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Celebrating the Taylor Family
My mother is in her 91st year of life. Even at my age of 63, I am always fascinated to listen when my mother shares her experiences of earlier days—horse and buggy transportation, no electricity in the house, no indoor plumbing, one room schoolhouse, etc. All of this is a part of what makes up her lifetime. Her deepest desire, at this moment, is to live until the year 2000.

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As Taylor University prepares for the next millennium, we fully acknowledge that it is really a very brief period of history in terms of God’s timeline for man. It is exciting, however, to have the opportunity to be a part of helping actualize what God may desire His people to accomplish while they live on this earth.

As an institution of evangelical Christian higher education, we have been called to educate men and women to be prepared to serve a lost world. The circumstances of the world of the 21st Millennium are certainly different from that which my mother experienced in the early days of the 20th Millennium. To be effective to reach this world, we must realize that change is inherent. We must acknowledge that how we reach people and communicate with them will be different from that which was experienced in previous years.

Perhaps the most important thing for us to grasp is the reality; the message has not changed. That is why it is so important at Taylor University that we continue to work on the integration of one’s faith with the content of the academic curriculum. The curriculum may have its adjustments, but the message of Jesus Christ is constant.

It is exciting to be a part of higher education, but when we bring the dimension of Christ into the relationship, it becomes even more exciting.

-Dr. Daryl Yost
Provost/Chief Administrative Officer of the Fort Wayne Campus
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Out of Bounds

"As an institution, we have an opportunity to respond to today’s challenges, those that will carry into the 21st century. No citizen can deny the sobriety of the challenges facing families, schools and communities of America. We must act, and soon."

-Jay Kesler, President, Taylor University

Since 1846, Taylor University has been educating men and women for lifelong learning, equipping them to minister to a world in need. A Taylor education focuses on the “whole person” and the development of scholarship, leadership and Christian commitment. There is much emphasis on learning which takes place beyond the traditional classroom setting as students and faculty challenge one another to integrate faith and learning into the very fabric of one’s life.

Today, however, the concept of learning “beyond the classroom” has a new significance. For many students, a 24-hour a day, residential education is not practical. For these learners “beyond” is the classroom.

Taylor University has met President Kesler’s challenge to respond to today’s challenges in a variety of means. Continuing education courses, credits-in-escrow, and the summer honors college meet the needs of students of all ages [traditional-aged (18-22), non-traditional (25+), or guest (17+)], providing them with opportunities to come to campus on their time, based on their schedule. Furthermore, Taylor University World Wide Campus breaks the barrier of on-campus learning, allowing students of all ages access to campus from anywhere at anytime.

1895
Mr. and Mrs. B.P. Lugibihl open Bethany Bible Institute with J.E. Ramseyer as principal.

1896
U.S. Steiner composes “Bethany Home Bible School Song.”

1897
D.Y. Schultz becomes principal.
The Division of Continuing Education extends the mission of Taylor University by providing college level, professional and lifelong learning opportunities for students whose educational needs and goals extend beyond the traditional university curriculum and whose classroom needs lie outside the bounds of a traditional classroom setting. Seminars and courses are offered in a variety of disciplines in response to the needs of our constituents.

This fall, the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning offered a continuing education series, including nine seminars through the duration of the fall semester. Seminars ranged from business issues (negotiating, investing) to internet skills to personal topics (listening skills, stress management, caring for aging parents, fiction writing).

Credits-in-Escrow refers to a program which allows high school students in their junior and senior years an opportunity to earn college credit prior to high school graduation. That credit is held “in escrow” until he/she attends Taylor Fort Wayne or transfers the credits to another college or university. Students can apply to take courses in general education or classes from a specific major.

Another program in which high school students can earn college credit before they graduate is the Summer Honors College.

Students take up to seven hours of course credit during the summer months. They attend classes, tuition-free, live in a residence hall, dine in the cafeteria and experience college life on Taylor University’s World Wide Campus (WWC), located in the Clyde Taylor house on the Fort Wayne campus.

Known for many years as The Fort Wayne Bible College Institute of Correspondence Studies (it began in 1938), the WWC has offered distance learning opportunities to thousands of students. Today, the WWC is stretching the boundaries of learning with avenues open to students never dreamed of 60 years ago.

More than 75 undergraduate level courses (credit and non-credit), including correspondence, audio and video cassette and online, are available to students around the world. Currently, 16 online courses are offered with more in the developmental stages.

This kind of technology means that a student living in Australia can enroll in IAS 112, Foundations of Christian Thought, an online cohort class, and share in e-mail discussions with fellow students about assignments. The WWC has also enrolled students from Spain, China, Austria, Japan, South Africa, Hungary, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

WWC director Mark Sumney g82TUU believes the concept of learning “beyond the classroom” has special significance for the WWC. “It’s unrealistic to expect all students, especially those with families and jobs, to leave those responsibilities to come to campus. Commuting to a Christian college is rarely an option. With distance education, we enable students to attend Taylor who otherwise may never have been able to attend.”

Sumney and the WWC staff—Mrs. Nancy (Swanson) Johnson is 78, Mr. Steve McFarland, Mrs. Chris Bell, Ms. Anna Thomas g82, and Mrs. Kayleen (Brewer) Reusser is 82—serve approximately 1500 students.

The most exciting development took place in 1998 when the WWC received approval from the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges to begin offering degrees. Currently, 18 students have enrolled in the various AA programs, with many enrollments pending.

Volunteer Prison Ministry Chaplain Needed!

The Taylor University World Wide Campus provides education for men and women in prisons and jails throughout the United States. During the course of their education, the WWC receives much communication from these inmates requesting prayer and support. The WWC is looking for a volunteer prison chaplain who will establish prayer support and communication with these inmate students. Contact Steve McFarland, student services advocate and enrollment coordinator at 1-800-845-3149 or email at wwcampus@tayloru.edu for this ministry need.

1901 Bethany Bible Institute closes.

Airwaves Online

Just when did we turn the corner from a culture centered on network television, phones with wires, and information on paper to a digital society where your web address is as important as your phone number? Whenever it occurred, it moved us to a place where the web is no longer a novelty or just an interesting way to pass time.

With 200 million people on the Internet worldwide and 80 million of them in the United States, it is evident that the Internet is not only here to stay, but growth is inevitable. By 2003 the number of users worldwide is projected to jump to 500 million.

A listener shares, “My wife, Cathy, and I moved to Raleigh, NC. We are regular listeners of WBCL and are day sponsors. We’ve been unable to find a Christian music station that provides the encouragement we enjoyed from your broadcast ministry. I logged on to WBCL’s web site and listened to the broadcast - it was like being home again. Thanks again for your commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

At The WBCL Radio Network, our mission of bringing hope and peace to listeners in the tri-state area of Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan now extends around the world via our website at www.wbcl.org. Our Internet guest book has been “signed” by web surfers from across the United States and many countries around the world.

Just two short years ago, we had a dream of becoming the “best Christian radio website in the nation.” Board member Lynette Merillat and her husband, Richard, believed with us that The WBCL Radio Network could make a difference “online.” Their initial $22,500 donation allowed us to purchase the necessary equipment to establish a web presence. Since then, their additional contributions totaling $65,000 have enabled the purchase of equipment for continued expansion. Thus, from a simple site less than two years ago, the Internet has grown to an entire department of The WBCL Radio Network. This would not have been possible had not Richard and Lynette caught the vision for reaching people around the world through WBCL.

With over a million visits to our site in the first twelve months, and now with over 270,000 visits a month, it is evident that we must become our own Internet server to accommodate the growing number of visitors to our site.

In June, listeners gave generously to our HeartSounds for Tomorrow Project, including $30,000 designated for continuing expansion. An additional blessing came from Tom Nicholson of Solid Rock Computers in Defiance, Ohio, who offered a web server valued at over $10,000.

What does this mean to you? It means that you will be able to access The WBCL Radio Network website twenty-four hours a day with faster and more consistent service and better quality than ever before. With the new T-1 lines, more people can be online at the same time, with quicker access and less congestion.

More features, contests, and special options will be available, including recorded versions of our most popular programs. For example, if you can’t listen to Mid-Morning when it airs live from 9:05 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. EST, you’ll be able to listen via your computer any time of the day or night that’s convenient for you. In addition, web-only programming will become standard so web users will hear and experience features not aired on the radio frequency.

Check out our website at www.wbcl.org and watch for these improved services, projected for completion by January 2000.
Sports are a big part of John “Jay” Wilkins’ IV life. Wilkins, a Taylor Fort Wayne senior studying public relations, has participated on the Falcon basketball team throughout his college career.

Last season he led the team in rebounding, was the fourth on his team in steals, with an average of 1.45 steals per game and was second in field goal percentage at 46. He started all 22 games of the 1998-99 season, at the center position. Each of the three years with the Falcon team he has lettered in the sport. Wilkins was nominated most improved player his freshman year. Additionally, he played on the Taylor Fort Wayne soccer team last year and returns this season as forward.

Although sports take up much of his time, they don’t take center court. Jesus Christ does.

He spent a portion of his summer with Christian Outreach International’s (COI) United Kingdom Tour, a three-week sports-based mission trip. Sixty-nine others comprised the tour group, which traveled all over England playing various sports and sharing the gospel wherever they went.

The COI team competed in various semi-professional sports (basketball, American football, volleyball and cheerleading) throughout England. “At every game, we took time to get to know the other players, one-on-one. We shared our faith, gave them gifts and handed out tracts. At half time we sang praise and worship songs and shared our testimonies.”

When they weren’t on the field or court practicing or competing in their respective sports, team members ministered in concerts, parks or even in street ministry. They visited local schools where they conducted assemblies or led PE classes. The trip changed Wilkins’ life. “It was an incredible experience to be able to do God’s work in a country where Christianity is scarce and strong believers are few and far between.” Despite those odds, the team saw a lot of people come to Christ. Team members followed up by suggesting church locations for new converts to join a fellowship of believers.

Jay’s ministry involvement continues to be a priority as he serves as a student mentor on campus to new freshman.

He looks toward graduation and his career and desires to keep Christ in the forefront. While a student and gaining practical life experience, he has taken a public relations practicum at Kovas Communications. He does public relations and promotional work, as well as take some responsibilities on-air and at remote sites. Kovas owns five stations locally, with genres ranging from talk-radio to hard rock/extreme formats. Despite Kovas’ public image, Jay holds fast to his Christian commitment, choosing to seize the opportunity professionally and spiritually, seeing the work environment as a mission field.

Uncertain on the specifics of his future, he plans to pursue either the mission field with a sports-based platform, such as Athletes in Action, or practice sports public relations and move into sports management. Whichever route he chooses to pursue, Jay has one stipulation, “all I want to do is use my talents to God’s glory.”

Jay Wilkins, left, with a friend, during his summer term with Christian Outreach International.
Celebrating Taylor's Tomorrow was the theme for Family Weekend 1999. The theme encompassed the building project on campus and the training of students for the future. It was a weekend which provided parents of current students the opportunity to spend time with their students and to support the ministry of Taylor Fort Wayne.

Jose Sanchez, sophomore, left, and the Falcon team were victorious over Great Lakes Bible with a 3-1 final score.

Above: Sherri Harter, associate vice president for development, and Michael Mortensen, associate director of development, enjoy the silent auction. Over $4000 was raised for the student emergency fund.

Above: Sophomore Steve Byroad, left, and friend enjoy festivities at the soccer game. Right: Parents Cabinet members Pricilla Eter and Bill Eggleston discuss the day's events at lunch.

Sophomore Steve Byroad performs during the picnic lunch.
Above: Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Brent Baker, enjoys lunch on campus with his sons. Left: Provost and CAO, Dr. Daryl Yost, chats with sophomore, Amy Carrick. Below: First Call performed to an intimate gathering of family and friends to conclude Saturday’s events.

Silent Auction

One of the traditions of Family Weekend is to raise money for the Student Emergency Fund, through a silent auction. Money raised by this event goes to help students who find themselves in emergency situations without the financial means to meet the need.

Ninety-three items were donated by parents, faculty, staff and local business owners, including gift certificates, crafts, CDs, a Beanie Baby holder, wreaths, floating candles, apparel, etc. Five items went for high bids, bringing in almost $2,300 alone. These items were: a retired Boyd’s Bear from Colby’s Antiques & Collectibles, a $1,000 gift for a student’s account, a hand-made clock by Jay & Janie Kesler, dinner with contemporary Christian artist, Kathy Troccoli and a porcelain doll made by staff member, Yvette Jones.

The silent auction raised over $4,129.00. “We are elated with this figure, as we were hoping silently for at least $3,000. Last year’s silent auction brought in $1,800, so we’re really thankful for the donors of the items and those who bid high and often to make this a great success,” says Michael Mortensen, silent auction coordinator and associate director of development for the University.

Mortensen adds, “Our Parents’ Cabinet deserves tremendous praise for their time and effort. Each member gave up numerous hours during Family Weekend to help run the auction; additionally, many either made or brought something to be auctioned. We had a lot of fun, as we had big band music playing throughout the day to keep the atmosphere festive.”
Faculty

Dr. Marilyn Button has been appointed director of the Hoosier College Preparatory program and associate professor. She received a BA from Tufts University, an MA from the University of Chicago and a PhD from the University of Delaware. She has taught 12 years as associate professor of English at Lincoln University and was awarded the distinguished faculty award for excellence in teaching from the university. She recently had a book published, entitled *Foreign Women in British Literature: Exotics, Aliens, and Outsiders*.

Dr. Laura Gerg has been appointed associate professor of psychology. She joined the Fort Wayne faculty after having served as faculty member on the Upland campus for five years. She earned her PhD from Ball State with an emphasis in neuropsychology, her MA from Ball State University and a BA from Taylor University, Upland.

Dr. Dennis Hensley, associate professor of journalism, was the opening speaker at the Midwest Writers 1999 Summer Workshop. Hensley spoke on “Setting Writing Goals for a New Millennium.” He also published “How to ‘Flip’ the Creative Switch in Writing Fiction,” in the July/August 1999 issue of the Writer’s Journal.

Professor Dale Kierstead has joined the Fort Wayne faculty as assistant professor of accounting. He has ten years of college teaching experience as professor of accounting at various institutions and has worked as a CPA in his own accounting firm. He earned his MBA from Mississippi College with additional doctoral studies at Oklahoma State University.

Professor Wally Roth serves the Fort Wayne faculty after 32 years of teaching on the Upland campus. He founded the computing and systems program on the Upland campus and joins the business accounting and economics department on the Fort Wayne campus. He received an MA from Ball State, a BS from Taylor University and additional graduate studies from Ohio State University.

Mark Sumney, director of the world wide campus, along with Ian Blair, TUU coordinator of online information services, presented “Adding an Online Campus: Using Existing Foundations to Create a Campus Without Buildings” at the CCCU Technology Conference at Seattle Pacific University.

Professor Quinn White, instructor of education, brings over ten years of experience in elementary education. He possess an MA from Ohio State University and a BS from Taylor University.

Staff

Kristi(Tumas) Axtell, 1999 Taylor Upland graduate, served the Fort Wayne campus as Summer Honors College Resident Director, summer 1999, and joined the staff full time in August as admissions counselor.

Pam Barcalow joins the staff of WBCL as donor relations coordinator. Pam received BS degrees in Christian education/music/Bible from Fort Wayne Bible College. Prior to her employment at WBCL, she served 12 years as a medical transcriptionist and managed a word processing business for 25 years.

Faces of TUFW

Pam Barcalow
Donor Relations
WBCL

Betsy Schurg
Student Accounts

Quinn White
Instructor of Education
Honors and Accomplishments

Mark Burritt, associate controller, left Taylor Fort Wayne after 12 1/2 years of service to his alma mater to serve as senior pastor of Burr Oak Church, Ligonier, IN.

Rebecca Green serves the University as director of new student orientation, resident director-Bethany Hall, and coordinator for student publications. She served as assistant coordinator for the Foellinger Foundation’s youth initiative, summer 1999. She brings several years of editorial experience to her publications position, as she has served as part-time staff writer for the Elkhart Truth, regional correspondent for the Goshen News and part-time sports writer for the Marion Chronical Tribune.

Tammy Lugar transferred to the office of enrollment services to serve as office systems coordinator/non-traditional student recruiter. She graduated in 1993 from Summit Christian College with a degree in Bible and general studies, and has worked on campus since graduation.

Dan Newman, information services manager, resigned after nearly five years of service to both campuses of his alma mater. He and his wife, Jenny g97TUU, who also served the Fort Wayne campus, in University Relations, moved to Green Bay, WI, to take a position as general manager with Ad Ideas, Inc.

Dennis Norman maintenance supervisor/electrician, resigned to take a position at Emmanuel Community Church.

Stephen Olson has been appointed assistant controller. He graduated from Taylor, Upland in 1998 with a degree in business and accounting. Prior to coming to Taylor he worked at Conseco doing financial reporting.

Al Rupp joined the Taylor staff as financial planner, William Taylor Foundation and WBCL Radio Network. (See page 17 for more information.)

Angela Schumacher returns to her alma mater as admissions counselor. She is a 1999 Christian ministries major, with a concentration in cross-cultural ministries.

Students

Justin Nicolet, a junior, pastoral ministries major, returns to serve in the development office as student ambassador for a second term. In this role, Justin enjoys the opportunities he has to speak with alumni and donors and praying with them. He ministers in many ways outside of campus connections. He performs at the Anchor Room, a local Christian bookstore and volunteers at Love Church, an inner city outreach.

Teresa Pancake, senior, public relations major, has also returned to serve a second year as student ambassador. She assists in the writing and editing of publications. She also serves as senior class president, teacher’s assistant for public speaking, harvest carnival coordinator, and yearbook writer. The 1999 Three Rivers Festival, Fort Wayne, was the site of her internship -- a launch pad for her intended career in special events planning.

Megan Wood is the newest member of the student ambassador team. This is her first year in this role, but her third year on campus. This junior, youth ministries major enjoys “traveling and meeting new people.” She has traveled to Hawaii on a missions trip and locally is involved as youth helper at her home church.

1957
Purfield House is destroyed by fire.
What is Y2K? The Year 2000 (Y2K) problem is real. Many hardware and software programs use a two-digit field for tracking years (1999, for example, was recorded as 99). When the actual year becomes 2000, computers may not recognize 00 as a valid year. What will actually happen for any given piece of hardware or software is unpredictable.

How bad will the problem be? No one knows where the problems will occur or how bad they will be. Many problems have already been found and corrected. Most people will experience no worse problems than they would during a winter storm. Utility companies can’t prevent winter storms from causing temporary problems.

describe what to do in case something was overlooked and a piece of equipment or software failed because of a date problem. All testing and upgrading was completed by the end of October, 1999.

During the spring and summer all PCs on both campuses were scanned for problems and either upgraded or replaced. PC software was upgraded to the Y2K compliant version. The telephone system and network were upgraded. Most building controls and other equipment were determined to have no date problem. The vendors who have replied to our queries expect to have no problems with Y2K. The utility companies are confident that, barring winter storm issues, they will be able to supply Taylor with basic utilities.

Our concern for the safety of students extends to their travel as well. As a result, the University has postponed the start of the January-term for one week (see Taylor’s website for the adjusted dates) and has temporarily suspended most international travel during J-term.

What should I do? God is still in control. Do not fear the future (Matt 6:25-34). If a device uses a calendar to control events, check it. Watch out for inaccuracies in billing and records for years to come.

Where can I get more information? Check vendors’ Y2K status by calling, writing the vendor or searching the world wide web. Look at the Taylor University website, www.tayloru.edu, or search the web for information on “Year 2000.” A believable report gives names of reputable people, dates and references so you can verify the accuracy of the report. If the dates are over three months old, the situation has probably changed.
At the founding of Taylor University in 1846, evangelical Christians had already established "How Firm a Foundation" as a favorite worship hymn. Now a century and a half later as we sing it frequently at chapel and special events, I am always impressed with the sentiments expressed in the hymn and moved by the relevance of the truths to daily contemporary experience. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word!

In a post-modern world with ambiguity, complexity, diversity, ethnicity, relativism and subjectivity being the watchwords and while the entire world culture reels in moral and political chaos, I am not ashamed to state that Taylor University takes the revelation of God in the Bible to be foundational. Our religion and philosophy department is solid on inerrancy; however, confidence in scripture is not relegated to the ghettos of religious studies. The integration of Biblical faith with learning is taken seriously across the spectrum of academic life and throughout student life activities.

What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Modernity has sharpened our understanding by adding to our vocabulary such words as alienation, dysfunction, fragmentation, complexes, sublimation, rationalization, angst, depression, syndromes, compulsions, addictions and even multiple personalities.

We, however, still take seriously the need for personal salvation with its incumbent confession, repentance, forgiveness, restoration, obedience and eternal life; ancient ideas to be sure, but when understood properly in biblical context the best formula for personal happiness, mental health, civil human relationships, harmony and hope. The necessary and precise nomenclature and insights of the social sciences do not erode the bedrock truth of the gospel and its power to save and transform.

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

This year, as in the past, a large part of our agenda at every level, chapel to laboratory, has been to teach and model the intimacy of knowing God in a living personal way, to cultivate the inner voice and to assist students to become self-regulating Christian adults.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
A word from **Dr. Daryl Yost**

There are many occasions when we use the term foundation — not fully realizing the implications of its potential meaning. In 2 Timothy 2:19 we find this admonition from Paul to Timothy, "Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are His.'"

The word foundation has two distinct meanings: 1) the basis on which a building is constructed, or 2) the traditions of an organization, institution or philosophy on which such has existed. Obviously, the latter represents Taylor University. Just as the Apostle Paul states in 2 Timothy 2:19, the Church has a certain inscription on it; thus, as we close out one millennium and begin another, Taylor University, as an institution of Christian higher education, has a legacy with a tradition for excellence — an inscription.

Taylor University has worked hard to create this foundation upon which the future will be built for Christ and His kingdom. The way to acknowledge this is to recognize the 153 years of history. God has been faithful in this great adventure.

As you examine this annual report, you will note many evidences of the University’s strength. It is not my intention to mention individual successes; however, it is my desire to note the strength is not manifested in any one individual, but the sum of the entire University. The University is about the education of men and women in an environment of excellence as the result of everyone’s contribution.

As we bade farewell to the class of 1999, we did expect each one to be a part of the continuation of the traditions of Taylor University and contribute to the work of continuing to build the foundation. Just as the work of building the Church is never complete, likewise, Taylor University’s task is never complete.

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**A Pollyanna faith will simply not do in such times as these.** Each school year including this one has its painful and sometimes excruciating experiences. Parents and grandparents die. Students experience accidents, disease, heartbreak, disappointment, death, adjustment and despair. What to do? At Taylor we actually believe the words of the hymn. The sovereign hand of God is at work and at the same time we are exercising our human freedom within His constituted world. Above all His intentions are good and in the final analysis bring us personal refinement.

By way of report I assure you this past year, though imperfectly, we have trusted God through some intensely “fiery trials.”

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

My eyes always fill with tears when we sing I will not, I will not . . . I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

I must admit that at times it is necessary to set the jaw, grit one’s teeth and believe God even when surrounding circumstances belie the promise. Hymns are often more powerful than logic, experience, emotions or sermons to assist in stabilizing trust and confidence. At the root, this is the basis for there being a Taylor University — to blend together rigorous academic pursuits with robust faith. This combination protects from intellectual pride and unfocused religious passion.

This issue of the Taylor report will encourage you with evidence that we are building on a “firm foundation.”
The U.S. News and World Report college guide named Taylor as the number two Midwestern liberal arts college in 98-99, a one-place improvement the previous year.

1. St. Mary’s College (Ind.)
2. Hillsdale College (Mich.)
3. Taylor University (Ind.)
4. St. Norbert College (Wis.)
5. Ohio Northern University
6. Otterbein College (Ohio)
7. Principia College (Ill.)
8. Augustana College (S.D.)
9. Bethel College (Minn.)
10. Mount Union College (Ohio)
11. North Park University (Ill.)
12. Simpson College (Iowa)

### Campus Activities

- The Fort Wayne Youth Conference featured guest speaker Bart Campolo and a concert by Big Tent Revival. One hundred Taylor students helped facilitate the event.

- TUFW chapel services were held in the First Missionary Church, located adjacent to campus. Special services during the year included Spiritual Renewal Week featuring teaching by Ron Hutchcraft and performances by the gospel choir.

- The Multicultural Activities Committee of TUFW organized “Biblically Correct,” a discussion on the call of Christians to engage with the urban environment. The committee, a racially diverse group, planned several other activities on campus as well.

- The Upland career development offices began posting all job opportunities on the Internet, allowing students easier access to employment options.

- TUU’s AHANA (African, Hispanic, Asian and Native American) led several campus activities, including chapel services, prayer meetings and discussions. Over 250 students attended one of the prayer meetings.

- A seven-week leadership class attracted 186 Upland students and 50 Fort Wayne students.

- Upland’s 65th Youth Conference was held in April. Nearly 435 high school students attended. Over 500 Taylor students helped organize the event.

- Chapel on the Upland campus continued to be well-attended. A highlight from the past year was the student-led Relational Enrichment Week.

### Students in Ministry

- Fort Wayne’s Taylor World Outreach (TWO) sponsored three spring break trips. Students traveled to Jamaica, Hawaii and New York City (a joint trip with Upland’s TWO).

- TUFW students collected clothing and necessities for refugees who relocated to Fort Wayne.

- Fort Wayne students collected used Bibles to ship overseas.

- Teams of TUFW students traveled to Costa Rica and Jamaica during January-term, as part of Taylor’s tradition of Lighthouse trips.

- Upland students raised $10,075 for hunger relief in North Korea and hurricane relief in Honduras.

- Upland TWO sponsored five January-term Lighthouse trips (to Australia, the Bahamas, Ghana, India and Venezuela) and two spring break trips, (to Jamaica and New York City). The Habitat for Humanity group participated in two work projects, in Denver and Miami, over spring break.

- Over 900 Upland students were involved in Bible study and accountability groups, organized through the discipleship coordinator program.

- The Upland residence life staff held a weekend conference, “Pursuing Holiness and Spiritual Maturity,” for male students. Over 400 attended. A day-conference for women was held in February. Over 140 students attended “Women Entering the 21st Century.”
### Enrollment

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*FTE – full time equivalency*

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Fifteen students from Upland were named NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes during the past year. Other highlights include an exceptional year for the women's softball team, which had its most wins ever. Women's basketball Coach Tena Krause was named the MCC coach of the year. The tennis team finished fourth in the Mid-Central Conference. The volleyball team had one of the year's most successful seasons, with a 46-7 finish and several individual athlete awards. Women's soccer finished second in the MCC regular season. The men's and women's outdoor track team competed in the NAIA National Meet with several top 10 individual performances.

The Trojan football team advanced to its first-ever playoff game and conference championship. Men's cross-country ranked seventh in the nation. The men's track and field team qualified 10 runners for All-American status; shot putter Steve Ercegovac qualified for the 2000 Olympic Games (representing Croatia). The golf team finished second in the conference for the second year in a row. Tennis Coach Don Taylor led the number one doubles team in NAIA national tournament competition.

In Fort Wayne, the women's basketball team had its most successful season since 1990; three athletes were named to the all-tournament team. The men's basketball team competed in the Big Four Tournament at Moody Bible Institute; one athlete was named all-tourney.

### Academics

- Upland students, with the help of $25,000 in anonymous donations, built Taylor's first solar car for competition in Sunrayce 99.
- The faculty voted to establish a committee to review and evaluate the general education program at Taylor over the next two years.
- Five departments conducted program reviews as part of the academic affairs assessment plan to ensure that programs being offered are current and reflect the quality that would be associated with distinctive Christian higher education.
- During 1998-99, 336 students participated in off-campus programs. Approximately 16 percent of the student body now participates in an off-campus experience.
- TUFW's journalism publications recently won 16 awards in national competition hosted by the Association of Christian Collegiate Media.
- The Upland campus, along with nine other Council for Christian Colleges and Universities schools, began a four-year research project to assess faith development among students.
- A new state-of-the-art observatory was installed on the roof of Nussbaum Science Center. The third phase of renovations to the building also was completed.
- More than 430 students attended summer school on the Upland campus. Summer school enrollment on the Fort Wayne campus increased by 15 percent to 222 students.
Financial Aid Awarded
FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON, UPLAND & FORT WAYNE CAMPUSES COMBINED
(number of awards granted and total amount of awards)

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Building Projects

In Fort Wayne, the grounds and maintenance crews completed a $200,000 renovation project which included significant remodeling in Witmer Hall, replacing roofs and rescaling parking lots. The Cardinal Conference Room was converted into a fully-equipped technology center. In Founders Hall, the private dining room facility was renovated, allowing the hall to be used for Board meetings and other formal occasions.

Results of the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign allowed for 1998-99 to be a significant year of planning and construction. One building was completed, another begun, two prospective buildings were named and countless renovations were made.

Groundbreaking for the TUFW Student Commons Center occurred at the conclusion of the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. The new center will house a cafeteria, student lounges, post office, bookstore, campus safety, a prayer room, student development, career services, conference rooms, a recreation center and other work rooms.

In Upland, students took occupancy in the new Samuel Morris Residence Hall, which houses 280 men. Odle Gymnasium received a face-lift with the addition of a new maple floor, designed to absorb and diffuse the force of impact, causing less strain to athletes. Construction began on a two-room addition to the Hodson Dining Commons; the new addition will double the banquet space. Further renovations to the dining commons will make the facility more accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The Board of Trustees passed naming resolutions for two proposed buildings for the Upland campus, the Kesler Student Activities Center and the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center. The Kesler Center will feature four multipurpose playing surfaces, four racquetball courts, an indoor track and several training and fitness rooms. The Metcalf Center is the final component of the fine arts complex and will include art studios, classroom space, computer graphic arts technology and two galleries.
At the request of Indiana's First Lady Judy O'Bannon, Taylor is participating in Hoosier Millennium, a statewide project that encourages Indiana residents to honor the past and plan for the future.

The next four issues of Taylor's magazine will include Taylor 2000, our special edition publication of the Hoosier Millennium project. As the editors considered the publication, there seemed nothing better to hang our thoughts on than the three hallmarks of a Taylor education: scholarship, leadership and Christian commitment. A fourth area, Taylor Tradition, will also be considered in order to remember those fun-loving and somber traditions that make Taylor more than just an educational institution.

A visit to chapel when Dr. Jay Kesler is speaking will almost certainly guarantee hearing a fundamental principle that guides the life of the University: all truth is God's truth. Taking those words as a foundation, Taylor has sought for over a century and a half to educate bearers of God's truth.

Through the years, Taylor has taught everyone from grade school students to grad students, in subject areas as diverse as music, math and medicine. Earning early respect as an institution grounded in God's word, Taylor has recently come into its own as a national academic leader as well.

The path to academic excellence is marked by many milestones and was forged by the men and women mentioned in these pages. This publication stands as a testimony to their commitment to nurturing the Christian mind as well as the soul.
Evaluating Evangelists: Making Disciples for Service

The mission of Taylor University is clear – to educate men and women for ministry. Taylor traditionally sees its graduates enter service-oriented fields, including ministry, missions, social work and education.

Early Taylor students concentrated their studies in Bible and languages. Many students now use their time at Taylor to prepare for ministry in secular professions. General education requirements include courses in biblical literature, modern world-views, historic and contemporary Christian belief and integration of faith and vocation. In Fort Wayne, Christian ministries remains the largest major.

Watching the Numbers Rise: Enrollment Continues to Increase

Early in the Depression era, a freshman student, DeWitt Fowler ‘35, rode his bicycle 452 miles from his home in Hamburg, New York, to Taylor. Much of the way he had only two cents in his pocket.

It seems getting students to come to Taylor has never been a problem. Enrollment has consistently increased since its founding in 1846, and continues to grow with the addition of the Fort Wayne campus. In Upland, a waiting list of interested students keeps the campus filled almost to maximum.

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*Total: collegiate and pre-collegiate studies

**Fort Wayne and Upland campuses combined

Literary Societies: Center of University Life

“Of organizations in Taylor,
We assure you there are not a few.
But those who are always contesting,
You will find there are only two.
These are the literary,
The Philo and Thalo, you know.
The first thing you hear of in Taylor,
The last thing before you go...”

The social lives of Taylor’s earliest students were dominated by involvement in literary and debate societies. Society members prepared feverishly for their meetings, which often included essays, discussions, orations, readings, music and debates. The Thalonian society formed in the late 1850s, debating topics ranging from social policy to the humorous, including “Taylor girls should be compelled to keep a wave in their hair.” Thalo remained a men-only society until 1870. A second co-ed society, the Philalethean, was formed late in the nineteenth century.

Other clubs and societies for the forensic arts and debating appeared throughout the early 1900s, and in 1910 Taylor students participated in their first intercollegiate debate. In response to the men-only policy of two forensic clubs, women formed the Soangetaha and Mananka debating clubs in 1914.

As the number of clubs increased, the importance of society life began to decrease. The rise of collegiate athletics also contributed to a lack of interest in literary and debate societies. The Student Government Committee finally voted to disband the societies in 1955.
Fixing our eyes on Jesus

After just three years in the campaign, we are pleased to announce a nearly 75 percent completion rate. At this point, it becomes easy to see the campaign as a financially-driven endeavor with the solitary goal of reaching the $75 million mark. Falling prey to this thinking is erroneous and dangerous. When we succumb to this money mindset, we become like Peter who began to sink when he took his eyes from the true goal, Jesus.

Many things have been achieved with this campaign, but the goal is not merely to construct more buildings. Rather, we have embarked on this campaign as a means of building an eternal kingdom. Not here at Taylor – to say that would be vain. Instead, as a community of heaven-citizens we seek to train our brothers and sisters for service on this earth to bring more into the new heaven and new earth. The Taylor Tomorrow Campaign is one of God’s tools to provide His people with education and encouragement.

The closer we come to reaching our goal, the more firmly we must “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith.” It is for His cause that we embarked on this campaign; may Taylor’s commitment to equipping men and women for ministry be enhanced by this endeavor. The campaign theme states it well – “anchored in the past, focused on the future.”

Campaign nears 75 percent completion rate after just three years

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN

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The campaign thrived with “the most picturesque campus in the United States.”

odion found in a field near campus. Three national film companies filmed Taylor students in a reenactment of the original digging.

Dr. Jay Kesler ’58 president of the university
Steel poles and Caterpillar tractors mark the location of Taylor University Fort Wayne’s future Student Commons Center. Construction began mid-summer.

The Fort Wayne library renovations received a boost with the announcement of a $500,000 grant from the English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation. This is the second major grant from this foundation. The money will be used to help finance renovations and additions to the Lehman Library. The library connects to the new Student Commons Center, shown above.
Ringenbergs are Taylor’s Chicago campaign connection

“When God ordained the marriage of Ron ’77 and Frances (Valberg ’78) Ringenberg, there must have been much rejoicing in heaven by Taylor alums,” says George Glass.

As co-chair of the leadership gift phase, Glass works closely with the Ringenbergs, regional vice chairs of the leadership gift phase of the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign. “Taylor is very fortunate to have Ron and Frances on its team,” he says.

The Ringenbergs, who live in Wheaton, Ill., oversee the Illinois region of the campaign, meeting with alumni and friends to discuss giving to Taylor. Working with the campaign has been a great way to meet fellow alumni, says Ron, a vice president for Hyperion Solutions, an analytic software company. Ron’s brothers Roy ’75 and Rae ’80 also are Taylor graduates, as is Frances’ brother Peter Valberg ’64.

For Frances, the campaign is just one more way to connect with the University. The daughter of a professor (Dr. Julius Valberg), Frances was at home at Taylor long before she enrolled as a student. After graduating and moving away, Frances maintained connections by serving on the National Alumni Council. Now a student at Wheaton Graduate School working on an advanced Bible degree, she is grateful for the Biblical training and spiritual encouragement she received at Taylor.

The Ringenbergs have two sons, Ross, 16, and Joseph, 14. While neither son has committed to attending his parents’ alma mater, Ron and Frances are committed to supporting Taylor University, a place they would be proud to send their sons.
Christ – the foundation of our work

The Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign – Anchored in the past ... focused on the future.

As I look at this phrase, the directive of our campaign, I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 3:11. I feel as though we are doing what this verse admonishes – building on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

We are building on the anchors of the past – a solid foundation. Christ has been the solid rock at Taylor for 153 years. As we focus on the future, that focus must continue to direct our eyes toward Jesus Christ. He must be our center; we must not waiver from what has made us strong.

This, in a nutshell, is what Taylor University is about – a school that is anchored in God, focused on God. As we work toward our goal for the campaign, may we never become proud of what we have or are accomplishing. May we not feel strength in ourselves but wholly lean on Jesus – the focus of Taylor University.

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

*For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.” 1 Corinthians 3:11-14*

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More information at www.taylor.edu/anchorfuture

Medical school, a short-lived endeavor. The University moved to Upland the following year.

Purchased land and school opened in January of 1905. Students studied Bible, music and English, and led evangelistic meetings at night.

Published the first issue of The Echo.

Renamed Taylor University.
Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Correspondence Studies

Though nestled in central Indiana, Taylor has long drawn students from around the globe. No division of the school demonstrates more diversity, however, than the World Wide Campus (WWC), formerly known as the Institute of Correspondence Studies.

The WWC, which is part of the Center for Adult and Lifelong Learning, makes its physical home on the Fort Wayne campus. Through the WWC, the University offers 75 undergraduate level courses (credit and noncredit), three accredited online associate of arts degrees and two 18-hour certificates to the 1500 students who study from their homes in nine countries and all 50 states.

The history of the WWC is directly linked to Fort Wayne Bible College. The program began in 1938 and initially offered nine courses: seven on the Bible, one on personal evangelism and one English course. During the early years, enrollment in the program averaged 100 pupils. In 1970, FWBC acquired the correspondence program of Judson College (Ill.), and enrollment quickly swelled to 2000 students. As it grew, the mission remained the same: providing quality Christian education to those who could not relocate to attend the University.

Among the Stars: Taylor Partners with NASA

Taylor’s science program got a boost in the 1990s as Professor Hank Voss introduced NASA projects into the physics curriculum. Students designed instruments that were launched on NASA rockets; Voss and other scientists then analyze the data these instruments collect. The most recent launch, in July of 1999, sent 10 sensors and a student-designed camera through the atmosphere to study noctilucent clouds above the Arctic Circle.

Prized Professors: Famous Faces from Taylor History

Next to the Holy Spirit, Taylor’s greatest resource has always been her people. Even in the early days of Fort Wayne Female College, professors were at the forefront, leading the student body and setting the pace for the University. There are countless men and women who deserve praise for their roles as educators. Below are just a few of Taylor’s prized professors.

Barton Reese Pogue ’18: Though his tenure at Taylor was relatively brief, Pogue’s influence on the campus lasted for years. An outstanding graduate of the University, he returned to teach speech and theater, inspiring students to pursue the oratory arts.

Grace Olson ’27: Olson’s subject area was history, but she wore many hats at Taylor. Most of all, however, she is remembered for her engaging intellectual style and the high standards to which she held herself and her students.

Hazel Butz Carruth Anderson ’38: Anderson encouraged academic excellence and professionalism among her English department colleagues and others within the University. She focused her efforts on team building and mentoring, and later contributed to the revamping of Taylor’s curriculum.

Elmer Nussbaum ’49: Nussbaum’s reputation for the sciences grew under the hand of Nussbaum. A respected scientist, he conducted radiation research, designed and introduced new research programs and brought significant scientists to campus. The science department is housed in Nussbaum Science Center, a testimony to his contribution.

Jennie Andrews Lee HA’77: At a time when the majority of students were education majors, Lee guided the department with an efficient hand. Students remember her work ethic and belief in preparation, as well as her motto, “work hard first; then play hard.”

Wes Gerig ’51: Though he is an accomplished scholar, theologian and author of a Romans commentary, Gerig’s greatest contribution may be in the lives of the students at TUFW. Each student develops a comprehensive knowledge of how to study the Bible, a pursuit Gerig has taken seriously in his personal life.

1922

The domestic science department thrived with the happiest groups of girls found in Taylor University.

1928

Taylor professors acquired the bones of a large mastodon found in a field near campus. Three national film companies filmed Taylor students in a reenactment of the original digging.

1947

Taylor received accreditation from the North Central Association.

1959

Fort Wayne Bible College broke ground for the Lehman Memorial Library. The President selected Colossians 2:2, 3 as the cornerstone inscription: “Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
Taylor Goes Tech: Ushering in the Era of Technology

Taylor’s technological history dates back to 1967, when the first computer arrived on campus, a $30,000 IBM-1130 with only 8,000 bytes of memory. By the early 1970s, computer science had become a department distinct from mathematics, and by 1978 it offered a full major. Today, Taylor’s computer science department ranks in the top three of the more than 90 schools in the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities for student satisfaction with the program.

When Zondervan Library opened, it was the first private college in Indiana to have an on-line catalog and circulation system. Taylor’s computers were connected to the Internet in 1994, and by 1995 Taylor University had its own website. Resources now available to students include AV equipment, computers, scanners, laser and color printers, graphics, audio/video services, digital cameras, video projection units and Internet connections in student rooms.

Numbers Don’t Lie: Taylor Ranks High in National Survey

For 12 of the 13 years U.S. News & World Report has surveyed America’s best colleges, Taylor has ranked high among Midwestern liberal arts colleges. Taylor has remained near the top since 1991, and has steadily improved to earn a rank in the top three since 1997.

The survey uses several criteria for ranking schools, including academic reputation, freshman retention, graduation rates, percentages of classrooms with 20 students or less and alumni giving rates.

Jack Letarte, institutional researcher, recognizes the significance of the survey. “While most do not make their decision to enroll because of a U.S. News rating, many decide to look at a college because their attention has been drawn to that college through the ratings.”
Scholarships

Many Taylor University students rely on endowed and annual scholarships in order to fund their education.

On the Fort Wayne campus, 81 percent of the student body receive some form of financial aid. During the 1998-99 school year, 88 students received over $181,000 in scholarships; four new scholarships were written for the upcoming school year.

Twenty new scholarships were written in Upland. A total of $786,095 was awarded in endowed, annual and alumni dependent scholarships. An additional $134,408 was awarded in church gifts. Eighty-one percent of the Upland student body receives some form of financial aid.

Lifelong Learning

- Fourteen online associate of arts degree students were accepted.
- Taylor began a pilot program of continuing education on the Fort Wayne campus. The first three sessions focused on Y2K for ministries, Y2K for individuals and a seminar on fiction writing. Plans are underway for further seminars on both campuses; each seminar examines one aspect of personal, professional or pastoral/ ministry development.
- More than 1,060 online or correspondence courses were completed through the Institute of Extended Learning.
- Over 3,000 individuals participated in courses or activities through the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, the Center for Justice and Urban Leadership, continuing education and the Community School of the Arts.
- A second grant from the Crowell Trust was received. The grant enables the University to pilot a leadership development seminar series for Christian CEOs.
- In response to growing concern over Internet content, Taylor hosted “God Is Bigger than the Internet,” a day-camp designed to give children tools for making wise decisions on the Internet.
- In response to the need for additional educational leadership, the decision was made to add a vice president for adult and continuing education. The search for a suitable candidate now is underway.

Taylor University Broadcasting, Inc.

While music coming from the studio fills the airwaves, the offices and project rooms of The WBCL Radio Network are filled with blueprints, UPS boxes and staff in planning sessions. This is the beginning of the HeartSounds for Tomorrow expansion project, which includes upgrading equipment for Y2K compatibility, expanding existing Internet service and construction of a production studio currently underway. This project will include an 1100 square foot addition to the current WBCL facility on the Fort Wayne campus.

During June, listeners who were inspired by a generous anonymous matching gift of $245,000 pledged a total of $681,000. This surpassed the project goal of $641,000.

WBCL staff met the community at the Fulton County Fair (Wauseon, Ohio); Family Day at the Christian Family Center (Adrian, Mich.); Celina Lake Festival (Celina, Ohio); Grabill County Fair (Grabill, Ind.); Three Rivers Sunday School Convention (Fort Wayne, Ind.); NOYSS (Archbold, Ohio); and Fantasy of Lights (Fort Wayne).

In addition, WBCL also co-sponsored Deb Gardner Defense Seminar, An Evening with Mark Lowry, Wounded Workers Seminar, and A Day Away in Indiana and Ohio.

The WBCL Radio Network is organized under Taylor University Broadcasting, Inc., as a wholly owned subsidiary of Taylor University. Broadcasting via WBCL (90.3 in Fort Wayne), WBCY (89.5 in Northwest Ohio), WBCJ (88.1 in West Central Ohio) and 106.1 in Muncie, Ind., the network provides a format of 80 percent music and 20 percent teaching and talk to a listening audience of as many as 100,000 people.

In addition, The WBCL Radio Network programming can be heard around the world, live on our Internet site: www.wbcl.org. —Char Binkley, station manager
Presidential Search

The search for Taylor’s next president dominated much official action during the 1998-99 fiscal year. Following Dr. Kesler’s announcement of his June 2000 retirement, the Board of Trustees entrusted the President’s Council for Assessment, Long-Range and Strategic Planning with research responsibilities.

PCAP held forums with employees and students, collected the thoughts and opinions of the Taylor community, and presented them in a report at the January meeting of the Board. Dr. Roger Jenkinson directed PCAP in this process.

A search and screen committee was then formed, chaired by Ken Flanigan, current vice chair of the Board. This committee approved a proposed timeline for the search. A short list of candidates is to be presented to the Board in January 2000. Selection of the next president is scheduled for March or April.

Community members were invited to participate in monthly prayer gatherings on both campuses, where guidance for the presidential search and transition was sought. Community members also received a letter, asking for nominations of potential presidential candidates.

To honor Dr. Kesler and his wife, Janie, the Board approved the naming of a proposed facility on the Upland campus, the Kesler Student Activities Center.

Total Giving by Constituency
(in thousands of dollars)

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³Other Gifts – Planned Giving Program, Department Restricted Gifts, Church Matching Grants, FWO/TWO World Outreach, WBCL, William Taylor Foundation.
Major Gifts and Grants

- The Lilly Endowment, Inc., awarded Taylor a grant for $7,380,000. This cash gift is the largest ever received by the University and will be used for the student commons and library renovation/expansion on the Fort Wayne campus.
- A $500,000 grant from the Foellinger Foundation also will be used for the Fort Wayne student commons.
- Coburn and Modelle Metcalf gave $1.5 million for the newly named Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center on the Upland campus. This is the largest one-time cash gift ever received by Taylor from a living individual. The visual arts center is the third and final phase of the Upland fine arts complex.
- Total funding in the amount of $1,250,000 was identified for an academic chair in computer science, to be housed on the Upland campus.

Taylor Tomorrow Campaign
Gifts and Pledges

(amounts represent campaign totals at end of fiscal year)

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University Development

University Development had a banner year as the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign set a new record. The fiscal year concluded with over $16,474,000 dollars given or pledged to the campaign, the largest annual amount in Taylor’s history.

The William Taylor Foundation also experienced its most successful year, with over $6 million that can be directly attributed to present and past planned giving contacts. The William Taylor Foundation sponsored two trips, a 14-day tour of Turkey and a cruise to the Bahamas with Charles Stanley. Thirty-three alumni and friends participated in these trips.

Alumni Relations in Upland continues to serve over 15,000 active alumni through reunions, class news and magazine articles, Homecoming weekend, gatherings, the alumni directory and a variety of other services.

Grandparents Day was held during the spring semester. Over 325 grandparents and family members visited students. A newsletter, Family Times, was inaugurated as a source of information for parents and grandparents.

On the Fort Wayne campus, development staff members hosted 12 alumni gatherings, welcomed nationally-known financial expert Larry Burkett to campus, and released over 70 topics to the local media through the university relations office. An increased focus on the Fort Wayne community led to the establishment of the Community Advisory Council and continual neighborhood relations discussions.

The university relations office on the Upland campus completed a redesign of the University website, conducted a readership survey of the magazine, covered several major news stories and hosted nearly 8,000 people for conferences and camps. Staff members organized a university-wide crisis communications management seminar to train employees for service in the event of a crisis.
## Balance Sheet

**Fiscal Years 1998-99, 1997-98 and 1996-97**

(in millions of dollars, rounded to the nearest hundred)

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## The Mission Statement

Taylor University is an interdenominational evangelical Christian institution educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. As a Christian community of students, faculty, staff and administration committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Taylor University offers postsecondary liberal arts and professional education based upon the conviction that all truth has its source in God.
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I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed, For I am through the deep waters I call thee to go, The riv-ers through b-ery tri-als thy path-way shall lie, My grace all-a-round that on Je-sus hath leaned for re-pose, I will not,

In His ex-cel-lent Word! What more can He say than I will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, low shall not o-ver-flow; Ever I will be with thee, eat shall be thy sup-ply; not de-sert to his toes;

To you who be to stand, Up-held by the to bleee, And sancti-de-sign Thy dress to to shak, I'll neve-r.
Hands That Reach to the Community

Back-to-School

Back to school means back to service for 30 of Taylor’s student leaders who assisted in a back-to-school carnival sponsored by Project Incentive of Lifeline Youth and Family Services.

Health Care, Heart Care

Eighteen student leaders took time out from their leadership retreat to visit the residents of Englewood Health Care Center. They know that at the center of everyone’s health is his/her heart.

Students presented a short program which included singing and a short devotional by junior, Josh Arthur. Student leaders visited with residents and presented them with friendship cards.

Plunging Ahead

On their first Sunday at college, Taylor Fort Wayne freshmen and their student mentors gathered together to perform acts of kindness into neighborhoods bordering campus.

Prior to the day, student leaders distributed announcements to surrounding neighborhoods notifying residents of the upcoming event.

A Rudisill Boulevard resident who had recently undergone bypass and heart valve replacement surgery said, “I’m so thankful [Taylor students] could help me. This was an answer to my need.”
Electronic and Credit Card Giving Offer Convenience For Donors

Giving to the University is now more convenient, thanks to the electronic gift program, which began in August.

The program allows donors to designate a certain amount to be automatically withdrawn from their bank account each month. The amount is then transferred to Taylor University, and a notice appears on the donor’s monthly bank statement. The process is similar to direct depositing a paycheck.

Initiation of this program came at the request of alumni and friends. Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, Taylor Upland, researched other institutions with automatic giving programs and encouraged the University to implement the program as a convenience and time-saver for donors.

“As a development office, we want to be as ‘user friendly’ as possible and meet the needs of our donors,” Helyer says. “I believe we will see more of our donors choose to use this option in the future.”

The electronic gift program is available on both campuses. Donations to Upland will be deducted on the 15th of the month; interested donors may contact Joyce Helyer at (800) 882-3456. Fort Wayne donations will be deducted on the 20th of the month. Call Sherri Harter (219) 456-2111, with questions.

Taylor alumni and friends now have an additional resource for donating to the University. The development offices have recently made contributions through credit cards a possibility.

“Including credit cards as a means of donating came at the request of constituents,” says Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development. After receiving several suggestions, Helyer and others implemented a study, finding that many Christian and non-Christian institutions have successfully employed credit card giving.

“There are those who have strong opinions about the use of credit cards,” Helyer says. “Taylor is sensitive to this and encourages judicious use.”

Despite that caution, Helyer says donating via credit cards offers several advantages. For donors, it allows an immediate record of their gift, a favorable feature for end of the year giving. Some constituents also accrue airline miles or other benefits from using their credit cards. Because no postage or pledge follow up is needed for credit card donors, the system is beneficial for the University as well.

The University will accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover, and also will continue to accept cash, check, stock or automatic electronic transfer donations.

Fall Falcon Sports

With campus construction making permanent changes to campus, temporary changes have been necessary as well, one of them being temporary loss of a soccer field. Thanks to Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation loaning McMillen, Tillman and Foster Parks to the Falcon team, they have had home-away-from-home fields near campus.

Along with geographic changes came team changes as well. Thirteen members returned while six are freshmen. “The leadership of the upperclassmen and the talent of the freshmen complement one another,” offers Scott Hutchinson, senior public relations major. Steve Frey, freshman, business administration major adds, “being on a Christian team is encouraging. In high school, some players had bad attitudes and were not as encouraging as this team.”

The freshmen have been an integral part of the team. Freshman, Mike Collins, led the team in goals scored with 13 and averaged 3.38 scores per game. Junior Adam Doiron played goalie and was a significant factor to the team’s success as well. The season concluded with a 6-7 record. The Falcons finished strong with one of the best records Taylor Fort Wayne has had in years. They move on to compete in the NCCAA tournament.

Unlike the men’s soccer team, the lady’s volleyball team is dominated by underclassmen. Lone senior and captain of the team, Emily Mahornay, has had to be prepared physically and mentally for each game. “I’ve never had a year where I’ve had to step up so much,” she shares. Sophomore and returning player, Nicole Baksha, adds, “we got out to a slow start, but the team is really starting to play well together.”

The team’s greatest accomplishment has been gaining a competitive-mental edge. And, despite their 8-17 record, the team has had a lot of fun. “The team gets along really well,” junior, Janelle Phillips, says.


1970 Purchase of Judson College (Elgin, IL) correspondence department.

Fall College Fairs

You know a college education is essential in today’s world, but how do you know which college education to pursue? There are so many options, you may not even know where to begin. Let our director of admissions take the fear out of your college search by answering some commonly asked questions.

A college fair is a gathering of representatives from two and four year colleges, technical schools, the military and lending institutions for the purpose of informing prospective students about their career and educational opportunities.

College fairs are held at high schools, churches, conference centers and even county fair grounds. Sometimes they are offered during school hours at a local high school to encourage student participation. Other times they are held in the evenings so that the parents of prospective students can attend.

While many college fairs target juniors and seniors in high school, they are actually for anyone interested in personal development. Studies indicate that most students in junior high school have at least heard of the college they will eventually attend. Therefore, it is never too soon to begin your college search. Also, more and more adults are choosing to begin or complete their college degree. Family members who will be involved in the decision, such as a spouse or parents, should also attend.

Why is the college fair format a good way to initiate a college search? It is the best way to adequately compare and contrast key factors in your decision. You will be able to consult the experts who are gathered at one time and one place. The research that you can accomplish in one hour would take you days to complete in any other way.

Enrollment Increases

When classes began on Tuesday, August 31st, the campus realized an 10% increase in total enrollment over the previous year (451 total students enrolled in 1999 compared to 410 in 1998).

The most significant increase in new students in comparison to last year came in two areas. First, waiting pool students (those who initially applied to the Upland campus, but then chose TUFW) nearly doubled from last year after the implementation of the new Freshman Study Exchange Program. In this program, students studying a major offered at each campus are able to compliment their Taylor education with a metropolitan experience on the Fort Wayne campus. After their first year, Freshman Study Exchange Program students will have the opportunity to complete their education on the Upland campus if so desired.

The second initiative was a targeted marketing effort to attract adult students (guest students) in the Fort Wayne area who were seeking to take a class for personal enrichment and/or professional growth. TUFW hopes to continue its appeal to the adult learner in the new millennium. Taylor Fort Wayne has been aggressively working on Evening and Weekend College for non-traditional students.

Your Ticket to a Taylor Experience

Taylor Fort Wayne is more than bricks and mortar. It’s the people and relationships that make the difference. We invite you to visit our campus and experience the Taylor difference yourself.

Each semester three Campus Visitations Days, hosted by the TUFW Admissions staff, are offered for prospective students and their parents to experience the Taylor tradition firsthand. Campus Visitation Days allow students to meet Taylor Fort Wayne’s faculty, meet with admissions and financial aid representatives, attend classes and chapel, explore the campus and discover opportunities available through scholarships, student ministries, student leadership and athletics.

Winter dates for Taylor Fort Wayne Campus Visitations Days are:

December 3   February 11
March 17     April 14

If you can’t attend a Campus Visit Day, individual or group visits are other ways to visit campus.

To schedule your visit or for more information on Campus Visitations Days, contact the Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus office of enrollment services at 1-800-233-3922 or 456-2111.

1973
Leightner Hall converted to a student union.

1974
The Light Tower, campus yearbook, changes names to The Vine.

1976
WBCL Radio station established.
Playing with Purpose

Football is a classroom,” says Taylor Trojans coach Steve Wilt. “It’s a man-maker.” Coach Wilt’s approach to football is not merely to win the game, but to prepare men to win in life as well. Doing this, he says, requires being a champion for Jesus Christ. His athletes got a lesson in this as 27 members of the team traveled to Europe for 14 days of football and ministry.

Football is a growing sport in Europe, offering Christians a prime opportunity to combine God and the gridiron. The Trojans played in south Germany and Austria, winning both games at 52-0 and 49-0. The real success, however, came at halftime or after the games when team members shared their testimonies with their competitors.

In the Czech Republic, the team met up with Pete g98TUU and Beth Demorest. Pete is the defensive coordinator for the Brno Alligators. “The Czech people have been very hardened by communism, so they are not very trusting of church or any type of religion. That is one reason we stress a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,” Pete says.

In Blansko, Czech Republic, the football team organized flag-football clinics over two days, with almost 200 attending each day. Players shared their testimonies and 32 individuals received Christ. Additional ministry times occurred in schools, orphanages and refugee camps. Football players dressed as clowns, shared their testimonies, distributed footballs and t-shirts and played with the children.

 Tight end Jeremy Flynn ’00, like many of his teammates and coaches, shared his testimony while on the trip. Time schedules and language barriers made one-on-one conversations with the children difficult, but the help of a translator enabled him to share the story of God’s work in his life.

“In such a strong atheistic country, you can feel the oppression,” Wilt says. “Openness to the gospel will happen through youngsters.” Wilt feels the trip was a beneficial experience for the team as well. “The guys came away with a sense of the needs of the world. I think they have a better understanding and sensitivity toward missions.”

Diller Awarded Professor of the Year

The Taylor University Alumni Association awarded Dr. Timothy Diller, chair and professor of the computing and system sciences department, the 1999 Distinguished Professor Award. An accomplished scholar, author, leader, professor, researcher and linguist, Diller has been a member of Taylor’s teaching faculty since 1981.

Campbell Recognized for Work with Students

After 30 years in student development, Walt Campbell, TUU’s associate vice president/dean of students, isn’t easily shocked. Campbell was shocked, however, when his name was called as the recipient of a prestigious award at the annual Association of Christians in Student Development (ACSD) conference. Campbell was awarded the Don L. Boender Distinguished Service Award, given to an individual who has demonstrated excellence over the course of a career.

“I am thrilled that Walt could be honored in this way,” says Wynn Lembright, vice president for student affairs. “He has a history of clemency in helping students and always finds time for them. It grows out of his faith in Christ.”

Dean of Chapel

Internationally known preacher and musician Dr. Richard Allen Farmer joins the Taylor family as dean of the chapel on the Upland campus. Farmer, president of RAF ministries, formerly resided in Texas.

A graduate of Nyack College and Princeton Theological Seminary, Farmer is committed to using expository preaching, music and seminars to promote renewal in churches. He served as dean of the chapel at Gordon College, from 1988-92.
Teaching runs in Alan “Al” Rupp’s blood. After graduating from Taylor in 1968, he began a 31-year teaching career in the Fort Wayne public schools. Now he has a new career -- teaching friends of WBCL and Taylor University how to plan their estates.

Rupp returned to Taylor University in August as a financial planner, a position that is divided between the William Taylor Foundation and Taylor’s broadcasting network, WBCL. Rupp will work with friends of WBCL and TUFW as they consider estate planning options.

Rupp’s connections to Taylor and the Fort Wayne area will make him a valuable asset, says Ken Smith, director of the William Taylor Foundation. As the father of two Taylor Upland students, Sara ‘98 and Laura ‘00, the husband of graduate Jo Ann (Liechty ‘68) and a graduate himself, Rupp is a familiar face in Upland. Thirty years of work in the Fort Wayne area made him a familiar face there as well.

“I’m excited about the possibilities and glad to be connected to Taylor as more than an alumnus and a parent,” Rupp says.

Rupp’s professional background also prepared him for the position. After graduating from Taylor, Rupp earned a master’s degree from Purdue University. He taught for three years at Weisser Park Junior High in Fort Wayne, before becoming an original faculty member of Northrop High School in 1971, where he served for 28 years.

Three years ago, with the possibility of an early retirement, Rupp began to look at second career options. He enrolled in a series of classes toward a degree as a certified financial planner. He completed the classroom and testing portion of the degree this summer.

Two years ago he sent his resume to Smith, asking to be considered for future positions. None were available at the time. Recently, however, Smith and WBCL station manager, Char Binkley, determined to create a position between the Foundation and the station. Rupp was a perfect candidate.

“There is no doubt in my mind that God has orchestrated all of the details and led me to this position,” Rupp says.

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For more information or an annuity application, call Ken Smith, executive director of the William Taylor Foundation at 1 (800) 882-3456, ext. 5144.

New: $2,500 minimum investment with single annual payment.

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1981
WBCL gets a new tower site.

1982
Physical plant named Reynolds Building.

1985
College is granted accreditation by North Central Association.

1986
Dr. Donald Gerig named president. (1986-92)
Alumni News

Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Directory

The office of alumni relations has begun work on the next edition of the Taylor Fort Wayne Alumni Directory. Extensive surveys and data will be processed in the coming months. The goal is to be ready for shipping by mid-Spring, 2000.

We do need your help, however. Our directory will only be as accurate as the information you send to us. Here is where you come in. If your address or name has changed or will change during the next year, please give us an update as soon as possible. Also, when directory surveys arrive in your mail, please take a moment to complete them and return by mail promptly. This is the best way to ensure that you and your friends can find one another, and the best way to stay connected with fellow alums.

Missing: Fort Wayne Campus Alumni

As you visit our website at www.tayloru.edu/alumni, please observe the list of alumni whose current status is “lost” - meaning we do not have current addresses. If you have information on the whereabouts of any FWBC, SCC or TUFW “lost alumni,” contact us via mail: 1025 West Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 or email us at: alumnifw@tayloru.edu.

Alumni’s Most Wanted!

Alumni Relations is not looking for fugitives; however we are looking for area hosts to assist TUFW with alumni/friend gatherings in the following areas:

- November 8-11 – Gatherings in Akron, OH and Pennsylvania
- November 18 – Berne, IN
- January 11/7:00 p.m. – Grabill Missionary Church/Grabill, IN
  SPECIAL GUEST: Dr. Jay Kesler
- January 20/7:00 p.m. – Gospel Center Missionary Church/South Bend, IN
  SPECIAL GUEST: Dr. Jay Kesler
- February 10 – Internet Gathering
- February 12 – Alumni Basketball Gathering @ TUFW
- February 28, 29 – Phoenix, AZ metro area
- March 15, 16 – Groveland and Peoria, IL
- April 17 – Merrillville, IN
- May 3 and 4 – Toledo, OH & Southfield, MI

Hosting a gathering is an easy and enjoyable way to stay connected with fellow alumni and friends. It is also a tremendous way to volunteer for your alma mater. Hosting involves helping identify a gathering location, receiving RSVP’s at your home or business telephone, and calling local alumni to offer personal invitations. Complete details will follow by mail as we identify hosts and sites. You may contact Alumni Relations at (219) 456-2111/ext. 33331.

Welcome New Council Members

The Taylor University Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association welcomes Susi (Laymon) Jones g71, Jerry Noble g72 and John Steiner g63 as newly elected members of the TUFW Alumni Council. Susi currently teaches 6th grade at Hoagland Elementary in Hoagland, IN; Jerry is court administrator for the Allen County Superior Court; and John is principal at Croninger Elementary School in Fort Wayne. Congratulations to our new members as they begin serving their four-year terms.

New Staff Joins the Alumni Office

We are pleased to welcome Tami Solak as secretary to Alumni/Church Relations. Tami comes to us after eleven working years at Lafayette Central Elementary School in Roanoke, IN. Tami is married to Mark, an employee at General Motors. They have two children: Jeremie (22) who is a 1999 Taylor graduate [married to Sally g99TUU (23)] and Nicolette (16) a junior at Homestead High School. Nicolette is a credits-in-escrow student on the Fort Wayne Campus.

The Alumni Association welcomes Tami as she joins our team at TUFW.
A Final ‘Blessing’  

The testimony of Maggie Troyer

As soon as Maggie Troyer’s eyelids flutter open each morning, reality dawns. “I’m dying,” she reminds herself, “but not today.” Maggie’s terminal cancer is yet another trial in a difficult life; a life scarred by drug abuse and promiscuous sex, teen-age motherhood and domestic violence, prostitution and manslaughter. But day by day, the 42-year-old Woodburn, IN, woman saviors what remains of a miraculous second chance, and finds comfort where many would see only bitter irony: the God who saved her life is now taking it away. “This is not something I would choose, but I do feel it’s a blessing,” Maggie shares. “God thinks so much of me that he would give me this to deal with. I feel privileged.”

On Good Friday, 1999, she and her husband, Rich g92, an associate pastor at Woodburn Missionary Church, learned that her nausea and dizziness were caused by two malignant brain tumors—not by the flu or an inner-ear infection, as she had first suspected. A week or so after that shocking diagnosis, an MRI showed an 8 by 10 centimeter tumor on her lung, which had apparently metastasized.

Chemotherapy and radiation treatments have reduced the tumor on her lung; but, in lieu of the miracle the Troyers haven’t given up on, the prognosis is grim. Maggie is prepared to accept whatever God has in store. After all, He hasn’t let her down so far.

From darkness into light

She didn’t always feel that way. Maggie was born on an Air Force base on Cape Cod. Her father’s 22-year military career kept the family on the move. Maggie struggled each time she had to make new friends and leave old ones. “The only good thing about moving was that I could take my best friend with me: my dad,” Maggie recalls. “I loved my mom, but my dad was my hero. If ever there was a daddy’s girl, I was it.”

Maggie was just 11 when her father suffered a fatal heart attack. In her little-girl mind she saw his death as abandonment by her father and by a God she wasn’t even sure existed. “I thought, ‘If there is a God, then He killed my dad,’” she recalls. “He was not a personal God who cared about me. He was a distant God who allowed things like this to happen. I wanted no part of Him.”

As if to prove she needed no one, the grieving adolescent turned her back on God, her family and school. At 12, she began abusing alcohol and other drugs and having sex. At 15, despite her mother’s pleading, she married a 27-year-old addict who beat her. At 16, she gave birth to their son, Charlie. At 18, she was divorced and turning tricks in a massage parlor to support another man, a violent live-in boyfriend named Spike. At 19, she went to jail for shooting and killing him while he slept.

On that February night she told police that Spike threatened to kill her, her 3-year-old son and a female stranger he’d brought home with him. Terrified that he’d make good on his threats when morning came, Maggie shot him twice while he slept. “I thought of my little boy sleeping in the next room. I loved Charlie, I just couldn’t watch him die,” Maggie says. “I knew that if we ran away, it would have only prolonged our deaths; Spike had found us before.” She called the police and confessed her crime then called a friend to take care of her son while she was in Framingham Women’s Prison.

Maggie Troyer knows God has not let her down.
Looking back, it seems as if someone was watching out for her through those terrible years, Maggie marvels. Because of Spike’s criminal history—he’d killed a police officer, but was never convicted because of a technicality—Maggie was offered a plea bargain, which she accepted. She was convicted of manslaughter instead of murder, and given a five-year suspended sentence and three years probation. Somehow, Charlie survived, in spite of his mother’s addictions, her dangerous boyfriends and her neglect.

And, after more destructive relationships with members of the Hell’s Angels motorcycle gang, Maggie met Rich Troyer, a man unlike any she’d dated before. “He was gentle and giving. He made me feel special,” Maggie says.

They married in 1984, determined to raise Charlie together. But Maggie wasn’t sure how to act around a man who didn’t treat her badly, and Rich was struggling with problems of his own. Raised in the Mennonite tradition in Berlin, Ohio, the truck driver had long ago given up on God. He dabbled in drugs and had indulged in promiscuous sex.

Speeding tickets forced him to find a new job as a mechanic. The marriage quickly crumbled under the weight of the couple’s emotional baggage, Maggie says. Rich moved into his parents’ basement to do some soul-searching. A week later, he came to Maggie with a proposal: he would come back and try again—but only if they could attend church as a family.

**To God, I have value**

Desperate to save her marriage, Maggie reluctantly agreed to visit Rich’s childhood church. But she felt every bit a sinner as she listened to the minister’s words. “His message was hitting so close to my heart that I thought my mother-in-law had talked to the minister about me,” Maggie recalls. “I realized it was God reaching out to me. He knew everything I needed to hear.”

Maggie prayed a simple prayer recounting the terrible things she had done and put herself in God’s hands. She had sold her body; she had allowed her son to be abused; she had killed a man. But God loved her anyway, she was certain of it. “I realized that I was worth something. To God, I have value. He may not like the things I do, but He always loves me. The void in my heart was finally filled.”

She soon discovered the Bible as well; she spent long days savoring the words and absorbing the message. When Rich left for work each morning, Maggie would sit at the kitchen table reading her Bible. When he came home at night, she was still there, still reading. “I told Rich, ‘There are answers in here—all the answers! I was astonished,’” Maggie recalls.

With a shared faith to glue them together, the Troyer’s marriage not only survived, but thrived. Maggie reconnected with her estranged family. And she was finally able to give up drugs and alcohol. “I don’t need them. Jesus is the greatest high I’ve ever been on,” she says.

Maggie and Rich soon felt called to share their faith. The couple counted their savings, quit their jobs and sold their house, dog and Rich’s motorcycle. They told their family, friends and congregation they were moving to Fort Wayne to attend Fort Wayne Bible College (now Taylor University, Fort Wayne campus).

Things fell neatly into place. Church members, friends and even strangers donated tuition, rent, clothes, furnishings and groceries. “We’d find a card with a $100 bill in it in our mailbox. Someone gave us a microwave—which we still have. We both got outfits. It was incredible,” Rich shares.

Rich received a degree in Christian education. Maggie—who’d dropped out of school in the ninth grade—earned her GED, received an associate’s degree in early-childhood education and a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and graduated with honors.

Woodburn Missionary Church soon offered Rich his dream job—working with youth in the congregation. The Troyers immediately felt welcome when they moved to Woodburn six years ago, and Maggie discovered her own ministry as a motivational speaker and Sunday school teacher. She also helps Rich with his teen programs and conducts a women’s group at church when she feels well enough.

Rich and Maggie hold tightly to God and each other.

The cancer and treatments have weakened her body, but not her faith. The outpouring of prayers, not only from congregation members but also from people around the world via the Internet, renews her spirit.

Maggie Troyer has just two regrets. One is that she’ll never get to teach elementary school. The other is that she won’t get to see her son Charlie and his wife, Maegan, raise their 4-year-old boy Conner. “I’m putting together photo albums so he’ll know me, and we’ve been making a lot of good memories this summer,” Maggie says, wiping at tears.

She will keep up with her speaking engagements as long as she’s able, telling the story of how God saved her life. Her future, measured now in weeks instead of years, remains in His hands. She smiles serenely. “I believe the Lord is going to give me some really good months.”

To contact Maggie Troyer or to book her as a speaker, write to Set Free Ministries, PO Box 84, Woodburn, IN 46797 or setfree@adl.com.

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Herb g53 and Gladys (Schocket) Wunker g53 are serving through Missionary Gospel Fellowship make weekly visits to the jail and prison in Las Cruces, NM. The Wunkers are encouraged by three decisions made for Christ at a recent worship service and one at the Rescue Mission.

Howard g61 and Ruth (Ringenberg) Moser g61 are now serving in Quito, Ecuador. Four months after Ruth had blood clots in her heart and lungs, Howard had a much needed hip replacement. Their ministry will be in the south Quito clinic and the Boz Andes Hospital. They request prayers for a fruitful ministry as they attempt to begin home Bible studies, for national workers, and physical and spiritual protection. Their email address is: hlmrosenr@uii.satnet.net.

Scoti (Springfield) Domeij g69 is a design art specialist for church resources at Cook Communications Ministries. She has two sons, Kristoffer (16) and Kyle (12). Scoti co-authored a book with Kay Arthur entitled Wrong Way, Jonah! A few of her projects include serving as production coordinator for art and computer graphics for the 27-part video series entitled, “That the World May Know” with Ray VanderLaan and Focus on the Family and editor/writer for the CD-ROM entitled “The Man, The Message, The Messiah,” by Ray VanderLaan.

Ray and Darla (Schock) Oksnevad g75 are serving at the South Asian Friendship Center (SAFC) on Chicago’s north side. SAFC has out grown its facilities and is in need of a much larger place. The Oksnevad’s request prayer that God will provide the right facility in His time.

Bruce g79 and Joyce Linhart have moved into their new home at 1723 Homestead, Sebring, FL 33870-1735. Bruce continues to pastor a new church plant in Sebring. You can email the family at higher@strato.net

John g81 and Julie Gerig are serving as missionaries in Saint Petersburg, Russia with World Partners. Saint Petersburg Christian University, where John is a professor, recently purchased two buildings, thanks to the prayers of God’s people. They would love to hear from you. Their email address is: 110413.2435@class.com. Their mailing address is 196070 Russia, Saint Petersburg, P.O. Box 227

Paul f81 and Amy Hunter have two children, Claire (7) and Drew (2). Paul is a personal financial planner at American Express Financial Advisors. The family resides in Puyallup, WA.

Don g85 and Marla (Murry) Bettinger g84 are serving the Lord in Taichung, Taiwan. They praise God for His faithfulness and continued direction regarding ministry opportunities. Don has been asked to be English ministries pastor at Taichung Holiness Church.

Allen g85 and Rebecca Rassi have accepted new positions at Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church in Pensacola, FL. Allen is youth minister/office and facility manager for the church, and Rebecca is the church organist/assistant music director. They have three children, Lewis (13) and Hattie (10) and Abby Rose, born in September. You can email them at afj@juno.com

Mark Vincent g85 recently published a book, A Christian View of Money. Mark lives in Elkhart, IN. Since 1995 he has directed The Giving Project, a five-year project in stewardship education.

Mark g87 and Tami (Platter) Burritt g88 recently accepted the position as senior pastor at Burr Oak Church, Ligonier, IN. Mark served as assistant controller on the campus for 12 1/2 years. You may contact them at P.O. Box 328, Millersburg, IN 46543-0328 or (219)642-4252.

Kathlyn Kulp g89 of Oley, PA, completed her master’s degree in music education (specializing in Kodaly and music technology) at West Chester University. She is entering her tenth year as a K-12 music teacher at Conestoga Christian School, Morgantown, PA. She was awarded Walmart Teacher of the Year for 1999.

Kent Kessler g91 recently became senior pastor at Calvary Community Church. He and his wife, Melissa, and son, Joshua, reside at 323 North Boots, Marian, IN 46952. Their email is kentkessler@hotmail.com

Rob g93 and Jill (Swanson) Burton g90 just concluded five years as house parents at Wheaton Youth Outreach. Rob received his MA in educational ministries, this past May. Rob is supervisor of the campus post office and Jill is dispatch coordinator at Wheaton College. Rob, Jill and daughter Natalie (3) reside at 1294 Briarbook Dr Apt 2D, Wheaton, IL 60187. Their email is robert.j.burton@wheaton.edu

Andrew and Brenda (Hatfield) Wohlford f93 have two children, Jonathan (6) and Sarah (4). Brenda is assistant director of Little Lamb Day Care Center in Elkhart. Their address is...
Memorials

Larene M. (Birkey) Mitchell g29 went to be with the Lord on July 24. She was a teacher for many years in various states and retired from Colorado Springs School District 11. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Rev. Harvey L. Mitchell g29. She is survived by three daughters, Arlene William, Ardice Bailor f50 and Marilyn Wright; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Daniel D. Demmin g42 passed away on June 10. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Martig) g42. Eureka, IL. He was a pastor for more than 57 years in Pettisville, OH, Jackson, MI and Peoria, IL. He founded Peoria Christian Center and Calvary Bible Church. He served as chaplain for the Peoria Rescue Ministries and R.G. LeTourneau Inc. He was assistant director of South Side Mission in Peoria and director of Christian Serviceman’s Center.

Marguerite (Steiner) Habegger g31 went to be with the Lord on July 21. She leaves behind her husband, Rev. Tillman Habegger g29, two daughters, Carol (Steiner) Ringenberg f66 and Barbara Steiner-Renaldo g65, two stepdaughters, Alice (Habegger) Berry g67 and Virginia Habegger, and five grandchildren. Marguerite was a piano instructor for 10 years at FWBC and was a private instructor for 50 years.

The Lord took Rev. Wesley Smith g39 to Himself on July 16. He is survived by his wife, Rena (DeMitchell) Smith g39. Wes pastored churches in Indiana, Michigan, Oregon and California. After his official retirement in 1981, he continued serving for 10 years as an interim minister, traveling east to Decatur, IL and west to Hana, HI.
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