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IN THE GLOW OF THE FIRE

BOBBY AND KAREN WILLIAMS

*Let me burn out for Thee, dear Lord,
Burn and wear out for Thee.
Use me and all I have, dear Lord.
Until I burn out for Thee.
~Bessie F. Hatcher*

Bobby ('84) and Karen Williams, directors of Camp Grace, could tell us many stories of lives that were changed on a North Carolina campground—stories full of devotion, service, and sacrifice. They know what it means to “burn out for God” and have made a life of giving their all for His glory, amidst heartaches and mountain-top experiences.

Camp Grace and the camp ministry life isn't what Bobby Williams planned for his life, but he wouldn't choose anything else. Upon the urging of Dale McCaulley, CCC soccer player and friend, Bobby spent the summer of 1980 at Camp Gilead in Polk City, Florida. It was there that he surrendered his life to whatever God wanted for him. He returned to Camp Gilead the next summer and met Karen; they were married after Bobby's graduation from CCC in 1984. Fresh out of school, he took a position at a Christian school in

Tampa as the P.E. teacher and coach, and then moved the family to Mulberry, Florida where he spent ten years teaching and coaching at Mulberry Middle School. The Lord placed Bobby in education for a time, but ultimately had other plans for his life and moved the family to start the construction and development of Camp Grace... and they've been there ever since.

Bobby and Karen celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year and are thankful for how the Lord has shown Himself strong on their behalf. From the surface, they've had an easy life of ministry, spending their days on a blissfully serene mountaintop in North Carolina, but they have learned how to live in the glow of the fire—a fire that reveals imperfections, constantly refines by its consuming heat, and ultimately produces shining servants for Christ.

Successful ministry is not without heartache; in 2003, during the first summer of overnight camp, God drew the Williams family ever closer to Him through a tragic loss. Bobby and Karen have been blessed with four children: Hayley (21), Dustin (19), Logan, and Lacey (7). The unexpected death of Logan (2 ½) severely tested the faith of the Williams' family. “God surprised us with Logan's death at camp, the very place where we were serving God in obedience,” Bobby said. But through it all, they drew closer to God. “We've learned many things about the reality of faith in a loving God whose ways are so different from ours. We're thankful for the spiritual foundation that was in place that allowed us to suffer the most unbelievable pain and experience unexplainable peace, both at the same time.”

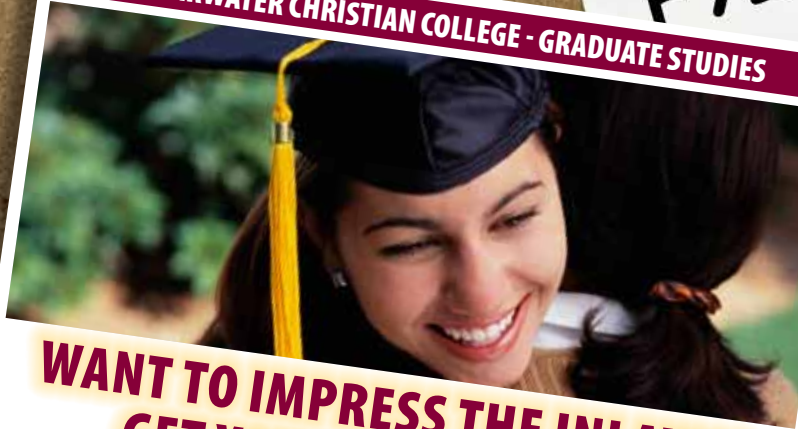
Throughout the years, the Williams have seen God's hand miraculously work on behalf of Camp Grace. Prior to 2003, the local communities were apathetic to the cause of Camp Grace,

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Carver Trivia

Two of the showplaces on our present campus are the CCC Bookstore and the Cove (formerly known as the Center Court Cafe).

Where were the bookstore and snackshop found before their present locations??

Send your answers to: bobcarver@clearwater.edu



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Homecoming 2011 · Saturday, January 15

Fun for Alumni, Friends, and the Entire Family!

Alumni Baseball

1:00 pm

Jack Russell Field
Clearwater

Players-Contact Coach Edson at
debbieedson@clearwater.edu

Supper on Us!

Join us for special pre-game meal
with Student Body

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

CCC vs. PCC Basketball

Women's – 5:00 pm

Men's – 7:00 pm

Half Time Fun!

Hosted by CCC Student Body

Admission to games is free to alumni
& family who register at the door.

Class Recognition: 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2006
Free Gift to all Alumni Present!



but the Williams saw overwhelming support from their sending and supporting churches. But God, Who works all things together for good, used their trials and heartaches for His glory and community members are now active supporters.



Bobby is humble about how God has used his life. "I think it is interesting that God has been using someone like me—an obedient P.E. teacher, not a builder or a fundraiser. He's given me a vision for what He wants here and He puts the right people in place to make it happen. That way, He gets all the glory!"



As the executive director of Camp Grace, Bobby is responsible to oversee every aspect of the ministry under the authority of a local board of directors. He is also responsible to book speakers, raise money for building projects, and hire new staff. Currently, Camp Grace operates with five families, three full-time missionary families and two on a volunteer basis. "I love waking up every day! I spend time with God, then write my plans for the day knowing very well that He always rewrites them by sending someone out to camp or surprising me with a broken water line or some other maintenance issue. In the midst of all of this, we consider it an honor to demonstrate the reality of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and teach the truths of His Word."

"If I could say one thing to the alumni of CCC, I would say that I'm thankful for the spiritual foundation that CCC helped lay down in my life. I never dreamed that I'd be faced with the loss of a child or the assignment to give leadership to a children's ministry, but I've enjoyed following my Savior and watching Him work. My challenge to the CCC alumni is to be willing to ride the adventure that God has planned for your life and remember to give Him praise all along the way.

During the school year, the Camp Grace staff ministers to about 4,000 students in 36 different public schools through their Release Time program.

Bob Carver: Revisited

One of the most beloved CCC professors of all time is still faithfully serving generations of students. Now "Grandpa Carver," he and Helen have five grandchildren, ranging in age from 15 to 8, but he still buzzes around campus like he hasn't aged a day. He still hosts his Reformation Day ceremonies, still gives his summer to serve in Christian camps, and still effectively instructs his Bible classes in such a way that students can actually see Biblical truths.

Coach Carver, as he is still affectionately called, is truly a "force of nature." He is still always cheerful, always alive with purpose, and always encouraging to the student body, staff, and faculty. His "Carver Calligraphies" are highly sought after pieces of art that adorn most offices on campus.

"Teaching at Clearwater Christian College for the last thirty plus years has been a great blessing to me in many ways," he said. "I have been given the great privilege to meet, teach, and influence

many wonderful young people. It has been my passion and prayer that they would learn and live the teachings which God has given to us in His inspired, infallible Word."

Coach Carver spent his summer on campgrounds, in classrooms, and on the road. Ever faithful to his camp ministry, he visited many different camps, including Camp Grace, run by Bobby and Karen Williams. "I have gone to Camp Grace for a week each summer for seven years now. I love going there because it is a relatively new camp and I have been able to watch it grow. I know the staff quite well and consider them very good Christian friends. I am very privileged to have a regular part in that ministry. I have also been able to watch some of the campers grow up over these years. I am blessed!"



Mr. Carver debating Professor Christian D. Bibelstompher



"As we grow in the knowledge and practice of God's Word we grow in our likeness to Christ and become more pleasing to Him. I have the best job in the world!"
~Bob Carver

Originally organized in 1969, the College Choir performed on campus, in local churches, toured nationally and internationally, and became a place where students connected with one another and ministered for the Lord. Choir was open to all students—music and non-music alike—a distinctive that remains with us even today. After 41 years, the College Choir remains an important part of Clearwater Christian College.

With this in mind, the alumni association will host our first ever College Choir Reunion on March 4-5, 2011. All CCC graduates and former students who have participated in choir are invited to join us for this weekend to meet old friends, visit with former conductors, see the campus, and of course, SING! Our reunion is scheduled in conjunction with the College's annual Founders' Banquet. Reunion attendees will be featured as special music and give testimo-

nies. In addition, a short CD of all musical selections performed will be given as a sentimental souvenir of our time together. Former and current choir conductors, Dr. Jonathan Steele and Dr. Pattye Casarow have agreed to serve as our musical hosts. In addition, all former choir conductors including

Mr. Clem Boatright, have confirmed their intentions to be with us for this weekend!

Your first step is to let us know that you are coming. Complete the registration form mailed earlier or handle it online through the Alumni link. A list

of reunion attendees will be posted on the web as registrations are received. Check out the Choir Reunion on Facebook also as messages and photos are posted. For further information, refer to your earlier mailer or contact your alumni director.



Clem Boatright
1969-1984



Jonathan Steele
1985-1991



Dianna Prichard
1986-1987



Ron Billingsley
1991-1997



Craig Ralston
1997-2000



Richard Nichols
2000-2002



Pattye Casarow
2002-Present

Congratulations to Christine Felts Hecox

who was granted her Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership with a specialization in Administration from Liberty University on October 8, 2010. The subject of her dissertation was 'Cooperative Learning and the Gifted Student in Elementary Mathematics.' After graduating from Clearwater Christian College in 1999 with a degree in Elementary Education, Christine began her career as a classroom teacher with the Polk County School System in central Florida. In December 2001, she completed her Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning with a specialization in Curriculum and Instruction from Nova Southeastern. Christine currently teaches 3rd grade at the Wendell Watson Elementary School and serves as adjunct professor at Polk State

College. In the future, she is looking forward to possibly teaching college full-time or serving as a school administrator. Commenting on her educational pursuits, Christine stated "I would like to thank God and my loving, supportive family. In addition, I would like to thank Dr. Smith for all his encouragement through this process. He was a huge support through this whole process." Christine, husband Rob, and their two children reside in Lakeland, FL.





RECAP

The annual Alumni Day event was a resounding success! This year, the Alumni

Association switched it up a bit and scheduled the alumni games over Labor Day weekend to allow for a larger turn out. This was a genius move as the 2010 Alumni Day boasted one of the best turn outs in recent years. "Have grill, will travel" was put into action as Dan Wareing and Ben Puckett worked in the Florida heat to grill hot dogs, serve homemade cookies, and help make the day extra special. This year, the 2010-2011 Lady Cougars came home with the win against the alumni soccer team. Even though the final score was 4-0, the alumni team was pleased with the outcome. "We had a great core group from the earliest days of the program," said Keith Hutchison, coach of the alumni team. Even though they were there to play soccer, the alumni team took time to fellowship. "Much of the conversation on the bench was geared toward 'expanding' families rather than about soccer tactics or techniques. They were hoping that Becky (Puckett) Vick would deliver before the weekend was up, but no such luck." Better luck next year?

From the start, the men's soccer game promised to be a tough match. The alumni team was led by a number of former All-Americans and All-Region players, including 2009-2010 National Champions Bill Carlton and Danny Post. The alumni team played well, holding the Cougars to a scoreless first half before losing 3-0 to the current Cougar team. James Whitaker, men's soccer coach and CCC athletic director said, "It's always great to see so many of our former players come back for the alumni match. It's great to be able to fellowship with them and hear about what God has been doing in their lives since they left CCC."

The night ended with an extra-long five-game set that put the alumni against the Lady Cougars volleyball players. Before the game began, the 2010-2011 Lady Cougars and the alumni team presented Coach Denny with a commemorative ball to mark her 800th career



win. "This was one of the best groups of alumni to come back," said Coach Denny. "After the alumni won two sets over the college team, we mixed the teams and played each other to five sets." Friends and family gathered to watch as the alumni got back into the groove and showed that they were still champions.



For photos of the day, please visit the Clearwater Christian College facebook page or the Photo Gallery.

Future Alumni

- Gavin Thomas** to Josh and Cathy (Trask) Knops ('99)
- Eileen Addison** to Kevin and Becky (Puckett) Vick ('06)
- Josiah David** to Justin ('06) and Allison Kauffman
- Micah William** to Mike and Rhonda (Baylor) Vogt ('95)
- Ethan David** to Paul and Heather (Billingsley) Lane ('99)
- Gavin Richard** to Jason ('97) and Taryn Richard
- Allison Claire** to Chris ('05) and Kristal ('04 Whitelam) Benitez
- Grayson Edward** to Steve ('98) and Caroline ('03 Sanders) Cone
- Zachary Daniel** to Daniel ('06) and Faith ('07 Henry) Zapata
- John Micaiah** to Craig and Robin (Tucker) Barrows ('77)
- Harrison McPherson** adopted by Erick and Jennifer (Starkweather) Sessions ('05)
- Nicholas Joseph** to Nicholas and Tullia (Provasoli) Yzzi ('06)
- Josiah David** to Terry and Kim (Rodgers) Baumann ('01)
- Julianna Nicole** to Joe and Samantha (Vance) Conrad ('07)
- Matthew Adam** to Adam ('01) and Jennifer Bartal
- Lucas Jeremiah** to David and Kimberly ('06 Karschner) Rice
- Lauren Paige** to Matt ('00) and Julie ('00-Schlosser) Kruse



Tyler, Allison, and Lincoln Hughes

For a complete list of updates, go to www.clearwater.edu/alumni/alumninews.asp.