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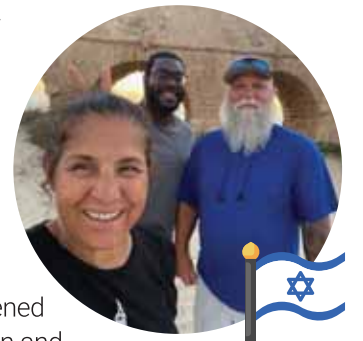
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A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY: *Mission to Ariel*



It is with great excitement and anticipation that we bring you the latest installment of The Message Newsletter, highlighting an inspiring mission trip to Ariel, Israel. Our college team, led by Professor Nilce Moraes, embarked on this mission trip with open hearts, ready to engage with the local community and make a lasting impact for His kingdom. One of the cornerstones of this mission trip was the genuine desire to serve and uplift the lives of the people in Ariel, but beyond the service initiatives, the time in Ariel provided an opportunity for profound cultural exchange. Engaging with local residents and hearing their stories was truly a blessing. Moreover, this mission trip was a spiritual journey for many as we ventured through the land of our faith's origin.

The true beauty of a mission trip lies in the encounters that leave an indelible mark on the hearts of participants. From sharing meals with local families to engaging in heartfelt conversations, the team experienced moments of unity that transcended language and cultural barriers. It is a profound privilege to be involved in such a work as we are also reminded of the words of Matthew 28:19-20, where Jesus commissions us to go and make disciples of all nations. The time in Ariel was a testament to the power of faith-driven actions and the potential to effect positive change across borders.



Sadly, a mere few months after the completion of this mission trip, the world was shocked and saddened to hear the news of a Hamas attack on Israel. Over 2,000 rockets rained down upon much of southern and central Israel, including Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and even the outskirts of Ariel itself. Israel responded fiercely to this attack with the aim to remove any current and future threat of Hamas terrorism originating from Gaza. Thousands have been killed on both sides. Tens of thousands more have been injured and/or displaced by the violence.

It is during times such as these that we are keenly reminded of the special relationship God has with the descendants of Abraham. As the Body of Christ, we are called to pray for the nation of Israel and the peace of Jerusalem. As we go into this holiday season celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, let us take time to remember Israel and to pray for His providence and healing for those suffering. Let us pray for a manifestation of Romans 8:28.



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NEW CLASSROOMS

Thanks to the efforts of our Physical Resources team, headed by Matthew Dukes, we are proud to announce the completion of 4 brand new classrooms!

Situated on the west side of the building, the classrooms are a significant step toward facilitating SFBC's growth, including the addition of some new programs in the future. More to come on this soon!



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

It is with great anticipation that we proudly welcome 3 new members to our Board of Directors!



Allison Duine



Connie Jarvis



Bill Carlson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Instilling A Biblical Worldview In The Lives of Our Students by Dr. Mary Drabik



A Biblical worldview is crucial to effectively minister in society today. Who isn't familiar with the age-old question: Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Believe it or not, how you answer this question is indicative of a person's worldview. According to the account of creation found in Genesis 1, the chicken most assuredly came first.

At SFBC&TS we evaluate a students' progress by giving a worldview test upon enrollment and repeating it during their senior year. This assessment helps us demonstrate the impact their education has in developing a Biblical worldview. The worldview transformation that God performs in our student's lives is astonishing.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary is an institution of higher learning where the Bible is central in preparing men and women for ministry to serve Christ and His Church through Biblical thought and Christian life.

It revolves around equipping men and women with a passion for God, evangelism, and discipleship. At SFBC&TS we understand the importance of a Biblical worldview and recognize that reaching this generation requires an understanding of ungodly worldviews to effectively evangelize either in ministry or the marketplace.

In most Institutions of higher learning, a Biblical worldview is not a priority, and we can see the fruit of this being manifested right before our eyes in society today. Our calling at SFBC&TS is to impact this generation with the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We desire our students to be strong in their convictions and unwavering in their commitment to the Kingdom of God, which stems from a Biblical worldview.

I am grateful to serve as the President of this vital ministry. I believe that the world desperately needs the ministry of SFBC&TS. Will you join us in this mission?

Hallelujah; thank you Jesus; praise God; amen!

Dr. Mary Drabik

Dr. Mary Drabik - President

A DECADE OF PICANHA!

In October, SFBC celebrated the 10th anniversary of the annual Brazilian Barbeque! The event is more than just a feast for the senses; it's an opportunity to celebrate the oneness of the Body of Christ. It brings together our diverse community, creating an atmosphere of unity and celebration. It's a reminder that God's creation is a vast and beautiful tapestry of culture and traditions, and our college is a place where these threads are woven together in harmony.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this event a success over the past ten years. We also want to extend a special thanks to Monica Carvalho. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and love for our community have truly made the Brazilian Barbeque a cherished tradition and we pray the Lord bless and keep you and your family!



Ministry Career Fair



Our amazing Student Life Department worked diligently to host SFBC's Ministry Career Fair and were blessed to have well over 200 in attendance! Considered to be the biggest turnout for a Ministry Career Fair thus far, we look forward to seeing these numbers continue to grow!



SFBC Spirit Week



Spirit Week made its first appearance for the 2023-2024 school year and what an amazing time it was! Each semester, students and staff are invited to kick off the season with wacky hats, Christian t-shirts, and of course... costumes! And yes, we were once again blessed by the appearance of our very own Tigger!

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SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICES

SFBC is proud to open its iconic Founder's Hall for weekly Chapel Services that welcome students, staff and community alike.

These services focus on a seasonal theme selected by our awesome Chaplain, David Bakthakumar.



Additionally, SFBC periodically highlights a special theme for select services. This season we were proud to provide a Career Counseling Seminar led by our very own Geoffrey Pulido, and a salute to our First Responders where we recognized those in our community and in our staff who have served in this distinguished role.



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