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FOR CHRIST®

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to the Father

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Varsity decor creates

The Varsity Commons opened in 1982, as one part of a two-part complex—the student gathering place, called the Commons, and the Varsity Commons, now called the **Varsity** (dropping Commons).

The Varsity's new refurbishing highlights a circus theme with two 10-foot carousels as focal points. The carousels have salad bars (20 items) and a variety of fresh fruits.

The Varsity food court offerings are for students "on the go" serving pizza,

hamburgers, subs, hot dogs, chicken tenders, and chicken fillet sandwiches. Beverage choices are served from 66 dispensers. Chocolate and vanilla soft-serve yogurt are available.

From 14 serving lines each day, the Varsity serves more than 3,100 meals to students/faculty/staff. Beside the main dining room, the Varsity also has 2 large wings at either end and 2 smaller dining rooms for faculty/staff.

The Varsity kitchen has the campus bakery which operates from 4:30 am

ets **CIRCUS** Look!



s a festive atmosphere



3 entrances to 6 serving lines

PCC Food Service Facts

Varsity uses 60 cases of chicken tenders each day, and nearly 2,500 burgers are eaten. The bakery uses 400–500 lbs. of sugar and 1,400–1,500 lbs. of flour each day.

Food Service—Approximately 7,000 lunches are served Mon.–Fri. 1,500 gallons of milk are dispensed each week and over 100,000 gals. of fountain drinks during a school year.

This semester, one million meals will be served by the 1st week in Dec.

Over 3 tractor truck loads of fries were delivered and consumed by students last year.



2 carousel salad/fruit bars



New entrance from inside

to 8:30 pm preparing made-from-scratch cookies, cakes, pies, and breads for each dining facility. At the bakery, as with all areas, the motto is “We prepare our food as close to serving time as possible,” which means that 650 pizza crusts are made each morning for Varsity, and workers pull 3,500 dinner rolls out of the oven 10 minutes before serving time.

The Four Winds, which opened Jan. 2000, provides seating for 1,200 students each shift, with 8–10 food court

menu selections per meal. The Four Winds dessert bar features 13 different desserts daily.

Scott Cochran, director of food operations, oversees all food areas—Varsity, Four Winds, Palms Grille, Academy cafeteria, and Special Events (Windsor, weddings, recitals, collegian outings, banquets, and Camp o’ the Pines).



The two carousels were PCC cabinet shop’s most challenging project to date. **Steve Rouse**, master cabinet maker, had the responsibility. He did the technical planning and programmed the Computer Numeric Control machine (CNC) to cut the various shapes. Student workers assisted him in making parts, installation, etc.



Prophets wrote about a special Promised One. Through centuries, God's people looked for this Messiah to come.

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-30; Matt. 2

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2 The angel Gabriel told Zacharias that his wife would have a son (John the Baptist) to prepare the way for the Messiah.

3 Gabriel spoke to a virgin named Mary telling her she would be the earthly mother of the Messiah.


4 Mary was engaged to Joseph, a carpenter in Nazareth. When Joseph found that Mary was expecting a child, he thought it best not to proceed with the marriage.

5 The angel spoke to Joseph in a dream telling him to take Mary as his wife and to name the baby "Jesus," for He would "save his people from their sins."

6 Joseph and Mary were married. Then Caesar commanded all the world be taxed, and Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to pay taxes. Joseph asked an innkeeper for lodging, but there was no room in the inn. That night, they slept in a stable with animals.

7 "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

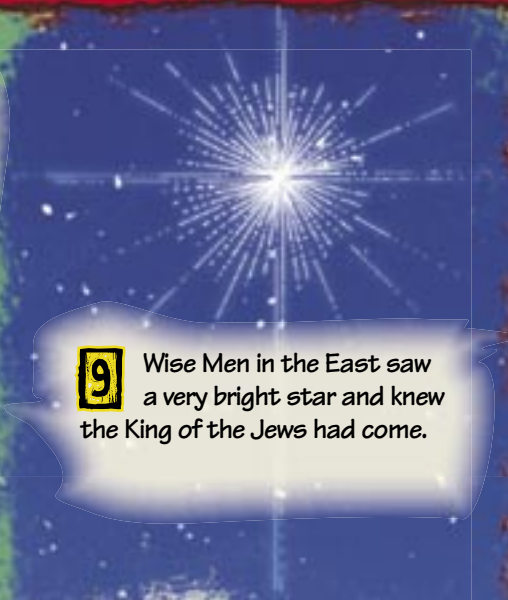
—Luke 2:7




8 In nearby fields, as shepherds watched their sheep, the angel of the Lord came and the glory of the Lord shone about them, and they were afraid. The angel said, "Fear not: I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Suddenly a multitude of heavenly host said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."


—Luke 2:9–14



9 Wise Men in the East saw a very bright star and knew the King of the Jews had come.

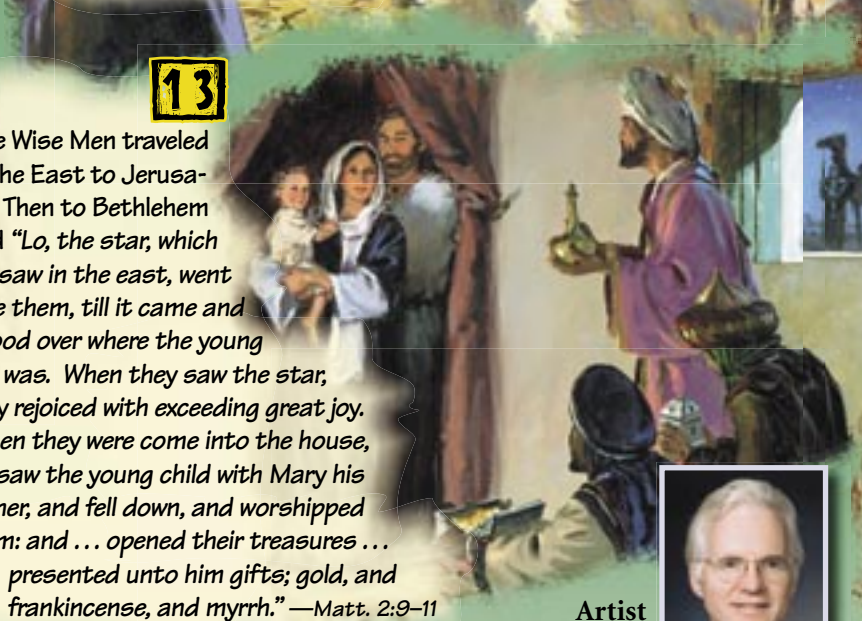


10 The shepherds made haste and came to Bethlehem.

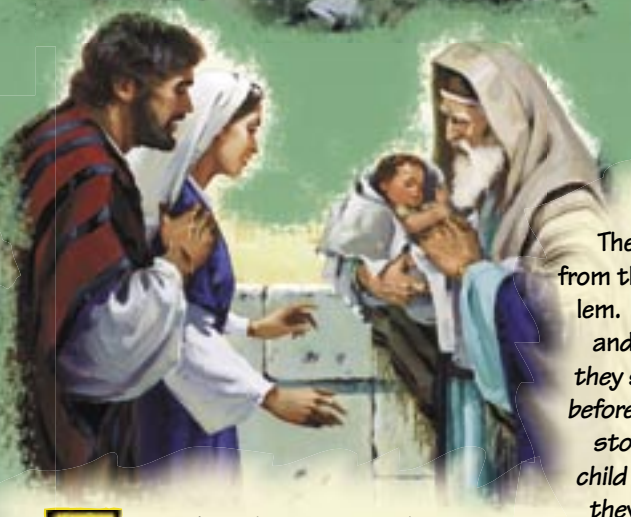


11 They found the Babe "wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" and worshipped the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

—Luke 2:12



13 The Wise Men traveled from the East to Jerusalem. Then to Bethlehem and "Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother; and fell down, and worshipped him: and ... opened their treasures ... presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."



12 Joseph and Mary carried Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. God had told Simeon that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." Simeon took the Babe in his arms, blessed God, and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. . . mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

—Luke 2:25–30

Artist
Brian Jekel
(see next page)



RECLAIMING THE ARTS FOR CHRIST®



Brian Jekel
Artist-in-residence

A few decades ago, Christian homes had biblical pictures and mottos hanging on walls to remind family members and guests that God was honored in that household. That is now a thing of the past.

As children grow, they need to see visual reminders of God's truth and biblical events. The Jews were commanded to teach their children about God and to put visual reminders of Him on their doors and as frontlets on their foreheads (Deut. 11:18-20).

Today, enemies of our Christian faith want to erase from the minds of adults and youth any visual reminders of God and the Bible. Regretfully the word of God has lost its place in our society, in many churches, Christian homes, and in government; even a visual of the Ten Commandments is rejected from a judicial building.

Brian Jekel, the artist for 740 paintings that illustrate Bible stories, has been RECLAIMING THE ARTS FOR CHRIST® in the *A Beka Flash-a-Card Series*. Jekel's ability in portraying the human body in movements and expressions reveals his ability as a master artist.

Jekel has shown his mastery during his 21 years as an *A Beka Book* artist and teaching art at PCC. In October, PCC gave him the honor of an artist-in-residence

during the All-Personnel Meeting with 1,100 faculty/staff.

In 1988, Jekel received an invitation to participate in the National Exhibit at the Society of Illustrators in New York City and was elected a member in 1989. In 1993, he received a Master of Arts degree from Marywood College.

DaySpring, Siloam Springs, AR, recognized and honored his artistic mastery in their RECLAIMING THE ARTS FOR CHRIST® to return biblical paintings to our homes and churches. They feature 7 of Jekel's Life of Christ paintings in *The Master Peace®* Collection 2003. Those familiar with *A Beka Book* Flash-a-Cards will recognize Jekel's style of painting.



Jekel paints for *A Beka Book*

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▼ *Gethsemane's Prayer*

By Brian Jekel



▼ *Baptism of Christ*

By Brian Jekel



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written by Roy Lessin
Features cloth-bound foiled cover,
dust jacket, full-color pages,
ribbon marker

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◀ *Gethsemane's Prayer* Tiled Keepsake Box



Road to the Cross

By Brian Jekel



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By Brian Jekel



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By Brian Jekel



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By Brian Jekel

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Students design with state-of-the-art equipment

Commercial Art & Graphic Design



Artistic ability is a gift from God, and the goal of PCC's art program is to prepare students to use their artistic abilities for God's glory. In a field known for its emphasis on self-expression and personal style, PCC students are encouraged to first master technical skills. Jim Hutchinson, dean of communicative arts, says, "Some people feel that training in art fundamentals inhibits self-expression. We've found that mastering the fundamentals allows our students to more freely express themselves."

Learning about God's standard of excellence, art students work in a variety of artistic mediums to build a solid foundation of technical skills. "A successful artist combines God-given talent with a biblical work ethic

and constant practice," notes Hutchinson. Individual instruction and critiques, art displays in the Communicative Arts gallery, and two internships allow art students to build a professional portfolio and gain practical job experience.

Graduate art degrees

In addition to undergraduate degrees in commercial art and graphic design, PCC also offers a Master of Arts degree in commercial art and a Master of Fine Arts degree in art. These programs offer opportunities for students to strengthen and refine their art skills.



Student focuses on Calligraphy project



Brian Jekel, PCC art instructor, teaches advanced drawing, advanced painting, figure painting, and graduate painting

Opportunities

An Art Video offers an in-depth look at PCC's commercial art and graphic design majors. For a free copy call 1-800-PCC-INFO.

Plan to visit the art department during College Days.

High school (grades 9-12) students are invited to attend the Art Camp—July 19-23.

For more information about PCC's art programs, visit PCC's Web site at www.PCCinfo.com.

Jonathan Bergen ('00, MA-'02)
works as a graphic artist for
Baptist International Missions, Inc..
(Chattanooga, TN)
(pp. 14-15 adapted from Bergen's design)



Jonathan Taylor ('99, MA-'01)
works as an illustrator for
Ken Ham, *Answers in Genesis*,
in the Creation Museum project.
(Florence, KY)



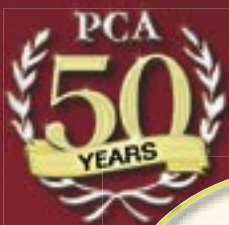
Jennifer (Soenksen '95) Englert
works as a graphic designer
for U. S. Bank.
(Cincinnati, OH)



Todd Knowlton ('86)
is manager of creative development
at DaySpring Cards.
(Siloam Springs, AR)



PCC Art Grads



Pensacola Christian Academy

Celebrating 50 years

**"Keepers of the Dream"
for 50 years**



THEN

1954-35 students K5-2

Pensacola Christian Grade School
3 classrooms



NOW

2,602 students K4-12

Pensacola Christian Academy
84 classrooms and support facilities.



Troy Shoemaker
PCA Administrator
since 1993



Dr. Arlin Horton, Founder/President
Beka Horton, Sr. V. Pres.

From its humble beginning in 1954, Pensacola Christian Academy has grown and maintained a good enrollment. Dr. Horton first gives all the glory to God for its growth and then adds the following secondary reasons:

1. Faithfully presenting Christ's love and good news so that students can know the Lord.
2. Diligently teaching biblical principles of right and wrong—the basis of good character.
3. Using an "intensive phonics" program to teach children to read, which is the foundation for academic advancement.
4. Following the traditional *A Beka* curriculum that honors God in all grade levels and subjects.
5. Administrative staff and faculty that genuinely care for the students.
6. Keeping low tuition and using sound financial practices

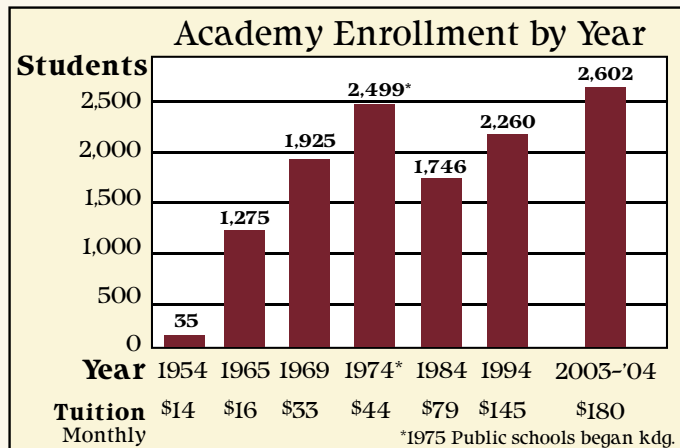
**From its inception,
Pensacola Christian Academy
has sought—**

- To teach the students the Bible as God's inspired word and to develop attitudes of love and respect toward it.
- To integrate academic excellence with spiritual truths to produce wholesome and mature individuals in their home, church, community, and country.
- To train students to recognize and learn to live a Christ-centered life.
- To provide biblically sound, Christ-honoring high academic standards that help the student realize his full academic potential.



An outgrowth and extension of Pensacola Christian Academy is *A Beka Academy* which began in 1985 when Dr. Horton envisioned the idea to videotape a PCA class in each grade level.

This year, 35,000 students (K4-12) will be enrolled in *A Beka Academy* via DVD/video technology.



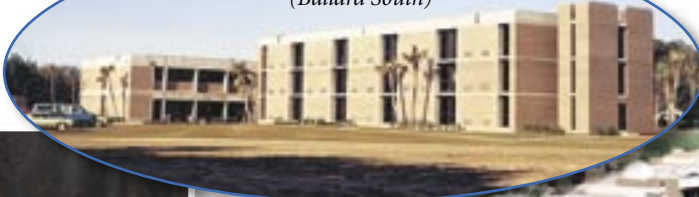
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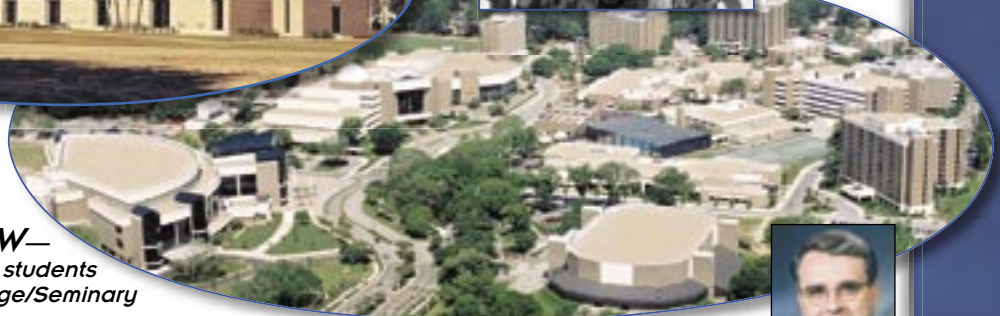
Celebrating 30 years

THEN—100 students

*One building
(Ballard South)*



NOW—
4,646 students
College/Seminary



Dr. Matthew Beemer, Executive Assistant to the President,
since 2001



From PCC's beginning in 1974, they have been fulfilling the vision that God gave—a place to prepare young men and women to be all they can be for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Although PCC has grown, excellence in education and commitment to the Lord remain the core of the College's balanced program. PCC has maintained a reputation across the country and around the world for its commitment to academic excellence and dedication to the word of God and Christian service.

The godly humility in the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Horton and their administration, faculty, and staff continues to bear witness to God's manifold blessings on His original idea.

A friend of the College noted, "It is humbling to see what God can do and has done when two people are willing to follow their dreams and see them come to fruition."

To God be all the glory. Great things He hath done!
—by Monica Samas '02 grad

Pensacola Christian College began as an idea that came from God. For three decades, President Arlin Horton and his wife Beka have remained faithful to the vision and goals God gave them—programs and facilities, people and evangelism.

The past 5 years



Four Winds—Jan. '00

2001



PCC Planetarium with
"Heavens Declare"
Nov. '01



Crowne Centre—Jan. '02



A Beka Book
Bldg.

2003-'04

Construction in progress

1999-'00

Entrance to Campus Apr. '01



2002

Graf Clinic—Sept. '01



Guest House





From the President

Dr. Arlin Horton
Founder/President

We always appreciate receiving encouraging responses from our students. Dr. Mullenix received this note in October.

"I am a senior Early Childhood Education major here at PCC. I am in my internship at the Academy this semester. I do not go off campus a lot, but this past weekend I did, and I had the privilege of meeting three different taxi drivers. I must share with you what they told me about PCC students.

The first taxi driver I rode with could not stop talking about how she always heard complaints from the Navy men and others about being down here for duties or at other colleges, but she has never heard one PCC student complain about being here.

The second driver knew where I was from (PCC) before I got in the taxi. When I asked him how he knew, he said it was because we were "the only ladies left in Pensacola who still look like ladies."

However, the third driver topped it all. When I asked if he was having a good day, he proceeded to use the remainder of the ride to tell me how nervous he was about a major heart surgery he is to have next week. This opened a door for me to use Scripture to encourage him. At the end of the ride, I gave him a tract and asked him to read it. Imagine my surprise when he handed the tract back to me, and told me that he had been given a tract two weeks ago by another PCC student and had been saved through it!

I don't know who that student was, but it thoroughly blesses me to be able to go to a college, such as PCC, where even the taxi drivers give good comments about PCC and are saved through the actions of the students!

I simply had to share these testimonies; they encouraged me."

— PCC Student

THOSE SO-CALLED ERRORS

by Chester Kulus

It is surprising and shocking to hear Bible faculty from institutions, long considered fundamental, to talk freely about errors in the Bible.* And also to hear their graduates ridicule those who believe God has preserved His word free from error for us today. Maybe they should publish their list of what they call errors so everyone will know.

Well, this year a book has been published regarding the numbers in scripture that some claim are errors. The author is Dr. Chester Kulus who accepts the word of God as providentially preserved by God's protective hand.

Kulus documents the current problems of those who question the numbers in the Old Testament and shows that there are solutions to apparent discrepancies. Every pastor and serious Bible student needs this book for reference when such questions arise.

Kulus's position is—Jesus has unique credentials, therefore one should believe Him above all others. He says, "The OT text of Jesus is the text in which the saints of old had the very words of the *autographa*, even though it was composed of copies of copies of the *autographa*. ... Jesus refers to OT numerical passages and never criticized the OT text ... and the disciples never attempted to restore the text, but simply received the text, just as Jesus did."

"If the Traditional Hebrew Text is completely trustworthy, the natural question is: 'Why would God allow apparent contradictions?'" The author presents reasons why God allows apparent contradictions to be part of the inspired and preserved record of His words.

Alleged numerical discrepancies appear in **1 Sam. through 2 Chron.** Since the numbers in those books have especially come under attack by both liberals and fundamentalists, Kulus discusses 58 of the apparent numerical discrepancies in those books, involving over one hundred verses. He has researched the sources of each alleged discrepancy and then applied

various writers' solutions for each. He then discusses the alleged problem in the passage and solution to the problem(s).

He warns, "When a Fundamentalist says that an OT passage has an error, he is not following the example of Jesus, but, rather, is following the example of Satan who says, 'Yea, hath God said?' (Gen. 3:1). This is very dangerous. The devil, in questioning God's word, influenced Eve also to question God's word, thereby bringing her down to the place where she no longer believed God. This was tragic for her. Likewise, Fundamentalists, who question the preserved text, persuade others also to question the Bible, thereby bringing them down to the place where they do not believe God. This, too, will be tragic for them.

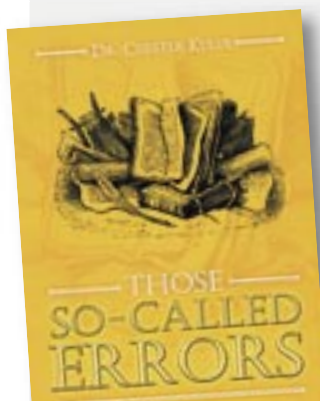
"Sadly, many have more trust in the words of the critics instead of the words of Christ. They have it all backwards, for they are receiving the words of men as if the words of men are the final word, whereas they treat the final word from the lips of Jesus as words of a mere man (cf. 1 Thess. 2:13). Fundamentalists need to receive the word of God, '*not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God*'—1 Thess. 2:13.

"Instead of exalting human reasoning, supposition, and textual criticism which savour the things of men; Fundamentalists ought to savour '*the things that be of God*'—Matt. 16:23."

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I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was filled with sorrow at the tragic death of his wife in a fire in 1861. The Civil War broke out that same year and it seemed this was an additional punishment.

Two years later, Longfellow was again saddened to hear that his own son had been seriously wounded as a lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac. Sitting at his desk on Christmas day, he heard the church bells ringing and ringing. It was in this setting he wrote the following:



I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep,
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men.



Preparing leaders for PUBLIC SERVICE

2 New Programs Political Science and Public Administration

Next fall PCC will offer two new programs: **political science** and **public administration**. These will prepare students for public service vocations and will complement prelaw.

PCC's prelaw program exposes students to important concepts in U.S. history and government, plus it trains them in effective communication skills. PCC prelaw graduates have been accepted at 55 different law schools in 23 states. Many serve in private practice and others in public service.

Representative Cathy McMorris graduated from the prelaw program in 1990 and had no idea how the Lord would use her in government. Now 13 years later, she is the Minority Leader for the Washington State House of Representatives and a candidate for Congress from the fifth district of Washington. She is one of many graduates who testify to PCC's outstanding prelaw program.

◀ **Judge April Wood** ('94 grad) sits on a bench of Family Court in North Carolina. She recently spoke at a Prewlaw Forum on campus.

Attorney Aaron Kirkpatrick ('95 grad) helps draft legislation as a staff attorney for the Missouri State Legislature.

◀ **Capt. Tyesha Lowery** ('95 grad) is a member of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp. She has spoken at a Prewlaw Forum in the past.

NEW—

Political science major. Students majoring in Political Science learn about God's institution of federal, state, and local government. They also study such topics as America's founding and its political theory and social ethics, which provide a background in modern political thought. A degree in political science also prepares students for involvement in vocations such as politics, law, or journalism.

Kimberly (Allen) Case confers with Repub. Maj. Ldr. Jerry Maygarden

PCC did not have a political science major when **Kimberly (Allen) Case** graduated in 1994. She earned a master's degree in political science from UWF. Today, she serves in Tallahassee as legislative affairs director for Tom Gallagher, Florida's Chief Financial Officer, impacting legislation on a daily basis.

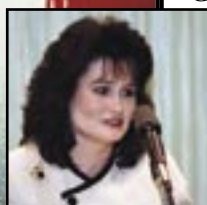
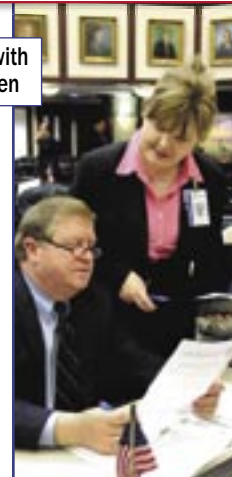
NEW—

Public administration major.

Government agencies, whether federal, state, or local, need qualified effective leaders who demonstrate character and integrity. PCC's Public Administration program is interdisciplinary and prepares students to pursue professional positions within government and non-profit organizations.

Students learn to utilize competent analysis, sound planning, and ethical decision-making principles and how to apply these to the understanding, development, and execution of policies and programs. The public administration student will understand the purpose of government, the relationship of government to business, and the responsibility of stewardship within government policy.

For students considering a career in public service, PCC's solid academic and strong biblical emphasis will give the tools needed to make an impact on the world for righteousness and the cause of Christ.



SAMPLING OF LAW SCHOOLS ACCEPTING PCC GRADUATES

University of Southern California (CA)

Georgetown University School of Law (D.C.)

George Washington University (D.C.)

University of Notre Dame (IN)

The Florida State University School of Law (FL)

University of Georgia (GA)

Seton Hall University School of Law (NJ)

Wake Forest University School of Law (NC)

Vanderbilt University School of Law (TN)

Texas Tech University School of Law (TX)

Regent University School of Law (VA)

Washington and Lee University School of Law (VA)





What the Doctor Ordered

Preparing Graduates to Meet Physical Needs

Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Physical Therapy

Those interested in working with the physical needs of people as a doctor, physical therapist, or pharmacist should consider PCC's excellent academic training. With solid preparation in God's word along with strong academics, you could be "Just what the doctor ordered!"

Pensacola Christian College offers outstanding academic programs in chemistry, biology, and premed, which are interrelated to the two new medical-related programs: **Pre-Pharmacy** and **Pre-Physical Therapy**. Both programs focus on meeting physical needs while not forgetting the spiritual needs.

Pre-Pharmacy degree provides students the tools for pharmacy school as it provides education in chemistry and biology in relation to treating the human body. Dr. Tracy Fitzgerald, a



Dr. Tracy Fitzgerald

registered pharmacist and member of the PCC's science faculty observed, "The pre-pharmacy program will definitely prepare students to go into pharmacy school. It gives a firm background in chemistry and the biological sciences which are very important for pharmacy school."

Pre-Physical Therapy will provide foundational training to individuals desiring to assist the injured and physically challenged people. As part of the program, students complete internships that allow extensive observation with certified physical therapists in a variety of clinical settings. In courses, such as anatomy and physiology, microbiology, kinesiology, and first aid, students learn the structure of the human body, its functions, and practical methods of physical treatment.

Strong preparation in the sciences is complemented by premed Forums each semester where local doctors share insights into their specialties and into the medical school admission process.

Premed PCC graduates have gone on to train as medical and osteopathic doctors, dentists, optometrists, and physician assistants and to work in

sports medicine. Medical colleges are looking for excellent grades and solid performance on the MCAT.

A vital part of gaining admission to medical schools is the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Deborah Luiken (NE), a junior graduating in May, took the MCAT in August and is hearing from medical schools. "I felt very prepared. The faculty are always willing to help, and the program is very effective in training us for med school."



Deborah Luiken

Students experiment in chemistry labs.



Students gather and record data in biology lab.



Dr. Alvarez with students in chemistry lab.



Bringing the Fatherless to the Father

by James Tamang
from Nepali



PCC Grad '02

When I was very young my mom, sister, and I left our village to go to a bigger city (Kathmandu). My mom wanted to find a job to take care of us. While in search of a job, my mom walked fast. There were times my mother would glance back and ask me to walk fast to keep up with her. While she was walking fast, she had my little sister on her back wrapped in a cloth. I could not keep up with her long strides. I cried to her to slow down so I could keep up, but my cry was in vain. Soon, I saw the last glimpse of my mother as she walked around the corner of a building.

My cry went out to search for my mother, “Aama, Aama, Aama,” which means *mom* in Nepali. I started to look for her but I could not find her. I looked for faces that looked like my mother or sister but I could not see them. My search for my mom and sister continued for hours. Soon, a police heard my cry. He took me to the police station because I was desperately searching for my mom and sister. He figured out that I was lost and started to comfort me by giving me some food to eat. That evening, I ate one of the best meals I ever had. It was rice, eggplant curry, and black lentil soup. I enjoyed every bit of it. The policeman took me in for the night. Tomorrow came and he took me for a ride in the police car to a place called Mendies Haven Children’s Home (MHCH). There were many kids like me. Soon I became one of many other orphans.

Because I was so young, or because I spoke a different dialect, I was unable to tell them my name. They gave me the name James and figured my dialect was from the people who speak the Tamang dialect. Since keeping

records is not common in the villages, my true birthday is unknown.

In MHCH, we had devotions twice a day, one in the morning and one in the evening. I heard the Word of God since the time I was placed in this home. I was told the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I was taught that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Knowing all these things, I had not yet accepted Christ as my Saviour. In the later part of my teen years, I started to realize that I may fool others, I may fool myself, but I cannot fool God. I needed someone who knew me better than myself. I read *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”*—John 3:16.

I realized that God knew my needs and sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for me (whosoever). I understood that Jesus came for a wretched sinner like me. I not only understood but also accepted Christ as my Saviour at the age of seventeen.

Paul said, *“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ”*—Phil. 1:6. God’s work in my life had just begun. Before my salvation, I was a created being who was running away from God but now I am a new creation.

God has worked in my life in many different ways. After finishing high school in Nepal, I had an opportunity to come to the United States for further study in 1990. When I arrived, I had two sets of clothes and a few items. In spite of my different background, Tim & Marlene Reed and family from Seaside, Oregon, accepted me with open

James and Holly (Hudson '97), missionaries to Nepal



arms. Not long after that, they adopted me into their family. God provided me with a family which I did not have before and which I could never imagine.

When I arrived in the States, I had to enroll in high school because of Nepal's lower educational standard. I enrolled in Seaside High School as a sophomore. At the age of twenty-one, I graduated from high school and went to junior college to further my study. In May of 1997, I graduated with a degree in Civil and Architectural Engineering Technology. A few months after my graduation, I had given up the thought of further staying in the States and was thinking about heading back to Nepal. Not long after that an elderly lady, Mrs. Terrell, talked to my parents and offered to pay for me to attend Pensacola Christian College for a year. I prayed for a week and told my dad that I was willing to attend PCC if she was willing to help me. Soon admission was completed through fax and many telephone calls.

The next week, I was at PCC waiting for registration to begin. Even coming to a Christian college, my desire to be an engineer had not changed. I still wanted to study to be an engineer. Therefore, I registered for a mechanical engineering major. In one semester, I changed not because of difficulty but because God was working in my life. During this time, God called me to be a missionary to Nepal. This reminds me of Isaiah where the Lord says, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."* My desire was to be an engineer, but God had greater plans for me.

During my PCC career, I met Holly Hudson, an academy teacher. She traveled to Nepal in the latter part of 1998 and early part of 1999. Coming back from Nepal, she was burdened to go back to Nepal because she had seen many mountains filled with houses where she knew they had not heard the name of Christ. She remembered Caleb in the Bible who desired to conquer the mountain

so she said to herself, "I want to conquer these mountains for Christ."

Therefore, she started to prepare to be a missionary to Nepal with or without a husband. She moved to Tampa, Florida, and worked in a children's home while I was attending PCC.

God continue to bless me through Mrs. Terrell to complete my first year. God used her to supply my school needs a second year and a third year and a fourth year at PCC. God used her to be a channel of blessing to me, so He could prepare me to return to my motherland, Nepal, as a missionary.

When I was a junior in PCC, God brought Holly into my life and through God's perfect timing, we were married December 30, 2000.

Separated from my family at an early age, put in an orphanage, saved at the age of seventeen, God brought me to the United States with two sets of clothing in my suitcase and empty pockets for further study. God had a plan for me, which was better than what I could have dreamed. He provided me with not only a beautiful wife but also a partner in the ministry, whose heart was already burdened for the people of Nepal. I give all praise and glory to God for His master plan in my life. I cannot condemn my biological parents for forsaking me, but I thank God and give Him all the praise for His plan in my life. As Joseph said to his brothers, *"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive"*—Gen. 50:20.

God has given me and my wife a mission to go to Nepal with BIMI and share the Gospel so that people in Nepal can be saved. We plan to work with orphans like myself and train them to reach others.

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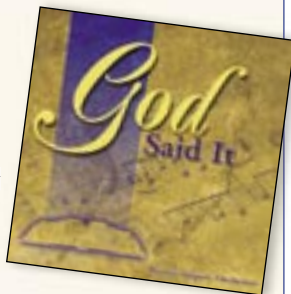
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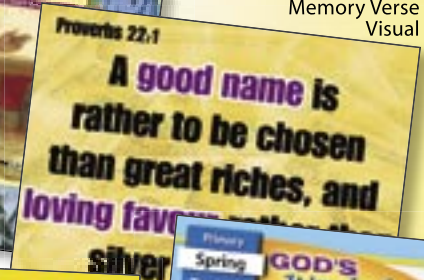


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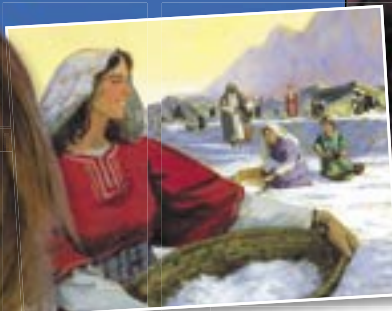
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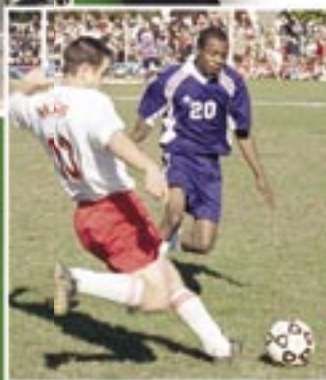
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