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President's Corner



WHAT A WONDERFUL REUNION celebrating 100 years of teaching as part of Baptist's three fold mission of healing, preaching and teaching! I feel so blessed to be here during this special time in our history and participating in such an important milestone with all of you. It was indeed a celebration of receiving an excellent education, treasuring life-long friends and honoring the infinite

moments of service provided by over 7,700 alumni since 1912. It was also a time of celebrating the past, but beginning to anticipate the future with joy, as well.

I had one alumnus express that she felt like she had "come home," and that phrase stuck with me all weekend. Immediately following the reunion, I attended a conference and had the privilege of hearing Clifton Taulbert speak eloquently about building community around the "Eight Habits of the Heart," a book he wrote based on his childhood community and those who affirmed his potential as a child growing up during legal segregation. As I was listening to him, I recalled the alumnus who said she felt like she had "come home." If I could go back and talk with her, I would predict that she would further describe her time at Baptist as being part of a "community."

In his presentation, Taulbert talked about how important these eight habits were in building community: nurturing attitude, responsibility, dependability, friendship, brotherhood (and/or sisterhood), high expectations, courage and hope. Stories were shared during the weekend that illustrated all eight of these habits. Stories about how roommates or class friends were there for each other in the good times and in the not so good times. Faculty members were fondly remembered because he or she "believed in me," "encouraged me" or "went the extra mile." Alumni recalled high expectations and how they were welcomed in the workplace because they were "Baptist grads." I even heard stories about

"messing up" or "getting in trouble" as a student. Some were funny stories about "rule violations" in the dormitory. Others stories included "owning up" to mistakes and demonstrating courage because it was "the right thing to do."

At the Saturday luncheon, we were joined by several current nursing and allied health students. When I asked them for their thoughts on being a part of the centennial reunion, I received great reviews from each and every one. They loved hearing your stories about school and where your education has taken you since you graduated. They commented on the life-long friendships made during school and sustained throughout the years. You provided hope for these students of what was possible with their careers and how important it is to build and maintain friendships. You taught them the eight habits through the stories of your lives. Your presence provided an example of community beyond that of a simple definition, and your generous gifts conveyed that you believe in them too. Through your stories, generosity and encouragement, you passed on the tradition of excellence to them and what it means to be a "Baptist grad."

Warm Regards,

Betty Sue McGarvey

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ON THE COVER: The Nightingales reunited for the Centennial Reunion and performed Friday night at The Cadre.

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More Than 350 Attend Centennial Alumni Reunion



MORE THAN 350 ALUMNI, former faculty members, current faculty, staff and guests attended the Centennial Alumni Reunion Weekend. The festivities kicked off on Thursday evening with the Patsy Cline play at Playhouse on the Square. The performance was entertaining, humorous and brought back memories for many familiar with the accomplished singer. The silent auction was a success bringing in over \$2,000 for a Centennial scholarship.

On Friday evening, alumni and friends gathered at The Cadre in downtown Memphis for dinner and fellowship with class mates. The Brian Breeze Trio, a local jazz band, provided soulful background music for the event. "Breeze" is deeply rooted in jazz, rhythm and blues, and rock 'n' roll traditions from his native New Orleans. A photo booth was available for alumni to have individual and group photos taken with photos available on the spot. A highlight of the evening was the return of "The Nightingales," who sang the Baptist Memorial School of Nursing Alma Mater and brought back memories of school days.

Alumni also attended a noon luncheon on Saturday at The Peabody Memphis Grand Ball

Room, where more celebrating and reminiscing continued. Special recognitions were given to classes celebrating milestone anniversaries. Alumni from more than 30 states attended the event, with one from as far as North Pole, AK. The class of 1947 celebrated 65 years since graduation. Other classes with a good turnout included the classes of 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1961, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1978, 1980 and 1982. The guest speaker, Jeanne Robertson, was a big success as laughter filled the room throughout her many stories about how to keep your sense of humor, chin up and becoming comfortable with who you are. Robertson's CDs were available for purchase, as well as Baptist College Centennial items.

There was also a special presentation that completed the Centennial program, documented historical information about Ms. Myrtle Archer, the superintendent of Nursing for Baptist Memorial Hospital from 1915-1949. Allen Brown, great nephew of Archer presented Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey with a diary that Archer kept in 1918 while serving as head of a group of nurses during World War I. Brown and his cousin, Charles Jones, and their families attended the reunion luncheon in honor of two women: Judy Jones, deceased wife of Jones and a graduate of Baptist Memorial School of Nursing class of 1969 and Ms. Archer. Another delightful surprise was a young lady with the family named Hope. She is the great, great, great niece of Archer and wore a replica of the uniform that Archer wore during that time. Hope, as well as current Baptist College students wearing the distinguished uniforms of the past, was another example of honoring 100 years of Baptist Memorial Health Care.

Jane Brasher Named 2012 Distinguished Alumni

ERMA OLIVER, AN ALUMNA of the Baptist Memorial School of Nuclear Medicine class of 1975, presented the 2012 Alumni Awards at the centennial reunion. The Young Alumni Award was presented to Patti Whitlock, a 2008 Diagnostic Medical Sonography graduate, who has excelled in her personal and professional goals. She serves as a clinical site instructor for sonography students at Baptist College, as well as a guest lecturer. She has been published

in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Volume 25, with her article entitled "Cholangiocarcinoma." In addition, she was a featured speaker at ultrasound conferences in Tupelo, Miss. in both 2010 and 2011. She works as a staff pediatric sonographer at Methodist LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis.

The 2012 Alumni Service Award was given to Teresa Dawson, RN-BSN class of 2001. Teresa currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors and has participated in Baptist College events, including the Blessing of the Hands ceremony and has spoken to the student body at Chapel services. She attends graduations and nursing pinning ceremonies, personally taking the time to wish the graduates well. She is the Director of the Baptist Heart Institute.

Oliver then presented the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award to Jane Brasher McDaniel, nursing class of 1955. She had an extraordinary career in nursing, and since her retirement, she has continued to work tirelessly for breast cancer awareness and prevention. She has become an advocate for early diagnosis in all women and organizes events to help fund initiatives for breast cancer.

McDaniel worked at St. Bernards Hospital in Jonesboro, Ark., which is also her hometown. Under her leadership there, St. Bernards implemented a breast cancer program in 1999. Through her personal passion and professional perseverance, St. Bernards successfully sought Komen Foundation grants to fund more awareness and early detection. She was awarded the Josetta Wilkins

Award, which is given to one individual per year whose work has helped to raise awareness and educate Arkansas women. The award specifically named her efforts to acquire the first mobile mammography unit in the area, and her successful professional education for physicians about the importance of recommending mammography to their patients.

Her accomplishments and awards include a lengthy list focusing on faith, family, health and work. She has been married for 54 years to Garnet McDaniel, and they have four children. Her family worships at Jonesboro Church of Christ where she has taught Bible classes for many years, volunteered with Vacation Bible School, worked with the local food bank program, volunteered for marketing of church projects and has served on several medical mission trips.

TOP: Baptist School of Nursing 1955 alum, Jane Brasher McDaniel, received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

CENTER: Patti Whitlock, 2008 diagnostic medical sonography graduate, earned the Young Alumni Award.

BOTTOM: Erma Oliver presents Teresa Dawson, 2001 RN-BSN graduate, with the 2012 Alumni Service Award.



One Hundred and Fourteen Students Earn Degrees

THE 21ST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY of Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences was held on April 12, 2012, at Bellevue Baptist Church, in Cordova, Tenn. President Betty Sue McGarvey welcomed all guests and said it was another proud day in Baptist history to celebrate 100 years of care.

"The mission today is the same as it was when those visionary leaders opened a training school for nurses in 1912," McGarvey said. "These

graduates will write their own chapter in the legacy of excellence in education and join over 7,700 alumni who preceded them in the past 100 years as graduates of the various Baptist Memorial Hospital schools and the Baptist College of Health Sciences."

The ceremony was blessed with the beautiful voice of Donna Sloan and the invocation by Anescia Collins, a nursing graduate of the 2012 class. Marie Hellenbrand, a medical radiography graduate of 2012, provided a scripture reading.

In honor of the 100 years of teaching, both faculty and students wore special Centennial medallions.

Stephen Reynolds, president and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care, introduced the distinguished speaker, Dr. Rose Y. Temple, president emeritus and founding president of Baptist College.

Reynolds spoke of Dr. Temple's great leadership, commitment and passion to education. In 1981, she brought her skills and talents to Baptist Memorial Hospital as an instructional designer and manager of media services. From there her sphere of influence broadened to include continuing medical education, continuing education and patient education as assistant director of human resources.

During her tenure as administrative dean of education for Baptist Memorial Hospital, she led the analysis and ultimate recommendation to transition from a hospital-based education model to a four-year collegiate model.

Sixty-six baccalaureate degrees were awarded in nursing, and 48 degrees were awarded in the six different allied health programs for a total of 114 graduates. James Glasgow, chairman of the College board of directors, and Jana Turner, registrar, presented the individual diplomas.

Glasgow also presented the prestigious College Board of Directors Award to Marie Hellenbrand, who graduated summa cum laude in medical radiography. Jenny Nevels, executive director of development for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presented five additional awards to outstanding graduates.

The following awards were presented by Nevels: the Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award to Katie Fowler, graduating summa cum laude in nursing; the Joseph H. Powell Award to Justin Cole, graduating summa cum laude in nuclear medicine; the Dr. Ling H. Lee Achievement Award to Jared Weaver, graduating summa cum laude in medical radiography; the Dr. John F. Rockett Award to Justin Cole, nuclear medicine graduate; and the Sarah Ainsworth Award to Rebecca Sweat, graduating cum laude in nursing.

These students were nominated and selected based on specific guidelines including grade point averages, leadership qualities, community service, clinical expertise and commitment to life-long learning.

Following graduation, a reception was hosted by the staff of Baptist College held in the Fellowship Hall.

TOP: Baptist College President Betty Sue McGarvey congratulates recent graduates and the spring commencement.

CENTER: James Glasgow, chairman of the Baptist College board of directors, presents Marie Hellenbrand, a medical radiography graduate, with the Board of Directors Award.

BOTTOM: Jenny Nevels, executive director of development for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presents Katie Fowler with the Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award.



Annual Medical Mission Trip Reminds Students, Staff the Importance of Faith

KAREN SMITH, Director of Campus Ministries

MANY TIMES WHEN ONE HEARS the verse, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understandings; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight,” their hearts are searching for discernment.

On April 20, as a group of 26 gathered for an early morning flight to Belize, this verse became the cornerstone for the next seven days.

For the fourth year, Seeds Ministries and the Baptist College of Health Sciences traveled together to conduct medical clinics in Belize. This year, the team included 12 BCHS students, five faculty and staff, one nurse practitioner, 4 nurses, a pharmacist, two doctors and volunteers from Seeds Ministries.

The team was led by Dr. David Lewis of Seeds Ministries and myself.

Two years ago, we traveled to Belize, and because of the great need for medical care in the region, we decided to return for this year’s trip.

Belize is a very poor country. At least 50 percent of the people do not have access to doctors, nurses or hospitals. One early morning when arriving at a banana farm to set up a mobile clinic, the team was greeted by a man who had ridden his bicycle for about five hours to see the “American” doctors.

The amazing thing was the man could barely walk and was unable to lift his hands to feed himself, but yet, had ridden a bike in the dark for five hours to see the doctors. He was suffering from a degenerative neurological disease yet to be fully diagnosed. The team gathered around him to hear his story and then joined hands and prayed for him and his family.

At the end of the day, a small group loaded his bicycle into the van and drove him home. The group collected enough money for the gentleman to feed his family for a month or so. Along with a local church congregation and a local doctor, Dr. Lesa Jordan, the medical and basic needs of his family will be supplied.

And the scripture says, “For as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it to me.”

Four clinics were conducted during the week at Red Bank, a banana farm, Seine Bight and Monkey River. At each clinic, patients were greeted with a smile and then directed to different stations. The flow of the clinic included check-in, vital signs, triage, a doctor station and then the pharmacy.

Around 700 patients were seen in four days.

Not only were the lives of the patients changed but also the lives of the mission team. Each day a prayer was said that the team would become the hands and feet of Christ as they met the needs of the patients.

As was said so many times while preparing for the trip, “The team is not bringing God to Belize, God is already there and working.”

Each day, the team experienced the workings of God in smiles of the children, the gratitude of the mother whose children were being treated, the elderly who needed some medication for pain and the man that rode his bike five hours to the clinic.

God was working in Belize and the team became His hands and feet to each other and the people of Belize.



Julie Lasley named Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty for 2012

ON MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012, Julie Lasley, assistant professor and program chair of radiation therapy, was named the recipient of Baptist College’s Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty Award at the college’s annual honors convocation. Instituted in 2002 in honor of Rose Y. Temple, president emeritus of Baptist College of Health Sciences, the award recognizes faculty members who have excelled in fulfilling their job responsibilities.

Nominees must be full-time employees with regular classes; have completed at least three continuous years with the College prior to nomination; personify the Christian mission of the College; contribute to the College through professional, community or religious achievement or recognition; demonstrate teaching effectiveness; and demonstrate creativity and innovation in teaching.

Lasley was nominated by Dr. Lisa Hight, associate professor of biology. In her nomination, she complimented Lasley’s dedication to her students.

“Julie lives out her Christian life in how she approaches teaching and how she is instrumental in developing students to be the hands of Christ in their clinical practice,” Hight wrote. “She is an exceptional advisor to her students and is always available to go the extra mile to assist them when there is a need.”

Lasley joined the radiation therapy department at Baptist College in 2002 after earning her bachelor’s degree in health science in 2001 from the College. She earned her master’s degree in administration from Central Michigan University in 2003.

Lasley has been board-certified in radiography and radiation therapy for more than 30



years. She is an active member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologist and serves as a member of the editorial review board for the magazine “Radiation Therapist.” She also serves as an editorial board member for “The Quest,” the online publication for Baptist College.

Faculty and Staff Honors Convocation Held March 26

THE ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF Honors Convocation was held at the College on Monday, March 26. Dr. Linda Reed, Dr. Anne Plumb, and Dr. Christopher Church recognized faculty from each division. College staff members were recognized by Dr. Adonna Caldwell,

executive director of administrative services. President McGarvey introduced the 2012 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty, Julie Lasley, radiation therapy program chair and assistant professor. Angel Boling, assistant professor of nursing, received the 2012 DAISY Faculty award.

LIZ MURRAY TO SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER CONVOCATION

Baptist College of Health Sciences is pleased to announce Liz Murray, New York Times Bestseller, and author of “Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard,” as the keynote speaker for the College Convocation on Monday, Sept. 17.

Growing up in the Bronx in the 1980s and 90s, Murray dealt with the typical stresses of childhood. However, she also had to grapple with being the daughter of drug addicts, which ultimately meant fending for herself.

Murray’s story could have ended tragically. Instead, she won a scholarship to Harvard University and graduated in 2009. Her story speaks to the power of love, kindness and forgiving. It also proves anyone with tenacity, courage and perseverance can go to the limit and succeed.

Alumni are invited this free event, which begins at 11:45.



Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

KATHY HUNT, program chair nuclear medicine technology, presented at the third annual Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Tennessee conference held in Memphis, March 23 through March 25. She presented, "State Technologist Advocacy Group...TAG Your Are It!"

DONNA MARS, assistant professor nuclear medicine technology, was an item writer for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) during the items writers' weekend, held Jan. 13 - 15 in Atlanta, Ga.

SHERITA MARTIN, supervisor of student business affairs, received a master's degree in leadership from Belhaven University in Feb. 2012.

BETTY SUE MCGARVEY, president of Baptist College of Health Sciences, was named one of Memphis Business Quarterly's Power Players in Higher Education.

CONNIE WILLIS, instructor of diagnostic medical sonography, was selected as the Outstanding Master's in Leadership Student for 2012 by the faculty of the Higher and Adult Education Department at the University of Memphis.

Townsend-Gervis Leads Team in National Research Collaborative

MARY TOWNSEND-GERVIS, chief nursing officer for Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto and 1986 graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing, and Lauren Yates, a medical surgical nurse at Baptist DeSoto, are leading a team of nurses at the hospital in a national research collaborative for the Improvement Science Research Network's landmark study, "Small Troubles Adaptive Responses (STAR-2): Frontline Nurse Engagement in Quality Improvement."

Baptist DeSoto was competitively selected along with five other sites from a national pool of applicants to participate in this research collaborative. The multisite, national basis of the study strengthens the generalizability and accuracy of the study findings. The application process and high interest in the ISRN Research Collaborative highlights the need for quality improvement research and a shared vision of improving patient safety.

Housed in the Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, the ISRN is a web-based research environment that connects and supports research teams as they complete scientifically rigorous studies of improvements and innovations.



Townsend-Gervis and her team will investigate operational problems that frontline nurses work around on a daily basis such as missing supplies, nonfunctioning equipment and failed communications.

The study will allow a better understanding of how these small problems hinder patient safety and quality of care.

BCHS Students Selected for Research Project



BCHS RECENT NUCLEAR MEDICINE technology graduates Justin Cole and Lindsay Henry were two of the five students selected from across the state to present their research project at the Nuclear Medicine Technology meeting held in Memphis, March 23-25. Cole placed second in the competition. Both students presented their research at the annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine held in June in Miami. Dawne Dodson, president of the Nuclear Medicine-Technologists of Tennessee, and a nuclear medicine adjunct instructor for Baptist College, coordinated this year's annual meeting held at The Doubletree Hotel.

Angel Boling Receives DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty

ANGEL BOLING, AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of nursing at Baptist College, was named the 2012 recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty at the college's annual honors convocation on Monday, March 26.

Boling was nominated by several students who praised her dedication and caring attitude toward her students.

"She is my professional role model," one student wrote. "She sets an example as to how a nurse should display self-respect and autonomy as a credentialed professional. She encourages us to believe in our abilities."

The DAISY Foundation was established in 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at 33 from the autoimmune disease idiopathic autoimmune purpura. During his eight-week hospital stay, his family was in awe of the care and compassion the nurses provided him and his family.

One of the goals set in creating the Foundation in Barnes's memory was to recognize extraordinary nurses who make an enormous difference in the lives of the patients they serve.

In 2010, the DAISY Foundation established the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty to provide colleges and schools of nursing a national recognition program to show appreciation to the hard work and dedication of nursing faculty.

In order to be nominated for the award, the educator must serve as a role model of professional nursing; demonstrate enthusiasm for teaching, learning and nursing that inspires and motivates students; demonstrate interest in and respect for learners; use personal attributes that facilitate learning; is fair and unbiased in her treatment of individual students; have excellent interpersonal skills; and develop collaborative working relationships with students and colleagues.



"She motivates me to be a better nurse," one nominator wrote. "She is patient, caring and has an amazing gift to facilitate learning."

Please visit daisyfoundation.org for more information about the DAISY Foundation.

Centennial Chapel Series



ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, Erma Oliver, (above center) a nuclear medicine graduate, was the Centennial Chapel Speaker. Oliver encouraged the students not to fear life challenges; to lean on God at all times; and understand that through God all things are possible. She is also the current president of the alumni board of directors.

On May 7, Teresa Dawson, an RN-BSN graduate of 2001, gave an inspirational speech at the Chapel service about our hands and feet in



service to Jesus Christ. She is also on the alumni board of directors.

On June 4 the speaker was Sarah Rogers, (above center) diagnostic medical sonography class of 2004. She is currently working with a Sonography travel contract in various locations.

Reynae Bennett, an RN-BSN graduate of 2004, and Leadership Coach in Nursing Administration for Baptist Memorial Health Care spoke on July 16.

Baptist Tipton Nurse Has No Intention of Slowing Down After 65 Years at Work

by LORI SIMPSON



FOR MORE THAN 65 YEARS, Helen Baddour Deneka has provided a friendly face and quality care to patients in Baptist Memorial hospitals throughout the Mid-South. The daughter of Lebanese immigrants, Deneka, who celebrated her 86th birthday on Dec. 26, was born in Munford, Tenn. Her father owned a grocery store in town, and her mother raised six children, including twin boys who were born at home weighing more than 8 pounds each.

Growing up in the South in the 1930's was a much different experience for Deneka than growing up today is for modern youths. Her days were spent helping her mother in the kitchen and looking after her younger siblings.

When she was 7 years old, her older brother was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis, where he was immediately taken into surgery. He suffered a ruptured appendix and died on the operating table.

"Back then, they didn't know what was wrong until they were in the operating room," she said. "By the time he was in surgery, it was too late to do anything for him."

As a teenager, Deneka sold tickets at the Munford Theater, earning \$3 a week, and during the summer, she worked at a department store in Millington for \$5 a week.

Her mother encouraged her to pursue a career in nursing, and in 1943, she entered the nurse training program at Baptist Memorial Hospital in downtown Memphis.

"It was a lot different than it is now," she said. "The hospital only had 500 beds, and the rooms did not have restrooms or telephones. Student nurses had to be impeccably dressed, and our

uniforms were inspected every morning at 6:45. If there was something wrong with your attire, you were sent back to your room to change."

Nurses were required to sterilize all medical items, hand sharpen needles and mix the fluids for IV bags, which could take several hours.

The students had to follow strict guidelines while in the nursing program. One rule was especially difficult for Deneka's father to follow.

"He was always bringing me food from home, which was against the rules," she said. "I remember one time he brought me a watermelon. After my roommate and I ate it, she put the rinds in the trash on every floor but ours. We were never caught."

When she graduated in 1946, Deneka decided to pursue her certification in anesthesia. To do so required moving to Detroit for a year.

"I was scared to death because I had never been outside Memphis," she said. "I didn't know anyone there, but someone did pick me up and take me to church on every Sunday I was off."

When Deneka returned to Memphis, she began working as an anesthesia nurse at the Baptist Medical Center.

She worked with several urologists during her

time at the Medical Center, including Dr. Thomas Moore, who was the original owner of Graceland.

"Dr. Moore actually named it Graceland," she said. "After he passed away, his wife sold it to Elvis Presley for \$1 million."

Within a few years of her return to Memphis, her neighbor began trying to arrange a blind date for her with a naval officer. Deneka turned her down, so she took it upon herself to arrange a meeting.

"I was invited to a party at the military base, and my neighbor invited me to go," she said. "I didn't know that Harry was going to be there, as well. We met, just kind of clicked and were married the next year."

Deneka worked in anesthesia until 1981, when her youngest sons were in school. Wanting to be able to spend time with them, she left Baptist to stay with them and help her husband run his store in Millington.

However, she could not stay away from health care for long. In 1986, after her youngest son graduated high school, Deneka returned to Baptist, this time as a recovery room nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton.

"I have worked hard all of my life, and I was never sorry that I returned to work," she said. "I love nursing more than anything I have ever done."

Deneka's supervisor, Debra Kidd, has worked with her for 25 years and said Deneka can still "run circles" around younger nurses.

"Helen is so dependable," she said. "She has always worked whenever our unit has needed her, even when she wasn't feeling her best. Her patients love her, and I have received many notes telling me how wonderful it was to have Helen as their nurse."

When not working, Deneka enjoys playing bridge, attending alumni events at the Baptist College of Health Sciences, reading and cooking authentic Lebanese meals. She has even had some of her best recipes printed in a cookbook for family members.

She is unsure how much longer she'll work before permanently retiring, but she has a lifetime of memories she will take with her.

"I have had a lot of nice patients and experiences in my time with Baptist," she said. "I was working when penicillin was discovered, when Archie Manning was a patient and the day Elvis died. It's been a full and wonderful career."

Although Years Apart, Sisters Find Lifelong Calling Through Baptist College

by DIANA WIER

HELEN SHEPHERD PATTERSON grew up in Water Valley, Miss., attending a small county school. "When I was around 13 years old, I rescued a starving, sick kitten and nursed it back to health," she said. "That was the most wonderful feeling to see that kitten get well." I knew from that moment that I was going to become a nurse, but little did I realize how hard that would be."

The courses Patterson needed to get into nursing school were not taught in her county school, so she changed to the city school and graduated in May of 1952. Patterson was accepted into Baptist School of Nursing that June and graduated three years later in 1955.

"My first hospital assignment was the night shift, cleaning and sterilizing equipment in central supply," she said. "It was a real challenge working nights and staying awake for classes."

However, she added, "My three years of training gave me the knowledge and experience that ultimately prepared me for a career as a registered nurse."

Patterson's nursing career was eventful, including a deadly hurricane and an electric fire.

"Hurricane Frederick hit (Mobile, Ala.) in 1979," she said. "I was supervisor of MICU, CCU and CVSICU and was required to stay at the hospital."

She was at the hospital from Wednesday until Saturday, during the worst of the storm, when wind gusts blew out the end walls of the MICU and power was lost.

"Fortunately the unit next to us had power and we were able to safely transfer all of the patients," she said. "I felt like I had lived through a war."

Later in 1987, while Patterson was weekend supervisor, an electrical fire broke out and there was need for immediate evacuation of two floors.

"Needless to say, my career in nursing was not dull," she said.

Patterson inspired her sister, Janet, 23 year her junior, to become a nurse.

Janet Shepherd had always toyed with the idea of becoming a nurse because of her love for science. She knew the pay was good and that there were plenty of open positions, but still wasn't sure it was her calling.



Patterson had her sister spend part of her summer in Mobile, shadowing her and her colleagues at the hospital. Shepherd quickly came to the realization that nursing was her calling.

"My sister put me in her unit and I ran around with another enthusiastic nurse who made the job so much fun," she said. "I loved being able to help people and the idea of nursing as a service."

Shepherd returned from Mobile to her home town of Memphis, and quickly applied to Baptist School of Nursing. She was accepted just in time to begin fall classes, and she later graduated in 1978.

"Baptist taught me in a real world setting and I learned how to set priorities and really perform well," she said.

Once in the real world and at her first job, this training allowed to run circles around her peers who received training elsewhere, she said.

Shepherd is now a nurse anesthetist in Columbia, Mo.

ABOVE: Janet Shepherd and Helen Patterson

STUDENT HONORS CONVOCATION



Student Services hosted the Student Honors Convocation with a reception in the College Assembly Hall on March 19. Students were recognized for their academic, service, leadership and spirit within the Baptist College community. Special awards presented were the Leadership Award to Louise Manasco (top); the Service Award to Christopher Gully (middle); and the BCHS Spirit Award to Emily Tawater (bottom).

Baptist Nursing Education Gives Graduate the Confidence to Pursue Her Dreams

by LORI SIMPSON

JAN FLEGLE FELT THE CALL to be a nurse early on in life. As a child, she loved caring for ill or injured family members, including her grandmother, who was confined to a wheelchair after a leg amputation, and her father, who lost a finger in a saw accident.

“My daddy was also a strong influence in my decision,” she said. “He always wanted me to be in the medical field, and he encouraged me to choose nursing as a career.”

Flegle chose Baptist School of Nursing for her nursing education because she heard the program produced some of the nation’s best nurses.

“Also, the cost was low, and that was very attractive to me,” she said.

Throughout her four years in the school, Flegle had many fond experiences. She recalled the annual Christmas and Black Band parties.

“One day, our operating room instructor allowed me to scrub in with one of Baptist Hospital’s surgical nurses, and the first thing that I did after I scrubbed and gowned was to reach up with both hands and scratch my nose. The nurse was a really good sport and told me to go scrub again.”

Upon her graduation in 1969, Flegle worked in medical/surgical and operating rooms. She spent the next 15 years in hemodialysis and became the vice president of Community Dialysis Centers, a company that ran dialysis units around the United States.

“I developed the self-care dialysis program at the Veteran’s Hospital in Tampa, Fla., which was the first program of its type in the state,” she said.

After spending some time at home raising her daughter, she went back to school and earned a bachelor’s degree in information systems from Kennesaw State University in Marietta, Ga.

She worked in information technology for McKesson in Atlanta for 10 years before earning her master’s degree in business administration from Kaplan University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She went on to earn a master’s degree in finance and began teaching business and IT courses for several online universities.

One of Flegle’s greatest personal accomplishments came after a grave diagnosis. Her blood sugar had shot up to 200 and her physician said if she didn’t change her eating and exercise habits, she would be diabetic.

“That scared me, so I got busy and lost the weight,” she said. “My doctor said that I dodged a bullet by losing the weight and starting a walking exercise program. God was good to me during that time and I have used my story to help other people who are dealing with obesity.”

Flegle lost 132 pounds in less than two years and developed a web site to help others struggling with weight loss at www.litepath.net.

Not one to stop learning, Flegle is currently



working toward earning her third master’s degree in information technology and digital forensics while continuing her online teaching career.

Although it has been more than 40 years since her time at Baptist College, Flegle cherishes her memories and credits the school with making her the professional she is today.

“The nursing program prepared me with the knowledge and experience that I needed to succeed,” she said. “The clinical experiences gave me the confidence to do what was required of me in my jobs.”

Flegle has been married to her husband, Larry, for 42 years. They have a grown daughter and live in Canton, Ga. In her spare time, she enjoys walking and reading.

The office of Alumni at Baptist College must be notified by September 15, 2012.
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Nominations for Alumni Board of Directors

The following Baptist alumni have been nominated to serve on the Alumni Board of Directors.

If there are no objections, they will be approved and they will attend the fall Board meeting and be sworn in at that time.

For consideration are:

- Sara Goodwin Brumley, nursing, class of 1960
- Ruth Kamke Reyes, nursing, class of 1966
- Kathy Fish, radiology, class of 1977
- Damon Mayes, nursing, class of 1985
- Alice Albritten Moisan, nursing, class of 1986
- Reynae Bennett, nursing, class of 2004

Mission Trip Sets Fire to 63 Year-Old Graduate’s Dream of Career in Nursing

by LORI SIMPSON

KATHRYN SMITH has always felt a desire to serve others. Born in Hernando, Miss., Smith spent her early years living with her grandparents while her mother worked in Memphis. When she turned 11, she and her younger sister moved in with their mother and attended Memphis City Schools. After meeting and marrying her husband while a student at Stillman

College in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Smith worked a variety of sales and production jobs, but she always felt there was more she could do to help others.

In 1981, she decided to pursue a career in health care and became one of six students chosen to participate in Baptist’s first phlebotomy program. She spent seven years working as a phlebotomist before being trained in strategies of supervision and procedures for blood collection.

“I became the education coordinator of the hospital’s phlebotomy program and served in that position for five years,” she said. “I then went to work for the Memphis Pathology Laboratory as a shift coordinator.”

Smith felt the call to nursing while participating on a medical mission trip at the African Christian Hospital in Nigeria in 1998. While there, she worked as a circulator in the surgery suite, a position normally reserved for registered nurses.

“I came home with malaria and my heart aflame to become a nurse,” she said.

Her dream was put on hold until she returned to Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis in 2003 as a staff phlebotomist. That fall, she registered for her first class at Southwest Tennessee Community College. She took one class at a time until she was able to complete the program.

She earned her associate’s degree in nursing in December 2007, but before graduating, she and her classmates met with Dr. Anne Plumb, the dean of nursing at Baptist College. After Plumb’s presentation, Smith felt the desire to go beyond the associate’s level and earn her bachelor’s degree in nursing.

“I investigated Baptist College first and was convinced right away,” she said. “The College has an atmosphere that encourages scholarship, the professors are wonderful, and I don’t think I could



have gotten a better education anywhere else.”

Smith now works as a nurse in chest pain and cardiac intervention at Baptist Memphis, where she completed her nursing internship, and she has no plans of slowing down.

“My nursing journey has taken nine years and will not end here,” she said.

Smith hopes to pursue a master’s degree in nursing beginning in the fall of 2013 with hopes of someday teaching future nurses. She also plans on obtaining certification in advanced cardiac life support and work on medical mission trips.

“I may not retire,” she said. “I may simply be gathered to my people.”

Brian Hogan named administrator and CEO of Baptist Rehabilitation-Germantown



BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE recently named Brian K. Hogan as the new administrator and CEO of Baptist Rehabilitation-Germantown.

Hogan most recently served as the hospital’s chief nursing officer. He earned his bachelor’s degree in nursing from Baptist College of Health Sciences in 1994 and his master’s degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix.

He has held a variety of positions during his time with Baptist and previously served as nursing director overseeing the cardiac intervention unit, neurology unit, dialysis services and cardiac monitoring at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis. Before that, he was nurse manager of the cardiac intervention unit and head nurse on the orthopedic/neurology unit at Baptist Memphis.

“Brian is a bright medical professional who has shown great skill and professionalism during his time with Baptist,” said Zach Chandler, vice

president and metro market leader for Baptist. “He truly loves what he does, and his experience in health care will only strengthen the leadership team at Baptist Rehab-Germantown.”

Hogan is a member of the Germantown Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the second Baptist Leadership Institute, which provides extensive training for selected Baptist leaders. He is also a graduate of Leadership Germantown, a course for Germantown-area community and business leaders. In addition to his extensive volunteer work with local organizations, Hogan is also a member of the Germantown Kiwanis Club.

“I am truly honored to be chosen to lead the team at Baptist Rehab-Germantown,” Hogan said. “I have enjoyed my experiences in the clinical health care environment, and I am excited to see what the future holds for me in administration.”

Lack of Financial Support Didn't Stop 1951 Graduate From Achieving Her Dreams

by GINGER PORTER

MAUREEN GAITHER HALLIBURTON, now 83 years old, was a secretary in health care before she decided to go to nursing school. She graduated in 1951 with a diploma in nursing and became a registered nurse through Baptist, passing her state board exams. She was afforded an opportunity to further her education at Blue Mountain College in Mississippi and completed a bachelor's degree in psychology and English. Her education meant she could teach nursing through the Baptist program.

"It furthered my teaching career and salary. I had no money to go to school, so I had to take opportunities as they came my way," she said.

She began her teaching career in 1953 and taught for 30 years at Baptist. Halliburton taught nursing procedures such as how to make a bed, give a bath, deliver a hypodermic injection and much more.

"I guess they call it nursing skills classes today," she said. "When I was a student, we had to be a supervisor for a floor of 75 patients or more. We had big charges of responsibility that the students don't have this day and time. We had to do bedside service when patients came in from surgery. We had to stay with them until they responded from the surgery anesthetic and care for the others on our floor. It was very different."

Halliburton further explained there was no recovery area or intensive care unit back then. Everything was done in the room. The extensive monitoring present in the hospitals today was just

not there to free nurses to handle more things.

She also said that the student nurses had to practice taking blood pressure and other procedures on each other. And anything else was done on a doll, as she called it—no expensive simulation laboratories with electronic patients replicating trauma situations, diseases and dying, like they have today.

"We did our best with what we had," Halliburton said. "What a change in the nursing curriculum today in clinical assignments and classroom work. The technological resources alone are such an advantage."

She recounted guiding her students caring for Archie Manning when he had knee surgery and teaching in the nursing lab when they got the news that President Kennedy was assassinated. She remembered the tense moments as students completed their nursing lab assignments and went to their rooms after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., while the city was in a state of unrest.



Her last 10 years at Baptist were serving as Baptist's school health nurse. She had the opportunity to serve her students, a job she greatly enjoyed. The doctors on staff were so generous in their care in attending the students, she said. She enjoys seeing her Baptist people each year and is looking forward to Centennial festivities.

"Attending the alumni reunions each spring is certainly a joyous occasion for me. I get to be with former students again and hear them share their accomplishments in nursing and I tell them it just cheers my heart. I just wish them the best and God's blessings," Halliburton said.

Looking Back

1922 student nurses in classroom.



Baptist School of Nursing Launches Successful Nursing, Teaching Career for Alumnus

by LORI SIMPSON

WHEN PATRICIA STANFILL EDENS graduated from Jackson High School in Jackson, Tenn., in 1967, she never thought her rebellion would lead to a long, successful career in the health care field. She was looking for a good education and a ticket out of town.

"My guidance counselor, Frances Crosson, helped me to explore options that would allow me to leave my hometown even if my parents didn't spring

for my tuition," she said. "One of the options she shared with me was the generous tuition forgiveness at the Baptist School of Nursing. I really hadn't considered nursing until then, but while my choice of nursing was purely situational initially, it was exactly what my God wanted me to do."

Edens visited the campus and immediately felt at home. Her parents agreed, and helped her pay for her education, even though she didn't go to a school in her hometown.

She fit right in with her classmates and found the courses stimulating and exciting. While she was dedicated to her education, she still had a hint of playful rebellion lurking beneath the surface.

"My roommates and I hid a hamster in our closet until Ms. Lord, one of our housemothers, heard its little wheel going round and informed us we had to get that creature out of the dorm," she said.

Her years in school were full of fond memories of singing in the Nightingales, water fights in the dorm halls and practical jokes.

"One of the funniest things we did was to clear out one of our classmate's rooms and hide the beds," she recalled.

After earning her diploma in 1970, Edens went to work for Baptist Memorial Hospital's intensive care unit. For the next three years, she alternated working in the neonatal intensive care unit for the City of Memphis Hospital and as a staff nurse at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In 1973, she was given the opportunity to return to the Baptist School of Nursing to teach pediatrics. Six years later, she was named the hospital's assistant director of nursing. Elizabeth Farnell, vice president of nursing for the hospital and administrator of Baptist's School of Nursing, was the one who promoted her.

"I hope she saw the potential in me, but truthfully, I haven't a clue," Edens said. "At 28, I was the youngest assistant director in the history of Baptist Memorial Hospital, and all of the supervisors in the maternal child departments had known me as a student."

Farnell retired from Baptist in 1987, but Edens continued to keep in touch. They both shared a love of antiques.

"I consider her one of the most influential people in my life," she said. "She tough, but fair, and to this day, I still model a lot of what I learned from her in my consulting with hospitals in a crisis."

Edens left Baptist in 1981 to become the director of nursing for St. Jude. Her successful career grew exponentially during the next 20 years.

She served as the executive director for the Memorial Regional Cancer Center in South Bend, Ind., administrative director for the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center and Minnie Pearl Cancer Foundation in Nashville, Tenn., and the assistant vice president of quality for the Hospital Corporation of America.

She continues to serve as a medical editor



and writer for several international publications and as a senior consultant for the Oncology Group, based in Austin, Texas. She also has her own firm, Global Oncology.

Education has always been an important element in Edens' life. She holds a bachelor's from Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., master's degrees from the University of Memphis and Notre Dame, and a Ph.D. from Kennedy-Western University in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Edens lives in Hendersonville, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville, with her husband, Woody. They have two children and three grandchildren. When not working, she enjoys photography, traveling and writing.

Although it's been many years since she worked at Baptist, Edens still feels a kinship with the hospital and nursing program that gave her a first glimpse into health care.

"The faculty was the most wonderful group of women I've ever known," she said. "I would be remiss if I didn't thank Denese Shumaker, who instilled my love of pediatrics and recruited me to teach, and Diana Baker, who was an awe inspiring instructor who loved her students and made her students excited to learn."

Former Activities Director Recalls Historical Happenings at Baptist School of Nursing

by MARY ANN (FARIS) THURMOND
Director of Student Activities, 1963-1968

IN THE EARLY 1960s, I was happily working at Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Ark., as hostess at the hospital and recruiter for the School of Nursing. It was during this time I was recruited by Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis to be director of student activities for their School of Nursing. Knowing that God moves both to and through, the challenge was accepted.

It was an exceptional opportunity to be involved with nursing students and to share their three-year journey. There were no male students, and it was at a time when young girls were protected; they were required to be single and to live in the dormitory. Many had come from small towns and families were pleased to know that their daughters could move to the big city and stay safe.

It was rare that a student had a car. Several students brought their sewing machines, set them up in the basement and made their own clothes. The dorm closed at 8 p.m. every night. Mrs. Adele Powers lived in the dorm, served as the head housemother and shared the front desk with Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Lord.

If you were late, demerits were earned that could add up to being in detention for a weekend. The stories of how to avoid demerits and to be able to slip back in the dorm unnoticed after midnight are probably better shared verbally in a small setting without incriminating anyone. Let's just say that there was a lot of creativity. It was definitely a different era from 2012!

As freshmen, students were bused to classes at the then-Memphis State University. Everyone on campus recognized the big brown buses waving as they came and went. The School of Nursing faculty then took over and was absolutely outstanding. The instructors had the skills to take young high school graduates and, by exposing them to classroom knowledge and then through experiencing the floor rotations, turn them into professional and caring nurses.

These new nurses were so well trained that many would graduate on a Friday night and begin working in the hospital the following week, shouldering heavy responsibility in the hospital. It was three years of hard work, but

the tenacity of the students and the faculty goal to make the students successful paid off.

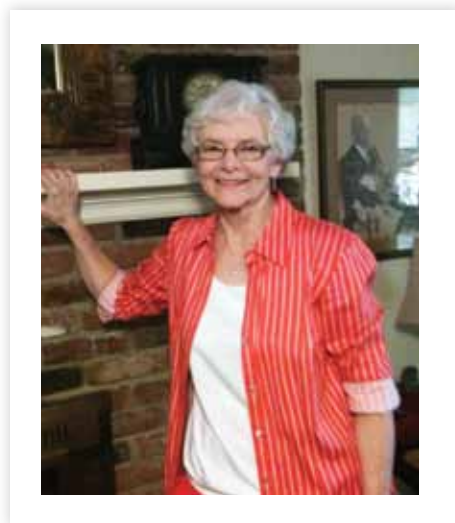
My role was to be involved in everything non-curricular, which meant working with the Glee Club, Young Women's Auxiliary, Baptist Student Union, the student annual and Student Council. It meant helping with logistics on retreats, receptions, mission trips, Bible studies and chaperoning events. It included graduation; basketball and softball team games; banquets; and Religious Emphasis Week. Some of my deepest religious experiences occurred at those retreats and still remain strong in their influence.

One annual event was a Waffle Breakfast. The dorm basement walls were lined with many waffle irons, all cooking at once (and, yes, we frequently blew fuses). There were Capping ceremonies and Black Band parties.

One of the biggest events during that time was the birth of Lisa Marie Presley. For privacy, the windows in her room were covered with aluminum foil to keep out the light and allow Elvis to sleep during the day. We ran into movie stars and celebrities on the elevator, such as Robert Goulet.

It was also during my time with Baptist that Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. The dorm immediately went into lock-down. There was a curfew throughout the city, but since hospitals operate 24/7, it meant that some employees had to sleep at the hospital or be escorted on the streets after hours. The hospital and the mayor sent large buses on circuitous routes throughout the city during the nights in order to pick up employees. Often they were accompanied by the police, not knowing if they would be targeted. Times were very tense, but the caretaking of the sick continued without a break.

I was renting an apartment a block away at Monroe Towers and all of us staying there received an eviction notice—the building was



to be turned into the new student nurse dormitory. It was a big day to say goodbye to the tall walk-up stairs of the Hughla Dockery dorm and quite a sight to see the stream of students walk a block, carrying all their personal items to new quarters. The downstairs grill became the faculty wing and the activities office, where students would drop in at the end of the day, sharing how the rotation had gone or just to relax and share a story of a new boyfriend. There were crises and tears, as well, and as we worked through those, we deepened friendships.

Students helped dedicate the opening of the Union Avenue wing addition to the hospital. Hospital Board members from the states of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee were present, along with many city dignitaries. The Glee Club performed, making their entrance with singing as they flowed up the new escalator, spilling out into the lobby.

Christmastime was special throughout all the hospital. The hospital hostesses drew beautiful Christmas decorations on the large windows that faced Union and Madison Avenues. Chaplain Charles McKnight played Santa Claus, arriving in a helicopter in the front lawn, and Tommy Lane, director of the Nightingales, provided many memorable moments for all. The Glee Club cut beautiful records that even today will still bring chills when you hear them sing.

One Christmas we took a bus load of student nurses, dressed in their starched uniforms with

white aprons, to sing at Southland Mall. On the way home, we passed by Graceland, and on a whim, stopped. Cautioning the girls to be very quiet, I walked up to the guard gate where Elvis's uncle Vernon Presley was standing watch, and explained who we were, and that we would like to serenade Elvis if he were in town.

This was before tours of Graceland were public, so it was a bit daring. After a few furtive phone calls back to the house, Vernon then gave us severe warnings about our behavior (no screaming, running or ringing the doorbell), but that we could walk up the driveway and "sing to the house." We silently walked up the long drive and sang about six or seven songs. No one appeared at the door, but our hearts raced when we saw a window curtain on the second floor being slowly pulled back. We finished, quietly waved and professionally walked back to the bus. After the bus doors closed, the whoops and hollers then burst forth—we sang to the King!

Dr. Frank Groner and his wife Daisy did not have any children, so Dr. Groner was especially partial to the School of Nursing.

One of his greatest gifts was to allow Tommy Lane to take the Glee Club to sing at the 1964 New York World's Fair. I was responsible for the chaperoning of 148 people in three commercial planes, which was a daunting task. (And only one person got airsick on the trip—me!)

We had a buddy system, roll calls and bed checks. After two singing performances at the Fair, we ended the trip by being interviewed on "The Today Show," walking two by two very early in the morning from our hotel to the show site. We walked several blocks by homeless people sleeping in doorways, heard the roar beneath us of the subway, smelled the pungent odors of New York and then stood directly at the stage back door. There were no barriers and no large crowds there. As the show began, Dave Garroway appeared, interviewed a couple of us and congratulated the students. No one was prouder than Dr. Groner, for "his girls" had made quite an impression everywhere they went.

Three years in which restrictions may have seemed tight and the training very hard; not everyone could ace chemistry or handle the stress of working with the seriously ill. The

symbols along the way became very meaningful: capping, black band, white instead of striped uniforms, acquiring the beautiful navy cape with the red lining and finally the gold triangular pin, which acknowledged that young girls had become highly prepared professionals, following the high calling of serving others in a very specific way.

Before I ever came to Memphis or Baptist, I shared an office with a wonderful woman named Helen Reynolds, who was director of volunteers and later an assistant administrator at Baptist Arkansas Hospital.

Helen had a 10-yr-old son named Stephen who also loved hospitals. Does the name ring a bell?

Yes, he followed in his mom's footsteps and became the CEO and President of Baptist Memorial Health Care, helping shape 40 of the hospital's 100 years. What a privilege to know two generations that made such a difference in the health care profession—and what a deep privilege to have shared those formative years with several hundred young women who have also made their marks along the way. May God continue to have His hand on the next 100 years!

Frances Josie: Still Using her Nursing Skills 50 Years Later

by GINGER PORTER

AS A YOUNG GIRL OF 15, Frances Josie was at Baptist Hospital with a ruptured appendix and peritonitis with a pelvic abscess. She was in the hospital 13 days. She got to be friends with some of the student nurses and decided she wanted to be a nurse. She never wavered and worked hard in nursing school, graduating in 1961.

She talks about huge oxygen tanks and tents, nursing rotations at the tuberculosis hospital (TB was very prevalent in those days), students having to practice insertion of nasogastric tubes on each other and syringes and needles being cleaned and sent to central sterilizing, where everything was sterilized and needles re-filed for later use—all concepts foreign in modern-day medicine.

She loved her time in school at Baptist learning about nursing.

"I felt very safe. They took such good care of us. They fed us well. We were well supervised and had the best health care if we were sick," she said. "It was like we were Baptist's

children. We couldn't have had it any better."

Elvis was in the hospital her senior year with a broken thumb. Nursing students doing their clinical studies and working nights would sneak to his room and shine a flashlight in just to see him. She remembers word got out he was not very happy about being interrupted so much.

One of the events she remembers in great detail was the Russwood Park fire on Easter Sunday, 1960. She had gone to Bellevue Baptist church on a bus from the school and before the service, a man announced they needed any volunteer firefighters to come to the church office. After the service, he said there had been a five-alarm fire in the city and to stay away from Madison Avenue.

Josie and the girl who had accompanied her realized the bus wasn't going to take them back and they walked to the dormitory, stepping over endless firehoses. The housemother greeted them with, "Get your uniforms on and get to wherever you work in the hospital every day."

They did, and the Red Cross gave them arm-

bands as official workers. The carnage across the street from the hospital was graphic from the fire and every window facing Madison was cracked from the heat of the flames. If it had not been for the thermal glass, the hospital might have met the same fate as the ballpark.

"They had to tape up all the windows to prevent them from falling into the street until they could replace them. There was some water damage in the lobby from all the firehoses. I still have my armband. I will never forget it," she said.

Josie has made nursing her life. She keeps up her license at age 71. She retired in 2007 from the hospital in Warner-Robins, Ga., where she now lives. However, she still serves regularly on medical mission trips and was once called upon to deliver a baby at home.

"Nursing school prepared me for life," Josie said. "It's valuable for raising your family or just living in a community where you are. I have been a nurse for church camp, I have spoken at schools and I have served as nurse on school trips."

Thank you

Thank you to the Baptist alumni and friends who contributed to the "1 FOR 100" campaign. Over the last two years, you contributed more than \$13,500 to Baptist College—almost \$4,000 during the Centennial Reunion weekend alone!



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Alumni Gifts Help Fund Scholarships for Students

by MARY MACKINNON
Development Officer

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Most students who choose Baptist College do so because they value our legacy, our reputation for excellence, our opportunities for service and our commitment to the mission of healing, preaching and teaching. Unfortunately, the cost of a college education is stretching individual and family budgets more and more each year—even at Baptist College, where we have a long history of maintaining low tuition compared to other colleges and universities in the area.

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based on the amount of assistance they receive. Donations from alumni, friends, organizations and foundations help us provide scholarship assistance to deserving students and enable them to meet their financial needs.

Becoming a Baptist College donor is easy. You can choose among many options that give you flexibility to make a gift according to your personal goals. To contribute \$1,000 you can make a one lump sum contribution, or you can make installments of \$500 for two years, \$250 for four years, or \$200 for five years. It is your choice.

Please feel free to call me at 901-572-2773 or email mary.mackinnon@bchs.edu. if you'd like more information.

Class Notes

NURSING

CLASS OF 1984

Rhonda Litano received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Memphis in July 2011.

CLASS OF 1985

Susan Nicholson Heffington earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock in Dec. 2011. She was on the dean's list and the chancellor's list for the College of Math and Science.

CLASS OF 1990

Lisa McKee Young received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Memphis in May. Young works in nursing informatics Baptist Memorial Health Care.

CLASS OF 1992

Cathy Stepter (1) received her doctorate in nursing from Georgia Southern University. Stepter is assistant professor of nursing at Baptist College of Health Sciences.

CLASS OF 2005

Chasity Griffing Sisson (2) is living in the Washington, DC, area where her husband is serving as an officer in the Navy. Sisson and her husband, Max, have a one year old son, Brady. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and is working as a nurse practitioner. The family will be relocating to Meridian Air Naval Station this fall and will be stationed there for three years.

Ashley Miller Henry received her master's degree in nursing from Union University in March 2011. She works as a family nurse practitioner at Ageless Men's Health in Germantown, Tenn.

Mindy Rhea Miller; (3) her husband, David; and son, Jacob; welcomed their newest family member, Mason Neal, on March 29. Baby Mason was born at Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto. Miller currently works at Mississippi State Department of Health.

Miranda Rowsey Melton, class of 2005, received a master's degree in nursing from University of Memphis in May.



CLASS OF 2008

Jennifer Brooke Warren earned her master's degree this May in nursing from University of Memphis.

CLASS OF 2009

Samuel James David (4) was born Jan. 6, 2012, and weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. Samuel is the son of **Stephanie** and **Josh David**. Stephanie is an ICU nurse at Methodist Germantown.

CLASS OF 2010

Angelia Pitcher received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at Baptist DeSoto earlier this year. The DAISY award is given in appreciation of the work that nurses do. The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Angela works as a RN/clinical resident in the medical surgical department at Baptist DeSoto.

CLASS OF 2011

Ashley Wheeler Pullen (5) married J.T. Pullen on Dec. 17 in Eads, Tenn. Pullen works as a trauma ICU nurse at the Regional Medical Center.

CLASS OF 2012

Candise Crosno Harrell (6) was married on Feb. 25 at Carahills in Gallatin, Tenn., to Glyn Harrell. She works as a nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women.

Carla Curle, a nursing graduate, received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis.

ALLIED HEALTH

CLASS OF 2011

Haley Sterling Campbell, a graduate of medical radiography, was married on Sept. 20, 2011, to Josh Campbell. She is a radiology technologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis, and her mother, Paula Sterling, is a nurse at Baptist Memphis

IN MEMORIAM

Ila Kate Welch Gordon, class of 1946, passed away on Dec. 11, 2010.

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.

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

Adell Virginia "Ginny" Sisney Sharpless, class of 1956, passed away on Dec. 26, 2011.

Shannon Mitchell Maness, class of 1985, passed away on April 14, 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn Cook, class of 1949, passed away on April 22, 2012.

Lillie Inez Couch Bowie, class of 1940, passed away on April 24, 2012.

Christine Fisher Smith Hubbard, class of 1941, passed away on May 5, 2012.

Marie Allyne Roberts Statham, class of 1954, passed away on May 10, 2012.



Looking Back

Nursing students gathered to enjoy an ice-cold Coca-Cola. The black stripe on their hats distinguished them as seniors.

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