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Barksdale play included in Acts of Faith event

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The Barksdale Theatre opens its 2010 season with the Southern comedy, "First Baptist of Ivy Gap," on Friday, Feb. 5.

By Ron Osborne and directed by Bruce Miller, "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" will be presented Feb. 5 through March 14 at the historic Hanover Tavern at 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road in Hanover.

Publicist Judith W. Crenshaw said "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" is full of humor and pathos. The play introduces "six very different women who come together during World War II at church to roll bandages and plan the church's 75th anniversary.



"We meet Edith, the pastor's wise-cracking wife, the witty Luby, Mae Ellen, the rebellious organist and more zany characters. Fast forwarding 25 years, these six women reunite, but much has changed ... and hasn't."

Crenshaw said the production is "reminiscent of that delightful group from 'Steel Magnolias'."

"First Baptist of Ivy Gap" is part of The Acts of Faith Festival, the nation's largest faith-inspired theatre event. The panel discussion will take place on Sunday, Feb. 21, immediately following the 2 p.m. performance. (You

do not have to attend that particular performance to attend the discussion afterwards).

Faith groups (of 15 or more) attending during the festival will receive a reduced \$28 ticket price. For more information about the festival, visit www.theactsof-faith.org.

Single tickets are \$38, adults, and \$35, seniors. Last-minute rush tickets are \$20. Special U-Tickets with student ID are \$10.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Barksdale Theatre's Box Office at 282-2620 or online at www.BarksdaleRichmond.org.

