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From the President...

Some 53 years ago now, I asked the Lord, “What shall I give you for all your benefits to me?” He said, “Your life: Preach the Gospel.” So, I have tried. Some 50 years ago next week, Betty came along side me to journey together. I have preached in 7 foreign countries and 47 USA states. It has been a delightful journey. We leave Holmes for home in late July, yet we will continue to love Him and serve Him. There are so many possibilities for this next season. We are listening and praying. We are excited for ourselves and for Holmes.

The Lord is bringing a new and younger team here. They are full of energy, wisdom, AND vision. *“The Best Is Yet To Come!”* (Bishop James D. Leggett).

Remember each of us should give the Lord these things. Be like Mary who broke the alabaster box and gave Him her best.

- 1) We can give Him the best of our love.
- 2) We can give Him the best of our years.
- 3) We can give Him the best of our talents.

In this newsletter I will introduce some of the “new” people at Holmes. God is bringing them here. It is a new day for the College. The team, Betty, and I are thrilled.

*“Look among the nations and watch-
Be utterly astounded!
For I will work a work in your days
Which you will not believe
Though it were told you.”
Habakkuk 1:5*

Special Needs...

We have some special needs before the new president arrives.

1) A mighty revival on campus. We need more of the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

2) More students, especially dorm students.

We recruit but our best recruiter is the Holy Spirit! He knows who needs to be here. Please pray!

3) Increased financial gifts:

A. Regular Giving

Our gifts are substantially down. This is always true for the summer, but this year we have been hit especially hard! We need Him to move on our people.

B. Extra Expenses

This type of transition always brings on more expenses: moving, etc. Also new people are coming on board. One is an Academic Dean. This is a new separate position, but one that is greatly needed.

C. Fall Unexpected Projects

We have had several air conditioners to go out. We have had an attack of termites in two buildings. We have water under one of our new buildings. It must be drained. These projects alone will cost the College an additional \$12,000.00 to complete

D. Heart Project:

The garage floor at the President's Home needs repair. The house and garage needs to be painted. In addition, the closet floor upstairs needs repair. I would love to get this done before the new president arrives. The cost is \$5,000.00.

Please help us pray that the Lord will meet all these needs.

Transition...





The Sneed Family

President Elect Kevin Sneed, Summer, Abby, and Nate

Pray for the transition and leadership of this Presidential family. The children were born in Africa. Pray especially that they will have a smooth transition.

New Personnel...



Rev. Ken Young

New Academic Dean, Dean of Students, and Professor

(27 years at Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Oklahoma)

Doctor of Theology, Biblical Studies, Candidate Golden West Christian University, Los Angeles, CA.

Master of Arts in Theological Studies - Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

Bachelor of Arts, Religion -Furman University, Greenville, SC

Ordained Minister, SpiritLife Conference, IPHC



Rev. Barbara Hancock

New Online Music Instructor
(The beginning of a Holmes Music Minor!)

M.M. in Education - University of S.C., Columbia, S.C.

B.M. in Vocal Performance - Augusta State University, Augusta, G.A.

B.M. in Education - Augusta University, Augusta, G.A.

Licensed and Ordained Minister - SpiritLife Conference, IPHC

State of Georgia Teaching Certificate



President Elect Kevin Sneed

Th M - Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (*currently enrolled*)

MA - Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – Theological Studies

BS - Emmanuel College – Christian Ministries

Ordained Minister – Life Point Ministries, IPHC

Missionary, IPHC

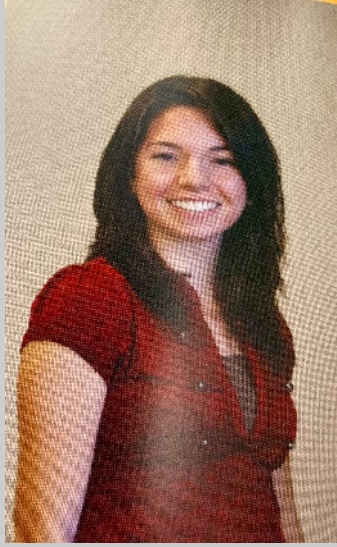
Archives Director

As Archives Director for Holmes Bible College, I would like to ask any former student, or child of a former student of Holmes, to send us a testimony of how you or a relative came to Holmes. Also, I would like to have a testimony of how your life and ministry was enriched by your time at Holmes. Please include the years of attendance also.

Betty Thompson, Archivist
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Alumnus Testimony

A large, empty grey rectangular box intended for an alumnus to write their testimony.



Sonya Paoli
2014 Holmes Graduate

I learned about Holmes Bible College from my youth pastor, Jeff Marshburn, and senior pastor, Darrell Greene, when I was a youth at North Pointe PH Church in High Point, NC. Before I finished my high school classes online, I visited Holmes and knew immediately that I wanted to attend. I thought I would have to finish my online classes first, but Bobbi Bishop informed me that I could take my last high school class online and be a part-time student at Holmes concurrently, so in the fall of 2010 I began classes at Holmes and in **2014** I graduated.

I made many life-long friends at Holmes and met incredible professors who inspired a greater love for God's Word in me. What I loved most were visits from a variety of missionaries who spoke in our chapel services. One of those missionaries had worked as a Bible translator with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea (PNG). When I heard that man's stories of how the Bible in the people's native language changed their lives, I knew immediately that God was calling me to PNG to be a part of Bible translation. If it weren't for my time at Holmes and the doors the school opened for missionaries to share with us about their work, only God knows if I would be serving in my 6th year as the Bible translation advisor for the Yamap language group in PNG!

Sonya Paoli
(written May 18, 2023)

There is excitement in the air at Holmes!



D. Chris & Betty Thompson,
President & First Lady of
Holmes Bible College

Seize the Day! Seize God! **Colossians 3:23-24**

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