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I think the first time I heard that phrase I was in our church’s youth group. We had perfectly good couches but we chose to sit on the floor, legs crossed in our bellbottoms. We had just sung Pass it On, maybe for the 100th time. Where He leads, I will follow. But where would God lead me? And how would I know if it was He who was leading? I began to worry so much about missing God’s call that a troubling notion took root in my heart that somehow I had missed His will.

That thought gnawed at me until about 15 years ago as I read the C.S. Lewis book The Silver Chair to my children. In it, Eustace Scrubb and Jill Pole are English children summoned to Narnia by Aslan to search for the missing Prince of Narnia, Rilian. They eagerly listened to Aslan’s instructions but along the way became sidetracked, the clues drifting slowly, surely from their consciousness. Yet near the end of the book Aslan appears and tells them that he was directing their paths and using their lives all along.

God’s promise in Philippians 2:13 is that it is God Himself who works in us to will and act according to His good purpose. In this issue of Taylor, we tell stories of Taylor community members who followed different roads in their walk with Christ but found themselves exactly where He wanted. Some are retiring faculty members. Some are students or alumni. Each belongs to Christ.

I pray you each will be encouraged. The Lord knows those who are His!

Where He leads, I will follow.
Celebrating achievement and the promise of the future were themes at Taylor University’s 2012 commencement exercises on May 19 as 485 new graduates marked the official end of their Taylor undergraduate careers.

The graduates, who have joined Taylor University’s 21,447 alumni, came from 34 states and 18 foreign countries which included: Bahamas, Bolivia, China, Israel, Jordan, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe. Class distinctives included:

• 59 Master’s degrees
• 253 Bachelor of Arts degrees; 165 Bachelor of Science degrees
• Four graduates who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during their years at Taylor University
• 262 (63%) who participated in study abroad experiences
• 223 members who earned graduation honors

Two honorary doctorates were awarded by the Taylor Board of Trustees to men whose work has led to the printing and distribution of nearly 170 million Bibles worldwide. They were Dr. Fergus MacDonald, past president of the United Bible Societies and director of Taylor’s Center for Scriptural Engagement, and Ho Yong Kim, executive director of the Korean Bible Society (KBS).

During MacDonald’s tenure with the UBS, the organization embarked on a $60 million scripture translation, publishing and distribution effort called Operation 21. The multifaceted effort resulted in the distribution of 85 million printed copies of the Bible, children’s Bibles in India’s major languages, and the production of scripture videos into Arabic dialects in the Middle East. MacDonald also served as the featured speaker for commencement.

Under Kim’s direction, the KBS has produced more than 83 million Bibles in 464 languages for worldwide distribution. Each year, more than 100 countries receive Bibles from the KBS. Additionally, Kim holds the Republic of Korea Order of Civil Merit, Mongyeon Medal, a prestigious award presented to people who have made significant contribution to Korean politics, economy, society, education and academics and have thus enhanced the welfare of Korean citizens and promoted national development.

For Nellie Eskew ’12, the day was bittersweet. “One of my most prominent memories was from our department as we went across the ramp we were high fiving each other. I think it is very iconic of what our four years at Taylor were,” she said. “Last year we all got super close. We all had projects due: we were in the media lab all the time. They were so encouraging the whole year so commencement was like going off into the world.

“Educationally, commencement was a wrap-up, but the relationships that were developed will go on for the rest of my life,” Eskew added.

“If I was to go back to do the four years over I would do pretty much the same thing,” reflected Jeff Neiman. “One thing is for certain. I would go to Taylor. I would go again and again and again.”
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected a small satellite, or CubeSat, design created by Taylor University students and faculty members to fly into space sometime in the coming two years. Taylor’s selection for one of 33 such “rides” was awarded by NASA following a nationwide competition with large state schools, graduate programs and aerospace companies.

Taylor is the only Christian and undergraduate school to be selected says Dr. Hank Voss, professor of engineering physics and the principal investigator of the project. Other selectees include the Air Force Research Lab at Wright-Patterson AFB, California Polytechnic, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in partnership with the California Institute of Technology, the Air Force Academy and Virginia Tech.

“I think the fact that we won this competition is noteworthy. We competed against Air Force Academy and Cal-Poly; we were the underdog in that group,” Voss said. “In our culture today evangelicals are viewed as anti-science and myopic in terms of what they look at. To see Christian universities being involved in state-of-the-art science and competitions is important in our culture. And it is good for our students to be challenged at these high levels.”

Voss said the onus is now on him and his students to produce and deliver a two kilogram CubeSat and that the production will build on past accomplishments including the TU Sat 1 communications satellite project, the TEST satellite completion, and the highly successful balloon program.

“It is a beacon of light for Christian universities,” he said. “They all know that Taylor is a Christian school. It is a gigantic witness.”

“Christians were the ones who started a lot of universities and were leading the education and the culture. Now there is an incredible secular thought in the culture that is trying to reverse things,” Voss continued.

“Part of my motivation in being at a Christian school is to have projects like this, so it is not just our Taylor bubble that we are impacting. We are attracting top students in science to a Christian university where they can be challenged in all aspects of life — not only in their walk with God, but to be unafraid to branch out in exciting professions where we can take that leadership role again.”
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More than shakes
The Taylor community remembers Ivan Slain

Upland restaurateur Ivan Slain died April 29 at the age of 79 following a long illness. For those few who may not recognize the name, his namesake restaurant and ice cream shop have been synonymous with Upland and Taylor University for 47 years – Ivanhoe’s.

Slain and his wife Carol purchased the former Wiley’s Drive-In in 1965 and converted it to Ivanhoe’s. In the years since it has grown into a Central Indiana institution, a destination for diners and ice cream connoisseurs from around the country, and a place for Taylor students, their families and alumni to catch up over some great food and delicious ice cream.

More than 200 alumni – an appropriate number considering the 200 different shake and sundae combinations Ivanhoe’s sells – paid homage to Slain, his wife Carol, and their beloved restaurant in the following days.

“I tease my wife about my favorite Ivanhoe’s memory,” said Todd Wagoner ’90. “Wendy (Hosier, ’90) and I first starting dating our freshman year and it was at Ivanhoe’s. Wendy gave me the, ‘Let’s just be friends,’ speech. To date, we’ve been wonderfully and happily married for 22 years with two great, great daughters (Sydney and Emma). Ivanhoe’s is and always will be a place of fellowship where friendships are strengthened and marriages developed.”

Brian Veen ’03 had a similar memory, even if the outcome was a little different from time to time. “Having a DTR at Ivanhoe’s was a win-win situation,” he remembered. “No matter how the conversation went, at least you knew you would have a good shake!”

Some alumni reminisced about their first visit to Ivanhoe’s when they were high school seniors visiting Upland and Taylor for the first time. Others remembered that last, bittersweet visit after graduation that signified one chapter of their life had ended and another was beginning.

“Ivanhoe’s is full of memories for me,” Kurt ZurBurg ’95 said. “Ivanhoe’s is in some ways synonymous with Taylor. It was always a great place to gather with friends off campus, not to mention the amazing shakes and burgers. Thanks Ivan and Carol for helping to create my Taylor experience.”

“Ivanhoe’s was a place to enjoy with a big group – laughing and having fun, or a place for a serious, heart-to-heart discussion,” said Darla (Cheesman ’88) Mitchener. “It was a common date night with my future husband … and now it is place to take my oldest daughter, a Taylor student herself, to catch up on life and enjoy being together. Thanks to the Slain family for years of great memories. Our prayers will be with you; may you be blessed by fond memories as well.”

Grieving with hope

Tragedy touched the Taylor community three different times during the past eight months as three students each died unexpectedly.

Tripp Gorman ’14, of Marion, Ind., died at home after a short illness in November. Josh Larkin ’13 died on campus in April and Adam Such ’15 died in his home in June.

“The Taylor University community has been deeply touched by the sorrow and loss experienced by the Gorman, Larkin and Such families, friends and loved ones,” said Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68, Taylor president. “Each of us is so grateful for the lives of these young men and the impact they left upon us. I look forward to the day that God has promised when He will wipe every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain.”
Taylor student films win Emmy, Telly Awards

Two short films written, photographed and produced by Taylor University media communication students have earned the latest in a string of more than 100 awards earned by that major.

*Of Another Time*, a film about reenactors of the War of 1812, won a regional Emmy Award. The production crew was comprised of Eric Nystrom ’12, Chase Moore ’12 and Nicole Klotz ’13. The second film, a comedy titled *The Ghost of Grandma Doris*, was also nominated for the regional Emmy. It won Best Picture honors at the Envision Film Festival, an IASB and Telly Award. Grandma Doris was created by Dave Baker ’11, Jamison MacKillop ’11, Alyssa Keeling ’12, Brent Clouse ’11 and Stephen Dorman ’11.

Some of the awards won by students in the media communication sequence — Aegis, Aurora, MarCom and IASB — may not have the name recognition of the Telly and Emmy Awards. But they are no less prestigious within the eyes of the motion picture community, say media communication faculty members John and Kathy Bruner.

“*Of Another Time* was a short documentary. We were looking around for different ideas but not really landing on anything,” Nystrom said. “Kathy (Bruner) suggested we go to the reenactment, not because of any particular story, but because it was a visual piece. We knew there would be canons, muskets, redcoats and all of that. We spent several days just walking around and part way through we landed on a few characters.”

“When you go through the process, you’re not sure if you have anything that’s good,” Nystrom added of the Emmy nomination and win. “I was floored and couldn’t believe it. I was really proud of my team.”

Keeling expressed similar sentiments. “It was so humbling to step back and see that we, as a team, created something that brought joy to people through its witty plot and overall aesthetic value,” she said. “We actually found out on the night of the festival that *Grandma Doris* also won a 1st place award at the IASB Awards; and when just a few weeks later it won a Bronze Telly, you can imagine how ecstatic we were.”

Both were quick to credit the mentoring of the Bruners, who accrued years of experience in the field prior to joining the Taylor faculty. “The media communication classes at Taylor gave me hands-on experience with industry-standard production equipment along with countless opportunities to practice the various aspects of filmmaking,” said Keeling. “Because of all the filmmaking opportunities in the Media Communication department, I feel confident in my craft as I step into the professional world.”

“The Bruners are so great,” exclaimed Nystrom. “The projects really let you explore your creativity. The cool thing is that we are doing projects that help our careers. They are not just for a resume; they are for life.”
The Whiteley Neighborhood in Muncie, Ind., is known as a low-income, high-crime community on Muncie’s northeast side. Created as an inexpensive housing development for workers from a nearby steel factory, the neighborhood has declined through the years. Today reports of shootings, drug use, gang activity and teen pregnancy are rampant. According to Taylor Associate Professor of Psychology Diane Dungan, it is the perfect place to set up a practicum experience for her Taylor students.

Throughout the fall and spring semesters Dungan and students from her Psychology 393 group trekked to Muncie from the Taylor campus four days a week to the Precious Hearts Developmental Center where they helped children with homework, spent one-on-one time mentoring and playing with them, and learning about life from a vastly different perspective than their own.

“When I set this up I really had in my heart a desire to have students see diversity in local areas – to see diversity and richness of cultures,” Dungan said. “Whiteley is a poor neighborhood; it is inner city, low-economic, African-American and single parents. But there is a richness of community and our students have been tremendously blessed to be part of that community. It happened so effectively and so quickly.”

Different student groups alternated between Mondays and Wednesdays and Tuesdays and Thursdays. Whitney Sweet ’13 said she came into the experience with a desire to love and serve. “They welcomed us with open arms … the children definitely want to be loved. They craved attention. There were a lot of kids holding hands,” she said. “It was neat to see the kids grow and how they improved.”

Sweet said the challenge was to convey her Christian faith within the settings and boundaries of the developmental center. “You can’t go out and just start preaching to the children. But your attitudes and actions definitely show them God’s love for them,” she said. “I think the staff could see it. They never really asked what it was but you could tell they knew something was different. At Easter it was easy for us to insert comments like, ‘Do you know who Jesus is?’ or, ‘Do you know what He did?’ because the kids had questions.”

Dungan related a story told by workers at Precious Hearts that illustrated the point. “The kids will tell kids (at other centers), ‘Do you have Taylor students? You’ve got to get Taylor students; they are so much better!’”

“We are committed to several years with the same group of kids,” Dungan said. “We want to help them build life skills that will enable them to make different career choices. We would like to have the children come to Taylor for a day next year to show them what college is like. It will take longer than just a semester or two so we are planning on being involved for several years.”

Do you have Taylor students? You’ve got to get Taylor students; they are so much better!
Taylor faculty publish new works, lead overseas learning

Dr. David Boyajian, Physics and Engineering, and students in his senior design course designed and built a novel leg press machine for Dr. Erik Hayes, Physical Education and Human Performance.

Dr. Jeremy Case ’87, Mathematics, received the 2012 Teaching Excellence Award in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences.

Drs. Jeff Cramer ’90 and Bill Toll ’71, CSE, presented a paper, Beyond Competency: A Context-Driven CSO Course, at the ACM SIGCSE National Conference. Only 30% to 40% of these peer-reviewed manuscripts are typically chosen for presentation at the meeting.

Dr. Steve Messer, History, led a 12-person group comprised of Taylor faculty and staff members on a tour of historic American civil rights locations May 22-26. The group traveled through Memphis, Montgomery, Birmingham and Atlanta.

Dr. Tim Herrmann ’77, Psychology and MAHE, has co-edited a book, Funding the Future: Preparing University Leaders to Navigate Impending Change, with Dr. Steven Beers ’82 of John Brown University and Dr. Paul Blezien from William Jessup University. Also contributing are a number of prominent Christian educators and Taylor board member P. Lowell Haines ’75.

Dr. Lorne Mook ’87, English, had six poems published in the online journal of translation, Ezra.

Dr. Paul Rothrock, Earth and Environmental Sciences, serves on the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Committee of the Indiana Academy of Science. He also serves on the Academy’s nominations and elections committee and the Proceedings Editorial Board.

Dr. JoAnn (Kinghorn ’71) Rediger, Music, led the Taylor Chorale on a trip to South Korea for Spring Break. The Chorale performed for more than two million people during the tour, which took them to several large churches and to Handong Global and Hallem Universities.

Jeanne R. Sigworth, Communication, participated in an invitational global roundtable featuring leading international advocates united in the fight against sex trafficking and world hunger. The event was sponsored by Bread for the World, The Wesleyan Church and World Hope International.

Amy Stucky ’92, Athletics, served as a member of the NAIA National Gender Equity Committee. She also spoke at the NAIA National Convention in April in a roundtable discussion on implementing gender equity in athletic programs.

Evan Wood, MBA, and David Poucher ’81, Computer Science and Engineering, published articles in the seventh issue of the Christian Business Academy Review, May 2012. Wood also led a group of Taylor MBA students to Hong Kong and China’s mainland for a global study tour. The group participated in lectures and visited companies including Cathay Pacific Airways, Vera Bradley China and Ace Moldings.
Faculty members honored for scholarship, leadership, excellence

During the 2011-2012 academic year, four Taylor faculty members were honored for their scholarship, innovation, leadership and impact by Taylor University. Each was chosen by panels of faculty, students, alumni and/or past winners.

**Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award**

Phil Loy, Professor of Political Science

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. Dan King, Associate Professor of Chemistry

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.

**Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award**

Dr. Matt DeLong, Professor of Mathematics

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.

**Dr. Joe Burnworth Teaching Award**

Dr. Phil Mummert, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

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.
Trojan men take 2011-2012 MCC All-Sports Trophy

Taylor University finished first in the men’s All-Sports Trophy standings for the 2011-2012 academic year. Taylor scored 50 points to edge Indiana Wesleyan (49.5) and Spring Arbor (49).

Tyler Beachler ’12 was named the Gates-Howard Award recipient and Kelsey Pritchard ’12 was honored as the Lady Trojan of the Year for the second time.

Instant replay

Baseball 38-20 (28-7 MCC), 1st in the MCC
• Won third straight MCC regular season championship
• Advanced to the NAIA National Tournament
• Ryne Otis ’12 was named MCC Player of the Year for the second straight year; first-ever Taylor NAIA Baseball National Player of the Week. Otis was joined by Rhett Goodmiller ’12, Jordan Coffey ’14, Ian Nielsen ’12 and Ryan Baker ’13 on the All-MCC Team.
• Kyle Gould ’02 was named MCC Co-Coach of the Year
• Goodmiller and Nielsen were named Second Team CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

Softball 26-27 (5-13 MCC), T-7th in the MCC
• Set the school record for wins (26)
• Upset No. 1 seed and MCC regular season champion Bethel in the MCC Tournament
• Alyssa Brodbeck ’12 named All-MCC First Team; Sarah Heath ’13 Honorable Mention All-MCC
• Laura Strode ’12, Emily Tweedy ’14, Bethany Bates ’15 named MCC All-Tournament Team
• Heath (First Team) and Brodbeck named Third Team CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

Men’s Golf 5th in the MCC
• Fifth-place team finish at the MCC Championship was the best since 2005
• Tyler Ramsland ’12 named to the All-Conference team after finishing tied for third at the MCC Championships
• Won the program’s first tournament title since 2005 at the 10-team Indiana Wesleyan Spring Invitational

Men’s Track & Field 4th in the MCC
• NAIA National Championship qualifiers: Kevin McGregor ’13 (110 meter high hurdles), Isaac Bryan ’12 (5000 meter run), 3200 meter relay team (Corbin Slater ’13, Cerio Rolle ’13, Jared Reed ’15, Mark Oliver ’14).
Women’s Track & Field
3rd in the MCC

• NAIA National Championship qualifiers: Henrietta Carey ’13 (100 meter dash), Erin Price ’14 (400 meter hurdles), 1600 meter relay team (Price, Carey, LaJoya Smith ’12, Stephanie Kenney ’12), Kirstin Heglelein ’12 (marathon), Elaine Schmeltz ’15 (steeplechase)

• All-MCC Performers: Carey, Kenney, Sarah Neideck ’15, Jenna Norris ’15, Emily Perschbacher ’13, Price, Tanya Rogers ’14, Schmeltz, Smith, Cassie Vaflor ’12, Kelsey Van Housen ’13

• Carey named Outstanding Female Performer at Indiana Intercollegiate Little State Championships

Stephanie Kenney hands the baton to LaJoya Smith during a meet in April. Kenney and Smith, along with their 1600 meter relay teammates Henrietta Carey and Erin Price, qualified for the NAIA national meet.
Heavenly Father,

As we stand at the end of another academic year, Lord we pause to praise you for your faithful presence with us this year. You walked with us in our times of great joy and celebration. You were there as we laughed with each other and enjoyed Christian fellowship together. And Lord, you were with us as together we walked through the valley of the shadow of death. You were our rod and staff, our source of great comfort. We learned once again this year that great eternal truth that nothing – nothing in life, nothing in death – can separate us from your love. You are good and we give you thanks.

Be with our students. Fill them Father as they reconnect with family and help them to be faithful witnesses for you in their summer jobs, internships, camps or wherever you have called them. We pray that you will continue to do that good work which you have started – in their lives and in ours.

And Lord we ask that you will be with the faculty as we too reconnect with family that often got overlooked in the press of work. Give us rest from the busy academic year and help us to finish that research project that somehow never was completed in the midst of other things. Help us Lord to stay connected to you that we would be effective and faithful vessels of your wisdom and love.

Lord we ask a special measure of your blessing on our graduating seniors. Be with them as they begin new, exciting ventures whether it is marriage, further education or a new job. For those who are not sure what they are going to do, please reassure them that it’s okay. You know what plans you have for them.

Father, I pray for each of us. As I look around our nation, I see great divisions over so many issues. As a people we are not very kind to one another. And as a people we are prone to wear our hate on our sleeve. As a people, we are not really very interested in hearing what the other person is thinking or has to say any more; but rather, it seems that we believe that we can somehow shout down those with whom we disagree.

We continually embrace extreme positions and we are guilty of marginalizing our fellow Americans and citizens who share different viewpoints from ours. Those who are looking for some sort of sensible middle ground seem to be shrinking in numbers. And it is not only our public officials – they are merely reflections of us. Forgive us Father and help us, we pray, to be the shining lights in the darkness that you have called us to be.

But Father, I am really impressed by this generation of college students. Help them as they live before humankind and you. They give me great hope and I believe you have endowed them with tremendous leadership potential. I pray that you will strengthen their hand and help them to fulfill your purposes in this lost and fallen world.

We pray Lord that your blessing will continue to shine on this place, Taylor University. May we never forget or forsake our institutional mission to spread the redemptive love and truth to a world in need; and may each of us never forget that you called us to this place and that we work and study to your glory – not to earn the praise of others.

Be with us Lord, help us to serve the purposes to which you have called us and help us to always remember that we are secure in the palm of your almighty hand. We ask this in the name of One who died that all may live.

Amen.
Gracious stewardship, humbling trust

During the fiscal 2011-2012 year Taylor University friends and alumni entrusted their time, talent and treasures to Taylor University at near record levels.

A total of 10,400 families, individuals and businesses made financial commitments to Taylor totaling more than $18.5 million (the second largest in Taylor's history), including $1.82 million to the Taylor Fund which assists students through scholarship aid.

An estimated 4,000 alumni, parents and friends participated in events sponsored by Taylor’s University Advancement Office during the just-completed fiscal year. Additionally, more than 200 alumni, parents and friends returned to campus to serve on an advisory board, speak in a class, and/or assist students through internship opportunities.

University officials say the numbers are the continuation of a trend. Since 2005, more than $105.7 million has been given or pledged to projects that include the Memorial Prayer Chapel, the Euler Science Complex, the renovation of the football and soccer field/stadium and other projects.

“It is reason for celebration,” said Taylor President Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68. “But it is also a time for humble reflection upon the trust given us by our alumni, friends, parents, students and so many within the Taylor University community, and the blessings and favor of God, our loving heavenly Father, who is able to accomplish more than all we ask or imagine.”
As Taylor parents we are committed to support Taylor University as God wills. The Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) allows us to prepare for my eventual retirement as a physician with a guaranteed stream of income at a very good rate while also supporting the future of science at Taylor. — Dr. Jim and Minda Chow

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MATTHEW 5:16
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Fifty-two years. What kept you here?

They couldn’t get rid of me, if that is what you are talking about. In my sense it doesn’t seem that long ago that I was walking into my first classroom at the end of January, 1965. I look back on it and sure, it’s a long time. The students are what keep me around here. The students and the classroom.

I’ve never consciously gone into a class session not sure what I was going to do. I’ve always been prepared; I’ve always taken the job as seriously as I have known how to take it. And people have been kind over the years. I was directed to Taylor and so I’ve never worried about staying. I always figured if it was time for me to get out of here in God’s timing, He would let me know.

Like most of us who came out of the social sciences in the 50s and 60s, Grace Olson stands as a giant. A man who passed away not long ago who had a great impact on me was a man by the name of Payton Yoder. The first time I had constitutional history or constitutional law, it was from Dr. Yoder and I fell in love with the topic.

The faculty members who made the biggest impact on me were those who were here when I was a student. I will never forget, I shared an office with Julius Vahlberg and Grace Olson the first year-and-a-half and she was “Miss Olson” to me until finally she said to me, “Phil, it’s Grace.” To this day I have never understood why, as a young faculty member, they began to push me into a leadership position. And I’ve never understood what they thought they saw, but I owe those folks a great debt. I would include in that Hazel Butz ’38 Carruth Anderson, Elizabeth Poe, Elmer Nussbaum ’49, and Frank Roye.

How have you changed in 48 years of teaching at Taylor?

Age and maturation – I probably get less upset with things now than I did when I was much younger. Mellow is not the word to describe me, but I just don’t get upset when students are not taking notes. I don’t get upset when I hear some of my colleagues make what I consider to be really ill-advised comments in faculty meeting. I have learned that tomorrow comes.

I really developed a tremendous appreciation for processes and procedures. There is great value in group interaction and listening to the other person. This is a very collegial place. We get along with each other. We have our personality quirks; some of us don’t mesh very well. But to say we don’t mesh very well doesn’t mean we don’t like one another or don’t work well together.

What role has your faith has played in your career?

I became a believer here as a junior. I think that over the years at Taylor my faith has grown. I do a lot of integration of faith and learning formally and informally. When I started teaching I taught pretty much straightforward political science and, for the most part, I still do. But it has had much more of a faith component. I’ve appreciated what Taylor has done for me in terms of increasing my faith, forcing me to take my faith seriously, to live it out in my relationships, particularly with students.

I don’t make chapel every day but I have heard some tremendous chapel speakers and I have been grateful for the impact that they have had on me and on Taylor. Taylor has done more for my faith than I have done for Taylor.
Initially you taught some history courses as an adjunct faculty member?

My doctoral work is in both U.S. history and secondary education. So I feel comfortable in both areas. One thing that I am extremely proud of is that in 1985 the National Council for Social Studies in the United States selected my dissertation as the exemplary dissertation in the country. My dissertation was on the quality of textbooks in relationship to World War II.

What will be some of your lasting Taylor memories?

One of the faculty members who I respected immensely was Joe Burnworth. I was lucky enough to teach with Joe for three or four years until he retired and kept in contact with him for the first three or four years. Joe really had an impact on me – especially in the aspect of how you treat students at a higher level in college as opposed to working with kids in high school, because it really is a different group of students.

One of the things that has been really good is the fact that Taylor has not only allowed me to practice my faith, but it has also allowed me to increase the depth of my faith and demonstrate the linkage that my faith has with whatever content area I have.

Part of my job was to convince my students that they could be good teachers but also instill in them the passion for teaching. We hear a lot about how there aren’t a lot of jobs for teachers – but if you have a passion for teaching or working with kids at whatever level you’re going to find a job. I think Taylor does a good job of helping us to instill that passion into our students.

How is the education department different now than it was 16 years ago?

As director of the teacher education program, my job was to develop new programs. So some of the programs that I developed and got licensure for were the special ed program and TESOL which is teaching English to second language learners. The special ed program has really taken off. About 50% of our elementary students get a secondary license in special ed or TESOL.

I also revamped all four of the middle school licensure areas to meet state requirements and I created the original transition to teaching program that was at the Fort Wayne campus.

How is teaching different than when you started?

Over and over people who are not teachers will try to tell you that discipline in the classroom is the biggest problem. But teachers will tell you the biggest problem is apathy – kids who are just not motivated or don’t care. The biggest challenge is, “How do I get these students to think about this subject the way I do?”

One of the bigger challenges is also going to be how we assess teachers. We are moving more and more to the area of assessing teachers by student scores and by ISTEP tests. While I am not opposed to the assessment of teachers whatsoever, I think that when you assess teachers based on one score without really addressing other socioeconomic issues that impact that classroom, you’re making a big mistake.

The other thing that really concerns me with teaching is that pedagogy, the art of teaching, is extremely important. Teaching is a relational activity. You have to know your content, but you have got to establish a really meaningful relationship with kids.

I constantly tell my students this is my 43rd year in education – 27 in high school, 16 at Taylor. If I had it to do all over again, I would still be a teacher. I love watching students succeed in what they choose to do. Kids are always good at something – they may not be good at your subject, but they are good at something.
You’ve served at Taylor University for 36 years. What are some of your memories?

It is a long time, it’s not a Phil Loy ’62 or a Roger Jenkinson ’58, but it’s a long time. Mark Cosgrove would be the same. Ollie Hubbard would have been the same. Dan Yutzy would have been the same. There was a group of four of us who came in the fall of 1976.

I remember (Milo A.) Rediger ’39 standing in the Chapel and looking at the audience of students and saying, “The thing we have to remember is that we are a university – an academic institution. We are not a church. Academics come first. We are not a social club; we are not a political party. We’re not a sports team. We are an academic institution.”

Something many within the Taylor community do not know is that a childhood friend of yours was on the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Greg Jarvis and I grew up in the same hometown. He was a Hughes Aircraft engineer who worked on the shuttle. When we were kids, we hung out at baseball diamond, his dad was druggist. He had a brother who was a year younger than me and he was a year older than me. I delivered newspapers when I was in high school and was in and out of their house all the time.

The day the Challenger exploded I had a group of students up in Michigan for J-Term. We had been skiing that morning and we all went inside to see the launch. Here they all came, shoulder to shoulder, it was my high school science buddy … and then to watch that thing go up and come apart in the sky. It was an awful shock.

Would you describe yourself as an environmentalist?

To a degree. In the same way, there are Christians who I would not describe myself as. I don’t like the term “environmentalist” because it can carry connotations of irrationality. They mean well, but …

It is the same way when we say “Christian” now. I would prefer to be called “a follower of Christ.” A lot of the things the environmentalists have focused on are not necessarily the decisions that have to be made. They are the feel good answers.

You buy a car in Indiana and you’re really environmental, so you’re going to get an electric one. So you get a Chevy Volt and you plug it in every night to a socket whose wires lead to a coal burning power plant that produces far more pollution than your neighbor’s gasoline powered car.

We recycle. But that doesn’t scratch the surface. It isn’t a bad thing to do, but don’t pat yourself too much on the back for that. When you reduce your consumption dramatically, then you are doing something. But none of us want to reduce our consumption.

Talk about your accomplishments.

About 70 former students wrote reflections for my retirement. They made me feel really, really good. And some of them were from people I would not have identified as great supporters of me or what I was doing.

In the next few years, our Master of Environmental Science (MES) will have trained over 100 masters’ students, many of whom have PhD’s now and they are in jobs that far exceed expectations.

The reason teachers teach is that you want the students to replace you. If one can train his or her own replacements, their efforts magnify dramatically. We’ve got a good number of them around. They are going to have students and there is this magnification. In some ways it is like you have children.
After all these years at Taylor, what will you do next?

Well, I’ve made lists. In the Registrar’s Office you make a lot of lists. I have projects at home. My first project was to update a couple of rooms and do some remodeling. But my sister called and said she is having knee surgery and wondered if I would like to come help her. There went the remodeling. Sometimes it’s better not to make lists. Just take one day at a time.

How did your job change through the years?

When I first worked in admissions and then the registrar’s office, everything that was recorded was written down by hand. Everything was hands-on. I always enjoyed the personal interaction with the students.

We had one computer in the office. The seniors registered first – 150 in the morning and 150 in the afternoon. The rest of the students would register after that. They began camping out at 4 a.m. They would bring sleeping bags and the space outside our office is not a very big space, but they wanted to be the first one in line. They can register for classes online now. We are always there for them if they have questions.

How did you see the Lord at work in your life and career?

I know the Lord had plans in bringing me to Taylor. My faith has grown and grown. When the Lord took my husband Bob with an aneurysm in December of 1983, I had Taylor. I had structure in my life. He was in his forties. He has been gone 29 years; I’ve been a widow a little longer than I was married. But God opened doors at our local church. I decided to help with the youth group. We went to Jamaica and worked in orphanages, did painting projects and ministry.

All of that makes you come back and appreciate so much what you have. In Jamaica, sometimes the water would go off right in the middle of your shower. Still, I love the short term missions. I got to go with the Psychology Department on senior seminar. I had told Amy Barnett ’94 that I would like to do something like that some time and she said, “Why don’t you go with us?” We went last October and I served as a chaperone for the girls. I enjoyed it immensely. All of that was from the Lord. I would like to do more of it after retirement.

Who are some of the people who touched your life at Taylor?

There are so many. Brad Newlin ’89 was one. We had a love of snowmobiling together. When he became ill and died from cancer it was so hard to see this young man with such potential taken early. It was like my husband. And there was all of the tragedy of the students on April 26. I don’t know why. But no matter what age, who can ask why?

It has been wonderful to meet children of our alumni who are students now. I promised myself I would not wait on the grandchildren. Sometimes I will make myself known to them. I feel very blessed in my life.

I will miss working with the students, but now I am going to open this next door and see what the good Lord has for me. Never in all of these years did I dread coming to work. It has been a good walk.
“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE KING OF ASSYRIA AND THE VAST ARMY WITH HIM, FOR THERE IS A GREATER POWER WITH US THAN WITH HIM. WITH HIM IS ONLY THE ARM OF FLESHE, BUT WITH US IS THE LORD OUR GOD TO HELP US AND TO FIGHT OUR BATTLES.” AND THE PEOPLE GAINED CONFIDENCE FROM WHAT HEZEKIAH THE KING OF JUDAH SAID.

2 CHRONICLES 32:7-8
Taylor magazine

After months of uncertainty and assumptions that this lump was just some kind of infection, the diagnosis was invasive lobular carcinoma with focal lobular carcinoma in situ. In layperson’s terms, Amber (Kostelny ’02) Cussen had Stage 2 breast cancer.

Outwardly she appeared calm but inwardly there was a war going on. The doctor’s voice echoed something about her treatment options, but Amber was just numb. Her cell phone beeped incessantly – it was as if the whole world was trying to find out what the doctor told her. The phone continued to beep. Most days that beep was a welcome sound. Today she just shut the phone off.

When her husband Jason ’01 got home from work, the two sat together in silence. There were no tears. They would come.

Those first days were the darkest, hardest days of my life. I clung to Christ and my husband for dear life. Every day was filled with tears and sadness. All summer I had competed in triathlons, logging so many miles and working on being as healthy as possible. All of that came crashing down in a moment. A young, healthy person really could develop breast cancer. There was no option but to accept it, cry out to God, and pray like I’ve never prayed before.

“My ears have heard of you but now my eyes have seen you ...”
Job 42:5

Like so many other Taylor students I grew up in a Christian home. I had “heard” about the Lord my whole life. I accepted Christ at a young age. My life had been filled with church, Christian schools and summer camps. I had been blessed beyond measure and I knew what my Bible said. Yet, it was only after my cancer diagnosis that I could say that I had “seen” the Lord. It was the first time that I could sense how much He really loves me. I no longer saw my relationship with Him as a performance during which I lived out the Christian life. His love is based on nothing I am or do. It is solely based on what He did for me on the cross. When cancer brought me to my rock bottom, He was there. All that was left was His unconditional love for me.

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO TEACHES YOU WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU, WHO DIRECTS YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO. ISAIAH 48:17

Taylor magazine

Amber’s treatment started just a few days before Christmas. Over the next seven months, she and Jason endured eight chemotherapy sessions and six weeks of radiation. Her thick, beautiful hair became coarse and matted. So she and Jason decided to shave it off.

Once I realized this time was God’s best for me, as Isaiah says, I rested in the fact that He would carry me through. This cancer wasn’t a mistake. It didn’t slip through God’s hand by accident. During that time, I saw God’s abundant provision. The small business He had entrusted to me over the last eight years had a record breaking month in November. During the darkest month, when I was undergoing these two surgeries and cancer diagnosis, He took care of us in the most tender way.

Just as the Lord protected Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib God cared for me. As side effects from the chemotherapy started to kick in, every night I laid in bed and prayed for every side of me, every organ, every body part – that God would hedge me and protect my body from the really harsh side effects. And He did! He protected me time and time again. God did His job so well, the oncologist and I had very little to talk about each chemo day. In fact, she could find very little to address or treat.

Jason and I are doing a summer Bible study together – the Book of Job. Our prayer is, “Lord, what’s next? How do you want to use us?”

My family started this journey with prayer on the couch with me sobbing and barely breathing with devastating news. Now we will end this journey on our knees in prayer in that same family room praising Him for all his faithfulness. It is such a blessing that it brings tears to my eyes.

HEZEKIAH’S WORDS REALLY RESOUNDED WITH ME. ALTHOUGH I HAD CANCER, I HAD A GREATER POWER - THE LORD MY GOD. I HAD THE LORD TO HELP ME BATTLE CANCER.
COMING AND GOING

TAYLOR'S NEWEST GRADUATES REFLECT ON THEIR TIME HERE AND THE FUTURE
Still, if the minute sampling of three members of the class is any indication, the anticipation of the future does not bring fear but instead excitement. Reid Hutchison ’12 came to Taylor to study political science and economics, but during his sophomore year he switched to business management and systems. He lived in the same room on First East Wengatz all four years, serving as a PA his sophomore and junior years. He rode in Taylathon for three years, mentored a local child through Taylor Community Outreach’s One-On-One ministry, and served as student body president this year.

Was there time to sleep? “Yes, but I definitely pushed my limits of how long I could go without sleep,” he said with a smile. “This year was a bit more balanced, or at least this spring was.”

Hutchison started work in June for fellow Taylor alumnus Justin Norman ’98, president and CEO of JD Norman Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of metal components. The two met when Hutchison was searching for an internship.

“It was a unique opportunity because Justin invited me to work closely with him so I could see how he was running the company,” Hutchison remembered. “It shaped how I came into this year and also where I see myself going after college, because he invited me to watch him so closely and find out how he operated and how he integrated his faith with his work and his company.

“I feel confident that this is an area that I can do well in; but the overwhelming sense is that I want to work for a guy like Justin,” added Hutchison, who will marry fellow Taylor graduate Caroline Helmke ’12 later this summer.

THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IS NOT PERFORMANCE—IT IS A GIFT. GETTING TO HEAR THE WHOLE TAYLOR STUDENT BODY SING WAS SUCH A BLESSING. IT WAS LIKE SEEING THE WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST. AUDREY BOYERS
It was only two days before her orientation that Charlotte Nheta ’12 learned she received a scholarship to attend Taylor. Walking by faith is something for which she has been recognized across the campus. And while the journey was joyful, it was not without a few potholes.

One of the potholes was cultural. While many in the Western world view greeting someone on the sidewalk with a smile and the standard, “Hi, how are you?” as a warm gesture, most admit that they really aren’t looking for the full report. But Nheta struggled with it, sometimes sensing a deeper disconnect.

“I met a fellow student who said he wanted an international friend. I’m not a trophy,” Nheta said. “He didn’t want to let his guard down. Some people don’t want to be vulnerable. Some asked me, ‘Tell me your story,’ but they were not really interested in connecting with me. They were just curious.”

But Nheta did connect with a number of people across campus from faculty members, her advisor and fellow students to the Taylor alumni office and community members. “I’ve been broken and made whole, and still standing to testify that God is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that I could ask or think,” she said.

Audrey Boyers ’12 is taking a bit different road than her fellow graduates. This summer after she marries fellow Taylor graduate Mark Statler ’10, she will move with him to Kenya where he is a music teacher at the Rosslyn Academy, a Christian school in Nairobi. Boyers said they are committed to at least two years there.

Boyers, who was often seen leading a chapel worship band, singing with the Taylor Chorale or the Taylor Sounds, also plans to work with Rosslyn’s music program. “I love to teach voice and loved studying voice at Taylor. I also love to play the piano. Although I don’t feel as confident on the guitar, I love using it in worship settings,” she said. “The worship experience is not performance – it is a gift. Getting to hear the whole Taylor student body sing was such a blessing. It was like seeing the whole body of Christ.”

“Besides meeting my fiancé, the things that have impacted me the most were the times in the Taylor Chorale and Sounds. I learned so much from Dr. JoAnn (Kinghorn ’71) Rediger. I loved Air Band, Nostalgia Night, and hanging out with the wing at Second Center Olson,” she said. “I have sensed God’s leading. As I have looked back on the last four years, it was always obvious that God wanted me at Taylor. I’ve changed more in the last four years than I dreamed possible. It is just the way God leads – He knows more about me than I know about myself.”

“God has given me a blessed assurance of His presence and love,” said Nheta, who will begin a master’s program at neighboring Ball State University this fall. “There are times when I go astray and forget His love. But His love endures forever and draws me in every time I seem to be slipping away. He’s never far from me, even when I’m lost in doubt and fear of the future.”

“It’s really funny to look back and see how out of touch I am with some of the ways I thought when I came,” Hutchison reflected. “If I were to be telling someone about Taylor, I think I would emphasize that coming away with this degree and having been trained for whatever it is that my job is going to require of me is critical. But ultimately I learned how to learn.

“Beyond that, it was learning how to have real relationships, to push through tension and conflict. It was also learning how to make sense of my faith and to work out my faith in some difficult contexts. So in the context of Taylor, there is the process of trying to understand how I am living faithfully here. And I think I’ve been trained how to live faithfully in the work force, wherever it is I’m living, and to live faithfully for Christ,” Hutchison said.

“It is hard to articulate but I am leaving a very thankful person to Taylor.”
The new Euler Science Complex’s features include an incredible campus view from the green roof. An additional $500,000 remains to be secured for the $41.4 million facility. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled October 19, 2012. For more, visit, www.taylor.edu/science.
1943
Dr. Paul P. Williams returned to Lake-Sumter Community College in Florida in January to kick off a year-and-a-half long 50th anniversary celebration of the college’s beginning with a meet-and-greet of former presidents event hosted by the alumni association. Dr. Williams served as the inaugural president of LSCC for the first 19 years of its existence before retiring in 1981. Dr. Williams earned his Ph.D. at the University of Florida.

1950
Art Ross sadly reports his wife Ruth passed away April 8, 2012. They were married for 59 years and Ruth was a second grade teacher for almost 40 years. Art continues to live in Carrollton, Texas.

1952
Rev. Kenneth R. Rayner passed away January 21, 2012. He was affiliated with the American Baptist Churches USA for many years as a pastor. After retiring, he served as a hospital chaplain and a supply and interim pastor for several churches. He is survived by his wife Jo Ann (Baucher ’55) Rayner and four sons: Brent, Kurt, Jed and Reid. • W. Lee and Ruth (Dixon) Truman will celebrate 60 years of marriage this year. Lee has written a syndicated column for Copley News Service for 28 years and was a pastor for 40 years. Lee and Ruth live in Santa Rosa Valley, Calif.

1955
Dr. Jack Augustine was inducted into the Gordon College Hall of Honor January 28, 2012. He served as basketball coach and athletic director at Barrington College from 1962-1974. Gordon College and Barrington College merged in 1985. Jack is the first coach to be given this honor.

1960
Dorothy Carol (Ash) Kundenreich passed away at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, Ind., April 16, 2012, after a brief illness. Carol was an elementary school teacher throughout North Central Indiana for more than 30 years. She is survived by her husband Al ’62, and two sons, Alan and Thomas. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and daughter. Russell S. Oyer passed away March 1, 2012, in Berne, Ind. He taught math at Oak Hill High School near Marion, Ind., for 32 years and was an adjunct professor at Indiana Wesleyan University and Ivy Tech Community College. Russell is survived by his wife Nancy (Liechty ’61) Oyer, son Tim, daughter Sara (Oyer ’86) Hall, and four grandchildren: Dylan, Arron, Sylvia and Elaina. • David Scudder, Carolyn (Norman ’58) Hunt and Dr. Daniel Drew ’64 play together regularly in the New Horizon String Orchestra in northern Indiana. David also plays viola in the Maple City Symphony Orchestra.

1961
Robert L. Biberstein passed away March 21, 2012, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Ind. He was the owner of the Biberstein Law Firm of Berne, Ind., where he practiced law for 48 years. Robert is survived by his wife, Rhina.

1964
Julienne (Mohammed) Johnson had her first art book published this year. Her artwork has been part of 12 exhibitions, and some of her pieces are displayed in a Smithsonian-affiliated museum. She recently travelled to Qatar as a guest of an art gallery there and was part of a roster of only 13 other artists from around the world. • David Mays died of sudden cardiac arrest January 2, 2012. He lived in Brownsburg, Ind., and spent over 30 years serving church and mission leaders. He is survived by his wife Marcy (Minks) Mays and three married children: Trent ’89, Stephanie Staats, Mark ’92 and eight grandchildren. One of David’s favorite Bible passages was Acts 13:36: “For when David had served God’s purpose in his generation, he fell asleep.” Marcy can be contacted at 7589 Burns Dr., Brownsburg, IN 46112

1965
Joy (Plummer) Gustafson recently reconnect with her Taylor friend and roommate Sharon Hultman in Saint Paul, Minn., where Sharon lives. Although Sharon is suffers from an advanced case of Parkinson's disease, she is a talented artist with a passionate desire to live out her faith in the Lord and to share that faith with others.

1967
Robert P. Schuler III recently had his book Larger than Life Preacher, a biography of the life of his grandfather, “Fighting” Robert Shuler, published. Robert is a retired Methodist minister who spent four decades serving pastors in Southern California and Hawaii.

1971
Karen (Anderson) Stowers retired from Coloma Community Schools in June 2010. She lives with her husband David in Coloma, Mich. Karen can be reached at kstowers26@gmail.com.

1972
Steve Whiteman was elected 2012-2013 chairman of the board for the Fiesta Bowl organization. Fiesta Bowl is a community-based, non-profit charitable organization that sponsors premier football games in Scottsdale, Ariz. Steve first joined the organization as a committee member in 1994, and was elected to the board of directors in 2003. He is a member
of the Taylor University Board of Trustees and is a former chairman and CEO of Viasoft, Inc.

1973
Dr. Frank E. Strehl died October 21, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He lived in Wheaton, Ill., and had a private medical practice, Strehl Natural Health, since 1981. He wrote hundreds of articles for various medical journals and served on the editorial review board for Natural Medicine Journal. He is survived by his wife of 37 years Nellie (Peters ’74) Strehl and his son Matt Strehl ’06.

1974
Mark Sakuta is a technical communication editor at Joy Global, Underground Mining in Franklin, Penn. In December 2009, Mark and two coworkers received an Award of Excellence from the Northeast Ohio chapter of the Society for Technical Communication for a technical publication. Mark also appeared as an extra in the award-winning 2009 movie Signs of the Time.

1977
Dr. Donald Faimon is president of the Ohio Optometric Association. He practices in Mainville and Blue Ash, Ohio. He also volunteers for multiple charitable organizations, including InfantSEE, a group that provides free eye assessments for babies up to 12 months of age. Deb (Montgomery) Neuenschwander’s first book was published in February 2012. It was a children’s picture book titled God Made the World and was inspired by Deb’s involvement in her church’s preschool story hour ministry. Deb lives in Pettisville, Ohio, and is currently working on another children’s book, When I Grow Up.

1978
Dan Wolgemuth received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Huntington University at its 114th commencement ceremony in May 2012 and was also the commencement speaker. Dan, president and CEO of Youth for Christ USA, currently writes a weekly motivational message called Friday Fragments, which is read widely within the Youth for Christ organization and beyond. He is a member of the Taylor University Board of Trustees.

Bonnie (Johnson) Hall is a writer for Deaf Missions, a ministry to the deaf in the USA and 95 other countries. The ministry’s devotional booklet is sent out to 20,000 individuals throughout the world three times a year. Bonnie lives in Marion, Ind. Her son Matt is a firefighter and EMT in Marion, and son Chris is a technician for a cable company in Indianapolis, Ind. She can be reached at rev.21.3b@gmail.com.

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1981

01 Todd Thalls is president of Ameriana Insurance, a company that was named Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Todd lives in New Castle, Ind., and serves as co-chairman of building and fundraising for the Henry County YMCA. He is the proud father of Emily, a senior at Anderson University, and Ellen, a junior at Purdue University. Todd can be reached at toddthalls@yahoo.com.

1982

02 Kayleen Reusser is an author and speaker and has written eight children’s books. Most recently, she authored Recipe and Craft Guide to Indonesia with help from her daughter Amanda ‘06, who is in her fourth year of teaching at a private school in Indonesia. Kayleen’s website is www.KayleenR.com; she can be reached at kjreusser@adamswells.com.

1983

Dave Adams recently signed a book deal for his murder mystery/romance novel, RUN! The book was written under the pen name D.V. Adams. Dave received a PhD in theology from Vision International University in 2006. He published his first book, Lifestyle Worship: The Worship God Intended Then and Now, in 2010.

1984

03 Colleen (Wild) Terrell, Sandie (Soderquist) Ford, Deb (Glass) Goeglein, Lora (Muthiah) Helton, Kerri Dunkleberger ’85, Lori (Hatteberg) Cook, Lorene (Muthiah) Coffey, and Suzi (Beers) Harrison are long-time TU friends who get together every other year for a girlfriend weekend. The reunions started on the one-year anniversary of the death of their dear friend Shelly (Sample ’83) Fulton. They continue to meet in memory of Shelly and to maintain their TU friendships. Most recently, the group met in Colorado Springs, Colo., in February 2012. Jonathan and Janet (Carlson) Steiner live in Fort Wayne, Ind. Jon is the senior vice president and wealth advisory group manager for Lake City Bank in nearby Warsaw. Jan is a founder and manager of reNEW Upscale Resale, which raises funds to benefit students at Fort Wayne’s Blackhawk Christian School. They have three children: Andrew, 22, a graduate of Calvin College, Hope, 20, a sophomore at Taylor University, and Luke, 16, a sophomore at Blackhawk.

1986

Cynthia Wright is the director of Outpatient Services, Aspire Indiana Inc. at the Elwood, Ind. office. She can be contacted at cynthia.wright@aspireindiana.org.

1988

04 Philip and Pamela Herman are thrilled to announce the adoption of their two year-old foster daughter, Kaylan Meree Herman. She joins siblings Josiah, 18, Matthias, 15, Abigail, 12, and Nathanael, 9. Philip is executive director of the Greater Wheeling Area Youth Outreach in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, an organization serving impoverished youth and their families. He also serves as pastor of The Way to Him, a ministry serving un-churched youth.

1989

05 Rick and Beth Muthiah live in Newberg, Ore., where Rick serves as dean of learning support services at George Fox University. Beth (English Hall director at Taylor from 1996 -2000) organizes the lives of their four children, Caleb, 11, Corban, 8, Malachi, 6, and Esther, 4, while leading a Bible study group, supporting friends and shining Christ’s light in their community. They would love to have visitors. They can be contacted at rbmuthiah@gmail.com.

1990

Richard Crist has been selected to serve on the Board of Trustees for
Wisdom, strength and vision for Taylor’s leadership.

Students’ relationship with God will grow and they will seek His will for their lives.

Faculty will continue to have expertise and enthusiasm for the subject they teach.

Residence life staff be filled with the abilities and grace needed for them to serve the students.

Protection for students who are studying abroad or traveling for missions.

Wisdom for parents and family members as they learn to navigate a new season of life.

Financial provision for students and their families.

Minnetrista, a museum center for cultural exploration in Muncie, Ind. He is also the chief operating officer for Whitinger & Company LLC, a regional accounting and advisory firm, and is managing director of the firm’s business advisory division.

Jennifer (Voskuil) Sones lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband Eric and their four children. She shares Christ-centered devotions for women on her blog www.preparinggoodsoil.com.

Kenneth A. Clarke was promoted by the Pritzker Military Library’s board of directors from the position of vice president of administration and operations to president and chief executive officer on February 1, 2012. Kenneth has worked for many of the best-known cultural, educational and social service organizations in Chicago and throughout the Midwest. They include: the Poetry Center of Chicago at the School of the Art Institute and the John G. Shedd Aquarium.

Dave Shannon Smith was appointed executive director of the Securities Commission of the Bahamas in March 2012. Dave is a certified public accountant, a Fellow of The Bahamas Institute of Financial Services, and a Fellow of The International Compliance Association.

Edward (Ted) Hollis married Julie Kiefer on December 29, 2011, in a private beach ceremony on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Ted is a partner at the law firm of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Indianapolis. Julie is completing her PhD dissertation in educational studies at Ball State University. They can be reached at ted.hollis@att.net. Deborah (Rampona) Oliver is married to Lt Col Bradley Oliver ’92. They are the proud parents of Jacqueline, 13, and Jonathan, 9. Deborah has been writing for many years and recently began submitting work for publication. She has written several articles on Faithwriters.com, a website for Christian writers. The family lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Miss Poe was born Jan. 28, 1918, in Loveland, Ohio, and held bachelor’s degrees in religion and biology from Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University), and a master’s degree in biology from the University of Michigan. Prior to her Taylor tenure, Miss Poe taught at neighboring Marion College.

From 1953-83 she taught biology at Taylor. Many who had Miss Poe in class remember her as a professor who accepted nothing less than her students’ best efforts and her vibrant Christian faith. She often cited Psalm 139, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” After retiring from Taylor, she and her twin sister Marguerite lived in Upland for more than 20 years before moving to Avon.

Miss Poe is survived by Marguerite and nieces and nephews including Dr. Thaddaeus Poe ’79 and his wife Donna Lee (Jacobsen ’79) of Danville, Ind.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Clermont County, Ohio.
1995
Mark and Dareta Goddard welcomed their third child, Hannah Elizabeth Goddard, into the world on November 21, 2011. Their other children are Luke, 5, and Kate, 3. They live in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. Nicole (Swihart) Koreiba lives in Thompsons Station, Tenn., with husband Michael and sons Aedan, 15, Brendon, 7, and Carson, 4. Nicole is a senior accountant at VitalChek Network, Inc.

1997
Michael Brown and Adriana Balzan were married January 29, 2011, at Tortuga Bay Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Taylor participants included Peter Ringenberg ’96 as best man and Justin Norman ’98 as officiate. Other Taylor guests were Sara (Brown ’95) Waddel and Veronica (Allanach ’98) Norman. Michael currently serves on Taylor University’s Investment Council and is a Marshall Fellow. Adriana is a professional opera singer. The couple lives in Chicago.

Christen (Milligan) Ellis, Marva (Bontkes) Seifert, Christen (Milligan) Ellis, Suzanne (Sterrett) Le, Amy (Moe) Hawkins, April (Prast) Brown, Kelly (Newell) Bartels, and Heather (Ellison) Beck took part in a Taylor Cross-Country Maddawgs reunion for the class of 1997 during September 2011. The reunion also included running the Chicago Half Marathon together. The women came from California, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Oregon and Tennessee to renew life-long friendships.

1998
Joseph and Jessica (Anderson ’99) Bonura, along with their children Daniel, David, Joshua, and Joy, recently moved from Louisville, Ky., to Tijuana, Mexico. Joseph graduated from Southern Seminary in December with his masters of divinity, and now they are serving with Radius International, a missionary training center located in Tijuana. Radius International equips future missionaries for church planting in unreached people groups.
throughout the world. Joseph and Jessica serve as on-site-mentors and their role is to disciple, assess, and encourage students as they interact in many formats and situations. They desire to help students respond to the challenges of sacrifice, suffering and conflict with the power and grace of the gospel in their daily lives. You can e-mail them at josephbonura@gmail.com or jessicabonura@gmail.com or visit radiusinternational.org for more information.

1999
Kyle Welty was awarded the F. Bullitt Lowry Prize at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Historical Association, held in April 2012 in San Diego. His research centers on the work of two British foreign missionary societies, the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society and the Missionary Church Missionary Society in Sierra Leone and the West Indies between 1785 and 1835. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in the field of religion at Baylor University.

2001
Andy Keller lives in Carmel, Ind., with his wife, Jenni, and their four children. Since 2008, Andy has operated his own marketing and sales business, Keller Interactive. Prior to that, he worked in web design for the Indianapolis Colts and as a project manager and web designer for Dream 3.

2002
Aaron and Kari Beadner welcomed a beautiful new daughter, Abigail (Abbey) May Beadner into the world in October 2011. Aaron recently accepted the position of director of student programs at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Justin Harrison completed a PhD in philosophy from Loyola University in Chicago in May 2010. He is employed as a professor and department chair of philosophy at Ashford University in San Diego, Calif., where he lives with his wife Carla Allegre. He would love to hear from his former football teammates and can be reached at justinharrison7@yahoo.com. Kate (MacHarg) Hughes is senior account executive at Noreen Heron & Associates, Inc. She has worked on promotions for organizations such as American Express, Bally Fitness, the Chicago White Sox, PBS and Motorola. She has also represented A-list celebrities including Dan Aykroyd, The Beach Boys, and Olympic athletes. Ben Miller, Dan Martin, Dave Coons, Luke Abernathy ’03, Hillary (Boss)
For the past three years, Hope Knowling ’13 has patrolled the parquet floor of the Odle Arena as a member of the Taylor volleyball team. In May, Knowling assumed a different role when she was chosen as one of 33 young women from the State of Indiana honored as a 500 Festival Princess.

During the weeks prior to the famed Indianapolis 500 mile race, the Festival hosts a number of events and the princesses are on hand. From community day and a memorial service to the One America 500 Festival Mini Marathon, the princesses fulfill a number of ceremonial duties.

Knowling also visited children at Riley Children’s Hospital and worked with various organizations to raise money for the fight against cancer. Some of the perks included meeting celebrities Florence Henderson and Olivia Newton-John along with the best seats in the house for the famed race.

“It was really special for me,” Knowling said. “I got to relate to people and to share that I’m a strong woman, but I am a strong woman because I am a daughter of Christ. That was special for me to be able to share.”

Newton and Joel Newton, fellow Mother Russia men and their families met recently for a reunion on Lake Michigan. • 01 Molly Taylor married Cooper Croft August 20, 2011. The couple were wed in a private ceremony on the beach in Monterey, Calif., with their dog Arthur acting as the ringbearer. They reside in Bend, Ore.

2003

02 April Lerch married Reggie Uduhiri on May 28, 2011. TU participants included Erin (Venti) Hedges, Katie Michaelsen ’04, Aaron Lerch ’00 and Mindy (Benteman ’99) Lerch. Also in attendance were Josh Hedges ’04, Stephanie Cates, Jessica (Kelley ’02) Hogan and Willie Vega ’02. April and Reggie live in downtown NYC where Reggie is an auditor with PwC and April is an Asia Program caseworker with Gladney Center for Adoption. • Carson Newman’s novel Phase will be published July 6, 2012. The book will be available via e-reader and more information is available at www.ecnewman.com. Carson lives in Rockford, Ill. • 03 Alexander P. Pinegar has been named partner by Indiana law firm Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. He has been an associate with the firm since 2006. He lives in Noblesville, Ind., with his wife Laura and two-year-old son Calvin. • Steph (Miller) Tigert graduated with her masters in counseling psychology from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology in 2011, and recently joined six other psychologists (four of whom are Taylor alumni) to start a counseling practice in Seattle. Working with Steph in the practice are Colleen Barrows ’05, Luke Abernathy ’03, and Zach Rupp ’99.

• 04 Kin and Kim (Martin) Vinson are living in Concord, NC. Kin works as a financial advisor for Wells Fargo and Kim stays home with their two sons, Lincoln, 4, and Pace, 2.

2005

05 Marc and Kendra (Anderson) Painter are the proud parents of two girls: Addison Rae, 3, and Brylee Joy, 1. Marc teaches at Wheaton Christian Grammar School and is finishing his master’s degree in administrative leadership. Kendra stays home with the girls. • Stephen and Teresa Smith were married June 4, 2011. They live in Dallas, Texas, and can be reached at steve.jeremiah2911@gmail.com.

2006

06 Heather Armstrong married Eric Klompmaker February 2, 2011. Taylor University attendants included Katie (Clark) Sween, Kristie (Villacres) Schnell, and Rebekah (Davis ’07) Jones. The couple resides in Indianapolis, Ind. • Ross Chapman recently became director of operations at CharlotteOne, a city wide worship gathering for 20
Taylor alumnus John Groce '94 was named the University of Illinois head men’s basketball coach this spring, making him the first Taylor graduate to be the head coach of a men’s basketball program in the Big Ten Conference.

It is the latest step up the coaching ladder for Groce, who played for Taylor Hall of Fame Coach Paul Patterson and coached with him for two years after graduation. Most recently he was the head coach at Ohio University and led the Bobcats to a school record 29 wins and the Sweet 16 last year. His previous stops include assistant’s jobs at Ohio State, Butler, Xavier and North Carolina State.

“Taylor shaped and molded me into who I am as a person first, and then as a coach second, but also as a husband and as a father,” he said. “Coach Patterson has been a tremendous mentor to me. Other than my parents, he has impacted me about as much as any male in my life.”
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01

Brad married Laura Scott April 21, 2012. Brad is a front-end UI software engineer for Liferay, Inc. The couple lives in Rowland Heights, Calif.

2009

Julie Gabrielsen married Curt Merlau ‘10 May 23, 2010. Julie’s parents, Dr. Cam (’82) and Debby (Frierson’80) Gabrielsen, were among the many TU alumni in attendance. Curt has served as an admissions counselor at Taylor and Julie has studied in IWU’s Transition to Nursing Program. • Andrew Neel is an amateur filmmaker working to produce the feature film We Grew Up Here. He is seeking funding online through kickstarter.com, and is excited about prospects for filmmaking in the future. • Ashlee Ziegler has been named volleyball coach at Marian University in Indianapolis, Ind. A native of Pendleton, Ind., Ashlee will become the first full-time volleyball coach in Marian’s history.

2010

Ryan Duncan works for Salem Web Networks, a Christian company that owns and operates several Christian websites, such as Crosswalk.com, and oneplace.com. He is currently editor of thefish.com, a pop culture site that reviews the latest books, movies and music. Ryan is living in Richmond, VA.

2011

Emily Yost and Josh Wymore MAHE ‘10 were married July 2, 2012. Taylor alumni in the wedding party included Brad Bowser ’81, Kristen Vandelbunte, Linda Kasen ’12, the bride's parents Kent ’81 and Janice (Handy ’82) Yost and grandfather Daryl Yost HA ’96. Several other Taylor alumni participated in the wedding. Josh and Emily work at Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.
They have the title, the trappings and receive the recognition as leaders in their respective venues of service. But there is another kind of leader whose leadership is defined with a small “l.” They don’t hold a title, but their leadership is just as real, and their impact on this world is even broader than the leaders in the former category.

Dr. Steve Bedi ’65, our provost for the past nine years, had the title. But Dr. Bedi, who is universally known as Steve across the Taylor campus, also possesses the heart of a servant. Simply stated, he loves people. Dr. Bedi and his wife Phyllis (Dye ’64) have traveled thousands of miles to attend weddings, recitals or funerals. When necessary, he engaged in difficult conversations with colleagues in such a loving and redemptive way that they felt affirmed by him when the process ended. But only a few family members and friends knew of the many sleepless nights he spent seeking God’s divine direction and wisdom for his life. It was during Dr. Bedi’s legacy celebration that several of those who paid tribute likened him to a pastor and referenced Psalm 78:72 which reads, “And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.”

As leaders we have our successes and our failures. It can be lonely and most often requires the keeping of very short accounts. But there is also great joy and a sense of fulfillment. For each of us, be we capital “L” or small “l” leaders, our calling is from God to serve in the places He has placed us. Would that each of us remain at our posts during these days, serving and shepherding with integrity of heart and skillful hands.

Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68 serves as president of Taylor University.
My involvement in student programs at Taylor has helped me better understand what it means to be a servant leader. I now realize the importance of being a humble leader who serves others as Jesus served us on the cross.

Claire Romanowski ’14, a communications major from Doha, Qatar, lives out Taylor’s mission of developing servant leaders. Claire devotes her extra-curricular time to helping her fellow classmates adjust to Taylor’s culture. Through her involvement as a new student orientation leader and as a MuKappa Cabinet member, Claire’s passion to serve freshmen and missionary kids is an inspiring example of servant leadership.

Like Claire, many students come to campus in need of scholarship assistance. Gifts to the Taylor Fund enable 700 students each year to receive financial aid through Taylor Fund Grants.

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You don’t lead by hitting people over the head – that's assault, not leadership.

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

Not everything has a name. Some things lead us into a realm beyond words.

**Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn**

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.”

**Exodus 13:16-18**

In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

**Exodus 15:12-14**

Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

**Romans 6:15-17**