



*His Dream Lives On*

When I returned to campus in June 1997 as the assistant director of development, I learned my friend and former mentor, **Dr.**

**Randall Dodge g81**, along with Verleash Jones, were leading a newly-developed Samuel Morris Scholars Program, named after the former African prince who attended Taylor when it was still located in Fort Wayne in the late 1800s.

The program gave students who had no history of college completion in their family, inadequate educational preparation, and/or significant financial need an opportunity to get a Christ-centered college education at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW).

That June the first cohort of students was arriving on campus to begin six weeks of transitioning to college. While they studied, they also went on field trips for fun and learning. Welcoming these students for six weeks to campus became one of my favorite summer activities.

It was thrilling to see several of these students overcome multiple challenges with the helpful tutelage of Dr. Dodge and Mrs. Jones and with assistance from **Megan (Smith) Stiver g97** and Yvette Jones.

During Homecoming 2016, we welcomed several of these students, now alumni, back to campus. It was exciting to see where God has led them since graduation.

In this issue we are CELEBRATING how God is still using the legacy of Samuel Morris and these students to continue impacting our world.

Thank you for standing with us in your prayers and financial support as we finish another calendar year and look forward to serving you with joy in 2017.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,



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The Fort Wayne campus was founded in 1904 as the Fort Wayne Bible Training School. It was renamed Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College, and later became Taylor University Fort Wayne. Founded in 1846, Taylor University is one of America's oldest Christian liberal arts colleges. Over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students from 42 states and 30 foreign countries attend Taylor, where majors in 61 fields of study are available.

**Editor's Note:** A delegation of Taylor representatives traveled to Liberia for the Samuel Morris Center dedication. Go to this link for the story with pictures: <https://fw.taylor.edu/news/witnessing-the-return-of-samuel-morris-back-to-liberia>



## Taking Samuel Morris Home

Michael D. Mortensen g91

The statue of Samuel Morris sharing God's Word stood in front of Witmer Hall for almost 20 years.

Now, it stands in Greenville, Liberia, not far from where Samuel Morris was raised.

Students often "dressed" the statue for special occasions or simply took their photos with this legendary African prince from Liberia. Sammy, as he was known on campus, escaped captivity and came to America, where he became a student at Taylor University in late 1891.

Revival would break out wherever he would go. Sadly, his life was cut short at age 20 when he died of pneumonia, as he was unaccustomed to Indiana's harsh winters.

Newspaper accounts say people lined the streets and that Morris's burial in Lindenwood Cemetery was attended by the largest crowd ever during that time. In nothing short of a miracle, God would save financially struggling Taylor with memorial dollars that were given at Morris's funeral and through the selling of Thaddeus Reade's book, *Samuel Morris*, sold for \$1. In the book *Samuel Morris*, Morris was said

to be "a divinely sent messenger of God" to Fort Wayne and Taylor.

A little over 100 years later, his legacy continued to touch lives through the Samuel Morris Scholars program domiciled at the Fort Wayne campus.

Fast forward to 2006! **Taylor University** and the **Sinoe County Association in the Americas** agreed to take the story of Samuel Morris back to Liberia. In May 2016, the soon-to-be-finished Samuel Morris Educational Resource Center was dedicated.

With the addition of partners **Ambassador Enterprises** and **Northwest Nazarene University**, The Samuel Morris Scholars Program in Liberia has now expanded to three counties in Liberia. Digital classrooms have been set up in 11 schools and one university. Over 450 laptops have been deployed with the latest software for learning math and other subjects.

God is still using the Samuel Morris story to accomplish something special - his dream lives on.

Samuel Kaboo Morris  
1873 - 1893  
Native of Sinoe County, Liberia  
Famous Christian mystic  
Apostle of simple faith  
Exponent of the Spirit-filled life  
Student of Taylor University, Indiana, 1892-3  
His story discovered by SCAA member Elijah J. Tereh, 1897  
SCAA/Taylor University Partnership formed, 2006  
Sculpture designated for the Morris Center  
by  
Taylor University and Jamey Schmitz family, 2016  
Dedicated to the inspiration of all of Liberia  
26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

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## Samuel Morris – Still Impacting Lives

By Dr. Randall Dodge g81

In 1997, students who could only dream of going to college found their dreams coming true as *The Samuel Morris Scholars Program* was initiated on the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University.

“The SMS program was *the* deciding factor in bringing me to TUFW,”

**Heather (Neilson)**

**Burgette g04**, the oldest of eight children, explained. “Without it, I would not have attended.”

The Lilly Endowment challenged private colleges to create and support opportunities for more Indiana residents to succeed in college and remain in the State of Indiana upon graduation from college. A grant was made to Taylor for \$3.147 million to develop scholarships and support programs for low-income and/or first-generation college students from Indiana. The program honored **Samuel Morris**, Prince Kaboo of Africa, who forever changed Taylor University when he entered the university in December 1891.

After fulfilling the criteria of either needing financial assistance or being the first

in the family to pursue a four-year college degree, potential students were required to meet Taylor University’s admissions standards and complete an intensive, six-week Summer Bridge Program on the Fort Wayne campus. Success in the summer program was a pre-requisite for continuation as a full-time student on the Fort Wayne campus in the fall semester. Twenty-five or more new Samuel Morris Scholars enrolled in the Summer Bridge Program each year from 1997 to 2001.



*Summer Bridge - working together to learn skills.*

The summer program included college-readiness proficiency tests and completion of six or seven credit hours of coursework with a variety of personal, social, and spiritual support programs. Students learned about college expectations, effective study habits, self-discipline, and teamwork. Courses like biblical literature, taught by **Dr. Roger Ringenberg g69**, exposed students to the demands of college-level academics.

Activities like the Escape to Reality ropes course helped stretch students and build trust as a team. On Sundays, many of the Samuel Morris Scholars attended church together as group, visiting a different

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church each week in the Fort Wayne area. Every Samuel Morris Scholar wrote a paper about the life of Samuel Morris and read it aloud at the gravesite of Samuel Morris in Fort Wayne's Lindenwood Cemetery.

By the start of the fall semester, these students had grown together as a team, been stretched in their faith, become familiar with the city of Fort Wayne, learned about Taylor University, and gotten a few credit hours of coursework under their belts.

Altogether, 141 students received a Samuel Morris Scholarship and attended Taylor University Fort Wayne between 1997 and 2005. God's faithfulness was evident in both trials and celebrations. The Samuel Morris Scholars program was a boost to the Fort Wayne campus and to the lives of the students it touched.

"Without the Samuel Morris program I would not be where I am today," **Josephine (Koelling) Long g02** said. "The program taught me how to study [and] work hard and that this dedication pays off." Josephine has gone on to get her master's, an associate's, half of her doctorate, and is now working on another bachelor's.

At a recent reunion gathering, many of the Samuel Morris Scholars returned to



*The Samuel Morris Scholars from the Class of 1998.*

share what God has been doing in their lives. Some brought spouses and children and many brought stories of accomplishment in ministry and calling. Everyone gave thanks to God for using the Samuel Morris Scholars program to open doors and opportunities, and they all saw evidence of the blessings of trusting in the Lord.

"I am and always will be forever grateful for the Samuel Morris Scholars program. I would not have received a degree from the incredible Professional Writing program. I would not have traveled on mission trips and done life with amazing mentors during those four years. Without it, I would not have by my side countless amazing friends who've walked with me through the darkest times and happiest times in my life."

*- Heather (Neilson) Burgette g04*

# CELEBRATE

## Samuel Morris Scholar Profiles

By Sarah (Lachowicz) Young g10

### Terrance Bridges g02

**T**errance Bridges g02 first heard about the Samuel Morris Scholars program as a high school sophomore. Before Taylor, he was already planning to go into full-time ministry, but the opportunity to attend TUFW as part of the Samuel Morris Scholars program helped make those plans a reality.

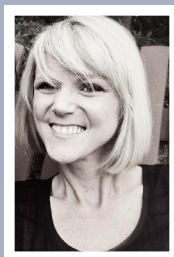


As a student at TUFW, Terrance studied pastoral ministries, served as president of the Taylor Student Organization and the Multicultural Activities Council, and volunteered with the after-school tutoring program and Youth for Christ. He went on to earn a master's from Ball State University, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from Regent University, and a doctorate from Northcentral University.

TUFW's integration of faith and learning equipped Bridges for intercultural relations and has helped him promote integration, rather than separation, in the Kingdom of God. He now works as a consultant for the Center for Congregations providing resources for churches of all denominations across Indiana.

### Megan (Wood) Bell g02

**W**hen Megan (Wood) Bell g02 graduated high school, she didn't know what she wanted to do next. She had plans to go to IPFW, but her GPA and her confidence were low. Less than a month after she learned about the Samuel Morris Scholars program, she was living on campus at TUFW. While there, she studied youth ministry and psychology and worked in the Lehman Library and as a student ambassador for the Alumni Council.



Today, Bell has a master's in library science from IUPUI and she works as a reference librarian for Allen County Public Library. She and her husband, Steve, have two young children, Brooks (5) and Maggie (2).

Bell wholeheartedly believes the Samuel Morris Scholars program changed the direction of her life: "My financial situation wouldn't have allowed me to attend TUFW otherwise. God got me pointed in the right direction with the program. I was wandering around aimlessly with no future goals. The program boosted my confidence and desires for something more."

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**Editor's Note:** What is your story? If you were a Samuel Morris Scholar, we would hear how this program impacted your life. Email us your story at [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu).

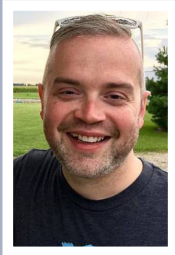
## Brandon Hall g03

**B**randon Hall g03 was a first-generation college student from a low-

income family when he started at TUFW. He was also a 21st Century Scholar, which provided him with additional financial aid, but the Samuel Morris Scholars program allowed him to have a great college experience without the financial strain. His wife, **Nicole (Lemberg fs05)**, was also a Samuel Morris Scholar.

While at TUFW, Hall studied youth ministry, and he now works as a health coach and as a provider complaint and appeals analyst with Aetna.

Hall is grateful for his time at TUFW: “The Samuel Morris Scholars program helped me to have the experience I needed and wanted; it opened up my eyes and world to the diversity of the world outside of my small town and allowed me to build relationships with people I never would have if I had gone somewhere else.”

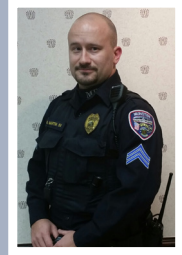


## Nathan Morris g04

**N**athan Martin g04 grew up in a family that was

financially limited, with only the bare necessities, often getting groceries from people at church and food pantries. Had it not been for the Samuel Morris Scholars program, “college probably wouldn’t have been a serious contemplation for me,” he says.

This scholarship and one from the Indiana Police Corps provided more than a college education and provided more than a scholarship—they provided a calling. Martin is now in his twelfth year of full-time law enforcement. He is now a supervisor and has been assigned to the District One Task Force and is on the SWAT team. All of that started with the Samuel Morris Scholarship.



## New Alumni Directory Planned for Spring

The Alumni Center is partnering with the Alumni Office at Taylor and Publishing Concepts to do another alumni directory, something we have not produced since 2003. We will have a Fort Wayne section in the book. You are asked to call 866-554-3061 to confirm your information. They will ask you if you’d like to buy one (paperbound or electronic)—this is solely up to you. They nor we will sell this information to anyone. We are not being charged

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## Homecoming 2016 Reconnects Alumni

**H**omecoming 2016 was a gorgeous weekend for reconnecting, reminiscing, and rejoicing.

“The energy on campus was electric as nearly 200 came from as far as Japan, Arizona, New York, Hawaii, and Florida,” **Michael Mortensen g91**, director of the Fort Wayne Alumni Center, explained. “It was incredible to sit back and watch what happens when we all work together and see alumni return.”

Thirty-four members of the Class of 1966 including spouses and friends, started their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at nostalgic Halls Restaurant and then squeezed into the Alumni Center, filling the rooms with stories and laughs.

**Greg Ponchot g77**, **Jim Hughes fs85**, **Jason Berkhalter g97**, and the **2002-03 Women’s Basketball Team** were inducted into the Fort Wayne Campus Athletic Hall

of Fame in Eicher Commons. Citations were read, plaques awarded, and responses shared.

Meanwhile, 45 Samuel Morris Scholars including their families, had a reunion cookout with their former leaders, **Dr. Randall Dodge g81** and **Dr. Verleash Jones**, on the new patio in front of the former English Library.

Saturday included a Class of 1966 breakfast and program; a wonderful chapel with **Dr. Heather St. Peters h09**; lunch with former faculty, staff, and alumni; a reunion for PR/ Communications/Marketing majors; and plenty of optional activities including a new Kid’s Zone. The day concluded with a Singspiration and a buffet dinner.

In 2017, Homecoming will become “Reunion Weekend,” where we will focus on hosting class, time-period, and Elementary Education major reunions.

**Mark Your Calendar:** Reunion Weekend 2017 is scheduled for September 22-23!





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## Athletic Hall of Fame Expands & Inducts New Members

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

**A**thletes from four different decades and three sports were added to the Fort Wayne Campus Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 23.

**Greg Ponchot g77, Jim Hughes fs85, Jason Berkhalter g97, and the 2002-03 Women's Basketball Team** were inducted into the fifth Hall of Fame class after a reception and dinner with family and friends in the Eicher Student Commons.

Ponchot played at number one singles in tennis, and he teamed up with **Larry "Sugar Bear" Lewis g76** for number one doubles. Lewis, himself a Fort Wayne Hall of Fame athlete, always considered Ponchot by far the best tennis player in FWBC history.

Hughes played soccer and then coached women and men's basketball. In the fall of 1982 he led the entire nation (NCCAA II) in assists.

Due to a torn ACL, Hughes's soccer playing days came to an end, but he then was lured back in 1984 to help his former coach, Denny Williams. Hughes also coached men's basketball, whose team went back-to-back

to the NCCAA II Regional playoffs in 1989-1990 and 1990-1991, and Hughes was named NCCAA II Regional Coach of the Year.

**Jason "Berk" Berkhalter g97** came to TUFW in 1993-94, his sophomore year. During his three seasons with the Falcons, he scored 2,408 points, corralled 845 rebounds, pilfered opponents 187 times, and blocked 103 shots in 82 games played. No one else in the nation combined scoring-rebounding double-double numbers during the three years Berkhalter played for **Coach Bud Hamilton g68**.

In 2009 Hamilton retired Berkhalter's #52 jersey for his stunning exploits on the hardcourt.

The last inductee for the Class of 2016 included the **2002-03 Women's Basketball team**, represented by several former team members: **Dee Dee Anderson fs06, Megan (Mattson) Blaugh fs06, Cyndi (Lee) Brown g06, Elizabeth Garrasi g06, Amy (Edmonds) Johnson g04, Lori (Evans) Kramer fs05, Joanie (Muhlenkamp) Shirk g06, and Cicely Wright g05**.

This team, led by **Coach Corey Laster g93** and volunteer assistant **Sarita Rubrake g92**, was arguably the best women's basketball team in the school's history, with a sparkling 26-4 record and a fifth-place finish in the USCAA II National Tournament in Auburn, Maine.



*Award recipients from the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2016.*





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### Class of 1950

Make sure you read the heartwarming “*A FWBI Love Story: When Glenn Met Vi*” [(Shupp g50) Repp]. The Repps now live in Duncanville, TX, where Glenn once was the mayor. He now cares for Vi, who had a stroke. Here is the link: [fw.taylor.edu/news/a-fwbi-love-story-when-glenn-met-vi](http://fw.taylor.edu/news/a-fwbi-love-story-when-glenn-met-vi).



### Class of 1951

**Nelson Chamberlin g51** just published his fourth book, entitled *Lazarus ... All Over Again*. This story of his fatal heart attack—he was gone more than ten minutes before CPR brought his heart back to beating again—and recovery is told from the journal entries of his family members. It is a testimony

to faith and the power of prayer. The book, published by FastPencil.com, is available from reputable booksellers.

### Class of 1965

**Roger g65** and Suzanne **Doriot** were in Chicago in early May to attend Moody Bible Institute’s Founder’s Week and to visit friends after several months of ministry in Indonesia.

### Class of 1967

**Brenda Moser g67** taught two weeks of Interpreter Training Sessions (ITS) at La Universidad Seminario Evangelico de Lima (USEL) in Peru in February 2016. Since August 2016, she has been working in Ukraine with Zaporozhye Bible College and Seminary for training, equipping, and sending men and women into a variety of service places.

### Class of 1969

**Helen (McIntosh g69)** and Arden **Steele**, now-retired Serving In Mission Bolivia missionaries, have returned to teach and disciple at the Coachaca Training Center and in their church.

### Class of 1971

**Linda (Stewart g71) Kacena** retired from Wheaton College in February 2016. She served for over 20 years in the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism.

### Class of 1974

**Janet Nickel g74** continues to serve in Sierra Leone and is working to secure funds to support anti-trafficking programs there for another two years.

**Class of 1977**

**Rick Alvis g77** was given the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. This is the highest award the Governor of Indiana can give to a citizen for their "Humanity in Living, Loyalty in Friendship, Wisdom in Council, and Inspiration in Leadership." Rick and Julie, his wife, have faithfully served the homeless and those in need for over 39 years.



**Class of 1980**

**Steve g80 and Sheila (Hilty g82) Harrigan** have started a West Africa War Room to pray for spiritual strongholds, missionaries, and ministering nationals in Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia. They also conducted a prayer walk through Sierra Leone in May 2016. They may be contacted by request via Facebook: facebook.com/groups/westafricanetwork.

**Class of 1981**

**David g81** and Lolly **Erdel** are currently ministering in Ecuador, serving those who experienced the recent earthquake.

**Jean Baumbach g81** continues her Bible translation ministry in Niger, where her team has completed their translation of the New Testament and is excited to begin Old Testament

translation with some assistance from the Seed Company, an organization associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

**Class of 1988**

**Sari (Pafford g88) Harris** and the **Rev. Jeff Lawson g88** will join the Fort Wayne Alumni Council in January 2017. Sari recently accepted a position at Ball State University as the Assistant Director of Teacher Education Services, while Jeff has been named Senior Pastor of Hopewell United Brethren Church north of Fort Wayne.

**Cory Koos g88** is now the Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries at the Albion Church of the Nazarene in Albion, PA, where he is making disciples of children and their parents and teaching them to obey Christ in their homes.

**Tom Olney g88** is now serving as the Congregational Care Pastor at Palm Coast Bible Church. He and his wife, Nadine, now live in Palm Coast, FL.

**Class of 1998**

**Matt g98** and **Stephanie (Ponce g99) Jesch** are ministering with Iglesia Cristo Rey Eterno (Christ the Eternal King Church) in Mexico, where they have started a van pickup ministry, are involved in discipleship ministries, and serve to promote unity among the local churches of Guadalajara.

**Class of 2000**

**Dawn (Renkenberger) Crandall g00** had her fourth novel published by Whitaker House in October 2016. *The Cautious Maiden* is Book 4 in her Everstone Chronicles series. Dawn and her husband, Jonathan, also welcomed a son named Blake, born on June 5, 2016, who joins Rhett, 2. They recently moved to Kendallville, IN. Dawn's blog is dawnrandall.blogspot.com.

**Class of 2002**

**Aaron g03** and **Bobbie (Girod g02) Howley** returned to Uganda on October 17, 2016, for a renewed ministry to the people of Kampala and the surrounding area. Please pray for their peaceful transition to life there.

**Class of 2003**

**Daniel g03** and **Stephanie (Westlake g03) Barthold** welcomed Evan Joseph on Friday, September 23, 2016. He weighed 9 lbs., 7.5 oz., and was 19 in. long.

**Brooke (Wilson g03)** and **Jeff Hartman** announced the birth of their daughter, Havana McInnis, on May 22, 2016.

**Jenni (Edgar g03)** and **Sam Runkle** welcomed their son Matthew James on May 20, 2016. Matthew joins his four older siblings and was 8 lbs., 5.9 oz. and 21 in. long.

### Class of 2004

**Andrea (Perry g04)** and David **Stehrt** joyfully announce the birth of Sarah Lydia on April 22, 2016. She weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. and was 18.5 in. long.

### Class of 2005

**Eric Anderson g05** has returned from teaching in China this past summer at an English Camp.

**Kristin (McDonald fs05)** and Robert **Hacha** welcomed Anthony Jacob on April 20, 2016. He weighed 9 lbs., 15 oz.

### Class of 2006

**Maria (Miller g06)** and Simon **Rawson** added Jonathan Isaac to their family on August 23, 2016. Jonathan weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 21 in. long.

**Heather (Basich g06)** and Eric **Sorg**, along with big brother Urban Robert, welcomed Warren Timothy on April 9, 2016. He was 9 lbs., 5 oz. and 22 in. long.

**Adam g06** and **Jessica (Warriner g07) Turner** welcomed Sadie Jean on June 20, 2016. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 in. long.

**Joey g07** and **Allyssa Graves** welcomed Phineas James on September 17, 2016.



### Class of 2007

**Katy (Jessup g07)** and Andy **Hobbs** joyfully announce the birth of their twins on September 27, 2016. Their daughter, Luca Hobbs, weighed 6 lbs. and their son, Alexander (Xander), weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz.

**Dusty g07** and **April (Selander g07) Mack** and their two sons have left Tokyo after six years of service at Christian Academy in Japan. They currently reside in a suburb of Dallas, TX, near April's brother and his family. April may be contacted through Facebook.

**Gabe g07** and **Kelsey (Crook g07) Schneider** are pleased to announce the birth of Forrest Gabriel on April 13, 2016. He weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz.

**Randis g07** and **Crysta Silas** joyfully welcomed twins on May 6, 2016. Their little boy, Zayden Gregory, was 5 lbs., 5.5 oz., and their little girl, Zaylee Naomi, was 4 lbs.

### Class of 2008

**Cayla (Campbell g08)** and Ryan **Greene** welcomed Rylee Carine on April 14, 2016. Rylee weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 21 in. long.

### Class of 2009

**Jeremy g09** and Sarah **Cates** welcomed Jackson A. Cates on September 25, 2016.

**Andrew g09** and Maria **Culbertson** welcomed Graham Everett on September 26, 2016. He weighed 7.5 lbs. and was 20.5 in. long.

### Memorials

**Helen (Christensen) Clark g43**, 96, passed away on October 4, 2016. She is survived by her husband of 74 years, **Rev. David Clark g43**; four daughters; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Helen served her Lord faithfully both as a missionary in Jamaica for many years, retiring in 1985, and then in her home church, North Point Community.

**Betta (Cripe) Murdick g45** passed away October 7, 2016, at the age of 93.

**LaDonna (Litzenberg) Gerig g48**, 90, passed away June 20, 2016, and her husband, **Donovan g51**, 88, followed her in death on September 27, 2016. Don and LaDonna were married for almost 67 years when she died in June and are survived by two daughters, two sons, fifteen grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie (Cook) Webber fs49** passed away on November 19, 2015. She served alongside her late husband, who she met at FWBI, **Rev. Wayne Webber fs49**, for 42 years in pastoral ministries.

**Harry Warner g50**, 94, went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, and their daughter. His professional career

was spent with Michigan Center Public Schools where he served as a teacher, guidance counselor, and principal before retiring in 1984.

**Rev. Forrest L. “Woody” Plumb fs52** passed away on January 2, 2016. He served as a pastor for 39 years in C&MA ministry.

**Eula (Compton) Shattuck g52** passed away April 23, 2016, at the age of 89. Her husband, **Grant g53**, survives.

**Eileen Wagler g54**, 85, passed away April 16, 2016. Eileen served the Lord as a Coordinator for Community Bible Study (CBS) in Peoria, IL, for many years and was involved in the Gideon ministry.

**John Nichols g55** went home to be with the Lord on June 7, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

**Paul T. Kulp, Sr. g62**, pastor of Wayside Chapel and principal of Wayside Christian School, Boyertown, PA, passed away on October 29, 2016, at the age of 82.

**Phillis (Rice) Sholl g65** entered into the Lord’s presence on April 9, 2016. She is survived by her husband, **Dwight g63**; their three sons; and their six grandchildren; as well as her twin brother, **Phillip Rice g64**, and sister, **Patricia (Rice) Lorenzen fs58**.

**Steve Maride fs66** passed away October 23, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **Linda (Trail g69)**; two children; and four grandchildren. Steve was

active in the music ministry of his church and he possessed an abiding faith in Christ.

**Larry Heidelberg g66** passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior on September 11, 2016. He is greatly missed by his wife, **Naomi (Buckels) g69**. Larry served the Lord faithfully throughout his lifetime in ministry partnership with his church, Pine Hills FEC, and prior to that as a part-time instructor with Taylor University in the Social Services Department.

**Sylvia**, wife of **Otha Aden g69**, passed away April 1, 2016.

**Sherry (Myers) Graber fs69** lost her husband, **John**, on March 15, 2016.

**Karen (Bowers) Emerick g70** went home to be with her Lord on July 18, 2016. Karen was a registered nurse with Lutheran Hospital for 35 years, retiring in 2009. She had a heart for serving the Lord through many mission trips around the world. Karen and her husband were active with high school youth groups for decades. She was a founding member of The Pointe Church, where she also taught Sunday School. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Richard “Dick” Emerick; three children; and two grandchildren.

**Debbie (Rusher) Lehman g74**, 65, went home to be with the Lord on November 3, 2016.

Tim, husband of **Jeanne (Mohr g78) Crafton**, passed away May 1, 2016.

Tim loved the Lord and his family. He was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife and their daughter as well as three lovely granddaughters.

**Michael Needham fs87**, 53, passed into the arms of Jesus on April 26, 2016. He was employed by the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo as a security guard and delivered *The Paper*. He attended Wabash Friends Church, where he also volunteered.

**Laura (Skees) Williams g87**, 52, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 24, 2016. Laura graduated with her degree in counseling. She is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, **Pastor Ron Williams g87**, and her four beautiful children who love and serve the Lord – Dawson, Lydia, Sophia, and Isabella.

**Jonathan Anduaem Michael “Smiles” Mortensen**, son of **Michael g91** and **Christine (LaRue) Mortensen g92**, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on May 2, 2016, after a long struggle with Batten’s Disease. Jonathan blessed the Mortensen home daily with his joyful smiles and is missed greatly by his family.

**Terrance Bridges II** passed away on May 30, 2016. He was the son of **Terrance Bridges g02**.

**Want a reunion?**  
Call or write the Alumni Center  
with your suggestion or idea.

# Your Gift By Dec. 31 Will Be Appreciated!

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

Recently, the Alumni Center was given a newspaper clipping dated back to January 7, 1895. The headline talked about a \$50,000 fund being set up to memorialize the life of Samuel Morris. While he died at only 20, he made such a difference that people lined the streets in Fort Wayne and Lindenwood Cemetery to pay their respects.

One hundred and twenty-three years after his passing, the Alumni Center celebrates having this treasure among others, but more importantly, we continue serving and caring for our alumni. Most recently, during Homecoming 2016 we had our own Samuel

Morris Scholars reunion, where alumni returned to the campus, some for the first since they graduated, with others here from the Class of 1966 and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Combining our archive work with caring for our alumni by connecting and celebrating encourages, challenges, and inspires as we come back together in person or virtually. It's important to remember this place and our relationships.

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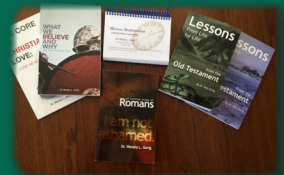
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