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Change of Perspective  Answering a Lifelong Call  Into the Darkness
You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

Matthew 5:13

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

Mark 9:50

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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Being salt in a dying world

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Each of us knows the passage. We have sung songs about it. We have memorized it. We have taught it to our children.

I have often come away from this passage with a picture of salt bringing flavor into the world. But in reality, salt has many characteristics. It heals. It burns and irritates. It preserves. And it even provides traction against an icy, slippery surface.

Increasingly, as our culture strays from the established norms and guidelines of Scripture, God’s salty people will look more and more peculiar to those around them. That is a good thing.

This issue of Taylor magazine examines the lives and testimonies of members of our community who, through the lives they lead, preserve, heal and live as salt in the places where God has called them.

Jennifer Nace ’11 exhibits joy in the midst of physical trials. Dr. Jonathan Askew ’65 left the comfort of the United States to practice medicine in international settings and benefit those who could not afford it. And cross country athlete Tabitha Bogue ’10, through her winsome, joyful testimony and prayers for those she competes with, personifies salt in the world of intercollegiate athletics.

And these are just a few. Each year, nearly 500 graduates of Taylor University, marked with a passion to minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth to a world in need, complete their education here to begin a ministry to a special place where God has called them.
Hat trick
Taylor gains third straight number one ranking in U.S. News

For the third straight year, Taylor University has been named the number one Baccalaureate College in the Midwest in America’s Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report.

Taylor earned 100 rating points while second-place Ohio Northern University received 90 points. Augustana (South Dakota) was third with 83 points. Dordt College and Northwestern College (both in Iowa) rounded out the top five with a fifth-place tie, scoring 82 points.

Among the Midwest Baccalaureate Colleges, Taylor was ranked first for peer assessment, average freshman retention rate and average graduation rate. Taylor also earned a number two ranking for its ability to attract freshmen in the top 25 percent of their high school class and was third for average alumni giving.

Taylor was honored in two additional America’s Best Colleges categories. Great Schools, Great Prices ranked Taylor fourth in the Midwest. Another category titled, A Strong Commitment to Teaching, consisted of 80 colleges and universities throughout the United States who, according to the editors, “were singled out most often when experts were asked to identify schools where the faculty has an unusual commitment to undergraduate teaching.” Taylor was ranked second in the Midwest.

“Our faculty members are engaged in many good pursuits, from scholarship to research, but we never lose sight of the primary objective of student learning facilitated by gifted and distinguished faculty,” said Dr. Stephen Bedi ’65, Taylor provost.

“This honor is a tribute to the many Taylor faculty members, students, staff, trustees, friends, alumni, parents and so many others who for 163 years have worked diligently to develop a culture of excellence even as they have embraced the connection between faith and learning in the context of whole-person education,” said Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68, Taylor president. “The only appropriate response to this exciting news is praise and thanksgiving to God. We are also grateful to the editors of U.S. News, a respected publication that for a quarter century has set the standard for collegiate ranking surveys.”

A complete list of the U.S. News and World Report rankings is available online at www.usnews.com.
Crash course: Influenza 101
University officials monitor H1N1

Taylor officials monitoring the progress of the H1N1 Influenza virus that has impacted dozens of college campuses around the country believe more than 30 Taylor students have had the virus but have since recovered and returned to class.

As the 2009 spring semester drew to a close, Taylor administrators and their colleagues nationwide saw the start of fall semester classes as a sort of D-Day when students with no natural immunity to the illness would converge on their campuses.

Members of the Taylor administration were among those getting a crash course on H1N1 and working through the summer to craft a multi-tiered plan – the goal of which was to keep the student body well and, if worst came to worst, help the University cope with an outbreak.

“We certainly expected that there would be widespread outbreaks, absenteeism and disruption nationwide on college campuses. That has proved true in several cases. What you can’t predict is when it will hit,” said Dr. Gregory Poland, former Taylor parent and nationally-recognized vaccinologist from the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine.

Poland, who gave input to Taylor’s Influenza planning process, said H1N1 is classified in the Influenza A family. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), H1N1 and seasonal influenza symptoms are similar: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and nausea. But the major difference, said Poland, is that deaths associated with seasonal flu are most prevalent in persons over the age of 65. With H1N1, most of the complications and deaths have been people under the age of 35.

Late in the summer an overwhelmed CDC stopped testing for H1N1, switching to an assumption Influenza A sufferers under the ages of 35 prior to the start of the recognized winter flu season probably had H1N1.

Dr. Skip Trudeau, Taylor’s dean of students, said one of Taylor’s unique strengths – community – presents a challenge in the fight against the spread of the illness. “We are a very social campus,” he said. “Any time I’m in chapel, there are hugs and handshakes.”

Trudeau said that in each of the confirmed cases, the students were either isolated or chose to go home, adding the Grant County Health Department plans to vaccinate students and other at-risk members of the Taylor community.

“The only thing predictable about influenza is that it is unpredictable,” said Poland, who urged everyone to get both seasonal flu shots and the H1N1 vaccine.

For more information, visit: www.taylor.edu/flu or www.flu.gov.
Who is my neighbor?
Charis art exhibition seeks understanding

An international art exhibit on display at Taylor echoes the question asked more than 2,000 years ago, "Who is my neighbor?" The exhibit, Charis—Boundary Crossings: Neighbors, Strangers, Family, Friends, (October 31 - December 4) was the result of an international forum sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

"The word charis comes from the Greek for gift or grace, but is perhaps most accurately translated goodwill. It was selected because the term makes us think of our shared heritage as Christians and our unity in the body of Christ," wrote Dr. Rachel Smith, project director and curator of Charis. She is a Taylor professor and the Gilkison Family Chair in Art History.

The CCCU seminar, co-sponsored by the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity, was held in 2006 and coordinated by the Plowshares Institute, a Christian organization dedicated to peacemaking.

A total of 14 artists spent two weeks in Indonesia, the world's fourth largest country and home to the world's largest Muslim population. The artists, seven from North America and seven from Asia, immersed themselves in the culture and Charis was the result of their reaction to the issues they encountered: social justice, peace, reconciliation, the environment and globalization. "Everyone went in more engaged, more thoughtful because they knew something specific had to come from them," said Smith.

The resulting Charis exhibition is a 40-piece immersive and collaborative exhibition. "There was a tremendous diversity of style and medium," said Smith, "but there was a visual cohesiveness with color, motifs to help create a cohesive body of work. The exhibition includes sculptures, paintings, video projections and fiber constructions.

Smith said the exhibition should challenge people by the issues represented through the various pieces. "Our world's so interconnected that we need to think of those around the world as our neighbors," she stated.

"In essence, Charis embodies, in microcosm, the macrocosm of complex issues the world faces," said Smith. "How do we think of the various people in our lives? Within a Christian context how do we move to a deeper sense of connection and responsibility to one another? That is the heart of the Christian faith."

The exhibit was sponsored in part by a donation from the Jean L. and Robert C. Gilkison Family Foundation. Taylor’s art department trained several students to give scheduled group tours and lead discussion about the pieces of the Charis exhibition. Charis will visit at least eight North American venues before returning to Asia in 2012.

For more information, visit: http://www.taylorcharis.wordpress.com.
Rolling out the welcome mat
Parents and Family Weekend, Homecoming celebrate family, community

Our Father’s World was the theme for Taylor University’s 2009 Homecoming, October 16-18. Featured events for the weekend included alumni awards, reunions and a special screening of the motion picture Fireproof with 1979 Taylor alumnus David Nixon.

Nixon, who received the Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement Award from Taylor, is the president of DNP Studios, Orlando, Fla., which produced Fireproof.

Homecoming award winners included: David Nixon ’79, Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement; Dr. Jonathan Askew ’65, Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement; Paul Wagner ’02, Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement; and Ken and Beth Smith, Honorary Alumni.

Taylor University’s athletic Hall of Fame inducted four new members: Rick Minnich ’74, Football; Stevimir Ercegovac ’02, Track and Field; Alan Jones ’02, Basketball; and Laurel (Kinzer ’90) Dean, Volleyball.

Ivanhoe’s, the popular local restaurant and ice cream shop, donated all 100 flavors of their milkshakes, which were consumed by members of the Class of ’13, allowing them to join Ivanhoe’s 100 Club as a group during Parents and Family Weekend, Oct. 2-4.

Popular Christian comedian Ken Davis headlined Saturday evening’s entertainment. Taylor officials said nearly 400 families attended – with some coming from as far away as New Hampshire and Texas.

“Parents and Family Weekend is a great time for families to be together, make some new friends and experience a little bit of Taylor together,” said Brent Rudin ’94, associate vice president for alumni and parents relations. “And we are thrilled to have so many alumni return to campus each year for Homecoming. It was such a delight to see and meet many people at their reunions – whether it was their five-year reunion or the 65-year reunion. Taylor is a special place, and the events of Homecoming are designed to honor our graduates and give them time and space to reunite with life-long friends.”

Parents and Family Weekend 2010 is October 1-3. Homecoming 2010 is scheduled for October 8-10.
Right time; right speaker; right spirit," is how Taylor's Campus Pastor Randy Gruendyke describes this fall's Spiritual Renewal Week, the featured speaker, Pastor Chris Williamson, and the Taylor student body's response to a movement by the Holy Spirit.

Williamson, the senior pastor of Strong Tower Bible Church in Franklin, Tenn., had finished his Monday evening address and the crowd in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium stood to leave when a Taylor student walked to the microphone and began to confess his sins to the assembled body. The student's vulnerability and confession began an avalanche of student confessions that lasted for more than six hours.

"Most of the confessions were very emotional and very specific in terms of describing certain sin in their lives," said Dave Downey, second-year graduate student in the Master of Arts in Higher Education (MAHE) program. "Some of them were just people getting up and proclaiming different truths. They just felt led by God to come up and share something they had been learning in their faith or share an encouragement, proclaiming Christ in the room."

"For all the years that men and women have been praying for a season of spiritual renewal here at Taylor University, God picked this autumn," said Gruendyke. "Why now? Why not before? We may never know. We do know this: whatever the specific reason is, it's all for the glory of Jesus Christ."

Rebecca Nickel '10 described Monday night as guilt over sin reaching a breaking point. "It was great to see people who had similar struggles realizing that they weren't alone in their sin and finding people to support them," she said.

"There was just this theme of brokenness throughout the chapel," recounted Downey. "That when we confess our sins, Christ has forgiven us; He's doing the restoration, the change ... Christ was just really being exalted."

Nickel said chapel services feel more energetic following Spiritual Renewal Week. "I know my apartment had conversations that we probably wouldn't have gotten to the point of having until second semester. Now we are able to hold each other accountable."

Gruendyke emphasized that everyone needs to grow in their walk with Jesus Christ through faith, confession and repentance.

"Confession leads to forgiveness and to freedom," he said. "It's one thing to be a part of a week like this; it's another thing to live now and in the days to come like it really meant something."

You can listen to Spiritual Renewal Week messages at: www.taylor.edu/experience/chapel.shtml.
Reflections of a distinguished professor

by Dr. Jeffry Cramer ’90

In many ways, my Taylor journey began when I asked Christ to come into my heart as an eight-year-old boy. During high school, I was not deeply committed to my faith, and yet, God was there, already being faithful to me although I had not learned to trust Him. When it was time to decide where to go to college, I decided to follow my sister Shelly (Cramer ’88) Gramling to Taylor University.

Taylor was a brand new world for me. As an education major I took a class from Dr. Joe Burnworth. I learned to love literature from Drs. Ken Swan and Beulah Baker. My friends and I argued over whether it was Dr. Cosgrove or Dr. Corduan who had the biggest brain on campus.

I soaked it all in. And I made a discovery about myself: I loved to learn. By my senior year I lived in a house off campus and we covered the walls and ceiling with plain white paper. Every day the three of us would come home and scribble quotes we heard from our professors that day, or Scripture verses, or poetry or whatever inspired us. The walls and ceiling were full.

Through my entire time at Taylor, my older sister was there for me. As were my parents – even when I called them late one night to tell them I had pierced my ear. And of course, the greatest single thing that happened at Taylor was meeting the woman who is now my wife, Jane (Huntzinger ’90). God was faithful to me while I was still learning to trust in Him.

Taylor may have been where I learned to trust in the Lord, but returning to Taylor was not part of my plan. We lived in an inner-city neighborhood in Indianapolis and enjoyed the urban life. But through my master’s degree work, and after a “chance” meeting with Steve Bedi ’65 at a conference, the Lord showed us that it was His will for me to both return to Taylor and earn my PhD.

Some of my greatest trials and deepest growth in my faith came during the PhD years when I struggled to truly lay my fears and stress at the feet of Jesus. Today I can honestly say that God has been good to me despite my shortcomings, my weaknesses and my sin nature.

In Deuteronomy we are called to love the Lord with all our hearts, our souls, and our strength. But it doesn’t stop there. It goes on to say His commandments must be on our hearts and we are to talk about in every venue. As a professor, I have a unique opportunity and responsibility to continually share what God is doing in my life with my students.

God has called me to encourage my students in the same ways I was encouraged. If I’m truly able to do that, to God be the glory.

Dr. Jeffry Cramer ’90 is associate professor of computer science and engineering and was named the 2009 Distinguished Professor of the Year at Taylor University by the Taylor University Alumni Association.
Faculty accolades

Jeremy Case '87, professor of mathematics, serves on the editorial board for the Mathematical Association of America series Dolciani.

Jenny Collins '89, assistant professor of missions, presented The Crucial Importance of Debriefing and Reflection for Short-Term Missions at the Indy Mission Leaders Network meeting at the Central Christian Church in Carmel, Ind., on Jan. 21, 2009.

Matt DeLong, professor of mathematics, and Phil Mummert, assistant professor of mathematics, co-sponsored Taylor's math team at the 44th annual Indiana Collegiate Mathematics Competition held at IUPUI. The team won the 39-team competition and consisted of Jeremy Erickson '09, Matthew Russell '10 and Joseph Seaborn '10.

Cathy Harner, professor of social work, led a group of Taylor social work and sociology students to Seoul, South Korea, for a project titled International Service Learning: Combining a Junior Practicum and Senior Integrative Seminar into One Experience. It was funded in part by a $2,250 Scholarship of Engagement grant through Indiana Campus Compact.

Albert Harrison, professor of music, participated with the Jazz Ensemble at the Elmhurst College Jazz Festival. He also played with the Wind Ensemble on spring ministry tour to Pa., N.Y. and N.J.

Leon Harshenin, associate professor of music, presented a lecture-recital titled The Artful Genius of Chopin at the 2009 Music Teachers’ National Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Steve Hoffmann, professor of political science, presented Christendom and Civil Society in Russia since 1990 at the 2009 Symposium on Religion and Politics at Calvin College.

Thomas Jones '71, associate professor of history and dean of the School of Liberal Arts, co-authored an article titled Fifteen Year Follow-Up Geography Skills Test Administered in Indiana, 1987 and 2002 published in May 2009 in the Journal of Geography.


Jeff Marsee, associate professor of physical education and human performance, presented Health Education to a Facebook Generation and Tapping Into This Generation's Technology at the November meeting of the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Indianapolis.

Lorne Mook '87, associate professor of English, wrote an article titled Disrupted Teleology and the Progression of Wordsworth's 1850 Prelude published in On Theorizing Romanticism and Other Essays in December 2008.

John Moore '72, professor of biology, presented on the need for undergraduate biology standards at the Summit on Undergraduate Biology Education: A Call for Change sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Washington, D.C.

James Spiegel, professor of philosophy and religion, co-authored an introductory philosophy text for B&H Press entitled The Love of Wisdom.

For a more comprehensive listing of faculty accomplishments, visit www.taylor.edu/facultyaccolades.

Search for business school dean underway

Taylor University is seeking applications and nominations of distinguished candidates for Dean of the Business School and the Arthur L. Hodson Endowed Chair of Business. The successful candidate will serve as the inaugural holder of this newly-endowed chair. This is a 12-month non-tenure-track position and begins no later than August 1, 2010. Taylor aspires to build a growing and distinctive business program recognized as a top program among its peers. For more information, visit: http://www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/business.
Born to run
Q&A with cross country and track athlete
Tabitha Bogue '10.

Can a person worship God through their running?
Absolutely! God gives us different gifts, talents and abilities. I don't believe they are just for us to seek our own pleasure and glory from. They provide avenues for us to worship God and glorify Him in all we do. Running is absolutely a way for someone to worship God and just tell Him thanks for all He has done.

Did you ever get discouraged?
Oh yes! Isn't that life though? Running is not just physical, but a large part of it is mental. It is easy to get discouraged, especially if you are injured or not running to your potential. But, you take one day at a time and you never stop trusting God through both the ups and downs. Just as Paul says, "I press on to the mark of His high calling."

How do you and your teammates balance the desire to excel with encouraging each other and bearing one another's burdens?
One way is through verbally encouraging one another, writing notes and also praying together. Before every meet, we get in a circle after we sing to the Lord and take the prayer requests of the girl on our left. During the race, we pray for her and her needs. Everyone always has someone praying for her that way. Also, we take into consideration all the burdens of others as we practice and compete, knowing someone is struggling.

What will you miss most once your running career at Taylor ends?
Hands down I will miss the Maddawgs (my teammates) and being able to wake up every day and know I get to spend one more day running with them and worshipping the Lord together through running. These women are such incredible people — sisters for life.

What is the most memorable/life changing thing that has happened to you at Taylor?
I think it was going to the Czech Republic for a Lighthouse trip during J-Term 2009. I never thought I wanted to go on a Lighthouse trip before, but God worked on my heart and provided for me to go. I have so many stories of the Lord's faithfulness and work that I could share. This experience challenged my view of mission trips and reaffirmed God's calling in my own life.

Tabitha Bogue '10 is a senior Christian education major earning a minor in youth ministry from Winchester, Ind.
Football, volleyball success highlight fall

Football- With a press time 5-3 record, the Trojans had posted their best start in 10 years. Season highlights included Taylor's first-ever home night game - a 31-16 win over Anderson - and a scintillating, come-from-behind win over Marian during which the team set eight school records.

Volleyball- Ranked 20th nationally with a record of 30-5 at press time, the Trojans clinched their third straight Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) regular season championship with a 3-2 win at Spring Arbor.

Men's cross country- The Trojan cross country team won the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational for the first time in 10 years and placed second at the Bethel College Invitational. The team has spent much of the season in the NAIA Top 25.

Women's cross country- Led by Alyssa Johnson '10, the winner of two races in recent weeks, the Lady Trojans have been ranked as high as No. 23 in the national polls.

Men's soccer- After starting the season 1-5, the men's soccer team won five of its next seven matches and finished the regular season 7-10 (5-4 MCC) and tied for fourth in the conference. Tyler Beachler '12 scored 16 goals for the season - good for sixth in the nation.

Women's soccer- The team finished the regular season with three consecutive wins for a 7-9-1 (3-5 MCC) record. In his second season at Taylor, head coach Scott Stan revamped the schedule to include three teams appearing in the national polls.

Men's tennis- After posting an overall record of 8-4 (6-1 MCC), head coach Don Taylor's team finished second in the MCC and at the post-season tournament. Felipe Redon '11 and Jack Reed '10 were both named to the all-conference team.

Women's tennis- With a record of 10-2 (7-1 MCC), the team finished its season in second place in the MCC regular season standings and at the post-season tournament. Seniors Kristin Geake '10 and Kaiti Marsh '10 finished seventh at the ITA Nationals in Mobile, Ala., and along with Germania Bedon '12, were named all-conference.

For scores, player profiles and game broadcasts, visit www.taylor.edu/athletics.
Editors note:
The theme of last summer’s Colleagues College faculty retreat was *Christian Ethics: Inspiring our Students to Godliness*. Dr. Jim Spiegel led discussion as Taylor’s faculty explored ways to encourage the student body to live lives worthy of our high calling in Christ.
Righteous living in an unrighteous age
A call to evangelical Christians to live lives worthy of their calling
by Dr. James S. Spiegel

Anyone who has followed recent discussions of the state of the evangelical church knows that we have some work to do. Five years ago Ron Sider rang the alarm with his book The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience, in which he summarizes Barna and Gallup research about the moral state of the evangelical world, which shows that materialism, racism, and sexual immorality are rampant among believers. The data prompts Sider to declare "there is a crisis of disobedience in the evangelical world today" (Ron Sider, The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience, p. 27).

There is a strong biblical emphasis on righteous living: Jesus tells us that to love him is to obey him (John 14:21, 23). James says that saving faith always is accompanied by good works (James 2:14-26). And Paul says that those who live immoral lives will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21). In short, the Bible teaches that the Gospel transforms people. This is why the Barna and Gallup data are so troubling. As Christians, our conduct should demonstrate this transformation. To live no differently than the rest of our increasingly immoral society is hypocrisy.

As professors at Taylor University, it is our task to teach and mentor the next generation of evangelicals. So we should be especially mindful of the current moral crisis and to consider what we can do to address it, both in and outside the classroom. This is why the theme of our most recent faculty retreat, known as "Colleagues College," was Christian ethics. A Christian must be morally serious — fundamentally concerned with ethics, not as a means of salvation but as a consequence of it. So what can we do to better train our students to become morally mature? And how may we improve at training them to be better ethical thinkers? These two questions, pertaining to moral development and moral reasoning, were the sub-themes of the retreat, and each of the presentations and panel discussions fruitfully explored aspects of these themes.

When thinking about this topic, the essential thing to remember is that the Christian's goal in sanctification is a Christ-like character. The character of Jesus is love, joy, patience, kindness, courage, gentleness, peace, forgiveness, self-control, etc. Paul calls such traits the "fruit of the Spirit" (cf. Gal. 5:22-23). They are also known as virtues. A virtue is a specific moral excellence which is developed through intentional practice. Just as a carpenter must develop many skills to be excellent at his trade (e.g., sawing, measuring, drilling, etc.), so must the Christian develop many moral "skills" or virtues. Scripture emphasizes the importance of moral training. In 1 Cor. 9:24-27 and 1 Tim. 4:7-8 Paul tells us that we must train for godliness. And we do this through the spiritual disciplines — intentional practices that unite us with God and build moral character. These include prayer, Bible study, fasting, service, meditation, confession, silence, solitude and sacrifice.

Training for godliness is difficult for the same reason it is necessary: because we are sinners. And the effects of sin are not only spiritual, physical and emotional. Sin also affects the mind. It is essential that we Christian educators remember this: sin has cognitive consequences. Theologians call this the "noetic" effects of sin. Immoral behavior corrupts our ability to think straight. Sin is irrational, a kind of madness, and as Paul explains in such passages as Eph. 4:17-19 and Rom. 1:18-32, that irrationality leads in turn to further disobedience. This goes for Christians as well as unbelievers. Though forgiven, our sin may distort our judgment and makes us less rational.

On the positive side, righteous living diminishes the noetic effects of sin and improves us cognitively (cf. Ps. 19:7, Ps. 25:9, Pr. 1:4, Pr. 11:2). An implication here is that godliness is crucial for sound teaching and scholarship. We cannot realize our potential as Christian professors (teachers and scholars) unless we train to be godly, devoting ourselves to the spiritual disciplines. As a college professor, practicing the spiritual disciplines has three critical benefits. First, the disciplines improve my mind, maximizing my cognitive abilities. Second, by practicing the disciplines I model spiritual formation for my students, inspiring them to do the same. And, thirdly, by improving my mind and making me wiser, the spiritual disciplines make me a better mentor and discipler of students. In short, through the spiritual disciplines, the Holy Spirit enables me to realize my potential as a Christian teacher and scholar.

The current moral crisis in the church, and in our culture generally, will be adequately addressed only if Christian universities like Taylor do their part in life-transforming discipleship. And this requires professors like me to train for godliness. We can only pass on to our students what we practice ourselves.

Brent A. Rudin '94 has been named associate vice president for alumni and parent relations.

Before coming to Taylor, Rudin served as associate vice president for communications at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich. He also served Cornerstone in a variety of roles that included dean of enrollment management, associate dean of undergraduate admissions and institutional marketing, director of undergraduate admissions and admissions counselor.

"It is with great joy that we welcome Brent and his family to the Taylor community," said Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement. "We believe Brent's distinguished record of service at Cornerstone, a sister Christian university, and his passion for Taylor University's mission make him an excellent choice to lead our alumni efforts in the years ahead."

Rudin and his wife AnnElise (Larsen '94) are the parents of three children: Alaina (10), Kobe (8) and Kamden (6).

"Taylor University is a very special place for AnnElise and me," said Rudin. "We are very excited to return to Upland and to serve the University in this role. God used my years at Taylor to build a foundation for my career in Christian higher education. I'm eager to make connections with families of current students and with alumni whom God is using to make His name known around the world."
What really matters?

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Sir Winston Churchill

Since the death of my parents a few years ago, I have frequently thought about what kind of legacy I would leave behind. For me, it means many things: passing my Christ-centered values on to my children; loving my wife; and serving and supporting my church and community. And, it means including Taylor in my estate plans.

My wife, Traci (Tiberi ’96) and I recently completed a very simple document called a codicil—a one-page addition to our will that legally makes Taylor University a beneficiary of a percentage of our estate. We want our legacy to help future Taylor students have the same kind of Taylor experience that transformed our lives.

My parents would be proud to see their legacy living on.

Michael Falder ’94

For more information about including Taylor in your estate plans or other forms of giving, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (765) 998-5538 or email mcfalder@taylor.edu.

www.taylor.edu/giftplans
In the same way the decade of the 2000's began with uncertainties about Y2K, it ends with uncertainties about the economy, H1N1 and national security. Challenges are nothing new - throughout the ages past, God has been and continues to be the help and hope of those whose hearts are committed to Him. It is no different at Taylor University, where the past ten years have brought unprecedented challenges and joys. We offer this photo retrospective as a look back and we marvel at God's great compassion and keeping as we continue to rest in His hands.

In God's hands
The 2000's in retrospective
Above: Jay Kaiser ’53 greets Joel Schumacher ’60 at Homecoming.

Right: Molly Wright ’09 and Mindy Lynn Young ’09 led the effort as AO Taylor University women donated hair for cancer patients in December 2000.

Below: The remains of the World Trade Center greeted AO Taylor students, faculty and staff members who journeyed to New York City following the 2001 terrorist attacks. Melissa (sister ’11) and Mark Wilson ’99 display a photo of Melissa’s brother, 9/11 hero Todd Keamer.

Left: A crane used during the Kesler Student Activities Center construction in 2003 is silhouetted by the sunset.

Below: 2003 seniors Ethan Van Urkun, Drew Meaux, and Jason Nieuwem lived in a Mongolian yurt near campus for their senior year.

Rice field alumni perform during 2002 Homecoming.

Women’s Taekwondo racers moved from tricycles to bicycles in 2002.
Stephanie (White '00) Arnold represented Taylor and the USA in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. Taylor alumnus Stevimir Ercegovac '02 also participated in 2000. Theologian and Bible expositor John Stott was the inaugural speaker for the Charles Simeon Series in 2004.

Above: Mark Soderquist '80 (left) and Derrick Rollerson discuss the challenges of interracial friendships during Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2004. In 2004, researchers determined historic Swallow Hall (1617) was "restored on" flint by African American architect Samuel Plat.
Trip. Dr. Jay Kesler '55 watches as Dr. Eugene R. Hackerman '44 is inaugurated in April, 2006. Also pictured is Mary Lou (Naples) Trotter '44 Hackerman.

Stephen Johnson '73 became the first Taylor alumnus to serve at the presidential cabinet level when he was chosen as NASA administrator by then-President George W. Bush in 2005.

Throughout the 1960s, Taylor students reached new levels of space exploration with the construction of non-satellites and a trip on the famed Vomit Comet in 1966.

Left: Dan Willemuth '73 becomes president of Youth For Christ, joining fellow alumni and past YFC presidents Ted Ensign '63, his father Sam Willemuth '38, and Jay Kesler '55.
Above left: Taylor students participated in disaster relief in New Orleans in 2006.

Above right: The Taylor family mourned following a truck-van accident that claimed the lives of four Taylor students and a staff member on April 26, 2006. An impromptu roadside memorial of five crosses honored the lives of Laurel Eit ’06, Monica Felver, Brad Larson ’06, Betsy Smith ’06, and Laura Van Ryn ’06.

Left: The iconic Taylor entrance sign was demolished in 2007 to make way for a new entrance.

Below: The Sinoe County Association in the Americas (SCAA), comprised of American Liberians from the Kru tribe, gathered at Taylor in 2006 to learn more about their kinmen and one of Taylor University's most loved alumni, Samuel Morris.
I will work upon brass; time will efface it. If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we work upon mortal souls, it will perish; if we work upon just souls with principles, with the fear of God and the love of fellow man, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten eternity.

Daniel Webster

Far left: The Taylor student ministry Carpenter's Hands completes a home for

Alumna, student body... in just three months, with dedication

ceremonies in December 2007.

Top left: Tamara Shaya '08 was the first ethnic female to be elected student body

president in 2007.

The Silent Night men's basketball game was a student favorite.

Lower left: Coach Tena Krause's Trojans soared to the 2007 Elite Eight.

Taylor volleyball was named the NAIA's winningest program in 2006.

Taylor theatre celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2008.

Above: The Baseball Trojans ended a 40-year drought by reaching nationals in 2009.

In 2009, the Memorial Prayer Chapel was dedicated to the memory of students and

staff who died in the 2006 accident.

TUPW ended a 17-year run as Taylor's Fort Wayne satellite campus in 2009.

Left: Three presidents served Taylor in the 2000s. They were: David Gyertson'00 (2000-

2005), Jay Kesler '58 (1985-2000), and Eugene B. Habecker '68 (2005-).
salt

Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.
Luke 17:33

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.
Psalm 119:93
The streets of Bangalore, India, as seen by Taylor Lighthouse teams.
It could best be described as three-and-a-half weeks that will change your life forever.

From its humble origins in 1972, Lighthouse has grown into an international ministry experience realized by about 100 Taylor students and their faculty and staff sponsors each year during the month of January. Lighthouse destinations include countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. While there, teams serve and minister through teaching English, drilling wells, discipleship training, evangelism, performing arts, working with orphans, helping churches, etc.

According to Lighthouse Director Jenny Collins ’89, Lighthouse participants gain four course credit hours through a fall orientation class and a January service-learning course. She added while the program’s goals include providing students international ministry opportunities and impact on the field, the students are challenged to find new ways to articulate their faith — laying aside traditional Christian “jargon” to express their hope in ways that their hosts can understand.

“Our students need to be able to say what God has done in their lives and share their spiritual journeys,” Collins said. “To say, ‘I asked Jesus into my heart; would not have any meaning for a Hindu or a Buddhist.

We all tend to rely on those phrases to communicate spiritual truth. In Lighthouse training, we prepare students to share their faith in societies that do not have a Christian heritage or worldview.”

“I love seeing the growth and change that happens in students who participate and hearing them come back later and tell me what a significant milestone experience Lighthouse was and how it has changed their focus and future,” she said.

Yoshua Herman ’10 is one of those students. Last January, his Lighthouse team visited Southeast Asia where they served among Muslim villagers known as the Sea Tribe people. There, he stayed in the homes of host families while he and the other Taylor students taught English, engaged in community development projects and participated in sporting events with an evangelistic goal.

“A lot of our time was spent sitting down with host families after dinner and afternoon tea … We would learn about their lives and what is important to them,” Herman remembered. “I had a preconception that to really serve the Lord, you had to be a pastor, youth minister or go overseas to be a missionary. After the trip, I realized you should be spreading the good news wherever you are with whatever means are available to you.”
Through Lighthouse, I have gained a greater appreciation and understanding of God's calling in my life in regard to the field of missions.
Ryan Graydon ‘11 and his Aché friend Simón during January’s Lighthouse trip to Paraguay.

One of the obstacles faced by Herman and other Lighthouse team members is that beyond the borders of America’s 50 states, much of the world views the terms “Christian” and “American” as being synonymous. And their opinions of Christianity are influenced by messages contained in the American entertainment industry.

To clarify, Herman and his Lighthouse teammates explained what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. “If you are a Christian, it doesn’t mean you are promiscuous, drink or do morally-depraved things,” he said. “It means you love each other and behave righteously.”

Ryan Graydon ’11 went to Paraguay where he worked with the Aché, an indigenous people group adopted by Taylor University for the One Verse Bible translation project. Among the Aché villages, he found Christian believers who exhibited joy that transcended extreme poverty.

“I was able to see the faith of people that have so little yet have so much joy and hope in the Lord which made me grow in faith in God and hope of being in Heaven with Jesus for eternity,” he said. “The Aché appreciated everything we did and greeted us with outstretched arms and cried when we left. One thing the pastors said was when we left each village, ‘We might see you again on this earth, but if we don’t, be sure that we will see you again in Heaven.’

“That really struck me,” Graydon said. “That’s something that I’ve always known, that I will see all my Christian brothers and sisters again in Heaven. But in that situation, it became real to me. I am now able to taste the same hope that the Aché have.”

Lighthouse’s impact on Elizabeth Davies ’10 was so strong that in the months following her return from Ethiopia she decided to go back.

“My time in Ethiopia was life-changing,” she reflected. “The Lord has been tugging at my heart to return to Ethiopia and I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve at Project Mercy this upcoming August 2010 through May 2011 through the venue of teaching. I am in earnest prayer for what the Lord has in store and the ways in which I can glorify His Kingdom.”

“I believe that missions is about serving and loving others in such a way that you never lose sight of the Kingdom work that is taking place,” added Davies. “Through Lighthouse, I have gained a greater appreciation and understanding of God’s calling in my life in regard to the field of missions.

Herman recounted the story of a Muslim girl who had tried to live a righteous life apart from Christ and had recently dreamed of a smiling old man with a gray beard who told her, “I am patient. I will wait for you.”

“A few of our team members who got to hear that dream of hers shared with her who they knew that man to be,” he said. “I don’t know if she believes that right now, but it has certainly been planted in her mind. Praise God for that.”

For more information, visit: www.taylor.edu/lighthouse.
Lion of theology

Win Corduan is known and loved for many things: his graying ponytail, tie-dyed T-shirts, his wry humor and the creative ways he has been known to critique presentations. And then there are the coffee houses during which he plays his guitar and on the most special of nights has been known to sing folk classics from the 1960s. But perhaps what Corduan will best be remembered for is his role as a Christian scholar and apologist. It is a role that he filled in Taylor University’s department of Biblical studies, Christian education and philosophy for 32 years until his retirement earlier this year.
There has been frustration, but not much questioning or doubting.
“Students appreciate the seriousness of his mind and the Biblical integrity of his teaching, and how well he knows his own position and the boundaries of orthodoxy,” said Kevin Diller ‘89, a former student of Corduan’s who filled his faculty spot. “He teaches with passion about things that matter, he shoots straight and shows you where to aim, too. If a chapel speaker pandered to postmodernism Dr. Corduan would tell us, ‘welcome to the disintegration of faith and learning.’” If a philosophical argument was extremely bad, he didn’t bend over backwards to find some obscure point to praise, he would say ‘now this was a really, really, dumb idea.’”

During his Taylor tenure, Corduan was a student favorite, being named Distinguished Professor in 1985 and 1998. His friendly, down-to-earth personality belies his veracity when it comes to theology. The author of numerous books on the world’s religions, Corduan never swayed in his belief that the Bible is true – even following his diagnosis with Parkinson’s disease in 2007.

It was in the pages of the Bible that Corduan found both comfort and kindred spirits in the biblical heroes David and Paul. “Both of them had to struggle with not letting their emotions interfere with their ministry or with their call,” he said. “Paul in Second Corinthians talks about how he is utterly paralyzed because of his concern for Titus. There are ministry opportunities and he cannot take advantage of them because his concern for Titus has taken over. David, in almost every one of his psalms, is like a 16-year-old. ‘Lord, I am in the depths of despair. Lord, come and help me out.’ And he does.”

“I used to do a coffee house every year. About three years ago when the Parkinson’s symptoms) set in, my fingers couldn’t remember any more whose turn it was. Playing my guitar – when I couldn’t do that anymore the way I was used to, that was devastating,” he admitted. “That really added to my depression. The Lord has given me other things to substitute. I had left my harmonicas alone for a long time. I suddenly remembered those – it has been a good outlet for the music. I’ve also started to compose, to sequence music on the computer. That really took care of it. The Lord provided a new way of meeting my need for music and creativity on that level.”

“As long as I’m not totally incapacitated I will try to make a contribution,” Corduan said. “Thanks to modern medicine, Parkinson’s has changed from being a 10-year disease to a 30-year disease. I can’t function at a normal level, but I can function pretty nicely … My productivity is greatly reduced, but I am involved with some Web-based ministries, and that can continue.”

“There has been frustration, but not much questioning or doubting,” Corduan reflected. “My neurologist – when we first figured out it was Parkinson’s, I made some fairly depressing statements, (and) he just really challenged me to live up to Paul’s example of, ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ I don’t think that is necessarily the best way to approach everyone, but it was definitely the right word for me at that time. It was a very stern lecture. He just would not let me get away with feeling sorry for myself.”

Asked how he would like to be remembered, Corduan paused for a moment. “I would want to be remembered as a man who loved the Lord, and because he loved the Lord he loved his family and his calling. Loving the Lord means there is no competition between various segments of my life.

“There is no question of priority between my ministry and my family, my love for the Lord and my love for my wife — it is all part of the package,” he continued. “As soon as I have to choose between the two, I have missed something.”
Answering a lifelong call

by Stephanie Lois '99

Dr. Jonathan Askew, '65, OB-GYN, has worked across the medical spectrum, from delivering more than 7,000 babies to caring for the dying, and the common denominator for himself and his wife Harriet (Smith '65) has been serving the Lord. "Integrating my faith in practice has been a major motivation for me," he said. "Regardless of your profession, you are called to be a missionary."

Originally from Goshen, Ind., Askew's life changed when he became a Christian during his senior year of high school. George Glass '58 taught Askew's high school biology class, and the quality of his character caused Askew to choose Taylor. "Taylor was perfect for me," he remembered.

In those days, dinners at Taylor were served "family style" with men and women sitting in alternating seats. It was in that setting he met Harriet, the woman he married immediately after college and now calls his "soul mate."

"Like labor, it's spontaneous," said Askew, speaking with the wisdom of a man married for 44 years. "We balance each other well."

While at Taylor the couple was introduced to global issues during weekly mission group meetings; she was the sister of missionaries and he served as a student leader for Operation Mobilization for three years. "We got our vision for missions at Taylor," he remembered.

During his junior year, he and some friends purchased a bus for $300 and drove to Mexico for two weeks over winter break for missions. He remembers then-president Dr. Mike Rediger '39 telling the group, "You guys better get back safely or you might need to find a new school!"

After they graduated from Taylor, Askew went on to Indiana University Medical School and began his medical practice in 1969. He gained experience in cross-cultural ministry while working with the Indian Health Service branch in Nevada for two years. Harriet taught language arts and earned an M. Div. from the Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Ore., and they dedicated themselves to raising their four children: Gretchen, Jeff, Greg and Holly.

But the two continued to sense God's call to the mission field. In August, 1997, with their children grown and out of the home, he took early retirement so he and Harriet could use his medical gifts in the mission field. "I gave up probably some of my most productive financial years," he reflected. "But that's what the Lord wanted me to do."

Jonathan (under the hood) and Harriet (partially obscured by the first bus window) Askew with fellow Taylor students as they left for Mexico.
Their first stop was in the Middle Eastern kingdom of Bahrain where he served as chief of staff at the American Mission Hospital for three years. His duties included surgery, teaching and supervising physicians. Some of his patients had been over-treated with radiation or chemotherapy in Iran and Iraq. “We dealt with those patients who were dying both from their diseases and (doctor-caused) problems,” said Askew. “It was a great way to show Christian compassion to the Muslim community.”

From 2001-2003 during their son Jeff’s illness (he later died), the Askews returned to the United States where he served as an administrator with the International Christian Medical and Dental Association’s (ICMDA). While there, he facilitated academic trips for physicians to go overseas for one-to-four-week periods. It gave him a platform from which he encouraged other medical professionals with his own passion for medical missions.

The couple later returned to overseas missions settings when Askew served as a professor of OB-GYN at the CURE hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan. He also worked as a consultant and taught for the Telemedicine Center at the University of Pristina, Kosova. While in Kosova, he also filled the positions of the international medical director for the Mother Teresa Society and as a consultant to the Kosova Ministry of Health.

Askew said the former Yugoslavian region of Kosova is dominated by Communism and Islam, but it is there he and Harriet have seen Christians making an impact. “The majority of people coming to Christ there are college-aged,” said Askew. “They are the hope of the Church.”

The Askews’ mission travels have also led them to Uzbekistan, United Arab Emirates, Romania, South Africa, Mexico and El Salvador. The couple is back in the States now and he serves as the medical director for the Sun Valley Hospice in Mesa, Ariz., where his interaction with aging patients has only increased his belief in lifelong learning. Askew said 50 percent of older patients have Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, but doing protective activities such as crossword puzzles or Sudoku keeps the brain active, effectively combating cognitive problems for older Americans. “Taylor University instilled in me a desire to learn,” he said.

For the first time since they graduated from Taylor 44 years ago, the couple returned to Taylor’s campus for Homecoming (Oct. 16-18) where Askew received the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement Award.

Askew, who said he has no plans to retire, wants to spend the next five to ten years working in hospice and quality care for the dying. “I want to do my job in the name of the Lord,” he said. “I think you need to share the Gospel as you go.”

When they are not serving internationally, Harriet and Jonathan Askew live in Chandler, Ariz. He was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement Award at 2009 Homecoming.
Into the darkness by Jen Nace '11

What defines you? Is it where you were born? The things you do? Or the hopes and dreams you embrace?

I grew up in Upland and at Taylor. Although I've been in the same place almost my whole life, I could never have imagined what God would use to shape me. I came from a family of strong women who have shown me what it means to live a gracious and compassionate life of peace amidst great pains, as well as an amazing dad who showed great tenderness and patience living with all girls in a house filled with Barbies and kittens.

When I was in fourth grade, I started getting migraine headaches that no doctor could explain. I had every symptom imaginable, from seeing things to nausea, numbness on half my body, passing out and short-term memory loss. We tried every test, treatment and medicine, but nothing worked. As I got older, my migraines became more frequent and intense. During my junior year of high school, I had a migraine that lasted for three months, forcing me to drop out of school.

That Christmas I was diagnosed with an autonomic dysfunction, which basically means that the part of my nervous system that deals with everything subconscious like blood pressure and heart rate is broken. I'm only the seventh person ever to be diagnosed with it, so no one knew how it would impact my health. I learned what it means to trust God with everything, from forever to tomorrow, because I have no idea what either will look like.

In a new way, I embraced truths I had known my whole life. I am not defined by what I do or even what I love, but by the God who loves and saves me every day. In sickness, I lost all my adjectives: I couldn't be a student, an artist, a dancer or even a friend. What gave me worth was that I existed and was created by a God who was with me even in darkness.

I love to watch the sky, especially clouds, and when I was sick, I would go outside at night. One night, the moon was full, and the clouds were moving across the stars. I sensed deeply that God was aware of my suffering, my hopes and my desires. The first time I could read again, I opened to Isaiah 60:19-20: «

Christ has carried me through darkness and pain, allowing me to see who I really am through suffering and bringing me back into the light.
Jen Nhoj '11 is an international studies major from Upland, Ind.
“The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.”

It was in darkness that I learned to trust. If I am really giving my life to God, forever and through each moment, then I have to let Him use it as He chooses — whether that means something grandiose or living in darkness. I believe God gives us the freedom to make choices, to be a part of the choosing and directing of our own lives. But sometimes He gives us something we would not choose precisely because we aren’t strong enough to know that we need it. This love that cares enough to cure my broken spirit instead of just my broken body is truly greater than mine.

It was during those dark years that my already-close family was cemented. My mom, Susan, is a Taylor art professor. My dad, Tim, is the financial aid director; my sister, Sarah ’13, lives on campus, and my youngest sister is amazing but sadly not at Taylor yet. Seeing their selfless love in everyday life encouraged me to keep going. They loved me in ways I could never have asked; it is obvious that Christ is alive in them.

St. John of the Cross said, “God perceives the imperfections within us, and because of His love for us, urges us to grow up. His love is not content to leave us in our weakness, and for this reason, He takes us into a dark night. No soul will ever grow deep in the spiritual life unless God works passively in that soul by the means of the dark night.”

Today, I am still sick, but I am better than I could have ever imagined. Christ has carried me through darkness and pain, allowing me to see who I really am through suffering and bringing me back into the light — literally — with the knowledge that Christ is all I need.

Martin Luther said, “This life, therefore, is not righteous but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise, we are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road; all does not yet gleam with glory, but all is being purified.”

I pray that what defines us is the presence of Christ in our lives, whether He’s the hunger that clings to our cores, the friend who sustains us and brings us back to each other, or the love who carries us through the dark night in order to more fully rejoice when the day comes.
Alumni, parents, family members and friends enjoyed reunions, special programs and fellowship during Taylor’s Homecoming and Parents and Family Weekend.

Above: Alumni and friends greet at Homecoming.
Jess Samples ’10 shares her testimony at Parents and Family Weekend.
Gary Wixtrom ’86 and Amy Shreve perform at Homecoming.
Below: Students and alumni enjoy the Alumni run.
Above right: Comic Ken Davis delights more than 1,200 students, parents and family.
Trenton Schmale ‘11 battles three Walsh defenders.
Bennie (Weaver ’44) Ode is created by Nick and Bonnie (Fisher ’77) Gygi ’77.
Right: Hall of Fame inductees were (from left) Rick Minnich ’74, Laurel (Kinzer ’74), Dean, Alan Jonas ’72 and Stevimir Ercegovac ’72.
Alumni Award winners were (from left) Paul Wagner ’72, Jonathan Askew ’65, David Nixon ’79 and Ken and Beth Smith HA ’19.
Below right: Students perform Thriller during Alumni Run.
MaryLou (Napolitano ’68) Habecker and Taylor University students enjoy all 100 Ivanhoe’s shake flavors.
1938

Vergil Gerber TUFW died on May 27, 2009, in Carol Stream, Ill. Vergil and his wife, Dorothy, served as missionaries for 33 years in Ecuador, Argentina, Costa Rica and Mexico. He also served as the Executive Director of EMIS for 12 years and conducted church growth workshops in over 50 countries. Among his five children were Ruth (Gerber TUFW '67), Leman and Janna (Gerber TUFW '79) Jacobs.

1948

Lola (Kelley) Bell passed away on April 22, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Gordon '45. Together they served as missionaries in India for almost 30 years. • 01 Charles Tharp died on March 13, 2009, in his home. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Verna (Steury '51). He taught math at high schools, colleges and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Ariz.

1950

02 Dr. Rufus “RA” Regier celebrated his 90th birthday on July 30, 2009. After retiring from his private practice in 1989, he still enjoys working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He currently resides in Dallas, Ore., with his wife, Orlue.

1957

Mary (Drake) Allison died after a courageous eight-year battle with breast cancer. Mary is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dr. Ben D. Allison. She taught elementary school before raising their six children. • 03 Carol Dempster passed away on June 28, 2009. She worked as a teacher for the Great Neck School District on Long Island, N.Y. • 04 Dr. Kenneth Gangel died on June 18, 2009. He wrote or edited 57 books and lectured in more than 40 educational institutions worldwide. He edited his own leadership publication, “The SEAL,” and served as scholar-in-residence for Toccoa Falls College during his retirement. Surviving Kenn is his wife, Elizabeth “Betty” (Blackburn '58).

1958

05 George and Jan (Huffman '60) Glass recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the shores of North Carolina with all of their 17 family members. TU alumni included daughter Cindy (Glass '82) and husband Todd Shinabarger '81, daughter Debra (Glass '84) and husband Chris Goeglein '84, son Tim Glass '86, and grandchildren Erin (Shinabarger '09) Geyer, Eric Shinabarger '09, Justin Goeglein '10, and Alissa Goeglein '12. • R.L. (Bob) Morgan '58 died on March 24, 2007. He owned and operated the Morgan Transportation System, Inc. for over 40 years. Survivors include his wife Erma (Habegger), their three children and six grandchildren. Erma now resides at 17462 Riverwalk Way East, Noblesville, IN 46062.

1962

Ardith (Hooten) Bradford passed away on September 1, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Nelson. Ardith worked as editor and later as department manager of the youth curriculum at Scripture Press Publications in Wheaton, Ill.

1969

Taylor University has over 19,000 living alumni.

1976

Matt Branan x has been named the interim president for the Rose-
Prabhakaran "Prabha" George, national director of Youth For Christ (YFC) India, died on Sunday, September 13, 2009. George was a longtime friend of Taylor and connection for many Taylor Lighthouse trips to India during January interterm.

"Prabha has been one of our most faithful international partners for 15 years," said Jenny Collins, director of Lighthouse at Taylor University. "He was honored as a Distinguished Friend of the University at Homecoming in the fall of 2007; he visited campus often and shared in chapel and classes numerous times ... He helped create powerful month-long learning and ministry experiences for more than 190 Taylor students and faculty/staff sponsors."

"Prabha was a godly man – gentle of spirit, loving, generous and caring – with an uncompromising commitment to Jesus and an unrelenting passion for sharing the gospel with the young people of India," wrote YFC international president David Wraight. "Under Prabha's leadership the YFC ministry in India has grown and thrived, and last year they were able to reach just over 987,000 young people with 63,141 of these young people committing their life to Jesus."

George is survived by his wife Nilo, daughter Joanna, son Andy and daughter-in-law Dipti.
Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Matt has served as a vice president for United Parcel Service (UPS) and as chief operating officer of the American Red Cross.

**1980**

Jeff Powell has been operating the White Lion Hotel near Guilin, China, for the past seven years while living and working in Troy, Mich. He frequently travels to China and has hosted two bicycle tours with Wandering Wheels to the area. E-mail is jeffreypo@aol.com.

**1984**

Bert Chapman has been promoted to professor of library science within Purdue University Libraries. His new book, Military Doctrine: A Reference Handbook will be published on September 30 by Praeger Security International. 

**01 Denise (Frame) Harlan** recently earned a M.F.A. in creative writing degree from Seattle Pacific University. She will be teaching the core liberal arts course for incoming students at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. E-mail is dframe2006@gmail.com.

**1985**

Daniel Braggwill became the superintendent and secondary principal for Emmanuel Christian Academy in Springfield, Ohio. He and his wife Annette (Shipley ’86) have four sons: Josiah, 18, Isaiah, 17, Noah, 14 and Micah, 12.

**1986**

George Jackson earned his M.S. in student affairs in higher education from Colorado State University in July 2008. He is working as a coordinator of diversity affairs for Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan.

**1987**

Dan and Kris (Leftingwell) Chilcott have moved from Kokomo, Ind., to Buchanan, Va. Dan is a research engineer in the R&D group at ITT Nightvision. They have four children: Jonathan, 18, Andrew, 16, Trey, 14 and Elizabeth, 12. E-mail is ksdnchilcott@aol.com.

**1988**

Dr. Scott Ressallat died unexpectedly on July 22, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio. He practiced chiropractic medicine in Georgia, Ohio and Tennessee. Scott was also a member of the First Medical Responder Team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

**1990**

03 Daniel Warner married Joan Snyder on November 22, 2008. He works for AAA as a software engineer. E-mail is aaawarrneraaa@yahoo.com.

**1992**

04 Michael and Jennifer (Bollier TUFW ’96) Hammond have moved from Fayetteville, Ark., to Lakeland, Fla. Mike is completing his Ph.D. in American history at the University of Arkansas and is starting a position as a history professor at Southeastern University. They would love to hear from TU friends from their classes and six years on Taylor’s campus as director of leadership development (1999-2005).
1959
Taylor President Eugene B. Habecker '68 receives the Class of '59 gift from Roger Beaverson '59 and Ron Valutis '59.

1964
One-hundred-fifteen members of the Class of '64 attended 2009 Homecoming. It marked one of the largest reunion groups in Taylor history.
REMEMBERING

Jim Wheeler ’79

What a privilege, a blessing and a blast it was to grow up with Jim Wheeler ’79 as an older brother. He was unique, hilarious, gifted, intelligent and compassionate. When I decided to go to a college other than Taylor, I had no idea what lay ahead for Jim or our family. But God knew. And in His great mercy, during my sophomore year, He put a restlessness in my spirit that I couldn’t shake, leading me to transfer to Taylor where I could spend some time with Jim before he graduated.

This was the beginning of a precious, priceless year-and-a-half that Jim and I shared at Taylor. We shared meals, classes, and even dates (Jim, his date, and me!), late-night walks, our hearts, side-splitting laughter and fun. I would sit in awe in chapel with tears running down my face as I listened to Jim minister through his songs. They came straight from his heart and still speak to me and comfort and encourage me today. I’m grateful beyond words for the precious, priceless gift of time that God gave me with Jim at Taylor.

— Brenda (Wheeler ’81) Wright

Editor’s note: Jim Wheeler died in 1979 after battling cancer. A celebration of his life and 40 years of The Brotherhood was held at Homecoming. Copies of Jim Wheeler’s CD “To Live is Christ” are available at the Taylor Campus Store for $12.99 — for more information call 765-992-5216, or contact mtvoss@taylor.edu.

1994

Cynthia Bennett finished her Ph.D. in systematic theology at Queen’s University Belfast in July 2009. She is currently an assistant chaplain for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland at Queen’s. Her e-mail is cbennett03@gmail.com.

1995

Eric and Carrie Anderson are pleased to announce the arrival of Natalie Dell, who was born on March 18, 2009. Brother Nathan is 2. Eric is a financial advisor in Orange City, Iowa.

01 Bill and Catherine Cuttino are the proud parents of Emily Katelyn, born on October 3, 2008, and Andrew, age 4.

1997

Todd and Becky Gerig joyfully announce the birth of Naomi Rose, who was born on June 26, 2009. She joins older brothers, William and Owen.

02 Kevin and Elizabeth (Germann) Lewis gladly welcomed Landon James into their family on July 21, 2009. They live in Brownsburg, Ind.

03 Dan and Karri (Oldham) Ophus are the proud parents of Graham Daniel born on November 26, 2008. Graham’s equally proud grandparents are Steve ’69 and Diane (Lundquist ’69) Oldham. The family resides in Mt. Prospect, Ill.

1998

04 Alice Rouse married Timothy Colegrove on May 23, 2009. They
are both working in ministry with homeless and street youth in Boston. Alice earned her doctorate in public health from Boston University in 2009. E-mail is alice.rouse@gmail.com.

Wolland are happy to announce the addition of Vera Marie from Russia into their family. She was born on October 16, 2007. Sister Kiara is 6. The family resides in Morton, Ill., and their e-mail is nichole@wolland.net.

1999 06 Abbie Reese was one of 100 photographers selected internationally for Review Santa Fe, a juried portfolio review for photographers who have created a significant project or series. She founded Dust Cloud Media, LLC, which partners with companies to tell their stories with words, sounds and images. Abbie lives in Mount Carroll, Ill. - 07 Erik and Andrea (Martin) Reite welcomed Chloe Christine into their family on November 9, 2008. Chloe joins older brother, Jonathan, 3, and they live in Shalimar, Fla. E-mail is eareite@hotmail.com.

2000 08 Jeremiah and Trish Lutter
were recently blessed with their first child, Ezra Lee, on August 7, 2009. Jeremiah is an automotive technician at Lutter's Elmbrook Automotive, and Trish is currently a stay-at-home mom with plans to continue teaching middle school in fall 2010. They currently reside in New Berlin, Wis.

Jessica Smith married Aaron White on January 31, 2009. Taylor grads in the wedding party included Thomas and Christine (Foote) Johnson, Elayne (Powell) Cabrera, George and Alissa (Booth) Leonard, Nathaniel Savidge '01, and Ryan Benbow. The couple lives in Indianapolis and can be reached at aaron_white1977@lycos.com.

Andrew and April (Rediger) Kelly welcomed their son, Nathan Andrew, on October 8, 2008. The family lives in Grayslake, Ill., and their e-mail is aredkelly04@yahoo.com.

John and Laura (Bayes) McConda are happy to announce the birth of their third child, Anora June, who was born on April 1, 2009. She was welcomed by siblings Autumn and Elijah. E-mail is ibayes01@hotmail.com.

Mike and Bess Paull are the proud parents of Grace Catherine, born December 22, 2008. The family resides in Carol Stream, Ill., and can be reached at paull.mike@gmail.com.

Taylor friends got together in July 2009 in Grand Haven, Mich. From L-R Rebekah (Stratton) Sjoberg, Deborah Veen, Michelle (Thompson '00) and Jeff Luginbill with their children.

Jill Tenhamsel is beginning her third year teaching in the Corozol district of Belize as an independent missionary. She created Music Mosaic Ministries, which partners with churches to develop...
music ministries where resources are not readily accessible. E-mail is musicmosaicministries@gmail.com. • Jill Terry married Brent Michener on June 30, 2009, on Shipwreck Beach in Kauai. Jill graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. She started private practice in OB/GYN in fall 2009 in Pampa, Texas, and Jill can be reached at jillterry@hotmail.com.

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• Andrew Timbie is the agent and business owner for American Family Insurance in Plainfield, Ind. He lives in Indianapolis, Ind., with his wife, Betsy, and their daughter, Noura. • Jessica Thompson married Steve Evans on July 12, 2008. Jessica is a high school counselor, and Steve is a youth pastor. The couple resides in Clare, Mich.

2003
09 Chris Atkinson was recognized by Google as a Google Certified Teacher. He has taught for seven years in the Carmel Clay school district and lives in Westfield, Ind. He was one of 50 teachers chosen nationwide for this honor. • Jon Kurtz and his eighth grade band were on the news after the

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band wrote their own composition and performed it for their spring concert. He lives in Middletown, Md. with his wife, Rachel (Mead).

2004
01 Jared Cheek married Annie Melton on August 15, 2009. He is the owner of Flannelgraph Records, and the couple lives in Bloomington, Ind. • 02 Ethan and Holly (Davis ’03) Daly recently moved to Chicago, Ill. Ethan is in seminary and business graduate school at North Park University.

2005
01 Alicia Bever married Joshua Douglass on May 17, 2008, in Muncie, Ind. TU participants included Annette (Driver) Forrester ’05, Christine (Pederson) Van Tienhoven and Sarah Bales (MES ’06). John Stark ’87 presided over the ceremony. The couple lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. • 05 Brian O’Neill married Julie Griffis on July 12, 2008, in San Diego, Calif. Attendants included David O’Neill ’04, Peter O’Neill ’11, Brian Ramsay, Mark Ahern and Josh Winslow. The couple resides in South Korea where they both teach at Taegon Christian International School.

2006
01 Jon Block married Mandy Bullock on August 16, 2008. They live in Lansing, Mich. • Hannah DeRegibus is teaching English at Sichuan University in China for the ’09–’10 school year. She recently graduated from Longwood University with a master’s degree in TESOL.

2007
06 Brent Maher was hired by Taylor University as a coordinator of assessment and quality improvement. He earned his master’s degree from Taylor in higher education and student development in 2009. • 07 Kate Yoder married Rob Bedinghaus ’08 on June 29, 2008, in Atglen, Pa. The couple currently resides in Bloomington, Ind., where Rob is working on his master’s in Hispanic linguistics at Indiana University. E-mail is rrbedinghaus@gmail.com.

2008
Meggie Lyzenga is working as an assistant press secretary at the office of Congressman Roy Blunt in Washington, D.C. E-mail is meggie.lyzenga@gmail.com. • 08 Laura

Nicholson married Tyler Gray on June 6, 2009. She earned her master’s in physician assistant studies from Butler University and is currently working as a physician assistant for Associated Anesthesiologists, Inc. The couple lives in Tulsa, Okla. • Erin Sanders married Matt Brubaker ’07 on July 11, 2009. Matt is studying at the University of Missouri for a Ph.D. in Cognition and Neuroscience. Erin is teaching math in Jefferson City, Mo.

2009
Ellen Koch married Daniel Longcor ’08 on April 4, 2009. The couple currently resides in Elkhart, Ind., and can be reached at daniel.longcor@gmail.com. • Patrick Rich has joined the football coaching staff for Chisholm High School in Enid, Okla.
relentless discovery
Marylou and I continue to be amazed at the acumen and ability of our students, including the incoming freshman class at Taylor University. Even more fascinating are the reasons these students give for choosing Taylor. It was during our recent orientation week for the Irish Studies Program that we greeted some of these new freshman students when one of them said something that has really stuck with me.

I asked one of these students, from New England, to tell me her Taylor story. Why did she choose Taylor? She was an excellent student and people had advised her to consider the Ivy League. She noted that as she had prayed about her college choice, the answer became clear: “Why would I want to settle for only an education?”

In that simple comment, I believe she captured the essence of what has drawn so many here throughout the years. The focus of our entire University is to provide an excellent education — of course — but it is so much more. As our newly-revised mission statement says:

*The mission of Taylor University is to develop servant leaders marked with a passion to minister Christ's redemptive love and truth to a world in need.*

The development of servant leaders marked with a passion begins with our faculty, who are the life blood of our institution. During our annual faculty retreat, Dr. Jim Spiegel gave an extraordinary presentation during which he led our faculty in exploration of new ways to inspire our students to godliness. As I listened, I was reminded of the Old Testament prophet Amos, who, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, told the Israelites, “I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.” Be it in the classroom, in the residence hall; or on the athletic field, we want, by both our lives and our programs, to inspire students to godliness.

To that end, our faculty and staff seek to impact the lives of our students in ways that go well beyond classroom lectures. Some have left their homes late in the evening for an impromptu meeting with a student study group at the library. Others invite students into their homes for Bible study, a meal, to do their laundry or just some time away from campus.

In addition to rigorous study, we cheer on our students to righteous living through courageous confrontation. When we must confront, our ultimate goal is to do so in love. We pursue love and truth together. Rather than using truth as a hammer; it is our aim to extend grace instead of judgment and come alongside these young men and women to help them understand more fully what God’s desire is for each.

Another way we develop these graduates marked with a passion is through the dedication of each semester to God’s work and will through our Spiritual Renewal Week. This fall, the Spirit of God moved in an extraordinary way in the lives of our students — so much so that news of it spread around the world.

Dozens upon dozens of our students came to the microphone at the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium at the conclusion of our Monday evening service to confess their sins to each other in accordance with James 5:16. It was after 2:45 a.m. when the service finally ended. In fact, I got an e-mail from my brother Hal ’73, a pastor in Dallas, Texas, who heard about it from a friend on the west coast who had heard it from a friend in Israel who had heard it from one of our students. Only God could do this — and to Him be the glory.

Throughout the broad spectrum of higher education, there are hundreds, maybe thousands of colleges and universities where one can enter into a “financial agreement” and in return is provided lectures and book learning — only an education. At Taylor, our focus is so much more than the provision of a commodity. And it includes a covenant — a Life Together Covenant.

Each of you serve as partners with us in the educational process — whether that partnership is lived out as trusting us with your sons and daughters or giving of your time, talent and treasures to support the mission of Taylor University. In essence, your prayers and financial support of God’s work at Taylor are vital part of helping the young men and women who study here become salt and light, so that they can minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth to a world in need.

Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68 serves as president of Taylor University.
“Taylor University offers a unique community that extends far beyond the wing or residence hall. Instead, students, faculty and administrators all seek to develop genuine relationships, fostering an environment of love and support.” – **David Brooks**

David Brooks ’10, a history major, has been involved on campus as a student ambassador, discipleship coordinator, peer tutor and small group leader on his wing. Through weekly meetings, Dr. Steve Messer has encouraged David to pursue a PhD in history. Dr. Messer has also given David the opportunity to experience teaching before attending graduate school by allowing him to give lectures and lead discussions in his introductory classes.

Gifts to the Taylor Fund are an investment in students and their futures. Many students would not have these opportunities without your support.

Thank you for your investment in David and his fellow students!
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Taylor University’s football Trojans played their first-ever night game at Wheeler Stadium on Sept. 3. For more on Taylor athletics, see pages 12 and 13.