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Back to the Basics

As Joenita and I reflect on our years as undergraduate students at another institution of Christian higher education where faith and commitment to Christ were expectations, where the faculty worked diligently to integrate faith and learning, where chapel was required three times a week and where residence life had a strong component on spiritual development; we now realize all of these attributes have been compromised and lost because the “world” was more compelling than the mission of the institution. We are deeply saddened by this reality.

Historically, Taylor University has had its moments of weakness; however, recent history has documented a strong evidence of making Christ and His Kingdom the centerpiece of the institution. It is evidenced by a strong board of trustees, strong executive leadership, well credentialed faculty, qualified staff, students, parents and alumni committed to Christ-centered education. Knowing that a weak link in the chain becomes the devil’s workplace, we are committed to keep the chain strong so it can endure those occasions when “the world” becomes attractive.

Taylor University has continued its legacy of Christ-centered education because the statement of mission and faith are understood and actualized in all parts of the University. We are not confused about Whose we are.

Keeping Taylor “Taylor” is not a cliché. It is a lifestyle that everyone must understand and choose for his/her life. Yes, many things have and will continue to change; however, Christ-centered does not change. That’s the core of Taylor University regardless of the venue, i.e., traditional, nontraditional, Internet or any combination of the aforementioned. For those at Taylor University, you can be assured of our commitment that being Christ-centered is at the heart of everything experienced.

Dr. Daryl Yost  
Executive V.P. of the University &  
C.O.O, of the Fort Wayne Campus

The mural is a composite of Taylor University buildings, old and new, and is located in the Ether Student Commons. The artist is Lynn Nehr.
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Reflections on Tuesday,

No one doubts that the events we confronted in our nation, Tuesday, September 11, 2001, will have profound impact on us for the rest of our lives. Like you, I found myself overwhelmed by the horror, tragedy, conflicting emotions and confusion of what was unfolding. My first response was to call our communities to prayer.

As the Taylor community gathered at noon that day, the goal was to focus our hearts and minds on the God who has promised to be with us in times of overwhelming grief and unimaginable catastrophe. My desire was to anchor us to the rock of our salvation so that we could begin the process of grieving, questioning, searching and responding. I returned to portions of the Psalms 124, 125, 129 & 130 that have been and even now are a resource for comforting, confronting and questioning prayer.

I find myself dealing with a number of Jesus’ teachings from the Gospels. Love your enemies, do good to those who spitefully use you, turn the other cheek, go the second mile, give both the coat and cloak, forgive seventy times seven, do not return evil for evil. All I know to do in response to these commands that run so contrary to my emotions and natural reactions for retribution and vengeance is to honestly admit my struggle and ask for His help to pray, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.” I believe that only when we have honestly dealt with these commands will we be able to be God’s instruments for a just response to those who have inflicted this upon us. Evil must be punished, but only after we have embraced the heart of God whom, I believe even in His punishment of the wicked, takes no pleasure in the administering of that justice.

Following the prayer time, I asked the Taylor community to continue to seek God and share in their respective gatherings. Nancy and I were ministered to by the sight of hundreds gathered in small groups across the campuses struggling together over the magnitude of these incomprehensible events. And, as I requested, after the noon hour people returned to their offices, work stations, classes and other places to continue in prayer and sharing. Our time in the President’s office began to bring a sense of deepening peace and trust as I listened to my colleagues grieve and petition.

Friday, both campuses gathered in support of President Bush’s request for prayer and remembrance. However, we must do more. Giving blood and seeking for worthy charities for us to invest in such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, and others, are just some of the ways we can put feet beneath our prayers.

I am told that several felt we should have discontinued classes and other activities in light of these terrible events. While I fully understand the magnitude of what we are facing and the tendency to feel unable to continue, I lovingly and respectfully disagree.

All that we do at Taylor University is an exercise in Christ-centered discipleship to stretch the mind, cradle the heart and equip the hands for God’s good and just work. Our covenant community has several means for discovering together the path of such discipleship. The residence halls, dining commons, chapel, classes, athletic experiences and others are our places of connection and community for dialog, mutual support and sincere seeking. I believe that each of these is a divinely ordered resource for developing the deeper relationships and understandings we now need for this new world we face together. These are places where, as we follow the Spirit’s leading, we bear each other’s burdens and fulfill all that Christ intends.

To cancel classes and other activities would have, in my opinion, severely limited the means by which we at Taylor discover God and support one another in times of unprecedented calamity.

Our faculty, staff, coaches and other leaders are men and women of deep faith and commitment. They are among our most important resources to minister to both the mind and the heart at this critical time. However, we must remember that all of us, students, faculty, administration and support services staff, are experiencing similar crises of faith and struggles with fear. We must make room, within the safety of our established schedules of living, working and learning to grieve, question, search and resolve. It will never again be business as usual. I urge us to be alert to follow the leading of the Lord as we go about the essentials of our covenant community. I ask...
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for patience with and prayer for me, your leaders and one another as together we pick our way down paths few of us have traveled before.

Many questions are before us. I know no better place to wrestle with those in my own heart and mind than among you who are my Taylor family. I cling to 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” Let us be a people of a covenant community whose power rests in the Almighty, whose love is anchored to the living Christ and whose journey in search of the sound and settled mind is led by the Holy Spirit.

Dr. David J. Gyertson, President

A fter my history class on September 11, Dr. Roger Ringenberg told me that the radio news reported that the World Trade Center Twin Towers had collapsed. I told him he had to be wrong. Then I went home for lunch and watched the television news reports. I could not believe what I was seeing and had been told. I watched for hours and felt numb. I had planned to grade students’ papers that afternoon, but to do so seemed so insignificant after grasping the seriousness of what had just happened to our nation. In shock, I simply could not do any academic work.

In my classes the next day, after expressing my dismay, I argued that we should not cancel classes, even though anything we covered that day might seem insignificant. Even though we felt useless to help the victims in Washington, D.C. and in New York City there were three things we could do. We could pray, we could donate blood and we could carry on the work God has given us to do at Taylor. Not to do so would only give in to what the terrorists wanted - to disrupt what we were all about, to interfere in what we were doing. I allowed some time for students to express their feelings and opinions. A few voiced agreement with me, but most, in shock also, did not know what to say.

Several weeks have passed, and I am still asking, “Why?” I have a lot of homework to do, but some suggested answers are coming. Many radical militant so-called Muslims resent the United States. They hate the presence of U.S. troops near Islamic holy sites in Saudi Arabia. They hate what they see as the decadent culture of the United States and its decadent influence on the rest of the world and particularly in the Middle East. They hate the United States for its support of Israel.

Another question arises, what do we have to do to make it harder for terrorists to attack us again? This is especially challenging given the fact that hundreds may have hardly infiltrated among us and appear normal to us. And what actions do we take to get justice for what has been done to us?

Meanwhile we have been reminded of how sinful this world is and how much we need our Savior. As Christians we need not fear those who only have power over our bodies, but rather we need to fear the only One who has power over both the body and the soul.

Dr. James Saddington, Associate Professor of History

John Elder, non-traditional freshman, pastoral ministries major, “It has brought the world together [terrorism] in not just a United States [concern] but an international [one].”

Tim Embry, senior, biblical studies major, “This is what we read about in Scripture. For Christians it is a cause for hope that this is the beginning of the end. It is (our) responsibility to speak Christ as the answer.”

Josh Jackett, senior, English major, “Personally, I just want peace. I just want this whole thing to be over with. It hurts me to see Americans lash out in anger; to see that so many want to kill after so many have already lost their lives.”

Claudia Montalvo, senior, psychology major, “It is hard to accept it as reality . . . .”

George Oprisko, senior, pastoral studies major, “We as Christians . . . have a responsibility to redeem (the world).”

Jill Probst, senior, public relations major, “I was horrified. I still can’t put my feelings into words because it still seems crazy. I now know what it feels like to be a part of history.”

Kenyatta Tanksley, junior, early childhood education major, “I was devastated. The people in those buildings woke up that morning thinking they were going to work; not going to die.”
What is it that makes Taylor "Taylor"? I have heard this question asked frequently. It is both legitimate and significant since it speaks to the importance of identifying, preserving and translating the core values of our mission and vision. Those who answer the question often define the essentials in terms of personal experiences and preferences based on their connection to Taylor. For the majority, responses tend to be connected to curriculum, structures, ethos and relationships experienced on the Upland campus. The challenge in determining the essence of what makes Taylor Taylor is to get beneath the experience-based means to discover the essentials that produced the favorable results.

It is important to distinguish between Taylor’s heritage and its traditions. Heritage is made up of the core values of the mission that persist across time. Tradition represents those means that each generation develops to celebrate, support and preserve its view of the heritage. Such distinctions are important if the Taylor experience is to be translated with integrity for succeeding generations.

Taylor’s ministries today extend beyond the Upland campus to include the Fort Wayne campus, the College of Lifelong Learning, Taylor University Broadcasting Inc., the William Taylor Foundation and the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness. Each plays an important role in fulfilling our mission to serve a waiting world.

How then shall we define what makes Taylor Taylor in light of our mission and vision today? After discussion, reflection and prayer, I presented to the Board of Trustees a working description of what I am calling The Taylor Experience. They endorsed this as an appropriate complement to the existing mission statement.

The Taylor Experience is a journey of Christian discipleship that is Christ-centered, biblically anchored, Liberal Arts grounded, whole person focused, vocationally equipping, world-engaging and servant leadership motivated. The goal of this experience is to produce Christian disciples able to do God’s work throughout His creation ministering the redemptive love of Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service.

This places Taylor’s mission in the context of Jesus’ Great Commission mandate to go and make disciples throughout the world. Higher education, with its related programs and support systems, is the primary, but not
exclusive, means by which Taylor undertakes this mission. Since 1846, the University utilized a wide range of curricular and co-curricular means to achieve this mission. Certificate programs, undergraduate and graduate degrees in a broad range of the Applied, Vocational and Liberal Arts characterized the educational offerings at various times in our history. Residential, commuting and distributed learning (correspondence) venues along with outreach, service and ministry are a consistent part of the University’s discipleship mission.

Seven core values guided and sustained this mission across the decades. Jesus Christ’s ministry and redemptive work is at the heart of Taylor’s focus. To be Christ centered in every facet of the University is our highest priority. Our biblically anchored perspective makes the Scriptures the tether point for the pursuit of all that is true in keeping with the conviction that all Truth is God’s Truth. The Bible is the most reliable resource for discovering the mind and purposes of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Based on that conviction, the Taylor Experience values the rigorous search for truth throughout the full spectrum of human learning. The affirmation that followers of Christ need to be grounded in the Liberal Arts to fully appreciate God’s purposes across cultures and throughout creation is articulated consistently. Adding to this broad base of learning is the University’s co-curricular commitment to be whole person focused. Reflective of the Apostle Paul’s prayer that your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (I Thes. 5:23 NKJV), significant resources are committed to student life beyond the classroom. The University’s reputation for quality academic and student development programs testifies to our commitment to develop tough minds and the tender hearts in our students and graduates.

This blending of curricular and co-curricular into a whole person focus produces a Taylor Experience that is both vocationally equipping and world engaging. We are preparing disciples who view their work as a platform upon which to exercise skills, serve society and be a positive witness. This perspective blends the benefits of Liberal Arts learning with career preparation. Taylor University enjoys very high levels of satisfaction among its graduates for their professional as well as academic and spiritual preparation. In addition, the University has a history of developing a world engaging mindset.

Deeply influenced by the ministry of Bishop William Taylor and the example of escaped African slave Samuel Morris, a high priority for both applied learning and world service characterizes our ethos. A hallmark of our graduates is their sense of world citizenship.

At the heart of the Taylor Experience is an obligation to both lead and serve. This servant-leadership motivation brings the qualities of competence and character together in keeping with Jesus’ servant leadership model. For me, the most powerful symbol of the blending of these core values is the practice of handing both a diploma and a towel to graduates. Commencement has become one of the high, holy moments in my service to Christ and His Kingdom.

As the mission is understood and these values are perpetuated, Taylor University has been successful in adapting to the many changes and opportunities of the past fifteen decades. One of the most important requirements for those who serve Taylor in the 21st century is the uncompromising commitment to these core values as the essence of our heritage.

Given the degree of change we are experiencing in higher education, new means and traditions for implementing the mission are inevitable. Knowing what makes Taylor Taylor frees us to address the challenges and opportunities before us creatively, courageously and faithfully. With the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are working to make the Taylor Experience relevant to and effective for future generations prepared to minister His redemptive love to a world in need!

Taylor University’s Core Values

1. Christ-centered
2. Biblically anchored
3. Liberal arts grounded
4. Whole person focused
5. Vocationally equipped
6. World engaging
7. Servant leadership motivated
Worship is foundational for every aspect of the Christian faith. Fellowship, discipleship, stewardship and even evangelism have their roots immersed in worship. Worship is a prevalent theme to God's Word and is a spiritual discipline that all believers ought to cultivate.

Worship forms are all subordinate to worship absolutes. Regardless of whether we clap, sing, remain quiet or shout, the spiritual discipline of worship must be grounded in the basic nature of authentic worship as spelled out for us in Isaiah's sanctuary experience where he received his call following the death of King Uzziah. Let's examine the "Three 'R's' of Worship," that must be evidenced if authentic private, family or church worship is to occur.

The issue of worship, for us, is not one of form, style or tradition, but one of reverence. Genuine reverence must result in an inflation of the Divine Image of God and divert our attention off of the self-image of man. Observe the reverence of the angels. In Hebrews, the repetition of words denotes emphasis, and the three-fold mention of God's holiness directs us to a deep reverence of God because of His Holiness. Observe the reverence of Isaiah. Isaiah's respect for the Lord is seen in his appeal to the two names for God: Yahweh (Isa 6:3, 5, 12) and Adonai (Isa 6: 1, 8, 11). Yahweh is the personal "I AM" name that is totally capitalized in our Bibles and was so sacred that the Jewish people to this day refuse to say it aloud. Adonai, on the other hand, is a title that is frequently identified with God's sovereign control and commissioning. It directs us to the Master-servant relationship. Together the names join to express Isaiah's reverential awe and respect of our awesome God. As the prophet contemplated the Personhood of God, his response was one of worship.

Genuine worship includes repentance. In Isaiah 6:4-7 we see the repentance of Isaiah and Israel. As Isaiah confronted the holiness of God, he was appalled by his sinfulness and shouted the cry of the leper: "Unclean." Israel utilized two offerings that stressed repentance. Both this sin and trespass offering presupposed the sinfulness of man and the necessity of repentance.

One wonders why we have omitted this biblical emphasis today. Could it be that we have been so influenced by a cancerous philosophy that highlights the goodness of man so much that there is little room for such a doctrine as human depravity? Yet the Scriptures repeatedly share accounts of men confessing and repenting as they confront the holiness of God.

William Temple, former Archbishop of Canterbury, gave a classic definition of worship that begins, "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the Holiness of God." To me, such a quickening can only illicit the cry of "unclean" from each of us as expressed in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses!" Authentic worship is never characterized by smugness, conceitedness, cockiness or self-congratulations. "Woe is me" dare not be replaced by "Wow, look at me!"

Thirdly, genuine worship must include responsibility (Isa 6: 6-8). While reverence leads to a vision of God and repentance focuses upon a vision of ourselves as sinful creatures, this third absolute directs us to Isaiah's famous line, "Here am I, send me," and the vision he had of his mission.

Romans 12: 1, 2 commands us to "Present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." Worship is far more than getting blessed. Worship is presentation, consecration, and involves more than the activity of one's emotions and intellect, it reaches one's will.

William Barclay says, "the truly spiritual worship is the offering of one's body, and all that one does every day with it, to God. It is not the offering of elaborate prayers to God; it is not the offering to God of a liturgy, however noble, and a ritual, however magnificent. Real worship is the offering of everyday life to God. A man may say, 'I am going to church to worship God, but he should be able to say, 'I am going to the factory, the shop, the office, the school, the garage, the market, the field, the kitchen, the garden, to worship God.'"

"In true, genuine worship God is the audience and the congregation is the performer, but the overwhelming majority of Christian congregations have the roles reversed. The congregation regards itself as the audience, while regarding the prompters and God . . . as the performers. Worship then becomes a noun, a state of being, an experience induced by God or the choir or the pastor. Biblically, however, worship is a verb, something the congregation . . . does." (Ben Patterson, Leadership.)

Patterson also states, "We who worship the true, living God would be better, if not completely different, if we worshipped Him better. For to worship Him as we ought is to become what we ought." No longer can we limit our understanding of worship to pews, organs, sermons and stained-glass windows. Our responsibilities await fulfillment, so we must say with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me!"
Back to School

Esther Nnassanga, sophomore
professional writing major

Back to school - that phrase holds a deeper meaning for me than for the regular elementary, junior high or high school student. As a returning college student, I am not just going back to campus; I am going “home.”

The hardest thing about returning to campus is metamorphosing my attitude. I shift from having a carefree attitude to having one of discipline. Finding a happy balance between homework and hanging out with my friends is a top priority. Other priorities are making time for my devotions, wing Bible studies and Koinonia, and my accountability group. My to-do list ranges from finding used books or borrowing books from other students, deciding which loans I will accept or refuse, preparing a budget and making sure all the classes I am taking will meet graduation requirements. I have to restrain myself from gaining back my “freshman fifteen” and from becoming jealous of my friends who are either happily in love or about to be.

Coming back to school transforms my character. At school, I live in a dorm filled with differing personalities. There are times when instead of fighting, I have to compromise. This year, I know who my true friends are, which means I do not have to spend time impressing people that will never truly accept me. I am so thankful to have friends who urge me to become vulnerable, relinquish my pride and embrace encouragement and criticism. I can choose not to make the same mistakes again. Some of the things I want to do this year include overlooking insults, asking for forgiveness when it is I who have been wronged and leaving yesterday in the past. Most importantly, I wonder how God will change me and how I will be pushed even farther outside my comfort zone.

What I love about Taylor Fort Wayne is the emphasis on God and Jesus. Everyone from the dean of students to the cleaning lady has such a desire to serve one another and the surrounding community. This kind of campus environment motivates me to be passionate about loving God and Christ. There are so many godly men and women who inspire me in my walk with Christ and who take it upon themselves to hold me accountable for my actions. I am free to ask the questions I have never pondered aloud, to test and examine my faith and to discover what I believe and why I believe it. I am not afraid to seek help from counseling nor do I worry about confiding in a close friend. Taylor Fort Wayne challenges me to live my faith out and to use my God-given talents in my on-campus jobs, academic career and volunteer work. This year, I want to strive to take advantage of the opportunities on this campus.

When I returned to campus this fall, everything was the same except for the fact that I know I have changed. I also know that I want this year to be different from last year. The best thing about the University is that no one leaves the same way he/she came in. I can rest in the knowledge that even when I feel like I have failed or I am not living up to someone else’s expectations, that God is still in control and that He is not finished with me yet.
Family Weekend
September 29 & 30

Above: Jennifer Edgar and her mom, Helen, enjoy the picnic lunch on Wiebke lawn.

Above: Nicole Lemberg and her father, Bryan, participate as contestants at the evening’s Game Show. Left: Heather Neilson performs a selection during the picnic lunch. Right: Nicolette Solak, freshman (far right) with her parents, Mark and Tami, take time to pray for our nation at Witmer’s flagpole with many other students and parents.

Above: David Sensenig awed the audience at the piano; taking first place at the talent show.
Right: Matt Hart is reunited with his parents, Richard and Darlene. Below: Brant Mendenhall greets his mom, Debra.

Right: Josh Boozell provides music for lunch guests.

Right: Jeff g84 and Jean Gerig g84 bid on silent auction items. *The silent auction brought in $6545.00, all of which will benefit the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.

Right: The Music Department provided a mini-concert, displaying the talents of the wind and jazz ensembles, choral ensemble and choral chamber ensemble.

Right: Marc Murnane helps the Falcon soccer team gain a 7-0 victory over Reformed Bible.

Left: Paul Kellogg visits with his fiancee, Ashley Bandy and her mom, Lisa. Right: Parents’ Cabinet members who worked hard to put on the weekend’s events.

**Staff**

Larry Bower joins WBCL radio network full time as news reporter. Larry was on-air host of Fort Wayne Channel 33’s “Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon,” for 13 years. Jim Dunn hosts P.M. Praise. Jim has worked at various stations as news anchor, music and program director and broadcast school instructor. Terry Foss, director of public relations, WBCL Radio Network, was named a national finalist in two categories in the 2001 Silver Microphone Awards. Ross McCampbell, assistant program director, WBCL Radio network, also received two awards. The station’s website won the national finalist designation for being one of the best websites in the country.

Beverly Harding, 1999 TUFW graduate, has been appointed as testing/tutoring coordinator in the Learning Support Center. Bev has been certified as a Family Educator by Alfred Adler Institute and previously taught at Building Blocks Preschool.

Dawn Hopkins, music faculty, traveled to Seattle where she was a presenter at the American Symphony Orchestra League’s national conference.

Jeff Kepler has been appointed director of continuing education for the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning. He received a B.S. degree from Taylor University in biology/systems analysis. Jeff has worked in a variety of businesses: Lincoln Financial Group, Essex Group, United Technologies Corporation, and Galbreath Media Group, with responsibilities for various types of marketing and communications.

Joshua J. McMullen serves the University as enrollment assistant. After graduating from Taylor University’s Upland campus with a B.A. degree in Christian Education/Biblical Literature in 2000, he headed to Sydney, Australia where he assisted with church planting with Dayspring Christian Fellowship.

A 1999 graduate of the University of Southern Indiana, Carrie Meyer is business systems manager for the College of Lifelong Learning. She received a bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in computer information systems, and has previously served in the roles of systems support manager, information systems and client support specialist.

Joy Newton has been hired as campus counselor. She has earned a M.S. in counseling psychology at Millersville State University.

Stephen Olson, assistant controller, passed the CPA exam and received the highest score in Indiana on the exam.

Bruce Pratt, associate professor, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and completed the final requirements for the doctor of education degree with a major in educational administration and minors in health science and adult education from Ball State University.

**Leon Amstutz - Information & Computing Sciences**

joins the faculty of TUFW. Prior to his appointment as assistant professor, he served as voice/video network engineer and telecommunications systems engineer and manager, Raytheon Systems Company, 14 years; his experience also includes assistant chief television broadcast engineer, WFWA-TV 39; and broadcast engineer and administrator, volunteer consultant for missionary radio, Haiti, West Indies, 19 years. He has earned an M.S. from Ball State University; a B.A. from Bethel College, Mishawaka; and broadcast engineering diploma, Cleveland Institute of Electronics.

**Kathryn Chevrer-Ludwig - English**

fills a gap as visiting instructor of English, while Dr. Dennis Hensley takes a one-year sabbatical at Regent University. Kathryn has most recently served as graduate assistant at the University of Chicago Press. She has also been employed as a staff writer at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; public affairs coordinator, and public affairs assistant at Guggenheim Museum, New York, New York. She has received an M.A. from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. from Purdue University.

**Suze Fair - Communications instructor**

has been appointed associate professor of communications at TUFW where she has served as adjunct professor since 1999. She brings additional collegiate teaching experience from serving at the IPFW campus in Fort Wayne over the summer. She founded and serves as editor of a women’s inspirational magazine in audio format while also establishing a full-service marketing firm, Information Partners. She has received a B.A. from Anderson University and has taken additional course work towards her master of arts degree, IPFW.

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**English**

The Third Frances White Ewbank Colloquium will be held on the Upland Campus, November 16. Dr. Pamela Jordan, associate professor of English and chair of the committee, will make a presentation on George MacDonald’s Hamlet manuscript. Dr. Jordan comments, “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.” (*Taylor University owns a collection of first editions, manuscripts and other materials from C.S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Charles Williams and Owen Barfield.*)
Rebecca Shearer - Elementary Education
will fill a one year opening in the elementary education department. Rebecca taught in the elementary classroom for 24 years and served as principal for eight years in the East Allen County School system. Most recently she has served as a motivational speaker and admissions representative for Michiana College, Fort Wayne campus. Rebecca has earned an M.A. from Ball State University, a B.A. from Manchester College and has received certification in school counseling and school administration, IPFW.

J. Steve Smith - Criminal Justice
has accepted a position as professor of criminal justice. He leaves a 16 year teaching position at Ball State University. Prior to that, he served as an adjunct faculty member at St. Francis College, Joliet, IL; a graduate teaching associate, Oklahoma State University; and guest lecturer, Northern Arizona University. In addition, he has a broad background in directing criminal justice programs ranging from consulting, facilitating groups, group homes for delinquent youth, and telephone crisis hotline for suicide and drug prevention. He has earned a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University; an M.A. from Northern Arizona University, and a B.A. from Ottawa University.

Marvin Tapp - Business
has been appointed associate professor of business. He has vast experience in the field of business where he has served as account executive, Corporate Express; assistant vice-president/campus director, Tri-State University; corporate auditor/senior accountant, Essex Group, Inc.; audit senior, Ernst & Young; and audit staff, Price Waterhouse. He received an M.B.A., St. Francis College and a B.B.A., Harding University, Searcy, AR.

Sports
The 2001 Falcon soccer team is in the rebuilding stage as they lost a total of eight players from last year; four were seniors. Although the team is a young one, their unity, positive attitudes and efforts make them strong.

Returning junior, Mike Collins, West Milton, OH, has been named All-American and has already broken the school’s single game scoring and all-time goals scored records. He is on pace to break the school’s total goals for career record, as well. Paul Kellogg, Fort Wayne, IN, senior, returns on the offense while Jose Sanchez, senior, Fort Wayne, IN, and Matt Thebarge, junior, Bloomington, IL, are returning defensemen whose skills balance the strength of the offense. Josh Laymon, freshman, Berne, IN, also serves in a defensive role for the team, as does senior newcomer, Bo Holden, Gillette, WY, who serves as the team’s goalie.

Other novice Falcons include freshmen Scott Haywood, Alliance, OH, Adam Harbaugh, St. Clair, MI, and Nick McCord, Carmel, IN. Upperclassmen Tim Burkholtz, Warsaw, IN, Marc Murnane, Carmel, IN, Chris Thompson, Wapakoneta, OH, sophomores, and seniors Anthony Chapman, Warwick, RI, and Andrew Mays, Hopkinsville, KY, round out the team.

First year coach Bob Hamilton, who served as assistant coach last season, shares, “The team has faced the most difficult part of their schedule and have met my expectations. I look for them to become stronger for the duration of the season.”

Lady Falcons Volleyball player, Khristina Peppas, junior, Fort Wayne, IN, leads the team in attacks as an outside hitter and floor captain. Her strong hitting and defensive skills play a major role in the success of this year’s campaign. Brenda McDonald, St. Johns, MI, Brianna Harper, Indianapolis, IN, Heather Auer, Fort Wayne, IN, and Becky Emelander, Oldrl, IN, all sophomores, add more punch and skill to this year’s young roster. Add in the position of setter, Lindsay Stipp, Fort Wayne, IN, along with Jenni Bathgate, Lansing, MI, both freshmen, and Erin Green, junior, Elkhart, IN, and the Lady Falcons are ready to make some noise in the region.

“The team looks to build off of its strengths from last year, which included strong serving,” shares coach, Scott Haddix. He continues, “the Lady Falcons finished second in the nation in aces per game led by Khristina Peppas, Becky Emelander and Brianna Harper who all finished in the top twenty in aces per game. Brenda McDonald finished in the top ten for attack percentage last year as a freshman and looks to improve upon those statistics. Lindsay Stipp, setter, will be the key to the whole season. The Fort Wayne native is excited about the opportunities and has experience on her side. She led Fort Wayne Christian to the championship match in last year’s Class 1 Sectional. Overall, the Lady Falcons are an improved team from last year and look to improve upon their most successful season in school history.”
Communications Satellite Will Launch in May

Taylor University faculty, research staff and students are building a low-cost communications satellite that is expected to provide e-mail service to missionaries around the world.

The satellite, TU Sat 1, was designed on the Upland campus and is expected to weigh about 3 lbs. and measure 4"x4"x8". A 100-foot copper wire will unfurl during start-up procedures and, attracted by the Earth’s gravitational pull, will act as a stabilizer and antenna. TU Sat 1 is scheduled for launch on an old Soviet ICBM next May and will be bundled with experiments and projects from Stanford University.

According to Adam Bennett, Taylor Upland physics systems graduate from London, Ohio, it is the first time an Indiana college has designed and built a satellite. The idea was conceived after TUU physics professor Dr. Hank Voss attended last year’s International Conference on Computing and Missions (ICCM) and heard stories of loneliness and burnout that missionaries in the field face as a result of being out of touch with friends and family.

Ground controllers at TUU will relay commands to the satellite’s micro-controllers, Pinky and The Brain, via an onboard HAM radio. Bennett said a series of $650 ground stations would be sold at cost to missionaries who want to link to the satellite. Once the satellite is up, Bennett says up to 400 missionaries can use it to send and receive at least 10 messages a day.

The overall cost is expected to top $100,000 and the working life of the satellite will run from 4 to 6 years. Bennett and Voss are currently supervising a fund-raising effort that they hope will secure the needed funds in time for next May’s scheduled launch.

Enrollment Breaks Records

Taylor Fort Wayne enrolled 525 students this semester which showed a nine percent increase over last year’s number. This year’s freshman class also broke enrollment records, enrolling 152 first-time freshmen compared to 132 last year.

The University has seen continued enrollment increases yearly. The current head count increased from a number of 410 just three years ago. The campus is also committed to future growth as it plans for new building and academic programs. Special attention will be given to meeting the needs of area adult students seeking to begin or complete their baccalaureate degrees.

In addition to already popular areas of study such as elementary education, professional writing, criminal justice, computer science and pastoral ministries, the University has added programs to appeal to those making a career in business. Marketing, management and international business were three new programs added to the Taylor curriculum this fall.

Married Student Housing Sees Retrofit

With on campus housing at full capacity, the former Married Student Housing, now called Oakwood Apartments, was retrofitted to accommodate 24 single status students in six of the apartments. “It was our belief that in most cases married students were better able to find alternative living space in the community and handle the changes that come along with that decision, i.e. transportation,” says Dr. Randall Dodge, associate vice president of student development and dean of students. He adds, “It was a matter of offering the best service to the most students. We are able to house four students in an apartment compared to a married couple, only one of which might be a student. Therefore, that building is able to house two to four times the Taylor students we previously accommodated.” Senior, Amy Gearhart, was one of four Taylor women who had the opportunity to live in the apartments last year and continues to reside there this academic year. “It was an honor and a privilege to live in the apartments last year and this year. Living in the apartments gives me a sense of independence that I didn’t receive in the dorms.”

Growing Majors

Christian ministries continues to be the most popular major pursued by students on TUFW’s campus with nearly 30% of the student body declaring Christian ministries to be his/her major. Pastoral ministries majors comprise 48% of those students who have chosen to pursue the Christian ministries major, totaling 69 students. Elementary education has 66 students in the major and five students in the early childhood education program making it the major that ranks second on the campus, totaling 14.5% of the entire student body. Psychology and justice education tie for third, both having 45 students pursing their respective majors. Just one year after reestablishing the music major on campus, it is encouraging to have 24 students enrolled in the program. The University offers 31 majors in the traditional format and four are available online or via distance education.
Alternative Route to Teaching Licensure

The Indiana State Legislature has passed legislation which requires all teacher education institutions in Indiana to develop an alternative route to teacher licensure. This process is called “Transition To Teaching.” The Taylor University education department must develop this alternative route to teacher licensure and submit the program to the Indiana Professional Standards Board by July 1, 2002. The program is designed for those who have previously obtained a college degree and now wish to obtain a teaching license. The program will require 18 hours for secondary education licensure and 24 hours for elementary education licensure. A 10 member task force, under the direction of Dr. Carl R. Siler, director of teacher education, has been established to make program recommendations to the university governance structure.

General Education Program Revisions

A general education task force was created in May 1999 with objectives to review the general education program, which had not been reviewed since 1983. The general education program is the core liberal arts curriculum that all students take and is perhaps the most vital component of defining who we are as an institution: a college which views education as learning about God and His creation through special and general revelation. The program was discovered to be in “good shape,” comments Dr. Ron Sloan, associate vice president for academic affairs/dean of the Fort Wayne campus, “but the following specific issues were considered by the Taylor Ad-hoc Revision of General Education Taskforce (TARGET) as they investigated the feasibility of repackaging the program in order to support a decrease in faculty teaching load: standardize general education requirement courses to three credit hours, include math and civics course requirements, among other revisions.” Decisions are pending faculty approval, December 2001, and will be implemented for the fall of 2002.

A Fresh Look at WBCL

WBCL presents a new look on their website www.wbcl.org. Visit their website before November 9 to see all the changes and enter to win a Citizen watch, dinner for two, a WBCL mouse pad and CD travel case.

Click on the Mid Morning web page to discover the author you heard on the program or submit your favorite wall plaque to the memo board. Print out the tempting mid-morning recipe you heard on the show. You may also order mid-morning tapes on this site and e-mail Char Binkley and Lynne Ford. Other live shows with new online looks include Rise 'N Shine, where you will find each day’s “Morning Light,” Mid Day Live where you will find daily “Memos from the Word,” along with game leads and winners. Log on to Travelin' Home to catch the “Rush hour thought for the day” and the day’s “body builder,” along with updated game-winners’ names. P.M. Praise and NiteLite sites provide listeners and web-viewers with the inspiring “P.M. Praise Phrase” and “God’s Beacon” for the night.

Under Construction

An $8.2 million visual arts complex under construction at Taylor University, Upland, will house the campus’ visual arts department and complete a three-stage fine arts project that began 20 years ago.

Construction began on the Metcalf Center in June after the Taylor University board of trustees determined the needed funds to start the project had been raised. When it is completed, the Metcalf Center will become the third and final phase of a 20-year fine arts project that started with the construction of the Smith-Hermanson Music Center in the early 1980’s and continued with the construction of the Rupp Communication Arts Center nearly 10 years ago.

Completion of the Visual Arts Center is scheduled for February 2003, in time for the next academic year’s second semester. The 38,000-square-foot facility will house the art, art education and computer graphic arts programs, as well as two new minors in studio art and graphic design.

Catch a glimpse of the construction site at http://www.tayloru.edu/taylor/ttomorrow/. Live pictures are updated every minute during daylight hours.

Web Cam: A Bird’s Eye View

Take a tour of campus without leaving your home! Visit www.tayloru.edu/interact/fw/webcam/ on Taylor Fort Wayne’s web site to view the campus’ newest building, Eicher Student Commons. The web cam is located on the third floor of Witmer Hall and faces south to capture the images of the campus “traffic” from Eicher Student Commons and S.A. Lehman Library.
Taylor University believes in the value of exploring God’s creation and that the visual arts often help us better understand deep truths. The Capital Campaign is committed to raising funds for the new Visual Arts Center and for other necessary projects to strengthen Taylor’s ability to fulfill her mission. Started in 1996, the Capital Campaign has now raised 63.7 million of its 75 million dollar goal. These funds have helped pay for projects such as the Samuel Morris Residence Hall and the new Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center in Upland, Ind., the Eicher Student Commons in Fort Wayne, Ind., as well as scholarships, endowed chairs and the Taylor/Annual Fund.

For more information on how you can support the mission of Taylor University, contact Mr. Gene Rupp at 1-800-882-3456, ext. 5389
For Ken and Beth Smith, their recent trip to Egypt, Jordan and Israel left them with a combined sense of wonder and sorrow.

For Ken, director of the William Taylor Foundation, it was the third trip to one of the most storied and troubled areas in the world. He and his wife Beth, administrative assistant for Upland industrialist and TU Board of Trustees member LaRita Boren, organized the excursion through the foundation for Taylor University alumni, parents and friends. A total of 34 people took the 16-day trip in June.

The feelings of wonderment are what many who visit the region, known as the Holy Land, come to know. The trip started in Egypt, moved into Jordan and ended in Israel. They toured Jerusalem and Bethlehem, visiting locations believed to be the spots where Jesus Christ was born, performed miracles, was crucified and rose from the dead.

One of the high points of the trip came during a visit to the Church of the Shepherd’s Field outside of Bethlehem. As they stood in the area where it is believed angels heralded Christ’s birth to shepherds, the Catholic priest there sang the Christmas classic, O Holy Night.

But the feelings of sorrow abounded everywhere they went. Since the Palestinian Intifada began last year, tourists, the region’s number one source of income, have stayed away in droves.

“Five thousand families were unemployed in Bethlehem alone,” Ken said. “They were in tears.”

The Smiths reported that the crowds and long lines they had to navigate during their trip five years ago were non-existent. “Bethlehem is a ghost town,” Beth said.

It was not just Bethlehem. Numbers everywhere in that region are down. During their visit to the Pool of Bethesda, a place that was believed to have healing powers during biblical times, a priest told the Smiths that 15,000 people a week had at one time visited the site. Since the violence began, that number had shrunk to 300 before rebounding somewhat to 2,000. “The people there are starving,” Beth said. “They just thanked us (for coming).”

While not wanting to minimize the violence and danger, the Smiths said they believed much of what has happened there has been sensationalized in the American media and that they felt safer there than when they returned home. They also added that touring groups are routed away from trouble spots. The only places the group could not visit were Jericho and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem—which was the flash point for the latest round of fighting.

A baptismal service in the Jordan River was another high point for the group. But when their Palestinian bus driver and Jewish guide shared a tearful embrace and exclaimed, “We are brothers,” the Smiths resolved that they would help in the best way they could: by telling others to visit the region.

“You will never read the Bible the same way again,” Ken said. “You can visualize the Bible coming to life.”

—Jim Garringer
Over the past two years, we at the William Taylor Foundation have asked you to evaluate how the world looks from your point of view. We've invited you to bring your future into focus through our financial guidance. Specifically, we've challenged you to view the world through the eyes of your grandchildren, your faith, your future and to examine your role as evangelist and investor.

As Christians, we are to be good stewards of the resources God provides. Now and then we must step back and examine what we are doing with what we have. The William Taylor Foundation gives new perspectives on living trusts, planned giving, unitrusts, scholarships and other financial vehicles so you can adequately provide for your family, avoid disproportionate estate taxes and support evangelism.

Perhaps you've never considered the world from so many different viewpoints. Perhaps you've never looked to the long-term financial interests of those you love. Perhaps you've never realized that the best opportunity you'll ever have is now.

For more information regarding wise investing, contact Ken Smith with the William Taylor Foundation today. (800) 952-3456 or ksmith@tayloru.edu. www.tayloru.edu/upland/giving/opportunities/
Alumni Connected Through Prayer

As a new academic year starts, I feel a tremendous responsibility filling the role as president of the alumni council. The council strives to involve alumni in the life of the University through prayer, financial giving and service (Phonathon, Alumni-Homecoming, mission trip opportunities). The council also desires to support alumni: connect them with former classmates, inform fellow alumni of news and involve as many as possible in alumni gathering opportunities. And as I think of the role we, as a council, serve, it brings a smile to my face knowing that we are not alone. We have a huge support network throughout the world and we’re all connected through prayer.

As another academic year is underway, I ask that alumni keep the Fort Wayne campus in their prayers. Pray for Drs. Gyertson and Yost as they make decisions that guide the future of our alma mater and the future of current students. Pray for the faculty and staff who care for students beyond the classroom. Finally, pray for your alumni council as we seek to carry on the Christ-centered tradition of TUFW long after graduation.

-Scott Brunsting g97, Alumni Council President


The Fort Wayne Alumni Council held its first meeting of the fiscal year, September 29, during Family Weekend. After a University update by Dr. Daryl Yost, executive vice president, he and Sherri Harter, associate vice president for university advancement, presented the plans for the new library/learning center, which will be built contiguous to the new Eicher Student Commons.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to transitioning the Alumni Banquet, traditionally held in the spring, to the fall. Several ideas were discussed, including having a brunch or lunch on Saturday, September 28, as part of the Homecoming - Family Weekend 2002.

Feedback from alumni is encouraged. Please call 219-744-8790 to talk with alumni relations or talk with any one of the council members (listed at right), or e-mail alumnifw@tayloru.edu. Watch your mail boxes for more information!

2001-2002 Council Members

Josh Arthur g01 Muncie, IN
Scott Brunsting g97 Roselle, IL
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Ken Conrad g71 Kendallville, IN
Cyril Eicher g32 Fort Wayne, IN
Paul Erdel g48 Mishawaka, IN
Joy (Bixler) Forbes g77 Fort Wayne, IN
Jeff Gerig g84* Troy, OH
Joy Gerig g52 & 66 Fort Wayne, IN
Larry Heidelberg g67* Fort Wayne, IN
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John Steiner g63 Fort Wayne, IN
Joe Wenger g71 Fairborn, OH

*Denotes new member
Many people impact us throughout our lifetime. Our parents were the first to impact our lives, then our siblings. Soon, other relatives entered our lives, and later we developed our own sphere of influencers -- our friends. But few have the ability to mold and shape us outside those realms, as our teachers.

Besides our parents, no other authority figure had as great an impact on our lives. Our teachers had the ability to form and shape our minds and hearts in ways no one else could.

“We spent literally thousands of hours in the classroom over the 12 or 13 years of our childhood lives, how could our teachers not have had a profound impact on us?,” Kevin Ryan of Boston University writes in his article, “The Context of Character Education.” But some things are more important than reading, writing and arithmetic; like, who we are. Educators around the country realize that teaching behavior is as important as teaching academics. (Ryan & Bohlin, “Views, Values or Virtues?”) Wildwood Day School, where Jenny Eickhorst g96 has spent the past five years teaching and where she currently serves as assistant principal, knows character development is important; in fact, it is part of the school’s curriculum.

“To me, the character education components, i.e. kindness, courage, respect, etc., have a greater value than learning the day’s multiplication table,” she shares. She does not discount that traditional subjects are vital, but they are taught with the backdrop of character in mind; the two unite. Each month at Wildwood, teachers integrate a character trait into their history, social studies, English, etc. lessons. Traits include: friendship, responsibility, courage, respect for self and others, honesty, kindness, good judgment, perseverance and fairness. Teaching these virtues is important; having a role model who exemplifies them is essential. Jenny is quick to acknowledge this, “I know the students are watching me, seeing if I’m living these values out in my own life on a daily basis.”

So, what makes a good teacher? Jenny responds, “An effective teacher is a passionate lifelong learner called to the profession of teaching through a deep love of children.” She also highlighted a few key elements in making a good teacher.

Passion—“Briefcase-teachers are not in demand. You’ve selected the wrong job if you plan to work from 8 am to 4 pm daily. The work is never-ending.”

Commitment—“Teaching is more than grading papers and preparing lesson plans. A good teacher will lie awake at night wondering if the math problem she explained was truly understood; if the students have learned for the test or for life. She will wonder how she can better motivate students.”

Seeing the big picture. Having a deep love for children, beyond the classroom. “Kids love for you to be involved in their lives,” she comments. A good teacher realizes there are outside influences on a student’s life, which may help or hinder the education process. These outside influences impact not only the child’s interest in a topic but perhaps their ability to learn.

Being involved in the lives of her students outside the classroom provides Jenny with opportunities to know her students better. As a result, she can help them understand what she teaches because she knows them and how they learn.

God-given gift. “There was never a time when another profession was a consideration for me,” Jenny reflects. “It’s important to make education fun and useful. Students need to know why the information is important; that we’re not just going through the motions of ‘teaching’ and ‘learning.’”

You may wonder why Jenny left the classroom. She shares, “I never thought I would; I thrived on meeting my students’ needs. However, being an administrator allows me to work with parents, help students on a broader scale and mentor new teachers. I continue to share with teachers how to connect with students heart to heart, while keeping academics fun and standards high. When teachers truly connect with students, they’re teaching skills that will last a lifetime.”

Top: Jenny is surrounded by students.
On September 11, 2001, news teams captured the horror of people trying to locate their loved ones perhaps trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center or Pentagon disasters. While many of us cannot imagine their pain, it does remind us how important our family is. As your alumni office, we consider you to be a part of our family. We enjoy hearing about your joys and concerns. Furthermore, we count it a privilege to pray with you when you are in crisis or have a special need. Thank you for staying connected to the Fort Wayne campus. God continues to bless us. We invite you to return for a visit!

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Viola (Van Scoik) Daley g41 has an address change: 4527 Riverside Rd., Apt. 1, Waterford, WI 53105.

Evelyn (Kress) Sloat g44 lives at the Greencroft Retirement Center, Goshen, IN. She is involved in volunteer activities and the Bethel Missionary Church, teaching a Sunday school class and heading the prayer ministry. You may reach her at her e-mail address esloat@juno.com.

Rev. John g46 and Reba Caddy live in Vancouver, WA, where he is the associate pastor of Faith Missionary Church in Camas, WA. He preaches on Sunday evenings and teaches a discipleship class on Sunday mornings. Earlier, he served as the district superintendent for the Northwest District of the Missionary Church. His e-mail address is jhcaddy@home.com.

Rev. Burch g46 and Zoe (Duncan) Surbrook g46 reside at 187 E Grace Ct., Otis Orchards, WA 99027; (509) 891-9204 from April 1 to October 31. From November 1 to March 31 they can be reached at 10249 Coachella Rd., Niland, CA 92257; (760) 354-1324.

Rev. Glenn fs47 and Norma Jean (Byers) Marks fs47 announce their 6th grandchild, Charity Sue, born on May 20, 2001 to Cindy (Marks) fs85 and Stanley Gerig fs79.

Dwight g47 and Marie Steiner reside at 1730 E Aurelius Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020.

Dr. Paul g48 and g50TUU and Eileen (Bossard) Grabill g46 were honored at this year’s Brown City, Michigan Family Camp by the Missionary Church, Inc. Paul was recognized for 50 years of service as a minister; Eileen was honored for her role as a faithful, supportive wife and long-time leader of Women’s Ministries in the Michigan District and in the local church.

Rev. James g50 and Carolyn (Klopfenstein) Johnson fs50 are thankful to the Lord for the 50 years of service they have been able to give the Missionary Church; they were recognized at the MCI general conference this past summer.

Pete and Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53, missionaries with TEAM, were on home assignment and returned to France on October 24th.

Rev. Robert Seek g53 and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Hagerstown, MD, where he has served as pastor of the Cedar Lawn Missionary Church for 45 years. He is also the assistant district superintendent for the Eastern District of the Missionary Church. They have three adult children.

David Lang g57 resides at 1506 Vale Park, Apt. 1402, Valparaiso, IN 46383. His e-mail address is hoosierlangs2@aol.com.

Jerry g57 and Madelyn (Shives) Lehman g57 are retired teachers. You may reach them at 115 Laurel Ln., East Peoria, IL 61611; jlehman15@aol.com; daughter, Heather (Lehman) Stolba g87 and three grandchildren, live in Tacoma, WA.

Rev. John Zurcher, Jr. g58 was elected to serve another four-year term as district superintendent of the Eastern District of the Missionary Church.

Howard g61 and Ruth (Ringenberg) Moser g61 serve with World Partners USA in Ecuador where they serve in visitation ministry to discharged patients from Hospital Vozandes in southern Quito. These visits go “hand in glove” with their church-planting ministry. The name the congregation chose for this new church is “Unidos en Cristo,” United in Christ. They may be reached by e-mail: hlrmoser@uiosatnet.net.

Rev. David g61 and Betty (Smith) Shady fs61 serve with The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Ivory Coast, as the International Christian Academy high school girls’ dorm parents.
Rev. Joseph Bokel g63 and his wife, June, reside in Walton, NY. He pastors a church in the Catskill Mountains in central New York State. He is also chaplain of Countryside Care Center and serves on the county’s Christian ministries association. He spends one month of every year teaching at New Life Bible College in Moscow, Russia. His e-mail is jbokel@catskill.net.

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Eric Wiggins g63 has written a book entitled, The Gift of Grandparenting. The book was sponsored by Focus on the Family and published by Tyndale House. Eric is a conference speaker and author of numerous books, articles and short stories. Eric and his wife Dorothy (Hackney) g62 reside in Muskegon, MI. E-mail them at: ewiggins@juno.com.

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Roger fs65 and Suzanne Doriot completed translation of the New Testament in the Nalja tribal language in Irian Jaya. Work has begun to finish the Old Testament. There is only one complete Bible at this time among the 270+ tribal languages in Irian Jaya. Please pray for more translators. Missionaries in residence for the next year at Washington Bible College, they may be reached at 6511 Princess Garden Pkwy., Lanham, MD 20706; (301) 552-4559 and via e-mail at rdoriot@bible.edu.

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Barbara Kilmer g68 works at the world headquarters of OMS International, Inc. She is active in the Southport Presbyterian Church. Her address is 716-B Kilbourne Dr., Greenwood, IN 46142 and e-mail is bkillmer@omsinternational.org.

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Ray Miller g69 has taken a position with the Central District of the Missionary church as director of church ministries. His wife, Jean Ann (Rupp) g68 teaches 2nd grade at Cedarville Elementary in Leo, IN. They live at 17415 Juniper Ln., Leo, IN 46765. You may e-mail them at rwmillner@teknology.net.

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Steve fs70 and Marsha (Ringenberg) Wright g70 live in Leo, IN, where Marsha is on staff at Grabill Missionary Church. She just completed the Air Race Classic (first race she’s flown since her college days). You may e-mail them at mnotes@aol.com.

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Rev. Larry g71 and Annette (Goldsmith) Salsbury g72 reside in Elkon, MI, where Larry has been the senior pastor at the Elkon Missionary Church for 14 years. Annette is a 5th grade teacher at Laker Elementary School. They have two married sons.

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Martha Buss g72, missionary in Colombia, may be reached via e-mail: mbuss@calipso.com.co.

Mary Ann (Rasay) Fletcher fs72 works at Interwoven as an executive administrative assistant. She and husband, Richard, are members of Southbay Christian Center in Mountain View, CA, where they are small group co-leaders and church greeters. Mary Ann also serves on the Worship Team and teaches a 3rd & 4th grade Sunday school class. Her new e-mail is pineapplequeen@earthlink.net.

Rick g72 and Monica Haberkamp, serve as missionaries to Chad; daughter, Sarah Jeanne, attends Taylor University in Upland.

Rev. Bob g72 and Donna (Pottschmidt) Ransom’s g72 son, Matt, married Erin Burns on May 12th. Bob and Donna may be reached at via e-mail: trr@amsol.com.

Neal and Connie (Hughes) Smiley g72 live at 404 Gordon Ave, Waverly, OH 45690; (704) 947-4579; nos@bright.net. Connie is employed by Scioto Valley Local Schools coordinating federal and state reading programs for her district. She recently piloted a computer-based reading enrichment program for her district.

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Karen Smith g73 has a new e-mail address: praise6@aol.com.

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Rev. Dan g79 and Erin (McCormick) Burkey g80 live in Granger, IN, with their four sons. They ask prayer for Erin who suffers daily with migraine headaches. You may reach them via e-mail: danburkey@aol.com.

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Martí (Fox) Lambert g75 is youth pastor at Grace Missionary Church in Mooresville, IN. Her husband, Robert, manages the youth clinic at the V. A. Hospital in Indianapolis. Their youngest daughter is a freshman at Bethel and their son attends Taylor in Upland. The couple reside at 4799 E. Allison Rd., Camby, IN 46113; you may e-mail them at martiyp@ymail.com.

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Cl Clyde Hale, Jr. g76 has moved. You may reach him at 11806 N. Fair Hollow, Houston, TX 77043.

Dr. Kelly McMichael g76 graduated from Nova Southeastern University with an Ed.D. degree in July of 2001. He and his wife Gaye (Anderson) g78 may be reached via e-mail at kmcmichael@mindspring.com.

Gary g78 and Cheryl (Gunther) Culbertson g78 live in Apple Valley, CA. Both of their children, Rachel and Michael, attend college. Gary and Cheryl may be reached at their e-mail address, garywe@earthlink.net.

Mark g78 and Dee Krueger returned to Guinea on August 28th. They were in the USA for a couple of months to help their twins get settled in college. They were thankful for the time they were able to spend with family and friends. Please pray for them as they continue to build on the relationships they made in Guinea before they left in June and as they continue to work at learning a new language.

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Rev. Dan g79 and Erin (McCormick) Burkey g80 live in Granger, IN, with their four sons. They ask prayer for Erin who suffers daily with migraine headaches. You may reach them via e-mail: danburkey@aol.com.

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Gary and Jan Bower g80 have written and illustrated a book, Tessa’s Treasures. It is the first in a series for children called, “Thinking of Others.” Gary is the author, Jan is the illustrator. The couple reside in Traverse City, MI.
Rev. Elwood “Skip” Kite g80 and his wife, Rosie, live at 46-283 Kahului St. B-310, Kauai, HI 96744. Skip is a teacher training specialist for Child Evangelism Fellowship. Eighteen children were lead to the Lord through the children’s meetings and camps this summer.

Juanita (Baker) Bardwell g81 started her new position as a representative for Food for the Poor which ministers to spiritually impoverished people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Their goals are to improve the health, economic, social and spiritual conditions of the people they serve. Please pray for the Lord’s guidance and that the purity of their mission would be maintained. Juanita and her husband, Rev. Raymond, may be reached at 267 Groundsel Place, Clayton, NC 27520; (919) 359-6258. You may e-mail them at designsbyjuanita@webnow.com.

After a year’s furlough in the USA, John g81 and Julie Gerig and children, Brandon, Andrew, Megan and Daniel, returned to Russia on July 24th where they continue to serve as missionaries with World Partners USA. While in the USA, John attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School studying Christian Education.

Rev. Kirby Lantz g82 pastors the Beaver Alliance Church in Beaver, PA. He, his wife Edith and daughter Amy, reside at 484 College Ave., Beaver, PA 15009; (724) 774-4516, e-mail is edie-kirbylantz@webtv.net.

Rev. Stephen g82 and Tina (Priest) Roussos g83 have lived in Freeman, SD since 1991. Stephen serves as pastor of the Freeman Missionary Church. They have two teenage children. You may reach them via either one of their e-mail addresses srroussos@juno.com or tmroussos@juno.com.

Willem g82 and Sue Tops are missionaries with Gospel Missionary Union in Belgium. You may e-mail them at topslanz@pandora.be.

Rev. Curtis Alexander g83 and his wife, Kathy, live in Groveland, IL. Their e-mail is ekalex691@hotmail.com. He looks forward to completing his doctorate of ministry degree next May through Bethel Seminary.

Jacqueline Huggins g83 has been serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 1984. She has been translating the New Testament for the Kagayanen people of south central Philippines since 1986 with Carol Pbley g83. They hope to complete the Kagayanen New Testament by the year 2003. Jacqueline is presently on furlough until July 1, 2002. She may be reached at 5325 S. Harrison St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46807; (219) 745-2615.

Jim g85 and Michelle Dunlap and their four children reside in Florida where he is a systems analyst for Palm Beach County’s school board. He also owns Data & Designs, a computer consulting company and occasionally teaches night school computer classes. They celebrate the birth of daughter, Laura Diana, March 21, 2001. You may reach them at jfireworks4@aol.com.

Lori Wilka g85 attends New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where she is working towards her master of divinity in Christian Education. You may e-mail her at locohoosier@hotmail.com.

Rev. William “Russ” Lee g86 serves as senior pastor of Spirit of Christ Community Church. He and his wife, Twyla, have moved to 1577 E. Strohm Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201. You may also reach them via phone (717) 263-9817 or e-mail irpurple@pa.net.

Scott g86 and Sheri Litwiller and sons, Drew, Brett and Cole, left in July for Caracas where Scott is the administrator for ACIC International Christian School. They may be reached at Apartado 75304, El Marques, Caracas, D. F., 1070 A, Venezuela, or via e-mail at slitwiller@cantv.net.

Rev. Jeff Spence g87 accepted the call to pastor the Dunfee Missionary Church, July 1, 2001. His wife, Melanie, is employed part-time as secretary in the criminal justice office at Taylor University Fort Wayne. They moved to 6372 E. 800 S –92, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Call them at (219) 625-6854 or e-mail them at jmspence@home.com.

Rev. David Williams, O.C.C. g87 was elected senior pastor of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ in New Haven, Missouri, effective September 1st. He is within 18 months of completing his doctor of ministry degree at Trinity Seminary. You may reach him at 607 Maupin St., New Haven, MO 63068; (573) 237-2770 or TheVicar@worldnet.att.net.

Graham g88 and Lori (Fazio) West g86 minister with the Lady Eagles soccer team in Charlotte, NC, which is part of the Missionary Athletes International, a ministry using sports as a means for evangelism and training others in sports ministry. It was exciting for the Lady Eagles to be the National Champs this season, but they are praising God for the greater success off the field! Graham held a soccer clinic at Taylor Fort Wayne on September 22nd.

Robert Witzig g88 is youth pastor at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, IN. He and wife, Toni (Jackson) g89, reside at 408 W. Roe St., Ossian, IN 46777. You may reach them via phone (219) 622-6732 or e-mail witzis@aol.com.

In addition to being the Women’s Soccer Coach at Mars Hill College, David Bennett g89 just finished his first season as head coach of the Blue
Kevin Conklin g91 serves as full-time director of youth ministries and Christian education at Otterbein United Methodist Church. He also coaches the girl’s soccer team at Benton Central. His wife, Tia (Ross) fs89, is a full-time student majoring in English and is a substitute teacher for grades K-6. They may be reached via kubly4jc@juno.com.

Nick g91 and Alane (Heindel) Johnson g89 serve with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. They spent the month of July training young men and women in the IVCF’s leadership development camp. They are in the midst of New Student Outreach. Please pray for those who will be involved in their Bible studies, retreats, conferences and other functions.


Sonya Phillips g92 is engaged to be married to Jamie Wilkie on November 21, 2001. Her address is 16A Pointer Ln., Greenville, SC 29607 and here-e-mail is sphillip@ecs-inc.com

Dave g93 and Candi (Northcutt) Cussen g93 have moved to 3272 N. Morningstar Ave., Sullivan, IN 47882; (812)397-0294.

Tim g93 and Albina Fisher and son moved to Moscow, Russia, in February where Tim has taken a position at the U. S. Embassy. Mail may be sent to them via Barb Fisher, 526-4 Wallen Hills Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46225 or e-mail them at timoshatoo@hotmail.com.

Tom and Brenda (Garver) Shepherd g93 celebrate the birth of Annalise Joy, September 6, 2001. Brenda serves as bookkeeper for Bright Hope Daycare, First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne. Tom is the county executive director for USDA Farm Service Agency. They live at 11763 N 600 W 90, Roanoke, IN 46783.

Clark Woods g93 married Sharon Chambers on September 1, 2001. They reside at 7527 Thoroughbred Dr. 3C, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; e-mail is cwoods@microcornsolutions.com. He started MicroCorn Solutions in 1999 and works for Lincoln National Corporation as manager of compensation and contract administration.

Matt Level g94 is employed as mortgage loan originator at Tower Bank, Fort Wayne. Contact him at: matthew.level@towerbank.net

Dan and Lorissa (Hoot) Watson g94 were married July 21, 2001. Dan works at TheServiceTeam.com. Lorissa works at Fellowship Missionary Church. They may be contacted at their new address: 51 Castle Hill Dr., Roanoke, IN 46783.

Joe Boway g95 lives with his brother, Hamilton, who came to the USA on a refugee program two years ago. Joe asks prayer for his brother who has had several strokes, causing loss of voice/speech and balance. Their address is 2050 Lilac Ln., Apt. 103, Aurora, IL 60506-1762.

Phil and Kristin (O’Malley) Calvert g95 live in Michigan and may be contacted via e-mail at kclavert@mindspring.com.

Rosemary Stelz g95 serves part-time as minister of outreach and visitation at St. Peter Lutheran Church. She attends seminary full-time. Her new address is: 117 S Bench St, Galena, IL. You may also reach her via e-mail, rstelz@dbq.edu.

Jason and Christa (Allaby) Bartlett g96 reside at 18 Market St., Georgetown, Ontario, L7G3B7 Canada.

Henry g96 and Melinda “Coco” (Hightshue) Farr fs96 are preparing to return to the Middle East as missionaries with World Partners / Missionary Church. They celebrate the birth of daughter, Lilia, April 19, 2000, who joins big sister Maredith. They are presently involved in
John and Josie (Koepper) Bailey g97 wed May 5, 2001. John is an electrical engineer for Delphi-Delco Electronics. Their address is 1209 Desert Canyon Dr., El Paso, TX 79912. Their e-mail is jocwailz@aol.com.

Matthew g97 and Stephanie (Cox) Demorest g93 welcomed Zebadiah Jay, July 9. The family resides at 1228 Lexington Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

David Arnold g98 is the pastor for children through college age groups at New Hope Community Church in Ohio. His e-mail address is dave@newhopecc.org.

Richard Carpenter g98 is pastor of the Burr Oak Missionary Church in Burr Oak, Michigan. His e-mail is dearpenter@core.com.

Adam Carrigan g98 attends Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Missions to pursue a master of arts degree in leadership for evangelism and discipleship. He may be reached at CIU Box #139, 7435 Monticello Rd., Columbia, SC 29230-1599; (803) 754-4100 ext. 2126; napallo@juno.com.

Jason and Melissa (Smead) Hudson g98 are expecting their first child in December. Their e-mail address is hudsonjmek@aol.com.

Matthew g98 and Estefana (Ponce) Jesch g98 may be reached at flacons@msn.com.

Steve and Kristyn (Dunnaback) Sparks f98 are ministering to youth in Michigan. Kristyn gave birth to daughter, Kimberly Grace, on June 3, 2001. They may be reached at 4113 Telegraph Rd., Apt. B119, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; (248) 723-5224 or kristyn_sparks@yahoo.com.

David g98 and Katie Sylvester live in Tennessee where David is marketing manager at Sparrow Records in Music City USA. He is also working on his MBA at Middle Tennessee State University. Their e-mail address is kdsylvester@netzero.net.

John Engler g99 works at a Christian radio station. His e-mail address is clarkwgriswold1@aol.com.

Heather Gunderson g99 teaches 5th grade at Fairfield Elementary in Fort Wayne. You may reach her at heyyheather@hotmail.com.

Mark Johnson g99 attends St. Francis University. He is pursuing a degree as a surgical technician. He may be reached at 5707 Roy Ln., Monroeville, IN 46773; (219) 623-2222 or mdjohn@skyenet.net.

Jonathan and Shawna (Hickman) Miller f99 reside at 3405 Alexander Ct., Jeffersonville, IN 47130. You may also reach them by phone (821) 282-8735 or e-mail mydogbec@yahoo.com. Shawna works at EMATING.com as their content manager.

Greg and Cara (Lambert) Jones g00 wed September 15, 2001. Cara serves as supervisor at Kinsey Youth Center. You may contact them at 900 N. Indiana Ave., Kokomo, IN 46901; or via phone (765) 457-9771.

Teresa Pancake fs00 moved to San Diego where she is the event coordinator of the sales and catering department at the San Diego Marriott Del Mar. She may be reached at 10321 Caminito Alvarez, San Diego, CA 92126 or recepancake@hotmail.com.

Jeff Spence II g00 is in Mongolia as a career missionary with World Partners. His USA address is 6372 S. 800 East – 92, Fort Wayne, IN 56814.

Rodney and Heather (VanDeraa) Urbaniai g90 wed on July 14, 2001. Their address is 132 E. Great Lakes, Apt. 2, River Rouge, MI 48218-1577.

Josh g01 and Lindsey (Carpenter) Arthur g01 wed August 4, 2001. They reside at 3744 N. Tillotson Ave., Apt. 397, Muncie, IN 47304. Their phone number is (765) 214-2023. They attend Ball State University.

Bryan g01 and Veronica (Nelson) Copenhaaver g00 moved to 421 Baleen Ave., Apt. C1, Kenai, AK 99611. Bryan is the youth pastor at Kenai Christian Church. Veronica is substitute teaching. You may contact them by phone (907) 335-3339 or e-mail at bvcophe@alaska.net.

Natalie Grillo g01 accepted a position as executive project coordinator with Kingdom Building Ministries. Her address is: P.O Box 441021, Aurora, CO 80044-1021; (720) 273-0397; e-mail: ngg2979@hotmail.com.

Kristen Jesch fs01 is the program coordinator of Project Incentive for Lifeline Youth and Family Services. She resides at 1025 Ridgewood Dr., Apt. 5, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Bill g01 and JoAnna (Nuss) Jones g01 wed on July 28, 2001. They reside at: 3718 S. Wayne Ave., Apt. 3, Fort Wayne, IN 46807; (219) 456-5504.

Thad Keener g01 is the coordinator of Ockenga Ministry Resources at Gordon-Cromwell Theological Seminary. He, his wife Peggy, and their sons, Rudy and Samuel, reside at 287B, 130 Essex St., S. Hamilton, MA 01982; (978) 985-2524.
Robert and Sara (Augsberger) Schwartz g01 wed April 7, 2001. They may be reached at P.O. Box 211, Harlan, IN 46743.

Jeremy g01 and Sarah (Spinney) Steup fs01 wed August 18, 2001. They live in Zanesville, IN. Jeremy is employed at Lincoln Financial Group and Sarah is program coordinator at Americorps.

Chad and Mandy (Smith) Turner g01 wed September 8, 2001. They reside at 9800 N 400 E, Lake Village, IN 46349. Their phone number is (219) 345-4170.

Todd Yoder g01 is a full-time youth pastor at the Monroe United Brethren Church. He would always appreciate our prayers for insight on how to minister to youth. He may be reached at 3666 S. 000 Rd., Berne, IN 46711; (219) 589-3837.

In Memory

Laverne (Shull) Kopp g26 passed away July 15, 2001. She was a member of Anchor Community Church and a longtime member of Women’s Missionary Association. Surviving are a son, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Esther (Basinger) Williams g33 passed away June 30, 2001. After college graduation, she attended Nyack Missionary Training Institute and served as assistant dean of women. Surviving are two daughters, a son and a grandson.

Ruby (Eicher) Paul Huston g36 passed away June 1, 2001. She served in the C&MA for 50 years with her husband, William Paul, in several pastorates and as missionaries to Colombia. William passed away in 1976. She married Ralph Huston in 1978. Ruby is survived by two sons, a daughter, two stepdaughters, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. Welburn Smith g50 went to his heavenly home on August 25, 2001. He was born in Mason, KY and was a dairy farmer, mechanic, pastor and missionary. Surviving are his wife, four sons, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rev. J. Harlan Wright’s g50 beloved wife, Helen, went to be with the Lord on February 7, 2001.

Thomas Johnson g57 went to be with the Lord on August 25, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Arlene (Riegel) g56. Tom was the head of social work department at Asbury College.

Hannah (Padmanji) Shinde g59 passed away April 29, 2001. She and her husband, Sadanand g59, ministered in western India with Christian Medical and Educational Fellowship. She is survived by her husband, a son in India and a daughter and son-in-law in Grabbill, IN.

Daniel Harrigan g85 went to be with the Lord October 6. He passed away at home, after an 18-month battle with cancer. Dan, Carole and their three children served as missionaries in Sierra Leone as church planters and later served in Nigeria. Surviving are his wife, Carole (Guhse) fs79; sons, Ben (19), Mike (17); daughter, Jessica (16); mother, Ruth (Egeland) g56; and brother, Stephen g80.

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Richard P. Dugan, former associate vice president for adult and continuing education and professor, TUFW, 1992-1994, and vice president for academic affairs and professor, Summit Christian College, 1982-1992, passed away July 24 at the Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, IL, after a five year battle with non-hodgkins lymphoma and two stem cell transplants.

Richard earned a Ph.D. and an M.A. in religious education, New York University, a B.D. focused on ministerial studies, Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Denver, and a B.A. in Christian Education, Wheaton College. Prior to his service at the Fort Wayne campus, he served as professor and chair of the Christian Education department at Northeastern Bible College, now a division of the International University in New York City. During which time he also served as director of Christian service, dean of men and adjunct professor at King’s College, New York.

Among his nonacademic experiences, Richard served as director of the Rome-Utica Youth for Christ, New York, directed the Counselor in Training program and was area Bible club director at World of Life Fellowship.

For the past seven years he was employed by the Missionary Church Investment Foundation where he served as stewardship consultant and gift plan specialist. As a member of First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, he served as deacon for World Missions and ministered as adult and youth Sunday School teacher. He visited 10 mission fields and belonged to and/or served as consultant to several coalitions for higher education. He had several journalistic credentials, as well.

Most notably, he was a faithful and dedicated disciple of Christ, husband, father, grandfather, friend and coworker. Surviving are his wife Carol, business underwriter coordinator of WBCL Radio Network; sons and daughters-in-law: Richard g91 and Christina (Roussos) g90, Thomas g91 and Lori (Bullock) g91, daughter, Patricia g96TU; and four grandsons.
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