



## The Boggs Panther

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### Christmas is...

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*"Jesus! Jesus! O what a wonderful Child."*

***"Christmas—that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance.***

***It may weave a spell of nostalgia.***

***Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance—a day in which we think of everything.***

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love"

Hamilton Wright Mabi

#### "Words from the Good Book"

***"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.***

***Isaiah 9:6***

### Happy Birthday Jesus!

#### A Christmas Poem

##### *Christmas Everywhere*

by Phillips Brooks

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!  
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,  
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine,  
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,  
Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright.  
Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,

Christmas where old men are patient and gray,  
Christmas where peace, like a doe in his flight,  
Broods o're brave men in the thick of the fight;  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!  
For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all;  
No palace too great, no cottage too small.



### More Reunion Thanks



We are very grateful to the persons listed below for donating monies for the prizes given during the Reunion.

**Dr. F. S. Pratt**,  
Reconstructive Dentistry,  
Inc., 2470 Sunset Point Rd.,  
Clearwater, FL. Specializes in  
Implants and General Dentistry

**Dr. Joseph C. Jackson**,  
8250 Bryan Dairy Rd., Largo,  
FL. Specializes in Orthodontics  
and MJ Therapy

**Dr. Walter Bryant**,  
1173 Spring Center Blvd., Suite A,  
Altamonte Springs, FL. Specializes  
in Orthodontics and TMJ Therapy.

**Dr. William F. Marsh**,  
4119 N. Taliaferro Avenue, Tampa,  
FL. Specializes in Braces for Chil-  
dren and Adults.

Many thanks to **Roberle Pratt** for  
contacting and soliciting donations  
from these dentists and telling them  
the Boggs story. Dr. Pratt is  
Roberle's husband.

We also thank **Mr. Maceo Mays**,  
class of '68, of Bowie MD for his  
monetary donation.



**Effie Shannon Alexander**, class of  
'60, graciously provided each guest  
with a corsage/boutonniere to wear  
at the banquet on Saturday night.  
This generous gift provided the  
essence of unity and progress that  
reflects the Boggs Academy leg-  
acy. Effie is from St. Petersburg,  
FL.

Thanks again, Effie!

### Remembering:

#### Healing and good wishes

go to:  
**James Rouse**—1962

#### Sympathy and prayers

go to  
**Barbara Williams** ' mother passed, on  
November 18, 2010.

**Norris Cotton**, (class of  
'49) and  
**Wayne Shands**  
passed recently



Many years ago we became Brothers and Sisters at Boggs Academy. The gift of nurturing and renewing friendships through the years has been a blessing.

We thank you for your willingness to commit to "Keeping the Boggs Legacy Alive" by joining the Alumni Association and/or volunteering your time to work in the local chapters, on the Reunion committee and in any other way that you tell the Boggs story. We all need each other, so during this season of love, hope and peace, let us resolve to stay in touch and to work together. Thank you for the many ways you have represented Boggs Academy.

This time of year is filled with celebrations of all kinds. Many are based on faith and/or family traditions. No matter what your belief system is, please accept our hopes and prayers that you have a safe and loving holiday season.



The BANAA Board

**Announcements:** Make your plans now for our annual **School Reunion** in San Antonio, Texas at the beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel near the airport, on **October 6-9, 2011**. Additional info will be posted on the Boggs website in the near future.

**DVDs** of our Centennial Reunion in Augusta 2006 containing photos and videos along with our DVD of the 2010 Reunion in Atlanta are now available online for purchase. These are quality products digitally recorded and will play on most DVD players and computers. Go to <http://www.boggsacademy.com>

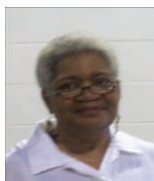
### The Editor's Corner

I am looking for persons interested in contributing news-worthy articles for use in The Boggs Panther. I would like information about what's going on in our alumni chapters as well as information about the impact that Boggs Academy had on the lives of those who attended during the "good ole days."

Pictures are welcomed.

To keep the newsletter current and interesting, I am always looking for "new" news about Boggs Academy, so start sending the news and keep it coming. Send your information to: [newsletter@boggsacademy.com](mailto:newsletter@boggsacademy.com)

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**A Prayer for our Soldiers** by Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein  
"God of Love, God of Peace...I stand before You with respect and concern for those who have been summoned to protect and secure our nation, our world. Give them the courage to meet the chilling stare of death. Show compassion to them as they seek to make the world safer for me and for those I love. Ease the pain of their loneliness as they face the darkness of their daunting task. Let them feel Your presence as You warm the chill of their souls with the blanket of Your light. Help those far from the comfort of home to find value and meaning in their mission; that their sacrifice not be an empty act. Let them sense the yearning of those who await their return and long for their presence— their loved ones, their parents, their children. Protect them when they find themselves in harm's way. Salve their wounds with Your healing balm. Amen."

**Thanks & Christmas blessings to all soldiers!**



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Gift giving...** Need help with choosing a gift? Here are a few freebies.

- The **gift of laughter**-share funny stories, pictures, performances
  - The **gift of listening**-how often do you really listen to what someone is saying
  - The **gift of affection**-hugs, kisses, cuddles, holding hands, a simple pat on the back
  - The **gift of solitude**-sometimes you just need time alone
  - The **gift of a compliment**-watch how their whole face lights up
  - The **gift of a thank you note**-an endangered art form
  - The **gift of a smile**-the best gift you can give a stranger
  - The **gift of a visit**-there are lots of lonely folks near you
- Gifts from the heart cost nothing, and yet, they are usually the most valuable gifts we can give one another.** And isn't that the true meaning of Christmas? Receive the gift of Christmas and pass it on.



If you choose one of the above gifts, no wrapping is necessary. You may be surprised at how much your gift is appreciated. Just give it!

### Christmas Word Search

Words associated with Christmas are hidden in the puzzle. Can you find them all?

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 M Q H W T J A R T A E F S H A A I  
 C D P R P M W S T V M D L F K R B  
 Y Z E Z I Y L N U T M X O R U E O  
 S E T L O S A U Z S E Y R U H I Y  
 Z U Y L Q S T G B L E P A I J N T  
 N S R B I K T M O X P J C T G D I  
 Γ J N D N G M P A R S U N C O C V  
 D D T O S G H C S S T E T A L E I  
 A W Y Z W T U T Y D N G W K E R T  
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 C G S O D C H X T N S Z H W U K N  
 I O N R K L Z D C N E N O J Y I C  
 R W A I D M G N R E R D M R Q M E  
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 G G W Y Q W T S E V L E I U Y I Z  
 I H A I C I C L E S N A A Q P Y L

CARDS  
 CIRCLES  
 CHRISTMAS  
 DINNER  
 ELVES  
 FAMILY  
 FRUITCAKE  
 KICKLES  
 JESUS  
 LIGHTS  
 NATIVITY  
 NORTHPOLE  
 PRESENTS  
 REINDEER  
 SANTA  
 SNOW  
 STAR  
 STOCKING  
 TREE  
 YULELOG

*Joy to the world! The  
 Lord is come; Let  
 earth receive her  
 King; Let ev'ry heart  
 prepare Him room,  
 and heav'n and na-  
 ture sing, and  
 heav'n and nature  
 sing. And heaven,  
 and heaven and  
 nature sing.*



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