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At first, the ink is clearly definable as it is poured into its watery new home. But then it starts to blend as it makes allowance for the water; and the water, in turn, is transformed as makes allowance for the ink. It’s like that at Taylor. All of us come from different backgrounds; we arrive in our own unique brokenness; we bring our own unique strengths and gifts; and we are transformed along with this incredible community as we pursue that sacred high calling in Christ.
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COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

But my experience is that people who have been through painful, difficult times are filled with compassion.

AMY GRANT

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

MARK TWAIN

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.

SAINT AUGUSTINE
Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Kings 6:17

Like many of you, I have always found comfort in this passage and its vivid imagery of the Lord’s mighty host and chariots of fire standing at the ready to protect and fight for His chosen people. In fact, I believe its meaning is not limited only to the idea of protection.

We are broken, fallen people. Our lives carry scars from decisions we have made and events that have been wrought upon us. For some of us, the baggage we carry in this life becomes heavier and heavier so that it impacts not only our lives, but the lives of those we love.

The second “one another” of our Life Together Covenant calls us to make allowances for each other. But what does that mean? It can be many things. It can be forgiveness. It can be a decision to withhold judgment until all the facts are revealed. It can even be about embracing those whose personalities are different from yours. But of all the things it can be, for me it is about seeing our lives with the open eyes about which Elisha prayed for his young friend so many years ago.

When we ask God to open our eyes, it becomes a little easier to forgive a careless or angry word or thoughtless, hurtful act. And it helps us in God’s power to speak life and healing into that person’s soul, or even letting them do that for us.

In this issue of Taylor, we have pulled together a few essays and stories that illustrate how some members of our Taylor community see with the open eyes that only God can give them—and as a result, they are impacting the part of the world in which God has placed them for Jesus Christ.

I pray that each of us may do that more and better for the sake of the One who sees and loves us perfectly.

James R. Garringer
Editor
TWICE THE EPIC
TAYLOR’S MEDIA PROGRAM ADDS TWO RED EPIC CAMERAS

The camera that created those amazingly clear and realistic shots in the Peter Jackson epic *The Hobbit* is the newest addition to Taylor University’s media communication major.

Taylor’s Emmy award-winning film and media production program revealed the new technology at a special event dubbed “The Big Reveal” in September.

“This is a significant investment in our students’ futures, and we’re very grateful to a supportive administration and to friends of Taylor for making it possible,” said John Bruner, director of production for Taylor’s Media Communication department. “While the story is still the most important part of the process, this equipment will help our students prepare for the creative and technical processes they’ll encounter in Hollywood and elsewhere on major film and television productions.”

“We’re really excited about the advantages we can offer film and media production students at Taylor,” said Kathy Bruner, assistant professor. “We are committed to producing graduates who can tell great stories that can influence culture in a positive way.”

In technical terms, the RED Epic is known for ultrahigh 5K resolution and frame rates ranging from 1 up to 120 per second with an ISO range from 250-12,800. The camera’s dynamic range has 13.5 stops in normal operation with up to 18 stops in HDRx mode. Additionally, the purchase of Red Rocket hardware will allow students to work with RED’s very large raw files in editing and an array of industry-standard Zeiss lenses will provide Taylor students with the best technology and hardware in the film industry.

“What’s most important is the understanding of story and how a camera gets used to impact the audience’s emotional response,” said Dave Turner ’05, who recently completed a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Southern California film school and worked last year on the Sundance-winning film *Fruitvale Station*. “The purchase of the RED Epics gives students generous access to a level of camera that is used on many feature films and television shows in Hollywood.”
No Ordinary Bible

Bishop William Taylor’s descendants make a special presentation to Taylor

Descendants of Bishop William Taylor have donated the late Bishop’s family Bible to Taylor University. The gift was made during a private ceremony in July when Diana Chambers, Bishop Taylor’s great-great-granddaughter, and her husband Jim Frame visited campus.

The Bible, published in 1846 by Harper Publishers, was originally presented to the Bishop and his wife Anne in 1849 by his congregation in Baltimore, Md. Chambers said she believed the Bible made the voyage with Taylor around Cape Horn during his trip to California. It came to her father, Edmund Chambers, in 1920, and upon Edmund Chambers’ death earlier this year the family decided they wanted to give the Bible to Taylor following Edmund Chambers’ death earlier this year.

“Before coming to Taylor, I learned a lot about (Bishop Taylor’s) mission and about his work and I’ve felt very inspired that Taylor has really made it their mission to follow in some of his footsteps,” Chambers said, adding it had been particularly meaningful to the family that the university published portions of the Bishop’s diary in recent years. “I just figured he had slipped away into obscurity,” she said. “In fact, it seems like he is very much alive here in a lot of ways. I’ve felt very touched by that and intrigued.”

The relationship began 20 years ago when Drs. Alan Winquist and his colleague and future spouse Jessica Roussel-Winquist were conducting research for their book *God’s Ordinary People—No Ordinary Heritage*.

The subsequent meeting of Winquist with the Chambers family led to the family’s visit during Taylor’s Sesquicentennial activities in 1996. “I don’t know what it was,” Chambers said. “Our backgrounds were so different. Our beliefs were so different, but we really connected.”

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“All of us are grateful for this wonderful gift from the Chambers family. What a privilege it is to be able to see and touch the actual pages that so moved the Bishop’s heart,” said Taylor President Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68. “To a greater extent, what a blessing it is that, by God’s grace, Taylor University continues to adhere prayerfully to the sacred words contained in these pages. For nearly 170 years we have done that and I pray, God helping us, that we always will.”
From *Left Behind* to *I, Saul*

Author Jerry Jenkins visits, mentors Taylor students

Down-to-earth, human, and thoughtful—all were descriptions Taylor University students used to describe award-winning author Jerry Jenkins following a writers workshop and reception at Taylor in August.

It marked the second time in the past four years Jenkins has visited Taylor. Hosted by Taylor’s Professional Writing program, the author of the wildly popular *Left Behind* series shared advice and anecdotes from his experience as a sportswriter, biographer and best-selling author with more than 40 aspiring writers. He also met a number of Taylor student recipients of the Jerry B. Jenkins Professional Writing Scholarship during a private reception.

Jenkins’ credits go well beyond the *Left Behind* series—he is the author of more than 180 books, including as-told-to autobiographies of legendary home run hitter Hank Aaron, football great Walter Payton, and gospel music writer and singer Bill Gaither. But perhaps his crowning achievement was being selected to assist Billy Graham in the penning of the famed evangelist’s biography *Just As I Am*. Promotion of Jenkins’ most recent book *I, Saul*, was the purpose of his visit to the area.

During the workshop, Jenkins encouraged the aspiring writers to grow in their faith and write from the overflow of their hearts—telling them that if the work they write does not touch their own hearts, it would never touch another person’s heart. He spoke of issues from writer’s block to procrastination, adding the profession is one that requires perseverance and hard work.

“It was great to see Jerry in person,” said Paula Weinman ’15. “He strikes me as a very down-to-earth, actively thinking person. He answered questions quite carefully, which showed that he really did care about the questions being asked.”

Jenkins scholarship recipients, Chandler Birch ’14 and Katelyn Irons ’15, also read Jenkins’ books before attending Taylor. They found his talk encouraging and practical.

“It’s always thrilling to meet someone who’s really doing it, who’s out there in the real world making a living doing the thing you want to do,” Birch said. “It’s remarkable that he’s willing to hang out with us, since we’re untested.”

“It was an amazing experience to meet Mr. Jenkins,” Irons said. “It humanized the figure he was when I read his books.”
The best part of Taylor University’s Homecoming this year was not the weather, although the sunny days and unseasonably warm temperatures definitely added appeal. Neither was it the volleyball, soccer or football games—each of which was won by Taylor. The best part of this year’s Homecoming weekend was the rich fellowship at reunions and reflections of how God has worked in lives throughout the years.

The weekend featured many events ranging from reunions and athletic events to the dedication of Breuninger Hall, Taylor’s newest residence hall, named in honor of late Christian Education professor Ruth Ann Breuninger. Dr. B., as she was known by family members and hundreds of her former students, was instrumental in the establishment of Taylor’s Lighthouse program and participated in regular prayer walks around the Taylor campus.

“She was incredibly involved with students,” said Dr. Faye Chechowich ’74, Dean of Faculty Development and Professor of Christian Educational Ministries, and one of Dr. B.’s students. “She made students work hard. The way I describe her is she was the ultimate practitioner. That was how Lighthouse started—it was taking things from the classrooms and putting them into practice.”

In addition to the scheduled events, alumni and friends walked the campus to visit new facilities that have been added in the years since they graduated and to meet some of Taylor’s current student body.

“It felt so familial. Taylor is the same Taylor no matter what the era or time and being part of a community like Taylor sees no age boundaries,” said Jessica Cuthbert, Interim Director of Alumni Relations. “It was an honor to witness connections between current students, younger alumni and older alumni who have lived their lives well for so many years. And it was an honor to be able to create spaces where that could happen. I saw that a lot with the alumni award recipients—hearing about their lives, what they have been able to do, and how those roots were established here at Taylor.”

Next year’s Taylor Homecoming is scheduled for October 17 and 18, 2014.
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One of social media’s best qualities is its ability to share instantaneous information with friends, families and loved ones via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or various social media. Here are a few tweets and Instagram photos that we have enjoyed during the past months.

@Jeremybartell Random deep conversations about God and what He’s doing in the lives of the guys on my wing is always so encouraging #TaylorU

@joe_bialas Just gave my parents the real #tayloru experience...we went to loves

@joshchapp The fact that I’m being congratulated for not being tagged by a melon or gourd for 4 years... I love #tayloru and #thirdwest

@aud_estelle The creator of Veggie Tales/the voice of Bob the Tomato is speaking at chapel tomorrow. Be jealous all you non-Taylor people #TaylorU

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**DR. BOB ARONSON**, Public Health, is teaching the first Introduction to Public Health course this fall and is working with an advisory committee to design of the major. He also published *Strengthening communities and the roles of individuals in building community life in Social Injustice and Public Health*, 2nd Edition.

**FIVE BIBLICAL STUDIES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY (BSCEP) FACULTY WERE ENGAGED IN OVERSEAS SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:**

- **DR. PHIL COLLINS ’82** was a conference speaker on Scripture Engagement in India.
- **DR. ED MEADORS** taught the Book of Revelation in Kenya.
- **DR. JOSEPH PAK** was a Pastoral Counselor to Korean Students during KOSTA meetings on campus.
- **DR. MIKE SEVERE** participated in study and research in Israel at Jerusalem University College.

**PROFESSOR CHERI BROWN AND DR. CATHY HARNER**, Social Work, worked with the Urban Renewal program in the Bahamas and presented workshops to social workers in the Bahamian Department of Social Services.

**GARY FRIESEN ’75**, Education Technology Center, spent six months researching the use of the Khan Academy as a tool for helping children learn math in under-resourced countries of the world. This spring, 10 used laptops were configured with the downloadable version of Khan Academy; five were sent to children in Liberia and five to teachers in the Dominican Republic.

**DRS. TIM HERRMANN ’75 AND SKIP TRUDEAU**, Master of Arts in Higher Education, were published in the Journal of Christian Higher Education. Their paper was titled, *The Uneasy Tension between the Curriculum and Co-Curriculum*.


**DR. JEREMY MILLS**, Education, created a proposal changing Taylor’s special education program licensure from grades K-6 to P-12 that was accepted by the State of Indiana.

**DR. TOM NURKKALA**, Computer Science and Engineering, published a paper and presented *Leading a Successful Missions Trip in Your Discipline* at the biennial meeting of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences at Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn.

**DRS. BRUCE PRATT ’74 AND MATT RENFROW**, Physical Education and Human Performance, along with a team of Taylor student researchers, presented “The Effects of Motivational Coaching for Walking on Holistic Health Development” at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine.

**DR. PAUL ROTHROCK**, Earth and Environmental Science, directed students in investigation of the function of the Euler Complex green roof and in development of education materials for Taylor and community outreach. In addition, the student assisted in developing a web tool for plant identification, specifically for the genus Carex.

**DR. JEANNE R. SIGWORTH**, Communication Arts, completed a second summer faculty enrichment session at Harvard Business School for The International Journal of Arts and Sciences Global Conference.
JEFF DAILEY AND DR. HANK VOSS, Engineering Physics, and their students’ project T-SAT passed pre-flight tests for ELANA V (Education Launch of Nanosatellite). Of 38 applicants, 11 were promised launches if hardware and documentation passed tests. Taylor, Cornell University, the Colorado Space Grant Consortium and Ames Research Center were the four applicants to pass final tests.

Junior Kate Yoshino and Josh Kiers with Taylor’s CubeSat, which will be launched by NASA early next year.

TAYLOR NAMED TO PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL INTERNSHIP HONOR ROLL

Taylor University has been named to a prestigious national honor roll recognizing numbers of internships participated in by graduating seniors. The list: 10 Colleges With the Highest Rate of Student Internships, was published by U.S. News & World Report in October and cited data from 317 ranked colleges and universities in the annual U.S. News survey America’s Best Colleges.

On the average, 37.7 percent of those graduating in 2012 from those ranked colleges and universities interned at some point in their undergraduate career. Taylor achieved the top 10 list because 90 percent of its 2012 graduating class participated in an internship experience.

U.S. News said internships provide a critical link between classroom learning and workplace readiness.
During her unforgettable Taylor career, record-setting senior forward Molly Drooger scored 58 goals (12 of them game-winners) and earned All-Conference honors four times. She was Crossroads League Offensive Player of the Year and an All-American in 2012 and led the Trojans to a 44-27-6 record. Drooger hopes to play professionally after graduation.
Four inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame

John Wachtmann, Brenda Hillman, Kim (Martin) Vinson and Tim Shapley.

Tim Shapley ’90 was the best defensive lineman former football coach Jim Law ever coached. Brenda Hillman ’82 once scored so many times during a basketball game that when her last shot went in the announcer simply said, “Guess who?” John Wachtmann ’03 starred on Taylor’s cross country and track teams even though his first love was basketball. And even though Kim (Martin ’03) Vinson’s first visit to Taylor University was during a blizzard, she formed a close bond with the women who would be her future volleyball teammates.

Shapley, Hillman, Wachtmann and Vinson are the newest members of the Taylor Athletic Hall of Fame. They were inducted during ceremonies at Homecoming in October.

Each enjoyed tremendous success during his or her four years at Taylor. Hillman was a four-sport standout at Taylor in volleyball, basketball, softball and tennis. She was also an Academic All-American, a three-time Taylor Female Athlete of the Year, and a member of the 1980 NAIA State Champion volleyball team.

Shapley, whose number 95 is now worn by his son Jake ’14, was a two-time NAIA All-American and was named the top-ranked defensive lineman in the nation in 1989. During Vinson’s Taylor volleyball career, she achieved NAIA All-American honors twice and was once named the Regional Player of the Year. Vinson was also a two-time Female Athlete of the Year at Taylor and holds the third-highest kills total in TU history.

And Wachtmann was a six-time NAIA All-American, the Gates-Howard Award (Taylor’s male Athlete of the Year) winner at Taylor and an NCCAA Wheeler Award recipient. He is still the holder of Taylor’s second-fastest times in the 400 and 800-meter runs.

Beyond athletic legend, memories, and tributes to teammates and coaches, the unifying thread for each was a deep gratitude to God for His love and direction in their lives. For Hillman, that direction was especially evident—she was one of the early beneficiaries of Title IX, which among other things gives women equal access to athletic opportunities as men.

“We had no idea of the disruption it would cause. We didn’t know and we didn’t care. We just wanted to play,” Hillman remembered. “Title IX forever changed the role of athletics at Taylor and how we prepare young men and women for life. (Through the years) the focus is the same—men and women are leaving this place to impact the world for Christ. I’m proud to have been part of that.”

“I am thankful to The Lord most of all for the ability to play and leading me to Taylor,” Vinson said. “Our teams used their gifts to the glory of God. We always played and lived for the audience of One.”
Q&A WITH DR. SKIP TRUDEAU
What is a key component in the process of making allowance for one another?

It is the whole notion of forgiveness. We tend to look at forgiveness as optional but when you read Scripture it’s not. It seems like it’s harder for us to say, “I count this against you no more.” There is mental and physical anguish—the greater the offense, the greater the energy. Sometimes we can be quick to forgive, but I wonder if we understand the depth of what it means to truly forgive.

Sometimes we might ask for forgiveness to stop the conflict. Our culture wants to make it “done,” but forgiveness starts a restoration process. God forgives me and I am still held accountable. I am still refined by His fire. Forgiveness is not a one-time act—it’s a process. It happens every day. If someone has really, really done something that injured me, I do forgive them. But that forgiveness happens all over again the next day, and the day after. When reminders come we forgive. When old feelings of frustration, anger, hurt come, we forgive.

What role does the resolution of conflict play in the student development process?

Most conflicts are resolved at the residence hall level. If a conflict does make it to my office, it is the result of a breakdown within the community. Conflict is inevitable, but shattered relationships are not. I had a very wise mentor in my professional life who once told me that if you are eager to engage in conflict you need to take a time out. Making allowances for one another means you are going to handle the conflict healthily. It does not mean you are going to do away with conflict or make it not as hard. I believe conflict can be the source of some of our greatest growth as Christians if we handle conflict well. That is where we North Americans have it a little too good. We do conflict avoidance because we can—because of our resources and the cultural norms we have developed. My fear is that every time we avoid a conflict, we make ourselves even more susceptible to greater disillusionment when conflict occurs. We become less likely to be successful managing conflict and I believe there can be a progression. If you do not handle a little one well, how are you going to handle a bigger one? So as we successfully navigate this, we get better down the road in managing conflicts and we can grow more, but they are not easy and they can get messy and pretty painful. I’ve seen people who are really good at working through conflict management because they view it as the seeds to really positive growth. And that is why you do it. We know that engaging in this kind of thing can help my brother as well as me to grow.

I remember being at a church before I came to Taylor, and the head pastor and an associate pastor came to loggerheads over an issue—they had the most amazing conflict I have ever seen. They took out the pulpit and brought out two chairs and discussed it there in front of the congregation. It had all the ingredients of dissension and a church split and these two guys said, “We don’t want that.” Even though it happened 30 years ago, it’s like I’m still in that room sometimes. It’s like I can replay that and see how these two guys, very earnest Christians both of them, loved each other and thought they were each right. The great thing about that is that there was no split. The associate pastor felt valued and very good about the process and they are still good friends today, even though now they serve in different congregations.

I think that it is important for our Taylor faculty and staff to model that—not only for each other and the kingdom of God, but also for our students. If we as people of faith can have a complete disagreement with our Christian brothers and/or sisters and work through the pain of that and still come out as brothers and/or sisters in Christ, whether or not we would totally agree on an issue, that is huge.

Is making allowance for one another a new concept for our students?

I don’t know about new, but I don’t know how deeply they have thought about it. This generation has a huge fear of being seen as judgmental or legalistic. I am not a fan of legalism myself, but there is a big gap between expecting the best of one another and the Biblical process of iron sharpening iron. Instead, it becomes, “I’m not going to say anything to you because I don’t want to go through the problem.” Making allowances does not mean I don’t call my Christian brother into accountability.

That is one of the things I love about the conversations we are having these days about the towel. We’ve had this idea of the servant’s towel being this beautiful, pristine kind of symbol where a person comes in with really clean feet and I dip them in water and politely towel them off. But really, foot washing is kind of a dirty job. That is what making allowances is all about—it’s being willing to take your stuff on me and we still engage. You are not turned off by my ugly, dirty feet. You are willing to wash them and remain in relationship with me, and try to restore me to that place of being a clean-footed person.

How does someone do that?

It takes hard work and prayer. I think it takes an immense amount of courage. I think you have to be solid in your own life and personal life and through trial and error. I don’t know that you will ever do it perfectly. But you can do it well and in a way that honors the Lord.
They come from different backgrounds and life experiences, but they all share a deep desire to serve God’s purposes and help sustain the mission and purposes of Taylor University. These men and women travel throughout the United States to meet with Taylor alumni, parents and friends to hear your stories and share the exciting things that are happening on the Taylor campus.
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making allowance

the active and passive nature of yielding to one another

by J.R. Briggs '01
On a recent trip to campus, my wife and I had a meaningful experience at the Prayer Deck. While that is sure to make some students and alumni snicker, I assure you it is not what you think. On the deck, facing Taylor Lake, I noticed a bronze plaque I had never seen before with a quote from Bishop William Taylor:

“I gladly give up all my natural preferences and every day inquire with a willing heart, ‘Lord, what wilt thou have me do?’”

The thought hit me that afternoon: I wonder how my life might be different if I integrated this question into my daily rhythms. I wonder how the lives of those around me would be different if we all integrated this into our daily rhythms.
The Life Together Covenant, when interpreted incorrectly, can be seen as a list of legalistic hoops to jump through in order to measure the status of one’s spirituality through external metrics. But, when interpreted correctly, it is seen as a unified call to live in such a way that, as Milo Rediger prayed, we would be the kind of people God had in mind when he first made people. It could be described as “training wheels” intended to teach us how to live into and practice healthy rhythms in the context of the Taylor community.

In the LTC, one of the distinct responsibilities is that we make allowance for one another. Due to our fallen nature, we should not be surprised when tension and conflict arise, even in a Christian community like Taylor. Much of Paul’s letters to house churches scattered around Asia Minor addressed specific issues of relational conflict. Paul wrote these words to the house church in Colossae—and they are as vital for us today as they were in the first century.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”

Colossians 3:12-15

Paul’s metaphor of getting dressed gives us an understanding that healthy biblical community is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of Jesus in the midst of the conflict. One of the many ironies of God’s grace is often times He can better use the abrasive tool of conflict in our lives than easy agreement. To make allowance for the other does not mean toleration of sinful, destructive practices or milquetoast compliance. Unity is not uniformity. It communicates that despite our differences, I can still love you. When we make allowances others can say with confidence, “I may not agree with her, but I know she respects me.”

How do we make allowance for one another in healthy community? We get dressed with the proper clothing.

The phrase “making allowance for one another” is both purposeful and passive. Because it goes against our wiring as sinful humans, we must be intentional in our pursuit of making allowance. But the phrase also carries a graceful tone of submission. When we give someone permission we have authority—we still retain control—but when we make allowance we voluntarily give up that control. As Richard Rohr wrote, “We cannot say, ‘Thy Kingdom come’ unless we are willing to say, ‘My kingdom go.’”

And this flies in the face of our current culture that prioritizes personal rights and thus engenders in us a suffocating spirit of entitlement. Instead, we take the opposite approach, the way of Christ: we give up our...
rights—and we do so gladly. It certainly is not apathy, but a deep expression of love rooted and grounded in faith. To make allowance is to take up our cross and walk the path with Christ.

Physiologist Walter Bradford Cannon was the first to describe the response humans experience when threatened as fight or flight. But what if the way of Jesus includes another way? What if instead of responding with retaliation or retreating in fear we remained present and submitted to others—or maybe another way of saying it, what if we yielded to one another?

There are many ways to make allowances for one another—by giving people the benefit of the doubt, forgiving others quickly, asking God for extra measures of patience when we feel we’re at the end of our proverbial rope, and by regularly addressing the motivations of our own hearts so resentment and bitterness don’t build up like plaque, which ultimately leads to soul decay.

During my time at Taylor there was no greater crucible of learning regarding making allowance than with my roommate. During most of our time together we got along quite well. We cultivated a strong friendship and remained roommates all four years. But, there were times of conflict revolving around issues that were both significant and trivial. Sometimes it was a minor disagreement—differing music tastes, asking the other to be more quiet when one of us had to get ready for an early class, and using each other’s possessions in respectful ways. But there were other times when making allowance called for challenging, difficult conversations that sometimes led to speaking with emotion and shedding tears. Despite how difficult these times were, it taught us lessons about community and friendship that could never be learned in the classroom.

The process of making allowance did not end when we left Taylor. Opportunities to make allowance for others presents itself by being present and actively listening to our spouse even if we’re exhausted from a long, stressful day at work. It is remaining calm when our children repeatedly ignore our clear instructions. Making allowance involves picking up the phone and reaching out to our friend—yet again—when we really wish they would take the initiative this time. It is letting go of a sarcastic comment from a colleague or family member rather than responding.

Fortunately, we don’t have to do this in our own power, nor do we have to start from scratch. We have this clear model through the person of Christ, who made allowance—and continues to make allowance for us each and every day. We can yield to one another because we yield first to Christ. Imagine what might happen if we regularly asked ourselves and others what Bishop William Taylor asked: “Lord, what wilt thou have me do?”
SAMUEL MORRIS
THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD AND FULFILLMENT OF A DREAM
“If there is a room that nobody wants, give that to me.” 
—SAMUEL MORRIS

In 1891 when a young Liberian prince named Samuel Morris arrived in the United States with an unquenchable desire to learn more of the Holy Spirit, it impacted every person he met along the way—from the schooner that carried him from Africa to the United States, through the streets of New York, and ultimately to Taylor University.

His great quest was knowledge of the Holy Spirit, which had been manifested in his life as a bright light and voice calling him to flee his captors from a rival tribe. But his second greatest desire was to return to his homeland—specifically Sinoe County, his home region where he had been known as Prince Kaboo—to share the good news of Christ with those who had not yet heard. So great was his burden that after his untimely death in 1893, numerous Taylor classmates and friends of Morris went to Africa in his place.

While Taylor students and alumni, along with many throughout the evangelical community, have heard the story of Samuel Morris, the account of Morris’ life did not reach his Liberian homeland for nearly 100 years. Providentially, that has changed and continues to change due to the efforts of a group of Liberian Americans who, like Morris before them, came to America from Sinoe County. It began in the mid-1990s when an auto executive named Elijah Tarpeh was passing through Central Indiana and read a newspaper account of Morris’ life and impact on Taylor. Tarpeh, who was also president of the Sinoe County Association in the Americas (SCAA), was spellbound. After he contacted Taylor officials a friendship was formed that eventually led to a partnership between Taylor and the SCAA. In the years since, SCAA members have also traveled to Taylor to learn more about Samuel Morris and the God whom he loved so much; and members of the Taylor community have also traveled to SCAA functions throughout the United States and even to Liberia.
Today, The SCAA and Taylor are working together to create the newest chapter in the Samuel Morris legacy, a $390,000 Samuel “Kaboo” Morris Educational Resource and Conference Center located in Greenville (Sinoe County), Liberia. The goal of this new center is to assist the educational and spiritual needs of children in Liberia and create a landing point where Taylor students and faculty will one day be able to participate in study, research and ministry experiences.
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—JOYCE WOOD ’81

And Greenville is not only symbolic as the hometown of Morris, it is strategic. The port of Greenville was heavily impacted by two civil wars that ravaged Liberia for nearly 20 years, but both local authorities and members of the Taylor community who have visited Liberia say the recovery is underway. In the coming months they believe the port will once again become a major exporting location for the growing rubber, palm oil, and iron ore industries of the region.

There is significant need for improved educational facilities in the region. The Morris Center will consist of two buildings equipped with electronic equipment and media projectors, a computer lab, conference room and library. The facility is being built on land that Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf deeded to the Samuel Morris Legacy Foundation, a non-governmental organization formed by Taylor and the SCAA. The Morris Center’s expected completion date is in 2015.

“I can only describe it as the hand of God is very providential, if you will. These things came together because of the dream of Samuel Morris and the hand of God,” relates Tarpeh. “I think God’s hand is in everything. He is guiding us and directing us. Slowly but surely it is coming to fruition. It is our hope that someday the name of Sammy Morris will not be unknown to any Liberian. It is also our hope the relationship between Taylor and Sinoe County will continue to fulfill the dream of Samuel Morris—to go back and teach his people the word of God.”

Taylor President Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68 articulated a similar vision during an address to the SCAA’s national convention in Philadelphia last summer. “This project certainly doesn’t stop at construction,” Habecker said. “The real impact will take place when we witness children and young people of Greenville and the surrounding areas taking part in life-changing learning opportunities through a computer-mediated curriculum, as well as spiritual training through the story of Morris’ life and his model of servanthood. Importantly, these children and young people will be provided resources to enhance their appreciation of their history and culture. Both SCAA and Taylor representatives will be able to make use of the center for short- and long-term engagements as well as take advantage of opportunities for the University’s academic and missions study abroad components to be fully realized in Morris’ homeland.”

“I attribute all of this directly to the work of the Holy Spirit,” said Joyce Wood ’81, who serves as Taylor’s Associate Vice President for University Relations and is a longtime friend of the SCAA. “Every person with whom I have ever spoken who has heard the Samuel Morris story has been profoundly impacted by the thought that God could work so powerfully in the life of a person who has completely yielded to His purposes. Just as the Samuel Morris story has continued to impact Taylor University for the past 120 years, it is amazing to me to see how it is now touching the hearts of men, women and children from Morris’ homeland. Only God can do that.”
Depending on one’s knowledge of all things Fantastic Four and the Marvel Comics universe, Reed Richards, arguably, has the greatest of each of the group’s superpowers. After traveling through some kind of solar storm during space exploration, Richards and his three colleagues find themselves irreversibly transformed and must come to grips with their new destinies in life. While the other three have become respectively a human boulder that is impervious to attack, a flaming torch, and one who can cast a protective force field, it is Richards’ Mr. Fantastic alter ego that can stretch around buildings, become paper thin and slip through closed doors and, ultimately, use his mutant superpowers for the good of mankind.

If only it were that way in real life. For Diana Prange ’95, a degenerative condition that causes her joints, bones, and vascular system to become increasingly elasticized is anything but fantastic. And unlike Reed Richards and the rest of us, the simplest most mundane of daily tasks such as climbing stairs, lifting a suitcase, or even opening a soft drink bottle has the potential to result in pain and injury.

Prange is one of thousands of sufferers of a rare genetic disorder known as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)—a condition that afflicts collagen, which is found in nearly every part of the human body. She has struggled with it for years but did not have a name for it until a couple of years ago when she was diagnosed.
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS) is the name given to a group of more than 10 different inherited disorders; all involve a genetic defect in collagen and connective-tissue synthesis and structure.

Ehlers-Danlos syndrome can affect the skin, joints, and blood vessels. This syndrome is clinically heterogeneous; the underlying collagen abnormality is different for each type. Clinical recognition of the types of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome is important. One type, type IV, is associated with arterial rupture and visceral perforation, with possible life-threatening consequences.
Today. It is not quite the career she envisioned when she chose social work as her major at Taylor. In fact, it is better, because it was during the latter part of her college years she realized her love for the nonprofit sector was inclined more toward things like bookkeeping, bill paying, and inventories—the critical, behind-the-scenes, business-related aspects that make it possible for the actual work to take place.

Christianity Today allows her to work at home one day each week—a godsend because she can situate herself on a couch with lots of pillows and ice packs. And the allowances for her health situation do not end there. Prange tells of how a group of women from her church one day came to clean her house and an EDS support group where she can learn from and bless others who find themselves with similar afflictions.

She admits it has not been easy to accept help. But neither has it been easy to hear some of the comments which run the gamut of well-intentioned to outright snide. On the outside, Prange is a vital, healthy young woman. She occasionally carries a crutch and she has a handicapped parking permit. But some people do not have the entire narrative, and the result can be added pain.

“There is a guy in our church, an older man, who gives me a hard time,” Prange relates of a person who questions her use of the elevator at their church—a utility that usually is used by older people or those who are outwardly challenged. “It’s possible he’s kidding, but he’ll look at me and say, ‘Take the stairs—it’s good for you; its exercise.’ He doesn’t understand I have a hip that goes out and knees that dislocate. It is a risk I choose not to take if I don’t have to. I have disabled parking permit. Legally I qualify for disabled parking; I’m not in a wheelchair. Sometimes I will take my cane or crutch with me.

“As my body wears out, it is possible I’ll end up in a wheelchair,” Prange continues. “I have arthritis in my shoulders and pain management becomes an issue. The likelihood of work until retirement age is pretty small, but I am grateful I am able to work. I am using my gifts and staying active. There is a lot to be said feeling like you are making a contribution to society.”

When confronted with whether or not God is faithful and good, Prange’s answer was always yes, but the heartfelt assurance of that fact was a place she arrived at in stages. “Since I started the journey two years ago, I have had to wrestle with the whole idea of it being genetic and coming from the perspective that God is a Creator. He created my inmost being and I’ve wrestled with the idea of, ‘Did God make me this way on purpose? Was I just an accident?’ Did God move his hand and allow me to fall through?” she says.

“When I came to Taylor, I had been a Christian for three years. My Taylor experience played a key part in my spiritual development,” she relates. “I was given tools to prepare me to walk in faith through difficult circumstances. I have had to wrestle with the question of why God allows some of us to be created ‘broken’ in a way that cannot be fixed or cured, and why God miraculously heals some of their diseases and not others. I am learning how to live a fruitful, purposeful life that points people to Jesus when you feel so limited. My Taylor experience laid a foundation based on God’s word, so that when bad things came I didn’t walk away from Him, but clung to Him instead.”

“I don’t want to be this person who is angry and bitter or be curled up on the couch because I can’t get up. God is the only one who can make anything good out of this and give me fruitful abundant life. I’m surrounded by people every day who are facing various types of trials and don’t have that redeeming faith,” Prange continues. “My life is one of desperate dependence. God really is the only one who can give me all I need to walk in this life. The life I have—it is what it is, and the only way I can walk through it with any level of success is to completely trust in God.”
from dreams to reality
The LaRita R. Boren Campus Center is Intentionally, Taylor
Artist's rendering of the first and second floor.

Artist's rendering of the food court area.
Taylor University officials have announced plans to build a $22 million, 55,000-square-foot campus center that will more than triple Taylor’s current student union, create overflow seating for Taylor chapel services, centralize student development offices, and serve as home to a campus bookstore, grille and coffee shop.

The facility will be named the LaRita R. Boren Campus Center to honor the memory of longtime Taylor trustee, honorary alumna and friend, LaRita Boren. Boren served as a member of Taylor’s Board of Trustees from 1977 to 2010. Additionally, she was executive vice president of Avis Industrial Corporation and was a board member of numerous civic organizations.

Boren, who with her husband Leland had three children and six grandchildren, died after a brief illness in 2011.

The new Campus Center will be wrapped around Taylor’s Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. The first floor of the new building will contain 400 seats in a common gathering and dining area, a food service area, the Jumping Bean coffee shop, Taylor’s campus store, a small auditorium seating 255, the Calling and Career Office, and the Office of Intercultural Programs. The second floor will house student leadership, local and international student ministries, the Spencer Centre for Global Engagement, counseling, and other programs associated with the Center for Student Development.

The new facility will replace the current Taylor student union. Known as “The Dome,” the existing union was built nearly 60 years ago when enrollment was about 600—less than one third of Taylor’s current enrollment, and originally served as Taylor’s dining hall.

Taylor President Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68 said the new facility will significantly enhance the experiences and programs related to discipleship, chapel, collaboration, servant leadership, intercultural effectiveness, calling and career, emotional and physical well-being, and alumni and parents. New space for almost 1,200 is provided through a variety of seating and interaction areas. Additionally, the “informal spaces” will accommodate 400 people, whether they are going to or from chapel, standing in a line at the food service area, attending a concert in the common space, or participating in a reception at Homecoming.

“The campaign to build the new LaRita R. Boren Campus Center is the result of years of intensive planning by the Taylor University community and responds to a number of critical needs,” said Habecker. “First, it recognizes our essential educational philosophy that is committed to the education of the whole person in the context of our intentional community. The LaRita R. Boren Campus Center is a testimonial to the reality that education takes place both within and without the classroom and provides enhanced opportunities for that to occur.”

“Second, the new building will serve as a centralized nerve center where many of our student development professionals can continue work that is so vital to our student life,” Habecker continued. “Third, and very importantly, this new Center will serve as a lasting tribute to the love and grace of a most beloved member of our Taylor community, LaRita R. Boren.”
Hundreds of Taylor sophomores, juniors and seniors joined the incoming freshman class on the floor of the Odle Arena to pray for them and welcome them to the Taylor community at the annual dedication chapel on August 25.
1948
Vern Macy and his wife Evie regretfully announce the passing of their daughter Pamela (51) on July 16, 2013, from complications of diabetes. • Joan (Powell) Tropf died September 8, 2013, in Port Clinton, Ohio. She is survived by children Nathan Tropf ’74, Thomas Tropf ’77 and Lois (Tropf ’83) Garringer. • Lucretia (Hoover) Whitehead passed away May 25, 2013. Lucretia worked as an elementary school teacher and served as a Bible teacher at her church. Her husband, Robert Whitehead, preceded her in death in 2001. Lucretia is survived by her two children, Barbara (Whitehead ’72) Georgescu and Robert Whitehead ’72.

1951
Betty Jean (Thompson) Getty died May 20, 2013, after battling cancer. Betty was a faithful missionary, serving in Liberia for 15 ½ years and also in South India for a year. She is survived by her husband and her two children.

1952
John Nelson passed away May 24, 2013, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Kokomo, Ind. In addition to his service on the Taylor University Alumni Council, he was a member of the Taylor Hall of Fame and the Trojan Club. His first wife preceded him in death. He is survived by his second wife, eight children and grandchildren Lauren (Walton ’06) George, Jenny Walton ’09, and Eric Walton ’12. • Jean (Scarem) Post died June 7, 2013, in North East, Pa. Jean taught Home Economics during her teaching career and is survived by five sons and one daughter.

1961
Bruce Brenneman is the charter recipient of a special award for perseverance that bears his name. The Bruce Brenneman Perseverance Award at Houghton College will be presented annually to honor students, faculty and/or staff in Houghton’s adult education program who have overcome incredible odds or impossible challenges. Bruce was honored in May 2013 for his 19-year battle with cancer.

1962
Jeanne (Graning) Kinsey died Feb. 18, 2013. Jeanne taught preschool for a public and private school in Michigan. She is survived by her husband Bill and their three children.

1963
Gloria (Griffin) Reading married James Wall June 1, 2013. Gloria and her husband live in Edwardsville, Ill.

1965
Marcia (Fields) Hunsberger passed away Sept. 2, 2013, at her home in Albuquerque, N.M. Marcia taught fourth grade and remedial reading at McCurdy Mission School in Españolola, N.M. She later worked as technical editor for the Los Almos National Laboratory. Marcia is survived by her husband Gerald Hunsberger ’64, sister Patricia (Fields ’68) Hart, two sons and four granddaughters.

1967
Lynn Davis was named the 2013 Communicator of the Year by Virginia Tech’s Office of University Relations. She is the only person who has served the Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment in this position.

1969
James Austin of Williamsburg, Mich. was awarded the Michigan Hospital Association (MHA) Meritorious Service Award for his influence on health care. James plans to retire in February 2014.

1974
Peter and Francine (Cocallas) Barnes are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild. James Barnes was born on Jan. 3, 2013. He is living with his parents in Northfield, Ill.

1980
Kent Rhodhame accepted a position as the settled pastor at Locust Grove United Church of Christ June 23, 2013. Kent and his wife Lauren Bowers live in Harrisburg, Pa.

1984
Karen (Meighan) Robinson passed away June 22, 2013 after battling cancer. Karen served in the music ministry of many churches as a pianist, cellist and vocalist. She is survived by her parents, her husband, Tim Robinson, and their four children. She is also survived by her sisters Kacy (Meighan ’85) Cope (husband Tim Cope), and Rachel (Meighan ’87) Mantha (husband Doug Mantha ’89).
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1989
Teresa (Swanson) Meredith has been elected president of the Indiana State Teachers Association. She started her term Aug. 1, 2013. Teresa and her husband Chris Meredith '87 live in Shelbyville, Ind. • Mark Booth has received the Lorin A. Burt Outstanding Educator Award from the Indiana School Boards Association. The award is given annually to recognize overall excellence in contributions to Indiana education. Mark was recognized for several accomplishments that include development of a program for delinquent youth, a Just Say No program, and job placement program for moderately to severely disabled students. Mark has served as director of Student Services for Noblesville Schools since 2004.

1992
Matt Jarvis has begun working as a commercial lines producer for 1st Source Insurance. He is responsible for identifying exposures and risks for companies as well as offering creative insurance solutions.

1993
Stacie Shopp and Edsel Ballard Jr. were married July 6, 2013, in Indianapolis, Ind. They were

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introduced by a mutual friend and met on a blind date in November 2004. Edsel is a consultant in the IT field and Stacie works for International Teams to aid in ending slavery. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

1994
Liz Ferris received her Master’s of Science in Management through the School of Business and Economics at Indiana University East in May 2013. In July 2012, she began working as the Career and Experiential Learning Coordinator at Indiana University East. She lives in Cambridge City, Ind. • Dr. Meg Webber has become Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. She will provide leadership of special projects and take on additional responsibility related to day-to-day operations.

1995
01 Amy (DeVore) Baker started her own customer service consulting firm, Tridea Group, in Indianapolis, Ind. Amy lives in Indianapolis with her husband Geoff and their greyhound dog.

1997
Matt and Catherine (Beers) Cwanek joyfully announce the arrival of their third child, Madelyn Joanne, on Sept. 5, 2013. Madelyn will join her older
siblings Torilinn (10) and Allison (8). The family lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. • Lisa (Huber) Tone recently published her book *Thrive: Live Like You Matter* with Abingdon Press, a book about how to live life with passion and purpose. Lisa lives in Claremont, Calif., with her husband and their three children.

**1998**

02 Evan and Heather (Myers '97) Kittleman are proud to announce the arrival of their son Jenson Feb. 16th, 2013. Jenson will join his parents and “big sisters” cats Calico and Samantha at their home in Colorado Springs, Colo. Evan works for Focus on the Family and Heather is a stay-at-home mom.

**1999**

03 Meredith (Isgitt) Chacin and her husband Xergio welcomed 10-year old Adelaida Leigh into their family July 17, 2013. Amanda will join her older brother Robinson (14). The Chacins live in Fort Worth, Texas, and would love to catch up with their friends from Taylor. They can be reached at chacm@live.com. Kim Wilson-Paugh was a presenter at the Midwest International Clinic for Band and Orchestra in Chicago, Ill., in December 2013. Her presentation, “Keeping Kids Focused: Breaks for the Music Classroom,” suggested activities to help students remain focused in the classroom, as well as supporting brain research. Kim lives in Littleton, Colorado.

**2000**

05 Michelle Steffes married Joey Aucoin in Beverly Hills on June 8, 2013. In attendance were Ryan Steffes ‘01, Bruce MacFayden ’96, Sara (Winne) Foster, Josh Olson ’01, Janel (Hart) Chatraw ’99, Brie Van Conant, Stephanie (Kuroishi) Bailey ’99, Laurie (Comiskey) Durbois ’99, Sharon (Thomas) Varvel ’99, Monica (Smith) Armstrong ’99, Erin (DeBlander) Olson ’01 and Heather (Price) MacFadyen ’99. Michelle is a consultant and filmmaker and Joey is a screenwriter. The couple resides in Los Angeles, Calif.

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**2003**

Allison (Kura) Armstrong passed away Sept. 2, 2013. Allison was a licensed personal trainer and worked at Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium in Ohio. She served as a small group leader at The Chapel in Akron, Ohio, and had been on several mission trips. Allison is survived by her husband Adam and daughters Paige (8), Hayleigh (5) and Mollie (3).

**2004**

07 Andrew Burgess married Yolanda Liebenberg ’06 in Wheaton, Ill., March 23, 2013. The wedding party included Taylor alumni Elizabeth Burgess ’06, Spencer Finley ’03, Josh Vanderwalker ’03, Nick Cross ’03, Josh Edgerton ’06, Michael Short ’06 and Jeff Walter. The couple plans to move to Zimbabwe in early 2014 to serve women and children through Jesu Ministries 2 Zim, an outreach started by Yolanda. • Jason Ramsland and his wife Hannah rejoice over the arrival of their first son, Josiah Samuel, who was born in December 2012. The family lives in West Lafayette, Ind. Jason practices law with Ball Eggleston, PC.

**2005**

07 Nate and Brianne (Hillesland) Loftsgard proudly welcome their first child, Kadley Avryelle, who was born July 7, 2013. Nate is a software architect for MedNet Solutions and Brianne stays home with Kadley. The family lives in Plymouth, Minn. • Stephen Smith and his wife Teresa were blessed by the arrival of their son Oliver, June 20, 2013. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio. • Jordan Telman recently started working with
Nathan Diepstra and his wife Amy welcomed a baby boy, Wes, into the world July 8, 2013. Wes weighed in at 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Nathan and Amy, a Calvin graduate, were married on June 12, 2010. Joe and Rachel (Bubar) Jones announce the arrival of Noah Joseph, born Aug. 21, 2013. Noah joins his parents and older sister Lucy (2) at their home in Wheaton, Ill. Nate and Kate (Wofford) Miley rejoice at the birth of their daughter Juliana Beatrice Aubergine. Juliana joins older sister Mary-Genieve and her parents at their home in Noblesville, Ind. Katie Savoie has completed two years as a general surgery resident at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Katie is going to take two more years to complete clinical research in the department of pediatric surgery and obtain a Master’s of Epidemiology before she finishes her residency.

present at the wedding included Megan Percy, Sarah Hurliman, and Heather Saunders ’08. Anna attends Palmer Theological Seminary in King of Prussia, Pa. • Jordan Shew and Pamela Groeneman were married Oct. 20, 2012, in Denver, Colo. Alumni in the wedding party included Josh Reed ’07, Matt Tamny ’10, Greg Hewitt, Mark Wilcoxen, Tim VanReenen ’08 and Brandon LaFontaine ’08. Other alumni in attendance were Ilissa (Munch ’10) LaFontaine, Christian Leman, Caleb Barrows ’10, Troy Tomasik, Jessi (Shanebrook ’07) VanReenen, Rebecca (Munch ’10) Helmke, Joe Hamgeri, Emily Paladin ’11, Justin Smith, and Ryan Lorimer. • Mark Wilcoxen and his wife Kristen will move to Doha, Qatar, for two years to work at English Modern School. Mark will teach seventh grade math and his wife will teach fourth grade. • Fourth annual reunion of four soccer players and their wives and fiancée at Glen Lake, Michigan with Jaclyn (Ziemba) Hughes, Jon Hughes, Meaghan (McAlister) Zaino, Michael Zaino, Darcy (Miller) Miller, Nate Miller ’08, Jess Cuthbert ’06, and Joe Voldrich.

2010
Timothy Huynh was hired as a photo editor for the Wall Street Journal in New York City, N.Y. • Sarah Vogel married Derek Laird June 23, 2012. They celebrated this new chapter in their life with friends and family, including alumni Melissa (Coffey) West, Chey West, Clair Kinney, Maggie (Haire) Lee, Ben Lee and Katie Barnes.

2011
Chester (Rolle) Bullard has released her newest single “Get Away.” The song talks about how easy it is to get caught up in the busyness of life and forget our spiritual obligations. For more information visit www.chesterniquemusic.com. • Dustin and Bethany (Jones ’12) Friesen were blessed with the arrival of their son Charles Kosmos May 14, 2013. The family lives in Storm Lake, Iowa. • Amy Milam and Chase Moore ’12 were married Aug. 11, 2012, in Durango, Colo. Alumni in the wedding party included Kelsey Armbruster ’12, Heidi Braaten, Emily Taylor University is hosting gatherings in 15 cities around the country starting in January. Come, meet your friends and Taylor President Eugene Habecker ’68 for updates, encouragement, food and fellowship!

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MIKE O’HARA ’02
PRACTICING PHYSICIAN IN PORTLAND, OREGON
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(Trier '12) Kasnick, Brennen Milam '05, Tyler Sahly '12 and Keith Cocking '12. Amy is a nurse and Chase is a construction manager for Adamo Builders. The couple resides in Denver, Colo.

2012
Jack Davies obtained a full scholarship from the United States Navy Health Professions Scholarships Program to attend dental school. In June, Jack was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy Dental Corps and began attending dental school at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in August. • Chelsea Moore is working toward a doctorate in psychology at George Fox University. She formerly worked for the United States Secret Service and Westerville Ohio Detective Bureau.

2013
Dash Wieland has joined the marketing company Big (Brand Innovation Group), and serves as a market research analyst. • Erin Guarneri and Isaac McGaughey '14 were married June 1, 2013, in Converse, Ind. There were many members of the Taylor family in attendance including Luke Hofsommer, Derek Kinzer, Sean Ford, Brett Currens, Jordan Bradford, Nick Freeman, Rhett Goodmiller '12, Heidi Tyner, Tamara Barrett, Jess Kirsch, Kelsey Bryant '14, Shayna Wood '14, along with members of the faculty and staff, the football team and women's basketball team. Erin is working in University Marketing at Taylor while Isaac finishes his undergrad and last season of football.

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alumni notes
Forgiveness goes to the heart of how God calls and expects us to live. In the 17th chapter of Luke, as Jesus talks about forgiveness, His apostles exclaimed, "Lord! Increase our faith!" When we, in faithful obedience to God, forgive those wrongs we experience – either real or perceived – we join into the redemptive work of Christ and make the Kingdom of God more real before our friends, neighbors and coworkers. On the other hand, refusal to forgive, while in an earthly sense alluring, is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

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Forgiving all that we are to all that He is

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven. Matthew 18: 21-22

Sometimes I think we can be a little hard on the Apostle Peter. Impetuous, brash, and a bit rough around the edges, Peter is someone who I believe said what everyone else in the room was thinking. As the Master talked about forgiveness, it was Peter who, like so many of us, wanted to know what the bottom line really was. And so he asked. And of course we all know that Jesus, when He told Peter to forgive 70 times seven times was not saying once Peter reached 490 he could stop. We know that intellectually. But do we truly embrace it in our hearts? In his introduction to the Book of Zechariah, Eugene Peterson said, “The reality is that we live among stuff and people. We live among flesh and blood and nails and stones and bricks.”

What Peterson is saying is this: we do not live life in a vacuum or sterile environment. There are times here at Taylor when, even on this holy ground, it seems anything but holy. Maybe it is that way in your life as well. We live among the mess. The lives which God has loaned to us are fleeting and what God desires of us is not only our expressed love, but our obedience. But how do we live as Jesus’ holy, beloved children among the mess?

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Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 33:3