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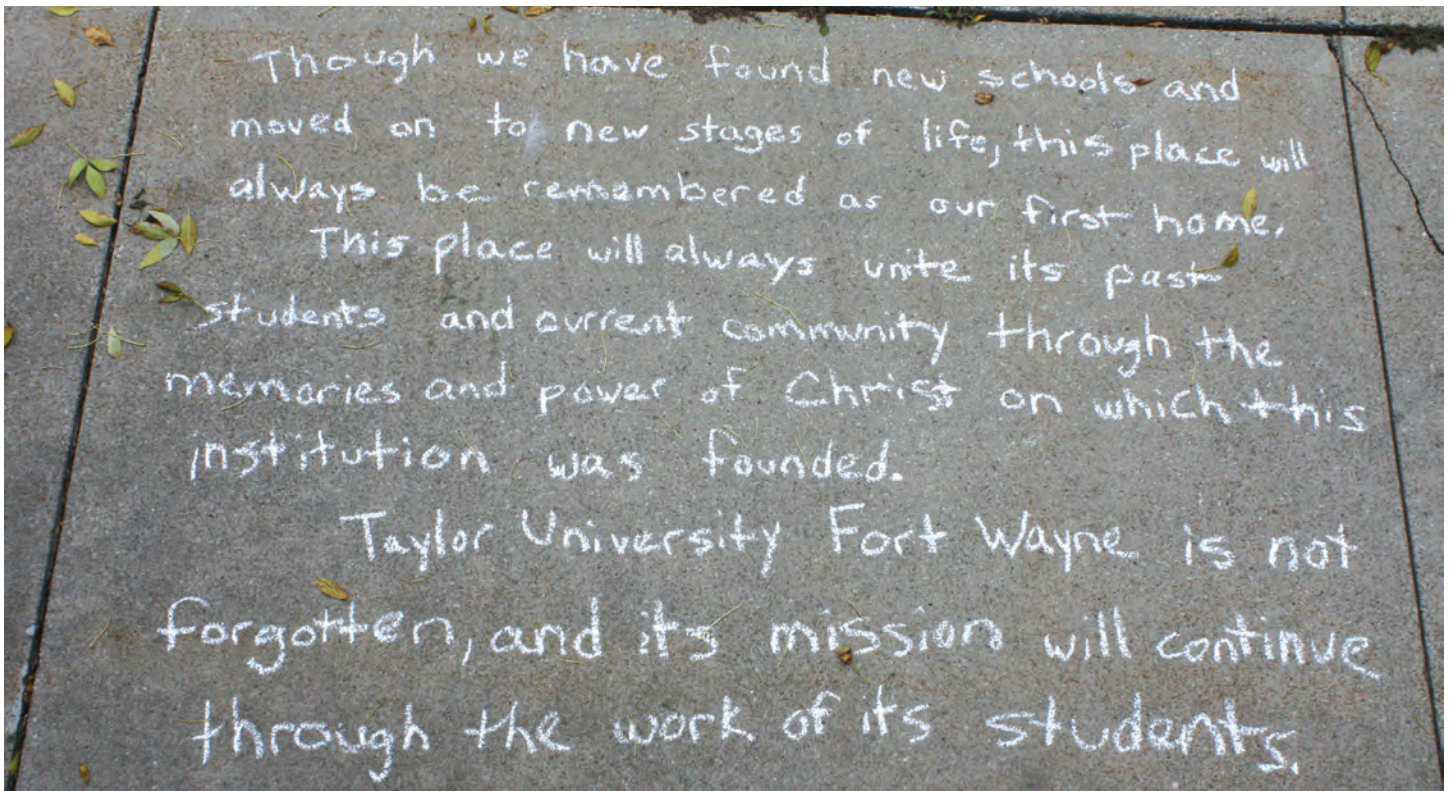
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# Fort Wayne

## Alumni & Friends Resource Center





During my time on the Fort Wayne campus, I have received scores of letters, comments and e-mails reminding me how much this campus means to so many alumni. Recently, unknown alumni even "decorated" the Fort Wayne campus sidewalks and sign with chalk messages, posters and a special outfit for Samuel Morris, announcing their loyalty and memories of their time in Fort Wayne. Thousands have had their minds and hearts touched and transformed here.

Our alumni are part of something The Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, one of our founders and an administrative leader for 33 years, called "A Vine of God's Own Planting." The "Vine" has wrapped around the hearts of students coming from or serving afterwards in more than 80 countries around the world during the past 100+ years, *and this is cause for celebration.*

Dr. Jared Gerig, author of "A Vine of God's Own Planting," wrote, "What began (100+ years) ago as an insignificant, small-town Bible school has grown in size and influence to become a leader...its influence through the spiritual ministries of its graduates has literally reached the ends of the earth."

We are at a crossroads. Will "the Vine" die, or will it keep growing? I feel "the Vine" only dies if we, the "branches," stop reaching out to our world in need. Taylor University is committed to engaging and caring for alumni to encourage them to minister Christ's redemptive love and truth to a world in need.

With this in mind, I encourage you to stay connected in the weeks and year ahead to "the Vine" through the newly created Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. Currently, we're located in Brown Gables. But June 1, 2010, we will relocate to the Lillian Rolf House, 915 W. Rudisill Blvd., adjacent to the historic Fort Wayne campus, just east of Witmer Hall. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we look ahead to see what God is going to do. In 1 Kings 17: 1-7, God sent Elijah to a brook and promised to provide for him, but then the brook dried up. Notice a similarity here? However, God provided a dying widow to provide for him again. We serve the same God who will provide tomorrow in ways we cannot see today.

*Come to the Water – Dwell Deep!*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael".

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# FRESH FIELDS

## for the vine

by Lauren M. Peltier cs09 & Michael D. Mortensen g91



God has always been mysterious.

Even the founders of the Fort Wayne campus were confused and disillusioned as they sought a site on which to build the school. Their search, which took place during the summer of 1904, encompassed three cities and many locations. The quest became so discouraging that three of the six co-founders temporarily gave up.

The final site to be examined was beyond the reach of the city's street car and utilities. One has to wonder: were the remaining founders—Rev. J.E. Ramseyer, Rev. D.Y. Schultz, and Mr. William Egle—filled with despair? Did they question their vision or doubt God would provide?

Though sorely tested, the founders' faith and vision did not fail to bear fruit. Nourished by faith and watered by grace, the Fort Wayne campus took root. In the century to follow, the school yielded a harvest of spiritual bounty beautiful to the city of Fort Wayne, the nation, and the world.

### Tender Seeds...

Through the decades, the Fort Wayne campus' students and faculty have held one thing in common: the desire to love and serve the Lord better. The school's purpose has always been training God's people as planters of the Gospel. This training was both academic and spiritual. With the seed of God's love germinating in their hearts, alumni have spread that same seed across the world touching over 80 countries.

Seeing so many youth graduate prepared for ministry ranks among **Cyril Eicher's g32**, dean of students for 15 years, most memorable experiences on the Fort Wayne campus. "A lot of them came with a real commitment to the Lord," Cyril said, "and went out fully committed to their work."

Cyril's experience as a student also greatly impacted him. Seventy-eight years after his graduation, Cyril still remembers the "profound influence" the Rev. Ramseyer and the school's faculty had on him.

1895

Bethany Bible Institute founded by B.P. Lugibihl. The Rev. J.E. Ramseyer was the first principal.



1904 Summer

The Missionary Church Association appointed a committee to search for a new location for the school.



**Dr. Sharon Ayabe g86** chose the Fort Wayne campus because she longed to attend a school where she would receive “a lot of Bible.” Sharon was a youth director when she realized her gifts of ministry and administration, while useful, were not yet solidly founded on biblical knowledge.

Though she came to the campus hoping to be a better youth leader, she eventually felt God leading her in another direction – a call to missions. “I learned about the many, many workers in America and the few who were willing to serve overseas,” Sharon said. Since her time on the Fort Wayne campus, Sharon has declared the Gospel in Asian, European, Hispanic, and Middle Eastern countries.

For the **Rev. Todd Habegger g76**, it was his mission experience with Venture for Victory that shaped his calling to ministry. “When I came to the Bible College, I was not sure I was going to be in vocational ministry,” Todd explained. “While I had a gnawing sense I was being called into ministry, I was not sure that was what I wanted to do. Once I got a taste [of ministry] on two trips to Africa and saw the caliber of the guys, I had a whole new view, and I saw ministry as a higher calling.”

Todd shared his thanks for Coach **Steve Morley g65**, who “understood ministry.” “We were more than just basketball players,” Todd explained. “We went out as a team with the cheerleaders on Sunday nights around Northern Indiana and Ohio to share testimonies and to meet various kinds of people.” These times provided valuable experience in ministry preparation.

**Meghan Menchhofer g09** was one of several Fort Wayne campus students pursuing “Incarnational Ministry,” an intentional day-in-day-out kind of ministry focused on living among the lost. Meghan and several other female students lived in an apartment complex populated by Burmese immigrants. As someone eager to live out the Great Commission, Meghan chose the Fort Wayne campus because she knew the school “had a really good biblical foundation.”

Like Fort Wayne students before her, Meghan and her contemporaries continue sowing the seeds of faith in Fort Wayne.

### Living Roots ...

Though the Fort Wayne campus has underwent many changes since its founding, its students, faculty, staff and alumni have always been passionate about pursuing the lost for Christ. According to Cyril, “there hasn’t been much change to the mission of the campus,” even during his 80 year association with the campus.

Heedless of boundaries, Christian ambassadors have gone out into every corner of the city. “A lot of students took their Christian/community service projects very seriously,” Sharon said. “Not just because it was mandatory, but because they felt they could change the city.”

In the last few years, Fort Wayne campus students helped raise money to build a playground, mentored the children of inmates, ministered to Burmese refugees, raked leaves in the neighborhoods, and worked as interns in social service agencies and churches.

Fort Wayne Mayor Thomas C. Henry enthusiastically spoke of the campus’ impact on the city. “They made a real concentrated effort in working with the inner city and Southeast Fort Wayne and those areas where there was a tremendous need for additional help for a percentage of our citizens who were not only poor financially, but suffered mentally, in some cases suffered socially... The students, faculty and board members really stepped up and took that on as a mission.” Again and again, the Mayor underscored one point: “[The Fort Wayne campus was] more than just a college.”

The work in the city was a direct result of students’ and faculty’s fervor for Christ. Sharon’s fellow students were “very passionate about their inner-city work—bringing Jesus to the outcasts instead of expecting the outcasts to show up at church.”

Meghan, who purchased a house in the inner-city and works with World Relief assisting settling refugees, speaks passionately about her ability to minister to the inner city as she has lived among the Burmese refugees. “They see you’re a different kind of Christian when you’re willing to get your hands dirty and are willing to live like them and get out of your comfort zone and your socio-economic zone.”

Mayor Henry also said the Fort Wayne campus “brought ... a Christian atmosphere that not every college can offer. [The Fort Wayne campus] had that as part of its foundation. You heard it, and you witnessed it. Not every college can say that.”

After the announcement of the closure of the campus, the Mayor’s office was flooded with letters, e-mails, and phone calls expressing concern over who would fill the school’s void. “Whether the [faculty, students, and alumni were] ever told ... that they had such a positive effect on our community, I can tell you now that they did.”

### Embracing Tree...

The campus has spread its boughs of Christian love and service beyond the limits of Fort Wayne.

Originally from Hawaii, Sharon was surrounded by Fort Wayne alumni long before she was a student in Fort Wayne.

“When I looked around the Missionary Church Hawaii District, many, if not most, of the leaders studied at [the Fort Wayne campus],” said Sharon. “If it was good enough for them, I figured it was good enough for me.”

Since attending the Fort Wayne campus and discovering her call to service through missions, Sharon has spurred on others in their passion for Christ. “In America,” Sharon elaborated, “that means I enjoy building vision in others for service through example and direct ministry, like missions

1904

Construction begins in Fort Wayne on Administration Building (later named Schultz Hall).



1905 - January 13

Fort Wayne Bible Training School opens.



conferences....I also want others to see that serving Jesus is exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding.”

The **Rev. Gary Aupperle g79** came to Fort Wayne through the Bible Quizzing program of the Missionary Church. “My experience at FWBC only intensified my love for the Scriptures,” Aupperle said. Decades after graduation, he came back to TUFW and actually taught a course on “Variety In Preaching.” “What a blessing to have the opportunity to pour your life into a group of men and women who are committed to going out and changing their world for Christ,” Aupperle emphasized.

In more recent years, as the curriculum expanded beyond “traditional” ministry majors, students studied to be social workers, business men and women, and professional writers.

**Kate (Schmelzer) Gutierrez g08**, who as a student had her work appear in many publications including *Ignite Your Faith* and *Brio*, had two signed book contracts before graduating. Through writing, her passion for Christ has been able to reach across the nation.

Over the years, Kate received several letters regarding her faith-focused articles, reviews, and devotions. One of her favorite letters came from a young woman who, inspired by Kate’s article, decided to begin an accountability group. Another came from a father struggling to communicate with his daughter over a tough issue. “He found and read one of my articles, sent it to his daughter, and they began talking,” Kate said.

“I love writing because my words have the ability to go to places I will never visit and touch people I will never meet,” she said. “Words have the power to not only encourage but also mend and, through God, heal.”

Kate is not the only Fort Wayne graduate who has ministered through Christian literature. Cyril recalled another alumnus, the **Rev. Paul Robbins g60**, who served *Christianity Today* as vice-president, president and publisher for a total of 30 years.

### A Living Forest...

The influence of the Fort Wayne campus has spread beyond the nation. Faithful graduates have traveled around the world, planting orchards of faith along the way.

Two graduates, of thousands, who studied missions at the Fort Wayne campus, were **Art g45 and Gladys Reifel g45**, who left for Nigeria after graduation. When they arrived in the Kamberi village, as told in Gladys’ book, “*God Gives the Increase*,” they learned there were only four Christians out of 60,000 people. One was a leper who was so crippled he could barely walk, two others were a couple who lived in another village and one was a young man.

From that humble beginning, the Reifels planted a church and school with over 1,000 attending today. Thousands

have come to Christ and hundreds of churches have been planted through the work of two humble servants, who were committed to planting seeds.

Just as God moved the Reifels to serve in a foreign country, the Lord directed Sharon Ayabe to a variety of locations across the globe.

Sharon’s missionary work has taken her from Ecuador to Kyrgyzstan, from Thailand to the Middle East. She eventually became a medical doctor, choosing to specialize in family medicine because she believed it would better equip her for working overseas. Initially, Sharon planned to serve as a short-term missionary every two years. God, however, had bigger plans.

“As my awareness of the needs overseas grew, I began going every year,” Sharon said. “My need for material things kept shrinking as I saw true physical and spiritual poverty.”

Last year, Sharon ministered in a remote region of a Muslim country where persecution of Christians is a dark reality. Sharon was unexpectedly thrust into the position of sharing her faith with several hundred Muslim youth.

“I was able to share about God’s love for them and their need to pursue God, service, peace and unity,” Sharon said. “I was literally shaking as I shared because saying the wrong thing might mean grave harm.” Instead of harm, however, she found Christ’s words received. Throughout her message, Sharon was even interrupted by clapping and cheers.

“It was at [the Fort Wayne campus that] I first had the chance to speak in a large audience setting during chapel services,” said Sharon. “And, it was there that I first realized I would like to speak about God’s love to large groups of people.” God has since led her to share God’s love all over the world.

As Jesus sent out his disciples in Luke 9, thousands of Fort Wayne campus alumni have been sent out as well to reap a harvest.

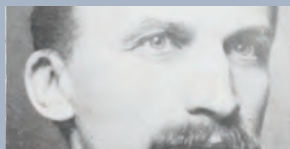
### An Eternal Planting...

The testimonies of these few Christ-followers are but a clipping of the fruitful vine God tended through the Fort Wayne campus. Empowered by God’s faithfulness and guidance, the school dispersed the seeds of God’s love and word around the world.

The passion the students and former faculty have for the Gospel will continue to flourish and grow, carried into fresh fields by the wind of God’s guidance and nourished by the abundant showers of His love.

1905 - February 16

Rev. D.Y. Schultz, superintendent 1904-1911, dedicated the Administration Building.



1909

First Commencement – 26 graduates.





# Reflections from Past Fort Wayne Leaders

## Dr. Timothy Warner, President FWBC 1971 - 1980



My introduction to Fort Wayne Bible College was not as a student, staff member or professor, but as a plasterer. I was a student at Taylor in Upland in 1948 when I began dating a fellow student—the daughter of the president of FWBC. She discovered that I had learned my father's trade of plastering—well, at least the basics of that trade, and she told her father, Dr. S.A. Witmer. He asked if I would come to Fort Wayne and do some plaster patching. The “simple patches” they showed me were far from simple, but I ultimately did patching in Schultz, Bethany, and Founders and then plastered the inside of the new entrance of Schultz. After graduation from Taylor, I married Dr. Witmer's daughter, and after graduation from seminary, my father-in-law invited me to come to FWBC as a teacher.

## Dr. Donald Gerig, President of FWBC & SCC 1986-1992



Memories of Fort Wayne days revolve around the phrase, “Kingdom of God.” We remember faculty and staff who weren't at their jobs for money or movement up some academic ladder, but because they loved the Lord and His work and wanted to instill that same love in those of us who were students. We remember students who went on to accomplish great feats . . . perhaps not in medicine or law or science, but in touching lives with the love of Jesus around the world. What touched us deeply was to return to the school in the mid-80's and find that same Kingdom mentality alive and well. It was a new generation of students, faculty and staff, but the same love for God and His work that permeated the place. It is encouraging to know that seeds from this “vine of God's own planting” are still sprouting all over the world. For that we praise God!

## Dr. Kenneth D. Swan, Vice President TUFW 1992-1993



When Summit Christian College became TUFW, I was privileged to serve as vice president. The central task was to make the necessary changes with a sense of purpose and expediency and yet honor the traditions and values of two great Christian colleges. I was blessed with a faculty and staff at TUFW who believed whole-heartedly in Christ-centered education, enhanced with commitment, sacrifice, and a deep sense of calling. I could not have asked for more

cooperation and goodwill. With all the challenges, I was always deeply impressed with the Christian spirit and biblical values. The students, too, under trying circumstances, worked with fortitude to the changes.

I salute you, a divinely-called mission, which over the years taught generations of students. Reflect on the seeds you planted which bore spiritual fruit in the lives of thousands who served the Lord, in various capacities, as ministers of the gospel, missionaries and teachers.

## Dr. Robert Nienhuis, Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer of TUFW 1993-1998



As I think back on our five years at TUFW, there are several words that immediately come to mind. The first is GOD. The students we came to know and love during those years were students who loved God and had a serious desire to serve and honor Him. The second word is COMMUNITY. We worshiped together, ate together, laughed together and, at times, cried together. But we were together; we were a community. The third word is JOY. What a joy it was to serve this campus and to engage with the faculty and students who made it special. The final word is MEMORIES. Bette Jo and I have so many wonderful memories of people, of rich and meaningful conversations and ministry, and of shared life and activities. God is good, and we give him thanks for our time at TUFW.

## Dr. Duane Kilty, Chancellor of TUFW 2006-2008



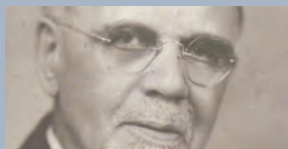
I was part of TUFW for only two and a half years, but in that short time I was grafted into the family and the long, faithful heritage of the campus. During my career, I have never felt more loved and accepted by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends than I did at TUFW. Nor have I been associated with a group of people more willing to chase after a vision.

The faculty and staff invested themselves fully in the lives of students, which produced men and women who were well equipped for their vocations and aware of social justice issues. I was happiest when I was sharing stories of students' lives that were changed.

Whether worshipping, speaking in chapel or eating with students in the dining commons, all of my best memories revolve around the people of TUFW. For that reason, I will never forget my time in Fort Wayne.

1911

Rev. J.E. Ramseyer named President. He served continually until 1944.



1930

Bethany Hall built for \$65,000.





# Heritage Weekend 2009



Char Binkley g65 addressing the Heritage Chapel

Nearly 1,200 alumni, former faculty and staff, and TUFW students gathered on campus together to celebrate our heritage May 8 and 9, for Heritage Weekend.

The weekend started with a special chapel, where Char Binkley g65 gave a talk entitled, "Let me call you a Doorknob" and the freshman class was inducted into the Alumni Association in front of a capacity-filled chapel at First Missionary Church. Following the chapel, events included a 50th class reunion for the Class of 1959, several "last lectures," Name that Tune and a celebration dinner honoring alumni and friends of the campus.

On Saturday, after a breakfast with former faculty, staff, alumni and students, Michael Mortensen g91, then director of alumni and parent relations, and Joy Gerig, former Christian Service Director; g52 and 66, led a "Service of Reflection" that included special music from Dr. Ken Mays g60, a devotional from Joy, and several testimonies of the impact of the Fort Wayne campus.

The rest of the day included times in the archives, class reunions, a hymn sing, old Fort Wayne films, a Soccer reunion game, and then the Athletic Hall of Fame, where the second class was inducted. To conclude the weekend, a bonfire and time of singing was led by the students in the Hausser Woods.



Lyn Loewen g85



Phyllis (Mays) Bush g65



Donovan Coley g85, Joan (Ronde) Smith g85, Ron Rubrake, Bob Kimm, Theresa (Marlowe) Fernaays fs83 and Cindy (Sauder) Kimm g85



David Gruber g85 and Ken Hogg g85



Amy (Spallinger) Mendenhall g99 worships with alumni and students during the Heritage Chapel

1931  
Name changed to Fort Wayne Bible Institute.



1937  
Correspondence Department established, Rev. Loyal Ringenberg first director.

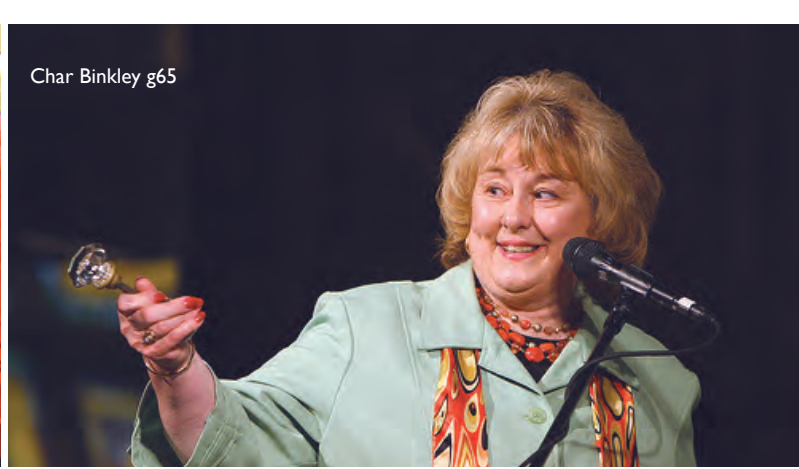




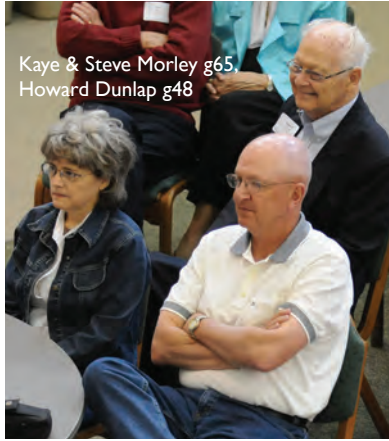
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Char Binkley g65



Kaye & Steve Morley g65, Howard Dunlap g48



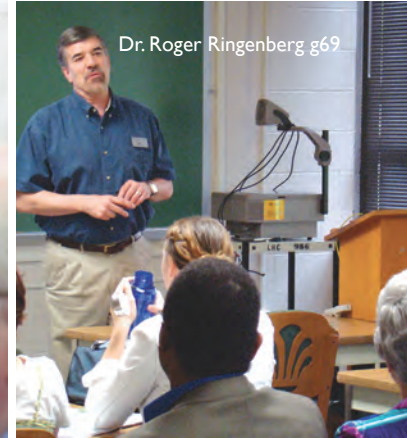
Donelda Peterson g53



Betty Stout g59 & Mary Weidner g59



Michael Mortensen g91, Howard g48 and Ruth Dunlap



Dr. Roger Ringenberg g69



Glenn Repp, Dr. Wes Gerig g51 and Jan Logan g68



Dr. Sterling Demond and friends

1940

First "Youth Conference" held.

1942

Founders Hall built for \$110,000.





# Alumni Award Winners



## **Char Binkley g65 – Legion of Honor**

Char lives by the motto, “With obedience to God and integrity to people.” Char is the “real deal” in every area of her life.

Char became involved in the church from an early age, teaching Sunday school at age 12, then organizing and implementing a junior church program when she was 14. Her passion for reaching others and teaching has never wavered.

A graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College, she and her husband, Steve, married while they were still students. They have two married children and six grandchildren.

Char holds a bachelor’s degree from Fort Wayne Bible College, a master’s degree from Indiana University, and an honorary doctorate from Huntington University. She served as an elementary school teacher and then a college professor before beginning her radio career in 1976. Since then, her life has been focused on reaching others with the love of Jesus Christ via the air waves—first through the ministry of the WBCL Radio Network, which she directed for 21 years, and now as the founder of Remedy.fm, a positive internet station for teens.



## **Josh & Lindsey Arthur g01 - Distinguished Young Alumna for Personal Achievement**

Joshua and Lindsey met and fell in love at Taylor University Fort Wayne. Joshua graduated with a bachelor of arts in biblical studies and pastoral ministries, and Lindsey earned a bachelor of arts in cross-cultural studies.

Today they use their passion and gifts to share God’s love and hope with Muncie, Indiana’s urban neighborhoods.

The couple founded the Neighborhood Restoration Group, Inc. as a means of rehabilitating Muncie’s financially needy areas. They began In & Out Cleaning Services, a cleaning company which provides its employees—those in the urban neighborhoods and a handful of men from the mission—with income, counseling and health care benefits. They also launched the Urban Life Community Church and are “committed to racial diversity and indigenous leadership.”

Lindsey is the Executive Director of the Greater Muncie Area’s Habitat for Humanity and is passionate about bringing families “dignity, hope, and God through an affordable and safe place to call home.” Joshua is currently examining the possibility of starting a project which would provide clean drinking water to residents of the Guatemalan Highlands.

Lindsey and Josh live in Muncie with their two children, Lillian Grace (4) and Lincoln Paul (3).



## **Erica (Williams) Hanson g03 - Distinguished Young Alumna for Professional Achievement**

Erica was the first female to complete the professional writing major at TUFW.

During her four years at TUFW, she helped found the TUFW literary magazine *Calliope* and served two years as editor, while also serving as a liaison with the Upland campus magazine *Parnassus*. While only a sophomore, Erica was a finalist in the national short story contest sponsored by *Writer’s Journal* magazine, and her reviews and freelance articles were published in numerous national publications.

Following graduation, amidst getting married and having a child, Erica still found time to work as a newspaper reporter for a Midwestern tabloid and then later as a communications director for the Salvation Army.

Her joyous outlook on life, her obvious Christian testimony and her success as a wife, mother, and professional writer have made Erica a stellar graduate of TUFW.



## **Dr. Paul Erdel g48 and g50 - Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement**

Dr. Erdel has been a missionary to Ecuador, an educator and a life-long servant leader. Paul graduated twice from Fort Wayne Bible Institute, then from Taylor University, later earning graduate degrees in education and missiology.

Paul’s ministry in Ecuador spanned from 1953 to 1997. There he saw three churches grow to more than 60, founded a school and a seminary, promoted rural evangelism and gave oversight to the Missionary Church in Ecuador.

Paul was invited to speak at the great centennial celebration (1896-1996) of Evangelical Protestants in Ecuador—the only foreign missionary to be so recognized. He considers it “the greatest honor of my life” that he was also named as one of the 30 founders (many deceased and most Ecuadorians) of the Evangelical movement in Ecuador.

Before going overseas, Paul had served concurrently as a pastor and school teacher, becoming an Indiana public school principal by age 23.

From 1965 to 1973, Paul led the global outreach known today as World Partners. Paul has been a visiting professor in four countries and remains active as a mentor to Hispanic pastors. Paul and his wife Chloetta (Egly) Erdel g46, g48 and g50 have four children: Timothy g73, David g81, John g80, and Ruth g85, all graduates of FWBC. Following Chloetta’s death, he married Ruth Shalanko, a missionary both to Ecuador and to Russian speaking peoples. Gaining two step-children: John and Lydia, Paul delights in his 15 grandchildren.

1944 - January 27

Funeral for J.E. Ramseyer.

1944

Rev. Jonas Ringenberg appointed Acting President.







**Dr. Lee Underwood g86 - Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement**

Dr. Underwood has been an associate professor at Regent University since 2004. Throughout Dr. Underwood's youth, his parents emphasized uniting relationships and passion. That philosophy has carried Dr. Underwood through his life and development as a Christian, servant and professor.

After graduating from Fort Wayne Bible College, Dr. Underwood completed a master of arts in counseling and family services through Regent University. He then earned his doctorate in clinical psychology through Wright State University.

Dr. Underwood has a special passion for juveniles and has directed much of his energy toward examining and ministering in areas ranging from sexually aggressive youth to frequent and violent juvenile offenders. He has worked to educate others regarding suicide awareness and emergency response.

His position at Regent University is a great joy to Dr. Underwood, allowing him to mentor his students into "greatness." He has led courses such as Community Counseling and Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, served as a chairperson on several doctoral dissertation projects and spent time as a visiting lecturer with the Caribbean Graduate School of Theological Studies in Jamaica.

He currently resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with his wife Dr. Christina Underwood, a child and adolescent psychologist. They have two children, Braxton and Brittanie.



**Dr. Sharon Ayabe g86 - Distinguished Alumna for Personal Achievement**

Dr. Ayabe, daughter of Harold g57 and Ann fs53-55, was first drawn to Fort Wayne Bible College by her yearning for God's Word and her love for His people. Her initial aim was to become a better youth director for the 100 teens she led at her home church in Hawaii.

God's plans were bigger, however. After graduating with a bachelor of science in biblical studies in 1986, Sharon began to minister with LIFE Ministries (now Asian Access) in Japan. She trained and supervised missionaries who taught English as a means of church planting and growth.

Returning to Hawaii, Sharon finished her pre-medical studies, and then specialized in Family Medicine, believing it would better equip her for work overseas.

Sharon originally hoped to volunteer as a short-term missionary every two years. After seeing true spiritual and financial poverty overseas, Sharon's need for material things dwindled as her desire to share Christ's love grew. The

frequency of her mission trips gradually increased. Sharon has gone five times this past year alone. Over the years, Sharon has spread the fragrance of Christ in nations such as Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, and Ecuador. In January, Sharon shared God's love with several hundred Muslim youth at a rally. Her love-inspired message drew clapping and cheers from her audience.

While in the States, Sharon speaks at and coordinates missions conferences with the aim of inspiring others to serve Christ. Sharon clarifies that her passion isn't just for missions; rather, it's for Christ. "My passion is to love Jesus more, love more like Jesus, and to help others know and love Him, too."



**Dr. Jacqueline Carl g53 Distinguished Alumna for Service to TUFW**

Dr. Carl left Fort Wayne Bible College with a degree in world missions. She later went on to earn her masters of science in education from Indiana University-Bloomington. She then completed a doctorate of education through the University of Michigan.

Graduation did not mark the end of Dr. Carl's involvement with the Fort Wayne campus, however. She served as president of the Fort Wayne Alumni Council. Devoted to the preservation of the school's history, Dr. Carl has spent innumerable hours working in the campus' archives. Dr. Carl has worked with class photos dating back to 1956. Her goal, both delicate and time-consuming, is the cleansing and restoration of each photograph. The process takes a minimum of three hours. Not surprisingly, many photos have sustained considerable damage and therefore take more time. In Jackie's words, the project requires "a lot of TLC."

The Fort Wayne Alumni Association is incredibly grateful for her devotion and time. "The items in the archives connect our heritage with who we are today," said former Alumni Relations Assistant, Tami Solak. Without the diligent efforts of Dr. Carl and others like her, much of that heritage might be lost.

In addition to her work in the Fort Wayne archives, Dr. Carl headed the senior ministries at Brookside Church. Before stepping down from this role, her work included teaching computer classes for seniors and even community-wide. She is an active member of an honorary society for women educators, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

*For a complete list of past alumni award recipients or to nominate an alumnus or alumna for a future award visit: <http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni/awards>*

1945

Dr. Safara Witmer named President.



1945

Providence Hall was constructed for \$25,000.





# Fort Wayne Athletic Hall of Fame

The second Fort Wayne campus Athletic Hall of Fame induction took place Saturday, May 9 during Heritage Weekend.

Inductees included: The 1984-85 Fort Wayne Bible College Volleyball Team with a 26-1 record, the Rev. Peter Strubhar g74, the Rev. Ray Hylton g86 and Coach "Bud" Hamilton g68.

The Fort Wayne campus Athletic Hall of Fame exists to honor coaches, athletes, and other persons whose remarkable achievements, meritorious service, or extraordinary contributions to athletic programs at the Fort Wayne campus merit special recognition, and whose personal lives and professional accomplishments also reflect Christian character and humble service.

The next Athletic Hall of Fame induction is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2010.



### Class of 2009

Deb Rupp g76, Betty (Rychener) Rahrer g87, Cindy (Sauder) Kimm g 85, Sarita Rubrake g92, Joan (Ronde) Smith g85, Bud Hamilton g68, Ray Hylton g86, Peter Strubhar g74 were inducted into the athletic hall of fame.

### 1984-1985 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Known as "the best volleyball team the Fort Wayne campus ever had," the 1984-85 Falcons dominated with a sweeping record of 26-1, losing only to Bethel College, who they defeated in a later game. Under the leadership of Coach Deb Rupp g76, the team went on to the National Christian College Athlete Association's (NCCAA) District Tournament. The team included: Denise Hogleund g85, Joyce (Klay) Hutchison g87, Tami (Platter) Burritt g88, Betty (Rychener) Rahrer g87, Cindy (Sauder) Kimm g85, Lori Hebert g85, Pam (Postel) Werling g85, Joan (Ronde) Smith g85, and Janna (Schlatter) Worthman g86 and managers Joyce Bell g88 and Sarita Rubrake g92.

### MARVIN "BUD" HAMILTON g68

Marvin "Bud" Hamilton came to Summit Christian College as the Christian Service Director, but quickly stepped into the roles of Men's Basketball Coach and Director of Athletics. Under Coach Hamilton's leadership, the Falcons became a

force in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association. In 2005-06, the Falcons went 30-3, winning the USCAA National Championship and Hamilton was named USCAA National Coach of the Year. The Falcons again made it to the National Championship game in 2008, but left as runners-up. Prior to the Falcons' entrance into the USCAA in 2000, Coach Hamilton was recognized as the NCCAA Regional Coach of the Year twice. He ended his career with 282 victories at TUFW.

### RAYMOND ("RAY") IAN EUGENE HYLTON g86

When Ray Hylton left his home in Jamaica to study at FWBC, he never dreamed he would become a varsity athlete much less the school's first two-sport All-American.

Ray began his athletic career at FWBC with soccer. A stand-out on the field, he received NCCAC All-Conference and NCCAA All-District honors. As a junior, he and teammate Graham West became the first in FWBC history to receive NCCAA All-American team honors in soccer.

Ray added basketball (1981-1982) at the invitation of Coach Steve Morley. A raw talent, Ray received NCCAC All-Conference, NCCAA Division II All-District and NCCAA Division II All-Regional honors and was named the Falcon Tournament MVP, Falcon team MVP, and an NCCAA Division II All-American.

### PETER JEREMY STRUBHAR g74

When Peter Strubhar joined a revitalized Falcon basketball team known for its determined defense, rabid rebounding, patient offense, balanced scoring, and selfless play, he quickly bought into the team philosophy. Nevertheless, fellow team members soon realized they had an unusually gifted scorer, leading to the affectionate nickname, "Pistol Pete."

During his four years at FWBC, Pete garnered numerous honors, including: Fort Wayne *News Sentinel* All-City, NCCAC All-Conference, NCCAC All-Tourney, Falcon Invitational All-Tourney, Bethel Invitational All-Tourney and Manchester Invitational All-Tourney teams as well as the MVP of the Falcon Invitational. Additionally, Pete was named to *Outstanding College Athletes of America*. With his 2,128 career points Pete set a school record. He also pulled down 665 career rebounds.

For more Hall of Fame information please go to: [http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni/hall\\_of\\_fame](http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni/hall_of_fame)

1946

Initial South Campus purchased for \$60,000 – payable over six years from William Wiebke.



1948

Residence Hall constructed.



# beautifulmystery

by Lauren Peltier cs10

Talk about secrets.

Throughout **Rhoda Heindselman's** g59 childhood, a tumor swelled in her brain. It wasn't discovered until Rhoda's freshman year at Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

As the fist-sized tumor exerted pressure on her optic nerves, Rhoda's sight decreased until she could no longer read. She also suffered frequent fainting spells.

"I [would see] all those spots," Rhoda said. "Then I would black out."

In March 1950, Rhoda underwent surgery. Many feared she'd never recover. "There were teachers who didn't expect to see me back at college," Rhoda said. Many of her physicians believed she'd never see again.

Days after her operation, however, Rhoda glimpsed snow through her hospital window. "It was quite an experience," Rhoda said. Her simple words throbbed with gratitude and awe.

God brought beauty from the ashes of Rhoda's tumor. Her Fort Wayne Bible College community warred for her in prayer. The recovery of her sight amazed her doctors. Her illness even inspired an uncle to seek God. "He hadn't been on his knees for a long time," Rhoda said, "But he prayed then."

Rhoda recovered and earned a bachelor of arts in music from the Bible College in 1959. Encouraged by her husband, she began work on a bachelors of science in Physics. Despite her husband's tragic death during her studies, Rhoda completed her degree in 1970. "He was afraid I wouldn't finish," Rhoda said. "But I did."

On the wings of God's faithfulness, Rhoda has overcome the trials she's faced. "It's been kind of a hard journey," she admits, "But you just keep trusting the Lord, and He takes care of you. I could never have made it through without Him."

Rhoda's faith is the source of her strength. She believes one must "learn how to keep on trusting the Lord to get you through. You just take life as it comes and...try to accomplish all that you can along the way."

She lived that philosophy by putting her numerous gifts to use. In addition to teaching Sunday school and playing the organ for her church, Rhoda worked on guided missiles and electronic warfare for the government.

Now in her eighties, Rhoda hopes to create a dude ranch similar to Crystal Peeks Youth Ranch in Oregon, a home for abused horses and a place of healing for troubled youth. After visiting one spring, Rhoda was inspired by the "tremendous healing for children and horses" the ranch offered.

"[The experience] really got me," Rhoda said. "I was taken with what could be done to help people...with their troubles. That's what I'm trying to get going now, the Lord willing."

Only God knows where He is leading Rhoda next. But His secret plans will doubtless bring healing and beauty to the lives she impacts. In His faithfulness and despite the hardships she's suffered, God has transformed Rhoda's journey into a beautiful mystery.

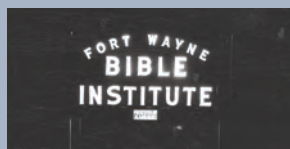
...keep trusting the Lord, and He takes care of you. I could never have made it through without Him.

Rhoda Heindselman g59 now lives in Poneto, IN on a farm she hopes to turn into a dude ranch for abused horses and troubled youth. Her email address is [rheindselman@parlorcity.com](mailto:rheindselman@parlorcity.com).



1948

FWBI, one of 18 Charter Members of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.



1950

Name changed to Fort Wayne Bible College.







## First generation student gives thanks now as a teacher

**Sari Harris g88** arrived at FWBC in 1983 intent on a degree in education. She believed God called her to be a teacher. After visiting the campus and being overwhelmed by the spirit of God in this place, she was eager to begin. She didn't know exactly what to expect since no one in her family had ever attended college. "I didn't even know you needed money to apply to go to college," Sari reflected, but she knew that this was the path God designed for her.

Sari realized the importance of the information she was learning.

"I know that many people have great college stories about late nights or sleeping through chapel or cutting classes. Those are always fun to hear- but I never got past the fact that what happened in those rooms was so essential to my life that I didn't want to miss it," said Sari. "The information and application and groundwork that God did through His Holy Spirit using the faculty here was so essential to my life. I did need to be here."

Following graduation, Sari worked for 15 years in public education in Indiana. Inevitably, a colleague, superintendent or parent at some point would ask this question, "What makes you so good at what you do?" "Where did you get your education?"

Without hesitation, Sari's answer was always the same.

"The foundation of my education began (at FWBC), where I learned all about life, my profession and how God could begin forming my worldview," she said. "It wasn't just the education

classes that Dr. Weddle taught, important as they were. It was the Truth that I learned in all of my courses. Each of those courses laid a foundation of learning how to live life abundantly as God intends, which made it possible to be really good at my profession."

Sari's message during Heritage Weekend to the faculty who shaped her during those formative college years was a huge, "Thank you!" She continued:

"And if your intent was to teach God's Word in a manner that infiltrated all aspects of our lives, you did it.

If your mission was to provide a quality education that produced effective ministers of the gospel of Christ in every walk of life, mission accomplished.

If your desire was to inspire a generation of young people with your dedication and care, God has granted that desire.

If you are trusting us to pass on the Truth that we learned here 'to other faithful men,' that trust is not misplaced.

We have heard God's call reverberate in the halls of these buildings and echo in our hearts as we've listened to your words of wisdom."

Sari is currently teaching in the Enrichment Program in K-6th grade at Penn Christian Academy and also at Butler County Community College, both in Butler, PA. Her email is [harriss\\_56@hotmail.com](mailto:harriss_56@hotmail.com).



1953

Intercollegiate athletics begin – Oswald Morley became the first coach. The first two games were against Moody Bible Institute.



1954

Leightner Hall purchased.



## “Words of Thanks and Hope”

Reflecting on the first three years of her college experiences, Laurie Filson can see how God used countless circumstances and events to prepare her just enough for the next step.

Due to chronic health problems, Laurie spent her freshman and sophomore years at home earning an associate’s degree in professional writing with Taylor’s online 2 + 2 program—a successor of Fort Wayne Bible College’s correspondence studies.

By God’s grace, Laurie’s health shifted “just in time” for her to attend TUFW during her junior year to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in professional writing.

“After I arrived at TUFW, I quickly realized God had used those two years at home to carefully plant His passions in my own heart that would be zealously watered and given new growth here,” she said.

When students were told in October 2008 they had the remainder of the school year left at TUFW, Laurie began to realize how much the campus had the elements that together formed her “dream college.”

“I loved the contagious passion and vision for the lost, needy and the refugees that our leaders, professors and student body shared with us,” she said. “Even more, I loved how we have been given ways to get plugged into inner city outreach and ministry through our curriculum as well as outside of our classrooms.”

Getting involved in inner city ministries was one of those passions God gave Laurie while at home. But she didn’t know where to start or how to get involved; she didn’t even know what skills she had to be useful.

TUFW gave Laurie opportunities to be involved in the Fort Wayne community with Burmese refugees and inner city

neighborhood kids as well as in the public school system. While earning her TESOL license (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), Laurie loved teaching kids from countries like Mexico, Bermuda and Africa at South Wayne Elementary – just seven blocks behind her dorm.

“God challenged me with opportunities in which I felt His heartbeat and learned to love people not for who I wanted them to be, but to love them with Christ-love that sees past our imperfections,” she said.

Last summer Laurie’s dream to get involved in her own city of Indianapolis came true. She received the opportunity to complete her writing practicum with Life Centers (which used to be called the Crisis Pregnancy Center).

God used Laurie’s nine months at TUFW to make a lasting impact in her heart and life. God continues to give her new dreams, open new doors and develop in her new passions.

Laurie is thankful for the support, love and prayers for TUFW, where countless students have been impacted by the godly heritage alumni have left behind.

“Though I desperately wish I could have been here for two years instead of one, my life has been changed by feeling God’s active heartbeat on this campus,” said Laurie. “I wouldn’t trade that one-year for anything. It was an incredible experience and a time of preparation for yet the next step at Taylor in Upland. You know, I may as well have everything Taylor has to offer—online, Fort Wayne, Upland,” she laughed. “I’m excited to see what God is going to do next because we know that God will work all things together for good for those who love Him.”



### The rest of the story...

MyTU experience has been intense both academically and spiritually. God is teaching me what it means to actively love Him with all my mind—whether it means focusing on a difficult and disliked course when I don’t feel like it, or meditating on Him when I awake, walk, eat, and study. It is very different from TUFW, but just as impactful. Laurie’s email is [laurie\\_filson@tayloru.edu](mailto:laurie_filson@tayloru.edu).

1958

Dr. Jared F. Gerig started his tenure as President (1958-1971).



1960

Brown Gables purchased for President’s residence (\$32,000).





## Declare His glory among the nations Psalm 96:3

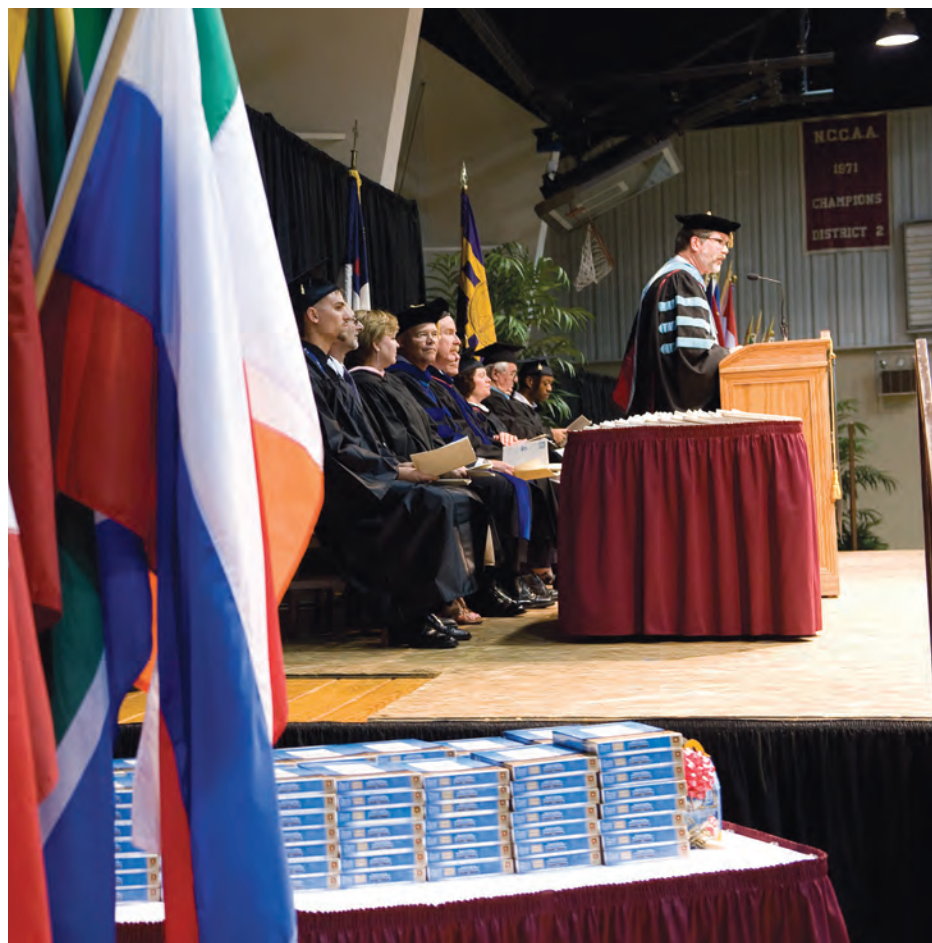
TUFW held its final graduation ceremony with 92 graduates Saturday, May 23, 2009 in front of a packed Gerig Activities Center crowd of students, past and present faculty and administrators, staff, family and friends.

As the final graduates were honored, the participants paused to give thanks to God, who, in His plan, allowed the Fort Wayne campus to come into existence over a century ago. With a modest beginning and a commitment to the Great Commission, this campus has managed to have world-wide impact.

Eighty-nine nations either sent students to study at Fort Wayne, or became the ministry destination of graduates. A flag from 44 nations were represented as part of the processional.

Drs. Doug Barcalow, Randall Dodge and Duane Kilty were the commencement speakers.

Fort Wayne Bible Training School	1904-1931
Fort Wayne Bible Institute	1931-1949
Fort Wayne Bible College	1950-1989
Summit Christian College	1989-1992
Taylor University Fort Wayne	1992-2009



1960

Joy Gerig was named the first full-time Christian Service Director at FWBC.



1961

Lehman Library dedicated (\$300,000).







**1965**

Lexington (Hausser) Dorm opened



**1966**

The Singing Collegians debut. Starting in the 1966 academic year and continuing until 1974.





# faculty & staff news

where are they now?

**Dr. Doug Barcalow** – has been named the Director of the Center of Contemporary Programs and Distributed Learning at the University of Saint Francis, where he is working with the Provost to develop new programs and a way to deliver them.

**Micah Barcalow** – is now a RD at Indiana Wesleyan University after facilitating the Leaders in the Sport Program at TUFW last summer.

**Karen Barker** – signed a contract with IPFW to teach The Accelerated First Year Spanish Class.

**Tui Bedwell** - is now focused full-time on her two children. Austin (6) who she is homeschooling and Morgan (4).

**Aimee Betsui** – has volunteered answering phones at the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center writing the News Notes for the *alumnus*.

**Dr. Dave Biberstein** – is the Director of Pastoral Care at Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Arlan Birkey** – is retired and enjoys a part-time job driving for Kelley Automotive.

**Marilyn Cain** – is an Assistant Professor, of Accounting, at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI.

**Matt & Tiffany Carrigan** – Matt is working in the maintenance department at IPFW, while Tiffany is staying at home working on four on-line classes. She gave birth to Madelyn Joy on November 26, 2009. Madelyn weighed 6lbs 11oz and was 20 inches in length.

**Dr. Michael Cook** – started June 1 as the Director of the Graduate Ministry Program at Huntington University.

**Sonora Copling** – is now serving as a part-time alarm clerk for Plano Police Department in Plano, TX.

**Roy Danielian** – is now the Assistant Director of Admissions at IPFW.

**Jody Davison** – has moved to Columbus, OH, where she is looking for work. She and her husband, Jon, love Columbus and being closer to her sister and Jon's family.

**Stephanie Demorest** – is currently staying at home taking care of her son, Zebadiah and husband Matt.

**Rick Dietiker** – has been doing short-term assignments for Creative Dining at Anderson University and Taylor University.

**Dr. Randall Dodge** – has been named the Chief

Operations Officer at Project Mercy located in Fort Wayne.

**Pam Dykehouse** – is working for Stewart/Richardson Deposition Services in Fort Wayne. She is “the face” of the company, as she serves in hospitality and clerical support.

**Ruth Elder** – is the Cataloging Librarian at Troy University in Troy, AL.

**Jonas Espinoza** – is one of the supervisors for Facility Services staff at IPFW.

**Emily Ford** – is an English composition instructor at Ivy Tech. She is still continuing to pursue her PhD., at Ball State University.

**Dr. Laura Gerig** – is working part-time for Wieland & Associates in Fort Wayne doing psychological testing and is teaching one class at Huntington University.

**Dr. Wes and Mary Gerig** – have both retired, but Dr. Wes is still teaching a Sunday school class at Avalon Missionary Church

**Leo Gonot** – is the Director of Marketing at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.

**Anita Gray** – is at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC serving as the Assistant Director of Library Services.

**Dr. Jeff Groeling** – continues to serve as the Dean of Online Learning for Taylor University Online. He and his wife, Susan, welcomed Levi Joseph, September 4, 2009 into the world. He was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 20 inches long.

**Beth Groman** – is the director of records at Indiana Wesleyan University in the Record's Office

**Scott Haddix** – is the volleyball coach at Northrop High School where he was just named Coach of the Year.

**Tricia Halferty** – has been doing graphic design consultant work, substitute teaching and assists her husband, Mike, who continues to pastor a church. She completed her MBA from Taylor University in December 2009.

**Bud Hamilton** – is coaching the freshmen boys' basketball team at South Side High School in Fort Wayne, where he also teaches math in the freshmen block classes.

**Sherri Harter** – is the Associate Vice President for Development at Taylor University.

**Dr. Dennis E. Hensley** – now serves as the director of the professional writing department at Taylor University and is professor of professional writing.

**Katy Hobbs** – continues to serve as the Online Learning Coordinator for Taylor University Online.

**Cleveland Inge** – is a police officer at IPFW and has started Summit City Security, a firm that has been hired to monitor the Fort Wayne campus.

**AJ Jackson** – is working at the Gathering House in Berne, IN. It is a Cafe, bakery, gift and antique shop. She has been asked to help open the business for private parties in the evening.

**Laura Jacobs** – is part owner of Summit City Security.

**Amy James** – is staying home to care for her son, Luke, and is looking for a part-time job.

**Jane Janovyak** – still looking for employment.

**Dr. Ken Johnson** – is a full-time lecturer at IPFW. He is also teaching a class and a couple guitar students at Indiana Wesleyan.

**Nancy Johnson** – serves as Assistant to the VP for Business Affairs/CFO (Dr. Duane Kilty) at Indiana Wesleyan University.

**Dr. Pam Jordan-Long** – is the department chair of the professional writing department at Taylor University and is a full professor of professional writing.

**Dr. Duane Kilty** – is the VP for Business & CFO at Indiana Wesleyan University while **Joni Kilty** is serving as their Document Imaging Analyst.

**Ellen Klaus** – has a part-time job at Ivy Tech in Admissions.

**Lorraine Kuhl** – is the bookstore cashier/clerk at the University of Saint Francis.

**Dr. Rock LaGoyia** – is back at Moody with an 18 hour teaching load. He is also serving as the Interim Preaching Pastor at a church in Chicago.

**Marie Lakin** – has a music teaching position at Hoagland and Monroeville Elementary Schools just outside of Fort Wayne. She is also accompanying the Huntington Children's Choir.

**Anita Lane** – is teaching 5th grade in Norman, Oklahoma and teaching three transition to teaching classes for Taylor University Online.

**Cassie Lemberg** – continues to serve as the Online Learning Coordinator for Taylor University Online.

1966

Wiebke House, built in 1882, remodeled as a men's dormitory.



1970

Witmer Hall completed.



**Amanda (Heinsch) Luedeke** – is working at the Social Media Coordinator for Britton Marketing & Design Group and is an assistant with former Professor Chip MacGregor and MacGregor Literary.

**Michele Mallett-Wells** – is the Associate Professor and MSW Advanced Standing Coordinator at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY. She married Alvin Wells on Saturday, November 21.

**Angelo Mante** – is a grad student at Emery University, studying for his master's of divinity and working part-time at Pitts Theological Library.

**Phil Maurizi** – accepted a position at the University of Saint Francis

**Nathan Maybe** – is now serving as a Resident Director at Indiana Wesleyan University.

**Matt McFarland** – does maintenance work for Hampton Inn (North) in Fort Wayne.

**Sheila McFarland** – is a support staff member in the Information Technology Services area of IPFW.

**Carrie Meyer** – continues to serve as the Director of Online Learning at Taylor University Online.

**Kathie Miranda** – moved to Winter Park, FL with Marta and Caleb to be with her husband, Rui. She is now the Student Advising Manager at Full Sail University in Winter Park.

**Palmer Muntz** – is an Enrollment Management Consultant and Director of Admissions at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, IL.

**Lucinda Neff** – is using her graphic artist skills in the Marketing Department at Indiana Wesleyan University.

**Sandra Nichols** – is starting her own house cleaning business while continuing to care for her husband who has battled cancer.

**Lynnea (Johnson) Numbers** - is part owner of Summit City Security. She also works for Borders Bookstore and is a coach for Wildcat Baseball in the summers. Lynnea married Jared Numbers on May 23, 2009.

**Steve Olson** – is the Associate Vice President for Business Development & Service at Taylor University.

**Tony Opliger** – is the new pastor at Northeast Christian Church. He and Hannah welcome Shalom Helene Opliger, who was born December 14, 2009. She weighed 5lbs 6oz and 18.25 inches long.

**Gabby Orellana** – Unknown

**Melissa Osborn** – continues to serve as the Online Learning Coordinator for Taylor University Online.

**Kaye Pitcher** – is now the Assistant to the Dean of Engineering and the Department of Engineering at IPFW.

**Dr. Bruce Pratt** – has been given a one-year contract to teach at Taylor University in their Physical Education and Human Performance area.

**Julie Raymond** – is the EXCEL Program Coordinator of Academic Support at Huntington University, where she has joined her husband, Scott, where he is the Managing Director of Retention and Student Success.

**James Rediger** – is pursuing his doctorate at Ball State University.

**John Reusser** – is working for Taylor University on the Fort Wayne campus continuing to service and keep the buildings in good shape.

**Dr. Roger Ringenberg** has also been given a one year contract to teach at Taylor University.

**Sarita Rubrake** – serves as a child care worker for Children's Homes of Iredell County, Inc. in Statesville, NC. Her email is srubrake44@yahoo.com

**Dr. Jim & Agnes Saddington** – Jim began teaching two courses at the University of Saint Francis (World Civilization II and U S History I). Agnes stays at home to provide secretarial support and when needed, care for two grandsons, two granddaughters, a granddog and a grandcat.

**Dr. John Schutt** – has been given a one year contract to teach at IPFW.

**Amy Settle** – has been teaching fourth grade at Indian Village in Fort Wayne.

**Deb Shaw** – is a licensed agent for Summit Ridge Insurance where she is a sales representative and office manager.

**Caroline Simmons** – has restarted her retirement spending time with Jerry and her grandchildren.

**Bob Smith** – has founded and is the executive director for the Fort Wayne School of Urban Ministry (FWSUM). Recently, FWSUM began leasing the former WEB building across the street from First Missionary Church.

**Dr. Steve Smith** – is now the Dean of the School of Justice Studies at Martin University in Indianapolis.

His email address is ssmith@martin.edu.

**Tami Solak** – is seeking the Lord's will for employment and enjoying spending time with her family.

**Jennifer Sprunger** – is now with Dynamic Resource Group in Berne where she is the Continuities Assistant. She and her husband, Michael g07 continue to serve at the Berne EMC church, where he is the Youth Pastor. She also continues to do freelance writing and editing.

**Heather St. Peters** – is a full-time student again pursuing her PhD at Bowling Green State University.

**Rachel Steger** – is the office manager for Trust Bearer Labs, a small software company in downtown Fort Wayne.

**Karen Steiner** – continues to teach piano lessons from her home.

**Tracy Stoller** – has been given a spot in a residency program through IUPUI's library program. She was placed at IPFW in the Helmke Library. She is working on their plans to create a Learning Commons within the library.

**Sonja Strahm** – is working at Ivy Tech Community College Northeast as Reading Program Chair, teaching four reading classes and giving oversight to 22 faculty (mostly adjunct).

**Tom Tiernon** – is the IPFW student housing Maintenance Manager, and still works a few hours per week at the Fort Wayne campus working on select maintenance projects.

**JT Toor** – has been doing work at his mother's house, but is still looking for employment.

**Jill Trosper** – continues to work as a massage therapist out of her home, but is also looking for full-time work.

**Mike Van Huisen** – still looking for employment.

**Evan Wood** – is now teaching with Taylor's MBA program in Fort Wayne and doing part-time consultation work. He and his wife, Lisa, welcomed another baby Saturday, June 27. Kyler Train Wood was 6 pounds, 15 ounces and 19.5 inches.

**Jennifer Woolever** – is the circulation coordinator for the University of Saint Francis.

1970

Correspondence Department adds Judson College correspondence program. Rev. Cyril Eicher appointed first full-time director.

1970

Dr. Tim Warner becomes President (1970-1980).





# top 10 questions

- 1 What is happening with the Fort Wayne campus?**

Since Spring 2009 University officials have engaged several constituencies to seek their input for the highest and best use of the historic location. The ideal scenario would include honoring the heritage of the campus, no compromise of the WBCL mission and ministry, complement the neighborhood, and serve the south side of Fort Wayne. There have been some expressions of interest in the campus. A final decision will require approval by the Board of Trustees.
- 2 How do I get transcripts?**

Transcripts are available FREE for all alumni and former students of the Fort Wayne campus from the Taylor University Registrar's Office. For questions regarding transcript information or to check the status of your transcript request, please call 765.998.5129 or go to <http://www.taylor.edu/academics/registrar/transcripts.shtml>.
- 3 Will there be alumni events and programs for Fort Wayne campus alumni?**

Yes! Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome at [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu). In August, 20 alumni and friends went to Parkview Field in Fort Wayne to see the Tin Caps play. We had a pizza party at Ludlow Falls Camp in Ohio with Jeff '84 and Jean '84 Gerig hosting us. Reunions for various classes and another Athletic Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony is being planned.
- 4 How will I be included in the Taylor Alumni community?**

Fort Wayne campus alumni are always welcome at Taylor events, programs and gatherings. The director of Fort Wayne Alumni and Friend Relations works in full partnership with the Taylor Alumni Office and will gladly arrange for joint events if Fort Wayne alumni want to participate. Two members of our current Alumni Council, Dick Baxter, g70 and Tui Bedwell, g97 are members of the Taylor Alumni Council, helping us to forge a mutually beneficial relationship.
- 5 Where will my money go if I want to send a gift?**

Your gift will go towards the fund you choose to designate. A Fort Wayne Alumni Fund has been set-up to assist with the expenses of operating Taylor's Fort Wayne Alumni and Friends Resource Center. Taylor is providing all of the funding for the Fort Wayne operations. Alumni can also support the Fort Wayne Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund, which helps Taylor students, whose parents, grandparents or relatives are Fort Wayne campus alumni. Several other scholarships are also available for alumni to support. For more information, please contact Michael Mortensen at [mcmortensen@taylor.edu](mailto:mcmortensen@taylor.edu) or Sherri Harter at [shharter@taylor.edu](mailto:shharter@taylor.edu).
- 6 Who do I call or e-mail if I have a need or question?**

Taylor's Fort Wayne Alumni Resource Center is the first place to call to inquire about programs, events or gatherings. Please call 260.744.8790 or email [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu) to update your address, e-mail, phone or submit information for News Notes. If you need a transcript, please call 765.998.5129 or go to <http://www.taylor.edu/academics/registrar/transcripts.shtml>.

1974

Campus yearbook, "The Light Tower" (began in 1928) changed name to "The Vine."

1976

WBCL radio station established as first 50,000 watt FM station in northern Indiana.



## 7 How can I volunteer?

Multiple ways:

Serve at the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center answering the phone, identifying class members and faculty in pictures, scanning pictures, stuffing envelopes, etc. If interested in giving time during the week consistently or just occasionally, contact Kari Reynolds at 260.744.8790 or e-mail [krreynolds@taylor.edu](mailto:krreynolds@taylor.edu).

Host a gathering or event in your area of the country.

Host a class reunion. The Class of 1960 has scheduled their 50th class reunion August 27 and 28, 2010. The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has scheduled their next induction dinner for September 25, 2010, and the Class of 1961 will have their 50th class reunion in Fort Wayne on September 23 and 24, 2011." For more information, contact Michael Mortensen at 260.744.8790 or e-mail [mcmortensen@taylor.edu](mailto:mcmortensen@taylor.edu).

## 8 What tools can I use to connect with other Fort Wayne campus alumni?

As with volunteering, there are multiple ways to connect with other Fort Wayne alumni:

Ask for your own user name and password to access [my.taylor.edu](http://my.taylor.edu), which features an online directory of Fort Wayne and Upland alumni.

Make sure the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center has your e-mail address. We plan to send monthly updates on the latest news and information.

Fort Wayne alumni are connected through several Fort Wayne campus related Facebook pages.

## 9 What is happening with the archives?

Volunteers have given more than 2,000 hours in moving boxes of photos, cassettes, documents, plaques, trophies, reel-to-reel tapes and more to the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. Once here, they have set up a working area to identify, sort and scan the items. The intention is to make these items available through a password protected Website in the future that is searchable. This will require thousands more hours from volunteers. At this point, we have many of the Christian Service/Gospel Team performing groups selections digitized, so it may not be long before alumni can listen to the Ambassadors, Collegians, Trumpet Trio and the list goes on. If you have a recording either on reel-to-reel or cassette, the archives would appreciate receiving it, so it can be digitized and placed on a CD and on the Web for others to enjoy. Contact Dr. Jay Platte at [jay@platte.name](mailto:jay@platte.name).

## 10 What is going to happen to WBCL?

WBCL continues to be the radio ministry of Taylor University. No current plans are in place to move the studio or change the focus, as it continues to touch lives throughout Indiana, Michigan and Ohio and throughout the world at [wbcl.org](http://wbcl.org).

1976

Men's basketball team wins National NCCAA Championship with Coach Stephen Morley.



1980

Dr. Harvey Bostrom appointed President (1980-1986).



## Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center opens; staff named

Responding to the Fort Wayne Alumni Council's recommendation to continue alumni relations beyond the May 31 discontinuation of the TUFW undergraduate program, Taylor University is pleased to announce the creation of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

**Michael D. Mortensen g91**, former Director of Alumni & Parent Relations, is serving as the Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friend Relations, and **Kari Reynolds g99** has been hired as the part-time assistant.

"Kari and I are thrilled to be here to serve. The feedback from Fort Wayne alumni and friends from around the world has been very gratifying," Michael said. "We are so grateful for the 50 volunteers who are serving with us to help us move forward."

In their roles, Michael and Kari communicate and care for Fort Wayne campus alumni for the purpose of preserving the legacy of Christ-centered education received on the Fort Wayne campus. Michael is giving time to alumni relations, community relations and donor relations. Michael and Kari currently work from Brown Gables, but will move June 1, 2010

to the Lillian Rolf Home, 915 W. Rudisll Blvd, immediately east of Witmer Hall, due to zoning limitations.

"It would be hard to find someone to match Michael's passion for Fort Wayne alumni," Sherri Harter, associate vice president for development, said. "He served the Fort Wayne campus faithfully for the past 12 years, and I am glad he is part of the transition we are going through. It has been remarkable what he and the volunteers have accomplished since June 1."

"Kari's heart epitomizes what we are striving to do for Fort Wayne campus alumni," Mortensen said. "Kari continues the strong tradition of the Reynolds family serving Fort Wayne alumni well," Harter added.

Since June 1, the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center has hosted family reunions, and small gatherings for alumni, church and not-for-profit organizations, who use the conference rooms, computers and office equipment without charge.

If interested in a personal day retreat or to request use of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center, please email [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu) or call 260.744.8790.



Michael Mortensen



Kari Reynolds



The Gerig Family had their first Christmas Reunion in the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center @ Brown Gables, since Dr. Wes Gerig's father, Dr. Jared Gerig g29 was President of Fort Wayne Bible College. Pictured are (front row) Jeff g84, Jenna, Jillian and Jean (Ayabe) Gerig g84 and (back row) Mary Carolyn (Steiner) g51, Dr. Wes Gerig g52, Myreth g55 (Shaver) and the Rev. Noboru Ayabe g55. In all, 33 Gerig family members and friends gathered on December 25, 2009.

1982

New Physical Plant built to replace burned maintenance building. It was named in honor of Eddie Reynolds.



1982

First Alumni Scholarship Phonathon raised \$18,000.





# NEWS NOTES

## alumni

### 1940's

**Nila Mast's g48** husband, Paul, went to be with Jesus earlier in 2009. Her address is 27360 Charles St., Elkhart, IN 46517.

**Betty (Best) Pollock g45** passed away November 6, 2009. She had been in poor health since July.

**Louis Klotzbach g49** went to be with the Lord on June 5, 2009. His widow, **Jan's fs49** address is S7559 US Hwy 12 Lot L2, North Freedom, WI 53951-9759.

### 1950's

**Ann (Jarvis) Beers's fs51** husband, James, passed away in 2008. Ann's address is 34567 Elmwood, Apt. 515, Westland, MI 48185.

**Christine (Steiner) Gerig's fs 51** husband, Paul, passed away on October 29, 2008. Her address is Box 56, Grabill, IN 46741.

**Marion Noel's g53** wife, Oneta, passed away in 2009. Marion's address is RR 5 Box 54, Bloomfield, IN 47424.

Ivan and **Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53** have written a book, *Tears and Triumphs*, detailing their 50 years of overseas ministry. They served seven years in Congo and 43 years in France. Their e-mail is [petedonelda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petedonelda@sbcglobal.net).

**Patsy (Wolfe) Temple's fs55** husband, **Gary TUUfs57**, of 51 years passed away on July 3, 2008. Her address is 6912 Omaha Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

**Harold Ayabe's g57** wife of 51 years, **Ann (Nishihara) TUUg57**, entered her heavenly home on September 7, 2008. His e-mail is [prayer@kalaheomc.org](mailto:prayer@kalaheomc.org).

**Katherine Han fs57** lives in Taiwan and for three years has helped a church there. Her e-mail is [kwlan@juno.com](mailto:kwlan@juno.com).

### 1960's

**Paul Brennan g60** received Hawaii's Windward Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" Award for 2009. He is well known for his tireless volunteer work in the areas of historical, anthropological and environmental education and preservation. He also helps out at a senior day care center, Habitat for Humanity, and with a program for homeless families. He and his wife, **Dorothy (Nesseth) g60**, have been foster parents to 20 youth through Family Programs Hawaii. His e-mail is [dr.pbrennan@yahoo.com](mailto:dr.pbrennan@yahoo.com).

**Dorothy (Davis) Epple's g60** husband of 46 years, Paul, entered heaven on July 21, 2008. Dorothy has two sons and six grandchildren. Her address is 7817 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Though considered retired, **James Roussos g60**, seems "refired" instead. He preaches on Sundays and teaches a Bible class on Wednesdays. He also serves on the American Academy Council, the Cyprus Bible Society, the board of trustees of the Limassol Christian School and the Cyprus Evangelical Alliance. His email is [peyia33@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:peyia33@cytanet.com.cy).

**Charlotte (Gerig) Warner's fs61** husband, Loren, was received in Heaven



The Class of 1959 and their spouses congregated once again on campus during Heritage Weekend May 8 and 9, 2009. After attending chapel, a special reception and luncheon was held in their honor. Each was given a Cat's Meow replica of either Schultz Hall or Bethany Hall in addition to a commemorative booklet and a certificate.

The Class of 1960 and 1961 are currently working with the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center to gather for their 50th reunions in the fall of 2010 and 2011. The Class of 1960 is scheduled to be back on campus August 27 and 28, 2010. The class of 1961 is scheduled for their 50th class reunion on September 23 and 24, 2011.

For more information on these reunions or to plan one for your class or specialty group, please contact Michael Mortensen at [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu) or call 260.744.8790.

### 1985

Accreditation granted by North Central Association.

### 1985

Volleyball team goes 26-1 for best overall record in school history.



on October 1, 2008. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

**Priscilla (Smith) Shannon fs64** is an account manager at American Fan Co. in Fairfield, OH. She has three adult children. Her e-mail is [grammypo@yaho.com](mailto:grammypo@yaho.com).

**Roger Doriot fs65** is spending a few months in the Nalja area of the Irian Jaya/Papua jungle ministries. They are showing the Jesus film, encouraging the use of scripture, starting libraries of Christian books and materials and sharing the need to send young people for training in Bible translation and evangelism. Roger's e-mail is [rogerdoriot@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerdoriot@yahoo.com).

After returning last year from a trip to Sierra Leone, **Phil Logan g67** is focusing on getting as many discipleship/pastoral training books translated and formatted as possible. His e-mail is [plogan63@comcast.net](mailto:plogan63@comcast.net).

**Earl Cecil g68** visited international ministry workers in Hong Kong, China and Caracas, Venezuela. His wife, **Cheryl (Roth) g68**, had a devotional for young girls published, *Whispers of Wisdom for Girls*. She is currently working on a daily devotional for step-moms. Earl's e-mail is [earl\\_cecil@verizon.net](mailto:earl_cecil@verizon.net) and Cheryl's is [cacecil@gmail.com](mailto:cacecil@gmail.com).

Arden and **Helen (McIntosh) Steele g69** serve with SIM International in Bolivia. Helen teaches at Carachipampa Christian School. Their e-mail is [arden.steele@sim.org](mailto:arden.steele@sim.org).

## 1970's

**Dick Armstrong g70** serves as vice president of human resources at VisionQuest Alliance in Monument, CO. His wife, **Cheri (Bruner) g73**, is director of shared services support at Youth

for Christ National Service Center in Denver. Dick's e-mail is [dickarmstrong@comcast.net](mailto:dickarmstrong@comcast.net) and Cheri's is [carmstrong@yfc.net](mailto:carmstrong@yfc.net).

**Joe g71 and Dianna (Hager) Wenger fs70** accepted a call to pastor Zion Missionary Church in Elkhart, IN. They began on January 1, 2009.

**Arlene (Tolson) Beard g72** is a retired special education teacher. She is currently serving at Corbin United Effort, preventing homelessness and leading a Bible study for women at the Christian Shelter for the homeless in London, KY.

**Rick g72** and Monica **Haberkamp** serve with TEAM in Chad, Africa. With the aid of a Kanembu story crafter, they are preparing the OneStory project to make the Word more understandable, alive, real and meaningful for the Chadian people who will see the presentations. Their e-mail is [haberk5@gmail.com](mailto:haberk5@gmail.com).

**Paul Keidel g72** spent two weeks in March visiting three Russian cities, training four pastors for C&MA overseas work. This event was to build relationships with Russian pastors and to develop partnerships of the home congregations with Russian believers. Please pray for several missionaries who will be leaving countries in the European region due to the global economic crisis. Paul and his wife, **Marian (Enders) g72**, serve in France with C&MA. Their e-mail is [marian.paul@juno.com](mailto:marian.paul@juno.com).

**Janet (McKnight) Bartholomew g73** works in the office of the Michigan District of the Missionary Church. Her e-mail is [janetandloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:janetandloyd@yahoo.com).

In December 2008, OMS honored **Bruce Callender g73** with an award recognizing him for 35 years of missionary service. His wife, Mabel, received an award for serving 40 years.

Bruce's email is [bruce@thecallenders.com](mailto:bruce@thecallenders.com).

**Chuck Dunlap g73** retired on October 23, 2008 from the City of Jackson, MI, Water Department after 35 years of service. He continues to teach an adult Sunday school class. His e-mail is [caddede@yahoo.com](mailto:caddede@yahoo.com).

**Lois (Paxson) Jump's g74** husband, Rollin, went to be with Jesus on March 28. She lives in Warsaw, IN.

After 43 years of marriage and ministry partnership in helping the poor and needy in Fort Wayne, IN with **Fran Mortensen h99**, who passed away after a four-year colon cancer battle, **Phil Mortensen g74** married Norma Hollingworth on September 5, 2009 in Loganville, GA. He continues to be the senior pastor at Love Church. His email is [philmortensen@yahoo.com](mailto:philmortensen@yahoo.com).

**Janet Nickel g74** is a missionary with World Partners. World Hope International is partnering with them in the area of the anti-trafficking project in Sierra Leone. Janet is technical coordinator for this program, Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAAST). Her e-mail is [janetnickel@worldhope.net](mailto:janetnickel@worldhope.net).

**Thomas g75 and Joanne (Votaw) Foltz g76** have been church planters in Tanzania, East Africa, since 1999. They have planted two churches and also started a Christian school in 2006 with 115 students. Tom is the headmaster. Their e-mail is [foltztan@ars.bol.co.tz](mailto:foltztan@ars.bol.co.tz).

Roy and **Darla (Schock) Oksnevad g75** praise the Lord that 20,000 Life of Christ DVDs have been distributed in Chicago and the suburbs in 2009. Pray that the DVDs will be watched and will impact hearts and draw people to Christ. Their e-mail is [oksnevad@aol.com](mailto:oksnevad@aol.com).

1986

Dr. Donald Gerig named President (1986-1992).



1989

Name changed to Summit Christian College.





**Kelly McMichael g76** has taken a position as the director of institutional effectiveness at the Art Institute of Tampa, a branch of the Miami International University of Art and Design. His e-mail is glmcm@bellsouth.net.

**Mark fs78 and Debbie (Rupp) Blosser g79** continue serving in Swaziland with Trans World Radio. Mark is the technical administrator and Debbie is the secretary to the station director. TWR is in need of more missionaries in Africa, especially in the areas of computer systems and engineering. Mark's e-mail is markblosser@gmail.com.

**Melissa Dell-Maier fs78**, her husband Robert and sons, Adam (22) and Timothy



(15), live in Waterford, MI. She has had her own business since 1968 instructing piano. Her husband is a teacher and musician. Her e-mail is maierrm5155@aol.com.

**Tim TUUg81 and Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78** returned to Japan after a summer on home assignment. They are sending their quarterly prayer letters via e-mail at timandjeannie@gmail.com. Please inform them of your e-mail address to receive their updates.

In November 2008, **Mark g78** and Dee **Krueger**, missionaries in Guinea, received permission to begin the Mobile Medical Ministry they have been waiting to start for two years. While patients wait to be seen, they watch the DVD movie of Jesus and as they leave, they receive scripture cassettes and prayer. In March 2009, they learned how to

test people for vision problems and fit them with used glasses donated by Lions Clubs in the USA. People leave the clinic seeing clearly and taking Scripture portions home to read. Mark's e-mail is timbifolks@speedymail.org.

**Tim g78 and Glenda (Nussbaum) Stephenson g78** live in Fort Myers, FL where Tim is executive director for The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point Retirement Community. Glenda is church administrator at The Village Church. Their e-mail is Stephenson.glenda@gmail.com.

## 1980's

**Carol Findlay g80** will be on home assignment from South Korea in February 2010. Her e-mail is findlaycarol@omf.net.

**Jean Baumbach fs81** continues Bible translating in the Niger Republic. The initial revisions of Hebrews and Ephesians are completed and ready for the consultant. Also, the translation committee is reviewing Matthew. Jean's e-mail is jean.baumbach@sim.org.

**John Gerig g81** is focusing on finishing the rough draft of his doctoral dissertation, hoping to complete it by Spring 2010. His e-mail is JGerig@ocms.ac.uk.

**Don g81 and Rachel (Weber) Kramer g79**, ministering in Taiwan, are adjusting to rural living after almost 20 years in the cities. Pray for them as they take classes to grasp the Taiwanese language and for wisdom and understanding for the tasks ahead as mission leaders. Their e-mail is donrachtaiwan@yahoo.com.

In June 2008, **Scott Raymond g80** began his new position as managing director of retention and student success for Huntington University. After only eight months there, he received the Peer

Award. In this presentation, it was stated that along with a wealth of knowledge regarding student retention issues, his heart and love for the students is evident by his actions in their behalf. Scott's e-mail is scottwraymond@aol.com.

**Julie (Tyrie) Raymond g81** also began working at Huntington University in June 2009.

**Melodie (Nelson) Sprunger's fs83** husband, **Keith fsTUU75**, went to his heavenly home on June 20, 2008. Her address is 7836 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

**Dennis g84** and Linda **Collins**, serving with World Partners in Ireland, ask prayer for a pilot home group in Drogheda that it will grow to a home church and for the expansion of Alpha Bible study (basics in Christianity), in which teens and young moms are showing interest. Dennis is also coaching basketball for eight to ten year olds. Their e-mail is dltoddroad@aol.com.

For 15 years, **Larry Watkins g84** has been executive director for The Cedars, a retirement community founded in 1981. His e-mail is larry4marilyn@aol.com.

**Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84** are serving in Taipei, Taiwan. Besides holding camps for children and adults, they have assumed the role of youth pastors for junior and senior high schoolers at their church. They also teach evangelistic conversational English classes and a weekly English Bible study. Their e-mail is dbettinger@omsinternational.org.

**Tommy g85 and Konni (Saylor) Logan g86** serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are translating the New Testament into the Kasua language in Papua, New Guinea. Their e-mail is tomlogan@sil.org.

1989

Gerig Activities Center dedicated.



1991

Summit Christian College becomes Taylor University Fort Wayne through merger/acquisition.







Katie Broecker g04 went to Haiti for the first time on a TWO Spring Break Mission Trip in 2002. Under the tutelage of missionary Tom Osbeck, Katie fell in love with Haiti and shared her many gifts there, including her love for basketball.

After graduating from TUFW in May 2004, she served as the coach for the Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, boys' basketball and girls' soccer teams, the yearbook director, the physical education teacher and Student Council advisor until she unexpectedly died in her sleep on October 27, 2007.

Quisqueya honored her life and service by naming their basketball court after her. In addition to this honor, Katie was inducted into the inaugural class of the Fort Wayne Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2008.

For more information on Katie, go to [http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni/hall\\_of\\_fame/](http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni/hall_of_fame/).

**Lori Wilka g85** was promoted to national service officer with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. She represents veterans in their process of filing disability claims with the VA Benefits Administration. Her e-mail is [locohoosier@hotmail.com](mailto:locohoosier@hotmail.com).

**Sharon Ayabe g86** has recovered from a car accident in February 2009. Sharon is a family doctor with Kapaa Family Physicians in Kauai, Hawaii. Her e-mail is [ssayabe@pmbx.net](mailto:ssayabe@pmbx.net).

**Jeff Burger g86** and his wife, Brenda, and family reside in Wichita, KS where he is the executive director of Junior Achievement of Kansas, Inc. His e-mail is [coach.burger@gmail.com](mailto:coach.burger@gmail.com).

**Scott Liechty's g86** wife, Pamela, was received in heaven on July 24, 2008. She was very active in church ministries to women and children. She ministered with Scott for 12 years in the Sunday morning puppet ministry, writing skits for its characters. Scott and their four children, Steven (11), Kristen (9), Lauren (7) and Megan (6) survive her. Their address is 627 W. Steward Road, Midland, MI 48640-9167 and e-mail is [psliechty@juno.com](mailto:psliechty@juno.com).

In June, **Marilyn Millar g86** graduated from a local community college with a degree in health information management. Her e-mail is [medcaltech@verizon.net](mailto:medcaltech@verizon.net).

**David g87** and **Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76** were in the U.S. until September 24. They celebrated Dorcas's parents', **Gerald g45** and **Violet (Egly) Ringenberg's g45**, 64th wedding anniversary and Violet's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. David and Dorcas's e-mail is [djdem@mail2go.net](mailto:djdem@mail2go.net).

Mike and **Sherri (Harris) Ritter g88** serve with the Rafiki Foundation, which helps children in Africa affected by AIDS

and poverty. They were on furlough for the summer, but have returned to Ethiopia where Sherri is the education director and Mike is the facility manager. Their e-mail is [mike43andsherri@gmail.com](mailto:mike43andsherri@gmail.com).

**Brad g88** and **Kim (Parker) Ulick g90** and their children, Caleb (13) and Lorinda (6), recently moved to Atkinson, IL. Brad is a manager at Securitas Security Systems, and Kim is a Reading Aide at Milikin Elementary School. Their e-mail is [bmulick@mchsi.com](mailto:bmulick@mchsi.com).

**Graham g88** and **Lori (Fazio) West fs86**, with children Matthew and Kelsey, are heading into their second year in Thailand. They are continuing with their language studies. Graham, with the Sports Friends Asia, is involved in vision sharing meetings in preparation for training at the end of September. Their e-mail is [westtalk@juno.com](mailto:westtalk@juno.com).

## 1990's

**Nick g91** and **Alane (Heindel) Johnson g89**, with their family and a team of 22, returned from another Global Project to an unreached people group in Central Asia. God did exceedingly more than they could have ever asked or imagined. Nick is on a 12-month academic sabbatical pursuing a master's degree in intercultural studies. Nick and Alane's e-mail is [nickalane@gmail.com](mailto:nickalane@gmail.com).

In June 2009, **Sarita Rubrake g92** accepted a position as child care worker for Children's Homes of Iredell County, Inc. in Statesville, NC. Her e-mail is [srubrake44@yahoo.com](mailto:srubrake44@yahoo.com).

**Mike Lawton g93** and his wife, Wendy, with their children, Daniel (12) and Katie (8), moved to Nampa, ID, where Mike is the senior pastor at Lakeview Bible Church. Their e-mail is [wheat1969@q.com](mailto:wheat1969@q.com).

### 1993

Dr. Bob Nienhuis appointed Vice President of Fort Wayne campus (1993-1998).



### 1993

Two new majors were added to the curriculum: Criminal Justice and Public Relations.



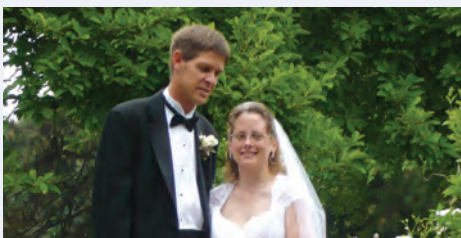
**Michael Roehm g93** continues as associate minister at New Life Ministries in Garrett, IN. He also serves pet enthusiasts as veterinary chaplain. His e-mail is michaelroehm@hotmail.com.

**Clark Woods g93** is vice president of Global Treasury for Financial Institutions in New York for JPMorgan Chase. He services banks and credit unions with revenues in excess of \$250 million. His new assigned territory is Maine, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. His e-mail is clark.k.woods@jpmchase.com.

Northrop High School named **Scott Haddix g94** the head volleyball coach. While volleyball coach at TUFW, he helped build its program to six years of 20-win seasons and second-place finishes in the 2003, 2004 and 2005 USCAA National Championships.

**Joe Boway g95** is founder of the Liberian Children's Ministry which helps meet the educational and spiritual needs of the children of Liberia to give them the real hope that is found only in Christ Jesus. This ministry began in 2004 with 300 students. They now have 2,500 children enrolled in 10 schools in Liberia. Because of the school, more families are attending church. Joe's e-mail is boway@ao.com.

Matthew and **Mary (Kutschke) Admiraal g97** were married on July 19, 2008. **Sarah (Kutschke) Sikes TUUfs97** was her matron of honor. Mary is a first



grade teacher at Franklin Road Christian School in Michigan. Her address is 2372 McKinley Street, Ypsilanti, MI. Her e-mail is marykutschke@yahoo.com.

**Frank and Amy (English) King g97**, with Samuel (2), welcome to their family Jonathan Lawrence, born March 23,



2008. Amy's e-mail is amyking29@juno.com.

**Adam g98** and Amanda Carrigan, with Elizabeth (2), welcome to their family Isaiah David, born July 18, 2008. Their e-mail is speakforth@gmail.com.



**Deborah Fox g98** serves with Avanti Ministries as a missionary. Her e-mail is debbyjfox@gmail.com.

**Kent g98** and **Angie (Schumacher) Morton g99** and children Emily, Grace and Ethan, departed in February 2009 for Albania where they serve at the Albania Bible Institute (ABI). ABI is a center for church leadership development.



Students enroll for two years and are mentored, disciplined and receive academic preparation that equips them

to effectively minister as pastors, church leaders, church planters or missionaries. They ask for prayer as they begin study of the Albanian language. Their e-mail is kentmorton@hotmail.com.

After 11 years of ministry at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne, IN, **Jeremy g99** and **Mary (Besecker) Ashworth g98** moved to Seattle where Mary is pursuing her master's in Counseling Psychology at Mars Hill Graduate School. Jeremy is exploring avenues of ministry.

**Angie Ballard g99** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher and freshman honors course teacher at Carlos E. Haile Middle School in Florida. Her e-mail is adbbw@aol.com.

## 2000's

**Eric fs00** and **Amanda Dunaway g99** have three children, Breanna (6), Sophia (5) and Gibson, born December 25, 2006. Eric is pastor of adult small groups at Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne and Amanda serves there as care ministries coordinator. The Dunaways are expecting their fourth child soon. Their e-mail is eadunaway@verizon.net.

**Cara (Lambert) Jones g00** is a youth counselor at the Indiana Developmental Training Center. Her address is 327A N. Beach Drive, Monticello, IN and e-mail is carajones98@yahoo.com.

**Jason g00** and **Cori (Green) Roton g00**



1997

Samuel Morris Scholarship Program established by the Lilly Foundation to assist Indiana students who otherwise could not attend college.



1997

New Professional Writing major introduced under the direction of Dr. Dennis Hensley.





welcome to their family Josiah Reed, born July 30, 2008. Cori's e-mail is croton@ladue.k12.mo.us.

Rodney and **Heather (VanDeraa) Urbaniak g00**, with Olympia (4) and Legace (2), welcome to their family Avery Elizabeth, born April 30, 2008. Heather's e-mail is hvanderaa@hotmail.com.

On November 4, 2008, the Lord used **Todd Bowman g01** to save the life of a 51-year-old grandfather when he pulled him from a burning van. The man had swerved to avoid an animal and went over the embankment on the side of the road. Todd's e-mail is xmustang1965x@hotmail.com.

After almost three years of marriage to Peter Flitton, who lost his valiant battle to cancer in 2006, the Lord brought John and **Bethany (Greydanus) Flitton Den Boer g01** together, and on August 9, 2008, they were united in marriage. Bethany also received her law degree from Regent University in May 2008.

**Nathan Emery g01** received his masters of social work from IUPUI in August 2008. He is an organizational consultant for Brakeman Consulting Group. His e-mail is nemery@brakemancg.com.

**Tom g01 and Michelle (Long) Hephner TUUg99** welcome to their family Mason Roscoe, born May 27, 2008. Tom is the youth pastor at Lombard Gospel Chapel, and Michelle is a family physician at Glenbard Family Medicine in Lombard, IL. Tom's e-mail is t\_hephner@hotmail.com, and Michelle's is m.hephner@yahoo.com.

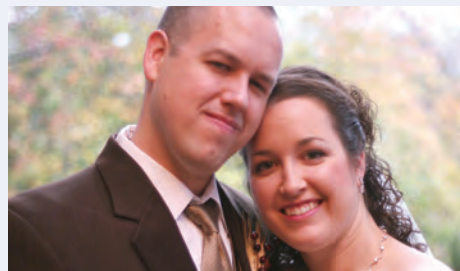
**Sandi Langham g01** graduated in May 2008 from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology with an master of arts in clinical psychology with a counseling specialization. She is currently working at an employee assistance program called Bensinger,

DuPont & Associates as a clinical associate. Her e-mail is sandilangham@yahoo.com.

**Jeremy g01 and Natalie (Seward)**



**Reynolds g01** welcome to their home Kathryn Isabella, born June 26, 2008. Their e-mails are superjerms@verizon.net and natalbee@verizon.net.



Jerry and **Ashley (King) Berry g02** were married on November 15, 2008. Their e-mail is yelhsa5280@msn.com.

**Joshua fs02 and Linde (Payne) Boozell g02** are staff members at Thornwell Home and School for Children in South Carolina. Josh's e-mail is josh\_boozell@yahoo.com and Linde's is linde\_boozell@gmail.com..



Aaron and **Jessica (Brum) Likes g02** were married on August 16, 2008. They both work for the Allen County Sheriff's

department. Their address and e-mail are 6425 S. Harrison Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 and jessimarie8@yahoo.com.

**George g02 and Maura (Klopfenstein) Oprisko III g04**, with Nora (2), welcome to their family George William IV, born August 21, 2008. George and Maura have moved to 803 East Main Street Crawfordsville, IN 47933. George is now working as the associate dean of students at Wabash College and Maura is working as book review editor with the online magazine Hope for Women. George's email is georgewill99@yahoo.com.

**Nate g02 and Grace (Vanover) Patterson g04 live in** Mooresville, IN where Nate is the youth pastor at Grace Community Church. Their e-mail is Nathan\_patterson713@hotmail.com.

**Sarah (Vestal) Spurlock g02** accepted a position as an addiction counselor for the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery (IIAR), owned by Proctor Hospital in Peoria, IL. She is working in a new unit at Ingalls Hospital in Chicago. Her e-mail is sarahspurlock@gmail.com.



Shon and **Rachel (Osborn) Steger g02** were married on November 8, 2008. TUFW participants were **Janna (Harms) Orlikowski fs04, Hannah (Osborn) Fricke g03, Melissa Osborn (Taylor Online) and Katie Osborn, cs.**

**Jeremy fs02 and Heather Williams**, with Melina (2), welcome to their family Marshall Andrew Wayne, born October 9, 2008. Their e-mail is hjwilliams7806@sbcglobal.net.

1998

Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund reaches \$440,000.

1998

Dr. Daryl Yost appointed Chief Executive Officer of Fort Wayne campus (1998-2003).



**David and Amy (Gearhart) Wildermuth**



**g02**, with Nathaniel (2), welcome Alan Quincy to their family. He was born on February 17. Amy's e-mail is [daveamy@rtcol.com](mailto:daveamy@rtcol.com).

**Trevor g02 and Abby (Crider) Yardley g01**, with son Elijah (2), welcome to their family Raelynn Elizabeth, born February 14, 2009. They plan to move to Alaska next year as missionaries, where Trevor will be ministering to the natives through Christian Radio. Their e-mail is [tayardley@gmail.com](mailto:tayardley@gmail.com).

**Heidi Young g02** works as the training and development specialist in the human resource department at RGIS, an inventory company. She lives in Ohio.

**Jessica (Hochstetler) Dettmer g03** is director of operations for A Friend's House in Bluffton, IN. Her e-mail is [jessicahochstetler@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicahochstetler@yahoo.com).

**Brandon g03 and Nicole (Lemberg) Hall fs05**, with Brayden (3), welcome to their home Makenna Lorene, born September 19, 2008. Brandon's e-mail is [hallb@aetna.com](mailto:hallb@aetna.com).

**Chad g03 and Ann (Spencer) Heathco g04**, with Carter (3), welcome to their home Maylin Ann, born November 18, 2008. Their e-mail is [chadheathco@aol.com](mailto:chadheathco@aol.com).

Sam and **Jenni (Edgar) Runkle g03** welcome to their family William Alexander, born July 14, 2008. Her address is 6309 Salisbury Drive, Fort



Wayne, IN 46816, and her e-mail is [jenni\\_lea219@yahoo.com](mailto:jenni_lea219@yahoo.com).

**Brooke Wilson g03** is at Tulane University in New Orleans in the Social Work and Public Health Program taking International health and development. Her e-mail is [brkwilson@gmail.com](mailto:brkwilson@gmail.com).

Blake and **Heather (Neilson) Burgette g04** were married on May 23, 2009. Her e-mail is [heatrenee40@hotmail.com](mailto:heatrenee40@hotmail.com)

**Caleb g04 and Stacia (Etter) Ellington g02**, with Jathen (4), welcome to their home Brady David, born December 2, 2007. Caleb's e-mail is [spoonage82@yahoo.com](mailto:spoonage82@yahoo.com), and Stacia's e-mail is [mrsellington@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsellington@hotmail.com).

**Beth (Manon) Groman g04** is working at Indiana Wesleyan University as the director of records. She and her husband **Tim g06** live in Fort Wayne.

**Jean Maina g04** serves as a vocalist in the Kenya Christian Fellowship Baltimore worship team as well as in singles' ministry leadership. She is also a decorator, event planner and cosmetologist. She resides in Washington, D.C.

**Maelisa McCaffrey g04** received her



doctorate in psychology in June 2008 and is working as a therapist at Pacific

Clinics to get her necessary 1,500 hours of work experience before licensing. She also works as a consultant doing learning disability assessments. Mae married Carlos Hall on July 31, 2010 before he was deployed to Saudi Arabia. Her e-mail is [maelismccaffrey@yahoo.com](mailto:maelismccaffrey@yahoo.com).

**Jessica Russell g04** graduated from Duke University with her masters of divinity in May 2008. She was in Romania until December 15 with the mission group, Word Made Flesh. Her e-mail is [pigtails83@hotmail.com](mailto:pigtails83@hotmail.com).

**Danny g04 and Ashley (Leifheit) Smith g04** serve as staff members at Thornwell Home and School for Children in South Carolina.

**Jeremiah g05 and Cyndi (Lee) Brown g06** welcome to their home Micaiah Jacob, born February 2, 2009. His adoption was finalized on June 26. Jeremiah serves as the pastor of volunteers for LifeGate Church and is working on a masters of divinity through Liberty Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY. Cyndi is the director for Strayer University's Lexington campus and is completing her MBA in September. Jeremiah's e-mail is [jeremiahjacobbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiahjacobbrown@gmail.com).

**Tim fs05 and Jenny (Neilson) Buckholz fs05**, with Chase (3), announce the birth of Brea Gayle born April 27, 2009. Their e-mail is [tenny1929@yahoo.com](mailto:tenny1929@yahoo.com).

**Matt g05 and Tiffany (Gentry) Carrigan g05** were married on July 12, 2008. Taylor participants were **Sheri**



2001

Eicher Student Commons built.



2003

Calvin H. English Library built.





**(Mielcarek) Krabach g05, Jenny Guhl g05, Amanda (Craft) Nichter g04, Erin Buterbaugh g08, Christie Badillo former TUFW financial aid assistant, Jeremy Steup g00, and Adam Carrigan g98.** Matt and Tiffany recently welcomed Madelyn Joy, born November 26, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs 11oz and was 20 inches in length.

**Mike g05 and Lori (Craw) Current g04** have two sons, David (4) and Cohen Mac (1). Mike is a fourth grade teacher at Galileo Charter School and is working on a master's degree in education administration at Ball State. Lori is a social worker at Meridian Services, Inc. Their e-mail is [lmcurrent@hotmail.com](mailto:lmcurrent@hotmail.com).

**Greg Krabach g05** is a Web developer for Internet Payment Exchange (IPayX) in Toledo, OH. He and his wife **Sheri (Mielcarek) g05** have a son named Zachary, born October 2007. Greg's e-mail is [greg@krabach.net](mailto:greg@krabach.net).

Shawn and **Emily (Miller) La Rue g05**



welcome to their home Kyla Rose, born July 12, 2008. Emily continues to work part-time as a Social Worker with SAFY.

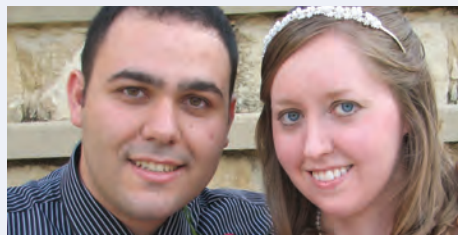
**Nathan Manaugh fs05** recently completed four years of service in the Rangers Battalion and is now a student at Middle Tennessee State University. His e-mail is [nite7ranger@yahoo.com](mailto:nite7ranger@yahoo.com).

**Abbey (King) fs05** and Aaron Schultz were married on November 30, 2007 in Valparaiso IN. Taylor participants were **Audrey Andersen (King)** and **Ashley Berry (King) g02**. Abbey and Aaron

live in Wanatah, IN. Abbey's email is [abbeyking71682@hotmail.com](mailto:abbeyking71682@hotmail.com).

Jason and **April (Gridley) Ruggles g05** serve at the Foursquare Missions International (FMI) World Base in Bangkok, Thailand. April is teaching English and Jason is using his media and design skills to improve communications among the missionaries in Southeast Asia and America. April's e-mail is [april Dawn225@yahoo.com](mailto:april Dawn225@yahoo.com).

Elie and **Elizabeth (Lehman) Trabelsie**



**g05** were married on October 23, 2008 in Limassol, Cyprus. Elie works for an investment firm, and Elizabeth is an Arbonne independent consultant. Her e-mail is [etrabelsie@gmail.com](mailto:etrabelsie@gmail.com).

**Tresa Tulley-Yates g05** has been accepted into the master of organizational management program at Spring Arbor University. She has been appointed to the governing board of directors for the community action agency of South Central Michigan. Her address is 535 Garrison Road, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

**Adam Turner g05** received his Juris



Doctorate in Law from Regent University School of Law in May 2008. He is an associate attorney with Rockhill Pinnick

LLP in Warsaw, IN. His emphasis is family law, criminal law, land use and planning and intellectual property law. His e-mail is [adamturner82@gmail.com](mailto:adamturner82@gmail.com).

**Joshua fs05 and Laureen (Mutzer) Wulpi g04** returned to Fort Wayne, IN on March 4. They serve with Calvary Chapel Fort Wayne. Josh has started a dog obedience training service. Their e-mail is [llmsmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:llmsmiles@yahoo.com).

**Sharyn Abbott g06** is director of student ministries at High Street United Methodist Church in Muncie, IN. She is also currently working on her masters in intercultural studies at Anderson University. Her e-mail is [sharyn-abbott@hotmail.com](mailto:sharyn-abbott@hotmail.com).

**Nathan Marchand g06** has been working as a freelance writer. Here is the link to his page where he writes about Narnia: <http://www.examiner.com/x-16048-Narnia-Examiner>. His e-mail address is [nathan.marchand1@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.marchand1@gmail.com).

**Keith g06 and Andrea (Matetic) Osmun g05** have moved to Ohio. Their e-mails are [keith\\_osmun@yahoo.com](mailto:keith_osmun@yahoo.com) and [andrea\\_osmun@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea_osmun@yahoo.com).

**Brande Peterson g06** is a third grade teacher with the Fort Wayne Community Schools at Washington Center Elementary, Fort Wayne, IN.

**Aaron g06 and Jillian (Peace) Reidenbach g08** were married on April 18, 2009. Their e-mail is [ridin\\_onaball@hotmail.com](mailto:ridin_onaball@hotmail.com).

**Rhoda Schlatter g06/TUUG07** is working toward an MACP degree in Counseling Psychology at Mars Hill Graduate School in Seattle, WA. Her e-mail is [rj.schlatter@gmail.com](mailto:rj.schlatter@gmail.com).

Eric and **Heather (Basich) Sorg g06** were married on September 6, 2008. She is an elementary school teacher in East

2003

Lady Falcons Basketball team went 23-3 and finished fifth in the national USCAC tournament.



2004

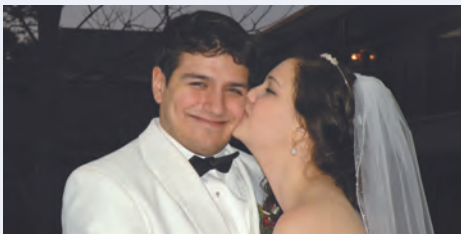
Lillian Rolf House purchased. This will be the new Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center as of June 1, 2010.



Allen County Schools. Her husband is employed by Caterpillar McCallister. Heather's e-mail is cowprincess20@hotmail.com.

In December 2008, **Hunter Tolbert g06** graduated from IU Bloomington with a dual masters of library science and masters of information services. He also received a certificate in Rare Books and Conservation. He resides in St. Louis, where he is the assistant branch manager at the Julia Davis Regional Branch Library.

**Jared g07 and Kate (Schmelzer) Gutierrez g08** were married on



March 14 2009. TUFW participants were **Richard Schwartz g07, Ryan Koch g08, Brie Elliott g08, Khrista Beckmann g09, Meghan Menchhofer g09 and Jessica Tarr g09**. Their e-mails are jaredngutierrez@gmail.com and kateelisegutierrez@gmail.com.

**Michael fs07 and Christina (Grogg) Kelly g07** were married on September



27, 2008. TUFW participants were **Kiley Vitek g07 and Jered Blanchard g07**. Michael is an electronic technician for the U.S. Navy in San Diego. Christina's e-mail is misschriss2508@yahoo.com.

Andy and **Abby (Amstutz) Lehman g07** were married on October 12, 2008. Abby

is the director of Children's ministries at First Missionary Church. They live in Berne, IN.

**Yvette (Yoder) Weiland g07** is executive director at Jay County Community Corrections in Portland, IN. Her e-mail is yweiland@yahoo.com.

**Ben Armstrong g08** has accepted the position of Circulation Library Assistant at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, OH. He has also announced he is getting married to Hilary Hontz.

**Cassidy Ball g08** is attending IPFW in Fort Wayne, IN to obtain the prerequisites for medical school. Her e-mail is cball84@gmail.com.

**Mandy Dittmer g08** is a first grade teacher in Gary, IN at the National Heritage Academy. Her e-mail is mandydittmer@gmail.com.

**Brennan g08 and Cassandra Doud** were married on June 20. Brennan is music director for Praise Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Amanda Dreher g08** recently produced her first CD called "Today Comes with Its Own Set of Problems." Her Web site is Amandadreher.com.

**Caleb Etzler g08** is working as a checking administrator at First Federal Bank in Defiance, OH. His e-mail is caleb\_etzler@yahoo.com.

**Cayla (Campbell) Greene g08** works as programs coordinator assistant at Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne, IN. Her e-mail is Cayla@pathwaycommunity.org.

**Ashley Hazel g08** is the director of juvenile justice ministries/teen parents' coordinator for Fort Wayne Youth for Christ. Her e-mail is amhazel.07@gmail.com.



**Angelo g08 and Marie fs08 Mante** who recently moved to Atlanta, wrote the following: "We are now officially residents of Atlanta, GA! Our move occurred a week earlier than we had anticipated because Marie was offered a job that wanted her to start yesterday. The place we are living in is a two story carriage house that is split into two apartments. We are living on the second floor, and we were pleased to discover that an Atlanta city cop lives on the first floor. There were some additional facts about our police officer neighbor that we were, to say the least, shocked to discover. He was born and raised (no joke) in a little known Midwestern town called "Fort Wayne," he graduated from Wayne High School (where I went to school), AND he went to Taylor Fort Wayne for a year back in the 90s. When I found all of this out, my jaw hit the floor. In a city of more than 5,000,000 people, located more than 600 miles from home, we just "happen" to be sharing a house with someone whose history crosses paths so intimately with ours. I don't know what this means, but I do not take it as coincidence. If nothing else, I take it as God letting us know that we are exactly where He wants us to be. Our journey so far has been nothing short of amazing, and I'm sure that He'll continue to put us in awe. For your records, our new address is as follows: 333 Eastland Dr. Decatur, GA 30030."

2005

Schultz Hall burns on October 8.



2006

Ramsayer Hall opens for 52 men in 12 suites replacing Schultz Hall.





**Ruthie Kaufman g08** has been in Seoul, South Korea, teaching ESL for one year at a junior high/high school. She is prayerfully considering what the Lord has for her after she finishes her year in Korea. Her e-mail is [rutsu\\_marie@gmail.com](mailto:rutsu_marie@gmail.com).

**David g08** and **Jolleen (Sprunger) Love g08** were married on May 24, 2008.

**Angelo Mante g08** and his wife Marie were married on June 3, 2006. They happily announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Marie, born December 24, 2008.

**Cole g08** and **Lindsey (Hempleman) May fs** were married June 14, 2008. TUFW participants were **Julie Caldwell cs**, **Katlyn Smith cs**, **Hannah Selleck cs**, **Caleb Etzler g08**, **Cody Rose g08**, **Phil Wells g08**, **Tim Groman g06** and **Matt Mills g09**.

Casey and **Chajua (Foreman) Peterson**



**g08** were married in Decatur, IN on Oct. 25, 2008. **Tametris Marsh g08** was a bridesmaid. Chajua is substitute teaching, and Casey is a department manager at Walmart. Chajua's e-mail is [chajua\\_foreman@yahoo.com](mailto:chajua_foreman@yahoo.com).

**Brandon g08** and **Nicole (Scheribel) Smith g08** were married August 1,



2008. They live in Virginia Beach where Brandon is studying law at Regent University and Nicole is teaching in an after school program for second graders. Brandon's e-mail is [brandonsmith53@gmail.com](mailto:brandonsmith53@gmail.com), and Nicole's is [smithn08@gmail.com](mailto:smithn08@gmail.com).

In the summer of 2008, **Dana Sujkowski g08** performed a five-week internship with Inner City Impact in Chicago, working with urban youth. Currently, she is working as a lead teacher for toddlers at Kendallville Daycare Center. Her e-mail is [desujkowski@gmail.com](mailto:desujkowski@gmail.com).

**Phil Wells g08** married Beth Klinger in August. His e-mail is [philip.j.wells@gmail.com](mailto:philip.j.wells@gmail.com).

**Matt Mills g09** left in August for 10 months to serve as a teacher with English Language Institute /China, a non-profit organization.

Rui and **Kathie (Haywood) Miranda h09**, with Marta (4), welcome to their home Caleb James, born July 7, 2009. They reside in Winter Park, FL.

**Brett g09** and **Britney (Kolkman) Sloffler g08** were married on August 18, 2008. Brett is the worship leader at Ari Church of God in Churubusco, IN, and Britney is a pharmacy technician at CVS Pharmacy in Columbia City, IN.

**Sharyn (Thomas) Brisson g06** married Matt Brisson May 30, 2009 in Colorado Springs, CO. TUFW participants in the wedding include **Jennifer Spurlock g06** and **Maria (Miller) Rawson g06**. Sharyn's e-mail is [sharynmichelle@gmail.com](mailto:sharynmichelle@gmail.com) and cell is 260.433.4756. Sharyn and Matt live at 460 Kendall Court, Apt 522, Castle Rock, CO 80108.

**Michael Sprunger g07** serves as the associate pastor of youth and Christian education at the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Berne, IN, while **Jenn (Logue)**

**Sprunger g06** has just joined DRG in Berne, where she is a Continuities Asst.

## IN MEMORY

**Mae (Yoder) Everest g28** joined her husband **Quinton g28** in Heaven on January 24. She was a much loved servant of the Lord throughout her years on earth. After passing her 90<sup>th</sup> year, she authored the book, *My First 90 Years*, sharing her life as wife, mother and world traveler with her husband in evangelistic work. She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

**Agnes Burley g41** went to live with her heavenly Father on February 26, 2009. She worked for Lincoln Life Insurance Company from 1946 until her retirement in 1979. She had served at First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne before retiring.

**Coyla (Crow) Gerig g45** passed away on August 15, 2009. Surviving are her husband **Gerald g51**, one son and two daughters. Gerald's address is 525 Forest Park Drive, Apt 28, Berne, IN 46711.

**Vernon Petersen g45, TUUg49** entered heavenly rest on October 10, 2008. He was a minister with the Missionary Church for 63 years, pastoring throughout the Midwest. His great passion was missions. He is survived by his wife, **Wilma (Steiner) TUUg47**, two sons, a daughter, a brother and sister, 12 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

**Betty (Walti) Neuenschwander fs48** passed away on June 29, 2008. Surviving her are two brothers, five sisters, two stepdaughters and their families and many nieces and nephews.

**Charles Crockett g52** entered his eternal home with Jesus on April 15. He retired

2006

Men's Basketball team wins USCAA – Div II National Championship with Coach Bud Hamilton.



2006

Dr. Duane L. Kilty named Chancellor (2006-2008).



from Fort Wayne National Bank and was the owner of Crockett Landscaping. His wife, Darlene, a son, three brothers and a sister survive him.

**Robert Smith g52** passed away on August 24, 2008, his 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. He retired from Tokheim Corporation, Fort Wayne, IN. He is survived by his wife **Colleen (Krahl) g50**, three sons, two daughters, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Berman Smith g53** entered the presence of Jesus on November 12, 2008. He was the senior class president for his class. He served 55 years as an ordained minister with the C&MA, retiring in 2005. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anna Louise (Brock), a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a brother, an aunt and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Elizabeth "Betty" (Bruner) Myers g56** went home to be with the Lord on November 2, 2008. Her husband, **Elvin g57** survives. His e-mail is elvnmymers@aol.com.

**Muriel (Camp) Asklund g58** passed away on December 6, 2005. Surviving are her husband **Bert fs62**, a son and daughter and their families.

**Richard Stehl g58** passed away on July 21, 2005. His wife **Betty's g59**, address is 5099 Northampton Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

**Rex Flickinger fs59** passed away on February 28, 2009.

**Sadanand Shinde g59** joined his wife **Hannah (Padmanji) g59** in Heaven on October 24, 2008. She preceded him in 2001. They ministered in western India with Christian Medical and Educational Fellowship.

**Norma (Moser) Isch fs61** passed away on November 29, 2008. She taught Sunday school, led youth groups, led women's ministry and was a pianist, organist and accordionist. She served with her husband Louis, who survives her, in rescue mission and church ministries. Also surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, four granddaughters and her brother and his wife.

**William Shoot g61** entered Heaven on January 30, 2009.

**Virginia Sumser fs61** passed away on December 2, 2000.

**Jim Larnard g64** passed away suddenly and unexpectedly while playing softball on a league for those 65+ in Sebring, FL, March 17, 2009. His wife, **Elaine (Armstrong) Larnard g62** survives. Her email is larnardej@hotmail.com.

**Steven Sprunger fs62** passed away on October 19, 2007, after two months of his diagnosis of cancer. He entered Heaven with peace, hope and resilience. Surviving are his wife **Sharon (Robbins) fs62** and four adult children. Sharon's e-mail is sposeyz@aol.com.

**Ron Hege g66** was called to his heavenly home on October 13, 2008. He was a Youth for Christ executive director for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and a daughter.

**Vivian (Grear) Hesse g67** was received in Heaven on September 2, 2008.

**Daniel Porter fs67** was received in Heaven on July 10, 2008. He was a carpenter in the maintenance department of Fort Wayne Community Schools. He is survived by his wife, Loretta, one son, two daughters, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Shirley (Speicher) Hoyer g69** went home to Jesus on April 24, 2009. She

was an elementary school teacher for 38 years, retiring in June 2008. Her husband of 29 years Bruce, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren survive.

**Christopher Williamson g69** passed away on July 5, 2008. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was ordained by the Baptist Bible Fellowship in 1969. In 1995, he retired with a medical disability from Southwest Allen County Schools, Fort Wayne. In his final years, he was a faithful attendee and door greeter at Three Rivers Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. He is survived by two daughters and four grandsons.

**Janet (Schmidt) Faherty fs70** went home to be with her Lord September 29, 2008. She was a respiratory therapist. Surviving are her husband, Patrick, a son and daughter, mother, sister and four grandchildren.

**Randal Shafer g81** was received in Heaven on December 22, 2008. Randy served on pastoral staff for more than 30 years with Youth for Christ, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and several churches in Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan. Surviving are his wife of 24 years, Beth, one son, three daughters, four brothers and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

After a four year battle with cancer, **Dr. Angela Hirschy g82** passed away on June 19. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with her class at Western Michigan, earning a doctorate in psychology. She resided in Kalamazoo, MI, where she worked at Kal Psych and Lansing Veterans Hospital.

**William "Randy" Harter III g83** passed away on October 5, 2008. He was a pastor. He is survived by his wife **Stephanie (Wirges) fs97**, a son and three daughters.

**David Mitchell g91** entered his heavenly

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Taylor University Board of Trustees announced decision to discontinue the undergraduate program at TUFW.

## 2009

Final Fort Wayne Commencement with 92 graduates.





home on May 22, 2008. He pastored New Hope Wesleyan Church in Columbia City, IN.

**Fran Mortensen h99** was called home to be with her Lord, on November 30, 2008. She never stopped serving, even through her four years of fighting cancer. She loved Jesus, her family, serving the poor and the body of Christ. Her's was an abundant life, well lived to the glory of God - a legacy that will never die! She was the administrative pastor for Love Church in Fort Wayne. She was named honorary alumna of TUFW in 1999. She is survived by her husband **Phil g74**, son **Michael TUUg91**, director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friend Relations, daughter-in-law **Christine (LaRue) TUUg92**, daughter and son-in-law Mary Ann and Andre Goodwell, and nine grandchildren.

**Andrew "Drew" Pearson g04** was suddenly ushered into the presence of the Lord December 29, 2008. He was the general manager of the Bobcat Trail Golf Club in North Port, FL. While at TUFW, he served as senior class president, played varsity basketball, and earned First Team All-American Honors for golf. He was also an Academic All-American. Drew's wife, Emily, just gave birth to their first child, Peyton, and on the way home from the hospital, Drew was in a fatal car accident. In addition to his wife and infant daughter, survivors include his parents and a brother.

**Bryan Smith fs08** entered his heavenly home on July 20, 2008. He was a member of Waynedale Baptist Church and was in his freshman year as a counseling major at TUFW. He is survived by his mother, a brother, two sisters, a grandfather, and two grandmothers. His father preceded him.



### Honorary Alumni Award Recipients

The TUFW Alumni Council gave honorary alumni status to members of the faculty, staff and a former staff Friday, May 8 during Heritage Weekend. Those honored for their commitment to the cause of Christ-centered higher education were:

**Row 1:** Dr. James Saddington Professor of History – 26 years, Joe Updegrove Advancement – 24 years, Anthony "Tony" Opliger Professor & Campus Chaplain – 7 years, Dr. John Schutt Professor of Sciences – 21 years

**Row 2:** Agnes Saddington Administrative Assistance – 25 years, Anita Gray Library Director – 7 years, Jane Janovyak Information Commons Representative – 9 years, Mike Van Huisen Reference Librarian – 24 years

**Row 3:** Caroline Simmons Executive Administrative Assistant – 25 years, Ardonna "AJ" Jackson Catering & Production Manager – 13 years, Jerry "J.T." Toor Maintenance – 8 years, Michele Mallett Professor Social Work – 6 years, Dr. Duane Kilty Chancellor – 2 years, Dr. Michael Cook Professor & Chair Christian Ministries – 11 years

**Row 4:** Katherine Miranda Student Life & Registrar – 9 years, Heather St. Peters Professor & Director PR Studies – 15 years, Joni Kilty Chancellor's wife – 2 years, Rick Dietiker Food Service Director – 7½ years, Aimee Betsui Switchboard Operator – 11 years, Dr. Steve Smith Professor & Chair Justice Studies – 7 years

**Not Pictured:** Ruth Elder Librarian for Technical Services – 27 years, Evan Wood Professor of Management – 4 years

2009

Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center established with Michael Mortensen named as the director.



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# Resurrected: Fort Wayne Archives Brought Back to Life through 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology

Fort Wayne campus alumni will soon have a new tool to keep them connected to each other and the campus' history. Volunteers are in the process of digitizing the archives and placing them in an online database where alumni can view or listen to them. The online archiving system will make thousands of photos, documents, videos and audio recordings accessible to alumni for research and personal use.

"The vision for this project arises from a desire by the Alumni Resource Center to continue to serve our alumni and to create a place where alumni can return to reminisce, reflect and reconnect virtually anywhere and anytime," Michael Mortensen, director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friend Relations explained.

"This is the easiest way to serve the greatest number of alumni," said Kari Reynolds g99, who is coordinating the project along with Dr. Jay Platte g69. "This online home can serve as a touchstone, so that TUFW can continue on – albeit quite differently from what we are used to."

The website will launch by Spring 2010, but its content will continue to grow as volunteers identify, digitize and upload more archived items. According to Kari, the website will eventually contain photos and documents pertaining to campus buildings, faculty, staff, past presidents and vice presidents, alumni from every decade, historical events, and athletics.

"You might see Dr. Wes (Gerig) utilizing his overhead projector, the deed for the Wiebke property being handed to campus administrators or a video of a campus event or program," said Kari.

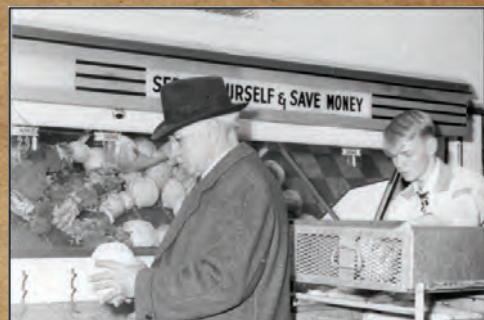
Through the efforts of Dr. Jay Platte, VHS video and audio recordings are being digitized to be added to the website as well. Alumni will be able to listen to old Chorale recordings or even symphonies written by former professor Dr. Rene Frank through their computer speakers.

Although Dr. Platte and Kari have spearheaded the effort, Dr. Jackie Carl g53, Cyril Eicher g32, Pam Dykehouse fs09, Mary Weidner g59, Dick Baxter g70, John Garner g69, Jane Janovyak h09, Joy Gerig g52 & g66, Joyce Gerig fs61, Larry Heidelberg g67, Janice Young g83, Cliff Pappé g00 and Ruth Elder h09 have contributed many hours to the project as well. Taylor's University Relations and Marketing department has also been instrumental in providing web design and coding necessary.

There's still much work to be done. Dr. Platte estimates that less than 25 percent of the audio recordings have been digitized, and the percentage is even smaller for photos. More volunteer help is needed.

"We need a lot of alumni to help us with this. We've only really scratched the surface," said Dr. Platte.

"What's driving this for me is the fact that this was a very special part of the life of the City of Fort Wayne, the life of the Missionary Church Association and overall for the kingdom of God, and I would like to make things available that will show the sacrifice, commitment and faith of the people who have worked here," said Dr. Platte. "I have been challenged and inspired by what I've been listening to even though some of it is 60 - 70 years old. It shouldn't be forgotten. The collection of photos, recordings, videos and documents are something that needs to be preserved – not as an idol, but as a tribute to honor God and all these people who have done such an incredible job with so little."







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