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Upcoming Events

January 17
Classes begin

January 21
Add/Drop Deadline

January 31 - February 3
CSER Bloodmobile

February 1
Liberty Ministry Training Rally

February 10-13
CFAW

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Liberty Ministry Training Rally

February 1st 6:30pm
Towns Alumni Lecture Hall

-For students with a passion for ministry as well as students within the SOR
-Guest Speaker: Pastor Jonathan Falwell
-Worship led by the YouthQuest Worship Team

Youth Ministries

Winterfest’s annual event draws several thousand students to the campus of Liberty University. This year the Center for Youth Ministry participated by having a display booth, promoting their department. Dr. Rich Brown had the opportunity to address the entire group of over 6,000 teenagers, encouraging them to stop by the CYM booth and get more information about the program. Dr. Brown also had a special seminar for the youth leaders attending with their students. Over 60 leaders and worker participated.

Dr. Vandegriff also participated in manning the booth, meeting students and alumni. The Center for Youth Ministry has participated in this event annually and looks forward to this opportunity of promoting their program and annual activities.
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Christian/Community Service

Rebuild Together - Lynchburg at Work!

Five years ago, this couple [George and Pat] had money in the bank to put on a new roof. A terrible accident took the life of their son. The savings was used for the burial. As time went by, their roof continued to deteriorate. Finally, they were networked to RTL. On the day Harry, George and Bob heard about this family they headed over to the house. Repair was begun. Over the next few weeks, we had students from Liberty University and Lynchburg College to join in. A complete new roof was put on this home. Thank you to each of you who joined in!

“What a blessing you all have been to us. I think our house was literally falling down around our ears and you rescued it. There just doesn’t seem to be words to express our gratitude. Thank you seems so little. Our hearts are full. Thank you once again.” -George and Pat

Worship

A guitar ensemble from Liberty University travelled to Germany earlier this month to raise money for orphanages in Moldova and Siberia. The team of 10 students and four faculty members presented 14 concerts in 11 days. The group worked with Bible Missions International in Nie- denburg, Germany. They sang and played as part of a street ministry and performed in at least two secular conservatories of music. "We traveled to all parts of Germany … and, mostly in 2 feet of snow," said Dr. Vernon Whaley, director of Liberty’s Center for Worship. "Many had never seen a guitar choir before. They were amazed as the students and teachers showed their skill as musicians and masters of their instruments.”

Joining Whaley were three professors from the Center for Worship: Leon Neto, director of the guitar choir, Dr. Michael Brennan and Dr. Armenio Suzano. Whaley said the short-term mission trip was a blessing. “One of the most defining moments was when we all began realizing that what we were doing was actually making a difference in the life of people for eternity.”

Inter-Cultural Studies

Short update from Dr. Fanning on Mission Trip to India on 01/03/11, full report to come:

“Last week [12/27] we spent visiting remote, poor villages where the average annual income is $38! The schools that are being built are unbelievably effective and appreciated in these Hindu villages. We dedicated one school with the chief of the village helping us. No one has ever cared for them. We bring them hope, the gospel and an excellent education. Every one of the 13 schools they have started have turned into churches with hundreds of believers. Even these small villages have a large number of kids, but they can only take 160 kids out of almost a thousand!

I spoke in the main church on New Year’s eve, then a daughter church on Sunday. Today and tomorrow we are spending in the Bible Institute training the teachers and pastors that will lead these school/churches. Our best expectations have been exceeded. On Thursday we will be going up into the Himalayan Mountains for a brief retreat (afternoon and morning) before heading to the airport to fly to Delhi to start another week.”
CMT Vision Team Video Goes Viral!

Over 1,000,000 viewing hits on YouTube

On December 10th for the Liberty Christmas Coffeehouse talent show, the CMT Vision teams combined to create a Christmas carol parody version of the popular You Tube video, “Bed Intruder.” As of the writing of this article, that video has had over 1,000,000 viewings on YouTube. Plus team members have been interviewed by all the local news outlets, plus L.A. Talk radio, have appeared on various websites ranging from Comedy Central to Sports illustrated and have been contacted by Good Morning America and America’s Got Talent.

The Center for Ministry Training is directed by Dr. Dave Earley and Dr. David Wheeler and is a ministry of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Under the leadership of seminary students T. Carter and Allie Moore, Vision involves giving undergrad students an opportunity to help pull-off ministry chapel every Friday morning and to do local church ministry on the weekends.


Vision will be doing a rendition of the Carol of the Bed Intruder and leading worship when Ministry Chapel resumes in the Towns Lecture Hall on January 28. Try-outs for Vision will be conducted later this spring. (View the original Antoine Dodson interview here and the musical parody that followed soon after here. Vision’s version is here.)

Shows (that we know of):

- WSET 13 News
- WDBJ 7 News
- WSLS 10 News
- LA Talk Radio (scroll down to the bottom of the page for the whole interview; Dec 12, 2010)

Websites - comedycentral.com, perezhilton.com, sportsillustrated.com, relevantmagazine.com, antoine-dodson.com, godtube.com, and more!

LBTS Growth

The seminary passed a new milestone in enrollment for the Spring 2011 “B” sub-term surpassing 9,000 seats in 460 sections. Nearly 300 online faculty manage courses in 17 distinct disciplines, including:

- Apologetics
- Chaplaincy
- Children’s Ministry
- Evangelism
- Homiletics
- New and Old Testament
- Worship and Ethnomusicology
- Church History
- Christian Leadership
- Discipleship Ministry
- Greek and Hebrew language tools
- Intercultural Studies
- Theology
- Youth Ministry

Planning and evaluation continues for new courses to offer online.