

*Lancaster Bible College / Capital Seminary & Graduate School Student Highlights  
Spring 2017*

*Pastor William Covington  
Grace Cathedral*



*Age is nothing but a number ...*

It had been 43 years since Pastor William Covington had graduated from high school, and to say that he was hesitant to go back to school would be an understatement. But in 2015, he embarked on his journey to obtain his Associate's Degree in Biblical Studies at Lancaster Bible College. It was because of the support of the faculty and staff at Lancaster that Pastor Covington felt comfortable enough to start the program. Today, he is maintaining a 3.94 GPA, and has plans to graduate in May 2017!

*A second wind ...*

Pastor Covington has noticed that being in an academic setting has given him a second wind for ministry. Everything that he is learning is being applied to the way he leads his church, Grace Cathedral, and how he ministers during mission trips. His classes have helped him better explain his Christian worldview. "Because we live in a diverse culture, we have to be able to present our beliefs in a sound way. This education helps you structure your biblical worldview in a way that people can understand," he said. In addition, Pastor Covington praised the college for its writing workshops, and other classes in the social sciences and math to round out his academic experience. Lastly, he believes the interaction with other believers helps to build and strengthen your faith.

*Paulette Wilson, Assistant  
Facilitator, DDS Ministry  
First Baptist Church of  
Glenarden*



*Top honors ...*

The highlight of Paulette Wilson's life was when she graduated with honors from Lancaster Bible College. At the age of 67, Wilson graduated two years ago with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and had a 4.0 GPA! After that accomplishment, she knew, "With God, I can do all things." She is now moving full speed ahead and working on her Master's degree in Christian counseling. Wilson currently serves as an assistant facilitator for the Divine Discipleship for Sisters Ministry, a 9-month discipleship program at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden. She hopes to one day assist with professional counseling at the church.

*Family atmosphere ...*

Wilson believes that Lancaster Bible College is a great institution for Christians to begin or continue their education. "It feels like a family," she said. "The professors at the Greenbelt campus display a love and a devotion for God's word. And they really want to see you learn." Wilson was impressed by how helpful everyone – from the receptionists to the professors – has been to provide assistance whenever needed. "It just feels like they are rooting for you," she added. Because of their help, Wilson is slated to graduate in May 2018.