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As I was growing up on the Fort Wayne campus and at my parents' church, Fellowship Bible Church, in the 70s and early 80s, we would have Fort Wayne Bible College Gospel Teams come to sing during a service. Additionally, we would have Sharon & Robin visit. Who could forget **Sharon (Brumbaugh) Hoffman's g77** ability to sing and Robin's ability to make those ivories play? Then there was **Tom Nevil g79**, who sang and entertained through puppets, seemingly a lost art today.

Oh, what memories of these college students dressing alike in the latest fashions, and, more importantly, their ability to sing, harmonize and praise while representing the college.

Now, as a parent of five children, my kids are now involved in music performances and musicals. Music plays an important part in all of our lives, and it is amazing how one song or one melody can stir memories and emotions.

Last year, the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center with a team consisting of **Dr. Jay Platte g69**, **Dr. Paul Robbins g60**, **Marsha (Ringenberg) Wright g70**, the **Rev. Jim Johnson g50**, the **Rev. Dave Binkley g81**, **Dr. Dave Biberstein g66**, Dr. Bill Hossler, president of the Missionary Church, and I began putting together a Seniors' Extravaganza that included an oldfashion Singspiration and Music and Memories at First Missionary Church.

Based on its success and the response, we held a similar event again this fall, but added some events for younger alumni and held it in the Eicher Student Commons. *Fort Wayne Celebrates!* was an incredible event. Hearing this group sing along with smaller quartets and ensembles was an encouragement to the more than 250+ alumni and friends in attendance.

Music is powerful! This issue of the *FW Vine* will explore its history here on the Fort Wayne campus and its impact then and even now in the world through our alumni.

Rejoicing for the memories,



**Michael D. Mortensen g91**

*Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends*  
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P.S. Hope you will put **September 28 & 29, 2012** on your calendar, as we plan to celebrate again our heritage and legacy by *reconnecting, reminiscing, replaying and rejoicing!*

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**FORT WAYNE CELEBRATES!**



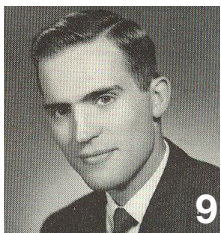
**MUSIC TOUCHES LIVES**

*Fort Wayne music program touched lives of thousands on campus, in the community and the continents for close to 100 years*



**SHIRLEY PLATTE SPREADS LIGHT AND LOVE**

*Music educator brings gift of music to children in Eastern Europe*



**WARNER MARRIES FORMER CLASSMATE**

*Former FWBC President marries former TU classmate from 40s*

*COVER DESIGN: For nearly 70 years, students walked through this door and the other 23 like it in Founder's Hall. The FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center still has five or six remaining for a gift to the Fort Wayne Alumni Fund.*

# MUSIC TOUCHES CAMPUS, COMMUNITY, AND CONTINENTS

By Michael D. Mortensen g91 and Dr. Jay Platte g69

The music program at the Fort Wayne campus touched the lives of thousands on and off campus for close to 100 years.

From its humble beginning when Mrs. J.E. Ramseyer, wife of founder and president, taught voice and piano in 1904 to 1906, it grew in prominence training directors, teachers, and artists that spread the Good News around the world.



In 1911, C.A. Gerber, the first of many prominent faculty members joined and led the program for 35 years. He was followed by **Oliver Steiner g26**, **Rene Frank**, **Ira Gerig h80**, and **Jay Platte g69**. Several others

contributed and taught through the program.

Originally, the music program was housed in Schultz Hall, but in 1942 Founders Memorial Hall was built as a new music building and significantly increased classrooms, studios and practice rooms and performance spaces for the Music Department.

In the mid-1950s the department became the School of Music and added degrees in Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Arts to complement the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree. That was an outgrowth of the three-year program prior to the name change to Fort Wayne Bible College and the offering of four year degrees.

With this restructuring, the Music faculty dramatically increased to include faculty Betty Stanley, Richard Gerig (composer of the Alma Mater), John F. Wilson, **June (Swaback) Harrison g49**, **Margurite (Steiner) Habeggerg31**, Richard Elmer and John Bechtelheimer. **Marlene (Langosch) Schleiffer g59** and Marilyn Andersen joined the music faculty. It was a time of enrollment expansion both for the college and the department. Under Langosch's initiative instrumental music developed into a touring Concert Band and Brass Ensemble.

Around this time, **Joy Gerig g51**, who had become the first full-time Christian Service Director in 1960, refined Gospel teams, which continued to be coached by music faculty, and began to multiply and diversify, through the Christian Service Office.



Perhaps two of the most prominent and traveled groups were the Crusaders' Quartet that included **Paul Brennan g60**, **Ken Mays g60**, **Paul Robbins g60**, **T.A. Strader g60** and **Ed Terui g60**, and the Singing Collegians, initiated by Robbins and Joy Gerig, founded in 1965, and directed by Jay Platte. While these

groups were not under the Music Department, they did much to draw students to the college to build programs.

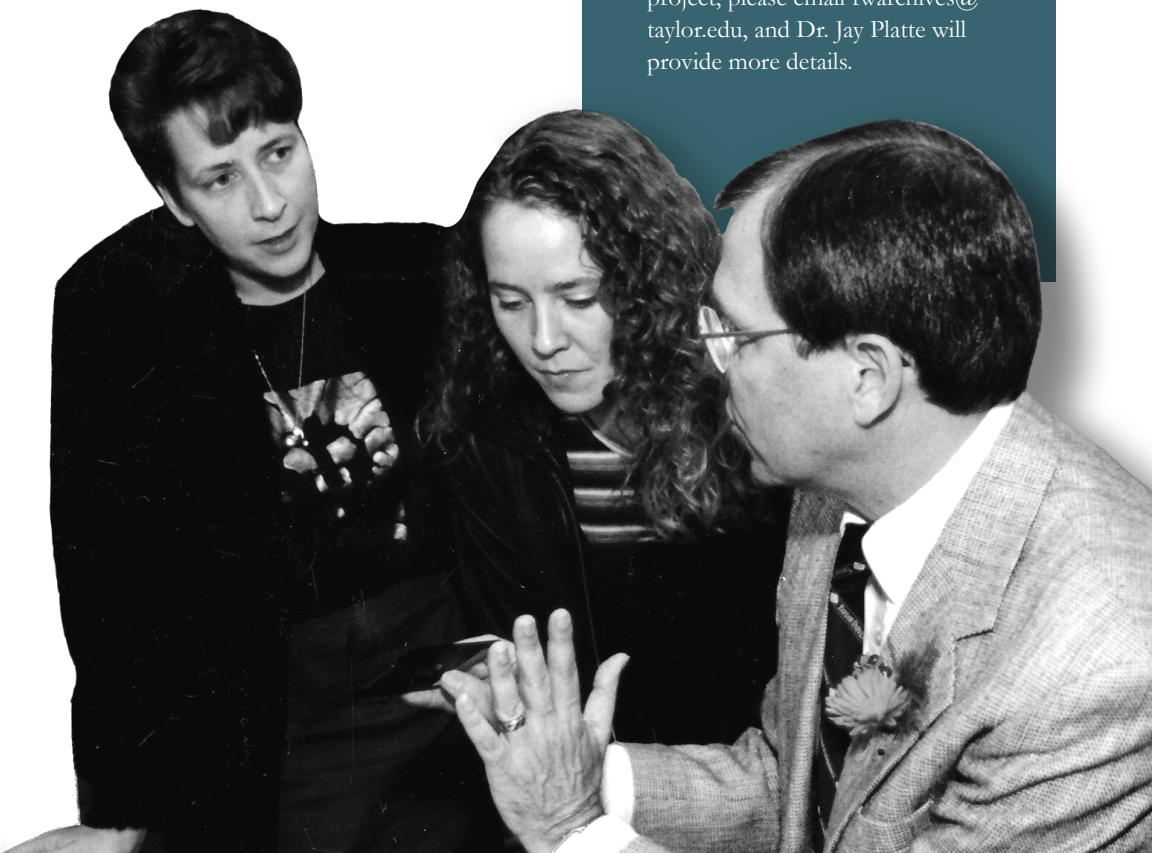
In the early 1970s in response to increasing community demand for music instruction, Class Piano for Children was founded with Jacquilyn Loomis as the first class piano instructor. Growing and diversifying, it was later renamed The Community School of Arts. In its most successful days, the Performance Contest hosted almost 500 students.

During this time, Marlene Everson came on board as a voice instructor. In 1981, Dana Collins joined the music faculty to teach instrumental music, theory and composition. The instrumental program continued to develop, continuing the Concert Band tradition that Dr. James Loomis started of Pops 'n Pizza

which enjoyed great success over a number of years.

The Music Department, after serving the campus, community, and continents for decades, was brought to a close in 1992. Attempts were made to later revive it, but were only temporarily successful; however, it's legacy and impact continues today in and through the lives of those it touched, who continue to sing, play, and compose *all for the glory of God*.

**Editor's Note:** This article only skims the rich history of the music program. Volunteers are working on a more complete and extensive history. If you would like to assist with this project, please email [fwarchives@taylor.edu](mailto:fwarchives@taylor.edu), and Dr. Jay Platte will provide more details.



# PLATTE SPREADS LIGHT AND LOVE THROUGH MUSIC IN EASTERN EUROPE

*By Shirley (Mertz) Platte g69*

Light has amazing quality. A single candle, insignificant in a well-lighted room, can glow with warmth and power in the darkest of places.

Still having a passion for teaching children through music after a rewarding career in music education in 2008, I was delighted to learn about Music Camp International, a non-profit children's charity whose mission is to bring the gift of music to children in post-Soviet countries.

Under the visionary leadership of Connie Fortunato, its founder and director, this organization has been working in both Romania and Ukraine since 2002, and so has gained the trust of government and education ministry officials. The government has even allowed access to the precious children in orphanages, schools for the blind and in government-supported camps for children in the social system.

In a typical music camp, the children are given the opportunity to play instruments such as guitar, recorder, Orff ensemble, choir chimes,

handbells, violin and cello. They also sing in a choir, learning carefully chosen sacred classics and songs of inspiration and hope.

The teaching staff uses encouragement,

positive reinforcement, and techniques that involve the child in music making in our instrument classes. This is in sharp contrast with the critical approach they often experience in schools, and many teachers have been surprised that we can achieve good results with our gentler, more patient methods.

Their five-day camp is culminated in a community concert, accompanied by a professional orchestra, giving the children an unforgettable thrill. The dignity, self-esteem and joy

the children experience shines in the smiles on their faces.

In the past three years I have made nine trips to Eastern Europe, the most recent one being a six-week experience that included three separate projects: a Music Camp in Bucharest, Romania, with over 500 children; a Music Camp in Iasi, Romania, with over 500 children; and a collaborative project with the Ukrainian





## Final concert of Music Camp International in Lasi, Romania on September 9, 2011

government to take 45 children to Strasbourg, France, to sing for the Parliamentary Session of the Council of Europe.

Each time I go, I see how the minds and hearts of both children and adults are opened, softened, and permanently changed by our sharing of love, hope, and the gift of music.

I can't fully express my gratitude and joy for the privilege of using the gifts and talents God has given me, even in my retirement years, to bring a small candle of His love to children, teens and adults who are so receptive to its transforming power.

For more information on projects of Music Camp International, please visit our website at: [www.musiccampinternational.org](http://www.musiccampinternational.org)

**Editor's Note: Shirley (Mertz) Platte g69** has been active in the field of music education since graduation. After more than 27 years in elementary school music and serving as organist in several churches, she has pursued opportunities to continue her passion for sharing her love of music with children. She also currently serves as organist at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. She is married to **Jay Platte g69**, and has two married sons and six grandchildren



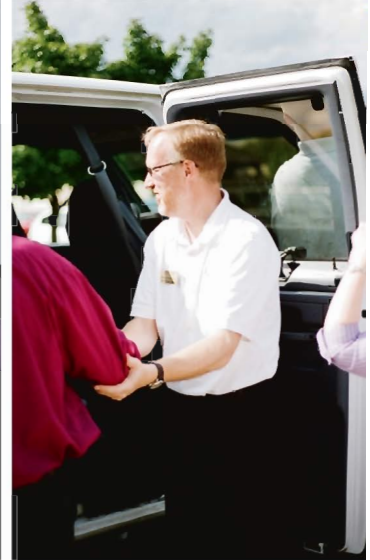
# FORT WAYNE CELEBRATES!

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2012



The Eicher Student Commons was filled with Fort Wayne alumni and friends September 23 & 24 for *Fort Wayne Celebrates!* 2011. Alumni reconnected, reminisced, replayed and rejoiced while being inspired, challenged and encouraged through song, Godly teaching and fellowshiping together around the dinner table and the soccer field. Alumni and friends gathering from 16 states and three countries returned to campus beginning Friday afternoon through Saturday evening.

*FORT WAYNE CELEBRATES!* – SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2012



# CONNECTING THROUGH FORT WAYNE WEB

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center website is designed to care for Fort Wayne campus alumni and to celebrate their heritage and legacy.

The first section, “Engage,” features a timeline with photos of the school’s history and a searchable online archive vault including pictures, audio clips, videos and documents dating as far back as 1885.

The second section, “Connection,” encourages alumni to connect with fellow alumni through our FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center page on Facebook. By simply clicking on the Facebook picture, you are taken to the Fort Wayne Resource Center page, where updates are generally given daily with pictures, memories and questions.

Contests, questions and photos often generate responses from alumni of all ages and locations across the country. In September, several celebrated “Roommate Appreciation Day” virtually by leaving messages about their roommate(s). In other

cases, they posted pictures, which generated many “likes” and some laughs.

Since August 2010, 609 have “liked” the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center page. Are you one of them?

The second feature of “Connection” includes “Stories of Fort Wayne” alumni. Here you are encouraged to submit stories of how students, faculty or staff affected your world and your walk. Perhaps, you can recall a time in your life when you were struggling. This is the place where you can pay tribute to another student, roommate, faculty or staff member who made a difference.

These stories can encourage and bless, even years after they take place.



**Editor’s Note:** In the next issue of the FW Vine, we will showcase another section of the <http://fw.taylor.edu> website. Alumni and Friends are encouraged to visit this site and provide feedback and suggestions at [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu).

# FORMER FWBC PRESIDENT MARRIES FORMER CLASSMATE

*By Stephanie Warner g13*

Former Fort Wayne Bible College President **Dr. Timothy Warner g50** and **Eileen Lageer g49** first met at Taylor University in the late 1940s where Eileen was the star of the undefeated women's basketball team, and Tim played tennis.

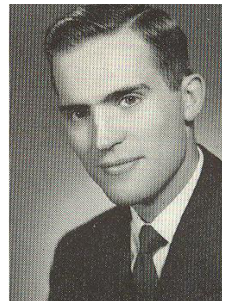
They sang together in A Cappella Choir, but after graduating magna cum laude, both went their own ways, keeping in touch only through prayer letters.

Dr. Warner married Eleanor Neuschwander in 1955. Together they went to Sierra Leon, West Africa as missionaries. Later he served in multiple roles culminating as President at FWBC, Director of the School of World Missions and Evangelism at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and International Director for Freedom in Christ Ministries.

Meanwhile, Eileen went to Nigeria for 24 years, and upon returning earned her Masters of Art degree from Grace Theological Seminary. She also wrote two commissioned books about the history of the Missionary Church.

Research for her writing brought her to Fort Wayne, Ind. where she reconnected with Tim and his family. Later she returned to her home in Canada as the head of the Missions Department at Emmanuel Bible School. When Eileen heard of Eleanor's passing in 2010, she wrote Warner a sympathy card, which led to their reunion and subsequent marriage.

Eileen, 87, and Tim, 86, wed in Kitchener, Ontario, on July 16, celebrating Eileen's first marriage. Tim walked his former Taylor friend down the aisle. Eileen displayed her spunk with a wink at the congregation after their first kiss. She later related her marriage to the miracle of when Jesus saved the best wine for last.



**Editor's Note:** *Stephanie Warner g13 is Dr. Warner's granddaughter, who is studying Professional Writing at Taylor University.*

# news notes

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Do you receive our monthly newsletter, the *FW Falcon*? Contact the Resource Center to add your email address to our list.

**Rev. Bob g60** and **Peggy (Owen) Liechty g60** visited Lakeview Church in Zion, Ill. to celebrate his 80th birthday at the church where he pastored from 1965-1985.

**Earl Cecil g68** retired as the Director of the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches' International Ministries where he has served since 2001. He and **Cheryl (Roth) g68** served with FEC for

the past 43 years in various pastorates. Cheryl continues to write devotionals and short stories for publications as well as working on her first book.

**Herb Hughs g69** retired from directing the Upward Bound program at Indiana Wesleyan University on July 5, 2011. Maxine (Goff) fs69 retired from nursing two years ago.

**Clyde Hale g76** is beginning his second year as head choir director at Southwest High School in Pharr, Texas. He also assists at Escalante and Kennedy Middle Schools and serves as the head director of T-STEM Early College High School.

**Jim Roth g76** retired from teaching sixth grade at Harlan (Ind.) Elementary School. Jim can be reached at [pararoth2farm@gmail.com](mailto:pararoth2farm@gmail.com).

## *Providence Hall collectable available*

Providence Hall, affectionately called the “Cardboard Castle” was built as a “temporary” residence hall to house 70 female students in 1945 for \$25,664.68. Finally, after 25 years of service, it finally succumbed to old age in 1970.

Memories of this special hall, where residents were known to be able “to pass notes through the walls” was originally built as an Army barracks, but rebuilt behind Schultz and Bethany Halls.

At Fort Wayne Celebrates! the Resource Center unveiled the latest Cat’s Meow wooden replica that can sit above a door, on a table, mantel or desk. Replicas are \$10 and are available at <http://fw.taylor.edu/store> or by calling the Resource Center at (260)744-8790.

**Barry McCune g78** is now serving as the pastor at First United Methodist Church in Geneva, Ind. Barry and **Andrea (Sprunger) g74** live in Geneva. Their email is [bearnandi@frontier.com](mailto:bearnandi@frontier.com).

**Rev. Allen Sudmann**

**g83** is in his 22nd year as senior pastor of Davison Missionary Church in Davison, Mich. He and his wife, Sally, will celebrate 30 years of marriage this December. Allen's email [allen@davisonmc.org](mailto:allen@davisonmc.org).

**Duane Mabee g83**

recently completed his M.Div. through Columbia International University. He and **Karla (Traxler) g83** helped to start a C & MA church in Chattanooga, Tenn., 19 years ago, where he is now the senior pastor.

**Donovan Coley g85** is the Senior Pastor/CEO of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. He is also the Teaching Pastor for Open Arms International Church in Fort Wayne. He and Grace are the parents of four children. Donovan credits FWBC for the strong foundation for his life and ministry.

**Kenneth Hogg g85** has accepted the position of Senior Pastor at Cornerstone Community Church in Decatur, Ind. Ken and **Teri (Beard) g86** are happy to be Hoosiers again!

**Angie (Binkley)**

**Moellering g86** has been named president and CEO of Lutheran Social Services in Fort Wayne. She has worked for the social services agency for the past 16 years.

**John Richardson g87** is now serving as the Pastor of Congregational Care at First Evangelical Free Church in St. Louis, Mo. John's email is [jhnrich40@yahoo.com](mailto:jhnrich40@yahoo.com).

**Eric Hostetler g89** and his wife, Rhonda, were married September 25, 2011, in Greensboro, N.C. Eric's email is [whiteeagle1965@gmail.com](mailto:whiteeagle1965@gmail.com).

**Pamela (Witmer) Pierson g92** is the elementary principal of Lakewood Park Christian School. Pamela and her family live in Auburn, Ind.

Alan and **Cheri (Patton) Shea g93**, with Josiah (2) and Nathaniel (8 months), are preparing for full-time mission work in Liberia.

Todd and **Tammy (Kelsey) Wilson g93** have finished up their missions work in Ukraine. They will now be working at Kewanna United Methodist Church in Kewanna, Ind.

**Brenda (Hatfield)**

**Wohlford g93** recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., with a B.A. in Elementary Education.

Jay and **Christa (Allaby) Bartlett g96**, with Nathanael (5), welcomed Genevieve Christina in September 2011. Genevieve weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.



Ty and **Rona (Graham) Bruce g96**, with Amaela (9), Clay (7), and Graham (3), welcomed Everett William on Easter Sunday, in April 2011.



Dennis and **Joy (Duncan) Farina g96** were married on September 3, 2011, at South Park Church in Park Ridge, Ill. **Eric g96** and Becky Flood were in attendance.



**Scott g97 and Kristin (Lundberg) Brunsting TUUg97**, with Tyler (7), Kelsey (5) and Rachel (5), welcomed Emily Grace in August 2011. Emily weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Tim and **Sarah (Miretti) Cassidy g98** were married on April 23, 2011 at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne. TUFW participants were **Kari Reynolds g99** and **Lauren (Bour) Davenport g98**. Tim and Sarah live in New Jersey.

**Jennifer Woolever g98** is the Associate Site Director, Recruitment & Marketing for the Weber School at Grace College, Fort Wayne. Jennifer's email is joyfulshoop3@yahoo.com.



**Warren g99 and Jonel (Beverly) Groscoat g02**, with Warren (8) and Matthew (1), welcomed Callie Christine in July 2011. Callie was born prematurely at 22 weeks and 6 days gestation and weighed 1 lb. 3 oz., but is now home.



Samuel and **Shani (Gray) Wilfred g99** were married March 12, 2011 at Southland Church in Valdosta, Ga. TUFW participants were **Deb Fox g98** and **Elaine Paxson g01**. Dr. Wilfred is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Valdosta State University and serves as a member of the TU Board of Trustees.



**Jason g00 and Cori (Green) Roton g00**, with Josiah (3), welcomed Ethan Ray in April 2011. He was 8 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 inches long.

**Mander Prater g01** is now the Clothing Donation Procurement Officer for Nehemiah Vision Ministries based in Chambrun, Haiti and Kirklin, Ind.



Steve and **Megan (Wood) Bell g02** welcomed Brooks Arnold into their family in June 2011. Brooks was born after only 35 weeks gestation. Brooks was 5 lbs. 4 oz. and 19 inches long.

## *Biberstein honored for Service to Alma Mater*

**Dr. David Biberstein g66** was recently named the "Distinguished Alumnus for Service to his Alma Mater." Affectionally known as "Beebs" or "Pastor Biberstein," he taught on the Fort Wayne campus for 26 years. In addition to being a professor, he has been and is a pastor, friend, missionary, discipler and mentor. Now, in retirement he is the Seniors Pastor and Director of Congregational Care at Pathway Community Church, Fort Wayne. Pastor **Dave and Jolleen (Herman) g67** continue to live on their farm, often a hot spot for non-traditional students each fall to congregate for an annual hayride and cookout.

**Chuck Koenemann g02** is working for Corporate Chaplains of America. He serves several companies in the Indianapolis area. Chuck and his family live in Pendleton, Ind.



David and **Amy (Gearhart) Wildermuth g02**, with Nathaniel (4) and Alan (2), welcomed Oliver Quincy in March 2011. Oliver weighed 7 lbs. 11½ oz. and was 21½ inches long. Amy and her family live in Akron, Ind.

**Susan Knoche g03** owns her own insurance office where she is a broker for health and life insurance. She also recently opened an office for a company called ISM which assists people in preparing financially for retirement.

Sung Hun and **Sunny (Mack) Lee g03** were married on February 24, 2011. They met through

their church in Daejeon, South Korea. Sunny's email is irishdragon\_17@hotmail.com.

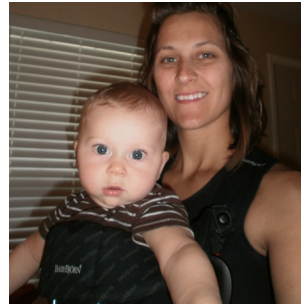
**Stephanie Struck g03** graduated in June, 2011, from Fuller Theological Seminary with a M.A. degree in intercultural studies – concentrating on international development and children at risk.

Jacob and **Krista (Gschwend) Bower g04** were married on April 2, 2011. **Danielle Creech g04** was a bridesmaid. Jacob and Krista reside in Fort Wayne.

**Jeremiah g05** and **Cyndi (Lee) Brown g06**, with Micaiah (2), welcomed Josiah David Keith in June 2011. JD weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

**Adam Harbaugh g05** launched "Tri-Cities Christian Counseling" in September 2011 after completing a M.A. degree in Counseling in May. He is continuing to work at Hopevale Church (Saginaw, Mich.) as Director of Middle School Ministry. Adam's email is aharbaugh9@gmail.com.

**Matt g05** and **Mindy (Cluxton) Hart g05** have relocated to Tunnell Hill, Ga. Matt accepted a position as youth pastor at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in Rocky Face, Ga. Matt's email is matt\_hart24@hotmail.com and Mindy's is mindyclux10@comcast.net.



Jonathan and **Erica (Stratton) Key g05** welcomed Sawyer Jameson in March 2011. Erica and her family live in Winston-Salem, N.C. Erica's email is mrs. erica.key@gmail.com.

Jason and **Christy (Sprinkle) Perkins g05** were married February 5, 2011, in Madison, Miss. **Bethany Sprinkle fs03** was maid of honor. They now live in Starkville, Miss. Christy is a pre-school teacher.





## Smith Serves FW Alumni

In today's economy, several Fort Wayne alumni are looking for jobs, and **Jill (Godorhazy) Smith g90**, director of Career Development at Taylor University, desires to help.

"Our team wants to help each individual follow the next step of their career path, where God can best utilize his or her skills and experiences," Smith said. "We help alumni at different stages of career development from networking and job search to resume critique and interviewing skills."

For assistance, please visit [www.taylor.edu/careerdevelopment](http://www.taylor.edu/careerdevelopment) or call (765)998-5382.

Smith is married to Dr. Richard Smith, associate professor of Biblical Studies at Taylor. She and her husband have three boys. In her free time, she likes to spend time with family and friends and exercise.



Sanjay and **Nicolette (Solak) Rai g05** welcomed Yerusha Maya in August 2011. Nicolette and her family are living in India.

Gentry and **Julia (Beange) Stickel g05** welcomed Kathryn Julia Diana in October 2011. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

**PeggySue (Maxfield) Wells fs05** wrote *The Slave Across the Street* which was released in February 2010.



**Josh g05** and **Laureen (Mutzer) Wulpi g04** welcomed Luke Joshua into their family in May 2011. Luke was 5 lbs. 11 oz. and 19 inches long.



Ramon and **Kim (Manon) Esquivel g06** were married on June 18, 2011 in Archbold, Ohio. TUFW participants were **Tim g06** and **Beth (Manon) Groman g04**. They reside in Fort Wayne where Kim is the office manager for Cut Above The Rest Lawn Service.

Andrew and **Autumn (Bonecutter) Gale g06** were married on April 25, 2009. TUFW participants were **Angie Hoepfner g06** and **Krista (Gschwend) Bower g04**. They live in Indianapolis, Ind. Autumn works at a nonprofit that assists the homeless.

**Delbert fs06** and Joy **Lindley** were married December 16, 2010, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville, Ind. They both lost their former spouses in July 2009.



Brent and **Dana (Sujkowski) O'Brien g08** were married on May 28, 2011. TUFW participants were **Jonathan g09** and **Sarah (Lachowicz) Young g10** and **Misty Charles fs10**. Dana is working as a nanny. Dana's email is now [dbobrienwedding@gmail.com](mailto:dbobrienwedding@gmail.com).

**Brandon Smith g08** graduated from the Regent University School of Law with his Juris Doctorate on May 7, 2011. Brandon took and passed the Bar exam in July and now works as an attorney with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company in Fort Wayne.

**Andrea Burns g09** moved to Zambia, Africa on April 25, 2011. She has committed two years to work with Heart of the Bride Ministries assisting orphans.

**Jonathan g09** and **Sarah (Lachowicz) Young g10** were married on July 18, 2009 in Howell, Mich. TUFW participants were **Dana Sujkowski g08** and **Eric Breon g08**. Jonathan and Sarah now live in St. Louis Park, Minn. Jonathan's email is [jonathan.young86@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.young86@gmail.com) and Sarah's is [sarah.lachowicz@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.lachowicz@gmail.com).

**Brian Wisener fs11** is preparing for deployment to Afghanistan in January in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Memorials

## MEMORIALS

**Ruth (Dilgart) Kelly g37** met up with Jesus on June 8, 2011 in Findlay, Ohio. Her husband, Rev. Donald Kelly g43 passed away in 2007.

**Theodore Helzerman g38** went home on July 31, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ruth (Lucks) g38**.

**Maxine (Roth) Head g39** saw the Lord on July 22, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Rev. Glen Head g44**, in 1998. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Bruce gTUU68 and **Nancy (Richardson) Head g69**,

and her sister **Geraldine (Roth) Amstutz g41**.

**Lois (Gerig)**

**Hetmansperger g40** went home to be with the Lord on August 16, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane. She is survived by her sister-in-law **Esther (Lehman) Gerig g52**, brother **Dale g52** and sister-in-law **Beth (Cornell) Gerig g53**, and her sister **Ruth (Gerig) Imler g53** and brother-in-law **John fs54**.

**Alice (Cone) Clay g44**

passed away on April 19, 2011 in Wakarusa, Ind. Alice was the widow of **Rev. Burley Clay g44** who passed away in September 2010. Alice leaves behind daughter Margaret and son-in-law James Motter; son **David g73** and daughter-in-law **Doris (Dyck) Clay fs70**; daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Vernon Masters; son **Jonathan fs76** and daughter-in-law Anita Clay; son **Daniel fs78** and daughter-in-law Carolyn (Talley) **Clay g78**; and daughter **Polly fs86** and son-in-law Darwin **Dunten g86**.

**Gladys (Chapman) Reifel g45** went to be with the Lord on June 29, 2011. Her husband of 62 years, **Arthur g45**, passed in 2007. She and

Art spent over 43 years on the mission field in Africa. **Rev. Jake Schierling g45** went to be with Lord on October 12, 2011. Jake was a missionary to Sierra Leone, and his story is featured in the FWBC film, *Bridgebuilders*. Jake also worked in Nigeria and pastored churches in California and Fort Wayne, and later taught high school. Jake is remembered by his wife **Ruth (Caddy) g45**; son Keith and daughter-in-law Carlene; daughter **Patsy fs76** and son-in-law Steve Sease; son **Gary fs70** and daughter-in-law **Diana (Callant) g75**.



**Dr. Zenas Gerig g51** went home to his heavenly reward on September 15, 2011. Zenas was one of the founders of Jamaica Theological Seminary. He is remembered by his wife, **Esther (Lehman) g52**; his son **Stephen g76** and daughter-in-law **Roxanne (Ogden) g76**, son **Stanley g79** and daughter-in-law **Cindy (Marks) fs85**; his

daughter **Laurel Charles g77** and son-in-law **Mervin g76**; his brother **Dale g52** and sister-in-law **Beth (Cornell) g53**; his sister **Ruth Imler g53** and brother-in-law **John fs54**.

**Rev. Kenneth Laffin g58** passed away April 28, 2011 at his home in Lima, Ohio. Kenneth was a Church of God minister since 1951. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, whom he was married to for nearly 60 years.

**Violet (Alejandro) Ebetino fs70** passed away July 30, 2011 in Fort Wayne. Violet worked as a registered nurse with Coram Specialty Infusion Services for 24 years. She is survived by her husband Frank.

**Jane (Parker) Corey g71** went to her eternal home on December 26, 2010 after a two-year battle cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Rev. Robert Corey g72**.

**Rev. William Raines g81** died on April 11, 2011 in Hagerstown, Maryland. He pastored and assisted in various churches in Fort Wayne and Kansas City, Mo. He also founded Restoring Justice with Compassion – ministering to Indiana inmates.



## *Troyers minister at Motorcross events*

**Rich g92** and **Maggie g92 Troyer** recently sold their house in Woodburn, Ind., and began living in their RV full-time, as they travel extensively in the summer and fall doing ministry at motocross events primarily in Michigan.

Traxide started when the Troyers were simply at a Motorcross event for their grandson, and Rich was asked to lead a service.

Now he serves as a Pit Pastor with Maggie and an announcer, a recent opening God provided. Together, they minister in the middle of a field on weekends to people zero to 50. For more information, visit [www.traxideoutreach.com](http://www.traxideoutreach.com) or email [rich@traxide.com](mailto:rich@traxide.com).

The Troyers will live and work in Florida this winter while raising support for next season.

# WHAT PART WILL YOU PLAY?

This issue of the *FW Vine* spotlights our music program – which touched the campus, community and continents for nearly 100 years. Each, band, choir or group had leaders or featured performers at times, but the entire production was better because the group worked together.

In every performance, each participant has his or her part. Some play or sing the melody, while others provide harmony. Even the actors need the stage hands, who lift the curtains or move the props for the show to be a success.

Much the same, we rely on each alumnus(a) to reach our financial goal of \$60,000 each fiscal year for the Fort Wayne Alumni Fund. Last year, the largest gift we received was \$3,000 and the smallest was one penny. All gifts, like all musical notes, make a difference!

Just like in the past, we need everyone to participate at some level for the continuation of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. Will you please consider playing some role in helping us with a gift before December 31? While all gifts are received by Taylor University (so you may qualify for the Indiana State tax credit if a resident), all funds come to us for the programs, events, services and resources we provide Fort Wayne campus alumni.

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