A Special Report From the Fort Wayne Campus
Listen to Our Hearts

One of my favorite old films has always been "So Dear to My Heart." The film tenderly portrays the heart tugging relationship between a boy and his pet lamb. The relationship, even in tough times, was not only noble, but a fine example of loyalty and commitment.

Often I have been reminded of that story as I have worked with so many precious individuals in the making of this publication . . . individuals noble in character, loyal to the historic mission of this institution and committed to God and the furthering of His Kingdom.

The following pages speak boldly of loyalty, commitment and sensitivity to God’s leading. I invite you to read on and "LISTEN TO OUR HEARTS."

— Sherri R. Harter
Director of Public Relations
On July 1, 1992 Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College merged with Taylor University. The result of that union: Taylor University-Fort Wayne Campus.

Why?
iven my long association with Fort Wayne Bible College and my years of service to this great institution, I could not help but ask myself, “Why?” when I heard about the merger with Taylor University and what I thought was the demise of our beloved Bible College. My son Bill, who still serves on the campus as Director of Alumni Relations, and my son Wes, who still teaches there, have shared with me that I was not alone when I asked myself that penetrating question. According to Bill, this is the most commonly asked question by our alumni.

How does one answer such a question? Did leadership fail? Did we not care enough? Should someone have done more? Perhaps the most haunting of such questions, did God somehow abandon us and our cause?

We may be tempted to think that the answer to one or all of these questions is, “Yes.” But I’ve been close enough to the college and have known the Lord long enough to know better. Being close to the situation, I know the dedicated leadership tried their best. Over the years, loyal alumni and friends have sacrificially given to support the college at levels far above national averages. Prayer support for the college has always been obvious. There is a bulletin board on the first floor of Witmer Hall which lists all Fort Wayne Bible College alumni who have served on the mission field. This display gives great testimony to the effectiveness of the Fort Wayne program in preparing alums for missionary service around the world. No, these issues were not the problem.

So what was the problem? Simply stated, insufficient finances at a level that could not sustain the program. The biggest of all problems was low enrollment which translated into financial problems.

Well, if we acknowledge that enrollment was the culprit, then a second troubling question has to be raised. Are young people not as dedicated and committed today? Why were students not coming in the same numbers to our college as they were in former days? As a person who has been closely associated with the Bible college movement, I know the following to be true, and maybe you are also aware of it. Namely, Fort Wayne Bible College was not the only Bible college which was having difficulty with enrollment. Candidly, part of the explanation may indeed be that our culture has changed and young people committed to full-time Christian ministry are in shorter supply today. However, I do not believe this alone provides the explanation; for in fact, many Christian colleges (like Taylor) which include both Bible and broader curricular offerings are flourishing and growing. Perhaps the time we now live in is so challenging, so complex, so technical, that broader educational preparation and more extensive learning in various fields is needed even for ministry preparation in our modern culture. As I said, the success of some schools is demonstrating this to be true. Despite noble efforts made over the past few years to adapt our institution to a changing world, we still found ourselves in jeopardy.
If Brother Ramseyer were here today, I believe the outcome of this past year would have his blessing. Together with the Lord’s help, the dream and vision of our founders continues. We are carrying on the vision and the word. The answer to the question, “Who will carry on?” is, “we will.” That we includes you and me and our new Taylor friends.

Our name has changed again, but we’ve been through other name changes. What has not changed is the essential commitment to leadership preparation for the Lord’s Kingdom work. As you read through the pages of this magazine, it will be obvious that the faces, thoughts, and feelings are coming from our people who by God’s grace and with Taylor’s help are still here strengthening and sustaining the ministry we have believed in so long. The Taylor leadership has gone to great lengths to preserve the programs we treasured and the people we have loved for so many years. God has not abandoned His work in Fort Wayne. He found a way to allow our alma mater to be a part of His plan for equipping students for service in His Kingdom well into the future.

Beloved alumni and friends, if God in His sovereignty has so graciously acted on behalf of our college, then we dare not abandon her either. I encourage you to stay in touch with the campus, with its events, and with its alumni programs and activities. Keep up with campus news. Participate to the best of your ability and availability in the life of the college. Refer students. Pray daily. Support the campus financially.

More importantly, what is needed at this point in our history is your belief in this continuing work of God. These days, when tempted to ask, “Why?” I consider the whole picture and I am assured in my spirit that the Lord is in control and the campus is worthy of our continued support, sacrifice, and involvement.

I trust the pages which follow will provide you with even greater reassurance of these truths. May God bless you and please stay close as we carry on this work together.
Thank you for reading this far as we share our hearts with you. I hope you will take the time to read on and give us the opportunity to inform, encourage and challenge you with what God is doing here on campus. It seems that whenever we meet with an alumnus and answer specific questions, we all come away feeling better about the future of our alma mater.

Here are some of the main questions we have been asked over the last three years and especially during this year of merger. Perhaps you have thought of these same questions but never had the opportunity to ask them.

**Questions from the Heart...**  
Commonly asked questions from Alumni and Friends

**Q**  
Was the name change from Fort Wayne Bible College really necessary and did it have any positive effect?

**A**  
The name change to Summit Christian College was one of those noble efforts taken by the Governing Board to try to overcome the misunderstanding of what a Bible college is in the minds of potential college students. The name was changed but the program was not — we were still a Bible college. The hope was that more students would inquire and therefore more would enroll.

Did it work? Yes, it probably helped, but the increase in students was not large enough and soon enough to solve the financial problems we faced.

**Q**  
Was the financial situation “really serious” enough to make a merger necessary?

**A**  
The proverbial “straw that broke the camel’s back” was probably the realization at the end of the 1990-91 school year that in spite of all our budget cuts, in spite of commendable giving by alumni and friends, and in spite of great sacrifice by many people, we were still going to end the year with a $280,000 deficit. This brought the accumulated operating deficit to approximately $1,777,600. That operating deficit on top of other institutional debt brought the college perilously close to insolvency. Another deficit year or two and it would have been necessary to close the doors. The Governing Board decided it was time to take a bold step while we were still in a position of relative strength and had much to offer.

When I first heard about the merger my heart sank! I had this feeling that my alma mater is gone forever. Is that true?

**A**  
You are not alone in that feeling. I imagine everyone of us who have been here at the College the last four years have at some time had the same feelings.

However, we on campus have had the benefit of being close to the process and being able to deal with the issues first hand. As a result of that we have been able to work through all those emotions and now realize that, as in most cases, our fears were somewhat exaggerated. It is true that FWBC/SCC no longer legally exists, but it is obvious that our alma mater is more than a legal document. It is people, a campus, and a vision and purpose. The buildings are still here, many of the people you have loved and respected are still here, and I can assure you that the vision for ministry is as strong as ever and in some ways is being enlarged.

**Q**  
What really happened to bring about the merger?

**A**  
Actually things were happening both at Summit Christian College and at Taylor University which produced not only a positive feeling toward merger but a sense of providential leading.

At the very time our Governing Board approached the leadership of Taylor University, the Upland Board of Trustees was completing a long range plan for Taylor University. One aspect of that plan was to consider the establishing of a satellite or branch campus in an urban center not too far from Upland. The possible merger with Summit Christian College seemed like a “Taylor-made” answer to that vision. Another encouraging factor from our viewpoint was the fact that Taylor’s top leadership were very much aware of and supportive of the FWBC/SCC tradition and vision. One administrator expressed the feeling that God had given Taylor University the privilege and the responsibility to keep the vision and ministry of FWBC/SCC alive.

**Q**  
Will our Bible college tradition of ministry preparation be lost in the larger university setting?

**A**  
I do not believe that will happen. First of all, Taylor University has always had a
strong ministry preparation component. In fact, there are more Christian education majors at Upland than we have here on the Fort Wayne campus. Secondly, for all the Christian ministries majors on this campus (pastoral ministry, Christian education, missions, or youth ministry), their program of study is essentially a continuation of our FWBC/SCC program. All will still have 30 credit hours of Bible, Christian service requirements, and an internship. Other majors such as elementary education, psychology (counseling), etc. can take 30 hours of Bible if they so desire, but a core of 12 credit hours of Bible and theology is required of every student. Every student is also challenged and encouraged to be involved in some area of service or ministry to others. The Taylor University program called Taylor World Outreach (similar to the Student Missionary Fellowship, SMF) has involved hundreds of Taylor students each year in various types of Christian service. TWO is being implemented on the Fort Wayne campus as well.

What are the benefits of the merger?

The greatest benefit is the bringing together of two long and great traditions of Christian higher education (Taylor-almost 150 years, Fort Wayne-almost 100 years) into one institution which is now better able to serve the educational needs of the Church and its people. Together we have the best of both worlds: the well-established undergraduate ministry preparation program of Fort Wayne and the nationally recognized Taylor University liberal arts program.

We also have the obvious benefit of a larger base of support for everything from a pool of potential students to a more stable financial base.

What will happen to our Alumni Association?

From the very beginning of the merger, Dr. Charles Jaggers, (Vice President for University Relations) and Mr. George Glass, (Associate Vice President for Alumni and University Relations) have gone out of their way to support and encourage us in maintaining a strong Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association. Everyone who has attended this campus in the past, present, or future is or will be a part of this association. Marceil Zehr, Alumni Secretary, and I are continuing on in the Alumni Office with the full support of Taylor University. We will maintain all our major alumni functions: PHONATHON to build our Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund, Homecoming, reunions, a directory, and of course our Annual Alumni Banquet (May 21, 1993 this year). The Alumni Advisory Board will also continue with expanded opportunities and responsibilities. We are here to serve you and to give you the privilege of serving and supporting your alma mater.

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As an alumnus of FWBC/SCC, am I still needed for the success of the Fort Wayne campus?

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ABSOLUTELY — I cannot stress enough how much we need you. Although Taylor University in Upland is enjoying a period of growth and strength, there is no surplus to fund this campus. Without the support of our Fort Wayne constituency we will have a difficult time in achieving financial stability for this campus. Unfortunately, undesignated giving from alumni and friends has dropped off considerably and at last report was less than 50% of last year’s giving.

Please prayerfully consider your relationship to your alma mater. We pray that the Lord will direct you to be involved. It would be a great encouragement to us to see a higher percentage of our alumni giving to the Fort Wayne campus.

CONCLUSION

You may have other questions on your mind that we have not included. If so, please feel free to call us at 219-456-2111, ext. 3331, or drop by the Alumni Office for a chat and give us the opportunity to talk with you.

One alumnus wrote a special letter to us explaining his feelings about the events of the last few years. Turn the page and see if you are having a similar emotional journey. We are praying that you will arrive at the same conclusions as Bob did and will sense God’s Spirit at work in our alma mater . . .
Our thanks to Bob Quay for allowing us to “share his heart” with you. We thought his feelings regarding all that has happened here at our alma mater were fairly typical of how many of us have felt.

Dear Bill,

February, 1995
Phoenix, AZ

I want to share some innermost thoughts with you. I had reached the point where I was ready to “throw in the towel” on F.W.B.C. First, I was extremely upset with the name change. I could not understand the “why” of a “complete” name change. Then came the merger. That was the last straw! The school I loved and cherished was becoming history. I finally called your father and he attempted to explain the situation, but I was not really ready to accept the truth. The hurt was too deep.

It took awhile for me to realize that it was our lack of prayer and financial support that had helped to place the college in jeopardy. We were so far removed from the action that we neglected the very institution we loved. We were guilty of taking the college for granted. The school could make it without us.

We almost did not attend the recent dinner, because we knew all they really wanted from us was money for Taylor University. Out of love and respect for you and your father, we decided to go. Thank God we went, and what we saw, heard and felt is difficult to describe.

In your letters and phone conversations, you expressed your feeling of excitement over the merger and what the Lord was doing at the college. I wasn’t greatly impressed because, after all, that was your job to convince former students that everything at the college was running smoothly and everything was fine.

After attending the dinner, we have an entirely different perspective and we’re now excited, also. We are genuinely impressed. All the disillusion and apprehension about our beloved alma mater have vanished. We feel, as you do, that the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University has a bright future — possibly brighter than its past, if that’s possible.

Now, it’s up to all of us to be faithful in supporting the college with our prayers and our giving. It seems to me that God is giving the college and us another chance. By His grace, we “dodged the bullet,” and by His grace, working together, we’ll be faithful in making the most of this new opportunity. Many young people are depending on us — we cannot fail them.

Sincerely
Bob Quay
Class of 1948

One of the factors that very likely influenced Bob’s change of attitude concerning the merger was not mentioned in his letter. Bob and his wife Rita were at the table hosted by President Jay Kesler the night of the Taylor Plan Dinner in Scottsdale, Arizona. This opportunity to hear first hand the vision and goals of the president of Taylor University regarding the merger certainly produced hope and encouragement for the future. On the next page Dr. Kesler “shares his heart” as he did that evening.
A long with others in this magazine I also feel a need to speak from the heart. The past 18 months my emotions have run the gamut. On one hand it has been a joy to be a part of bringing Taylor University and Summit Christian College together. I have deep emotional and spiritual attachments to Fort Wayne Bible College. It was on this campus that Paul Robbins and I began our lifelong friendship and commitment to ministry. I have spent much with young people in the chapel in Founders Hall and seen them commit their lives to Christ at youth conferences. Dr. Jared Gerig, Timothy Warner, Wes Gerig and Joy Gerig have been friends, mentors and examples to me over many years. I respect more than Don Gerig and applaud his commitment of courage and Godly spirit during this transition. It is rewarding to be part of the vision that began at Fort Wayne a century ago by so many faithful alumni and friends.

On the other hand the challenges of this endeavor have been enormous. Somewhere in the writings of C.S. Lewis is the phrase, “Not one square inch of the planet is uncontested.” We should not be surprised at struggles, especially when the New Testament speaks so broadly of spiritual warfare. We did not enter this relationship on emotion, but with a sense that this is God’s revealed will and that He would be with us.

God has obviously been at work in this whole venture in ways which I have rarely seen in all my years of ministry. He has been faithful beyond measure. He has provided expectations and we are grateful. Now we are a blended family with all the challenges and opportunities this represents.

This page is titled, “Hearts That Beat for the Kingdom.” I chose this phrase because I believe it captures the spirit of our new relationship. God has in His sovereignty brought together two educational and spiritual traditions, two sets of committed staff, two groups of alumni and friends, dedicated to the ministry of advancing the Kingdom through Christian higher education.

In meeting after meeting and experience after experience we receive continual affirmation and confirmation of the kindred spirits which have come together. There are some days, however, I confess to mixed feelings. While we are obviously happy with the relationship, we have undertaken an enormous responsibility. Motivated by a desire to be stewards of God’s work in Fort Wayne, we have taken a great step of faith. We have done this for all the right reasons mentioned above, but nevertheless it has been a giant step of faith.

To be very candid, we need you. We need your continued loyalty to the campus. We have deliberately and intentionally preserved the structural core of Bible teaching and ministry preparation on the Fort Wayne campus. We do so for two reasons: 1) we believed in it ourselves; and 2) we also felt that the loyal alumni and friends of Fort Wayne Bible College would continue to believe in, pray for, and support the work here if these vital programs were maintained. As evidenced by the people highlighted in this magazine, we have continued many of the faculty and staff which you have known over the years and which have meant so much to you.

In addition to sustaining the existing program, we have actually gone a step further. Just this past month we added a new major in Christian ministries that encompasses the existing Bible curriculum, the current Christian education program, and pastoral ministries. This same program adds studies in urban ministries, youth ministries, and cross-cultural ministries in preparation for missionary service. Of course you know my long commitment to youth ministry.

I truly believe our hearts do beat together on these issues and for the Lord’s work. If you agree with me and find it in your heart to stand with us, I want to ask you to do so. As forthrightly as I can I want to ask you to refer potential students to us. We also sincerely need your prayer support as we seek to meet the current challenges facing us. When opportunities present themselves to support us financially, we encourage you to participate. The amount you give is not as important as the idea that you participate with us. Both Taylor University and Fort Wayne Bible College have always been supported and sustained by God’s people, and the present situation is no exception.

Just so you know, the Fort Wayne campus has a stand alone budget. Contrary to the common perception, Taylor University did not have an abundance of surplus financial resources available or extra students who could automatically solve the Summit enrollment problems. As I said above, when we took on the merger it was a step of faith and was done with the belief that people like you, who had stood behind the Bible College for nearly 100 years, would also stand with us. This is not Taylor’s work nor is it the work of Fort Wayne Bible College — it is His work. Together we have been called to strengthen and perpetuate this ministry until He comes.

As you continue to read this magazine, my sincere prayer is that you will sense the integrity of my words and those of others, and you will join with us in seeking to develop a bright future for the Fort Wayne campus.

I have been convinced throughout my public ministry that our lives and all of our work is built on the work of those who preceded us. That is especially true in our relationship with Fort Wayne Bible College. The old hymn says, “A charge to keep, I have.” We join with you in committing ourselves to the work here, and we ask you to join with us in this effort. Together we have a charge to keep.
In coming to grips with WHY the merger took place, the next logical question is... 

**What Now?**

Professor Douglas Barcalow
As an amateur gardener, I eagerly anticipate receiving the seed catalogs in the late winter. As I thumb through the pages I often observe that the experts have produced new strains of vegetables and flowers that are bigger, improved, and more productive. Such perfected plants remind me of TUFW since the merger. Certainly there are some new dimensions to the curriculum and structure, yet the old, tried and true basics continue to exist as a foundation. Let me explain further.

Not only does the institution at 1025 W. Rudisill in Fort Wayne have a new name, but recently there has been another merger. Now the pastoral ministries and Christian education programs have joined forces in a new Christian Ministries Program. In fact, there are three other petals on the new flower. These are three new concentrations: youth ministries, urban ministries, and cross-cultural ministries.

Hopefully the new and improved product will attract an even larger body of students who desire to fulfill God’s call on their lives as Christian ministers.

As Director of the Pastoral Ministries Program, I am especially excited about the new curriculum package, because the basics that have served the Church for so many years still remain intact. Pastoral ministries students will continue to receive either B.A. or B.S. degrees. Christian service will still be required. Thirty or more hours in Bible and theology are foundational, and both traditional and non-traditional students can anticipate pastoral options to be “Taylor Made” for them.

With my whole heart I believe that this new “Christian Ministries Flower” will produce a bouquet of blossoms that will definitely enhance the garden of God’s kingdom in a new and improved way. Praise the Lord!
A Heart for the City

Dr. William Pannell

Jeremiah 29 records a wonderful story about God’s welfare plan for the city. God comes to the prophet and says, “I want you to send a letter to the leaders who are in exile in Babylon.”

There are some lessons we need to learn from this text that will be used by us as we work here in Fort Wayne and as we serve Christ in this Summit city.

Throughout history, God says, “I want my people in cities.” As Jeremiah recounts, the correspondence to the exiled leaders is God’s attempt to say He has a long-range purpose for their being there. “Build houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat their produce... Multiply there and do not decrease. Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf. For in its welfare you will find your welfare” (29:5-7).

God’s welfare plan for the city is what this is all about. It does not center in government. It centers in the people of God. There is no welfare program for any city that has anything to do with making the city whole — really, radically whole — if it is not centered in the people of God.

Let me tick off two or three reasons why I think we need to take this passage of scripture seriously as we work together here at Taylor University-Fort Wayne. We are committed to Jesus Christ, and to be committed to Jesus Christ is to be committed to this city, first of all because God put us here. God put us here.

That language is replete throughout this passage. God constantly says, “I sent you there, I called you there, I put you there. You are there by my appointment.” I think that’s important.

God’s people must get used to being urban. It’s not going to be easy for some, and it’s not going to be possible for others. But for the rest of us, we must follow our Christ into the city. We must do it with joy and anticipation and with a sense of calling and of purpose because God has put us there.

The second lesson from this wonderful story is that the purpose of God for the city is wrapped up in His concern for His people there. We are committed to the city because our own welfare as the people of God is bound up in the city’s welfare. Our attitude toward the city, our commitment to it, our willingness to be there — to be present, truly present with joy — rebounds to our own welfare, for “in its welfare you will find your welfare” (29:7).

That’s an important concept to understand. It will save us from much elitism, much arrogance, and from a certain superficial sense of our own purity. It will deliver us from being obstinately distinct from the people we’ve been called to serve. It will preserve us from staying in the missionary village up on the hill while the people we’ve been called to serve are down in the valley in the flats below. We will identify. As Barth says, “We will be in solidarity with the world even though we are not in conformity to it.”

The welfare of the city is one matter, and our welfare is another. But our welfare is served because we have first taken care of the city’s welfare. Never before have we been so well-equipped to do that. That’s why this college exists: to better equip God’s people for the work of the ministry and for commitment to this great city and other cities.

A final reason we are committed to the city is because there is a kind of a “kairos” involved. Kairos is a Greek word signifying a specially appointed time. There is a kairotic significance to the Christian presence in the city. That is to say, there is a time on the calendar of God which involves the people of God in that particular place. God says to the exiles in Babylon, “Yet 70 years and then I’ll get you out of here.”

There is a timing here. There is a rhythm here. There is an over-arching purpose here and, ultimately, it has everything to do with the welfare of the people of God.

If you want to trace human history, follow the footsteps of God’s people. Watch God work through the people of God and then you’ll get a sense of history, a sense of its rhythm, a sense of its significance. You’ll get a sense of the many-faceted dimensions of God’s working in human history, for God says, “I know what plans I have for you, to give you a future and a hope” (29:11).

That’s God’s word for us.

What God has in mind for you and me is a future guaranteed and anchored in the powerful resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. God knows exactly what he has in mind for you and me, and it’s all good.

A future and a hope. That is what every city needs. The only people who can guarantee that are the people of God. The city will know that we’re here because we’re committed to its welfare. Amen.
In June, 1992, something dramatic happened in the radio ministry of WBCL. After four years of waiting, we received a construction permit for a new station in Archbold, WBCY at 89.5 FM. But let me tell you the whole story so you can see why we believe it was a miracle. The application for Archbold was submitted in 1988 only to be met with one delay after another (i.e. the FCC was backlogged due to lack of staff, President Reagan wouldn’t appoint more staff because he wanted Mr. Bush to do so during his term, another station filed on a conflicting frequency, etc.)

Worst of all, during the spring of 1992 we learned that a FCC rule stated that whenever 50% or more of a governing board changes, all applications before the FCC are null and void. This meant that the entire Archbold project would become a “dead issue” on July 1, 1992, when the merger took effect since Summit Christian College’s entire board would be replaced by Taylor University’s board of trustees.

I left mid-June for a trip to Colorado, explaining to the staff that by the time I returned, we could all purge our Archbold files (which were very thick after four years) and surrender the dream of a new station in Archbold, Ohio.

Then God intervened — big time!

When I returned to Fort Wayne, I was met at the airport by a WBCL staff member who said, “Congratulations, you are now the manager of two radio stations.” I laughed at her joke! Then I learned what God had done.

An FCC attorney simultaneously saw the application filing and the ownership transfer filing (I have never learned exactly how he found them both in the same place at the same time). Recognizing that, “something needs to happen fast or this application can’t ever be granted,” he proceeded to move the applications through the proper channels in 12 days!

Immediately, action happened and five months later, WBCY was on the air. Monday morning, November 30th, the sounds of WBCL, via microwave simulcast were “aimed at the hearts” of listeners in Northwest Ohio and Michigan, too. That first morning new listeners called from Ohio towns including Archbold, Wauseon, Defiance, Bryan, Pioneer, Lima; and from Adrian, Coldwater and Sturgis, Michigan. The 20,000 watt Ohio signal was reaching farther than we ever dreamed.

Now from Warsaw, Indiana on the west to near Toledo, Ohio on the east the radio ministry of Taylor University is “aimed at the hearts” of thousands. To God be the glory, truly He has done great things.
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Dr. Wesley Gerg
Professor of Bible and Theology
The vision of our Fort Wayne campus has always been to prepare servant-leaders for the Church, whether at home or abroad. It is pleasing to see this is continuing to happen at Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus. And not only are we preparing full-time Christian workers, we are also touching the lives of people who can and will be key lay-people within the Church in the days ahead. I personally have been pleased to see that many students preparing for secular occupations have a keen desire to study and to understand the Bible, too. This has been a pleasant surprise to me, but a fact nevertheless.

Dr. Timothy M. Warner
Fifth President of FWBC
Taylor Alum
As an alumnus of Taylor and a former professor and president of Fort Wayne Bible/Summit Christian College, I found the merger of the two to be the combining of the best of two strains of Christian higher education. Given the present faculty and leadership at Taylor Fort Wayne, the graduates should bring strong preparation to meet the challenges of ministry around the world at the turn of the century. The unfinished task of the Church demands continued strong support for those institutions that are equipping students for a frontal assault on the strongholds of the enemy.

Miss Wava Bueschlen
Director of Library
As director of the Library it has been rewarding to realize that I have a part in preparing young people to serve. This year there is the added challenge of building a library collection to match an expanding curriculum. It is exciting to sense God’s direction realizing that new majors provide increased opportunities for service!

Corey Laster
Senior
As a Summit Christian College student, it was important for me to see the tradition of Christian commitment continued in Fort Wayne. Taylor University has continued the rich heritage that Fort Wayne Bible Institute started. Taylor University has committed itself to producing strong men and women of God who will enhance His kingdom.

Mr. Joseph Updegrove
Director of Development
I’m proud and excited . . . proud to have been a part of the ministry of Fort Wayne Bible College and excited about the future with Taylor University . . . an institution that is upholding the heritage and traditions that have been ours for almost 100 years.

Mr. Paul Robbins
President of Christianity Today, Inc.
FWBC Alum
Former FWBC/SCC Board Member
Current Taylor Trustee
I could not be more pleased about the merger of our dearly loved Fort Wayne Bible College and Taylor University. As part of the college’s leadership, as a FWBC alum, past FWBC/SCC board member and current Taylor trustee, I take pride in being part of this institution’s past and present. The relationship is good, and I am deeply committed to the on-going ministry of the Fort Wayne campus.

Vicki Tackett
Sophomore
Upon entering Summit Christian College, God placed a vision on my heart, a vision of ministry to a hurting world. That vision continues to grow with my experience here at Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus. I look forward to the many challenges and opportunities that will be offered to me as I continue in the Taylor tradition. Thank you Taylor for helping me to carry on the vision.

Rev. Richard Baxter
Director of Student Ministries and Career Development
When I entered Fort Wayne Bible College as a freshman, I was impressed with the emphasis on practical, hands-on experience in ministry. When I was asked to become a member of the Christian Service Department staff, it was an honor and privilege to assist in the preparation and training of young men and women for ministry. Now after 24 years and under the charter of Taylor University, I am thankful for the continued vision of ministry preparation.
Duane Burris  
Senior  
Student Government President  
The heart that carries the vision gives us direction and purpose. As I move forward I carry with me the vision instilled by my professors: The vision of reaching the world with the gospel of Christ and challenging Christians to grow and mature. The vision of becoming the best I can be for the glory of God.

Dr. Jay Platte  
Professor of Music  
Chair of Community School of the Arts  
Community School of the Arts connects with people from our community, churches, and neighborhoods — from children through adults. Since 1972 some 15 faculty and staff have continued to help people discover, develop and nurture their expressions in and through music and drama. It is my privilege to continue this tradition on the Fort Wayne campus.

Mrs. Marcel Zehr  
Secretary to Alumni/Church Relations  
It continues to be one of the joys of my life to work in the Alumni Office and to help represent all of us who are part of the Alumni Association of Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and now the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University. It is exciting to realize that our alumni are scattered all over the world in various vocations and occupations. We look to the future with high anticipation for what the Lord will do in the coming years as we seek to know His will and expand the horizons at the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University.

Rev. Arian Birkey  
Associate Professor of Greek  
The label has changed, but the mission continues. Taylor University, Fort Wayne maintains its high calling of preparing servant-leaders for kingdom ministries in a global context. After 24 years on the faculty of FWBC/SCC, I have found the transition of this current year surprisingly smooth. The necessary adjustments of early marriage are inevitable, but the prospect for a long and happy union are increasingly apparent. I am privileged to be part of a continuing tradition on the Fort Wayne campus.

Judith Hylton  
Senior  
As a non-traditional student I have appreciated the rounded education I have received at this institution. The vision for service has been reinforced by Spirit-filled professors on this campus. This vision will be continued as I pursue further education in counseling/psychology and wherever Christ leads me in the future.

Dr. Richard Dugan  
Associate V.P. for Adult and Continuing Education and Correspondence  
I came to Fort Wayne in 1982 with the intent of helping members of our college community become all they could be, accomplishing things they never dreamed possible. Now Taylor gives me the opportunity to focus my goal on adults whose limitations are lifted through education designed for them. It is a joy to carry on the vision!

Dr. Carolyn Arthur  
Dean of Students  
This campus enjoys a long tradition of student involvement both on campus and throughout the Fort Wayne community. It is heartening to me to see our students continuing to learn through experiences in the residence halls, through campus activities, and in service for the Lord and their fellow students. Training leaders for the church of tomorrow happens outside the classroom too!
With 30% of the Fort Wayne campus student body being "adult" students, it is a fact that non-traditional students enhance the learning environment and make the Taylor education even stronger.

What is
Taylor University-Fort Wayne Campus?
The Vision of Taylor University for the Fort Wayne Campus is becoming more clearly defined as this merger year has progressed.

Elements of that Vision include:
- Christian Ministry Programs will be a major emphasis on the Fort Wayne Campus.
- The Fort Wayne Campus will be the urban counterpart to the “rural” Upland campus.
- Non-traditional students will be an important part of the Fort Wayne student body.
- Internships, practicums, service opportunities, and student teaching will be encouraged in the Fort Wayne area.
- Degree completion, continuing education and correspondence studies will be primarily coordinated from the Fort Wayne campus.
- New majors will be introduced in Fort Wayne that are especially suited for an urban location.
- Graduate programs, when instituted, will be housed on the Fort Wayne Campus.

Christian Ministries
This program provides a common core curriculum for those interested in a ministry career, plus the ability to specialize in these areas of interest:
- Pastoral Ministries
- Christian Education
- Youth Ministries
- Urban Ministries
- Cross Cultural Ministries

Psychology
The psychology program is taught in the context of the Christian worldview and includes a thorough integration of psychological and theological materials.

Business Administration
This program combines rigorous academic course work and the development of Christian character. This unique focus produces a graduate knowing the needs of the business world and possessing the character to serve it.

Organizational Leadership
Organizational Leadership is an alternative program for adults who need to complete their college degrees while continuing to work or supervise their families. Classes are coordinated around their schedules, with teaching styles that reflect adult interests. Students bring transfer credits and rich experience into the program.

Elementary Education
Students may enroll in a four-year degree in Elementary Education or a two-year Associate of Arts program in Early Childhood Education.

Criminal Justice (New Major)
We are excited about this new major which will allow Christian men and women to prepare for positions in law-enforcement, correction, probation and parole study. Dr. Ron Powell, who is presently the Commissioner for the Department of Corrections in the state of New Hampshire, is coming this summer to chair this new program.

Public Relations
This major focuses on the study of Communication Arts, thus providing careers in a variety of public relations settings. Career options are varied ranging from the profit to the non-profit sector. Fort Wayne has many public relations firms, and there is ready access to practitioners. Some of these will serve as guest speakers, adjunct faculty, and supervisors of student practicums.

General Education
This liberal arts major is a two-year Associate of Arts degree program requiring a minimum of 64 hours with a 14 hour concentration in a single discipline or in a combination of two related areas. This is an excellent program for two-year students which allows pursuit of a four-year degree at a later time.

International Studies
This program offers an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts major that seeks to provide students with a broad intellectual awareness and appreciation of the world.
Taylor University-Fort Wayne Campus:
Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus combines the Taylor-Upland tradition of scholarship, leadership and Christian commitment within an urban environment. By merging Taylor University and Summit Christian College in 1992, the tradition of 250 years of balanced Christian education continues.

Location:
The campus is located in a beautiful urban setting approximately two miles south of downtown Fort Wayne. Approximately an hour’s drive separates the Fort Wayne Campus and the Upland Campus.

Campus Size & Buildings:
The Fort Wayne campus has 13 buildings on a 32 acre campus. Three residence halls provide housing for students living on campus. The latest addition to the college campus is the activities center completed in 1989. The 23,000 square foot building is a combination gymnasium and convocation center that can seat approximately 2000. The facility also houses exercise and training area, offices and classroom space.

Student Body:
Approximately 400 students attend the Fort Wayne campus.

Faculty:
With the faculty/student radio at 15:1, a student receives individualized attention. There are 31 full-time and 17 part-time faculty that have professional experience in their academic discipline.

Majors & Degrees:
- Business Administration: AA, BA
- Christian Ministries — Pastoral: BA, BS
- Christian Ministries — Christian Ed.: BA
- Christian Ministries — Youth: BA
- Christian Ministries — Urban: BA
- Christian Ministries — Cross Cultural: BA
- Criminal Justice: BA
- Early Childhood Education: AA
- Elementary Education: BS
- International Studies: BA
- Liberal Arts: AA
- Psychology: BA
- Public Relations: BA

Academic Records:
The Office of the Registrar is happy to serve the needs of alumni for transcripts and academic records. Taylor University, Fort Wayne will provide transcripts free of charge to alumni.

Alumni Office:
The Alumni Office on the Fort Wayne Campus continues to serve all alumni of Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and all future Taylor University, Fort Wayne graduates and former students. Programs include:
- Homecoming
- Alumni Banquet
- Alumni Directory
- Athletic Reunions
- "Fort Wayne Alumnus"
  All these events and services are for your benefit and encouragement.

Spiritual Life:
Students are challenged through a regular chapel program and small group Bible studies in addition to special meetings and Spiritual Renewal weeks. A program called Taylor World Outreach is effective in challenging students to service and ministry. The Student Ministries Office assists students in finding appropriate ministry opportunities.

Athletics:
Collegiate and intercollegiate competition are available in men's basketball and soccer, and women's basketball and volleyball. All students may participate in the extensive intramural program.

Student Life:
A very healthy and active student life program is in place on the Fort Wayne campus. Small orientation groups (PROBE) for incoming students, residence hall activities, Christian concerts and films, and private music lessons are just a few of the exciting opportunities. Career Planning and Placement programs and Learning Support programs are also available.

Radio:
Everyone living within 60 miles of Fort Wayne and Archbold, OH has the joy of hearing WBCL and WBCY, the radio ministry of the college. The community support ($715,850 pledged during 1993 Sharathon) of this top quality Christian radio station is a great testimony to this unique ministry.

Institute of Correspondence Studies:
With a current enrollment of over 2700 students, the Institute of Correspondence Studies offers college level studies for students, teachers, ministers, missionaries, lay leaders and all who wish for advanced education but are unable to attend college for residence study.

Community School of the Arts:
Founders Hall is a beehive of activity with voice and instrumental lessons offered to Taylor students and men, women and children from the Fort Wayne Community. Brass ensembles, drama instruction, recitals, consultations for churches and schools, and music transposition are all services offered by the Community School of the Arts under the direction of Dr. Jay Platte.

Non-Traditional Students:
Thirty percent of the Fort Wayne student body are "adult" students. It is a fact that non-traditional students enhance the learning environment and make the Taylor education even stronger.
"This past year God has provided a way of sustaining and strengthening His work in Fort Wayne. Together we are continuing to prepare and equip leadership for service in His kingdom. Our hearts are committed to this ministry. SHARE OUR HEARTS!"