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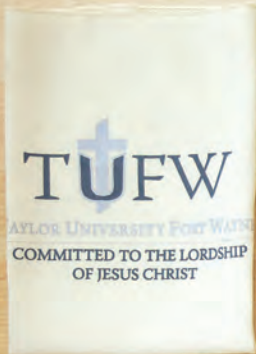
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If the past 11 months are any indication, the “Vine” is alive and growing throughout the world. Daily, Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center volunteers (who have already given over 2,400 hours of their time since last June) and staff are fielding and responding to phone calls, e-mails, Facebook messages, LinkedIn requests and text messages ... even a few letters with stamps!

Hearing from alumni from various decades who live both near and far has been very encouraging. Most express their thanks for keeping connections to our beloved campus alive. Our work of maintaining the Vine will continue as we launch this new mini-magazine, the *FW Vine*. We plan to publish the *FW Vine* three times a year to complement our monthly e-newsletter, *The Falcon*.

Meanwhile, we are in the process of relocating to our “new” home, the Lillian Rolf House, just east of Witmer Hall on the south side of Rudisill Boulevard. Taylor University is investing thousands of dollars to remodel this home that has silently stood guard by the Fort Wayne campus for over 90 years. In this remodeling process, I discovered the original date wallpaper was applied was March 1, 1920. Please stop in, take a tour and visit with us, as we want to hear how God has worked in your life since your days on campus.

We plan to move the last week of May to 915 W. Rudisill Blvd., but our phone number, (260) 744-8790, and e-mail, alumnifw@taylor.edu, will remain the same. A redesign and more enhancements are underway for our Web site, fw.taylor.edu, but what is most important to me is caring for our Fort Wayne alumni and celebrating our Fort Wayne campus heritage.

Thank you for this pleasure,



Michael D. Mortensen '91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends

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The Fort Wayne campus was founded in 1904 as the Fort Wayne Bible Training School. It was renamed Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and later became Taylor University Fort Wayne. Founded in 1846, Taylor University is one of America's oldest Christian liberal arts colleges. Over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students from 46 states and 24 foreign countries attend Taylor, where majors in 50 fields of study are available.



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Past-President, Pastor and Educator Passes

by Michael D. Mortensen g91

Dr. Donald Gerig g62, who served as the sixth and final president of Fort Wayne Bible College and Summit Christian College, died February 23, 2010, following a battle with cancer. He was 70.

"Don was a gifted leader, multitasker, educator and pastor," **Dr. John Strubhar g69** reflected. "His investment in the lives of many pastors and young men, even in his retirement years, will continue to reap many dividends."

Jim Patton g75 echoed those thoughts when he wrote, "Don was an amazing pastor and youth leader. To this day I remember him saying 'worship is a family experience,' and that is something I say to my congregation today."

Audrey (Bell) Dobbs fs76 who first experienced Dr. Gerig as a professor in a Bible class, then later sat under his teaching as he became her pastor in Illinois, remembers his very pointed sermons – always practical and thought-provoking. "He truly lived his faith in front of others and did it wholeheartedly. I will always remember and be thankful for the impact that he had on my life and the lives of those who met him."

Paul Steiner g50, former FWBC chairman of the Board, said Dr. Gerig did all he could to equip the college for the future. "He was always looking ahead," Steiner explained. "I always thought of Don as a visionary, and he did his best to get the college to where it needed to go."

"Don was very concerned about the future of the school, as good as the school was, the Harvard of Bible Colleges, but we just did not have enough students to make it viable," he added. "Ultimately, we would not have had the 18 years of Taylor University Fort Wayne without his leadership."

"As I think of Don," long-time friend Sam Birkey wrote, "I am reminded of the words of John the Baptist, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.' Don prepared others for life here and the life to come. Don spent his life readying himself and us for that place."

Birkey continued, "His desire for each of us here today would be that we would live our lives in Christ so that we might be prepared."

Dr. Gerig left TUFW after the merger in 1992, but continued working to develop Christian leaders. He served on the Board of Bethel University in Saint Paul, Minn., and pastored the Huron Hills Baptist Church near Ann Arbor, Mich.

After retiring in 2002, he was sent by the Overseas Council to teach short courses on leadership to emerging Christian leaders in Hong Kong, Thailand, Ukraine, Ghana, Jordan, Ecuador and Brazil.

Dr. Gerig is survived by his wife **Caroline (Perry) g61**. He is also survived by two children, Denise and Douglas, and six grandchildren. Caroline's email is ddgceg@aol.com.

Former TUFW Students Touch the World through Taylor Trips

by Nathan Marchand g06

Czech Republic

In January, TUFW alumni **Lauren Peltier cs10** and **Jared Derby cs10** traveled to the Czech Republic with 14 other Taylor students and three sponsors on a Taylor World Outreach (TWO) Lighthouse mission trip.

The Czech Republic is one of the most atheistic countries in Europe, with over 40 percent of their population espousing no religious belief whatsoever. Less than 10 percent of the population is evangelical Christian.

“In the Czech Republic, I saw God around every tree, during every English class and in every enchilada (made, ironically, by Americans and served to Czechs),” said Lauren.

They spent three weeks building relationships with the youth they met in English and gym classes and with Joanie, their host missionary who runs Caleb’s Heart Ministries in Chotěboř. They taught English to students from second grade to secondary school. They also organized and ran a soccer tournament for gypsies and orphanages and participated in a multi-city youth group worship night.

“We expected to be seed-planters or waterers of the Gospel,” said Lauren, “certainly not harvesters.”

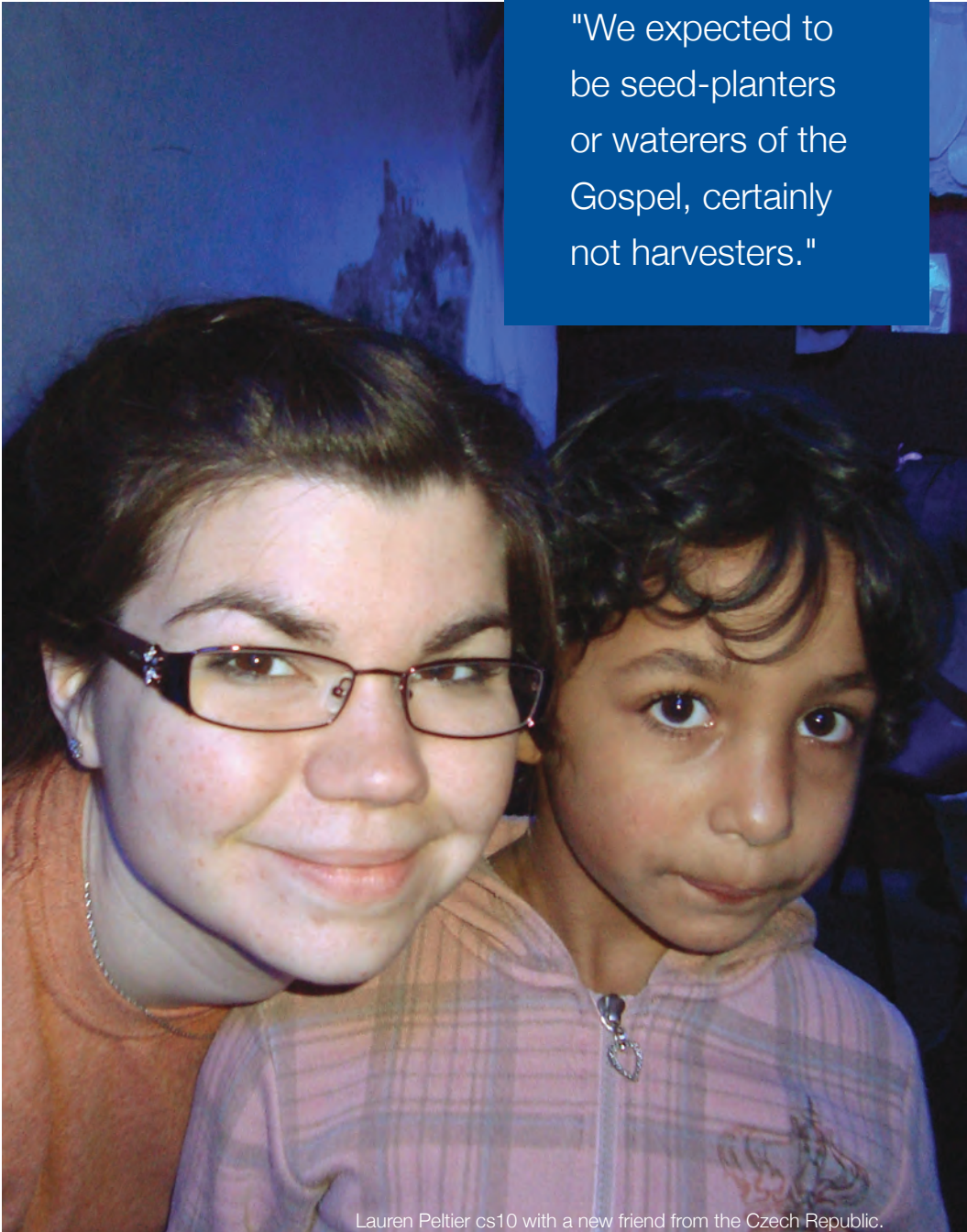
“We were able to see God work in amazing ways,” said Jared. “Despite our diverse backgrounds and previous experiences, all of the ‘Czechmates’ got along very well. We adapted to the changing schedules, stepped up to leadership responsibilities, and learned to function both in small groups and in the team as a whole. Best of all, we were able to build relationships with many of the Czech kids that we taught—relationships that are still being kept up months after our trip.”

During their time there, two youth came to Christ, and a month after the team’s return, they learned that another young woman, Paja, began her own relationship with Christ.

“Though we were in the Czech Republic for a mere three weeks,” said Lauren, “I have faith God used our brief time there to soften hearts and draw the Czech people to himself.”

“Though God has been ignored or rejected by the residents of many of the former Soviet-bloc countries,” said Jared, “He is still working to draw people unto Himself.” ➡

"We expected to be seed-planters or waterers of the Gospel, certainly not harvesters."



Lauren Peltier cs10 with a new friend from the Czech Republic.

Southeast Asia

“When was the last time you went three days without seeing a computer? In the past decade, the only time I can think of this happening for me was this past January, when I joined eight other Taylor students and one professor on a trip to Southeast Asia,” said TUFW alumna **Natalie Myers cs10**.

Julie Caldwell cs10, another TUFW alumna, was also one of the students on this trip.

Although this was through Taylor’s Lighthouse program, rather than focusing on missions in general, the Southeast Asia trip focused on Business as Mission, or BAM, Myers explained.

They traveled for more than 24 hours before reaching the computer-less village where they stayed for three days. There they focused on the mission-side of BAM, learning about the local culture and building friendships with their host families.

For the next two weeks, they left the island to work at the offices of the company that runs the island stay business. Two teams worked on separate projects (a marketing plan and a feasibility study), spending hours each day

on computers, researching and compiling reports. They presented these reports to the owners of the business before traveling home.

“This trip challenged me in so many ways,” said Myers, “and the lack of a computer was probably the least of these. In watching the work of our host missionaries, I saw the dedication and stamina it requires to bring Christ’s love to an unreached people. In learning the names and lives and faces of the people we met, I realized how infinite God must be to fully know and love each one of them. And in realizing how much He does fully know and love each one, I was struck by how much He fully knows and loves me.”

For Caldwell, “this trip developed my knowledge of how business can be missions in a very practical way. God can really use any of the skills we possess,” she said. “Despite the oppressing darkness, God is moving and working in that area.”

“I appreciate the opportunity Taylor provides for students to experience trips like this,” Caldwell concluded.

Editor’s Note: Taylor University equipped and mobilized 260 students to serve throughout the United States and around the world during J-Term and Spring Break. Recently, five former TUFW students traveled to locations such as Marion, Ind., Dearborn, Mich. and Ireland to serve over Spring Break.

Grant from Foellinger Foundation to Fund Fort Wayne Summer Clubhouses

By Jim Garringer and Michael D. Mortensen '91

Fort Wayne-based Foellinger Foundation will fund summer clubhouses throughout the Fort Wayne area again for the summers of 2010 and 2011.

This will mark the eleventh year for Taylor to conduct clubhouse programs funded by Foellinger. Children, grades K-5, will benefit from the program, which will run from mid-June through mid-July. It also marks an expansion of the program, with two additional clubhouses being added.

The \$1,170,000 grant will fund five sites, according to **Sherri Harter h01**, associate vice president for development.

"Taylor University is grateful to our friends at the Foellinger Foundation for their leadership, insight and generosity," said Taylor President **Dr. Eugene B. Habecker g68**. "This grant will allow us to continue to provide meaningful summer programming events that will benefit the children and the Fort Wayne community."

Multiple former Fort Wayne faculty and alumni will be involved in the program in the heart of the inner-city and be assisted by several elementary education majors from Taylor University.

"The grant is a fantastic way for children with the greatest need and least opportunity to participate in a fun and safe summer program that enables them to have experiences they may not receive in any other setting," said **Shellie (Kale) Burden g91**, site director.

Harter says the clubhouse format will allow children to participate in a series of team-based activities, problem solving exercises, field trips (including Science Central, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo and state parks), musical programs and family events.

Goals for the summer clubhouse program include:

- Reinforcement of academic skills
- Focusing on relationship skills including manners, responsibilities, character and respect
- Increased social interaction
- Community awareness and involvement

The clubhouses will be conducted in facilities at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Our Hope Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church and Academy, St. Henry's Catholic Church and Most Precious Blood Catholic School.

Each site will have a site director and seven licensed teachers, as well as several elementary education college assistants. The programs are a minimum of seven hours a day with healthy meals and snacks provided.

news notes

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Rose (Dix) Nabinger fs50 thanks the Lord for answered prayers in the form of a home/school they recently constructed which offers peace, rest and blessing to those who visit. She has been able to host many friends and family members from Anchorage. The highlight of each week is a Bible study that is held on Thursday mornings. God has grown it to 12-17 attendees each week.

Dr. Timothy Warner g50 was invited to lecture on Biblical worldview at IPFW. He has also had several other speaking/teaching opportunities in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. **Eleanor (Waltman) Warner g45** has had some health struggles in the past year. Tim and Eleanor also serve on the Fort Wayne Volunteer Alumni Prayer Team.

Dr. Paul Brennan g60 returned in October 2009, from Papua New Guinea, where he dedicated the newly built Enga Cultural Center. He started this project in 1976, and they now have a brand-new \$2 million facility, additional staff and an enlarged program. He has written two articles about the trip which will be published in "Paradise," the in-flight magazine of Air Niugini. He has also recently co-authored a Hawaiian book called *KAILUA*, after working on it for over 25 years.

Jim Roussos g60 continues to pastor his church in Limassol, Cyprus. He is also involved with the Cyprus Evangelical Alliance, the American Academy Council in Nicosia and is a board member of the Cyprus Bible Society. Outreach has opened doors of witnessing as Christ's love is demonstrated in action.

Chuck g62 and Carol (Alger) Elliott fs59 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8, 2010. They are retired from Flushing (Mich.) Community Schools and are now living in Winter Haven, Fla. They were recently able to go on a mission trip through their church. Their e-mail is ccelliott3@yahoo.com.

Ron g62 and Pauline (Hopkins) Sonius g54 live in Rock Hill, S.C., volunteering at SIM-USA, after serving 11 years with the Missionary Church in Sierra Leone and 29 years with SIM in Liberia. Ron's e-mail is ron.sonius@sim.org. Pauline's is pauline.sonius@sim.org. Their daughter and granddaughter live in Roanoke, Va. Their son and his family live in Accra, Ghana, directing the ministry of HCJB Global in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Beth (Ziemer) fs63 and **Rick Drummond** have recently retired from missionary service in Cambodia. They previously served in Vietnam 1967-1975, Indonesia 1977-1993, and Cambodia from 1995-2009. They now reside in Orlando, Fla. They can be reached at bethrickdrummond@gmail.com.

John g66 and **Joy (Garner) Anderson fs66** have returned from serving in Entebbe, Uganda with SIL International. They are currently living in Deltona, Fla. They can be contacted at john-joy_anderson@sil.org.

Phil Logan g67 left on February 8th for a five week ministry trip to Sierra Leone. He was able to help **Steve Harrigan g80** and others from Fellowship Missionary Church to put together a discipleship seminar for Yalunka pastors in northern Sierra Leone. On February

21st, he moved to Bendugu, in the Sengbe Chiefdom.

Olive Gifford g69 recently had the privilege of delivering the 5,000th baby to be born at Koutiala Hospital in Mali, West Africa. Their new facility opened in May of 2003. Olive is thankful to the Lord for providing the strength and wisdom needed to obey Him each day. Contact Olive at PO Box 35000, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

John Strubhar g69 has assumed the senior pastorate at the Maywood Evangelical Free Church in Rockford, Ill. After 7 years as the executive pastor at Boca Raton Community Church in Boca Raton, Fla., John has been preaching and teaching at Maywood since Easter. John's e-mail is strub45@bellsouth.net.

Jackie Weber g69 is enjoying the slower pace of Kawai,

Hawaii. Jackie has been a type I diabetic since 2001, but God is good and has sustained her and provided for her. She is very grateful!

Rick g72 and **Monica Haberkamp** will be on home assignment starting in mid-May. They would love to have the opportunity to share about their ministry in Chad. They plan to live in the Van Wert, Ohio, area. E-mail Rick at haberk5@gmail.com.

Paul g72 and **Marian (Enders) Keidel g72** will soon be leaving France to return to the U.S. Paul has accepted an invitation to join the leadership team of the Metropolitan district of the C&MA. Paul will work with 100+ churches in New Jersey and New York. E-mail the Keidels at paul.keidel@free.fr.

Tom Rust g72 just finished his 20th year as the play by play voice of Columbus High School basketball and

Save The Date: August 27-28, 2010



Senior Extravaganza in Fort Wayne

- Class Reunions (1945, 1960, and maybe more-call if interested)
- Crusader's Quartet will perform among others
- Singspiration led by Paul Robbins g60
- Music, Bible teaching, fellowship and food
- In partnership with the Missionary Church

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football on WYGB radio. He also serves as the chaplain for several area teams. Tom is also in his 18th year with Face to Face Ministries. They profile Christian athletes on 20 radio stations across the country. This Easter marked the beginning of Tom's seventh year as pastor of Sardinia Baptist Church south of Westport, Ind. Check out Tom's ministry at www.facetofaceradio.com.

Wayne Allen g75 changed his position at World Partners. As Regional Strategy Coordinator, he no longer has administrative responsibilities and can focus on disciple-making movements in Asia. Wayne spent a week in northwest China in late March. He will be traveling to Mongolia in May and Chiang Mai in June. Wayne and **Carolyn (Paxson) fs71** are thankful for your prayers.

Scott g77 and Denise **Dell** presently reside in Elgin, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Scott is working at Central Dupage Hospital in Winfield, Ill. as a registered polysomnographic technologist at the Center for Sleep Health, and also is a resource scoring consultant at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Ill. Denise is Operations Manager for ReMax All Pro in Bloomingdale, Ill. They have two daughters, Shanna

and Angela, and four grand children. Scott's e-mail is buckifan1@sbcglobal.net.

Mark and Dee Krueger g78 are on home assignment until the end of June. After making the rounds to see their kids and family members, they are on a speaking tour in the Midwest district of the C&MA – specifically Indiana. They will finish off the speaking tour with a few weeks in New York. If you would like to contact them while they are in the states, e-mail Mark at timbifolks@speedymail.org.

John g80 and Deb (Weber) Anderson g81 now reside in Leo-Cedarville, Ind., and are involved with Grabill Missionary Church.

Skip Kite g80 spent part of January and February in the Hawaiian Islands doing teacher training at the Child Evangelism Fellowship Children's Ministry Refresher. He was also able to share with several churches while there. Skip's e-mail is skipkite@msn.com.

Jean Baumbach fs81 left Niamey, Niger, only a week before the recent coup d'etat. She praises God for watching over her team through this difficult time. Things have remained peaceful in Maradi, and they have been able to accomplish much. They have completed a revision

of Ephesians, consultant-checked the book of Hebrews, and are beginning to revise Genesis. E-mail Jean at jean.baumbach@sim.org.

Terry (Broberg) Swangin g81 completed a Master of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame in August 2008. She currently works in the Office of Worship for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Terry and her husband, Calvin, live in Fort Wayne, Ind. Terry's e-mail is meistera_thorhalla@msn.com.

Shirley (Scribner) Souder g83 has been a Christian counselor since 1982. After graduating FWBC, she worked for SCC and TUFW, teaching classes, grading for correspondence, and counseling students. Shirley finished her training at the University of St. Francis. Shirley's e-mail is shirley.faith.souder@gmail.com.

Melodie (Nelson) Sprunger's fs83 husband, **Keith fsTUU75**, went to his heavenly home on June 20, 2008. Her address is 5515 Woodhurst Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

After spending 26 years at The City Mission in Cleveland, Ohio, **Craig Vincent g83** is now a

missionary with BCM International (www.bcmintl.org), serving as Executive Director at Streamside Camp and Conference Center (www.streamside.org). Located in the Poconos, Streamside provides quality Christian camping experiences for urban youth. Craig and **Peggy (Bearss) fs83**, along with Randy (18), Renee (16), Reyna (12), and Robyn (1), reside in Stroudsburg, Pa.

Denny g84 and Linda **Collins** are thankful to be able to continue their ministry in Ireland. E-mail Denny at dltoddroad@aol.com.

John Gerig g84 has been working to develop the youth ministry for the Russian Baptist Church. John and Julie will be returning to the U.S. from June 20 – August 15. If you would like for them to visit your church, please contact them soon at julie@theagerigs.com.

Steve fs84 and **Pat Nelson fs84** are actively involved at Pine Hills Church. Steve accepted a ministry position with the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches in March 2009. He is the Africa Regional Director for International Ministries. Pat works with mentally challenged adults at Easterseals ARC. They have

three married children and recently welcomed their third grandchild. Steve's e-mail is s.nelson@fecministries.org.

Lyn Loewen g85 is in his 21st year with Youth for Christ in Findlay, Ohio. He is the Campus Life team leader. He also helps with the Van Buren boys' basketball team and coaches junior high track. Lyn's wife Lori is a licensed staff member at State Farm in Bluffton, Ohio. Their two children are both married. Lyn and Lori enjoy spending time with grandchildren Kadin (6) and Adelyn (7 months). Contact Lyn at wild4the1@yahoo.com.

Bicker honored by APU

Dr. David Bicker g58 was recently honored by Azusa Pacific University (APU) in Azusa, Calif., where he was the founding chair of the Department of Communication and served for 20 years.

In 1987, he introduced the first annual Communication Ethics Conference and invited students from nearby colleges including Pepperdine University, Westmont College, Biola University and California Lutheran University to join APU in the day-long event.

"Students presented papers. We invited a faculty member from another university to give the keynote speech, and that faculty member would comment on the student papers at a banquet later that evening," Bicker explained.

When APU held its 21st annual conference this year, the faculty asked if they could name the conference in his honor. "I was of course both humbled and honored to see the continuation of an event that I had launched more than two decades ago," said Bicker.

During his tenure, the department expanded from less than 50 to over 500 students and from three to a dozen faculty members.

Dr. Bicker and **Esther g58** now reside in Blue Ridge, Ga. Their email address is debicker5@yahoo.com.

Rick Collins fs86 is the manager at Pettigrew & Sons, Inc. Rick, his wife Monica, his children Alex and Jala Collins and Juan and Vanessa Garcia reside in Auburn, Ind.

Brian Powers g88 is working at BAE Systems in Fort Wayne, Ind., and has returned to school, taking classes at IPFW toward a degree in Manufacturing Engineering. **Barbara (Scott) g88** is working part time at the YMCA and homeschooling their children. They are excited to celebrate 23 years of marriage this spring and are the very busy, but blessed parents of eight children, Megan (21), Rachel (18), Noah (15), Elizabeth (13), Lydia (10), Esther (7), Isaiah (3), and Nicholas (born 9-29-09). Pray for Isaiah as he is scheduled to have his second open heart surgery this summer.

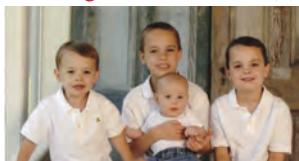
Mike and **Sherri (Harris) Ritter g88** are beginning their third two-year term with the Rafiki Foundation in Ethiopia. They have completed construction on Rafiki Village and have room for up to 30 additional children to join them. E-mail Sherri at mike43andsherri@gmail.com.

Nick Johnson g91 has completed his sabbatical period and is once again making a difference in the

lives of college students through InterVarsity. Nick has been busy meeting and ministering to international students at IPFW while training leaders and still completing the final requirements for his master's work at Trinity. Nick's e-mail is nickalane@gmail.com.

TyAnn (Standeford) g95 and Brad **Gillum**, with Ellslyn (4), welcomed Isaac Sawyer on November 28, 2008. TyAnn also completed her teaching certification through Indiana Wesleyan University and is currently teaching 8th grade social studies at Northside Middle School, Muncie, Ind., and coaching 7th grade girls' basketball. Brad is a pastor at AGAPE Ministries.

Jason and **Jenny (Ochs) Martin g96**, with Graham (8),



Grady (6), and Garrison (3), welcomed Greyer Jensen on April 7, 2009. Jenny and her family reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Melissa Ayers g98 is engaged to be married to Ron Bales on August 28, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church in Sullivan, Ind. After the wedding, the couple will reside in Greenfield, Ind. Melissa is an assistant

manager for Flagstar Bank, and Ron is an environmental scientist for INDOT. Melissa can be reached at 2061 E. Mill Blvd., Greenville, IN 46140 or ayersm828@yahoo.com.

Adam g98 and Amanda **Carrigan**, with Elizabeth (3) and Isaiah (1), welcomed Anyah Nissa on February 16, 2010. Adam has been serving as pulpit supply at a C&MA church in Columbus, Ind. They are hoping to move to the Grand Rapids, Mich. area, but they are content to see what the Lord has in store for them.

Eric g00 and **Amanda (Chapman) Dunaway g99**, with Breanna (8), Sophia (7), and Gibson (3), welcomed Ellie Laine on January 10, 2010. Eric is a pastor at Pathway Community Church. E-mail the Dunaway's at eadunaway@gmail.com.

Phil g00 and Liz (Cotrone) **Hutson**, with Maggie (1), welcomed Andrew Russell on February 24, 2010. Phil's e-mail is phil@cch2.com.

Charisa (Piety) g01 and Shannon **Childress**



welcomed Noah Robert on

December 21, 2009. Charisa also graduated from National University in San Diego with her Master's in Education, and she earned her national board certification in June. Charisa's e-mail is cissajasmine@hotmail.com.

Marc g01 and Laura **Kelley**, with Evelyn (3), welcomed their son Henry on July 2, 2008. Marc is the pastor of Allegan Wesleyan Church in Allegan, Mich. He is currently pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at Wesley University and hosts a blog at www.marckelley.net. Marc and Laura are expecting baby #3 in July.

Matt and **Abi (Raedeke) Lynch g01** welcomed



Jeremy Tristan on December 12, 2009. Abi's e-mail is mabilynch@hotmail.com.

Susan (Oberlander) g01 married Ricky "Malachi" **Smith** on December 5, 2009. They are living in Logansport, Ind. Susan's e-mail is susan_nanu@yahoo.com.

Ben g01 and Jennifer **Walker** were married on April 10, 2010 at Roaring Camp in Felton, Calif. Ben's e-mail is

benjii1@hotmail.com.

Ben and Marci (Wilton) Gilliom g02 with Micah (5) welcomed Bella Karis into their family, born November 7, 2009. Their e-mail is gilliomfam@gmail.com.

Tina (Sneary) g02 married Shawn **Hershberger** on June 28, 2008. They live in Lima, Ohio.

Bo Holden g02 is a law clerk at the Allen County Circuit Court. Bo and Ashley recently moved back to Fort Wayne from Virginia Beach, Va. Bo's e-mail is dnl.holden@gmail.com.

Paul g02 and **Ashley (Bandy) Kellogg g03**, along



with Kyler (6), Gracelyn (4), Brynnan (3), and Ezekiel (1), welcomed miracle baby, Myra Annette to their family on September 24, 2009. Ashley's e-mail is mommykellogg@hotmail.com.

Tauna (Herrell) Batiste g03 will graduate from Eastern University in May with a Master's in Nonprofit Management.

Nick g03 and **Natasha g04**

(Fast) Hayden welcomed Fyodor Lowell into their home, born November 24, 2009. Nick's e-mail is stuartlem@hotmail.com and Natasha's is Nat_k_hayden@yahoo.com.

Jared and **Mandy (Krueckeberg) Lengerich g03** were married in 2006, and Mandy completed her Master of Social Work degree from IUPUI in 2006. She is now working for her local special education cooperative and enjoying her children Dakota (13), Kaitlen (10), Peyton (2), and Evan (10 months).

Chad Orlikowski g03 was recently promoted at Aunt Millie's Bakery. Chad and **Janna (Harms) fs04** live in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sam and **Jenni (Edgar) Runkle g03**, with Will (1), welcomed Joseph Franklin into their family on October 23, 2009. They are living in Hoagland, Ind. Jenni's e-mail is jenni_lea219@yahoo.com.

Carlos Donaldson g04 is living off of Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Ind. He is a regional sales manager for Sroufe Healthcare Products. He can be reached at carlosdonaldson@mchsi.com.

Matt Carrigan g05 is now working as a vehicle programmer at NAVISTAR. **Tiffany (Gentry) g05** and



Madelyn are both doing well at home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Drew g05 and Megan **Davis**, with Eva (2), welcomed Stellen Andrew on February 14, 2010. Drew is a teacher at Harrison Hill Elementary. Drew's e-mail is davis0709@ymail.com.

Matt g05 and **Mindy (Cluxton) Hart g05** welcomed Ellie Kate to their family on February 12, 2010. Matt is completing his Master's degree at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Chuck g05 and Dawn **Marseilles** adopted Maxxwell (9) on December 4, 2009. They are living in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Joe Metter g05 and his wife, Joy, were married on July 18, 2009. Joe and Joy reside in Fort Wayne, Ind. Joe can be reached at joe_metter@yahoo.com.

Matt and **Beth (Armstrong) Overman g05** were married on September 19, 2009. Beth is a special education teacher at Parkway Schools in Rockford, Ohio. She will graduate with her Master's of

Education degree this June. Beth's e-mail is eaoverman@gmail.com.

Gentry and **Julia (Beange) Stickel g05** were married on November 21, 2009 in Toronto, Ontario. TUFW participants were **Aleya (Kruis) Raterman g04**, **Ashley (Benedict) Tiberi g05**, and **Trishelle (Rainey) Edwards g06**. Julia is the Strategic Development and Member Relations Manager at the Van Horne Institute, a research think tank. Gentry and Julia live in Calgary, Alberta.

Sharyn Abbott g06 is the director of student ministries at High Street United Methodist Church. She is also earning her Master of Divinity degree at the Anderson University School of Theology. Sharyn can be

Long time Fort Wayne campus Librarian dies

Wava M. Bueschlen g51, 81, long-time Fort Wayne campus librarian, passed away on March 26, 2010. Wava was born on May 23, 1928 in Bay Port, Mich. She was a member of the first graduating class after Fort Wayne Bible Institute (FWBI) became FWBC.

Before returning to FWBC as an employee, she served as a missionary with Christian Business and Professional Women, now called Stonecroft, Inc. with her friend and roommate Mary Ethel Mengel, who passed away in 2008.

"[She and Mary Ethel] opened small, closed, churches in rural areas...in several states," long-time friend and educator, Dr. Jackie Carl, g53 said. "She was fun loving, kind, serious, a Bible student and a loyal friend."

Wava was hired as the secretary to Cyril Eicher g32, dean of students at FWBC in 1964. In 1970, when Dean Eicher moved to the school of correspondence studies, Wava decided to transfer to the campus library.

She received her master's degree from IPFW and became the director of the library. After serving as the director for over 25 years, Wava retired in July of 1998.

reached at sharyn-abbott@hotmail.com.

Nathan Marchand g06 will have his first novel, *Pandora's Box*, published in August by Edge Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing. The book is set 100 years in the future and tells the story of a female soldier who is singlehandedly defending the world's last stockpile of WMDs from an evil dictator. His e-mail is sergeant_zim2000@yahoo.com.

Keith g06 and **Andrea (Matetic) Osmun g05** have new e-mails. Keith's e-mail is keith.osmun@gmail.com; Andrea's e-mail is andrea.osmun@gmail.com.

Kyle Waalen g06 was named "Employee of the Month" at Urban Ministries, Inc. in Calumet City, Ill. Kyle began working there as the Assistant Copy Editor in November 2008.

Charrell (Williams) g07



married Justin **Stevens** on October 10, 2009. **Kristin Vaksvik g07**, **Janelle (Cairl) McElhoe g07**, **Kyle Waalen g06** and **Abby Houser fs07**

were participants. Justin and Charrell live in Goshen, Ind. Charrell's e-mail is charrell.williams@gmail.com.

David g08 and **Jolleen (Sprunger) Love g08** are



currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. David is currently actively serving the United States Army as a geospatial engineer. Jolleen is still working at Kohl's department store in Fayetteville, N.C., and is volunteering at the military housing community they live in. They have one "kid." He is a 130 lb Lab/Great Dane mix. Their e-mail is davidandjolleenlove@gmail.com.

Phillip and **Rachel (VanAlstine) Muncie g08** were married on January 19, 2008. They reside in Fort Wayne, Ind. Rachel's e-mail is raedenise@gmail.com.

Jared Pomeroy g08 returned safely in November from his second deployment to Iraq as a chaplain assistant in the army. Jared and **Elizabeth (VandenAvond) g07** recently moved to Wilmore, Ky., so that Jared could attend Asbury Theological Seminary. He is also in the army's Chaplain Candidacy Program. Elizabeth is a

homemaker, but she plans to spend the summer looking for a position in the local school district.

Adam Zimmerman g08 is the Direct Care Counselor at St. John's Home in Grand Rapids, Mich. Adam works with kids who have been removed from their homes and are preparing to go into the foster care system. Adam's e-mail is jazimmy@gmail.com.

Audrey (King) fs09 and **Sean Andersen** were married June 10, 2007. Taylor participants were **Jenna (Crum) Kilty g09** and **Ashley (King) Berry g02**. Sean and Audrey reside in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Seth g09 and **Jenna (Crum) Kilty g09** recently purchased their first home. Seth is a financial aid counselor at the University of Saint Francis. Jenna also works at USF as the assistant registrar. Seth and Jenna are enjoying their jobs, their new home, and their puppy!

Lyndi Markus g09 just edited her first novel, *The Blue Umbrella*, by Mike Mason.

Tony h09 and Hannah **Opliger** welcomed Shalom Helene on December 14, 2009. Shalom has lots of dark beautiful hair. Tony's e-mail is anthonyopliger@gmail.com.

Tanisha (Causey) fs11 married Omar **Triplett** on March 19, 2000. They live in Memphis, Tenn. Tanisha's e-mail is triplett.tanisha@yahoo.com.

Memorials

Rev. John Blosser g45 went to be with the Lord on November 22, 2009. John and his wife **Helen (Kemmerer) g45** served the Missionary Church in India. John retired in 1972. He then served off and on at Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen, Ind., and Glen Ellyn Missionary Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill. John and Helen then spent 7 years in Sri Lanka with Transworld Radio. He leaves behind his wife; his son Daniel and daughter-in-law Rose Ellen; son **Mark fs78** and daughter-in-law **Deborah (Rupp) g79**; son **Joel fs75** and daughter-in-law **Barb (Kennedy) fs75**; daughter **Ruth Ann (Blosser) Longcor g81** and son-in-law **Marty Longcor g81**; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Helen Burley g46 was called home on October 18, 2009 at the age of 91. She was a resident of Swiss Village in Berne, Ind. She leaves behind her sister Ruth Fox, her brother **Bob Burley g52** and sister-in-law **Amy (Leightner) g47**.

Rev. Dean Parker g50 passed away March 9, 2010 in San

Bernardino, Calif. He leaves behind his wife Katherine and son Tim.

Edwin (Ted) Eby g51 met with his heavenly Father on May 21, 2008. After graduating from FWBC, Ted went on to complete his education at Central Michigan University. After nearly 62 years of marriage to Marie, Ted died on the same farm he was born. God provided many places for Ted to serve him before bringing him home.

Rev. Edwin Jones g57, a long time minister in Clarkson, Mich., and active member of the community died December 7, 2009 after a lengthy battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Edwin served as pastor of the Midland (Mich.) Missionary Church for 5 years, was in full-time Evangelism for 20 years preaching in the U.S. and Canada, and served as pastor of the Clarkston Missionary Church (Mich.) for over 20 years. After retirement he enjoyed substitute teaching at Clarkston junior and senior high schools and was a regular contributor of guest opinions in *The Oakland Press*. Edwin is survived by his wife, **Joanne (May) fs57**; son Rev. Steve Jones, daughter-in-law Sue Jones, daughter Melanie Kuntzman, son-in-law Robert Kuntzman; and eight grandchildren.

Rev. Richard Hostetler g65 went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2010, following open heart surgery. Richard served the Lord in Haiti through church planting, theological education by extension, and served as the district superintendent. In 1979, he became pastor of First Missionary Church in Bluffton, Ohio. He earned his Master's degree in Christian Ministries in 1984 from Huntington College. Richard leaves behind his wife Yvonne, his daughter **Anne (Hostetler) Stokes fs87**, son-in-law Alan Stokes, son **Eric Hostetler g89**, and a grandson Jonathan.

Jim Lantz g74 passed away on February 11, 2010.

Rev. Edward M. Baird, MA, LPC, NCC g76 departed for his heavenly home on January 30, 2010 in Burlington, N.C. Ed was a Licensed Professional Counselor and a member of Brookwood Church. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and clients, and had a special love in his heart for Fort Wayne Bible College. He is survived by his wife Margaret; children in the Lord, Jon and Christina Auten, three sisters and a brother. **Jose Alvarez fs74**, **Edward Weirrick g76**, and **James Roth g76** were among those alumni who drove to North Carolina for the funeral.

Gerig Systematic Theology Book to Be Published

by Nathan Marchand g06

Dr. Wes Gerig's g51 next book, *Our Faith in Outline Form: What We Believe and Why!* will soon be published. It summarizes the historic beliefs of the Church, presents other views and evaluates those views from a biblical perspective.

The book will be similar to the notes used in his Historic Christian Belief class, "but with additional illustrations and other material," says Dr. Wes.

Kimberley Marshall g09 took copious notes the last semester he taught the class in 2008 and gave him a copy of the entire course. This was the impetus to put the course into book form.

He hopes the book "might stimulate some to careful study of the Word to see what it says on doctrines" and "to encourage each person to formulate [his] own belief system."

The book will be dedicated "to the hundreds of students who have studied under me," says Dr. Wes, who taught 51 years at the Fort Wayne campus. "A number of them have told me how much they refer to their notes regularly, even many years after taking my classes."

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