

Report to the Associations  
The Baptist College of Florida  
Thomas A. Kinchen, President

The Baptist College of Florida is an institution of higher learning whose focus is “**Changing the World through the Unchanging Word®**.” We have a main campus located in Graceville, Florida and extension sites located in Jacksonville, Orlando, and Pensacola. Certificate Programs are offered in Ocala, Lake City and Tallahassee. Distance learning opportunities for degree completion or full degree programs are available via Internet. Operated by the Florida Baptist State Convention, the college is a vital partner in the mission enterprises of Florida Baptists. Students participate in mission and evangelistic activities in addition to rigorous academics and uplifting worship.

The college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone number 404-679-4501) to offer associate, baccalaureate and masters degrees. It holds membership in the National Association of Schools of Music (11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190: Telephone number 703-437-0700) and the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities. In addition, it holds associate membership in the Association of Christian Schools International. Numerous scholarship funds are available to all qualified students.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The Baptist College of Florida practices a comprehensive approach in admission policy. Degree seeking applicants:

- Will have been a Christian with active participation in a local church for at least one year;
- Will provide affirmation of faith and service;
- Will be recommended by a local Christian church;
- Will submit a personal recommendation;
- Will be of strong moral character;
- Will not use tobacco, recreational narcotics, alcohol or any other intoxicants in any form or amount;
- Will be emotionally and socially capable of adjusting to college life;
- Will show evidence of responsibility in personal money management;
- Will submit descriptions of satisfactory resolution of any and all divorces and remarriages;
- Will submit proof of immunizations for measles and rubella as indicated by Rule 6C-6.001(5) Florida Administrative Code before acceptance into BCF;
- Will possess a high school diploma or the equivalent General Education Diploma (GED);
- Will submit official transcripts from any and all institutions of higher education attended;
- Will meet the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) requirements.

Faculty members are committed Christians having impeccable character, church leadership experience and significant field experience. Most of these highly qualified faculty members hold doctoral degrees.

Specialized training is offered in the pastoral, Christian education, and music and worship ministries as well as teacher education. Diplomas and degrees offered include:

- Associate of Divinity

- Associate of Arts
  - Christian Education
  - Music
- Bachelor of Arts
  - Biblical Studies
  - Business Leadership
  - Christian Counseling
  - Christian Studies
  - Contemporary Worship Ministry (Contemporary Worship, Worship Arts or Music and Media Technology)
  - Elementary Education
  - English
  - English Secondary Education
  - History and Social Studies
  - History and Social Studies Secondary Education
  - Leadership and Christian Education
    - (Biblical/Theological, Church Administration, Business, Student Ministry or Christian Education Staff)
  - Ministry (General, Pastoral or Media)
  - Ministry Studies
  - Missions
  - Music
- Bachelor of Music Education (Choral or Instrumental)
- Master of Arts in Christian Studies (Biblical Studies, Christian Ministry)

The curriculum, which is immersed in a strong Christian Worldview, features an excellent mixture of liberal arts courses common to most colleges and universities as well as ministry preparation courses leading to direct ministerial service or further study in a university or one of the Southern Baptist seminaries.

**ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010-2011:**

- Began offering classes in the Master of Arts in Christian Studies.
- Added a new classroom and office building for Music & Worship.
- Initiated a new distance site in Panama City.

For further information concerning the programs of study offered at The Baptist College of Florida, contact Sandra Richards; Director of Marketing; 5400 College Drive; Graceville, FL 32440; 1-800-328-2660 ext. 415.