnus of the Year, Ann Scott '77 – Bettye Quinn Education Award, Tom Kay Jr. '62 – Church Service Award, James “Bebo” Elkin '68 – Alumnus of the Year, Evelyn Tackett '56 – Spirit of Belhaven Award, Helen S. Martin inducted into the Legacy of Learning and Billy Sims '76 – Jim Park Business Award.



The President’s Breakfast gave parents and current students a chance to hear from and talk with Dr. Roger Parrott.

Sophomore Justin Mims gives Union ball carrier a lift back to the line of scrimmage. Blazers claim the victory over Union College 20-14.



(TOP) Seniors on the 2011 Belhaven Homecoming Court (LEFT TO RIGHT): Peter Davis and Rachel Kurtz, Jacob Rowan and Kourtney Clark, Kevin Lindsey and Janelle Asher, Erik Sampson and Allison Kalehoff, Ricky Howard Jr. and Jessica Akoina



(LEFT) Seniors Ricky Howard and Rachel Kurtz take home the crown and title, Belhaven’s 2011 Homecoming King and Queen.

and communities. This year’s recipients were: James “Bebo” Elkin, '68 (Alumnus of the Year); Brad White, '06 (Young Alumnus of the Year); Tom Kay, Jr., '62 (Church Service Award); Evelyn Tackett, '56 (Spirit of Belhaven Award); Ann Scott, '77 (Bettye Quinn Education Award); and Billy Sims, '76 (Jim Park Business Award). Additionally, those attending from the Class of 1961 were inducted as the newest members into the Belhaven Fifty Year Club, which included Helen Sloop Martin. Mrs. Martin was also recognized as the newest Belhaven Legacy of Learning faculty member.

Football fans were treated to a great homecoming match-up between the Blazers and the Union College Bulldogs. The Blazers enjoyed a dominating performance from the defense and held off a late rally for the 20-14 victory. At halftime of the game, Mr. Ricky Howard and Miss Rachel Kurtz were crowned the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen.

Highlighting the concluding events for the weekend was the Belhaven Basketball “Meet the Blazers” event in Heidelberg Gymnasium, as both the Men’s and Women’s 2011-12 Basketball teams were introduced. Team members also took part in free throw and three-point shooting contests, as well as a highly-anticipated dunk contest! Current students took to the dance floor at the nearby Duling Auditorium in Fondren for the Homecoming Party.



The Alumni Reunion Reception was a time of reconnecting with former classmates and reminiscing. (MIDDLE) Bettye Quinn ('58) and Peggy Beckman ('58) greeted by Jan Carnes Elkin ('68) (BOTTOM) The 50 Year Club’s Annual Fall Meeting inducted the class of 1961.



(TOP) The 7th Annual Homecoming 5K Run/Walk winners Tianna Rogers and Josiah Rogers (BOTTOM) Blazer Volleyball faced off in a non-conference matchup against Jackson State University.



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HOWARD BAHR

2011 Winner of the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Literary Arts



Howard Bahr

adjunct professor of Belhaven's Creative Writing program, was awarded the prestigious 2012 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Literary Arts.

He joins a notable list of past winners like:

John Grisham, Cassandra Wilson, Charley Pride, Bo Diddley, B.B. King, Larry Brown, Ellen Douglas, Shelby Foote, Willie Morris, Richard Ford, Eudora Welty, Barry Hannah, and Natasha Trethewey.

"Howard Bahr teaches writing with grace, wit, and good sense," said Dr. Randall Smith, Director of Creative Writing. "He writes with stark power and indelible detail. He's good enough to be numbered with the great, and he's humble enough to know that writing itself is a gift to all—writer and reader alike—who love the beauty of words," adds Smith. The 2012 award recipients will be honored at a ceremony in Jackson, February 16.

Faculty Honored with Tenure

Belhaven University professors are some of the hardest workers in higher learning who passionately teach the many students who pass through Belhaven's doors. Six of Belhaven's faculty members were recently honored with tenure.

Glenn Sumrall, Vice Provost and Dean of Arts and Sciences, said, "These faculty members are representative of the Belhaven commitment to excellence in academics along with a deep commitment to integration of faith and learning. Each has demonstrated outstanding classroom teaching, a love for students and a commitment to the Christian mission of Belhaven University."

As a part of the tenure process, each faculty member was required to write a 15 page paper explaining their plans to integrate Christian principles into their academic disciplines. Congratulations to each faculty member that received tenure this year.



YUSUFU JINKIRI
Assistant Professor of Business Administration



CHRIS SHELTON
Professor of Voice, Church Music and Choral Activities



RAVENNA TUCKER-WAGNON
Associate Professor of Dance



EDWIN MCALLISTER
Professor of English and Student Publications Advisor



CYNTHIA NEWLAND
Associate Professor of Dance and Chair of the Dance Department



PAUL REESE
Associate Professor of Biology



Paxton Girtmon Publishes Concerto, Quartet, and Minuet for Music Labels

Dr. Paxton Girtmon, Associate Professor of Music, in conjunction with Cimarron Music Press and BVD Music Press published three of his music works. *Concerto Grosso in G Minor-Op. 6, No. 8-Corelli* Woodwind Trio (Flute, Oboe, and Bassoon), *Quartet No. 4 in C(K.157), Mvt. 1-Mozart* Clarinet Quartet (3 Clarinets and Bass Clarinet), and *Minuet No. 2-Beethoven*, Clarinet Trio (2 Clarinets and Bass Clarinet).



Krista Bower Awarded Fellowship

Brower, adjunct instructor of dance at Belhaven University, was awarded a Performing Arts Fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This fellowship is given to select professional artists producing work of high artistic quality and is a portion of the \$1.5 million in grants the Commission will award in 2011-2012. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Stepping into the Bright Lights

24 new lights, generously donated by Belhaven Alumni (pictured above), now illuminate the Heidelberg Gymnasium. The new lights in Heidelberg are quieter, brighter, and energy efficient. (Left to Right) Billy Evans, Head Women's Basketball Coach; Michael Dukes, Director of Development and Alumni; Dr. Roger Parrott, Belhaven President; Rebecca and Thomas Jackson (and children); Allyn Brown; Bill Brown; Scott Little, Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics; and Tom Kelsey, Head Men's Basketball Coach.

New Social Work Degree Added to Majors

The Bachelor of Social Work is the newest degree available at Belhaven and will give students the skills to improve and help the needs of individuals in society. This degree program begins with the study of professional activity and extends to helping individuals, families, groups, organizations, or communities.

Belhaven's social work degree program moves from an in-depth study of social work to a practiced application of theories and principles. The social work program actually prepares students through work experience.

The social work club, His Hands His Feet, provides additional avenues for experience and application of classroom knowledge.

Belhaven's professors integrate current social work methods with a Christian perspective and show students why social work is a rewarding, purpose-driven career.

The degree prepares students for entry level social work practice and can prepare students for several master degree programs. The broad exposure of the social work program can also provide students with multiple career opportunities in other fields.



Professor Melissa Hause Releases CD with the "The Margarets"

Dr. Melissa Thorson Hause, Associate Professor of Art History and Dean of the Honors College ('86) studied visual art at Belhaven and returned in 2001 to teach art history. But her lifelong passion for music has now led to the release of a CD with duo partner Margaret Sprow, music director at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Ridgeland, MS.

Melissa and Margaret have been writing and performing music for their church family for years, a venture that has grown into the duo "The Margarets" and their debut CD, *His Mercy Lasts Forever*. The Margarets' folk, Celtic, and jazz-inspired music breathes life into original lyrics, biblical texts, and traditional hymns; their songs explore the emotions and experiences of followers of Jesus, giving voice to celebration and sorrow, trust and questioning, doubt and surrender.

Melissa (whose middle name is Margaret) sings and plays violin, piano, and guitar for The Margarets, while Margaret sings and plays piano and flute. *His Mercy Lasts Forever* is available from One Story Ministries at www.onestoryministries.org and can also be found at www.cdbaby.com and iTunes. Look for The Margarets on Facebook, too.



T. Calvin Wells Elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees | Charles Cannada Completes Ten Years of Service

During the fall meeting the Belhaven University Board of Trustees elected Cal Wells to succeed out-going board Chairman Charles Cannada.

University President Dr. Roger Parrott warmly praised Cannada's leadership for the past 10 years, "Charles has been an outstanding board chair and strong advocate for Belhaven during his years of service. While Charles served as Chairman, Belhaven



T. Calvin Wells



Charles Cannada

has witnessed some of its most significant events including dramatic expansion of our adult and on-line programs, millions of dollars of new buildings and renovations, a nearly 60% increase in total enrollment, and a change in name from Belhaven College to Belhaven University." Parrott continued, "Working with Charles is always a pleasure. Because Charles has worked at the highest levels of finance and strategic planning in the corporate world. His counsel is always valued, timely and insightful. I can always count on Charles to help us make a wise decision." Cannada will remain on the board as past chairman.

Cannada will be succeeded by Cal Wells, a lifelong Jacksonian and senior shareholder in the Wells, Moore, Simmons, Edwards, and Wilbanks law firm. Wells' family roots with Belhaven run deep as his grandfather served on the Belhaven Board of Trustees.

Cal was first elected to the Belhaven Board in 2000 and has served as Chairman of the Advancement Committee for the last decade. Cal graduated from Vanderbilt University with a double major in Business and Economics and earned his law degree at the University of Mississippi. His law expertise is both extensive and varied with special emphasis in contracts, financing, negotiated transactions, business acquisitions and commercial

and sports law. Cal is a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson where he also serves as an officer and Chairman of The First Presbyterian Day School. Cal and his wife Cheryl have three children, Cal, Jr., Sally, and Anna.

If you ask Cal why he supports Belhaven, he will tell you it's because of Belhaven's mission. "I am a strong believer in Christian Education and have been so impressed with how Belhaven unashamedly integrates our Christian faith into its University curriculum. Students who attend Belhaven are positively impacted for the rest of their lives. I have been greatly blessed to serve on the Belhaven Board for nearly a dozen years and look forward to working with Roger, the Board, and the entire Belhaven Community as we follow God's plans for the University." Dr. Parrott echoed Cal's enthusiasm, "I am thrilled to have Cal Wells assume the Chairmanship of the Belhaven Board. Cal has been one of my most trusted advisors through many difficult issues over the years so he is uniquely gifted for this leadership role. I am confident Belhaven will continue to blossom under Cal's wise and Godly counsel."

Board adds New Members



Joel Bomgar, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, of Bomgar Corporation In 2003, while working as a field network engineer Joel developed the first version of Bomgar remote support software as a way to provide remote technical support to disparate users without leaving his desk. Since the company's founding in 2003, Joel has led the company to acquire over 5,000 customers. The company's rapid growth has been recognized by numerous awards, including Deloitte's Fast 500 in 2007 and 2008, and Inc. Magazine's Inc. 500 in 2008 and 2009.



Doug Hederman, President of Hederman Brothers Printing, graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting and marketing. He worked in

Little Rock, Arkansas for a large marketing, advertising and public relations firm before returning to Mississippi to serve Hederman Brothers Printing as executive vice president and director of sales. Today he is the president of Hederman Brothers and is the fourth generation leader of Hederman Brothers Printing.



Sean Michael Lucas is the Senior Minister of The First Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. Prior to coming to Hattiesburg he served as Chief Academic Officer and Associate Professor of Church History at Covenant

Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He is an author of many books including, *On Being Presbyterian*, *What is Grace?*, *What is Church*, and *Robert Lewis Dabney: A Southern Presbyterian Life*.



Richard S. Whitlock, M.D. is a Jackson native who is part of the South Coast Family Physicians group practice. He has served the Pascagoula area of the Mississippi Gulf Coast through his family medical practice for more than

25 years. His service has been steady and dedicated, highlighted by his return to the storm-ravaged MS Gulf Coast immediately following hurricane Katrina in 2005, where he provided health services to those who remained in the community.

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U.S. Congressman Greg Harper Visits Belhaven

Belhaven's American Government class received a special visit from U.S. Congressman Greg Harper. Harper spoke to more than 60 students, staff, and faculty at the invitation of Belhaven's American Government adjunct professor, Judge Kenneth Griffith.

While explaining the challenges of working in Congress, his role in government and current political issues, he began to speak at length about his faith in God and how important it is to uphold moral and Christian principles in today's political systems.

For him, the encouragement he finds in Scripture and his Bible studies with like-minded individuals in government has helped him focus on the priorities in life.

Richard Tillinghast Reads Poetry and Speaks with Students

Belhaven hosted Richard Tillinghast, author of eight books of poetry and three books of non-fiction. Tillinghast read selected poetry and answered questions from the audience. This event was an evening for poetry lovers and beginners who want to learn more about the art of poetry.

"The reading by Tillinghast offers an opportunity to see and hear a writer who has shaped contemporary poetry over the past 40 years through his own accomplished poetry and through his perceptive review in the *The New York Times Book Review* of poetry written by others," said Randall Smith, Chair of the Creative Writing Department at Belhaven.

Tillinghast has reviewed poetry for *The New York Times Book Review*, and has reviewed and written literary essays for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and *The New Criterion*. His poems have appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Paris Review*, and *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *The New Republic*, *Poetry London*, *Poetry Ireland Review*, as well as online.



Softball Claims SSAC Title The Belhaven softball team had an unprecedented season in 2011, finishing third in the NAIA National Championship in May. The Lady Blazers also won 50 games for the second consecutive season, completing the year with an overall record of 50-12. Belhaven was 12-8 in Southern States Athletic Conference play and took home the 2011 SSAC title by winning four straight games in the conference tournament.

“I’m proud of the girls and the run that they made this year considering the circumstances of a new staff and how they responded,” said Belhaven Head Coach Kevin Griffin. “We didn’t have a great fall. No one knew what to expect over the grind of a 62-game season. Because we came together as a team and went further than any other softball team in the history of Belhaven’s program.”



Baseball Wins Conference Championship The Belhaven baseball team put together an outstanding 2011 season leading to the most wins in school history. The Blazers completed the schedule with an overall record of 45-18 and for the third consecutive season made it to the championship game of the NAIA National Championship Opening Round tournament. Belhaven also enjoyed great success as a first year member of the Southern States Athletic Conference. The Blazers finished third in the SSAC West Division at 11-7 but heated up at the conference tournament and took home the SSAC Championship with a 4-1 record in tournament play.

“This was another great season for us and our program,” said Head Coach Hill Denson. “We were able to win the SSAC Championship in our first year in the league, which is a big accomplishment considering that it is arguably the toughest baseball conference in the NAIA. We also made the national championship opening round for the third straight season and we were close to making it back to the World Series for the second straight year.”

Women’s Basketball Wins Western Division

The Belhaven women’s basketball team reached new heights, secured the Southern States Athletic Conference West Division title, and made the school’s first ever appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. Belhaven also recorded a 24-9 record and set some new benchmarks when it came to individual and team school records.

As a team in 2010-11, Belhaven averaged 69.7 points per game and scored a total of 2,301 points. The point production ranks them second in school history for total points in a season and first in points per game. The Blazers also broke the school records for most rebounds in a season with 1,383 rebounds per game with an average of 41.9. Belhaven pulled down a total of 62 rebounds against Blue Mountain College on November 16th and 59 boards versus the University of New Orleans on December 1st. Those marks are good for second and third in the school record books respectively.



Men’s Basketball

The Belhaven men’s basketball team finished the 2010-11 season with an overall record of 16-15 and 6-6 in the Southern States Athletic Conference West Division, putting them in a third place tie in the division standings. The team had a number of high points throughout the season as the Blazers adjusted to their new surroundings in the SSAC.

As a team, Belhaven averaged 73.9 points and 39.6 rebounds per game this past season. The 39.6 rebounds per night is third most in school history and the 1,228 total rebounds the team grabbed is also good for third in the Belhaven record books. The Blazers also blocked nine shots in a game three different times this year which ties the all-time record.

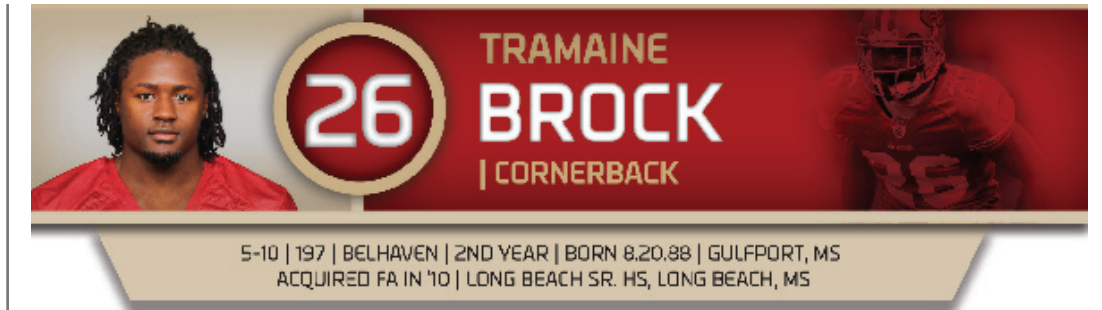


Tennis on National Stage

The Belhaven men’s and women’s tennis teams both jumped back onto the national stage in 2011 under Head Coach Levi Patton. The Belhaven women finished the campaign with an overall record of 14-3 and were ranked 25th in the final NAIA Top 25 Poll, just missing a spot in the national tournament. The Blazer men had a solid 13-3 record and received votes throughout the season in the NAIA Top 25 Poll.

“2010-2011 was a huge step in the right direction for the Belhaven Men’s and Women’s tennis program,” said Coach Patton. “The men’s team spent most of the season in the receiving vote’s category with a high ranking of #30 in the NAIA. This was the first time in over a decade that the men’s team received votes in the poll. The women’s team not only received votes for the first time in school history but ended the year in the top 25 with a high ranking of #24 in the NAIA,” adds Patton. “One of the highest honors that the Belhaven tennis program received was that of having eight NAIA Scholar Athletes. The men’s team had the most of any NAIA institution with five.”

“This year was the culmination of many hours of hard work and preparation,” commented Patton. “The tennis program is back and is again respected nationally. We have a goal of top 15 nationally next season on both the men’s and women’s side. We have many strong recruits coming in this fall from the US, Mexico, Colombia, and Germany that we think will take the program to the next level.”



Belhaven Alum Tramaine Brock Early Season NFL Interception Leader for San Francisco 49ers

Former Blazer defensive back, Tramaine Brock, earned a spot on the San Francisco 49ers 53-man roster. Brock’s hard work in a summer training camp at Belhaven impressed the 49ers coaching staff. “When you look at Brock,” said 49ers head coach Mike Singletary, “he’s a kid who comes to practice and every day gets a little better.”

In four games during the preseason, Brock had six total tackles as a defensive back/special teams player and came up with an interception against the San Diego Chargers late in the fourth quarter to secure a win for San Francisco in their final preseason game.

Tramaine Brock and Jacob Phillips, both former Blazers, were two of only three NAIA players that signed NFL contracts in 2010. “I’ll take any Tramaine Brock who wants to fall in my lap any day of the week,” Belhaven coach Joe Thrasher said. “He came in and he was just as humble as can be. He comes to work every day. He was a kid who was never late for practice, never missed a meeting, and was ‘Yes, sir,’ ‘No, sir.’ If something ever happened, I could say, ‘Tramaine,’ and he’d already know what he did wrong and correct it. He made my job easy.”

Of his performance during training camp Brock said, “I wasn’t thinking about my chances of making the team. I was just going out every day and competing. I just wanted to go out every day and get better and keep producing.” Brock is playing cornerback for the 49ers.

Brock is now in his second year in the NFL. He is thriving with the 49ers, and at the beginning of the season he was the NFL interception leader for the San Francisco 49ers.

Brock is from Gulfport, Mississippi and played high school football with the Long Beach Bearcats. Coming out of high school, he was a two star recruit according to Scout.Com and enrolled at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, helping the Bulldogs win a national championship his sophomore year. After community college, he spent a year at the University of Minnesota before transferring to Belhaven University for his senior season, where he had 6 interceptions for the Belhaven Blazers.



Blazer Marching Band, New Uniforms

At halftime of the opening football game a wave of green and gold paraded across the field as the Belhaven Blazer Marching Band proudly displayed their new uniforms for the first time.

Made possible by generous donations from alumni and friends, the unique uniforms were specially designed for the marching band.

In addition to new uniforms, the Belhaven Blazer Marching Band also welcomed Cory Gray as their new drum major. Paxton Girtmon, Associate Professor of Music and the Director of Bands, comments, “I have seen tremendous growth in Gray spiritually, professionally, and musically. Becoming Drum Major is just the first step of a long and productive musical career.”



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John and Beverly Brower...Extreme

While most people would struggle to finish a marathon, John ('04) and Beverly ('06) Brower run right past the finish line and take long distance running to the next level. John and Beverly are avid participants in Ultra Running. Ultra Running is any race or run that is longer than a marathon (26.2). The most common ultra distances range from 50 to 100 miles and more.

Both ran cross-country for the Blazers and met each other through the love of running and an introduction from Beverly's sister, Christie Barber, Belhaven's Cross-Country Coach.

Beverly said, "I ran for my sister, Christie Barber, and she coached me all the way to nationals in November of 2005. I loved running cross-country at Belhaven, and I still get out and run with the team just about every week!"

The Jackson Blues Marathon is one of their favorite local marathons, and they recently finished a 100-mile run in Huntsville, Texas called the Rocky Raccoon 100.

John earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and is currently working at Fleet Feet as a Sales Specialist and Beverly received her degree in Elementary Education and is a 2nd grade at First Presbyterian Day School.

60's | Yong Choon Kim '60 and his wife Joyce are enjoying retirement. This year, they were able to travel to Alaska, which included taking a flight tour of Mt. McKinley, spending a few days in Denali National park, and taking a Kenai Fjords cruise. Along with this journey enjoying God's creation, they plan this fall to visit Belhaven for the first time since 1960.

70's | Robert "Bob" Mahaffey '71 and Sue Grady Mahaffey '77 continue living in the mountains of North Carolina. Bob officially retired as of September, after 27 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators and 4 years of employment in NC. He is thankful that each step of the way, God has been overwhelmingly gracious and good, and is looking forward to how God will lead him in retirement. He keeps the home-fires burning as Sue works full time. Bob is also involved with the community Welcome Table based in their church.



Marcia Woodward Penn '71 along with her husband and Belhaven faculty member, Bill, and staff member Kookie Kim represented Belhaven during the Mississippi on the Mall event in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Richard Root '73 and Margaret Boudra Root '71 are the proud grandparents of Sophie Danserau, born in March.

John Boles '75 serves as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Camden in Alabama. He and his wife, Jan, have been married for 29 years and have two sons, David and Jeff. John is thankful to have a singular focus on the congregation at FPC Camden, following five years of simultaneous ministry as a pastor and full-time hospice chaplain. During this same time he has survived cancer and knee replacement.



Kathy Griffin Stewart '75 took part in a recent mission trip to Tanzania, where she was part of a team in Karansi and Arusha. During the trip, the team focused on teaching, playing with kids, visiting widows, and visiting HIV/AIDS patients.

Milton Blair Cash, III '76 is in his 13th season as the Sports Information Director at George Fox University in Oregon. In addition, he has been accepted as an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies department at GFU, and is teaching a one-semester Bible Survey course for incoming freshmen.

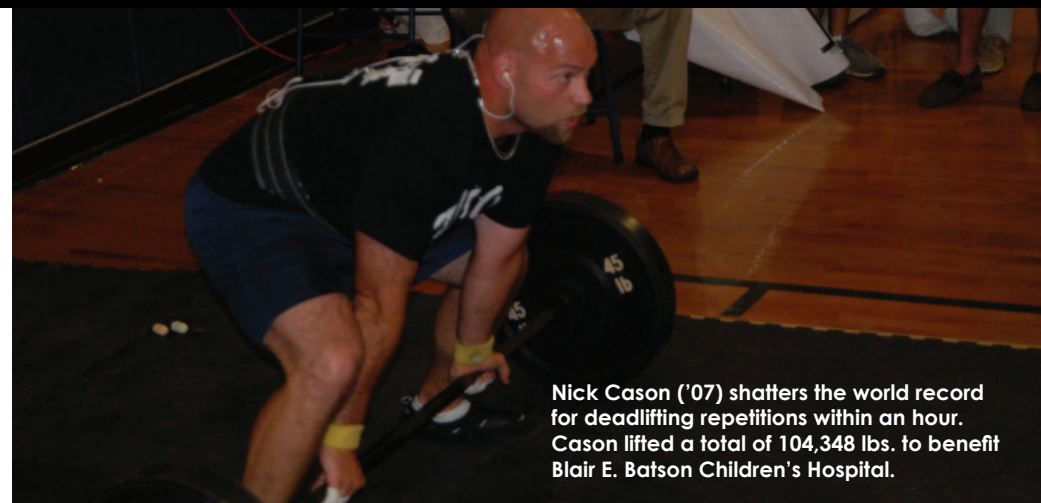
80's | Sandy Camp '85 currently resides in the metro Atlanta area. Due to some health issues in recent days, Sandy has had to limit his work schedule as a

staff counselor for a psychiatric hospital. He is still awaiting medical diagnosis of his health condition.

Bret Perry '87 has been successfully battling cancer since 2005, but has not let grass grow under his feet in the meantime. Working as a senior scientist at Pfizer Inc. Global Research and Development, he was honored with the Pfizer Achievement Award in 2009, the highest honor given by the company. He also coaches softball at Lyme/Old Lyme High School, and was honored as the 2010 Shoreline Conference Coach of the Year and 2010 Connecticut Class S State Softball Coach of the Year. This year, his wife Melissa and his two children Karin (Class of '07) and Kathryn, along with grandchildren Jaime, Kyleigh, and Cydnee, were on hand to watch him receive the 2011 First Pitch Award for his efforts leading to the success of East Lyme Little League. He is thankful for his education and professors at Belhaven, particularly Dr. Al Chestnut and Dr. Philip Kelly, as well as thankful to God and his parents for playing such a very important role in how he has lived his life.

90's | James Michael "Mickey" Finley '93 was married to Lindsay Elane Fite in Hawaii on March 26.

Steven Scott '93 has been named the new director of Palmer Home for Children Columbus campuses. Steven and his wife, Deborah, have spent the last six years with Mission to the



Nick Cason ('07) shatters the world record for deadlifting repetitions within an hour. Cason lifted a total of 104,348 lbs. to benefit Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital.

World, serving in the Philippines and Mexico as a team leader. Before that, Steven was an Admission Counselor at Belhaven for 10 years.

Charlie Knighton '94 has recently joined the executive sales team at Ross & Yerger Insurance Services. Charlie has more than 10 years experience in pharmaceutical sales and was the founder of Pinnacle Medical Solutions.

Kenneth Michael Bailey '97 has been appointed Vice-President of the Centene Corporation. Centene is a Fortune 500, NYSE company that provides managed healthcare services to the governmental market.

Dayton Castleman '97 and Karen Hamm Castleman '00 have been very active as Dayton's artwork and installations have been included in 20 group and solo shows at galleries, museums, and universities since January of 2010. The shows have taken place in Chicago, Louisville, New York, and Rotterdam, Netherlands. The two have also started developing dance works and have presented two of them as part of a showcase in Chicago. Karen is currently dancing for critically acclaimed Montreal, Canada based RudderbanDance Group and has toured with them all over the globe, including stints in Japan, Germany, and an upcoming project in Budapest, Hungary. Their six-year-old daughter Anna began first grade this fall.

Sarah Davis Benton '98 and her husband, Dr. Todd Benton, welcomed their fourth child, Olivia, into the world in April. Olivia joins older siblings Elise, Laine, and Cade.



Josh Dear '98 and his wife Karen were blessed with the birth of their first child, Luther Martin, on May 31. Luther's

name is a tribute to both Martin Luther, the great Reformer, and Dr. Joe Martin, Chair of the Biblical Studies department at Belhaven. Josh served as a Bible instructor for Belhaven's Online program prior to moving from Mississippi to Muskegon, Michigan. He currently serves as the Assistant Pastor at Lakeside Baptist Church. Josh has co-authored the second (forthcoming) book by Dr. Dolphus Weary and is writing a history of Lakeside Baptist Church as part of the celebration of the church's 130th anniversary this year.

Michael Dukes '98 and Christina Graybeal Dukes '98 are thankful for the successful spinal surgery for their youngest son, Hudson, to repair a "tethered cord" in June. Hudson is almost 10 months old and taking 14-15 steps.



James Kyker '98 and Judy Kay Babbington Kyker '99 welcomed their sixth child, son Elias Augustine, to the family in April. Elias joins big brothers and sister Travis, Sam, Caroline, Ben, and Jack.

Abi Lavalley Lowther '98 and her husband, Roger, continue to serve as Mission to the World missionaries at Grace City Church in the Tsukishima, Japan community. The couple has been instrumental in the organization of disaster relief efforts following the area's deadly earthquake and tsunami that hit their region in March.

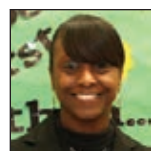


100 Legacies Keeps Growing

Mark ('77) and Shirley Windham are the latest members to join the 100 Legacies of Belhaven Campaign which brings the total number of planned gifts to 45. As the campaign continues to educate Belhaven alumni and friends about the wonderful ways that individuals can bless Belhaven through planned estate gifts, we are excited about moving the needle closer toward the goal of 100.

Mark Windham shared, "Shirley and I care so deeply about the mission and vision of Belhaven, making a bequest to Belhaven was a perfect way for us to demonstrate our passion. We encourage all Belhaven Alums to consider a special gift."

For more information, please contact Larry Mills at 601-968-8738 or by e-mail at 100legacies@belhaven.edu.



Leah McCullum, teacher of the year

Leah McCullum ('06), a teacher at Laurel Middle School and Belhaven University graduate, was named Laurel School District's Teacher of the Year.

McCullum teaches sixth grade reading and writing, and she was also named assistant principle for the sixth grade. She has six years of teaching experience and has taught grades sixth, seventh and eighth.

McCullum received her master's at Belhaven University by completing Belhaven's MAT program. Each district's winner was awarded a plaque and monetary gift then honored by the State Department of Education. At the end of the year all district winners were then considered for the State Teacher of the Year Award.



Hardy Named GHS Head Coach

The new Germantown High School in Madison County snatched up the athletic expertise of Belhaven alumnus Brian Hardy ('00) for their baseball team. Hardy earned his degree in Elementary Education and pitched for the Blazers in 1999 and 2000.

"After organizing his team, Coach Hardy led our baseball team to their first victory during a game in the summer season against Jackson Academy," said Coach Timothy Shramek, Athletic Director of Germantown High School. Shramek adds, "He is the best guy for the job and we are very blessed to have him. Coach Hardy has moved his way up to head coach and has been working hard with our guys from the minute he got here.



Sarah Jones

Russ and Jones, music distinctions

Two Belhaven University alumni sharpened their musical skills and made notable accomplishments in their careers and education. Megan Russ ('09) and Sarah Jones ('10) were both music majors under the care of the Belhaven University Music Department.



Megan Russ

Russ completed her graduate Diploma in music at the University of Leeds located in the UK, and received the distinction of having the highest grade in her class. She has recently been accepted into a graduate Musicology program at the University of Leeds and won the Herbert Thompson International Scholarship.

Russ continues to play and specialize in baroque violin and is taking additional lessons from Judy Tarling, one of the pioneers of the baroque technique. Russ also plans to play with the Leeds Baroque Orchestra and other concerts with the Leeds Haydn Players and Ad Hoc Baroque.

Jones is an accomplished recent graduate from Belhaven and was accepted into the University of Louisiana in Lafayette and will be a performance major with a focus in accompaniment. She also received an internship along with a stipend award of \$7500 per year.

During the internship, Jones will have the opportunity to help with theory tutoring, team-teaching class piano, and teaching music appreciation.

Dr. Katina "Tina" Seymour Williamson '99 has recently been chosen by the Mississippi Business Journal as a member of their *Top 40 Under 40* for 2011.

00's | Robin Harris Kroos '01 received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in May.

Danielle Marie McCollum '03 received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in May.

Colin McElroy '03 has joined the Sports Broadcast team at KSLA 12 in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is an integral part of the anchor team for the station.

Valerie Pope Nicholson '03 is a newly appointed InterVarsity staff member on the Mississippi College campus, where she is working with RUF and BSU students who wish to work with international students at MC.

Chad Scott '03 began his service as Belhaven Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship this summer.

Patty Williams Carr '04 continues to serve as Director of Youth Ministry at her church in Jackson. She has also initiated a ministry in the West Jackson community that includes Bible class twice a week for students, as well as teaching them to speak, write, and present.

Rebecca Root Danserau '04 and her husband, Christopher, are pleased to announce the birth of their first daughter, Sophie, on March 29. Sophie was 8 lbs 3 oz and 21.75 inches long. The family resides in Madison, where Rebecca works at a local CPA firm.

Fyralance Rena Johnson '04 has been promoted to Assistant Vice President at Trustmark National Bank. She is the retail performance measurement analyst and responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining the performance measurement functions.

Nan Peyton McNatt '04 and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their first child, Opal Rose, on March 27.

Brad Shaw '04 and Allison Gatlin Shaw '05 currently reside in Jackson. Brad was the recent recipient of the Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Robert E. Hauberg Award, given to a student with

the highest average in Constitutional Law. In addition, he received the Health Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Award, given to a student who has excelled academically and shown promise in the area of health law.

Michelle Gundy Smith '04 and husband, Brian, welcomed Lily Claire Smith into the world in March. Lily Claire joins siblings Jackson and Jude.

Sharkeshia Braddy '05 and husband, Eddie, Jr., welcomed a baby boy, Eddie III (Trey), on June 3. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Tessa Taylor Horn '05 and husband, George, were blessed with their first child, George Braxton, on February 4. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Tessa is a teacher for the Kosciusko School District.

Diana Allgaier Scarborough '05 and husband, Jonathan, recently celebrated their son Aiden James' second birthday. Diana has been working for BOMGAR Corporation, based in Ridgeland, for the past two years.

Dinah Williams '05 has been named Administrator of Choctaw Residential Center, becoming the first Choctaw to be an Administrator of a long term care facility licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Justin Pierce '06 and his wife celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Justina Marie, on September 16.

Paul Babba '07 and Laura Kochon Babba '08 moved this summer to Cleveland, Mississippi, where Paul accepted the Head Women's Soccer Coach position at Delta State University. The couple has two sons, Noah and Micah.

Matthew Bainton '07 and Erin Wilkinson Bainton '07 welcomed their first child, Truett Micah, in September. Earlier this year, Matt was hired at Erwin-Penland Advertising as a front-end developer, turning creative web designs into functioning websites. Before this, Matt ran his own development company, In Like A Lion.



Gloria Miller '07 (above left) was recognized and honored by the Mississippi State Senate and Governor Elect Phil Bryant for her outstanding work with the HEADWAE program (Higher Education Day - Working for Academic Excellence) during the program's luncheon.

Charles Levi "C.L." Pearce '07 was blessed with his second daughter, Selah Pearce, in February. C.L. and his wife Kirsten are living in India, serving as businessmen and women for kingdom purposes.

Kathryn Hart '08 received her Master's in Sports Management from Springfield College (MA) in 2010. She has served as Head Women's Volleyball Coach at East Nazarene College in Quincy, MA, since July of 2010.

Bonnie Grubbs '08 is a founding teacher at Achievement First Endeavor Elementary School, a new charter school in Brooklyn, New York. She is part of a faculty striving to narrow the achievement gap between the country's urban and minority students and their suburban counterparts.

Ralph T. Willis, Jr. '08 received the Sue Riggan Millette Scholarship from Mississippi College School of Law at their annual Law Day ceremony. The scholarship is given to provide assistance to a deserving young, married law student.

Laura Huddleston '09 was the recipient of the Rankin County Bar Scholarship Award from Mississippi College School of Law during its annual Law Day ceremony.

10's | Michael Pickering '10 has been appointed to account executive in the Jackson division for Telephone Electronics Corporation (TEC). Michael has more than five years experience in the wireless communications industry.

Jared Weninger '10 and Madison Rose Weninger '10 were married on May 28. Jared has been appointed as Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church of Pascagoula.

IN MEMORIAM

Melissa Brownlee Cutliff '29 passed away July 28 in Amory, Mississippi.

Marion Mounger '35 passed away on June 30 in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

Dessie Anderson Caulfield '38 passed away on March 28 in Water Valley, Mississippi.

Ruth Savage Byars '44 passed away on April 15 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Selby Stafford Hubbard '44 passed away on March 22 in Bloomington, Illinois.

Ruth McVey Hutchens '44 passed away on January 2 in Centerville, Tennessee.

Emily McKinney Butler '47 passed away on July 29 in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mildred Beattie Gateley '49 passed away on August 1 in Grady, Arkansas.

Lurlene Rainey Koonce '49 passed away on September 14 in Jena, Louisiana.

Gay Thomas Russell '49 passed away on January 12 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Nan Van Matre Shafer '52 passed away on August 25 in Olney, Illinois.

Julia Crittenden '57 passed away on April 15 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Rosemary Love Alinder '59 passed away on March 24 in Slatton, Mississippi.

Charles Wilson '67 passed away on January 29 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Karen Haas Smith '84 passed away on June 10 in Chestnut Mountain, Georgia.

William Lovett '85 passed away on March 2 in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

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EMERGENCY MESSAGE TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am writing to you today to share with you the most important news of the year. It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that Belhaven University has been named one of the top 100 Christian universities in the United States for the 11th year.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students. It is a reflection of the quality of our education and the values we stand for. We are proud to be recognized as a leading institution in our field.

1. Through our commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship, we have earned this honor.
2. Through our commitment to service and social justice, we have made a positive impact on the world.
3. Through our commitment to faith and community, we have built a strong foundation for our future.

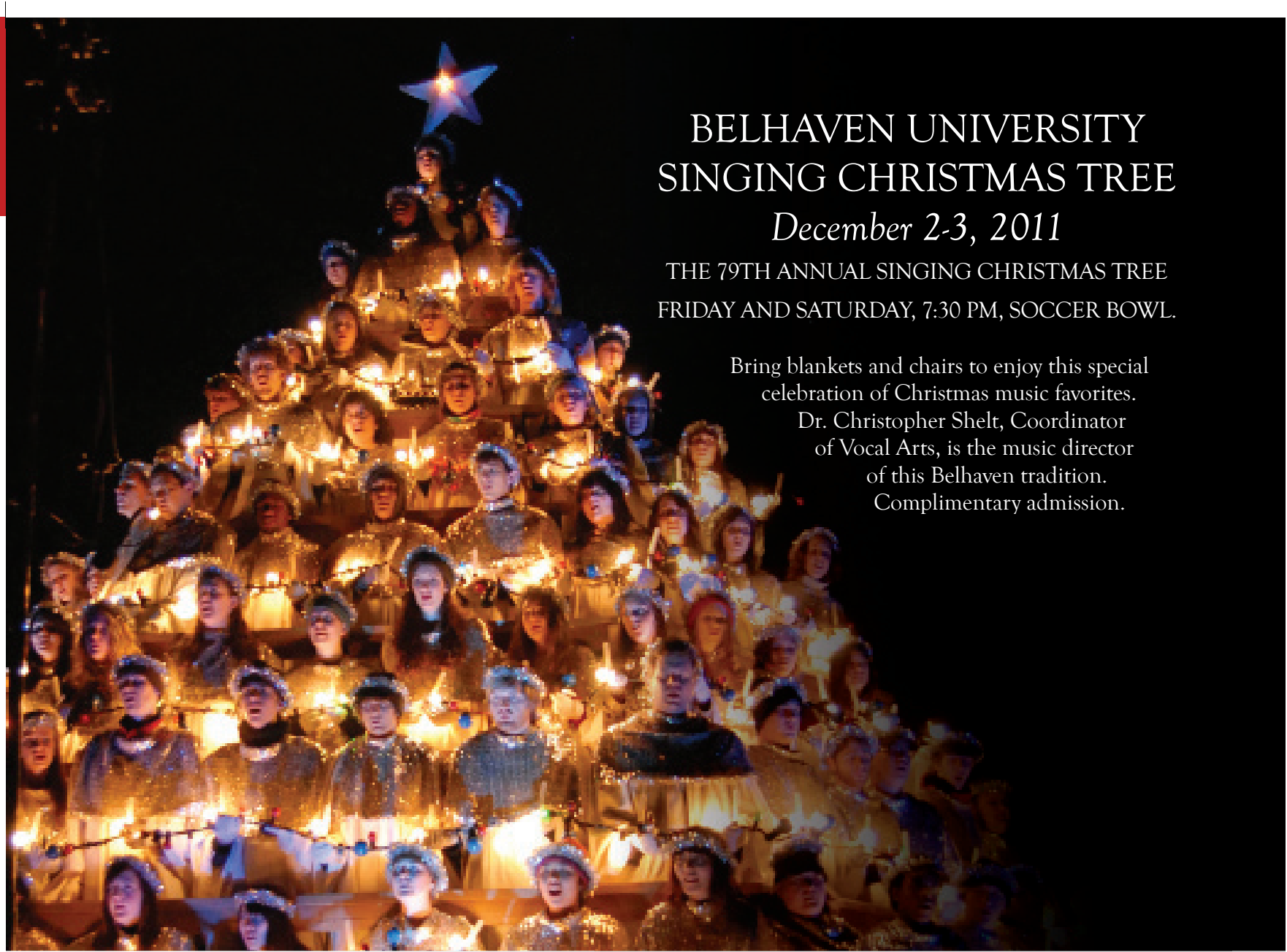
As we look ahead to the future, we are confident that we will continue to grow and thrive. We are committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares our students for the challenges of the 21st century. We are also committed to being a part of the solution to the world's most pressing problems.



I am grateful for your continued support and loyalty. We are proud to be a part of your lives and to have you as a part of our community. We look forward to seeing you again soon.



The year has been a remarkable one for Belhaven University. We have achieved many milestones and set new records. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and the dedication of our faculty and staff. We are also grateful for the support of our alumni and friends. We look forward to a bright and successful future for Belhaven University.



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Write us your favorite story from Fitchugh Hall. It could be a simple moment or a life-changing event. We want to hear from you. Send your story to: Belhaven University, 1500 Peachtree Street, Box 158, Jackson, MS 39202. We will be in touch with you soon.

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