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From the Director's Desk



"All The King's Horses: Putting the Pieces Together"

Perhaps no verse more accurately describes the nature of today's college age young adults and the dilemma of the current generation of college faculty and staff more than this one:

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the King's horses and all the king's men ...
Couldn't put Humpty together again.*

For those of us who are committed to Christ-centered and Bible-based education, there is a comforting revelation in the account of Humpty Dumpty. While all the King's horses and all the King's men cannot put Humpty together again, the King can! We are not dependent upon psychological theory, administrative savvy or sociological insight alone to tackle the difficult task of making the pieces fit. We are the King's horses, and He has the resources necessary to help us achieve the mission of developing balanced and healthy students who can impact the church and society for Christ.

While not wanting to push the Humpty Dumpty metaphor too far, it does appear that we have many peculiar eggs rolling onto our campuses. They come to us as good and bad, as whole and cracked, some hard boiled and some scrambled. If there were ever a generation that needed King's horses committed and capable of keeping them from

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falling and putting them back together again, this may be the one.

I must admit that I was such an egg when I arrived on a Bible college campus 32 years ago. I had some cracks in my life. Many of the pieces in my life did not fit together as I would have hoped. Believe me, there was much room for development.

It was in this setting, however, that many of the pieces began to come together. It was during my undergraduate years that I discovered some of the most profound lessons and encountered some of the most supportive relationships of my entire life.

Three significant lessons were taught inside and outside the classroom. First, I discovered the need to integrate my faith and my learning. A relationship with Christ touches every area of life, not only the soul but also the mind and the emotions. God desired to produce in me the tough mind and the tender heart so that I might be ready to give a reason for the hope that was within me. That stretching experience was not always easy or comfortable for me, but it was very necessary.

The second lesson was related to the first. God wanted me to know Him and to serve Him with my total being -- body, mind and spirit. Through the filling of the Holy Spirit, I realized I could love the Lord my God with all my mind, soul and strength. I had the capacity to love my neighbor as myself. I could live out the Great Commandment with His divine enablement

The third lesson I learned was that ultimate meaning comes from responding in obedience to the Great Commission. Making disciples in every nation is the highest purpose for redemption and for being. In a Bible college setting, I discovered that God wanted me to minister in the world in which he had placed

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me. I knew that whatever path or profession I chose, I was to use it as a platform upon which to model the Great Commandment and from which to advance the Great Commission. The irregular and seemingly unrelated pieces of my life were beginning to fit.

Faculty and staff not only confronted me with life changing lessons, they also challenged me with life shaping relationships. Every day I was faced with the call to conform my life to Christ's, living in redeemed and righteous relationship with God and others.

I will forever be indebted to the King and the King's horses who made a tremendous impact on my life. Perhaps you could also share a similar word of testimony as you look back at your life and the experiences through which God has allowed you to pass. But now many of us may be in a position where we can be one of the King's horses, one of the King's men or women, empowered by Him to keep Humpty together, and as needed, to put Humpty back together again.

Our task is to make disciples. Our task is to model the Great Commandment and to advance the Great Commission. With God's help, we can work with students in helping them to put the pieces together. May God bless us and use us to prepare the next generation of leaders for Christ and His Kingdom. ❖

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2001 AABC Evaluation Team Visits

Under USDE regulation 602.27(d), recognized accrediting bodies must make public the dates when an institution's accreditation or preaccreditation (candidate) status is being reviewed in order to provide opportunity for third-party comment. In view of this requirement, notice is given that the following institutions are scheduled for evaluation during calendar year 2001. Persons wishing to submit third-party comments regarding any of these institutions should direct them to the AABC office at the following address: P.O. Box 780339, Orlando, FL 32878-0339; Fax: 407-207-0840; E-mail: exdir@aacbc.org.

(IA = initial accreditation; IC = initial candidacy; RA = 10-year reaffirmation)

2001

Arlington Baptist College (TX) - RA

September 24-26, 2001

Central Pentecostal College (SK) - RA

April 2-4, 2001

Crown College (MN) - RA

November 7-9, 2001

Faith Baptist Bible College (IA) - RA

April 18-20, 2001

Free Will Baptist Bible College (TN) - RA

April 2-4, 2001

The King's College (CA) - IA

Fall, 2001

Prairie Bible College (AB) - RA

January 15-17, 2001

Rosedale Bible Institute (OH) - IA

October 17-19, 2001

Somerset Christian College (NJ) - IA

October 3-5, 2001

Trinity College of FL - RA

October 3-5, 2001

Vennard College (IA) - RA

October 8-10, 2001

Washington Bible College (MD) - RA

April 23-25, 2001

Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges Presidents' Leadership Development Conference (October 26-28, 2001 - Orlando, Florida)

The Presidents' Leadership Development Conference is part of the proposed *Leadership in Biblical Higher Education Program* that is directed by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. This comprehensive program is designed to provide the skills, perspectives, and information that leaders of AABC institutions need to function effectively. This program of leadership development for biblical higher education will focus on specific groups that include key administrative leaders, racial/ethnic administrators and faculty, and women.

The Presidents' Conference will focus on presidential responsibilities and expectations, skill development, and problem solving that are inherent to the position. The instruction and mentoring will be provided by AABC professional staff and veteran presidents of member institutions. The weekend event will be primarily for AABC presidents who are in their first three years of office, however, participation will be open to other presidents as space permits.

The weekend conference will be held at an Orlando hotel where new and veteran presidents can meet together in a team building environment. The sessions are designed as an interactive learning experience and will include keynote presentations, case studies, and small group discussion. **The lodging, food, and program costs for each participant will be covered by AABC through the Leadership Development for Biblical Higher Education Fund. Delegates will be responsible for their own transportation costs.**

The Presidents' Leadership Development Conference is designed to enable presidents to:

- Increase their capacity to develop a vision and goals in keeping with their respective institutional mission statements and strategic planning process.
- Develop leadership goals that will assist them with their personal development.
- Understand and work with an administrative cabinet, faculty, staff, and external constituencies through good communication.
- Be aware of the campus culture and politics and how to work effectively within this environment to make desired changes.
- Understand different leadership styles and why certain kinds of leadership tend to be more effective in an academic setting.
- Work confidently with a board in a team approach to governance.
- Understand the budgetary process and give leadership in financial matters.
- Balance the duties of fundraising and public relations with internal responsibilities.
- Handle the difficult problems of managing conflict as well as issues of ethnic and gender harmony.
- Interact with veteran presidents on specific issues and challenges that are common to Christian higher education.
- Enlarge their understanding of Christian servant leadership.
- Deal with the stress, loneliness, and pains of leadership that often go with being a president.
- Deepen their personal walk with the Lord.
- Enjoy being a president and its inevitable challenges with a renewed sense of calling.

Please mark your calendars for this event. If you have any questions, they may be directed to Dr. Larry McKinney, Executive Director, here at the AABC office. ❖

Canadian Bible College Hosts 2001 ACBC Conference

The 2001 Conference of the Association of Canadian Bible Colleges was held at Canadian Bible College in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 24-26 with approximately 160 delegates in attendance. The 42nd Annual Conference of the Association attracted participants from 25 different colleges. The theme for the three-day event was "Understanding and Communicating with Today's College Students" with John Fischer serving as plenary speaker and guest artist.

Next year's Conference will be held at **Tyndale College** in Toronto on **May 23-25, 2002**.

The Association of Canadian Bible Colleges, comprised of 40 institutions, provides fellowship, cooperation, professional development, and mutual encouragement opportunities for personnel in Canadian Bible colleges and institutes. The Organization does not have a formal relationship with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges but 50 percent of the ACBC member schools are also associated with AABC.

Dr. Al Hiebert of Briercrest Bible College was elected as the new President of ACBC replacing Dr. Larry McKinney who completed two terms, six years as head of the Association. ❖

USDE Recognition Review Update

As was reported in the Spring issue of the *Newsletter*, Dr. Randall Bell had begun to prepare the petition for renewal of recognition with the U.S. Department of Education. The 67-page petition with 88 exhibits has now been completed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Representatives of the Association are scheduled to meet with the National Advisory Council of the U.S. Secretary of Education in early December. As was previously reported, the forthcoming review cycle will be the first experienced by AABC under the 1998 Higher Education Amendments. ❖

AABC Pledge Update

During the banquet at our Annual Meeting in February, an offering was taken to kick off a fundraising effort for *Leadership Development for Biblical Higher Education*. Opportunity was also given to pledge gifts toward this effort, and we are pleased to report that contributions have been coming in. As a result of your contributions, we are holding our first *Presidents' Leadership Development Conference* in October 2001. The following is what we have received thus far:

Total gifts received at the Annual Meeting:	\$1,770.00
Total pledged at the Annual Meeting:	\$4,220.00
Total pledges received to date:	\$2,450.00

Thank you for your gifts! Those wishing to join in partnership with AABC in *developing leadership for Biblical Higher Education* may still do so. Please make checks payable to the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and earmark them *Leadership Development*. All gifts will be receipted for tax purposes. ❖

AABC is on the
move ...



I am pleased to report that we will be moving to our **new office** on **Friday, July 27**, just a short distance from where we are currently located on Semoran Blvd., approximately three miles from the Orlando International Airport.

The new office will give us greater visibility and double the space of our current office.

Effective July 27th, our new address will be:

5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Suite 26
Orlando, FL 32822-1781

Our phone numbers will remain the same:

Voice: 407-207-0808
Fax: 407-207-0840

E-Mail: exdir@aacbc.org
URL: <http://www.aacbc.org>

Please pass this information to those responsible for your mailing lists (accounting, etc.).

We will not be using our P.O. Box after July 27th.

In Memory of Jonathan Thigpen

On Sunday, May 20, **Jonathan Thigpen** went home to be with the Lord in his sleep after a six-year battle with LAS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Jonathan served as President of Evangelical Training Association in Wheaton, IL.

Funeral and burial services were held on Wednesday, May 23, in Wheaton, Illinois, and a memorial service was held on Thursday, May 24, at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee (Jonathan's home town).

Yvonne Thigpen now serves as Interim President of ETA. Yvonne also serves as Vice-Chair of AABC's Commission on Accreditation. We continue to lift up Yvonne and her family in prayer.



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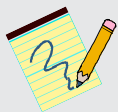
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Upcoming Events

- **CSA 2001 National Conference**
September 16-18, 2001
New Marriott-Downtown
Indianapolis, Indiana
- **AABC Office Relocation Moving Day**
July 27, 2001
- **AABC Review of Standards Committee Meeting**
October 12-13, 2001
Orlando, Florida
- **Presidents' Leadership Development Conference**
October 26-28, 2001
Orlando, Florida
- **NAICU Fall Leadership Conference**
November 14-16, 2001
Washington Court Hotel
Washington, DC

Mark Your Calendar

AABC Annual Meeting



2002

February 14-16
The Hyatt Orlando
Orlando, Florida

Guest Artist/Worship Leader:

- **Richard Allen Farmer**
Trinity Western University

**Pre-Convention Workshop:
Governance & Trusteeship**

- **Dr. Robert Andringa**, President
Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

Theme:

Celebrating Biblical Higher Education

Plenary Speakers:

- **Dr. Robert Andringa**, President
Council for Christian Colleges & Univ.
- **Dr. Kenneth Gangel**
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Dallas
Theological Seminary;
Scholar-in-Residence, Toccoa Falls College
- **Dr. George Murray**, President
Columbia International University
- **Dr. Don Page**, Dean/Graduate Studies
Trinity Western University