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Pictured at side, back (l to r): Stephanie (Cox) Demorest g93 and son; Maria Miller, sophomore; Dan and Jude Wells, former parents cabinet members and Distinguished Friends of the University; front (l to r): Lindsay (Mills) Merrill f99 and son, alumni vs. Varsity soccer, and 50th class reunion.

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I am more convinced than ever that we honor Jesus Christ by doing the right things, in the right ways for the right reasons. The ancient Hebrews often made the mistake of allowing the means to become the end – believing that if they perfected the system and followed it fully, God’s pleasure and blessings are guaranteed. My anchor verses for this academic year, Micah 6:6-8, remind me that the precision of the system, and our adherence and commitment to it, will be ineffective in strengthening Taylor’s covenant community in ways that please Him if it is not a means for changing and equipping the lives of those we serve.

“What can we bring to the Lord to make up for what we’ve done? Should we bow before God with offerings of yearling calves? Should we offer him thousands of rams and tens of thousands of rivers of olive oil? Would that please the Lord? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for the sins of our souls? Would that make him glad? No, O people, the Lord has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:6-8, NLT version

To do justly requires doing the right things. Over the past three years at Taylor University we affirmed core values, focused our mission, fine-tuned administrative systems, developed mechanisms for data enriched decision-making and identified strategic priorities. We have internal and external validations that our systems work both effectively and efficiently. All of this helps us to do better what we do best – to be a covenant community on a journey of Christ-centered discipleship.
To love mercy challenges us to do the right things in the right way so that we deliver the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to one another and a hurting world. Efficient systems and refined processes are not ends in themselves. I am in awe of how quickly and willingly the Taylor family responds to those in need. Whether it is a member of the campus facing a life threatening illness or an alumnus in need of an extended faith community to support them in a time of crisis, compassion abounds. Mercy is the spiritual marrow that strengthens and nurtures our resolve to inform minds, transform hearts and equip hands for competent, compassionate service.

To walk humbly reminds us to do the right things in the right ways for the right reasons. What we do, and the way we do it, must be motivated by the desire to bring glory to God the Father. Taylor is a Christ-centered covenant community. We know that when it is all said and done, only what has been said about and done for Jesus will have eternal value. Equipping men and women, through living, learning and serving experiences to glorify God is the reason our covenant community exists. The fruit of that commitment bears witness to the life and work of our Savior in many places throughout the world.

This three-fold exhortation provides us with clarity, conviction and courage in these times when what Taylor University delivers is needed more than ever. Our 157-year legacy is a life changing and culture influencing force. We can be confident of God's direction and provision as we embrace the call to be a covenant community doing the right things in the right ways for the right reasons. What a blessing to know that thousands of you join with us in this challenge to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Dr. David Gyertson, President, Taylor University
Nontraditional Community

On a daily basis, I witness real biblical community at Taylor Fort Wayne, the type of community advocated by Paul in 1 Corinthians 12. Unity is always found in true community. This is not the same as uniformity or unanimity. Rather, it is a togetherness that produces a unity of purpose. On campus, that unifying purpose is to "seek first the kingdom of God" in an arena of mutual encouragement.

Also, it is soon apparent that community is no stranger to diversity. On campus we see commuters, traditional and non-traditional students. Variety is evidenced by age, gender, nationality and race. Cloning is not present. Instead, we reflect the motto found on the island of Jamaica and promoted by the Apostle Paul, "Out of Many One People." We celebrate our differences and learn from each other as we adapt to one another.

The third trait of community is harmony. We seek to encourage the group above the individual, cooperation above competition and inclusion above exclusion.

Our goal is to become like the early Church where every member of the ecclesiastical orchestra and choir was taught to blend harmoniously under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

When I was in the third grade, I met the word "community" in my geography book, but later observed it in action when our family barn burned to the ground. The response of the community left a lasting impression. Like our Amish neighbors, they joined with us to rebuild. Unity, diversity and harmony all surfaced to produce a monument to the practice of real community. I trust we will always do the same at Taylor Fort Wayne.

-Dr. David Biberstein, professor, pastoral ministries.
As a senior at Taylor University Fort Wayne, I have experienced a great deal of community. Taylor incorporates community, from residential halls to Bible studies to classes.

By living in Bethany Hall, I am surrounded by 45 ladies. It is a great sense of community. If I have a problem, I know there is someone to talk or cry with. In the same manner, I know I can rejoice and laugh with them, too. At Taylor, I have met some of my closest friends, and I know we will continue to stay friends after college.

Wings (the portion of the residence hall divided by natural boundaries) are another aspect of community. With weekly wing Bible studies, I have the opportunity to delve into the word of God with several other ladies. In addition, we have planned wing events throughout the year to bond our relationships. Recently, my wing played capture the flag with our brother and sister wings. Through wings, there is a priceless opportunity to learn more about each other and grow deeper in our faith.

As a small campus, Taylor’s classes are individualized and intimate. I know my professors personally, and most of them start class with prayer. Recently, one of my professors sent me an encouraging note to commend me for my actions so far this semester. Small acts of kindness, such as this, become typical in a community based campus.

Taylor faculty and staff are interested in the lives of students, and they make a point to encourage and assist students.

In May 2004, I will graduate from Taylor Fort Wayne. Despite my yearning to have a career in the “real world,” I will miss the closeness and community that I have appreciated at Taylor.

—Liz Lehman, senior; English major; Martinsville, IN.
Sounds of the Community

Over 1500 private lessons are instructed each year to over 40 students of all ages at the Community School of the Arts (CSA). CSA instructors give of their time and talent each week as they instruct piano, voice, guitar, strings, woodwinds, drama, art and more, revealing that Community School of the Arts truly has something for everyone.

"Life is going to be filled with something; Community School of the Arts fills life with good arts," shares Dr. Jay Platte, chair of the Community School of the Arts and professor of music.

At its heart, CSA desires to be a positive model of what the arts can be. Through personal instruction, the nearly 20 member CSA faculty provide competent, positive, Christian perspectives in the arts, influencing more than 600 people yearly through instruction, lessons, performance, workshops, recitals and programs.

The largest single draw of people to CSA is the annual performance contest, in which hundreds of elementary through high school soloists and ensembles an opportunity to perform for and receive constructive comments from qualified adjudicators. Their goal is to assist students in developing their musicianship and technical skills in a positive environment.

"The annual Performance Contest began because there was no outlet for whole categories of children to be evaluated on their musical performance. Among those were home-schooled children and those whose instruments are not permitted in state contests," shares Dr. Platte.

The Temple of the Heart, sponsored by CSA, was the single event that made the largest impact on the community. People witnessed CSA choreographer, Connie Taylor-Krupp's, passion for people as she crossed religious boundaries while maintaining Christian and Jewish integrity and relationships.

At the heart of its mission, the Community School of the Arts seeks to make positive contributions to lives of students (helping them find the wonder of, experience and develop skills in the fine arts) to the glory of God.
Forming the Community

“Living and serving together, united by our identity in Christ,” is written on the back of this year’s student leadership t-shirts and written on student’s hearts. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to community.

Corporate seeking of the Lord is evident in Acts 2. Chapel services, Bible studies, worship times and prayer groups create community that encourages growth in Christ. One female student received Jesus as her Savior during Bible study the first week of classes. Another student spent weeks adjusting to the differences at Taylor, only to find himself at the altar of his new church, committing his life wholeheartedly to the Lord. He is grateful that God has placed him in a community that not only speaks His name, but also seeks His face. The power of community in spiritual growth is evidenced.

Visible daily are hugs extended in God’s grace and personal agendas removed for the purpose of encouraging a friend and fellow follower of Christ. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, “Two are better than one . . . if one falls down, his friend can help him up.” God wants to use people to display His love and grace to us in tangible ways. We were not created to be islands. Sacrifices of time in community encourages pilgrims toward Christ.

Grace is not edifying without truth. Speaking truth in love is evidence of a community committed to growing in Christ. Prov. 27:17 states, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” This process often requires discomfort. Students desiring to grow allow friends to peer into the dark places of their lives, and also ask the tough questions that will help keep them on the straight and narrow.

This small snapshot reveals that community is critical, needed and seen in the spiritual formation and growth within the Taylor Fort Wayne family. “From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Eph. 4:16)” By God’s grace this year the community will continue to deepen their relationships with Jesus while “living and serving together, united by their identity in Christ Jesus.”
Thanks to a $3 million grant from the Foellinger Foundation, Taylor University formed the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness (iOE) in July of 2000.

The mission of the iOE is to partner with nonprofit organizations and their leadership teams as they pursue performance excellence. Its vision is to be a catalyst for achieving world-class nonprofit performance. This vision includes educating and equipping executive leaders, collaborating with other nonprofit providers, and creating synergy for community change.

This fall, the Foellinger Foundation of Fort Wayne approved a $515,000 grant to help the Institute of Organizational Effectiveness (iOE) continue its program. The iOE invites Allen County nonprofit executive leaders to participate in applied learning opportunities and gives access to resources that help their organizations operate more effectively.

This latest grant will enable the university to continue to offer a variety of educational and training programs for executives and board members of invited nonprofit organizations wanting to improve their organizations’ operations and service delivery.

The iOE provides a quality continuing education experience for Northeast Indiana nonprofit executive leaders. Providing a unique combination of program elements, the iOE equips executive leaders and their organizations to deploy available resources most effectively in order to impact those being served most effectively. The program’s current structure combines workshops, assessments, directed projects through a re-grant process, and coaching. This grant will allow the iOE to continue to operate through December 2005.

By educating nonprofit leaders, the iOE meets the Taylor University goal of providing excellent educational opportunities to nontraditional adult learners.

Garrett Cooper, executive director, iOE, shares, “We are grateful for the foresight, leadership, and commitment of the Foellinger Foundation to the nonprofit sector in Allen county. The iOE provides the University with a means to contribute directly to strengthening the fabric of the community in a tangible way.”
The WBCL Radio Network goes beyond the walls of the studios (where they broadcast a message of hope and encouragement 24 hours a day to listeners in northeast Indiana, northwest and west central Ohio, and around the world via the worldwide web), to serve the community via Likewise Outreach Ministries. Through these projects, the WBCL listeners gain awareness of the needs of their community and respond with outstanding generosity, sharing the love of Christ in practical ways.

In the summer of 2003, WBCL kicked off its first Neighbors and Nations Likewise Project. Broadcasting from numerous locations in the listening area, staff greeted listeners who brought hundreds of pounds of food for the local food banks and service organizations in their communities. Some of the organizations receiving food were The Salvation Army, Community Harvest Food Bank, homeless shelters at the Friendship House and The Rescue Mission and also The Shepherd's House, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

In the fall, WBCL implemented the “Nations” part of the project, asking listeners to donate new coats, boots and shoes for homeless and orphaned children in Romania. The overwhelming response provided 7,700 items, including 2,501 coats and 1,672 pairs of boots and shoes which filled a semi tractor-trailer! In addition, listeners donated $17,000 above the cost of the project which will be used to feed 70 homeless Romanian children hot lunch every day for one year in the canteens operated by Eastern Europe Aid Association.

WBCL’s Likewise Projects are designed to meet the practical needs of the communities served by the radio network and, most importantly, to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ. That effort was recognized recently by the Indiana Broadcasters Association. The IBA presented its first place Crystal Spectrum award to The WBCL Radio Network for “Outstanding Community Service.” The award is widely regarded as the state’s highest honor for broadcasters. (See page 18 for more information on WBCL awards.)
Students from as close as "next door" to Canada, England, Ukraine, Ecuador, China and Japan take courses at Taylor ... via the Center for Lifelong Learning, the University's virtual campus. Though separated perhaps by geography, students find themselves "connecting" to more than their laptops and PCs but to life at Taylor, as well.

"Interaction online with professors, fellow students and staff at Taylor provided me with a great sense of connectedness. This is so important when you live halfway around the world," shares Pauline Budd, who teaches and works with the indigenous people of Southeast China.

"I'm thousands of miles away...yet I can... listen to a chapel service or I can email an instructor and they will get right back to me," Officer Michael Blevins, police chaplain, Tucson, AZ, shares.

Jan Pletcher, CLL professor shares, "With the e-learning environment, the opportunity to connect is still there, just in a different way."

Virtual students, such as residential and commuter students, register for classes, meet professors and classmates, gain course guidance and get assignments; the difference is only the manner in which these events happen. Blackboard, the unique online course delivery system, provides interaction with added benefits. Online instruction provides students with opportunities to discuss the course and ask questions beyond "regular classroom hours" via chat rooms and discussion boards, as well as opportunities to email their professors whenever questions arise.

Courses meet North Central accreditation standards and degree faculty are approved by Taylor University's academic departments. Courses are taken for personal enrichment, to fulfill college requirements for transfer, or to complete a Taylor University degree or certificate.

CLL has offered distance education around the world since 1938, and provides Christ-centered learning opportunities to individuals wherever they live and work at any time of the day or night.

CLL offers 103 courses (100 are offered online) from over 30 academic disciplines specializing in arts and humanities, business and management, education, sciences, ministry, biblical studies, theology and religion. CLL also offers three associate of arts degrees and four certificates.
The south side of Fort Wayne has seen many changes across the years," Steve Jones, pastor of First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, begins. "The presence of Taylor Fort Wayne has been a rock of stability in a neighborhood which has often wondered what it was becoming. Community members have been able to look to Taylor Fort Wayne as a stabilizing and calming influence. It has faithfully and lovingly trained her students, bettering the neighborhood and the community by bettering its citizens."

"Taylor has also given this community hope. Neighbors have often remarked to me, 'Well, at least we still have Taylor.'"

"Taylor has shared the love of Jesus with the Fort Wayne Community. Taylor has always stood for a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Taylor students experience spiritually fervent chapel programs, professors who not only believe but live their faith, and other students who care greatly about the things of the Lord. This kind of setting is ideal for forming or strengthening a love for Jesus Christ, a commitment to their faith and to their community."

"Taylor has provided stability, hope and a love for Jesus Christ in the community that has strengthened and blessed it greatly."

The commitment to the community is a common one. Others share that dedication and want to support Taylor's endeavors to community commitment.

Carolyn DeVoe, neighborhood association president and advocate for the city's southside reflects, "Taylor has always been there for us. Their impact on the community has been significant. We know we can always count on Taylor to be a part of what we're pursuing, as we strive to make the community better."

Jane Wilks, director of Leadership Fort Wayne, a nonprofit organization dedicated to community leadership, shares, "The University reaches out to the community through volunteerism and the strengthening of area nonprofit organizations. In doing these things, Taylor has indicated her commitment to and an investment in Fort Wayne's south side."

Tom Marcuccilli, president, STAR Financial Group, Inc., comments, "With the economic status that our community is faced with today, it is important that individuals are able to continue their education here in Fort Wayne. It is vital to keep programs such as Taylor's available, to obtain and attract motivated people to our community. For those reasons, STAR Financial has dedicated funds to be contributed to Taylor's MBA program over the next five years."
Dick Baxter, associate dean and director of student ministries, has been involved in and directing community/ministry outreach for over 30 years on the Fort Wayne campus. However, his first overseas mission experience took place just six years ago, when he traveled to Jamaica. Since then he has returned to the country 17 times with approximately 140 TUFW students and alumni.

During his second trip, he assisted the missionaries in unloading containers filled with goods, including computers. They discovered the computers were missing key parts, including hard drives; it was determined that not one computer would be usable. He committed himself to give 10 years of ministry (traveling three times a year) to establish and upgrade computers in the Jamaican school system.

In 2000, Taylor University generously donated 12 used computers, establishing the very first computer lab in Jamaica’s basic school system (ages 3-first grade), while some of the country’s banks did not have computer technology. In 2003, a computer lab was established in the village of Whitehouse by the Jesus for Jamaica organization. Teachers and individuals have also received PCs and laptops.

During Baxter’s trip to Jamaica last summer, Linda Botkin, founder and director of the Jesus for Jamaica School of Promise, dedicated the computer lab, naming it the Richard Baxter School of Computer Education; excerpts from her dedication speech follow: Many people have helped with the ministry in Jamaica. As far as helping continuously and leaving their heart here and helping with the computer school, Richard Baxter has gone beyond anything anyone could ever expect.... As of August 1, 2003, it will now be known as the Richard Baxter School of Computer Education.

Most people with injured brain stems do not survive to tell about it; Bill Jarvis is an exception. Not only did he survive, he has nearly fully recovered. He returned to TUFW this fall, where his colleagues call him the “miracle professor.”

On December 26, 2000, Bill was returning a video from his family’s Christmas celebration when he lost control of his car on the ice, slid into the left lane and was struck by an oncoming truck. He suffered multiple near-fatal injuries including a twisted brain stem, 14 broken ribs, a lacerated liver, a punctured and deflated lung, four fractured vertebrae and unconsciousness. He spent five weeks in a coma before waking up to his new life. He wore a halo, a metal frame screwed into his skull to keep his neck from moving, ate through a feeding tube and breathed with a ventilator. “When I finally woke up, I didn’t know if I would live or die,” he said.

Bill shares that an angel reassured him he would be okay. The encounter motivated him in rehabilitation and gave him peace. He also received motivation from others. “The love and support from family and friends was tremendous,” he said. “Marty, my wife of 35 years, was with me almost every day at the hospital, and my kids, John, LeAnna and Mike, a junior at Taylor University, Upland, were so caring.”

After a month in Parkview Hospital rehabilitation, Jarvis was moved to Johnson Hospital, NJ, which specializes in injuries of the brain. He was there for a year and a half receiving physical, occupational, recreational and speech therapy.

A testimony of God’s healing power and grace, Dr. Jarvis returned to the classroom this term, teaching a section of Education in America.
Board of Trustees Convene

The Board of Trustees convened on the Upland campus October 8-10. While the agenda addressed several routine business matters, there was a wonderful sense of celebration and expectation as the Board considered both the business and ministry at Taylor University.

Highlights include: commendation of Char Binkley and staff of the WBCL Radio Network (see page 18 for more information) and the naming of rooms in the Calvin H. English Library: The Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, Inc., Seminar Room, The George Powers Collections, The Lutheran Foundation Children’s Study/Reading Area, and The Niblick Family Foundation Instruction Room.

Other University issues discussed include: plans for a new academic governance model that allows for greater autonomy of the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses, providing each with distinctive educational missions, positions and program emphases; Marketing initiatives for both campuses. The Upland initiative is in its final stages and the Fort Wayne campus assessment is in development.

Approval of a Board Matching Grant for the Annual Funds, matching new and increased giving by donors. The match is over and above the trustees’ prior financial commitments to the University.

Implementation of North Central Associations re-accreditation guidelines (AQIP) model for continuous quality improvement and assessment.

Dr. Gyerston, president, concludes, “I sense a spirit of cooperation and expectation as we fine-tune the 21st Century version of our historic Taylor mission.”

Construction on Schedule

Construction of the Calvin H. English Library is on schedule. The building should be enclosed by snowfall, when construction of the facility’s interior will commence. The library’s furnishings are scheduled to arrive in May, while the book exodus from the current Lehman Library will take place in June. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Homecoming/Parents’ Weekend, Saturday, September 25, 2004.

Marketing Strategies in Process

Crane MetaMarketing arrived on Taylor’s Upland and Fort Wayne campuses over a year ago, their effort was the first extensive institution-wide strategic marketing study of Taylor University since 1987. Their professionals faced a number of tasks including Taylor’s desire to emerge from a perceived confusion about “Which Taylor?” in relation to the Upland or Fort Wayne campuses, as well as an institutional need for a new marketing campaign that could help the university regain lost ground with some peer colleges and universities.

During months of campus visits and hundreds of student, faculty, administration, staff, board, parent and alumni surveys, interviews and focus groups, Crane asked and re-asked specific questions for the purposes of information gathering and cross tabulation. One of the first results of the effort was the decision to engage in distinct branding and marketing efforts for Taylor’s Upland and Fort Wayne campuses.

The critical component of Crane’s service is the massive influx of information gained from those surveys which will help Taylor prepare for its upcoming re-accreditation process. Some of the leading Taylor, Upland, descriptors included academically rigorous, worth the cost, ministry oriented, clear about mission and transforms lives.

“I find Taylor to be a place that is beloved by its people,” Patti Crane, founder and president, Crane MetaMarketing, said. “Some people have asked why we can’t just say, ‘Scholarship, Leadership and Christian Commitment,’” said Harold Hazen, vice president for University Advancement. “We can. But so does everyone else. We want to find something that belongs only to Taylor.”

For Joyce Wood, associate vice president for university relations and marketing, TUU, the process has been gratifying. “I felt Crane took the information and feedback we gave them and returned our communications to them in an effective way that will positively impact the Kingdom of God and Taylor University,” she said.

Strategies for the Fort Wayne campus are expected in the Spring of 2004.
Students Continue Decade of Outreach

"The Harvest Carnival originally began as a Public Relations class project," Laurie Current, senior, Christian Education major and the event's coordinator begins, "but it has become much more than that. It is Taylor's ministry outreach to the community around us." The carnival, sponsored by Taylor University's student development and Taylor Student Organization (T.S.O.), is a community outreach effort to provide a safe alternative to Halloween for children.

Taylor Fort Wayne hosted its 10th Annual Harvest Carnival, Friday, October 31, in the Eicher Student Commons. Sixty seven TUFW students (picture above) served 568 children (ages three to 10) who participated.

Mission Trip Changes Family

Extreme poverty in Jamaica orphans many children; Jim and Penie Koch, U.S. missionaries to the island, felt led to begin an orphanage out of their home in 1999. The first child brought to their home was Shantel, age six; her parents and several other siblings remained in a village nearby. Within eight months, the Koch's house was beginning to fill, as seven more children joined them.

The following spring, a group of Taylor Fort Wayne seniors traveled to Jamaica to assist the Kochs in their ministry. The team was led by campus safety director Larry White; his wife, Angie, and son, Everett (a high school junior). The team arrived in Whitehouse, Westmoreland, on the country's southern shore. With the house full of people, the team would assist with the daily chores. As team leaders, Larry and Angie thought it appropriate to take the first shift. Shantel volunteered to work with them. Larry reflects, "She gravitated toward us the whole week."

Mid-week, after the children had been tucked into bed, the Kochs shared with the Whites that it was their goal to have all of the children adopted, but feared Shantel, the oldest, would not be adopted because of her age. Larry recounts, "Angie leaned over and whispered, 'What would you think of adopting Shantel?' I said, 'I was thinking the same thing.' We realized that each of us (Angie, Everett and I), independent from the other two, had thought about adopting Shantel. We knew God had put this idea (adopting her) on our hearts."

Even though her parents had given her up, Shantel could not be adopted without their consent, which they gave.

Three years and eight months later, the arduous procedure has ended. Larry and Angie traveled to Jamaica the last week of October to bring their daughter home. When asked about the lengthy process Angie replies, "We were confident she'd be here on the very day God wanted her here."

Service Day Serves Others

For the past six years, at the conclusion of World Opportunities Week (a week of missions focus), students, faculty, staff and administration have participated in service projects to support community organizations, area neighborhood associations and other worthwhile causes in Fort Wayne. This year, a dozen companies were served. In an effort to assist the United Way, six of their organizations received assistance. Jayne McGraw, marketing and development director, Early Childhood Alliance, a United Way organization, shares, "We were thrilled to have the volunteers from Taylor help us with several projects; the building and grounds were immaculate. The volunteers also made a big dent in a large mailing project."

W.O.W. week is sponsored by Taylor World Outreach (T.W.O. is a student directed ministry outreach program designed to assist students in reaching the world with the Gospel).
Student, Faculty and Staff Honors and Accomplishments

Julia Beange, junior, Ontario, Canada, traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, last summer. Esther Nnsaanga, senior, is assisting Deb Kim with the off-campus studies program this year. Students studying abroad this semester include: Christina Gale, senior, Chicago, IL, is studying in Lithuania; Allan Georgia, senior, Coral Springs, FL, at Oxford; Eileen Clayton, junior, Chicago, IL, and Emily Peyton, junior, Mansfield, OH, are in Ireland.

The following students had devotions published in the fall issue of The Secret Place: Barb Eimer, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Natasha Fast, senior, Peoria, IL; Maura Klopfenstein, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Linda McKee, freshman, Columbia City, IN; Andrea Matetic, junior, North Ridgeville, OH; Ellen Miller, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Beth Mittank, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Heather Neilson, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Jessica Owens, junior, Pittsburgh, PA; Danny Smith, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Bethany Weideman, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Peggy Sue Wells, sophomore, Roanoke, IN; Erica Williams, 2003 grad, Bloomington, IN.

The following students had their reviews published in the fall 2003 issue of Church Libraries: Marsha Baker, senior, Warsaw, IN; Johnny Boatright, freshman, New Haven, IN; Dennis Hensley, professor; Rachel Kellogg, professor; Heather Neilson, senior, Millersburg, IN; Kay Reusser, staff; Danny Smith, senior, Beatyville, KY; Melanie Spence, staff; and Katie Stine, freshman, Eta Green, IN.

Gabrielle DePlanty and Rachel Holt both senior biology majors, Taylor, Upland along with Dr. Tim Burkholder, professor of biology, TUU, performed cardiovascular research last summer. They were especially interested in studying the parasympathetic pathway of the Autonomic Nervous System. DePlanty and Holt made presentations at the Indiana Academy of Science meeting, November 17, at Anderson University.

The Taylor Upland ethics team took first place in regional Ethics Bowl competition on November 8, defeating 12 ethics teams. They will travel to Cincinnati, OH, in February for the national Ethics Bowl competition.

The Fourth Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C. S. Lewis and Friends will be held at Taylor’s Upland campus, March 12-14, 2004. For more information, e-mail David L. Neuhauser at 765-998-5245, or check www.tayloru.edu/cslewis.

Leon Amstutz, assistant professor of computing and science systems, was inducted into the Ball State College of Communications and Information Media Hall of Fame, November 14, for his involvement with Networking and Information Technology Association (NITA), the Fort Wayne-Allen County Broadband initiative, and his missions work in Haiti with Radio Lumiere.

Dennis Hensley, associate professor of English, had his 40th book published, Man to Man: Becoming the Believer. God Calls You to Be, in October. He was named to the board of directors of The Christian Writers Guild. He also served as keynote speaker at the Nazarene Christian Writers’ Conference in Kansas City, MO this fall.


Rachel Kellogg, visiting professor of English, presented two papers: “Christianity and Detective Fiction,” at the C.S. Lewis & Friends Society Meeting in September, and “Writing Center History as an Outline for the Future,” at the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference last spring.

Twyla Lee, director of social work education, co-presented two workshops at “A Day of Healing,” in Warsaw, IN, and co-presented with three senior students at an Indiana Higher Education Conference, Fort Wayne, last spring.

Steve Smith, professor of justice studies, completed a two-year research and design consultancy with the Indiana Department of Corrections. He presented it to the Indiana’s Community Corrections Act Counties Board in August. He was asked to provide continued technical assistance and consulting services regarding the program.

Quinn White, assistant professor of education, was a presenter at the Association of Christian Schools International’s regional conference on the topic of activities that promote book discussion.
Center for Teaching Excellence

The Center for Teaching Excellence has been established to inspire and equip Taylor University faculty in a way that produces effective teaching and learning. The Center has been made possible through a generous grant from the Lilly Foundation.

The primary goal of the Center is to create and sustain an academic community in which faith and learning are effectively and creatively integrated.

The Center is focused on the engagement of faculty in research and discussion promoting the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Dr. Thomas Jones, director of the Center and professor of history, TUU, reflects, “At Taylor, we already take this seriously; our faculty are committed to scholarly endeavors resulting in transformations in the minds and hearts of students. With the assistance provided by Lilly, and the commitment of our president to faculty development, we can take that calling to the next level.”

The Center works to provide professional development in five targeted areas: dynamics of teaching effectiveness; integration of faith and learning; development of leadership; application of classroom technology; and support of scholarship related to teaching and learning.

Taylor Theatre Organization

It has been a successful year for Taylor Fort Wayne’s newest organization, the Taylor Theatre Organization (TTO). TTO recently performed Neil Simon’s Barefoot in the Park before full audiences on November 7 and 8.

Adam Turner and Maelisa McCaffrey began working on the TTO the fall of 2002. “We’re a liberal arts college, but we’re lacking in the realm of drama. Masterpieces (a drama group) performed small skits for church audiences,” said McCaffrey. “Adam and I were really encouraged to start our organization where we could do (large productions).”

Erica Stratton and Trishelle Rainey joined Turner and McCaffrey in their efforts during the spring of 2003 in working with their advisor, Dr. Tom Beckner, along with Dr. Jay Platte and Taylor Student Organization.

During the summer, McCaffrey drafted the constitution, which was approved by TTO and Community Life Committee, a month before the play debuted. This fall, the officers of TTO selected a brilliant assortment of actors, all with varying levels of acting experience.

More than anything, the officers agreed that they would like their first production to be a “springboard for more plays and musicals, better leadership within the Taylor Drama Organization and eventually a theater department for Taylor Fort Wayne.”

Counseling Major

Taylor Fort Wayne announces a new bachelor of science counseling major. The former psychology major has been blended with Christian ministries to form the new major.

The change strengthens the program and better prepares students both for placement in the workforce upon graduation as well as graduate studies in counseling. The strong emphasis of combining course study from academic areas including counseling, psychology, Christian ministries, justice education and social work education, along with two practical experience requirements, prepares students for the challenging and contemporary world of counseling.

The major prepares students for entry level positions in social service agencies, non profit and ministry organizations, as well as entrance into graduate studies programs.

WBCL Receives National Awards

The WBCL Radio Network recently received 10 national and state awards. The Web Marketing Association awarded WBCL’s web site with the National Best Radio Website award. The Indiana Broadcasters Association awarded WBCL three Crystal Spectrum first place awards for “Outstanding News Operation,” “Outstanding News Story,” and “Outstanding Community Service (for more on this topic, see feature article on page 11).” WBCL also received six Silver Microphone Awards and was named National Finalist in five additional categories. The Spectrum Award is widely regarded as the state’s highest honor for broadcasters.
Lady Falcons Host National Tournament

The Lady Falcon volleyball team concluded their season with 23 wins—17 losses. They hosted the (USCAA) National Volleyball Tournament, October 30-November 1, 2003. Six teams from across the nation traveled to TUFW to participate in the three day–day elimination USCAA National tournament. Taylor ranked third overall. Coach Scott Haddix shares, “[The team] exhibited the kind of character and commitment that exemplifies a Christ-like way of living life and the ideals that this campus is known for. I cannot be more proud of a group of athletes than I am of these ladies.”

Sarah Hodglin, freshman, and Lindsay Stipp, junior, both of Fort Wayne, were named USCAA National Players of the Week for October 13. Sarah and Lindsay helped lead the team to victory in the Grace Bible Invitational Championship. Lindsay also received USCAA Academic All American Honors and USCAA All American Honors. Brenda McDonald, senior, St. Johns, MI, also received USCAA All American Honors. Sarah Hodglin received USCAA All American Honorable Mention. Academic All American athletes must be juniors or seniors with a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. All American awards are based on athletes’ stats and coach or athletic director recommendation.


Men’s Soccer

Men’s soccer concluded their season with a record of five wins, nine losses and one tie; improving their three -15 record last year. Adam Harbaugh, junior, St. Clair, MI, and Mark Riese, junior, East Moline, IL, received United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Academic All American awards. Midfielder, Drew Jines, freshman, Columbia City, IN, was named USCAA National Player of the week for October 27 and received USCAA All American Honorable Mention award. Drew finished his freshman year with 11 goals and four assists.


The women’s basketball team looks to continue their strides of improvement, despite a new coach and tough schedule. Robert Montgomery replaced Corey Laster, who accepted the women’s assistant coaching position at St. Michael’s College in Vermont. Robert formerly served as the women’s assistant basketball coach at Elmhurst High School, Fort Wayne, IN, and worked with head coach Carolyn Peck at Purdue in 1999, the year they won the national championship. The team consists of eight returning members and four new players. Team members include: Katie Broecker, senior, Milford, OH; Amy Edmonds, senior, Wawaka, IN; Rebecca Eleoitt, sophomore, Naples, NY; Rachel Foster, freshman, Valparaiso, IN; Liz Garassi, sophomore, Schenectady, NY; Mary Hill, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Sarah Hodglin, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Cyndi Lee, sophomore, Defiance, OH; Joanie Muhlenkamp, sophomore, Bryant, IN; Ginger Robbins, junior, Eliot, ME; Jessica Warriner, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Rebecca Young, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN.

Men’s basketball is off to a good start with six wins, four losses. With four returning players and seven novices, the team is a young one. Players include: Seneca Bratton, junior, Fort Wayne, IN; Benjamin Capper, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; David Gay, freshman, Houston, TX; Joseph Hall, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Patrick Jessup, junior, Waterloo, IN; Marc Murnane, senior, Carmel, IN; Drew Pearson, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Ryan Strasser, freshman, West Lafayette, IN; Coliss Wallace, freshman, Fort Wayne, IN; Dan Wilton, sophomore, Peoria, IL; Kevin Woods, sophomore, Houston, TX.
Behind Enemy Lines

World Vision International, one of the largest Christian aid organizations in the world today, had its beginnings in Asia, caring for orphans. Currently, 20,000 Christian aid workers and missionaries serve with World Vision in 103 countries.

Not having been granted access behind the iron curtain in previous years, World Vision would gain access with the end of the cold war. Needing someone to spearhead their new ministry, they approached Charles “Chuck” Rogers g71, who had had nearly a dozen years of experience directing ministry outreach programs with Eastern European Mission.

World Vision soon discovered that with increased opportunities to minister to the poor came increased risks to the safety of their international staff. Although World Vision believes their first line of defense is that God goes before them, they also believe they have a responsibility before God to protect their workers and missionaries. A security and risk plan would be developed to protect God’s servants. Chuck was assigned the task to research, design and implement it. A sophisticated program was developed, utilizing a U.S. Marines military base and a German military base as training sites (the military is not involved in their training program).

The controlled training exercises are practical, providing Christian aid workers and missionaries with life saving techniques that can be used immediately. In his travels, Chuck “meets the most dedicated of God’s servants located in some of the most dangerous places imaginable.” Chuck is humbled and blessed when he hears aid workers and missionaries say, “The realistic training program you put me through saved my life on more than one occasion.”

The impact of the training goes beyond World Vision’s international staff, but impacts the greater Christian community as well, offering training to other Christian aid organizations and Christian mission agencies. This training has become the industry’s standard and has been put into book form, World Vision Security Manual: Safety Awareness for Aid Workers.

As disciples of Christ, we are commanded to take the good news to all the world. It’s Chuck’s job to keep them safe.

Charles Rogers serves as director of corporate security and risk management for World Vision International. He received a bachelor degree at FWBC and a master of divinity degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has done postgraduate studies in business administration at California State Polytechnic University. He and his wife, Kathy (Querubin) g71, have two grown children.
Randall M. Rice graduated in 1935 and served the Missionary Church for over 43 years as pastor. On March 6, Randall turned 90 years old and on March 27, he and his wife Mildred celebrated their 65th anniversary. They reside at 1030 S. Christine, Wichita, KS 67218.

Imogene (Kurth) Cotner's husband, passed away November 6, 2002. Contact her at 325 Forest Park Dr., Apt. 11, Berne, IN 46711.

Sylvia (Gerig) Knuth graduated in 1936 and has taught an adult Sunday school class at church for almost 60 years. She also holds a Bible study at the retirement home where she lives. Contact her at 680 Haish Blvd. #141, Dekalb, IL 60115.

Lois (Gerig) Hetmansperger graduating in 1940 and her husband, Duane, work with the Gideons International and hold five day clubs with Child Evangelism Fellowship every year. They have spent winters in Florida at a Christian campground since their retirement in 1989. Their address is 1535 Dallas St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Paul Erdel graduating in 1948 spent eight weeks teaching seminar students and visiting churches and friends in Ecuador this summer.

Rev. Don graduated in 1948 and Faythe (Ringenberg) Rohrs graduated in 1948 went to the Koloa Missionary Church on Kauai in September to share in their 50th anniversary. They served their first two terms of missionary service at the church beginning in 1948. Their address is 62536 State Rd. 19, Elkhart, IN 46517.

Loretta Crall graduating in 1950 is enjoying her retirement from Comerica Bank. She has taught Sunday school to children for 50 years and is now the member who has been attending the Battle Creek Missionary Church the longest. Her address is 264 E. Birdsell Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Rev. J. Harlan Wright graduating in 1950 has retired three times. He now ministers to seniors and sings with Senior Saints from Grabill, IN.


Paul and Ruth (Clapp) Schrock graduating in 1952 celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. Their address is P.O. Box 9793, Fort Wayne, IN 46899.

Pete and Donelda (Coy) Peterson graduating in 1953 returned to the USA from France on August 20. Their official retirement from TEAM Mission will be September 2004 (their overseas ministry began in April 1954.) For the last 22 months they have traveled across France, Switzerland, Martinique and Corsica holding 81 meetings in churches; 621 people made decisions to follow the Lord. They plan to continue with evangelistic missions, missionary conferences and seminars on biblical spiritual warfare. Email them at petedoneldapeterson@compuserve.com.

Rev. Edwin Terui graduating in 1960 will retire December 31 after 39 ½ years of pastoring the Kapaa Missionary Church. His wife, Janet (Gushiken) TUUg60 retired on June 30 after 32 years of serving as the preschool director/teacher there, which she founded in September 1971. Their address is 265 Molo St., Kapaa, HI 96746.

Pat Hartung graduating in 1961 returned to the Philippines on April 1st and has been working on an English to Ata Manobo mini-dictionary of functional English words to be used by the Philippine school system. Her next project will be the revision of the Ata Manobo dictionary. Email her at pat_hartung@sil.org.

Howard graduating in 1961 and Ruth (Ringenberg) Moser graduating in 1961 serve with World Partners USA. They returned to Spain in September. They expect to have their entry visas within a few months. They have begun a course at the University of Santiago that will sharpen their language skills. Pray for the Mosers as they look to the Lord for His direction. Email them at moserspain@hotmail.com.

Gene Bertolet graduating in 1962 serves with OMS International as coordinator of Operation Saturation’s intercessory prayer for Haiti. The other portion of this ministry is the building of a satellite communications network to reach all of Haiti for Christ.

Russell McCord graduating in 1965 recently retired from General Electric Company. He would love to hear from alumni.
friends. Contact him at 1600 Taylor St., Fort Wayne, IN 46809; rmccord3@verizon.net.

1967

Phil g67 and Jan (Schumacher) Logan g68 were in Sierra Leone for six weeks this fall completing the last portion of the entire Kuranko Bible. They will now be able to submit the final Bible document to the United Bible Societies consultant for final examination. Their address is 4919 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

We wish to correct an error in the summer 2003 Alumnus concerning Marjorie (Gerber) Mills’ g67 place of employment. Marjorie teaches at Tri-County North Elementary School in Lewisburg, OH. Email her at memills1@juno.com.

1972

Martha Buss g72 is celebrating 25 years as a missionary with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. She began in Costa Rica in 1978, then spent 23 years in Colombia serving in Alliance churches in three different cities. Last August she moved to Ecuador to help in church planting, teaching a class at the Alliance Seminary and teaching English as a Second Language at the Catholic University. Email her at mebuss@easynet.net.ec.

Rick Haberkamp g72 and his wife, Monica, who serve with the Evangelical Alliance Mission, returned to Chad, Africa in August. They leave two daughters to attend college in the USA. Email them at haberk5@yahoo.com.

Rev. Steve Zurcher g72 has been pastor at Nanaikapono Protestant Church since 1993. He and his wife, Lynn, reside at 89-235 Pua Ave., Waianae, HI 96792; zurchers@hawaii.rr.com.

1974

Rev. John g74 and Sharon (Torry) Charles g73 continue to give leadership to Abundant Living Ministries, a marriage and family counseling ministry which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. John also leads mission teams to Brazil. Sharon is a certified childbirth educator and enjoys teaching prenatal classes. Their address is 543 W., 28th Division Hwy., Lititz, PA 17543.

Janet Nickell g74, who has been ministering to Sierra Leone refugees in Guinea, will return to the USA in early December for home ministry assignment.

Rev. Peter Strubhar g74 is associate pastor of Christ’s Church of the Valley in Glendale, AZ. They look forward to the completion of their new Worship Center in December. Email him at peterstrubhar@ccvonline.com.

1975

Stanley Eash g75 was commissioned as an elder of Christian Education & Administration at Carpenter Community Church in January 2002. He continues with his lawn maintenance business as well.

On November 1, Darla (Schock) Oksnevad g75 led a training session for the staff of the South Asian Friendship Center on the topic of Understanding the Ministry Cycle. Email her at oksnevad@aol.com.

1976

Rev. Mervin Charles g76 is enrolled in an MBA program and enjoys the challenge. He and his wife, Laurel (Gerig) g77, reside at 546 Leaman Ave., Millersville, PA 17551; charles.amigos@juno.com.

1977

Richard Alvis g77 President/CEO of Wheeler Mission Ministries in Indianapolis since 1990, was elected President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) at the group’s annual convention in Washington DC. The AGRM represents 295 rescue missions in North America.

Jeff and Sue (Leininger) Bischoff g77 were married on May 10, 2002. Sue works as a kindergarten specialist with the Sylvania Community Services. Their address is 4841 Wickford Green #13, Sylvania, OH 43560.

1978

Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78 and family have returned to Japan. Her husband, Tim TUUg81, mentors a post-high schooler, who now mentors high school students, who then run the church’s middle school youth group. Julie teaches basic doctrines of the faith for seekers. Email them at timjeannie@aol.com.

Mark g78 and Dee Krueger will return to the USA in June 2004. Dee has started an English as a Second Language program with some of the teachers and professionals in Timbi, Guinea. Mark will finish his formal language training in January with Dee soon after. They praise God for Dee’s health returning after surgery this summer. Email them at timbifolks@speedymail.org.

1980

Carol Findlay g80 ministers in South Korea. Six student nurses participated in the summer Nurses Christian Fellowship retreat. She is also now responsible for the North Korea Prayer Bulletin. She will be in the USA for home assignment starting July 1, 2004.

Randy g80 and Carolyn (Kauffman) Fudge fs80 have served as missionaries with World Partners in West Africa since 1995. They left October 28 for Ireland, their next place of service.

David g80 and Kenda (Gressley) Kapaku g80 have moved from Fort Wayne to plant a church on Maui. Their new address is 160 Keonekai Rd., Apt 2-203, Kihei, HI 96753.

1981

Jean Baumbach fs81 is learning Greek at the Wycliffe Center in Dallas, while on furlough. She is also translating the book of John into the Fulfulde language. She plans to return to Niger, Africa, mid-January. Contact her at 4 Beloak Ct., Nottingham, MD 21236.
Stephen Davis g81 serves as assistant director of the Faith Community at Covenant House (shelters for homeless youth and run away youth across North and South America) in New York City, until July 1, 2004. Contact him at 2847 43rd St., Astoria, NY 11103-2101; smitedavis@hotmail.com.

We apologize for the incorrect spelling of Sara (Gerig) Roberts’ g81 sisters’ names in the summer 2003 issue of the Alumnus magazine. Their correct names are Rebecca Sprunger and Deborah Steinman.

1985

Roger Diehl g85 and his wife, Karen, have ministered to teens and young adults for the past 20 years. They sense God's direction to go into full-time pastoral ministry. Pray for God's clear direction. Email them at bigfishdiehl@aol.com.

1987

Dawn Kale g87 traveled 3000 miles through 10 states and Canada this past summer researching the Underground Railroad and slavery in the USA. Dawn’s email is dawnkale@msn.com.

David g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDevitt g76 returned to their field of service on September 30 where David resumed teaching English classes.

1988

Rev. Thomas Olney g88 married Nadine Bailey on December 28, 2002. Contact them at 11660 Cape Horn Ave., Jacksonville, Fl. 32246; trolney@aol.com.

Sally Slotterback g88 has served in college residence life at Montreat College, NC, and Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA, for the past 12 years. Most recently, she has served as dean of students of Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle, WA. She also spent a term with Youth With A Mission in India and has worked with international students in the U.S. and abroad. Email her at whippoorwill@hotmail.com.

Scott g88 and Susan (Kornhaus) Stombaugh g88, along with sons and daughters, welcome Seth Jeremiah to their family, born September 27. Contact them at 4424 McMillen Park Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

Rev. Bradley g88 and Kimberly (Parker) Ulick g90, along with their son, Caleb, welcome Lorinda Ann to their family, born July 4. Contact them at 6759 Townline Rd., Manito, IL 61546.

1989

Kathy Kulp g89 is a missionary at Tequicigalpa, Honduras. She teaches music to junior high students. Email her at kathy@frogtree.com.

1990

Lisa (Syrus) Richards fs90 and family praise God for the complete removal of a tumor and that no cancer was found after surgery. The doctors could not explain this. Lisa told them that God had answered prayers! Email her at tlrichar@aol.com.

Mike Yaney g90 is a missionary with TEAM, serving in Japan. He is in language school and will be involved in church planting there in 2004. Contact him at 190-28 Karuizawa-machi, Kitasaku-gun, Nagano-ken, 389-0102 Japan, phone is: 0267-42-9097; mikeyaney@yahoo.com.

1991

Kevin Conklin fs92 took a position as director of youth ministries at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. His wife, Tia (Ross) fs91 is a junior at Purdue University where she is studying secondary English education. Contact them at 2626 S. 100 W., Lafayette, IN 47909; jtimone7@juno.com.

Nick Johnson g91 serves with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as director for northeast Indiana. He praises the Lord for the reestablishment of the Indiana/ Purdue Fort Wayne chapter. Email him at nickalane@aol.com.

Audrey (Miller) Queckboerner fs91 participated with praise and worship through sacred dance and music at the Three Rivers Festival in Fort Wayne this summer. Email her at aqueckboerner@yahoo.com.

1992

Richard Troyer g92 recently became the associate pastor of ministries at Woodburn Missionary Church. He and his wife, Maggie g92, reside at 7927 Delagrange Dr., Woodburn, IN 46797.

1993

Rob g93 and Jill (Swanson) Burton g90 and daughter, Natalie, welcome Collin Kaeff, born March 3, 2002, on his father’s birthday. Rob teaches kindergarten at Covenant Christian School in Aurora, IL. Jill started her 10th year at Wheaton College in the public safety office. Contact them at 26 W. 258 MacArthur Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188; mrrobbieb@juno.com.

Nathan g93 and Tisha (Moeck) Herman fs95 and daughters, Rebecca and Michaela, announce the birth of Johanna Hope on July 19. Contact them at 105 N 2nd Ave., Reliance, SD 57569.

Michael and Wendy (Hay) Ingram g93 and son, Samuel, welcome Sarah Mishel, born May 19. Contact them at 2920 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205; fourbygrace@carolina.rr.com.

Corey g93 and Holly (Wright) Laster g93 and sons, Tyler and Trey, moved to Colchester, VT, where Corey is interim director of multicultural student affairs/assistant women’s basketball coach at Saint Michael’s College.

Tom and Brenda (Garver) Shepherd g93, along with daughter, Annalise (2), welcomed Katherine (Katie) Elizabeth to their family on October 14.

Brenda (Hatfield) Wohlford fs93 is a kindergarten tutor with Penn-Harris-Madison school system. She and her husband, Andrew, reside at 117 Erie St., Osceola, IN 46561; bwohlford@phm.k12.in.us.
1994

Rev. Brian Colby g94 received his master of arts degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

Petula Myers g94 earned a double MA in TESOL and linguistics. She is a missionary in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Upon completion of her language study, she will assist the local church in church planting efforts, leadership development and local outreach. Email her at myers@thebalkans.org.

1995

Joe Boway g95 serves with Lutheran Bible Translators in IL. After nearly three years of caring for his brother, Hamilton, who suffered from a stroke, Hamilton passed away last January. On a positive note, Joe intends to marry Glendora Humphrey in April. Contact him at 2050 Lilac Ln., #103, Aurora, IL 60506; jboway@lbtrans.org.

1996

Alfred Carter g96 pastors West Pleasant Hill United Brethren In Christ Church, Rockbridge, OH. He and his wife, Linda, reside at 519 E. Second St., Logan, OH 43138.

Henry g96 and Melinda “Coco” Farr fs96 returned to the Middle East in June where they are learning the language and culture.

Jennifer (Bollier) Hammond g96, and husband Michael TUu92, announce the birth of their daughter Rebekah Annette, born on August 26.

Ken and Christine (Mathew) Snyder g96 live in Martinsville where Ken serves as senior pastor at Faith Missionary Church. Contact them at 1310 Maple Ct., Martinsville, IN 46151.

1997

Mark and Tui (Walcott) Bedwell g97 welcome Austin John, born September 25. Contact them at 2335 Weather Wood Pl., Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

Nate Hoot g97 received a master’s degree in intercultural studies from Columbia International University. His wife, Joy (Davis) g99, taught kindergarten for 2 years at Ben Lippen Elementary School in South Carolina. They will move to Denver, CO, in early 2004 where Nate will work with Kingdom Building Ministries. Email them at njhoot@yahoo.com.

Lance g97 and Megan (Smith) Stiver g97 welcome Graham Brian, born February 2. Contact them at 200 Central Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

1998

David Arnold g98 works with small groups (ages 23-35) at Northridge Church. Contact him and his wife, Angie, at 60658 Russell Ln., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Kevin g98 and Cathy (Hoover) DeVries fs 99 announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Mae, born October 26. Kevin recently accepted the position of youth pastor at Portage Free Methodist Church. Contact them at 280 Admiral Ave. #2, Portage, MI 49002; kedevl7@hotmail.com.

Jonathan Varnell g98 is director of maintenance and campus services for Guilford College. His wife, Erin (Jones) g98, is full-time mom to Hannah (4) and Ryan (2). Contact them at 1509 Nathan Hunt Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410; evarnell@juno.com.

1999

Jeff fs99 and Mary Ann (Burkey) Grate g92 welcome son, Isaac Christopher, born October 6. Contact the Grates at 311 S. Parham Rd., Bronson, MI 49028; imgrate@netzero.net.

Bonnie Spallinger g99 serves with Gospel Missionary Union and shares that 158 young people received Jesus Christ as Savior and 48 rededicated their lives this summer. Email her at bspalling_75@yahoo.com.

David Whan g99 serves as associate pastor of spiritual formation and outreach at Church in the Vineyard. Natalie (Baughman) g02 helps with the worship team and teaches piano lessons. Contact Dave, Natalie and Olivia at 436 Market St., Oxford, PA 19363; dwhan@kennet.net.

Jim and Heather (Newman) Wilson g99 were married on September 13. Heather is a preschool teacher at Crescent Avenue Weekday School. Contact them at 15001 Mill Rd. Lot 48, Fort Wayne, IN 46819.

2000

Christina (Beckwith) Falk g00, husband, Duane, and son, Samuel, are at the HEART Missionary Training Institute in Florida. Email them at falkfam@hotmail.com.

Bob Sweeney g00 serves as associate/youth pastor of Rona Missionary Church. Contact Bob, Laura, and family, at 221 Oxford Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324; pbssweeney@mybluelight.com.

2001

Todd Bowman g01 works with Nationwide Insurance; his wife, Trisha (Rine) g03, recently accepted a position with Amcorp Insurance, writing reports, newsletters and company mailings. Contact them at 3915 Plaxico Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173.

Tom Hephner g01 serves as director of youth ministries at Lombard Gospel Chapel in Illinois. Contact him at t_hephner@hotmail.com.

Sharon Ridenour g01 works at a Christian bookstore in Central Asia, where there is great demand for English books. She has been busy setting up a library there and creating a database to keep track of their inventory. She is also learning the Russian language.

2002

Terrance Bridges g02 married Camille Scott on May 3. They are students at Ball State University. Contact them at 5116 Canterbury Dr., Muncie, IN 47304.
Caleb cs and Stacia (Etter) Ellington g02 were married August 18. Contact them at 326 Oakdale Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Benjamin g02 and Marci (Wilton) Gillion g02 were married on June 22. Contact them at 3813 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

The birth date of Paul g02 and Ashley (Bandy) Kellogg’s g03 son, Kyler Allen, appeared incorrectly. He was born on March 4. We apologize for the error. Contact them at 1120 Kinsmoor Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Jonovon and Emily (Mahorney) Roach g02 were married on October 18. Contact them at 4016 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807; emilym25@msn.com.

David and Amy (Gearhart) Wildermuth g02 were married on June 28. Janice Taylor g02 and Kellie Moll g02 participated in their wedding. Amy teaches math at Logansport Middle School.

Heidi Young g02 was scheduled for surgery in October to remove a cyst taking up 25% of the space in her chest cavity, it displaced her trachea and five main chest blood vessels. CT scans taken the day of her surgery revealed there was no cyst. She shares, “Thank you for your prayers; I hope you continue to rejoice with me because of what God has done.”

2003

R. Shane g03 and Amanda (Sovine) Burge fs03 wed on August 16. Contact them at 5233 S 50 E., Wabash, IN 46992.

Adam and Hannah (Osborn) Fricke g03 were married on August 16. Her twin sister, Rachel Osborn g02, was maid of honor. Dr. Daryl Yost, retired executive vice president/COO TUFW, read scripture. Contact them at 1629 Halpin Rd., Clarksville, OH 45113.

Jason and Erica (Williams) Hanson g03 wed on June 21. Contact them at 210 15th Ave. N Apt. 317, Waite Park, MN 56387; butterflygrl2336@aol.com.

Andrew g03 and Khristina (Peppas) Hoch cs were married on August 2. Andy is employed by Fort Wayne Community Schools and Khristina is student teaching at Forest Park Elementary School. Contact them at 815 Pasadena, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Joel and Jill (Kittner) McBain g03 were married on July 26 in Warrenville, IL. Jill Probst g02 was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Joel is senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. Contact them at 7702 Mill Run Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46819.

Chad g03 and Janna (Harms) Orlikowski fs04 welcome Heather Grace into their home. She was born on July 28. Contact them at 724 W. Oakdale Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Justin and Faith (Pinnick) Riddle g03 were married on June 21. TUFW participants were Tauna Herrell fs03, Jaime Roberts fs03, Annie See g03, Chris Pelz g02, Amy (Gearhart) Wildermuth g02 and Michael Mortensen g91TUU assoc. director for advancement. Faith is employed at Bright Hope Daycare and Justin is an automotive technician at Fort Wayne Toyota. Contact them at 2801 Witchwood Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46809; justfaith18@hotmail.com.

On March 1, Pauline (Beck) Zimmerman g30 entered her heavenly home.

Nellie E. Thum g33 went home to be with the Lord on July 5.

Florence Cavender g35 entered heaven on September 29. She pastored at Faith Missionary Church on the outskirts of Fort Wayne. A sister, and brother, Gerald Cavender g59, survive her.

Lois Slagle g35 entered eternity on November 15. After attending FWBC, she received her RN from Lutheran School of Nursing, Fort Wayne and her BA from Taylor University, Upland. She served as a medical missionary in the Congo and retired after 34 years of service. She was a member of Solid Rock Community Church, West Unity, OH. Three brothers and one sister survive her.

Agnes Miller fs37 passed on to her heavenly home, August 14. She was born in Berne, IN and was employed at Sears Roebuck & Co. for 13 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne. Survivors include: Sharon Miller, daughter, Leona Luginbill, sister. Her

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Marie Schierling fs52 was a missionary with her husband, Rev. Abraham Schierling g52, who preceded her to their home in glory. Her entry date was June 28. They served in the Dominican Republic for 30+ years, establishing churches and a camp. She is survived by two brothers and one sister; two sons, (Darrel g67) and two daughters, eight grandchildren with a number of great-grandchildren.

Rev. Chester M. Reed g54 of North Webster, IN entered glory on August 23.

Claire Ann Wolfe fs62 passed away July 6. She was a homemaker, member of Ormas Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher, and belonged to the Ladies Missionary Society. She is survived by her husband, parents, two daughters and their spouses; one brother, two sisters (Cyprian Hoffeditz fs64) and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth (Becraft) Stuck fs68 passed away on August 7. She was born in Fort Wayne, IN, and worked at Adams Wells Special Services as a teaching assistant for 10 years. She was a member of United Faith Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her mother, daughter, brothers, a sister, a niece and a nephew. Her husband and father preceded her in death.

William D. Crozier fs78 passed away on August 31. He served in law enforcement for 29 years. For the past 11 years he served as a probation/parole officer with the U.S. District Court, northern District of Indiana. He also taught criminal justice at Bethel College. His wife, Joan (Frederickson) fs79, his son, his mother, stepmother, two sisters and a brother survive him. Contact his family at crozierbjr@ameritech.net.

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