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The Fort Wayne

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★ We Care, Connect, and Celebrate! ★



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Happy Spring! Here is the latest:

Dr. Bill Pannell g51 to be Honored



Dr. William "Bill" Pannell g51 is going to be given Taylor University's highest honor, the Legion of Honor, tomorrow, April 29, when he speaks during Heritage Weekend on the Upland campus. Alumni are welcome to attend the chapel that starts at 10 a.m.

Dr. Pannell has dedicated his life to racial reconciliation and has written numerous books on the topic and is a notably gifted teacher, civil rights activist, and

evangelist—becoming the first African American trustee at Fuller University. He has also served on the Taylor Board of Trustees and was inducted last year in the [Fort Wayne Campus American Hall of Fame](#).

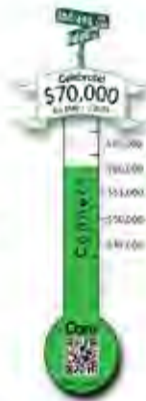
[Click here](#) if you would like to send him an email congratulations!

Dourases Help Others with Grief

Mark g83 and Sheryl (Bower) g83 Douras have turned the painful loss of their son, Jonathan, into a ministry to help others with loss and grief. In 2004, while serving in Russia, the Dourases received a call that their son was sick and fighting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which was supposed to be highly treatable. Instead, they watched him pass on March 1, 2005. [Click here](#) to see how they have taken his loss and turned it into a ministry, [Fictional Ministries](#), and [his books](#).

Day of Giving Successful

We asked, and you answered. Thank you for providing over \$13,000 in our first annual Day of Giving on March 17. You definitely showed your **green**. Because of your giving, we have less than \$10,000 to go to meet our budget need for the fiscal year. Due to my son Jonathan's prognosis (see below), I am asking if possible that each alumnus and alumna give something between now and May 15. To help us reach our goal early, an alumna has given \$3,500 in funds to be matched. We also are striving to obtain 125 more new gifts for this fiscal year to increase our alumni giving percentage. Will you help? [Click here](#) to give! Your gifts keep the Alumni Center ministry alive and vibrant!



FW Vine: Alumni Leading Real Change



The [FW Vine](#), our mini-magazine, was mailed yesterday. You'll find an important message from me and several features on our alumni who are serving in leadership roles helping bring real change to the poor and needy. Do we have your current mailing address? If not, [click here](#). We don't want to miss you with the latest on how our alumni are empowering the poor and needy.

We Care by Connecting and Celebrating,

Michael

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



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P.S. Several of you have been praying for and even changing your Facebook profile picture to honor of my son, Jonathan. Christine and I adopted him in 2009 from Ethiopia. Since then he has developed [Autism Spectrum](#), which is a rare neurological degenerative disorder that will take him home any day now. If you would like to follow his journey, [click here](#). Thank you again for your prayers, comments, and notes.



Along Rudisill...

- Recently, we learned that **Michele (Mallett) h09 Wells** defended her doctoral dissertation, so she is now officially Dr. Michele Wells. Congratulations! [Click here](#) to see where she is now (look under "M").
- **Aaron g03 and Bobbie (Girod) g02 Howley** recently shared two nights at the Alumni Center how to care for missionaries. They are in the final stages of support-raising. [Click here](#) to ask for their blog.
- **Jared g07 and Kate (Schmelzer) g08 Gutierrez** will soon leave to serve in Guatemala. We celebrate with them and we ask alumni to pray for them. [Click here](#) to follow their journey.
- **Gabe g07 and Kelsey (Crook) g09 Schneider** welcomed Forrest Gabriel Schneider on April 13. He arrived weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz.
- **Kristin (McDonald) g05 and Robert Hacha** welcomed Anthony Jacob Hacha on April 20. He weighed 9 lbs., 15 oz.
- **Andra (Perry) g04 and David Steht** welcomed Sarah Lydia Steht on April 22. She weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. and was 18½ inches long.
- **Eula (Compton) Shattuck g52, 89**, passed away April 23 in Cedar Springs, MI. Surviving is her husband, **Rev. Grant Shattuck g53**.
- For *News Notes* or to submit a *News Note*, please [click here](#) or go to *Current News* [link](#). 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.

Events...

- Alumni Gatherings with Taylor - [Click here](#)
- Homecoming 2016 - September 23 & 24
- More to Come...

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if we can help you in any way, please contact the Alumni Center at (260) 744-8790 during regular business hours or [click here](#) me anytime!