The Found News

Baptist Student Foundation

Summer 2024 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: IVAN DOUGLAS HICKS, PH.D.

The 75th Anniversary of The Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue gives us an opportunity to look back with pride and look forward with hope. We are looking forward to getting together on the last weekend in October, the 25th-27th, to celebrate! We will be reunited with old friends and certainly meet new ones. Our student leaders, staff, Pastors and alum are all working hard to ensure a wonderful weekend. Please mark your calendars now to be with us in the Fall.

Friday October 25th we will have a "A Taste of Culture" at The Found
Join us for this student led event that will invite various ethnicities represented on the Purdue campus to provide unique and indigenous food dishes for all to sample, as we learn more about the wonderful cultures (over 150) that comprise the Purdue student body and even more that make up the human family. This event highlights the intentional diversity of our ministry as 2024 has been a year dedicated to Experiencing the Kingdom! Kristyn Fisher and Jason Ivy are our newly elected Student Presidents and they along with our officers and members look forward to welcoming everyone as we celebrate what God has done and continues to do through the ministry of The Found.

Saturday Afternoon, the 26th, will allow us an opportunity to have a meal and merge the energy of students with the wisdom of our alum as we have a meal, remember our past, and prepare for our future. Students, alum, board members, and friends will meet and greet at the "Day Banquet" that will be held at The Federated Church in West Lafayette. We are appreciative to our Former Pastor Rev. Dr. Shawn Zambrows and Immediate Past President of The Board of Directors (and former Student President) and current Vice President, Ben Thomas for leadership of this event and for chairing our weekend. We also appreciate the hard work of our Board of Directors for their commitment and dedication to the success of this weekend, and their ongoing support of our constant work to positively impact the lives of our students. Sunday the 27th, we will have our normally scheduled 2:00 PM Worship Service with special music, powerful and impactful preaching and fellowship for all, in the Sanctuary at The Found, 200 North Russell Street, West Lafayette.

Finally, please be prepared to be encouraged to be active and engaged as we will be asking Friends of The Found to be the first to contribute to our new and needed capital development initiative, **The Firm Foundation Campaign**. Our current building was built and dedicated in 1963. It is not accessible for those with disabilities yet is well utilized with our outreach ministries, partnerships and our ongoing programming. Our main building and adjacent house are leased and utilized to the fullest. We need a new building to ensure the impact of this ministry into the future. The campus is literally building up all around us and we need your contributions to propel us into our promising tomorrow.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - OCTOBER 25-27, 2024

What are your best memories of the Found? Whether you are a recent alum or one from longer ago, or you are a "friend" of the Found, connecting as a parent or an intern or just someone who was committed to the ministry with students at Purdue. We all have great memories of the Found:

- **Worship, Bible study, dinners.**
- **Friendships that last a lifetime.**
- **Deputations to share about the ministry in churches around Indiana.**
- **Mission trips.**
- **Ski trips in Colorado.**
- **Singing in the worship band.**
- **Living in the Co-op.**
- **Howie leading "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" standing on a chair.**
- **Finals Breakfasts.**
- **Rev. Ken's driving.**
- **"Shawn says, 'No!'"**
- **Discovering a deeper understanding of following Jesus.**

Clear your calendar for the last weekend of October and make your way back to West Lafayette as we celebrate the past, the present, and the future of the Found!

On Friday, the students will be hosting a campus event celebrating the different cultures represented at the Found with an assortment of food and activities.

On Saturday, we will be having a noon banquet at Federated Church for alums and friends of BSF to have "reunion" fellowship and to discover what is new at the Found. Followed by an Open House at the Found.

On Sunday, the students invite us to join them at the Found for worship at 2 PM.

More information and an opportunity to register will be coming soon! But for now, plan to be "Found at the Found" the weekend of October 25-27!

The Rev. Dr. Shawn Zambrows is the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Redlands, CA and served as the Pastor/Director of the Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue 1999-2016

PASTOR SHAUN GUTU

It is my pleasure to have been appointed by Dr. Hicks to serve the Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue as Parish Pastor. I am a passionate Christian faith leader, husband, father, preacher, educator, and Strength & Conditioning Coach. I am the former Head of Sports and Culture at Western Cape Schools, South Africa. Additionally, I served the students and school as Boarding Master. I have a long and rich history in pastoral care and youth mentorship, at Jan Van Riebeeck High School, Cape Town.

I am a former professional rugby player having played in two Junior World Cup tournaments and having won South African Club Championships. I was also given the coveted Most Prominent Player award.

I have dedicated over a decade to fostering an engaging and supportive environment for students at Jan Van Riebeeck High School and surrounding schools in Cape Town. Educating the power of unity through Sports and Culture.

As the founder of Baobab Sports Academy, I championed unity through sports, driving transformational change for youth across South Africa. Currently, I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science at Oxford University, blending my commitment to health and personal development with my extensive experience in sports coaching and pastoral leadership. With a proven track record of fostering positive environments in educational settings, I am committed to promoting personal growth through sports, culture, academic, and spiritual support to the students at Purdue and the wider Purdue University campus.

Education

- Oxford University – Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (Current)
- Team Impact Christian University – Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry
- Exercise Teachers College – Bachelor of Science, Coaching Science, 2014
- Allan Wilson Boys High School (Zimbabwe) - Advanced Level (Cambridge)

Skills

- Youth Development
- Sports Management
- Pastoral Care
- Coaching & Training
- Relationship Building
- Event Coordination
- Pastoral Care and Counselling

A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT CO-PRESIDENTS

JASON IVY

Hi, my name is Jason Ivy and I'm originally from the suburbs of Chicago. On campus, I am involved in the Business Opportunity Program (BOP), and Society of Minority Managers (SMM), and I am the new Co-President of the Baptist Student Foundation.

In my free time, I enjoy going to the gym, hanging out with friends, and even starting to pick up golfing. I believe that being one of the Co-Presidents of the Baptist Student Foundation will allow me to develop my leadership and critical thinking skills, which will be vital to my future.

My faith is very important to me, and I hope to make a positive impact on others and possibly bring them to faith. One of my goals this year is to create a welcoming and supportive community where everyone feels valued and inspired.

This year for the Found is very important with us celebrating our 75th anniversary. We have planned numerous events to mark the milestone, including having a taste of cultures with us having foods from different cultures and all of them coming together to show the diversity on the Purdue campus.

Also, throughout the year, we will be having different events to bring our community together. Our mission this year is to build a stronger community. Some of those events will include game nights, group gatherings, and food after each service on Sundays. These events are designed to bring our church community together and foster a sense of belonging and connection.

I encourage everyone to get involved with the Baptist Student Foundation and join us in making this year memorable. Together, we can create lasting memories and make a meaningful difference in our community.

Overall, I hope we have a great year and that this experience is memorable for everyone involved.

KRISTYN FISHER

My name is Kristyn Fisher and I will be serving as the Co-President of The Found this year. I am currently a sophomore studying Finance and Supply Chain. I am involved in other activities on campus such as the Business Opportunity Program as well as the Society of Minority Managers.

My vision for The Found is to place a stronger emphasis on service by embodying the principles of John 13:14. I hope to create a stronger connection between the BSF and the greater Lafayette community by getting involved in any way we can. I'm looking forward to being able to serve The Found this year!

WELCOME BACK MS. JANICE JOHNS - OFFICE MANAGER

Hi everyone! Some of you may remember me from when I worked here at The Found from Fall 2018 to Spring 2021. For those that I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Janice Johns and I'm so happy - thankful to be back here serving as the Office Manager at The Found!

My office hours will initially be Monday through Friday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, but you may see me before and after hours, when needed. We are busy getting ready for students to come back next month and working well with The Wesley Foundation as they will be sharing space with us for the next couple of years as they build a new building.

I was born in Lafayette and lived here until my teen years, when I moved up to the suburbs of Chicago. I moved back to Lafayette to raise my children in 1990. As a single mother of two bright and inquisitive daughters, I was inspired to further my education by enrolling at Purdue when they were toddlers, finally graduating from Ivy Tech Community College in 1997 with an Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems – Office Management.

My children are grown now, but my youngest daughter Nikki has moved back home with me. She is a paraprofessional at Lafayette School Corporation, working in the Special Education Department. She also recently decided to restart her college journey to obtain her teaching degree. My oldest daughter Amy graduated from Purdue in 2013 and is now married and living in Vancouver, WA. She has since obtained her master's degree and is now a teacher. We miss them now that they are living so far away, but we frequently plan family vacations around all of our school breaks, to enjoy each other and discover new places.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, history, reading, sewing, as well as motorcycling. Although I no longer have my motorcycle, I served on the Board of Directors of ABATE of Indiana until 2021 and continue to be involved. ABATE stands for American Bikers Aimed Towards Education, and I have worked with this organization to advocate for motorcycle awareness, safety training, and charitable fundraising for many years.

I am also quite involved with the American Legion Post 492 in West Lafayette and work part-time as a bartender there. I have been an auxiliary member there for many years and have become more involved with their charitable work since I started working there in 2018. I enjoy the work we do for our veterans, especially for the veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette. Many of the members at the 492 have become like my "second family" and I enjoy working and serving at the Post.

I am so excited to be back at The Found, and am looking forward to discovering God's next purpose for me in my journey.

UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

IVAN DOUGLAS HICKS, PH.D.

In a series of unanimous votes, The Board of Directors extended the tenure of both Treasurer, Kelley Butler and expanded the role of Ivan Douglas Hicks as President of the Baptist Foundation at Purdue. Dr. Hicks holds a Ph.D. from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is also an alum of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio and was elected and remains the President of the Morehouse College Class of 1991. He is a fourth generation Baptist preacher who grew up in The Historic Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and is the Pastor of First Baptist Church North Indianapolis.

Dr. Ivan Douglas Hicks has accepted responsibility "for ensuring a well-resourced organization will attract the next Pastor to our student-driven ministry," as the Board of Directors will now begin a national search for the next person to assume the role of Executive Director/Pastor. Dr. Hicks completed his 6th year - 3 two-year terms - on the Board of Directors in November of 2023, and along with Ms. Butler (Treasurer) was asked to remain and continue to lead. According to Dr. Hicks, "The Students are our priority and being able to ensure that young people worship, grow and serve at 'The Found' has been and continues to be my reason for involvement, and why I am assuming this leadership position."

KELLEY BUTLER
TREASURER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is necessary to focus on generating new resources and relationships to support the ideas students have for the Fall, and to support meaningful ministry activities "The Found' engages in like the Finals Breakfast. This intentional program takes place to ensure that students eat, and are well prepared for semester-end exams. Our leadership team and entire board are committed to making sure this and other valuable ministries and partnerships continue to grow in community impact.

BEN THOMAS
VICE-PRESIDENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every week through Found partnerships with Purdue University and the ACE Food Pantry, an average of 150 people are served needed food. Old and new partnerships are being secured and new creative imagination for A Firm Foundation right here on Russell Street at Purdue, have been and will remain priorities of the Board. Ben Thomas, Board Vice-Chair and former Student President says, "Dr. Hicks has been a guide and mentor from Indianapolis for years, even when I was a student leader at 'The Found.' Now as we look to the future I have confidence he will continue to give of himself and attract resources for us. "He is already solidifying the foundation for this organization, today for tomorrow."

GORDON COPPOC
SECRETARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This new bolstered role was seen by the board as a move that allows The Found to continue and expand ministry, moving progressively toward a necessary capital campaign as our current building is full - and old. We need to take advantage of as much space as we can as we build up - and maybe down a little - and make sure we continue to accommodate ministry, worship, and the growing needs of our community partners as we build. We are preparing now to celebrate 75 years of ministry at the Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue, October 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2024!

Look for more to come on our 75th soon and please give generously to The Found now, as is the entire Board of Directors (100%) is committed to giving to "The Found" sacrificially and significantly before the end of the year (2024), to still meet projections and sow seeds of support for the strong future of the Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue.

Welcome Dr. Hicks!

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