



Dr. Mary Drabik & Anne Sylvester

THE STEVEN R. SYLVESTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"An Absolute Wonder!" Dr. Gary Cohen - *Translator of the New King James Bible.*

The Steven R. Sylvester Memorial Library was established in 2007 and is named in honor of Steven Sylvester, a former student of South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary (SFBC&TS). Steven attended from 1996 until his premature death in 2000. Subsequently, SFBC&TS received a grant from the Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation in honor of Steven which was used to achieve candidate status towards accreditation with the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Anne Sylvester, Steven's mother said, "It's what my sons' strong faith did for him and the people he came in contact with that prompted me to establish the library legacy in his name."

The library includes a wide range of books to include theological and Bible related books, periodicals, CD's, DVD's, computer lab, and Galaxie and ProQuest, a digital library where students may access academic journals from school or home. There are also private study rooms with computers, whiteboards, and wireless internet access available. When speaking of The Steven R. Sylvester Memorial Library, Dr. Gary Cohen, author of 8 books and lecturer at SFBC&TS said, "It is an absolute wonder, fully stocked with every manner of biblical and church history books as well as all types of books that make up our world of learning. He goes on to say, "It favorably compares to libraries of larger institutions in organization and appearance. The scholar, young student, and returning older learner will find a content home in this library!"

The library's future is extremely exciting with an ambitious expansion (subject to private funding) to establish a new nursing program. This program will produce graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. South Florida hospitals and medical clinics are desperately in need of qualified nurses, and the community in South Florida will become the primary beneficiary. After obtaining the necessary accreditation, the expansion will include a complete nursing program, an academic area that is fully equipped with staff, and curriculum ramp-up. The total fundraising requirement to install this critical nursing program is over \$2M during the next 5 years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What an exciting time of year for South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary! Spring semester is fully underway, and graduation is just around the corner. The Steven R. Sylvester Memorial Library is filled with students researching, studying, and collaborating on final assignments and projects. Students have faithfully attended classes, written papers, juggled family, work, church, and social life to get to graduation. I would like to congratulate our upcoming graduates and all students as they strive for excellence and a better future!

This issue of The Message newsletter focuses on the library and how important the expansion plans are for our success and future. Students using the library are amazed at the knowledge at their fingertips. As our cover story indicates, it is an amazing resource. Plans are underway for the library's academic resource expansion for additional accreditation requirements and to augment our future nursing program! Besides the addition of scholarly works, we will also begin the digitalization of our library. So, stay tuned to The Message publication for surprise official announcements involving new degree offerings and our nursing program.

In closing, I would ask that you prayerfully consider financially supporting South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary. If the Lord leads you to donate, know that our cost of fundraising is less than 4 cents on the dollar. The national average is 20 cents. This means over 96% of your gifts go directly to our programs. Even this issue of The Message has been generously underwritten (**Again, thank you Intersection Online, Inc.!**), so that 100% of your contributions within the envelope provided go to programs and projects like the library.

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Our financials are available at our website or listed at Candid-GuideStar (www.guidestar.org) where we have the highest Platinum rating relating to full transparency.

Now more than ever, we are poised to increase our ability to expand the Kingdom and spread the Gospel by growing, training, and equipping our student population. Know that we can only do it with YOUR help.

Hallelujah; thank you Jesus; praise God; amen!

Dr. Mary Drabik

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January was a busy month at SFBC&TS with the hosting of **2 INSPIRATIONAL EVENTS**



Hosted by SFBC&TS and organized by Pastor George Rich with Victory City Church supplying worship, there were 2 days of teaching with 4 general and 12 breakout sessions aimed at leaders on all levels to be informed and inspired for maximum kingdom impact. In attendance were 27 ministries and para church organizations!

SHEPHERD'S PIE LUNCHEON

On January 24th SFBC&TS held this complementary **Shepherd's Pie Luncheon** for pastors of churches of all sizes, denominations, and nationalities. This dynamic informational luncheon backed by cutting edge research included discussions on post-Covid challenges, demographics, understanding reached and unreached areas, prayer, spiritual growth, leadership, shepherding, rest, and of course there was delicious food!

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO
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3 Great **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES** For Alumni, Students & Friends!

ISRAEL MISSION JUNE -JULY 2023



Volunteer in a children's summer camp program in city of Ariel, Israel!

Estimated cost, including airfare, ranges between \$2,200.00- \$2,600.00 (US).

The items covered includes lodging (dorm setting), hot lunches during work week, 3 tours of biblical areas including one full day in Jerusalem.

If interested, contact Nilce Moraes at nmoraes@sfbc.edu 954-354-2790.

TEL BURNA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT JUNE -JULY 2023



This dig site is in the Shephelah region. Scholars believe is the best candidate for Biblical Libnah. Participants will be involved in excavation activities.

For every week of work at the excavation, each volunteer must pay \$550 (US). Minimum stay is 1-week, maximum stay 4 weeks. Price does not include airfare.

If interested, contact Nilce Moraes at nmoraes@sfbc.edu 954-354-2790.

(Scholarships available)

MISSIONS OF MERCY JULY 1-8, 2023



Go to the Andes Mountains of Ecuador, South America to attend to the medical needs of the impoverished Quechuan Indians. The Quechuan are descendants of the Incas and are 1/3 of the population of Ecuador. They are disenfranchised, with no medical care, financial resources, or government support.

Needed are Doctors, Dentists, PA's, Nurses, & Volunteers with mission related abilities & medical supplies.

Please contact Dwight Stevens at dmstevensmd@gmail.com if interested.



PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Shout out of support to the Christian Business Men's Connection (CBMC) meeting at Abe and Louie's Steakhouse Restaurant in Boca Raton. Our own Wayne Richardson, national fundraising speaker was a featured speaker at CBMC.



From left-to-right – Ivan Rosa, CBMC volunteer, Bill Carlson, SFBC&TS volunteer, Steven Solomon, Area Director CBMC South Florida, Wayne Richardson, Vice President of Development SFBC&TS, Allison Duine, President, Intersection Online Inc., Dr. Mary Drabik, President SFBC&TS, Carol Richardson, Dir. Annual Giving SFBC&TS.



FUNDRAISING SEMINAR

February 2, SFBC&TS hosted the ever popular day long Start-Up Fund Raising Seminar. Wayne Richardson shared vital information with area non profits on raising the funds to fulfill their mission. Information such as installing new revenue streams, real fundraising tools at no cost, the bottom line on websites, campaigns, consultants and more.



If you are interested in attending a future seminar please contact Wayne at wrichardson@sfbc.edu.



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Calling all high school students to enroll now!

Enrollment fills up quickly; the deadline for summer classes is April 1st; fall semester deadline is July 1st. College Academy at SFBC&TS is an academically rigorous dual enrollment program with a Christian worldview where high school students can earn both college and high school credits while growing in biblical thought and victorious Christian living. ***These deadlines are also for those who are looking to enroll in college classes!***



Please contact your friendly Admission Manager at admissions@sfbc.edu, or call 954-637-2292!

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.

Exciting news for students!

Graduation will be on May 13, 2023 in Founders Hall at South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary located at 2200 SW 10th Street, Deerfield Beach. We have a large class graduating, so seating is limited.



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