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President Stetler is a passion-filled man. He’s a man who is interested in seeing God’s kingdom advanced.

At the 2015 commencement ceremony, Hobe Sound Bible Church Senior Pastor Rev. Rodney Loper presented a plaque to President Stetler on behalf of Hobe Sound Bible College. Following are excerpts from the presentation by Rev. Loper.

I’m here tonight for one reason and that is to honor President Stetler. In my childhood and in my young adulthood, he was my pastor. I remember him coming to visit me and my family some forty minutes from the church once. I remember sitting under his ministry, hearing his preaching, coupled with a love for people, made him a successful pastor. I remember him coming to visit me and my family some forty minutes from the church once. I remember sitting under his ministry, hearing his passionate preaching. And it marked me, it changed me. In many ways it’s likely the reason I am the pastor of Hobe Sound Bible Church today.

Taking the presidency of a Bible college is not something any sane person desires to do. Anyone who wants to do that kind of job is either crazy, or they’re so surrendered to God they’re willing to do anything He asks them to do, even if it’s the president of a struggling bible college. That is what happened with President Stetler.

Now twenty years later, we look back at that decision, and we can see the hand of God. He has been the kind of leader God wanted to lead this fine college. Someone who wasn’t afraid to roll up his sleeves and deal with problems that needed to be dealt with. Someone who was willing to go to the issues that were being grappled with and deal with those issues. Someone who was ready to tackle the vision of this institution and live it out in work clothes. Someone who was interested in seeing the vision and viability of Hobe Sound Bible College continue—a leader who was passionate about serving God, passionate about fulfilling the vision of the founders of Hobe Sound Ministries, passionate about training young people to serve God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength. And, I might say tonight, he has done just that.

On Friday, May 8, a special chapel service was held in the Carroll Education Center to honor those who have served the college and academy. At that ceremony, Academic Dean Dr. Cliff Churchill shared these words of recognition to honor President Stetler for his achievements over twenty years of leadership as president of the institution.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of Hobe Sound Bible College and Academy, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your twenty years of service to this ministry. Your twenty years as president of Hobe Sound Bible College and Hobe Sound Christian Academy have not only brought the institution through challenging times, but also fostered many accomplishments. As a brief review of some areas resulting from your leadership influence, the following are sample highlights of appreciation for your vision:

• There are more faculty with earned doctorates than ever before in the history of the school.
• There is upward enrollment numerical growth trends in both the college traditional and online programs and the academy.
• There have been significant facility upgrades such as in the Herron Administration Building, the remodeled cafeteria, the academy roofs and the work on campus Phase II of the Master Plan that included the completion of the Olsen athletic complex.
• There are a significant number of graduates serving nationally and internationally in God’s kingdom.
• There has been program degree expansion that includes the Christian Counseling and TESOL Programs.
• The school is experiencing the strongest financial stability in twenty years.
• Under your leadership, the college has received words of praise from the Florida Department of Education by Mr. Sam Humphrey’s Commission on Independent Education (CIE) about the excellent work being done at HSBC.
• We are enjoying a high level of accreditation status for the academy with FACC and Middle States regional accreditation and a high level of accreditation status for the college with ABHE.

Thank you, President Stetler, for making yourself unreselfishly available to God so He could shape, mold, and use you to be blessing in His kingdom over the last forty years.
GRADEATES FINDING AND FOLLOWING GOD’S WILL

Several HSBC 2015 Graduates share with Torch Editor Patrick Davis how God has led them in their pursuit to find and follow His will.

Rebekah (Durr) Slavens got acquainted with HSBC by attending summer youth camps and interacting with PR groups that represented the school. She was actually more interested in going to another school because she was dating a guy from that school. She and her cousin turned in their applications to Hobe Sound, and both got accepted. Without her dad knowing it however, she filled out an application to the other school. When she went to the post office to mail it, she felt God saying “no.” At that point she knew God was leading her to Hobe Sound, so she threw the other application in the trash and came here.

Because of the Christian influence of an alumnus of HSBC, Lynn Wu came to Hobe Sound to study in the education department. Lynn is from northern Taiwan and she was greatly influenced by Susan Johnson. Her dad was a pastor and he made her realize that God’s position is “—before Me shall stand every one who helps Me.”

Tien, a Christian teacher from her country, Susan is a 1988 graduate from the Education Department at HSBC.

Elizabeth Cole always knew she was going to go to Bible college somewhere, but she wasn’t really sure where. When she was a senior in high school, she wanted to come to Welcome Week at Hobe Sound, but she didn’t have the funds to make the long trip. She prayed about it and told the Lord, “God, if You want me to go to Hobe Sound, You’re able to work out a way for me to get to Welcome Week.” Shortly after that she got on Facebook, and somebody posted, “We’re driving to Welcome Week. If anybody wants to come with us, let us know.” After coming to campus and attending classes, she felt confirmed in her mind that this was the place where God wanted her.

When he was a teenager, Ben Joslin moved to Hobe Sound with (continued on page 7)

HELPING GOD HELP ME

I will never forget the testimony! It sounded shockingly arrogant at first, but it was coming from one of the best ladies in the church I pastored! Her words were, “I just realized this week that for years I’ve been helping God help me.”

She caught me completely off guard because I knew she certainly was not a theologian—in fact, she hadn’t even finished high school. But I also knew she was a godly woman who seldom made rash statements. I was relieved when she went on to explain what she had learned.

Shortly after her conversion, she was strongly impressed that God wanted her to begin memorizing Scripture. Across the nearly fifty years she had been a Christian, she continued that practice. As a result, she now had a large body of Scripture committed to memory. “When I need help,” she explained, “God will often bring one of those Scriptures I have memorized to my mind and I am greatly encouraged. Just think how different things would be,” she said, “if I had not memorized those verses.”

As I began thinking about her idea of helping God help us, I began to realize that God makes this blessing available to all of us. He tells us over and over again that if we will, He will. “To him who knocks, it (the door) shall be opened” (Matt. 7:8). If you “draw near to God, He will draw near to you” (James 4:8). God says, “You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13). The list of God’s provision of help could go on and on. In each of these cases, we have an example of ways we can help God help us.

There is also clear indication in Scripture that if we don’t do our part, we will not receive help from God. James says in his little epistle that “you have not because you ask not” (James 4:2-3), and when we ask and don’t receive, it is sometimes because we ask with the wrong motive!

When you stop to think about it, every time we take advantage of one of the means of grace, we are helping Him help us.
Rebecca Patterson came to HSBC in the fall of 1988 and graduated with a BA in Elementary Education in the spring of 1993. Following graduation, she taught fourth grade at Hobe Sound Christian Academy for five years under the leadership of then Senior Pastor Paul Pierpoint. On November 6, 1999, she married Steve Hoard, an engineer from south central Illinois. Their home has been blessed with two children, Emma (age 14) and Ethan (age 12). Steve has worked at North American Lighting, an automotive lighting company, for twenty years, where he serves as an Equipment Engineer. Rebecca is a “Domestic Engineer,” which includes homeschooling the children and assisting them in their music lessons. They live on the family farm where Steve was born and raised.

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Graduates Finding and Following God’s Will (continued from page 4)

his parents. During a choir tour in his senior year in high school, Ben felt God was leading him to study music and that he should attend Hobe Sound. He says, “I considered the other Bible colleges, but two of the main reasons I chose HSBC was because I knew what God wanted me to do, and I knew where I could cope the best.”

After he got out of basic training in the Army, Gary Burnett discovered Hobe Sound via the school website. He was looking for a school to continue his music education degree and did a Google search for music education in south Florida. HSBC popped up. He remembered the school name from Paula Pierpoint, one of his piano instructors at a local junior college. He visited the school that summer and says, “I enjoyed what I saw, and the rest is history.”

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Rebecca says, “Hobe Sound Bible College proved to be a ‘grounding’ force in my life! As a young adult, I was experiencing many life changes. Yet I was privileged to receive good Biblical and practical teaching, which aided my understanding of the Christian walk. I was able to gain a useful degree and truly believed in the education that I received. I was blessed to meet people who had a profound impact on my life, as well as build friendships which still are valuable to me today. I’m very thankful for HSBC!”

Why Invest In the Future?

Ways you can invest in what God is doing at Hobe Sound:

- Monthly contributions (No amount is too small)
- Give Stocks & bonds (Receive full tax benefits)
- Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity (Life time income with great interest)
- Donate Gifts in Kind (Property, car, boat, etc.)
- Remember HSBC in your estate planning
- Give towards scholarships for HSBC students

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For investment opportunities, call Patrick Davis 772-546-5534
Welcome Week
From February 25-27, HSBC welcomed over eighty high school students and recent graduates to Welcome Week. Guests visited classes, enjoyed a concert and rode horses. Twenty-one turned in applications to attend Hobe Sound in the future. Welcome Week proved to be an invigorating time with guests enjoying a special banquet with delicious food and getting to see all the different aspects of college life.

Piano Extravaganza Concert
What is more powerful than a Bach concerto performed on a grand piano? It is a Bach concerto performed on six grand pianos. On April 9 and 11, fifteen pianists participated in the Piano Extravaganza. The repertoire ranged from humorous to classical to patriotic. Those playing included students, alumni, professors, and former professors. The Saturday performance may be viewed at www.hobesoundbiblechurchlive.com.

FACCS Competition Winners
The academy students participated in the annual Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Fine Arts Competition. Six high school students and groups placed in the state competition. In the lower elementary, fifteen students and groups placed at the state level. Congratulations to our students for their hard work and dedication.

High School Drama
On May 10 the high school drama class presented the play, “The Thirty-Day Chase,” written by Sarah Stetler. The students did an excellent job of presenting Mrs. Eberly’s malicious workings to steal her late husband’s inheritance from his children, and her reformation as the family showed her love in spite of her actions. The dinner drama was a fundraiser for the high school. Mrs. Cheryl (Hannold) Jones directs the drama class.

Eighth Grade Trip
The academy eighth grade and several parents took the coach to Washington, D.C., for their graduation trip. They visited numerous historical sites. At the World War II Memorial, they were delighted to see veterans from a Kansas Honor Flight arrived. Among the well-wishers there to greet them was former Senator Bob Dole.

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Commencement Speaker, Rev. Steve Snodgrass

Rev. Steve Snodgrass, General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Nazarene Church, spoke at the 59th HSBC/CA Commencement in the Carroll Auditorium. Rev. Snodgrass attended Bible Missionary Institute and currently pastors in Sherman, Texas. Five students from his church attended HSBC, including two current graduates.

Baccalaureate Speaker, Mrs. Joana Stratton

Mrs. Joana (Ryder) Stratton, new chair of the Education Department at HSBC and former kindergarten teacher at HSCA, spoke at the baccalaureate telling what she wished she had learned when she was in the graduate’s seat.

The mind of Christ, my highest goal
The Lord’s delight, the desire of my soul
The Father’s heart will always guide my life
If I will have in me the mind of Christ.

by Michael Pityear and Geoff Thurman
Miss Paula Pierpont was honored recently by Indian River State College with a 2015 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award for the Division of Arts and Sciences. The award recipients were honored by the division deans at a reception in Fort Pierce, Florida, on April 17. This award is based on recommendations from students. Out of 1300 adjunct professors, only eleven are recognized for this achievement each year.

Jonathan Stratton has been elected the new alumni president of Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy. He began his term June 1. Jon has served as dean of men at Hobe Sound for eight years. Faith Toft was reelected as alumni treasurer.

Adopted June 3, 2015
Walker – Kevin Scott
born July 29, 2014,
Gault – Zane Evan
William Douglas
David
Paige – Zooey Adelle
– Oct. 4, 2014
Joslin – Zane Evan
– April 1, 2015
– Sept. 18, 2014
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Rev. Alvin K. Morgan
Rev. Dr. Donald Avore
Rev. Leonard Duane Lum
Rev. John Franklins Heer

Donald J. Avore, 68, of Greenville, Ohio, passed away November 18, 2014, in his home surrounded by his loving wife, children, and brother. Donald was born June 16, 1946. He graduated from Hobe Sound Bible College in 1974 and took his first pastorate in Warwick, Ohio. For approximately thirty-five years, he pastored five churches in Ohio. His wife, Thelma Davis Avore, taught forty-one years in Christian schools. Eight of those years were at Hobe Sound Christian Academy.

Donald was a real student. He received two masters degrees and a doctorate. He was also a real estate broker in Ohio. Rev. Avore is survived by his loving wife of forty-two years, children Pamela and Terry Baker of London, KY; Joel and Karen Avore of Greenville, OH; and Donald and Raquel Avore II of York, SC; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and a brother. A celebration of his life was held at Trinity Wesleyan Church (a church built during his pastorate there). He was laid to rest in Greenville Union Cemetery.

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What’s So Christian about Counseling?
by Dr. Andrew Graham

Christian counseling is the integration of theology, psychology, and an understanding of the Bible’s teachings. Counselors who are committed to Christ and His Word should have a biblical foundation in their counseling. The Bible provides a guide for Christian counselors to help clients understand their purpose in life and to provide guidance for their future decisions.

The mission of Hobe Sound Bible College is to “prepare servant-leaders who think biblically, live Spirit-filled lives, fulfill their commission, and glorify God in all they do.” For more than fifty years, we’ve been preparing students to make a difference around the world as pastors, missionaries, musicians, and educators. Why the decision to expand our complement of degree programs to include degree programs in counseling? Does this really fit the mission of our founders?

Soul-care was a central mission of the church long before the advent of modern counseling. In fact, many concepts of counseling were articulated in the early church fathers’ writings on pastoral care. Nearly 1 in 4 adults manifesting symptoms of distress in any given year, future church leaders need to learn the information and skills to assist others—whether within the context of ministry or professional counseling.

One perspective on counseling is dependent upon one’s value system: theological foundations and psychological foundations. Just as a beautiful home cannot be constructed without a solid foundation, a good counselor needs adequate foundations in both biblical worldview and psychological orientation. Good practice is preceded by good theory and, for the Christian counselor, good theory is built upon good theology.

Christian counseling has been defined as the integration of theology and psychology. Many techniques developed by secular theorists and practitioners are the same used by those practicing Christian counseling. The claims of the gospel are all-encompassing and should penetrate every area of a Christian’s life. For the Christian counselor, the question is not whether or not psychology relates to Christian faith, but how. Secular counseling strategies may be appropriate—provided they do not undermine biblical teaching.

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Pastors and leaders around the world are identifying the need for counselors who are skilled, effective, and thoroughly Christian. The Counseling Program at Hobe Sound Bible College will provide the information and skills training for those who have the desire to provide competent Christian-based counseling.

Our newest degree offerings include a Bachelor of Arts in Counseling and an Associate of Arts in Counseling. We continue to offer a minor in Counseling alongside our other degree programs. Each option is available both on-campus and online. Degree programs meet the educational requirements to become a Board Certified Biblical Counselor or Board Certified Professional Counselor as well as allowing prospective graduate students to complete the prerequisites for a master’s degree in professional counseling, the gateway to licensure.

To learn more about our counseling department, please see our official page: http://hsbc.edu/academic/areas-of-study/counseling/ or our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/HSBCounseling. We’re looking for prospective students who feel a call to become pastoral counselors, youth counselors, substance abuse counselors, mental health counselors, social workers, and chaplains.

The Torch
THERICE is an acronym for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. We have a TESOL major at Hobe Sound Bible College. There are three basic reasons we believe it is the KEY to the world.

KEY = Knowledge of the English language and instructional methodology. A major in TESOL prepares prospective teachers to serve worldwide. TESOL teachers are welcome in countries around the world for their expertise in teaching English and for their knowledge of both instructional methodology and the English language. They are sought after even in countries that may be closed to other professional activities in Christian work, such as China or Saudi Arabia.

E = Education of internationals at home and abroad. Since English is the most learned second or foreign language around the world, TESOL professionals can impact the lives of millions of internationals, both in the USA and abroad. They can teach in elementary, secondary, private, and college settings. HSBC has graduates currently involved around the world teaching English as a second or foreign language.

R = You being committed to the profession and to God’s service. You bring your own self as a role model for students who learn English as a second or foreign language. TESOL teachers as role models are themselves worldwide ambassadors of goodwill, language, and culture, bridging understanding between nations. Just like medical professionals or others who use their careers as tools for ministering to the needs of others, TESOL professionals serve the needs of English language learners, so they are ministering with their lives.

So why is TESOL the KEY to the world? Knowledge of English and methodology, education of internationals, and your own self committed to the profession and to God: these three elements combined and consecrated to the service of God will open doors worldwide.

Dorm Transformation

For over 10 years, the men’s and women’s dorms at Hobe Sound Bible College have served our students, visitors, and Sea Breeze Camp guests as a home-away-from-home. This summer the dorms are being transformed with a much needed facelift. With the thrilling prospect of increased enrollment, Business Manager Wesley Holden (HSBC ’79) is working diligently to provide adequate updated facilities that meet the current living standards of our students.

Both the interior and exterior of the boys’ dorm will receive significant upgrades this summer. Plans are in place to stucco and paint the outside of the dorm to fit the current campus décor. W-1 restroom has been updated this winter and a number of the individual rooms in the boy’s dorm will be totally remodeled with new sheetrock, paint, vanities, closets, carpet, and a/c window units.

The girls’ dorm transformation process is also currently underway. The bathrooms on A, C, and D halls will be newly equipped with updated showers, commercial partitions, and lighting. The individual rooms are also receiving a significant facelift. They will be improved with new doors, closets, vanities, paint, and a/c window units.

The dorm transformation project will cost us over $100,000 this summer. Alumni and friends who wish to help us financially with this urgent need may send gifts to PO Box 1065, Hobe Sound, Florida 33475 marked “Dorm Project.” To view video footage of the dorm remodeling, visit our website at www.hsbc.edu or our Facebook page. All gifts are tax deductible and will make a significant difference in providing a student with adequate housing during their time at HSBC.
Mr. Leslie Crawford, long-time HSBC/CA board member, hosted an alumni bar-b-que at his Alabama ranch on May 23. Area alumni were joined by friends from Georgia and Florida. The Crawford family went all out to make everyone’s day enjoyable. Kids (and Nathan Becker) enjoyed being led around the corral on horseback. Some went kayaking on the lake. Several took four-wheeler rides while others enjoyed tours of the ranch. Then everyone feasted on delicious pork bar-b-que with all the fixin’s. A hearty thank you to the Crawfords for their hospitality and hard work to make such a great event.

On Saturday there will be an alumni service, cook-out, and tours of the campus. It is always great to see former alumni gather to get reacquainted after being gone so many years. Classes of ’66, ’76, ’86, ’96, and ’06 will be honored. Plan on being there!

Our newest addition: The Missionary Aviation Room
Dedicated to Phil & Betty Newton and their fellow pioneers in missionary aviation...An incredible wall length mural will inspire you as you enjoy visiting and worshipping with Christian friends you know.

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There is a room for YOU in the NEWLY Remodeled Friendship Hall

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1958-1968. In 1971, he began nine years of service at Brainerd Indian School, serving as teacher, principal and president. The Heers then moved to Hobe Sound Bible College where they both taught in the academy.

Brother and Sister Heer went to the Philippines in 1986-1987. They then settled in Brownsville, Texas, teaching in the Brownsville Public School system until retirement. They lived in the home for more than twenty-five years that Franklin had helped build. In September of 2014, the Heers made the move to Hastings, Michigan, where they have attended the Missionary Bible Church and continued faithfully serving the Lord.

Franklin Heer’s life was an example of godly living and was a testimony to the wonderful saving and sanctifying power of God. He is survived by his wife, Sally; children Stephen and Loretta Heer of TX, Gail and Bob Dyul of WI, Tim and Jane Heer of WI; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 28 at the Lauer Family Funeral Home in Hastings, Michigan. Interment was in Irving Township Cemetery.

Joseph Dewey Deckard
Feb. 23, 1925 – May 17, 2015

Joseph Dewey Deckard, 90, of Hobe Sound, Florida, passed away May 17, 2015, surrounded by his loving children and family. He was born February 23, 1925, in Bloomington, Indiana. He married Barbara Colleen Sowders, “the sweetest little girl in the whole wide world,” on August 14, 1949. They traveled for some time serving as song evangelists. In 1967, Mr. Deckard resigned his job at a local paper in Indiana. The family moved to Hobe Sound to put the children in the academy and to help expand the printing business at the college. They towed a small trailer down with them in which to live. Dewey and Barbara Deckard labored behind the scenes at the print shop for the three ministries: Hobe Sound Bible College, FEA Ministries, and Hobe Sound Bible Church. Dewey became known for producing fine quality printing even while working on antiquated equipment. Their children were often seen in the print shop helping their parents. The Deckards also sold fresh fruit to campus residents and visitors. Mr. Deckard was an active member of Hobe Sound Bible Church.

On January 15, 2011, Hobe Sound Bible College had the opportunity to recognize the Deckards for their labor of love. At the annual Partnership Banquet, the Deckards were honored with the Peter and Maggie Carter Service Award in recognition of their forty-three years of service to the three organizations.

Mr. Deckard was preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-five years on December 25, 2014. He is survived by his children, Timothy and Linda Deckard, Melissa and Gene Cook, Joshua and Vicki Deckard, Angela and Nagy Mitry, and Lydia and Ralph Wilson, all of Hobe Sound with the exception of Angela Mitry residing in Sydney, Australia, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Tony Ruggerio and Grace McGuire preceded great-grandma in death.

A memorial service was held May 21 at Hobe Sound Bible Church. Interment was at Riverlak Memorial Park in Tequesta. “He gave life; it was beautiful. He gave death; I trust Him.”
Worship Matters
by Dr. Randall McElwain

A t HSBC, several music classes study biblical guidelines for worship. Someone once asked, “With a world of lost people, why do you spend time studying worship?”

You should focus on evangelism. Isn’t discussion of worship a bit like straightening the pictures on the walls of a burning house?” In this person’s view, worship is of little importance in a world headed for destruction.

However, the Bible shows that worship is vitally important to the church. Isaiah 6 gives one of Scripture’s most vivid pictures of worship. It shows three reasons why worship matters.

In worship, we see God. Isaiah wrote, “I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up.” God was surrounded by the seraphim worshiping as they cried out, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of His glory.”

A.W. Tozer wrote that worship was the missing jewel of the evangelical church. In Tozer’s view, even though the church does many things well (evangelism, Bible teaching, and personal devotion to God), we often fail in worship. A lack of emphasis on worship is dangerous because it is in worship that we see who God is.

In worship, we see ourselves. After seeing God, Isaiah saw the truth about himself. “Then said I, ‘Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.’”

John Calvin wrote that true wisdom consists of two things: knowing God and knowing ourselves. Worship enables us to see God as He really is, and worship enables us to see ourselves as we really are.

When we worship, we get a true picture of our need. Worship does not take away from evangelism or mission. Instead, if we truly worship, we will evangelize. We cannot see God without offering ourselves as His servants. We cannot see ourselves and be transformed by Him without yielding ourselves to Him. We cannot see the need of our world without understanding that God calls us to accomplish His purposes in the world.

Are we worshiping? It is possible to go through the “rituals” of singing good songs, praying nice prayers, reading Scripture, and listening to good sermons—without truly worshiping God. If we leave the service without seeing God, without a new sense of our need for God, and without a passion for reaching our world for God, we have not truly worshiped.

Scripture shows that worship is not simply “straightening the pictures on the walls of a burning house.” Worship empowers us to extinguish the fire. Worship enables us to accomplish God’s mission in our world.

Worship is central to everything we do as a church. Mission outreach creates new bodies of worshipers. Christian education raises up a generation of young people who know and worship God. Evangelism brings new believers into the family of worshipers. Everything that we do as a church is inspired by worship of a holy God. Worship matters.

Worship enables us to see God as He really is, and worship enables us to see ourselves as we really are.
Two singing groups and four young people will be traveling this summer to represent Hobe Sound Bible College. These singing groups will travel to a variety of places throughout the nation. The youth camp counselors will be going to different youth camps in Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, etc. Check the website for the group schedules and go to hear them sing when they are in your area.

Covenant Quartet: Caleb Crouch, Stephen Nix, Joel Veyon, Mike Yancey—Sponsor: Paul Stetler

Reconciled Trio: Jeannetta Cole, Trae Bates, Sarah Stetler—Sponsor: Julia Stetler

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