

FBC News



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Trick Your Trunk

FAMILY FRIENDLY FESTIVE FUN!

Sunday, October 30 from 4:00 - 6:00PM
GAMES ♦ SNACKS ♦ FUN!

**Come join us for the Trick-Your-Trunk event on Sunday,
October 30th in the church parking lot.**

**If you would like to reserve a parking space to "trick your trunk", please
contact Erin Silver at 540-373-4402 or by emailing
Erin@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org .**

**We will have games, snacks, and lots of fun, so get dressed up
and make plans to attend!**

Looking Ahead

Saturday, October 15

Minister on Call-Ann Marlow 786-6063
7:30pm Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 16

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Deacon's Meeting
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture
4:45pm PraiSong
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:00pm Preschoolers/Children Activities
6:00pm Genesis Ringers

Monday, October 17

10:00am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

10:00am ESL Classes
1:30pm Revelation Ringers
7:00pm Stewardship Development Workgroup Meeting

Wednesday, October 19

5:20pm Church Family Dinner
6:00pm Media Center Opens
6:00pm PS/Children/Youth Activities
6:00pm Citizenship Class
6:10pm Prayer Meeting
6:15pm Stephen Ministry
6:25pm Adult Study
6:35pm First Light
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 20

9:15am Worship Planning
10:00am ESL Classes
4:00pm International Choir
5:00pm Community Dinner

Friday, October 21

Saturday, October 22

Minister on Call-Mike Patch 720-3100
5:45pm Youth to Belvedere Farm

Sunday, October 23

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture
4:00pm FABN Annual Meeting
6:00pm Genesis Ringers



The Fall Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:15pm in Ferrell Hall.

Responsibilities for October 16

Extended Session

8:30am Service

Contact Person:

Erin Silver 809-1303

Infant Care (PA14):

Patrick & Elena Ingram

Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Cassie & Randy Hart

11:00am Service

Contact Person:

Donna Morris 898-6479

Bed Babies:

Ellen Mayo, Jan Pierson Graebner

Toddlers :

Aaron & Tara Lehmann

2s:

Allen Bennett, Anne Nuckols

3s & 4s:

Adam & Norah Pence, Janice Ashley

Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St: Jerry & Vicki Silver

Hallway outside Chapel: Mike Wondree

Sanctuary Door: Joe & Pat DiCecca

Caroline Street: Harris & Dottie Judy

Children's Area: Bea Wondree

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

Bus Drivers

8:30am

Basu Mudhel

9:45am

Dean Goff, Dewey Lowman,

Jimmy McGlone

Ushers

8:30am

Ray Bishop, John Snellings,

David & Nancy Holsinger

11:00am

John Garnett, IV, Nzeyimana Jackson,

Kim Madison, Jean Claude Sinzotuma,

Jim Wiltshire, Joe Alexander

Deacons

8:30am

John Nastelli, Karen Nastelli,

Ed Monroe, Angie Monroe

Phil Short (W&B)

Suzanne Short (W&B)

11:00am

Allen Bennett, Marion Blair,

Ben Clark, Janis Clark,

Burnie Parker, Rick Fultz,

Steve Gallahan, Jackie Haney

John Fick (W&B),

John Garnett (W&B)

Audio Operators

8:30am Ralph Stewart

11:00am Joe DiCecca

Among Our Family

In The Hospital

MWH: Marguerite "Ross" Mitchell;
Arnita Graham

New Members

By Statement: Dave Ellefson

Special Gifts

In Memory of

Ministry Memorial Fund for **Earl Broyles**, given by Pat Berry...for **William "Sonny" Frank**, given by Pat Berry...for **R.C. Lee**, given by Pat Berry; Jane Sthresley...for **Alice Gray Newcomb**, given by Pat Berry; Emily Parry...for **Madeline Skinner**, given by Pat Berry

BUOH for **R. C. Lee**, given by Sam & Laura Smart...for **Alice Gray Newcomb**, given by Person, McRae, Hudgins Circle; Donna Aldredge

Capital Campaign for **Alice Gray Newcomb**, given by Jim & Bettie Wiltshire

Hospitality Ministry for **Madeline Skinner**, given by New Life Class...for **James Wedding**, given by Caverlee/Perry Class

In Honor of

BUOH for **Gene & Shirley Barlow**, given by Mildred Powell

Capital Campaign for **Church Staff**, given by Mildred Powell

Thursday Night Meal for **Janice Clark**, given by Jim & Bettie Wiltshire

All Men are Invited...

...to attend the men's prayer breakfast on this Saturday morning, the 15th.

The breakfast will be held in Ferrell Hall beginning at 7:30am.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu for October 19

Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, seasoned potato wedges, coleslaw, tossed salad, fruit, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, onions, PB&J sandwiches and dessert

BTSR To Celebrate Its 20th Anniversary

By Jennifer Law

RICHMOND, Va. -- "It will be a night to remember," said Ron Crawford, president of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. On Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm, BTSR will host its 20th anniversary celebration dinner at First Baptist Church in Richmond. Supporters and friends will come together for an evening of sharing stories, laughs and hope as the seminary looks toward progress in the days and years ahead. "The event will be a mixture of old and new," said Crawford. "An early graduate and a current student will speak. We will celebrate the past and the future."

A highlight will be an update on "Opening the Door to the Future: Our One Million Dollar Challenge." Five donors initiated the campaign, which will match any new gifts to the seminary up to \$500,000 during the next year. "We are making very good progress as we have only \$350,000 remaining to be matched," said Crawford.

The dinner event is part of a much larger, two-and-a-half year celebration which has been going on since March 2009, when current and former faculty, staff and students gathered for a banquet to commemorate the March 1989 decision to create the seminary. The dinner commemorates the 20th anniversary of the first classes which met in the fall of 1991. Since the founding vote of its innovators in Greenville, S.C., BTSR has grown in size and reputation through a focus on its distinctiveness as a freestanding Baptist seminary with an emphasis on preparing women and men to be ministers.

"I chose to attend BTSR because it's a seminary specifically geared toward training ministers for the

church," said Dan Schumacher, class of 2012. "They do this by incorporating elements of spirituality and practical application without denying rigorous academic training. You're a student not just of the textbook, but of the life and movement of the church. That's why I chose BTSR."



For 20 years, BTSR has been preparing its students to serve Christ using a balanced approach of excellence in academics and hands-on ministry. It remains dedicated to the principles of excellence in scholarship and spiritual growth, stressing classical theological disciplines while pursuing new avenues of education, commitment to its Baptist heritage with an ecumenical and global perspective, and commitment to gender and racial inclusion among its faculty, staff and students.

The school's dedication to these principles -- guided by the leadership of Tom Graves, its first president, and continued since 2008 by Crawford -- has attracted many students from the United States and around the world who want something different from their

seminary education.

From the original 32 students who enrolled when classes began in 1991, the student body has grown to over 140 degree-seeking students. The smaller size and personal connection between professors and students is of great importance to those who choose to attend. Students like the expansive network of learning experiences BTSR offers in cooperation with Union Theological Seminary, the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and the dual degree programs with Virginia Commonwealth University. Prospective students are also drawn to the required Mission Immersion Experience (MIE), through which they gain a global perspective by immersing themselves in an unfamiliar culture guided by Christian leaders worldwide.

As of May 2011, BTSR has 609 graduates serving all around the world in local congregations, social service agencies, educational institutions, chaplaincies and on the mission field.

Those whose lives have been touched by BTSR -- whether as teachers or students, or those who have been ministered to by them -- are too numerous to count. But more importantly than celebrating the past, friends of BTSR will join together as they look to the future -- to the yet untold stories, the minds and skills that have yet to be stretched and developed, and the lives that still need to be touched and transformed.

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Reflections on *Les Miserable*

By Susan Graham

When we signed up to go to the Kennedy Center with a group from the church, I was really just planning on a nice evening and good fellowship. The companionship was warm, the food was good, and before the show began we had a special treat. Three young people from the Fredericksburg area were performing as finalists in the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club Talent Show. We were surprised to find Toni Crowder there, but not surprised that she

was the voice coach of Temple Hammen, who took first place in the competition singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" has always struck me as a rather melancholy song—that youthful longing for a dream world without hardship and disappointment because it is always just beyond reach. "Birds fly over the rainbow, why, oh why can't I?" was still running through my head as we settled into our seats for *Les Miserables*.

It had been eighteen years since I had seen *Les Miserables* on Broadway and I was looking forward to the music and the spectacle of the show. But this time, the experience was different, instead of the characters bringing the music to me, it seemed more like the music was carrying me deeper into the characters and their moral and spiritual struggles. "Can you hear the people sing—singing the song of angry men?" Set on the eve of the French Revolution, the play takes place in a world that is being torn apart by the vicious cycle of greed, vice, injustice, and indifference. In the play a young girl sings, "Life has killed the dream in me." But the circumstances of broken dreams only frame this story. The real story of *Les Miserables*. It is a story of forgiveness, of grace, of mercy, and of redemption. It is, above all else, a story of God's unconditional love. It is a story of how God makes us whole and gives us the opportunity to share His love with others, and in the process to discover that "To love another person is to touch the face of God."



Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. *Cost is \$1 per person. Sign-up in the Welcome Center!*

As you sign up we invite you to put your name on a leaf (name-tag), and we hope the festival will offer you the opportunity to get to know many names that you may not otherwise know. In addition to sharing our evening meal, there will be hayrides and we will gather around a fire and sing some songs together (you may want to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for your family to sit on)! Whether you sing or not, come be a part of the festivities!

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items to put into Thanksgiving baskets for those in need, and we welcome you to bring items for this cause. Items especially requested include: stuffing mix, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie filling, canned sweet potatoes, or your favorite holiday food!

Our 2011 Financial Stewardship

Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,649
Sunday, October 9	\$28,565
Y-T-D Total	\$922,229
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$170,372

BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$4,808
Sunday, October 9	\$9,248
Y-T-D Total	\$142,337
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$54,791

Our Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, October 9	424
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