

# SBU SET TO HOST IN-PERSON HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES OCT. 1-2

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Southwest Baptist University alumni and friends will celebrate [Homecoming](#) on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 on the Bolivar campus.



“Homecoming weekend is always full of joy and excitement,” said Holly Bridge, director of alumni engagement. “Last year, we hosted a virtual Homecoming and while that was fun, it is certainly more exciting to welcome alumni back to campus face-to-face. Pre-registration has been strong and we are expecting a great group of alumni and parents at Homecoming this year. Seeing alumni, parents of current students, and friends of the university gathered together to fellowship and reminisce about their time at SBU, makes Homecoming

extra special each year.”

The celebration begins on Friday with Honors Chapel at 10 a.m. in Mabee Chapel. The program features the introduction of the Homecoming court and the presentation of alumni honors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic interrupting last year’s activities, both the 2020 and 2021 Life Service Award and Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be recognized.

The 2020 Life Service Awards will be presented to Teresa Marie Pratt Young ‘61, Jane A. Hood ‘72 and William Hooper ‘51 (posthumously), while Bob Glidwell ‘86 will receive the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award. The 2021 Life Service Award recipients include Wayne Garrison ‘74, Matt Stinson ‘97 and Chandra Stinson ‘95, ‘99. Jack Tuckness ‘68 is the 2021 Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award honoree.

Friday also includes the 50-Year Club luncheon at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Class of ‘70/’71 reunion from 1-3 p.m. The annual Student Bed Races run at 4:30 p.m. on the Burnidge Memorial Forum. In addition, SBU’s [women’s](#) and [men’s soccer](#) teams will take on Lindenwood University at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, while the alumni basketball game will be played at 7:30 p.m. The alumni banquet will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. in Mellers Dining Commons.

The Bearcat 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run/walk, to benefit the Justin Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund, kicks off the activities at 8:15 a.m. Saturday. Included in the many events on Saturday is the alumni breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Homecoming parade at 10 a.m. The Bearcat Bash, which is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., includes inflatables and games for kids of all ages. The [SBU football](#) game vs. the University of Indianapolis starts at 1 p.m., with the king and queen coronation taking place at halftime.

The Bearcat Bash, a family friendly event with food and activities, is free for those who pre-registered. For those who did not pre-register, tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. While pre-registration is closed, tickets for all Homecoming events can be purchased at the Homecoming registration booth in the Student Union on Friday from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information and listing of events for SBU Homecoming, go to [advance.SBUiv.edu/Homecoming](https://advance.SBUiv.edu/Homecoming) or contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at (417) 328-1806.

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