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## \$200K goal set for hospital fundraiser

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Dr. Kadio directed BJU in establishing its COVID-19 protocols.

Johanna Huebscher

STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, Dr. Bernard Kadio, faculty member in the Division of Health Sciences,

had the idea to build a Christian hospital in the Ivory Coast. This year's Bible Conference \$200K offering will help him achieve that goal.

Kadio is from the Ivory

Coast, so it seemed natural to him to start there. Kadio wants the hospital to be a gamechanger in the Ivory Coast. "We would like the Christian Health Center not only to provide care but also to provide training for healthcare professionals with a Christian background and perspective," Kadio said.

Hope Christian Health Center will be part health center and part hospital. "We are starting a new model, both for Christian ministry but also for health," Kadio said. No one else has implemented this comprehensive model that combines these different areas of expertise.

Kadio has 22 years of experience in medical missions and teaching and is confident heading the project. "I know what works and what doesn't," Kadio said.

The hospital will have

three different departments: MNCH (maternal, newborn, child health), Men's Health, and Mental Well Being and Spiritual. It will also have a school to train nurses and workers for the hospital. They will open the MNCH department first and open the other departments gradually within three to four years.

Hope already has land located in Grand Bassam in the Ivory Coast, medical equipment, construction materials and even people planning the hospital. They are still in need of staff as well as \$200,000 to build and open the hospital.

The hospital will focus on treating conditions while the health center will focus on maintaining health and preventing disease. The health center will offer checkups, screenings and vaccinations

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## THE WEEK

### ISO Lunar New Year Celebration

The ISO will be having a lunar new year celebration tonight from 6-8 p.m. at the Gazebo. Students can enjoy free bubble tea and snacks while learning calligraphy and origami.

### Symphonic Wind Band Concert

The symphonic wind band will be presenting its concert "A Taste of Spain" tonight at 7 p.m. in Founder's Memorial Amphitorium.

### First Bruins Baseball Game

The Bruins baseball team will play its first game at Truett McConnell College Saturday at 1 p.m. The game will be livestreamed.

### UBA Forum

The University Business Association will hold a forum on business as missions at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Alumni 217. Ralph Gruending, co-founder of Worldwide Tentmakers Inc., will be speaking.

## Former MLB pitcher aids new baseball team

Jewel Schuurmans  
& Cat Reynolds

Jamie Moyer, former MLB pitcher and World Series winner, came to BJU for a week in January to assist Bruins baseball coach Brent Casteel in training the University's baseball team for their upcoming inaugural season.

At the end of Moyer's stay on Jan. 30, Casteel hosted an event in the DFH for young baseball teams and their coaches from schools in surrounding states to learn from Moyer's successful 25-year pitching career. "I was a kid just like a lot of these kids are," Moyer said. "Follow your dreams and you never know

what can happen."

Casteel contacted teams through FieldLevel, a recruiting network between college coaches and high school coaches, to invite them to the event. Casteel said training the Bruins and speaking at the event for local teams gave Moyer another opportunity to give baseball back what it gave to him. "[Moyer] just loves baseball," Casteel said. "So it's a great opportunity for him to come do exactly what he loves to do: bring the game and give it to someone else."

Henry Wallach, sophomore Bruins pitcher, said the first day Moyer came to train with them Moyer spent an hour just talking to them before practice. "Everything he said was important,



Jamie Moyer instructs BJU pitcher Henry Wallach during practice.

Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

new knowledge pouring in," Wallach said. "I have pages of notes back in the dorm."

Adrian Lasval, freshman first baseman, said Moyer

shared much more than just his experience pitching. "[He knows] the little things; things that I would have never

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COLUMN



Ethan House  
STAFF WRITER

While I was home over break, two of my personal role models passed away a week apart. Their deaths were not surprising, since both were over the age of 80 and had begun to experience serious health complications. However, the loss of these two men had a profound effect on my perspective regarding life and death.

I distinctly remember a point in each of their medical battles where the prayers of my church congregation went from praying that God would heal them to praying that He would bring them to be with Him in Heaven. At the time, these prayers bothered me. I

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The Collegian Editorial  
Our love begins with Christ

We never really know how much true love we hold in our hearts until someone seemingly unloveable comes across our way. There are times when we are brought to a point of asking God to give us His love for others because we simply have none of our own to give.

1 John 4:8 says, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." As people whose very souls have been saved by the love of Christ, we are compelled to channel the Lord's love to others in the same way He loved.

We know Christ loved unconditionally. Whether it was the woman who committed adultery, or His disciples who constantly let Him down, or the very guards who hung Him on the cross, Christ showed genuine love to all without reservation. It's easy to love those who love us, but Christ asks us to love others without requiring anything from them.

"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?," Christ asks in Matthew 5:46-48. "Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Jesus loved everyone despite how blind, self-obsessed and cruel they were.

Not only are we supposed to love others without seeking benefit, we are to love those who would do us harm. Jesus turned the narrative around when He instructed the Jews. He took their preconceived conclusions of how to treat people and turned them on their head.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy,'" Jesus said. "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44)

It's clear that Christ loved unconventionally. He loved those who hated Him, and He loved those who could give nothing back. But how did Christ show His love? Naturally we think of His sacrifice on the cross, and Christ did say that there is no greater sacrifice than for a man to lay down his life for a friend. (John 15:13)

But love does not always look like what we expect, and Christ demonstrated that, too. When Jesus rebuked the Pharisees, He spoke not only because of His love for God the Father and His laws, but because of His love for the Pharisees. For them to repent and receive God's grace, the Pharisees needed to have the truth spoken to them.

Tough love is being lovingly honest with someone when they do something wrong. Sometimes, loving someone means being willing to sacrifice their perception of you to give them truth that will lead them back to God. It can be a delicate process to love others this way and should be done in the safety of a multitude of counselors, but it is a Biblical form of God's love. Galatians 6:1 speaks of "restoring" a brother who has transgressed God's law, and Matthew 18 gives specific instructions for how a church is to show their love by correcting a wayward member.

Christians ought to be experts at love, and we have no better role model than Christ Himself. "This is my commandment," Jesus said in John 15:12, "that ye love one another, as I have loved you."

TALKBACK

What do you look for in a friend?

Photos: Heath Parish



Kaylee Dreese  
JUNIOR  
"Someone who is willing to listen when I need someone to talk to."



Jamar German  
FRESHMAN  
"Loyalty, trust, and they gotta match my energy."



Taylor Sams  
SENIOR  
"Someone who communicates."



Josiah Smith  
JUNIOR  
"Someone who has the same passions as me; someone who loves God."

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understood and even agreed with the sentiment behind them, but I could not stop thinking about them.

Like most people, I fear death. I believe this fear is irrational, to an extent, because death is unavoidable. Despite thinking this, I was still afraid.

The more I thought about my eventual death, the more I discovered about myself. Simply put, I fear death because I have not done anything lasting with my life. In my mind, I always had more time in the future. Then,

I had thought, I would do something for the Lord. But what if I had less time than I thought?

Although both of my role models had lived into their 80s, I am not guaranteed that much time. A couple of years ago, the unexpected suicide of a high school sophomore shook my community. A few years before that, a man who lived less than 30 minutes away from my town murdered two teenagers after luring them into his house. Young people die all the time. I could become one of them.

At this point in my existential crisis, I began to worry. The question "What if I die before I accomplish anything?" became a persistent thought that would not leave me alone.

Then, as a last resort, I did something that should have been my first resort: I prayed. At this point, I was drawn to a verse in Luke 21 that refers to Christ's second coming.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you

unawares." (Luke 21:34)

The answer to my question became obvious. I needed to live every day as though it were my last.

This revelation naturally brought with it a question of its own: if I truly believed my time was limited, how would I spend it?

First, I would make sure I was spiritually ready for death by maintaining my devotions and ensuring I was without any unrepented sin.

Then, I would focus most of my time on others, especially the people I cared

about, and not waste my time exclusively on selfish short-term enjoyment. I would look for opportunities to praise God in everything, even the little things.

This realignment in my perspective has forced me to realize how much time I waste on things with no lasting significance. Although the several weeks since my epiphany have been hit-or-miss in terms of actually following through with my goal, I plan to remain dedicated to living each day for Christ. My life is too short to only commit part of it to Christ.

# Podcasts build new communities

Vicki Olachea

STAFF WRITER

BJU podcasts involving art, theology and the University president connect students and faculty in discussions during an ongoing pandemic.

*ArtBreak: An M&G Podcast* is a recent project from the Museum & Gallery. Erin Jones, M&G's executive director, started the podcast in September of 2020 to replace the original ArtBreak lunch and lecture, which was shut down during COVID-19. The monthly *ArtBreak* episodes run 30 to 40 minutes and can be found on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

While the ArtBreak lunches tended to spotlight a specific exhibition being shown at the time, the podcasts include a wide range of topics. Guests present their own expertise or perspective on different aspects of the art world, from a curator detailing the chemistry of restorative paintwork to an FBI agent explaining white collar crimes in the world of museum business. February's episode will cover Museum on the Move, an M&G program for bringing an art-integrated learning program to public schools.

But art remains the most important subject. "[The podcast] is trying to present a variety of perspectives and voices," Jones said, "but always linking it to the world of art, because it touches every subject and discipline. Anyone can listen and learn something of interest."

*ArtBreak* is produced in the recording studio in BJU's Audio Services on the BJU campus, but the ability to interview guests from other museums has created a wider shared audience for everyone involved, according to Jones. "We really are expanding their world during COVID-19 . . . as well as our own," Jones said.

Another BJU podcast sparked by the COVID-19

shutdown, *Theologically Speaking*, is hosted by Dr. Eric Newton, a BJU seminary faculty member. Newton started the podcast in September 2020 to enable continued discussion within the seminary despite the pandemic and to expand the discussion. Weekly episodes are about 30 minutes long and can be found on seminary.bju.edu as well as on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and the BJU Seminary YouTube channel.

"The idea is that how we think and communicate needs to be shaped by Scripture," Newton said. "There's a theological perspective to life that we need, not just in ministry, but as believers."

Newton brings guests from BJU or from ministries outside of BJU to discuss what God is doing in everyday life and through the pandemic. He said he hopes the podcast will change the perspective of his audience so that they continually see God's work in today's world. "It's really a habit, a way of thinking," Newton said.

Topics range from historic moments such as the Diet of Worms to urban evangelism during a pandemic. The seminary's website also includes a survey for listeners to suggest topics.

Chris Harmony, the seminary student who edits *Theologically Speaking*, said podcasts have been providing the chance for meaningful discussion, something that became precious during the pandemic shutdown. *Theologically Speaking* implements that discussion. "It's really meant to be kind of like sitting around the coffee shop with someone you'd love to talk to but don't get the chance to," Harmony said.

*Highest Potential*, a BJU podcast started before the pandemic, features both



**Highest Potential**, hosted by Steve Pettit, currently has 25 released episodes. Photo submitted

student hosts and Dr. Steve Pettit, BJU president. Weekly episodes run about 30 minutes and can be found on Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts and on BJUToday.

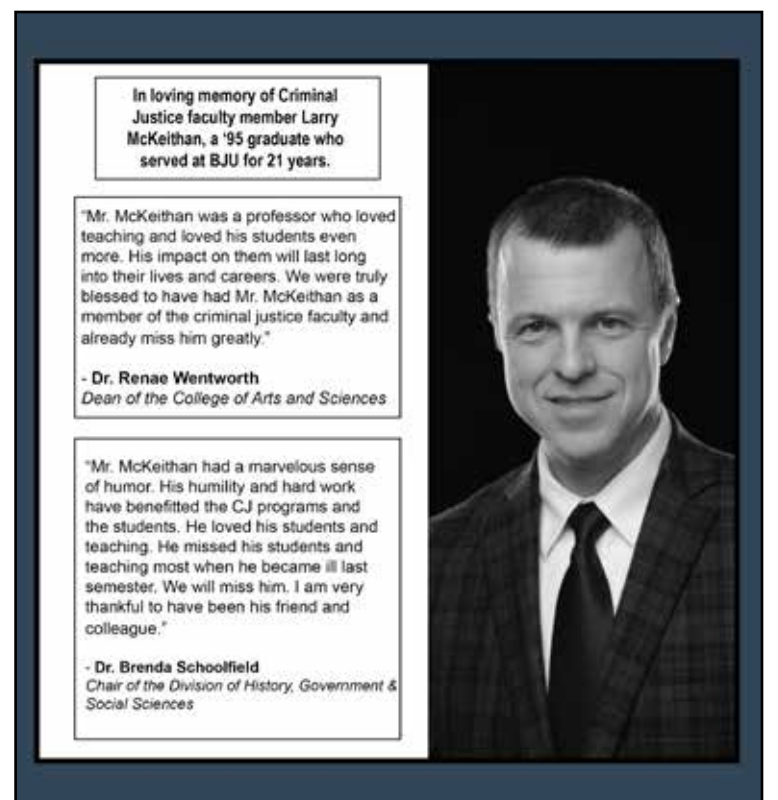
Pettit said he got the idea for a podcast after a few students came to his home to record for an earlier BJU podcast, *Are You Mad at That?* Pettit then asked Max Burak, a grad student and one of the four students who produced the original podcast, to cohost *Highest Potential*, along with Pettit and another student host, Caroline Smith, a junior education major.

Since the podcast's origin in September 2019, Pettit continues the tradition of having a student cohost to give the podcast a student voice. "My intention is to use [the podcast] as another tool of communication," Pettit said. To him, *Highest Potential* shares the same goal as BJU: to empower students to reach their highest potential. Pettit said he hopes to reach this goal

through conversations about what BJU values.

These conversations feature the voice of today's student cohost, senior communication and business student Sarah Rumpf, along with guests brought in to discuss

current events in and around BJU. Notable guests include Sen. Tim Scott, Dr. Sam Horn and Dr. Bob Jones III, whose discussion of his recent remarriage drew over 9,000 listeners, the podcast's largest audience yet.





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as well as provide education in health. At the education center, patients will be able to attend classes and gain knowledge about health and behavioral issues. Classes will be offered on subjects such as malnutrition, maternal and newborn health, addiction, spiritual issues and much more.

Kadio wants the hospital to address maternal mortality among other issues. The Ivory Coast has the highest rate of maternal mortality in West Africa, with 618 deaths to every million live births. In comparison, the U.S. maternal mortality rate is 17 deaths to every million live births.

"When I was working with [the Ivory Coast] government, I saw mothers dying because they didn't have \$10 to pay for the hospital bill," Kadio said. "I have seen children dying from diseases that don't even exist anymore [in the U.S.] because people have been so successful in treating them, yet those diseases are still

killing children in West Africa."

Kadio has been working towards his goal for 10 years. He saved up enough to buy 11 acres in the Ivory Coast and donated it to the hospital.

**"I saw mothers dying because they didn't have \$10 to pay for the hospital bill."**

**-Dr. Kadio**

"Even some Christian brothers thought I was crazy. They said 'You could have used that money for something else,' but I didn't have peace to use that money for anything else," Kadio said. Hope Christian Hospital now has seven groups, seven churches and three universities (including

BJU) supporting it.

"I've been receiving emails from students saying 'Dr. Kadio, we are with you'," Kadio said. "The reaction is amazing how the community grasped the idea and adopted it." Kadio originally wanted to open the hospital by 2025 but has been able to move the timeline to 2022 due to the momentum coming from the community. "That's a big encouragement," Kadio said.

Kadio wants the hospital to see a minimum of 15,000 patients a year. "We are praying that God will give us 10 percent of the people to come to salvation," Kadio said. "We see this as a very powerful evangelistic tool to start churches all over the Ivory Coast." The church that is working with the hospital as the spiritual authority, Grand Bassam Baptist Church, is planning to start a seminary near the hospital soon.

Kadio encourages BJU students to come help the hospital. Students don't necessarily have to be medical students. They



**The first bricks for Hope Christian Hospital are ready to be used.**

*Photo submitted by Bernard Kadio.*

could be from any major: communications, languages, ministry or other areas of academic study. "I would like anybody who sees himself as a visionary, anyone who sees himself as an instrument in the hands of God," Kadio said. "We want our students to be

an agent of positive change. If you see yourself as capable of helping us, this team is yours."

Supporters can contribute to the offering through various on-campus fundraisers or by donating online at [bibleconference.bju.edu](http://bibleconference.bju.edu).

# International students face travel difficulties because of COVID-19



**Keila Cueto said her theme verse for quarantine was Joshua 1:9.**

**Katelyn Lain**

STAFF WRITER

Over Christmas break of 2020, many international students faced difficulties returning home or had concerns about travel constraints preventing them from coming back to BJU, leading 23 international students to stay on campus over Christmas break.

Dawei Cai, a sophomore kinesiology major from Saipan, said he did not return to the islands because of the fees and difficulty of buying a ticket. He also considered the health concerns of traveling for two to three days. Cai stayed on campus while he worked his usual job at Bob Jones Academy. For the two or three weeks that the University shut down, he

*Photo: Andrew Pledger*  
lived with his pastor. Cai has not seen his parents since December 2019 because of the closing of the borders and uncertainty about returning.

"Home is around 7000 miles away and a 14- or 15-hour time difference," Cai said. He assured his family he was wearing a mask and social distancing. "I wanted to... just do my best to not let my parents worry."

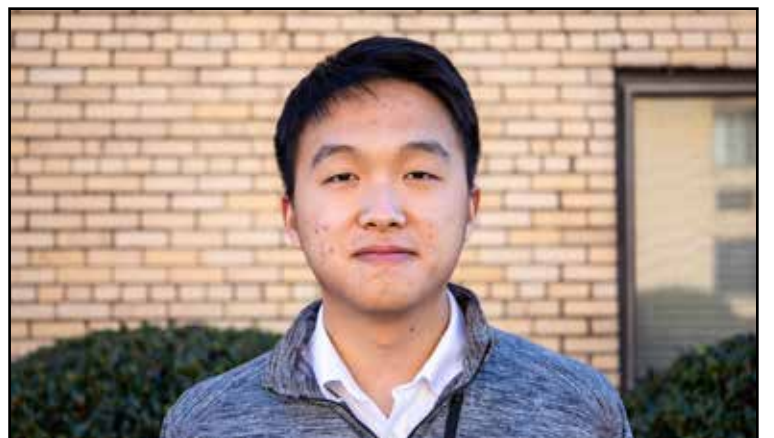
Kaiping Wang, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from China, said the possibility that he would not be able to return to school was a risk. "It was really hard to go back to China at the time and is harder now because of [travel] policies," Wang said.

Many international students had already navigated the difficulties of travel due to COVID-19. When BJU classes

went virtual last March, many countries around the world had closed their borders—a situation that left some international students stranded on campus until classes started again last fall. During the summer of 2020, 30 international students stayed in the campus dorms while working for the University in jobs such as landscaping or working at the BJU Press. "I thought [school] would shut down, but not that early," Wang said. "I was very surprised." Wang bought a ticket to return home, but two weeks before the flight, it was canceled. After trying multiple times to book a new flight, Wang had a realization. "God said, 'I don't want you to go back. I have a better plan for you,'" Wang said.

Keila Cueto, a sophomore health science major from Lima, Peru, said she and many international students had to immediately go to the Student Development and Discipleship office after BJU president Dr. Steve Pettit's announcement about campus closing. "Many international students [were] going there like super fast," Cueto said. "Some people were even running."

Cueto said the CGO was pairing students up with professors who were able to open their homes to students. She



**Dawei Cai works at Bob Jones Academy.** *Photo: Andrew Pledger*

and her friend were placed with the Beadle family. Cueto and the Beadles attended the same church but had never met until the circumstances joined them together. Cueto returned home July 23, 2020, on a humanitarian flight after receiving a one-day notice from the Peruvian embassy in Atlanta, Georgia.

Cueto said she was also

able to go home for Christmas break when her country opened up. Right before school started, she bought her ticket and returned to the U.S. Following her departure, the country shut down again.

"I can clearly see God had everything under control and arranged the circumstances for me to come [back to school]," Cueto said.



**Kaiping Wang stayed on campus over break.** *Photo: Andrew Pledger*



# VALENTINE'S

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"I COULDN'T ASK FOR A MORE AMAZING VALENTINE TO SPEND THE DAY WITH! YOU'RE THE BEST! I LOVE YOU!" - **JAKE HILTON**

TO: MIRIAM PATTERSON

**JE T'AIME**  
(toujours)



PARA EL MUNDO, TAL VEZ SEAS UNA SOLA PERSONA.  
PERO PARA UNA PERSONA, ERES TODO SU MUNDO.  
YO SOY ESA PERSONA. ¡SIGUE SIENDO MI MUNDO!  
TE AMO, MIRIAM, HOY Y PARA SIEMPRE.  
-**JEREMY PATTERSON**

TO: DYNEL FULLER



SENDING THIS SPECIAL VALENTINE TO MY PRECIOUS WIFE  
ON THE 30TH YEAR OF OUR MARRIAGE.  
I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN IN A HEART-BEAT, SWEETHEART!  
YOU ARE MY VALENTINE EVERY DAY, IN EVERY WAY!  
I LOVE YOU!  
-**MARK FULLER SR**

TO: THE MOST  
AWESOME DG EVER



"HEY, GALS! WANTED TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIPS FROM LAST SEMESTER! CAN'T IMAGINE HAVING ANY OTHER FAMILY AWAY FROM MY OWN! LOVE YOU ALL!"  
-**JESS**

TO: CARY VOWELS



"ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE; IF I COULD LIVE LIFE AGAIN I WOULD DO IT WITH YOU! I WOULD BE KINDER, I WOULD BE TRUE; I COULD NEVER DO BETTER THAN HAVING LOVED YOU." - **MARK VOWELS**

TO: MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

ROSES ARE RED  
I'M ALLERGIC TO DAIRY,  
YOUR SELFISH DISDAIN FOR THE FEELINGS  
OF OTHERS MADE ME REALIZE YOU WERE  
THE LAST MAN IN THE WORLD I COULD  
EVER BE PREVAILED UPON TO MARRY  
-**CHEEKBONES**

TO: WYATT SMITH



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, WYATT!  
YOU HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE FOR THE BETTER SINCE YOU CAME INTO MY LIFE AND I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL GOD PUT YOU IN MY LIFE.  
I LOVE YOU!  
-**RUTHANN MEZZULLO**

# DAY





Jamie Moyer speaks in the DFH to a crowd of middle school and high school baseball teams and their coaches. Photo: Heath Parish

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thought of as a first baseman," Lasval said.

"I think he helped every

position in some way," Josh Crane, senior Bruins pitcher, said. "He worked with us individually, he worked with the whole team, and just

being able to talk to him, ask him tons of questions about his professional career and just apply them to our own personal lives too has been awesome."

Casteel and Moyer were in the same professional baseball draft in 1984 and played their first and third seasons together for the Chicago Cubs. Moyer pitched for eight MLB teams over 25 years and achieved at least one win over every team in the league. By the time he retired, he was the oldest active player in the MLB at 49 years old and had appeared in MLB games in four different decades.

"You have to be willing to deal with failure or setbacks," Moyer said. "Usually we learn the most when we're in those situations if we're willing to listen and take a step back and evaluate. To me, you learn more when you're failing."

Moyer had a variety of obstacles to overcome over the course of his career.

When he was 16 he narrowly avoided having his leg amputated after an injury he sustained from sliding into base got infected. As he grew older during his career, he had trouble with his elbow and needed to recover from pulled groin muscles.

Moyer also explained during the event that because he always had a low pitching speed at early-mid 80s, he had to work hard to learn how to succeed by perseverance and training. "Sometimes it's hard to get up and work when nobody else is working," Moyer said. "Find a way to get better. When you're sleeping, somebody else is working out. Somebody else is training. Somebody else is getting better."

Moyer stressed the importance of using your mindset as a tool, saying that changing his mental discipline changed his entire career. "I can do this," Moyer said. "That was one of my

phrases, 'I can do this.' I worked on it for the rest of my career, and my career changed."

Coach Harold Shepard from Pisgah High School in Canton, North Carolina, came to the event with three other coaches from PHS. "I was excited because it was an opportunity to make contact with coach Casteel and also Jamie Moyer, because I am a Phillies fan," Shepard said.

After a Q&A session and signing several baseballs in a giveaway, Moyer spoke with individual guests, including giving advice to Gabriel Swarms, a North Moore High School student from Robbins, North Carolina, on how to better throw a change-up pitch. After attending this event and learning more about the opportunity, Swarms said he would be interested in attending BJU to play for the baseball team in the future.

## Local Intercultural Markets Small businesses provide Asian cuisine

Katie French

STAFF WRITER

For students who want to experience authentic international foods, two local markets offer them the chance to purchase products not typically available in American grocery stores.

Saigon Market sells several varieties of international food including Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Korean. They even carry some products from Africa and Micronesia.

"We have the basic staples for every culture," owner Ruby Lam said. "[In addition,] we try to cater to all of the Asian communities and everybody else who tries to cook those foods."

Lam said Saigon orders food based on word-of-mouth from customers. Knowing what customers want enables Saigon to sell what they do.

As far as specialty items, Saigon receives a fresh fruit and vegetable delivery Wednesday afternoons after 2 p.m. and serves roast duck and pork as well as Filipino and Hong Kong bakery items on Thursday nights at 5 p.m.

Saigon opened in 1995 and sold primarily Vietnamese products since its original owners were Vietnamese refugees. In 2009, the market was passed down to the owners' daughter Ruby Lam and her husband. At this time, they

expanded the product line beyond Vietnamese food.

Asia Pacific Supermarket is similar to Saigon in authenticity but resembles markets like those of larger cities in the variety of products they carry. Asia Pacific sells authentic Asian food and snacks in addition to a variety of ornate serving dishes.

Attached to the supermarket is a restaurant also owned by supermarket owner Alva Mak. Mak said the restaurant is unique because unlike many other comparable restaurants, they serve authentic Chinese food, not Chinese American. Mak noted a favorite menu item is roast duck. The restaurant also cooks food to order.

Mak said Asia Pacific does a lot of local business, serving customers who live nearby. She also said customers often comment how happy they are to have found a store that carries the products they want.

Mak grew up in Hong Kong but later came to the U.S. and assisted her husband in his restaurant. They eventually opened Asia Pacific Super Market. "It was tough in the beginning," Mak said.

Both Saigon and Asia Pacific have had to navigate through COVID-19. Mak said Asia Pacific has had to make an effort to continually order products to combat shortages. Saigon was able to provide rice to customers when other stores with more generic



Kao shan tea, an oolong tea variety, is grown in the mountains of central Taiwan. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

brands could not. In addition, both markets encourage people to stop by around the time of Chinese New Year to browse their holiday themed snack selections.

Junior Olivia Thomas, originally from China, has frequented both markets. "Saigon introduced me to a lot of Asian foods outside of China that I really love," Thomas said. She has enjoyed the uniqueness of the markets and especially enjoys the scallion pancakes and soup dumplings that are served in

Asia Pacific's restaurant. As a result of trying the markets, Thomas said her pallet has been expanded.

Saigon Market is located on Wade Hampton Boulevard towards downtown Greenville right outside front campus and operates from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Asia Pacific Super Market is part of the Greenville Convention Center complex on Pleasantburg Drive. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.



Saigon Market provides ingredients for many dishes from different Asian cultures. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen



# Brent Casteel preps baseball players for inaugural season



Coach Casteel instructs his players during practice at Conestee Park. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

**Johnathon Smith**  
STAFF WRITER

As Bob Jones University's baseball team prepares for its inaugural season, head coach Brent Casteel hopes his players learn that building character is more important than winning games.

"I want to see a first-year team . . . come together and really learn what it means to be a team," said Casteel. "Honestly, I want them to learn . . . how to glorify God with the game of baseball."

The new team will play

their first game at Truett McConnell University tomorrow, the result of over two years of preparation. Since Bob Jones University announced the creation of a baseball team in 2018, the staff has worked hard to recruit players.

Many of them, such as sophomore outfielder Brandon Davis, sophomore pitcher Ethan Rogers and sophomore pitcher Henry Wallach, signed in 2020 and have been preparing for the season since then. For Wallach, that meant regularly practicing his pitches and exercising his arms

since the summer.

However, Casteel's journey to tomorrow's game stretches back much further. At a young age, Casteel developed a deep love for the sport, leading him to play baseball on a scholarship while he attended college. After college, he played professionally with the Chicago Cubs until God led him to Bob Jones University to pursue a degree in religious studies.

In 2018, Casteel learned of BJU's plan to field an intercollegiate baseball team. "I have always had a heart for Bob Jones," he said, "and when I heard about intercollegiate athletics, I became very excited about the opportunity of coming back here." He reached out to Dr. Neal Ring, director of athletics for the University, and was offered the job.

Casteel described his coaching philosophy as an investment. "I look at investing in lives, and I look at investing in skillsets for baseball," he said. "I love pouring out life lessons that God has given me." Casteel wants his players to learn biblical lessons and principles now that will still be applicable years after his players quit playing baseball.

According to Davis,

Casteel's unique coaching style has impacted the team. Davis thinks of Casteel as an example of a man of God. "Every practice is oriented around a certain devotional," Davis said. "He knows that is the most important part, and if we're in God's will . . . we're doing the right thing."

Wallach said Casteel told them at the first team meeting he had prayed over every player on the team. Last week, the coach also sent his players a Bible reading plan to read through together. "He definitely has made it clear that he's going to be there for us if we need him," Wallach said.

Casteel also invests time into his players off the field. Rogers said the head coach cares a lot about those on the team. "He gets involved in other aspects of our lives, too," Rogers said. Casteel encouraged each member of the team to carefully plan out their schedules, allowing them to manage their time well.

After each practice, the Bruins take time to clean up Conestee Park, the site of the team's home field. In the past the players have pressure washed dirty surfaces, raked the field, painted walls and planted flowers. Casteel assigns these tasks based on what Greenville

County Recreation Department officials need done. "It just makes them really enjoy their field that much more and appreciate what they have," Casteel said.

The members of the team eagerly anticipate their first season. "I'm really looking forward to it," Rogers said. "We've been waiting three or four years to get on this team, and now we've finally made it."

Davis said the players' variety of experience levels will challenge the team, but he is confident they will succeed because of Casteel's style of coaching. He believes Casteel instructs the players in a way that even the less experienced team members can understand while still helping more experienced players learn.

Wallach believes the time elapsed since playing may be the team's biggest hurdle. Because of COVID-19, many team members have not been able to play baseball competitively in over a year.

Casteel asked for the student body to pray for the team to finish a full season despite COVID-19 and respond well to whatever God allows to happen.

The Bruins currently have 24 games scheduled during the regular season.



There are 22 players total on the Bruins baseball team. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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**S**o you're taking that language class and you're excited to be learning Turkish, Finnish or whatever you're studying. How do you make it stick? Some of the most helpful things are maximizing your input and your output. That means watching YouTube in your language, listening to the radio, putting your phone in Spanish, using Duolingo or

anything else you can do to increase your exposure beyond just class time; don't worry if you don't understand it all! And then go use it: there are native speakers of so many languages on campus, so get out and habla con muchas personas! Successful language learning depends on staying motivated and being focused on communication. Don't give up!



# "Sanctify Them" conference to focus on work of Spirit of God

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This year's Bible Conference at Bob Jones University offers an occasion for spiritual revival, an opportunity to give and a special honor.

Randy Page, chief of staff at BJU, said, "The primary focus and purpose of the conference is for us to take time out of a very busy schedule to hear what God has for us." This year's Bible Conference theme is "Sanctify Them," inspired from the passage John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

"The focus is on Scripture," Page said. "It's a good opportunity to be immersed in the Scriptures and grow as a believer."

This year's services will start Tuesday, Feb. 16, and end Friday, Feb. 19. Dr. Steve Pettit, president of BJU, will begin the conference by speaking on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Various workshops will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, conducted by the chosen speakers for the conference. Will Galkin, Rand Hummel, Les Ollila, Alan Benson and Sam Horn are all speakers that have been personally chosen by Pettit. Page said this year's speakers were chosen because Pettit believes they can best relate to the theme of "Sanctify Them."

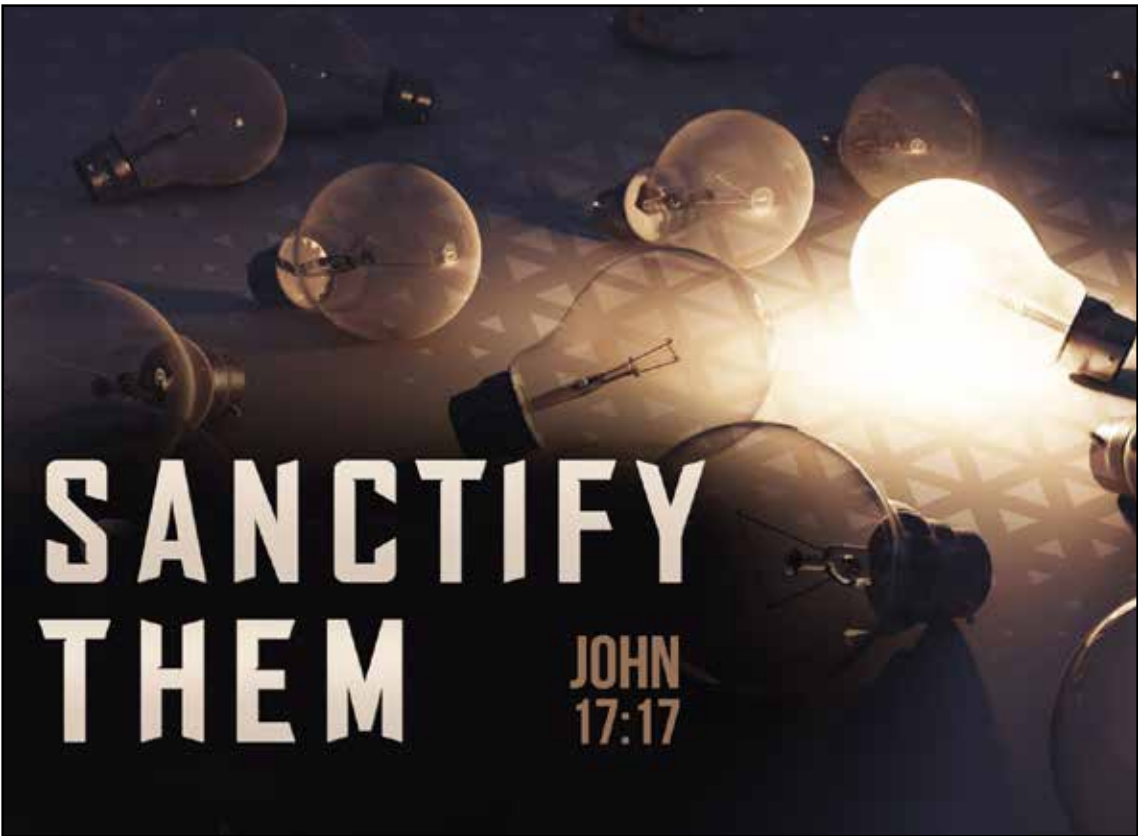
Dr. Sam Horn, president of The Master's University and Seminary, said Bible Conference is the heart of the spring semester. Horn is a former BJU executive vice president for enrollment and ministerial advancement.

"The real reason for Bible Conference is for the Lord to do a work in the student body," Horn said. "The theme of sanctification means the outflow of what the Spirit of God is doing through His Word in your life. It is the ongoing process that the Spirit of God will always be at work until we stand fully glorified before the Lord in His presence."

Horn said his first message is on the process of sanctification from Romans 12:1. "Sanctification involves doing the will of God with our body," Horn said. "It is using your body for the works of righteousness."

There will be changes to Bible Conference this year because of COVID-19, including no collection plates for the annual fundraiser and no outside visitors. BJU is encouraging people to donate money online. "We will have some offering boxes in the lobby for students to put cash or checks in," Page said. As for outside visitors, BJU is encouraging them to stream the services online.

A Lifetime Achievement



award will be also presented by the Alumni Association on Thursday for Dr. Les Ollila, a BJU alumnus. "Nobody has had a greater influence in my life, spiritually, than Les Ollila," Horn, who worked with Ollila for years at Northland College, said. "I can't think of a better person who deserves this award."

Page said when he was in school his favorite part of Bible Conference was the break from academics and the chance to study

the Word. "My friends and I would talk about different sermons and discuss how it applied to us," Page said. "I think, for us, Bible Conference really challenged us to think and grow."

Page said the most encouraging part of Bible Conference for him is being able to apply what he heard and talk about how God is working in his life with others. Page's advice for students is to go in, be engaged, take notes and encourage your peers. "Before

Bible Conference begins, ask God to show you something that you need," Page said. "There is nothing more important than our growing as believers."

Horn's advice for students is to make the most of Bible Conference. "Park your life for four days, make memories around God's word, talk about sanctification and enjoy what God is doing," Horn said. "You have the rest of your life to worry about the other things."

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Dr. Alan Benson will speak in the 10 a.m. service on Feb. 18. Photo submitted.