



Chronology

1971

Lynchburg Baptist College was founded by Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

1972

Lynchburg Baptist gained affiliation with the National Christian Collegiate Association.

1975

Lynchburg Baptist College was renamed Liberty Baptist College, with the school colors changing from green and gold to red, white and blue. The Flames joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as an associate member. The Liberty Baptist women's basketball team played its first varsity schedule in 1975-76, under head coach Brenda Bonheim and assistant coach Curt Christians, finishing 7-1.

1977

Linda Farver became LBC's second head women's basketball coach in program history.

1980

Liberty Baptist joined the NCAA at the Division II level as an associate member.

1981

Liberty Baptist became a full member at the NCAA Division II level, and also became eligible for NAIA postseason competition.

Feb. 21, 1981

Brenda Gunsallus became the first Lady Flame to score 1,000 points, reaching the milestone during a contest at William & Mary. Gunsallus is one of two Liberty players (also Elena Kisseleva) to tally her 1,000th point during her second season with the Lady Flames.

Sept. 1, 1983

Liberty Baptist was accepted as a member of the East Coast Athletic Conference.

1983

Liberty Baptist joined the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference.

1984

The Flames dropped their NAIA affiliation and became eligible for NCAA Division II postseason competition.

1985

Liberty Baptist College became Liberty University.

1986

Mike Goad took over as the third head women's basketball coach in Liberty history.

Sept. 1, 1988

Liberty was accepted for NCAA Division I membership.

Nov. 27, 1988

Liberty defeated Maryland-Eastern Shore, 83-56, at the VCU Thanksgiving Tournament, marking the Lady Flames' first NCAA Division I triumph.

1989

Sue Kelly took the reins as the fourth head women's basketball coach in program history.

1990

Rick Reeves became the fifth head women's basketball coach in program history.

Dec. 7, 1990

Liberty played its first game at the Vines Center, an 86-74 loss to ETSU.

July 1, 1991

Liberty became an official member of the Big South Conference.

1992

Liberty began playing all of its home games at the Vines Center.

March 1, 1997

Liberty beat UNC Greensboro by an 89-82 count at the Vines Center to win its first-ever Big South Championship title.

March 14, 1997

The Lady Flames lost to host Old Dominion, 102-52, in their first trip to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

Feb. 28, 1998

Liberty won its program and conference-record 28th consecutive game, defeating UNC Asheville, 65-53, for the program's second Big South Championship.

March 14, 1998

The Lady Flames faced eventual national champion Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The matchup marked the first time in tournament history two undefeated teams squared off.

June 8, 1999

Carey Green was named the sixth head women's basketball coach in program history.

Feb. 3, 2000

Elena Kisseleva broke the Big South Conference's all-time scoring record by tallying her 2,021st point during a 73-37 home win over High Point. She finished her career with 2,154 points.

Nov. 26, 2002

The Lady Flames' 77-69 overtime victory over No. 23 Virginia at the Vines Center marked the team's first-ever win over a Top 25 opponent in program history.

2004

Katie Feenstra became the Lady Flames' first All-American, earning honorable mention Associated Press All-America accolades.

March 20, 2005

Liberty upset No. 4-seeded Penn State, 78-70, for the Lady Flames' first-ever NCAA Tournament victory.

March 22, 2005

The Lady Flames knocked off No. 5 seed DePaul by an 88-79 margin to reach the "Sweet 16."

April 16, 2005

Liberty graduate Katie Feenstra was selected by the Connecticut Sun with the No. 8 pick of the WNBA Draft's opening round. She was then dealt to the San Antonio Silver Stars the same day.

Feb. 18, 2006

Liberty's 62-53 home win over High Point made Carey Green the winningest women's basketball coach in Big South history with 159 victories.

March 16, 2008

Liberty defeated Radford, 66-65, in the Big South Championship title game, giving the Lady Flames their 11th Big South title. Megan Frazee's game-winning shot from close range with 0.3 seconds remaining enabled the Lady Flames to tie the school single-season record with their 28th win.

April 9, 2009

Liberty graduate Megan Frazee was taken by the San Antonio Silver Stars with the No. 14 pick of the WNBA Draft (first pick of the second round).

May 28, 2009

The Lady Flames' run of 10 consecutive Big South championships, between the 1996-97 and 2005-06 seasons, was named the No. 1 moment in the Big South Conference's first 25 years of existence.

June 2, 2011

Elena (Kisseleva) Bengds was the first Liberty women's basketball player to be inducted into the Big South Hall of Fame.

Feb. 4, 2012

Avery Warley pulled down her 1,128th career rebound during a triumph at Campbell, eclipsing the Big South Conference all-time rebounding record. She finished her career with a conference-best 1,282 boards.

May 20, 2012

Liberty graduate Avery Warley made her WNBA debut with the Phoenix Mercury, after making the team as an undrafted free agent.

June 30, 2018

Liberty wrapped up its successful 27-year run as a Big South Conference member with 16 Big South regular-season championships and 17 Big South Championship titles.

July 1, 2018

Liberty became an official member of the ASUN Conference.

2019-20 Season

Liberty played its 30th and final season at the Vines Center. The Lady Flames had won eight games in a row and qualified for the ASUN Women's Basketball Championship title game when the season was cut short due to health concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19. Liberty and FGCU were named co-champions of the 2020 ASUN Women's Basketball Championship due to the cancellation of the title game.