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# "Get Acquainted Days"

## A Record Breaking Event

by Jonathan Blankenship

Southeastern hosted its annual fall Get Acquainted Days on November 2 – 4, 2006. High School students were able to stay on campus in the dormitories, visit the classes and chapel, and participate in the campus activities. Each student was challenged, personally, to "Enroll in the Excitement!"

So, what's the excitement all about? For the fifth straight year we have broken our attendance record during this highlighted weekend. Over 240 people were registered from 25 churches and 13 different states. Students represented the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Alabama, Colorado and California. It was encouraging to see over 50 high school seniors in attendance.

On Thursday when the students arrived they were escorted to their dorms where they would spend the evening. Later that evening, we had a devotional time in the Activities Center where student, Bryan Lamm shared a challenging thought from God's Word. That night, our society volleyball championship game took place between the guys and the girls. Friday was packed full of events. The students attended classes and chapel and also participated in various campus activities. On Friday evening, everyone attended a NC

State Wolfpack Basketball game.

The highlight of the weekend was having graduate and missionary Chip Henley preach to the student body and high school students. Each message that was delivered was timely and effective for this generation. Many lives were poured out on the altar as they dedicated themselves to Christ to do His Will.

I want to encourage you to bring your young people to our next Get Acquainted Days. It is an informational weekend where they can learn more about Southeastern and what it has to offer as well as challenge them in their walk with Christ. A special thanks to all who attended this year's event!



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# President's Pen



## How to Have a Successful Year

DR. LORENZA STOX

There is no doubt that Paul was a successful man. In the eyes of the world's idea of success he would have been a failure. What was it about Paul that made him such a success? In Philippians 3:12-14 Paul gives us four things that are necessary in order to have a successful year. I believe these four things can help us have a successful new year.

**A PROPER ASSESSMENT.** We must know where we are if we are to see where we need to go. A map is no good to you, no matter how clear it may be, if you cannot

locate where you are. In verse 12 Paul made an assessment of himself and knew where he was. He knew he had a lot of growing to do. Although he had achieved much, he had some more growing to do. He was satisfied with his salvation, with his Savior but not totally with himself. He understood he had not already arrived and had much more to attain.

So, as Paul, if we are to have a successful new year, we must make a proper assessment of ourselves and see the great need to grow more. To

arrive at this conclusion, we must never compare ourselves with other people but measure ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second thing we must have is **A PRAYERFUL AMBITION.** Paul brought everything, all his goals, into one burning focus (v. 13). He thinks of someone running a race and a man running a race has no side issues to distract him. He doesn't stop and join the cheerleaders. He doesn't go into the stands and sell popcorn. "This one thing I do!" To be successful a person must bring his life into focus - to that one strong and simple desire.

Do you have this prayerful ambition where you can say, "This one thing I do?" There must be a master goal in our life and everything else in our life must contribute to that main goal.

The third thing you must have is **A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.** Paul stated "I follow after. . ." (v. 12) and "I press toward. . ." (v. 14). These two statements mean "relentless pursuit" - a strong positive determination. It has the idea of putting everything you have into it. Paul had a determination

that nothing could stop him. With all the stripes and scars from the whippings and stonings, he would not quit. He would not quit running until the blade dropped at the guillotine.

The fourth point we observed in having a successful New Year is **A POINTED AIM** (v. 13 & 14). There is always a goal you look to when

you run in a race. No runner can run a race looking over his shoulder. We should not give up, nor let up, nor shut up until we've taken up. Let's never give up but determine that we are going to be successful for the cause of Christ this next year.

Remember salvation is not a prize you win at the end of the race. It is the gift that enables you to run the race.

Announcing  
**2007 Sounds of Praise**  
Ensemble

Promotional Director, Jonathan Blankenship recently announced the 2007 Sounds of Praise Ensemble.

Congratulations to these eleven young people:

Nathan Ange, Chip Pullen, Jared Blankenship, Jonathan Huff, Brent Little, Joshua Rager, Courtney Young, Amanda Morris, Ashley Pullen, Kyla Guin, and Nichole Newman.

If you would like to have a special service with this group please contact our Promotional Department.

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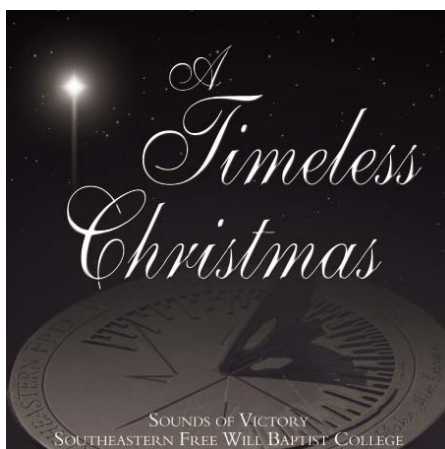
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# Lighting of the Campus

Date: Friday, December 1, 2006

Time: 7:00pm

Join us on this festive evening as the Sounds of Victory Choir and Sounds of Praise Ensemble present a live performance of their newest recording: "A Timeless Christmas." The recording will be released during this special Christmas celebration.



There is no charge for this performance. Therefore, you do not need to call for reservations.

## Who's Who 2006 - 2007

- Sarah Ange
- Travis Bennett
- Holly Clayton
- Lucy Hunigan
- Timothy Maddox
- Daniel Mann
- Jennifer Massey
- Nathan Massey
- Jonathan Osborne
- Austin Pendergraft

## Calendar of Events

### December

- Lighting of the Campus – 1st
- Christmas Break Begins – 16th

### January

- Students Return – 9th
- Classes Begin – 11th

### February

- Principal's Conference – 6th

### March

- Spring Break / Choir Tour  
5th – 12th
- Grad Days - 29th – 31st

**Coca Cola Scholarship**  
has been awarded to the following students

- Michael Ellis
- Josh Haggard
- Josh Horton
- Isaac Johnson
- Eric Lehman
- Josh McLaney
- Marcos Osuna

**Hazel Goins Scholarship**  
has been awarded to the following students

- Natalie Carter
- Holly Clayton
- Ashley Godwin
- Beverly Holden
- Jessica Lancaster
- Bijou Onivogui
- Amanda Tomberlin

**Detillian Scholarship**  
has been awarded to the following students

- Sonny Thomas
- Jason Myers
- Russell Conyers
- Anthony Firmage

**Griffin Scholarship**  
has been awarded to the following students

- Sam House
- John Spencer

## *Southeastern Announces Hiring of Student Recruiter*

President Stox has announced that upcoming graduate Bryan Lamm will be joining the staff in January as Student Recruiter. Bryan is originally from Jacksonville, North Carolina where he grew up under the preaching of his grandfather, Rudolph Outlaw. In May, Bryan graduates with a Bachelors degree in Bible & Pastoral Theology. Bryan will be assisting the Promotional Director, Jonathan Blankenship, in recruitment endeavors such as, personal contact with high school students, Get Acquainted Days, Grad Days, Basketball Tournament, Christian School ministry, and summer youth camps. Jonathan Blankenship, who has directed our Recruitment department for the past six years said, "Bryan has a great zeal for Southeastern, and we are excited about his enthusiasm, personality, and passion in the pulpit that will help attract students to our campus."





## Mission Trip to India

by Jonathan Blankenship

On November 6th, me and my wife along with 5 students took off for Agra, India to hold a revival meeting with Faith Church and missionary Hemant Patel. Our trip lasted for a total of 10 days. The students included Daniel Mann (NC), Josh Aufden-garten (AZ), Sarah Ange (NC), Ashley Pullen (AL), and Rachel Cash (NC). Before arriving in India I had prayed that God would use me to bring the messages during the revival that the people were in need of during this time of their life. While I was focused on how I could be a blessing to them, my expectations were changed when they one by one, unknowingly, became a blessing to me.

When we arrived in Delhi we met Brother Patel



and one of his associates, Raju, who then took us by train to the city of Agra. Before the arrival our eyes were already opened to the needs of the people in India. Poverty, wickedness, and spiritual corruption had taken over the lives of millions and millions of people. The need was great, and the reasons for why Hemant Patel left the comforts of America to rejoin his people in India were becoming apparent by each passing moment.



For the next few days we began to minister to the people of Faith Church. The revival started on Wednesday evening and continued through to Sunday night. Each service the church was filled with over 300 in attendance and 50 to 70 people on the altars each night. We were grateful that the Lord gave us 5 souls that were saved during the revival meeting. Each night our trio, Majesty, sang during the service. Our students also alternated sharing testimonies of how God had redeemed their lives.

The last day of our trip we sat around a table and shared the favorite part of our trip. Without hesitation each one of us proclaimed, "The people."



I wish I could tell you of everyone we met and the stories of their life. You'll have to call me! But the one thing we will take back with us for the rest of our lives is the people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, who made an overwhelming impact on our lives. We greeted each other with "Jay-mashi-key" (Praise the Lord), and we left each other saying "Jay-mashi-key". When the day came we said goodbye, the tears were hard to hold back. The friendships we had made will last a lifetime.



I cannot write about this trip without mentioning one person, Baba. I have always heard people who have visited India talk about Baba and the wonderful testimony of his conversion, and how he had fasted and prayed for someone to come and help him understand the one true God. Brother Hemant was that man. Today, he reads his Bible and underlines every word, for they are all dear to him. Every 12 months they have to buy him a new one because he has worn the pages out by studying God's Word. What a wonderful privilege it was to meet Baba, to see his Bible and his faith, and to have him pray over our ministry. A man who has nothing, through Christ, now has everything.

There were a lot of "first" for me. First time I rode a camel, first time I fed a monkey while he was



standing on my head, and the first time I preached without my shoes. But it was the first time that I really understood that God's work is the same all around the world. I have been on several mission trips in my life, but sometimes we think that God's work is done differently overseas than here in the United States. But God is the same, and His work is the same no matter where in the world He may lead you. What Brother Patel has done in Agra, India, by the hand of God, was what many said was impossible. He has built a biblical, New Testament Church in the very shadows of the Taj Mahal. In a place where 60% of the people are Hindu, and 40% of the people are Muslims, God has placed an



oasis for people to come and drink of the water of life that only comes through Jesus Christ. There is nothing wrong with going to the mission field to begin orphanages and teach in schools, but where are the missionaries who will go and build churches just like we have them here in the states? God's work is always done through His church, and that is exactly what this mission work in India is all about, building a church where God's people may



grow in Christ. From what my eyes have beheld on this trip, I now personally feel as if anyone desiring to go the mission field should first visit Faith Church, Agra, India. They have set the example of how God's work can be accomplished anywhere in the world!

I want to personally thank all the churches and individuals who gave to our account to allow us the privilege of going to India. This was a very expensive trip, and with your help we were able to do a work for God across the globe. Please visit our webpage, [www.sfwbc.edu](http://www.sfwbc.edu), to see more photos of the trip. You will be enlightened about India, and maybe encouraged to also visit this great work. 🇮🇳



## Spotlight on Alumni

### Jeff and Linda Pope

Jeff and his wife Linda (Hyden) graduated from Southeastern in 1988. After graduation they moved to Wabash, Indiana where they both began to teach at the Emmanuel Christian School, a ministry of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church. After teaching for 9 years, Jeff became the principal of Emmanuel Christian School. Jeff and Linda ministered in Wabash for 17 years. Jeff and Linda are currently ministering at Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Hookerton, North Carolina where he has served as Associate Pastor for 2 years. Linda is teaching at Mt. Calvary Christian School in both 9th and 5th grade classes. They have two sons: Eric (13) and Craig (11). Jeff is thankful for the leadership and teaching of the Bible he received while at Southeastern. Although graduating with a Teacher Education degree, Jeff answered the call to preach in 2002 and has a heart and desire to one day pastor.



### Jimmy and Sarah Lawson

Jimmy is originally from southern West Virginia and answered the call to preach when he was 14 years old. He soon came to Southeastern Free Will Baptist College where he majored in Bible & Pastoral Theology. Jimmy graduated in 1998. While a student at Southeastern he met his wife, Sarah (Ange) from Ahoskie, North Carolina. Soon after graduation they moved to Westland, Michigan where Jimmy began to pastor the Community Free Will Baptist Church. He has served as Pastor in Westland for 8 years. They have one daughter, Olivia (1 yr old).



## I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

A Hymn Story by Trevor Thompson

Psalm 89:1 says "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations." Although the words of the hymn "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" were written by Francis Rowley, it was the composer, Peter Bilhorn who understood the compelling words of both Psalm 89:1 and this great hymn. Peter Bilhorn (1865-1936) had experienced at an early age both the mercies and the faithfulness of the Lord. With the death of his father, Peter was forced at the age of eight to quit school and help support his mother and family. Those years of working so hard at such an early age caused him to rely on the faithfulness of the One who promised to be with him and sustain him. Peter was also a gifted musician and singer. At the age of twenty-two he created a small folding organ that weighed only sixteen pounds. He would use this organ in street meetings and wherever he had the opportunity to play and sing. You see, he was compelled to sing the wondrous story of God's mercy and faithfulness to any one that would hear.

One night, after a meeting in Wisconsin, he went to his room to rest for the night when he felt compelled to dress, take his organ and start walking down the street, even though the weather was very cold. As he walked through the snow on the street, he saw a light coming from a basement window. He knocked and was allowed to come in where he found a group of men gambling. Peter Bilhorn set up his organ and began to play and sing in the midst of the crowd of gamblers and six of the men were saved that night. Peter Bilhorn understood that his duty as a Christian was to tell the wondrous story of God's love to anyone who would hear it.

"Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story, of the Christ who died for me. Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea." The Wondrous Story is one that a child of God can sing for eternity. As we sing the story to the sinner on earth, realize that it is a story we will sing with the saints of heaven.

*Some excerpts were taken from 101 Hymn Stories by Kenneth Osbeck.*

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## BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2006



**Bobby Floars, Jason Haas, and Jeff Stocks  
celebrate a great shot.**

**“Mark your calendars for next year’s  
tournament on October 2nd!”**



**Jeff Jones, Board Member and Pastor of  
Hilltop FWB Church in Fuquay Varina,  
carefully studies his next putt.**



**Danny Dwyer, Pastor of Cramerton FWB  
Church takes time to warm up on the  
driving range.**

On October 3rd golfers met together on the River Ridge Golf Course in Raleigh, NC, for a day of memorable golf. The purpose of the benefit golf tournament is to raise money for our student scholarship fund. When all the pledged money is received, Southeastern will have raised over \$60,000 toward this year’s scholarship fund. This is the most ever in our tournament’s history! This money makes its possible for students to attend Southeastern and in return make an impact in the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support and donations to this notable cause.



**Student workers Natalie Carter and Renee  
Miller enjoy a golf cart race.**

**Southeastern student, Adrian  
Nottonson takes a practice putt.**



**Congratulations to Jim Maddox, Donnie  
Gates, Matthew Tilghman, and Sam Pike  
who shot the lowest score of 54 (-18)  
in the tournament to be our  
2006 Tournament Champions.**

**Southeastern student Hal Jones IV and  
his father Hal Jones III, Pastor of Great  
Bridge FWB Church, Great Bridge, VA.**



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Missionary to Moldova



**Mission Trip Testimony**  
by student, Holly Clayton

**Sounds of Praise Ensemble**



**Mark Thomas**  
Missionary to Colorado



**David Aycock**  
Missionary to Brazil



**David Aycock and Family**

**Hemant Patel**  
Missionary to India



**Chip Henley visits with**  
former missionary, Dr. Joe Haas