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GREATER ORLANDO

First Baptist Church of Central Florida in Orlando will host a "Fountains of Chocolate Women's Conference" Aug. 17-18. Speaker Lori Salierno will teach on "Indulging in Jesus." The conference, to be held in the Grace Building on the Good Homes campus, will begin Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. For registration information, call 407-293-4571.

MIAMI

Wayside Baptist Church will mark its 50th anniversary in a two-day celebration Aug. 11-12. With the theme, "To God be the Glory," the congregation will gather Aug. 11 at 4:30 p.m. for a reception and dinner, then a historical presentation at 7:30.

Wayside's first pastor, Bill Hinson, will speak in the 10:30 a.m. service Aug. 12. A potluck lunch will be served in the Family Activity Center. For more information, call 305-595-6550.

SEMINOLE

Central Baptist Church in Sanford has called Bobby Richardson as pastor. He previously served nine years as director of missions of the Seminole Baptist Association. Before serving as director of missions, he was pastor of Bay Street Baptist Church in Eustis, and also served churches in North Carolina and Virginia. He is a graduate of North Carolina University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children.

SUMPTER

First Baptist Church in Bushnell will celebrate its 120th anniversary in a "Reunion" July 29. The 10:30 a.m. worship service will include a message by Charles Roesel, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Leesburg. A "1950's diner-style" lunch will precede a 1:30 p.m. concert by church musicians. For more information, call 352-793-4612.

BCF dean Patrick Malone named volunteer of year for ad litem

GRACEVILLE (FBC)—Patrick Malone, Dean of Enrollment Management at The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, was named Volunteer of the Year for Florida's 14th judicial circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program.

There are 250 active volunteers who serve the 14th Circuit which includes Bay, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Gulf and Calhoun counties — and approximately 5,600 GAL volunteers who serve the 20 judicial circuits statewide. GAL volunteers represent abused, neglected, and abandoned children. The volunteer is an advocate for the child and speaks for their best interest while they are



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OBITUARY: NAMB missionary John Lewis

BENTON, Ark. (BP)—John P. Lewis, a Southern Baptist-endorsed chaplain and a 2007 North American Mission Board "Week of Prayer" missionary (an honor shared with his wife Diana), died of cancer July 8, in Benton, Ark. He was 56.

Lewis was married to and served in a support role with his wife in her work as ministry evangelism director for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the past 15 years.

From 1992 until his death, Lewis served as a chaplain at the Central Arkansas Veterans Administration Hospital. Earlier, he worked as a chaplain through the Arkansas convention at the Alexander Youth Services Center, and he served as pastor of

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