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## The Corps of Discovery

Just over two hundred years ago, in Clarksville, Indiana, the Corps of Discovery was formally inaugurated. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark met at this Hoosier home base in mid-October 1803 to forge their partnership and implement President Thomas Jefferson's dream of a new nation extending from sea to shining sea. With the completion of the Louisiana Purchase and the passion to find a water route to the Pacific as the means to unite this great land economically, politically and militarily, the Lewis and Clark expedition was formed. From this humble beginning, they laid the plans for the journey of a lifetime that would take more than two years to complete.

I am reading the late Stephen Ambrose's book, *Undaunted Courage*, as a resource for my personal celebration of the bi-centennial of one of the nation's greatest expeditionary undertakings. He is my favorite historical novelist, possessing a unique ability to communicate the facts while illuminating the distinctive character of these two men, an amazing Indian woman and an African American slave – each uniquely God's instrument to open a gateway to the west and write the next significant chapter in the American story. In the midst of the political rhetoric of the recent elections emphasizing so many issues that threaten to divide our nation, I find it both reassuring and refreshing to rediscover the roots of the vision, courage and character that nurtured our nation.



As a result of growing up in the rugged, natural beauty of northern Canada, I am captivated by the vivid descriptions of the expedition's humanity-against-the-elements determination. I revel in the rich record of lands discovered, nature uncovered and new relationships established. However, I am more challenged by the insatiable drive Lewis, in particular, demonstrated to know and understand. I am convinced that this drive is one of the greatest qualities of the divine image God places into His human creation. As I reflect on the heritage and legacy of Taylor University's commitment to light and faith, that same need to explore, discover and understand surfaces is one of our institution's most intriguing characteristics. From the beginning in 1846, Taylor University's vision and mission have been driven by succeeding generations of our own Corps of Discovery.

Taylor was founded just four decades after the Lewis and Clark expedition. As the storm clouds of civil unrest were gathering, Christ-centered pioneers dreamed of an institution willing to go where few had gone before. The first school in the Methodist Episcopal tradition, and the second in the young nation, to provide women with the means for career preparation, the University pioneered education in a wide range of professional and service fields. Renamed after the denomination's great adventurer Bishop William Taylor, the University's reputation attracted an African prince named Sammy Morris and prepared succeeding generations of men and women to follow their divine calling to know and to serve.

As I review the roll of alumni past and present, it appears that no major arena in the search for truth, understanding and service has been ignored. As I explore the creative scholarly teaching and mentoring accomplishments of Taylor's faculty, I sense the *imago deo* energy that comes from lives dedicated to serving the Creator with heart, mind and hands. In this issue of the magazine, evidence abounds that the divine spark to know and the divine passion to use what we discover to meet the needs of a world desperate for the touch of the Master's comforting, guiding and restoring hand

continues. As the 21<sup>st</sup> century unfolds, Taylor University is attracting and developing the next generation's Corps of Discovery.

However, in the midst of the hunger to know the what, why, when, where and how of creation we must never lose sight of the whom behind the mysteries we seek to understand. Jeremiah 29:13 promises that we will seek and find the author and finisher of creation's mysteries when we seek Him with all of our heart. Scripture records the Apostle Paul's prime focus for understanding. This great pioneer of the disciplines of both natural and spiritual knowledge concluded that what he knew best and most assuredly was the Whom beneath and throughout creation. I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that day (II Tim 1:12).

My grandfather, a chemist and pharmacist, believed that heaven would be an eternity of discovery. He loved the adventure of uncovering what worked and revealing what did not. I too enlisted early in the call to join the Creator's Corps of Discovery. As I have followed my quest to know across several dimensions of life and learning, I am convinced that knowing Christ (Philippians 3:10) is the ultimate answer to quenching our innate thirst for understanding. Truly all honest inquiry will lead finally to the feet of the One who is the way, the truth and the life. The most learned and wise of human history have come to one grand conclusion – In Him (Jesus) we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). My prayer is that this same grand desire will be present in the life of every Taylor alumnus until Jesus comes. On that day we finally shall know Him fully because we have become like Him. *Lux et Fidelis!*

- Dr. Gyertson,

Dr. Gyertson pictured at right with a Taylor student.







Homecoming





## Legion of Honor

The Rev. Paul D. Robbins g60, President and Publisher of Christianity Today International, Inc. received the Legion of Honor Recognition at Homecoming. The award is Taylor University's highest award, which has only been given to 14 individuals in Taylor's 159 year history and to only one other Fort Wayne graduate.

The founding editor of *Leadership Journal*, Robbins is involved in a vast network of Christian leaders, parachurch organizations, missions agencies, church denominations, religious publishers and Christian educators. Additionally, he serves on the boards of Christianity Today International, Inc. and Taylor University. Previously, he served on the boards of International Students and Greater Europe Mission.

Taylor President, Dr. David Gyertson shared, "Paul Robbins is an outstanding example of the kind and quality of education offered by Fort Wayne Bible College and Taylor University's Fort Wayne campus. In his roles with Youth for Christ, and now Christianity Today International and on our Board of Trustees, he consistently demonstrates the highest biblical ideals of servant leadership."

His administrative assistant, Laurie Powell, says "he is a man of intense prayer who seeks to be obedient to God's leading."

Above, left to right: Rob Witzig g88, alumni council president, Paul Robbins g60 and Dr. Gyertson.

Dr. Jay Platte g69 was awarded Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement. He has served the Fort Wayne campus since 1977. He was elected to the presidency of Indiana Music Education Association in 1993 and served a six-year term in addition to serving on numerous committees in the music and higher education arena.

Rev. Lowell Burrus g74 was named Distinguished Alumnus for Service to the University, for his significant contributions through personal service to the advancement of Taylor University Fort Wayne. He has pastored the same rural church (Roann, IN), where he started 34 years ago while a non-traditional student. He has traveled to Africa, Haiti, Brazil, Alaska and Nicaragua to work on church/missions projects.



Brian Hudson g91, CEO and Principal of Covenant Christian High School, Indianapolis, was recognized as Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement.

Dr. Ron Sloan was named Honorary Alumnus. The Alumni Council honored his 23-year ministry on both Taylor campuses as professor and administrator.

Previous page, left to right, top row: Dr. Ken Mays' g60 Dedicatory Recital on Ira Gerig's ha80 refurbished Steinway piano, music reunions, soccer game. Second row: Michaela Dunlop and Andrew Cook perform at the music spectrum, RoseAnn Nickel ha95 catches up with a friend at the Alumni Brunch, Calvin H. English Library dedication. Third row: 5K Run/Walk, parents enjoy the silent auction, Dr. Wes Gerig with his granddaughter at the Alumni Brunch. Fourth row: Ruth (Lehman) Catron g79 and Deb (Lehman) Shaw g80 at a music reunion, Ruth (technical services librarian) and Larry Elder g99 at the library dedication.

# 2004





# A Day With Jerry Jenkins



*Jerry Jenkins, coauthor of the Left Behind series, "I consider the Taylor Fort Wayne writing program the finest writing program in the country."*

Above: Mr. Jenkins with the Jerry B. Jenkins Scholarship recipients, Leilani Wells, sophomore, Roanoke, IN, and Sean Coburn, freshman, Bay City, MI.  
Side, left: Jerry Jenkins and Dr. Dennis Hensley, director of the professional writing major at TUFW, enjoy the day.

Jerry B. Jenkins, author of the *Left Behind* series of novels, spent November 4 in a whirlwind day of activities on the Fort Wayne campus. Jenkins was accompanied by his wife Dianna, who more than 30 years ago graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College. The two met on a blind date on the Fort Wayne campus, so the school holds many fond memories for both.

At 9 a.m. Jerry and Dr. Dennis E. Hensley, director of the professional writing major at TUFW, were guests on WBCL radio. Host Char Binkley asked both men about the craft of writing, and listeners were able to call in and ask Jerry questions. Jenkins and Hensley have been personal friends for more than 20 years and, still today, often speak at the same writers' conferences. Dr. Hensley sits on the Board of Directors of Jenkins' "Christian Writers Guild," and Jenkins has underwritten scholarships for the TUFW professional writing major.

"I consider the Taylor Fort Wayne writing program the finest writing program in the country," Jenkins told the radio audience. "I've visited many campuses and observed many creative writing and fine arts programs, but none can compare with the level of education and the track record of getting students published that Taylor's program has."

Jerry and Dianna held a press conference at 10:30 a.m., attended by numerous reporters from area newspapers, magazines and radio stations. Also present were Leilani Wells of Roanoke, IN, and Sean Cogan of Bay City, MI, who this autumn were the first two recipients of the Taylor University Fort Wayne "Jerry B. Jenkins' Writing Scholarships."

At noon, Jerry was the celebrity speaker at a "Pastors' Appreciation Lunch" held in Eicher Commons. Approximately 55 ministers, spouses, Christian educators and representatives from parachurch organizations had lunch together. They were shown a 12 minute video of Jerry Jenkins' recent appearance on "ABC-TV's Nightline: UpClose," and then Jerry gave a half hour talk before opening the floor for questions.

From 2-4 p.m. Jerry led a writing seminar for TUFW professional writing majors and

communications students. He spoke for the first hour about the craft of writing fiction and nonfiction, then during the second hour he responded to questions students had about his techniques of writing and research, how the success of "Left Behind" has changed his life, and what his future writing projects will be.

"This was an absolutely amazing experience," said junior Nathan Marchand. "Here we had the most successful novelist in the entire world on campus teaching us how to write. After his lecture, he also stayed around another half hour and let all the students pose for photos with him. He's really intelligent, but his Christian humility is obvious. That will be a day I'll remember always."

In the evening after a private dinner with the university President and members of the TUFW communications faculty, Jerry and Dianna attended a reception in their honor. During this time Dianna became reacquainted with several former Bible College classmates of hers who came by to say hello. Dianna was in college when TUFW faculty members Dr. Doug Barcalow, Dr. Roger Ringenberg, Dr. Jay Platte and Dr. David Biberstein were her classmates.

From 7 – 9 p.m. Jerry and his associate Wayne Atcheson spoke to an open house attended by approximately 200 people at Eicher Commons. Jerry spoke about his career as a writer and Atcheson talked about their work in expanding "Christian Writers Guild" to help develop new authors. Afterward, refreshments were served and Jerry donated 200 copies of his book "As You Leave Home" to those in attendance. He also sat at a table and personally autographed the copies to each visitor.

"It was a rather exhausting day," said Jenkins, smiling, "but thoroughly enjoyable. Of course, with all the new buildings, this campus has changed a lot since Dianna and I last saw it decades ago. However, it is obvious that the commitment to excellent education and service to Christ is as strong now as ever. I am convinced that Doc Hensley's young writers are going to have a major impact on the world. I'm glad I could come here to endorse this program publicly."





## Transition to Teaching

The teaching profession is an historic one. What makes this ancient profession innovative and on the cutting edge? Taylor Fort Wayne's Transition to Teaching (T2T) program.

T2T is a program designed for those who already have bachelor degrees and allows them to obtain a teaching degree in as little as 18 months. The state of Indiana required all higher education institutions to develop an alternate route to teacher licensure two years ago. Students can complete the accelerated program for certification at either the elementary or secondary level. What began as a state mandate has become a "privilege and pleasure," according to program director, Jennifer Manth, who came out of retirement to direct the program. Having most recently served as principal of South Side High School, Fort Wayne, for 11 years, she calls the opportunity a "perfect fit," as it encompasses her passions for young people, administration and keeps her active in education.

"The program began because of the shortage of teachers, specifically in the fields of math and science," Jennifer begins, "and while the majority of those in the program are pursuing their elementary education licensure, 19 are pursuing secondary education in the fields of art, biology, chemistry, English, French, math, social studies and Spanish."

Fifty-eight students (18 male/40 female), ranging in age from 22-60, are currently enrolled in Taylor University's T2T program. While the majority of students are local, some have traveled from Berne, Logansport and Marion, IN, and from Ohio. Ten have completed their coursework, received licensure and have teaching positions in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Florida and California. They teach in public and private schools and in the inner city and suburban settings. Nine others are currently student teaching, eight others will student teach in the spring. Still, Jennifer anticipates growth in the program.

"In today's society, there is a trend to have multiple careers in a lifetime. Many are leaving a first or second career and are now interested in teaching. Some have had a long term desire to teach, but for some reason did not pursue it, but have now chosen to leave their first careers to follow their hearts. With years of experience in their field of expertise, they have the majority of credits in their subject matter, and are just a few semesters from their own classroom," she comments.

Longtime substitute teachers, Steve Hampshire, Kokomo, IN, and David Todoran, Fort Wayne, have spent a combined 15 years subbing in the classroom and have decided to make a permanent commitment to the profession. Steve spent 10 years

as a manager in agriculture and the past 15 years as a professional painter and wallpaperer. Professional singer/songwriter, David is a published musician with labels in Europe and is required to travel to Italy and Germany. The flexible schedule of subbing allowed them to continue their professional careers and provided a steady source of income for their families, both of which were compelling factors for substitute teaching. Steve is pursuing an elementary education degree; David will complete his secondary English education course work this fall and student teach in the spring.

Both men agree that their prior professional experience has assisted them in their substituting and as they prepare for a classroom of their own. David shares, "Teaching is a lot like stepping up to a stage. As a musician, I have to find ways to connect with people." Although the classroom is not new to him, he feels better equipped for the classroom after participating in the T2T program. "My perspective and methods in learning styles have improved. I'm also better able to recognize, understand and handle behavioral problems," he reflects.

Even though other colleges were closer to him, Steve chose Taylor's T2T program because "Taylor's quality is excellent. Taylor's standards are high for

student recruitment and faculty alike. My classmates are focused and professional; the professors have current or recent experience as teachers or principals."

To accommodate students who hold professional jobs, are full-time parents, or both, classes are offered weekday evenings, on Saturdays and via the internet.

Laren Molinari, 1999 Michigan State University marketing graduate, spent five years in the marketing field, in what she calls a "dead end" position. "I needed a purpose, so I made a list of what my ideal job would include and all my ideas centered around children." Her professional experience was not a waste of time as she credits it with teaching her how to work with people and prioritize and manage her time better. "I wouldn't be a good student teacher if I had not had those experiences."

Born and raised in Michigan, Laren chose Taylor Fort Wayne's T2T program "because of Taylor's reputation." She adds, "What impressed me is that the program focused not only on how to teach, but how to run the classroom. It also allowed me to be in the schools immediately and that was great. There was a lot more hands-on learning than I had anticipated."

Mandy Branch, who will soon complete the program, shares, "I had the opportunity to explore many career options, and I always came back to teaching. The T2T program can

be completed in 18 months, which put me in a classroom a year faster than I had originally planned. My experience in the program at Taylor has been the most rewarding experience in my education. I felt like I belonged; that's how I knew I made the right choice by attending TUFW." April Rediger echoes Mandy's comments, "Taylor University understood my urgency to begin teaching and was able to work with my schedule to make that possible." April teaches ninth and tenth grade English in Lake County, IL.

Nearly 70 people participate in the T2T program, comprising 100+ years of professional experience in agriculture, counseling, commercial art, pharmacology, communications, music, criminal justice, and engineering fields, to name a few! T2T students come from 30 different undergraduate institutions, comprising 26 different majors. Despite varied backgrounds and life experiences, one thing is for sure, "T2T students are very committed, dedicated and sure about teaching," Jennifer shares. She concludes, "T2T students are just as qualified to teach as the traditional education major. They meet the same state requirements (as outlined by the Indiana Professional Standards Board) and receive the same licensure as bachelor-degree seeking education majors."



# The road best travelled... ...changes people's lives.

Among today's leading edge programs that Taylor University Fort Wayne offers is the Master of Business Administration degree. After nearly three years in development, the first classes of the Taylor University MBA program were launched in August of 2003 with 16 students. Those students are now completing the 16-month program and will be having their graduation ceremony on December 10, 2004.

The program recently started its second year, and it has become even more evident that a program such as Taylor's is desired by people who wish to complete their MBA degree while balancing the demands of business and family life. Students complete courses in faith-based leadership, global business practices, business development and creativity, and directed study courses in areas of professional interest. All courses use a combination of today's best business education methods, including seminars, online instruction and discussion boards, organization learning labs, and mentored learning.

"The Taylor MBA program challenges students to develop and apply their Christian faith by examining such individual traits as integrity, character, leadership, change and creativity," according to Dr. Larry Rottmeyer, Chair of the MBA Program. "This is a special program for special people."

Seventeen students are enrolled in the second MBA class which began in August 2004 with an international study tour to Germany, Switzerland and France. Business visits included Deutsche Bank, European Central Bank, Nestle World Headquarters, Caterpillar European Headquarters, World Trade Organization, Schott Glass, and Evian Water. The information learned from these presentations helped set the stage for the Competitive Strategies for Global Business and Global Marketing and Business Cultures courses taken during the first term.

Graduates of the MBA program will be prepared to actively engage in leadership roles and management positions in a variety of organizational and global settings. They will be able to effectively model servant leadership, oversee critical business functions, develop sustainable growth strategies and demonstrate decision-making and management skills.

The innovative format of Taylor University's MBA program consists of eight on-campus sessions allowing students from all over the country (and the world) to participate. Currently, the program includes students from six different U.S. states and Germany. While students are away from campus, they submit coursework via the Internet and participate in class discussions through the Blackboard Learning System, a Web-based server software platform.

One of the unique aspects of the MBA program is the wide diversity of students and professors involved in the courses. Nearly half of the students come from educational backgrounds other than business, but have found the need for more and current business education. Present MBA students have completed their undergraduate degrees from fifteen universities, in addition to the alumni of both campuses of Taylor University. "Both faculty and students seem to enjoy the dynamic interaction that comes from such a diverse group of people committed to common goals. It is exciting to see relationships forming that will last a lifetime!" states Rottmeyer, who also instructs several of the graduate business courses.

Many professors also come from around the country to instruct in the MBA program and are selected based on their expertise and understanding in working with today's adult students. Taylor MBA professors have earned their business doctorates from such institutions as Indiana University, Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Christian University, and the University of Arkansas.

As graduation of the first class draws near, it is a bittersweet time. The past sixteen months have included intensive study and commitment, but the small class size has also afforded the opportunity to develop close, lasting relationships. In looking back at what was accomplished, one of the graduating students said it this way, "I thought I would come out of the program with a degree added to my resume. In the process, I've gained an education and learned much that I didn't expect."

Admissions for the next MBA class, which begins in August 2005, has started. For more information or to enroll in the program, please contact Nancy Johnson at 260.744.8995, toll-free 866.471.6062 or by email at [mba@tayloru.edu](mailto:mba@tayloru.edu). You may also learn more information by visiting the MBA website at <http://fw.taylor.edu/mba>.

master of business administration

# MBA



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# From Questioning to Being Called



as all children do, I asked lots of questions. Because I was a child with cerebral palsy, some of the questions I asked were a little unusual. They included, “Why can’t I walk like other kids? How long will I be in the hospital this time?” and the one I wanted answered most, “I pray every night for God to heal me and every day I still have to walk with crutches. Are you sure He is listening?”

The years passed quickly and the surgeries continued. Those questions got moved to the back corner of my mind. Sometimes, they would sneak up on me like children playing, “Duck, Duck, Goose” and whisper just loud enough to be heard, “are you sure God is listening?”

When I returned to college in the spring of 2000 after a divorce, I not only wasn’t sure if God was listening, I doubted that I was even worthy of being heard.

That semester I was assigned to give an informative speech. Uncertain of what topic to choose, I did what I had always done. I asked my mom. She suggested that I make a list of tasks I would like to do every day. After that, I could choose an occupation to speak about that included several of those things. When I had finished, my list included things like: talk to people, share my faith, encourage others.

After having finished my list I shared it with my mom and step-dad, Sherm. Sherm said that my list sounded an awful lot like what his daughter-in-law Rose did at the hospital. He said she was a chaplain.

The following morning I contacted Parkview Hospital to see if I might shadow a chaplain. The pastoral care director was not at all receptive. She said that the opportunity to shadow was only given to those in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program. I asked her to pray about it for one week and I promised to do the same. I told her that if she still felt the same way after praying about the issue, I would gladly choose another topic. Two days later she phoned to say that she had spoken to the chaplains on her staff. One had agreed to let me accompany him on rounds the following week. I knew, although I did not say so at the time, that this wasn’t a decision made by a chaplain, but by God.

The following Tuesday morning, for the first time in 30 years, I couldn’t wait to get to the hospital. At the last minute I agreed to take my electric wheelchair. This would be the first time I had used it in public.

In the early afternoon the chaplain and I visited the oncology unit. I was told the woman we would be visiting was a pastor’s wife whom he had known for many years.

When we entered the room the chaplain introduced me as a

Taylor student who was interested in chaplaincy. The woman smiled warmly and said hello. Her next remark caught me off guard. She said, “Dear, you are an answer to prayer.” I said, “I’m sorry, I’m not sure I understand what you mean.” She said, “Two weeks ago my left leg was removed just below the knee to keep the cancer from spreading. The doctors say I am well enough to go home. Do you know why I am still here?” I shook my head. She paused for a moment, then pointing to the gray manual wheelchair parked a few feet away, she said, “I am still here because I can’t bring myself to get in there.”

She went on to say that she and her husband had been married for 40 years. She said as happy as she had always been to share in the work of the ministry, the thing that really had always brought her great joy was being “his lady.” She continued, “I can’t bring myself to get in that chair because when he looks at me I never want to see pity in his eyes. I always want to see love.”

I knew exactly what she meant. When you have a physical challenge that impairs mobility, the wheelchair, although an asset, can also be a dark enemy. In your mind you are constantly trying to answer the question, if I use the wheelchair to get around will I still be loved or will I be looked at as a failure? For several months I had wept several times in my husband’s arms as in my mind I placed all my questions and doubts on one side of the scale and the wheelchair on the other, trying desperately to find balance between the two.

God had used a visit to the hospital that day to alter two lives. Two days later she was released, happy to return home as his lady. God used this experience to answer my questions. I have been given Cerebral Palsy and have spent time in the hospital so that I might better relate to impaired people in my role as chaplain.

As I remember the day God transformed my questions into His divine calling, I also reflect on the responsibility outlined in II Peter 1:10: “So dear brothers, work hard to prove you really are among those God has called and chosen, and then you will never stumble or fall.”

I am now completing my degree and look forward to serving full-time as a hospital chaplain.





## Taylor Fort Wayne: Seen and Heard *Making a Difference in the World*

**I**f you live in the greater Fort Wayne area, chances are you have seen the Taylor University Fort Wayne commercial, airing on ABC, NBC, Fox 55 and a variety of Comcast Cable channels, or heard the Taylor Fort Wayne radio spots on WBCL (90.3 FM), STAR (88.3 FM), WAJI (95.1 FM), or WOWO (1190 AM). The recent marketing and branding campaign has provided the new marketing and positioning strategies which include printed materials, broadcast materials and the web redesign.

The radio and TV spots state: "A university education can make a difference in your life, but at Taylor University Fort Wayne your education can help you make a difference in the world."

"Has there ever been a better time to apply your calling in a way that makes a difference?"

## Wireless Access on Campus

When students returned to campus in the fall, they discovered a variety of obvious improvements including the completed Calvin H. English Library, Clyde Taylor House and Lillian Rolf Home.

A significant, but invisible improvement, is wireless computer access accessible to residents in Hausser, Bethany, Schultz and Oakwood. This provides students with easier access to the Taylor network, their file shares, internet and online courses. Students may see additional benefits including lower phone bills, as they will not have to use or pay for dial-up connection, which also frees up phone lines when students dial off campus or when parents or others try to phone their student.



## New Website Launched

Taylor University Fort Wayne online communication and technology administrators launched a new University website October 15, 2004. The launch of the new site, <http://fw.taylor.edu>, caps a nine-month process of research, consulting, design and content development.

Taylor University Fort Wayne web redesign project manager, Tricia Halferty, says, "The new site features updated navigation, the University's new marketing colors and a stronger emphasis on the campus' focus on academic programs, applied learning and spiritual formation."

Indianapolis, IN, based Brainstorm guided the architecture, interface and design of the site using branding concepts from Crane MetaMarketing of Atlanta, GA.

Taylor president Dr. David J. Gyertson shares, "As I paged through the various sections, the Taylor University Fort Wayne spiritual formation and applied learning distinctives are clear and compelling. This excellent work, blessed by the Lord, will yield significant benefits for Taylor Fort Wayne's informing and transforming work. To say that I am pleased, yes even ecstatic, with the new website would be an understatement."

Within the context of Taylor University's Christ-centered mission and core values, the Fort Wayne campus is a covenant community, preparing individuals, through applied learning and spiritual formation, for their professional, service and ministry callings. For more information, contact Taylor University Fort Wayne at 260-744-8600 or visit <http://fw.taylor.edu>.



## Mentoring to Make a Difference

For most children, Christmas is considered a time of joy, excitement, love and family, but for 900 children in the Allen County area, Christmas is a concrete reminder of the absence of a parent who is incarcerated. Taylor University Fort Wayne students are stepping up and stepping into the lives of these children. By partnering with Angel Tree® ministries, a ministry of Prison Fellowship International (PFI) founded in 1976 by Chuck Colson, Taylor students are being called, trained and matched with inmates' children as mentors. This Christmas these children will receive traditional gifts purchased by their mentors on behalf of their incarcerated parents, and will also receive the gift of a friendship with one of Taylor Fort Wayne's criminal justice students.

In September, 18 criminal justice students attended an Angel Tree® Mentor Training seminar, conducted by Willie Jenkins, PFI's field director for Indiana. The TUFW-PFI partnership developed when Dr. Steve Smith, Professor of Justice Studies, TUFW and Mark Earley, President, PFI, realized they had the same passion, to see the lives of children of inmates changed through mentoring relationships with Taylor students. Angel Tree® mentoring programs exist on other college campuses; however Taylor is the only university in the nation to make the Angel Tree® mentoring a part of the student's curriculum.

In November of their freshman year, Taylor students will be connected with an inmate's child, whom they will mentor for three years. The mentor experience is part of the core curriculum; students will receive college credit. Student mentors will meet face-to-face with their mentees for two to three hours per week. Mentors are not encouraged to fill such roles as counselors, pastors, or surrogate parents to these children. The development of these relationships is the first priority, the secondary goal is to break the cycle of criminogenic families. "These are some of the most at risk of at-risk children because they are six times more likely to end up in jail than other children," reported Earley, former Attorney General of Virginia.

God has called Christians to the task of ministering and showing mercy to these children. Psalm 82:3, commands, "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed." (NIV)

Currently 19 students are enrolled in the program: 10 freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors and five seniors. "Our prayer is that the lives of these children are truly touched by God's love in the flesh through our student mentors," Chuck Marseilles, senior, PFI student coordinator.

Above: Chuck Marseilles with his Angel Tree® mentees.



## Relief Trip Changes Lives

The Caribbean saw devastation this fall from hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, not seen in years.

According to the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), 1,500 Haitians were killed, seven were killed in Grenada, where 90% of their homes were damaged or destroyed and 5,000 were displaced into shelters. Eighteen Jamaicans were killed and 18,000 were displaced.

A team from Taylor Fort Wayne, comprised of alumni, students, staff and friends, traveled to Jamaica during the University's fall break to provide hurricane relief assistance.

The team met residents' tangible needs, focusing efforts on structural repairs to local homes, the Jesus for Jamaica school and a clinic. With the destruction of crops, the team also met current and future physical needs by distributing food packets, providing food for soup kitchens to be established and brought seeds to plant new crops.

The Jamaicans lives were not the only ones that were touched.

While the Jamaicans' homes and buildings were transformed, several of the ministry team's hearts were transformed. Baxter shares that life-changing decisions took place in several of the team members' lives as one rededicated her life to Christ and followed three other students in baptism.

"The destruction of the land could be seen for miles," shares Dick Baxter, team coordinator. "It was amazing to see that while the storms damaged the land, the resolve of the Jamaican people was steadfast. Dick has a firm commitment to minister to the island; he has traveled to the country on mission trips approximately 20 times. He adds, "By the end of each trip new friendships with children and adults are established that continue long after their return to the states through letters and cell phones.



Daniel Martinez, TUFW freshman, sits on the steps of the Jesus for Jamaica school with students after completing construction of a swing set on the campus.



## Fitness Center Gets In Shape

The Stephen Morley Fitness Center on campus recently experienced its own "tone up."

The first installation of the fitness center improvement plan came on August 2, when old aerobic equipment was replaced with two remanufactured Precor 544 elliptical machines, one reconditioned Precor 692 treadmill and one reconditioned Tectrix Bikemax 3000 recumbent bicycle. The second installation came in September with an upgrade in strength training equipment. Eleven Nautilus Steel Line stations replaced the out-of-date, bulky and inefficient strength training equipment. The new equipment was needed to facilitate academic and co-curricular programs to promote fitness and wellness among students and employees.

It was the priority of the 2003-04 student government, Taylor Student Organization (TSO), to improve aerobic equipment in the fitness room. TSO spent wisely and conservatively throughout the year and was able to provide seed money for the equipment. TSO shared their vision with the Fort Wayne Planning and Assessment Council during their May 2004 meeting. Taylor University administration heard the students' concerns and as a result of the meeting, Dr. Gyertson, president, organized a committee to evaluate a plan. The committee, comprised of administrators,

faculty and students, studied the issues and proposed a plan that resulted in the purchase of the reconditioned/remanufactured aerobic machines as well as the new strength training equipment.



## Taylor Theatre Organization

Taylor Theatre Organization (TTO) is on the scene for a second year. Adam Turner, director, looks forward to a great program for 2004-05. This year's program includes *Anne of Green Gables*, *Glass Menagerie* and a musical. The musical will be a new joint-venture between the TTO and Music Department this spring.

Turner envisions the Taylor Theatre Organization becoming a reputable asset for Taylor University Fort Wayne and the community. Turner hopes that one day the organization will become a thriving program with a major professors and a department.

*Anne of Green Gables* premieres in Founder's Hall December 3-4, 2004. The production is open to the public. For tickets or more information call 260-747-6481 or email [aturner@kconline.com](mailto:aturner@kconline.com).

## Bethel College Bestows Honorary Doctorate Degree upon Dr. Wes

*Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN, conferred upon Wesley L. Gerig a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, November 7.*

For 53 years Wesley L. Gerig g51 has ministered loyally in the Missionary Church as a pastor, a professor and a biblical theologian. A graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College, Fuller Theological Seminary and the University of Iowa, since 1957 "Dr. Wes" has made his mark as a demanding but beloved instructor of Bible, Greek, Hebrew, Theology and Church History at Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College/Taylor University Fort Wayne. He served concurrently for nine years as an

instructor and director of admissions for the Winona Lake School of Theology, for over 16 years as a senior interim pastor for a variety of congregations and repeatedly as a speaker for churches, camps, conferences and colleges across North America and around the globe. Dr. Gerig was a translator of the New International Version and a contributor to scholarly reference works. He has taught twice in the Graduate College at Bethel. He is married to Mary Carolyn (Steiner), the daughter of missionaries to Peru, and is the father of four married children: Jeanne (Gerig) Johnson, a missionary in Tokyo, Japan; John Gerig, a missionary in St. Petersburg, Russia; Jeff Gerig, a minister in Troy, Ohio; and Jared Gerig, a teacher in Fort Wayne, IN. He rejoices in 10 grandchildren. Dr. Gerig is a great model for those who desire to combine exacting scholarship, a holy life and practical ministry.







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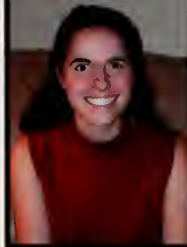
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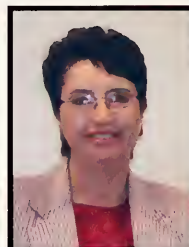
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## Student, Faculty and Staff Honors and Accomplishments

Dr. Doug Barcalow, professor of Christian education, completed his eleventh consecutive year as executive director of the Foellinger Foundation Summer Youth Initiative which involves over 400 children and youth from Allen County in programs located on five college campuses in Fort Wayne. The program is funded through a generous grant from the Foundation, and is in its second year of a \$423,000 grant. He took 26 students to the Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 13-15. He will be on a sabbatical leave Spring 2005 to research practicum studies for undergraduate programs of ministry preparation. Dr. David D. Biberstein, professor of pastoral ministries, will teach Introduction to Preaching during the J-Term at the Jamaica Theological Seminary and Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Kingston, Jamaica. Laura Buck, senior, computer science major, completed an internship at the headquarters of OMS International, Greenwood, IN. She worked on their website, developed several computer database applications and input forms. An article she wrote, "Good News for OMS Australia," was published under her byline in the July/September 2004 edition of OMS Outreach magazine. Dr. Mike Cook, assistant professor of psychology, presented "Teaching Ethics as An Extension of Identity," at the Fort Wayne Area Dean's Conference on Teaching. He has presented and conducted workshops on the topic of Worldviews at St. Joe Behavioral Health's Clinician Series, Fellowship Missionary Church and InterVarsity's Urban Leadership Academy. He co-founded the Fellowship of Christian Counselors, a regional association of Christian counselors meeting for the purposes of fellowship, networking and continuing education. Liz Cotrone, residence hall director/instructor, received her master's degree in spiritual formation from Moody Bible Institute, May 2004. Ruth Elder, technical services librarian/associate professor and Miriam Rose, instructional materials coordinator/instructor presented "Connecting with Library Science Students Through an Internship" at the Association of Christian Librarian's national conference in Springfield, MO, in June. Miriam received her master's of library science degree from Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis, in May. Suze Fair, instructor of Communication Arts, presented a paper entitled, "Developing an Efficient Way To Explore Children's Expectations of the Parent-Child Relationship" at the National Communication Association in Chicago. Dr. Dennis Hensley, associate professor

of English, was a keynote speaker and continuing class instructor at the Glorieta Christian Writers Conference in New Mexico, October 13-17. Andrea Matetic, senior, professional writing, completed an internship with *The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*. Four of her features ran nationwide on the Knight-Ridder wire service, appearing in more than 50 national publications. Kay Reusser, library, attended the Mount Herman Christian Writer's Conference in Mt. Hermon, CA. Her article, "Mercy for a Murderer?" was published in *Today's Christian Woman*, May/June 2004. Professor John Schutt's environment and society class completed measuring the trees on the Forest Edge project which began last year. Future studies will focus on the shrub and herb layers. He received the Fort Wayne Camera Club's Travelling Trophy for his contributions to the club last year where he took 1st and 2nd place slide-of-the-year and several honorable mentions. In October, he served as a judge at the SWMCCC (Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs) meeting and presented a seminar entitled, "Creative Flash Photography." Dr. Steve Smith, professor of justice studies, presented "Motivating Local Government to Rethink Correctional Practices: A Case Study" to the Fifth International Conference on Conferencing, Circles and Other Restorative Practices, August 6, 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He has written reviews for "Reefer Madness by Richard Schlosser," *Trends in Organized Crime*, Vol. 7, No 2 and "Understanding Terrorism by Gus Martin" in *The Christian Sociologist*. Sonja Strahm, assistant professor/director of the academic center for enrichment, completed her fifth year as site director for St. Patrick's Clubhouse program. The 20-day skill enrichment program for innercity children is collaborate effort of TUFW and St. Patrick Catholic Church, funded by the Foellinger Foundation. As vice president of the National Association for Developmental Education, she has attended conferences in Tennessee, Texas, Indiana and Nevada this fall. Leilani Wells, junior, professional writing major, wrote an *Adventures in Odyssey* script as part of her internship with Focus on the Family last summer. She traveled to California during October for the recording of her script, entitled "The Last I Do," a history of St. Valentine's Day focusing on the sanctity of marriage, which will air February 12, 2005.





Above: The Lady Falcons after the 2004 USCAA National Tournament.

Front row (l to r): Lindsay Stipp, Jenni Wallace. Second row (l to r): Rachel Kindel, Cassie Warriner, Angie Hoeppner. Back row (l to r): Scott Haddix, coach, Sarah Hodgkin, Becca Eleiott, Jessica Warriner, Dani Partee, Lynnea Joy Johnson, Ryan Strasser, manager.

## Women's Volleyball

The 2004 Taylor Fort Wayne Lady Falcon Volleyball team finished with a 25-13 record and a second place finish in the 2004 United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Tournament hosted at TUFW.

Dani Partee (Stryker, OH) and Angie Hoeppner (Spencerville, IN) were named USCAA All-American honorable mentions. Jessica Warriner (Fort Wayne, IN) received an Academic All-American Award. Sophomore Sarah Hodgkin (Fort Wayne, IN) was placed on the National Tournament team for a second straight year, and received the USCAA All-American Honor. Lindsay Stipp (Fort Wayne, IN), the greatest setter in Taylor Fort Wayne Volleyball history, was named to the National Tournament Team for a second straight year, received the USCAA All-American Award and Academic All-American Award for her second straight year.

The most significant aspect of the whole season, according to the team, has not been the worldly rewards that were received, but the knowledge that in all that has been done and accomplished, Jesus Christ has been honored and glorified in their play and lives.

"Using our volleyball talents to express our love for Jesus Christ was our number one goal for the season this year. I think we have done that really well," says Sarah Hodgkin.

## Men's Soccer

After going 5-9-1 in 2003, second year coach Tim Kintz led this year's short-handed squad to an overall record of 8-9. "I am very pleased with this group of young men. We played some early matches with either no subs at all or had to play a man short the entire game due to low numbers and injuries, so to finish as strong as we did, says a lot of the desire and talent of this team."

Many school records were either tied or broken this year. Offensively, the team scored 50 goals in 17 games, up from 18 goals in 16 games a year ago and the most goals per game average since 1991. Freshman tandem Ryan Kubly and Jon Snell, both of Fort Wayne, IN, led the charge. Each was named USCAA Player of the Week. Senior goalkeeper Brian Kuhrt, Simsbury, CT, led the team in saves. The team also tied two team school records with wins in a season (8) and most goals scored-single game (10). Jon Snell also set a new school assists record with four in one game. Taylor University Fort Wayne was honored with three post season awards: Freshmen Kubly was named a First Team National All-American and Snell was National All-American Honorable Mention. Senior Adam Harbaugh, St. Clair, MI, earned a spot on the First Team National Academic All-American team for the second year in a row. Sophomore Kevin Woods, Houston, TX, and junior Patrick Jessup, Fort Wayne, IN, both received USCAA Player of the Week honors during the season. Jessup also set the school record for most career three-pointers made.



## Council of 100

On October 16, Taylor University Fort Wayne welcomed 44 inductees into its Council of 100. The inductees, who have given a minimum of \$100,000, represent individuals, corporations, foundations and estates that have faithfully and sacrificially supported the Fort Wayne campus...some in just the last few years, some for decades.

Council of 100 members who attended the

October 16 Induction Ceremony. Front row

(l to r): Highla Ellen Kiessling, Clifford Eichenauer,

Cyril Eicher. Second row (l to r): Helen Clark

(representing Virgil and Helen Loughheed), Rose Ann

Nickel, Elsie Brandenberger, Willodean Klopfenstein, Marguerite Whiteford, Dorothy Winders (representing George Powers Estate),

Lowena Gerig (representing Grabill Bank), Daryl Yost. Third row (l to r): David Clark (representing Virgil and Helen Loughheed), Olivia

Schultz (representing Mary C. and Perry F. Spencer Foundation), Ted Nickel, D.J. Brandenberger, Lawrence Whiteford. Back row (l to r):

Homer Harper (representing Mary C. and Perry F. Spencer Foundation), Paul Zurcher, Betty Zurcher, Richard Steiner, Marilyn Steiner,

Ruth Steiner, Paul Steiner, Galen Maust (representing Niblick Family Foundation).



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For more information regarding the Samuel Morris Society, contact Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement, at 260.744.8775 or [shharter@tayloru.edu](mailto:shharter@tayloru.edu).

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## WBCL Meets Listeners Needs; WBCL Listeners Meet World Needs

**S**ince the sign-on of the first commercial radio station, KDKA in Pittsburgh in 1920, the radio industry has enjoyed tremendous popularity, provided listeners with endless hours of entertainment and information, and played a valuable role in the making of history.

Since the sign-on of WBCL in 1976, the first 50,000-watt station in northern Indiana has broadcast the hope and joy found in Jesus Christ, enabling spiritual history-making that only Heaven will totally reveal.

Change has been the one constant at WBCL. A target audience of ages 35-54 dictates that music and programming keep pace with the growing needs of that age demographic. Prayer, creative thinking, and strategic planning are paramount.

One listener wrote, "Growing up, I always had a place in my heart for my parents' radio station. I never really connected with the majority of the music you played. A few months ago, while station-surfing, I found WBCL again. Now WBCL is my radio station, too. Thank you so much for making WBCL a station that works for my generation."

Since the demanding lifestyle of this age group keeps them on the move,

spiritual messages come in 60- and 90-second "bites." Concentration for 30 minutes on one speaker's message is no longer a possibility for most listeners. These challenging "bites" are sprinkled throughout the broadcast day to continually call the listener to a life of growth in Jesus.

Those in this age demographic respond eagerly to the needs of people; and WBCL's outreach projects provide an avenue for their giving. Even as you are reading this article, a ship is carrying 20,000 clothing items across the ocean to the street children of Romania. These new and gently-worn coats, new boots and new shoes were provided during a two-week collection period that took WBCL staff to numerous towns to greet the very generous listeners. Some listeners brought 100 new pairs of boots, some brought 25 new coats, while others sacrificially gave one item from a heart of love.

It is with inspiration and innovation that the WBCL staff desires to motivate families to grow in Christ and then enable them to touch a world in need.



# Following the call



Receiving a Teacher of the Year award in 2002 is evidence of Lawanda Windom's dedication to the teaching profession. "I have made it my mission to ensure my students not only receive the essential skills they need to pass standardized tests and progress to the next grade, but to become lifelong learners who seek knowledge to nourish their minds," Windom explains.

Part of nurturing her students is finding unique ways to help them learn. Windom has applied for and received grants to support a unit about Native Americans, along with developing original units about the Old West. To help make subjects come alive, Windom has also sponsored trips for her class to visit a variety of cities.

"I discourage average learning and encourage excellence," says Windom, who has been a teacher with Fort Wayne Community Schools since 1975.

That sort of learning atmosphere is similar to the one Windom experienced on the Fort Wayne campus when she was a student herself. "My professors helped me realize that I would not just be teaching and reaching the heads and hearts of students but also their spirits."



In South Africa, where AIDS is as widespread as poverty, Peter Torry says his organization saw a way to help fill an obvious gap in the fight against the deadly disease.

"We felt there was a need for biblically based AIDS abstinence material," explains Torry, executive director of international development for the International Bible Society (IBS). "Many organizations in South Africa work on AIDS issues, but few work on prevention. They had nothing to give young people to help them build a moral basis for their lives."

As a result, IBS developed a "Reach for Life" New Testament. Targeted for a younger generation, the publication includes a section which talks about the importance of abstinence and God's plan for salvation. "Right now, Africa is losing an entire generation to AIDS. We can help save the future generation," says Torry.

Prior to joining IBS, Torry was president of Open Doors with Brother Andrew, an organization that provides Bibles and scriptural resources to people in countries where the Christian church is under persecution.



# Alumni News Notes

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## 1938

Rev. Robert Hubaker, husband of 63 years to **Vera (Rohr) Hubaker fs38** passed away March 25. Before he retired, he founded and was pastor to churches in Ohio, Indiana, Texas and Florida. Vera's address is 625 6th Ave N, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

## 1939

**Genevieve (Dilgart) Leightner's g39** husband of 65 years, Clinton, entered heaven on September 9. He was a member of Gideon's International for 60 years. He helped plant a Missionary Church in Tennessee and Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Pandora Missionary Church where he had been a Sunday school superintendent and held other offices. Genevieve's address is 803 Sherman St, Pandora, OH 45877-9464.

## 1947

**Rev. Royal Steiner's g47**, TUUg50 wife, Polly, passed away August 5. He moved closer to his son; he lives at 501 E Main St NE Apt 10, Menahga, MN 56464-8701.

## 1950

**Rev. J. Harlan g50** and Annie Laurie (Myers) **Wright** were married on June 26. **Stephen H. Wright fs70** was best man. The Wright's address is 7124 Clubhouse Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

## 1951

**Dr. Wes g51** and **Mary Carolyn (Steiner) Gerig g52** welcome grandson Benjamin Clayton born May 4 to son and daughter-in-law, **Jared TUUg89** and **Dr. Laura (Rich) Gerig TUUg91**. He joins sisters, Hannah and Madeline.

## 1953

Pete and **Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53** officially retired from TEAM Missions on September 1. They were in France briefly in October for seminars and preaching. Contact them at 2540 Tricia Dr, Jackson, MI 49201, (517) 750-2391; petedonelda@sbcglobal.net.

## 1954

Calvin and **Marilyn (Ringenberg) Klopenstein fs54** celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary on July 10. They have three sons and four grandchildren. Calvin retired from C. G. Klopfenstein Builders, Inc., a company he and Marilyn started in 1953.

## 1956

**Rev. Keith Davis g56** retired in 1994; he continues to serve as parish visitor and interim minister in several United Methodist and American Baptist churches. He also serves as chaplain of the Indiana State Police. His address is 174 Dogwood Dr, Warren, IN 46792.

## 1960

**Carl Sherbeck g60** and his wife Barbara retired after 37 years of service with TEAM in the United Arab Emirates where they most recently served the Arab Evangelical Church of Dubai and the Dubai Evangelical Church Center. Contact them at 33 Millstone Rd, Madison, WI 53717, (608) 833-1746; cbsherbeck@tds.net.

## 1964

**Roger fs65** and **Suzanne Doriot** are missionaries in Papua, Indonesia, working on Bible translation. This fall they plan to translate the Jesus video in the Nalja language. Email them at rdoriot@ufm.org.

**Rev. James Larnard g64** is senior pastor of First Church of the Galilean. His wife, **Elaine (Armstrong) fs62**, serves as music coordinator and worship leader. They live in Sebring, FL. Email them at larnardje@peoplepc.com.

## 1965

**Alma (Haney) Keller-Dake g65** is the administrator of Bible Temple Day Care and Preschool in Toledo, OH. Her husband, Robert is retired. Email them at rkdkgk@aol.com.

**Steve Morley g65** retired from coaching basketball after 37 years; he continues to be athletics director and dean of students at Southwestern College. Email him at morley@swcaz.edu.

## 1966

**Myron g66** and **Betty Harrison g65**,

missionaries serving in the Philippines, are on home assignment until January. They plan to retire in 2006. Email them at harrisonmyron@omf.net and harrisonbetty@omf.net.

## 1967

**Sharon (Walter) Hull g67** was named faculty member of the month at Keystone Schools, Laverne Street location, and was nominated into "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." She and **Bill g69**, have two adult children, **Brenda g92** and **Mark g93**. Email them at billsharonhull@cs.com.

**Robert g67** and **Joan (Duthie) Parker g69** own Diamond and Court Lettering. Bob was 2002 Sports Person of the year for the Michigan Legend Series. Joan works as a receptionist and volunteers with Awanas and Woodside Summer Camp at their church. They recently moved to 8885 Headley Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

## 1968

**Helen Inman g68** serves with SIM in the US headquarters as MK Care Coordinator. She has been ministering with SIM since 1975 in Liberia, Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire. Email her at Helen.inman@sim.org.

**Connie Vollmar g68** is a family support worker in the division of Healthy Families at SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) Fort Wayne, IN, where she is a case manager and teaches the "Parents as Teachers" curriculum in homes of newborns. Email her at cvollmarfw@yahoo.com.

## 1969

**Rev. Ronald Johnson fs69** pastors Avondale United Methodist Church. His wife, **Linda (Heath) g70**, is ministry marketing specialist at Indiana Wesleyan University. Linda's email is Linda.Johnson@indwes.edu.

**Arden and Helen (McIntosh) Steele g69** are missionaries in Bolivia. They have four adult children and five grandchildren. Email them at arden.steele@sim.org.



February 28-March 11

Monday-Friday

6-9 pm ET



**Janet Nickel g74** now serves with World Relief of the National Association of Evangelicals in Sierra Leone as program coordinator for F.A.I.T.H. (Faith-based Agencies Initiative in Trafficking of Humans). They provide support services to victims, vocational training, assistance in finding family members and reintegration into society. Email her at [janetnickel@cs.com](mailto:janetnickel@cs.com).

**Mark g78** and **Dee Krueger** are on home assignment. Please pray for their health and safety and wisdom for Mark's duties. Email them at [timbifolks@speedymail.org](mailto:timbifolks@speedymail.org).

For the last 12 years, **Dr. David Rusk g78**, has been a chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, OH. Previously, he was a professor and an instructor at several colleges and universities. He and his wife, **Brenda (Dinger) fs78**, have four children. Email him at [drusk@shp-dayton.org](mailto:drusk@shp-dayton.org).

## 1971

**Dr. Doug g71** and **Pam (Carey) Barcalow's g71** daughter, **Dr. Melissa Hullinger, M.D. TUUg97** has joined Internal Medicine Associates Family Practice in Bloomington. Doug has sabbatical leave Spring 2005 at TUFW to research practicum studies for undergraduate programs of ministry preparation.

**Rev. Larry Salsburey g71** pastors Grace Community Missionary Church in Bad Axe, MI. He is pursuing his doctor of ministry degree at Asbury Seminary. His wife, **Annette (Goldsmith) g72** is an elementary teacher at Laker schools. Email them at [lasalburey@hotmail.com](mailto:lasalburey@hotmail.com).

## 1972

**Rick g72** and **Monica Haberkamp** serve the Lord in Chad, Africa. Rick is coordinator of this year's annual conference in December. Monica conducts a weekly prayer meeting with children. Email them at [haberk5@yahoo.com](mailto:haberk5@yahoo.com).

**Paul g72** and **Marian (Enders) Keidel g72** serve the churches in France where many are being saved and baptized. They are seeing new families in attendance and a new church has begun. Email them at [marian.paul@juno.com](mailto:marian.paul@juno.com).

## 1974

**Rev. Stanley g74** and **Anita (Warner) Diehl g69** reside in Westminster, MD, where Stan pastors the Piney Creek Church of the Brethren and Anita is a teaching assistant for the Carroll County Public School system. Email them at [stanita7@hotmail.com](mailto:stanita7@hotmail.com).

**Karla (Dunham) Morris fs74** is working on her bachelor's degree in special education at Tarleton University in Texas. Email her at [gloryboundkm@yahoo.com](mailto:gloryboundkm@yahoo.com).

## 1975

**Rick Engle g75** is president of David's Heart Productions. His wife, **Judy (Byrd) g75**, serves as music and technical ministries secretary at Fremont Community Church, Fremont, CA. Email them at [rickengle@hotmail.com](mailto:rickengle@hotmail.com) and [judy\\_engle@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_engle@hotmail.com).

## 1976

**Dale g76** and **Debbie Ackerman fs76** reside in Gaylord, MI, where Dale is director of development at Child Evangelism Fellowship and Debbie is a child support specialist for Otsego County. Email them at [daleackerman@hotmail.com](mailto:daleackerman@hotmail.com) and [dackerman@i2k.com](mailto:dackerman@i2k.com).

## 1977

**Al g77** and **Carol (Bloomberg) Seawell fs75** are employed at American International Group, Inc. in Pennsylvania. Al is marketing supervisor and Carol is recovery assistant manager. They have five children; Ryan, Jeremy, Brandon, Lindsey and Erin. Email them at [al.seawell@verizon.net](mailto:al.seawell@verizon.net) and [crseawell@msn.com](mailto:crseawell@msn.com).

## 1978

**Mark fs78** and **Debbie (Rupp) Blosser g79** serve with Trans World Radio in Swaziland, Africa. Mark is technical administrator and Debbie is secretary to the station director. Email them at [mblosser@posix.co.sz](mailto:mblosser@posix.co.sz).

**Rev. William Branks fs78** received his master of divinity degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in June. He and his wife, **Tamra (Siemantel) g76**, relocated to downtown Chicago and serve with Chicago Area Church Planters. Email them at [come2church@juno.com](mailto:come2church@juno.com).

**Dr. Alan g78** and **Kim (Wills) Yerke g78** directed a youth performing arts group that ministered to children and teens in Dublin, Ireland, this past summer. Email him at [ayerke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ayerke@sbcglobal.net).

## 1979

In September 2003, **Rev. Dan Burkey g79** became senior pastor of Trinity Missionary Church in Constantine, MI. Sons, Timothy (22), Andrew (20) and Mark (18) are members of the band "The Honour Recital." Son, Adam is a junior at Constantine High School. Email Dan and his wife, **Erin (McCormick) g80** at [danburkey@msn.com](mailto:danburkey@msn.com).

**Evelyn Tomlinson g79** is pursuing her master of arts in counseling at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. Email her at [evie74921@mindspring.com](mailto:evie74921@mindspring.com).

## 1980

**Carol Findlay g80** is on a one-year home assignment from Korea. Email her at [cpilgrim@chollian.net](mailto:cpilgrim@chollian.net).

## 1981

**Jean Baumbach fs81** ministers in the Niger Republic, is translating I Corinthians to the Fulfulde language and conducts a Kids Club. Email her at [alheri@compuserve.com](mailto:alheri@compuserve.com).

After a short furlough in Indiana, **John g81** and **Julie Gerig**, World Partners missionaries, returned to Russia in August. Please pray as they launch the Youth for Christ-St. Petersburg ministry this fall and as they establish 10 strong youth programs in local churches. Email them at [110413.2435@compuserve.com](mailto:110413.2435@compuserve.com).

## 1982

**Willem Tops g82** and his wife Sue are reaching Belgians for Christ via



church involvement and prison ministry. August 17 marked 30 years of marriage for them. Contact them at Daalstraat 35, 3850 Nieuwerkerken, Belgium; topslanz@pandora.be.

**Dwight Weber g82** serves as executive director of ministries at Colonial Woods Missionary Church. Email him at dwight@colonialwoodsmc.com.

## 1983

**Steve McFadden g83** is product administrator at Forest City Technologies, Inc. He and his family reside in South Amherst, OH. Email him at smcfadden@forestcitytech.com.

**Nancy (Dudley) Wilson g83** teaches English in Angola, IN. She and her husband Mike have two children, Caitlin (14) and Matthew (12). She recently completed TUFW's transition to teaching program. Email her at nancyknit@earthlink.net.

## 1985

**Dan Lambert g85** is associate professor of youth ministry at John Brown University. He wrote and recently published "Teaching That Makes A Difference," a textbook for Youth Specialties Academic, published by Zondervan. Email him at dlambert@jbu.edu.

**Robert g85 and Nancy (Hodges) Vale g85** celebrated 20 years of marriage in June. Robert is senior pastor at Argos UMC, Nancy teaches fifth grade at Dickenson Middle School, South Bend, IN. They have three children, Rebecca (16), Joshua (14) and Daniel (12). Email them at valehouse@aol.com.

**Lori Wilka g85** is administrative assistant at Veterans' Administration working with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. She attends Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, directs the Young Musicians Children's Choir and plays in the orchestra and praise band. She is league director for the Kenner Upward basketball and cheerleading leagues, a four area church effort. Email her at locohoosier@hotmail.com.

## 1986

**Brad Ball g86** and his wife, Dee, serve with Cadence International in hospitality centers for the military. They will minister to army personnel near Fort Jackson Columbia, SC, then

South Korea at a hospitality center near the Osan Air Base. Email him at brad.ball@cadence.org.

**Rev. Raymond Hylton g86** completed his doctor of ministry degree from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary last spring. Email him at rihyltonsr@aol.com.

## 1987

**Mark g87 and Tami (Platter) Burritt g88** and family have moved to Marion, IN, where Mark is assistant controller at Indiana Wesleyan University. Email him at mark.burritt@indwes.edu.

**Dave g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76** were blessed this summer with visits from prayer and work teams where they serve as missionaries in the Middle East. Email them at dmcdeavitt@pactec.net.

## 1988

**Andrew Davis fs88** is a service manager and technician for RWD Service, Inc. in Seymour, IN. He and his wife, Bonnie, have two children: Nancy (7) and Jesse (4). Email him at aztrap@htonline.net.

**Kevin March's g88** latest opera/musical, "Leading Lady," was chosen for this year's "Not for Broadway" festival in New York City. It received its premiere at the festival in May. He also completed "Dance Suite" which was commissioned by The Community Concert Series of The Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs, New Port Richey, FL, for the Bay Area Saxophone Quartet and organist. Kevin moved to Melbourne, Australia, in July. Email him at kevininoz2004@yahoo.com.

## 1989

**Bruce g89 and Dawn (Clark) Cluckie g89** are church planters in Guinea. Bruce works on the pastors' training and discipleship material, "Train and Multiply." Email them at bdcluckie@cs.com.

**John Cliff g89** and Joy **McCalister** are missionaries in Mexico City. Cliff's email is cmccalister@lam.org.

## 1990

**Jeffrey fs90** and Barbara **Hill**, with their daughter, Victoria, announce the birth of Joshua on March 17. Their email is jbvj7@juno.com.

**Ric fs90** and **Lori (Wilson) Snyder g91** and son, Silas, welcome Solomon Jon into their family, born October 29, 2003. Email them at zahtime@comcast.net.

## 1991

**Nick g91** and **Alane (Heindel) Johnson g89** traveled to China with 19 others sharing God's love this summer. New Student Outreaches began this fall. Email them at nickalane@aol.com.

## 1992

**Philip and Marci (Logan) Tuckey g92** serve at Vienna Christian School. They, with sons, Logan and Luke, welcome sister, Alyssa Joy born April 1. Their address is Eipeldauer Strasse 38/14/1, A-1220 Vienna, Austria.

**Paul and Tricia (Hobson) Wright g92** announce the birth of their son, Clayton Robert, on April 25. Email them at eldonrae@insightbb.com.

## Alumni Blessings

Recently, a 70's alumna wrote, "I had to stop and praise God for ... a miracle...four years ago I was dreaming of my son's coming to Taylor Fort Wayne. My son will graduate in the spring with minimal loans. Wow! Isn't God faithful!"

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## 1994

**Timothy Auer g94** was deployed to Bosnia in June for a peacekeeping mission with the National Guard. He has been promoted to Captain.

**David fs94** and **Laura (Meinert) Bidle g96** have adopted Bree Ann, for whom they have been caretakers since she was 4 months old. Bree Ann was born April 22, 2002. Email David at [djbidle96@mchsi.com](mailto:djbidle96@mchsi.com); Laura at [lamb96@mchsi.com](mailto:lamb96@mchsi.com).

**Brian g94** and **Nicole (Ankney) Colby fs94** announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Elizabeth on April 19. Big brother Wesley is delighted. Email them at [brcolby@wmconnect.com](mailto:brcolby@wmconnect.com).

**Sheila Combs g94** attends the University of Akron, pursuing her BSN. Email her at [esiascon2000@yahoo.com](mailto:esiascon2000@yahoo.com).

After eight months of pregnancy, Dan and **Lorissa (Hoot) Watson's g94** daughter went to her heavenly home, October 18. They named her Emma (meaning whole/perfect) Lael (meaning belonging to God). Email them at [dl\\_watson@comcast.net](mailto:dl_watson@comcast.net).

**Allen g94** and **Deann (Harrison) Wise fs95** and daughter, Autumn (5), welcomed Nathaniel Lee, born May 9, 2002. Email them at [wsparkywise@netzero.com](mailto:wsparkywise@netzero.com).

## 1995

**Rosemary Stelz g95** graduated from Dubuque Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree in May. Email her at [rstelz@netexpress.net](mailto:rstelz@netexpress.net).

## 1996

**Ty and Rona (Graham) Bruce g96** announce the birth of their son, Clay Thomas, born July 27. Email them at [tyandro@hotmail.com](mailto:tyandro@hotmail.com).

**Greg and Cara (Glassie) Davis g96** and Victor (2) welcomed Tug Gregory, born March 18.

**Gabe and Erica (Galbraith) Drake g96** belong to a group of house churches called Ordinary Community. Contact

them, James (3) and Maggie (1) at 7841 Wilderness Way, Maineville, OH 45039; [gjdrake@yahoo.com](mailto:gjdrake@yahoo.com).

**Eric Flood g96** is interim associate pastor at South Park Church. His wife Rebecca attends Trinity International University. Contact them at 1414 South Courtland Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068; [ericflood@yahoo.com](mailto:ericflood@yahoo.com).

**Jason fs96** and **Elizabeth (Knee) Kirby fs96** announce the arrival of their daughter, Alison Marie, born June 9. She joins brother Ian. Email them at [kirby4070@netscape.net](mailto:kirby4070@netscape.net).

**Jason and Jenny (Ochs) Martin g96** announce the birth of their son, Grady Kiser, born February 3, 2003. He joins big brother, Graham. Email them at [jmartintoo@juno.com](mailto:jmartintoo@juno.com).

of daughter, Gwyneth Rachel, born September 17. Email them at [ps.digangi@verizon.net](mailto:ps.digangi@verizon.net).

**Mark g97** and **Tonya (Strubhar) Hammond TUUg00** were married on August 22. **Dr. John Strubhar g69** officiated, **Dr. Robert Strubhar g36** and **Rev. Ron Williams g87** also participated in the ceremony. Other Taylor participants were: **Mike Hammond TUUg92**, **Dawn (Strubhar) Rogers TUUg96**, **Cheri VanderPloeg TUUg99**, **Michelle Gettman TUUg00**, **Courtney Taylor TUUg01** and **Nick Miller cs**. Mark is city life recreation director with Youth for Christ and Tonya is marketing, communications & special programs coordinator in the TUFW enrollment services. Email them at [ezweaz@yahoo.com](mailto:ezweaz@yahoo.com) and [tnhammond@tayloru.edu](mailto:tnhammond@tayloru.edu).

**Nate g97** and **Joy (Davis) Hoot g99** announce the birth of daughter, Kelsey Noelle, born June 21. Contact them at 5403 S. Valdai Way, Aurora, CO 80015; [njhoot@yahoo.com](mailto:njhoot@yahoo.com).

**Frank and Amy (English) King g97** were married on March 20. Amy is a pastoral assistant at their church, Heartland Community Church, Overland Park, KS. Email her at [amyking29@juno.com](mailto:amyking29@juno.com).

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**Delroy and Christina (Stoots) Simpson fs96** were married September 6, 2003. They are missionaries in Jamaica with Lighthouse Evangelistic Association. Email Christina at [christinastoots@hotmail.com](mailto:christinastoots@hotmail.com).

**Jon g96** and **Corrinne (Mahorney) Yeh g96** announce the birth of son, Jadon Andrew, born August 15. Contact Jon at [yehja@grace.edu](mailto:yehja@grace.edu) and Corrinne at [corrinne14@hotmail.com](mailto:corrinne14@hotmail.com).

## 1997

**Scott g97** and **Kristin (Lundberg) Brunsting gTUU97** announce the birth of son, Tyler James, born May 10. Email them at [s\\_k\\_brunsting@yahoo.com](mailto:s_k_brunsting@yahoo.com).

**Patrick g97** and **Sarah (Burke) DiGangi g98** announce the birth

of **Mike and Kathy Peters g97** and family are missionaries in training with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Their goal is Papua New Guinea, where Mike will serve as an electrical trainer, teaching the nationals and providing electrical services to missionaries. Email them at [mkpeters5@juno.com](mailto:mkpeters5@juno.com).

**Scott and Jennifer (Neild) Schaetzle g97** were married on July 10. They reside in Bourbon, IN.

## 1998

**Deric and Jennifer (Leakey) Eggleston g98** were married on February 21. Jennifer is resident director/task force coordinator at Bethel College. Email her at [leakey@bethelcollege.edu](mailto:leakey@bethelcollege.edu).

**Matthew fs98** and **Estefana (Ponce) Jesch g98** announce the birth of son, Mateo, born November 3, 2003. Matt coaches soccer at Brebeuf Preparatory High School in Indianapolis. Estefana is lead fifth grade teacher at Heritage Christian School. Email her at estaj@hotmail.com.

Walter and **Camille (Ulrich) Moore g98** have two sons, Kole Charles born April 27, 2003, and Jackson Connor born July 27, 2004. Camille is assistant director and preschool teacher at Tiny Treasures Day Care in Gaylord, MI. Email her at clmoore762004@yahoo.com.

**David Sylvester g98** completed his MBA from Middle Tennessee State University and was selected for membership to Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for collegiate schools of business. David is director of artist development for EMI Christian Music Group in Nashville, TN.

**Jon g98** and **Erin (Jones) Varnell g98** announce the birth of son, Daniel Gilbert, born February 16. He joins Hannah (5) and Ryan (3). Email them at evarnell@juno.com.

## 1999

Mark and **Jenny (Wells) Bolinger fs99** announce the birth of son, Cameron Michael, on May 4. Email Jenny at jennyger@adelphia.net.

**Beverly Harding g99** serves at Project IMPACT USA in Fort Wayne, IN. Their programs include dropout prevention workshops, guidance counseling, career workshops advocacy, tutoring, and networking with other support agencies.

## 2000

**John g00** and **Amy (Duplain) Eckrote g99** announce the birth of son Joshua John, born August 31. Email them at jeckrote@westviewalliance.org.

**Rodney and Heather (VanDeraa) Urbaniak g00** welcome daughter, Olympia, born September 12. Email Heather at hvanderaa@hotmail.com.

**John "Steve" g00** and **Mandy (Wilson) West g00** are independent distributors for Little Debbie snacks. Email them at jaunmanche@yahoo.com.

**Jay Wilkins g00** married Amy Cook on June 21, 2003. Jay is working on a master's degree in sports administration at Ball State University. Their address is 5311 N. Poplar Dr, Muncie, IN 47304.

## 2001

**Joshua Cast g01** works at Hewlett Packard Company doing enterprise sales. Email him at joshua.cast@hp.com.

**Bryan g01** and **Veronica (Nelson) Copenhaver g00** announce the birth of Kylie Lynne, born October 2. Email them at bvcope@alaska.net.

**Adam Doiron g01** serves with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte, NC. His wife, **Kate (Tucker) g02**, does billing and scheduling at a chiropractic clinic. Email them at adamdoiron@excite.com.

**Ryan McGee fs01** is student pastor at Hazel Dell Christian Church, Carmel, IN. His wife, Megan, teaches first grade at MSD Pike Township. Email them at ryantmcgee123@yahoo.com.

The Lord is opening doors for **Justin Nicolet g01** to meet people in the music industry in Nashville, TN. Email him at msklvr@praise.com.

**Tricia (Chaffin) Rayle fs01** is program director at Provena Sacred Heart Home. She and her husband, Chad, have a daughter, Chloe Joy, born September 14, 2002. Email Tricia at tricia\_rayle@yahoo.com.

**Justin g01** and **Sarah (Vestal) Spurlock g02** reside in Fresno, CA. Justin is director of youth ministries at University Presbyterian Church. Sarah serves as residence director at Fresno Pacific University. Contact them at nivjustin@hotmail.com and sarah\_vestal@hotmail.com.

**Laura Tobens g01** spent the summer in Japan serving at Hiba International Camp. Please pray for her regarding long-term ministry in Japan. Contact Laura at 3310 W, Hampton Pointe Dr, Florence, SC 29501.

**Adam TUUg01** and **Jessica (Colacuori) Witmer g01** were married on September 5, 2003. They live in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Todd g01** and **Amy Yoder** announce the birth of Mark Anthony, born September 20, 2003. Todd is youth pastor at a United Brethren Church in Churchville, VA.

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## 2002

**Jeremy g02 and Angela (Jacobs) Amstutz g04** were married on August 14. Jeremy is employed by the Allen County Superior Court, Angela is employed by the Learning Development Center.

**Scott g02 and Devan (Brown) Armstrong g01** were married on May 15. Scott is youth pastor for First United Methodist Church in Middlebury, IN; Devan is family consultant at Lifeline Youth and Family Services, Fort Wayne, IN. Email them at fumcyouth@maplenet.net and d2179@aol.com.

**Joshua Boozell fs02** works at Waterway's Architectural Sheet Metal Fabrication, his wife, **Linde (Payne) g02**, is a resident director at John Brown University. Email them at josh\_boozell@yahoo.com and lboozell@jbu.edu.

**Terrance g02** and **Camille Bridges** announce the birth of their daughter, Amari, July 6. She successfully went through open-heart surgery at the age of one week. Terrance works as CEO, Kingdom Force International Ministries, Inc., and is pursuing his doctorate in education at Regent University. His email is professortab@msn.com.

**Jason and Saida (Sanchez) Hemsoth fs02** were married on August 21. TUFW participants were **Janelle Phillips g02, Jenny Shank g02 and Megan Wood g02**. Saida works with Youth for Christ as the supervisor of the Girl Talk program.

**Joshua Lee g02** serves with Metro Ministries International as divisional team leader, North Bronx site. Email him at joshuajerome@holhiphop.com.

**Andy Mays g02** is afternoon announcer for WHOP Radio, Hopkinsville, KY. Email him at amays24@hotmail.com.

**Ben Meekin g02** is working on his master's degree in historical, systematic theology at Wheaton College. Email him at ben.d.meekin@wheaton.edu.

## 2003

**Gregg g03 and Bridget (Jones) Cole fs04** announce the birth of Abigail Lynne, born September 8. Email them at jadepheonix@juno.com.

**Michael fs03 and Beth (Weideman) Collins fs03** were married on July 10. TUFW participants in their wedding were **Angela Collins g02, Stephen Shannon fs03, Tyler Binkley g04, Carlos Donaldson g04, Shanda Chase cs and Chris Thompson cs**. Email Beth at bethr828@aol.com.

**Jenni Edgar g03** works for PBS & J, an engineering company in DeBary, FL. Email her at jenni\_lea219@yahoo.com.

**Trevor and Annie (See) Hughes g03** were wed on July 24. TUFW participants were **Amy (Gearhart) Wildermuth g02, Joy (Stutzman) Martz g03, Faith (Pinnick) Riddle g03 and Michelle See cs**. Annie teaches at North Miami Elementary. Contact them at 1441 E 300 N, Peru, IN 46970.

**Rob and Joy (Stutzman) Martz g03** announce the birth of Katie Joy, born August 7. They reside at 223 Trackside Dr, Lafayette, IN 47905.

**Brant Mendenhall g03** and his wife, Angela, welcome son, Cale Julian, born September 19. Email Brant at brant\_mendenhall@yahoo.com.

**Jaime Roberts fs03** is children's pastor for Upper Valley Community Church in Piqua, OH. Email her at dragon\_fly23@hotmail.com.

**Randy and Heather (Ruch) Watts g03** were married June 6, 2003. Heather works in an office and tutors; Randy is completing his degree in meteorology. They are youth leaders for the senior high group at Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette. Email Heather at heatherranae3@yahoo.com.

## 2004

**Evan g04 and Stephanie (Ramsey) Boggs g04** were married July 10. TUFW participants were **Abby Carie g04, Michael Clancy fs04 and Sarah Kellogg fs04**. Evan is at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Contact them at 2107 - 2A Point West Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

**Danielle Creech g04** is serving a one-year term with Mennonite Voluntary Service, Baltimore, MD, as an advocacy counselor at a transitional housing shelter. Email her at girlofgod323@yahoo.com.

**Chad Edwards g04** is director of student activities at the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN. Email him at cedwards@s.edu.

**Caleb g04 and Stacia (Etter) Ellington g02** relocated to assist with a church plant, Next Level Church. Caleb is in landscaping and Stacia is a dental office assistant. Contact them at 15641 Sonoma Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

**Krista Gschwend g04** is a full-time teacher for Abacus Daycare. Email her at g.bunny@juno.com.

**Brandon and Sarah (Kellogg) Exford g04** were married on August 21.

**Jeff g04 and Kim (Tabor) Krabach g04** were married on June 26. TUFW participants were **Bridget (Jones) Cole fs04, Grace (Vanover) Patterson g04, and Greg Krabach cs**. Jeff manages Glass City Games; Kim works at Lifeway Christian Bookstore. Contact them at 3462 Gibraltar Heights, Apt. EE7, Toledo, OH 43609.

**Elizabeth Manon g04** is resident director at Geneva College and is pursuing a master's degree in higher education. Email her at manoncommabeth@excite.com.

**Maelisa McCaffrey g04** is working on a doctorate in multicultural community psychology at Alliant International University, Pasadena, CA. Email her at godlurvinskirl@hotmail.com.

**Heather Neilson g04** is pursuing a master's of education in college student affairs program at Azusa Pacific University. Email her at heatrenee40@hotmail.com.

**Derek and Mandy (Tarter) Rakoci g04** were married on September 18. Taylor participants were **Dawn McIlvain TUUg96, Kristi McIlvain TUUfs99 and Jennifer Curtis fs04**. Contact Mandy at 5725 S Holmes Ave Apt 4, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514; mandyrakoci04@aol.com.

**Josh Wulpi fs05** attends Calvary Chapel Bible College. Contact him and his wife, **Laureen (Mutzer) g04** at 39011 Agua Vista Apt. 4, Murrieta, CA 92563; llmsmilrs@yahoo.com.

**Nate Zimmerman g04** married Tracy Uptgraft on April 24. Nate is a financial

planner at Rickner & Zimmerman Financial Consultants and Tracy is an administrative assistant of student ministries at Brookside Church.

## IN MEMORY

**Rev. J. Prichard Amstutz g36** entered his heavenly home on February 9. He had served as a minister, Modesto Memorial Hospital chaplain, Modesto High School teacher and Fort Wayne Bible College professor. His first wife, Dorothy, and a son, preceded him. His wife, Hazel, a daughter, two brothers, a sister, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren survive him. Contact Hazel at 166 Wesley Dr, Wilmore, KY 40390.

**Rev. John C. Cook fs40** entered heaven on August 10. Rev. Cook was minister at First Baptist Church in Van Wert and the Baptist Church in Haviland. His wife, **Bess (Ison) fs40**, three sons, a brother and eight grandchildren survive him. Contact Bess at 14132 Middle Point Rd, Van Wert, OH 45891.

**Mrs. Thelma (Blough) Steiner g45** went to be with the Lord on April 28. She and her husband **Rev. Lyle Steiner g45** had 58 happy years together. Contact him at 316 N Alexander, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

**Loren D. Randall, Sr. fs46** went to be with the Lord on April 27. He was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. His mother, two daughters, four sons, 11 grandchildren, two brothers and a sister survive him.

**Rev. Curtis Bedsworth g50** joined his Lord in heaven on March 27. He ministered at churches in Philadelphia, coordinated the Berne senior citizen meals program, started Project Share and Penny Pitch, managed the Geneva Care & Share store, helped start Swiss Days and was voted Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year in 1994. A daughter, four sisters, and two grandchildren survive him.

**Rev. Earl Thomas Hopkins, Jr. fs54** passed away September 26, 2003. He married Vera Parsell on March 20, 1954. He was an aerographer during his service in the US Navy. After attending Fort Wayne Bible College, he served as a minister until he joined New Tribes Mission. The Hopkins family worked as missionaries in Venezuela until

health reasons required them to return to the US. Earl worked as a carpenter and minister until his retirement in 1996. His wife, **Vera (Parsell) fs54**, two sons, four daughters, his mother, 16 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and five sisters survive him. His father preceded him. Contact Vera at 25680 County Rd. L, Fayette, OH 43521.

**Rev. Victor Dale Simes g57** passed away September 4. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church and ministered 50+ years in states including FL, GA, TN, MS, OH and IN, which included the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. His wife of 60 years, Angie, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive him. Contact Angie at Rt. 23, Box 1234, Lake City, FL 32025.

**Forrest G. Hayes fs60** passed away on September 13. He pastored Missionary Churches in NE, IA and IN for 18 years and as a Christian counselor. He was a member of Zion Missionary Church. His wife, **Mary Alice (Schumacher) fs59**, a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, a sister and two brothers survive him. Contact Mary Alice at 309 Twin Oaks Dr, Middlebury, IN 46540.

**Duane Russell Riley fs83** passed away July 28. He was born in Fairbanks, AK and was a process engineer at Gold Shield, Decatur, IN. He served as associate pastor and worship leader of Christian Praise and Fellowship, Fort Wayne. He coached the Angels volleyball and Guard basketball teams. His wife, Teresa, two sons, four daughters, parents, a sister and four brothers survive him. Contact Teresa at 4401 Marquette, Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

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