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Connections

How many times did you cross Rudisill as a Fort Wayne campus student? It was more times than you ever counted as you walked or ran from north to south campus or south to north. And you were connected to each side of the campus by crossing the Indiana and Rudisill intersection.

Until this winter, when the Fort Wayne City Street Department installed new signage on the bar holding the stop light, a simple street sign with INDIANA and RUDISILL stood on the southwest corner.

Claiming redundancy, the city removed and recycled that sign. Oh how I wanted that sign. It represented a place deeply rooted, where we connected with each other and were directed by faculty and staff to the Lord and His service.

In this issue of the *FW Vine*, we're exploring the lives of alumni that God brought to this campus. Each of them has in common the desire to help others find a deeper connection with God.

Recently, through technology, we've had connection with other former faculty and staff through Facebook LIVE. These interviews were viewed by alumni 1,800 times across the United States and in multiple countries around the world.

It is a joy continually connecting alumni back here to where it all started at Indiana and Rudisill.

Join me in giving thanks to God for our continued connection to not only this place, but even more importantly to each other and to the Lord.

We care, *CONNECT*, and celebrate,

Michael

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P.S. Go to this link to view the interviews if you are not on Facebook - <http://fw.taylor.edu/news/new-feature-is-added-at-the-alumni-center>.



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The Fort Wayne campus was founded in 1904 as the Fort Wayne Bible Training School. It was renamed Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College, and later became Taylor University Fort Wayne. Founded in 1846, Taylor University is one of America's oldest Christian liberal arts colleges. Over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students from 42 states and 30 foreign countries attend Taylor, where majors in 61 fields of study are available.



FORT WAYNE REUNION Weekend

Reconnect ★ Renew ★ Rejoice

2017

Reunion Weekend: A Place to Connect

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

Reunions can be such fun to observe. No matter if it is five, 25, or 50 years or a specialty reunion, it does not take long for memories to begin to flow along with the smiles, laughter, and conversation.

Your Fort Wayne Alumni Center will host Reunion Weekend 2017 on Friday and Saturday, **September 22 and 23**. All alumni are invited, even if a specific reunion is not planned for their class or interest group. Events being planned are designed for all. For example, a Saturday mid-morning devotional, a lunch with former faculty and staff, and a singspiration are planned, among many other activities.

Alumni from various generations are reaching out to make plans for multiple classes and interest groups to have reunions.

Thus far, the following reunions are in the works:

- **Elementary Education**
- **Class of 1967 – 50th**
- **Transition Years – Classes of 1992-1997**
- **Basketball Players – Classes of 1992-1997**
- **Last 10 Years – 2007 Forward**

“As we have been meeting to plan the first education reunion, we have certainly felt the close connections as we’ve shared memories of the impact the professors of the college had on us,” **Sari (Pafford) Harris g88** says. “While we span multiple generations and represent a long history of the college, we share common experiences.”

During Reunion Weekend, participants will make connections with former classmates, meet former professors and others who were influential, hear about the impact of our graduates at home and abroad, and reminisce with old friends.

Join us — you’ll be glad you did!

Editor’s Note:

Follow the latest Reunion Weekend information at <http://fw.taylor.edu/events>. If you would be willing to help plan or serve, please contact the Alumni Center at 260.744.8790 or email alumnifw@taylor.edu.

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Peg (Dupree) Buuck



Sharon (Walter) Hull

Tragedy Brings Alumni Together after 50 Years

By Andrea (Matetic) Osmun g06

Peg (Dupree) Buuck g67 and Sharon (Walter) Hull g67 were both Elementary Education majors in the Class of 1967 who lived in Providence Dorm, but they didn't know each other very well back then. Fifty years later, after Peg's husband suffered a devastating fall, the two women reconnected and became close friends when Sharon reached out to minister to Peg in her time of need.

Sharon volunteers in the Fort Wayne Alumni Office on Thursday afternoons. A few months ago, during a staff meeting, Alumni Director **Michael Mortensen g91** asked the team to pray for Peg's husband, Lon, who had been in a tragic accident. Lon was mowing his church's lawn on September 22, and when he finished, he loaded his mower back up onto the trailer. He then tripped and fell over the side of the trailer onto the asphalt. Although it wasn't a huge fall, Peg said his vertebrae were already in a fragile state because he fell off a ladder in 2007 and broke his C1. This time, he fractured his C5, C6, and C7, which included damage to his spinal cord. His C5 controls his diaphragm and breathing, causing him to be on a ventilator for months.

When Sharon heard the news of Lon's accident, she gasped. "That would have been Peg Dupree..., she said, 'I know who that is. She was in my dorm.'"

Although Sharon didn't know Peg that well, she immediately felt drawn to her.

"It was one of those rare feelings for me," Sharon said. "We've pastored for over 50 years now and have many situations we've prayed through. But for whatever reason, whenever I had woken up in the middle of the night, my first thought was of Peg and Lon. I prayed and prayed for them. For whatever reason, the Lord was really laying them on my heart."



Peg (Dupree) Buuck g67 and Sharon (Walter) Hull g67

Sharon and Peg began messaging one another and connecting through their shared experiences. Sharon's husband, Bill, had suffered two heart attacks and a stroke, and she said she thought she was going to lose him on two separate occasions.

"You feel helpless, you can't control the situation, and you can't leave the side of the one you love," Sharon said. "We really understand what each other has been through."

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The two ladies decided to connect with each other in person in early January for what turned out to be a four-hour lunch. Since they hadn't seen each other in 50 years, Sharon asked Peg how she'd even recognize her.

"I said, 'I'd know you anywhere, Sharon,'" Peg said. "Because of our common struggle that our husbands went through, no time had elapsed. Fifty years just melted away. She's a very open person, very easy to talk to. I just felt connected, and it just helped me know that I was being supported in prayer."

Sharon agreed. "What a wonderful time to reminisce and share together some of the difficulties we have both experienced with husbands who have had serious health issues. We found ourselves saying, 'That is exactly what I said,' or 'That is exactly the way I felt.'"

As Peg and Lon continue to seek God's grace in what Peg calls "the most difficult, life-changing, horrendous event that you can imagine," she finds hope and encouragement in her friendship with Sharon.

"It's just really refreshing to see the events that can happen in our lives be used in a positive way," Sharon said. "Sometimes we don't see the reason for the things we go through. Other times, the Lord shows us things he is able to work through. That kind of helps me

understand a benefit of going through the more difficult challenges of life."

Sharon is in the process of planning the Class of 1967's 50th reunion at Reunion Weekend, September 22 and 23. She hopes to see many of her FWBC classmates and looks forward to reconnecting.



Peg (Dupree) g67 & Lon Buuck

"We just look back on those friendships, and it doesn't matter how many years you've been apart, you can pick up where you left off, even if it was 50 years ago," she said.

Editor's Note:

Please pray for Lon and Peg, as Lon's condition has continued to decline. Our Fort Wayne Alumni Prayer Team of 39 continues to pray for him and other needs sent to us at alumnifw@taylor.edu.

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Marcus Warner

Connecting People to a Deeper Walk with Christ

By Char (Miller) Binkley g64

Marcus Warner's life calling is to connect believers to a place where they experience a deeper and more joyous relationship with God.

Marcus g82 became acquainted with Fort Wayne Bible College (FWBC) as a child when his father, **Dr. Timothy Warner g50**, became a professor of missions and then president of the college in 1970.

Now, Marcus also answers to the title of Dr. Warner. After completing his degree in pre-seminary studies at FWBC, Marcus went to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where he earned two master's and a Doctor of Ministry degree.

A former pastor and college professor, Marcus is president of Deeper Walk International. The author of twelve books, Marcus has done training events for organizations such as Navigators, Willow Creek Prison Ministry, and Moody Church. He travels the world with Deeper Walk International.

Marcus defines Deeper Walk International as a ministry that desires that Christians understand their incredible foundation of grace and the absolute joy that resonates from Spirit-led living. Root issues can keep us stuck and rob us of joy in

our relationship with God. Marcus explains that the Devil often succeeds in planting lies in the wounded place of our hearts, but freedom comes when truth takes root where deception once reigned.

According to Marcus, dealing with life in the flesh and handling life in the Spirit are

vastly different approaches, and so are the results. Living in the flesh is about attempting to ensure our right to see that life goes our way. Living in the Spirit is about surrendering our right to live life our own way and choosing to do things God's way.

Deeper Walk presents the message of Spirit-filled living in a way that people can more easily understand what it takes to walk in freedom and grow in maturity in Christ. This is called "heart-focused" discipleship.

In a recent radio interview on WBCL Fort Wayne, Marcus explained the importance of joy in the life of the believer. "Joy is an inner state of the heart," he says. "It is not dependent on circumstances. It is a choice. While it often is not easy to choose joy, there are things that we can do to grow our inner capacity to choose joy."



Dr. Marcus Warner g82

Marcus' Book List:

Deeper Walk Guide to the Bible

A D.I.D. Primer (D.I.D. is dissociative identity disorder, sometimes called multiple personality disorder)

Toward A Deeper Walk (discipleship)

What Every Believer Should Know About Spiritual Warfare

The Spirit-Filled Home

How to Grow Joy

Understanding the Wounded Heart

R.E.A.L. Prayer (companion to *Understanding the Wounded Heart*)

Rare Leadership

Slaying the Monster: Strategies for Overcoming Pornography

Six Battle Strategies for Overcoming Pornography (a workbook in the process of being written)



<https://s3.amazonaws.com/fwarchive/20170327+Midmorning+w+Marcus+Warner.m4a>

Marcus says that there are low-joy believers. He believes low-joy people often come from homes that experienced disintegration or dysfunction. The joy quotient was very low or nonexistent.

Growing up in a low-joy environment can lead to the inaccurate assumption that no one, including God, really is happy to be with them. In *How to Grow Joy*, Marcus assures it is possible to choose joy, and the first step to joy is gratitude. He suggests that for five minutes, three times a day, practice being grateful for what you have. Then begin to build joy into your relationships, and, finally, begin to believe that God wants to walk with you and is happy to be with you. Marcus believes that ultimately you will find that joy attracts joy!

Often Marcus's name is linked to the topic of spiritual warfare. Although that topic sparks fear and skepticism in many people, Marcus explains that warfare with the Devil is unavoidable. He believes Scripture is clear that we cannot ignore Satan.

Marcus continues, "Warfare is largely built on two legal concepts — permission and authority. Demons gain great access to

us when their lies control our minds and our sin opens doors to their activity. When we renounce the lies, repent of sin, and forgive those who wrong, we remove permission from the enemy and we can live with victory that comes from our position in Christ."

Marcus is an outstanding speaker whose message brings profound encouragement to those who want to connect more deeply with God and live a Spirit-filled life.

His latest book, *Rare Leadership: Four Uncommon Habits for Increasing Trust, Joy, and Engagement in the People You Lead*, was coauthored with Jim Wilder.

Not only has this book found favor with church leaders, but it is taking Marcus into the corporate world, where leaders are eager to know how to increase their expertise with the people they lead.

Marcus and Brenda live in Noblesville, Indiana. They have two adult children.

To become acquainted with books that Marcus has written or to schedule him to come to your area, you can contact him through the Deeper Walk website, www.deeperwalkinternational.org.

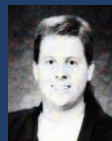


**Dr. Timothy Warner &
Dr. Marcus Warner**

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Kim Butler



Douglas Hood



Adam Henderson



Kim (Butler g91), Doug Hood g93, and Adam Henderson g93

Alumni Connect to Help Congregations

As acquaintances at Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College in the 1990's, **Doug g93** and **Kim (Butler g91) Hood** and **Adam Henderson g93** had no idea that they would reconnect years later in a much closer way.

Now working together at CSD, located in Fort Wayne, they own and operate the nationally recognized, award-winning firm. **Stephanie (Cox) Demorest g93** recently sat down with Adam to discuss his work and the business that supports churches nationwide.

AC: How did you reconnect?

AH: After I left the preaching ministry, my wife, **Mary g92**, and I returned to Aboite Missionary Church [now Life Community

Church], where I volunteered in the technical ministry. I posted a picture on Facebook of our stage and Doug commented, "Hey that's the church I grew up in." We followed up and talked about his experiences. He explained that he had just purchased CSD, so I asked him to answer a couple of technical questions for me. Later I expressed my interest in the technology of audio, video, and lighting and I asked Doug if he could use me at CSD, and he hired me five years ago.

AC: What motivated Doug to purchase CSD?

AH: Doug's love for the Church and his desire to serve God and the Church through this avenue of applied technology is what really moved him. Doug is a worship pastor in his own church so he understood what was needed.

AC: How large is the need for what you are doing at CSD?

AH: The market we serve is growing and changing dramatically. In my first year, 2013, we completed 88 projects. Last year, we finished 215, and we have surpassed that this year. The emergence of the satellite church has made a large impact on CSD. We are seeing the new phenomenon of the mega church not birthing a new church, but instead duplicating themselves by sending perhaps 40 families with a campus pastor, but whose preaching/teaching comes from the mother church. The new satellite church begins with lots of energy and the necessary funding for technology. This requires an entirely new set of volunteers who bring their technical expertise to the table with professional from the start. It is amazing to watch the new satellite church explode in one to three years into a church of 400 congregants.

AC: What is unique about CSD that make your company a choice provider?

AH: CSD is owned and guided by the heart of a worship pastor. We are not a corporation that saw a niche market and decided to pursue it. Our heart is to serve God and to see God do amazing things. That guides us. The vast majority of our employees are in a tech booth in their churches every Sunday experiencing the needs of the volunteers that we are facilitating during the workweek. We come to serve God first and providing technology is a huge bonus.

AC: What knowledge did you acquire as a student while you were at college?

AH: None of us had any idea that we would be doing what we do at CSD.

For me, with my education being in pastoral ministries and having experienced the pastorate, I bring a realm of pastoral experience and knowledge to the table. My gifts are in administration, order, and process. Our company is developed around a ministry-minded model. With each of us having served in churches in various capacities, we view the project from the client's perspective.

AC: How is your business helping people connect with God and reach the world for Christ?

AH: An important thing is to have a clear concept and understanding of worship as a function and how technology serves, but does not overload, worship. Worship happens within an environment. The functionality of technology is to create an environment. With technology, a person can be brought to a place where the focus is up rather than around. It can help get rid of distractions. Of course the Holy Spirit is the one who moves the congregants, but technology creates a place radically different from the outside world. In addition, via technology, churches can go to the viewer. Even small churches can reach around the globe relatively easily. One of the satellite churches that we served in Kentucky had only 200 in attendance but that church is now broadcasting to more people for which there was no accurate count. In pastoral circles, the metric of counting seats is no longer accurate if technology is being used to reach beyond the audience or to podcast and re-podcast the sermon.

Editor's Note:

If Doug, Kim, or Adam's team at CSD can help you or your church, you can connect with them at 888-448-7890 or <http://www.csdus.com>.

2nd Annual Day of Giving Connections

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

The 2nd Annual Day of Giving on March 17 was a great success, not only for more than doubling what was given last year, but for the amazing connections made during the day.

Alumni, volunteers, and staff showed their GREEN early and long, as 16 volunteers joined the staff in accepting gifts over the phone and online from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In between, plenty of friendships were made or renewed during this FUNd day.

Former registrar **Barb Coon g67** volunteered to answer the phone, but most of this year's gifts and pledges were made online or via the mail. While Barb's phone didn't ring very often, she kept busy in a very meaningful way during her three-hour shift.

Barb said, "It was great for me, truly, when I was there. I did not know **Stephanie [(Cox) Demorest g93]** or **Tauna [(Harrell) Bastiste g03]**, but it was great to hear their stories. It was also a great time to reconnect with **Dick [Baxter g70]**, **Char [(Miller) Binkley g64]**, and **Arlene [(Dissinger) Motter g66]**. I don't feel like I

2nd Annual

DAY OF GIVING



Did you

Show Your Green?

did a thing, but it was a joy to be there."

A new addition to this year's Day of Giving was Facebook Live interviews with five former faculty and staff members. **Jeff Lawson g88** battled snow and ice to conduct the interviews.

By the end of the day, your Alumni Center received over \$34,000 in 131 GREEN gifts and pledges from alumni, former parents, and friends. The significant increase was fueled by a \$10,000 match, the largest pledge in our history. That led to a second \$10,000 match from Alumni Council members and

other stakeholders, thus doubling each additional gift.

We are incredibly grateful to God and to you for these generous gifts that fund the mission of your Alumni Center as we continue to care for, CONNECT with, and celebrate Fort Wayne campus alumni.



Editor's Note: The Alumni Center is still looking for participation gifts to help us reach \$70,000 by May 15, 2017. To reach a new participation benchmark, we need gifts from 99 graduates or 50 graduate couples.



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Class of 1969

Dr. John g69 and **Sandy (Eicher g69) Strubhar** continue doing interim pastoral ministry. Currently, the Strubhars are at First Baptist Church in Merced, CA.

Class of 1975

Rev. James g75 and **Rebekah Evilsizor** have retired effective October 30, 2016, after 41 years of ministry. They reside in Clearfield, PA. Jim and Becky served five congregations, all in the Western PA district of the Christian and Missionary Alliance: McPherron, Donegal, Castlewood, Osceola Mills, and Tionesta. The Evilsizors have three sons and three grandchildren.

Class of 1979

Dave Willis fs79 has assumed the role of editor-in-chief for Carmel, IN-based *Rough Notes*, the oldest and most widely read national magazine for independent insurance agents and brokers. When in Carmel, Dave attends the 146th Street campus of Grace Church. He lives in NH with his wife, Jessica.

Class of 1982

Greg Rawley fs82, RN BS CNOR has a new position at Algonquin Road Surgery Center in Lake in the Hills, IL. He and his wife, Faith, live in Warrenville, IL.

Class of 1984

Denny g84 and **Linda Collins** retired from World Partners on March 31, 2017. Denny spent 15 years on the field in Spain and returned to the U.S. to become the associate pastor of outreach and missions at Bethel Missionary Church, Yake, MI.

Class of 1985 & 1986

Tommy g85 and **Konni (Sayler g86) Logan** recently returned to Papua New Guinea to begin translating the Old Testament. In October, they will dedicate the New Testament that they just completed in the Kasua language.



After 16 ½ years as senior pastor at Findlay First United Brethren, **Darwin g86** and **Polly (Clay fs86) Dunten** have accepted the call to Mt. Tabor Church of God in Celina, OH.

Class of 1987

Dave McDeavitt g87 married Cherie Rempel on January 28, 2017. They serve together overseas. **Rev. Gerald Ringenberg g45** prayed during the ceremony.

Class of 1993

Jacinda (Cindy) Cobb g93 passed her state boards for nursing and is now a registered nurse at Goshen Hospital in Goshen, IN.

Class of 1994

Daryle Crawley g94 has recently rededicated his life to Jesus and become a member of Post Road Christian Church. He also has a new job as a custodian for an apartment complex in Indianapolis, IN.

Class of 2001

Mander g01 and **Luan Prater** have been working as the Warehouse Manager and Shipping Coordinator with Nehemiah Vision Ministries (NVM) in the U.S. and Haiti for the past five years. The volunteer role has grown to a full-time role,



which includes management of the warehouse in Kirklin, IN, where Mander establishes contact with donors, transporting donations to the warehouse, processing and sorting donations, and packing them to be shipped to the NVM campus in Chambrun, Haiti. To learn more or to partner with the Praters in a ministry that is bringing people from darkness to light and from hopelessness to eternal life, email nvmwarehouse1@gmail.com.

Class of 2002

Greta (Anspach) Ehlers g02 has been named the assistant director at The MindCAP Center in Fort Wayne, IN.



Class of 2003

Brandon g03 and **Nicole (Lemberg fs05) Hall** welcomed Piper Nicole into their family on February 17. She was 6 lbs, 6 oz and 19 in. long.

Rebekah (Coleman g03) and **Guy Atkinson** welcomed Caleb James on October 20, 2016. Caleb joins Timothy, Hannah, Grace, Natalie, and Jonathan.

Adrianna Manaugh g03 has spent the past year volunteering with Partners Relief & Development in Thailand, where she works with displaced people, refugees, and

Hensley Publishes 10th Writing Textbook

Former Fort Wayne campus professor Dr. Dennis E. Hensley's latest book, *Finding Success with Your Dream Writing Projects* (Bold Vision Books), is his 10th writing textbook.

His new book is chock-full of contemporary insights on the publishing business. "During my 20 years at Taylor [Fort Wayne and Up-land], the world of publishing has altered drastically, so I've had to write new books to keep up with developments," notes Hensley. "My first textbook, *Writing for Profit*, was published before the advent of e-books, the internet, smart phones, and online publishing. All of those elements are given major attention in my new book."

"Doc" writes a weekly blog in which he shares insights on writing and marketing (www.dochensley.com). He draws information from literary agents, successful authors, editors, and publishers.

Dr.

Hensley is the author of 63 published books, including ten novels, the latest of which is *Pseudonym* (Whitaker Publishing House, 2016).



migrants from Burma. Currently, Adrianna is raising



support to return full-time. She will serve as their Teams & Volunteers Coordinator and Donor Information Coordinator, where she will mentor volunteers and introduce new people to the projects. Adrianna will also be working with community development programs. For more information, go to partners.ngo/s/donate and type in Adrianna's name.

Class of 2004

Lori (Craw) Current g04 was named Executive Director of Admissions and Student Services at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, IN. She had been the Assistant Director of Admissions at Indiana University East.

Class of 2005

Laura (Buck g05) and **Ryan Steir** welcomed Adeline Jean, born December 9, 2016. She was 20 in. long and weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. The Stiers live in West Allis, WI.

Class of 2006

Sharyn (Thomas g06) and **Matt Brisson** had **Wesley Zaiden Wayne** on December 14, 2016. The Brissons live in Castle Rock, CO.

3RD ANNUAL SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 4

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Brian g06 and Amy Kuhrt

welcomed Brody Meyer on March 24, 2017. He weighed 5 lbs, 13 oz and was 18 in. The Kuhrts live in Marlborough, CT.

Tommy g06 and **Rachel (VanProoyen g07) Boggs**, along with big sister Hailey (6) and big brother Jack (4)

welcomed a baby boy, **Ryan James**, on November 24, 2016.



Amanda (Heinsch g06) and Tad g09 Luedeke



welcomed **Roland Alexander** born on March 8 in Fort Wayne. He was 9 lbs, 5 oz, and 22 in.

Class of 2007

Kiley (Vitek g07) married **Justin Coffman** on March 4, 2017, in Edgerton, OH. Kiley works in the human resource department at CK Technologies.

Class of 2009

In 2015 and 2016 **Nancy Watta fs09** traveled to Kenya to lead a Relationship Conference for Christian leaders. She plans to return to Kenya this fall to continue equipping and training leaders through the conference.

Rachel Renken fs09 is now the Office Coordinator at Lutheran Life Villages for independent living in Fort Wayne, IN.

Memorials

Ruth (Caddy) Schierling g45

entered her heavenly home on December 14, 2016. She and her late husband, **Jake g45**, were long-time missionaries in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Eileen Grabill g46, 93, passed away on March 23, 2017. She had lived in Saint Petersburg, FL.

Barbara (Dalley) van Gorkom

g50, 91, entered the presence of the Lord on April 10, 2017. She is survived by her husband, **David g51**, who lives in Mandan, ND.

The **Rev. Dale Gerig g52**, 87, went home to be with the Lord February 12, 2017.

Dale married his high school sweetheart, **Beth g53**, in a double wedding ceremony with his brother, **Zenas g51**, and his brother's bride, **Esther (Lehman) g52**. Both Beth, his wife of 64 years, and Esther survive. Also surviving is his daughter, **Karen (Gerig) Mills g81**. He was preceded in death by his son, **Kenton Gerig g78**, for whom the Gerigs started a scholarship available at Taylor University.



Milton Wong g52 passed away on December 10, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **Glennavere (Egley) g51**, whom he had been married

to for 64 years, and their son and daughter-in-law, **Keith g80** and **Sue (Belella g80) Wong**.

Lavern Musselman fs53, 84, passed away on May 29, 2016. Surviving is his wife, **Clara (Weitz fs53)**, whom he met at FWBC.

Noboru Ayabe g55, 84, of Mililani, HI, went to be with the Lord in January 2016. He was the first Hawaiian Islands minister to be ordained by the Missionary Church. He is survived by wife, **Myrnych (Shaver g55)**; son, John; daughters, **Joy g82** and **Jean Gerig g84**; brothers, Jerry and **Harold g57**; sister, Kay Harada; and four grandchildren.

Maxine (Scheffler) Haller

fs55 passed into the presence of the Lord on December 28, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Harold g55**, in 2004.

Yvonne (Johnson) Hostetler g61,

BSN, passed away on December 30, 2016, in Lansing, MI. Yvonne had studied in the nursing program at Fort Wayne Bible College and Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. She and her late husband, **Richard g65**, had worked as missionaries in Haiti for the Missionary Church. Survivors include their daughter, **Anne (Hostetler fs87) Stokes**, and son, **Eric g87**.

Judy Nesselth Hadwin g63, 75, passed away on July 27, 2016, in Rockledge, FL.

Rev. Don Rice g63 went to be with his Savior on April 19, 2017. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, **Eva (Stone) g64**.

Karin (Lantz) Cramer g64 was

taken by pancreatic cancer but received by her Savior, Jesus, on January 1, 2017. Surviving is her husband, **Rev. Jerry g62**.

John Steiner g64, 76, went home to be with the Lord on April 3, 2017. John served Fort Wayne Community Schools as teacher and principal for over 35 years. Surviving are his wife of 52 years, **Lois Steiner g66**; children, **SuAnn (Donn) Nichols g88**, **Michael (Lynne g92) Steiner**, and Shari (**Matt g01) Barcalow**; and siblings, **Christine Gerig fs51**, and **Gus (Melva g57) Steiner**.

Rev. Phil Mortensen g74, 72, earned his heavenly reward April 3, 2017. "Pastor Phil" planted Fellowship Bible Church in 1971 while a student of FWBC. He then planted Love Church in 1986.

In 1999, he and his late wife, **Fran Mortensen h99**, were named Distinguished Alumni for Urban Ministry. He also served as an instructor at TUFW teaching an urban ministries course. Surviving are his wife, Norma; son, **Michael (Christine g92) Mortensen g91**, director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friend Relations; and daughter, MaryAnn (Andre) Goodwell.



Karla Chamness-Eskridge fs92 passed away on April 3, 2017, after battling muscular dystrophy and bone and breast cancer.

Dr. C. Joe Martin, 85, died on February 21, 2017, in Goshen, IN. Surviving is his wife, Shirley. Dr. Martin, an associate professor, taught psychology and counseling classes on the Fort Wayne campus from 1990 to 1999. He also served at Davis & Elkins College, Bethel College, King College, and later at The Chapel.

Dick Kryder, 86, husband of former alumni secretary **Marceil (Sumney/Zehr) Kryder g52**, passed away on March 11. Survivors also include **Dann Zehr g89** of Smyrna, TN.

Former faculty member Dr. D. Leon Pippin passed away on February 17, 2017, in Palm Bay, FL. Dr. Pippin is survived by his wife, Emily, and their four children.



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Former Missions Professor Dr. Wayne Allen Publishes Book

Over the years, **Dr. Wayne Allen g75** developed a preaching and teaching style that relied on personal stories to illustrate the key points of his presentation. After 42 years of ministry overseas and in the U.S., at the urging of friends, Wayne has put a collection of those stories into a new book, *Lessons Learned Along the Way from Indiana to Indonesia*.



The project was started years ago, when Wayne and his wife, **Carolyn (Paxson fs71)**, served in Indonesia with World Partners.

Editors of the project say, "Wayne writes with cultural sensitivity, empathy, and great perception into the spiritual and social dynamics. Each story included will captivate readers with the author's balance of narrative detail and analysis of core takeaways" for missionaries and church planters.

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