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## 2011-12 Alumni Board of Directors

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## 2011–12 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Dale Atkins** of Bluffton, S.C., has been named by *South Carolina Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in the state for 2011.

In April, the Rev. **Ricky O. Creech** became executive director/minister for the Washington, D.C., Baptist Convention, a cooperative of more than 150 churches. Previously he was minister of administration and missions at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Decatur, Ga., and head of the Birmingham (Ala.) Baptist Association.

**MARRIAGE: Melissa Sexton** and Benjamin Valena, March 20, 2010. Melissa teaches at The Howard School in Atlanta, and Ben is a program manager at Emory Adventist Hospital.

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**Gina Garrett Jones** is registrar at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

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Lt. Col. **David Jewell** enrolled this summer at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

**BIRTH: Reggy** and Lilly **Sagebien**, a daughter, Gabriella Sophia, May 3, Miami, Fla.

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### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Steve Cover** has been named vice president of software development for the Rainmaker Group, an Atlanta-based company that provides automated profit optimization software and services for the multifamily housing, gaming and hospitality industries.

**Karen Erbes Gleason** of Atlanta has joined Grizzard Communications Group as group vice president and senior strategist. Karen previously worked for Blackbaud. She has more than 18 years of non-profit healthcare and agency experience.

**BIRTH: Ligon** and **Julie Ann Stuart**

**Williams**, a daughter, Joy Lila, January 29, Pensacola, Fla.

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**Craig McCoy** recently assumed duties as chief executive officer of Emory Johns Creek Hospital near Atlanta. He previously was CEO of Paradise Valley Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Reggie O'Shields** has been appointed general counsel of Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, where he is also a senior vice president.

**WEDDING: Jennifer Laura Spencer** and **Mark David Wild**, December 11. She is employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, and he is a physician with Three Rivers OB-GYN Associates. They live in Columbia.

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**Mariah Brown Spengler**, a licensed mental health counselor, has opened Transitions Counseling and Wellness in Gainesville, Fla. She earned her doctorate in mental health counseling from the University of Florida.

**BIRTHS: Daniel** and **Allison Welch Bennett**, a son, Luke Daniel, October 30. They live in Montreat, N.C.

**Lauren** and **Jennifer Chase** '98 **Chandler**, a son, Lauren Lee, January 20, Cordova, Tenn.

**Ransom** and Céline **Gladwin**, a son, Jebran Ransom, April 13. They live in Valdosta, Ga., where Randy is an associate professor of Spanish at Valdosta State University and Céline is president of BFB Gladwin Architects.

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**Bryan Cribb**, assistant professor of Christian Studies at Anderson University, received an Excellence in Teaching Award from South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

**BIRTHS: George** and **Kristina Koldoff Christy**, a daughter, Bernice Catherine, April 27. They live in Atlanta, where they work for Turner Broadcasting.

Thomas and **Melissa Morgan Kelley**, a son, Lucas James, January 7. They live in Decatur, Ga.

Alex and **Meredith Levesque Pit**, twins, a son, Aaron Jacob, and a daughter, Ella Grace, November 9, Irvine, Scotland.

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### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Jonathan F. Bassett** of Greenwood, S.C., was named Lander University's Distinguished Professor for 2010–11 and also received the 2011 Outstanding Teacher of Psychology Award from the South Carolina Psychological Association. His wife, **Lori Lucas Bassett**, works in the communications office at Greenwood Genetic Center.

**Amy Jowers** has joined the Charleston, S.C., law office of Moore & Van Allen as an associate. She is a member of the 2011 class of Leadership Charleston.

**Rebecca Jones Massey** of Flowery Branch, Ga., became director of the Hospitalist Program at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in April.

**BIRTHS: William** and **Shannon Hindman Dunn**, a daughter, Katherine McClellan Dunn, March 10, Charlotte, N.C. Bryant and **Amy Cooper Pickney**, a daughter, Sarah Caroline, August 24, 2010, Knoxville, Tenn.

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**Kelly Uldrick Pew** (M.A.) is the new assistant superintendent of instructional services for the Pickens County (S.C.) school district. She had been the district's assistant superintendent of human resource services since 2009. A longtime school and district administrator, she teaches in the graduate programs in education at Southern Wesleyan University and Anderson University.