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Leading by Example:
Graduates equipped with a diploma and the servant's towel
Great is Thy Faithfulness

As I prepared my thoughts for this issue of the Fort Wayne Alumnus, I thought this would be an opportunity to look back on the past two decades and reflect how God's faithfulness has benefited both Taylor University and me. I have always been amazed at the changes represented and experienced in any particular "slice" of time. The past 20 years have not been an exception. It is my desire to highlight several areas where I feel significant growth and change have taken place over this past 20 years.

Spiritual Vitality: I recognize it is somewhat risky to suggest that anyone can determine the spiritual health of a given entity; however, there are a number of indicators that validate this for me. The annual student assessment questionnaire affirms that students continue to desire to make Christ more important and significant through their daily walk. The increased number of students participating in ministry opportunities at home and throughout the world is a testimony to spiritual vitality. As we learn about our alumni several years following graduation, we are once again amazed and impressed with the many who choose to serve Christ and His Kingdom in a variety of ways.

Faculty: The quality of those who have chosen to become a part of Taylor University continues to be of greater value as represented in academic credentials, commitment to Christ, involvement in outreach ministries and the true integration of faith and learning as one of the "hallmarks" of the University.

Academic Programs: One of the most significant challenges the University continues to experience is to increase the breadth of academic offerings without hindering depth. In recent years, the concern for the depth of academic programs has become more and more the topic for serious dialogue. The number of majors offered by the University is of a lesser concern than the quality and depth of each that may be in place at any given time. As the Fort Wayne campus continues to grow, the focus on more applied arts with an emphasis on preparation for a specific vocation will become of greater importance and significance. It is important for the academic programs to be complementary to the environment in which we find ourselves in Fort Wayne.

Stewardship: One of the most significant opportunities the University has experienced in recent years is the duty we have to be excellent stewards of the resources availed to us in a variety of ways. I assure you this has been a very common theme as we develop a budget annually. We do not assume these resources are to be managed with anything but the greatest of care.

Benevolent Giving: Over the past few years, there has been considerable evidence of God's provision to His people as the University has been able to experience the goodness of foundation gifts, individual donors, estates, and the annual giving of God's many benevolent people. Although we are challenged annually to meet certain goals, it is such an affirmation to see how it ultimately comes together.

Alumni: The graduates of Taylor University continue to reach all corners of the universe. It is wonderful to know God continues to challenge the hearts and minds of His people through many vocations throughout the world. This is a marvelous manifestation of how the Taylor education has brought the heart, the mind and the hands to a field rich unto the harvest. It is also a delight to see how alumni support the University with annual gifts.

As this period of time in my life comes to closure, I stand amazed at God's goodness and simply ask, "And can it be, that God has used a time such as this, allowing one of His children to receive such a blessing for 20 years at Taylor University?"

Joenita and I step from this period of our lives into a continuation of ministry at the University in a substantially lesser profile. Our hearts are full of gratitude to so many people. We look forward to a continuing relationship with all of you. Thank you for the memories.

Dr. Gyertson and Dr. Yost talk with students on the Fort Wayne campus.

In light of Dr. Yost's retirement, Dr. Gyertson is taking the opportunity to evaluate the leadership needs of the Fort Wayne campus in the context of an overall re-organization of the University. He will devote at least two days a week on the Fort Wayne campus until a final leadership structure and personnel are defined.
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Daryl,
Thank you for your genuine friendship, your strong character, your willing spirit, your support for the underdog, your steadfast faith, and your contagious determination to make a difference.

Daryl and Joenita,
I am so proud to appreciate as much your consistency, courage, dedication and wise perspective. I also knew very truly that the art of you are a team... Doug's excellence is firmly rooted in the relationship with you, Joenita.

Dr. Yor-
As I reflect upon your many contributions to God's ministry at Taylor, I wish to include the important role played by your wife, Joenita... you are indeed a team, living out your services to God together.

Twenty years of making memories...

Celebrating Daryl and Joenita Yost
Dr. & Mrs. Yost,

You will be missed, but your handprints and footprints are all over this campus in the lives of faculty, staff, students, buildings and the atmosphere that makes Taylor Fort Wayne the special place you have helped create.

Daryl and Specula,

Your personal involvement in the lives of students is an inspiration. You are “champions” for this campus!

—Taylor Parent
Many things have impressed Nancy and me about Taylor University. And several have moved us both personally and spiritually during the past three years. Being in Christ-centered higher education for most of the past 35 years, we know much about the many institutions committed to integrating quality academic learning and professional training in the context of a dynamic and intentional Christian experience. Taylor University’s vision to equip men and women for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service is, for us, among the clearest.

Nancy and I are impressed with the consistent desire to anchor what Taylor thinks, believes and does to the authority and wisdom of the Scriptures. We are energized by the uncompromising commitment to keep Christ at the center of every effort. Jay Kesler’s passion that the word Christian means more not less to a watching world is the strong, regular heartbeat we hear from those who teach and lead.
The belief that every Christian should be able to catch God at work in every place, plan, person and process guides academic excellence in the context of the faith-informed Liberal Arts. The ministry of whole person education is the focus of this intentionally Christian community. We are amazed by the grace and humility that seasons private conversations and public debates. And Nancy and I marvel at the compassion and maturity this covenant community manifests in the best and worst of what life throws their way.

Getting to know Taylor alumni, we taste the fruit of the University's commitment to equip for vocational and professional effectiveness. Within the work places that influence business, family, society and the church, many of this University's graduates are known for serving their vocational callings with all of their might—all for the glory of Christ. And the vision to engage a lost world with the message of a saving Lord motivates faculty, students and alumni to invest themselves sacrificially in the Great Commission mandate to go into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the outermost parts of the world. Needless to say we feel privileged to be a part of so significant a life-transforming, world-changing ministry.

One of the things that moves us deeply is the commitment to and expressions of Taylor's seventh core value - servant leadership. This phrase is now so familiar in most Christian and business circles that it is easy to take it for granted minimizing the implications. The challenge to live life like Jesus did can be perceived as an impossible, or at best, impractical ideal. While we recognize that we may not always live up to the wristband orthopraxy of WWJD – what would Jesus do – it is a desire that lives deeply within the individual and collected hearts of those who take seriously the call to follow Christ fully.

At Taylor University the implications of our Lord washing His disciples' feet (John 13: 1-17) and the lessons connected to it are part of our historic legacy. The founding of Fort Wayne Female College in 1846 was motivated by the desire of visionary leaders in the Methodist Episcopal denomination to help women prepare for vocational callings of sacrificial service to both the church and society. In 1890, the decision to name the new, independent institution after Bishop William Taylor reinforced the commitment to equip men and women with both the leader's heart and the servant's hands to reach a needy world.

No single individual played a greater role in Taylor's servant leadership commitment than Samuel Morris, the escaped African slave whose cry was to serve wherever and whenever God would call. His willingness to take the room that no one else desired and humble dedication to "wash the feet" of others with Christ's love remains an integral part of that which makes Taylor "Taylor."
Taylor University graduates leave the campuses and enter the world with two precious symbols. The diploma represents their achievements as they explored successfully the demands of the Christ-centered Liberal Arts. They are equipped to think deeply about the issues of life, the challenges of vocational callings and their responsibilities to family, the church and society. The servant’s towel, the last thing received crossing the graduation platform, reminds them that unto whom much is given, much is required. It is not uncommon to find that Taylor alumni frame both their diplomas and their towels together as a reminder of that which distinguishes them and characterizes their alma mater.

I am convinced that God is preparing a unique generation of men and women for unprecedented opportunities in the Great Commission mission of the 21st Century. Taylor University continues to be a faithful steward of the living legacy of servant leadership central to the successful completion of our Lord’s last great command. To ensure that the word “Christian” always means more, not less, we seek to do as Jesus did praying that a needy world receives, from servant hearts and serving hands, His redeeming and transforming love.

Dr. Gyertson at Taylor Fort Wayne's 2003 graduation.

That tradition of sacrificial service persists in our alumni. Individuals like Sharon Ridenour g01 who serves with Christian Literature Crusade in Central Asia, taking Christ centered literature to an area where there has been a drought of Christian books. Willie Hunter g67 has spent the last 30 years with Medical Ministry International, establishing hospitals and clinics in the Dominican Republic and around the world, where they specialize in restoring vision to blind patients. Paul Robbins g60 has influenced and encouraged thousands of Christians world wide, as president of Christianity Today, International, and has ministered to the Taylor community through over 27 years of service on the Fort Wayne Bible College's and Taylor University's Board of Trustees. Servant leadership is the silver thread that runs through the great cloud of witnesses who credit their college experience as the catalyst for a life of productive and fulfilling service.

This challenge to both lead and serve with tough minds, tender hearts and competent, compassionate hands persists at today’s Taylor. On the campuses, across the street and throughout the world, the influence of a serving legacy is felt. Tutoring, rescue mission work, ministry, community outreach and many other venues provide opportunities for hundreds of students and employees to live out the calling to do what Jesus did. Their ministry of extending the cup of cold water, given in the name of Jesus so willingly and joyfully, blesses and transforms many.
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Serving is without preferential treatment. Even though Jesus knew Judas would betray him, He washed his feet, too. Neither one's position nor attitude resulted in special treatment. With Christ, one's status in life is immaterial and the feet of each disciple were washed equally.

Serving is derived from our relationship with God. Our motivation to serve others doesn't come from the gratitude we feel in our heart towards God. Similarly, Christ's desire to do his Heavenly Father's will and fulfill his commands provided the motivation to serve others all to His glory.

In serving God we learn how He serves us. Peter struggled with having Jesus wash his feet, but the Master replied, "Unless I wash you, you have no part of Me." In allowing Christ to stoop and wash our feet, to meet our basic needs, we better understand the meaning of the truth that no servant is greater than his master.

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Enlightened leaders know that serving and supporting unleashes much more energy, talent and commitment than commanding, controlling and grasping for power. Just as Jesus established close relationships and invested His time and life in His disciples as both Servant and Shepherd, so, too, should we as His followers remember "the towel" and carry on His model of servant leadership all for His glory.


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Christ contrasts himself with the harsh and self-absorbed religious leaders of His day: “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be saved, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:25-28). Christ declares that true greatness is not achieved by striving for prominence over others or grasping for power, but by a humble attitude of service for all. According to Charles Colson, “nothing distinguishes the kingdoms of man from the kingdom of God more than their diametrically opposed views of the exercise of power. One seeks to control people, the other to serve people; one promotes self, the other prostrates self; one seeks prestige and position, the other lifts up the lowly and despised.”

The classic illustration of servant leadership is seen in Jesus washing the feet of His disciples as recorded in John 13:12-17 after which He said, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” Christ urged the disciples to stoop and gladly minister to the needs of others. Colson writes, “It’s difficult to stand on a pedestal and wash the feet of those below.”

So, being a Christian leader is first and foremost becoming a humble and selfless servant. Page writes, “If you want to be great, you must be last. If you want to be first, you must be last. If you want to be served, you must learn how to serve. If you want to be a leader you must learn how to serve sacrificially those whom you lead. The price of this kind of followership requires that one “take up his cross daily, and follow Jesus.”

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Lessons in Servant Leadership: What We Are to Do

The late Rev. Martin Luther King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" Taylor University answers that question through its consistent emphasis on servant leadership as a core value. In fact, Taylor University's mission statement includes the education of men and women to minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

Throughout Scripture, Jesus sets the example and stresses the importance of serving others. In Matthew 25:40, He says, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."

Although Taylor fulfills its mission of servanthood by reaching out to the immediate community with multitudes of service projects, Taylor's desire to extend its sphere of influence led to the beginning of a new initiative to serve more people in Allen County.

In 2000, Taylor University partnered with the Foellinger Foundation to create the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness (iOE). The mission of the iOE is to partner with nonprofit organizations in Allen County and their leadership teams as they pursue performance excellence. The vision includes educating and equipping executive leaders, collaborating with other nonprofit providers, and becoming a vehicle to bring about synergy for community change.

The iOE gives the University an opportunity to contribute directly to strengthening the community in a tangible way. The iOE exists to provide resources to leaders of nonprofit organizations in Allen County that will lead to greater effectiveness in fulfilling each organization's respective mission statement. Each year the iOE invites 12 executive leaders to come together in a cohort group for a three-year commitment. The first year involves an organizational self-assessment and a series of workshops designed around the Kauffman Foundation's six attributes of effective nonprofits.

The second year, each organization can apply for up to $45,000 in the form of a planning grant. In the third year, each executive leader initiates a coaching relationship with a leader of another nonprofit organization.

"West Central Neighborhood Ministry has grown in its capacity to serve," says Andrea Thomas, executive director of West Central Neighborhood Ministry. "Our extensive and intense work with (iOE facilitator) David Trickett has helped us to become more aware that effective service depends on the quality of relationships among our many constituencies - churches, program participants, board, staff and the wider community. We have worked hard as an organization to strengthen the connecting threads so that the social fabric more closely resembles a fine tapestry instead of the crazy quilt we often think it is."

The training, evaluating and coaching that Taylor University and the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness offer to Allen County nonprofit organizations enables them to more effectively serve the community at-large. The iOE is just one more way that Taylor demonstrates servant leadership in our community.

Above: Dr. Robert Andringa, President of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, addresses local nonprofit leaders.
Today, Graduation . . .

Tomorrow, the World

Graduation 2003
(L to R) Brooke Wilson, senior class president; Christina Kuhns, receives a hug; Jaime Roberts, poses with Dr. Pam Jordan.

Taylor University Fort Wayne conferred degrees upon 66 graduates (May and August 2003 graduates) at commencement, May 24, and commissioned them to “minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.”

That “world” is the world in which they will live, work and worship.

What does that look like? New and recent graduates, featured on the next several pages, share their corner of the world with us.

A common thread throughout the features is the commitment to serve. Although the servant’s towel is not displayed in the features photos, the servant’s heart is evident as is the passion to share the redemptive love of Jesus Christ.

2003 Graduation Facts
• Eight of the 32 May graduates did so with honors;
• Ten of the 32 May graduates made the Dean’s List (3.6 GPA or higher) during the spring semester;
• During their Taylor Fort Wayne years, class members received $2,414,553.00 in grants and scholarships;
• Three graduates are children of Fort Wayne campus alumni;
• Ten graduates have siblings who are Fort Wayne campus alumni;
• Seven graduates have spouses who are Fort Wayne campus alumni;
• Four graduates have brothers- or sisters- in-law who are Fort Wayne campus alumni; and
• One father and daughter graduated at the 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Degrees Conferred
• Associate’s Degrees: one liberal arts, one early childhood education;
• Bachelor’s Degrees: two accounting and information application, one biblical studies, one business administration, one business and information application, two Christian ministries, four criminal justice, eleven elementary education, four intercultural studies, one international business, one journalism, one law and justice, two music, nine pastoral ministries, three professional writing, eight psychology, seven public relations, four social work and four youth ministries. (Two graduates were double majors.)
To know the importance of family, music and ministry to David Stucky '03, you must first get to know him.

David grew up in the Philippines where his parents served as missionaries. Missionary service was not just his parents' service, the whole family (including seven children) was involved. David and his siblings taught Sunday School and vacation Bible school. "Our parents wanted us to be involved (in ministry) and know why they were doing this; they wanted us to be a part of each other's ministry." When on furlough, it is customary that the father of a missionary family travel throughout the country to speak to supporting churches. In the Stucky household, the whole family traveled together and ministered together through preaching and singing, and talking with the congregation after the services.

"I've been involved in music since I was four years old," David begins, "I can't picture myself doing anything else." He adds, "My mom graduated with a music education degree from the Upland campus; music was important to her and was a 'main staple' for us." Recently graduating with a degree in music himself, David's longterm goals include concert ministry. Short term, he will join his parents' international congregation church plant in Indianapolis serving as worship pastor. "I see worship leading similar to concert ministry. Music communicates to people on a deeper level than speaking sometimes can; it touches their lives."
Graduating with a college degree and having a purpose for life are two things Ron Garner '03 had given up on. Then Ron met God. And God changed his future.

In 1995, Ron had completed his first year at IPFW with no plans to return to college. "I wasn't sure if school was my 'thing,'" he reflects. Ron took a variety of jobs over the next couple of years, ending up at Snider Tire, Bluffton, IN, where he was hired as a manager. He continued to show potential and received promotions; the company even promised Ron the opportunity to return to college, but the 70-hour weeks provided very little opportunity for him to do so. Ron was burning out and felt like his future was hopeless.

"Around that time, Tonya was finishing her degree at Purdue and rededicated her life to the Lord," Ron begins. "We got engaged and during marriage counseling I gave my life to the Lord." About six months later, Ron felt the Lord's call on his life for ministry. "I tried to convince God that He didn't use guys like me," he shares. Others saw God leading him into ministry as well. "I knew then why I hadn't known what to do (with my future)... God was waiting for me... When I said 'yes' to God's call, He opened doors that had earlier appeared closed."

At the end of May, Ron received his college diploma, something he never thought possible. He was ordained in The Missionary Church on March 21 and has served as family life/associate pastor at Greenville Missionary Church, Greenville, OH, since March. Ron sees God working in the life of the church, and sees that God can and does use guys like him.

*Ron Garner '03*  
Pastoral Ministries Major  
(L to R) Ron preaches at Greenville Missionary Church; Ron, wife Tonya, and their son, Samuel, at Ron's ordination; Ron and Tonya on vacation in Amsterdam in 2000.
"Doing all things as unto the Lord" (Col 3:23) is not a new revelation for Jill Kittner '03, it is a verse she has lived by throughout her college career and a lifestyle she intends on keeping in her professional career.

Jill has already held positions of significance in public relations although she graduated just days ago. Her public relations practicum took her to Emmaus Bible College where she served in the ministry resources department, writing letters and planning major events. She completed an internship as a marketing assistant with Dr. Larry Rottmeyer, professor of business, where she analyzed and interpreted data and developed strategies for nonprofit organizations. During J-term of Jill's senior year, she developed the "corporate image" of her church: redesigning the bulletin, brochures and website. Jill feels that as a Christian, her work needs to be of greater quality than what the world produces. And though she is currently seeking full-time employment in corporate communications, ministry continues to be in her future endeavors. "P.R. is something I can do [for churches and nonprofit organizations] and is not a means for me to make a profit, but a means to do what I need to do [for the Lord]."
During her last semester at TUFW, Leah (Pennington) Manley g99 performed an internship in the communications/education department at Do it Best Corporation, a hardware wholesaler company at the international headquarters in Fort Wayne. She took a position as the corporate communications coordinator upon graduation and remained there one year.

Through God's leading, she spent the summer of 2000 in Jamaica where she served as "house-mother" for an orphanage while the directors traveled the States on furlough. In addition to her role as house-mother, she developed forms and a variety of other print pieces for the orphanage and adoption program that was beginning.

That fall she returned to the Midwest to become resident director and staff advisor of student publications at Huntington College. While there she met Brian Manley, whom she married last summer. While a student at HC, Brian performed an internship at the Crystal Cathedral and God opened a position for him to return on their staff. The couple moved to Anaheim, CA, following their honeymoon. "The timing could not have been more perfect," Leah shares. "Knowing and relying on God's faithfulness, I began my search for jobs. I found a few open positions at Children's Hospital of Orange County" where she now works. Leah serves in the marketing and communications department as executive assistant and is also assigned to special events and departmental support.

Leah reflects, "I've had a lot of amazing life experiences that I'm glad I took advantage of [these few short years since graduating from TUFW]."
Today, Graduation. . .

Thad Keener '01
Teacher
(L to R) Thad, Peggy, and sons Rudy (5) and Samuel (2); Covenant Christian School; Thad in the classroom.

The decision to pursue a college degree at age 30 was scary for Thad Keener. The decision also involved a lot of sacrifice, for both Thad and his wife, Peggy, as they switched traditional roles. They lived solely on Peggy's income while Thad pursued a degree in biblical studies full-time and balanced being a stay-at-home-dad with their two sons (both born during Thad's college career).

With a desire to teach at the collegiate level, after TUFW, Thad pursued postgraduate level studies, while substitute teaching. With the nation strengthening its home security program and Thad desiring a more stable income, he began the process of securing a job with U.S. Customs. Thad had been assigned a job on the border. The day came to finalize the position, and Thad received a phone call. . . .

Unknown to him, Brian Hudson g91, principal of Covenant Christian School, Indianapolis, IN, had been talking with Dr. David Biberstein about Bible majors who could teach at the school. Dr. Biberstein knew Thad's desire to teach, called him and recommended he talk with Brian. Ten days later, Thad interviewed and was hired. The Keeners moved to Indianapolis and Thad began his first year teaching Bible and Christian Thought to 82 seniors.

"I'm having a blast," he shares. And it's not surprising. Covenant Christian School was selected number one in private Christian schools, in the category of best places to work in the country, by Christianity Today (April 2003). Thad will begin his second year at the school in the fall, teaching Bible to seniors and Greek to juniors and seniors.

"I think of all the times I stood in the doorways of Drs. Wes, Ringenberg, Barcalow and Birkey. . . it wasn't until I began teaching that I realized the level of sacrifice they made," Thad reflects, and adds, "I depended on them for insight, direction and guidance. Now, I'm sought out too [by my students]."
Andy Booth '01
Worship Minister
(L to R) Andy, Trisha and son Jacob; Andy oversees Soultrip – the Saturday evening service at Heartland Community Church; Come So Close – a collection of original worship songs written, sung and recorded by seven Taylor alums who serve and worship at Heartland.

The transition from college to vocational ministry was a natural one for Andy Booth '01 as he was involved at Heartland Community Church before he even graduated. He now serves there as assistant pastor and oversees the young adult ministry, Saturday evening service (Soultrip) and technology (web and media).

Soultrip is a ministry outreach to postmodern young adults that began three years ago.
"The original plan for Soultrip was event focused, to get people in the building and 'have church,'" Andy shares. "The focus has shifted as we're now community based, geared towards providing a sense of belonging. With the breakdown of the family, the fatherless-generation needs to know God is our Father. Soultrip is where we can experience God's heart to us as a Father."

What prepared Andy the most for ministry and experiencing God’s heart as a Father is two-fold: the recent birth of his son, Jacob, and having a heart for people, an insight he gained from the professors under whom he studied.

*Come So Close* is a live-worship CD made up of a collection of original songs written, sung and recorded by seven Taylor (Fort Wayne and Upland campuses) alums who serve and worship at Heartland.
There were no boundaries for Hannah Osborn's '03 education. Having been home-schooled kindergarten through high school, she experienced God's classroom, spending portions of 1996-1998 in Mexico and China. While a junior in high school, Hannah enrolled in Kent State's credits-in-escrow program, where she later completed her freshman year, as well. Because she felt the Lord leading her into ministry since her teen years, she transferred to Taylor Fort Wayne to pursue an intercultural studies major.

Hannah obtained a deeper understanding of ministry through relationships built at TUFW. "God put discipleship and mentoring on my heart and gave me the abilities," she shares, and continues, "I saw God's heart for people through professors and fellow students, alike." She found her ministry niche, ministering to women, when she served as a resident's assistant.

Her desire is to minister to women in crisis. Her fiancé, a civil engineer by profession, is supportive. "Adam has a huge heart to minister to God's people. We see ministry as a partnership." Although the two plan to serve in their home church near Cincinnati, OH, where Adam leads worship, they are not closing doors to overseas ministry. The world Hannah learned in is the one in which they will serve.
Students Receive $225,000 in Scholarships

Above: Amy Swartz, granddaughter of Willodean Klopfenstein; Sarah Dewitt, scholarship recipient; and Willodean Klopfenstein, donor.

Taylor Fort Wayne recognized 115 students for their academic excellence, extracurricular leadership and commendable Christian commitment during a special Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the end of April. Scholarships totaled over $225,000. Two hundred fifty parents, students and scholarship donors were in attendance.

Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned on the endowment principal and awarded annually to be used in the next academic year. Sherri Harter, associate vice president for university advancement, shares, “Scholarships are vital to our students as they prepare for the future. They go far beyond providing much needed financial assistance...they endorse a student’s decision to follow the Lord’s leading in their career/ministry pursuit.”

Scholarships awarded for the first time included the Foster C. & Willodean M. Klopfenstein, Lougheed Memorial and Samuel Morris Endowed Scholarships.

If you are interested in establishing an Endowed Scholarship or would like additional information on other scholarship possibilities, Contact

Sherri Harter
associate v. p. for university advancement
(260) 744-8775

Why a GIFT is Twice as Nice

Taylor University has received a $3.5 million challenge match from Lilly Endowment, Inc. Alumni have until December 31, 2003, to have their donations doubled (except gifts for athletics). The matching grant provides an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen the Taylor experience by supporting faculty development, encouraging creative scholarship and enhancing the quality academic programs that have made the University a leader in Christ-centered higher education.

Alumni participation in giving is the goal. Taylor's alumni participation is up from last year and is well above the national average. Each gift serves as a vote for Taylor. To “Get Involved For Taylor” with a GIFT, call 260-744-8775 or email shharter@tayloru.edu.

Board Business

The Board of Trustees convened on campus May 7-9. Highlights of the meetings included the retirement dinner honoring Dr. Daryl and Joenita Yost and groundbreaking ceremonies for the Kesler Student Activities Center on the Upland campus (see next page for further details.)

Other University issues included:
• An update from Crane Metamarketing on the branding elements and marketing strategies necessary to move the University and its various entities, to a more distinguishable position in the Christian higher education marketplace.
• The realities of tightening budgets, increasing operational costs, shrinking new student enrollment pools and uncertainties of the current economic climate reinforced the need to move deliberately with program prioritization and resource reallocation.
• Progress on the revision of the strategic planning process, including a comprehensive review of the Life Together Covenant, is scheduled for 2003-2004.
• A positioning statement for the Fort Wayne campus is in the development stages.
• Academic and faculty support remains the president’s highest priority for the planning process. With the full funding of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. matching grant program imminent, resources for new academic initiatives are in place.

Annual Funds

The combined Taylor Fund and Fort Wayne Fund reached over $1.9 million for fiscal year 2002-2003. The funding is used to help cover the difference between the cost of educating students and the funds raised by tuition. Of the total costs for providing a Taylor University education, a student’s required fees cover 80%, the remaining balance is covered by gifts, endowment and other sources.

Not designated to a specific building project, department or program, gifts to the Taylor Fund and the Fort Wayne Fund are entrusted to the University to be used in the areas of greatest need, identified at this time to be the financial assistance of students.

Church Matching Grants

TUFW will match up to $600 of what a student’s home church or parachurch organization gives towards their college tuition needs. For more information, Contact

Aimee Betsui, advancement assistant, (260) 744-8600, ambetsui@tayloru.edu or visit www.tayloru.edu/fw/departments/financialaid/aid/grants.html.
Expanding The Borders

Construction on Both Campuses is on Schedule

Construction of the Calvin H. English Library is on schedule for completion June 2004. The $8.4 million dollar (including endowment) building project will provide a much needed state-of-the-art library on the Fort Wayne campus and will stimulate enthusiasm and growth. The University desires to be a stabilizing force and major contributor to the health and vitality of Fort Wayne, especially by enhancing the South Side. Lifelong learning needs a current, well-resourced library. By providing resources, especially new and advanced technologies, the library will enhance the future and meet the needs of 21st Century students. More information on the Calvin H. English Library project, and other University building projects, is available online, visit http://www.tayloru.edu/taylor/ttomorrow/

Groundbreaking for the Kesler Student Activities Center, on the Upland campus, occurred during the May 2003 Taylor University Board of Trustees meetings. The facility, first dreamed about in the late 1980’s, is being built in honor of President Emeritus Jay Kesler and his wife Janie. This $12.1 million dollar facility will fulfill the dream for additional recreational space and will house an indoor track, four basketball courts, an aerobics room, fitness center, and several athletic and public locker rooms. Taylor is also anticipating a host of new possibilities for interacting with the local community in this facility.

Funding for the Kesler Center was achieved through gifts of approximately $4.1 million and bond proceeds of $8.0 million. The construction schedule for the Kesler Student Activities Center suggests completion during the fall semester of 2004. You can get periodic updates by checking the university’s website at http://www.tayloru.edu/taylor/ttomorrow/

Modelle Metcalf Building Dedicated

Dedication for the new nearly $8.2 million Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center ($5.996 million construction and equipment, $2.2 million endowment) was Friday, April 4, on Taylor University’s Upland campus at the annual May meeting of the Board of Trustees. Construction of the 33,809 square-foot, two-floor facility was completed in May and is scheduled for use during the fall 2003 semester.

The Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center is the third phase of a three-phase fine arts facility. The center’s first level includes a spacious two-story galleria, art gallery, bronze foundry, outdoor sculpture garden. The lower and second levels boast the Whitaker auditorium, Gilbert computer design laboratory, Canham photography center and studio classrooms.
Music Department Gets New Look

The Music Department was the grateful recipient of new robes, thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors. The robes, which will be worn by Cantate and Choral Union next year, are an eggplant color with a stole of white, gold and eggplant with the Taylor University cross and crucible logo, displayed on the front side. The robes replaced those worn by choral groups on this campus for the last 40 years. Members of this year’s Choral Ensemble were immediately impressed with the color and the quality of the robes. The group wore them for the first time May 8, for the University Board dinner and choral home concert.

Taylor University’s Upland Campus Named a College of Distinction

In June, Taylor University’s Upland campus was notified of their inclusion in the book Colleges of Distinction. A panel of high school college counselors, college admission professionals and college administrators developed the criteria for inclusion in the book. More than standard consideration factors, criteria included a student’s entire college experience, starting from the time they arrive on campus to after their graduation. Four areas of distinction are: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. Criteria for consideration included: selectivity rate, graduation rate, retention rate, faculty/student ratio, percentage of classes under 20 participants, percentage of residential campus community, undergraduate student body size, percentage of undergraduate degrees conferred, experiential learning opportunities, alumni giving rate, student involvement in campus activities, percentage of full-time faculty, percentage of faculty on tenure track, rate of employment after graduation and rate of graduate school acceptance for alumni.

President at Fuller

Dr. Gyertson is on location as a “Scholar in Residence” at the De Pree Leadership Institute at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is concentrating his efforts on an exegesis of Philippians 2, on the topic of “Needs Driven Leadership.”

In his research, Gyertson has discovered the majority of leadership literature focuses on the leader’s strengths, styles, gifts, etc. Believing that we are to lead as Jesus led and following His very example, Gyertson believes the Christ-focused leader should be willing to set aside his/her own styles and preferences, if doing so better serves the needs of those to be led. Christ surrendered His very essence in order to become that which we, as lost humanity, needed. Other biblical examples of God using leaders most effectively, who were not gifted or equipped, indeed encourage us to do the same. Among them are Moses, Aaron, David, Nehemiah, Jeremiah, and the disciples - particularly Peter.

Since Gyertson’s primary calling has been to equip support and encourage leaders who will lead as Jesus did, he is re-thinking and re-writing over 20 years of leadership training and development materials. He will be sharing this as a work in progress in his chapel series tentatively entitled, “Revolutionary Leadership: Leading as Jesus Led.” In addition, he may write on the various biblical personalities, noted previously, focusing on this very different perspective of leadership training and development.

Kesler’s Service Honored

After stepping down as Taylor University’s president, in 2000, Dr. Jay Kesler moved into the role of chancellor. His final year of a three-year commitment concluded June 30; Kesler retired fully from his duties with the University. In honor of his many years of distinguished service, the Board of Trustees awarded him the honorary title of “president emeritus.”

“Nancy and I have appreciated Jay and Janie’s personal and professional support during this transition process,” states President David Gyertson. “Their prayers, encouragement and consistent cheerleading on behalf of our ministry has been invaluable.”
Frances White Ewbank Colloquium

The Fourth Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis and friends is planned for March 12-14, 2004. Walter Hooper, who worked as the private secretary to C.S. Lewis and is a recognized author and editor in the field of Lewis studies, will be one of two featured speakers. Barbara Reynolds, a Dorothy Sayers friend, scholar and biographer, will be the other featured speaker. Sayers is known by many for her popular detective fiction stories that feature Lord Peter Wimsey.

Ian Blakemore and Rachel Johnson, along with Hooper, will be traveling from England. Blakemore and Johnson will speak on George MacDonald. MacDonald was a preacher, poet, novelist and mythmaker whose work had a large influence on many people, including Lewis.

For additional details or to find out how to attend or present a paper at the conference, contact David Neuhouser at 765-998-5245, dvneuhous@tayloru.edu or visit www.tayloru.edu/upland/programs/lewis/.

Taylor University owns an extensive collection of first editions, manuscripts, and other materials from five notable Christian authors: C.S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Charles Williams and Owen Barfield. As a Christian institution, our ultimate objective is to promote the Kingdom of God on earth. We believe the writings of these authors do just that. The collection serves as a focal point, highlighting the enduring value of these authors. Therefore, the University conducts classes, seminars and independent studies for students on campus, host a biannual colloquium for people from around the world, and promote an area C.S. Lewis & Friends Society which meets bimonthly from September to May. These activities both encourage many to study the lives and writings of these authors and enhance the spiritual and academic life of Taylor University.

Faculty and Student Honors and Accomplishments

Aaron Howley, 2003 graduate and student of Dr. Michael Cook, assistant professor of psychology, (at left) is designing and conducting a survey for Hospice of Allen County. The survey is designed to assess the attitudes of minorities toward Hospice.

Dr. Dennis Hensley, associate professor of English, (below, left) published his book Surprises and Miracles of the Season: Devotions for Christmas and New Years by Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, in October 2002. His book, Man to Man: Becoming the Believer God Called You to Be, will be published by Kregel Publishers of Grand Rapids this month. Hensley was the keynote speaker at the Blue Ridge Christian Writers Conference in North Carolina, in April, and the keynote speaker at the “Writing For the Soul” Christian Writer’s Conference in Colorado Springs, CO, in February. Hensley, 38 of his students and three staff members had a total of 81 reviews published in the spring 2003 issue of Church Libraries. Reviewers included: Lisa Angell, Julia Beange, Lynette Bleed, Johnny Boatright, Autumn Bonecutter, Nancy Brown, Laura Buck, Dale Criswell, Timothy Deal, Hannah DeRegibus, Vera Drew, Natasha Fast, Laura Fischer, Rebecca Ford, Candice Fries, Nick Hayden, Judith Junk, Chrissie Kaake, Coralee Karacson, Jeff Kepler, Jennifer Logue, David Long, Nathan Marchand, Jessica Mason, David Miller, Heather Neilson, Esther Nnassanga, Keith Osmun, Crystal Owen, Jessica Owens, Kay Reusser, S. Danny Smith, Rachel Smola, Melanie Spence, Lindsay Stipp, Teri Timmerman, Kyle Waalen, Jayne Walters, Leilani Wells, and Peggy Sue Wells.

Dr. Ken Johnson, associate professor of music, (at right) participated in the College Music Society’s Western Regional Conference, March 21-22, 2003, in Denver, CO. In a presentation entitled “Arvo Part and the Tintinnabuli Style,” Johnson spoke on a 20th century Estonian composer who was inspired, in part, by the resonating capabilities of bells.
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Although Samaritan’s House is the Foster’s vision, it is a cooperative effort with several churches in the Fort Wayne area; emotional and spiritual support will be available to those who desire it. Funding for the House has come from a number of individuals in the Fort Wayne community including doctors and trauma surgeons to foundations, associations and individuals.

Samaritan's House is located one block from Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne's only trauma center and will open this fall.

Although their grief was great, their Comforter was greater. The Fosters anticipate ministering to others out of the comfort they received.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. . . just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 7b).

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Hearing from Fort Wayne alumni either in person or through the mail (e-mail too) is such a joy. We keep sending us your news notes so it’s possible to visit, especially if you’ve been since you walked the halls as a professor. Taylor Fort Wayne is building for the Future 2003. We look forward to your visit soon!

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Rev. Arthur g45 and Gladys (Chapman) Reifel g45 continue to serve as visitation pastors for Bethany Missionary Church, Elkhart. Contact them at 109 Wabash Ave., Mishawaka, IN 46544; habiba45@aol.com.

1946
Dr. David F. Siemens g46 retired as professor of philosophy from Pierce College, Los Angeles. He is currently involved with Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies at Grand Canyon University. He published an article in Philosophic Christianity. His wife, Esther (Mahaffey) g44, is a retired teacher. Contact them at 2703 E. Kenwood St., Mesa, AZ 85213; dfsiemensjr@juno.com.

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Dwight Steiner fs47 had open-heart surgery in January and is doing well. He and his wife, Marie, reside at 1730 E. Aurelius Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020; destine@col.net.

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Missionaries, Pete and Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53 will leave France in August 2003, and officially retire August 2004. They will represent the TEAM France field seeking new recruits, holding conferences and preaching missions for a year. They plan to continue in itinerate ministry after that year. Contact them at 2900 W. Berry Rd., Rives Junction, MI 48277; PeteDoneldaPeterson@compuserve.com, after August 2003.

1956
Harriet Fields g56 officially retired last July as a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators to Peru, she continues to work on translating a dictionary for the Matses people. Contact her at 427 E. Glade Montgomery Rd., Liberty, IN 47353.

Carol Wiens fs56 is a retired teacher who has kept active volunteering with children in Haiti, Mexico, and Kodiak Island in Alaska. Contact her at 1400 W. 13th St., Spc.123, Upland, CA 91786.

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Clifford and Beatrice (Kranich) Garver g63 were married on May 25, 2002. They reside at 4911 E. Salmoth Rd., Falmouth, MI 49632.

1966
August "Gus" Enderlin g66 and his wife, Gale, reside in Castro Valley, CA, and are trying to build a permanent Christian high school, but are facing some legal procedures. Gus started the Redwood Christian School in 1970 and worked with ACSI in southern California for 10 years. Email Gus at gus@victorydrillbook.com.

1967
Judy Mellender g67 retired on June 30 from serving 18 years as secretary/church clerk of First Baptist Church, Glendale, AZ. Contact her at 8161 N. 107th Ave., #111, Peoria, AZ 85345.

Marjorie (Gerber) Mills g67 was awarded the highest national certification level from Renaissance Learning for outstanding classroom performance and gains in reading and was also awarded Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Recertification by the Madison, WI, based company. Marjorie teaches at Tri County North Elementary School, Madison, WI.

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1972
Martha Buss g72 serves with the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Ecuador and is finally settled in her apartment. Please pray that the Lord will help her to "open doors" in her gated community to teach English and for a workable solution regarding a place to teach. Contact her at Casilla 959-P, Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America; mebuss@easynet.net.ec.

1973
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Lad Heisten g73 is teaching at Thoreau Demonstration Academy. He and his wife, Gaellan, live in Broken Arrow, OK, with their two children. Email them at heisten3lad@cox.net.

After 14 years serving as senior staff writer with Mission Aviation Fellowship, Brad Smith g73 has an independent writing business called The Wordsmith Shop. Contact him and his wife, Donna (Rohrs) g73, at 27 Rainier Ct., Redlands, CA 92374; thewordsmithshop@netzero.com.

1974
Doris (Bowsher) Hyde g74 and her husband, Ben, serve the military through Cadence International at Fort Hood. In March, Doris suffered a heart attack and received an artificial aortic valve. They praise the Lord that much of her speech has returned, and though her short-term memory is restricted, her long-term memory is intact.

Please pray for her restoration and for her family as they stand with her. You may contact them at 485 CR 4492, Kempner, TX; ben_hyde@cadencec.org.

Robert Kirby g74 is associate pastor at Anchor of Hope Church and operates a handyman business. He and his wife, Deborah, and their children, Crystal (14), Joshua (12) and Tiffany (10), reside at 2856 N. Berkeley Ct., San Bernadino, CA 92405.

Janet Nickel g74 continues to minister to Sierra Leone refugees in Guinea. She praises the Lord for 10 who confessed Jesus as their Savior earlier this year. There are many uncertainties as the United Nations is encouraging refugees to return to Sierra Leone; pray for Janet and the Sierra Leonian Refugee Team. Email her at JanetNickel@compuserve.com.

Extra! Extra! Read All About it!

Phonathon Exceeds $83,000!
Fort Wayne alumni have come through in record proportions for Phonathon 2003. As of press time, $83,397 has been committed, which is $25,397 over the original $58,000 goal. Additionally, 41% of Fort Wayne graduates contributed financially during the 2002-03 fiscal year, which is well above the national average.

Money raised goes toward assisting students with financial aid.
"It's incredible! We can only thank God for opening windows of Heaven," Michael Mortensen, director of alumni relations, said.

Gifts are still accepted to fulfill pledges through December 31, 2003.

A Message From the Alumni Council President
Having reconnected with our alma mater in the last couple of years, I'm positively enthusiastic about Taylor Fort Wayne's commitment to excellence in Christian scholarship and service. It's a whole new atmosphere - - the forward thinking and vision just enliven the biblical values I appreciated at Fort Wayne Bible College over thirty years ago.

Enrollment tops 650, a beautiful student commons and a new library under construction are just the physical changes. The positive spirit with passion for following Jesus Christ in tough-minded, tender-hearted ways is electric!

The new alumni video, "Signs Along the Way," is, quite frankly, the highest quality, most encouraging piece I've ever associated with the Fort Wayne campus. I am pleased with its excellence and stirred by its content.

So much has changed, but the essential focus is right on target.
I invite you to re-visit the campus for Homecoming - Parents Weekend, September 26-28. Maybe you'll agree that our past lives on with new vitality and a clear, Christ-honoring future.

Ken Conrad g71, Alumni Council President
1975
Roy and Darla (Schock) Oksnevad g75 continue to minister with the South Asian Friendship Center, Billy Graham Center, and EFCA-International Mission. They attended a missions conference in Europe for three weeks in May. Email them at oksnevad@aol.com.

1976
Larry Lewis g76 and his wife, Sheryl, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. Larry has served as assistant principal at Friends Christian School for 15 years. Their address is 607 Holmes Ave., Placentia, CA 92870; larrylewis@friendschristian.org.

1977
Tim Leever g77 recently returned from Bosnia, his third wartime deployment with the Army National Guard. He also pastors Faith Alliance Church in Goldsboro, NC. He, his wife, Darlene (King) g78, and daughters, Destiny and Elizabeth, reside in North Carolina.

1978
Celebrate your 25th class reunion at Homecoming, September 26-28

1979
David and Angela (Exner) Holt fs79 with daughter, Rachel (5), announce the birth of their son, Daniel David, born April 23rd. David is a chief systems programmer for the county and Angie homeschools Rachel. Contact them at 1104 Hounds Run, Safety Harbor, FL 34695; dave.angie@verizon.net.

Sue (Curtis) Sweeney fs79 was recently promoted to chief operating officer/general manager at Sun City Palm Desert Community Association. She and her husband, Tom, are active at The Rock Church & World Outreach Center with Operation Reach-Out and are involved in a couple’s ministry, Altar Workers and Marriage Encounter. Contact them at 1281 Belle Rd., Calimesa, CA 92320; sue.sweeney@scpcha.com.

1980
Carol Findlay g80 ministers in South Korea where she is currently helping to prepare for the Nurses Christian Fellowship International Conference, to be hosted by South Korea in July 2004. She has started a weekly Bible study at Aeranwon, a Christian home for unwed mothers.

Rev. Elwood "Skip" Kite g80 conducted workshops for several conferences in the United States and abroad this spring. Contact him at 3 Tilbury Rd., Salem, NJ 08079.

1981
Jean Baumbach fs81 celebrated 20 years of translation work in the Niger Republic, in February. Her latest project was revising the book of Acts. She left for furlough in the USA in May. Contact her via email at alheri@compuserve.com.

John g81 and Julie Gerig serve the World Partners Russia staff as team leaders. John teaches at St. Petersburg Christian University. They received permission to begin working on "The Student Bible," aimed at young or new Christians. Also in progress is a youthworker’s resource manual covering over 70 topics. Contact them at 110413.2435@compuserve.com.

Tim TUU g81 and Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78 are on home assignment from June to August. Contact them during that time at (260) 456-8707.

1982
Rev. D. Stanley Cushing g82 received the 2003 United Methodist Denman Clergy Award for the England Conference, June 14. He pastors Whitinsville United Methodist Church. Contact him and Regina (Springer) g82 at 71 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588; srcushing@hotmail.com.

Rev. Angel Ortiz g82 recently completed six years at Nyack College as vice president for student development and now serves as senior pastor of the First Alliance Church in Manhattan. He and his wife, Michele, reside at 443 W. 50th St., Apt. 3E, New York, NY 10019; angelortiz@firstchurchnyc.org.

Alumni Gatherings

Wednesday, July 30
Ludlow Falls Camp, 8:30 p.m.
Ludlow Falls, OH
Contact the Alumni Office for more information

Monday, August 4
Prairie Camp, 8:30 p.m.
Goshen, IN
Contact the Alumni Office for more information

Tuesday, August 5
Brown City Camp, 8:30 p.m.
Brown City, MI
Contact the Alumni Office for more information

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alumnifw@tayloru.edu
www.tayloru.edu/fw/
Tim and Mary (Eash) Winkelman fs82 celebrated 20 years of marriage in December 2002. They have five children. Mary is involved in a worship ministry at their church. She, along with several friends, has recently started the Central Wisconsin Gospel Choir, a community choir intent on sharing the gospel. Contact them at 2002 Minnesota Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481; winkelman_ml@hotmail.com

1983 Celebrate your 20th class reunion at Homecoming, September 26-28

Jacqueline Huggins g83 is pursuing a Ph.D. in intercultural studies with an emphasis in translation. She will return to her studies at Fuller Theological Seminary after the Kagayanen New Testament is dedicated, Easter week 2005. Contact her at jhuggins@sil.org.

Jim Hughes fs83 is with Missionary Athletes International, a ministry utilizing soccer to disciple and teach sports evangelism. He also plays on the Charlotte Eagles men’s soccer team. In March the men’s tour left for Southeast Asia to partner with a mission agency there to help train native pastors in sports ministry. Other summer tours include Denmark and England. Contact Jim at jhughes@charlotte eagles.com.

Craig Vincent g83 is a volunteer ministry director for The City Mission in Cleveland. Laura’s Home, a comprehensive program for women and children, opened in February.

Peggy (Bearess) fs83 is busy homeschooling their three children, Randy, Renee & Reyna. Contact them at craigv@atmlg.org.

1984

Larry Kulla fs84 has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for over 15 years. You may contact him and his wife, Paula (Johnson) fs84 at 959 Steele Blvd., Baldwin, NY 11510; Catnuslnp@aol.com.

1985

Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84 returned to Taiwan on June 5. Contact them at dbettinger@omsinternational.org.

1986

Joe Butora g86 is the community service supervisor at Easter Seals Adult Rehab Center of Northeast Indiana. He and his wife, Lois (Wyatt) fs87, reside at P.O. Box 482, Convoy, OH 45832; jbutora@peoplepc.com.

1987

Dawn Kale g87 was recently awarded a grant to travel and research the Underground Railroad at the Fund for Teachers presentation. Out of 404 applicants, 54 were awarded grants. Email Dawn at dawnkale@msn.com.

David g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76 will return to the USA this summer for a home ministry assignment. Their email is dmcdavitt@pactec.net.

Elizabeth Trinkaus g87 is a life coach in Chapel Hill, NC. Contact her at etrinkaus@mindspring.com.

1988

Celebrate your 15th class reunion at Homecoming, September 26-28

Daniel fs88 and Dawn (Sengthoongsavang) Callahan fs88 serve in a tentmakers ministry to unreached people groups in Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries. They appreciate prayers for more laborers. They have one son, Daniel. Contact them at 177 Moo 8, Ban Suwanroj Sooi 5, Chiangmai-Lampun Rd., Nongphung - Sarapee Chaing Mai, 50140, Thailand.

Todd g88 and Kristen Hoatson left the USA in February to minister overseas with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray for cultural adjustment and good relationships with teammates and natives. You may email them at todd_hoatson@sil.org.

Brian g88 and Barbara (Scott) Powers g88 and family-welcomed Esther Renee, born at home, May 14. Brian and Barb serve together on the board of directors for Fort Wayne Area Home Schools. Contact them at 9904 S. Country Knoll, New Haven, IN 46774.

1989

Bruce g89 and Dawn (Clark) Cluckie g89 serve as church planters among the Yalunka people of Guinea. Pray for a revival in the hearts of the Soulemania Christians and for a reliable way to communicate with the outside world. You may reach them at % Mission Protestant MCA, B.P. 438, Conakry, Guinea West Africa; BDCluckie@cs.com.

Rev. Jeff Eagen g89 is a church planter and senior pastor of Irish Hills Community Church. He and wife, Sharon (Barron) g87, are planting their third church after concluding their work in inner city Philadelphia. Sharon is currently teaching kindergarten at Lenawee Christian School in Adrian, MI. Contact them at 399 Conner St., Onsted, MI 49265; pastor@irishhillscc.org.
1990
Aaron and Mary Jo (Shirar) Adams moved to Warsaw for Todd early, Thomas, Angola, IN; Mark to goods sales at Quincy MI. His email is myers@thebalkans.org.

1992
Mark fs92 and Sharon (Debolt) McMeen g94 and their children, Stephen, and Micah (6), moved to 947 Steffey Rd, Bronson, MI 49028. Sharon works at the Steuben Co. License Branch, Angola, IN; Mark works with Starr Industries, Quincy, MI.

Michael and Shellie (Paladi) Sarll g92 became parents of their third son, Zakariah Thomas, on May 30, 2002, born 2 1/2 months early, weighing 2 lbs. 7 ozs. He has no physical or mental problems and thrives on the attention of his older brothers, Austin and Codie. Praise God for his goodness! Contact them at 9025 S - 50 E, La Fontaine, IN 46940; starg1@comteck.com.

1993
Celebrate your 10th class reunion at Homecoming, September 26-28

Todd and Tammy (Kelsey) Wilson g93 left the pastorate and moved to the Ukraine for six to nine months for leadership training. Contact them at tntwilson@septor.net.ua.

1994
David fs94 and Laura (Meinert) Bidle g96 have been caretakers of a baby girl since August 2002. They hope to adopt her in the near future. Laura is a customer service and sales representative with Stumps, a party goods supplier. David works at Donnelleys in Warsaw. Contact them at PO. Box 50, North Webster, IN 46555; lamb96@kconline.com.

Scott g94 and Anne Haddix along with daughters Alexandria and Natalya, welcome to their family, Felicia Jo, born April 25. Scott is director of youth ministries at Avalon Missionary Church and is the women's volleyball coach at TFUW. Contact them at 2002 Pleasant Ridge Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46819.

Petula Myers g94 will go to Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina in August as a member of the C&MA team. Contact her at % True and Barbara Myers, P.O. Box 296, Monroe, IN 46772. Her email is myers@thebalkans.org.

Wade and Kelly (Lerch) Wulliman g94, with daughter Anika, welcome into their family Enya Joy born April 10. Contact them at 3813 Sonya Dr., Plano, TX 75074; Kelly@wulliman.com.

1998
Celebrate your 5th class reunion at Homecoming, September 26-28

Sarah (Burke) Hughey g98 works at Lutheran World Relief in Baltimore. Joel g98 TUU will begin a master's degree program at Tulane University in international development. Contact them at 18 J Kings Crossing Ct., Cockeyville, MD 21030; jandshughey@msn.com.

Kent g98 and Angie (Schumacher) Morton g99 announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Rose, born May 28. Kent began work at TFUW as senior enrollment counselor in June. Contact them at 3901 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Matt g98 and Hermalina (Mines) Powell g99, along with sister, Alaina Renee (3), welcomed Alan Timothy born September 27. Hermalina is an adjunct professor at IUSB, teaching public speaking. They reside at 433 E. Chippewa Ave., South Bend, IN 46614.

1999
Tim and Amy (Shaw) Franks g99 were married on September 14, 2002. Amy began teaching in the Fort Wayne Community School System in the fall of 2000. Contact them at 5614 Robin Run, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

2000
Jason Burnett g00 serves with the 229th Engineer Battalion as part of a task force providing security for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Operation Enduring Freedom. He hopes to begin graduate school in January. Contact him at 842 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22204; aminstrel@hotmail.com.

Eric fs00 and Amanda (Chapman) Dunaway g99, and daughter Breanna, welcomed Sophia Grace, born April 14. Contact them at edunaway@yahoo.com.

Duane and Christina (Beckwith) Falk g00 are going to the HEART Institute in Florida as part-time interns and will work part-time with the students, this fall. They will head to the mission field (Brazil) in February. Contact them at % Ed Falk, 211 S 13th St., Winkler, MB R6W 1S5, Canada.

Bethany Greynaus g00 married Peter Flitton on June 7. Bethany is pursuing a master's degree at Regent University. You

Alumni Council Members Election

The bylaws of the Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association provide for the election of council members each year. The following people have been nominated for council membership (4-year term) and presented to the alumni association members for election/ratification.

If you are an alumnus of the Fort Wayne campus, you are eligible to respond to the ballot, below. A check mark indicates your approval of the nominations. (Two check marks may be used for two alumni from the same household.)

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Please detach & mail to: Alumni Relations, 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne IN, 46807
Jeffrey g00 and Shauna Spence II were wed on May 25, 2002. Jeff works for Lutheran Social Services. They are raising support to go to Mongolia as missionaries. Contact them at 2109 Point West Dr. Apt 1B, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

2001 Todd Bowman g01 and Trisha Rine g03 were wed on June 21. Taylor participants included: Jill Bowman g96TUU, Josh Cast 01, Marisa DeJesus fs00, Ken g93TUU and Rebecca (Bowman) McFarland g94TUU, James Rediger g01, Lafe Stull fs00 and Matt Thebarge g03. Contact them at 3724 Sloping Oaks Rd., Apt. 102, Charlotte, NC 28212.

Bill g01 and Lauren (Bour) Davenport g98, along with siblings, Colman (4) and Mary (2), welcomed Elisa Joy, born May 13. Contact them at 213 W. Fleming Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807; bill_davenport@mcsusa.org.

Matthew and Abigail (Raedeke) Lynch g01 were married May 17. Contact her at radabi@hotmail.com.

Sharon Ridenour g01 serves with Christian Literature Crusade in Central Asia. Contact her at ridenour@galacticom.org.

Todd g01 and Amy Yoder were married on December 21, 2002. Todd serves as the youth pastor at Monroe United Brethren in Christ Church. Contact them at 3840 W. US Hwy. 224, Decatur, IN 46733.

2002 Andy g02 and Trisha Booth Welcome Jacob Rhys born December 31. Andy serves as assistant pastor at Heartland Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN. Contact them at 6926 Hazelett Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Paul g02 and Ashley (Bandy) Kellogg cs announce the birth of Kyler Allen born March 5. Contact them at 912 ½ Wildwood Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Arthur g02 and Shanon (Reeves) Wilson 30 were wed on July 20, 2002. Contact them at 144-5 Twyckenham Blvd., Lafayette, IN 47909.

IN MEMORY

Judy (Zimmerman) Becker fs67 passed on to her eternal heavenly home on May 11th. A Berne, IN native, she retired as a paraprofessional from the East Allen County Schools and was a member of Woodburn Missionary Church. Surviving are her husband, Lynn g68, daughter, Janelle g93 TUU; sisters, Jan Alvarez g75 and Shirley Paul g61; brothers, Dean and Brad, and a stepbrother, Mike Seslar.

Sara (Gerig) Roberts g81, went home to be with the Lord, May 30. In the spring of 2002, Sara was diagnosed with Sarcoma which is cancer of the connective tissue. After surgery and months of chemotherapy and radiation, Sara was thought to be in remission. On May 2, doctors discovered that the cancer had spread to Sara’s lungs. Sara had been battling cancer since February 2002. She is survived by her husband, Jeff, sons: Nathan and Brian, sisters Rebecca Springer and Debora Stainman. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Ira Gerig ha80, who served for 31 years in the music department at FWBC.

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