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Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the student body gathers at convocation to hear well-known speakers from around the globe give their Christian perspectives on a range of topics and to testify about God's work in their lives.



Carrie Prejean

Carrie Prejean, the reigning Miss California, did a sit-down interview with Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr., who asked her about the bold choice she made to stand up for her faith at the recent Miss USA Pageant. After making it to the top five in the pageant, Prejean was asked a question from guest judge Perez Hilton, a homosexual activist blogger, about her beliefs on the topic of legalizing same-sex marriage in each state. She responded, "I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised."

Prejean finished runner-up in the pageant. She encouraged Liberty students to take a stand for Christ whenever the opportunity arises.



Stephen Baldwin

Stephen Baldwin, film actor, related the powerful story of his coming to the Lord seven years ago and talked about his *Living It* DVD series on extreme sports, which has led about 250,000 kids to faith in Jesus Christ. Baldwin said his current ministry is a reminder that “God kept His promise in my life.” He said knowing the truth of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life every day is a “greater experience” than any amount of money, fame or success he ever achieved. “It is the reason I was born, and the reason I am standing here today,” he said. “I have made Jesus the priority in my life.”



Mike Huckabee

Mike Huckabee, 2008 presidential candidate and host of Fox News Channel’s “Huckabee,” was in town with Stephen Baldwin to promote the Christian Values Network (www.cvn.org). Huckabee spoke on imitating Jesus. He said sometimes our feelings of inferiority tell us that we don’t look good enough, or that we aren’t smart enough or able enough, so we want to be someone else. But God has given us all unique “spiritual DNA,” as well as physical DNA, and trying to be someone else defies both. The one person we can imitate, he said, is Jesus — “in service, in sacrifice, selflessness and substance.”



Ron Luce

Ron Luce, president and founder of Teen Mania Ministries, spoke about the battle of dreams going on between the secular world and Christianity. Citing Ephesians 3:20, Luce said God gave Christians the ability to have a creative imagination and they must weed out the “dream killers,” such as the media, computers and the Internet, dumbed down reading and gossip magazines and people or family members who discourage dreams.



Miles McPherson

Miles McPherson, president of Miles Ahead Ministries and pastor of the Rock Church in San Diego, Calif., encouraged students to be careful of the deceptions of Satan. As a former NFL player with the Los Angeles Rams and the San Diego Chargers, McPherson experienced his fair share of what the world had to offer him. After years of living an immoral lifestyle filled with drug use, McPherson realized he was empty inside and in 1984 decided to give his life to Christ.



Bob Coy

Bob Coy, founder and senior pastor of Calvary Chapel Ft. Lauderdale encouraged students to stay focused on the vision and call of God's will on their lives. After working for several years in the music industry, Coy left his job at age 24 and began his first ministry position as associate pastor of Calvary Chapel in Las Vegas. He later moved to Ft. Lauderdale and began Calvary Chapel there.