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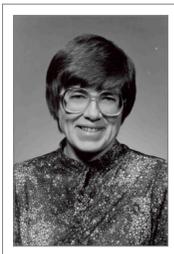
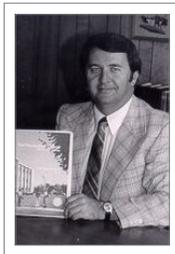
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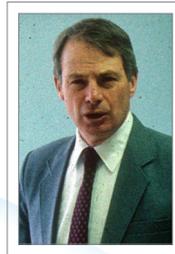
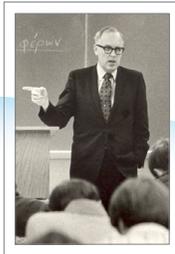
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*Where Are
They Now?*

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I'm sure you've heard the expression, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

I love cracking open an old scrapbook or looking at today's virtual scrapbooks online. Facebook's "Throwback Thursdays" feature posts with pictures of friends from years ago—with all of the crazy fashions and unique hairstyles from yesteryear.

When you saw this magazine's cover displaying pictures of former Fort Wayne campus faculty and staff, what did you think? Did special memories from your time on campus come to mind?

Recently, I asked some alumni, "**WHY is having the Resource Center important?**" One respondent said, "It provides a present-day connection to those times of transformation as an encouragement and an inspiration to keep going. Life is tough sometimes, and having a tangible connection to the past when God shaped and prepared us for life can be very significant."

This spoke to my heart. It reminded me of **Joshua 4:21-22**, when the Israelites built an altar after crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Joshua said, "*In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground (NIV).'*"

We hope the pictures and people featured in this issue of the *FW Vine* will help you remember and reminisce about what God did while you were at the Fort Wayne campus, and the stories will encourage you by what He continues to do in the lives of alumni like you. Soak in these memories and reconnect with those who walked with you at Indiana and Rudisill, where *The Ministry Continues!*

Let's Celebrate!



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Celebration of Five Years!

Looking Back...

On June 2, 2009, I walked into a furnished Brown Gables, the former President's home, which was to be used for the new Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. My charge – **care for Fort Wayne campus alumni**. I had the contents of the archives, but no staff and no volunteers. What would the future hold? Who would volunteer? Who would give financially?

With a strong Alumni Council and alumni and friends willing to give and volunteer, the ministry continues. It is amazing what has been accomplished over the last five years. Here are just a few of the accomplishments:

- *Alumnus & FW Vine* published = 11 filled with stories and *News Notes*
- *FW Falcon* (e-newsletter) published = 52 issues
- DVD projects = 14
- CD projects = 14
- Books published = 6
- Website with Virtual Archive
- Facebook page = 1,010 LIKES
- *FW Celebrates!*/Homecoming Celebrations with Reunions = 3
- Hall of Fame Induction Dinners: 2 with a third one planned for Sept. 19
- *Sunday Sings* = 4
- Volunteers = 170

- Volunteer Hours = 18,234 as of March 31, 2014
- Fort Wayne Fund = \$57,764 yearly avg
- Funds still needed = \$19,000 by May 31, 2014
- Fort Wayne Endowment for Self-Sustainability = \$310,000 (Goal is \$1.6 million through estates, annuities, etc.)

Pressing On...

The Resource Center is NOT a museum, but a place where ministry takes place daily. From the Ramseyer Retreat Room, which can be scheduled for prayer and planning, to our Alumni Volunteer Prayer team, consisting of 26 individuals, we **CARE** for our alumni in multiple ways. *How has the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center blessed you?*

We **CONNECT** our alumni together with jobs, transcripts, and resources not to mention each other through events, publications/web, and Facebook, and this leads to encouragement. *Who would you like to celebrate with at Homecoming?*

As a result of our work today, our memories will be preserved for future generations, “when children ask...” Our work is not complete. Our mission here and abroad is not finished, so let's **CELEBRATE!**

With a vision to *Care, Connect, and Celebrate*, **we press on!** *The Ministry Continues!*

CONNECT

Where Are They Now?

By Michael D. Mortensen g 91

Through the years names have changed, buildings have been built and razed, and faculty, staff, and students have come and gone. The one constant besides Jesus Christ has been change. What I hear most often is that the people are what made the Fort Wayne campus. The Resource Center loves to connect with “these people” (our alumni), and you often ask about former faculty and staff – **“Where are They Now?”** They want to reconnect with you, too, hopefully at Homecoming 2014!

Eunice Conrad

Eunice Conrad began her teaching at Fort Wayne Bible

College in 1957 and retired from Taylor University Fort Wayne in 1995 – 38 years of ministry to hundreds of students.

Eunice continues to live here in Fort Wayne and is active in her church, First Christian Church. She still has a heart for young people and tries to help the youth at her church.

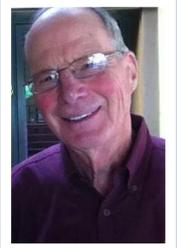
One of the little unknown stories we discovered is that Eunice began taking voice lessons from another former Fort Wayne campus staff member, **Marlene Everson** in 1995. She continues getting together with Marlene each week for voice training. She even has a recital coming up soon. Her comment was, “The days are not long enough to get everything done.”



Rev. Ron Scharfe

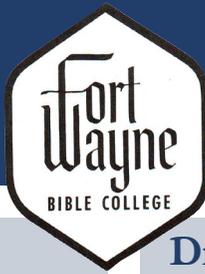
Rev. Ron Scharfe came to Fort Wayne Bible College

in 1970 to serve in a duo capacity of Librarian and Bible teacher. After leaving Summit Christian College in 1992, he taught Philosophy, Ethics, and Religion and Culture at IPFW until his retirement in 2004.



“It is very precious thinking back to my time at the Fort Wayne campus,” Professor Scharfe said in a recent phone interview. “I look back with a lot of gratitude.”

Now, he is involved in pulpit supply preaching in different churches. He has also taught overseas in a number of different countries: Japan, Ukraine, Netherlands, Russia, Bermuda, and Jamaica. He continues to live in Fort Wayne, IN.



Arlan Birkey g64

Arlan Birkey g64 taught on the Fort Wayne campus for 40 years until his retirement in 2007. While he was known for teaching first and second year Greek students, he also taught Biblical Literature II and The Book of Acts, his favorite book, and a class he taught for 30 years. Additionally, he taught Luke, John, and Historical Geography.



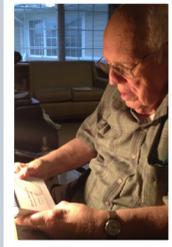
“[I miss] the fellowship of the other faculty members, chapel times, and the students who were a blessing to me,” he wrote.

Now, in retirement, he drives cars for Tom Kelley going to Chicago and various areas in the Midwest bringing cars to local auto dealers. He also works for Covington Memorial Funeral Home transporting bodies from nursing homes and hospitals.

He says, “Life is much different driving to various parts of the Midwest,” but he does like the freedom of retirement. “I can say, ‘no’ when I need to.” Arlan does still enjoy having contact with his former students. He and his wife, **Sally (Sweet) g62** live in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Wes Gerig g51

Not many names are more recognized than **Dr. Wes Gerig g51** by alumni and friends. He taught on the Fort Wayne campus for 51 years retiring in 2008, but he has not stopped working.



Since retiring he continued to teach in various churches until his health required he move into Ashton Creek Retirement Community in Fort Wayne. Even there, he is now teaching a Bible study on Friday afternoons from 3 to 4 p.m. with 15 to 20 “students” attending including some alumni who just come to hear him teach again.

Aside from teaching, he has partnered with the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center to publish five books and one flipbook devotional sold in our online store (<http://fwtaylor.edu/store>). He’s not done though as he has written a book on Genesis with 52 sermons that we are preparing for press and another book of compilation of sermons from the book of Acts, which will be a two volume work.

He did lose his life mate, **Mary Carolyn (Steiner) g52**, in February 2012.

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Carolyn Arthur

Carolyn Arthur served as Dean of Students from 1989 to 1995 during the “intertestamental time,” a time of great transition from Fort Wayne Bible College to Summit Christian College and ultimately to Taylor University Fort Wayne.



After leaving, she landed at Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN, where she served 14 years, where she wore many hats in the Student Development area. She also spent time in the classroom teaching in their Master’s in Counseling program and also teaching undergraduate psychology courses.

After retiring in 2010, she became a “snowbird” and began spending the winters in Southern California. In 2013, she sold her home in Indiana and moved permanently to Palm Springs, CA, where she is living year-round now not far from her 95-year old Mom.

“The thing I miss most about SCC/TUFW, of course, is the relationships I had with my student leaders,” Carolyn wrote. “Pouring my life into those students and watching them grow over the four years they were on campus brought me the deepest satisfaction. I cannot think of a better way to have invested my life....”

Barb Coon g67

Barb Coon g67 loved interacting with students and the opportunity she had to share in their lives. She appreciated hearing about their plans to serve the Lord, praying together, or helping them as Registrar to know just exactly what was needed to finish their degree.



“Working with faculty and staff who loved the Lord and were committed to preparing students for service was definitely a highlight of my days at BC,” she explained. “The Lord blessed me richly through my 26 years there.”

Upon leaving in 1993, she worked for Aging and In-Home Services of NE Indiana. While she did not work directly with the clients, she worked as the Executive Assistant to the president, assisting her and the leadership of the agency in a wide variety of responsibilities prior to her retirement in 2010 after working there for 16 years.

Retirement has provided the free time to be available to family and friends as needs have arisen, and she also volunteers at Charis House and regularly visits with three ladies at a nursing home. Barb lives in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Sterling DeMond

Dr. Sterling DeMond taught at Fort Wayne Bible College from 1974 to 1987. He enjoyed teaching camping courses, but he especially enjoyed the Bible Teaching Techniques class.

Since leaving the college, he has pastored four or five churches, taught preachers in the Wesleyan Church, and worked for the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. He also has sung in a quartet for several years, which sang back on campus at Heritage Weekend in 2009. Dr. DeMond also continues to do “house remodeling and help mission guys find furniture and apartments.”

“I REALLY miss just plain teaching, he said. I miss the guys and girls terribly. I want to stand beside those kids who are going through tough times.”

He emphatically said, “YES! YES! YES,” when asked if he would consider reconnecting with his former students on campus. Hopefully, his schedule will be free to return for Homecoming 2014 on September 20, when alumni and former faculty and staff will share lunch together to reconnect, reminisce, and rejoice!

He and his wife, Diana, continue to live in Fort Wayne.



Dr. Jim Saddington ha09

Dr. Jim Saddington ha09 has been teaching adjunct at the University of Saint Francis for the past five and a half years. His subjects include US History, World History, and Middle East History. Additionally, three to five months a year, he teaches Sunday school at Avalon Missionary Church.

Meanwhile, **Agnes Saddington ha09** is his secretary. She also keeps busy as a Sunday school teacher, church volunteer, and grandmother. “A woman’s work doesn’t stop,” she commented.

When thinking back about the Fort Wayne campus, Jim said he “enjoyed chapel services, which reinforced emphasis on spiritual growth with outside speakers.” Furthermore he added, “I also miss the FWBC and TUFW students who were committed to Christ.”

Agnes said that she misses the students and the athletes. “I miss being there for all the home games, and having students come into my office or home and talking with me, and getting to know them. I liked being a mom away from home for some of them.”

The Saddingtons wanted to make sure everyone knows that their grandson, who nearly drowned, is doing relatively well.



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Dick Baxter g70

Dick Baxter g70 served 40 years on the Fort Wayne campus primarily as Joy Gerig's assistant in the Christian Service Department and later as an Associate Dean of Students directing Taylor World Outreach and the Career Services Department. He did not stray far from campus even after his retirement in 2007.



He continues to volunteer on the Alumni Council and as one of our FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center Facebook page administrators. He often posts pictures that need to be identified. These photos then appear in our Virtual Archive on our website (<http://fw.taylor.edu>) after being identified.

Off campus, Dick has formed Jamaica Upriver Outreach (www.jamaicaupriver.com), a not-for-profit organization, that supports feeding 24 Jamaican children a hot lunch five-days a week. To do this, he continues to take teams twice a year to Jamaica.

Additionally, Dick continues to mentor men in their walk with Christ here and in Jamaica. He and his wife, **Ruth (Landes) fs64**, a nurse, who teaches CPR to medical professionals and works as a home health care nurse with children who have disabilities, live in Fort Wayne.

Facebook Page Passes Milestone

On Saturday, March 22, the 1,000th, 1,001st, and 1002nd persons liked our FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center page, which we started on August 17, 2010.

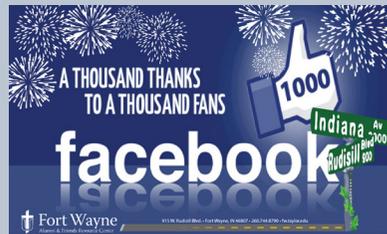
According to an article in *TechCrunch*, "only 23 percent of Facebook fan pages have 1,000 or more fans."

"We are thrilled to have this many alumni, former staff and faculty, and friends who have hit the 'LIKE' button on our page," said **Michael Mortensen, g91**, director of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.



The page contains archival pictures, event promotions, and occasional contests. It is also a place where we put the latest news, links to our webpages, and notices, in order to get the word out quickly to those alumni who have Facebook accounts.

If you have ideas about how we can make it more interactive with our mission to *care, connect,* and *celebrate*, please email your suggestions to alumnifw@taylor.edu.



CONNECT

Homecoming 2014

A Time to Reconnect, Reminisce, and Rejoice



Join alumni, friends, former faculty, and staff at Homecoming 2014!

It's going to be a celebration! During Homecoming 2014 alumni and former faculty and staff will be back on campus to celebrate how God brought our lives together at the intersection of Rudisill Blvd. and Indiana Ave.

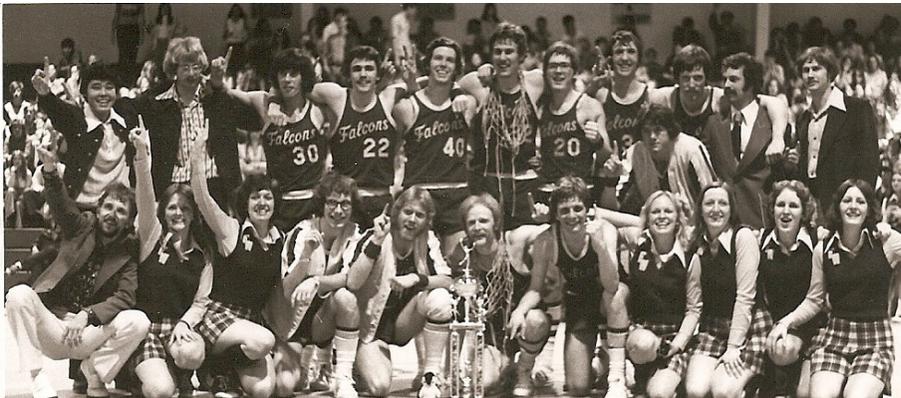
It's time to reconnect, reminisce, and rejoice for the 105 years of history for our campus and five years for the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

Reunions will be held for multiple classes, but the celebration will have something for everyone **Friday and Saturday, September 19 & 20, 2014.**

The weekend will “shoot-off” Friday night with the fourth Fort Wayne Campus Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction. The **1976 National Basketball Championship team, Larry Lewis g76, Phyllis Miller g53, and Bill Pannell g51** will be recognized. Additionally, some classes will have informal reunions on or around campus.

On Saturday, highlights will include a devotional time with **Dr. Bob Nienhuis ha98**, former executive vice president, and a time of sharing. Then we will have plenty of time to socialize with friends and classmates through:

- Reunions for the Classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1989, 2004, and 2009
- Lunch with former faculty and staff just to socialize and catch up
- A Sunday Sing (on Saturday) – hymns, gospel songs and choruses
- A reception to honor **Jay Kesler g58, Bill Pannell g51, and Paul Robbins g60** will be followed with “A conversation with Kesler, Pannell, and Robbins.” These three former YFC leaders became friends here and have given years of service to Christ-centered education and Christian publishing.
- Other activities include:
 - Open House for the Resource Center
 - Historical Fort Wayne campus films
 - Identify archive photos
 - Skype stations to reconnect with alumni not able to attend
 - Campus-wide scavenger hunt



Editor's Note:

See enclosed Homecoming flyer or go online for more information and to register for Homecoming 2014 at <http://fw.taylor.edu>. Do we have your email address to send you updates?

CARE

Rowlands Press On Despite Adoption Heartaches

By Michael D. Mortensen g 91

Adoption is a challenging journey, with piles of paperwork, long waits, and numerous expenses. Many Fort Wayne alumni have undergone this process, but not many have experienced the rocky journey **Gary g97** and **Kelly Rowland** encountered in adopting their two boys, Grayson, now 6, and Landon, 3.

After learning they could not have biological children, they desired to adopt. They initially wanted to adopt from Ethiopia, but God had other plans.

“My niece, Emily, had gone to Trinidad on a short-term mission trip, and she said we should adopt from there,” Gary recounted. “I told her that if God wants us to, we would love to.” Trinidad did not have an adoption program. A month later, however, they received a call about a mother from Trinidad in Florida who was eight months pregnant. Within a month, the Rowlands were in Florida adopting Grayson.

When the Rowlands decided to adopt again, however, the birth mom who had chosen them unexpectedly disappeared. “We never heard from her again,” Gary said.

They decided to adopt overseas, and set their sights on Ethiopia once more, only to discover some new rules.

Adoptive families were required to travel to the country for a court date, and then again six weeks later to pick up their child if all paperwork was complete.

Given these added concerns, they began the process of adopting from Rwanda instead. But a week before the Rowlands were to submit the paperwork that had taken 11 months to prepare, Rwanda put all adoptions on hold.

Soon after, Gary’s niece went on another mission trip, this time to Uganda. She returned telling the Rowlands they should adopt from Uganda. So, they contacted their adoption agency and learned of a pilot program in Uganda. In August 2012, they got a referral for a brother and sister to adopt.





Within 48 hours of leaving to pick up these children, the Rowlands learned that the children's grandmother, who raised them, had not told her family about the adoption. When the extended family was informed, they objected, prohibiting the adoption.

"That was really hard," Gary said. "We were praying for these children daily. We did not realize how volatile international adoption can be."

Others encouraged them to look elsewhere, but they still felt a strong calling to Uganda. The next referral came three weeks later, for a 14-month-old boy who had been abandoned.

Gary and Kelly were informed that the Ugandan court had ordered a door-to-door search for the birth mother, whom they found, and for the father, whose whereabouts was uncertain.

"We had a prayer service that he would be found, so we could get our baby," Kelly said. What they didn't know was that authorities learned the baby's grandfather is the former Vice President of Uganda. "The child went from rags to riches," Kelly said.

The news came less than 24 hours before Gary and Kelly were scheduled to depart for the adoption.

Despite their gladness for this child, they were again heartbroken. "A lot of doubts started to creep in," Gary said. "We had to take some time to pray and think about it."

Once they made the choice to proceed a third time, the referrals suddenly dried up. "It was discouraging," Kelly lamented. "We had to wait almost 11 months." Grayson continued faithfully praying for his brother.

But the Rowlands had a sense of peace as they proceeded. Gary, a church planter at The Ridge in Fort Wayne, said the whole church was with them before they left to adopt Landon, while Gary preached a sermon on the persistent widow in Luke 18. "[The] story helped us not to lose hope for God to answer our prayers," he said.

Finally, in December, Landon completed their family. In four years, Gary and Kelly had four "failed" adoptions. But in the end, Gary said, "We thank God...these kids are awesome!"



1978-1993

Class of 1978

Mark g78 and Dee **Krueger** continue their ministry in Timbi, Guinea, West Africa. They are seeking to reach the Fulbe people group who are spread among a number of West African countries. They are requesting prayer that this very resistant people group will have their eyes opened to the truth of the Gospel, and that the power of Satan will be broken in their lives. All of their children are in the U.S. now, so pray for peace and joy in all of their hearts despite the separation.

Class of 1979 & 1981

Don g81 and **Rachel (Weber) Kramer g79** had many special ministry opportunities during last Christmas season in Taiwan. For all missionaries, Christmas is a time of great opportunity to share the message of Christ. The Kramer's

three sons are all in the U.S., either in college or pursuing their careers. They would appreciate your prayer support for their ministry and for their boys.

Class of 1980

After receiving his Christian Education degree from FWBC, **Randall Georgi g80** earned a degree in Social Work from Saint Francis College, Fort Wayne in 1984. He now has worked more than 20 years in inpatient psychiatric and a couple of years in case management, all within the field of mental health. Most recently, he has been working at the North-eastern Center in Auburn, IN.

Gary Livengood g80 has written and published *Lost in Heaven*. The book is about an apostate man who temporarily ends up in heaven through the sovereign purposes of God. In heaven he experiences great wonders and meets prophets of old,

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the redeemed from his earthly life, and other strange and mysterious heavenly characters. *Lost in Heaven* is available at west-bowpress.com at and Amazon.com.



Class of 1981

Terry (Clay) Broberg-Swargin g81 obtained her Master of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. She has been working for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the Office of Worship and as a cantor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Additionally, she is in her second term as Chair for the Board of Directors for Neighborhood Health Clinics, Inc. nhci.org. If this does not keep her busy enough, she has been married to Calvin Swargin for 25 years. She has one

son, one daughter, two grandsons, and a granddaughter.

Pastor Marty g81 and **Ruth (Blosser) g81 Longcor** are starting their second year pastoring Grace Church in Camby, IN. They served in Australia for the previous two years.

Dr. Steven Ware g81, professor of Historical Theology at Nyack College in New York City, gives thanks for the recent completion of *When was Jesus Really Born?: Early Christianity, The Calendar, and the Life of Jesus*, published by Concordia Publishing House. It is available at amazon.com and on Concordia's website, www.cph.org. Recent radio interviews about the subject matter of the book are available at issues.org and kfuo.org.

Class of 1984

Jennie (Boehm) g84 Bishop has authored *The Three Gifts of Christmas*, the sequel to *The Princess and the Kiss*, about a spoiled daughter who ends up giving her beautiful gifts away. She also presents the now-common practice of giving only three meaningful gifts for Christmas and reminds us of the birth of a child. Jennie is married to Randy, and they live and minister in South Daytona, FL. For more books written by Jennie, visit purityworks.org.

Denny g84 and **Linda Collins** continue their ministry with Emmanuel Community in Ireland. This year they established a children's choir of 18 kids who minister to the elderly in

two nursing homes. On January 1 they were moved to a new Community Center, which is half the size of their former meeting place. Please pray with the Collins that they would be able to utilize this space well and that the Holy Spirit would guide the activities and conversations that take place there.



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Hall Named Distinguished Faculty Member



Margaret (Eash) Hall g80 recently was named a 2013-2014 Distinguished Faculty at Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne, where she has taught Developmental Math since 2008.

Hall credits her five children, all of whom she home-schooled from kindergarten to grade 12, as the greatest influences toward her becoming a successful college-level instructor.

She also said, "Many [FWBC] faculty members influenced my life, but Dr. Forest Weddle will always have a special place in my heart. I learned from him that teaching involves much more than conveying facts from a textbook. His teaching style connected him with his students and helped them to be better people, not just 'more educated' people."

She and her husband, Gary, have five children and four grandchildren.

Editor's Note: To read more about Hall's story and award, go to: <http://ivytech.edu/northeast/faculty/mhall.html>.

Class of 1985

Cindy (Sauder) Kimm g85 and her family continue to live in Leo, IN where they are involved in their local church in a variety of ways. Cindy is currently serving as a Bible quizzing coach, a bus driver for the Alone Together ministry, and a newborn nursery worker. Her oldest daughter, Abi, just completed her BA at Taylor University with a double major in Psychology and Spanish.

Class of 1986

Teri (Beard) Hogg g86 is now the Executive Director of The Hope Clinic in Adams County, Ind., which has clinics in Berne and Decatur. The Hope Clinic is a pregnancy resource medical clinic. Their goal is to be the first choice for women and couples facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Pastor Darwin Dunten g86 has been pastoring the First United Brethren Church in Findlay, OH for the past 13 years. Darwin is also the chaplain of the Hancock County Sheriff's department, is on the denominational leadership team, and is the area cluster leader for the Findlay area United Brethren pastors. He and **Polly (Clay) fs86** have three children. Polly owns her own business and is actively involved in the church's children's ministry.

Class of 1989
25th Class Reunion at Homecoming!

Rachelle (Steiner) Nelson g89 is now working as a tutor helping at-risk kids. She and **Todd g93** helped plant a church eight years ago named Courtyard Church. She enjoys teaching the first-fourth graders for Kids' Church. The Nelsons live in Tulsa, OK.

Class of 1991

Rick g91 and **Madara Dugan** continue their ministry in Cyprus and throughout Europe. Recently, six people were baptized in Nicosia, including four university students. In Albania, the Dugans trained a small group from two cities how to live for Jesus and invite others to follow him in the natural contexts of family, work, school, and neighborhood. Recently, Rick was in France leading the Migration LC (Learning Community) with 12 people actively involved in launching movements among transient and immigrant communities across Europe.

Class of 1993

Tom g93 and **Cindi De Somer** are celebrating 17 years of marriage this year. They have three children: Caleb, 11, Alexa, 9, and Zachary, 4. They have served in ministry in Fort Wayne; LaGrange, IL; and Oswego, NY, before receiving the call to begin a church multiplication effort in Southern California. They

are currently planting a CM&A church in Simi Valley called Vital Cross (vitalcross.com). Vital Cross was launched in October 2012 with the vision to creatively reach the unreached, to engage the next generation, and to multiply churches.

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Editor's Note: More current News & Notes are added weekly on our website: <http://fw.taylor.edu>. Alumni and friends can send for our review and posting, and then they can be read by former classmates and friends. Check out this feature today!



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Everyone likes **FREE** stuff. “Buy one, get one **FREE**,” or “stop by and pick up your **FREE** gift.” We all know there’s a catch – “there is no such thing as a **FREE** lunch.”

The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center loves to give **FREE** stuff, and we do this often by providing the *FW Vine*, our semi-annual magazine you’re reading right now, along with the *FW Falcon*, our e-newsletter with stories featuring alumni with news and information you care about.

We provide reunions, meeting and retreat space, transcripts, and alumni gatherings for you to connect and celebrate friendships, life events (births, jobs, promotions, marriages, and even home goings), and common memories.

While we love giving **FREE** services and resources, these things are not really **FREE**, as we pay for staff, rent, utilities, printing, and postage. This is where we need everyone to give, so we can continue *Caring, Connecting, and Celebrating* **FREELY**.

Please consider a gift of at least \$10 to the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center’s Fund by May 31. It will be matched by our friends from Poorman’s Heating & Air. If you’re able to give more, please do to help us reach our budget need. You may make your gift online with the link below or using the enclosed envelope. Thank you!



Your gifts, no matter the amount, are appreciated and needed for us to continue our ministry of *Caring, Connecting, and Celebrating!*

<http://fw.taylor.edu/support/giving.shtml>

Hulls Give Thanks for Friendship: Continue to Volunteer Despite Trial

Recently, **Bill g69** and **Sharon (Walter) g67 Hull** received a significant scare, as Bill had a stroke while visiting his parishioners. During the next two weeks, he was in and out of the ICU with much uncertainty whether he would lose his sight, let alone survive.



The constants were the prayers and care the Hulls received from their friends - many from Fort Wayne Bible College - especially from **Phil g67** and **Jan (Schumacher) g68 Logan**.

“We are SO grateful for the friendship we have had for 50 years with Jan and Phil,” Sharon explained. “And can

I say we most likely would not have met had it not been for Fort Wayne Bible College. Is it any wonder that we have so much love for FWBC and now the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center?”

“It drives our reason to volunteer each week to help keep those memories alive,” Sharon concluded! “I wish we could count the number of people from FWBC who have ministered to us during this crisis. This is just another reason to LOVE FWBC and the Resource Center and CELEBRATE what it has meant to us through the years.”

Editor’s Note: Despite their recent health scare and hardship, Bill – with his vision impaired – called several of our former faculty and staff members to get answers for this *FW Vine*. He asked the questions over speakerphone, and Share typed up the answers and submitted them. WOW! Thank you!



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