

# THE SPECIALIST

Trinity Baptist College's **Alumni Newsletter** • Fall 2012

## special **FOCUS**



Mac D. Heavener, Jr.  
President/CEO

Mac D. Heavener, Jr. has a vast knowledge of business, real estate, finance, and marketing. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida. He also is a military man. He served in the Army National Guard at Fort Benning, Georgia and Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Following his active military service, he opened Heavener Realty Company in 1970 and grew the business to 18 offices. By 1976 it was one of the largest real estate companies in Florida. At that time, he sold all but one of his offices to his management team and became a partner in ERA (Electronic Realty Associates). His job titles at ERA included Southeastern Regional Director, National Training Director, General Sales Manager, Vice President of Marketing, Executive Vice President, and ultimately President of the national ERA ServiCenter and Co-CEO of the company. The company now has over 3,000 offices and is operating in over 23 countries.

Mac is also involved with training and educating. His training materials have been translated and still are being used in more than 40 countries on 5 continents. He is a graduate of and an instructor for the Florida Association of Realtors® Graduate Realtor Institute. He was an adjunct instructor for the University of Florida, University of North Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and a guest lecturer at the Emory University Graduate School of Business. He currently lectures on leadership in the Graduate School at Trinity Baptist College.

New life began for Mac at the age of 29 when he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. At that time, Mac determined to use his business for the Lord and to be a blessing and a help others. He has been a help to the college since its formation, serving as a trustee.

In his recreational time, Mac enjoys flying (he is an instrument rated private pilot), singing in the choir at Trinity Baptist Church, traveling, watching college sports, playing golf, hugging his bride of 46 years, and teasing his grandchildren.

As president, Mac is implementing some of the same strategies that he used in the business world to help TBC reach its greatest potential. He loves the college and the students and he looks forward to getting up and going to work. Mac views challenges that he and the college face as growth opportunities, not deterrents. He is a man of character and dedication and is a valuable asset to our students and college.

## special **NEWS**

### **RECOGNITION**

Trinity Baptist College has been recognized as a Military Friendly School® by G.I. Jobs Magazine. With this designation, Trinity Baptist College is ranked in the top 15% of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide by G.I. Jobs Magazine.

### **HOMECOMING**

Trinity Baptist College Homecoming  
January 25-26, 2013

### **TBC Alumni Association's Newest Silver and Gold Members**

#### **Silver**

Dennis (81) and Denise (82) Riffle  
Joy Thomas Schreck (87)  
Christopher (95) Alicia Shanley (95) Johnson

#### **Gold**

Mac (87, 08) and Dee (06) McMillan

### *get our alumni* **E-NEWSLETTER**

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## **CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS**



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Activity Center



HeBrews Cafe

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# alumni NEWS

## BIRTHS

Steven (07) and Suzette Leiding (08) Greene, daughter Adalyn Louise, November 16, 2011, Birmingham, AL

Matthew (95) and Christine Brown, daughter Kaylee Anne, April 21, 2012, Jacksonville, FL

Brandon (08) and Brittany Lambert (09) May, daughter Reagan Ansley, April 25, 2012, Ocala, FL

Wayne and Katherine Lawlor (98) Gray, son Miller Thomas, May 27, 2012, Jacksonville, FL

Joseph (06) and Rebekah Cole (03) Cotroneo, son Landon Joseph, June 7, 2012, New London, OH

Benjamin (04) and Heather Barber (07) Bruchie, son Webster Elijah, June 18, 2012, Tampa, FL

Michael and Sarah Babcox (01) Nichols, son Michael Andrew, July 2, 2012, Texas

Joshua (08, 10) and Claire Shultz (09) Harvey, daughter Ella Sophia, July 5, 2012, Winston-Salem, NC

Jonathan (04) and April Dunn (03) Flowers, son Gideon Luke, August 16, 2012, Jacksonville, FL

Jonathan (02, 07) and Heidi Pittman (01) Huff, daughter Emily Grace, August 24, 2012, Tampa, FL

Adam and Janelle Policastro (03) Smith, son John Lane, August 26, 2012, Geraldine, AL

Michael (09) and Roxanne Bowe (11) Bacaro, son Elias Finn, September 5, 2012, Mooseheart, IL

John (09) and Stephanie Roehl (03) Bolan, son Philip Campbell, September 19, 2012, El Paso, TX

James (06) and Kristin Babcock (06) Albin, daughter Madison Nichole, September 25, 2012, Poplar Bluff, MO

Andrew and Anna Alderman (04) Smith, daughter Kinsley, September 30, 2012, Pilot, VA

## MARRIAGES

Daniel Deig (07) and Alexandra Quick (08), October 30, 2010, Jacksonville, FL

Lemueling Martinez (12) and Brittany Villareal, May 24, 2012, Jacksonville, FL

Keenan Casteel and Sarah Coffman (10), May 26, 2012, Peotone, IL

Jonathan Jowers (12) and Victoria Bullard, June 9, 2012, Jacksonville, FL

Zachary Potter (12) and Ashle' Anne Mack, June 16, 2012, McDonough, GA

James Diley and Jennifer Marsh (12), June 29, 2012, Hilton, NY

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Anna Adams (08) received her Juris Doctorate from Regent University School of Law on May 5, 2012.

Jeffrey Cross (03) received his Master of Divinity degree from Moody Theological Seminary – Michigan in 2012.

Alexandra Quick (08) Deig received her Master of Arts and Religion in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University in 2012.

Daniel Deig (07) received his Master of Arts and Religion in Church Ministry from Liberty University in 2010, his Masters in Religious Education from Liberty University in 2011, and his Master of Divinity in Professional Ministry from Liberty University in 2012.

Robert Graham (87) was named Alumnus of the Year from the University of North Florida, where he received his Masters and Ph.D., for his work in South Africa.

Dustin Haymaker (09) received his Master of Divinity degree from Liberty University on May 12, 2012.

Timothy Jacobs (05) received his Masters in Intercultural Studies from Biola University in 2012.

William Lavender (97) received the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) for his work on the Army's tests and evaluations for future equipment and network upgrades.

Adam Morehouse (10) was promoted to Chief in the Navy.

Gib Wood (84) received his Masters of Ministry degree from Master's International School of Divinity in 2012.

## POSITIONS

Amber Amato (12), Teacher at Ridgeview Public High School, Jacksonville, FL

Peter Belk (08), Assistant Director of Athletic Bands at the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Daniel Deig (07), Interim Student Pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL

Mickey Gaydosh (03) and Christy Murray (95) Gaydosh, planted Grace Baptist Church, Monaco, PA

Steven Greene (07), Assistant Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Lake City, FL

Joseph Hamilton (99), Pastor, Whitehouse Baptist Church, Chester, WV

Timothy Jacobs (05), Assistant Pastor, Redeeming Grace Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY

Dina May (94) Marchant, Founder and Administrator, Heritage Academy, Albany, GA

David Seikbert (04), Worship Pastor, Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

## DEATHS

Joseph Arthur Houlihan (07) went home to be with the Lord on June 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Sears (05) Houlihan and children, Hannah and Micah.

Paul Douglas Dugan (90) went home to be with the Lord on August 10, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Lynda, and sons, Christopher, Stephen, James, and daughters, Leslie Coover and Rebekah.



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# special MESSAGE



## McMillan Family

Homer (Mac) (87,08)  
DeErma (Dee)(06),  
Hillary and Inman

In the early 1980's during my undergraduate days, it was common to see pastors and church leaders advocate for "counseling" based on the Bible. Of course, our Lord is identified as "Counselor" among other titles in Isaiah 9:6. As we seek to emulate Jesus, we have many opportunities to offer spiritual guidance from a biblical perspective; however, from a legal point of view, pastors and other Christian

workers must be very careful. Almost every state in the Union has adopted laws making it a crime for an individual to hold themselves out as a counselor in such a way that they may be perceived as holding credentials and/or licensure

approved by the state. (See generally, A Uniform Approach to the Unlicensed Practice of Medicine, available at [http://health.nv.gov/PDFs/unlicensedMedicalActivity/A\\_UniformApproachtotheUnlicensedPracticeofMedicine.pdf](http://health.nv.gov/PDFs/unlicensedMedicalActivity/A_UniformApproachtotheUnlicensedPracticeofMedicine.pdf) dealing with the general regulation of medical professionals). For example, Florida law makes it a first degree misdemeanor to use the title "marriage counselor" unless an individual is licensed by the state to offer such services (Fla. Stat. § 491.012(1)(b), (3)). To simply use that title without the proper education and licensing carries the potential of one year in jail (Fla. Stat. § 491.012(4)(a)). In addition to a term of imprisonment the courts may impose a fine of up to \$1000. (Fla. Stat. § 775.083(1)(d)). This penalty also applies if an unqualified person uses the title "family counselor" or "marriage counselor" (Fla. Stat. § 491.012(1)(b)).

There are some practical policies that pastors, church staff, and even lay volunteers should put in place in order to avoid conflict with these types of laws. First, call any advice that you may give to someone seeking help "spiritual advice." Admittedly, it is difficult to get accustomed to doing so if you are in the habit of calling your one-on-one ministry "counseling," but it is imperative that you retrain yourself to comply with the requirements of the law. Next, make sure to confine your advice to biblical principles; keep your "talking points" within the four corners of the most powerful document on the planet, God's word. (Hebrews 4:12) After all, the Bible is what changes people's lives. Psychological principles and practices are certainly tools that may be very helpful when wielded by skilled professionals, but ours is a spiritual ministry. In the third place, pray to begin your time with the person you are advising, and pray to end it. This will help the person(s) you are helping understand your faith in the power of prayer, and it will, most importantly, invoke God's blessings on your ministry. (See 1 Thessalonians 5:17) Fourth, do not administer any "tests" or engage in discussions that have the ring of psychological practice. This may not be an issue clearly addressed in the statute of your state, but it most certainly is the best practice for you, your church, and your people.

Finally, make sure you are willing to refer individuals to professionals when you realize that the issues are beyond your competence. Modern psychological practitioners have a great deal of knowledge that may be of assistance to the individual you are trying to help, but under the law the person cannot get that assistance unless trained, licensed individuals provide it to them.

[This article should not be construed as legal advice. If you need the assistance of an attorney, seek out a qualified professional who is admitted to the practice of law in your state. Brother McMillan is admitted to practice law in Florida, but even if you live in Florida you should seek legal advice from an attorney who will review your individual circumstances.]

# special INFORMATION

We consider the alumni of Trinity Baptist College to be priceless partners in ministry, and we greatly value our relationship with you. As an educational institution, we encourage you to continually develop and equip yourself so that you can most effectively serve God in your area of ministry. Earning a graduate degree can be one of the best methods to sharpen your talents and increase your effectiveness. To express our appreciation for your continued support and to demonstrate our commitment to you as a graduate, we have worked hard to make earning a graduate degree more convenient and affordable. We have established two significant scholarships that can be applied toward graduate studies with the college:

First, we have developed an Alumni Scholarship Program which is now available to all graduates of TBC. This scholarship allows you to take your first two graduate classes at half price with the remaining classes discounted 10%. The savings of this offer total to over \$2,000!

Second, we established the Standing Together Scholarship. This scholarship enables any full-time staff member of a financially supporting church to take graduate classes with the college absolutely free of tuition! Full-time staff members of ministries supported by the church are also able to take advantage of this opportunity.

We have also worked very hard to make earning an advanced degree more convenient for the busy professional. Our graduate programs are delivered almost entirely online and designed to accommodate your current job and ministry schedules. The number of available scholarships is limited, so we encourage you not to delay in contacting a Graduate Studies Admissions Counselor.

I hope that you prayerfully consider this opportunity to sharpen your talents and increase your effectiveness in ministry. Pursuing a graduate degree at Trinity has never been more convenient or affordable. Contact an Admissions Counselor today to inquire about our Alumni and Standing Together Scholarship programs at 800-786-2206 or by emailing [graduatestudies@tbc.edu](mailto:graduatestudies@tbc.edu).

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**ALUMNUS**

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