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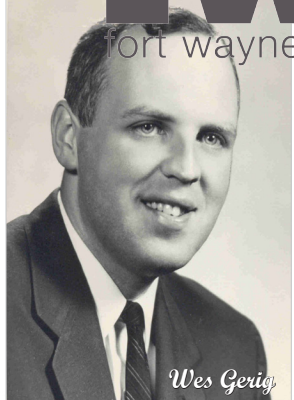
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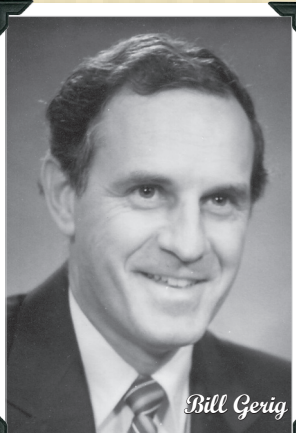


Rose Ann Nickel



Tim Warner

Where are they now?



Bill Gerig



Grant Hoatson

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!



Michael D. Mortensen g91
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P.S. You may notice we personalized this magazine for you. I want to give special thanks to Kathryn Fenstermacher g14, Tim Embry g02, Kayla Ann Villanueva, Bill g 69 and Sharon (Walters) g67 Hull, Jay g69 and Shirley (Mertz) g69 Platte, Catherine (Beers) Cwanek g97, Bill Gerig g62, Marlene (Sholl) Embry g96, Arlene (Dissinger) Motter g67, and Angela Hudson.



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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!

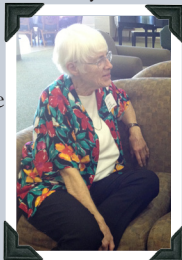
Eunice Conrad

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

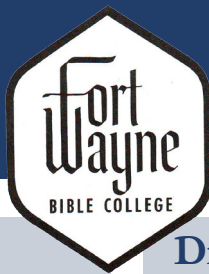
Rev. Ron Scharfe came to Fort Wayne Bible College

in 1970 to serve in a dual 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 lives in Fort Wayne, IN.





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.

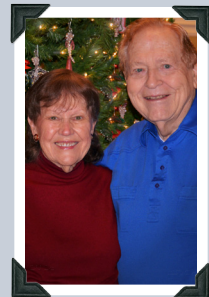
Additionally, Dick continues to mentor men in their walk with Christ here and in Jamaica. He and his wife, **Ruth (Landes) fs64**, a nurse, who teaches CPR to medical professionals and works as a home health care nurse with children who have disabilities, live in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Grant Hoatson

Dr. Grant Hoatson came to Fort Wayne Bible College to teach

Radio and Television broadcasting and Journalism in 1958-59. He also produced the radio program "Crossroads" on WOWO.

During that time he met one of his Broadcasting students, **Patti (Witt) g59**. After his class, they began dating and eventually married. She became the acting Dean of Women after her graduation, and he was named the Director of Public Relations and Alumni Coordinator while continuing to teach.



In 1984 he accepted a role with St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida and Patti served as an instructor in Speech. They both retired from SPC in 1996. They live in Seminole, FL.

The Hoatson's continue to keep active by teaching Bible studies in their apartment complex and their church. They are also taking a course in Personal Life History Writing.

Reflecting back, Grant said, "we loved our time at FWBC. The fellowship among faculty and staff was precious to us."

CONNECT

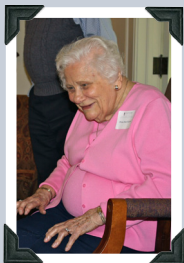
Rose Ann Nickel ha96

Rose Ann Nickel ha96 came to Fort Wayne Bible College in 1962 with her husband, **Dr. Ted Nickel ha96**, and then worked together until their retirement in 1995. Most of the years she worked in the library, where she enjoyed contact with students, faculty, and staff.

After retirement she and Ted traveled to Sierra Leone, West Africa to see and experience the ministry of their daughter **Janet Nickel g74**. They also spent time on a European study tour.

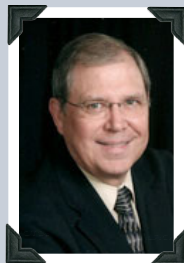
Rose Ann also has been very active at First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne in many different roles over the years. She directed the children's church, worked with the ladies ministries, coordinated the church prayer chain, and served as a Deaconess on the church board.

Her husband Ted went to be with the Lord in January 2012. Unfortunately she fell recently and now is in rehab at the Lutheran Life Villages here in Fort Wayne.



Dr. Jay Platte g69

After teaching, administering, and directing multiple groups and concerts for 39 years, **Dr. Jay Platte g69** retired in 2006. While he continues to teach online courses, he spends the majority of his time volunteering at Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic and the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

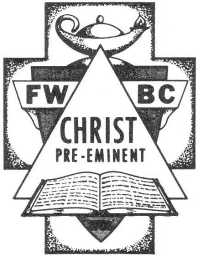


Since June 2006, he has spent mornings at Matthew 25, helping mainly with Patient Assistance. In the afternoon he has volunteered almost 5,000 hours as the Archive Coordinator and web-master. He also serves on the Alumni Council.

"As I have had the privilege to digitize recordings, documents, etc., I have the privilege of recalling the wonderful work students, faculty, and staff did," Jay wrote recently. "I marvel at the quality of the 'product' this small college produced, all to God's glory."

Just in the past five years, Jay has put together 14 DVD and 14 CD projects, assisted with publishing six books, edited multiple videos, and pulled off three FW Celebrates!/Homecomings and four Sunday Sings.

Jay and **Shirley (Mertz) Platte g69**, a retired teacher and local organist, still live adjacent to the campus.



CELEBRATE

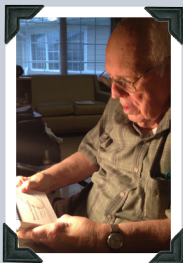
Dr. Wes Gerig g51

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.



Dr. Tim Warner g50

Dr. Tim Warner g50 taught at Fort Wayne

Bible College from 1953 to 1955, before he served in Sierra Leone from 1956-1959. Agreeing to teach missions at FWBC on furlough would turn into a longer assignment. He didn’t leave until 1980, after serving as President for nine years.

Upon leaving FWBC in 1980, he joined the faculty of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He then joined the staff of Freedom in Christ Ministries in 1992, where he continues to this day, even though he does not travel as much anymore due to advancing age, now 89.

“The privilege of relating to so many students over the years and having an impact on their lives through my life and teaching is the rewarding element in my tenure at the college,” Dr. Warner explained. “A highlight was in the early 1960s, the Student Missionary Fellowship got tired of my Africa stories, so they sent me on a five-week tour of mission fields in South America.”

Eleanor (Waltman-Neunschwander) g45 passed away June 14, 2010. Dr. Warner then married Taylor University classmate, **Eileen (Lageer) g49**, when she was 87 and he was 86 on July 16, 2011. They live in Fort Wayne.



CONNECT

Bill Gerig g61

Bill Gerig g61 grew up on the Fort Wayne Bible College campus, so some remember him as a boy, teen, and/or as an adult. After graduating from Fort Wayne Bible College in 1961, he and **Joyce (Wiggles) fs61** moved to Sierra Leone, West Africa, where they served as missionaries with World Partners for 15 years.



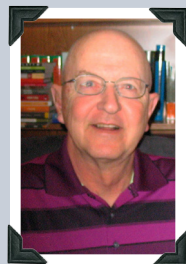
Upon return to the USA, he served in Correspondence Studies and eventually Alumni Relations until his retirement in 1997. The Gerigs then moved to Glendale, AZ to assist his parents, **Dr. Jared g29** and **Mildred (Eicher) g28 Gerig**, former president and first-lady of FWBC. Bill was one of the Resident Managers at Glencroft Retirement Community until 2005.

When they moved back to Indiana, he began volunteering at First Missionary Church, the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, where his daughter, **Sharon Gerig g89** works, and eventually at the newly formed Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. After **Kari Reynolds g98** left to take a teaching job, he began working quarter time as our secretary. He also is the president of the Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Heritage Association.

Steve Morley g65

After graduating from Fort Wayne Bible College, Coach

Steve Morley g65 assisted his dad for two years from 1965-1967 before taking over full-time as a coach, where his team eventually won the NCCAA II National Basketball Championship. Before leaving in 1987, he had served as a coach, athletic director, and an Instructor of Physical Education.



After leaving FWBC, he repeated the enormous feat of winning another national championship in 1997 at Southwestern College in Phoenix, AZ, where he eventually became a Dean of Students. Upon retirement, he relocated to Kearney, NE, where he lives with his wife, Kaye.

“Coach” has served as an elder in his church, until health issues caused him to resign. He continues to teach Bible class periodically, and occasionally he fills the pulpit when the pastor is gone. He also heads up the Compassion Ministry (“a true laugh to my former players, I’m sure,” Coach wrote) for his church.

“I have said many times that Fort Wayne Bible College is the people, not the campus and buildings. I miss the students and my peers more than anything else,” he concluded.

CELEBRATE

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!"



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Use your smartphone to submit the latest News Note.

Class of 1936

Stanley E. Rhoades g36 of Kentwood, MI. went home to be with his Lord and Savior on March 28, 2014 at age 97. Stan proudly served in World War II. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Carol; four sons; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Class of 1944

Rev. Andy Rupp g44 passed away March 30, 2014. He graduated from both Fort Wayne Bible Institute and Taylor University. He was the father of **Coach Deb Rupp g76**. Andy was a missionary and also taught Missions at Fort Wayne Bible College. He was President of the Evangelical Mennonite Church and was given honorary membership in Fort Wayne Bible College's Delta Epsilon Chi in 1976.

Class of 1950

Paul g50 and Ruth **Erdel** are living in Mishawaka, IN. Ruth is finishing a spiritual growth book for Slavic women in the U.S. and in Russia. Paul, after a career of service in Ecuador, continues to be a friend and elder brother to the Hispanic churches in the North Central District of the Missionary Church. He says, "Often I visit two or three of their congregations on the same Sunday, since their services are held at different hours throughout the day."

Class of 1940

Helen (Moughler) Wagner g40 passed to her heavenly reward in September 2013 at age 97. Her complete dedication to the Lord was an example to all. She was a faithful pastor's wife, a mother of four, a children's Bible teacher for 70 years, a Sunshine Makers leader, and a missionary story teller. She came to know Jesus as her Savior while a student at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

Class of 1945

Rev. Lyle F. Steiner g45 passed away February 14, 2014 at age 91. At his passing, he was listening to the Audio Bible and to "Old Time Gospel Favorites." He joined his wife of 58 years, **Thelma (Blough) g45** who passed away in 2004, and they spent their first Valentine's Day together in nearly a decade.

Marilyn (Amstutz) Gerig g50 of Berne, IN passed away Thursday, December 26 at age 87 at Adams Memorial Hospital. She had been married to **Darrell Gerig g50** who preceded her in death. She particularly enjoyed music. Survivors include two sons and a daughter; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Class of 1954

60th Class Reunion at Homecoming

Rev. Ray W. Turnbaugh g54, 82, died Saturday, January 5, 2013. He was the husband of **Edna (Heller) Turnbaugh g52**, who died November 22, 2009.

Class of 1955

Commander Kendall E. Schoeff g55 passed away on February 1, 2014 in Ponte Verdra, FL. He retired from the Navy in 1975, having served proudly for 20 years. After graduation from FWBC, he was a music director at the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple before joining the Navy. His wife, Barbara, survives.

Class of 1956

Gaylord "Kahu" Kekoa Williams g56 of Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii passed away on March 5, 2014. He had been a minister for Lihue First Church. He is survived by his wife, June, two sons and two grandchildren.

Class of 1958

Rev. Henry I. Smith g58 passed away on August 12, 2013. He is survived by his wife, **Gail fs56**. The Smiths' first pastorates were in Humboldt, TN and Riley Center, MI. Other congregations they served were in Brown City, Alpena, Rhodes, Warren, and East Jordan, MI. Upon retirement, the Smiths moved to Brown City, MI where Henry was known as the small engine and lawn mower "fix it" guy.

Class of 1959

Ethel Smith g59 passed away on January 10, 2013. She worked as a missionary in India for 10 years and taught elementary school for 18 years in the Butler and Leo, Ind. areas, retiring in 1977.

Class of 1963

Duane Ford g63 died January 23, 2014. He pastored churches in Chicago, East Peoria, IL, and Lansing, MI. Retiring from the pastorate, Duane went to work for Sohn Linen and continued performing weddings and funerals, teaching Sunday school, and providing pulpit supply. He retired from Sohn Linen in 2003 and kept busy with his love of fishing, gardening, and attending the sporting and performance events of his nine grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Myra; daughter **Nancy (Ford) Bassett g85**; and son **Jon g91** and daughter-in-law, **Stacy (Watterson) g92 Ford**.

Class of 1964

50th Class Reunion at Homecoming!

Elizabeth Becker g64 passed away on October 29, 2013. She was a resident of Mount Horeb, WI. She is survived by her husband, David.

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."



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.



"We are thrilled to have this many alumni, former staff and faculty, and friends who have hit the 'LIKE' button on

Class of 1966

Rev. Max D. Wanner g66, 69, passed away on January 6, 2014. He was a beloved staff member of Fort Wayne Bible College and friend to the hundreds of young men he helped while he was at the college. His wife, **Rachel (Boehm) g79** survives along with their two daughters.

Class of 1967

Brenda Moser g67 is in her tenth year of serving at the Zaporozhye Bible College and Seminary in Ukraine. She is also involved in teaching theological vocabulary/concepts to interpreters in training for service at a new Christian University in the Alto Moya region of Peru. Brenda serves with the European Christian Mission of Point Roberts, WA.

Class of 1968

Cheryl (Roth) Cecil g68 announces the release of her book, *Open the Floodgates: Welcoming Grief into our Seasons of Loss*. Her book is available on amazon.com in paperback and on Kindle. Cheryl and her husband **Earl g68** have resided in Indianapolis since 2012 following Earl's retirement as Director of International Ministries for the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches, Fort Wayne.



Class of 1974-75

40th Class Reunion at Homecoming!

Bruce g72 and **Linda (Roath) g74 Masopust** returned from serving at LIFE Camp in Thailand, where Bruce taught a class of high school sophomores and Linda taught an English class to professionals. The Masopusts live in Saugatuck, MI.

Gail Sweatte fs74 passed away on April 1, 2013. Her husband, Ralph survives her and lives in Bentonville, AR.

Dennis g74 and **Marsha (Hainline) g75 Barta** recently celebrated their 50th year at Grace Church in Cleveland, the church where they met. Dennis serves as the Pastor of Congregational Care and Marsha is the Director of Food Services. Dennis has written a number of discipleship resources for upper elementary children that are available at several online Christian stores and on his website, www.dzresources.org.

Ron g74 and **Pam (Lantz) fs73 Eade** are completing Ron's 23rd year as Senior Pastor of the Church of Genesis in New Castle, PA. In addition to being a pastor, he has volunteered as a police chaplain with the City of New Castle Police Department and with the Pennsylvania State Police. He also served as the International Director of Central America Outreach mission in Guatemala and Nicaragua and as Director of Credentials for the Eastern Region Missionary Church. They were blessed to minister at the National Pastors Conference in Guatemala this past February, accompanied by their children and their spouses.



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<http://fw.taylor.edu>.

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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!



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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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