HISTORY

- Founded on September 7, 1943, in Lakeland, Florida.
- Named Florida Baptist Institute (FBI) to equip and train “God called” men and women for areas of ministry and service.
- In 1947, the name was changed to “Baptist Bible Institute of Florida” (BBIF).
- Two years later, the trustees changed the name to “Baptist Bible Institute” (BBI).
- In 1953, BBI moved to Graceville, Florida.
- In 1988, the name changed to “Florida Baptist Theological College” (FBTC).
- In 1990, Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen became President of FBTC.
- In 2000, the name was changed to “The Baptist College of Florida” (BCF).
- In 2010, The Baptist College of Florida was approved to offer graduate degrees.
- In 2016, BCF is 23 degrees strong with an Online Program and Distance Education sites in Jacksonville, Orlando, and Panama City.
We have never had such a great opportunity to impact the world. With new technologies we have instant access to a volume of information that was unimaginable only a few years ago. Yet with all of the advances, we seem less prepared than ever to deal with the issues of life.

The Baptist College of Florida is reaching out through international study opportunities, distance learning sites, internet delivery systems, and many other innovative methods. We offer top quality education and training on our home campus in Graceville, Florida. Our single purpose is to educate and train those individuals whom God has called to serve Him in a multitude of venues and places around the world. The diversity of service is as big as the mind and heart of God. The urgency for trained workers is as great as the need of the marketplace.

The stage is set. Anticipation is great. The needs of the world are monumental. The faculty, staff and programs of instruction are operating. The only question is whether you will join in this great adventure at this pivotal time in history. We invite you to review the information in this view book, contact us for further information, and most importantly, join us in this great enterprise. The calendar is turning to a lot of unknowns. Join us in sharing the One who is known and seeks to be known to all who will hear.

Thomas A. Kinchen
President
“Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word.”

More than a fancy slogan or a creative catch phrase, BCF is in the business of taking the Gospel to the world. As you browse through the view book, please note the exciting information that will assist you as you determine where the Lord is leading you to continue your education and begin a new academic experience.

We encourage you to embrace this experience with great anticipation as the education and knowledge gained at BCF will prepare you for areas of leadership and service. One day, you will find yourself reminiscing on your time at BCF and how it equipped you for ministry.

Jacqueline Long spent the summer in Ghana proclaiming the Gospel.
2 Casey Ranalli spent the summer working at Camp Good News in Hawthorne, FL.
3 Anna Desgalier and Kayla Melendez served on camp staff at Camp Victory.
4 Melle Chambers has shared the Gospel in Cuba, India and elsewhere in the World.
5 Caleb Duncan shared the Gospel with a child in Central America.
6 Kaylen Yarborough spent the summer working as a camp counselor with Camp Gilead in Polk City, FL.
7 The joy Jennifer Duncan experienced in Central America is a result of sharing the love of Christ.
8 Kristen Wannaker and Jeremy Meetze worked with Disaster Relief on a rooftop in Pensacola, FL.
9 Dr. Jumper’s evangelism class spent a weekend engaged in door-to-door evangelism in Clayhatchee, AL.
ACADEMICS & FACULTY

The family atmosphere at BCF hinges on the love and support that students receive from our faculty and staff. With a 14:1 student to faculty ratio, it is common place for professors to remember students by name and follow-up with prayer requests that are voiced in class. You may be issued a student identification number, but you are more than just a number at BCF.

All of our professors model Christian responsibilities by serving in the local church. Rather than simply teaching this principle, our professors live it out serving as interim pastors, Sunday School teachers, organizing mission trips, writing for journals and denominational papers, leading conferences, and publishing books. The faculty and staff at BCF is committed to “Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word.”

DUAL-ENROLLED PROGRAM

BCF offers Dual-Enrolled (DE) classes for home-school or private school juniors and seniors. All courses within the DE program are provided online. Students in the DE program may enroll in up to 59 semester hours of 100 and 200-level courses online. Please contact the Admissions Office for questions and cost on the DE Program: 800-328-2660 ext. 460.

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

WE truly believe that we are training the NEXT GREATEST GENERATION of Christian Leaders (that’s you!). Depending on which state you live in, we offer all of our degrees ONLINE. To the left is a picture of BCF students taking notes during a lecture in the R.C. Mills Center for Missions and Evangelism.

ACCREDITATION

The Baptist College of Florida is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and associate, baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of The Baptist College of Florida.

BCF is also an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music, 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190 (703) 437-0700.
One of the many joys of my life is leading the faculty of The Baptist College of Florida. If the Lord leads you to enroll at BCF for your educational preparation, you will be blessed by this wonderful faculty as well. They are highly credentialed academically with most having terminal degrees in their field of instruction. They have experience in both ministry and education. Most served in churches prior to coming to BCF; many serve as interim pastors and worship leaders currently; all are active in local churches in various ways. Most of the faculty have years of experience in college teaching but are current and relevant with the needs and demands of today. Simply stated, they are the best and ready to invest in you!

All professors teach from a strong biblical and theological perspective and from a biblical worldview. They believe and practice the Bible and are eager to teach you to do the same. Courses at BCF have an appropriate balance of the biblical, theological, and practical. The professors are not “ivory tower” academics who are removed from the real world but function as followers of Jesus in today’s setting and are able to equip you for ministry and service in today’s churches, in today’s culture, and in the various mission fields. At BCF, you will receive both top-quality academics and practical preparation for serving the Lord in whatever field He may call you.

Join us at BCF, and you will get the best quality education and equipping for Christian service available anywhere. A part of the Lord’s calling upon your life is to prepare. BCF stands ready to provide your educational preparation in the Lord’s wisdom and empowering.

Robin Jumper
Academic Dean
Haden and Austin are second generation BCF students following in their father’s footsteps. Peter Keough is a Chaplain in the United States Army holding the rank of Major and serving in the U.S. Military for more than 26 years. Keough graduated from BCF in 1999 and received his Bachelor’s degree while his sons were very young. Haden, 21, spent his toddler years in Graceville, while Austin, 18, was born in a nearby hospital. After BCF and seminary, the Keough family moved all over the globe including a tour in Germany.
Distance Education

The Baptist College of Florida conducts Distance Education in two forms --- a fully online program and distance sites (off-campus instructional sites). A student may complete all degrees/majors in either the online or distance site format.

**Online Program**

All BCF online courses are provided through our Learning Management System (LMS), MyBCF. This system links students with qualified faculty members. Online coursework includes reading assignments, lectures, forum discussions, testing, and posting of assignments. Usually asynchronous, a student can participate from anywhere and at any time during the week. Online courses follow the same semesters as other academic work and cost the same as campus courses. If in an approved state, students can enroll and participate in online education from anywhere the internet is available. Though online delivery is restricted in some states by their state authorization guidelines, The Baptist College of Florida is authorized for online delivery in many states and in process to be authorized in others. Interested online students from any state should inquire, and the institution will address authorization matters as soon as possible if needed.

**Distance Sites**

The Baptist College of Florida has three distance sites (off-campus instructional sites) --- Orlando (meets at FBC Orlando); Northeast Florida (meets at Fruit Cove Baptist Church); Panama City (meets at Family of God Baptist Church). With small classes and qualified professors, students can have the classroom experience closer to home and at a slightly reduced cost.

**Contact Information**

**ONLINE EDUCATION**
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Jacksonville, FL 32259
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Fax: 904-287-1579
Site Director: Jim Robinett
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3000 S. John Young Parkway
Orlando, FL 32805
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Site Director: Jim Robinett
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Panama City, FL 32401
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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Students at The Baptist College of Florida participate in a full range of state and federal aid programs. In addition, several other programs are offered to help students with the cost of attending the college. Financial assistance may be in the form of grants, employment, loans, or scholarships. The applicant’s financial need, academic achievement, community and school service may be considered in determining eligibility for different financial aid programs. Applicants should call or email the Financial Aid Office, 800.328.2660 ext. 461 or finaid@baptistcollege.edu, to determine eligibility.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications and Information on financial aid can be found on the BCF website or obtained through the Financial Aid Office. Applications and all accompanying documentation must be submitted as soon as possible for consideration. Scholarships are awarded each fall and spring semester, as funds are available. A complete list of scholarships can be found in the College Catalog.

GRANTS

BCF undergraduate students may receive federal and state grants. Grants are non-repayable funds awarded to eligible students. For a list of available grants and information on eligibility, contact the Financial Aid Office or check out the College Catalog.

EMPLOYMENT

Many students attending BCF have chosen to work in order to support themselves and pay their way through school. BCF offers jobs on campus and a resume referral service that provides local churches with resumes of students and alumni. Forms for employment at BCF and more information about the resume referral service can be found on the website. Additionally, there are many employers around the area that are willing to work with a college student’s schedule.
The following fees include estimations based on what the average student can expect to pay each semester. For a more comprehensive look at the cost per semester, please refer to page 15 of the 2016-2017 Catalog or contact the Financial Aid Office: 800.328.2660 ext. 461.
Dear Future Student,

When you join us as a part of our college family, we want to facilitate more than you getting an education or obtaining an academic degree; we will help you to develop the whole person. You will spend time in the classroom focusing on your academic pursuits, but we want to help you mature spiritually and physically, as well. There is a close interrelationship within the body, mind, and soul, and we want to make sure that you don’t neglect one or the other while preparing for areas of ministry and leadership.

In order to accomplish this, we maintain an outstanding Wellness Center where you can focus on weights, cardiovascular training, circuit training, or develop your own combination. We also have volleyball, basketball and other team sports, as well as individual competing sports such as fencing, disc golf, racquetball, and other activities. We offer Bible studies to supplement your church and classroom Bible studies, devotional opportunities, and a variety of activities designed to foster teamwork and to help you build your social skills.

We will provide you with a safe and clean environment where you can grow mentally, physically, and spiritually. When you leave BCF, you will not only have a strong, Christ-centered education, but you will be prepared to go wherever God sends you as you are “Changing the World through the Unchanging Word®.”

Roger C. Richards
Dean of Students
Exciting student activities continue to grow at BCF. There is something offered on campus to appeal to each personality, whether it be various sports, mission teams, books, music, fishing, prayer groups, studying, or a leisurely bike ride. The campus of BCF provides students with the opportunity to stay active!

When students are at a loss for something to do on campus, they often take a day trip to Panama City Beach, FL; Dothan, AL; or simply make a midnight run for breakfast.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) operates on the BCF campus to provide students with an opportunity to connect with one another through social gatherings and Dorm vs. Dorm competition events, while maintaining a Christ-like spirit!

Jonah Powers is the Director of BCM on campus. His passion is to create an atmosphere that allows fellow students to develop long lasting relationships as they grow in their faith.

BCF offers a wide range of intramural sports which cultivates healthy competition among the student body. If they are not competing in an intramural game, students can often be found in the gym beginning pick-up games of basketball, volleyball, and racquetball.

Jordan Johnson is the Intramural Sports coordinator at BCF and working on his B.A. in Ministry Studies. He believes that God is preparing him to spread the Gospel through sports ministry.
HOUSING

On-campus housing at the college provides another opportunity to meet new people and experience a unique space that you can proudly call your home. The Campus Safety Office monitors the BCF campus 24/7. Our maintenance staff is constantly at work to provide for a positive living environment.

We have a great team working with Student Services at BCF who are more than willing to assist you with housing concerns. Students needing housing on the BCF campus, should visit the website to apply. Links for housing forms are found on the Student Life page.

Besides on-campus housing, the Graceville community has other affordable housing for students who are able to live off-campus.

BCF currently has 10 single student dorm buildings. There are 6 female dorms and 4 male dorms on campus and all are within a 10 minute walk of classroom facilities. Each dorm room is intended for two occupants, but single occupancy can be secured if requested by the student.

The cost of living in the dorm includes a meal plan provided in the Deese Center, our college dining facility. Meal plans consist of either 2 or 3 meals a day, Monday through Friday. Our personal favorite if Fried Chicken Day, serving up baked or fried chicken on Thursdays!
CREATING COMMUNITY

Whether you are leaving a comfortable environment or looking for a spiritual adventure, BCF offers students the opportunity to bond together within a community of faith. While sometimes challenging, the experience of leaving home and learning to grow on your own is exciting. We believe, that if you are a student at The Baptist College of Florida, then it was God who called you to be here. That is what BCF is, a community of believers who are simply following the Lord and lean on one another for support and encouragement as they run the race.
You mean you’ve never heard of the metropolis of Graceville, Florida? Tucked away in the Greater Northwest corner of the Florida Panhandle, Graceville, Florida boasts of being a small town, rural atmosphere. It takes a total of 3 minutes to travel through on SR 77, but that is only if you get caught at both of the traffic lights!

**WHERE?**

**5400 College Drive**
Graceville, FL 32440

**PENSACOLA, FL**
Distance: 125 miles
ETA: 2 hours
Home to the National Naval Aviation Museum, world famous Blue Angels, Saenger Theatre, and MiLB Pensacola Blue Wahoos.

**VALDOSTA, GA**
Distance: 150 miles
ETA: 2 hours 30 minutes
Make a day trip out of visiting Valdosta, GA, and enjoy a theme park!

**MOBILE, AL**
Distance: 170 miles
ETA: 2 hours 30 minutes
A rich area of art, history, and science; as well as an abundance of shopping and restaurants.

**DRIVE ALONG 30A**
Distance: 64+ miles
ETA: 1 hour 15 minutes +
Drive south to 30A and a right or left will take you along the scenic beach highway across the Florida Panhandle. Discover the historic beach towns of Florida.

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**GRACEVILLE**

**HOW FAR AM I FROM?**

**DOTHISN, AL**
Distance: 21 miles
ETA: 30 minutes
A quick trip out of town for area restaurants, shopping, concerts, parks, and recreation.

**MARIANNA, FL**
Distance: 25 miles
ETA: 30 minutes
Home of The Florida Caverns State Park and some of the best underwater cave diving in the world!

**PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL**
Distance: 64 miles
ETA: 1 hour 30 minutes
Enjoy area beaches, restaurants, shopping, and concerts.

**TALLAHASSEE, FL**
Distance: 92 miles
ETA: 1 hour 30 minutes
The state capital and home to The Florida State Seminoles, what more could you ask for?
WHAT IS THERE TO DO?

There is a certain charm that comes with a small town atmosphere. Life isn’t as rushed and a traffic jam only happens when a couple of cars get stuck behind a tractor. There is always another dirt road to explore and depending on the season, there is always another festival to attend. After surveying the marketing team, these are a few of our favorite things:

**Floating Down the Creek**
There is more than one location around Graceville that allows for visitors and residents to spend a lazy day floating down a creek or paddling around to visit various springs.

**Going for a Jog or Bike Ride**
With light traffic throughout the area, students have found that there are innumerable routes to be taken and adventures to be explored.

**Playing Disc Golf**
There are multiple locations close by that provide disc golf opportunities. This sport offers friendly competition among students. The best part, BCF has a nine-hole disc golf course of its very own!

**Visiting a State Park**
Florida State Parks are a great way to enjoy the natural beauty of Florida’s wildlife. Park locations are scattered throughout our area.

IT’S PREVIEW DAY!

No doubt you have been praying about where God wants you to continue your education. We believe that there is no better option than BCF, but why don’t you come to that conclusion on your own? Preview Day is designed for men and women of all ages who are called into areas of ministry. Check out BCF and find out what we already know, that there is no better place to receive higher education than right here!

**October 21, 2016**
Register by October 17! Our campus is absolutely beautiful during this time of the year! We eagerly anticipate your decision to join us!

**March 10, 2017**
If you are unable to make it to Fall Preview Day, we understand, join us for Spring Preview Day! Register by March 6! We can’t wait to meet you!
1. R.G. Lee Chapel
2. Administration Building
3. R.C. Mills Center
4. Solomon Hall
5. Graceville Hall
6. Ida J. McMillan Library/Carlton Hall
7. McRae-Morrow Hall
8. Deese Center (Dining Facility)
9. Wellness Center
10. Student Center
11. Brackin-Chandler Hall
12. Napier Hall
13. Pod Residence Hall
14. Southwest Apartments
15. Smith Hall
16. Lakeside Hall
17. East Lake Residence Hall
18. Taylor House
19. Ezell Street Apartments
20. Ogletree House
21. Courtyard House
22. Conrad House
23. Williams House
24. Cypress Hall
25. Pine Park Church
26. Gardner Center
27. Lakeview Court
28. WFBU Radio Station
29. Bullock Hall
30. Hill House

CAMPUS MAP
JOIN OUR BCF FAMILY

Our prayer is that you would seriously consider becoming part of our BCF Family. The Faculty and Staff believe that they are here because God has called them to train and equip students for ministry and service. BCF students are passionate about following the call that the Lord has placed on their lives. If you are looking at BCF to continue your education, we stand ready to help in that pursuit.

CHECK OUT THE CATALOG
www.baptistcollege.edu/catalog

The college catalog provides information on each degree offered at BCF. The catalog also provides in-depth financial aid information, a description of campus-life, and all of the other details a prospective student would want to know before committing to a college. Once you have glanced at the catalog, move on to the next step...give us a chance to meet you!

SCHEDULE A TOUR
www.baptistcollege.edu/visit

A major priority in the Admissions Office is connecting with students who want to know more about BCF and are interested in checking out the campus. While we have two Preview Day (open house) events a year, our doors are always open for a campus tour. Visit the campus, meet the faculty and staff, join us in chapel, and experience what God is doing in the lives of our students.

APPLY NOW
www.baptistcollege.edu/apply

Are you ready to join us in “Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word®”? We believe that you are a part of the NEXT GREATEST GENERATION of Christian Leaders who will help us to accomplish this task. If you believe that this is where the Lord is leading you to study, then don’t hesitate. Apply Now!
Master of Arts:
Christian Studies
Music and Worship Leadership

Bachelor of Arts:
Biblical Studies
Business Leadership
Christian Studies
Elementary Education
English
English Secondary Education
History & Social Studies
History & Social Studies Secondary Education
Leadership & Christian Education
Ministry
Ministry Studies
Missions
Missions with a Concentration in Aviation
Music
Psychology
Bachelor of Music:
Contemporary Worship Ministry
Bachelor of Music Education:
Choral
Instrumental

Associate:
Associate of Arts in Christian Education
Associate of Arts in Music
Associate of Divinity

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