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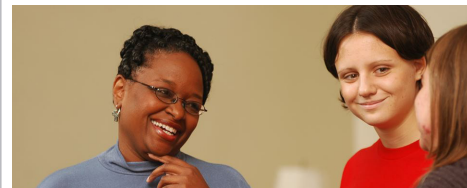
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What has he been up to?  
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Where are they now?

I'm sure you've heard the expression, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

I love cracking open an old scrapbook or looking at today's virtual scrapbooks online. Facebook's "Throwback Thursdays" feature posts with pictures of friends from years ago—with all of the crazy fashions and unique hairstyles from yesteryear.

When you saw this magazine's cover displaying pictures of former Fort Wayne campus faculty and staff, what did you think? Did special memories from your time on campus come to mind?

Recently, I asked some alumni, "**WHY is having the Resource Center important?**" One respondent said, "It provides a present-day connection to those times of transformation as an encouragement and an inspiration to keep going. Life is tough sometimes, and having a tangible connection to the past when God shaped and prepared us for life can be very significant."

This spoke to my heart. It reminded me of **Joshua 4:21-22**, when the Israelites built an altar after crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Joshua said, "*In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground (NIV).'*"

We hope the pictures and people featured in this issue of the *FW Vine* will help you remember and reminisce about what God did while you were at the Fort Wayne campus, and the stories will encourage you by what He continues to do in the lives of alumni like you. Soak in these memories and reconnect with those who walked with you at Indiana and Rudisill, where *The Ministry Continues!*

Let's Celebrate!



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# Celebration of Five Years!

## Looking Back...

On June 2, 2009, I walked into a furnished Brown Gables, the former President's home, which was to be used for the new Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. My charge – **care for Fort Wayne campus alumni**. I had the contents of the archives, but no staff and no volunteers. What would the future hold? Who would volunteer? Who would give financially?

With a strong Alumni Council and alumni and friends willing to give and volunteer, the ministry continues. It is amazing what has been accomplished over the last five years. Here are just a few of the accomplishments:

- *Alumnus & FW Vine* published = 11 filled with stories and *News Notes*
- *FW Falcon* (e-newsletter) published = 52 issues
- DVD projects = 14
- CD projects = 14
- Books published = 6
- Website with Virtual Archive
- Facebook page = 1,010 LIKES
- *FW Celebrates!*/Homecoming Celebrations with Reunions = 3
- Hall of Fame Induction Dinners: 2 with a third one planned for Sept. 19
- *Sunday Sings* = 4
- Volunteers = 170

- Volunteer Hours = 18,234 as of March 31, 2014
- Fort Wayne Fund = \$57,764 yearly avg
- Funds still needed = \$19,000 by May 31, 2014
- Fort Wayne Endowment for Self-Sustainability = \$310,000 (Goal is \$1.6 million through estates, annuities, etc.)

## Pressing On...

The Resource Center is NOT a museum, but a place where ministry takes place daily. From the Ramseyer Retreat Room, which can be scheduled for prayer and planning, to our Alumni Volunteer Prayer team, consisting of 26 individuals, we **CARE** for our alumni in multiple ways. *How has the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center blessed you?*

We **CONNECT** our alumni together with jobs, transcripts, and resources not to mention each other through events, publications/web, and Facebook, and this leads to encouragement. *Who would you like to celebrate with at Homecoming?*

As a result of our work today, our memories will be preserved for future generations, “when children ask...” Our work is not complete. Our mission here and abroad is not finished, so let's **CELEBRATE!**

With a vision to *Care, Connect, and Celebrate*, **we press on!** *The Ministry Continues!*

# CELEBRATE

## Where Are They Now?

By Michael D. Mortensen g 91

Through the years names have changed, buildings have been built and razed, and faculty, staff, and students have come and gone. The one constant besides Jesus Christ has been change. What I hear most often is that the people are what made the Fort Wayne campus. The Resource Center loves to connect with “these people” (our alumni), and you often ask about former faculty and staff – **“Where are They Now?”** They want to reconnect with you, too, hopefully at Homecoming 2014!

### Dr. Doug Barcalow g71

**D**r. Doug Barcalow g71 is currently the Director of the Graduate School at the University of Saint Frances. He also directs the Virtual Campus at USF.

He will be retiring in June after a career of 30 years in higher education and 13 years of local ministry. He and his wife, **Pam (Carey) g71**, who has already retired from WBCL, are looking forward to volunteering and spending additional time with their grandchildren.

Dr. Barcalow misses the family atmosphere and the close relationships that were developed on the Fort Wayne campus.

He is on Facebook, and he welcomes former students to “friend” him.



### Agnes Saddington ha09

**A**fter TUFW, **Agnes Saddington ha09** began working

as a secretary for her husband, **Dr. Jim Saddington ha09** (see his profile on our website), who is an adjunct professor at the University of Saint Francis.

She also keeps busy as a Sunday school teacher, church volunteer, and grandmother. “A woman’s work doesn’t stop,” she commented.

Agnes said that she misses the students and the athletes. “I miss being there for all the home games, and having students come into my office or home and talking to me, and getting to know them. I liked being a mom away from home for some of them.” She wants alumni to know that her grandson who almost drowned is continuing with therapy, but is otherwise relatively fine.







## Aimee Betsui ha09

**A**imee Betsui ha09 was the welcoming voice callers would hear say,

“Taylor University Fort Wayne, how may I direct your call.” She did mistakenly say once, “Taylor University Fort Wayne, how may I bless you?” She did not have to ask, because faculty, staff,

and students would agree she blessed them without asking through her prayers, joy, and fun energy.

Now, in retirement, Aimee is busier than ever. She is very active in the choir and the children’s ministries at Lifeway Wesleyan Church in New Haven, IN. Aimee also helps her daughter, Donna Reaser, who is the director of the children’s program on Sunday and at the Wednesday night Clubhouse program.

Aimee spends time visiting residents and volunteering at Miller’s Merry Manor, where her mother now resides, so she spends time there visiting and volunteering.

Recently she had a great time reconnecting with some of her former colleagues (Kathy Birkey, **Caroline Simmons ha09**, and Deb Marquart) – the “old gang” she said (I’m sure with a smile).

Aimee is happy to have contact with former students and faculty and hopes to come to Homecoming 2014.



## Dr. Steve Smith ha09

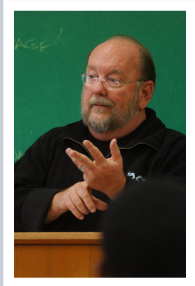
**D**r. Steve Smith ha09 who formerly taught in the Criminal Justice

program at TUFW is now retired after finishing his teaching career in January 2013 at Martin University in Indianapolis, IN.

He currently resides in Muncie, IN, where he leads a discipleship group, reading all the books he never had time for, playing with his grandchildren, and enjoying time with Mary Ann, his wife of 45 years. Recently, he “confessed his sin of obesity,” and he is now the healthiest he has been in 20 years, which allows him to stay active especially with his four granddaughters, who are his delight.

He maintains his life membership in the Indiana Criminal Justice Association. He also runs a Bible study group at the Pendleton prison facility.

Some of his fondest memories from the Fort Wayne campus are the “incredible student-run Christmas parties for the children mentored by criminal justice students.” Dr. Smith believes that “heaven will feel like those wonderfully diverse gatherings. I was honored to read the Christmas story every year.”



# CONNECT

## Michele Wells ha09

**M**ichele (Mallett) Wells ha09 taught in the Social Work program at TUFW from 2003 to 2009. She is now teaching in the Master of Social Work program at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY, where she lives with her husband, Alvin, whom she married in November 2009.



Michele misses the closeness of the faculty relationships at TUFW. She also greatly misses “the multicultural activities that we were able to be a part of as a campus community.” “The enthusiasm of the student leadership and the MLK day celebrations,” were some of her precious memories from TUFW.

Her favorite memory was the trip she was able to enjoy with the social work students from both Taylor campuses. “[We took] an overseas trip to Seoul, South Korea, where students got a firsthand experience of the culture and the social work services in another country.”



## Sonja Strahm g66

**S**onja Strahm g66 often worked behind the scenes on the second floor of Witmer Hall in the Academic Enrichment Center. She was appreciated, maybe not at the time, for her tough love, even calling students at 8 a.m. and hanging up, when they were supposed to be in her class.



“I miss the good colleagues and administration who cared about the needs of the classroom and faculty,” she explained.

Since leaving TUFW in 2009, “Miss Strahm” has been teaching at Ivy Tech, where she has been the program chair for reading and ESOL. After 48 years of teaching, she will retire May 15, 2014.

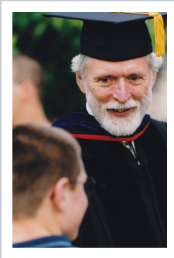
She does not plan to sit idle though, as she serves on the Literacy Alliance Board of Fort Wayne and will continue to do so after retirement. She also hopes to volunteer in a program that will give people an adequate knowledge of English to function in their lives. Miss Strahm continues to live across from the campus and attends First Missionary Church, where she is the Deacon of Worship.



## Dr. Ron Powell

**D**r. Ron Powell, who retired in 2000, moved with his wife, Mickey, to Minneapolis, MN, to help their daughter raise their grandson. He joined Concordia University St. Paul as an adjunct Criminal Justice Professor, and eventually helped develop an online Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice Leadership. Now they stick close to their home in Plymouth, MN. He is involved in mentoring men getting out of prison or jail. "This ministry is near to my heart and gives me a chance to help others have a second chance," Dr. Powell said.

"The colleagues who challenged and helped me grow, the students who wanted to learn and yet were not afraid to laugh at and with me are favorite memories from my time in Fort Wayne."

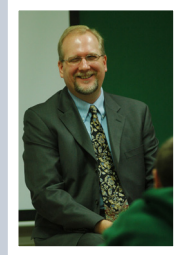


## Dr. Michael Cook ha09

**D**r. Michael Cook ha09 is currently an Associate Professor of Counseling, teaching full-time in the graduate Mental Health Counseling program at Huntington University.

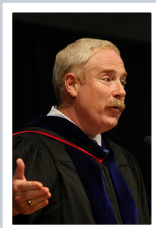
Dr. Cook most misses his colleagues and his students. "The size of the campus allowed for exceptional collegiality," he said. "Many days I would simply run down to visit with John Schutt or up to chat with Steve Smith." He also loved having **Laura Gerig g91**, who is now also teaching at Huntington, **Roger Ringenberg g69**, **Doug Barcalow g71**, and so many others within his social circle. "I miss my colleagues dearly."

He is pleased to "keep up with many of [his former students] through Facebook and has also been privileged to have a few of them as grad students."



## Randall Dodge g81

**F**ormer Dean of Students **Randall Dodge g81** left TUFW in 2009 after serving in multiple roles for the previous 12 years, which included developing and leading the Samuel Morris Scholarship Program.



He is now the Chief Operations Officer for Project Mercy, a Christian relief and development organization serving the rural residents of Ethiopia. He travels there several times a year, but oversees the ministry here in the U.S.

He and his wife, **Colleen g81**, live in Fort Wayne and hope to attend Homecoming 2014.



# CARE

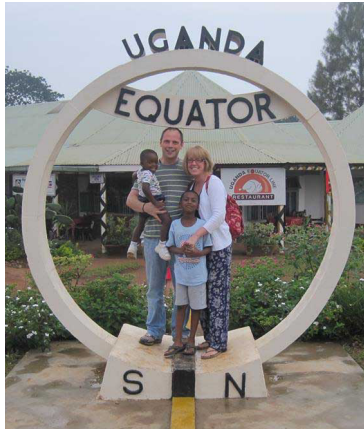
## Rowlands Press On Despite Adoption Heartaches

By Michael D. Mortensen g 91

Adoption is a challenging journey, with piles of paperwork, long waits, and numerous expenses. Many Fort Wayne alumni have undergone this process, but not many have experienced the rocky journey **Gary g97** and **Kelly Rowland** encountered in adopting their two boys, Grayson, now 6, and Landon, 3.

After learning they could not have biological children, they desired to adopt. They initially wanted to adopt from Ethiopia, but God had other plans.

“My niece, Emily, had gone to Trinidad on a short-term mission trip, and she said we should adopt from there,” Gary recounted. “I told her that if God wants us to, we would love to.” Trinidad did not have an adoption program. A month later, however, they received a call about a mother from Trinidad in Florida who was eight months pregnant. Within a month, the Rowlands were in Florida adopting Grayson.



When the Rowlands decided to adopt again, however, the birth mom who had chosen them unexpectedly disappeared. “We never heard from her again,” Gary said.

They decided to adopt overseas, and set their sights on Ethiopia once more, only to discover some new rules. Adoptive families were required to travel to the country for a court date, and then again six weeks later to pick up their child if all paperwork was complete.

Given these added concerns, they began the process of adopting from Rwanda instead. But a week before the Rowlands were to submit the paperwork that had taken 11 months to prepare, Rwanda put all adoptions on hold.

Soon after, Gary’s niece went on another mission trip, this time to Uganda. She returned telling the Rowlands they should adopt from Uganda. So, they contacted their adoption agency and learned of a pilot program in Uganda. In August 2012, they got a referral for a brother and sister to adopt.





Within 48 hours of leaving to pick up these children, the Rowlands learned that the children's grandmother, who raised them, had not told her family about the adoption. When the extended family was informed, they objected, prohibiting the adoption.

"That was really hard," Gary said. "We were praying for these children daily. We did not realize how volatile international adoption can be."

Others encouraged them to look elsewhere, but they still felt a strong calling to Uganda. The next referral came three weeks later, for a 14-month-old boy who had been abandoned.

Gary and Kelly were informed that the Ugandan court had ordered a door-to-door search for the birth mother, whom they found, and for the father, whose whereabouts was uncertain.

"We had a prayer service that he would be found, so we could get our baby," Kelly said. What they didn't know was that authorities learned the baby's grandfather is the former Vice President of Uganda. "The child went from rags to riches," Kelly said.

The news came less than 24 hours before Gary and Kelly were scheduled to depart for the adoption.

Despite their gladness for this child, they were again heartbroken. "A lot of doubts started to creep in," Gary said. "We had to take some time to pray and think about it."

Once they made the choice to proceed a third time, the referrals suddenly dried up. "It was discouraging," Kelly lamented. "We had to wait almost 11 months." Grayson continued faithfully praying for his brother.

But the Rowlands had a sense of peace as they proceeded. Gary, a church planter at The Ridge in Fort Wayne, said the whole church was with them before they left to adopt Landon, while Gary preached a sermon on the persistent widow in Luke 18. "[The] story helped us not to lose hope for God to answer our prayers," he said.

Finally, in December, Landon completed their family. In four years, Gary and Kelly had four "failed" adoptions. But in the end, Gary said, "We thank God...these kids are awesome!"

# CONNECT

## Homecoming 2014 A Time of Celebration!



Join alumni, friends, former faculty, and staff at Homecoming 2014!

It's going to be a celebration! During Homecoming 2014 alumni and former faculty and staff will be back on campus to celebrate how God brought our lives together at the intersection of Rudisill Blvd. and Indiana Ave.

It's time to reconnect, reminisce, and rejoice for the 105 years of history for our campus and five years for the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

Reunions will be held for multiple classes, but the celebration will have something for everyone **Friday and Saturday, September 19 & 20, 2014.**

The weekend will "shoot-off" Friday night with the fourth Fort Wayne Campus Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction. The **1976 National Basketball Championship team, Larry Lewis g76, Phyllis Miller g53, and Bill Pannell g51** will be recognized. Additionally, some classes will have informal reunions on or around campus.

On Saturday, highlights will include a devotional time with **Dr. Bob Nienhuis ha98**, former executive vice president, and a time of sharing. Then we will have plenty of time to socialize with friends and classmates through:

- Reunions for the Classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1989, 2004, and 2009
- Lunch with former faculty and staff just to socialize and catch up
- A Sunday Sing (on Saturday) – hymns, gospel songs and choruses
- A reception to honor **Jay Kesler g58, Bill Pannell g51, and Paul Robbins g60** will be followed with "A conversation with Kesler, Pannell, and Robbins." These three former YFC leaders became friends here and have given years of service to Christ-centered education and Christian publishing.
- Other activities include:
  - Open House for the Resource Center
  - Historical Fort Wayne campus films
  - Identify archive photos
  - Skype stations to reconnect with alumni not able to attend
  - Campus-wide scavenger hunt



### Editor's Note:

See enclosed Homecoming flyer or go online for more information and to register for Homecoming 2014 at <http://fw.taylor.edu>.

Do we have your email address to send you updates?



### Class of 1995

**Joe Boway g95** went to Monrovia in March to participate in the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Liberian Children's Ministry. When Joe started this ministry in 2004, they began with one school and 36 children. Today, through the blessing of the Lord, there are 12 schools serving over 3,400 children. Seventy-five percent of the children are from un-churched backgrounds. In the last three years, over 800 school-age children and their parents have been baptized in the rural Lutheran churches of Liberia. Joe (when not in Liberia), his wife Glendora, and their two boys live in Fort Wayne and are involved in the New Life Lutheran Church.

### Class of 1998

**Shawn Hicks g98** is now the Quality Manager for North American Communications in Duncanville, PA.

### Class of 1999

Elliot Wesley Conner was born on January 7, 2014 to **Matt g99** and Lindsay **Conner**. He weighed 9 lbs. and was 22 in. long. The Conners live in Nashville, TN where Matt is a full-time writer.

### Class of 2000



**Dawn (Renkenberger) g00** and Jon Crandall welcomed Rhett William Crandall, born March 25, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21

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in. long. In addition to birthing a baby, Dawn has been offered a three-book contract with Whitaker House Publishing for her historical romantic suspense series. If you'd like to stay attuned to what's going on concerning the book in the next year, you can follow her Facebook author page at [facebook.com/dawncrandallwritesfirst](https://www.facebook.com/dawncrandallwritesfirst).

**Mander Prater g00** is now the Donation and Shipping Coordinator for Nehemiah Vision Ministries in Indiana and Haiti. He is also a short-term mission team leader for the organization.

### Class of 2001

**Susan N. Oberlander-Smith g01** recently was hired by All Star Staffing, where she is in training for six months and then will hire on with Xerox.

**Class of 2002**

**Danielle (Hettinger) fs02** and Manuel Morales are pleased to announce the birth of Melina Kaye Morales, born January 1, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 22 in. long. She is welcomed by Ariana, 10, Ivy, 8, and Matias, 3.

**Class of 2003**



**Faith (Pinnick) g03** and David Hettesheimer got married December 30, 2013 at Life Church at South Mountain in Phoenix, AZ. The wedding party included **Lacy (Pinnick) Salisbury g09** and Elizabeth Riddle. The Hettesheimers live in Chandler, AZ.



**Jaime (Roberts) g03** married Justin Jamison on June 8, 2013. They currently live in Sidney, OH along with their two children, Logan, 13, and Emma, 10. Jaime works at Dorothy Love Retirement Community as a nursing assistant, and she is working on getting her nursing degree.

**Class of 2004**

**10th Class Reunion at Homecoming!**

**Class of 2005**



**Julia (Beange) g05** and Gentry Stickel welcomed their second daughter, Rebekah Natalie Genean on May 25, 2013. Rebekah weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

## Alumni Serve Together on STM Team

In connection with New York Is Calling, several alumni led a group of 38 adults and students, including their children, from Grabill Missionary Church to New York City and Newark.

The group consisted of **Kelley Sewell g01**, **Greg Carlyle g92**, **Cindy (Sauder) Kimm g85** and her daughter, **Abi Kimm g14**, along with several other children of both Fort Wayne and Upland campus alumni.



**Joshua Lee g02**, on staff with Metro World Child, shared with the group his involvement in the inner city and their Sidewalk Sunday School program.

The iServe event provided the students and adults with a five-day experience to support the mission of local church plants and missionaries; staff volunteer-starved NYC ministry organizations; host children, youth, and seniors programs; complete light construction work; and learn how to pray for the city's specific needs.

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**Matt g05** and **Tiffany (Gentry) g05 Carrigan** are the proud parents of Elliana Grace, born December 15, 2013. She weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 in. long. She joins big sister Madelyn, 4. The Carrigans live in Fort Wayne.



**Sandy (Koselke) g05** and Jeremy Claus welcomed Molly Evelyn Claus on March 24, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 in. long. Molly joins Anna, 5, Tessa, 4, and Nora, 2.



**Crystal Owen g05** married James Steurer on October 18, 2013. The Steurers are living in Elkhorn, WI. The wedding was officiated by **Rev. Stan Owen g92**, Crystal's dad.

## Class of 2007

**Elizabeth (VandenAvond) Pomeroy g07** graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with her Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling.

**Michael g07** and **Jenn (Logue) g06 Sprunger** are proud to announce the birth of Eden June, born in Dakar, Senegal January 20, 2014. Eden weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 in. long.

**Paul Ziegler g07** married Sarah DeMerchant on June 21, 2008. They now have a little girl, Chloe Jean, born December 18, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19.5 in. long. Paul is a teacher's aide at Bluffton High School in Bluffton, IN. and also works with kids with special needs at Easter Seals Arc.

**Coliss fs07** and Belinda **Wallace** welcomed their fourth child, Coliss Roberto Wallace, Jr., born March 13, 2014. He weighed 7.4 lbs. and was 19 in. long. "Jr." had a 30-cm. head. Coliss is a Fort Wayne fireman.

## Class of 2008

**Asira (Nazarova) g08** and Reji Matthew welcomed Amia Susan on January 11, 2014 in Willoughby, OH. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 in. long.

**Pastor Kent Green g08** continues to enjoy serving as Staff Chaplain at Parkview Regional Medical Center, where he has been for the past two years.

Asher Timothy made his way into the world on November 27, 2013. He is the son of **Matt fs08** and **Cassie (Olinghouse) g07 Verhoff**. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. He joins his older sister Evelyn, 2.

## Class of 2009

5th Class Reunion at Homecoming!

**Nina Anderson g09** is working on her MDiv in Practical Theology at Regent University, where she plans to graduate in May 2014. She is also pastoring part-time at a trans-ethnic church in Virginia Beach, VA.

**Shawn Harrison g09** is the new Associate Pastor at Greenville Alliance Church (C&MA) in Greenville, OH. He started there in October 2013. Shawn and Emily and their children recently relocated to Greenville from St. Mary's, OH.

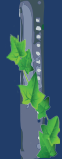
**Kimberly Marshall g09** married Luke Schutt on October 20, 2012. The Schutts currently live in Fort Wayne.

**Matt g09** is a freelance videographer and **Natalie (Myers) g11 Mills** is the Audience Development Manager for the Millennial team at Moody Publishers in Chicago, IL where the couple lives.





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**Candace (Hart) g09** and **Benjamin Moore g11** announce the birth of Elle Kay, born November 12, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 in. long.

**Amy Raymond g09** is now the resident hall director of Bonzel Hall at the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne.



**Megan g09** and Michael **Woodcraft** are thrilled to announce the birth of Lanakai Caravelle who was born March 21, 2014. She weighed 4 lbs. 15 oz. and was 17 in. long. She has two big sisters – AnaLeigh, 5 and Leilani, 2. They live in Hometown, IN.

### Class of 2010

**Christopher C. Kuehnlenz g10** married Paula Joy Wilson on July 27, 2013. Chris currently works at Lourdes Noureen McKeen nursing home/assisted living as a dietary aid and is pursuing his ordination with the C&MA. His wife is in her second year as a TA while she works on her Masters in English Literature at Florida Atlantic University.

### Class of 2011

**Becky Blomenberg g11** is now a copy editor for Annie's Publishing, a craft publisher in Berne, IN.

## Memorials:

**Kevin Hagelin**, a former faculty member, passed away on June 9, 2007 at age 53. He was the loving husband of Cindy and devoted father of Matthew. Kevin received his Master's Degree in History from the University of Michigan. He taught history at various local schools. Kevin also owned and operated a model railroad business.

**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!





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The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center loves to give **FREE** stuff, and we do this often by providing the *FW Vine*, our semi-annual magazine you’re reading right now, along with the *FW Falcon*, our e-newsletter with stories featuring alumni with news and information you care about.

We provide reunions, meeting and retreat space, transcripts, and alumni gatherings for you to connect and celebrate friendships, life events (births, jobs, promotions, marriages, and even home goings), and common memories.

While we love giving **FREE** services and resources, these things are not really **FREE**, as we pay for staff, rent, utilities, printing, and postage. This is where we need everyone to give, so we can continue *Caring, Connecting, and Celebrating* **FREELY**.

Please consider a gift of at least \$10 to the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center’s Fund by May 31. It will be matched by our friends from Poorman’s Heating & Air. If you’re able to give more, please do to help us reach our budget need. You may make your gift online with the link below or using the enclosed envelope. Thank you!



**Your gifts, no matter the amount, are appreciated and needed for us to continue our ministry of *Caring, Connecting, and Celebrating!***

**<http://fw.taylor.edu/support/giving.shtml>**

## Facebook Page Passes Milestone

On Saturday, March 22, the 1,000<sup>th</sup>, 1,001<sup>st</sup>, and 1002<sup>nd</sup> persons liked our FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center page, which we started on August 17, 2010.

According to an article in *TechCrunch*, “only 23 percent of Facebook fan pages have 1,000 or more fans.”

“We are thrilled to have this many alumni, former staff and faculty, and friends who have hit the ‘LIKE’ button on our page,” said **Michael**

**Mortensen, g91**, director of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

The page contains archival pictures, event promotions, and occasional contests. It is also a place where we put the latest news, links to our webpages, and notices, in order to get the word out quickly to those alumni who have Facebook accounts.

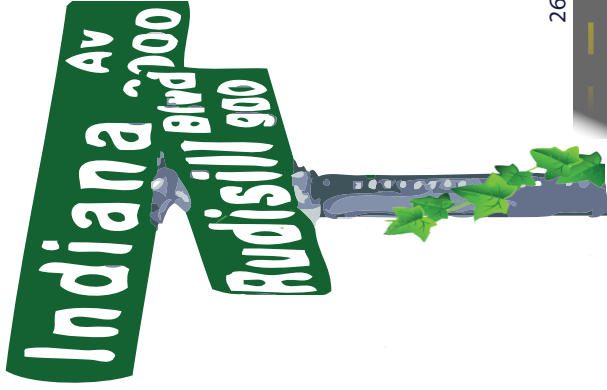
If you have ideas about how we can make it more interactive

with our mission to *care, connect, and celebrate*, please email your suggestions to [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu).





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