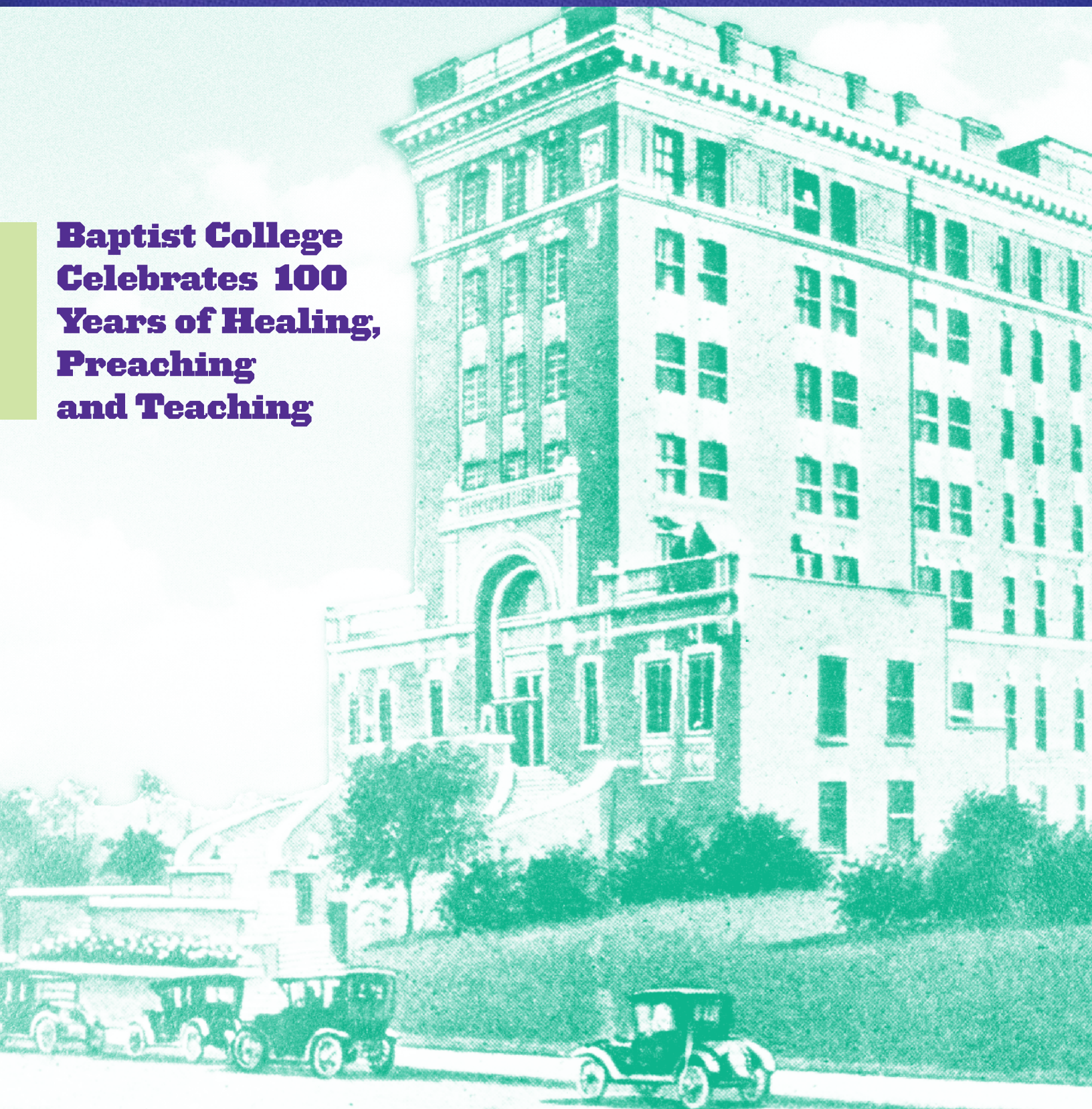


Alumni News

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**Baptist College
Celebrates 100
Years of Healing,
Preaching
and Teaching**



President's Corner



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to each of you! As an alum, you are part of a 100 year legacy of caring service and education grounded in Baptist's mission of emulating the three-fold ministry of Christ through healing, preaching and teaching. Baptist Memorial Hospital and the original training school for nurses opened on July 20, 1912.

The idea for the hospital actually took shape in 1906 during an all-day picnic at Central Avenue Baptist Church, where the young Shelby County Baptist Association met. The idea was generated by Rev. H. P. Hurt, the pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, who pointed out the need for an additional general hospital in the growing community.

As often is the case when an idea is proposed, a committee was appointed to investigate. I am certain the task seemed daunting at times, and I admire their perseverance and enthusiasm for shepherding the idea into reality. I wonder if anyone on that committee had dreams of what the vision could become someday – care to millions of patients and more than 7,000 alumni from the different educational programs. I am grateful to those initial visionaries for their work and determination.

It has been a joy to review the historical pictures and archives in preparing for this once in a lifetime celebration. I wish I had the space to share with you all of the wonderful stories I have read and heard, but I want to highlight

one of our first graduates from the class of 1915.

The nurse training school opened in 1912 with 24 students; 16 of them made up the first graduating class in 1915. One of those first graduates was Miss Lydia (Elise) Smith. I found her story in an April 1970 issue of *Baptiscope*. After graduation in 1915, Smith worked as a private duty nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Around 1939, when polio was in epidemic stages in Mississippi, the State Health Office appointed her to be in charge of preparations for the epidemic. To prepare for her assignment, she studied polio in Minnesota under Sister Kinney, famous for her work with polio. After her work with the epidemic, Smith was placed in charge of the Mississippi Crippled Children's Service.

In 1917, Smith served overseas during World War I as an army nurse. She was stationed in France and based at the headquarters of General John J. Pershing. Another nurse in her unit was Myrtle Archer, the first director of nursing service at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

After the war, Smith served as the first



superintendent of nurses at a local hospital, and then later went to Clarksdale, Miss., where she accomplished another first by helping to open the city's first hospital.

What a difference she made in her nursing career! Her story exemplifies the qualities of service, leadership, innovation and courage – all of the qualities we want a Baptist graduate to have. Sharing stories like Smith's are important for us, as well as the next generation. I hope you will join us the first weekend in June as we celebrate your stories and your accomplishments through careers of service.

We have planned some wonderful events for the Centennial Alumni Reunion weekend. Invitations will be coming soon. Remember, we only get the privilege of celebrating a centennial once in a lifetime, so I hope you plan to attend all of the events, beginning with the play, "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," on Thursday, May 31, at Playhouse on the Square. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm Regards,

Betty Sue McGarvey

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- President

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ON THE COVER: Baptist Memorial Hospital and the School of Nursing first opened on July 20, 1912.



BAPTIST COLLEGE
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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College Celebrates 100 Years of Education with Luncheon



BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES celebrated its first Centennial event on Friday, Dec. 2, on campus with more than 150 attendees. Guests included faculty, staff, Baptist leadership, student leaders of various campus organizations, the alumni board of directors and members of the college. The luncheon was the first of a series of events that will occur during 2012

to celebrate, reflect and honor the many people whose vision, leadership and talent brought the school to where it is are today.

The luncheon was hosted by College President Betty Sue McGarvey who said during the course of the Centennial celebration, there will be an opportunity to tell many wonderful stories about the school's past and present.

"We have a story that is worth telling and sharing not only with our faculty, staff and alumni, but to the community as well," she said.

McGarvey welcomed the special speakers, which included Stephen Reynolds, president and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care; Beverly Jordan, chief nursing officer for Baptist and an alumna of Baptist School of Nursing; Anita Vaughn, administrator for Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women and an alum-

na of BSON; Denese Shumaker, alumna of BSON and former Baptist College executive director; Kathy Hunt, program chair of nuclear medicine technology; and Mary Jo Ohrberg, assistant professor of medical radiography.

Each speaker gave heartfelt thanks to the foresight and contributions of many Baptist employees who have made an impact on the lives of patients and played a role in the organization being recognized as a leader in health care in the United States.

Six current students modeled some of the nursing uniforms from different time periods. This was quite a hit with the audience.

Guests were given a Christmas ornament with the Baptist College Centennial logo and the College seal as well as a 2012 calendar containing photographs from the past.

Nursing School Memories

by BONNIE ROBERTS CASE

FEBRUARY 1947 WAS THE BEGINNING of a long road to a successful career in nursing. I finished high school at age 17 and had no idea what I wanted to do. My parents suggested I go to secretarial school. I spent a year doing that, got a job and was very dissatisfied with my situation. One day, I saw a poster of two young ladies in military uniforms encouraging young women to enter nursing

school. That is when I knew what I wanted to do.

My mother took me to the Baptist School of Nursing, and we met with the director of nursing. She explained what we needed to do and also informed us about TAF Cadet Nurse Corp. She gave me a two-hour written test, checked it and told me I was accepted. My dad was really pleased that I was going to nursing school, and he wasn't going to have to pay for it. They assured my parents that I would be well cared for, which I discovered later meant a lot of rules and curfews! If you broke a rule, you received demerits, and when you got five demerits, you were "campused" for a week. You could go only to the dining room, class and work. You were required to check out and back in with the matron on duty. We had one day off a week and two weeks' vacation during the summer.

We had a very good teaching staff and a lot of good head nurses. They taught us well and gave us a high level of self-esteem. We took classes at the Memphis State College, which is now the University of Memphis, and we had to ride the street car which took about 30 minutes. We had many classes in the dorm but had to wear our complete uniform. There was a strict dress code when we wore street clothes - skirts or dresses and hose. No pants were allowed, but we could wear shorts if we were going to play tennis. There was one tennis racquet in the whole dorm, and it got passed around a lot.

I graduated in the spring of 1947 in a class of 21. We had a close bond of friendship, and always kept in touch through cards, phone calls, alumni meetings and reunions. There are now



seven of us left.

My three years at Baptist served me very well, and I am glad I did not have to be a secretary the rest of my life. If someone says to me, "you used to be a nurse, didn't you," I respond with "once a nurse, always a nurse."

With gratitude to God, my family and Baptist, I have lived a happy and fulfilled life. My husband and I raised four children in Memphis, and my granddaughter is also a graduate of the College.

ABOVE: Bonnie Case with her granddaughter, Bethanny Bohannon Logan, a medical radiography graduate of Baptist College.



Remembering When

by TRACY CRUMP,
Class of 1976

SINCE MY FATHER, Terry Kirk, was the medical photographer at Baptist for 29 years, I more or less grew up at the hospital. So it came as no surprise that I chose Baptist School of Nursing when, in the fifth grade, I decided to become a nurse. After graduation, I worked four and a half years in intensive care at Baptist Medical Center before choosing to stay home to raise children. The Lord led me to home school and later to become a writer. Two of the earliest pieces I published were stories about my days in nursing in a "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book. It was like coming back full circle. Though I never went back to nursing, I will always be a nurse.

ABOVE: Tracy Kirk Crump, left, had writing featured in "Chicken Soup for the Soul." In her pieces, she wrote about her experiences as an intensive care nurse.

First in Line for Exciting Career

by ILENE DAY

I BECAME INTERESTED IN SCIENCE when I was in the seventh grade. I had heard a little about medical technology in the laboratory at the hospitals. After checking into it and completing my pre-requisite college courses, I chose to complete my training at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. The hospital training consisted of 12 consecutive months in the laboratory, beginning in

September of 1951. I was the only student at the time. I think they were experimenting with me to see if I did good or bad. If I did good, it would be okay to recruit more students. I graduated in 1952. I had to take the National Board of Registry and became registered with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

The medical profession is forever doing research and continually improving. I have seen many advances through the years. For example, when I began training, we were doing pregnancy testing on a rabbit. We would inject the rabbit with urine or serum from the patient and run the test. We later began injections on a frog. From the frog to a simple slide test. All manual chemistry and hematology procedures advanced to a machine, where all we had to do was push a button and the results were auto-

matically calculated and printed out.

I have been retired for a few years now, but I am sure there have been even more advances since my time.

At one time, all of the hospitals in Memphis offered medical technology training, but many have discontinued the program. The only school to offer the training in the area is the University of Tennessee, and there is a limit to the number of students they can accept each year. To my knowledge, there has always been a shortage of qualified medical technologists.

I am happy to say that a new medical technology program will be offered at Baptist College of Health Sciences in the fall of 2012. Upon graduation, the former technologist will be called a medical laboratory scientist.

Calling All Nightingales

AS WE GEAR UP TO CELEBRATE 100 years of healing, preaching and teaching, we would love to have a group of Nightingales sing at one of the reunion events on Friday, June 1, or Saturday, June 2. If you would like to be a part of "The Nightingales Return," please contact the alumni office by calling 901-572-2853; e-mailing alumni@bchs.edu; or regular mail: BCHS, 1003 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104 to the attention of the alumni office.

Talk with your classmates and we can make arrangements for a rehearsal in April or May.



Proposal on the Dorm Steps

by ROBERT A. SHAVER,
LCDR USN (Ret)

MY WIFE, RUTH HEUSER SHAVER, is a graduate from your fine school, class of 1960. When I saw the photo of the dorm steps on the back cover of the summer issue of the Alumni News, I was flooded with memories.

I was a Naval Aviation cadet going through flight training at the Naval Air Station at Millington during the summer of 1959. I was asked by my roommate if I could go on a blind date with a student nurse from town. It was innocent enough, as we were going on a picnic to Shelby Forest. We were married the next summer after graduation, and yes, I asked her to marry me on our third date; she scared me to death when she said "yes." That was 51 years ago. I whisked her away to Argentia, Newfoundland on my first duty assignment. She was a wonderful Navy wife for 22 years, and we have three grown daughters.

I gave her a kiss goodnight on those steps and she was very fearful that the dorm mother would see and she would get in trouble. We were not seen, I guess, as she did not get "demerits." Times were different then. Just look at those uniforms.

Editor's note: Mr. and Mrs. Shaver live in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

Cadet Nurse Recalls Eye-Opening Experiences

by LUDINE RICKMAN CARLISLE



IN THE SPRING OF 1943, when World War II was raging, I graduated from high school in the small town of Shiloh, Tenn. Everyone was caught up in the war effort and, as if in answer to my prayer, a salesman came by and sold my dad a contract for me to train as a riveter for Fisher Aircraft Co. in Memphis. He found me a room in a big boarding house across the street from Baptist Memorial Hospital. I worked for only seven months when the call for

registered nurses went out because so many nurses were being sent overseas to war. The government established the Cadet Nurse Corps and M.A. Payne, the operator of the boarding house, encouraged me to sign up for the Baptist program.

I entered the cadet nurse program on Feb. 1, 1944, and I received three of the most memorable years of my life where I learned the meaning of care and compassion for the sick and disabled.

Our class of 22 students was blessed to have Ruth Ford, a foreign missionary to China, for our nursing arts instructor. The Japanese had just released her as an exchange prisoner of war. She kept us inspired with her stories of heroism and was a sounding board for our frustrations.

The cadet nurses were the first to go to University of Memphis for some of our classes, and we were the first to get two full days off. We had instructors, head nurses, supervi-

sors, nurse-quarters matrons and Chief Nurse Archer to mold fresh high school graduates into professional nurses. The doctors also were great teachers of respect, procedures and techniques. Sometimes they made us cry. Ms. Turner, supervisor of major surgery, taught us humility by having us scrub operating rooms when we were not busy.

We also had great spiritual guidance while we were in training. We were required to attend chapel every Monday evening for six months, and many continued afterward. Daily chapel was held at 6:15 a.m., and we were expected to be fully dressed and ready for breakfast and duty at 7 a.m. Most students attended church at First Baptist with Dr. Paul Caudal or Bellevue with Dr. Robert G. Lee.

We had a great student counselor, Mary, who was available anytime. On admission we pledged not to drink, smoke or use profanity. We were warned about the "Hob Nob," a little cafe down the street, and we could hear the



jukebox when we walked by going to church at Bellevue.

We worked very hard, we shook our thermometers down, boiled our needles, made our own central supply glucose solution and autoclaved everything. Penicillin was discovered while we were there, and we guarded it like gold. We delivered excellent therapeutic and compassionate care. Many student nurses took care of patients and the floor.

When we graduated on Feb. 1, 1947, we did not have a degree, but rather a registered nurses certificate. We all had an enduring commitment and desire to help our sick and disabled return to the optimal health status that God intended.

Two weeks after graduation on Feb. 16, 1947, Annabel Ransom (Taylor now) and I started our careers at Kennedy VAH in Memphis, which had recently been converted from an Army hospital. We felt ready to tackle any assignment or mount any obstacle, but soon learned that nursing is a life-long learning process. We did have Baptist's strong foundation and God's guidance.

We requested psychiatry because we felt that we needed more experience in that field, and we were amazed at some of the treatments. On 28A, a locked ward, electro-convulsive

TOP LEFT: Ludine Carlisle, Rheba Bethune (deceased), Bonnie Case and Annabel Taylor.

TOP RIGHT: Ludine Rickman Carlisle's student photo

Persistence Pays Off

by ANNABEL RANSOM TAYLOR, Class of 1947

I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL when I was 16. I always wanted to be a nurse but wasn't old enough at the time, so I went to Little Rock, Ark., to get a job. There was more restriction on age at that time. I was alone looking for a job, which is scary to think about now. It was very difficult, as there were many opportunities, but the age to be considered was 18. I began writing to all the

hospitals in Arkansas and interviewed at Little Rock, but they said they could not accept me until I turned 17.5. That seemed like such a long time to me, and I decided to write to Baptist Hospital in Memphis. They accepted me immediately into the January class in 1944.

I learned that the Cadet Nurse Corps had just been established as an idea of Eleanor Roosevelt. This was a double blessing for me. The Lord opened doors and answered my prayers. We had excellent training and were the first class to attend the University of Memphis (then Memphis State University) for some courses. Due to the war and the nursing shortage, we had to assume a great deal of responsibility. We worked and lived in a very structured environment. Upon graduation, I went to the Veterans Hospital and requested to work in psychiatry.

My class received only book studies while in school, and I was curious about this area in particular.

I married in 1948 and worked while my husband attended pharmacy school. We moved in 1954 and I worked part time in hospitals in Mississippi and Alabama until we returned to Memphis in 1967. I went back to the VA Hospital and to psychiatry.

There have been so many changes, which is progress. Each phase has been fulfilling and satisfying. I loved nursing from the very first day on the floor at Baptist to my last days at the VA Hospital. I retired in 1990, but went back part time for 10 years. I am so very thankful that I chose a profession that was always interesting, challenging and that I loved so much.

Realizing a Childhood Dream

by VELMA MARTIN COUGHLAN, Class of 1948

AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, I wanted to be a nurse. I graduated from high school in 1943 and wanted to go to nursing school then, but my mother nixed that idea. She was certain I would be put on the frontline and be the first one shot. So I worked at the powder plant in Millington. When it shut down, I went to the Navy base, where plans were made to get the sailors home and raise money for their trip.

It was three years before my dream was realized. I was with a group that has remained close. We meet with other classes for the annual reunion in June. We come from many states: Tennessee, Mississippi, Arizona, Indiana, Texas, South Carolina, Arkansas, Kansas and New Hampshire.

Distance and age doesn't matter. We are family.





1. Student nurses watching TV in the Hughla Dockery dorm rec room.

2. Student nurses working in the school laboratory.

3. Baptist tennis team

4. Baptist orchestra

5. Students enjoy downtime in the school's well-known swimming pool.

6. Student nurses learn how to properly take a blood pressure reading.



1. Students survey the campus of Baptist Memorial Hospital in 1956.

2. Students use spare time to study the latest developments in medicine.

3. Baptist basketball team

4. The Fenestra, the school yearbook, was started in 1950 by 1949 graduate Lula Curtis Scott. Scott later became director of nursing.

5. Students perform a skit at Southmoor.

6. Students learn new techniques from a Baptist physician in a pre-clinical class.



1. Student nurses in 1956.
2. Students learn basics in a class setting.
3. Class of 1962 nursing student, Charlotte Conant Hayes, pictured at Graceland with Elvis.
4. Nightingales perform at a groundbreaking.



1. Students enjoy their lunch in the hospital cafeteria.
2. Students enjoy a quick break and refreshing soda.
3. Radiology students in the early 1980s use the latest technology — the C-arm fluoroscopic unit and the intra-aortic balloon pump known as “Uncle Donald.” The hospital had three additional pumps named Huey, Dewey and Louie.
4. Pam Hauser receives her nursing cap from Ms. Elizabeth Farnell during the traditional capping ceremony in 1976.

The Way It Was

by MARILYN MEADOR CROSBY

AS WE ARE CELEBRATING our 100th year, I thought it would be interesting to look back at the way it was in 1959, the year I graduated from the Baptist School of Nursing. I have found that 50 years can dim your memory. I have forgotten a lot, but also remember much of that period.

Baptist has a wonderful reputation as a nursing school, but it was the most difficult to get into. I was living in Helena, Ark., when I started school in 1956.

Of those who applied, I was the only one to be accepted that term. We had to go to Memphis to be interviewed.

Although I really wanted to be a nurse, I had thought, in my own wisdom as a high school senior, that before I got serious about nursing, I would spend a couple of years at a college, join a sorority and just enjoy life.

My father had other ideas. When I told him of my plan, he decided that I should start my schooling one week after graduation from Helena Central High, to begin the great nursing adventure in the “big city” of Memphis. My dreams of a leisurely summer, tanning myself to a golden brown, swimming and hanging out with my friends were replaced by a much more serious endeavor. At that time, Baptist had two classes. One started in June and the other in September. My June class was much smaller than the September class. It was easy to figure out why.

We were greeted with open arms and parties, but also with many books, instructions and rules. We could not smoke, drink or be married. We were assigned roommates and required to live in the Hula Dockery dormitory – which had small un-air conditioned rooms. We didn’t spend much time there because we were in class all day and in the library at night. We could sign out, but could not go anywhere but places on campus (around the hospital). The check-in time was 8 p.m., except for special occasions when it was 10 p.m. After dinner each night, we had library time. It was reminiscent of what we thought of life in a convent being like.

The hospital provided almost everything: food in the cafeteria, uniforms (which could be worn all around campus) and special events for our entertainment, much of which was planned by our student activity director, Barbara Tosh. There was a basketball team, glee

club, swimming pool and other fun activities. Transportation by bus was provided to and from the University of Memphis two mornings a week for taking pre-requisite courses. The hospital provided a monthly stipend of \$10 and \$20 for our junior and senior years. By that time, we were actually providing patient care without an instructor’s supervision. Dr. Frank Groner, the hospital administrator, truly loved the students, and we had special Christmas parties complete with nice gifts from Baptist.

At the hospital, doctors gave lectures to us on all the systems of the body, so mornings and afternoons were full. Some of the names of our medical instructors were Walter Ruch, Maury Bronstein, Gwin Robbins, Raymond Mayer, McCarthy DeMere, Morris Cohen, Richard DeSaussure, Robert Reeder and Robert McBurney.

What time was left was spent in the nursing clinical labs with instructors where students practiced on each other, giving our first shots and passing the dreaded NG tube, which got rid of a nasal obstruction I had. We could honestly tell patients, “I know how you feel.” Instructions were also given on making beds, giving baths and other duties.

Instructors were very strict, but also kind and caring. Christian values were not only taught, but demonstrated by all the people surrounding us. Other names that come to mind are Virginia Sissney, Golda Kilpatrick, Mary Morris, Joy Martin and Frances Doyle.

Yes, it was a very different summer from what I had envisioned, but I found it exciting and challenging. Good grades were important, and you could be sent home unless you maintained the required averages. Through all the newness and stress, we developed close friendships and respected our classmates and teachers. As soon as I started working in the hospital, I knew I had made the right choice for a career. It was great to see how my efforts could help



and encourage the patients. Few professions can provide the satisfaction that nursing can. Because we were called on to work on the floors before we graduated, we were prepared to take charge of a 50 bed unit. My first assignment was to take over for a supervisor, Mrs. Reames, in the Monroe Unit (our charity ward) while she was on vacation.

Anyone reading this will quickly recognize that things are different today in almost every way. None of the students had a car, there were no male nurses and we depended on the hospital for everything. For three years, the hospital was our life.

One thing that has not changed is the “calling” that nurses have. Nursing was difficult in many ways then, and it still is. However, a nurse must still have empathy and drive to take care of those who are sick. From my first experience as a young nurse with Velma Jones to my last inpatient diagnostics with Cindy Johnston, I have been surrounded with people who have been wonderful and encouraging to me. As a profession, it is still a high calling in every sense of the word. In the 50 years I was a Baptist nurse, I have never regretted a thing.

College Holds 20th Commencement Ceremony



THE 20TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY of Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences was held on Dec. 8, at First Baptist Church in Millington, Tenn.

The processional was led by distinguished staff member Sherita Martin, who carried the College gonfalon, followed distinguished faculty member Donna Mars, who carried the College mace. Special music was provided by very talented musicians, John Angotti and Jane Smothers. Dr. William Cochran, president

of the College board of directors, gave an inspired introduction for the commencement speaker, Dr. Jan Young.

The executive director of the Assisi Foundation, Young has had a distinguished career which includes the military, education, health care and philanthropy. Young gave a personal message to the graduates regarding the “sacred trust” bestowed on health care providers and managers. Compassionate caring and service to others were significant themes in her sincere observations from a lifetime of service as a nurse, a member of health care teams and an educator.

One hundred three degrees were awarded with 94 in nursing and nine degrees in respiratory care and health care management. College board member Dr. Henry Sullivant presented the diplo-

mas with assistance of Jana Turner, registrar.

Mary MacKinnon, development officer for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, recognized three outstanding nursing graduates with awards. Mary Macias May, in abstentia, earned the Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award. The Joseph H. Powell Award was presented to Nadia Chapman for outstanding academic performance and the future pursuit of advanced education. The Sarah Ainsworth Award went to Brian Patrick Ramsey for academic excellence in the sciences.

Dr. Cochran presented the College Board of Directors Award to Ashley Elizabeth Wheeler. These graduates were selected based on grade point averages, leadership qualities, community service, clinical expertise and commitment to lifelong learning.



ABOVE: Dr. Jan Young gives the commencement speech at the 20th ceremony.

TOP LEFT: Dr. William Cochran presents Ashley Elizabeth Wheeler with the College Board of Directors Award.

TOP RIGHT: Mary MacKinnon presents Brian Patrick Ramsey with the Sarah Ainsworth Award.



UPCOMING EVENTS

If you would like to participate in any of the following activities, please contact the alumni office at 901-572-2853 or e-mail alumni@bchs.edu. The * indicates that alumni are needed for the activity.

Feb. 27-29

Spiritual Renewal Days

March 10

High School Day *

March 12

Chapel with Erma Oliver, president of the Alumni Board of Directors

April 9

Chapel with Teresa Dawson, alumni and director of the Baptist Heart Institute

April 12

Nurse Pinning Ceremony * - 10 a.m.

Graduation - 4 p.m.

Both ceremonies are at Bellevue Baptist Church

Note: If you would like to be a part of the "Path of Light" for the pinning ceremony please contact the alumni office at 901-572-2853 or e-mail alumni@bchs.edu

Baptist Student Refuses to Let Illness, Life Struggles Keep Her Down

by CANDICE PATRICK GRANTHAM

DURING THE MIDDLE OF MY SENIOR YEAR, while studying opera in North Carolina and preparing for my senior recital, I developed chronic laryngitis. After several episodes, I was referred to an ear, nose and throat specialist by my vocal instructor. I was diagnosed with severe allergies to many different things, mostly the mold and air conditioning system in my dormitory. Weekly allergy

shots, inhalers and medicines helped minimally, but I knew I was not going to be able to attend Julliard and pursue a career on the stage. An opera singer has to be able to sing even with sickness, and unfortunately for me, that was not an option.

I had an extensive background in office work so I interviewed for a position in a very large teaching hospital, and I worked in family medicine as an administrative assistant for a nurse manager.

Working for her allowed me to be engulfed in the clinical experience. I worked with four attending physicians, 22 residents and two nurse practitioners. I discovered in my three years in this clinic that the medical field was where I was destined to be.

I met my husband and moved to Desoto County in 2007 and obtained a job in the school system. I worked in the school system for three years, but longed to apply to the nursing program. I searched for various programs to apply, and I kept praying to God to show me if this was the plan I should follow. When the economy fell, my husband was laid off from a job that he had for 25 years, and I was the only one with a small income to take care of our family. Then, I was informed that I, among many others, was to be laid off from the school system due to budget cuts. I left the school that day so heartbroken and discouraged of what I needed to do for my family.

I prayed, cried, and begged God to help me



learn what I needed to do. That same day, I received an e-mail from a friend that encouraged me to apply and pursue my dream. I applied, and after what seemed an eternity, I received my acceptance letter. I am currently in my fourth trimester and am on track to receive my nursing degree with a minor in health care management.

My journey to this point has been challenging and heartbreaking at times. No matter the adversity, I stayed strong and firm in my pursuit and I dissected every disappointment, trial and travesty to find something positive to use as a learning and growing tool. My intense desire to be a nurse is fueled by my past experiences, no doubt, but more so it is God, my incredible husband and children, my parents and my obsessive heartfelt desire to help anyone that crosses my path and to NEVER refuse ANYONE.

Take "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" on May 31, 2012

by MARY MACKINNON

AS PART OF OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, we have something special planned the day before the alumni reunion. On Thursday, May 31, the ambassador board of Baptist College will sponsor an evening at Playhouse on the Square, including "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," and a silent auction. All proceeds will go toward a Centennial Scholarship fund at the College.

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" is a tribute to the life and music of the country legend, from her humble start in the Shenandoah Valley, to the Grand Ole Opry, to the tragic loss of a superstar at a young age. This lovingly crafted homage features performances of classic hits including "Walkin' After Midnight," "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," and many more.

Please join us for what promises to be a great evening! Tickets are general admission and now available for \$60 each (\$51 for

alumni). A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Playhouse on the Square is located at the corner of Union and Cooper in Memphis, just 2.4 miles from the College, 3.5 miles from the Peabody Hotel and 3.7 miles from The Cadre Building. For more information about Playhouse on the Square or "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," please visit www.playhouseonthesquare.org.

To purchase tickets by phone, please call 901-572-2773.



Nuclear Medicine Technology Celebrates 50 Years

BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH Sciences celebrated 50 years in nuclear medicine education this year. The hospital-based certificate program was sponsored by Baptist Memorial Hospital in 1961. Students enrolled in nuclear medicine technology after completing the Baptist radiography certification program. The program became the Baptist School of Nuclear Medicine Technology and was one of the first programs accredited by the Joint Review Committee in Nuclear Medicine Technology. The Baptist School of Nuclear Medicine Technology transitioned to a baccalaureate degree program with a major in radiological sciences. Baptist College of Health Sciences was chartered in 1994 and admitted the first freshman class in 1995.

In celebration of the Nuclear Medicine Week, the 50th anniversary reception was held at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Memphis on Oct. 6, 2011. The event was hosted by Kathy Hunt, MS, CNMT, program chair; Donna Mars, M.Ed., CNMT, NCT, assistant professor; Dawne Dodson, BS, CNMT, adjunct faculty. Class pictures representing classes for the past 30 years were displayed along with the 2011 Nuclear Medicine Week poster. Giveaways included SNM Nuclear Medicine Week merchandise and Baptist College memorabilia. Along with current students and several alumni, Marcia Boyd, MS, CNMT, former program director of the Baptist School of Nuclear Medicine Technology, attended the event.



ABOVE: (left to right) Nuclear medicine alumni Dawne Dodson, class of 1994 and Baptist College adjunct faculty; Justin Cole, class of 2012; Donna Mars, class of 1996 and College faculty; and Carmen Rowland, class of 2001.

Information regarding Professional Career: _____

Information on Other Honors/Awards: _____

Note: Attach a current resume or biography to this form. You may need to contact the nominee for this information.

Alumni Service Award

The purpose of the Alumni Service Award is to acknowledge significant contributions of time and energy on behalf of the College and the alumni board and association. Award selections will be made by a subcommittee of the alumni board of directors.

Criteria includes the following: significant contributions - over time this person has shown dedication to his/her alma mater by volunteering time to assist in whatever way he/she feel they can best serve, as we want to acknowledge "significant" meaning above and beyond what is the norm. His/her dedication has been an inspiration to others. Additionally, the nominee must be a graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing or any of the Baptist schools, including the Baptist College. Candidates must possess the highest standards of integrity and character that have positively impacted the college. This is an outstanding voluntary award that includes not only College, but community service, as well.

Nominations can be made by alumni, faculty, staff and students of the College. A letter must be submitted indicating the significance of the service rendered to the College by the nominee, along with a detailed list of his or her accomplishments.

To submit an entry, please mail nomination to Baptist College; 1003 Monroe Avenue; Memphis, TN; 38124. You may also e-mail to alumni@bchs.edu or fax to 901-572-2599.

Young Alumni Award

The Young Alumni Service Award recognizes a recent graduate (under 10 years) whose early volunteer service for the College sets an example for his/her peers, helps to keep other young alumni involved and shows promise for continued service and leadership in the future. This person will also have made significant strides in their chosen profession.

Nominations can be made by alumni, faculty and staff. The nomination is in the form of a written letter to the College alumni office. Nomination forms are given to the alumni office and forwarded to the awards committee as is the Alumni Service Award.

The award is presented on an annual basis and announced at the June alumni reunion.

Class Notes

NURSING

CLASS OF 1992

Hazel Collins has been named director of cardiovascular services at Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto.

Stacy (Williams) Taylor was promoted to manager of nursing staff development at Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto.

ALLIED HEALTH

CLASS OF 1997

Melissa Gray Kinard, diagnostic medical sonography, has passed the mammography board in September this year. She works in radiology at St. Francis.

CLASS OF 2006

Autumn Forbes Byers, medical radiography, passed the MRI boards in June 2011. She works at St. Francis Bartlett.

CLASS OF 2008

1. Bethany Bohannon, medical radiology, was married on July 15, 2011, to Edward Wells Logan. They live in Cordova, and she is a surgical radiographer at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis. Bethany is the granddaughter of Bonnie Case, nursing class of 1947, who has an article in this issue on page 3.

IN MEMORIAM

Virginia Louise Brown, class of 1943, passed away on April 13, 2011.

Avril Joyce Cook Wadsworth, class of 1945, passed away on June 17, 2011.

Rheba Garrett Bethune, class of 1947, passed away on Oct. 25, 2011.

Edna Catherine Caraway Kyle, class of 1952, passed away on Nov. 7, 2011.



Patricia Ann King, class of 1958, passed away on Jan. 21, 2012.

Virginia Sanders Sims, class of 1948, passed away on Jan. 24, 2012.

Spiritual Renewal Days February 27-29



DR. WILLIAM HULITT GLOER, the David E. Garland Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Truett Theological Seminary, director of the Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching and visiting professor of Law at Baylor Law School, will be the featured speaker during Spiritual Renewal Days, scheduled Feb. 27 -29.

Gloer has been in theological higher education for many years and has also served as pastor of several churches. He has written books including a commentary on I & II Timothy and Titus, as well as numerous articles. He is a popular speaker and conference leader. Gloer and his wife, Shelia, live in Texas and have two grown sons.

Jamie Grace, Contemporary Christian musician, singer, rapper, songwriter and actress from Atlanta, will kick off Spiritual Renewal Days on Monday, Feb. 27, at 11:30 a.m. Grace's number one song, "Hold Me," features Toby Mac and can be heard on local Christian radio stations. When not touring, she is a college student studying children's ministry at Point University.



For more information on the complete schedule, contact campus ministries at 901-572-2475.

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