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Reunions planned for September

You have spoken, and we have listened. You asked that we help you with reunions, where you can spend the majority of your time simply reconnecting with friends and former classmates without a lot of programming or cost. On **Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14**, alumni and friends are returning to the Fort Wayne campus for reunions with the classes of **1963, 1973, 1988, and 2003**.



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Along Rudisill...

For those not having a class reunion, we will host a buffet picnic lunch served inside, where any alumni and friends can reunite on campus. The price is just \$3 a person, which can be paid at the door.

This year's anniversary classes have big plans. One class is planning a Friday night bonfire, another is planning a brunch at Halls, while yet another has requested a time of music and memories. Saturday will be a low-key day for alumni to relax, reminisce, and rejoice. Additionally, visitors can attend a **"Day with the Dean (Carolyn Arthur)"** that Saturday. We will be making brief award presentations at selected reunions. For more specific information, [click on this link](#), where we will provide updates and schedules as they are finalized.

Update on Dr. Wes Gerig



Dr. Wes Gerig g51 has recently moved to Ashton Creek Health and Rehabilitation Center. While disappointed that he cannot be home, he continues to use his gifts to teach others the Bible. Last Friday he started a Bible study with about 12-15 people in attendance, and it went very well. The group plans to meet every week on Friday. Please consider sending him a note of encouragement in care of

Ashton Creek Health and Rehab Center, 4111 Park Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Fort Wayne Alumna in South Sudan

Within 24 hours of walking in her 2010 graduation, **Laurie Filson g10** agreed to go to Sudan (now South Sudan), Africa for nine weeks to help with a church planting team. After returning from her short-term experience, she prayed, worked, and waited for two years before deciding to return for a longer term.



Just days before Filson arrived to work at a school, one of the Dinka teachers dropped out, and Filson had to become the English teacher. Fortunately, she had—on a God-given whim—earned her teaching certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at TUFW. Laurie's is a story about being in the right place at the right time. Read more about it by [clicking here](#).

Heading to Africa

One of my great passions—due to adopting Jonathan, one of my five kids, from Ethiopia—is helping orphans and vulnerable children and preventing human trafficking. Sunday, I leave on an unexpected trip to Kenya, Malawi, and Zimbabwe to co-lead a team with one of the guys from my dorm at Taylor with [Forgotten Children Worldwide \(FCW\)](#). We will visit one of our partners who has a school in Nairobi where several blind orphans attend. We also will visit the slums, where there are several children who need to be sponsored.

After the team heads back home, my co-leader and I will travel to the other countries vetting new partners, necessary because of the expansive growth of FCW. I would appreciate your prayer for our families, including my son, Jonathan, who has been struggling physically. The Resource Center will still be staffed by **Bill Gerig g61**, **Jay Platte g69**, and our volunteers while I am gone, so call [260.744.8790](tel:260.744.8790) or email alumnifw@taylor.edu if you need anything.

Blessings to you!

Michael

Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Relations

- The biannual SHIFT National Leadership Conference was held this past week in Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Center. Hundreds of Fort Wayne campus alumni returned for business sessions, workshops, and seminars for the Missionary Church. Noted author and speaker Francis Chan was a keynote speaker during the event. [Click here to see photos.](#)
- Lazarus "Laz" Tatenobu joins his big brother Mordecai "Cai" Kenshin and parents **April (Selander) g07** and **Dusty Mack g07** in Japan. Tatenobu means "shield of faith" (Kenshin means "sword of truth"). Lazarus was born June 18 at 12:37 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs, 7.3 oz and was 20.5 in long. April and Laz are doing well. Dusty and Cai are very proud.
- **Teri(Beard) Hogg g86** recently became the Executive Director of The Hope Clinic in Decatur, Ind. The Hope Clinic is a pregnancy resource center providing practice support, ultrasound verification, compassionate care, and accurate information to women facing unplanned pregnancies.
- For more *News Notes* or to submit a *News Note*, please [click here](#) or go to *Current News* [here](#). We especially want to see your baby announcements. We have a small gift for those of you who send us the announcement and a picture.

Upcoming Events

- July 21 – "Alumni Gathering" at Ludlow Falls, OH Camp
- July 22 – "Alumni Night at the TinCaps" (Registration closed)
- July 29 – "Alumni Gathering" at Prairie Camp **has been cancelled this year**
- September 13-14, 2013 – Class Reunions & Fort Wayne Celebrates!

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