

ADVOCATES

Champions for Others

When I started my employment on the Fort Wayne campus in 1997, one of my first assignments was to meet with the faculty and staff simply to hear their heartbeat for the campus in order to reacquaint myself.

One visit I had was with **Dr. Doug Barcalow g71**, then head of the Christian Ministries department. I will never forget his comment about his role on the campus. He simply said, "I'm an advocate for the students." Perhaps you were the recipient of his assistance or advocacy when he was a professor and/or administrator.

Now I view myself as an advocate for Fort Wayne campus alumni. Our team at the Alumni Center desires to *care* for, *connect*, and *celebrate* what God is doing through you.

One of my great joys is hearing your stories of advocating for various groups, causes, and projects. In this issue, you will read some of these stories of our alumni supporting, backing, and promoting others to Glorify God.

Join me in giving thanks for those who are championing efforts to live out faith in a world that does not care what we say, but what we do. Today, we celebrate Fort Wayne alumni who are advocating for others.

Grateful,



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Homecoming: A Place to Reconnect, Reminisce, and Rejoice! – Sept. 18 & 19

You're crossing campus, and you see that special friend, former classmate, or faculty or staff member. Depending on your physical dexterity, you may run, walk, or roll quickly to greet that friend with a smile, handshake, or hug.

It doesn't matter how many years or miles separate; it only takes moments for the memories to flow and reconnection to initiate.

Sometimes it's a little scary thinking about seeing college friends we have not seen for years. *What will they think of me now? Will I remember their names?* Based on experience, much of this anxiety all melts away after returning.

It's time to start planning on returning for Homecoming 2015, **September 18 and 19**, on the former Fort Wayne campus.

Plenty of reunions and activities, even for those who do not have a reunion to enjoy, are being planned. The greatest priority is giving alumni time to reconnect.

Highlights include:

- **HIS Company** reunion with former director **Sonja Strahm g66**
- **'80s Night**—a decade reunion Friday and Saturday
- 50th Class Reunion for **Class of 1965**
- **Ron Williams g87** sharing devotions on Saturday at 11 a.m.
- **Lunch with former faculty and staff** on Saturday at 12 noon
- **Sunday Sing on Saturday** at 3:30 p.m.
- Reunions for Classes of 1980, 1990, and 2005 forward
- Walks to **Foster Park**, the **Friendly Fox**, and around the campus

One thing is consistent for the 300 who attended Homecoming last year: once they returned to campus, they were thrilled to *reconnect, reminisce, and rejoice!*



CELEBRATE

FWBC Grad Honored for Advocacy for Racial Reconciliation

By Andrea Osmun g05

Dr. William E. “Bill” Pannell g51 is known for his advocacy for racial reconciliation and for African Americans and Latinos in ministry. On January 27, Fuller Theological Seminary, where he was the first African American to serve on their board, renamed its African-American Church Studies Center program in his honor.

The program has been in existence for 40 years and equips young men and women to minister within African American communities in the 21st century.

“They won’t limit that to the African American community, of course, but this whole area of church life has changed radically,” Dr. Pannell said. “There’s a whole new tribe of young people who need help to come to terms with their understanding of the church. It’s a whole other ball game.”

Dr. Pannell chose the Fort Wayne Bible College because his pastor’s sons attended there, so his pastor encouraged him to enroll as well.

Dr. Pannell remembers that conversation well: “I remember questioning my pastor, ‘Why would I want to go to Bible school? I don’t know anything about the Bible.’ He said, ‘That’s probably a good reason.’”

So, Dr. Pannell went to FWBC to study the Bible and to prepare for ministry. He credits FWBC for giving him a “good foundation” on which to begin his ministry. Yet, he quickly adds that “what really made it for me were the relationships. The exposure to classmates and their lives and experiences,

hopes and fears—all of that is what really makes a school. That’s what life itself is all about.” Among his classmates in the Class of 1951 was Dr. Wes Gerig g51, the cherished and now-retired Bible professor.

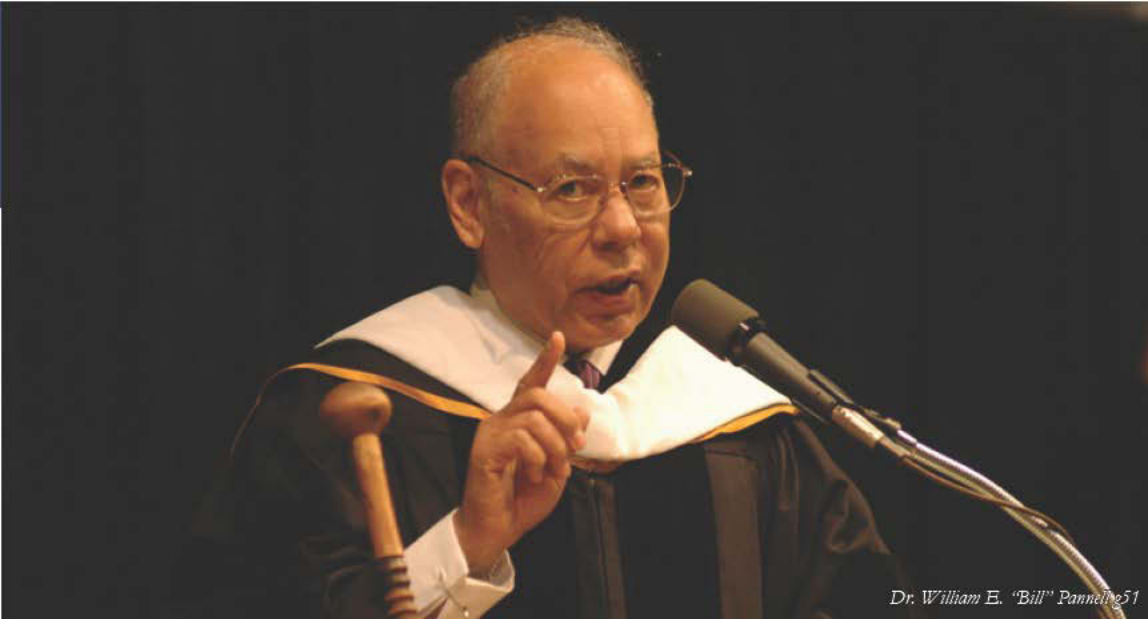
After he graduated from FWBC, Dr. Pannell was involved in evangelistic work as a song leader and soloist and eventually as a preacher from 1951 to 1974. Through his ministry with Youth for Christ, Pannell connected with several

people who were on the board of trustees at Fuller Theological Seminary. After meeting the president of Fuller in Berlin, Pannell was invited to serve on Fuller’s board of trustees. Then in 1974 he became a member of the teaching faculty, serving as a preaching professor and the dean of the chapel.

“In those days, you couldn’t find anywhere in the country someone who had a PhD in evangelism,” Dr. Pannell said. “That wasn’t considered an academic field. If you were



Dr. William E. “Bill” Pannell g51



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going to do something crazy like that, you'd do a doctorate in sociology. The seminary had the good sense to hire someone on the faculty who had 20 to 25 years of experience in evangelism. That's something you can't get in the classroom."

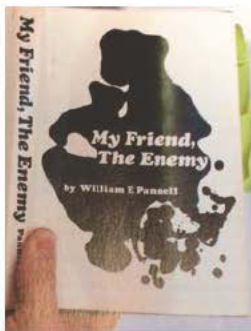
Dr. Pannell was a faculty professor at Fuller until he retired about 10 or 15 years ago, although he says he never fully retired.

"It's very difficult to retire from a lifetime of working with people. It's easier to retire, I suspect, from making a Ford, or a machine. I keep hanging around. When our presidents changed, they asked me to serve as his assistant, and I still preach occasionally here in the area churches."

Dr. Pannell served on the Taylor University board of trustees from 1990 to 1999. As an "emeritus" member and alumnus, he now stays in touch with the Fort Wayne Alumni Center as much as possible. He and his wife, Hazel,

do not travel as much anymore, but he was grateful for the opportunity to visit the Fort Wayne campus last September for Homecoming. During that visit, Dr. Pannell participated in an interview-style discussion regarding college, church, and culture with his friend and former Taylor president **Dr. Jay Kesler '58**. He expressed his longtime appreciation for the Fort Wayne campus and all that it's meant to him over the years:

"I didn't know the extent of how much I felt at home here, how much I missed it... this campus with our alumni is under the powerful impact of a living history, a legacy that simply will not go away."



*Dr. Pannell wrote **My Friend, The Enemy** in 1968*

Editor's Note: To read more about Dr. Pannell's honor from Fuller and to hear a recording of the celebration go to this link: <http://fuller.edu/communication/event-recap/bill-pannell-celebration/>.



CARE

Strahm Continues Lifelong Advocacy for Students

By Andrea Osmun g05

Sonja Strahm g66 knows what it's like to strive and scramble. Her life has included a series of unexpected turns that have given her a heart for advocating for others. "If you know what it's like to struggle, you have a better chance at helping others," Strahm explained.

For example, Strahm graduated from Taylor University in 1966, but as a student on scholarship, she had reached a point at the end of her sophomore year where she didn't think she'd make it through college.

Because of her English professor's help; however, Strahm went on to graduate—and then went on to earn two master's degrees in English and education, and certifications as a developmental education specialist and in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

It was that experience that led Strahm into working with and championing struggling students. Strahm taught junior high in the Fort Wayne Community Schools for 10 years when she decided she wanted to do something new. She was interested in moving to Ecuador to teach English.

At the time, Strahm was also a part-time faculty instructor at Fort Wayne Bible College, teaching composition in the evenings. She applied for the teaching position in Ecuador and asked God to open the doors to the next step in her career.

"The FWBC dean came into the mailroom and said, 'We've been thinking about having a full-time English position at the college,'" Strahm recalled. "It's not approved yet, but we're thinking about asking you."

She was open to the Lord's leading. "I



said, 'It's in the Lord's hands. Whatever opens up, that's where I'm going.'" She never left the campus until 2009.

At TUFW Strahm was able to foster her passion for helping struggling students. When Taylor University acquired the Fort Wayne campus in 1992, Strahm asked them to develop an academic learning center. "They said, 'What? You want to go from being a classroom teacher to doing this?'" But for Strahm, given her experiences, this career move made perfect sense.

Some of Strahm's strategies included developing students' organizational and time management skills, understanding their learning style and how it fit in with the teaching style, and helping them finish homework.

"One of my successes was a young man from the east coast," Strahm said. "He was in his late 20s or early 30s, and he had an awful time with school. I taught him how to use the dictionary. He could never pronounce words or spell words correctly. But he went on to be a pastor. He was such a testimony [to the program]. He really struggled, but he was able to get into the ministry and have an impact on people. He was a young man I had a lot of respect for."

Earlier in her tenure, Strahm taught art history and drama and also founded the touring drama group, HIS Company. The acronym "HIS" stands for "Honoring In Service." (For more on HIS Company, see page 11.)

Strahm's deep love of art drew her to drama, and she thrived on connecting the two and using them for ministry in churches.

"I saw there was a need for churches to use drama," she said. "Lots of people have musical ability, but I never had that growing up. One way I got involved was through scriptural interpretation."

In an interesting twist, Strahm also had the opportunity to return to Ecuador co-leading a TWO team with **Michael Mortensen g91** in 2007.

"That was a wonderful trip for me," she

said. "I had the opportunity to read *Through Gates of Splendor* [by Elisabeth Elliot], and I also had the opportunity to go by plane into the jungle where that book had taken place and sit in a village

with a man and his wife and tell them how Jesus died for you and me."

Since 2009, Strahm continued her advocacy through teaching by working with Taylor's Summer Clubhouse program (supported by the Foellinger Foundation) for kindergarten through fourth-grade students. She also was the TESOL chair at Ivy Tech until she retired last May. Since then, she has served on the board of the Literary Alliance of Allen County. She also teaches composition and event planning, and tutors part-time at Crossroads Bible College, which offers classes on the former Fort Wayne campus.



Sonja Strahm g56 working with HIS Company members.



CONNECT

Couple Advocates for Orphaned Special Needs Children

By Andrea Osmun g05

Paul g02 and Ashley (Bandy) g03 Kellogg met in professor Laura Gerig's g91 Child Psychology class and never imagined how that class would come to define their life together and advocacy for children.

"We always joked how we met in Child Psychology class. It ended up being what we needed," Ashley said.

The TUPFW couple now has five children, including one with a disability, and is in the process of adopting two children with special needs from China. Ashley said the foundation of child development, child psychology, and education she received at TUPFW has prepared her and Paul to be able to care for the children God has given them.

Paul is a third-grade teacher at Franke Park Elementary in Fort Wayne. Ashley is a stay-at-home mom and a doula. The Kelloggs' biological children are Kyler, 12; Gracelyn, 10; Brynнан, 8; Ezekiel, 6; and Myra, 5.

When Ashley went into labor with Myra, everything was fine until her water broke. "I noticed there was a problem right away," Ashley said. "Myra's heart rate wasn't great. I ended up with an emergency C-section, and Myra was not born alive. It took the doctors 10 minutes to resuscitate her. She had a lack of oxygen, and she was in the hospital for 30 days. She had several surgeries."

Myra was eventually diagnosed with

cerebral palsy and a seizure disorder. She is hearing and vision-impaired and has some major developmental delays. Ashley said, "She doesn't speak. She does a few signs. She can't hold her head up all the way, and she can't walk. It's been a challenge, but we've learned a lot."

When Ezekiel, their fourth child, was born in 2009, the Kelloggs started the process of becoming foster parents because they wanted more children. They were denied, so they decided to hold off and try again later.

"We decided to wait a few years until the kids got older," Ashley said, "but we were denied just a few months before Myra was born. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise."

In 2013, the Kelloggs reapplied to be foster parents but found out the state of Indiana had a maximum number of five children allowed in the home, and they were denied again.

"They told us we couldn't foster, but we could adopt," Ashley said. "So, we applied for more than 25 sibling groups. No one took us seriously; no one called us back."

Their case worker told them, "They're never going to take you seriously with as many kids as you have and only one income. But there are tons of kids across the world who have special needs, just not in America."

At the time, Ashley was convinced she didn't want to adopt a child from overseas. "We



didn't have money, and I wasn't interested," she said, "so we put it on the back burner. Eventually, God made it very clear through people and circumstances that's where He wanted us."

As they prayed, they found Frannie, a four-year-old girl from China with Down syndrome.

Then after starting this process, Ashley also was drawn to a picture of a two-year-old albino boy.

"My heart was always to adopt two kids under five," Ashley said. "But with China, it's crazy expensive. I thought, If God brings in the money quickly when we get our paperwork in China, maybe we can get a second child."

But Paul wasn't as quick to go along with the idea because of the cost—\$50,000. Ashley thought that they should name the two children Frannie and Finn. Later, when she looked up the name Finton, she found out it meant "light hair" or "white fire." She

knew it was no coincidence that this little boy would be named Finn.

"We were both hooked from that moment on," Ashley said.

Ashley will travel with her mom to China for three weeks at the end of June to pick-up Frannie and Finn. Paul will stay with their other children at home. Perhaps, when all is said and done, the Kelloggs will be able to write a textbook on raising seven children, three of which have special needs, on one income while raising nearly \$44,000 in 10 months.

Editor's Note: Please pray for safe travel and for the children's transition and provisions. You may follow the Kellogg's progress and journey by going to: www.mommykellogg.blogspot.com. We also give praise for the other Fort Wayne alumni who have adopted children.





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Class of 1953

Ruth (Gerig) Imler g53 served on a panel at William Jessup University. She spoke on Bridging the Generations. Ruth and **John fs54** live in Citrus Heights, CA.

Class of 1978

Cheryl (Brown) g78 and David **Svacha** were married August 9, 2014. Cheryl is thrilled to be welcomed into David's large family of five children and eight grandchildren. They praise God for bringing them together and look forward to many years of service at their local church.

Class of 1985

Tim g85 and **Marchelle (Cowser) g83 Taylor** live in Mexico, MO, where he is a licensed professional counselor. After raising and homeschooling their four children, she is now the Children's Minister at Southside Christian Church.

Class of 1969

Helen (McIntosh) g69 and Arden **Steele** continue to praise God for their mission work in Bolivia. Both are enjoying teaching while there. They are preparing to return to the USA for a six-month home assignment starting in June 2015.

Class of 1981

Dr. Steven Ware g81 recently had the privilege of serving as Visiting Professor of Reformation Studies at Sekolah Tinggi Teologia Jaffray (Jaffray School of Theology) in Makassar, Indonesia. In addition to teaching students in both MA and PhD programs, he addressed the entire student body with material from his recent book, *When Was Jesus Really Born?: Early Christianity, The Calendar, and The Life of Jesus* (Concordia, 2013).

Class of 1992

Gary g92 and **Vicky Westgerdes** live in Celina, OH, where they have five children and four grandchildren with one on the way. Gary works at Wright State University Lake Campus, and he has a ministry and website: www.thekeysofheaven.com.

Class of 1975

Dennis g75 and **Pam (Brewer) fs73 Jones** live near Bryan, OH, where he now works for Filling Home of Mercy helping adults with special needs with everyday living. Pam works for Walmart. The Joneses had pastored for over 18 years.

Class of 1978

Brenda (Hatfield) Wohlford fs93 works for the Baugo Community Schools, where she is a SOI Specialist. She and her husband, Drew, live in Osceola, IN.

Class of 1994

Daryle Crawley g94 began a new job as a Freight Associate at Home Depot, Indianapolis, IN.

Class of 2000

Vicki Clifton g00 has just published *The Second Door* with Westbow Press. This 254-page mystery is her first novel.



Heather (VanDeraa) g00 and **Rodney Urbaniak** welcomed **Helm Lawrence David** on March 1, 2015. Helm was 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Class of 2001



Trisha (Rine) g03 and **Todd g01 Bowman** adopted **Trinity and Trey**, three year-old twins who they had fostered since July 4, 2014. Todd and Trisha and their twins live in Iron Station, NC.



Justin g01 and **Sarah (Vestal) g02 Spurlock** officially adopted **Cayson Scott Spurlock** (a.k.a. "Case") on February 2, 2015. **Jen Spurlock g06** is a proud aunt.

Class of 2002

Josephine Koelling g02 married **Wayne Moore** on October 18, 2014 in Fort Wayne, IN. **Jennifer Erickson fs04** and **Kelly (Greenamyre) Wogomon g03** were part of the wedding.



Kellie (Moll) g02 and **Josh Ellis** welcomed **Duke Ryder** on March 18, 2015. He was 9lbs., 2 oz., and 21.5 inches long. Duke joins **Lydia, 3**. **Kellie** is a Real Estate broker in Avon, IN.

Class of 2003

Rebekah (Coleman) g03 and **Guy Atkinson** have four children: **Timothy (9)**, **Hannah (7)**, **Grace (5)**,

FW Vine Wins Silver Medallion Award

The *FW Vine* won the Silver Medallion Award in February from the Advertising Federation of Fort Wayne.

Angela Hudson, owner of Studio-A-Design, our designer, submitted the spring 2014 issue with varying covers as well as the winter issue with the word cloud on the front and variable information throughout.

"In our effort to provide the most relevant information to our readers, the last two issues have featured variable information based on when each alumnus attended the

campus," explained **Michael Mortensen g91**, director of Fort Wayne Alumni Relations.

"I am very grateful for this recognition from an outside source for a publication that helps us to fulfill our mission of *caring, connecting, and celebrating*," Mortensen concluded.



and Natalie (2). They are expecting their fifth child, a boy, in late April. Guy works for Acadian Baptist Center in Louisiana.

Aaron g03 and **Bobbie (Girod) g02 Howley** have moved to Kalamazoo, MI. They will work at Alongside Inc. (alongsidecares.net) as counseling missionaries. Bobbie will also be homeschooling their boys.

Class of 2004

Melissa Miedema g04 married Brandon **Nichols** on August 10, 2012. They live in Byron Center, MI, with daughters Isabella (2) and Makenna (8).

Nancy Watta fs04 published her first book, *A Heart That Seeks* is now available through Amazon.

Andy fs07 and **Amanda (Craft) g04 Nichter** welcomed James Robert on February 17, 2015. James was 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Class of 2005

April (Gridley) g05 and Jason **Ruggles** welcomed Xavier Grant on February 4, 2015. He weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz. and was 22 inches long. Xavier joins siblings Gwenyth (3) and Ian (2).

Samantha Smith g05 received her master's degree in Higher Education Leadership from John Brown University. She is now looking to leave teaching to find work as a college administrator.

Class of 2007



Katy (Jessup) g07 and **Andy Hobbs** welcomed Noah James on July 9, 2013. He weighed 10 lbs., 7 oz. and was 22.5 inches long. He joined big sister Aria (3). Katy works for Taylor Online in Fort Wayne.

Darlene (Divine) g07 married Brad **Hoffpauir** on December 31, 2014. The couple just moved to Welsch, CA, where Darlene is the Marketing Director at System Forward America.

Jason g07 and **Courtney (Stoppenhagen) g07 Bilbrey** reside in Chicago. Jason works as Director of Education and Community Engagement at The Marin Foundation, an organization that builds bridges between the Christian and LGBT communities. Courtney works in student development at The Chicago

School of Professional Psychology. Along with Norah (5), they are expecting their second child in July.

Class of 2008

Heather (Schultz) g08 and **Ryan Detzner** welcomed Isaac Edward March 29, 2015. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Angelo g08 and **Marie (Ayelle) fs11 Mante** welcomed Vincent "Vinny" Anthony on December 22, 2014. He was 8 lbs. and 19.5 inches long. He joins big sisters Sophia and Naomi.

Brie (Elliott) g08 married **John Graves** on September 6, 2014. They reside in Fort Wayne, IN.

Class of 2009



Michael g09 and **Heather (Nash) g10 Oyer** welcomed Keira Noel on June 13, 2014. She was 6 lbs., 5 oz. and 19 inches long. Michael is a programmer at Sands Office Equipment Service in Warsaw, IN, and Heather is a stay-at-home-mom. The Oyers lives in Goshen, IN.

Editor's Note: More current *News & Notes* are added weekly on our website, <http://fw.taylor.edu>. Alumni and friends can send for our review and posting, and then they can be read by former classmates and friends. Check out this feature today!





Luke g09 and **Kimberly (Marshall) g09 Schutt** welcomed Lillah June on January 3, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. Congratulations also goes to former professor **Dr. John h09** and **Sharon Schutt**, who are first-time grandparents.

Kyle g09 and **Khrista (Beckmann) g09 Boster** were married on September 20, 2014, in Bridgman, MI. In the wedding were **Kate (Schmelzer) g08 Gutierrez**, **Meghan Mendhoferg09**, **Emily (Day) fs09 Phillips**, **Michael McPeak g09**, **Ben Carowan g08**, **Andy Culbertson g09**, and **Bill Helmlinger g10**.

Lindsay (Thompson) g09 and **Jared Stump** welcomed Ellienna Rose on February 20, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

Tashi (Bent) Widmer g09 recently completed her internship at the Indiana School for the Deaf in Indianapolis and now has graduated from the American Public University with a Master of Education in School Counseling, which is no small feat for an individual who is deaf. She and her husband, Blake, live in Jamaica, where they just opened a pilot business training program called Deaf Can Coffee.

Class of 2010

Amy Nickerson g10 is pursuing a Masters in Theology with a concentration in the Arts at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. She is currently working on her thesis project, which

can be read at: <http://world.regent-college.edu/arts-theology/reading-for-love>.

Memorials

Juanita "Joyce" Wakley fs44, 90, died May 2, 2013. She had worked for Wesleyan World Headquarters for 37 years before her retirement.

The **Rev. Gerald Kreh fs54** passed away on March 5, 2009. He had been the pastor at First Missionary Church in Peru, Indiana, for over 46 years. His wife, Mildred, still lives in Peru.

Dean Coursey g56 went home to be with the Lord on November 5, 2014, at the age of 82. Dean served many churches, was head of summer and winter camps at Beulah Beach and Camp Lakeview for some years, and was the first pastor at First Missionary Church, St. Pete, FL.

HIS Company Reunion Scheduled for Homecoming 2015

By *Andrea Osmun g05*

Professor Sonja Strahm's traveling drama troupe, HIS Company, will reunite at this year's Homecoming, September 18 and 19.

Strahm started HIS Company (which stands for Honoring In Service) through the Christian Service department, and the acting troupe toured across the country for 10

years throughout the '70s and '80s. They traveled to

area churches three out of the four weekends of each month during the school year and to churches across the country for six weeks every summer. They typically held seven performances each week, sometimes more.

Go to this link: <http://fw.taylor.edu/news/his-company-reunion-scheduled-for-homecoming-2015> to see pictures and to read some of the reflections of HIS Company members.



1981-82 HIS Company traveling drama troupe





Katherine (Bope) McCormick g81 passed away on July 15, 2014. She spent her time as a music teacher and also enjoyed quilting, sewing, gardening, and canning. She is survived by her husband, daughter **Erin (McCormick) Burkey g80**, son **Donovan McCormick fs91**, and other children and grandchildren.

Jodi Hovee, 84, former food services manager for FWBC passed away April 5. Surviving is former FWBC Academic Dean Dr. Gene Hovee.

Betty Ranes, 95, former house mother in Schultz and wife of former Dean of Men and OT Survey Professor Harold Ranes, passed away March 27 in Greenwood, IN.

Eva F. (Stone) Rice g64 went to her heavenly home January 24, 2015. Eva is survived by her beloved husband, **Don g63**, and four children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Eva was a true servant who loved people and her Lord.

Alison Coats g98, 39, passed away on January 1, 2015. After graduating from TUFW, she went to Southwest Missouri State where she received a degree in early childhood development. Alison loved her family and enjoyed writing poetry, drawing, and playing the piano.

Ruth E. Dunlap passed away February 15, 2015. She and her husband, **Howard g48**, served in 12 churches in three states and one in Ecuador. Howard was the Director of Alumni and Church Relations at Fort Wayne Bible College from 1979-85.



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Faculty/Staff Memorials

John F. Wilson, 85, passed away November 7, 2014. He came to Fort Wayne Bible College in 1952 to teach piano. He is survived by his wife, June, and their son and daughter.

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Dunaway Hit on I-69 While Helping Motorist

Eric g00 and **Amanda (Chapman) g99 Dunaway** and their kids were on their way to Indianapolis on December 26 to celebrate Christmas with Eric's family, when they witnessed a truck lose control and crash into the median. Eric pulled over and went back to check on the driver.

Fortunately, the other driver was OK, but while Eric and the driver were standing in the emergency lane, another vehicle lost control and struck both Eric and the driver. By the grace of God, Eric was released the same day and physically walked out of the hospital, according to a family member.

When asked why he helped, Eric wrote, "I stopped because it's what I would hope others would do if it were

me or a loved one in a bad accident. I felt it was the right thing to do."



Eric Dunaway

Since the accident, Eric has dealt with a concussion and had extensive dental work, but he has made a full recovery. He recently had the opportunity to baptize two of his children. The other driver who was hit was critically injured, but has made a dramatic recovery, Eric reported.

Eric is the Communications Pastor at Pathway Community Church. The Dunaways live in Fort Wayne.

Editor's Note: Here is a link to see the full story. <http://wane.com/2014/12/26/two-pedestrians-hit-on-i-69/>



A stone sign for Foster Park with a star emblem and the text "FOSTER PARK" and "ESTABLISHED 1912".

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As the end of another budget year draws to a close, we need your gifts. . . no matter the size. Your participation is so important! **Poorman's Heating & Air** and other friends have agreed to match gifts to reach our goal. With additional gifts totalling \$26,000 by **May 31, 2015**, we will be able to meet all of our financial obligations.

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