In reading Dr. Jared Gerig’s official history of Fort Wayne Bible College, I am struck by the dedication and commitment of so many associated with the college. I’m also struck by the human element that surfaces in their stories.

The school’s beloved first president, J. E. Ramseyer, devoted most of his life to the institution. For 32 years—32 years—he and his wife, Macy, lived in two dormitory rooms in Shultz Hall. When, in 1936 it was made possible for them to build a small bungalow down the street, there was great rejoicing. Macy writes, “We were hovering around all the time the building was going up like two robins building a nest.” No wonder.

In describing the school’s early leaders Gerig writes, “Their dress was simple and oft-times well-worn. Their homes were a bit old-fashioned, their food plain and their salaries ludicrous.”

I’m humbled as I sense some of the sacrifices they made for the school, how much they were able to accomplish. Again, Gerig:

The history of their lives constitutes a record of glorious achievement. They, with others, founded the Missionary Church Association; they began a missionary movement; they established a Bible training school; they spearheaded great revivals; they believed God for the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers, for the healing of bodies, for the raising of money, for the calling of workers and sending them forth into the harvest fields of the world. Their praying was coupled with this faith which claimed the promises of God.

That faith and forward-moving vision has characterized many FWBC leaders through the years. Dr. S. A. Witmer began his love affair with education with a two-mile walk to the first grade, for example. As president from 1945 to 1958, he personified an early slogan of the school, “Education for the head and the heart.”

Those same traits are to be found in many Taylor leaders, as well. That is part of the common heritage we celebrate in this issue and illustrate by way of graphics on the cover. Thereon, we celebrate the merger of Summit/FWBC into Taylor University and represent:

- The intellectual leadership of Dr. S. A. Witmer;
- The far-reaching vision and leadership of Dr. Jay Kesler;
- The gentle, watchful eye of J. E. Ramseyer;
- The Spirit-breathed life and example of Sammy Morris;
- Dr. Milo Rediger’s articulate expression of the faith and learning integration model;
- The wise counsel and listening ear of Dr. Burt Ayres.

I am humbled to think how God has worked through persons such as these to touch the lives of countless others, and still more humbled to realize he stands ready to use any willing heart. (There is a lesson here: even Billy the horse receives mention, and a picture, in Gerig’s account.)

I am excited by the opportunities presented in the merging of our two institutions, the mingling of our traditions. It is indeed something to celebrate.

—Doug Marlow ’81, editor
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Thank you for the Taylor magazine—a quality production. It was good to see a strong profile article in the latest issue to restore equilibrium.

Taylor’s deserved national acclaim has been a delight to many of us these past few years. Taylor did a great thing in permitting many of us who were graduates of nonaccredited Bible institutes in the late 40s to secure a degree in one or two years of additional work, and those of us who benefitted remember.

Now you have merged with my Fort Wayne alma mater, and it is my earnest hope that the campus there will carry on the great early Taylor tradition of preparing students of every social and economic level and of different ages for fruitful ministry in church and mission. The campus will have a wider vision than that alone, but may that distinctive be encouraged. Nothing would give me greater joy than to see Taylor become a major center of preparation for cross-cultural mission to unevangelized peoples.

Paul Erdel ’48 FWBE, ’50 TU
Esmeraldas, Ecuador

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

I’ve photocopied the vista piece, “Battle for the Proxy Voice of the Preborn” by Rev. Dan Sheard (Spring ’92) and sent it to all of my elected representatives in New York state. Rev. Sheard hits the nail on the head. The political situation here in New York is terrible.

The Taylor magazine has become even more outstanding of late. The articles fit into the category of where “the rubber meets the road” in Christian living, plus the historical continuum of information on the University is educational.

Dave Scoular ’60
Roxbury, New York

BLESSED MEMORIES

The Spring ’92 issue of Taylor is at hand and being read and appreciated. I noted in the Alumni Notes under the 1927 class the death of Hazel Chamberlain Jones. She and Maurice (her future husband) were involved in the accident six of us, as students, had at LaPorte, Ind., while returning from Christmas vacation at places in Iowa. Hazel spent some time in the hospital while Gertrude Jackson and Maurice did not receive a scratch.

Two students died in that early morning crash when the driver, Edward Anderson, fell asleep at the wheel. He and another student, LaVerne Baethell, died at the scene. I spent nearly a week at Holy Family Hospital and two weeks in a private home before going on to Taylor.

Edward and LaVerne were from my home church—Linden Methodist at Waterloo, Iowa. We had entered as freshmen in the preceding September. The accident happened on Dec. 26, 1926. Dr. Ayres of blessed memory cared for all expenses and arrangements so that the living all got back to Taylor.

I also noted the death of my long-time friend Larry Boyll ’29. He and I planned the service of memory which was used at his funeral. I carried the main responsibility, aided by the pastor of the Lakeview UMC, Rev. Dennis Ramsey. Larry’s son Robert gave a meaningful eulogy.

Wallace Deyo ’31, whose death is also noted, was not only a Taylor classmate, but also a classmate when we were students at Biblical Seminary in New York City.

The class notes from those early classes now look like an obituary column.

The reason I had to miss the 60th reunion of that illustrious class of 1931 was because I was between two major operations. I don’t mind getting aged, but I do find it most inconvenient at times. We are sustained by the great love of our Lord and seek to serve him until the end.

Your position must be an exciting one as you hear from the former students from all over the world and in all sorts of new careers that we never dreamed about back in 1931. Irene and I still rejoice that God led us to study at Taylor and the many friends we have made over the years.

Rev. Kenneth Hoover ’31
Sun City, Arizona

Rev. Hoover’s letter is dated May 7. Just as this issue went to press, we received word of his death on May 28.—Ed.

HOORAY FOR PARENTS

Among other things, I edit a newsletter for fathers, published by Christian Service Brigade in Wheaton. I am always on the lookout for creative ideas on fathering, and my wife, a member of the proud class of ’70, recently received your Spring ’92 issue on parenting. I am writing because I want to do a short article on the issue, encouraging other alumni publications to follow your example. I thought the issue was extremely well done. Though not a Taylor alum, I nonetheless read this one with great interest.

Thanks for your work on this magazine. I believe many people will benefit from it.

Mark Fackler
Wheaton, Illinois
Students Light Path to Service, 763rd Honor

Students who volunteer their time and energies through the University's Community Outreach program were recognized by the President on May 5 as the 763rd Daily Point of Light for the Nation. "Community Outreach volunteers are helping to solve serious social problems in their community by building one-to-one relationships with those in need," reads a prepared statement issued by the White House.

"From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others," says Bush.

Tasting that success are the 250-plus student volunteers, each of whom devotes 2-5 hours of service on a weekly or biweekly basis in one or more of the 10 distinct outreach programs overseen by two student co-directors. In addition, over 350 other students participate in monthly or annual special events.

Outreach activities include tutoring disadvantaged youths, participation in a Big Brothers and Sisters-spin off program and a program for inner city children, and regular visits to the local Veterans Administration Medical Center, nursing home, and home for abused and troubled children, among others.

The Community Outreach began in the mid-1970s, and its programs have expanded substantially through the years. Solving community problems by developing one-to-one relationships is a goal of each outreach activity.

According to the White House, each week six Daily Points of Light are named. The honor recognizes those that "successfully address the country's most pressing social problems through direct and consequential acts of community service."

Honor Rolls Cite Taylor for Building Character, Teaching Free Enterprise

Taylor University has been named to the John M. Templeton Foundations Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges for the fourth consecutive year.

The honor roll recognizes colleges and universities that prioritize the development of strong moral character among students, as well as education. Taylor ranked among the top three of the 111 institutions meeting the distinctive criteria required for inclusion on the list.

Recognition by the foundation is "very consistent with Taylor's mission of preparing young men and women as agents of Jesus Christ," observes Provost Dr. Daryl Yost.

Taylor was selected from among the 809 candidates nominated exclusively by presidents and development directors of over 1450 eligible schools in the nation.

The foundation seeks to supply students, parents, and philanthropists with a valid means of discerning which educational institutions promote high principles, values and traditions.

In a separate, but related development, Taylor is also named to the 1992 John Templeton Foundations Honor Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching. The school ranked in the top 10 among the 114 colleges and universities named to the Honor Roll. Selected through a nationwide polling of college presidents and academic deans, schools identified on the honor roll have "institutional commitment to traditional Western political and economic philosophies."

All four-year, accredited colleges and universities were eligible.
ENvironMental Studies Center Opens
The new Randall Center for Environmental Studies will be ready for occupancy this fall. Environmental Studies Program Director Dr. Edwin Squiers held some classes in the uncompleted building this spring for the benefit of graduating seniors. A dedication ceremony is planned during Homecoming Weekend, October 16-18.

Professor Joins Blue Ribbon Panel
Dr. Stephen Bedi, director of teacher education and associate dean of education, was recently asked to serve on the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Panel in Washington, D.C.

The panel, comprised of 100 outstanding public and private school educators, will review nominations for exemplary public and private schools worthy of receiving national recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education. According to Bedi, between 474 to 500 nominations will be narrowed down to a smaller number so that site visits may be conducted.

Performing Artist Series Announced
From the toe-tapping music of Dixieland to the humor and zest of the Vaudevillian era, the 1992-93 Performing Artist Series offers artistic excellence and entertainment.

The season opens Oct. 10, with the New Reformation Dixieland Band playing a lively combination of jazz, gospel, and blues tunes. The group is recognized for its ensemble sound and infectious humor.

The internationally acclaimed Stockholm Arts Trio (piano, cello, and violin) will perform Oct. 31. Members have individually placed first in distinguished competition.

The Tin Soldier, a holiday ballet version of the classic Hans Christian Andersen story will be presented Dec. 4, by Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago.

Dramatic soprano Donna Roll will present a recital of songs celebrating American music from vaudeville to American theater on Feb. 13.

Vaudeville, a theatre art-style popular in the 1920s, will be explored in "The Vaudevillians," presented by the Dakota Hills Production Company on March 13.

A season ticket for the series is offered for $15, a significant savings over individual ticket prices. For subscriptions or renewals, call (317) 998-5289 after Aug. 24.

Dean Bids Farewell
After 10 years as academic dean, Dr. Richard Stanislaw has resigned to accept the presidency of King College in Bristol, Tenn.

Leaving Taylor and the Upland community has not been easy for Stanislaw. "I have been overwhelmed by the affirmation of all the people with whom I work," he says. "In spite of the excitement, that has added a very tough emotional element for which I was not prepared."

Asked to reflect on his accomplishments, Stanislaw points with a measure of justifiable pride to the success of his efforts in faculty recruitment—the dean's primary responsibility, he says. Nearly 40 percent of the current Taylor faculty were hired under his leadership.

Stanislaw has also made his mark in what he describes as "opening the faculty to match their teaching with research." Taylor's low turnover rate calls for finding ways to keep faculty excited and fresh in their fields, he says. Encouraging scholarly research is key—"not at the expense of, but for the benefit of their students."

The last 10 years have witnessed an explosion in technology. The dean has helped introduce to Taylor computers, video, and a high-tech library.

In the next 10 years, Taylor must further develop her international emphasis, broaden her ethnic base, and continue to recruit faculty based on scholarship, teaching, and integration of the Christian faith, he says.

"The job of dean is a tough one in many ways," he says, then falls silent. "But, oh, it matters. It really does. Every year when I hand out those degrees, I get tears in my eyes. And I know it's worth it. Our students are going to make a difference. In them we multiply ourselves."

BURNWORTH CITEd FOR HONOR
An emotional Professor of Education Dr. Joe Burnworth was named Distinguished Professor for 1991-92 by the Alumni Association, culminating this spring's recognition occasion.

Disney's right. "It is a small world," says Dr. Richard Stanislaw, who as dean developed Taylor's international ties.

Overcome: Dr. Joe Burnworth
418 Degrees in Wheeler Stadium

Members of the largest-ever graduating class filed through the twin spires of the Rice Bell Tower en route to Wheeler Stadium for Taylor’s 146th commencement exercises on May 23. Academic Dean Dr. Richard Stanislaw then reminded the 418 graduating seniors of the University’s motto, *lux et fides* — light and faith — and its embodiment in the bell tower’s symbolism. “May your lives be held in that balance,” he said.

After sketching extant global problems, commencement speaker Dr. Jewell Reinhart Coburn ’55 queried, “Is this the new world order?” She then challenged her audience: “The true world order (belongs) to those of vision with practical eye to effective implementation. Look about you... You are they. You are the children of God, the called ones, the set-apart ones, the commissioned ones. You are tapped to bring righteousness and justice, goodness and holiness to this fragile old globe.”

Among those she was addressing: Andreas Eicher, fourth-generation Taylor student from a family with a rich missions tradition; Mitzi Thomas, non-traditional student who had given birth to her third child a month earlier; and Kristi Brown, who had received her master’s degree from the University of Iowa just one week earlier.

APPLAUSE: (above) Dr. William Kanaga is flanked by (from left) Professor Emeritus Dr. Hazel (Butz ’38) Carruth, Student Body President Michael Hammond, and National Alumni Council President Dick Gygi ’67.

Coburn, Kanaga Cited for Contributions, Awarded Honorary Doctoral Degrees

A university president and a prominent businessman were awarded honorary doctoral degrees at commencement in May.

Dr. Jewell Reinhart Coburn, president of the University of Santa Barbara, Calif., since 1987, has been engaged in educational and humanitarian activities since her graduation from Taylor University in 1955. An educator and author, she has been involved in numerous international and intercultural educational and humanitarian programs, including volunteer work for the Red Cross helping South Asian refugees after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

Dr. William S. Kanaga served as chairman of the prestigious Arthur Young international accounting, tax, and consulting firm from 1977-85. He has chaired both the advisory board and the board of directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In 1988-89, he served as national chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Now retired, he continues to devote his time and expertise to public, business, and Christian organizations.
FRESHMAN NAMED NAIA ALL-AMERICAN

Freshman Amy Boothe earned NAIA All-American honors by placing sixth in the 400-hurdles at the NAIA national track and field meet hosted by Simon Fraser University in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Boothe, Taylor's school record holder in both the 400-and 100-hurdles, became the first women's track and field athlete to earn NAIA All-American recognition since Lori Shepard in 1983, and the first-ever freshman.

At the earlier NCCAA national meet, Boothe was named the women's Outstanding Performer of the meet. She won both the 100- and 400-hurdle races and ran on the winning 400- and 1600-meter relay teams.

AWARD RECIPIENTS CLOSE THE GENDER GAP

At the 1992 NCCAA track and field championships, seniors Carrie Williamson and Chris Bombei both received the NCCAA's Wheeler Award. The award is given annually to the male and female track athletes who best display the attributes of Christian character, community service, campus involvement, and athletic ability. Williamson and Bombei were chosen among applicants from the 15 schools involved in the championships. This is the first time that Taylor athletes have won both the male and female awards in the same year.

LADY TROJANS TO PLAY DOWN UNDER

Rachel Haley '92 and Rhonda Andrew '92 of the Lady Trojans basketball team will serve as coaches and play basketball for the Burdekin Wildcats in Ayr, Australia this summer. Haley is Taylor's all-time leading scorer, while Andrew is the Lady Trojans single-season scoring leader.

PUBLICATION UPDATES TAYLOR ATHLETICS

Locker Room Notes, a new publication from the Taylor athletic department, is available monthly throughout the 1992-93 school year. Each issue includes previews and results from Taylor athletic events, as well as articles on the players and coaches.

The $20 subscription includes 10 monthly issues and a free copy of the Taylor football and basketball programs.

To subscribe, send your name and address with a check for $20 made payable to Taylor University Athletics to: Jeff Raymond, Sports Information Director, Taylor University, 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989.

Appointments Announced

Recently, Dr. Charles Jaggers '69 was named senior vice president for Taylor. His duties include strategic planning for TUFW and oversight of the institutional relations department. Jaggers has served Taylor since 1972.

Dr. Ken Swan has been appointed vice president for the Fort Wayne campus. He has taught at Taylor since 1968 and served in a variety of administrative capacities.

Gene Rupp '58 assumes duties as vice president for development. He has served as associate vice president for development since 1988.

Controller since 1977, Alan Smith has been named vice president for business and finance.

NCCAA Honors Innovator in Sport's Anniversary Year

During the 100th anniversary year of basketball, the NCCAA presented Don Odle '42, longtime Trojan basketball coach and professor emeritus, with its Sports Ministries Award. The award recognizes member institutions and/or individuals for significant spiritual outreach through the utilization of athletic ministries. Odle is the first individual to receive the award which was inaugurated in 1990.

While serving as Taylor's head basketball coach (1947-78), Odle pioneered the use of athletic teams in outreach ministries, earning him the appellation, "Father of Sports Evangelism." In 1952, he founded Venture for Victory, combining basketball with evangelism. In his 15 years with the organization he coached more than 150 players in some 600-plus international contests, and visited over 40 countries during 11 trips to the Orient and one to South America. In 1960, at the request of the Chinese Nationalist government, he coached the Chinese Olympic team to a 3-3 record.
Balancing Act

A dd juggling to the repertoire of Becky Moell, Lynn Swing and Carrie Williamson, School-record-setting members of Taylor’s track and field teams, they successfully balanced academics, athletics, and married life to graduate this May.

Each placed in at least two events at the NCCAA national meet May 1-2, at Huntington College, where Taylor placed third in both the men’s and women’s competition.

Despite the demands on their time, the three adjusted to married life while continuing to excel in both athletics and academics. “After Laurie and I got married, I knew our home would always be a quiet place to study,” says Swing, a computer science major and Taylor’s record holder in the hammer throw. “The biggest conflict came when I wanted to stay and work a little extra at practice, but I also wanted to get home and spend time with my wife.”

“Chris and I both had good study habits before we got married, so that just continued,” adds Moell, who majored in social studies education. “Being married gives us a greater sense of responsibility so we are more motivated to get the important things done. We even find ourselves studying on weekends.”

Besides being teammates on the track team, Moell and Williamson were members of the Taylor cheerleading squad for two and a half years. The two close friends teamed in their last collegiate race with Angela Ruckman ’92 and Amy Boothe ’95 to win the 1600 meter relay at the NCCAA championships and set a school record in the process. It was the first school record for Moell, while Williamson also holds records in the 400 meter relay and 400 meter dash.

“Competing in track has been a good outlet for me,” said Williamson, an elementary education major who married husband John in the summer of 1989. “When Coach Bauer knew I had other things to take care of, he was very flexible.”—JR

End of a Long Inning

F or seniors Kyle Haas and Doug Beals, the completion of the Taylor baseball team’s 1992 season marks the end of a long road they have walked together.

They developed a camaraderie while playing Little League, a time Beals describes as “being friends because we always pitched against each other.” Then, during their high school days at Wheaton North (Ill.), the two played side by side on the diamond. Now, eight years later, it is time to hang up the spikes.

It seemed the two would head their separate ways after high school when Beals came to Taylor and Haas went to Indiana University on a baseball scholarship. Haas was redshirted his first semester, however, and soon after transferred to Taylor.

During their careers, the Trojan baseball program rose to new heights, with the squad posting three straight 20-plus win seasons and qualifying for the District 21 Tournament three consecutive times. Haas and Beals, who were both named Honorable-Mention All-District performers this year, led the team in nearly every category in 1992 as they batted .436 and .400 respectively, with Haas pounding out nine home runs and 44 RBI’s, and Beals hitting five homers to go along with 40 RBI’s.

In what is regarded as a highly individual sport, the two have grown closer as players and as friends, despite being fierce competitors.

“People think that just because you are friends, you can’t compete with each other.” Haas said. “I hope I brought out the best in Doug, because I know he brought out the best in me.”—MS
With gratitude to Nancy Hanks, among others.

Carl Sandburg records that Abraham Lincoln’s father was 5’9” tall and weighed about 185 pounds. Separate from the fact that this is exactly my size, I wondered where the genes that produced “honest Abe,” the 6’4” railsplitter came from. Abraham Lincoln’s mother, Nancy Hanks, sometimes called Nancy Sparrow, was tall and described as slender. The point of this rather interesting set of details is that the name Lincoln is one of the most recognized names ever to be associated with our country, whereas the name Hanks is known only to those with interest in the Lincoln history. Lincoln, however, once said to Herndon, “God bless my mother; all that I am or ever hope to be I owe to her.”

As Taylor University and Summit Christian College are now merged into one, and as the Fort Wayne site is now known as Taylor University-Fort Wayne Campus, there is no question that the former names will be eclipsed in the passage of time. However, this is already true of the Fort Wayne Female College and the Fort Wayne College in the family tree of Taylor University, and of Bethany Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible Training School, and Fort Wayne Bible College in the history of Summit Christian College.

As in the life of Abraham Lincoln, there is more to our history than a single name can hope to convey. For example, Lincoln’s maternal grandfather is unknown, though Lincoln thought him to be a Virginia planter. And it is highly unlikely that his mother, Nancy, would have met and married Thomas Lincoln had it not been for Henry Sparrow who took her into his home as his own daughter. Who can really take credit for the man who became America’s most famous citizen? Truth would probably dictate that a great many people and a combination of many small and very large circumstances contributed to the end result.

Doubtless this magazine is too limited in its scope to be exhaustive and will not do justice to the many persons, events, and decisions that contributed so much over the years to our combined heritage. What we do hope to convey, however, is that God has ordained a vision for Christian higher education and has put that vision into the trust of faithful persons over time. He has been faithful through great testings and struggles—theological, financial and academic, and through it all he has protected the central theme of the vision: the presence of a thoroughly evangelical institution with serious commitments to both biblical authority and scholarly pursuits.

In an earlier day in history we tended to divide our students into two groups, those going into “full-time Christian service,” and those going into “secular” professions. The original Fort Wayne Bible Training School was in fact founded to equip pastors and missionaries for carrying out the Great Commission. In the intervening years, however, our understanding of that Commission has expanded. Today we make no sacred-secular distinction, but believe that persons must be equally committed to Jesus Christ, whatever their profession.

The following list of majors available to our students is indicative of the range of opportunities for Christian service available in a modern world: accounting, art, biblical literature, biology, business administration, chemistry, Christian education, computer science, early childhood education, economics, elementary education, English, French, history, individual goal-oriented, international studies, liberal arts, mass communication, mathematics, math/computer science, music, natural science, pastoral ministries, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, psychology, recreational leadership, social work, sociology, Spanish, and theatre arts.

I am daily conscious of the heritage which I enjoy. To my knowledge, my family was not directly involved in the formation of either of our institutions, but I owe a great debt to those who nurtured me into the faith, first at daily vacation Bible school at the Gospel Center Church in South Bend, IN, and then the folks at the Auten Chapel United Missionary Church in my teenage years. Taylor University provided the opportunity to study under committed faculty mentors in an open, unafraid environment that examined the accomplishments, ideas, beauty and challenges of a civilization. As a Taylor student, I attended youth conferences in Founder’s Hall in Fort Wayne and came to appreciate and trust the shared faith of faculty and students at the then Fort Wayne Bible College.

My roots are deep and my gratitude is great. It is my prayer that the articles in this magazine will contribute to our sense of family with appropriate reverence and gratitude to those mentioned and those known only to God who have made this day possible.

Dr. Jay Kesler serves as president of Taylor University.
A COMMON HERITAGE

Celebrating the merger of Summit Christian College and Taylor University
IN THE PAST WE FIND OUR FUTURE

(Left) It was an act of faith on the part of college leaders and an act of sacrifice for Miss Clara Weibke. Here, Fort Wayne Bible College President Dr. S. A. Witmer in 1958 accepts from Weibke the deed for what was to become the college's South Campus. Trustee S. A. Lehman looks on.

(Above): It was similarly in faith that Taylor University President Dr. Milo Rediger (center) in 1965 declared that the financially-troubled college would remain in Upland and commence an ambitious series of building projects.

The union of Taylor University and Summit Christian College on July 1, 1992, though not consummated without much prayer and study, yet constitutes an act of faith in an all-wise Creator who holds our future in his hands.

A Kingdom Perspective

Dr. Donald D. Gerg
Sixth president
Summit Christian College

A Sacred Trust

Dr. Jay Kesler
President
Taylor University

What we hope to convey in this brief report is that God has ordained a vision for Christian higher education and has put that vision into the trust of faithful persons over time. He has remained faithful through great tests and struggles— theological, financial and academic. And through it all he has protected the central theme of the vision: the presence of a thoroughly evangelical institution with serious commitments to both biblical authority and scholarly pursuits.

In training students to further our Lord’s great commission— our understanding of which has expanded to include virtually every avenue of human endeavor—it is my prayer that our now-joined efforts will carry forward the God-ordained vision in a manner befitting the faith of those who have made this day possible.
1895: Bethany Bible Institute, founded in Bluffton, Ohio
1904: Missionary Church Association Bible Institute
1905: Fort Wayne Bible Training School, after relocation
1931: Fort Wayne Bible Institute
1950: Fort Wayne Bible College
1989: Summit Christian College
1992: Taylor University-Fort Wayne, after merger with Taylor University, based in Upland, Ind.

Taylor University-Fort Wayne Carries on the Spirit of Summit/FWBC

Summit/FWBC’s Board of Trustees, faced with an eroding student base and mounting debt, determined to place the purposes of Christian higher education first and put personal preference, history, and even name secondary, so they might see the mission statement and founding principles of their school carry forward.

In Taylor, they found a university committed to preparing Christians in all vocations to fulfill the Great Commission, an understanding of Christ’s call FWBC had earlier embraced in taking the name Summit Christian College.

By uniting, Taylor and Summit/FWBC combine strengths, minimize overhead and administrative costs, and achieve economies of scale in larger student bodies. In so doing, the mission of providing high-quality Christian education and professional training in fulfilling the great commission will be achieved with greater effectiveness, broader options and majors, and larger selection for students.
Reasoning the Merger

Opportunity.
Necessity.
Visionary.
Providence.

These terms and others are used to describe the merger of Taylor University and Summit Christian College, formerly Fort Wayne Bible College.

The result of that union, Taylor University-Fort Wayne, carries forward the founding energy of Summit/FWBC and extends the Taylor tradition.

For Taylor University, Merger Was an Idea Whose Time Had Come

The overture from Summit/FWBC leadership to Taylor regarding merger arrived on the heels of a decision by the Taylor Board of Trustees to pursue the development of satellite campuses as a way of growing without losing the sense of intimate community that is part of the Taylor ethos. Taylor University-Fort Wayne, in keeping with God’s providence, will fulfill just such a role.

It is a Time-Worn Adage That There are Only Three Important Things in Real Estate: Location, Location, and Location.

Indiana’s second-largest city affords ministry opportunities and tremendous potential for programs not feasible in the country locale of Upland, Ind., where Taylor University is based. Currently under consideration are graduate and continuing education programs, and criminal justice, urban studies, and cooperative nursing degrees.

The Fort Wayne Campus Opens Taylor’s Doors Even Wider to Diversity

Minority students and non-traditional students (e.g., older, married, already in the work force) are among those that may find a Taylor education more accessible in the metropolitan Fort Wayne setting. Too, lower tuition and the ready availability of off-campus employment make the Taylor experience more accessible to qualified students regardless of socio-economic status.

A Strong Future is Built on a Solid Past

Combining the historic strengths of the Taylor and Summit/FWBC programs, Taylor-Fort Wayne offers degrees in education, psychology, business, biblical studies, and pastoral ministries.
Christian Commitment

A strong and common thread woven into the very fabric of both Summit/FWBC and Taylor is a commitment to evangelical Christianity that permeates classroom instruction, administrative decisions, and student life.

Over time, servant-leaders have passed this vision on to successive generations of faithful alumni.

Faithful Throughout Generations

Bishop William Taylor, for whom Taylor University is named, was a 19th-century missionary statesman who took as his parish the entire world. In 1846, on the plains of northern Indiana, godly men and women who shared his compelling vision founded one of America’s oldest evangelical Christian liberal arts colleges—Taylor University.

In the nearly 150 years that have followed, Taylor graduates have established a national reputation for engaging the world for Christ in all areas of human endeavor.

The twin spires of the Rice Bell Tower serve the Upland campus community as daily reminders of the university’s dual commitment to Christ and to academic excellence, central to the Taylor tradition.

Committed to Christ

In 1895, when Benjamin and Katherine Lugibihl established what was to be later known as Fort Wayne Bible College and then Summit Christian College, they did so with the express purpose of offering education for both heart and mind.

Commitment to Christ has been a driving force in the academic training offered by the institution ever since.

For nearly 100 years, Summit/FWBC has prepared men and women to effectively communicate their love for God and his word. Alumni have blanketed the globe, ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ.

Now, under the banner of Taylor University-Fort Wayne, the institution continues to equip Christians for lifelong service to Jesus Christ.

On the Upland campus, the bell tower’s spires signify the integration of faith and learning.

Spiritual Tradition

Spiritual tradition runs deep at the Fort Wayne campus, rooted in a firm commitment to Christ evident in the twin histories of Summit/FWBC and Taylor University.

It comes as no surprise that even the casual visitor to campus is heard to remark on the warm, caring spirit of the students, faculty, and staff, and that “something extra” they offer.

Taylor University-Fort Wayne today blends the common heritage of two evangelical, Christ-centered institutions, and represents the fruitful labor of godly servants who remained faithful to their school’s founding principles.

Faculty and students of the newly renamed and relocated (from Ohio) Fort Wayne Bible Training School as they appeared in 1905. J. E. and Macy Ramseyer are seated at the bottom left; Benjamin Lugibihl and his second wife, Bertha, are seated at the bottom right.
Strong Leadership

Noted for his spiritual leadership, J. E. Ramseyer served as first president of Summit/FWBC (1912-44). He was followed by men similarly committed to laboring for eternal vision, not earthly gain:

Jonas Ringenberg (acting, 1944-45): strong interim leadership.

Dr. Safara Witmer* (1945-57): accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

Dr. Jared Gerig (1958-71): campus expansion; enlargement of Christian service department.


Dr. Donald Gerig (1986-92): multi-purpose Activities Center built; discussions initiated which led to merger with Taylor University.

Selfless Examples

The pages of Taylor history are replete with men and women who, by selfless example, left an enduring legacy for those who would follow.

For instance, turn-of-the-century president Dr. Thaddeus C. Reade sacrificed both his health and personal savings to see the school through troubled financial times to a renewed sense of mission.

During the first half of this century, Dean Burt W. Ayres epitomized honesty, integrity, and Christian leadership for the campus.

As president (1965-75, 1979-81), Dr. Milo Rediger pursued quality education through the synthesis of faith and learning.

Wearing the mantle of former leaders and together with Provost Dr. Daryl Yost carrying forward the mission of the school is current Taylor President Dr. Jay Kesler.
**WORLDWIDE IMPACT**

Fort Wayne Bible College stood uniquely in the top rank of America’s Bible colleges during the apex of the Bible college era.

Today, Taylor University regularly receives national acclaim for its academic and character-building programs.

Through their alumni, both institutions have made significant contributions toward claiming the world for Christ.

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**A Significant Impact**

Around the world, 16,000 Taylor University alumni embody the spirit of their alma mater. “Father of Sports Evangelism” Don Odle, NASA project engineer Debra Frostrom, and World Vision President Emeritus Ted Engstrom are among the many who integrate their faith with their vocation—and in so doing, make a significant impact on their world. *U.S. News & World Report* recognizes Taylor as being among the best regional liberal arts colleges. The Templeton Foundations name Taylor one of the top three character-building colleges in the nation. President George Bush recognized the school as an official “daily point of light.” Current students confirm their satisfaction with record enrollment and continue the Taylor tradition.

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**A VINE OF GOD’S OWN PLANTING**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove it out of the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

—Psalm 80:8-9 (NIV)

Though President Joseph Eicher Ramseyer appropriated that scripture passage for the Fort Wayne Bible Training School, later Summit Christian College, the psalmist’s words bear application to Taylor University, as well.

Both Summit and Taylor were founded on Christian principles, being planted of God, and both have experienced growth and extended influence, “filling the land” at home and abroad.

Now grafted together as one, and rooted in the true Vine, the joined institution welcomes enhanced opportunities for ministry to a world in need.

**Making a Difference**

During a near-century of service, Summit/FWBC has enjoyed an ever-widening sphere of influence.

Every day her 4000-plus living alumni and the over-2700 men and women currently enrolled in the Institute of Correspondence Studies utilize their college training in a variety of ministries and vocations, making a difference one person at a time.

On a larger organizational scale, the existence and fruitful service of both the American Association of Bible Colleges and the Association of Christian Service Personnel may be traced to the seminal influence of FWBC leadership.

Now joined with Taylor University, the school’s influence will continue to be felt into a second century of service.
Reaching Out Around the World

Since its founding as an arm of the Missionary Church Association, Summit/FWBC has trained Christians to touch the world through taking leadership roles in missions outreach both at home and abroad. Alumni have proved themselves equal to the task. Nearly one in eleven has served as a missionary sometime in his or her career: one in seven has worked in a direct capacity with the Missionary Church.

Giving sacrificially of their time, energy, and resources, alumni have advanced the kingdom of God and affirmed the heritage of their alma mater.

Faithful Stewards of the Manifold Grace of God

It is not surprising that a university named for one of the most influential missionaries of the 19th century should evidence a long-standing commitment to world evangelism.

Such is Taylor University’s heritage.

In the 1890s, the spirit-filled life and untimely death of penniless-African-princeling-cum-Taylor-student Sammy Morris brought to the University a renewed focus on global evangelism and challenged generations of students to personal response.

Yet today, the Taylor missions tradition flourishes as men and women study in an intentional environment and program designed to prepare them for “ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need” regardless of their chosen vocation.
TRADITION OF COMMUNITY

Though creating Christian community is no easy task, those who live and work and study in such a setting cannot help but be affected by it.

It is to their credit that both Summit/FWBC and Taylor have fashioned just such a tradition. The benefits may well extend beyond the campus, beyond the surrounding neighborhoods, into eternity.

Welcome to the Family

Since her founding, Summit/FWBC has emphasized a sense of family life. Still today, the relatively small student body, low faculty-student ratio, and shared sense of calling encourage the personal relationships that contribute to the close sense of community enjoyed by those on the Fort Wayne campus.

Community life has long been value-oriented, with students expected to be responsible and ethical in all practices, using God’s word as their guide.

Alumni testify in both word and deed to the long-reaching benefits of their community experience.

Shultz Hall was the first building constructed on the Fort Wayne campus in 1904.
Desiring to see the mission of the training school expand, in 1904 Summit/FWBC officials decided to move the school from its cramped quarters in Bluffton, Ohio, to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Writes the school historian, “While close to the city, the location was far from the industries and railroads, away from the din and dirt of the city, and ideal for a Christian institution where high standards for study and training were to prevail.”

While those high standards still prevail, the campus is today surrounded by residential neighborhoods and offers students easy access to employment and internship opportunities, shopping malls, professional sports contests, contemporary Christian concerts, and countless opportunities for ministry.

Financial difficulties necessitated the school’s move to its current Upland location in 1892. (Twelve years later, Summit/FWBC officials investigated the original campus as a possible site for their school when they relocated from Ohio.)

Along a quiet stretch of the St. Mary’s River in Fort Wayne, Ind., stands a stone marking the birthplace and home for 47 years of Fort Wayne College, now known as Taylor University.

In uniting with Summit/FWBC, Taylor University reunites herself with the Fort Wayne community.
CONFIDENT VISION

Combining a clear sense of the past with far-reaching vision for the future is the president of Taylor University, Dr. Jay Kesler. Best-selling author and authority on the family, Dr. Kesler is past-president of Youth for Christ and host of the daily radio broadcast Family Forum.

Reflecting on his lifetime affiliation with the Missionary Church (founders of the Fort Wayne Bible Training School), Dr. Kesler styles himself “a missionary to higher education.” Here he shares his vision for the Fort Wayne campus.

Building a Solid Foundation for an Uncertain Future

The world is not getting any simpler. And it’s not likely to do so any time soon. In fact, I believe the 21st century will visit a whole host of new problems and complications upon the inhabitants of our small planet.

The challenges, however, will only expand opportunities and enhance the need for evangelical Christians to be active across professions and at all levels of service.

The Fort Wayne campus tangibly represents the forward-thinking union of Taylor University and Summit Christian College/FWBC. It also positions the merged institution to play a vital role in equipping Christian men and women to develop a solid foundation on which to meet the challenges of the next century.

Looking Ahead

We must remember that we live in the present; we face a new day. The call is not backward, but beyond us, to the future if Jesus tarries. There has been entrusted to us a new challenge equated with our day, our times, our lives, but with spirit, power, vision and faith we must meet the challenge of our day as they met the challenge of theirs.

—former FWBC President Jared Gerig, in A Vine of God’s Own Planting

Specialized training to address spiritual needs

In an increasingly complex world, “specialization” is the watchword of all professions. As I see the future of our cooperative effort, we will continue to encourage 18- to 22-year-olds to get a solid, academically-based, language-oriented, theological foundation to be added in to a graduate or seminary environment.

Also, for the very many whose lives’ path hasn’t allowed them the luxury of a graduate education, I am personally committed to seeing us provide opportunity for them to augment and to improve their education through courses of study of all types, including short-term seminars and user-friendly courses, offered at the convenience of practicing pastors, youth workers, missionaries on furlough, and Christian workers in general.

We have not yet put in stone all the future plans, but my vision is that eventually there will be a solid, academically-based evangelical graduate school of religion in Fort Wayne, as part of Taylor University.

Dr. Jay Kesler, president, Taylor University.
In President Jay Kesler (center, left) and Provost Daryl Yost (center right) students find strong role models and mentors.

Education and Social Work Programs

The Fort Wayne campus greatly enhances Taylor’s programs in teacher education, social work, and other helping professions. For example, in Fort Wayne we have a truly distinguished school system to work with our student teachers. I envision a partnership that will be of great benefit to Fort Wayne and the surrounding area and give us diverse opportunities never before available in the same form.

Cooperative Nursing Program a Possibility

Realizing our nation faces unprecedented health care concerns in the years ahead, Taylor has established an ever-expanding and fruitful relationship with the Lutheran College of Health Professions in Fort Wayne. Though currently in the early planning stages, the day will come, I believe, when hundreds of young Taylor students receive degrees preparing them to take leadership in the ever-challenging field of health care.

Salt and Light in the Business Community

We have an outstanding business, economics, and accounting department at the Upland campus. We are building steadily and solidly to see those same strengths installed in Fort Wayne, thereby providing outstanding opportunities for those involved in degree completion and adult education.

The Doors Remain Open to a Diverse Student Body

It is my hope that the Fort Wayne campus will look different from the Upland campus in the sense that it will be aiming at a broader target audience: students of a broader age range, of different life experiences, from across a broader socio-economic spectrum, of more diverse racial makeup—and certainly with a more sharpened focus on professional training. Many of these students will already have entered life’s mainstream and the work force and need skills and understanding to make greater penetration into society.

Our Heritage Lights the Way for Our Future

We intend to make every effort to keep intact the history of Summit Christian College and Fort Wayne Bible College, and in permanent ways maintain their presence on the campus through naming of facilities, regular heritage chapels, and other reminders to youth of the foundations on which they stand. I very strongly believe that to face the future unafraid, young people need preparation and perspective from the study and appreciation of history.

The Continuing Challenge: Developing Servant-Leaders

Our biggest challenge is the maintenance of the unique Christian ethos that is Taylor and the strong Christian heritage that is Summit/FWBC.

We are not trying to duplicate other educa-

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In other words, amidst the inevitable changes of merger, many things remain constant. The pastoral ministries program, responsible for affecting the lives of many pastors over the years, is one of them. It continues a primary focus on campus. Its curriculum strengthened to allow for more breadth in areas of specialization.

The vision of the pastoral ministries program lives on. In fact, it is clearer now than ever.

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Taylor gatherings unite alumni, friends, current and prospective students and their parents—friends, all, who share a common interest and belief in the mission of Taylor University.

Taylor Club meetings

Greater Detroit Area Taylor Club
The Novi Hilton served as the location for a Greater Detroit Area reception held on Monday, April 20, and was coordinated by Rich ’67 and Jan (Smith x’63) Cummins. George Glass provided a campus update. Alumni present for the event represented class years spanning from 1938 to 1991, and included a recent Student Ambassador.

Northwest Ohio Area Taylor Club
The Barn Restaurant on the grounds of the Sauder Farm and Craft Village was the site chosen by Doug and Kathy (Sonnenberg ’75) Rupp for the Northwest (Archbold) Ohio Area Taylor Club dinner. Doug Rupp serves as a member of Taylor’s National Alumni Council and is actively involved with the giving and endowment committee. George Glass provided a campus update, while Dr. Alan Winquist reported on Taylor’s involvement with Eastern European countries. Gene Rupp ’58, newly appointed vice president for Development, also attended. A total of 47 alumni, parents, and friends, plus prospective students participated in this event.

Cincinnati Area Taylor Club
Maribeth (True ’84) Fleischhauer coordinated a reception at the Plantation Restaurant on the west side of Cincinnati on Tuesday, April 28. George Glass provided the Taylor update. Wendell ’56 and Diane (Beghtel x’56), former NAC members, were among the alumni and friends who attended.

Indianapolis Area Taylor Club
Sixty alumni and friends from the Indianapolis area attended their Taylor Club dinner/theater on campus Saturday, May 9. Club President Scott Hughett ’87 presided.

Greater Peoria (Ill.) Area Taylor Club
The lovely Atrium Building at the Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, Ill., was the setting for an informal dessert reception for alumni, parents, and friends hosted by Cristi (Grimm ’85) Mathers. George Glass presented a campus update. Those in attendance spanned several decades of Taylor class years.

Bloomington (Ind.) Area Taylor Club
For the eleventh consecutive year, a Taylor Club dinner was held in conjunction with the Southern Conference of the United Methodist Church at the campus of Indiana University. George Glass was the guest speaker at the June 11 gathering. Mark Dodd ’78 coordinates this event. Pastors from the entire Southern Conference who are Taylor graduates participate in the meeting, in addition to local alumni, parents, and friends.

Upcoming Taylor Club meetings

July 9
Indiana
Luncheon

July 10-15
Greater Upland
Bus trip

July 16
Indiana
Luncheon

August 1
Cincinnati
Picnic

August 8
South Bend/Elkhart
Picnic
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

In stark contrast to "armchair generals," two-star General Henry Ware Lawton (graduate of the class of 1861) was famous for his daring and cool disdain for personal survival.

It was a trait in evidence during the Civil War and further developed as a young cavalry officer during the Indian campaigns, when he himself accepted the surrender of Geronimo.

It was a trait Lawton evidenced again at El Caney, in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. There, at the Battle of San Juan Hill, Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders rode under the command of Lawton.

It was a trait that ultimately led to his demise in the Philippines, where he was dispatched to help quell the rebellion. There on Luzon, mounted on his black horse, or striding up and down the lines, Lawton always wore a big white sun helmet, an easy target for enemy fire. In December of 1899 he met a hero's death on a river bank north of Manila.

General Nelson Miles, commander of the armed forces in the Cuban phase of the Spanish-American War, describes Lawton as "a man of sterling ability and clear, strong will power who believes that a thing can be accomplished if given an opportunity. He always had faith in what he was called to do, and his men had faith and love in his leadership."

Roosevelt, President McKinley with his cabinet, and former Presidents Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison attended last rites for Lawton in Arlington National Cemetery.

"He was a selfless man who forgot himself into eternity."—WR

Tender Age: Greek Instructor

Maybelle Reade was all of 19 years old when she took a position as Greek teacher at Taylor.

She was born in Texas in 1879, the only daughter of Dr. Thaddeus C. Reade and Laura Kirkley Reade, his second wife. Her father served as Taylor's president from 1891 until his death in 1902.

When her father accepted the presidency of the school, Maybelle enrolled in Taylor's "classical Greek course." Two years later, she was one of the 15 students who accompanied the school on its move from Fort Wayne to Upland. The Reade residence was located where Swallow-Robin Hall now stands.

In her student days, Maybelle was a Thalonian, and sang in the University chorus. She was graduated with the class of 1896, earning her BA degree in Greek. She attended graduate school at the women's college in Baltimore for a year, then taught Greek at Taylor for a year before taking an additional two years of post-graduate work at Bryn Mawr College.

She again taught Greek at Taylor from 1902 to 1906 and edited and published the monthly periodical, Soul Food, that her father had founded.

When her health failed in 1906, Maybelle returned to her home in Toledo, Ohio. She died April 16, 1908 at age 29. She is buried in the Reade family plot in the cemetery at Sidney, Ohio.

"When a saint dies, earth is robbed for heaven's benefit."—WR

1861

At six-foot-five-inches tall, and 230 pounds, in his prime this famous alumnus could pick up an average-sized man and throw him the distance of a rod—16 and a half feet. He was afraid of nothing. Perhaps that was his undoing.

1897

When Dr. Thaddeus Reade became Taylor's president in 1891, his young daughter followed him to the school. When he died in 1902, she followed him in death shortly thereafter.
Phil Miller '36: Hometown Proud

When at a young age, Phil Miller moved from nearby Gas City, Ind., to Upland, it was to stay.

Miller was born in 1915, and moved to Upland soon after. He enrolled at Taylor in the fall of 1932.

Ever an athlete, Miller averaged 15 points per game during his three years in varsity basketball at center position. During his senior year he served both as captain of the basketball team and as president of T-Club.

Miller lettered in tennis, track, basketball, and baseball. He graduated with the class of '36, earning his BA in history.

Upon the resignation of Coach Paul Ward in the middle of the 1942-43 basketball season, Miller stepped in as acting coach for the balance of the season. The next fall he accepted the head coaching job on his own merits. There he remained until the end of the 1945-46 season, when he resigned to take ownership of a local automobile dealership. It was a position he would hold for 22 years.

In 1968, Miller suffered a fatal heart attack while responding to a fire alarm. He was age 53.

Miller is laid to rest at Jefferson Cemetery near the community and University to which he devoted his life and influence.

Having known Phil Miller personally, I can say: "Unstained Soul, it will be so wonderful to see you again!"—W.R.
1926
Raymond Squire, class president, has written a series of spiritual messages in booklet form, and has more in progress as part of his ongoing retired ministry. He has established an endowed scholarship at Taylor in memory of his wife.

1932
Cleo Skelton died March 5 in High Point, NC, following several years of declining health. Preacher, missionary and teacher, Cleo served Methodist churches, and taught in India as well as at Asbury College.

1937
Lester Sommer died February 21 in Fort Wayne, IN. He served Methodist churches for 35 years, then continued for 15 more in various assignments as pastor, chaplain and minister of visitation.

1939
Devec Brown died February 16 in Sun City, AZ. He and wife Marge (Williamson '44) met at Taylor and served together for 48 years as missionaries with World Gospel Mission. As a Taylor student, Devec traveled extensively with the quartet. He and Marge were grateful for four grown children, all serving the Lord. The family has set up a memorial scholarship at Taylor for students preparing for missionary service. Marge lives at 13265 - 110th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351. Ralph Lawrence passed away March 18 at age 93. While a student at Taylor, Ralph served as pastor of the Upland Friends Church.

1945
Clara (Eibner) Orr died March 16. She is survived by husband Fred '46, son Fred Jr. and daughter Martha (Orr '76) Boltz. Paris Reidhead died of cancer on March 23 at his home in Woodbridge, VA. He was a C&MA minister and founder of the Institute for International Development and Transformation International which provide guidance and seed money for small businesses in third world countries. His wife, Marjorie, resides at 12901 Cohasset Ln., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

1954
After their evacuation from Zaire last September, Dick & Marilyn Steiner returned to the Intl Center of Evangelism in Kinshasa where Dick teaches and serves as director of the school. Marilyn teaches and supervises the kitchen. Dick writes that the country, moving toward democracy, is politically unstable and in economic crisis, but the Lord is taking care of them.

1955
Mike & Lorena (Smith '56) Murphy are praising God for Mike's successful quintuple bypass surgery in January. He suffered chest pain while jogging, and three days later had surgery. The Murphys serve with OMS in Brazil, Caixa Postal 58, 86.001 Londrina, Parana, BRAZIL.

1956
Carol (Herber x) Coblenz died February 1 of cancer. She had worked part-time for the past 16 years at Dayton City Mission. Husband Paul lives at 2023 Edith Marie Dr., Dayton, OH 45431. Floyd Greiner died March 7, 1991, in Golden, CO, after a brief illness. A United Methodist clergyman, Floyd earned the PhD in clinical psychology and had been in private practice since 1977. Wife Gloria lives at 1755 Foothills Dr. S., Golden, CO 80401.

1960
Bill Reasner has been appointed superintendent of SNJ Central District of the United Methodist Church. He has served United Methodist Churches since his student days at Taylor. Bill and wife Judith, a speech pathologist, live at 445 E. Main St., Moorestown, NJ 08057.

1962
Fred Yazzie, the only ordained Navajo minister in the United Methodist Church, was honored in February as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by Asbury Theological Seminary. Fred earned the MDiv degree from Asbury Seminary in 1966, and returned to minister on the Navajo reservation in NM. In addition to pastoral duties, Fred has led evangelistic crusades in Costa Rica, Africa and the Philippines.

1964
Dan & Janet (Tucker) Smith will move to Upland this summer where Dan joins the Taylor faculty as director of laboratories in chemistry and physics. The Smiths have two children--Jennifer (15) and Joshua (9).
1965
Dave & Karen (Plueddeeman '66) Horsey are celebrating 25 years of marriage and 20 years of ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ during which their responsibility has extended to 35 countries. Dave is working with Russian Christians, leaders on Mission Volga '82, a major evangelistic effort this summer in 11 cities along the Volga River.

1966
Dennis Buwalda, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church since 1969, has been appointed superintendent of the Grand Traverse District, West Michigan Conference of the UM Church. Dennis and wife Carol (Group '67) are the parents of Lori Le, a college senior, and Angela, a high school junior.

1967
Charlotte Clark received the Citation of Condoliation, the highest award a private citizen can receive from the Oklahoma State Legislature, for her leadership and work in the beautification of the city of Glenpool. Charlotte, a landscape designer, has done extensive work for the Glenpool Park Board.

1968
James Glenn MD was inducted February 20 as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

1969
Salsbury is pastor of Heartland Ministries in Sharpsville, IN. He completed the DMin degree from Oral Roberts University in 1991. Bill, wife Connie, and Heidi (18), Josh (15), Nathan (13) and Mary Sue (10) live at RR 2, Box 251, Sharpsville, IN 46068.

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Dorothy Maddox, a teacher in the Blackford County Schools since 1970, died February 1.

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Judy (Anglin x) Douglas lives in Altoona, PA, where she is secretary, bookkeeper and occasional tour guide for a local museum. Husband Bob is pastor of Center Bethel Church of God. Children are Jonathan Barret (20), Angela Coleen (18) and Andrew David (15). Their address is Box 114, Altoona, PA 15602.

1975
Dave & Jan (Palacino) Bowser live in Ogden, UT, with daughters Kris (12) and Jenny (10). Dave completed a master's degree in computer science in 1988, and is senior software programmer for Thoisko Corp. Jan is director of children's ministries at Washington Hts Baptist Church, and requests prayer for the Lord's continued guidance in their ministry among members of the LDS. The Bowser's live at 985 N. Gentry Ave., Ogden, UT 84404.

1976
Chuck & Carole Fennig returned to the states last December following four years in New Caledonia with Wycliffe. They participated in an individualized leadership development program at the Summer Institute of Linguistics Center in Dallas to prepare them for a new assignment as SIL team leaders when they return to New Caledonia in about a year. While in the states they are pursuing the process of adopting a baby.

1977
Jay & Paige (Comstock) Cunningham announce the birth of Joel Jay on September 3, 1991. He joins Kelsey (7) and Jameson (5), both of whom are being home educated this year by Paige. Paige has officially retired after 10 years of work as legal counsel for the pro-life movement, but retains membership on the board of Americans United for Life. Jay continues as a senior investment broker with A.G. Edwards & Sons. The family lives at 26W281 Memo Min Dr., Wheaton, IL 60187.

1978
Levi Jordan was born July 3, 1991, to Jeffrey & Anita Alexander, joining sister Ashley (3). Jeff is R&D/QC laboratory manager for Analytical Control Systems, a chemical laboratory research firm based in Indianapolis. The Alexanders live at 9769 W. Main, Lapel, IN 46051.

1979
Nancy (Grande) Graham received the MED in educational leadership in August 1989 from the University of South Florida. (The information attributed to Nancy in the Winter '92 issue belonged to Nancy McConkie Graham '81—Sorry! Ed.) Robin (Murphy) Hitzschenk was recently named a larrielle Harris concert at Bethel College (IN). As winner of a contest entered by soprano from Indiana and Michigan, Robin sang "I've Just Seen Jesus" with Larrielle, receiving a standing ovation from the audience. Robin is active in her own music ministry, performing and speaking as well as producing tapes and CDs. She and husband Jim, an investment consultant and Robin's manager, live with their six children at 1922 Linden Ave., Mishawaka, IN 46544. Son Drew and daughter Dana were born January 31 to Kent & Jill (Laird) Holman, but went to be with the Lord shortly thereafter. Kent and Jill, with son Alex (18 mos.), reside at 5733 Popp Rd, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845. Michael & Helen (Ross '79) LaDeau became parents of Rebecca Rose on September 18, 1991. Helen is at home with the baby and her brother, Philip Ross, born November 28, 1988. Michael is an overhead crane designer for Kone-Landell in Houston. Their address is 94 W. High Oaks Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77380. Bill & Robin (Lincoln) Nichols are pleased to announce the adoption of Ian Andrew, who was born in Korea on April 8, 1991, and arrived home on December 19, 1991. Bill works for International Outreach, a Christian organization serving international students at Iowa State University. Robin is at home with Ian at 2903...
1980

Steve Brooks’ varsity basketball team at Houghton College was #1 in NAIA Division II for 3-point accuracy and free-throw shooting. • Patti Goodine and Ron Baker were married July 14, 1990, while both were students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Patti received the MSW degree in December 1991, and Ron received the MDIV/CE at the same time. He is currently pastor of a Southern Baptist church in Louisville. Their address is 2825 Lexington Rd., SBTS Box 81771, Louisville, KY 40208. • Carl & Cindy (Nicholson) Gutman happily announce the birth of Tyler Christian on October 9, 1991. Their full-term twin sons, Timothy Wayne and Matthew Todd, were stillborn May 5, 1990. Daughter Monica Lynn is 4. Carl is pastor of Apple River Evangelical Free Church, and Cindy is at home with Tyler and Monica at 1149—80th St., Ankeny, IA 50021.

1981

Chris & Jane Godfrey, 5740 Philadelphia Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46254, announce the birth of Sean Christopher on January 2. • Nancy (McEnroe) Graham was awarded the Master of Science in Education-Special Education in August 1991 from the University of Wisconsin-East Claire. • Matt & Debbie (Barnhart) Green announce the birth of Jack on Sue on August 17, 1991. Sister Katherine Anne was born July 9, 1989. Matt is program director of Comprehensive Medical Rehab Center in Ft. Lauderdale, and is in his final year of law school at the University of Miami. Debbie has released her second album, a collaboration with her father, of sacred hymns and meditative scripture. The Green family lives at 21542 Coronado Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33433. • Bradley David was born February 3 to Gordon & Janet (Maierl) Hewitt, 1341 E. Evergrove Dr., Palmatine, IL 60067. Janet is self-employed part-time as a PC software trainer. • Dave & Susanna (Hartman) Pocher, 770 Foxcroft Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615, announce the birth of Abigail Grace on January 25. Big brother Andrew is 3. • Elizabeth Rohrer and John Klingstedt were married May 4, 1991, in Dallas, TX. Tami (Rediger) Burklin was in the wedding. Elizabeth is office manager for Marshall Energy Inc., and John is controller at Marcus Cable Co. Their address is 1218 Laurel Ln., Richardson, TX 75080.

1982

Kinsley JoAnn was born December 4, 1991, to Kelly & Wendy (Soderquist) Koons. She joins brothers Zachary Gunnar (5) and Christian Sander (2). Kelly is assistant principal at Manchester HS. Wendy recently resigned her position as director of orientation at Taylor to be with their children. The Koons family resides at 311 N. Wayne, North Manchester, IN 46962. • Ron Sutherland has accepted the position of Associate VP/Controller for Taylor University. Ron, wife Judy (Klompacreech) and their children, Timothy (6) and Megan (4), live at 503 Warkentin Ct., Upland, IN 46069. They welcome friends to give them a call or stop by when visiting Taylor.

1983

Wendy Baoli was married to Jon McNeese on November 2, 1991. From southern California they moved to 1338 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, VA 24153. Wendy is an account executive for Leisure Publishing, representing Blue Ridge Country magazine, based in Roanoke, VA. • Paul Branks is director of communications/public relations for the 14,000-member Indiana Association of REALTORS in Indianapolis. He also serves as managing editor for the association’s magazine. Paul’s wife, Ann, is at home with their daughters, Lauren and Ellen, at 611 Jackson St., Brownsburg, IN 46112. • James Convy is assistant vice president in the marketing department of American National Bank & Trust Co., Muncie, IN. • Mike & Patti (Vanderschaaf) Fossell announce the birth of Hannah Michelle on May 21, 1991. Mike is an agent with Northwestern Mutual Life, and Patti, formerly a sales rep for a credit bureau, is now happy at home with Hannah. They live at 4205 Crisfield Ct., Raleigh, NC 27613. • Karen Gould and David Livingston were married October 26, 1991, and now reside at 18009 Maple Dr., Grabill, IN 46741. • Ted & Maria (Carpenter) Grosholze announce the birth of Emily May on October 17, 1991. Maria keeps busy at home with Emily and Elena (3). The family resides at 812 Westmoreland, Lansing, MI 48915. • Greg Holz is an assistant manager of the Business Center at Chicago Hilton and Towers. Wife Teresa (Scheffler) ’84 offers day care in their home, 907 N. Ridge Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. They have two children—Kathryn (2) and Kristine Rene, born February 4.

1984

Scott Dodd has been selected by the Guam Amateur Wrestling Federation as coach for the 1992 Olympic wrestling team. Scott teaches advanced math at St. John’s School in Tumon Bay, Guam. He and wife Katherine have two children. They live at 911 Marine Dr., Tumon Bay, Guam 96911. • Glenn Harsch and Melanie Robb were married January 18. Best man was Dan Thompson. Glenn is a therapist at Haven Hospital in DeSoto, TX. He and Melanie reside at 8711 San Fernando Way, Dallas, TX 75218. • Mike & Brenda (Wheeler) ’81 Wright welcomed Cara Elizabeth to the family on January 21. Big sister Katie is delighted with her. The family lives at 422 E. Chapin, Cadillac, MI 49601.

1985

David x & Robin (Taylor) Guerrieri reside at 428-316 Versailles Pl., Versailles at Sabal Point, Longwood, FL 32779-3663, with daughter, Alexandra Nicole (2). David owns his practice, specializing in chiropractic orthopedics and industrial medicine. He is a medical consultant for several major insurance companies and adjunct professor of human anatomy and physiology at a local college. Robin serves the practice as executive director and manages the practice and insurance affairs office. David was recently appointed Committee man, 92nd Precinct, Seminole County Republican Party Executive Committee. • Scott Hammond was married to Pamela Chiodros on February 1. Taylor participants were Andy & Lisa (Boyd) Campbell, Paul Harris, Andy Varner, Larry Babian x, Randy Jenkins x ’84 and Leigh (Hammond) ’86 Carlson. Scott is a major account executive for Lanier Worldwide. Pam is a zone clinical manager for Tokos Medical. The couple lives at 736 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304. • John & Nancy (Norman) Rizzo moved earlier this year to 28040 Essex, Warrenville, IL 60555, with their two children—Joshua Michael (3) and Keri Ann (1). Nancy completed the MS in adult continuing education in 1991 at Northern Illinois University, and is a part-time English teacher at Streamwood HS. She also conducts business writing seminars. John is materials manager for Educational Assistance Ltd. • David William was born October 19, 1991, to Darrell & Susan (Vinton) Stone, 4 Francine Pl., Millington, NJ 07946. Darrell is director of corporate visibility for Moody’s Investors Service in New York City, and Susan is at home with David and Darrell III (3).

1986

Drew Joseph was born October 1, 1991, to Chris & Sarah Adams, 721 E. Camden Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46825. Chris is a teacher/coach at Carroll HS, and Sarah is at home with Drew. • Chris & Maria (coach) has earned her Certification in Production and
1987

Michelle Bailey married TSgt Robyn Alan Myers on February 19, 1991, in Biloxi, MS. They currently reside at 6935 Oakhurst Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Michelle is director of Christian education at Wesley United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs.

• Duane & Cherri (Passon ’89) Birkey have been accepted for missionary service with HCJB World Radio. Duane will work as a photographer and dark room technician, and Cherri will work in the finance office. In January they go to Costa Rica for a year of language school. Until then, their address is 4610 Lake Trail #1B, Lisle, IL 60532.

• Cliff & Jennifer (Durrleib) Jordan have moved to 351 S. Julian, Naperville, IL 60540. Jennifer is marketing communications writer for Xerox Life in Oakbrook Terrace, and Cliff is a bond analyst for Nike Securities in Lisle.

• Katie Kurtz and Sam Martens were married November 2, 1991, in Houston, TX. Robyn (Landit) Miller and Robin Knapp were Taylor participants. Katie teaches 3rd grade in Pasadena, TX. Sam is a Texas A&M student and computer software engineer with Lockheed at NASA-Johnson Space Center in Houston. The couple lives at 801 E. NASA Rd One #201, Webster, TX 77598. "Taylor news and guests welcomed!"

1988

Mark Brown completes the master of arts in American politics at George Washington University in July. He and wife Sonya (Merrill ‘90) are moving to Wisconsin, where Sonya has accepted a position at the PhD program for political theory at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

• After working in Washington DC with the Republican National Committee, Mark Dowd is now a resource specialist with the Elkhart, IN. Chamber of Commerce. He is active in the singles ministry of Calvary Baptist Church in South Bend. His address is 14304 State Rd 23, Granger, IN 46530-5959.

• Jonathan & Jill (Hay ’89) Jeran announce the birth of Jordan Taylor on January 30. Jon is assistant pastor of Pine Hill Church in Ft Wayne, and Jill is choir director at Norwell HS in Ossian. They live at 621 E. Dupont, Ft Wayne, IN 46845.

• Brittany Alexander was born December 16, 1991, to John & Lori (Falks) Sims, 10124 Sunflower Ct, Fredericktown, VA 22407. Kristin Alevit (2) is the proud big sister.

• Tony Ullen teaches junior high history and driver education at Northfield Jr-Sr HS. He also serves as assistant varsity football and junior varsity baseball coach. He resides at 1925 Vernon St., #10, Wabash, IN 46992.

1990

Linda Sue Johnson and Randy Hankins were married December 28, 1990, in Glenview, IL. Bridesmaids were Clare (Voigt ’89) Kasemeier, Jodell Hendrickson ’91 and Penny Palsgrove ’91. Linda is a cost accountant in inventory control for Franklin-Watts, a children's book publishing company. The couple's address is 5691 Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60646.

1991

October 5, 1991, was the wedding date of Lana Hunteman and Tim Augustine in Findlay, OH. Participants from Taylor were Lisa (Reploge v Lengacher, Timothy Hunteman ‘89, Mark Harris ‘88, Dan Burden ’92, Brooke Reeves ’92, Emma Suter ‘92 and Rhoda Vyas ’92. The couple lives at 1799 Fostoria Rd #E, Findlay, OH 45840. Lana is a systems analyst for Marathon Oil Co., and Tim is an accountant at J & D Heating & Air Conditioning.

Teresa (Larimore ’91) & Eric Holmer were married May 30 in Elmore, OH. Eric is a graduate of ITT Technical Institute, and works for D & L Communications in Findlay, IN.
God never asked Noah if he liked snakes

The climate was changing, sea levels were going to rise, and the sin of mankind was to blame. There was work to be done. “Noah, the records show you to be a righteous man. You’ve found favor with me. Your job, the job of a righteous man, is to care for my creation. In the face of the sin of man, I want you to care for the things I have created.”

“Right,” Noah replies, “Exactly what do you want me to do?...” and Yawheh Elohiym, the Creator-Sustainer-God tells him, “Build a boat.”

At that point in the story, most of us start asking questions that are very Greek, very Western: “How big was the boat? Where did the wood come from? How deep was the water? Where did it come from? How could 30 million species fit in the ark? How did Noah get the animals from Australia? How did Noah know when he had all the bacteria in the boat? What happened to the fish? Where did the boat land? How did the animals that couldn’t swim get back to Australia?”

Although these questions are fun to ask and argue about, when we spend all our time dealing with them, we miss the point of the story.

Unlike the Greek, the Hebrew who reads this story asks, “Of all the stories you could have chosen, why Yahweh Elohiym, did you preserve this one for us? What lessons could we learn from it?”

The most important lesson that I learn from the Noah account is right off the front page of a newspaper. The lesson is this: When God’s creation is threatened because of the sins of mankind, the job of the righteous man is to do whatever is necessary in order to rescue and preserve the created order. No creature is expendable because of the sin of man.

“Take them all, Noah. Protect them all.”

Though we have no record, surely Noah must have asked and God must have answered his questions. “Noah, I don’t care if the flood will ruin the economy. I don’t care how expensive gopher wood is. Noah, I don’t care what the political ramifications are going to be. Save my creation.”

I don’t care if it takes one hundred years. Noah, I don’t care if you don’t like snakes and cockroaches. Noah, I don’t care if the flood will ruin the economy. Noah, I don’t care how expensive gopher wood is. Noah, I don’t care what the political ramifications are going to be. Noah, I don’t even want you to go and try to save more people.

“Noah, your job—the job of the righteous man—is to save my created order. No part is expendable. Yes, Noah, even the snail darter. Yes, even the white rhinoceros. Yes, Noah, even the California condor and the timber wolf. And oh, yes, Noah, even the spotted owl. Yes, Noah, I am quite aware that this will make a lot of people very mad. But the job of the righteous man is to protect the things that I value. Noah, no part is expendable.”

The lesson is this: When God’s creation is threatened because of the sins of mankind, it is the job of the righteous man to do whatever is necessary in order to rescue and preserve it. Here then is the Scriptural response to the endangered species question.

How popular today would Noah be in the logging country of the Pacific Northwest? But then, God was never too concerned with being popular.

There is a great sadness here. While groups of Christian believers debate the mechanism of creation and the depth of the flood water, the very property and handiwork of the Creator-Sustainer-God is being destroyed. It is estimated that if current trends continue over the next several decades, we will be participants in the loss of between five and 10 million species, the greatest mass extinction since the Ice Age and the first great mass extinction caused by the sins of man.

I wonder where in the American evangelical church are the legions of Bible-believing Christians standing shoulder to shoulder with Brother Noah in order to protect the spotted owl—or the snow leopard, the peregrin falcon, the blue whale, the ghost bat, or the thousands of other species near extinction because of the sins of man?

Will we join hands with Noah? His story illustrates the difference one person can make. God’s call to the righteous person is clear. The response is our own.—ES
Three years ago, Rick and Joanne Seaman hosted 21 people for Homecoming—13 of them under the age of 10. Rick wasn’t sure their home could hold one more child. Had Homecoming been a week later, he would have found out.

Two years ago, while staying with friends during Homecoming, the Rev. Elton Stetson stacked a load of wood for them in his spare time. Rev. Stetson was 88 years old at the time.

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