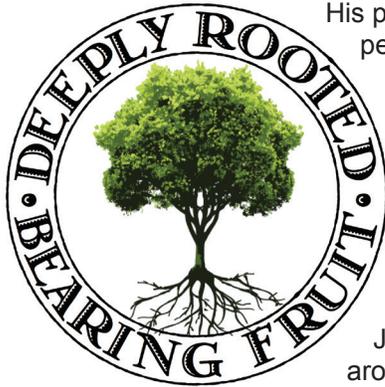


Dear Friend,

As a Ben Lippen parent and employee I frequently have the opportunity to talk about what makes Ben Lippen different. My answer is that Ben Lippen students are educated from a biblical worldview and prepared to impact the nations with the message of Christ. I know how simplistic those words sound at first pass. But God's word tells us that those who are deeply rooted will, by His power and grace, bear much fruit. And that promise puts everything Ben Lippen offers into perspective.



Just recently the Lord impressed upon me the image of His fruit when I found myself on an elevator with a handful of 30 year olds. We had just finished a committee meeting for a church plant. The conversation quickly revealed that four of them were Ben Lippen graduates. These individuals are serving their church, loving their families, and boldly pursuing and sharing the love of Christ in the workplace. Perhaps as students their fruit was not as evident, but 15 years later I was witnessing it firsthand. And there are others.

Jason Blackwell, a 1996 graduate, began his Ben Lippen journey in the sixth grade. Ask around and you'll find that Jason was a handful back then. Today, Jason is the area leader for Columbia Young Life. He and his wife Crystal have three children at Ben Lippen, and Jason serves as the chairman of Ben Lippen's Partnering for Excellence counsel.

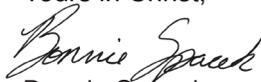
Meanwhile, as the class of 2011 celebrates its five-year reunion, three members of this class are now back at Ben Lippen. Chad Burnett and Thomas Fisher teach and Madeline Welsh coaches tennis. Chad's senior picture in the yearbook reveals a fun and goofy kid with his eyes intentionally crossed. Now he is another testimony of fruit, challenging students and influencing hearts for Christ.

I am overwhelmed with God's goodness when I consider the scope of the eternal impact of nearly 4,000 Ben Lippen alumni serving the Lord around the world in missions, ministry, and the marketplace. How about you? What evidence of fruit have you witnessed in your own life or that of your classmates, a teacher, your child, or even grandchild – the result of the work of the Lord through Ben Lippen? Please share your story on the enclosed envelope.

Also, please prayerfully consider a year-end gift to the Ben Lippen Annual Fund so that we can continue to turn out world changers. Each year we leave a portion of our needs for the Lord to develop through donors like you. This year that need is \$150,000, which supports our strategic plan, student financial aid, professional development, guest chapel speakers, and more. Alumni are encouraged to "give your year" or a multiple of your graduating year (for example, members of the Class of 1965 would give \$19.65, \$196.50 or \$1,965). Gifts of any size are tax-deductible and can be made on a one-time or recurring basis.

Use the enclosed envelope for your gift, or visit us online at [www.BenLippen.com](http://www.BenLippen.com). I look forward to sharing with you the encouragement that is received.

Yours in Christ,



Bonnie Spacek  
Development Director

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

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