for many years, Charisma has served not only the Pentecostal/charismatic community, but also the wider evangelical community. We know the two communities overlap, yet when we created Charisma’s Best Christian Universities, Colleges and Schools, we were primarily aiming to serve the Pentecostal/charismatic institutions of higher learning because they have few other avenues to reach potential students. We believe sending young people to a Christian institution of higher learning is vital today, partly because as the American culture becomes more and more ungodly, we need strong Christian leaders—which is what these institutions produce. We also know that secular schools can often challenge a student’s faith to the extent that students fall away from their Christian faith. This motivates parents and grandparents to get their college-bound students in Christian schools, where their faith is developed rather than destroyed.

Because of this, Charisma’s Best Christian Universities, Colleges and Schools is more than just an advertising vehicle; it’s our attempt to serve this community with a guide that is informative, authoritative, and helps parents, grandparents and students make a wise decision—including looking at colleges they may not know exist.

We started with a list of 311 Christian schools and narrowed it down to the 268 currently included. Though the listings are free, many colleges paid for an enhanced listing or bought display advertising so they could tell their story in their own way. To help you focus on which schools are either Pentecostal/charismatic or are open to Pentecostal/charismatic theology, we added an icon that is a Holy Spirit dove next to these schools. These are the ones we call “Charisma’s Best.”

We also eliminated any colleges we knew were anti-Pentecostal. In fact, a couple of schools we contacted even asked us to take them off our list, which we did. However, many Protestant and evangelical colleges with solid reputations are open to Pentecostal/charismatic students. Though we’ve done due diligence, we can’t vouch for every school. We believe our information is correct and that the schools we’re endorsing merit this; however, we want this to be interactive, so if we’ve made a mistake, please contact us so that we can make changes in the future. Likewise, if we haven’t included a university, college or Bible school that should be listed, send us contact information for that school so that we can research it more and make a qualified decision. More than anything, we hope this listing serves as an invaluable guide during the key process of selecting a school.—Steve Strang, Publisher
ALABAMA

Amridge University
Montgomery, AL
Phone: (334) 367-7000
Website: amridgeuniversity.edu
Email: admissions@amridgeuniversity.edu
Affiliation: Nondenominational
Degrees: Bachelor's, Master's

Bethany Bible College
Dothan, AL
Phone: (334) 793-3189
Website: bethanybc.edu
Email: N/A
Affiliation: Baptist
Degrees: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Concordia College
Selma, AL
Phone: (334) 874-5700
Website: cc.edu
Email: N/A
Affiliation: Lutheran
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

Southeastern Bible College
Birmingham, AL
Phone: (205) 970-9200
Website: sebc.edu
Email: info@sebc.edu
Affiliation: Nondenominational
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

Huntsville Bible College
Huntsville, AL
Phone: (256) 539-0834
Website: hbc.edu
Email: registrar@hbc.edu
Affiliation: Nondenominational
Degrees: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

In Character School of Ministry
Mobile, AL
Phone: (251) 651-1951
Website: getincharacter.org
Email: info@getincharacter.org
Affiliation: Assemblies of God
Degrees: Associate

Judson College
Marion, AL
Phone: (800) 447-9472
Website: judson.edu
Email: admissions@judson.edu
Affiliation: Baptist
Degrees: Bachelor's

ALASKA

Alaska Bible College
Glenallen, AK
Phone: (800) 478-7884
Website: akbible.edu
Email: info@akbible.edu
Affiliation: Nondenominational
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's

Alaska Christian College
Soldotna, AK
Phone: (877) 222-7211
Website: alaskacc.edu
Email: mail@alaskacc.edu
Affiliation: Evangelical
Degrees: Certificate

Alaska Pacific University
Anchorage, AK
Phone: (800) 252-7528
Website: alaskapacific.edu
Email: admissions@alaskapacific.edu
Affiliation: Methodist
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

ARKANSAS

Central Baptist College
Conway, AR
Phone: (800) 205-6872
Website: cbc.edu
Email: info@cbc.edu
Affiliation: Baptist Missionary Association of America
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's

Eccelesia College
Springdale, AR
Phone: (479) 248-7236
Website: ecclesia.edu
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Affiliation: Interdenominational
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's

CALIFORNIA

Azusa Pacific University
Azusa, CA
Phone: (800) 625-5278
Website: apu.edu
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Affiliation: Interdenominational
Degrees: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Bethesda Christian University
Anaheim, CA
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Website: buc.edu
Email: admissions@buc.edu
Affiliation: Pentecostal
Degrees: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Biola University
La Mirada, CA
Phone: (562) 903-6000
Website: biola.edu
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Affiliation: Nondenominational
Degrees: Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

California Baptist University
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Phone: (877) 228-8866
Website: cbaptrust.edu
Email: admissions@cbaptrust.edu
Affiliation: California Southern Baptist Convention
Degrees: Bachelor's, Master's