It is indeed a humbling experience to be asked by one's alma mater to serve as president and first lady. We have felt God's calling very clearly in returning to this place. We do so with incredible joy and expectations about all that God is going to do.

We have a wonderful challenge and opportunity that we need to fully leverage together. Let me emphasize that word together — two people cannot do this, five people cannot do it, but many people connected with arms linked together can do great things.

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him (2 Chronicles 16:9).” This is a challenge to have the kind of people that God can fully use and wants to use, whether that be at the student level, the staff level, the faculty level or the board level. We want to be those kind of people here at Taylor University so that we can work together to accomplish His work.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain . . . (Psalm 127:1).” Even now as we anticipate the wonderful things I know in my heart that God is going to do with all of us working together, unless the Lord builds it, we labor in vain.

Let us not labor in vain. Let's toil together building the house that He has planned and in doing so become all God wants us to become — globally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Let's keep the main thing the main thing as we go onward—helping learners connect with God's love for the world.

Marylou and I are excited about this place, and we look forward to all that God has for us to accomplish — together. God will do exceedingly above and beyond what we can ever dare ask for or imagine. Let's pray and trust Him to do just that. Even now, before it even happens, let's promise to give Him the glory and the praise for all he will do in the days ahead.

In closing, “May the God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it (II Thessalonians 5:23).” And so he will. Amen.
Doors of opportunity

President Eugene Habecker’s plan to help Taylor University achieve its full potential

Gene Habecker gTUU68 has come a long way from the one-room schoolhouse in Hershey, PA, where he began his formal education. It was an experience he describes as “one of the most enriching educational experiences of my life” because he was able to hear his school lessons, as well as those for grades above him. The experience ignited a spark within him for education, one that has been fanned into a full-fledged fire over the years.

Gene came to Taylor in 1964, sight unseen. He heard of Taylor through a family friend, and though he was unsure if he was college material, he applied anyway. Fortunately for Gene he was accepted, since Taylor was the only school to which he applied. “I didn’t even know what a Christian liberal arts college was,” he said. “But I had a clear sense that this is where God wanted me.”

His time at Taylor was “unbelievable” and “where God got ahold of (his) life.” A political science major, Gene did not have his sights set on any particular career; rather, he looked to the Lord for guidance. “I had no idea what He was going to do with me,” he said. “But it was the quality of preparation I received at Taylor that allowed me to embrace opportunities when God opened the doors.”

God certainly has opened doors, and Gene has been faithful to walk through. After Taylor, he earned degrees from Ball State University, University of Michigan and Temple University School of Law.
He truly has a heart for servant leadership, a subject he has devoted to three books. Gene hopes to model these principles during his time at Taylor. "It's using power and authority and influence in their right ways that makes the difference in being a leader who follows the heartbeat of the Lord."

Only a few years ago, Gene began to feel that heartbeat—the nudgings of the Holy Spirit—urging him to invest his life in the next generation. He pursued some adjunct faculty work on the side, but it wasn't until the Taylor presidency opened that he and Marylou felt that they could directly "pour our lives into students, sharing with them what we're learning, the good and the bad."

And that's exactly what they plan to do each week. They will host a weekly one-hour session in their home for student leaders (and anyone else who would like to attend). For the first 15-20 minutes, Gene and Marylou will share what they feel God is teaching them and what it means to be a follower of Christ. The remainder of the time will be open for discussion and questions about anything from the University to the Bible and beyond.

They hope to initiate an active "welcome" with students, desiring for the President's home in Upland to be a beehive of activity. "This home is an asset to the University and will be fully deployed to help it achieve its mission," he said. "We'll be disappointed if we don't have thousands of people through this home each year."
Gene also hopes to meet as many Taylor Fort Wayne student groups as possible. He has attended the TUFW student leadership breakfast and plans to meet with many other students, faculty and staff on a regular basis.

Returning to Taylor “is a very humbling thing because it is a huge opportunity,” he said. He also recognizes the great responsibility that comes along with it. “To whom God has entrusted much, much is required.”

Indeed it is. Gene and Marylou are planning for just that. “Our goal is to have Taylor achieve its full potential.”

Regardless of what the future holds for Taylor, Gene plans to let God direct his steps. “I let Him lead, and I follow. When He zigs, I’m going to zig; when He zags, I’m going to zag,” he said. It’s that faithful obedience that has brought him all the way from a one-room schoolhouse in Pennsylvania to President of Taylor University in Indiana.

A portrait of his one-room schoolhouse now hangs in Gene’s study. It serves as a reminder of his humble educational beginning—and of the many doors God has opened. And Gene’s desire is to help equip students to do the same.

-Serena Duke, Taylor University Upland editor
Home is where the heart is

Marylou Habecker’s hospitality is apparent to all who enter.

Maintenance men were busy planting flowers, moving shrubs and generally sprucing up the area as I walked the sidewalk to my destination, the President’s home.

The door swung open to reveal a friendly face, first lady Marylou (Napolitano gTUU68) Habecker. She graciously welcomed me into the 39-year-old home. Her gentle spirit was immediately evident and matched by her soft-spoken nature.

The smell of fresh paint flooded my nostrils as I stepped over the threshold. She quickly introduced me to the housekeepers who were polishing the foyer.

We proceeded through a maze of boxes to the kitchen. The counter was covered with gifts welcoming them to Upland. “Everyone has been so gracious,” she said as she searched the cupboards for drinking glasses. She explained how people in the community had already left everything from chocolate chip cookies to fresh tomatoes on their doorstep.

With our glasses full, we made our way to the living room and settled in for an interview next to the baby grand piano. The room was cluttered with furniture and boxes waiting to be opened. Bare walls screamed for décor; empty shelves invited adornment. The Habeckers arrived in Upland only one day earlier and planned to leave in a few days for a ten-day trip to South Africa.

South Africa is just one of many countries the Habeckers have visited, serving others and developing their passion for global engagement. Their involvement with the American Bible Society for 14 years sent them, literally, around the world.
Perhaps most memorable for Marylou is visiting Jerusalem and the Seven Wonders of the World. But it was Garbage Village in Cairo, Egypt, that tugged at her heart.

Garbage Village, whose name reflects its smell, is a recycling center where the poorest of the poor gather trash, sort it and sell it in an attempt to make a living. A destitute man was walking through the town when he heard Scripture being recited from a tape recording. He went back night after night to hear about Jesus. Although he lived in the middle of a garbage heap and had missing teeth, he still proclaimed, “Now when I have trouble I have hope because Jesus is in my heart.”

Marylou offered her perspective, “You can take the slickest looking guy in New York City that’s so put together and perfect, but Jesus looks at the inside of our hearts, not what’s on the outside.” Her hazel eyes filled with tears as she recalled the touching moment.

Only a few seconds later, they lit up as in walked her husband Gene Habecker gTU68 (who she describes as “incredibly Godly, passionate and the most biblically-centered person I know”).

“Hi, Sweetie,” he said as he came over and gently kissed her cheek. Gene and Marylou’s romance began as students at Taylor. They were married the summer after they graduated and this past July celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary.

A first generation college student from Michigan, Marylou came to Taylor and, admittedly, “had no idea what a credit hour was!” She graduated with an elementary education major four years later—and a better understanding of the Christian community she now so loves. “I couldn’t believe what I experienced at Taylor, primarily the people, secondarily the education.”

Since 2004, she has served as a Taylor Board member, a position she held until Gene accepted the presidency. Not surprisingly, Marylou and Gene share a passion for Christian higher education. “Our hearts have always been in (it),” she said.

But Marylou’s focus is on cultivating relationships. She hopes to be involved in the community and in the lives of students, faculty and staff—ultimately reaching people where their needs are and walking alongside them. “We feel like God has brought us back and that many lives will be changed, ours included,” she said.

And so Gene and Marylou return to Taylor University to do Christ’s work with joy in their hearts and wide smiles on their faces. “It feels like we never left (Taylor) but have a whole lot more experience and the war scars of life,” she said.

With a big grin, she bid me farewell. As she did, the sunlight from the front door reflected off the delicate blue hearts on her necklace, causing them to sparkle.

As I left their dwelling, maintenance men were still toiling away in the noonday heat. Although they still had some cosmetic improvements to make, if home is where the heart is, they are already home.

-Serena Duke, Taylor University Upland editor

Far left: The Habeckers pray together at their introduction to the Taylor Fort Wayne community.
How many of us, at the end of a hectic work day, have thought that “work was a zoo today?” For Autumn Bonecutter ’05, work is a zoo everyday.

Autumn serves as volunteer coordinator at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. Although the position is an intense and exhausting one (she oversees approximately 300 volunteers who serve around 26,000 hours a year), it is an enjoyable one and she feels blessed to have it. With half a million visitors each year, coordinating daily volunteers on and off site is a huge juggling act.

Her own life’s path took an unusual route, as well, attending two colleges and pursuing several different majors before transferring to Taylor University Fort Wayne.
Life’s Journey

While considering a career as a missionary, Autumn traveled to the safari-land of Kenya, with friends of the family who were natives of the country. While there, she attended “Extreme Weekend,” a youth conference that had an extreme impact on her personally and professionally. The US-based ministry group traveled all over the world to present the Gospel. “I was enamored with the idea of sharing the Gospel in this format,” Autumn begins. “It was at that event that I decided I wanted to ‘conquer the world for Jesus,’ one conference/event at a time.”

“After I returned from Kenya, I sat out of college for awhile. Fort Wayne Bible College graduates and friends of the family told me about Taylor Fort Wayne and I discovered the public relations program and youth conference event—I was sold!”

As with most majors at Taylor Fort Wayne, students are required to complete internship and practicum experiences at two separate sites. Autumn completed a practicum at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo in 2003 where she received practical public relations experiences, updating Autumn of the volunteer service position at the zoo. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Although Autumn is not able to share the Gospel with words at the zoo, like at Extreme Weekend, she is having an impact. She shares, “I keep my eyes on eternity. I know my actions speak louder than words, so I perform my job to my greatest ability and treat my coworkers and the public with value, respect and dignity.”

Autumn adds, “I’ve learned to take the paths God put before me. I had round-about paths getting here (TUFW), and I don’t regret any of them. I’m making the most of the opportunities God has given me.”

Her next step on the path? Autumn plans to pursue a master’s degree in communications.

...in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”
In 25 games during his junior year, Bemba Sylla, pictured above, scored 46 goals and assisted 14 others. In his senior year, Bemba played 19 games and scored 30 goals and assisted nine others. He was named MVP and player of the year at the Christian School National Tournament both years and was asked to play on the US amateur national team.

If you are a novice, the term “sports” may be used of leisure activities; for professionals, sports is linked with fame; for Bemba Sylla, sports means a future.

Bemba was born and raised by Fanta and Abdoulaye Sylla, in Mali, Africa, a country about twice the size of Texas. In a country where 31% of its population is literate, it is hard to imagine that a college educated person would not be able to find employment, but Bemba's oldest brother, who has a degree in mathematics, has found himself in just this situation. In fact, it is so difficult to find a job that several of Bemba's aunts, uncles and cousins also live with Bemba's parents; the household numbers over 40 members.

A stellar basketball player, Bemba's second oldest brother, Oumar, attended a prep school in New York and competed in European tournaments. Scott Drew, current head basketball coach at Baylor University, former head coach at Valparaiso, recruited Oumar to play at Valparaiso. Scott Drew was also instrumental in bringing Bemba to the Midwest.

There were many changes ahead for Bemba: a new country, a new language, a new family, a new faith.

Bemba arrived in Warsaw, Indiana, the fall of 2003, not able to speak any English (the official language of Mali is French); taking classes in the United States were a minor challenge. His report card, mostly A's and B's, reveals he mastered the language. That he fared well on the sports field is also an understatement.
Bemba attended and played soccer for Lakeland Christian High School his junior and senior years. He played 25 games during his junior year, scoring 46 goals and assisting 14 others. In his senior year, Bemba played 19 games, scoring 30 goals and assisting nine others. He was named MVP and player of the year at the Christian School National Tournament both years in Tennessee and was asked to play on the US amateur national team. And, although his name appears on the list of Top 100 soccer/athlete recruits in the country, and most of the athletes on that list are heading to UCLA or Duke this fall, Bemba chose to attend Taylor Fort Wayne.

Just a few years ago, a Christian education would not have been important to Bemba; his home country of Mali is 90% Muslim, but, “Christ changed my life,” he shares. Bemba became a Christian his first year at Lakeland through the Bible classes he took.

Secondly, his host father, Frank Starkweather, suggested Bemba stay in the US and pursue a college education, rather than pursue a career as an athlete in Europe.

Tim Kintz, TUFW soccer coach, had attended many of Bemba’s soccer games over the past two years and prompted Bemba to visit campus. Tim also extended an invitation for Bemba to play soccer with the men’s soccer team at the Fort Wayne Golf Dome this past winter.

“A lot of colleges looked at me,” Bemba begins, “but I wanted to come here.”

Bemba plans to pursue a degree in business, but ultimately intends to return to his home country and do missions work. He is not waiting for his bachelor’s degree to start ministering. He has literally sent the clothes off his back to his friends in Africa. When asked what he does for his own clothes, he responded, “I have some clothes from Goodwill; I don’t need much.”

Bemba may very well be this century’s “Samuel Morris,” who wanted a Christian education so he could go back to his home country of Liberia, Africa, to minister; and in like manner, did not want much for himself. When assigned a residence hall room at Taylor University, Samuel said, “give me the room no one else wants.”

Christ came to give us a future and a hope. Bemba now has both.
Career Paths

Building homes means building lives. Many have tuned into ABC’s Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and have seen the transformation of lives that have come, just from improved housing. Homebuilders have the opportunity to construct homes and change lives for families all the time. TUFW senior and business management major, Tim Groman, shared these experiences over the summer.

Tim completed an internship locally with Beazer Homes. His advisor, Evan Wood, chair of the business department, arranged the internship. Tim served as assistant to construction manager, Glenn Claycomb. Glenn shares, “I have worked with interns in the past. There is a distinct difference in working with students who need to complete a practicum and those who are like Tim, who thoroughly enjoy learning and intend to pursue this field.”

He adds, “I have never had an intern I trusted with program implementation before Tim.” Tim has been asked to stay with Beazer Homes part-time, during the academic year; inspecting subdivisions and giving recommendations to onsite superintendents. He will also serve as SWPPP (storm water pollution prevention plan) organizer, researching storm water control and erosion control and preparing a legal document that Beazer will use for EPA compliance. “I feel that my marketing classes have prepared me well for this task. I have had to complete large projects and make presentations to boards of two local companies as class experience,” Tim shares.

Tim’s interest in home construction began when he was a small boy. His grandfather bought, remodeled and rented out houses, and Tim helped him with the renovations. The experiences they shared impacted Tim for a lifetime as he prepares at TUFW for a career in the industry.
TIME OF TRANSITION

The President of Taylor University functions as the chief executive officer of the institution, accounting for the overall leadership and management. Since 2000, this position was filled by David Gyertson. However, returning to his “original calling” to “equip emerging world leaders for the Christian faith,” he now serves as distinguished professor of leadership formation and renewal at the School of Leadership Studies at Regent University.

Subsequently, God called Eugene Habecker to return to his alma mater to fill the presidential vacancy. And he does so with passion and enthusiasm. “We anticipate a wonderful and exciting ministry at Taylor, and we have incredible expectations for what God is going to do as He leads us together to embrace dreams greater than memories,” he said.

Gyertson and Habecker worked together to ensure a smooth time of transition. The following report represents the 2004-05 fiscal year, under the direction of Gyertson. We look forward to all God has in the future under Habecker’s leadership.
BETWEEN THE LINES

The following pages represent a brief overview of the past year, but it is not the whole story. These facts and figures say much about Taylor's successes, but they don’t adequately reflect the whole-person education, the spiritual growth or the changed lives that happen each year. That’s what it’s all about.
Progress Toward Achieving 2004-05
Strategic Priorities

• **Development of New Site and Facility Master Plans for the Upland and Fort Wayne Campuses**
  At the January Board meeting the Troyer Group presented an overview of the proposed Upland master plan. The Fort Wayne master plan is in the final stage of development.

• **Life Together Covenant Review**
  The University Council for Assessment and Planning (UCAP) held forums requested by the Board LTC Task Force with key University stakeholders for the purpose of soliciting comments and suggestions about the current version of the LTC.

• **Implementation of the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)**
  In January 2004 the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association approved Taylor’s AQIP application. Action projects for the next three years have been developed.

• **Enrollment Management**
  Refining current enrollment management practices as well as developing improved monitoring, forecasting and reporting plans have reached new levels of attention and sophistication over the past year. New financial aid packaging standards designed to target specific student profiles have been implemented. Most noteworthy is the strong ongoing academic affairs/student affairs collaboration efforts that have resulted in raising freshman retention three precent in 2004, streamlining class scheduling procedures and developing a freshman Irish Studies Program that achieves program enrichment goals as well as meets enrollment targets on the Upland campus.

**Information Technology**

• The Luminis Portal, myTAYLOR, was implemented in Fall 2004.

• The wireless network was expanded on both campuses.

**Institutional Research**

• Stephen Dayton was hired in September 2004 as the key staff member responsible for institutional reporting, analyzing data and preparing ad hoc reports needed for “data- enriched decision making.” The Institutional Fact Book was expanded this year and now includes program assessment reports. The Alumni Survey for the class of 2001 was completed. Analysis is underway.

**Other**

• The Upland vice president for academic affairs search process was suspended when President Gyertson announced plans to accept a faculty appointment at Regent University in 2005.

• The new academic governance model is working well and being refined as issues arise.

• A faculty salary study subcommittee of the Faculty Personnel Committee is developing guiding principles and compensation recommendations.

• CTE & CR&I—both the Center for Teaching Excellence and Center for Research and Innovation programs are unfolding according to proposed timelines.
**Upland Campus**

At the heart of Taylor University’s academic life is a committed faculty. Eleven new members joined the ranks for the 2004-05 year. Four faculty members were recognized for their long-term service as they retired: Dr. Eleanor Barrick, modern languages; Robert Benjamin, accounting; Dr. Timothy Diller, computer science; and Janet Loy, modern languages.

The 40th Annual Science Seminar focused on the scientific study of origins. The goal was to expose students to the broad range of views held by speakers who have a Christian orientation.

Taylor students competed well this year in the Ethics Bowl, the Michigan Annual Take Home Competition in Mathematics, and a national science competition in Texas where the nanosatellite team competed.

One hundred thirty-five students studied at 21 different off-campus sites during 2004-05.

New media majors were introduced in the art, communication arts and the computer science departments. These interdisciplinary majors are designed to reflect the convergence of communication, technology and design in broadcast, web and print media.

TABS (Taylor Association of Business Students) planned a successful day-long conference in February attended by over 300 students. Sixteen presenters, many Taylor alumni, gave students a view of what to expect in the workplace.

Interterm is here to stay! After a thorough study, the faculty voted to retain a 4-1-4 calendar to allow for off-campus travel and intensive focus on one subject, thus enhancing student performance.

Several opportunities for collaboration in research projects between faculty and students emerged this year. The Center for Research and Innovation received a Lilly Endowment “intellectual capital grant,” part of which was to bolster research.

**Fort Wayne Campus**

Academic Affairs on the Fort Wayne campus became a more autonomous unit within the University. A separate Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee was formed to review issues that only pertain to the Fort Wayne campus. Two campus associate deans were installed to assist in administrative duties. Campus academic departments were formed that relate more closely to the campus context.

The campus’ distinctive of spiritual formation was enhanced dramatically. Many full-time faculty assigned “soul projects” enabling students to meditate extensively on scriptures relevant to course topics.

Distinguished visiting practitioners and strategic partnerships advanced the applied majors offered on campus.

A newly forged partnership between Prison Fellowship and the Justice Studies Department trained criminal justice majors to mentor children with incarcerated parents.

An internal partnership between the Center for Lifelong Learning and several academic departments on campus created a path for an associate’s degree online and the completion of a bachelor’s degree on campus. This program, known as 2+2, is targeting to students from a home-schooled background.
Upland Campus

Development

- The Taylor Fund continued to increase again this year with a total of $1,531,273, a 17 percent increase over the previous year.

- Taylor University's extended phonathon for the Taylor Fund marked a 65 percent increase over last year's total. Total pledged for fiscal 2004-05 is $407,402 from 3,456 pledges.

- Alumni participation continues to grow with 46 percent of alumni solicited giving to the University. The national average for private liberal arts colleges is 9.4 percent.

University Relations and Marketing

- With refined marketing and branding programs in place, publications have moved to a level of improved excellence, including three issues of the award-winning Taylor magazine annually.

- Presidential transition plans dominated the second half of the year, with emphasis on communication via print and Web.

- The Kesler Student Activities Center dedication took place during Homecoming 2004. Plans for major Web site revisions are in place, and new portals have been launched.

Alumni Relations

- The office of Alumni Relations is building relationships with students, alumni and friends. Regional chapters have been established in Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, Washington D.C., Chicago and Orlando. Online resources such as the Taylor Web site, monthly eNews and the soon-to-be-launched alumni portal and online directory make communication with alumni more effective and efficient.

William Taylor Foundation

- The Foundation accounted for over $3,790,000 in bequests, as well as capital, current and deferred gifts. Individuals were encouraged to make sure they have all of their proper documents in order, including wills, living trusts (if needed), power of attorney, health care representatives and living wills.
Fort Wayne Campus

Development

- The Council of 100 recognition program was launched in October 2004 with 44 members inducted. The Wall of Honor, located in the Eicher Student Commons, was also installed.

- The Fort Wayne Fund exceeded its $545,000 goal with the help of phonathon pledges exceeding $82,000 and 37 percent alumni participation. The two-week phonathon experienced a 16 percent increase from last fiscal year.

- Over $75,000 was raised through direct mail, a 30 percent increase over the previous year, with each dollar costing only $.10 to raise.

- The establishment of the Peter L. Eicher Giving Society was announced. Members of the giving society are faculty and staff donors. Employee giving for the 2004-05 fiscal year was 83 percent.

University Relations

- The new Web site for the Fort Wayne campus was launched in October 2004.

- University Relations collaborated with Admissions to implement new marketing concepts, which resulted in enhanced publications, promotional materials, television commercials and radio spots. The new tagline "Where your calling takes shape" has been well-received.

- The first edition of Profiles in Servant Leadership was published, and University Relations played a key role promoting the Lilly Guest Lecture Series.

Alumni Relations

- The Alumni Directory was completed and distributed.

- Homecoming/Parents Weekend was a huge success raising over $6,000 for the Student Emergency Fund with over 150 alumni attending.

- A state-of-the-art power point presentation was developed to share information with alumni, friends, students and parents.
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Includes Upland, Fort Wayne and the Center for Lifelong Learning
Upland Campus

Taylor World Outreach sponsored eight trips over spring break to the Virgin Islands, Russia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Mexico, Daytona Beach and Homestead, Fla. Over 150 students, faculty and staff were involved.

Residence Life Programs presented their annual “Sex in the Village” series focusing on issues of sexual abuse, including how to help survivors of sexual abuse and the effects of pornography.

The Leadership Initiative of Taylor programs had approximately 450 attend their monthly leadership training seminars.

The Campus Ministries Office raised over $14,000 to assist Tsunami relief efforts.

The Career Development Office (CDO) Task Force recommended the relocation of the CDO to the Student Union to take advantage of higher levels of student traffic. Two new staff persons have also been added.

Men’s and Women’s Conferences had approximately 300 and 500 participants respectively.

The Multicultural Task Force is in the process of developing recommendations for improving the experience of current American ethnic students.

Admissions

This past fall, Taylor University welcomed 477 freshmen to the Upland campus. Admissions hosted over 1700 visitors and conducted over 1600 interviews. This freshman class, the largest in the past three years, came to Upland from 34 states and 10 countries. Over 70 percent are from out of state; they averaged a 3.6 GPA in high school, where 37 percent of them graduated in the top ten percent of their class. They averaged 1182 on the SAT and 26.3 on the ACT. Over 27 percent are either the child of an alumnus or the sibling of a current student.

Athletics

The 2004-05 athletic season was highlighted by six Trojan teams earning the right to compete at the NAIA National Championship level.

• Five NAIA All-Americans
• Eleven NAIA Scholar-Athletes
• Thirty-two MCC All-Conference Athletes
• Eight Mid-States Football Association All-Conference Athletes
• Three MCC Coach of the Year awards
• Three MCC Regular Season Champions
• One MCC Tournament Champion
Fort Wayne Campus

Taylor University Fort Wayne student development, dedicated to “whole person” maturity, made the theme, “Lead a life worthy of the calling,” its heartbeat. A campus committed to intentional spiritual formation, chapel programs and campus discipleship played key roles. Ninety-seven students participated in Taylor World Outreach short-term mission experiences, including four trips to Jamaica, with a special hurricane relief trip after Hurricane Ivan, and two to Ecuador. On campus, Discipleship Coordinators planned topical Bible studies, available to students and staff, in small group settings throughout the academic year.

The Lilian Rolf Home and the Clyde Taylor House held upperclass females majoring in elementary education and upperclass males majoring in computer science, respectively. Hausser Hall served as the first-year student residence with men on the first floor and women on the second. The new configuration provided opportunities for developing friendships and programming to be geared specifically toward new students.

The Taylor Student Organization had a productive year as they worked to expand library and fitness center hours. In addition, new aerobic equipment was purchased with TSO funding, and the senior class donated benches placed under the flagpole in the Witmer Circle.

Admissions

Intentional branding efforts were launched in the 2004-05 recruitment year to develop a market niche for students seeking curricular and co-curricular programs emphasizing applied learning and spiritual formation in the Christian higher education context. These efforts helped to shape a freshman class that is less regional, more diverse and more confident in their vocational calling.

Athletics

The 2004-05 athletic season was highlighted by the Lady Falcon volleyball finishing second in the 2004 U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association National Tournament, and the ladies’ basketball team placed fifth in the USCAA National Tournament.

- Four All-Americans
- Two All-American Honorable Mentions
- Six Academic All-Americans
- One Second-Team All-American
- Two All-Tournament Teams
- Two National Tournaments
- Six Players of the Week Awarded
- One Tournament MVP
- Two First-Team National All-Americans
- One National All-American Honorable Mention
- Two broken school records
iOE

Beginning its sixth year, the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness (iOE) continues to partner with nonprofit organizations and their leadership teams to pursue performance excellence. Twenty-four CEOs, primarily serving the larger social service agencies in Allen County, have completed their iOE experience as members of the first two cohorts. Their program has included special workshops, organizational assessments, tailored projects and coaching. We plan to continue to build on the goodwill generated in the iOE cohorts over the past five years.

WBCL

The 30th anniversary of WBCL approaches, and the ministry continues to expand, at home and abroad.

With the installation of a translator at 97.7 fm, WBCL’s coverage now blankets Adrian, Mich., thanks to the generous donors who covered the cost of the entire project.

While many radio stations discontinued Internet streaming due to increasing royalty fees, the value of around-the-world ministry outweighed the cost. During this past year, over thirty countries have been reached worldwide.

Listeners provided 24,800 clothing items during the April Romanian Likewise Project.
One of my personal core values is the belief that Christianity is a team sport—that God’s work is done best when capable, committed individuals serve together as the body of Christ. All that has been achieved during these past five years is the harvest of a team of dedicated servant-leaders determined to see God’s Kingdom and Christ’s glory first. I am thankful for the exceptional people God brought alongside me. It has been an honor to be yoked with each of them in such important and productive work.

May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit be with you in this Great Commission mission. And may He continue to provide the resources, vision and courage to both communicate and demonstrate the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need through tough minds, tender hearts and hands outstretched in competent, compassionate service.

David J. Gyertson
Schultz Hall Residents Safe After Fire

A fire in Schultz Hall was discovered by the campus safety officer on duty at 5:45 am, October 8, 2005. Immediate action was taken, 911 was called and students were evacuated. Of the 35 male residents, 22 were in the residence hall at the time of the fire. All residents were evacuated safely and their parents have been informed of the situation. Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement, shares “God’s hand of protection was on the residents of Schultz Hall and we are extremely thankful. He guided the campus safety officer and residence life staff to discover the fire early, before any personal injury was suffered.”

Dr. Randall Dodge, dean of students, shares, “I cannot say enough about how grateful we are for campus safety and residence life personnel who, in the course of their faithful service, acted promptly to save lives.”

The Fort Wayne Fire Department was successful in extinguishing the fire. Investigation of the building damage and loss of personal property is currently in progress. Fort Wayne Fire Department officials have not yet determined the cause of the fire.

Taylor University president, Dr. Habecker, visited the scene of the fire and met with students Saturday responding, “the University will do whatever it can to make them whole.”

Thirty-five Taylor University Fort Wayne Schultz Hall residents and one assistant resident director were relocated on campus.

On Sunday staff continued to assist residential students (both Schultz residents and others who have been asked to relocate to make rooms available) and contact was made with numerous parents who came to campus or called to ask questions. “Without exception, everyone has been patient, understanding, and seeking only to help in this difficult situation,” Dr. Randall Dodge, shared, then added, “The student development staff will call parents of Schultz residents who have not yet been contacted by a University representative.”

Indiana Insurance officials assisted in retrieving vital personal effects for the residents. Investigation of the building damage and loss of personal property is in progress. Fort Wayne Fire Department officials have not yet determined the cause of the fire.

“Bethany Hall residents went out of their way to meet our needs,” shares Kevin Woods, senior, Houston, TX. The Bethany Hall residents prepared coffee and breakfast for the men, and gave them blankets and a warm place to stay Saturday morning. TUFW faculty and friends have provided Kevin, and other residents, with clothing, towels and other important items.

Donations to assist students may be made to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.

A look at Schultz Hall from the east entrance after the fire, from the outside as well as the inside (inset).

Photos courtesy of Everett White fs04.
By taking the first two years online, students will save approximately $23,000 in tuition and $10,000 in room and board.

2 + 2 = $avings

Beginning this fall, TUFW students can complete a bachelor’s degree in four years at dramatically reduced costs through Taylor's 2+2 Program.

The first two years of study will be online through Taylor’s Center for Lifelong Learning. By taking these first two years online, students will save approximately $23,000 in tuition and $10,000 in room and board.

At the successful conclusion of online study, students will receive an associate of arts degree in liberal arts with a concentration in one of a variety of academic areas. This degree will give students enough credits to attend in residence at Taylor University Fort Wayne as juniors.

The area of concentration in the associate's degree will become the academic major for the bachelor's degree.

Majors available through the 2+2 Program include Biblical Literature, Christian Education, Counseling, Criminal Justice, Intercultural Studies, Justice and Ministry, Law and Justice, Management, Marketing, Pastoral Ministries, Professional Writing, Social Work and Youth Ministries.
Lilly Endowment, Inc. announces $4.5 million grant!

“Taylor University is once again particularly blessed to be the recipient of the generosity of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. Alumni and friends have a wonderful opportunity to prepare and equip our students to meet 21st century challenges through a rigorous academic curriculum that enhances all our programs to ensure the essential Taylor experience. Each dollar you invest in the University will be matched by the Endowment with $1.50! I am so excited that God has given me the privilege of leading Taylor University during these great days of global opportunity. Will you join me by giving and then celebrating with me God’s faithfulness as we partner together in achieving this goal?”

Eugene B. Holman

In a June announcement from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., Taylor University was invited to participate in The Special Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions – Phase II. Beginning June 1, 2005, all gifts from alumni and friends count toward a $3,000,000 goal that will be matched by the Endowment at a 1:1.5 ratio.

By the conclusion of this special initiative, December 31, 2006, Taylor will receive $4.5 million from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Every dollar counts. Please contact Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement, at (260) 744-8775 for additional information or visit http://fw.taylor.edu/giving.
The Road to Radio

As I sorted through my stack of daily mail, I found a faded piece of salmon-colored paper with handwritten notations in the margins. The attached letter explained that, as the family was sorting through the estate of their mother, they found the letter and thought I might want it. The paper, entitled “Indispensable Friends who will put WBCL on the Air,” was 30 years old.

Three decades ago, during the fall season of 1975, the Fort Wayne area was buzzing with news that a Christian radio station would be coming soon. Fort Wayne Bible College President, Dr. Timothy Warner, and Director of Public Relations, Bob Weyeneth, were hosting “dessert coffees” to raise the initial $100,000 from Indispensable Friends to put WBCL on the air. In my hand was a letter of invitation to one of those coffees. That piece of paper; now my treasure, was evidence of the dream that Christian broadcasting would soon be transmitted in and around the Fort Wayne area. Dr. Warner was ready to lead the college on a path that loomed large and unknown, but we were excited and full of anticipation for what God would do! At 6 a.m. on January 12, 1976, the dream was realized; music filled the air at 90.3 fm.

Since beginning down that path thirty years ago, the WBCL Radio Network has added stations in Archbold and Spencerville, OH. A translator serves Muncie, IN. This spring, a dream for the past six years became reality with the addition of 97.7 in Adrian, MI.

During these 30 years, the path this ministry has taken has been a two-way path between staff and listeners. As we have sent the message of Christ through the airwaves to thousands of listeners, they have responded with daily letters, phone calls, e-mails and personal visits to the WBCL studios. Recent contacts from over 32 countries confirm that WBCL’s 24/7 Internet streaming provides a path of hope to a chaotic world.

The greatest joy of all is hearing the stories – how WBCL was the path to listeners’ hearts as God used a song, a message, an interview or a scripture verse to encourage them in their journey as a Christ-follower.

And, yes, my new treasure is framed and hangs in my office.

Char Binkley, Executive Director, WBCL Radio Network
In a small Midwest town, in the early 1970s, the lives of a group of friends were changed, literally, forever. Harold Raymond, a new Christian, invited his two brothers and high school friends to an Ohio State University Campus Crusade for Christ rally in the summer of 1972, where they were introduced to the Gospel. The Gospel spread quickly throughout central Ohio and five area high schools started Bible studies. The youngest Raymond brother, Scott, gave his life to Christ that summer, as did many of the friends. Their intense passion for Christ compelled several to full-time ministry, including Scott.

In order to gain a clearer sense of the Lord’s direction, Scott waited two years after graduation before attending college. John Jones, a friend of the Raymonds who had attended the Ohio Bible studies, encouraged Scott to attend Fort Wayne Bible College, where John himself was studying. Scott enrolled and declared a biblical studies major, intending to ultimately attend seminary.
Between his sophomore and junior year, Scott accepted the call to serve as senior pastor at a small church in Ohio. During that year, he had a sense that the Lord was not calling him to be a pastor, yet he was still passionate about ministry. He was selected to be a resident assistant his junior year and found his ministry niche under the leadership of Russ Rogers, dean of students. He served as a co-resident director in Schultz Hall his senior year and became resident director after he graduated.

In 1981, he married his college sweetheart, Julie Tyrie '81, who had also served as a resident assistant at FWBC. They both felt called to continue to minister to students in full-time student development careers, but decided on a year-long sabbatical from living in college residence during their first year of marriage. They were not prepared for what would happen next.

That winter, their apartment burned down and they literally lost everything. They found immeasurable support from FWBC who provided temporary housing, clothing and other necessities. Having been invited back campus to attend a basketball game, they were called to center court during halftime and presented with a gift of money. "FWBC stepped up and filled the gap," he recounts.

Beauty from Ashes
Scott got a call from his older brother, sharing that his church had a furnished apartment and would assist Scott and Julie in finding new jobs. Although the offer was in Pennsylvania, they felt the Lord guiding them there. Scott reflects, "After moving to Pennsylvania, seven months later I was hired as dean of students at Geneva College that more than likely I would not have had unless I had been in the state. God knew our passion was to serve Him in the area of student development and although our plans seemed destroyed along with our belongings in the apartment fire, it was like God had said, 'I'm going to move you in a way you didn't plan.'"

Three years later, he was hired as dean of students at Covenant College, a position that he held for over 19 years. "Besides my family and loved ones, my experiences in student development have been the greatest blessings I could have imagined," he recalls. "I have been awed to see the movement of God in students' daily lives through the educational community of Christian higher education. Students' spiritual growth, evidenced by repentance, reconciliation, sacrifice and learning, were just a few of the constant reaffirmations that I was in the right place."

Then, last winter it became clear to Scott and Julie that the Lord's hand was moving them once again.

"After several months of pursuing where God would have us serve Him next, Julie and I were clearly convinced that God was calling us back to Fort Wayne; our daughters' responses have affirmed it, as has the encouragement from the friends who know us best."

After spending over 30 years in "college," Scott is ready to "graduate" and join the ranks of alumni services.

"What attracted me to the alumni director's position was my past at Fort Wayne," he begins, "it's a homecoming to us, to be able to work with those with whom we share a heritage and a love for learning. It's our time to give back to those who so deeply impacted our lives in the 70s as well as throughout our marriage. We owe a great debt of love to the faculty, staff and students of Fort Wayne."

But Scott sees a future, not the past. "Ministry to God's children whether in a congregation or college is the golden thread that runs through it all. It's an honor to be able to work alongside the faculty and staff who educated me and who stayed true to the Gospel and the college's mission all these years."
Our Homecoming/Parents’ Weekend theme, “Discover again...where your calling took shape” echoed throughout the weekend’s programs and events as decades of alumni returned home. The September 23rd weekend was a busy blend of celebration, remembrance, tribute and vision as Taylor University Fort Wayne alumni welcomed President Dr. Gene Habecker as our 30th president, rejoiced with the class of 1955 as they celebrated their 50th reunion, honored our alumni for their service around the world and buzzed with fresh excitement about our future. I was humbled by four specific events. The Alumni Chapel set the starting pace at high speed as Reverend Cal Rychener g80 spoke of consecrating ourselves for His call. Cal’s sermon was on the heels of a high-powered acoustical performance of the doxology played by Kevin Sowers g84. The Class of 1955 celebrated its 50th anniversary and filled the room with words of honor, dignity, humility, love and contentment as they thanked God for their past and praised Him for our future. The Friday evening tribute by the men and women of Schultz Hall was powerful as the building’s 101 year history, accompanied by decades of the residence life staff and alumni, was highlighted by opportunities to stories of His faithfulness. Our Saturday luncheon didn’t miss a beat as God’s work on this campus was hallmarked by the faculty, staff and alumni’s unwavering commitment to the purpose and future of the University! Amidst these fine times were moments of great fellowship around soccer, a music spectrum, a silent auction, a Bebo Norman/Joy Williams concert and many other times of sharing and discussion. To one and all who made this year successful, and to those who are now more committed than ever to making this the best University in the world, I give you my thanks!

Scott Raymond g80
Director of Alumni Relations

Below (left): Dr. Gene Habecker greets the alumni at the alumni brunch. Below (right): Students (front row) Becky Agre, sophomore; (second row l to r) Katy Mannarino, freshman, Suzanne Duvall, senior, (third row l to r) Brad Thomas, sophomore, David Reynolds, sophomore, perform at the music spectrum. At right: James Gurley g45 looks through a yearbook. Above (right): Former Schultz Hall residents tour Schultz Hall after the Schultz Hall Reunion. Bottom row (l to r): Dan Cairl g84, Scott Davis g85, Phil Hentz g84. Middle row (l to r): Mark Condrey g87, Angie (Widmark) Davis g85, Teri Hogg g86. Back row (l to r): Wes Wiederkehr fs84, Bryan Allison g86, Cheri (Nearhood) Dewese g83.
Clockwise from top left: Rev. Cal Rychener g81 receives the distinguished alumnus for professional achievement award; Rev. Jeff Gerig g84 receives the distinguished alumnus for service to Taylor University Fort Wayne award; Tami Solak, assistant to the director of alumni relations, receives honorary alumna award; Dave Lawson, junior, plays against the alumni in the varsity vs. alumni soccer game; the class of 1955 poses for a picture with spouses/guests (identified below); Dr. Daryl Yost ha96 visits with Rebecca Green g99 (left) and Brooke Wilson g03; Pam (Carey) Barcalow g71 and Doug Barcalow g71 bid on silent auction items; Phil Logan g67 and Jan (Schumacher) Logan g68 are awarded the distinguished alumnus for personal achievement award.

Class of 1955, at bottom right: Bottom row (l to r): Virginia Lehman g55, Velma (Mollan) Gordon g55, Mae (Schmidt) Mohr g55. Second row (l to r): Gordon Klopfenstein g55, Brad Gordon, Dr. Jackie Carl g53, Tom Mohn g56. Third row (l to r): Sharon Haller, Ethel (Schlatter) Klopfenstein g59, Norman Geisler, Barbara (Cate) Geisler g55, Audrey (Sparks) Orr g55, John Nichols g55, Barbara (Haffner) Nichols g55. Fourth row (l to r): Joe Pitzer g55, Rev. George Nantz g55, Orville Orr g55.
Throughout the alumni news, you will find alumni giving percentages listed by class year, for the fiscal year 2004-05. Figures include giving to the annual fund, designated giving, mission trips and WBCL Radio Network.

1928 0%
1932 25%
1934 0%
1935 33%
1936 100%
1937 75%
1938 29%
1939 100%
1940 50%

1941 67%
Rev. Carl and Bette (Driskell) Shafer fs41 are retired missionaries of the United Methodist Church, having served in Cuba and Uruguay. They live in Jacksonville, FL, retirement community.

1942 25%
1943 67%

1944 77%
Miriam (Schumacher) Escher g44 turned 88 years old in November 2004. She and her husband, George (90) teach Bible classes and lead a prayer coffee in Kailua, HI. Miriam's e-mail is mrescher@earthlink.net.

1945 82%
1946 56%
1947 56%

1948 76%
Paul Erdel g48 TUUg50 is teacher and counselor for Hispanic churches of the Missionary Church in the North Central and Michigan districts. His e-mail is rutherdel@core.com.

1949 56%
1950 69%
1951 70%
1952 70%

1953 52%
Richard g53 and Ida (Snoke) Leever fs55 are retired and are in their eighth season of RV ministry in Desert Hot Springs, CA. Richard is chaplain and Ida teaches Bible studies. Their e-mail is rleeve1@juno.com.

Pete and Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53 are retired missionaries with TEAM. They continue to hold revival meetings and seminars on spiritual warfare and speak at missionary conferences. Their e-mail is petedonelda@sbcglobal.net.

1954 70%
1955 34%
Rev. Derrell Brown g55 is retired, but works part-time as a director at a funeral home in Riverside, CA. His e-mail is deebbo651@msn.com.

Stan g55 and Donna Jean (Neuenschwander) Leonard g55 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Prescott, AZ, where Stan served for 10 years as pastor of home ministries. Their address is 4541 N Lone Cactus Dr, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

1956 53%
1957 50%

1958 52%
In March, John Zurcher g58 was re-elected as superintendent for the Eastern District of the Missionary Church for another four years. He and his wife, Bernadine (Amstutz) g60, reside in Dover, PA. Their e-mail is jzurcher@suscom.net.

1959 43%
1960 46%
Bob g60 and Margaret "Peggy" (Owen) Liechty g60 are retired and live in Berne, IN. Bob is chaplain of The Berne Ministerium and coordinates Berne Union Meetings with Dr. Erwin Lutzer. They have three married children and seven grandchildren. Their e-mail is bpliechty@yahoo.com.

1961 52%
Howard g61 and Ruth (Ringenberg) Moser g61 serve with World Partners USA in northwest Spain after 40 years of ministry in Ecuador. Their e-mail is moserspain@hotmail.com.

1962 53%
Ralph g62 and Norma (Lehman) Brandenburg g62 minister to Cubans in Florida. E-mail is ralphnorma@aol.com.

1963 60%

1964 49%
Grant Osborne g64 is in his 29th year teaching New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. His e-mail is gosborne@aol.com.

Samuel and Ruth (Pipkin) Wegner g64 serve as missionaries in Italy with Biblical Ministries Worldwide. Their e-mail is rwegner@biblicalministries.org.

1965 32%
Judith (Dunlap) Barr g65 is director of Samaritan Homeless Clinic in Dayton, OH. This past year, she was chosen as one of Dayton’s Top Ten Women.

Darryl Congos g65 is the founder/director/speaker of College Level Learning Skills. His e-mail is dcongos@hotmail.com.

Roger Doriot g65 and his wife, Suzanne, are missionaries in Indonesia. They completed a seminar to get God’s Word into all the languages of Papua; 65 people from 35 different language groups attended. Roger's e-mail is rogerdoriot@yahoo.com.

1966 43%
Myron g66 and Betty Harrison g65 serve with OMF International in the Philippines. Myron participated in TOPIC and Mentor Link seminars. E-mail them at harrisonmyrons@omf.net and harrisonbetty@omf.net.

Niles Kageyama g66 has served as pastor of Koloa Missionary Church for 14 years. He was recently appointed as vice superintendent of pastoral care.
in the Hawaii district. His e-mail is niles@hawaiilink.net.

Ann (Radcliffe) Mann g66 teaches first grade at Powers Terry Elementary School. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Marietta, GA. Their e-mail is jerry.mann@bellsouth.net.

Terry g66, TUU68 and Shirley (Berty) Snyder g64 retired from pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church and are now working as staff care ministers with China Outreach Ministries. Terry continues to be a trainer with Life Innovations. They live in Erie, PA. Their e-mail is prov356@verizon.net.

### 1967
39%
John g67 and Arlene (Dissingler) Motter g67 served the Phillipsburg Missionary Church for 10 years. John will continue his chaplaincy 2 days a week at Day View Nursing Home. Their e-mail is jdacmotter@juno.com.

### 1968
53%
Jon g68 and Judy (Reavis) Sevall g67 have served with World Partners USA since 1970. E-mail is jsevjd@aol.com.

### 1969
57%

### 1970
49%
Dr. Jerry Knoblet g70 recently published a book “Herod the Great.” Jerry has taught Greek and Theology for the last seven years at Appalachian Bible College.

### 1971
46%

### 1972
29%
Rick Haberkamp g72 is preparing training materials to teach church workers in northern Chad. His e-mail is haberk5@yahoo.com.

Paul g72 and Marian (Enders) Keidel g72 serve with C&MA as field directors in France. Marian recently completed a study program that certifies her to teach English as a Foreign Language. Their e-mail is marian.paul@juno.com.

### 1973
41%
Brad Smith g73 is director of communications at Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Redlands, CA. His e-mail is bsmith@trinityonline.org.

### 1974
43%

### 1975
27%
In June, Wayne Allen g75 and others formed a prayer team and traveled to Thailand. He will be in India and Indonesia this fall, training people to launch church planting movements around the world by personal discipleship. His e-mail is waynewallen@hotmail.com.

Roy and Darla (Schock) Oksnevad g75 serve with The Evangelical Free Church Mission. Roy trains and teaches groups to minister to other cultures. Darla is substitute teaching at Timothy Christian School. E-mail is oksnevad@aol.com.

### 1976
36%

### 1977
36%
Carol (Edwards) Kuehnert fs77 is a case manager for Home Nursing Services, Fort Wayne, IN. She has three daughters: Jami, who was married in July; April, who was married in April; and Kelli, who is a senior in high school.

Guy Suzuki fs77 is a public school cafeteria manager serving three elementary schools and one high school (over 3,500 meals daily). His e-mail is suzukign71@hawaii.com.

### 1978
36%
Mark fs78 and Debbie (Rupp) Blosser g79 served with Trans World Radio for over 25 years, five of them in Africa. They are close to their goal of covering the entire country of Swaziland with Christian FM broadcasting. Their e-mail is mblosser@posix.co.sz.

Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78 and her husband, Tim TUUg81, visited the USA this summer. They returned to Japan where they serve with TEAM. Their e-mail is timjeannie@aol.com.

In July, Mark g78 and Dee Krueger returned to Guinea from home assignment. Future plans are to develop a mobile medical ministry, start a computer-learning center, develop a water filtration project, and continue the use of English classes for outreach. Mark is assuming new responsibilities as assistant Fula team leader. Their e-mail is timbifolks@speedymail.org.

Alan g78 is director of district ministries and Kim (Wills) Yerke g78 is administrative assistant at the Michigan district office of the Missionary Church. Al is also an adjunct professor at Spring Arbor University. Their e-mail is ayerke@sbcglobal.net.

### 1979
35%
Gary Aupperle g79 serves as senior pastor of Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, IN. His e-mail is gkaupp@yahoo.com.

Deborah Nayrocke fs79 is the author of the recently released book “The Art of Debt-Free Living.” Her e-mail is dnyrocke@maplenet.net.

### 1980
26%
Carol Findlay g80 returned to South Korea on July 20.

This summer Elwood “Skip” Kite g80 was involved in children’s meetings, a father/son speaking engagement, dramatic presentations, meetings with pastors, camps and numerous VBS programs. E-mail is skipkite@msn.com.

### 1981
36%
John Gerig g81 is pursuing his doctorate through The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. Residency is required in England for the first three months. His e-mail is russiangerigs@aol.com.

Duane Hunt g81 is pastor of Center Point Church in Florida. His wife, Peggy (Hodges) g81, teaches 5th grade in a public school. They have five adult children and three grandchildren. Their e-mail is duane@centerpointchurch.org.

### ALUMNI GATHERINGS: COMING SOON TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

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NOTE: Events in italics are held at lunch, all other events are held in the evening.
Lorie (Sonnentag) Vincent g85 lives in a small Wisconsin town, but is having a big impact on the medical community. She was diagnosed with uterine leiomyosarcoma, a very rare cancer, six years ago. Despite the fact that it was detected very early and she showed no symptoms of the cancer at the time, she was given a bleak prognosis of five years. Although she continues to battle with cancer, now into the sixth year, she has outlived her doctor’s most optimistic prognoses. She underwent two rounds of radiation and completed four years of chemotherapy in April. Since then, two new tumors have been discovered in her left lung; and, chemotherapy has resumed. She will undergo her third lung resection this fall if the tumors do not shrink. She has been receiving breakthrough chemo treatments, and if successful, her case will make medical journals by next summer.

While leaving a little doctor’s office (two exam rooms), following a chemo treatment last year, another woman seeking treatment asked her if she was Lorie Vincent, who had attended Fort Wayne Bible College. The other woman in the office was Vicki (Vincent) Miller g83. Both women’s husbands, Mark g85 and Tony g84, played on the FWBC soccer team. Lorie’s husband Mark was often thought to be Vicki’s brother since they shared the same last name (there is no known relation). Despite living near each other in the small Midwestern area, the two women had not seen each other in 20 years. Lorie shares, “The two nurses, one technician and doctor in the office were all curious about our reunion; it turned into quite a ministry opportunity!”

Lorie adds, “God has been merciful to me in so many ways and I'll be forever grateful. I continue with chemotherapy on a regular basis, beginning my fourth straight year. Other than fatigue, I am doing well and living a life that I now consider (almost) normal.”

Vicki was diagnosed with breast cancer in March of 2004, had surgery, chemo and radiation. With all check ups having been clear of cancer so far, she hopes to celebrate one year cancer free in October.

Both Lorie and Vicki continue to serve in ministry for which they were trained at FWBC. Lorie and her husband own Design For Ministry™, a consulting firm for churches, para-churches and other non-profit organizations. Vicki serves as business office coordinator at Timber-lee Christian Center. Both women have teenagers and adult children. Lorie’s positive attitude is evident as she concludes, “God is alive and able to work through his servants, who remain open to his calling in all circumstances.”

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Illinois State University in 2000. He and his wife, Kathy (Nemeth) g88, have four children. Their e-mail is edandkathyplus4@netscape.com.

Bradley Ulick g88 is pastor of Spring Lake Missionary Church and chaplain at the Pekin Police Department. In 1992, he received his masters in ministry from Bethel College. He and his wife, Kimberly (Parker) g90, reside in Illinois with their children, Caleb and Lorinda. Their e-mail is ulick@ntslck.net.

Graham g88 and Lori (Fazio) West fs88 and family led a group of 25 to Singapore and Thailand this summer. Graham is director of international tours, global department, Missionary Athletes International. His e-mail is gwest@charlotteeagles.com.

1989 30%
Bruce g89 and Dawn (Clark) Chuckie g89 are on a one-year home ministry assignment; they will return to Guinea in August 2006. Their e-mail is bdcluckie@cs.com.

1990 16%
Todd and Tammy (Hall) Fedele g90 and daughters, Lydia and Abigail, announce the birth of Gabriel Michael born May 19. Their address is 17238 County Rd 226, Cecil, OH 45821.

1991 23%
Dr. Jennifer Perkins-Beun fs91 is a child disability specialist for the military and teaches at Florida Metropolitan University. Jennifer published a children’s book on autism in 1994 and provides training services for teachers, parents and students on children with disabilities. She was honored this past year in Who’s Who of American Women. Her e-mail is perkisjen@yahoo.com.

Kent Kessler g91 with his wife, Melissa, and children announce the birth of Andrew Joel born July 4. Kent is director of youth ministries at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kokomo, IN. His e-mail is kkkessler@yahoo.com.

David Reed g91 was ordained in the Michigan district of the Missionary Church, May 15. Dr. Doug Barcalow 71, associate dean of Christian Ministries, was the ordination speaker. David is completing a PhD at Fordham University; he has accepted a faculty position at Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN.

Timothy Stauffer g91 is president of Stauffer Financial Advisors. He and his wife, Karen, and four adult children reside in Fort Wayne. Tim’s e-mail is tim@staufferfinancial.com.

1992 36%
Tammy (Gerstung) Brown g92 and husband, Joel TUU g91, along with Haley (8), Savannah (7) and Joelle (5), announce the adoptions of Samuel Paul, born July 18, 2003, and Isaac David, born July 11, 2004. Their e-mail is joeltammyx7@yahoo.com.

Mark McMeen fs92 works on a dairy farm; his wife, Sharon (DeBolt) g94, is a parapro for 5th-6th grade at Chicago Street School in Bronson, MI. They have three children: Stephen (11), Sarah (10) and Micah (8).

Amy (Level) g92 married William Warren on July 9. She teaches at South Wayne Elementary School, Fort Wayne, IN. Her e-mail is allennon@yahoo.com.

1993 23%
Tom and Brenda (Garver) Shepherd g93, and daughters, Annalise (4) and Katie (2), announce the birth of Allison Grace. June 12. Their address is 11763 N 600 W 90, Roanoke, IN 46783.

Clark Woods g93 is the clearing services relationship manager for Lincoln National Corporation. He is also involved in the Fort Wayne Study Connection, Fort Wayne Urban League, Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana, Habitat for Humanity, Homeward Bound and the InRoads Program. His e-mail is cwoods@inc.com.

1994 18%
Brian Colby g94 is pastor of Fairfield Missionary Church. His wife, Nicole (Ankney) fs91 teaches at Miami University part-time and cares for their children: Wesley (3) and Morgan (1). Their e-mail is brcolby@wmconnect.com.

Petula Myers g94 serves with C&MA. She teaches three English classes, is finishing her final six months of language study and is involved in Sunday services, prayer meetings and cell groups. Her e-mail is myers@thebalkans.org.

1995 19%
Sarah (Mathew) Curry g95 is missions coordinator at Calvary Missionary Church. She and her husband, Steven, and family reside in Redford, MI. Their e-mail is thesscurry@provide.net.

1996 25%
Eric Flood g96 is associate pastor of South Park Church, Park Ridge, IL. His e-mail is ebflood@sbcglobal.net.

Susan (Tweddell) Olson g96 and husband, James, announce the birth of Elijah James on January 14, 2004. James is a design engineer with Florida Production Engineering. Their e-mail is u00jmo8@msn.com.

Mark g96 and Nicky (Williams) Pulfer g00 have a daughter, Olivia Isabel, born December 14, 2002. Nicky attends IUPUI School of Law. Contact them at 5522 Guilford Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220; nickypulfer@hotmail.com.

1997 32%
Matt Adams g97 is worship pastor at Grace Fellowship. He and his wife, Holli, reside in Orlando, FL. Their e-mail is matt@theadamses.cc.

Mark and Tui (Walcott) Bedwell g97 with son, Austin, rejoice in the birth of daughter, Morgan Tui, born August 22.

Jason Galvan and Aron (Barthold) g97 were married on March 19, 2004. They reside in San Diego, CA.

1998 15%
Ben g98 and Jill (Stackert) Polhemus g95 with children, Kyle and Ellyse, announce the birth of Ayden on May 5, 2004. Ben is youth pastor at Real Life Community Church, Portage, IN, and Jill is a dental hygienist. E-mails are bpolhemus10@hotmail.com and jpolhemus3@peoplepc.com.

1999 20%
Jennifer (Beeching) Byler g99 and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Aiden James on March 20. Jennifer teaches in Fort Wayne Community Schools. Her e-mail is jjbeech@aol.com.

Michael Donovan fs99 & TUUs99 and his wife, Abby, announce the birth of Michael Earnest Jr. on March 28. Their e-mail is str_aca_mdo@nwoca.org.
Shani Gray g99 is assistant professor for sociology, anthropology and criminal justice at Valdosta State University in Georgia. She received her doctorate of philosophy from IU on June 30. Her e-mail is sha@mchsi.com.

2000

28%
Betsy Anderson fs00 graduated from Dominican University, River Forest, IL, in May with a master's degree in social work. She is employed with Bethany Christian Services. Contact her at 61 Dogwood St, Park Forest, IL 60466; betsy21@yahoo.com.

Jonathan and Dawn (Renkenberger) Crandall g00 were married May 14. TUFW participants were Kola (Dhurata) Embry g02 and Paul Ziegler cs. Dawn works at Barnes & Noble in Indianapolis. Jonathan is a design engineer at Carr Metal Products.

Rick Henderson g00 is a flight coordinator for Net Jets. He and his wife Niki reside in Columbus, OH. His e-mail is rickbit@hotmail.com.

Cara (Lambert) Jones g00 and her husband, Greg, and son, Dalton, announce the birth of Olivia Grace on March 26, 2004. Cara is a child and adolescent case manager at Wabash Valley Hospital. She may be reached at (765) 457-9771.

Jeremy g00 and Sarah (Spinney) Steup g02 announce the birth of Renee Elizabeth on December 10, 2004. E-mail them at jjestup@hotmail.com and cloz2home@hotmail.com.

Robert Sweeney g00 is senior pastor at Cass City Missionary Church. He and his wife, Laura, and daughters, Katelyn (6) and Emma (3) reside in Cass City, MI. E-mail is pbsnfamily@yahoo.com.

2001

13%
Bill g01 and Lauren (Bour) Davenport g98, with Colman (6), Mary (4) and Elisa (2), welcomed Tess Gabrielle, born April 7, to their family. Bill's e-mail is admin@mcusa.org.

Ryan McGee fs01 is communications & programming coordinator for Heartland Church in Indianapolis, IN. His e-mail is ryan@mccusa.org.

James Rediger g01 works for the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce as a communications assistant in the small business division. His e-mail is jamesrediger@fwchamber.org.

Todd Yoder g01 and his wife, Amy and son, Mark, welcome to their family, Caleb Arno, born February 9. Todd is associate pastor of youth and parents at Jerusalem Chapel in PA. Their e-mail is yoders03@yahoo.com.

2002

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Jill (Probst) Bauer g02 is senior regional coordinator with Junior Achievement of Washington. She married Scott Bauer on December 17, 2004. Her e-mail is jillprobst@yahoo.com.

Andy Booth g02 and is wife, Trisha, with Jacob (2), announce the birth of Elijah David on May 13. Andy is assistant pastor at Heartland Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN. His e-mail is andy@hccfw.com.

Amy (Englert) Hepler fs02 received her BSW from the University of South Florida in 2002 and her MBA from Saint Leo University in May. She is a lender at the MacDill Federal Credit Union. Her husband, Troy, is a staff sergeant at the MacDill Air Force Base. Amy's e-mail is amy_hepler@msn.com.

Ashley King g02 is the financial/executive assistant at Vineyard Community Church in Greenwood, IN. Her e-mail is yelhsa5280@msn.com.

Yewubdar Manmekot g02 married Tyree Barfield August 6, 2004. They also announce the birth of Victoria Mekedes on May 1. Their address is 6510 Hadley Farm Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Rachel Osborn g02 is a banking compliance consultant in Salem, OH. Her e-mail is osborn3rd@yahoo.com.

George Oprisko III g02 graduated from IU Bloomington on May 7 with an MS in education, specializing in student affairs/administration. He accepted a position as area coordinator with John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH. His e-mail is geowill99@hotmail.com.

2003

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Nathan Henriksen g03 married Erin Vesperman on May 28. Jon Ferguson g02 participated in the wedding. Nate and Erin reside at 1004 E Racine Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186.

Mark Hunziker fs03 returned home from a six-month overseas deployment just in time to join his wife, Kristin (Carlson) Hunziker g02, in welcoming the addition of Chad Harris born May 10. Mark continues to serve in the US Navy and Kristin works as a nanny. Their e-mails are kristinlynn@hunzikerfamily.com and admiral_h@admiralh.com.

Brooke Wilson g03 spent three weeks with the American Red Cross in the gulf area aiding in relief efforts.

2004

33%
Danielle Creech g04 is an advocacy counselor with Projects Place. Contact her at 4211 Elsa Terrace, Baltimore, MD 21211; girlfgod323@yahoo.com.

April Gridley g04 is in South Korea teaching English for one year. Her e-mail is aprildawn225@yahoo.com and Web site is http://aprilsadventures.blogspot.com.

Josh g04 and Brenda (McDonald) Keim g04 were married on January 1. They live in Fort Collins, CO. Their e-mail is graywolfkd@aol.com.

Sandy Koeslke g04 married Jeremy Claus on July 16. Ann (Spencer) Heathco g04 and Aleya (Krus) Raterman g04 participated in the wedding. E-mail is sandykayilovejesus@hotmail.com.

Nathanael Martin g04 graduated from the Indiana Police Corps with "Distinguished Honors" at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on February 4. He is now a police officer with the Lowell Indiana Police Department. His e-mail is Il Timothy4_7@yahoo.com.

Nicholas fs04 and Ellen (Lundeen) Miller fs04 and Kaitlyn Faith (1) welcome to their family, Jackson Wayne, born May 11. E-mail is ellen@nickandellen.com.

This past summer, Heather Neilson g04 led a team of college students with English Language Institute of China to China. She is assistant registrar at King's College and Seminary. Her e-mail is heatrene40@hotmail.com.

David Sensenig g04 is a teacher's aide with The Reginald S. Lourie Center School in Maryland. His e-mail is laudeus@hotmail.com.
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Julia Beange g05 was the program director at a Christian girls’ camp near Toronto this summer. She moved to Calgary, Alberta, to pursue an MA in communication studies in September. Her e-mail is j_beange@yahoo.com.

Dorothy Bradley g05 works with the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office as an IRS/BMV specialist. Her e-mail is dot2dot@aol.com.

Eileen Clayton g05 is in Ecuador serving with HCJB World Radio, teaching first/second grade at Nate Saint Memorial School for one year. Her e-mail is eileenmarieclayton@yahoo.com.

Elizabeth Lehman g05 applied to serve as a missionary in Haiti and the 4VEH radio station. In June, she went on the short term mission trip to Haiti which provided her with a glimpse into her future as a missionary working at the 4VEH radio station. The position needed was exactly what she had been praying for. Elizabeth’s e-mail is liz_lehman@hotmail.com.

Brian cs and Jennifer (Ritter) Omerso fs05, with daughter, Lilly, announce the birth of Wesley David, May 6. Jennifer is the children’s youth director at First United Methodist Church of Bluffton.

Erica Stratton g05 is a 4th grade teacher at First Assembly Christian School in Winston-Salem, NC. Her e-mail is stratcat911@hotmail.com.

Jeff g05 and Beth (Mittank) Yates g04 announce the birth of daughter, Isabella Renee, born January 28. Jeff is the youth and family associate pastor of Anthony Wayne First Church of God, Fort Wayne, IN.

IN MEMORY

Dorothy (Lindeman) Oden fs23 went to be with the Lord on May 21. She was employed at General Electric Company for 10 years and at J. C. Penney Co. for 20 years, retiring in 1971. She was a member of First Missionary Church. A daughter, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren survive her.

Lucille (Hesseltart) Niswander fs36 joined her husband, Dwight fs37, in heaven, June 23. She served with her husband of 53 years as he pastored churches in OH, KS and CA. They also served on staff at Elim Bible Institute, NY and at Mt. Zion Retreat Center, PA, and in Canada. Her husband, a son and a daughter and three grandchildren preceded her. She is survived by two sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bernice (Moore) Tuckey fs36, beloved wife of Dr. John Tuckey g36, went home to be with Jesus on June 1. John’s address is 8348 Davison Rd, Davison, MI 48423.

Donald Eicher g37 entered into eternal life in heaven on February 16.

Jane (Bedsworth) Hollenberg g39 departed for heaven on April 28. She is survived by two daughters, three sisters and five grandchildren.

On January 30, M. Lucille (Fisher) Amstutz g43 entered her heavenly home to be with Jesus and her husband, Winfred g43, who preceded her.

Anna Neuenschwander fs43 was received in heaven on August 6. She served the Bible College for over 30 years as secretary to three presidents: S. A. Witmer, Jared Gerig and Timothy Warner. Later, she became secretary at Missionary Church Headquarters, Fort Wayne. She was a member of First Mennonite Church in Berne, IN. She was preceded by three brothers and two sisters. Two sisters survive her.

Ilva Yoder g46 entered her heavenly home on June 10.

Helen (Imler) Walberg g47 went to her heavenly home on February 11. She retired in 1985 after 35 years of teaching. She was a first grade teacher in the Belvidere, IL, school system for 31 of those years. Her husband, a brother, a grandson and five nieces and nephews survive her.

Harold Lehman g55 entered heaven on May 23. He was a retired funeral director and minister. His wife, Elizabeth (Baird) g56, a daughter and two sisters survive him. Elizabeth’s address is 27107 Rainbow Creek Dr, Temecula, CA 92591-4512.

On December 19, 2003, Mary Pavkov fs58 joined her husband, Julius g60, in heaven.

Carl B. Ervin g59 entered heaven on January 13. After being ordained into the ministry in 1963, he and his wife, Emogene (Davis) g58, served the Missionary Church in PA, OH and MI. They served in The Free Methodist Church in MI and OH from 1979-1993, when he retired. Carl is survived by his wife, daughter, son, brother, sister and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas R. Jones fs65 was received into heaven on November 4, 2003. He was a retired pastor, serving in Michigan. His wife, Ruth survives him.

Sherry Ferber g89 was received in heaven on April 14. She is survived by her parents, a brother, a sister, two nieces and a nephew.

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