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Positions

Farid Jalil (05), Missions Evangelist with Messiah Baptist Church, Brighton, CO

Joseph Kotvas (12), Team Missionary with Efata, Lima, Peru

Shane Williams (96), Small Groups and Volunteers Pastor, True North Church, North Augusta, SC

Anthony Cason (99), Pastor, True Gospel Baptist Church, Bainbridge, GA

Marriages

Jeremy Boles (12) and Caron Weeks (13), November 9, 2013, Palm Coast, FL

Jedidiah Faulkner and Brittany Watson (10), December 28, 2013, Lakeland, FL

James Beaudry ('12) and Deshakendra Wimes, January 5, 2014, Jacksonville, FL

Births

Bryan (04) and Amber Tracht (06) Rolli, son Mason, November 19, 2013, Jacksonville, FL

Mike (02) and Jody Herdzik, daughter AvaMae Faith, November 11, 2013, Jamestown, NY

Kelly (02) and Amber Denton (03) Johnson, sons Maddox Anthony and Brantley Ames, December 21, 2013, Jacksonville, FL

Keenan and Sarah Coffman (10) Casteel, son Jackson Tucker, December 24, 2013, Peotone, IL

Richard (08) and Hannah Creech (10), daughter Brynley Reese, January 23, 2013, Jacksonville, FL

Edwin and Phyllis Annicchiarico (02), son Edwin Soto, III, Jacksonville, FL

Jon (02) and Mandy Stephens, daughter Breelyn Regan, February 15, 2014, Bryson City, NC

David and Melody Hurt (08) Brown, son Dustin Kane, February 25, 2014, Jacksonville, FL

Steve and Sarah Hays (10) Rutherford, daughter Peyton Sophia, February 25, 2014, Dalzell, SC

Joshua (07) and Abby Evans, son Cameron, February 27, 2014, Lexington, NC

Accomplishments

John Wheeler (95) earned his Doctor of Religious Education from Rock of Ages Theological Seminary.

Matthew Hall (87) received a Master of Science degree in Marriage and Family Counseling in 2012 from Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia.

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2013 **Alumna of the Year** – Denise Riffle ('82)

Denise Riffle did not grow up in a Christian home. At the age of 15, her dad's boss took her to church where she heard the gospel for the first time and trusted Christ as her Savior. Denise's home life was difficult, and at 16 she moved in with a family in her church. Her pastor introduced her to Trinity, and in January of 1978, while dating Dennis, she enrolled in the spring semester. That same year in August they were married.

Dennis graduated in 1981 and Denise the following year in 1982. They have both served the Lord faithfully at Trinity since their arrival for college. Dennis serves as Trinity's Facilities Director, where he daily teaches and mentors his crew. Denise feels like she has had her own ministry. She has been a part of over 730 children's lives over the last 32 years as a 1st grade teacher at Trinity Christian Academy. She has seen first graders, their parents, and even grandparents get saved.

Denise enjoys running, sewing, and serving in the youth and ladies' ministries. Even though she no longer has children in the youth ministry, Denise still enjoys ministering to today's youth. In 2012, she took her first missions trip to Guyana with the youth group where she and the others were able to go to a public school and teach the Bible. They worked in the schools in the mornings and then held church services in the evenings. At a church service, Denise was able to talk to a 17 year old girl, and she got saved. The following Sunday she came and got baptized.

Throughout Denise's life the Lord has kept His protective hand upon her. God took her painful childhood and made beauty from ashes. He has blessed her with three children, a son-in-law, a grandson, and one grandson on the way: Adam ('10) and Sarah ('10) Morehouse, and grandson Ethan, Rebekah ('14) and Jonathan. Many lives have been reached and touched by Dennis and Denise Riffle.

2014 Graduation Conference **Schedule**

Wednesday, May 7
11:00 am Senior Honors Chapel
6:30 pm Trinity Baptist College Night

Thursday, May 8
7:00 pm LifeSong CD Release Concert

Friday, May 9
11:00 am Chapel Service
12:00 pm A Graduation Celebration Picnic
2:00 pm Alumni/Faculty vs. Student Softball
5:30 pm President's Reception
7:00 pm Baccalaureate Service

Saturday, May 10
9:30 am Commencement

View commencement live online at ***tbc.edu/graduation***

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The Laundry Project

Trinity Baptist College alumnus, Jason Sowell (2001), and his non-profit Laundry Project initiative, were featured on NBC's Nightly News' national broadcast in January for their work to serve the community. In February, Jason teamed up with fellow alumnus, Aaron Pilant (2002), to conduct two different laundry projects in Bradenton, FL and Palmetto, FL. As part of their Missions Weekend, Aaron and his youth group from First Baptist Church of Bradenton were able to do over 593 loads of laundry, and serve over 200 people that represented over 53 different families. Most importantly, 10 people were saved as result of the initiative.

Jacksonville Business Journal Award

Trinity Baptist College was awarded Region's Top Ranked College Award for 2013 based on affordability and our approach to quality education as it relates to the cost versus the value.

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John Jones – Coach of the Year

TBC Head Basketball Coach and Athletic Director, John D. Jones, was named NCCAA Division II South Region Coach of the Year at the NCCAA South Region Awards Banquet held on February, 25 at Johnson University in Kissimmee, FL.

Additionally, four players received honors at the banquet:
Charles Cooks- 1st Team South Region
Kirk Hill- 2nd Team South Region
Tyrell Johnson- 2nd Team South Region
Darrius Jones- 2nd Team South Region

Left to Right: Darrius Jones - 2nd team, Kirk Hill - All Freshman, Charles Cooks - 1st team, Coach John D. Jones - Coach of the Year, and Tyrell Johnson - 2nd team

Trinity Baptist College Names Copeland New Baseball Coach

Trinity Baptist College Director of Athletics, John D. Jones, announced the addition of baseball as the newest varsity program to be sponsored by the Eagles' growing NCCAA athletic program. Play will begin during the 2014-2015 academic year and the team will be immediately eligible to compete in NCCAA regional and national tournaments. TBC nabbed veteran head coach Jon Copeland as the new head baseball coach. Alex Martinez is also joining the baseball program as a recruiter.

upcoming EVENTS

The final session of our broadcast for educators will be Thursday, April 24 from 4-5 Dr. Riley will be speaking on the LINCs Vocabulary Strategy. Each participant will receive 1 ISP credit. To register for the broadcast, visit www.tbc.edu/broadcast.

LifeSong, Trinity Baptist College's premier traveling team, just recorded a new CD that will be available to Trinity for the first time on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at their release concert. The CD features favorites such as "Orphans of God," "Healing Is In Your Hands," and "When I Think About the Lord." Everyone is invited to attend this free concert. Special recognition will be given to previous traveling singing team members.

Left to right: Jack Starke, Rebecca Brothers, Rebecca Spaulding, Alex Dew, Emily Brindley, Ashley Pulliam, Dillon Moyd