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THE BOARD, A BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH 2008 PRODUCTION, TO BE RELEASED ON DVD AUGUST 4, 2009

The meeting has come to order...The battle has begun...The verdict impacts eternity...

Film festival award winner, Brett Varvel directs this captivating story about the fate of one man's soul through a dramatic tale, which introduces a new perspective on the inner debates of man and speaks to the faith community & the world in an entirely new way

I think this is an astonishingly good piece of filmmaking and genuine ministry. The conclusion literally had me in tears on a plane back to Washington D.C. – Congressman Mike Pence



Los Angeles, Calif. (July 30, 2009) –***The Board***, an emotionally-gripping film produced by Bethesda Baptist Church, will release nationwide on DVD August 4, 2009.

A dynamic story of internal struggles, ***The Board*** captures the elements of life-transforming films such as *Chariots of Fire* and *Fireproof*, telling the poignant story of how God speaks to each person's soul. ***The Board*** explores the personal conflicts within, as represented by a board of directors, Mind, Emotion, Will, Memory, Conscience, and Heart as it introduces difficult questions that lead to eternal consequences, exposing the board's hypocritical foundation.

Based on a script written by Bethesda Baptist Church member, Gary Varvel, ***The Board*** included over 60 members from the church being involved in every facet of the production. Gary Varvel, an editorial cartoonist for the Indianapolis Star, looked to his son Brett Varvel, to direct the film. Brett is not a stranger to entertainment as he was named a two-time, Dave Letterman scholarship winner at Ball State University, a regional Emmy Award Winner, and a film festival award winner.

"THE BOARD is a beautifully photographed, dramatic tale....the production quality is very good. Like FACING THE GIANTS and FIREPROOF, it was produced by a Baptist church which had some talented members of the congregation, one of whom had been involved in the entertainment industry for a while....it is a memorable movie that deserves commendation" – Movieguide.org

Culminating two and half years of preparation, ***The Board*** was filmed on location in Brownsburg, Indiana. Father and son, Gary and Brett Varvel, partnered with Bethesda Baptist Church to deliver this very powerful message in a short, inspiring film.

Not unlike another popular 2008 film, *Fireproof*, ***The Board*** was almost entirely produced by a Baptist church, very far removed from the scene in Hollywood, who had many talented congregation members, several of whom were professionals in television and film, audio, lighting, construction, and electrical industries. Dozens of church members volunteered their expertise and time with various aspects of this film and were involved with the production, which primarily took place over a week of shooting in June 2008, on the Bethesda campus.

With an estimated budget of over \$350,000, ***The Board*** was filmed for a fraction of the cost. California's Wexler Video loaned hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of movie equipment which included a \$45,000 high-definition camera all for free. Volunteers constructed the boardroom set in the Bethesda Christian Elementary School gym where the 32-minute film was shot.

The Board premiered in November 2008, in Brownsburg, IN, near Bethesda Baptist Church where over 900 people attended four separate screenings of the film. Following the premiere, volunteers trekked in the cold weather and delivered DVDs to over 6,000 households throughout the Indianapolis suburb.

Since its opening, ***The Board*** has been touching the lives of thousands with its soul-searching examination of good and evil. God's standards for men are discussed in length by the film's elusive characters, prompting enlightening discussions in and out of homes and churches all across America.

To view a trailer of the movie, please visit www.boardmovie.com or for more information call 317-852-3101. For additional press materials about ***The Board*** DVD, please visit the official online press room at www.pressvillage.com/theboard.

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