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Bible Conference to focus on contending for the faith

Andrew Thompson

STAFF WRITER

The 2022 Bible Conference at Bob Jones University will emphasize contending for the faith in a hostile culture from Feb. 15-18.

Dr. Steve Pettit, president of BJU, who will open the conference on Tuesday night, believes the theme of contending for the faith is very relevant to the student body.

"I believe that our students are being threatened by the nature of our culture to actually not believe," Pettit said. "I think it's time to stand up and start fighting and say we're not going to throw away our faith."

"The goal is not to change the faith," Pettit said. "The goal is to believe the faith and stand for the faith. If you don't stand for anything, you fall for everything. We've got to have [young people] that are willing to stand for what they believe in and not compromise."

Dr. Pettit will be using the book of Jude as a guide through this subject of contending for the faith.

Dr. David Doran, senior pastor of Inter-City Baptist Church in Allen Park, Michigan, and president of Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, is set to speak on Friday morning at the conference.

"The shifts in our culture that have been happening for decades are forcing believers to wrestle with core



As chancellor, Jones routinely speaks at churches, schools and other engagements to promote the University.

Photos: Melia Covington

issues in a way similar to the major theological battles of the early 20th century," Doran said.

"The challenge then was whether Christianity should accommodate modern thinking or resist it out of faithfulness to the Scriptures. We are facing the same kind of challenge today regarding the foundations of a biblical worldview," he said.

Dr. Bob Jones III, BJU's chancellor who will speak at the conference on Thursday morning, said he sees Bible Conference as an opportunity to learn in a different way from regular chapel messages.

"I think it's the difference between grabbing a bite of

fast food and eating it in your car as you drive frantically to work and sitting down to a large banquet," Jones said. "It is a big difference in terms of the enjoyment, the satisfaction and the nutrition as well."

Doran echoed this sentiment. "Bible Conference can be a special time because the pace is different, there is more time for interaction and it can provide a few different men's perspectives on an important biblical theme," he said. "As a speaker, it's different from normal chapel sermons because students are pressed between classes, and, most importantly, you get a little more time to preach!"

Ben Beam, a junior key-

board performance major, emphasized the importance of Bible Conference for students.

"The conference definitely eliminates other distractions that you would have so that you can solely focus on the theme," he said. "You also have access to a variety of different speakers that maybe don't all have the same background and can offer different perspectives."

Doran said it is important that students prepare for Bible Conference.

"One way that I think might be helpful [to prepare] would be to read the book of Jude a lot before

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THE WEEK

INTERVIEWS

The University Business Association will host mock job interviews on the first floor of the Alumni Building today at 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After the men's basketball game tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the DFH, the Bruins will celebrate their four championship winning fall teams with a banner ceremony.

BASEBALL

The Bruins' baseball team will play Milligan University at 6:30 p.m. at Conestee Park on Friday.

WIND BAND

The Symphonic Wind Band will perform *Baroque for Band*, featuring "The Canonza" and "Goldman Fantasia in G Minor" Friday at 7 p.m. in Stratton Hall.



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Micah Brink

STAFF WRITER

Have you ever experienced a significant event in your life that seemed to happen at the worst time possible?

Even as students, projects pop up or accidents happen that seem to come at just the wrong time. Maybe it's that one Artist Series that you just wish would disappear because your week is too busy (some people got their wish this January).

This was me in high school during the fall of 2019, when my family went through a trial that tested our faith.

It was a regular school night in balmy Miami, Florida. Dad had been home for a while and dinner was finished, so now it was time to procrastinate for a few hours, watch some ball games and start on Advanced Placement U.S. History homework once everyone else had gone to bed.

At dinner, Dad was quieter than usual, and once we finished eating we were

The field of journalism has changed significantly over the past decade. Increasingly, America's most well-known newspapers, from *The New York Times* to *The Wall Street Journal*, are reaching a broader audience through the internet than their physical circulations ever could.

More than ever before, the internet allows journalists to inform their readers about important events.

According to the Pew Research Center, 86% of Americans read the news online, making the web the most popular medium for conveying information.

For years, *The Collegian* has tried to tap into this medium. We began publishing articles online as well as in print in 1997, starting with Volume 11.

In 2007, the paper ramped up its publication schedule, shifting from a biweekly to a weekly paper. Fifteen years later, however, we think *The Collegian* is due for another substantial change.

Starting this semester, *The Collegian* will release print issues once a month and publish exclusively online the other three weeks.

We believe this change will allow the paper to more effectively train our staff members in journalism by helping them learn to write exclusively for the web and manage online journalism's faster pace in

addition to learning to write for print.

Additionally, this new schedule gives us more flexibility in the types of stories we cover. Instead of being limited by the physical space on a page, stories can be whatever length we need.

Web-exclusive articles allow us to publish shorter news brief articles and longer, in-depth reporting. Rather than being bound by our current print deadlines, we hope our increased online focus will allow us to offer more timely coverage of events.

Complementing our greater emphasis on the web, *The Collegian* plans to make significant improvements to its website over the summer and unveil a revamped website this fall.

In the meantime, *The Collegian* will continue to cover student-oriented campus and community news with the same high standards we have followed for 35 years.

Look for our regular print issues each month, and keep an eye on www.collegianonline.com each week for web exclusive articles. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter at @thecollegianbju for our latest headlines and additional content.

Most of all, thank you for reading *The Collegian*. ☺

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summoned to the living room for a "family meeting."

We knew what was coming. We just felt it. And it had happened before. Mul-

tiple times. And each time felt more and more difficult.

My brother and I almost tried to guess where it was going to be this time before

our parents even broke the news.

Indeed, we were right. We were moving to Virginia. Well, at least Dad was for

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Photos: Hannah Guell

TALKBACK

What Valentine's Day memories have stuck with you?



Jed Delich

Junior biblical counseling major

"I gave my first Valentine an almond granola bar from my lunchbox. The only problem was that I found out she was allergic to nuts. She said thank you ... and never told me until a couple years later."



Pattye Casarow

Faculty member, Division of Music

"That time when my husband and I sang 'On a Bicycle Built for Two' for a Valentine's banquet."

Design: Zane Trively

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work. But why? Why now?
There could not have been a worse time for Dad to get up and move 15 hours away from the family.
It was my senior year, school was starting up and we hadn't even been in Miami for that long anyway.
We felt somewhat heart-broken. Verses like Psalm 56:3 would occasionally pop in my head: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." We had weathered storms like this before; however, going through it again did not sound ideal.
Dad ended up leaving in the fall of 2019, and we moved to a new neighborhood to live in a smaller house until we all joined him the following summer.
As you know, 2020 brought with it a widespread virus commonly known as the coronavirus or COVID-19, which made things even more dull with the family being apart.
These long months marked a trial in our family that will forever be a sad one, and finally joining our dad in Charlottesville, Virginia, after the school year ended was relieving.
"Why the sob story?" you may ask. The wild part

about all this is that I believe this was God's plan all along. Breaking the family apart for a little while made us stronger and ended up being one of the greatest blessings that has happened to our family.
Once COVID-19 hit the East Coast, my dad's branch almost completely shut down in Miami. This meant that his once secure position had been temporarily eliminated, which would have landed him out of a job for the foreseeable future.
God knew this, however, as He knows about all aspects of our lives, and by His grace protected our family by allowing Dad to continue working throughout the pandemic.
My friends, keep God's timing a priority before your own. Let Him work in ways you could never imagine or foresee, and give Him all the glory! He is omniscient and caring, and if He cares for the tiny sparrow, He most definitely cares for you.
I am setting this thought in my mind going into this year, and I would love to see others do the same (Ps. 27:14)! ©

Design: Arianna Rayder, Zane Trively

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the Conference starts,” he said. “It’s a short book that can easily be read in a few minutes. Jude has some challenging parts, so knowing what it says before the conference starts will allow you to focus in more clearly on what it means.”

Pettit also believes students should be intentional

about being engaged during Bible Conference.

“I think prayer is a really important aspect [of spiritual engagement] because prayer is what changes our minds and our hearts and our emotions,” he said.

“I believe that you should always take some kind of notes during preaching,” Pettit said. “If you watch

me on the platform [during chapel], I’m always writing out ideas because I’m engaged. ... I think students today are challenged to be engaged mentally [when taking notes].”

Dr. Sam Horn, pastor of Palmetto Baptist Church in Easley, is scheduled to speak at the conference on Wednesday morning; evangelist

Rev. Mike Redick will speak on Wednesday afternoon; Dr. Alan Benson, BJU executive vice president for student development and ministry advancement, is set to speak on Friday afternoon; and Dr. Jason Ormiston, pastor of Family Baptist Church, will speak at the conference on Thursday night.

Ormiston will also hold a workshop.

The workshops will focus on the application of what the students have been learning throughout the week. Other workshop speakers include BJU faculty members Dr. Brian Trainer, Dr. Brent Cook, Dr. Renton Rathbun and Dr. Greg Stiekens. ©

Restaurant brings taste of the Mediterranean to Greenville

Nathaniel Hendry

STAFF WRITER

For those who want the savory taste of Mediterranean food but do not want to wait for it at a full-service restaurant, Parsley and Mint Mediterranean Eatery offers Mediterranean cuisine in a fast-casual format.

Chris Vincelette, the north Greenville location manager, said he can usually complete an order within 60 seconds. Meals are prepared right in front of the customers as they order. “It’s like Chipotle, but Mediterranean,” Vincelette said.

Parsley and Mint recently renovated its downtown location to update the aesthetic of its dining area. The north Greenville location features a crisp and clean blue and gray aesthetic. Minimalistic decor and chairs give the restaurant a simple yet classy feel.

Dr. Layton Talbert, a professor at the BJU Seminary, said he discovered the restaurant by accident while trying to eat out at a different restaurant. Talbert says he and his wife were very impressed with the food and customer service.

“They were very friendly,” Talbert said. “I really liked it. I’m looking forward to experiencing that again.”

Talbert, who has traveled to Israel several times, enjoyed the way that all the dishes are named after locations in the Middle East.

One of the most popular dishes is Jaffa (\$12.99), a harvest superfood blend with falafel, roasted red peppers, chickpeas, Israeli salad and pickled cabbage and hummus. The dish is vegan and gluten-free.

Another popular dish is Cyprus (\$13.99), which includes white rice and parsley, lamb kofta, Mediterranean slaw, diced tomatoes, onions and hummus.

Customers who enjoy spicy food might want to

try Naxos (\$12.99), which includes white rice and parsley, Mediterranean citrus chicken, feta cheese, roasted red peppers, harissa paste, Mediterranean slaw and hummus.

According to its website, Parsley and Mint is a “locally owned restaurant serving flavorful and healthy Mediterranean offerings in a fast-casual environment made with ingredients that are locally sourced and always fresh.”

Reviews on the store’s Google business listing average 4.6 of 5 stars.

The restaurant offers dine-in, take-out and catering. Customers with a large group can make a reservation, but small groups can just order in-store.

The company also plans to start a service to provide a weekly meal plan offering for customers, delivering meals directly to their homes.

Parsley and Mint has

two locations: 600 S. Main St., Suite 101 and 5052 Old Buncombe Road, Suite F. Both locations are only about 11 minutes away from campus.

In addition to ordering in-store, customers can order by calling (864) 412-8199, or by visiting www.parsleyandmint.com.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. ©



Parsley and Mint opened its first location in downtown Greenville in April 2021, followed by a second store in the northern part of the city later that year.

Photos: Nathaniel Hendry

Exhibit creates models for health clinic

Hannah Bray

STAFF WRITER

The annual interior architecture and design capstone project will be on display in the Bob Jones University Sargent Art Building's main exhibition hall on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

This exhibition is the first one where all the students in the class worked on the same project rather than pursuing individual projects, according to Aaron Swiger, the faculty member in charge of the senior exhibition.

Swiger, who started teaching at BJU in the fall semester of 2021, said that the change in the project requirements has helped to regulate the amount and type of work the students take on.

"When it was left up to the students, the projects varied a ton," Swiger said, "so you inevitably ended up with some students maybe taking on something that was too much."

The senior exhibit project the students were given to design was an adolescent behavioral health clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

The International Interior Design Association, or IIDA, chose the project. Students around the world, including BJU students, will be submitting their renditions of the same project to IIDA this year.

Each student submits his or her own project as an individual competition entry.

The 10 students who submitted their capstone projects titled the exhibition *Essence* because of the need for the essence of compassion in their designs.

The students submitting their projects to IIDA spent the fall semester working on their projects.

Some students continued working on the project over Christmas break as well if they were not completely satisfied with their projects, according to Swiger.

"The students spend the whole semester developing floor plans and developing finished schedules that in-



Wigginton finishes up her submissions for the competition and exhibition.
Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

clude all the flooring, wall materials, ceiling plans and the different furnishings that would go in this space," Swiger said. "Even the furnishings for this type of space were really specific."

Because of the type of building the project required them to design, the students had to think about how the furnishings could be cleaned, as well as how durable they had to be given the environment of an adolescent health clinic, according to Swiger.

Ashelyn Wigginton, one of the senior interior architecture and design students presenting her work at the exhibition, said she was initially skeptical at the idea of all the students designing the same project or floor plan.

She also said, "One of the reasons I like my major is because you can explore and be creative. We were all presented the same instructions and floor plan, but we all came out with different, unique and special concepts that are personal to us and the project."

Wigginton said the most challenging aspect of the project for her was the renderings. "Making sure they looked realistic enough and

that the lighting was just right was very frustrating and difficult at times," she said. "It is very rewarding in the end, though, when you get the result you wanted."

For the competition, the students submit one design



Swiger teaches History of Architecture and Interior Design and IAD Directed Studies, among other classes.
Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

board, whereas for the exhibition they create multiple boards and some other pieces, such as furniture.

"We worked with some local commercial furniture vendors, and we're going to get in a number of some of those very specific furniture

pieces," Swiger said.

The project boards will remain in the exhibition hall for the rest of the month, but the students will only be present for the opening night on Feb. 11 to answer any questions about their projects. ©



Swiger received his master's degree in architecture from Clemson University.
Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

Sophomore checks confirm BJU students' major choices

Laura Hammer
STAFF WRITER

Students at BJU are required in many programs to pass a sophomore check-point in order to show they have the skills needed for their major.

According to Registrar Dan Smith, 57 programs require sophomore check-points, also known as sophomore platforms or mid-point evaluations.

Most of these checks apply to majors in the School of Fine Arts and Communication. Sharyn Robertson, head of the cinematic arts department, said, "The sophomore platform gives [cinema students] a trial run at [their] major capstone project."

April Schwingle, head of the studio art department, said, "[A midpoint review] is an opportunity for a committee of Art + Design faculty to look at a student's work and patterns in their achievement and to evaluate whether our degree program is a good fit for that student at this point in their life."

In the school of Health Professions, Megan Lan-

pher, chair of the Division of Nursing, said the purpose of the nursing sophomore check "is to assess whether a student meets the prerequisite requirements to begin nursing clinical classes."

The nursing checkpoint also assesses a student's motivation and determination.

Sophomore nursing students participate in an interview with Lanpher where she questions them about their goals and plans for being successful in the nursing program.

Engineering is another major that requires an interview as part of their sophomore check. Bill Lovegrove, head of the department of engineering, said, "The purpose [of the sophomore check] is to help a student determine if engineering is the right program for them or if they should consider a different career path."

The process of a sophomore check looks different for every major that requires one.

Fashion design students, for instance, go through an extensive process, includ-

ing a written test, leading up to their sophomore check in March.

Anna Pretlove, the program coordinator for fashion design, said, "The purpose of this check is to assess whether the student should continue in the major and proceed to upper level courses, or if a shift in majors should be considered."

This review is high stakes for fashion design students as they present work from the various classes they have taken leading up to this point.

The work they present, according to Pretlove, includes "still life drawings, ... constructed button up collared shirt, constructed pants with a fly zipper, flat patterning design book, a fully designed and constructed halfscale look and many other projects from their first two years in the program."

For a fashion design student, the sophomore check could validate their talent, or it could change the trajectory of their entire career, academic and otherwise.

For music students, the



Senior studio art major Erin Matthews crafts pottery in her ceramics class.
Photo: Melia Covington

process starts before freshman year even begins. Students audition and get feedback at the beginning and end of freshman year.

Paul Overly, a faculty member in the department of instrumental studies, said, "Each program (keyboard, orchestral instruments, voice or strings) differs somewhat, but they all involve preparing 15-20 minutes of solo music for performance. In some programs they might also play scales, or sight read or play an etude as well."

This process, Overly pointed out, is one that students do not go through on their own. He said, "From the time [students] enroll, their faculty coaches are working with them to help bring them to this point."

A physics candidacy check can take place whenever a student has finished particular classes, according to Brian Vogt, head of the department of chemistry and physics.

Vogt said, "The commit-

tee never denies candidacy to anyone that meets or exceeds those standards. ... They look specifically at the students' grades in two semesters of calculus and two semesters of calculus-based general physics."

Students can benefit in many ways from these sophomore platforms. Not only can they solidify the information students already know, but they can also help students grow and learn new things as they go through their various procedures.

Robertson said that the "[platform] helps the students see whether this is the field they want to go into and whether they will thrive in the program as it gets more intense."

In the end, whether a student decides to follow a different path or continue in their major, sophomore platforms help students prepare for and take the next steps in their journey. ©



In addition to other classes, the nursing program also requires students to complete a nursing practicum before graduating.
Photo: Melia Covington

Bruins strengthen program to prepare for spring sports

Jared Banks

STAFF WRITER

Bruins baseball begins its second season Tuesday against St. Andrews University in North Carolina. The Bruins play their opening home games against Milligan University Feb. 11-12.

The Bruins face a difficult schedule this season, but the team brought on 19 new players from the 2022 recruiting class and includes many returning players.

The Bruins have an eight game home stand later in the season, facing Toccoa Falls College, Truett-McConnell University, Covenant College and St. Andrews University at Conestee Park.

At the end of the season, the Bruins will play in the Non Dual-Affiliated (NDAG) regional tournament, and the winner will go on to the NCCAA World Series.

Bruins basketball is in full swing. The men’s team welcomed seven players to its roster for the 2021-2022 season with a strong core group of returning players.

Seven student-athletes also joined the women’s team.

The men’s team won back-to-back home games in January against Johnson University and Southeastern Baptist College.

The Bruins beat Johnson University 81-77 as well as Southeastern Baptist, who took out the Bruins in Region Quarterfinals last season, 89-69. The men’s home game against Pensacola Christian was canceled due to COVID-19.

The women’s team opened the season with an 84-47 home win over Agnes Scott College and went undefeated in region play until a loss to Pensacola on Jan. 21.

The Bruins men’s and women’s teams will play

against Pensacola in Florida on Saturday.

Bruins beach volleyball will start its inaugural season on March 4. The team kicks off the season with four matches over two days in Cleveland, Georgia, playing against Spartanburg Methodist College, Truett McConnell University, Erskine College and Lincoln Memorial University.

Several players from the indoor volleyball squad will be playing on the sand for the spring season, as well as some other student-athletes and incoming freshmen.

Caitlyn Land and Baillee Hunger, upperclassmen coming from the indoor team, “will be ready to bring the energy we need and the right team culture from the start,” Christa Schlichting, the assistant coach of the Bruins beach volleyball team, said.

This team will “bring a solid foundation and work

ethic to the new program,” Schlichting said.

After breaking several school records in the 2021 season, the Bruins track and field teams are ready for 2022.

The men’s and women’s seasons will start on March 5 with the Gotta Run Invite at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina.

The Bruins have eight meets this season in North and South Carolina and hope to qualify for the NC-CAA National Championship, which will take place May 11-13 in Greenville, Illinois. The meets include throwing, sprinting and mid and distance running events.

The Bruins golf team is ready for another season. After winning its second NCCAA South Region Championship in the fall and having team captain Grant Bagwell become an NCCAA All-American, the

golf team is looking forward to the spring.

“Moving into NCAA DIII, we’re playing in a lot of new tournaments; that’s going to be a challenge,” Bruins men’s golf head coach Denny Scott said. “Upperclassmen Isaac Childrey and Grant Bagwell bring experience to the team with consistency, scoring and leadership on and off the course,” Scott said.

During the more competitive spring season, the Bruins will play in six tournaments, hoping to carry the momentum from the fall.

The team will start the season Feb. 21 at the CIU Invitational in Columbia, South Carolina. On April 5-6 the Bruins will host the Competitor’s Cup at Green Valley Country Club.

This home tournament “is always a spring season highlight,” Scott said. ©



Despite adding a new sport this semester, BJU will field the same number of sports as last semester due to a shortage of players for the women's golf team. Photos: (left) Kyle Marks; (right) Bradley Allweil

Career fair helps students prepare for life after college

Trenton Goldsmith

STAFF WRITER

Bob Jones University will host its annual career fair Feb. 7-9 from 3 until 5 p.m. in the Davis Room, which is on the south end of the dining common.

Specific career focuses highlight each day so students can plan ahead. Today, the focuses are social services, criminal justice and education.

Police departments from cities including Greenville, Greer, St. Mary's, Columbia; and the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division will attend the fair. Representatives from many schools will also try to recruit future teachers or leaders for this country's schools.

Cherie Binns, a 2012 BJU graduate, began teaching right after graduation due to the connections she made at the BJU Career Fair. She attended the fair all four years that she was a student at BJU, and every year she established connections with different recruiters and schools.

She said she appreciated the support from her advisers and professors at the career fair, as well. "Having them there was really nice for reference," she said.

She landed an interview with a school in Midland, Michigan, Calvary Baptist Academy, which then led her to take a position at Bethany Christian School, a sister school in the outskirts of Detroit.

Tomorrow, employers will be seeking out business majors and communication majors.

All majors are welcome every day, but students should pay attention to the key details provided by the focuses of each day.

At least 10 law firms and insurance companies will be looking for the next generation of their employees

at the event.

Clemson University will also be pitching their MBA program.

Broadcast, radio, marketing and media recruiters will fill the rest of the room with opportunities for potential internships and jobs for communication majors.

The last day of the career fair, Wednesday, is a big day for future nurses, engineers and any STEM-related majors. Healthcare systems such as Prisma and Maxim will be searching for their next health professionals.

Prisma plans to search for students who stand out based on their purpose statement, which says, "Inspire health. Serve with Compassion. Be the difference."

DeVita & Associates is one company at the Career Fair offering students engineering opportunities. DeVita prides themselves as being "a company with a serious focus on engineering excellence, exceeding client expectations, and developing outstanding people." With engineering

jobs, seeking internships and wanting to get involved is important.

Shawn Albert, the director of BJU's Office of Career Services stressed the importance of internships.

"A lot of internships are what businesses use to evaluate someone that they might hire themselves," Albert said. "Then also having an internship in your background makes you much more appealing to other employers."

Albert recommended preparing for the fair by following three tips.

First, write a resume and bring it. Receiving feedback on a resume can help students know what the recruiters and employers want to see and learn how to build their resume accordingly.

Second, Albert suggested students dress professionally. Employers always evaluate their first impression, and that includes how

potential employees dress.

Finally, prepare an elevator pitch—a short speech explaining why a potential employer should hire a candidate. A good pitch should include the student's name, a reference and an experience.

This year's career fair provides more opportunities than ever before, marking the first time the event stretches over three days to allow for the large number of employers. **C**



Ben Beam, a junior keyboard performance major, listens to a recruiter's pitch.

Photo: BJU Marketing



This year's career fair is the first held in person since 2020 because last year's career fair was virtual.

Photo: BJU Marketing