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Campus Spotlight: The Deanash Campus Celebrates Two Anniversaries

"I loved my time at Deanash. Those were some of the best years of my life and the memories will always be with me." *(Alumnus Lois Gill Jemison)*

June 1983 the first BCV children arrived on the Deanash Campus in Wiggins, Mississippi. June 18, 2022 as the campus hosts their BCV 125-year anniversary event, they will also be celebrating their 40th anniversary as a campus. Baseball themed festivities for the day include tours, games, food and lots of "Dizzy" Dean reflections.

The campus was the family home of Patricia Nash Dean and later the home where she and "Dizzy" lived out their retirement. It was her desire that the home be named to represent both her family name Nash and her married name Dean, thus Deanash would represent the entirety of her life in that special place in the Bond community. The home today serves as the house for boys and displays a nice collection of baseball memorabilia included in the estate that Patricia Nash Dean left the ministry upon her death. (You can also find some of the collection on loan at the rest area on Highway 49 South named for the Hall of Fame pitcher.)

The original house required some renovations to accommodate 10 boys. Volunteers including many from First Baptist Church Picayune, First Baptist Church Biloxi, and BSU students from Gulf Coast Community College Perkinston Campus, worked alongside Village staff and longtime volunteer Dale Clark to prepare the house for BCV children.

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TOP: Moore Cottage
BOTTOM: Nash Cottage



Campus Spotlight: continued

Today the campus, beautifully landscaped with azaleas, includes a second house for girls built in 2005. Alumnus Pam Gill Eckman recalls, "I enjoyed my days on the Deanash Campus because it was smaller and easier to get to know other kids, and people in the church; and to take advantage of opportunities for youth trips. It also allowed me to be closer to my sisters."

God has used staff and friends at the Deanash Campus for the last 40 years to help change children's lives. Deborah reflects on her time at Deanash,

"My time at Deanash was so special because I felt God's loving arms around me. I had no doubt that the sole purpose my dear Houseparents were there was to let the Lord use them in the BCV ministry to teach me and other kids there that we are so loved by the Lord, and they loves us too through their encouragement and guidance." (Deborah Gill Craft)



TOP: Deborah, Pam, Lois Gill then
BOTTOM: Deborah, Pam, Lois Gill now.



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SATURDAY JUNE 18 2022
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Welcome and Ceremonial First Pitch 11:15 AM

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80 SELLERS STREET
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ALUMNI REUNION

FRIDAY JULY 8
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception

SATURDAY JULY 9
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship, Lunch and
Riding Tour of Flag
Chapel Campus

Eagle Ridge Conference Center
1500 Raymond Lake Road
Raymond, MS 39154



Staff Spotlight



Charlie Rogers

Charlie Rogers serves as Campus Director for the Deanash Campus in Wiggins. His love for baseball and his love for children make him a perfect leader for that campus named for former Hall of Fame player, "Dizzy" Dean and his wife Patricia Nash Dean.

Charlie first served BCV children as Case Manager. He enjoyed the interaction with the children so when he was approached about moving to the Campus Director position, he was concerned about sacrificing that degree of contact with them. After praying and seeking counsel, he agreed to accept the position. God graciously provided an interim time where he served as both Campus Director and Case Manager to help him transition to his new leadership role.

When asked about his leadership, Charlie immediately recognizes the impact of former Campus Director Chad Sauls who left to be a part of a family business. "I had the privilege of working with Charlie

for about five years before I left and had the ultimate peace about recommending Charlie to fill my position because of his character and work ethic," says Sauls.

Although today Charlie is not as hands-on with the children, he enjoys very much his role as Campus Director. He recognizes the greater opportunities in the administrative responsibilities to have more impact on the overall situation. Sauls explains, Charlie was led by God to the ministry at Deanash and I'm confident that many children will benefit from his leadership with The Baptist Children's Village."

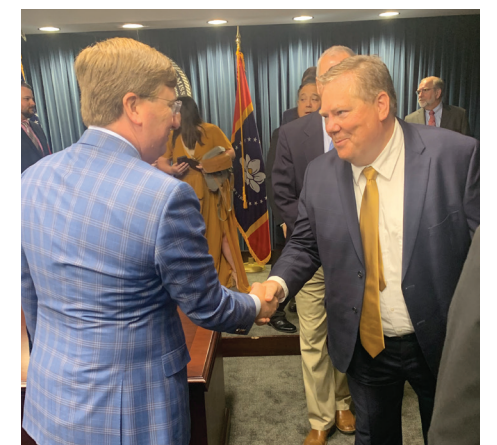
BCV children do indeed benefit from the leadership of Charlie Rogers. He recently reflected,

"I am honored to be chosen to help lead the ministry, and this campus in particular, through unprecedented times. I take this responsibility very serious; and look forward to the bigger things God allows us to do in the future. 125 years is not the end—there are more kids to help, more families to impact; more things to do."

Charlie and his wife Leslie make their home in Hattiesburg with daughter Landyn and son Jackson.

Proclamation Signing

Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves signs Proclamation declaring May 12, 2022 The Baptist Children's Village Day in honor of our 125-year Anniversary. BCV staff, board members, alumni and friends participated in the signing. God has truly blessed this ministry with dedicated people to serve and help accomplish His work.



TOP: Group of staff, board, alumni at Signing; **LEFT:** Proclamation; **MIDDLE:** Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Executive Director Shawn Parker with Governor Reeves; **RIGHT:** Executive Director Sean Milner with Governor Reeves

BCV Tribute Gifts

February through April 2022

Throughout the year, families memorialize and honor family members and special friends with a gift to The Baptist Children’s Village. Small groups honor teachers and the special people in their lives. For each tribute gift received, the donor receives an acknowledgement letter and receipt. A personal letter is sent to the honoree informing them of the gift given in their honor. Family members are informed of a gift given in memory of their loved one. The BCV is herein publishing the list of honorees and donors recently received. We are grateful to the many thoughtful donors who pay tribute to the special people in their lives.

You can visit baptistchildrensvillage.com/give or use the enclosed envelope to give a gift of honor or memory for your loved one(s) to The Baptist Children’s Village.

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Personal Reflection



memories of her are sweet and I am grateful that God allowed us that time together.

As I write this column, Mother's Day is upon us. My mother is a strong woman and loves her children unconditionally. She has challenged me many times over the years as I have observed her selfless sacrifice in overwhelming circumstances. As a teenager Mrs. Ernestine Winters, my BCV housemother, significantly impacted my life. This Mississippi Delta lady had her hands full training a house full of girls to be young ladies. She lost her battle with cancer several years ago but

July 8th and 9th Alumni from all over the country will gather for the bi-annual reunion. Oh the stories that will be shared among those with whom we have formed a sibling like relationship. There will be laughter and some tears. Many of those stories will include memories of houseparents who led children to the Lord, or patiently listened, or issued a stern word when necessary. This year, in this 125th anniversary, each of us are one of the thousands who have been impacted through houseparent missionaries who sacrificed and served at The Baptist Children's Village.



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