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The Unlikely Ministry
Breathing in the Unstuffy Air
Changing the World Through Business
When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

**Acts 4:13**

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

**Romans 12:11**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

**1 Peter 2:9**

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Phil Madeira ’76
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Founded in 1846, Taylor University is one of America's oldest Christian liberal arts colleges. Over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students from 46 states and 24 foreign countries attend Taylor, where majors in 50 fields of study are available. The University is ranked the number one Midwest Baccalaureate college in the 2010 U.S. News & World Report survey America's Best Colleges.
The Taylor Ethos

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.

Relentless discovery. Intentional community. Global engagement. How does one describe the “Taylor Experience?” As we have heard from thousands of our alumni, the four years they spent at Taylor fundamentally changed their lives.

In truth, lots of schools talk about discovery, community and global learning. It’s the 21st century. Colleges and universities that don’t embrace these foci won’t be colleges and universities for long. At Taylor, however, while these so-called brand attributes effectively describe who we are and what we do, there is something else.

It is The Taylor Ethos. Discovery, community and global engagement are not just things we do. They spring from and lead back to what has been happening at Taylor for more than 160 years.

People leave Taylor different, significantly different, than they were when they came. Consider the story of Phil Madeira ’76, who describes himself as the kind of person who doesn’t really fit the “Taylor Mold.” Yet it was through one-on-one encounters with numerous faculty members and fellow students that he left Taylor a different person. And as a result, he shares his faith on a worldwide scale as a respected lyricist and musician in Christian and secular circles.

Students on Taylor’s SIFE team use their hearts and heads for business to impact the lives of thousands of people. And Simon Mungai ’89 and Gladys (Mwangi ’92) Maina were irresistibly drawn to minister in the most unlikely of places. I believe the Taylor Ethos springs from an encounter with the living God whom our students meet in a Taylor classroom, their professors’ homes, residence halls, chapel or Dining Commons.

Those stories and many other about Taylor alumni, students and professors who are marked with that passion, are included in this issue of Taylor.

I’ve always been captivated by the passage from Acts 4 that says, “... they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” It is something that I’ve always wanted for my life. It is something that I have seen at Taylor as well. May God grant that it will always be so.

James R. Garringer
Editor
Ground broken for Euler Science Complex

$4.5 million yet to be raised for equipment, furnishings and sustainability features

Imagine a $41.7 million science facility in which students and professors can plumb the depths of scientific discovery. Next imagine wind turbine, innovative design components and features that reduce its energy footprint. Imagine a four-story atrium that will serve as a hub for campus events. Now, picture it at Taylor University in the fall of 2012.

After years of planning, work and prayer, the long-awaited Greg and Mary Fran Euler Science Complex has begun the transition from dreams to reality. Members of the Taylor University Board of Trustees, student body, faculty, staff and administration held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 20 to mark the start of construction.

The 137,000 square-foot facility, which is being built on the north side of the existing Nussbaum Science Center, will be the largest single building project in Taylor's history – both in terms of physical size and cost.

Taylor President Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68 said Taylor officials have identified $36.7 million – nearly 90% of the funding for construction of the facility. He cited encouraging developments in fundraising and the bidding process as factors in the decision to start construction immediately.

"The Euler Science Complex project is the most critical building project in perhaps the last 40 years. There was an overwhelming sense among our administration, faculty and Board of Trustees that we must seize this historic opportunity. By launching the project now, Taylor University can realize millions of dollars in savings and provide our students and faculty with a vital, much-needed resource for years to come," he said. "We are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness, the generosity of friends, and to our Board of Trustees for their visionary leadership."

In the coming months, Taylor's administration will continue fundraising activities to complete the funding for the project. "We appreciate the record level of gifts to date by so many alumni, parents and friends. They have also encouraged us to go forward with construction, and affirmed their support to help us raise the remaining $4.5 million for the lab equipment, furnishings and sustainability features," said Dr. Ben R. Sells, Vice President for University Advancement.

"We are excited about the opportunities this project will create for Taylor University students and faculty for years to come," said Dr. Stephen Bedi '65, Taylor provost. "This construction project will have a dynamic impact on the communities of Upland, Grant County and throughout the State of Indiana."

Construction is expected to take 22 months with occupancy slated for the 2012 fall semester. Watch for updates and construction photos at www.taylor.edu.
Gaither: financial crisis has spiritual roots

The greatest danger facing graduates today is not failure—it is success. Such was the observation of award-winning gospel singer, songwriter and author Gloria Gaither, the featured speaker at Taylor's 164th commencement on May 22.

“You have not been allowed to fail, so failure will be very hard to take. The truth is, though, that failure is good for us. Success is the killer,” Gaither told the graduates and their families. “How you handle failure and what you do with it is incredibly important. So I'm encouraging you that because of your faith and roots that you have gotten at home and at this institution ... that you will use those setbacks and discouragements and criticisms from whomever you work with to make you a better person.”

Gaither, Dr. Paul Gentile '52, his wife Barbara (Clark '50) and Dr. Brian Coffey '81 comprised Taylor's 2010 honorary degree class. Gaither and the Gentiles were honored at commencement; Coffey was awarded during May 14 baccalaureate services during which he was the featured speaker.

Nearly 570 graduates received their diplomas during the ceremony, which was held for the second straight year in the Kesler Student Activities Center (KSAC). Taylor’s graduating class hailed from 29 states and 21 foreign countries which included: The Bahamas, China, France, Jordan, India, Kenya, Lithuania, Qatar, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand and Uganda.

Two-hundred-fifty-two graduates earned Summa, Magna and Cum Laude honors. Two graduated with perfect 4.0 GPAs. Three-hundred-ninety-nine members of the 2010 class had at least one study abroad experience—a Taylor record.

Eight Taylor faculty members—Drs. Stan Burden '61, Tim Burkholder '63, Ted Dorman, Steve Hoffmann, Rich Parker and Joe Romine '70, and professors Craig Moore '71 and Larry Winterholter '64—who combined for more than 300 years of service, concluded their careers that day. (See profiles on pages 20-27).

During her address, Gaither likened herself to a mom offering a word of parting advice to the graduates.

“We are in a total crisis in this country because of a spiritual problem, not because of an economic one. We have economic problems because we all wanted something we hadn't earned,” she stated. “I am asking you to not live by looking around at other kids, other families, at other young people. I am asking you to take responsibility not only for yourself but for some around us.”

“There's a wonderful quality that I think is in big demand these days, and that quality is grace,” she added. “It is a forgiving attitude taken by generous people into every situation. Graciousness is in short supply. We are in an ugly and rude time. Graciousness is a God quality. I don't think you can be truly gracious without having experienced grace.”

“God's will for your life is God's will for today, and it doesn't get any more glamorous than that.”

To listen to Gaither's commencement and Coffey's baccalaureate addresses, visit www.taylor.edu.
Catching a vision for restoration
Taylor students, faculty spend spring break week in Marion

There are some who would view the City of Marion through the lens of old racial tensions, closed factories and high unemployment. But 15 Taylor students who spent Spring Break there came away from the week seeing not what has been, but what can be.

The Grant County spring break team was one of a dozen teams consisting of 159 Taylor students who spent 2010 spring break in destinations that included Russia, Northern Ireland, the Dominican Republic and Daytona Beach.

The Grant County team spent eight days in Marion and their service was augmented by over 45 Taylor faculty members and friends, Marion residents and pastors, and community advocates who provided hands, insights and edification.

“The overarching lesson I learned during my time in Marion was catching a vision for restoration,” shared Mia Matchett ’11. “There are two ways to walk down the streets of Marion: one is seeing old storefronts and mansions falling apart and the other is catching God’s vision for restoration. What Jesus has done in my life, what He did on the cross, what He is working on doing in Marion is to restore.”

The week’s service component consisted of painting, landscaping, food distribution and carpentry, along with tutoring and playing with children at Marion Inner City Outreach (MICO). The opportunity to develop relationships with area residents came through special events, meals at the community center and spending time in neighborhoods.

Education also played a key role in the Marion experience. Community members and advocates addressed the students on themes such as community development and the joys and realities of serving in an urban environment. Pastors from downtown churches met with the team each morning for devotions and prayer. Through teachers and volunteers, police officers and directors of ministries, and local business owners and the mayor’s chief of staff, students said they saw first-hand how God can use each individual’s skills and gifts.

“God opened my eyes to the needs that Marion has and how Christians in the city are working to meet those needs,” said Ben Lehman ’12. “We met with many different people of faith who are trying to embrace this idea of community development in their own lives. Some were pastors, some were school teachers, and some worked with local ministries or were even in city government. Yet all of these people were ordinary people just being obedient to God. I thought to myself that I could be like them. I am just an ordinary person, but as long as I’m obedient to God I can do extraordinary things for His Kingdom.”
The fastest sport on two feet
Members of Taylor’s men’s lacrosse club play a big-time schedule

The players wear helmets, shoulder and elbow pads. They use a stick with a net to catch, pass and shoot the ball, and it’s also useful for hitting – or checking – an opponent to make them drop the ball. They shoot at a net similar to a soccer goal. In fact, you could call it a combination of football, soccer, hockey, baseball and basketball. But don’t call it “quirky.”

Taylor’s men’s and women’s lacrosse clubs offer Taylor students an opportunity to play teams throughout the Midwest and develop long-lasting friendships with teammates. Men’s coach/advisor Dr. Randall Dodge ’81 says the sport is quickly spreading throughout the United States. “You are seeing more colleges field lacrosse teams,” says Dodge. “At Taylor, it attracts students who are self-motivated to be academically successful. Frankly they represent Taylor University very well.”

The teams’ home matches, once held between the Reade and Nussbaum buildings, are played on a dedicated field on the west side of campus. While there is some funding from university budgets, lacrosse athletes pay a club fee and raise money for equipment and travel. And they say it’s a great way to have an intercollegiate athletic experience.

The men’s program was founded in 1997 and didn’t have its first losing season until the 2009-10 team’s 7-8 finish. As in past years, their schedule, which is broken into fall and spring portions, included games against NCAA Div. I opponents Ball State, DePaul, Dayton, Miami of Ohio and Purdue.

“The year we had one of the toughest schedules ever,” said midfielder Brett Ladley ’13, a political science major from Lancaster, Pa. “There were only three schools we played who weren’t ranked in the top 25 of the nation. It was good competition. I think in a couple of years we will be very, very good.”

“It was a little bit of a rebuilding year. We had a couple of freshmen who started. That is nice to know we will be building off of that for the next couple of years,” says fellow midfielder Rex Huffman ’12, a graphic design major from Madison, Ind. Huffman played high school soccer and was drawn to lacrosse to experience the camaraderie of a team and opportunity to play an intercollegiate sport. “Lacrosse is close to soccer. It’s a big mixture of a lot of sports.”

“I love the sport of lacrosse,” says Timmy Huynh ’10, who graduated in May with a biology degree and is from Round Rock, Texas. Huynh played his sophomore year before settling in as the team’s assistant coach. “We have guys with all sorts of sports backgrounds. Some have never played before and others played other sports in high school. It’s the fastest game on two feet. If more people see it they will enjoy it.”

To learn more about Taylor’s men’s and women’s lacrosse clubs, visit www.taylor.edu/community/studentlife/activities/clubs.
Taylor community remembers Amy Nose; scholarship established

She loved her daughters. She loved her colleagues in Taylor’s housekeeping and dining services. And she loved Taylor students. But most of all, she desperately wanted people to know her Jesus, say those who knew and loved Amy Nose.

Nose, a longtime member of Taylor’s housekeeping and dining services staff who worked in the Hodson Dining Commons, English and Bergwall Halls, died at the hand of her estranged husband March 25. She left behind two grieving daughters, family members, colleagues, friends and many Taylor students and alumni. Nearly 800 mourners attended her memorial service in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium on March 30.

“My mama taught me how to love Jesus, even when it seems like He’s not there,” said Nose’s daughter Christanna ’12 during an emotional tribute. “My mom isn’t just in me; she’s in her family and my family. She’s in her mom and her dad, her brothers and her friends. She’s in my sister in big ways, too ... I’m really thankful for the time I had with her and everything she gave me.”

“It was obvious to me that (Amy) was an incredibly genuine person with a heart for serving others,” said Julie Engelsman, former director of English Hall. “Whether it was one of the students she ran into while she was cleaning, a front desk worker, or someone like myself, she took a real interest in our lives. She was someone that students trusted and whom they shared their life with. The women of English simply adored her.”

“She loved God and she knew she wasn’t perfect. That is why she could speak honestly to the students,” remembered Liz (Hinkle ’81) Shockey, a friend of Nose’s who met her at The Red Barn, a ministry to teens in the Upland area. Nose was a regular volunteer at the Barn for the past three years where she developed a reputation as an adult in whom the kids could confide. Shockey’s husband Troy ’75 serves as Barn director.

“Amy was fun to be with. She played games with the kids – I think she was a tomboy. She was able to hold her own with the best of them,” Shockey added. “Amy literally had the ‘joy of the Lord.’ She wanted so much to share her faith in God with the kids and see them make good choices early. Amy loved to serve. She had a passion to glorify God.”

Shockey said that a scholarship created by community members will make it possible for some youth served by the Barn to get a college education. “We had often said we wanted to have a scholarship,” she related. “It is just another way that God brings something good out of something bad. It will be kids who didn’t even know her who will now get a scholarship in her name.”

To learn more about the scholarship, contact the Shockeys at troyandliz@eiwifi.com.
Faculty accolades

Mick Bates, assistant professor of business, was the 31st Colloquium Speaker at the Global Entrepreneurship Vision Retreat and presented *Scriptural Vision and Lessons Learned* at Handong Global University in Pohang, Korea, on February 28, 2010.

Jenny Collins ’89, assistant professor of missions, wrote an article titled *The Standards of Excellence Explained: Guidelines to Help Short-Term Mission Leaders add Knowledge to Zeal*, which was published on Christianity Today Inc’s website at rundtripmissions.com in February, 2010.

Matt DeLong, professor of mathematics, gave a series of presentations and workshops on the campus of Carnegie Mellon-Qatar in May, 2010. He also won the Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics from the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Lee Erickson, professor of economics, presented *Comparing Daily In-class Formative Assessments with Blackboard Surveys* at the Midwest Scholar’s Conference, March 5, 2010.

Daniel King, associate professor of chemistry, Brad King ’10 and Lynne Normant ’10 wrote an article titled *Acetylation Labeling Mass Spectrometry: A Method for Studying Protein Conformations and Interactions*, which was published in *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science* in 2009.

Scott Gaier, director of academic technology, presented *Attribution Theory: Understanding Why Students Do What They Do* at the meeting of the National Association of Developmental Education in Columbus, Ohio.

Tim Herrmann ’75, associate professor of higher education; Philip Byers ’10, Master of Arts in Higher Education (MAHE) graduate; Scott Moeschberger ’97, associate professor of psychology; and Skip Trudeau, dean of student development, delivered academic papers at the 20th Annual Jon C. Dalton Institute on College Student Values Conference at Florida State University, February 4-6, 2010. Herrmann and Byers presented *Mercy, Not Sacrifice: College Student Spirituality and Social Concern and Action*; Moeschberger presented *Social Justice & Service-Learning: Quantitative Research, Program Evaluation Tools, and Discussion on the Future of Social Justice Education*, and Trudeau presented *Exploring Spirituality and Religiosity of College Student Athletes*.


Don Takehara, associate professor of research, and Mick Bates, assistant professor of business, gave a presentation titled *The Taylor University CR&I and Business as Mission* at the Global CEO Conference in Orlando, Fla., on March 11, 2010.

Distinguished scholars

During the 2009-2010 academic year, six Taylor faculty members were honored for their scholarship, innovation, leadership and impact by the University. Each was chosen by panels of faculty, students, alumni and/or past winners.

**Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award**

**Dr. Robert Lay, professor of Christian education**

Presented by the National Alumni Council, the Distinguished Professor of the Year recognizes a faculty member with a minimum of 10 years teaching service at Taylor who has exhibited classroom excellence, godly character and stellar scholarship.

**Franklin W. and Joan M. Forman Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award**

**Dr. Rachel Hostetter Smith, professor of art and Gilkison Family Chair in Art History**

The Forman Award was established to honor a Taylor faculty member who has exhibited significant expertise in original research, writing or other scholarly or artistic projects that have been recognized by the broader academic community.

**2009 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award**

**Dr. Phil Collins '82, associate professor of Christian educational ministries**

This award is presented each fall to a professor who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the university in areas including model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development and/or instructional support.

**2010 Dr. Joe Burnworth Teaching Award**

**Professor Kathy Bruner, assistant professor of media communication**

Named for longtime Taylor education professor Dr. Joe Burnworth, this award recognizes distinctive faculty in their first five years of teaching at Taylor who exhibit great promise and have made noteworthy contributions to the academic and community life of the institution.

**Teaching Excellence Award in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences**

**Dr. Matt DeLong, professor of mathematics**

This award recognizes a faculty member in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences who displays excellence in the classroom, stellar scholarship and godly, Christ-like character.

**Distinguished Faculty Lecture in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences**

**Dr. Ken Kiers, professor of physics and engineering, department chair**

The School of Natural and Applied Sciences Distinguished Lecture honors significant scholarly accomplishment, whether in the scholarship of discovery, integration, application or teaching.
No "I" in team

Michael Kraynak '10 and Kelsey Pritchard '12 are winners of the 2010 Gates-Howard and Lady Trojan of the Year Awards, honoring them as Taylor's outstanding male and female athletes for 2009-2010.

Pritchard, an outside hitter for the volleyball team, is an international studies major from Indianapolis, Ind. She was an NAIA Second Team All-American, the second player in Taylor volleyball history named to the NAIA Nationals All-Tournament Team, and led the NAIA with 661 kills in 2009. The Lady Trojans went 37-7 and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time since 2001.

"It was incredible to get to go to nationals with the girls on the team who've become part of my family," Pritchard said, adding that the honor was a surprise. "It wasn't on my radar of things that might happen this year. I wanted other people to know how this wouldn't have been possible without my team."

Kraynak, from Columbus, Ohio, graduated in May with a degree in sports management and played shortstop and pitcher for the baseball team for four years. He was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, two-time MCC Player of the Year, Taylor's all-time hits leader and the team's closer. His seven saves in 2010 ranked 17th in the nation as he led his team to a 38-17 record and second straight trip to the NAIA nationals.

"I was very honored to receive this award," he said. "I loved the chance to represent Taylor on and off the field. I hope that every athlete realizes the opportunity they are receiving and makes it a priority to represent Taylor for all that it truly is. We play for a great school, and even more so a great God."

Pritchard admitted to a bit of a learning curve while making the adjustment between high school and college. "It is a harder, faster game, but I definitely love it," said Pritchard. "Playing here has made it a million times better. At Taylor, I've been challenged by coaches and teammates to grow — not only as a volleyball player, but also as a Christian."

"Playing baseball at Taylor has meant everything to me. I truly cannot put into words the love and passion I have for this program," Kraynak said. "The relationships that I have built will last me a lifetime... it is so difficult to leave, but I will always look back on these as the best years of my life."
Baseball earns repeat trip to nationals; track sends 13 to nationals

Baseball – 38-17 (18-4 MCC)
- Won Taylor’s first-ever MCC regular season championship
- Made second straight trip to NAIA National Championship
- Reached No. 23 ranking in NAIA Top 25 Coaches’ Poll
- Michael Kraynak ’10 named MCC Player of the Year, second season running
- Kyle Gould ’02 named MCC Coach of the Year
- Seven players named First Team All-Conference
- Five Trojans named MCC Players/Pitchers of the Week
- Taylor’s pitching staff ranked No. 1 in the nation in walks allowed (1.84 per nine innings)

Softball – 13-27 (6-10 MCC)
- Holly Tomaszewski ’13 – MCC All-Tournament Team, led the MCC with 197 strikeouts per 9 innings
- Jess Fankhauser ’10, Emily Kramer ’11 named NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- Emily Kramer ’11, Alyssa Freckbech ’12, Laura Strange ’12, and Tomaszewski named MCC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Men’s Golf – 7th in the MCC
- Tyler Ramsland ’12 – MCC All-Conference Team; 6th at conference tournament after firing a final round 72 for a three-round total of 224
- Finished second in nine team Bethel Big Time Challenge

Men’s Track & Field – 2nd at MCC Meet
- NAIA Nationals qualifiers: Cory Anderson ’11, Scott Gill ’11, Adam Schnieder ’11, Tom Robertson ’10, Bryan Allingham ’10, Dave Voss ’10, Brad Witherell ’10, Nate Kirsch ’11, Isaac Bryan ’11, Brian Tencher ’11, Logan Campbell ’13
- Allingham won MCC championship, set school record in the 400 meter dash (48.06)
- Nine NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- MCC All-Conference Bryan Allingham ’10, Scott Gill ’11, Isaac Bryan ’11, Tom Robertson ’10
- Cory Anderson ’11 named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team

Women’s Track & Field – 3rd at MCC Meet
- NAIA Nationals qualifiers: Henrietta Carey ’13, Andrea Elsman ’10
- School records broken: Henrietta Carey ’13 in the 100 meter dash (11.22 seconds) and the 200 meter dash (25.11); Stephanie Kenney ’12 in the 400 meter dash (58.70)
- Two NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- MCC All-Conference Henrietta Carey ’13
- Morgan Ackerchiff ’11 named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team

For scores, player bios, stats and much more, visit www.taylor.edu/athletics.
Nearing the Promised Land  By Dr. Daniel King

Introduction
In the spring of 2005, I arrived in Upland, Ind., to begin a two-day interview process for an analytical chemistry position at Taylor University. Already holding a good job at another Christian college, I was in the unusual position of being able to be very selective. I quickly became aware that there was nothing ordinary about Taylor University or their department of chemistry & biochemistry. There were a number of very distinctive features of the chemistry program that attracted me to Taylor, which include a strong atmosphere of community among faculty and student, a strong focus on scholarship with unusual support for instrumentation, and strong academics with a focus on teamwork and creative instruction.

Community
One of the strongest selling points for my wife and me to move to Upland, Ind., was the strong sense of community among the students and faculty and the opportunities to get involved in the community as a result of living in a small town. Prior to Taylor, I worked at an urban university campus. Not being able to afford to live near campus, my wife Carie and I accepted the commuting lifestyle. My wife and I had sizeable commutes and tended to work long hours. We rarely, if ever, returned to campus for evening or weekend activities. But we longed for a location that would allow our family to become involved with the Christian college community – and Taylor has been a perfect fit. I remember when I came for my interview, it was arranged for us to eat with a group of chemistry students. When I asked them what they liked most about the program, their answers centered on community – and Dr. LeRoy Kroll’s cooking! Since coming to Taylor, Carie and I have enjoyed living near campus. I can walk or ride my bike to work, take my children to sporting events, and host student and departmental activities in our home.

Scholarship
It was clear when I first visited Taylor that the university and the department of chemistry & biochemistry had an unusually strong emphasis on research and discovery for a school of its size. There had been a legacy of faculty-student research throughout Taylor’s history including Dr. Elmer Nussbaum ’49, the namesake of our current science building, and Dr. Stan Burden ’61, the professor I was hired to replace. The Center for Research and Innovation (CR&I) at Taylor immediately began playing a significant role in my research career. Just after arriving here, I was awarded a STEP grant with which we purchased a high-powered computer workstation and software specifically designed to enable our students to create 3-D models of complex molecules like proteins and then to simulate their interaction with each other or other protein targets. My research has focused on the fighting of crop diseases, specifically trying to understand how enzymes (proteins) from fungi and bacteria attack the cell walls of plants while others defend themselves with inhibitor proteins.

Approximately 50 percent of crops grown worldwide are lost because they rot in the field, in transit, or in storage. If the actions of these fungi and bacteria could be inhibited, the shelf life of crops could be dramatically extended. The protein modeling workstation has made it possible for TU students to create 3-D models of more than 40 pathogenic proteins and plant defense proteins, present at national conferences, and coauthor three articles in prestigious journals in just a few years. The work has also lead to a multi-university collaboration between Taylor, the University of California, Santa Barbara and Texas State University that won a $520,000 grant to work toward a cure for a grape crop disease that is common in California.

When I arrived, the chemistry department had excellent instrumentation that was on par with, if not better than, our sister universities. Since then, we have added an Agilent 1100 High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (LC) and a Finnigan LCQ Deca-XP electrospray mass spectrometer (MS). These two state-of-the-art devices working in concert (LC-MS) allow students to separate and identify complex mixtures of biopolymers like proteins and DNA from biological samples. LC-MS experience is now the most sought after skill by analytical laboratories who hire at the bachelor’s degree level. This technology is rare at small schools, and the experience sets our undergraduates distinctly apart from their peers at other universities. Adding this technology has enabled our students to develop an experimental method for studying the proteins involved in crop disease. Our method, Acetylation Labeling Mass Spectrometry (ALMS), was recently coauthored and published by three undergraduates. Now, combining our experimental and computational capabilities, Taylor chemistry students are poised to make significant discoveries in the area of crop disease research.

Academics
Taylor University has always had a reputation of strong academics, but it was not until I joined the faculty that I began to appreciate the source of Taylor’s academic excellence. It starts with great students and professors who have high expectations for these students, and a team atmosphere that encourages faculty to use creative teaching methods. In fact, the chemistry department requires their graduates to finish above the 50th percentile nationally on at least three American Chemical Society subject exams. The policy itself is quite a bold statement: Taylor chemistry students must be above average in a highly competitive field. But I’ve found this is fundamental to the mission of Taylor, “…to develop servant leaders marked with a passion to minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth to a world in need.” Graduates are better prepared to be leaders who can impact the world for Christ if they not only have a strong passion for sharing the gospel, but are also above average in their discipline. The chemistry professors working together through team teaching and guest lecturing in each other’s courses have enabled students to experience a greater variety of expert instruction from faculty who are
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The future in the Euler Science Complex

The Euler Science Complex won't be merely a pretty place to have class. It will be a vehicle to help the School of Natural and Applied Sciences realize its vision. The department of chemistry & biochemistry is particularly excited about how the new complex will enhance our distinctives. The interaction areas positioned between the chemistry laboratory wing and faculty offices will encourage more faculty-student collaboration and mentorship. Whether students want help with research, course work, or a place to study with friends, these interaction spaces adjacent to the central spiral staircase will be a popular hangout for students. The new construction will provide more dedicated space for ongoing and new research programs. The new instrument laboratory and molecular modeling workstation spaces will provide a safer, more efficient, and stimulating research environment for our students. The new technology-filled chemistry laboratories are intentionally designed to provide flexible instructional space where students can work in groups or listen to a presentation. The days of the classic long lab benches that limit mobility and visibility are a thing of the past with clear visibility and safety serving as core elements of their design. The discipline-specific outer laboratories encircle a state-of-the-art instrument laboratory that will make answers to chemical questions easily accessible to undergraduates in all of our courses.

This is an exciting time to be involved with Taylor's science programs, and with the construction of the new Euler Science Complex under way, it is only going to get better. The new complex will dramatically enhance our already strong focuses on community, scholarship and academics. The future of the sciences at Taylor University is indeed very bright.

Dr. Daniel King is an associate professor of chemistry at Taylor University. He delivered the 2009 Distinguished Faculty Lecture for the School of Natural and Applied Sciences.
Inspire others. Remember.
Honoring and memorializing friends and family in the Memorial Prayer Chapel

In response to requests from people to recognize family members, friends, and mentors who have had a significant spiritual impact on their lives, there is a wall in the Memorial Prayer Chapel entitled A Great Cloud of Witnesses. Your gift of $1,000 over the course of one, two or three years will allow you to honor or memorialize an individual or couple on this wall. The contributions sustain both the Memorial Prayer Chapel as well as the ongoing commitment to prayer at Taylor University.

For more information about this opportunity and to see an example of how the names are presented on the wall, contact Brad Yordy, Director of Scholarships and Athletic Development, at 800-882-3456, ext 5114, or bryordy@taylor.edu.

Taylor stewardship lauded by Charity Navigator

A fundraising watchdog group has honored Taylor University with a four-star rating – its highest ranking for stewardship and fundraising efficiency.

The stated goal of New Jersey-based Charity Navigator is to help consumers know which charities are being good financial stewards. It compiles its ranking system based on tax returns and public records of nearly 6,000 non-profit organizations, comparing fundraising support spending with the amount of funds raised. A four star ranking is the highest with one-half star being the lowest recognition.

Only 11 Indiana non-profits – three of them colleges – were recognized by Charity Navigator. Taylor University and the University of Notre Dame were the only two Indiana colleges to earn four-star ratings.

“The Charity Navigator rating is another wonderful external validation of the things we are doing at Taylor University,” said Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement. “We have historically regarded stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to us in a serious, prayerful manner.

“Our greatest accolade comes from our donors, who have sacrificially supported the mission and programs of Taylor University. We are exceedingly grateful for their support,” he added.

On the upswing
Fundraising at Taylor reaches record levels

Fundraising efforts at Taylor University netted $21,997,774 during the just-completed fiscal year of 2009-2010. It represented a $8,224,827 rise from last year’s $13,772,947.

According to Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for University Advancement, gifts to the science complex drove the increase – jumping from $628,146 in FY09 to $7,574,932 in FY10. Giving to scholarships netted $1.2 million during the recent fiscal year as well.

Sells said that although the Taylor Fund did not reach its $2.031 million goal, the $1.741 million raised will assist students and help the Taylor administration continue to run a quality program.

“It has been a great privilege to share the Taylor story with hundreds of friends, parents, alumni and others,” said Sells. “It has been humbling to see God show Himself strong on our behalf. We are excited about the future and our primary goals will be to meet our Taylor Fund target of $2.1 million 2010-2011 and raise the remainder of the funds needed for the Euler Science Complex.”

To learn more, visit www.taylor.edu/giving.

To learn more, visit www.charitynavigator.org.
What really matters?

“Taylor University has become a family tradition for us. Priscilla and I, as well as our three sons and one daughter-in-law, graduated from Taylor. It provided an excellent education as well as a Christ-centered legacy for our family. We would like to help preserve the Taylor Tradition through including Taylor in our estate plans because we believe in Taylor.”

Bob and Priscilla (Ten Eyck) Wynkoop, Class of 1968

The Bishop William Taylor Society honors those who have included Taylor University in their estate plans or have established one of several planned gifts that include: bequests through a will or living trust, beneficiary designations of a retirement plan or life insurance policy, or establishing a charitable gift annuity or charitable trust that will provide an income for the rest of your life.

The 342 society members have touched the lives of thousands of students and will preserve and strengthen Taylor University for God’s intended purpose—now and in the days to come.

Contact Michael Falder or Nelson Rediger in the Office of Planned Giving at 765.998.5538, or email mcfalder@taylor.edu or nrediger@taylor.edu.

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Ephesians 1:13-14
And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of His glory.
With Gratitude
That is the number of years served by eight beloved faculty members who were recognized for retirement from Taylor University. Some were alumni, whose Taylor experience proved foundational to their lives. Others followed God's call to Taylor. All have been critical components of the Taylor experience for thousands of students.

It is with gratitude and a profound sense of appreciation and admiration that we bid them godspeed.

Well done, good and faithful servants.
How does one sum up five decades? Perhaps not with a period or exclamation point, but rather, a comma. Since he first arrived on the Taylor campus as a basketball camper in 1957 until his retirement a few weeks ago, Dr. Joe Romine has been a part of many great moments at Taylor.

During his Taylor student years he played football for Bob Davenport. As a faculty and administrative staff member, he coached football and golf, served as athletic director and taught numerous physical education classes. He also performed a key role in the transformation of the former Storer Dining Hall into the Student Union and accompanied the men’s basketball team to nationals in Kansas City where they advanced to the Final Four in 1991.”It was a great run,” he now reflects.

He readily says he learned from the best. “George Glass ’58 had a big impact on my life, as he did lots of students,” Romine remembers. “I watched George work. He had a way as a track coach of getting his athletes to do what he wanted them to do the way he wanted them to do it, in a real mild-mannered way. He was good around the office, good with students, athletes, classes and staff.”

And an added blessing of Romine’s longevity at Taylor has been the long, warm relationships that deepen with time. “I’m now getting to teach the sons and daughters of kids I went to college with,” he says. “The one thing about Taylor is that you remember people (and they) remember you. Homecoming is always a joy to see who is back.”
Tim Burkholder ’63

Tim Burkholder still remembers the day he was invited to join the Taylor University biology faculty in 1969. The opportunity to fill the position soon to be vacated by legendary professor Vida Wood was too good to pass up, but he also needed to complete his PhD at The Ohio State University.

“I said, ‘Go back and tell Vida Wood if she is willing to stay one more year at Taylor, I will come. It was the third-best decision I ever made,’” he said, quickly adding his top two decisions were trusting Christ and marrying fellow Taylor student Carolyn Williamson ’64.

For the next 40 years, Burkholder’s service at Taylor included classroom teaching, department chair, faculty athletic representative, advising hundreds of premedical students and serving as the pre-med club (Alpha Pi lota) adviser. It was his cardiovascular research with Dr. Walt Randall ’38 — funded by the National Institutes of Health — that allowed him to mentor more than 30 students as they studied the maze of parasympathetic nerve endings in animal hearts, giving insight to the intricate workings of God’s creation.

“As I contemplate the life of Christ on earth, His many miracles, His death, resurrection and promise to return to earth some day, it helps me understand more clearly God’s creative power, which is embodied in the person of Jesus, and evidenced in the complexity of living organisms, especially that of human beings, which inhabit our planet,’” he said.

“Taylor has been a wonderful place for me and Carolyn to serve the Lord by serving Taylor students.”
Two Bible heroes come to mind as one talks with Stan Burden. The first is John the Baptist, who said, “He must increase, I must decrease.” The second is Moses, who led the children of Israel to the edge of the Promised Land, but did not go in himself.

Burden began his teaching career at Taylor in 1966, the year before the Nussbaum Science Center opened. His retirement came just two days after groundbreaking for the new Euler Science Complex.

For the past five years, Burden has taught a reduced teaching load; and, Lord willing, he says he plans to continue. “In my situation,” he deadpans as did the late comic George Burns, “you don’t even buy green bananas anymore.”

“These are critical years for young people,” Burden says of the four years students spend in a Taylor classroom. “I asked the Lord to use me in whatever way He chose to help young people make decisions that honor their families, their career and the Lord.”

It seems that prayer has been answered. Burden is a two-time Distinguished Professor of the Year and served on the President’s Council for Assessment and Planning (PCAP). He has also seen many of his students go on to grad school and the science faculty has ballooned from 13 in 1966 to nearly 50 today.

“I feel that in the time I’ve been here, and not because of me, I’ve been able to be a part of a lot of growth at Taylor,” Burden reflects. “The school has changed in terms of technology and programs. To look back and think of that, yeah, that’s been fun.”
In a world of strident political talk that labels some "conservative" and others "liberal," Dr. Steve Hoffmann is a breath of fresh air. His belief that one can be cordial with those of differing political perspectives is a lasting tribute to a distinguished Taylor tenure.

"With realism, we have to enable people to understand the realities of politics, ethical dilemmas and how things get done," says Hoffmann, who served in the U.S. State Department before coming to Taylor. "Our hope is the charge we have from the Lord to be His instruments of reconciliation and reform in anticipation of a new heaven and a new earth."

Hoffmann played a role in the first visit 19 years ago of students and professors from Russia's Nizhni Novgorod University. Their arrival came just days after the failed Soviet coup d'état in August 1991. After the Russian scholars were introduced in chapel, Taylor's students, faculty and staff rose in a spontaneous standing ovation. Then, while standing at the front of the chapel, the Russians applauded back. "It was such a rewarding thing to bring about," remembers Hoffmann. "We are supposed to promote peace, justice and order as part of His redemption work – of which we are privileged to be a part."

For 29 years Hoffmann challenged his students to alleviate injustices in a sinful world, while armed with the realism and hope of the Christian faith.

"I hope Taylor remains committed to a broad understanding of evangelical Christian thought that is firmly embedded in the broader Christian tradition," says Hoffmann. "That is what makes our Christian journey so exciting."
Rich Parker doesn’t mind if his former students say he was a demanding professor. At the conclusion of his 36-year tenure in Taylor’s music department, he says he always gave his best effort and expected nothing less from his students.

"I cared about my students and because of that, I never walked into a class not being fully prepared," he says with the matter-of-fact candor of a veteran college professor. "I had high standards. I expected my students to leave class better informed than when they entered. A number of my former students have told me how much that has come to mean to them since they graduated."

Beyond classroom teaching, leading five overseas trips and creating popular folk dancing and African drum classes, Parker also launched the Taylor Jazz Ensemble and the group he is perhaps best known for – the Taylor Ringers handbell choir.

"I came to Taylor with my wife for a simple reason – to shape a Christian perspective within students. Along the way, I have learned a great deal from some outstanding students and colleagues. Taylor has been very good to me," he relates. "Ultimately, I want my legacy to be Jesus Christ."

"There are a lot of good things about Taylor that I know I’ll miss," Parker adds. "But I am looking forward to this next phase of my life. I would not change a thing."
Dr. Ted Dorman has never been one to shrink from a challenge — from spirited, no-holds barred classroom discussions or wading into meaty, theological questions with students and colleagues, to writing a book that serves as a hallmark of his distinguished 21-year career.

Dorman’s newest challenge comes in the form of health problems, which led to his retirement this spring. But he is confident in the God of the Bible, whose love and goodness Dorman has spent a career expounding to others.

He recalls the words of his mentor, Dr. Dan Fuller at Fuller Theological Seminary. “Believing in Christ means trusting the great and precious promises of God for an infinite future of happy tomorrows,” Dorman remembers. “I carried that into my teaching.”

There were also Taylor mentors like Herb Nygren, the late Bob Pitts and former colleague Paul House who challenged him to write what he calls his signature book, A Faith for All Seasons, now in its second printing.

It was Dorman’s knowledge, outgoing personality and grasp of Christian doctrine that led many of his former students to shower him with accolades at his retirement. “You produced a love for the Bible in the lives of countless students,” said one. Another reflected, “We traced the biblical story … This is why I came to Taylor — to discuss at a rich level the beauty and goodness of the Scriptures.”

“Your were intellectually stimulating and entertaining, you have left a mark on my life,” said yet another.

“That is very rewarding,” Dorman reflects, “especially when they take the time to write and tell you about it.”
Craig Moore '71

With his laid-back persona, big smile and friendly, embracing manner, Craig Moore has been the perfect person to teach hundreds of students how to throw clay pots, make beautiful jewelry, refine their painting skills and create incredible images with a camera.

It only stands to reason that Moore's life has been one of artistic expression — right down to his conversion experience when he accepted Christ at Taylor Lake while enjoying the beauty of one of Upland's majestic sunsets. His photography has won awards and last year he and his students created soup bowls and sold them to support the hungry in Grant County.

His relationship with students is patterned after the example of colleagues like retired art professor Ray Bullock. "Ray is a great person and a great artist. He was like a father figure to me," Moore relates. "You want to model your life after people like Ray. He had a real commitment to students outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom."

Sharing in that commitment has been Moore's wife and life's partner, Cynthia (Nader '72). The couple has hosted hundreds of students in their home and played the role of "Taylor parents."

"I think that is one of the neat things about being at Taylor — that relationship between families and students," he says. "They become like sons and daughters."

He may be retiring from teaching, but he will always be an artist. Moore plans to travel and continue to create.
If the fastest a baseball player can run from home plate to first base is 4.5 seconds, then it should be 4.5 seconds every time he runs it. Such is the wisdom of Larry Winterholter who for 22 of his 31 years on the Taylor faculty coached the Trojan's baseball team and taught athletes and students alike that one's praise of God is manifested in his or her best effort.

Winterholter's approach to baseball and teaching could be summarized by a slip of the tongue during a pre-game prayer many years ago with his team. "I concluded the prayer with 'in Christ's name we play' instead of 'pray,'" he says. "It was a verbal error, but I suddenly realized that was completely the reason we play.'"

It has been a labor of love for the Taylor Athletic Hall of Fame member, who as a coach spent countless additional hours caring for the baseball field, cutting its grass and manicuring the infield. In the classroom, he taught numerous physical education, fitness and recreational classes. Winterholter also served briefly as athletic director and at one time was in charge of Taylor's wellness center.

"I've never felt like working at Taylor has been a job; I've had fun with this. I've liked what I have been doing," Winterholter relates. "It's been an honor to be a part of Taylor."
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight …

Conventional wisdom might have dissuaded Simon Mungai ’89 and Gladys (Mwangi ’92) Maina from the notion that they could serve as pastors of a tiny church in the predominantly-white, lower-income Shed Town district of Muncie, Ind. But the God they serve is not limited by human wisdom or conventionality.

While driving through Shed Town, one can spot old vehicles on concrete blocks, an abandoned house here and there, and the Stars and Bars of the Confederate States of America proudly flying from flag poles and adorning the back windows of trucks. Shed Town has been the site of race-related violence from vandalism to fire bombings. It’s the kind of neighborhood that might not be so welcoming to what the more genteel members of society would call, “people of color.”

In fact, Gladys still remembers the surprised comment of one of Shed Town’s residents when she told him she and Simon were answering God’s call to minister there. “God must have a sense of humor if he sent you to Shed Town. It’s been a long time since we had your kind over here.”

Nevertheless, for the past 15 years, the Kenyan couple has served as pastors of Morning Star Church, a small, aluminum-sided structure sitting only a block from one of Muncie’s busiest intersections.

It wasn’t their plan originally. The Mainas were first drawn to Taylor because they resonated with the story of another African alumnus – Samuel Morris, the Liberian prince whose relentless search for the Holy Spirit led him, first to America, and later to Taylor. Just as he had come to America to be equipped for ministry so he could return to his homeland, so had they.

“My training at Taylor was fantastic. The preparation for ministry was done so well there,” Gladys remembered. And after they graduated, Simon and Gladys were willing to go anywhere God sent them. But not having a clear leading as to where, they decided to move to Muncie to earn their master’s degrees from Ball State University.

It was in Muncie that the Mainas learned of a new Morning Star outreach, begun by members of the local faith community. Initially drawn to the ministry, they struggled to reconcile their original vision with the call they believed was coming from God.
The Mainas are assisted in their work by several family members including their son Mwangi.
“We didn’t quite get the picture of Africans working in full-time ministry here... We kept saying, ‘We don’t want to be in a tiny church.’ We wanted a place where everything was established. But every Sunday the Lord made us feel very uncomfortable,” remembered Gladys. “We were telling the Lord, ‘Send us wherever. The Lord ended up sending us here.’

There have been challenges. The church building has been the victim of theft and vandalism (that in one case included swastikas spray painted on the exterior), and they met with some of the old, racial tensions historically rooted in Shed Town. Yet, they have been able to look past that into the hearts of the people who struggle with issues of prostitution, physical abuse and alcohol. “We’ve known poverty,” said Gladys, “but we haven’t known brokenness like we have in these people.”

“The biggest challenge of pastoring Morning Star has been mainly cultural,” shared Simon. “Although we have been in the U.S. for a long time, people in our church neighborhood have a culture of their own. Penetrating that culture has been a challenge. God had to tear down some walls for ministry to go on. However, we knew He called us in that neighborhood and trusted Him to bring things to where we could do ministry – and He has. The joy of seeing lives changed keeps us going.”

In 2005, the Mainas and Morning Star began an outreach called The Bread Basket, which soon expanded into their main ministry. Each Saturday morning, they and a handful of volunteers from neighboring churches offer a free brunch and sack lunches to local people in need. The Bread Basket draws anywhere from 65 to 100 people each week.

But cooking food and filling lunch bags is not the most significant part of volunteers’ work, says Gladys, who stressed the importance of their interaction with people.

“We encourage volunteers to eat, to break bread together. When the ‘haves’ give to the ‘have-nots,’ it is like breaking a class barrier there,” said Gladys. “Breaking that mentality of ‘them versus us,’ even if you grab a cup of coffee or juice, does a lot to eradicate the mistrust. We are together in this.”

“Ministering to the needy, the disenfranchised, the homeless, etc., is at the center of God’s heart. We desire to fulfill His desire and this helps us move forward even when things are difficult,” said Simon, whose work as a biostatistician and survey manager at Regenstrief Institute in Indianapolis to support his family and allow Gladys to devote her full attention to the ministry. “The Bread Basket ministry exposes us to another culture, and our main challenge is to see everybody who comes as God sees them. There are times when we are stretched quite a bit. Understanding where these people are coming from helps in diffusing these tensions.”

“We’re not building a church, but we’re building the kingdom of God,” Gladys said. “Where I come from, we did not think in terms of races or tribes. We thought of them as whether they know the Lord or not. Then it was our responsibility to make them know the Lord. You just thought about their need for Jesus.”

To learn more, contact Simon and Gladys Maina c/o Morning Star Church, 2000 S. Hoyt Ave., Muncie, IN 47305.
Phil Madeira '76 has always had a unique take on life and faith - and that is a good thing.

Phil Madeira '76 would be the first to tell you that he was not your "typical" Taylor student, nor is he your "typical" Christ follower. But don't dismiss him as merely a rebel with a restless streak. It is that penchant for looking at things differently, combined with his honesty and ability to express his heart's yearnings, that has led to critical accolades for his songwriting and music, and a platform from which he shares his faith.
From left, Buddy Miller, Malcina, Emmylou Harris, Rickie Simpkins perform in concert.
Madeira's accomplishments and connections in the music industry are extensive. His songs have been recorded by pop and country stars with household names that include Alison Krauss, Garth Brooks, Toby Keith, Bruce Hornsby and Ricky Skaggs. Playing various instruments from organ and accordion to a harmonica or guitar, Madeira has performed with Dave Matthews, Vince Gill, Patty Griffin, Boz Skaggs, Elvis Costello, Emmylou Harris and many others. His regular gig is with Harris and her band, The Red Dirt Boys, with whom he appeared on The David Letterman Show last year.

Numerous awards have come his way. He has received the Nashville Music Award for Best Keyboardist in 2000, the Humanitarian Award from ASCAP in 1986 (for his raising consciousness and money for the Ethiopian hunger crisis), and a Dove Award for Recorded Country Song of the Year from the Gospel Music Association for his song I Wish, co-written with Cindy Morgan.

“I’ve always been a dweller on the edge,” Madeira admits. “I think I represented a type of person at Taylor who doesn’t get a lot of spotlight — the creative, off-the-beaten-path type of person. Even then I was an edgy guy. I was always on the perimeter. But if you knew me, you knew I had a heart for Christ.”

I’ll believe in you ’til the day I die,
though it’s often said I believe in a lie,

Phil Madeira, from I Believe In You

The only member of his family not to attend Wheaton College, Madeira warmly remembers the impact of retired Taylor administrators and professors Walt Campbell ’64, Ray Bullock and Herb Nygren, along with many others who stretched and challenged him. “There were a lot of professors I really cared about who could have made more money somewhere else. But they chose to work at Taylor to make it a better place,” he recalls.

It was also at Taylor that Madeira refined his love of art and poetry into musical expression. He became a frequent performer on the Maytag Gym and Rediger Chapel/Auditorium stages, often with fellow students, Lowell Haines ’75, Alan Moore ’75 and Paul Puntenney ’75. Together, they formed the bands Hickory Wind and Moore, Madeira, and Haines, often playing their original music at Taylor and venues throughout Indiana and Ohio. He was a fixture at many pianos around campus, particularly at the old grand piano in the Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin lounge.

“That was really when I started writing songs,” he remembers. “By the time I came to Nashville, I came thinking I was going to be a Christian artist. I wound up being more of a songwriter.” Within a few years, Madeira found himself working with Christian artists like Phil Keaggy, Michael W. Smith (whom he still calls “Smitty”) and Amy Grant. Yet, there was a sense of restlessness that he could neither identify nor deny. He explains now that it just seemed like he was “preaching to the choir.”

“About 1988 I started thinking, ‘How can I play in the real world?’” he remembers. “I don’t know how to explain it. Eventually I wound up playing with a couple of friends who also started in Christian music. The doors just started opening to work in the mainstream and I started touring with a guy named Buddy Miller. He is a ‘favored person’ in Nashville and the world.”

“Playing with Buddy legitimized me to a whole new world. It led to me being invited to play in Emmylou Harris’ band,” Madeira continues. “An interesting thing about my journey — when I decided I needed to find my way out of Christian music and into the mainstream, what I didn’t recognize was no matter where I am, the thing I do best is write about what is closest to my heart.”

I wish I was doing better
With all the things that matter,
I guess I got some learning to do ... 

Phil Madeira from I Wish, the 2009 Dove Award winner for Country Song of the Year.

His success has not insulated him from times of difficulty, failure, loss and sorrow. “But I have sensed God’s continual hand of mercy on my life,” he relates. “I think most of us have been hurt by love, or some semblance of it. I think creative people seem to be in touch with the emotions that connect to the vulnerability that allows for hurt. Think of Vincent van Gogh or any of the great painters – none of them are unscathed.

“When I was at Taylor, I did a study of van Gogh. His life was utterly painful. In my view, beauty is connected to sorrow sometimes. That is the way it is,” reflects Madeira, before smiling and adding, “Spoken like a true blues man.”

“If God is in the details of the good things of my life, is He in the details of the bad things of another person’s life? Ultimately I cannot shake Jesus.”

I believe in you tho I block the rays
of the guiding light you send my way ...

“I’m trying to hang on to the essentials of my faith and dispense with the trappings of the ‘Club of Christianity.’ I’m interested in walking with God and anyone who is interested in walking with God. That is where I tend to enjoy breathing – in the unstuffy air,” Madeira reflects.

“I’m a creative guy. I think that the act of creativity from anybody, whoever they are, is connected to God’s DNA – no matter what you think about God, no matter what you are creating,” he continues.

“To be a creative person and to trust in the path that I’m taking has caused me to believe that God will meet my needs. And He continues to do so.”

To learn more, visit www.philmadeira.blogspot.com
They don’t wear red capes or spandex uniforms. They don’t leap over tall buildings, stop runaway locomotives, burn through steel with their laser vision, or fly. Those feats are performed by mere superheroes.

We are talking about bright, passionate and driven men and women who use their God-given business skills and acumen to impact the cities in which they live, their college classmates and the world. You could say that these Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) are using their powers only for good by changing and improving lives worldwide.

Since its introduction to the Taylor campus in 2007, Taylor’s SIFE team has blossomed – both in terms of numbers and impact. The team, numbering more than 40 students last year, was involved in numerous projects that created a wave of energy on campus, in the community and around the world. And, they are just getting started.

SIFE is a worldwide network of more than 45,000 students in 1,500 colleges and universities – 600 of them in the United States. In the SIFE model, student teams from university campuses apply business concepts to develop outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. Each year, a series of regional and national competitions provides a forum for teams to present the results of their projects, and to be evaluated by business leaders serving as judges. National championship teams advance to the prestigious SIFE World Cup (where, by the way, they do not have to contend with the drone of vuvuzelas).

In addition to the community aspect of the program, SIFE’s leadership and career initiatives creates opportunities for learning and exchange among the participants as well as the placement of students and alumni with companies in search of emerging talent. (Source: www.sife.org)

Business alumni from the past who fondly remember the venerable Taylor Association of Business Students (TABS) will appreciate the exponentially increased opportunities SIFE presents to today’s Taylor students says Dr. Ben R. Sells, Taylor’s vice president for university advancement. “Among other things, it opens the doors to international opportunities and competition for Taylor students,” said Sells, who experienced firsthand the expanse of SIFE’s reach and possibilities as a college student in 1981, and later when he served as vice president for development at SIFE’s international headquarters in Springfield, Mo.

“SIFE is the premier networking opportunity for business students worldwide,” he said. “SIFE also has extensive connections with some of our nation’s leading businesspeople. Last year, we had students hired by Walmart Home Office and Hershey.”

Taylor’s SIFE team conducted a full series of projects during the 2009-2010 academic year. SIFE teams traveled to Honduras and Southeast Asia where Taylor students worked with small businesses, creating sustainable growth plans that not only benefit business owners, but the locals. TU Marketplace, another SIFE initiative, creates and online e-commerce site where its customers can order goods from local stores that are in turn delivered to Taylor students.

Perhaps the most significant project was “Multiplying Your Minas,” during which SIFE conducted workshops, seminars and counseling sessions with 81 fellow Taylor students. The goal was to get today’s college students thinking about the future – not only about their own retirements but also to encourage philanthropic giving and stewardship. The result was the creation of Roth IRA accounts that, with individual participation, could eventually be worth more than $38 million.
“Financial literacy involves saving and giving. We believe college students have a need to experience philanthropy,” said Patrick Sells ’12, a political science major and vice president of SIFE. “Guest speakers who were Taylor friends and leaders in the financial services industry spoke on financial planning and stewardship, with a focus on opening and managing a Roth IRA. The impact was at multiple levels – 81 students completed the seminar, exceeding our prediction of 25 students.”

The team also sponsored campus events to promote a culture of energy conservation and worked with Upland business leaders on local beautification initiatives designed to draw new business to Taylor’s hometown.

And as icing on the proverbial cake, a team of Taylor SIFE students advanced from SIFE regional competition in Chicago to the USA National Exposition in Minneapolis, Minn. In attendance were 160 other SIFE USA regional winners, 60 leading companies, 300 senior business leaders and 100 CEOs. Taylor’s team finished in the top 40 – which Dr. Jeff Sherlock of Taylor’s School of Business said was unusual but not unexpected. Sherlock, fellow business faculty member Professor Kim Miller and Ben Sells served as SIFE co-sponsors in 2009-2010.

“The essence of SIFE is that the projects are meaningful,” said Sherlock. “With the Roth IRA project, a judge in Chicago said this was an amazing project; it was the best project he had ever seen. I’m so proud of our students.”

Sherlock said a key factor in the growth and success of SIFE was the number of Taylor alumni, parents and friends – all in business – who contributed over $25,000, served advisory roles, participated in projects, and traveled with the team to competitions.

“I think another key is having student leadership that is committed,” Sherlock added. “We have a SIFE president, SIFE leadership team and project managers and we tell the project manager, ‘just as it is in the real world, you have to keep your people motivated.’ We are probably a little earlier (getting to Nationals) than some of them. We just have some very, very good projects and some tremendous students.”

SIFE President Stephanie Adams ’10, an accounting major from Keller, Texas, conservatively estimated the presentation team invested 300 hours, during the spring semester. “It is one thing to present to a class in an academic setting. But to present it to business professionals and CEOs is a different feel from presenting for a class grade,” she said. “When you’ve worked on something for the whole year and seen the impact of it, it is something that we really care about.”

“Our students competed with the best and brightest business students in the United States and compared very well. They brought attention to Taylor and honor to our Lord,” Ben Sells said. “Our students are passionate, professional, bright and deeply committed to the things of God. It is exciting to think about the impact these young men and women will make in a world that needs people like them so desperately.”

Superheroes indeed.

To learn more, visit www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/business/sife.
The long winter was now a distant memory, and spring brought with it warmer weather and a host of traditional campus events. Grandparents Day, Taylathon and the dedication of the Muselman House took place during Heritage Weekend. Grandparents Day chapel speaker was Christianity Today President and CEO Harold B. Smith; Baccalaureate’s featured speaker and recipient of an honorary doctorate was Dr. Brian Coffey ’81. Dr. Paul Gentile ’52, his wife Barbara (Clark ’50) also received honorary doctorates during Commencement as Taylor’s new alumni did not say “Goodbye,” but rather, “Farewell.”
1935
Irene (Tennant x) George died January 15, 2010. After she attended Taylor, she graduated from Central Michigan University and did graduate work in music education at Northwestern University and Yale Divinity School. She taught in northern Mich. for several years before joining a summer touring opera company in 1937. She met Rev. Floyd George, Jr. while performing in Big Rapids, Mich. They were married in 1938 and served parishes in Conn., NYC and Westchester. She became widely known as a pianist and soloist throughout their ministry. Their marriage lasted 58 years until his death in 1996. Irene was president of Church Women United, Brooklyn, and played a leadership role at the Methodist Church Home for the Aged in Riverdale, NYC. She was recently a resident of Francis Asbury Manor and is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1942
May (Taylor) Rohde x passed away October 2, 2009. She served Taylor as a dietician and food service manager while her husband was a student and later worked as a dietician at Hamot Medical Center for 16 years before retiring in 1982. May was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert '51.

1944
Bill Ketner, former Board of Trustees member, died February 7, 2010. He served on the Taylor Board from 1968-1978, and was honored in 1983 for two decades of outstanding contributions to business and accounting students. Bill was appointed Honorary Mayor of Kentland, Ind., in 1983 and was named Sagamore of the Wabash in 1984. He retired from Union Carbide Corporation, Films Packaging Division, in Chicago, Ill., in 1984 after 39 years of service. Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Alice, and is survived by his daughter, Judith, and son, David '68 x. Donations can be made to the W.L. "Bill" Ketner Memorial Scholarship at Taylor.

1947
Laura (Herber x) Siktberg died February 26, 2010. She was one of five Herber siblings; all of whom attended Taylor. Her mother, Ida Herber, was once Taylor’s telephone operator. Laura was elected president of her junior class, but she did not return the following year after her marriage to William Siktberg ’45. They served in Methodist churches in Ind. and N.Y. for the next 40 years. She was proceeded in death by her sisters, Eunice (Herber ’50) Lesher and Carol (Herber ’56 x) Coblenz. She is survived by her brothers, Dr. Harold Herber ’51 and Rev. Ralph Herber ’45 and her husband William ’45.

1950
Dama (Martin) Burkhart received the 2010 Austin C. Furbee Award in recognition of her dedication and contributions to Ohio University from the Eastern Ohio alumni chapter. She earned her doctorate in 1968 from Purdue University in counseling and guidance with minors in clinical psychology and sociology. After a successful teaching and administrative career at Purdue, Dama retired and moved to Woodsfield, Ohio. There, she served as Ohio University Eastern Campus Regional Coordinator Council from 1987 to 2007.

1951
Laura (Snooks) Kraklan passed away March 15, 2010, in Hillsdale, Mich. She retired as a teacher from Camden-Frontier schools in 1993. Laura was a member of the Reading United Methodist Church and served many Methodist congregations as the minister’s wife. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing. Laura is survived by her husband of 54 years, Jack, two children and five grandchildren.

1952
Pauline (Breid) Dewey died February 15, 2010. She earned a master’s degree from Syracuse University and was actively involved with Stonecroft Ministries. Pauline organized and
directed the secretarial department at Barrington College and taught education courses at Henninger High School in Syracuse. She and her husband, Robert, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008.

1953
03 Harvey Hernandez died March 23, 2010. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1946 and served a three year tour of duty as a radio operator in the Pacific. He married Mary (Wiley '56 x) the day he graduated from Taylor and later taught and coached basketball in Hartford City, Ind. and Waterford Township, Mich. He obtained his master's in education from Michigan State University in 1967 and became an elementary school principal in the Waterford school district. They adopted three children: Timothy, Deborah and Jonathan. In 1985 they moved to Bradenton, Fla., and enjoyed a happy retirement by doing amateur radio activities, fishing and prolific orchid growing. In memory of Harvey, his family is planning to establish the Harvey and Mary Hernandez Orchid Garden at the Water’s Edge community in Bradenton, Fla. Harvey is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary, and their three children.

1962
04 Tal Keenan retired from Keenan Investment Inc. and Sports Enterprise Inc. in April, 2010. Sports Enterprise Inc. is a program for junior tennis instruction and summer tennis camps. Tal and his wife, Lynn, live in Sun City Center, Fla. Their daughter, Kelli (Keenan ’87) Huntley, lives in Carmel, Ind. Traci is the women’s tennis coach at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. Talli (Keenan ’92) Moellering lives in Cumming, Ga., with her husband, David ’89, and she is the executive director of Beacon of Hope in Atlanta, Ga. The Keenans have eight grandchildren.

1964
Rosalie Bowker retired as a professor at Mokwon University in South Korea, but she continues to teach as a special professor while serving as a volunteer in mission. Rosalie is on the Holston Girls’ Junior and Senior High School Board and the Tai Wha Social Welfare Foundation Board. She is the board chair for Taejon Christian International School (619 students) and Gyeonggi Suwon International School (539 students). Rosalie continues to play the organ for her Korean church. She may be e-mailed at rosaliebowker@hotmail.com.

1969
Garth Cone passed away on March 23, 2010, after a sudden illness. He was a teacher and boys’ basketball coach at Alexandria High School, Alexandria, Ind. His 1998 team won the Class 2A Indiana High School State Championship. He was also named Indiana Basketball All-Star Coach in 1995. While at Taylor he played four years of varsity basketball and baseball and was also named to the Taylor Hall of Fame. Garth was a member of the Christian Congregation Church of Alexandria and was active in the church’s athletic programs. Survivors include his wife Cinda, three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. • Kaspar Fitins x died while visiting Mattapoisett, Mass., February 24, 2010. His family immigrated from Sweden to the United States in 1952. Kaspar played football at Taylor, setting the longest punt record with 93 yards. He was drafted into the Army, served in the Army reserve, and completed his college education at Eastern Michigan University with a degree in sociology. His occupations included teaching developmentally disabled students, landscaping and serving as an operating room technician. Kaspar recently completed training and certification in community peer support and was looking forward to working for NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness).

Legacy64 is a project initiated by members of the Class of 1964 whose mission is "To present a God-honoring, 50-year legacy gift to Taylor University, which demonstrates support of Taylor's commitment to instill wisdom and to build Christ-like character in students.

The Class of 1964 is focused on increasing meaningful communication with class members, strengthening attendance at their upcoming 50-year reunion, as well as working toward a significant financial gift to their alma mater in 2014.

Ron Scott is among the leadership members of this project and can be reached at ronbevscott@aol.com.
on Medical Illness), a community mental health support agency. Survivors include two sons and his three sisters.

1976
Stan Daugherty became head boys' basketball coach for Delta High School in Muncie, Ind. He previously held this position for six seasons from 1983-1989. Stan formerly coached at Goshen College and served as the athletic director. He is currently the athletic director at Delta and lives with his wife, Brenda, in Muncie.

1977
Dr. Gordon Pritz was recently named superintendent of the Douglas County school district, the 14th largest system in Georgia. He has been in education for 33 years and earned his doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in 2008. He served the first 18 years as an elementary and high school teacher and 15 years as a head wrestling coach. His teams won eight Georgia State championships. Gordon has spent the last 15 years as an assistant principal, high school principal and assistant superintendent prior to his selection as superintendent. His wife, Virginia “Ginny” (Van Treuren), serves as a special education paraprofessional in the Cobb County school district. They have four grown sons, live in Powder Springs, Ga., and can be reached at ggpritz@comcast.net.

1980
Greg Jones was recently inducted into the 2010 Delaware County Athletic Hall of Fame in Muncie, Ind. He serves as the chief operating officer of ProTech Compliance Inc.

1982
Sharon (Cutsinger x) Favazza earned a master of science in nursing from George Mason University in 2008. She is currently a nursing Ph.D. student at the University of Hawaii’s School of Nursing online program and attends classes in Hawaii once a year. Her dissertation focus is Access to Care as it Relates to Racial/Ethnic Groups in the Context of Health Disparities. Sharon has worked a missionary nurse for the International Mission Board for 15 years in places such as Indonesia, Thailand and currently Germany. She and her husband, Patrick, have three children, including Kristen (Favazza ’06) Young and Bradley Favazza ’11. They can be contacted at agapetos08@gmail.com.

1984
Nancy (Erickson) Brannen is the field placement coordinator in the school of education at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore. She lives in Sherwood, Ore., with her son, Mitch, 15. Her daughter, Megan, 23, graduated from Corban College in May, 2009, with a degree in music/worship arts. Nancy can be contacted at branfam5@msn.com. • Jonathan “Jon” Steiner has been hired as vice president and commercial loan officer in the commercial banking market area for Lake City Bank in Fort Wayne, Ind. He earned his M.B.A. from Western Michigan University and has 25 years
of banking experience in the areas of commercial lending. Ten Taylor alumnae gathered in at the home of Lora (Muthiah) Helton in Nashville, Tenn. Their initial meeting was held in Chicago to remember the loss of their dear friend and fellow TU classmate Shelly (Sample '83) Fulton who died in 1997 of scleroderma. Since 1998 they have gathered in Florida, Illinois, Kansas and beyond. They are grateful for their Taylor experience and treasure these friendships. Back row L-R: Debbie (Glass) Goeglein, Suzi (Beers) Harrison, Lori (Hatteberg) Cook, Brenda (Baird '85) Wesbury, Colleen (Wild) Terrell, Lora (Muthiah) Helton, Kerri Dunkelberger '85. Front row L-R: Lorene (Muthiah) Coffey, Shery (Flesner '85) Dishman, Sandie (Soderquist) Ford.

1985
John Dorsey passed away on February 13, 2010. He was a math teacher at Pike High School in Indianapolis, Ind., for the past 21 years, and the mathematics department chair. John is survived by his wife, Jeri, and their two sons.

1986
Stunce Williams HA died April 20, 2010. He was a pastor and evangelist and was active in Youth For Christ in the Bahamas, establishing a television and radio ministry there. Stunce was instrumental in the establishment of Taylor's Lighthouse program in the Bahamas in 1971. He led this successful ministry for 20 years, and during Lighthouse visits, many Bahamian students decided to attend Taylor. He received numerous awards including a Doctor of Divinity degree from Taylor, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Youth Leader Award, and the Lignum Award of Excellence in Religion from Bahamas Harvest Church in 2009. Stunce is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Andrea, and their two sons, Stunce Andrew and Stephen Anthony.

1990
Mike Hamsher became a member of the Orrville (Ohio) City Council in January, 2010. He earned an education certification and master's degree in exercise science from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. After directing the Kinetics Fitness Center in Millersburg, Ohio, for four years, Hamsher earned an administrative certificate from Muskingum University and began teaching mathematics at Orrville High School. He, his wife Keri, and their family live in Orrville, and can be reached at mhamsher@juno.com.

1991
Mark & Cindy (Steenblik) Schenkel live in Huntington, Ind. Cindy is currently teaching second grade at Andrews Elementary in Huntington. Mark is a territory manager with Land Mark Food Products of Milford, Ind. His territory includes Ind., Ky. and Ohio. They have three children, Kayla, 17, Katherine, 13, and Andrew, 11, and can be reached at markschenkel68@aol.com. Daron & Carla (Gollmer ’92) White are celebrating 10 years of being in the sign and printing business. They own and operate two companies: Classic City Signs in Auburn, Ind., and Sign Pro in Fort Wayne, Ind. Their family, including Justin, 12, and Collin, 8, enjoys soccer and snow skiing. The Whites can be contacted at cswhite813@yahoo.com.

1992
Don Hoese wrote his first novel, Elisha's Bones, which was published in March, 2009. His new novel, Hunter’s Moon, was released in February, 2010, and, like his first book, is also receiving good reviews. Don’s next book, The Alarmists, is scheduled for release in spring 2011. He lives with his wife, Dawn (Gillette ’93), and their children, Alyssa, 9, and Aiden, 7, in Spring Hill, Tenn.

1994
Four Taylor alumnae were on a short term mission trip with Mission Possible when the 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Jan. 12. Julie (Petno ’93) Bishop, Jenna (Barton) Brodhead, Robin (Fulbright) Dickman and Nancy (Barnhill) Rook provided supplies and made disaster relief kits for local hospitals and splints for broken bones.
They also visited the hospital to pray with survivors and left belongings to be distributed to victims fleeing Port au Prince with no family or resources. More information on their trip and an opportunity to donate to Haiti through this charitable organization led by Taylor alumnus, President Kurt Bishop '91, can be found at the Mission Possible website: www.ourmissionispossible.org.

- **01** Rev. Dr. Ken Castor accepted a teaching position in the Christian ministry department at Crown College in St. Bonifacius, Minn., for the 2010-2011 school year. Ken will be working with Rev. Dr. Phil Petersen '76, professor of pastoral leadership and chair of the Christian ministry department, and Dr. Gary Newton, who taught in Taylor's Christian education department from 1985 to 1995. Ken has served as a pastor for young adults at Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta. He lives with his wife, Kathy, and their children Zachary, 11, Benjamin, 8, and Eliana, 4.

- **02** Chris Holtmann has been hired as the men's head basketball coach by Gardner-Webb University (GWU) in Boiling Springs, N.C. He spent the past two seasons as the lead assistant at Ohio University and was an assistant at GWU from 2003 to 2008. He and his wife, Lori, are proud parents of a new daughter, Nora Jane, born May 19. They can be reached at choltmann@gardner-webb.edu.

- **03** Chris & Mandy (Stuck '97) Wynkoop reside in Eatontown, N.J. with their three children, Henry, 7, Samuel, 4, and Molly, 3. They can be e-mailed at wynkoops1@msn.com.

- **105** Adam and Holly (Hilger) Loos joyfully announce the arrival of their son, Ethan James, who was born on November 24, 2009. The family lives in Greenwood, Ind., and Holly can be reached at hollyhilger@juno.com.

- **1996**

- **04** Matt Jeffrey will become the principal at Troy Middle School in Plainfield, Ill., in August, 2010. Matt and his wife, Tracy, reside in Elburn, Ill., with their son, Joshua, 1. Matt can be reached at mjeffrey15@aol.com.

- **05** Kris Dorn finished his first year as head coach as men's volleyball at...
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 Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. The Crusaders were 25-13, winning 20 games for the first time and earning a No. 2 ranking in the American Volleyball Coaches Association/NAIA poll. Kris earned his master’s degree in kinesiology/sport management from California Baptist University (CBU) and was awarded the 2007 CBU Kinesiology Outstanding Graduate Student Award and served as an adjunct professor of kinesiology. Still an active player, he has competed at numerous USA Volleyball National Championship events in doubles and triples, earning tournament MVP honors in the process. His wife Jennifer “JP” is a volunteer assistant coach for the team and they can be contacted at poeststowne@aol.com. • 07 Lee and Sara (Oyer) Hall welcomed their new daughter, Sylvia Iona, into the family on December 24, 2009. Big sister Elaina is 2. They live in Milwaukie, Ore., and can be contacted at sjl972@hotmail.com. • Matthew Lutz is an art teacher at Rio Rancho High School. In May, he and his students won a national design contest for high school students sponsored by Vans, the shoe company. They earned an all-expenses paid trip to California and their art department won $10,000. He and his wife, Alexandra (Patterson), live in Rio Rancho, N.M., with their children, Jacob, 13, and Anna Grace, 2. They can be contacted at lutzandlutz@gmail.com.

1997

08 Kris and Kerry (Hoy) Lehman joyfully announce the birth of Brenna Shae, born on January 17, 2010. Kerry works as a school liaison for Community Treatment Inc., and Kris is a recreation coordinator at Chestnut Health Systems. The family lives in Imperial, Mo., and Kerry can be contacted at kyleman@sbglobal.net. • 09 Jon and Chrissy Platek joyfully welcomed their new daughter, London Grace, into their family on March 20, 2009. London joins her brothers, Christian, 5, and Gavin, 3. In February, 2009, Jon joined the staff of The Chapel as a senior associate pastor and campus pastor at The Chapel’s Akron, Ohio, campus. They live in Tallmadge, Ohio, and can be reached at jon.platek@the-chapel.org.
Dan Buck accepted a position as an assistant professor of theatre at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. Dan will be teaching directing, introduction to theatre and history/literature of the theatre classes starting this fall and will conduct the first mainstage performance of the year. Dan earned his MFA in directing from Baylor University in May, 2010. He lives with his wife, Courtney, and their sons, Elijah, 9, and Isaac, 7. Dan can be contacted at DanBuck5972@gmail.com.

Ermias and Amy (Barnhart) Ephrem proudly announce the birth of Yabselam “Yabi” James, born on December 10, 2009. Amy received her master’s degree in TESOL from Seattle Pacific University in June, 2009. She is an adjunct ESL instructor at Bellevue College in Bellevue, Wash., and can be contacted at amybarnhart76@hotmail.com.

Lori Herminghuysen married Ed McColley on January 8, 2010, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Lori is a substitute teacher for Fort Wayne Community Schools, and Ed is the associate pastor of Triple Pointe Church. The

Jerry B. Jenkins, bestselling author of the Left Behind series, will visit Taylor University on Nov. 4, 2010. Jenkins is author of more than 175 books with sales of more than 70 million copies. His writing has appeared in Time, Reader’s Digest, Parade, Guideposts, and dozens of Christian periodicals. Make plans now to attend this free event.

Watch www.taylor.edu/profwriting for updates and announcements surrounding this event.
couple lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. Lori's e-mail address is lorihern@hotmail.com. • 04 Christian and Krista Morris-Lehman happily welcomed their foster son, Samuel Andrew, into their family by adopting him on March 24, 2010. Samuel was born on January 11, 2008, and was placed with them on March 31, 2008. Krista is an adjunct professor and director of prior learning assessment, and Christian works in student affairs as a director of sustainability and a residence hall director; both of them work at LeTourneau University. Their family resides in Longview, Texas, and Krista can be reached at kristamorrislehman@letu.edu.

• 05 Tiffany Mastin married Colin McCampbell on June 27, 2009. The couple lives in Rapid City, S.D., where Tiffany is the head women's volleyball coach at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Colin is a teacher and coach at Sturgis-Brown High School in Sturgis, S.D. They can be reached at tiffany.mastin@sdsmt.edu. • Joy (Jones) Suh is a development officer for Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity. She earned a master's degree in public policy from American University in 2004. Joy lives with her husband, Rob, in Sugar Grove, W.V., and they can be contacted at nitajoy76@yahoo.com.

2000

06 Nate Bates married Brianne Brennan on December 12, 2009, in Wallingford, Pa. TU alumni attending the wedding included, Dale Bates ’73, Scott and Rhonda (Bloss ’02) Cahill, Eric Salsbery, Chad Wilt, Eric Freckman, Chad ’05 & Abby (Butler ’05) Taylor, Phil ’05 & Michelle (Chaddock ’05) Daubennire. Nate works at Messiah College and teaches at Skaneateles High School. Brianne is working at the Cayuga Home for Children, a residential facility for troubled youth. The couple lives in Skaneateles, N.Y. Nate can be contacted at natebates4@yahoo.com. • 07 Curtis and Amy (Meinert) Burkholder joyfully announce the birth of Braden Lee, born on January 22, 2009. Their family resides in Indianapolis, Ind., and can be reached at amyandcurtis@hotmail.com. • 08 Sandy (Buehler) Fyffe is a Christian vocal artist who sang for a benefit concert titled How Great
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jeremiah@mindpotter.com. - 01 Joel Sonnenberg married Maria Solarte January 9, 2010 in Pompano Beach, Fla. Members of the Sonnenberg family who gathered for the wedding included from left: Jonathan Beukelman '98, Andrey Beukelman (3), Jamie Sonnenberg '97 Beukelman, Graham Beukelman (4), Joel and Maria Sonnenberg, Mike '68 and Janet (Schneider '72)

Sonnenberg, Luke Beukelman (7), Kyle Sonnenberg '12 and Sommer Sonnenberg '03.

2001

02 Scott and Rachel (Lesser) Darling are pleased to announce the birth of Isaiah Francis, born on June 20, 2009. Rachel works as a med-peds hospitalist at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. The family lives in Minneapolis, Minn., and they can be e-mailed at RachelDarling@gmail.com. - 03 David & Bethany (Bergstrom '04) Rinn are thrilled to announce the adoption of Isaac David, born on October 16, 2009, in Temple, Texas. David is a project supervisor for EarthBuilders, and Bethany enjoys staying home with Isaac and working as a freelance accompanist. They live in Keller, Texas, and can be reached at teamrinn@yahoo.com.

2002

04 Ryan Smucker married Kimberly Turney on August 1, 2009, in Farmington Hills, Mich. The couple resides in Rossford, Ohio. Ryan is in medical sales, and Kimberly works at Cherry Street Mission Ministries as a clinical therapist. They can be reached at RyanS107@aol.com. - 05 Ben & Erin (Johnson '94) Essenburg announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace, born on October 7, 2009. The Savona family can be reached at amyeyoung1229@yahoo.com.

2003

06 Jon and Laura (Vaughan) Mitteness joyfully welcomed Luke William into their family on August 31, 2009. Laura's proud cousin is Stephanie Leis '89. Jon teaches eighth grade and Laura teaches fourth grade; they both teach in the Pendergast school district. Their family lives in Phoenix, Ariz., and Laura may be e-mailed at lauramitteness@yahoo.com. 07 Don and Amy (Young) Savona announce the birth of their son, Savona, on July 1, 2009. Landen's big sister, Claire, is 3. The Essenburgs live in St. Louis, Mo.

2004

Brit (Jensen) Elwell earned a master's degree in organizational leadership with a concentration in international organizations with cum laude honors from Regent University in 2010. She serves as the director of associate trainers for John Maxwell EQUIP Inc. Brit and her husband Nathan '03 welcomed their son, Jensen, into their family on September 27, 2009. They reside in Atlanta, Ga.
The fall of 2002 was one of distinct contrasts. I was excited because I had graduated from Taylor that spring and was ready for the next chapter of my life. But I was also perplexed because I was 22 and had no idea about what I wanted to do with my life.

So, I went to Nepal for three months with four college friends. There, we worked with street children, cleaning their wounds and trying to understand their lives. And there, I found that my heart was being broken for them.

Two years later, I went back to visit one of those friends, Mike O'Hara '02, who was there, working with locals to start a children's home. I expected to be home by Christmas. But when I saw the contrast between the chronic despair of street children and the happy, joy-filled bright little lights of Peace Children's Home, I knew that I had finally found something worth giving my life to.

Along with Mike, Bryan Kenney '02 and other Christian friends, I started Tiny Hands International, a non-profit organization that works through indigenous churches to better the lives of suffering children in the developing world. Today, Tiny Hands works in Nepal, Bangladesh, and India, where we run eleven family-like homes for orphaned, abandoned and street children.

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Though others may refer to Warren Tropf '45 by titles such as reverend, husband, father and friend, incoming freshman, Peter Garringer '14 is among the few who can call him grandpa. Sharing many memories with his grandfather throughout his life, Peter is looking forward to sharing some of the same, life-changing experiences his grandpa had when he was a student at Taylor University.

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2006

**01 Jeff & Rachel (Keating '07)**
Brooke joyfully announce the arrival of Mason Patrick, born on March 28, 2009. The family lives in St. Charles, Ill. Their e-mail address is rachelcbrooke@gmail.com. • **02 Allison Riddle** married Matthew Clemens on May 30, 2009, in Rockford, Ill. The couple lives in Fullerton, Calif. • **Andy Roberts** was hired as a certified public accountant at Estep Burkey Simmons CPAs, Muncie, Ind. He previously worked for over two years with a national firm specializing in auditing churches and mission organizations. Andy will be involved in the firm’s audit, tax and consulting services. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and lives in Yorktown, Ind.

2007

**03 Kelsey Cunningham** married Stephen Fox on March 21, 2009. She is working as a business development associate at Warfel Construction Company. Stephen works as a job supervisor for FoxBuilt, a family-owned custom home building business based in Harrisburg, Pa. They live in Middletown, Pa., and Kelsey can be contacted at kelseyfox@gmail.com. • **04 Peter and Lydia (Verhagen) Honken** welcomed Aida Ann into their family on November 14, 2009. The Honkens live in Manitou Springs, Colo., and Lydia can be contacted at ljhonken@gmail.com. • **Meaghan (O’Neill)** Miracle is working in information assurance for the Special Inspector General for the Trouble Asset Relief Program. She lives with her husband, Seth, in Alexandria, Va. Meaghan can be reached at meaghan.miracle@gmail.com.

2008

**05 Candace Harris** married **Benjamin Briggs** on December 29, 2009, in San Diego, Calif. Taylor alumni in the wedding party included Stephanie (Visser) Brinks, Kate Gates, Jenna Hanchey ’07, Zane Meibeyer ’09, and Bruce Briggs ’12. Ben is currently pursuing his J.D. at Boston University. The couple lives in Brighton, Mass., and can be reached at candice.e.briggs@gmail.com. • **06 Four alumnae ran into each at the White House Garden Tour in Washington, D.C. L-R: Jess Wittebol, Jojo, and Meaghan O’Neill.** Miracle is headed to law school at Catholic University.

2009

**Stephanie Marshall** married **Matthew Ebright** on July 18, 2009. Stephanie is a first grade teacher at Franklin Road Christian School while Matthew is studying to become a physician at Wayne State School of Medicine in Detroit, Mich. The couple lives in Grosse Pointe, Mich., and can be reached at steph.marshall@gmail.com. • **07 Dionne McLean** married **Gabe Davis** on May 24, 2009, in Gas City, Ind. Gabe is a freshman and sophomore English teacher at the Collaborative College for Technology and Leadership in Statesville, N.C. Dionne is a preschool teacher's assistant at Hickory Grove Baptist Church. They reside in Concord, N.C.

• **08 Ashley Paul** married **Ryan Woldman** ’07 on June 13, 2009, in Canton, Mich. Ryan is senior graphic designer at Calamos Investments, and Ashley is a bilingual enrollment coordinator at Access DuPage. The couple lives in Wheaton, Ill., and they can be contacted at ashleywoldman@gmail.com.
Marked with a passion

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. 

Passion. You see the word used in television advertisements for everything from cheeseburgers and pizza to car and appliance sales to professional ball players. It seems “passion” is the new buzzword in today’s culture, although I am somewhat skeptical about how truly passionate some of these would-be salespeople are about making a better pizza or electronic gadget.

From my standpoint, passion, when used in a 21st century sales context, dilutes the true meaning of the word. Consider the Kingdom work that has been happening at Taylor University for 164 years. If I’ve heard it once, I’ve heard it dozens of times from outsiders: “Taylor graduates are different.” I believe it is because Taylor students are marked with a godly passion that is evident in multiple ways. You can sense it in their love and compassion for people, in their pursuit of their calling and eventually their vocation, and in their commitment to advance Christ’s Kingdom, locally and globally, to name a few. And while their pursuits are part of all of this, education for the sake of education itself is not ultimately the end game for our students, graduates and those who work here.

If Christian mission did not matter; specifically, if our only goal was to grow enrollments and increase applications without regard to our mission, that could be accomplished fairly easily. Through the advent of online applications, we could quickly increase our applications to multiple thousands. Removing standards and lowering the price would probably increase enrollment.

But at what cost to our Kingdom mission? While some might view these kinds of efforts as “successful,” we would cease to be the Taylor that all of us know and love. Indeed, the higher education landscape is littered with examples of colleges and universities who relinquished their former Christian mission and distinctives. Today they sell education as only a commodity that has no eternal purpose or value. But fortunately, that is not Taylor.

So as I see it, having a crystal clear mission, which is biblically anchored and Christ-centered, is absolutely vital for these days. And our students help me understand even better the need for authenticity, as well as the importance of having a vibrant mission statement that informs everything we are about here at Taylor.

When our students arrive at Taylor, they do so with a deep desire to serve God’s purpose – wherever He leads them. It is during their four years here that God uses their studies, interaction with faculty and staff members, and shared experiences to equip them with the tools that make those dreams possible. But it is also during their time here that they experience a profound, life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ and His purpose for their lives.

Yes, the Taylor experience marks students with a passion to minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth in a variety of ways. You see it in the way they spend their time, the types of jobs they pursue after graduation, and how they interact with others. This difference is evident to me as I see them around campus, and it becomes even more evident to a watching world. Imagine the impact of 500 Taylor graduates leaving this place every year, marked with a passion to minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth to a world in need.

Beyond our students, the faculty and staff of Taylor University are equally dedicated to the Taylor mission. Few work only a 40-hour week as they spend many evenings and weekends here on campus. There are many possible explanations, but I believe Taylor people, and not just the students, are also marked with a passion. That’s why they come to Upland, Indiana, from throughout the world. That’s why they show up for work day after day, year after year. I believe it stems from their desire to honor God by pouring their lives into the students He has called here. It is a humbling thought that causes me to give thanks to Him.

As I have said before, it is a thrilling time to be back at Taylor. Not only is it a joy to serve our students and the larger Taylor family, it is a joy to watch progress on other fronts. Gratefully, after years of dreaming, hard work and prayer, the new Euler Science Complex is becoming a reality. Additionally, construction is set to begin on both a new student apartment complex and an aquatics addition to the Kesler Student Activities Center. But most important, lives are being changed and the kingdom of God is being advanced – that is what the real Taylor is all about.

Marylou and I are grateful for each one of you and all that you do for Taylor. We are constantly humbled by the work God is doing on this campus, and we are honored when He chooses to use us in the process.

Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68 serves as president of Taylor University.
“While at Taylor, I have learned to be much more disciplined. For me, that often means going in to practice after I’ve finished everything else for the day and I don’t feel like I have anything else to give, or reading my Bible on a regular basis. I have loved being in such a wonderful Christian environment that has been a safe place to develop strong habits that will shape the rest of my life.” Heidi McAuley ’12

Heidi is one of six students in the new Bachelor of Science in Music Ministries program. Through her classes and co-curricular activities, she is preparing to pursue a leadership position in the music ministry of a church.

By supporting the Taylor Fund, alumni, parents and friends show their support for the Taylor Experience – an experience that changes lives. Thank you for your investment in Heidi and students like her.

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The Greg and Mary Fran Euler Science Complex has begun the transition from dreams to reality. See story on page 5.