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Celebrate

Last October, after 26 years of translation work by **Tommy g85** and **Konni (Sayler g86) Logan** and their team, four men shouldered boxes of the first Kasua New Testament into the Musula village. The people in this remote village in Papua New Guinea **CELEBRATED** while singing, “God’s book has come.”



Tommy and Konni (Sayler) Logan

Do you realize this is not the only language translation of the Bible that Fort Wayne alumni have done?

While I am WOWed and give thanks for our alumni who have done linguistic work, I also give thanks for Fort Wayne alumni who have faithfully served in schools, churches, nonprofits, businesses, counseling centers, publishing, homes, and the list goes on.

God has used this campus’ alumni to touch the nations one person or one family at a time. In this issue, we will **CELEBRATE** and give thanks to God for these men and women for their faithful work, service, or accomplishments.

Please **CELEBRATE** with me giving thanks to God for our Fort Wayne family. We each have different gifts and abilities. We each have different spheres of influence. Yet, each of us came to the intersection of Indiana and Rudisill, where our callings took shape.

We have incredible reasons to **CELEBRATE** and give thanks for what He has done and continues to do in and through you and those who came before.

Giving thanks, as we **care, connect, and CELEBRATE**,



Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Alumni & Friend Relations

P.S. The Logans have recently moved back to the U.S., where they have begun translating the Old Testament.

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Day of Giving Causes Celebration

By Dr. Jay Platte g69

March 16 began with a beautiful sunrise at the Alumni Center. The third annual Day of Giving had arrived. All was prepared for Facebook LIVE reports, interviews, guests, meals, and methods for giving as we desired to reach the goal of the day.

Volunteers arrived and were eager to begin their assigned tasks. **Michael Mortensen g91**, director of Fort Wayne alumni and friend relations, opened the day with prayer as alumni joined us online and in person.

While the connections with our alumni are always special, a highlight was the Facebook LIVE interviews that Michael and **Char (Miller) Binkley g64** conducted. **Dr. Daryl Yost h96**; **Steve Morley g65**; **Ron Scharfe**; **Donovan Coley g85**; **Bill Gerig g61**; **Dick Baxter g70**; **Melissa Dessaigne**, The Summit's executive director; **Tondra Call g01**; **Barb Coon g67**; **Sonja Strahm g67**; and **Dr. Wes Gerig g51** all joined us in person or virtually. These interviews had over 3,500 hits on Facebook, where alumni posted comments.

Throughout the day **Stephanie (Cox) Demorest g03**, office manager, kept the "tote board" updated and incoming communications flowing.

"The day is always incredibly fun as alumni from different decades get acquainted with those they never knew while on campus," Char said. "Some reconnect after many years, telling lots of stories and memories, which garners laughter as volunteers have time to share with each other."

As of press time, 145 donations have been given or pledged for a total of \$30,871 for Day of Giving towards our annual goal of \$71,000, which must be met by May 31, 2018.

The inaugural Decade Challenge provided competitive fun, with the 60s decade taking the lead by the end of the Day of Giving.

Since the Fort Wayne Alumni Center is self-funded, monies raised go directly to support your Alumni Center as we continue our mission of caring, connecting, and celebrating alumni of the Fort Wayne campus for the glory of God.

Editor's Note:

Go to fwalumnicenter.org/dayofgiving and look for the "Faces, Fun & Faculty" tile to view photographs and the interviews. Gifts and pledges are also needed and appreciated via mail, online, or now by texting **GREEN** to 91999.

CARE

Alumna Celebrates After Successful Brain Surgery

By Andrea (Matetic) Osmun g05

There's this aspect of faith that we live with trust, and we don't demand that God lives up to our expectations,"

Jenni (Ritschard) Cannariato g10 said just two months after major brain surgery.

Jenni never imagined her life would take this turn. In 2006 during Jenni's freshman year at Taylor University Fort Wayne, **Thomas Cannariato fs08** orchestrated their meeting by inviting a group of friends out for a movie. Dating on campus, followed by a long-distance relationship led to marriage in 2012 and life began together in Oregon.

Married, with a loving husband, Jenni was the picture of contentment; but then two years ago, things took a dramatic turn. On a movie date with Thomas, she took a drink from a straw and felt her face go numb.

"I thought I was having a stroke and I started freaking out. It was on one side of my face, but I could still speak and function

normally," explained Jenni. But over time, it became more frequent.

Last year, after Jenni became pregnant and gave birth to their son, Judah, she realized something was seriously wrong. "I was having weird dizziness episodes and ringing in my right ear," she said. She wasn't bouncing back



Thomas fs08 and Jenni (Ritschard) Cannariato g10 with son Judah.

from childbirth as she expected.

Her doctor gave her two options: Continue to monitor her symptoms or schedule a CT Scan to rule out anything serious. Jenni requested a CT scan. The results were not what Jenni and Thomas were expecting.

“They found a mass in my brain,” Jenni said. “We spent a week panicking and wondering, if it was cancerous, if it was operable, and if I was going to die.”

Jenni’s surgery was scheduled for Nov. 20, but three days before, Jenni got a cold. The doctor could not perform surgery if she was ill.

Jenni was so disappointed, not because she was looking forward to the surgery but because everything had been carefully lined up. Medical insurance was in place and childcare for Judah was set.

“Honestly, through the whole situation, I never really sat there and said, ‘Why, God, why?’ until that point. We had all the details figured out, and then it was cancelled.”

Jenni’s surgery, scheduled for two months later on January 22 was 11 ½ hours long.

She explained that the length of surgery was no big deal for her as her hardest part was the hour or two before the surgery. But the 11 ½ hours were very hard for her husband.

The majority of the large, benign tumor was removed. Only a small part of the tumor on Jenni’s brain stem was left because the doctors didn’t want to risk damaging her cranial nerves. The doctors assured her that it should die out over time.

Unfortunately, the surgery did damage Jenni’s auditory nerve destroying the hearing in

her right ear. There are also complications with her right eye.

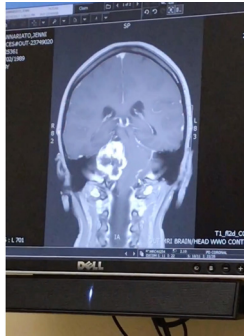
“I came home, and for the first two weeks, I didn’t know if I’d ever be myself again,” Jenni said. “My husband had to do everything for me. I was using a walker. After three weeks, Jenni and Thomas celebrated Judah’s return home from his grandparents’ home. My recovery improved so much faster after Judah was home,” Jenni said. “Wanting to sit and play with him and feed him was a huge part of my recovery, which required me to get down and up from the floor.”

As she continues to recover, Jenni prays for continued healing of her eye so she can drive and then return to work at a local church. This year Jenni will need three MRIs to check the tumor’s growth. Chances of growth is low, but the risk is the highest in the first year.

“Even though people told me that in the midst of this hard thing, I would experience God’s presence as never before, that was not my reality. But I still found hope,” Jenni said.

“So many people were praying for healing without surgery and for no loss of hearing. For a while, it was hard for me to think about God. Why was He not showing up in the way I expected him to?” Jenni said. “But now I realize that God is very big and very different from us but also very good.

“I still can’t say ‘That experience was so good for me,’” Jenni concluded. “But I know that just because God doesn’t show up in the way you want or expect doesn’t mean He’s not there with you.”



Scan showing tumor

CONNECT

Celebrating A New Website to Connect Us

By Kayleen Reusser fs82

One of the best ways for our Fort Wayne alumni to stay connected is through our new Fort Wayne Alumni Center website.

The Fort Wayne Alumni Center celebrated the unveiling of a new website format and address, www.fwalumnicenter.org, in September 2017. According to Director **Michael Mortensen g91**, the update was necessary. “We needed a mobile-friendly website that would enhance our desire to care, connect, and celebrate with and for our alumni,” Michael explained.

After the second annual Day of Giving in March 2017, Michael expressed gratefulness for the generosity of alumni which made the new website possible, saying, “We will be able to create the new website because of our faithful donors.”

That generosity provided the website and more! Those gifts enabled the hiring of both a feature writer for *FW Vine* and the website and a contract custodian, and they provided more much-needed hours for **Stephanie (Cox) Demorest g93**, office manager, for the Center.

The new website was designed by a team of professionals, including Taylor University IT department employees Melissa Garr and

Phil Macomber, plus graduate student **Nick Cartwright g13**. “We could not have done the site without their expertise,” Michael said. “They also saved us significant time and money.” With input from Michael, **Dr. Jay Platte g69**, and the Alumni Council, the project was started in January and completed by September 2017.

Michael acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the consistent efforts of alumni volunteer Jay for his suggestions and site maintenance. “As the site’s webmaster, Jay makes sure everything on the website works,” he said. “Jay continually teaches himself

new tools for web development, and I appreciate his partnership.”

The new website offers numerous features to keep alumni connected, beginning with the convenience of a hot link to the web page that can be created on an iPhone/Android phone or tablet via instructions at the website’s home page: www.fwalumnicenter.org/hotlink.

Additional new features making it easier for alumni to stay connected include tiles to submit alumni updates and prayer requests, request transcripts, and connect with social media and YouTube pages.

Looking for something specific? You can quickly access information via these web pages:



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Archival

Archival information from yearbooks, catalogs, and publications: www.fwalumnicenter.org/yearbooks. Search by name of publication and year. Example: Fort Wayne Bible College Catalog, 1976.

Photos

Photos, audio clips, documents, and videos of campus events and people: www.fwalumnicenter.org/celebrate/archives

News Notes

News Notes, consistently one of the site's most popular destinations, can be read and submitted for weddings, deaths, new jobs, births, and other significant events. The search feature has been expanded: www.fwalumnicenter.org/newsnotes

C Performing Group Directories

Christian Service Performing Groups Directory—**Joy Gerig g52** and **g66** and Jay, with the assistance of department secretaries, compiled a directory of all Christian service gospel teams and performing groups: www.fwalumnicenter.org/CSDirectory

News Stories

News stories: www.fwalumnicenter.org/news

Distinguished Campus Servants

Distinguished Campus Servants: www.fwalumnicenter.org/servants. Visitors are encouraged to add a tribute and suggestions for others who might qualify.

Did Ya Know?

Did Ya Know? Little-known stories about the campus and its history, people, and events: www.fwalumnicenter.org/didyaknow

Jay explained differences between the new website and alumni Facebook pages. “While some information is placed on both, each has individual strengths,” he said. For example, special events such as Day of Giving will feature short videos on Facebook, while more detailed information is available on the website: www.fwalumnicenter.org/dayofgiving.

Historical content, including archival, may be listed at the website but not posted on Facebook. In-depth details about events like Reunion Weekends, with registration, schedules, menus, announcements, special instructions, and other information, are posted at the website with reminders on Facebook.

Time-sensitive information shared with the Alumni Center is posted as soon as possible to both sites.

Michael encourages alumni to use the site regularly. “We celebrate this incredible tool that gives us more current and thorough communication with each other. We can stay current in celebrating God’s excellence in the past, present, and future.”

Editor’s Note:

We pay tribute to **Phil Macomber, 51**, who passed away in his sleep on January 4, 2018. Surviving are his wife and their two sons. Thank you, Phil, for always being a friend to the Fort Wayne Alumni Center.



CELEBRATING...

Celebrating Leadership

Angie (Binkley) Moellering g86, President/ CEO of Lutheran Social Services of

Indiana (LSSI), began at LSSI as a Fort Wayne Bible College (FWBC) intern.

LSSI's mission is to express the love of Jesus Christ through services that empower individuals and families to move toward social, emotional, and spiritual wholeness.

Under Angie's leadership and through the work of 70 staff members, there was cause for celebration as 5,596 children and adults in northern Indiana were assisted in 2017.

Two new programs include LSSI Works and Balance Works.

LSSI Works is an employment initiative providing the unemployed or underemployed with 786 hours of personal and professional skill training to find full-time, sustainable employment. Employed student are followed for a year to ensure long-term success.

Balance Works provides integrated mind-body-spirit therapy for children and adults to empower individuals to overcome barriers and traumatic experiences for life freely lived through a network of support.

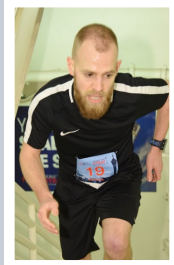
"The Bible and theology training I received at FWBC provided a solid foundation of truth, which has tethered me to biblical truth when facing life's challenges amid a culture denying truth," Angie said.



Jackett Celebrates At the Top

By Kayleen Reusser fs82

In 2013, desiring to support a friend's charity, **Josh Jackett g02** participated in SkyRise Chicago. It was his first stair climbing event, and it took him to the top of Willis Tower (formerly known as Sears Tower) in Chicago. Since then, Josh has devoted himself to the sport.



Today, Josh, who trains six days a week, is ranked 38th in the U.S. for stair climbing events.

"Nearly anyone can climb stairs," he said. "When you come out on top, you can look down on the city. It puts what you've accomplished into perspective."

Josh has competed in TowerRunning USA's championship at the Stratosphere in Las Vegas; Bop to the Top in Indianapolis; Hustle Up the Hancock at the now-former John Hancock Center in Chicago (94 stories, 1,632 steps); a climb of the Space Needle in Seattle; and a climb of Chicago's Presidential Towers (four buildings, 585 steps) as part of the annual Fight for Air Climb.

Josh lives in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, and works in Milwaukee as a securities operations associate. He recently launched Stair Life, a news and information project for climbers.

Editor's Note: For the complete story, visit: www.fwalumnnicenter.org.

ALUMNI!

Nayrocker Authors New Book

By Kayleen Reusser fs82

Countless Fort Wayne alumni have published books, which is reason to celebrate.

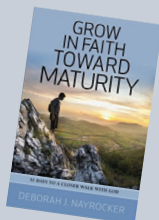
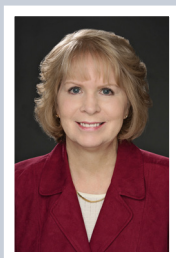
The latest, award-winning author **Deborah Nayrocker fs79**, has completed

Grow in Faith toward Maturity: 31 Days to a Closer Walk with God. Her book on spiritual formation addresses the need for Christians to know God in a personal and meaningful way.

“Too often believers in Christ consider the act of salvation to be an intellectual decision and not a transformational one,” Deborah said. “Yet it is the same power of God that brings about their newfound faith and enables them to continue to grow and change.”

With the premise that it’s never too late to enjoy a close relationship with God, she divides the 172-page book into 31 chapters that serve for daily devotional use. The chapters focus on eight spiritual actions that can encourage and equip a reader’s faith to grow and develop into a Christ-like character.

The spiritual growth book can be ordered through Credo House Publishers or Amazon. A previous title by Deborah is *The Art of Debt-Free Living*. Learn more about Deborah at deborahnayrocker.com.



Boozell Recognized

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

Josh Boozell g02 was recently recognized for exceeding his sales goals by

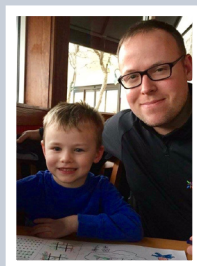
Target Specialty Products in Las Vegas at their annual sales meeting, and we celebrate with him.

Josh is a technical sales representative for Target in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, where he provides training and support to pest control professionals. He has served with Target for two years.

While on the Fort Wayne campus, he was an intercultural studies major, where he honed his ability to work with people with different personalities and from different backgrounds, which has helped him in the field of sales.

“Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) gave me the value of building genuine and meaningful relationships, which has helped me as I provide support for my customers,” Josh noted.

Josh and his wife, **Linde (Payne g02)**, former assistant director for Bethany Hall, have one more reason to celebrate, as they welcomed Wyatt Emerson on November 9, 2017. He joins Sydney, 9, and Miles, 5 (see News Notes). The Boozells live in Newark, Ohio.



CONNECT

Celebrating Bunker's Faithfulness in Service

By *Char (Miller) Binkley g64*

In 1978, **Marsha (Byall) Bunker g83** was doing an outstanding job as faculty secretary in her office across from the switchboard on Witmer's first floor. The WBCL Radio staff noticed! As Marsha prepared to take a break from college for a full-time position in the corporate world, the WBCL staff invited Marsha to join the WBCL team instead.



Now, 40 years later, Marsha is still serving WBCL with excellence, which we celebrate. She began as a secretary and later held such roles as coordinator of special events, executive director (for five years), and now manager of finance and administration, which is her favorite area.

Marsha's skills were maximized as she coordinated such events as A Day Away, a semi-annual event with over 30,000 attending during the years it was held, and Kid's Day, an annual talent show and peanut hunt on the college lawn.

"My joy is two-fold," Marsha says: "Knowing that the ministry of WBCL is making a difference in the lives of listeners every day and working with wonderful people over these years."

Scholarship Provides

By *Michael D. Mortensen g91*

Each year the Fort Wayne Alumni and Employee Dependent Endowed Scholarship, originally funded by the annual Phonathon, is awarded to 14 or 15 students at Taylor University, which causes their families to celebrate.

One of the recipients the past two years is **Colin Beard cs20**, son of **Jim g88** and **Sondra (Allen g93) Beard**, who is studying management/systems.



"It has certainly made a huge impact in getting a Christ-centered education by providing the financial support I needed to go to college," Colin said. "Taylor has provided me with incredible opportunities to serve God as a leader and disciple. I have grown widely in spiritual maturity and wisdom in the scriptures and the calling of God," Colin concluded.

This past January, Colin and 13 other students volunteered at Project Mercy in Yetebon, Ethiopia, where they were able to serve others overseas humbly in love. Colin also sings in the Taylor Chorale.

Other dependents of Fort Wayne graduates receiving the scholarship include: **Jayson Burden cs19**, **Kenzie Harris cs20**, **Connor Powell cs18**, and **Logan Tuckey cs21**.



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Class of 1958

Dr. David g58 and **Esther (Hofstetter g58) Bicker** participated in the 31st Annual David C. Bicker Communication IMPACT Conference, which was named in David's honor, at Azusa Pacific University, where he had served as a professor before retirement. The Bickers live in Blue Ridge, GA.

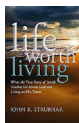
Class of 1967

Chuck Yingling g67 married Kay Brown on September 16, 2017. The Yinglings live in Urbandale, IA.

Class of 1969

Dr. John g69 and **Sandy (Eicher g69) Strubhar** began a new interim ministry at First Baptist Church in Kingsburg, CA, on March 1. This is their third interim

since they retired from full-time ministry in 2014. John has recently written two new bible study books, *In Pursuit of the Greatest Gift: What the Love Chapter Reveals About Godly Living!* and *Life Worth Living: What the True Story of Jonah Teaches Us About God and Living on His Terms*, that have just been released and are available on Amazon in both print and digital formats.



immigrants since 2007. She received her master's degree in TESOL from Cornerstone University in 2010, and she just returned from Myanmar (Burma), where she taught English to children in a small Christian school. Linda and her husband, **Bruce g72**, live in Grand Rapids, MI.

Class of 1977

Gary A. Fortney g77 has been serving at the Arizona Department of Education in Title 1 for more than 20 years. He lives in Phoenix, AZ.

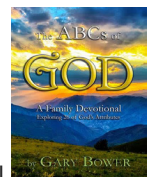
Class of 1974

Janet Nickel g74 continues her work to prevent human trafficking in Sierra Leone, where she is currently discipling four individuals, who also are making disciples.

Linda (Roath) Masopust g74 has been teaching English to adult

Class of 1980

Gary Bower g80 has just completed another of his 20 picture books—*The ABCs of GOD*, which is a beautiful



way help your family discover what the God of the Bible has to say about Himself. Gary and his wife, **Jan (Norris fs81)**, an award-winning artist and illustrator, live in Traverse City, MI.

Steve Harrigan g80 just returned from five weeks in Sierra Leone to follow up on discipleship training and networks he had set up to help the local churches and leaders. From there his wife, **Sheila (Hilty g82)**, joined him in another country (unnamed for security), where they and a team helped a Fort Wayne alumni couple for a week on their farm.

Skip Kite g80 continues to serve children with Eternal Impact, a ministry of Fellowship International Mission, in NJ. Recently, he shared of God's miraculous provision for a household issue and a car after he bagged his first deer, an 8-point buck—unfortunately, he had “bagged” it with his car.

Class of 1983

Dr. Jacqueline Huggins g83 continues to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators Summer Institute of Linguistics, where she has served since 1984. She lives in the Philippines.

Class of 1986

Donn Dietz g86 moved back to Fort Wayne from Virginia Beach, VA, in December 2017. He is a field service technician



at Integrity One Technologies. On January 20, Donn married Susan Bannister.

Judy (Cuckler) Dixon g86 has been an elementary education teacher since graduating, with the exception of taking a break to have three children. After several grades at different Christian schools, Judy is now at Merritt Island Christian School, where she is the media specialist. She also has received her master's degree in technology in education. She and her husband, George, live in Merritt Island, FL.

Class of 1991

Al Manning g91 has moved to Monroe, OH, where he continues to minister with Encouraging Encounters through World Outreach Missions.

Class of 2002

Josh g02 and Linde (Payne g02) Boozell welcomed Wyatt Emerson on November 9. He weighed 6 lb., 9 oz., and was 20 in. long. Wyatt joins Syndey, 9, and Miles, 5. The Boozells live in Newark, OH.

Daniel “Bo” Holden g02 joined Rothberg Logan & Warsco, Fort Wayne, as an attorney for the firm's business transactions group. Bo, his wife, Ashley, and their daughter live in Fort Wayne.



Dr. René Frank's Works Now Available

By Jay Platte g69

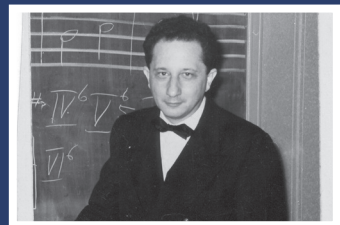
Dr. René Frank served as professor, performer, and administrator at Fort Wayne Bible College from 1951 to 1965. His composition talent drew notable artists and groups to the Fort Wayne campus.



With close to 100 works in a variety of idioms—from piano and vocal solos to chamber and symphonic works—the Alumni Center is making his works available through the www.afwalumnicenter.org/store for alumni, music teachers, the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA), area professional ensembles, and others.

It is our hope that many will keep René's music alive for years to come. He truly was a uniquely gifted composer that we celebrate.

Editor's Note: Go to www.fwalumnicenter.org/servant/ren-frank to read more about René's testimony and his compositions.



Class of 2003

Jenni (Edgar g03) and Sam **Runkle** welcomed Vivian Rose on February 3. She was 7.5 lbs. and 20 in. long. Vivian joins brothers William Alexander, 9, Joseph Franklin, 8, Eli Wayne, 7, Benjamin Clay, 5, and Matthew James, 2. The Runkles live in Hoagland, IN.

Bethany Sprinkle fs03 married

David **Hodges** on October 3, 2015.

They reside in

Clinton, SC. The Hodges welcomed Wade Lee on January 30. He weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz., and was 18 in. long.



Class of 2005

Michael Clancy g05 married

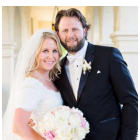
Catherine Eckland on May 6, 2017, in Phoenix, AZ.

Several TUFW alums were in

attendance, including **Danny g04** and

Ashley (Leifheit fs04) Smith and **Evan g04** and **Stephanie (Ramsey g04) Boggs**. The Clancys reside in

Phoenix, where Michael is an attorney. On January 29 the Clancys welcomed Michael Paul Clancy III. He weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and was 19 in.



Brianna (Harper) Collins g05 and

her husband, Jarid, welcomed Zane Aaron on October 29, 2017. He was 9 lbs., 2 oz. The Collinses now have three boys and live in Wesley Chapel, FL.

Class of 2007

Darlene (Divine g07) and Brad **Hoffpaur**

welcomed Rhett David on December

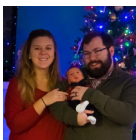
26, 2017. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and was 22 in. long. The Hoffpauirs live in Lake Charles, LA.



Sarah (Swanson g07) and Andrew

Jones welcomed their son, Andrew Wayne Jones, Jr., on

December 19, 2017. Andrew weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20.75 in. long. The Joneses live in Indianapolis, IN.



Class of 2008

Ryan g08 and Nicole **Koch**

welcomed Caroline Kelly on October 18, 2017. She was 7.8 lbs. and 20.5 in. Caroline joins Hudson, 4. The family lives in Huntertown, IN.

Class of 2009

Amanda (Heinsch) Luedeke g09

has been named vice president for MacGregor Literary. She and **Tad g09** live with their son in Fort Wayne, IN.

Luke g09 and

Kimberly (Marshall g10) Schutt

welcomed

William on January 7, 2017. He was 7 lbs., 11 oz., and 20.5 in. long. He joins his sister, Lillah, 3, and his grandparents, Dr. John h09 and Sharon Schutt. The Schutts will soon relocate from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne.



Amanda (Branyan g09) and Luke

McKinney welcomed their fourth child, Silas Lee Robert, on January 22. Silas is joined by siblings Cami, 7, Collin, 4, and Emmi, 2. The McKinneys live in Kokomo, IN.

Dr. Hensley Releases Novel

Dr. Dennis Hensley h08, professor of professional writing, published *The Man Who Could Transfuse Time*, a 234-page science fiction novel. The book is coauthored with Holly G. Miller.

When Ian Moore's gift of making the young old and the old young



again is exploited by others, he plots a course of action that if it should fail, could curse mankind forever.

The novel is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc. "Doc" continues to lead the professional writing major at Taylor University.

Jenna (Crum g09)
and Seth **Kilty g09**

welcomed Norah Rose on February 21. She weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and was 21 in. long. Norah's sister, Grace, 6, and brother, Samuel, 2, met her via FaceTime. Seth is the director of residential business affairs at Indiana Wesleyan University, where he has been the last four years. Jenna is now working at home with their children.



Matt g09 and **Natalie (Myers g11)**

Mills have returned from teaching in China the past two years. Matt has started taking online classes for a Master of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Natalie is the marketing manager for Faithlife, a company out of Bellingham, WA. She will work remotely from Chicago, where the Mills live.

Memorials

Mary (Heyworth) Poser fs42

passed away on April 5, 2017. She served for 42 years in C&MA ministry alongside her husband, **Rev. Victor g43**, who preceded her in death on August 15, 2009.

Rev. Virgil Bixler g51

passed away November 20, 2017. He then was followed into heaven by his wife, **Leona (Reibling) fs49** on Feb. 25, 2018. Survivors include daughter **Sheryl (Bixler fs72)** and son-in-law **Rev. Tim Steiner g74**, and daughter **Joy (Bixler g77)** and son-in-law **Rex Forbes g77**.

Arlene (Mitchell) Williams fs51,

87, went home to be with the Lord on September 23, 2017. She was the daughter of the late registrar Harvey Mitchell and the twin sister of **Ardice "Ardie" Bailor fs51**, who also preceded her in death. Her husband, Ernest, survives.

Lorene (Nantz) Stout g53 passed away on February 15. Surviving is her son, **Dr. David g60**, and daughter-in-law, **Betty (Donaghue g59) Stout**.

John Imler fs54 passed away in his home in Citrus Heights, CA, on December 5, 2017. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth (Gerig g53)**. John had authored a book entitled *Never Too Late: A Prodigal Pastor Returns*, which is available on Amazon.

Beulah (Minnig) McKenney fs55, 94, entered into her heavenly rest on April 25, 2017. Following attending FWBC, she was employed as secretary to the president of the Missionary Church Association. Besides being an ordained minister, she spent 40 years teaching vacation Bible school, junior church, and Sunday school and loved playing the piano and organ for church services.

Rev. R. Vernon Babcock g57 of Cincinnati, OH, passed away on February 2. He is survived by his wife, **Janet (Wiens) Babcock fs59**.

Howard Hawkins g60 passed away April 5, 2018. He had been a teacher for 28 years. Survivors include his daughter, **Becky (Hawkins fs78)** and her husband, **Martin fs78 Diller**. He now joins his wife, Jean, in Heaven, who passed away in 2012.

Ron Hodgin g61, 83, entered into eternity to meet his Savior on December 17, 2017, after a sudden illness. Ron and his surviving wife of 59 years, **Mary Lee (Popps g54),** dedicated their lives to missionary service for 25 years in Sierra Leone. He also served as the principal at Sarasota Christian School, Sarasota, FL, later in life.

Alice Blogett g61, 94, passed away on February 4, 2016 in Charlotte, MI. She had served as a nurse.

Rev. James Mortemore g66 passed away on November 14, 2017. Before retirement, Jim served as a pastor and a custodian. Surviving is his wife of 50 years, **Kay (Falb) g67**.

Danny Boone fs72, 75, died on January 8. Danny was married to Sharon, who survives. He was a pastor at First Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church, Wabash, IN, for 40 years and worked security at Wal-Mart for several years.

Susanna (Downey) Collins g89 passed away unexpectedly on December 1, 2017. She was employed as a social worker. Surviving is her husband, Greg, and their two daughters.

Heather (Howie) Ensign g05, 42, of Fort Wayne passed away on December 23, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Michael, and their three children. She loved music and had worked in the Community School of the Arts.

Wagstaff to Coach Penn State Kensington

By Kayleen Reusser fs82

Michael Wagstaff g94 has been hired as coach of women's basketball at the Penn State New Kensington campus for the 2018-2019

academic year. The new position will mean a return of the sport to the campus, located northwest of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Michael played for **Bud Hamilton g68**, who influenced his coaching. "I adapted Bud's



philosophy on being aggressive and tenacious throughout all facets of the game," Michael said.

Coach Wagstaff is an Army veteran

who earned a master's degree in physical education from Hardin-Simmons University and has ten years of college-level coaching experience.

Editor's Note: To read the full story, go to <http://bit.ly/coachwagstaff>.



Don Hamm Enters Glory

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

Don Hamm h02, 82, former director of the physical plant/personnel, entered into his Heavenly rest on Friday, April 13. He passed away after battling cancer at his home in Anderson, IN, surrounded by his family.

Don served on the campus from 1982 to 2002, where he often was seen picking up any trash or pieces of paper as he walked from place to place. In addition to his regular responsibilities, Don helped the Lady Falcons basketball team, and he pastored Statewood Baptist Church.

Along with 40 other comments on our Facebook page honoring Don, the **Rev. Dr. David Williams g87** said, "He was always gracious, listened thoughtfully, cared deeply, and loved the college unreservedly."

Surviving are daughters, **Lisa (Hamm) Brant g86** and **Susan (Hamm) Nielson g96**, one son, Craig, and his wife, Diane. Preceding him in death was his first wife, Rose, who passed in 1999.

Reunion Weekend Sept. 21 & 22 - Looking for Volunteers

Reunion Weekend is scheduled for **September 21 and 22, 2018**. Reunions are planned for the classes of **1958, 1968, 1978, and 1993**, and we are looking for volunteers to help plan reunions for **1988 and 2008**.

"We have class lists, procedures, and promotional ideas, but we need individuals to step up to help pull together alumni from reunion classes or specialty groups," **Michael Mortensen g91**, director of Fort Wayne alumni and friend relations, explained. "We

generally provide everything a small group of alumni needs, but we need alumni to do some legwork."

Please call 260.744.8790 or email alumnifw@taylor.edu to volunteer or get more information. Final reunions will be announced by June 1.

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