

THE BULLETIN

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Welcome to our first new issue of *The Bulletin*! We are reintroducing *The Bulletin* as a news companion to *The Banner* to give you an inside look at life at Pinecrest. For more Pinecrest news, check out our blog at blog.pinecrest.org

School Within a School: Learning by Experience



Benson Ng'ang'a

preaching, then prepared and preached their own sermons while being evaluated by their classmates.

“God has still ordained to save those who believe by ‘the foolishness of preaching,’” Dr. Worth commented. “People still need to see Jesus in the word preached.”

Benson Ng'ang'a, a Second Year student who already had experience preaching as an assistant pastor at a large church in Kenya, noted, “The School of Preaching has helped me learn about what I've been preaching and realize some of the mistakes I've made. I tended to bend the Scriptures into my thinking, but I learned that I should allow the Scriptures to change my thinking. I believe this will make me a more balanced preacher when I return to Kenya.”

Second Year student Julianne Scopa said, “I really enjoyed the practical aspect of just learning how to properly prepare for a sermon and to be able to deliver it so people can understand what your heart is and what God has given you to say.”

Joanne Picataggi instructed the students in the **School of Prayer and Intercession** on God's desire for intercessors and the biblical pattern of intercession. The students gave themselves to seeking God's heart in prayer for Pinecrest, our country and the nations. “Isaiah 59:16 says that God ‘saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no

The School Within a School program is in its second year at Pinecrest. Its goal: classroom instruction with practical experience. Offered for two quarters each, the schools are designed to enable students to experience the practical and spiritual realities of ministry.

New for the 2009-2010 school year was the **School of Preaching**, taught First Quarter by visiting faculty member Dr. Tom Worth. Students studied the various aspects of

intercessor,” said Joanne. “We trust that He has found some here at Pinecrest.”



In the **School of Biblical Studies**, students engaged in an in-depth study of the life and ministry of Jesus out of the book of Luke. “The insight and the revelation we have been receiving is amazing,” remarked First Year student Richard Akyeaw.

Teacher Rod Levey observed, “The students brought a real desire to be Bible *beds*—a place for the Word of God to become one with them—instead of Bible *heads*, which would just make them puffed up in knowledge.”



Ryan Maillard leads worship at Hearts Ablaze Ministries in Albany, NY

The **School of Worship** met weekly for class and gathered on Thursday evenings for student-led worship. Teacher Michael Smith's objective was for students to learn not just musical or performance skills, but to develop lives of worship. “We are all called to have a life of worship poured out to the Lord,” he said.

Of course, experiential learning isn't limited to the School Within a School program. Students are also sent on outstations to a variety of ministries, Third Year students lead Home Groups, and students meet throughout the week for prayer and worship. “Our students have a real desire to reach out to others and share what God is doing in their lives,” commented President Jack Picataggi.

The Schools of Prophecy and Youth Ministry will be introduced in the second half of the 2009-2010 school year. Previous courses included the School of Missions and Outreach, which will be offered in 2010-2011.

Youth Conference Students Attend Pinecrest



For years, Pinecrest's youth conferences—Challenge in February, and Youth Week in July—have drawn young people ages 14-20 who come to meet God. Many of these teens have made a new or renewed commitment for God during their time here, and several also made the decision to attend Pinecrest as students.

Pictured are current Pinecrest students from Challenge or Youth Week: Lauren Svatos, Paul Abramowicz, Daniel Canton, Evan Bolton, Laura Swift, Ryan Avery, Honnah Wiederhold and Julianne Scopa

Thoughts from a Student

To Be More Like Jesus

by Julianne Scopa

Sooner or later, we are faced with the question: do we love God enough to let go of ourselves and allow Him to begin tracing the image of His Son, Jesus, on our lives? I have been faced with this question more and more as I continue to grow closer to Jesus. It is a process, I think—this becoming less that He may become greater, being glorified in me.

There are steps along the way when I have to count the cost—when it seems as though Jesus is asking me, like He did the disciples, “Do you also want to go away?” I can find no answer but that of Peter: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6)

The idea of a mediocre life—possessing the salvation God gives, but not knowing and cherishing the Lord’s heart—is something I cannot settle for. And so, day by day, I choose to love God enough to let go of myself—to relinquish that part of me that denies truth in order to stay comfortable. In letting go, there is more room given to the Lord as a place for the character of Christ to be chiseled in me.

It is in these small, yet meaningful, steps that Jesus finds space in us to conform us to His image and prepare us not only to be partakers of this great salvation, but also to be a bride who is ready for her Husband.

“...and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is (I John 3:2).”



Julianne Scopa

Hometown: Catskill, NY

Class: Second Year

Why did you come to Pinecrest? I came here so that God could clean me out of my desires and replace them with His own.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy reading, writing and painting.

NEWSFEED



Daniel Chirembo



Sampson Okyere



The Laughridges



The Kozlovskys



The Dalys

Daniel Chirembo (att. '08-'09) reports that Muslims are being saved and baptized in Mangochi, Malawi
Donna Rohmiller ('06) hosted an IAM (International Accelerated Missions) Seminar in October with special guests President emeritus Richard and Joan Forde in Kasoa, Ghana

Bharat Bhattarai ('09) testifies that “God is moving in the lives of the people of Nepal” through salvations, healings and answered prayers
Sampson Okyere ('09) is planting a church in the remote village of Nyame, Beye, Ghana

Down the Aisle

5.23.09- Clay and Andrea (Bugos) **Laughridge**

6.27.09- Aaron ('09) and Eliana (Spaziani, att. '08-'09) **Longacre**

7.11.09- Christopher ('09) and Hannah (Bond, att. '07-'08) **Hannan**

8.22.09- Seth ('09) and Jeanmarie (Scopa, '09) **Vargas**

9.16.09- Alex ('04) and Anna (Chelikhova, '04) **Kozlovsky**

New in the Nursery

Francis Peter, born 10.12.08 to Francis ('07) and Linda (Giesbrecht, '06) **Roche**

Eli Harrison, born 10.14.09 to Kyle (att. '05-'07) and Shannon (Sharp, att. '04,'07) **Krul**

Abigail Ruth, born 1.30.09 to Francis ('05) and Emily (Bond, '05) **Daly**

Remembering...

Odessa Forde, mother of President emeritus Richard Forde and longtime friend of Pinecrest, who went to be with the Lord on 6.11.09

John Olsen, (att. '76-'78) passed away on 9.9.09. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, 3 children and 2 grandchildren

Isabella Schenk, (att. '68-'70) one of the first students to attend Pinecrest, passed away on 11.26.09 at age 103

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