

*Since you are precious in My sight...*



## RETIREMENT

- Max's definition – moving on to do other things God has in mind for you until He calls you home.
- Sandra's definition – peddlin' faster to the finish line, trying to keep up with Max.

## WHAT WE'RE DOING

- On faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the E. F. Hallock Chair of Student Work
- Continuing to work with Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary designing and coordinating their collegiate ministry program
- Volunteer State BCM (Christian Challenge) Director of Colorado
- Writing my dissertation to complete my DMin degree at Midwestern

## WHERE WE'VE GONE (since “retiring”)

- Visited alums in Tennessee
- 3 retreats in Colorado, 2 trips to view campuses
- Retreats in California, Montana, New Mexico, and Colorado
- 3 trips to Glorieta, NM
- Trips to AZ, GA, TN, and Puerto Rico (40th wedding anniversary)
- Several trips to Kansas City, Ft. Worth and Colorado

## LIFE IMPACT 2006

Several years ago, I realized a need and planned what we considered a much needed conference after New Year's called "Life Impact." The intention was to help students in prayer, evangelism, discipling, and trying to reach the nations with the gospel. Southern Baptists have no consistent conference at this strategic time. The date is January 2 - 5, 2006, in Oklahoma City.

In 2002, we had 700 attend and in 2004, 770 and we hope to have more this year. This is a very inexpensive conference with four nights in one of the best hotels in downtown OKC near the Cox Convention Center.

If you have university students and leaders in your church who could attend, please encourage them to come, if possible. This has been an outstanding conference. This year's speakers include Jim Petersen, Navigator representative, author and missionary, Dudley Callison, pastor and former missionary, and Nik Ripkin, of the International Mission Board. Music will be led by Jeff Johnson, American Idol Finalist. For details on the conference, click on this link. [www.lifeimpactokc.org](http://www.lifeimpactokc.org) and [www.DiscipleshipLibrary.com/lifeimpact2006.php](http://www.DiscipleshipLibrary.com/lifeimpact2006.php).

## **KEY MEN'S CONFERENCE**

This year, Max spoke at the Navigator's Key Men's Conference as did David Hines, John Repass, John Crawford and Kirk Humphreys. The conference was held February 17-19, 2006 at Camp Chaparral Baptist Assembly outside Wichita Falls, TX. If any of you guys are within a few hundred miles, I would certainly recommend you attend next years Key Men's and bring key laymen from your area. You can find out more details by e-mailing [johnncrawfordnav@cox.net](mailto:johnncrawfordnav@cox.net).

## **ONLINE MESSAGES**

Many of you have profited over the years from outstanding messages from the OU BSU Tape Library. Due to the generosity and vision of a friend in the ministry, Charlie Anne Cooksey is now in the process of putting all our messages on line for free listening and downloading. There are already over 7,000 messages there. Check out [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com).

## **WITNESSING AID FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

For those of you who could and do use the Real Purpose of Life Tract, we have an attractive, lucite holder/display to use in a public setting in your place of business. The holder comes with 20 tracts and costs \$10 plus shipping. Contact us at [maxbarnett@gmail.com](mailto:maxbarnett@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## **SEMINARY INVOLVEMENT**

**Midwestern** - Six years ago, I was asked by [Midwestern Seminary](#) to design their collegiate ministry program. We hold classes to train collegiate ministers during the J-term (1 intensive week) in January and May. Universities are not in session. We are able to bring in outstanding people to teach such as Harold Bullock, John Hawkins, Waylon Moore, Bob Anderson, Brett Yohn, Bobby Pruett, John Strappazon, Johnny Pons, Jeff Jimerson, Kevin Richardson, Neil Walker, Lawson Lau (working with internationals) Mike Story, Kevin Difelice (Navigator specialist in fund raising), and David Geisler (apologetics). The MDiv program has gone so well that we were asked to design a DMin plan of study.

**Southwestern** - This past spring, I was approached to go on faculty at [Southwestern Seminary](#) in Fort Worth to be a professor in the E. F. Hallock Chair of Student Work. The classes here are also designed for January and May. At this point, we are non-resident, staying in Norman. I am being asked to speak in some classes on Scripture memory and discipling. The first class in May was attended by 23, not all of whom are planning on collegiate ministry, but some take the class as an elective. Harold Bullock and Neil Walker and I taught that class. God is opening a wide door for working with potential leadership for colleges and universities where we have no work. Please pray that He will call more and more into this needy area of our society. It is exciting to see the openness at our seminaries these days to "whatever works."

## **COLORADO**

When the Colorado State Director retired, I was asked by the six directors and state office to lead that work. They have very little financial resources for student ministry and are designated by the [Southern Baptist Convention](#) as a "pioneer area or emerging region." Therefore, all but the man at the Air Force Academy raise their own support.

We have workers at Boulder, Gunnison, Greeley, Ft. Collins, Denver, Grand Junction, and Colorado Springs and a couple from Midwestern Seminary will go to Pueblo in April. We desperately need more help in Denver and really on all the other campuses in the state. I led their fall retreat and we had 77 students and workers attend. Please pray for additional workers for this state.

## MY DISSERTATION

Having a doctorate is important for seminaries for their accreditation needs. Therefore, I hope to finish the DM in Collegiate Ministry by May, 2006. The program I designed and will write my dissertation on is "Trying to Develop University Students Into Life-long Disciplemakers." This will require many hours in the months ahead. Prayer is appreciated.

## THE STATE OF THE OU BCM

I couldn't be more pleased with what is happening at OU and the leadership there. John Kelsey and crew continue to do an excellent job. God is really blessing there. Also, the Oklahoma BSU's in the state are in very capable hands with the addition of John Strappazon. John was on our staff many years ago and prior to returning to OK was directing one of the largest church collegiate ministries at First Baptist Church, Lubbock. We are excited about the future of OK BSU's (most now being called BCM's - Baptist Collegiate Ministries).



## ALUM NEWS

We are in the process of helping set up a link from the OU BSU web page that will allow you to enter your own information, find anyone from your days here (as long as they participate), select who can access your information, add a picture and update at will. So, you will be notified as to the procedure by e-mail. If the BSU doesn't have your e-mail address to notify you of this, send it NOW to [mailbox@oubsu.org](mailto:mailbox@oubsu.org). Likely this will take place after the first of the year.



...and other peoples in exchange for your life. ~Isaiah 43:4



# biography

## BIRTH

Littlefield, TX December 29, 1936

## EDUCATION

Littlefield, TX High School in 1955

Texas A & M University, 1960 Animal Husbandry

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX 1965

## EXPERIENCE

1955-1960 Active in BSU at Texas A & M with some time off spent on other campuses 1961-1966 BSU Director for Parkland School of Nursing, SW Medical School and Methodist Hospital School of Nursing 1967-Present BSU/BCM (Baptist Collegiate Ministry) Director at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

*A biography of Max Barnett has been written by a valued friend of the OU BSU and the Barnett's - Mike Thompson. The biography is titled Max Barnett -- College Minister and Disciplemaker and will be available at the retirement / reunion weekend. The following is the foreword of the biography written by Kirk Humphreys.*

In all of our lives, certain events and people are pivotal. The direction of our life is changed forever by an occasion or comment that, at the moment, might not seem important. But when viewed looking back over a lifetime, those life-changing people and events become clear.

For me, and thousands of other college students over the past five decades, an encounter with Max Barnett has been life changing. I came to the University of Oklahoma in the fall of 1968, shortly after Max had arrived on campus. Over the next several years it became clear to me that, although I knew a lot about Jesus Christ, I had never surrendered my life to Him as my Lord and Savior. Through the ministry of Max and the example of a BSU staffer, I came to a life-changing point of decision while on a BSU spring break retreat at Glen Eyrie in Colorado Springs.

Max and Sandra kept investing in our lives even after I left the university, married Danna, and launched into a career. Over the next several years we enjoyed many times of fellowship and encouragement, where Max and Sandra brought young couples like us in contact with outstanding Christian leaders who taught us principles upon which to build our young marriages and families.

Over my lifetime I have had many opportunities to share my faith and exercise leadership as a believer. The first steps were taken with Max Barnett - it was at his side that I knocked on my first dorm room door to share my faith and led my first Bible study.

In this book, my good friend, Mike Thompson, has captured the real Max Barnett - his character, faithfulness, heart and vision. It's like a friend once told me, "Telling is not teaching; listening is not learning. You learn to do by doing." That's Max Barnett - friend, mentor, disciplemaker, and doer.

[www.MaxBarnett.com](http://www.MaxBarnett.com)

*Kirk Humphreys*

*University of Oklahoma, 1968-1972*

*Mayor of Oklahoma City, 1998-2003*

