

fwv
fort wayne vine



Many of you have heard me say I came to the Fort Wayne campus in 1970, "and I tell you that so you know that I am at least that old." Literally, I did come in 1970, carried by either my late mom, **Fran h97**, or dad, **Phil Mortensen g74**, since I was only one year old.

Over the years, I spent a lot of time here playing in the Founders gym while my dad was in class, digging in the clay behind the old backstop near Wiebke House or even taking Homiletics with my dad and **Dr. Bob "Blessings my Brother" Strubhar g36** while I majored in coloring.

As I grew older, Dad, then pastor of Fellowship Bible Church, would bring me to CS Assignment Day. Students met with individuals from various churches and organizations to select their CS Assignment for the semester or year. Do you remember this?

How could I forget my dad talking on and on with the students? How could I forget the students, who now remind me they "babysat" me as a child? How could I forget **Joy Gerig g52 & 66** with that contagious laughter and **Dick Baxter g70**, with those plaid jackets and his mustache forever etched in my mind, who cared so much for the students?

Little did I know how special these two people would become as I grew into adulthood, serving Fort Wayne alumni with them until the recent home-going of Joy. It is truly remarkable to look back at the impact Joy and Dick made through the Christian Service Department here and around the country.

In this issue, we will focus on this unique slice of life called "CS Assignments" here at the Fort Wayne campus, whether at FWBI, FWBC, SCC and even with TUFW through Taylor World Outreach. We dedicate this issue to you Joy. Thank you for your life of service and mentoring. Our lives will never be the same.

We Care...We Celebrate!



Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friend Relations
mcmortensen@taylor.edu

FW Vine is published regularly for Fort Wayne Campus alumni and friends by the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center and the Taylor University Office of University Relations and Marketing. Copyright ©2012 Taylor University*.

Send address corrections and mailing updates to:
Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center, 915 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807, or call (260) 744-8790.
E-mail: alumnifw@taylor.edu or online at fw.taylor.edu

Opinions expressed by individuals in this publications do not necessarily reflect the views of Taylor University*.

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 46 states and 24 foreign countries attend Taylor, where majors in 50 fields of study are available.

fw



Alumni Reflect on "Christian Service" & Taylor World Outre



Joy Gerig

A Pioneering Leader of Influence.



Survey Helps Shape Future

Your opinion counts.



Alumni News & Notes

Updates and announcements from fellow alumni.

Joy Gerig

A Pioneering Leader of Influence

By Dr. Jay Platte g69 and Dick Baxter g70



Joy Gerig g52 and g66 was truly a Godly woman ahead of her time who deeply touched thousands of lives of students, faculty and administrators.

Due to her position and longevity, she uniquely interacted with nearly every student to walk on the Fort Wayne campus from the late 1950s until her retirement in 1990. Her influence continued as she mentored TUFW students until 2009 and served as an Emerita member on the Alumni Council until her passing on March 9, 2012.

Although she often talked about coming to the campus as a young girl and later as a student, she really came to stay in the late 50s when she began shepherding young women in Bethany Hall and then mentoring all students when she was hired as the first full-time director of the Christian Service Department in 1961 (acting director in 1959).

Administratively, Joy took the Christian Service Department from a random assignment of activities as student pastors, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, Child Evangelism teachers, nursing home workers and jail workers to an organized program coordinated with academic departments.

Each student was counseled, evaluated and held accountable for the work he or she was doing in the field. Joy's attention to the individual was thorough. It was instructive to the students, but also to the church leaders who were sometimes lax in evaluating and supporting the students in their charge.

Many of Joy's colleagues had external service programs, but the fieldwork experiences developed by Joy and later in partnership with **Dick Baxter g70** were models ahead of their time. Through her leadership, practical work experiences were eventually seen as an essential part of an undergraduate program by Christian colleges and universities across the nation.

Early in 1980, the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC) requested Joy and Dick give leadership to forming a professional association for Christian Service personnel where leaders could strengthen their programs through professional development and resource sharing.

One of Joy's major accomplishments was when the AABC approved and accepted a major revision of their standards for evaluating Christian Service programs Joy and Dick and the professional association for Christian Service personnel submitted. These standards remain for all Bible colleges seeking accreditation today.

Joy devoted her life to discipling students toward Christian maturity. Her door—no matter the hour—was always open to students seeking counsel.



Joy taught students to plan, prepare, deliver, evaluate, interact, follow-up and pray for those with whom they were involved.

Joy also advised Youth Conference committee members for more than 15 years, teaching them the scope of their tasks and helping them follow through with responsibilities. Many have testified to the significance of this accountability in their transition from adolescent ministry to adult ministry (see pages four and five).

Another hallmark for Joy was her work taking performing groups to a new level. She developed a handbook that oriented students to procedures, expectations, and even platform conduct and manners.

For many years, four to six groups were each sent out three weekends per month. Each group was given detailed travel instructions and program outlines for the weekend, requiring hours of correspondence and calls by the Christian Service staff.

In 1965, Joy and **Paul Robbins g60** developed the concept of a choral ensemble

that could increase the college's recognition.

The **Singing Collegians** accomplished that goal for several years, singing in numerous community events, a half-hour Christmas television special, two LP albums, a trip to Jamaica for the 8th International Congress of Youth For Christ, and a coast-to-coast summer tour in 1968.

It is remarkable that all of this was accomplished in a time when women were infrequent leaders in academic and church arenas. Joy seemed to move graciously among leaders, but she held her ground when it was important to do so. By not making an issue of gender and by doing her work with excellence, she was able to become a respected innovator.

Her goal was to be faithful to her God-given calling, a focus that remained with her even in her final days as she blessed those who visited and cared for her.

Joy, thank you for reminding us that "only one life 'twill be past. Only what's done for Christ will last," and "For all this we have Jesus."

Editor's Note: Additional pictures and significant development in the Christian Service Department can be found in a new Distinguished Campus Servants section on our website: fw.taylor.edu/distinguished-servant. To go directly to this page, scan this QR code with your smart phone.



Alumni Reflect on "Christian Service"

By Michael D. Mortensen g91



One of the hallmarks of the Fort Wayne campus through the years was students completing "Christian Service Assignments" or volunteering through Taylor World Outreach locally and abroad. The common denominators through the years were **Joy Gerig g52 & g66**, the pioneering director of Christian Service, and her protégé, the **Rev. Dick Baxter g70**, who worked with Gerig until her retirement in 1990 and then continued to his retirement in 2007. Together, Gerig and Baxter served more than 68 years. Here are some reflections of their students who volunteered in churches, the community and around the world.

"Joy was responsible for arranging my first Christian Service assignment. We met to discuss possibilities and areas of interest. Joy suggested that I try out a Good News Club

in the central part of Fort Wayne. I had never had an inner city experience, nor had I ever had experience working with a group of diverse children. That Christian Service assignment and the direction and encouragement Joy provided during the year set in place my vocational direction. After graduation, God provided me with the opportunity to spend 38 wonderful years working in the area of community social work with children and families as my area of specialty. What a difference that assignment has made in my life. I have always been, and will continue to be, thankful and grateful for God bringing Joy Gerig and the Christian Service assignment that changed my concept of ministry into life."

-**John R. Garner g**
Fort Wayne, IN

"My Christian Service Assignment was with the YFC Youth Guidance program. Young middle school boys were referred to the program by the juvenile court system. I volunteered with a small group of boys doing activities and games and sharing Biblical truths in creative ways. There was this quiet kid named Dale. The YFC staff told me to spend as much time as possible with him since his father had just committed suicide. I was never really sure if I was doing anything really meaningful, but we seemed to bond. I spent many evenings at his house, and he spent some weekends at the dorm hanging with us guys. I lost track of him when I left the state, but he did mail me a wedding invitation a few years later. It was this service opportunity where the Lord gave me such a heart for kids."

-**Gordy Smith g78**,
Coon Rapids, Minn.



"I met Joy Gerig at our CS Retreat, a prerequisite for any groups being sent out as Ambassadors of FWBC. Besides her infectious laugh, I will always remember her lecture to us on 'proper behavior' for young ladies, and gentlemen being guests in churches and homes. One infamous line from her booklet became a mantra throughout that year: 'Please refrain from discussing subjects that may be considered rude, crude or gross!'"

-**Debbie VanDeusen, g77**,
Chapin, South Carolina

"One thing I will always remember as a young student going to a Christian Student class was that she taught for the girls. She mentioned that our walk with Christ should be constant. It should be daily, 'minute-by-minute abiding.' She mentioned about there being a 'constant second track' going on in her mind through her days that consisted of her talking with the Lord. She wanted our walks with Him to be real and intimate and to be more than just having a 'quiet time.' Thank you, Joy, for encouraging us as young women that He should be our first love."

-**Debbie (Gavranic) Kirk g94**
North Liberty, Iowa

"While I was studying abroad with TU in Ireland, God made it clear that I was to go with Taylor World Outreach (TWO) on a mission trip to Shell, Ecuador. To be honest, I knew nothing about the country or what the trip would entail. I just knew I had to go. Little did I know that two years later I would return to Ecuador to serve missionary children for two years with the Nate Saint School. God also used my experience in Ecuador to prepare me for a three year commitment to serve in Costa Rica with my husband. Prior to these trips, I had no knowledge of what missionaries did or anything about mission trips, in general. Praise God for the opportunity he gave me with TWO and for how He is going to continue to use those experiences to bring others to Christ."

-**Eileen (Clayton) Cantrell g05**
Indianapolis, Ind



Survey helps shape future

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

Your opinion counts!

Early in 2012, a link was published in the *FW Falcon*, our monthly e-newsletter, on Facebook, and then again in a separate e-mail, asking Fort Wayne campus alumni and friends to complete a five to seven minute survey. Response was good, yet we realize we only have about 50 percent of your e-mail addresses.

The 20 question survey asked for feedback on multiple topics pertaining to the past, present and future of the Fort Wayne campus and the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

Specifically, the Alumni Council wanted to learn about the most meaningful aspects of your time here, the last time you were on campus or in the Resource Center, the things what would draw you back, as well as your thoughts about the website, the FW Online Store, the publications, gatherings/reunions and services/resources we provide.

The initial results are positive and helpful, yet our Council would like to increase the percentage of those responding to this brief survey because **your opinion counts**, and our future programs, events and publications will be guided by the results.

Currently, more TUFW alumni have taken the survey than FWBC alumni. With many more years of history, we are hoping additional FWBC alumni will take the survey now. It was encouraging to see a solid percentage of SCC alumni completing the survey.

Thus far, we have learned from you that the most meaningful aspect of your time here was your education,



friendships and time with faculty and staff, which is not surprising. Other areas were ranked, too, which you can see on the survey.

at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FWResourceCenter>.

Forty percent of responders have not been back on campus in four or more years and even fewer have been in the Resource Center. But at least 57 percent said they would like to return for a class reunion, event or a meeting with a group of friends.

At least 66 percent of respondents visit the Resource Center website (www.fwtaylor.edu) occasionally or more often and we see that the first destination is the News Notes section. Sixty-seven

percent read the News Notes, but only five percent submit them online.

You seem to like the News stories and the Archive Vault, but I know we need to add additional younger pictures, videos and documents. This is where we need younger alumni to help us identify names, events and years.

It appears the *FW Falcon* e-newsletter is as appreciated as the *FW Vine* mini-magazine. Facebook is also a popular way for alumni and friends to connect. We're seeing "likes" and comments increase monthly, yet only about 50 percent of Americans actually use Facebook.

From a cost stand point, we need to reduce our publication of the *FW Vine* to twice a year because it costs at least \$5,000 per issue to design, print and mail. The challenge is e-mails can be easily missed or deleted with the proliferation of e-mails being sent today. Any suggestions?

You clearly communicated an interest in social events with little programming where we give you plenty of time to talk. The Alumni Council event team is taking this into account as we plan *Fort Wayne Celebrates!* (see back inside page) and other upcoming summer events.

In terms of your needs, you appreciate the events/reunions, free transcripts and the FW Alumni Volunteer Prayer team prayer team praying for you. My hope is that the Alumni Dependent Scholarship dollars will benefit you more in the future.

Several of you indicated your interest in joining the Volunteer Prayer team. We need your e-mail addresses. Others want to help with events or volunteer at the Resource Center. Finally, several said they would financially partner with us in some way. Ultimately, your time, talent and treasures are needed for us to continue caring for Fort Wayne alumni and to celebrate the legacy of impact this campus and our alumni have made through the years.

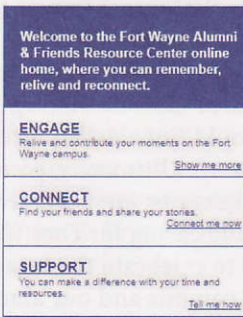


To take this five to seven minute survey, scan this QR code with your smart phone or go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FWResourceCenter>.

“Support” comes in many forms through web

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center website continues to be a destination designed to care in part for Fort Wayne campus alumni and to celebrate the legacy of impact the Fort Wayne campus and its alumni have made here and abroad.



The first and second sections, “Engage” and “Connect,” assist alumni through various features and tools.

The third section, “Support,” provides more than just online giving opportunities, which is important especially as we approach the end of the fiscal year on May 31. As of this publication, we have received or had pledged \$49,824 towards our \$60,000 goal. Unless designated otherwise, all gifts given to the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center come to benefit Fort Wayne programs, events and staff, even though they are received by Taylor University.

Support comes in multiple forms because Christians are instructed to give their time, talent and treasure. Since the Resource

Center opened in June 2009, more than 12,000 volunteer hours have been donated to answer the phone and door, help in the office organizing and sending mailings, identify and digitize items and host events throughout the area.

Another key way to support the ministry of the Resource Center is to serve on the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Volunteer Prayer Team under the leadership of Violet “Ma” Ringengberg g45. Currently, 22 people from Hawaii to Indiana serve on this vital team, praying for the requests that come in almost daily from alumni, friends and Taylor faculty and staff members.

Finally, alumni and friends can support the Resource Center through purchases at our FW Online Store. The store features FWBC, SCC and TUFW apparel, books by Fort Wayne authors, collectibles, CDs and DVDs. Check out the latest selections today at fw.taylor.edu/store. Our volunteers add to this collection monthly. These sales help us not only pay for the items, but also fund extra projects and buy needed equipment and software for the Resource Center.

Editor’s Note:

If you would like to volunteer to be on the Prayer Team, email alumnifw@taylor.edu.

Where are they now?

Don Hamm continues ministry in retirement

by Michael D. Mortensen g91

Hundreds of students and virtually all Fort Wayne campus faculty or staff during the 80s and 90s were helped by Rev. Don Hamm, former director of student personnel, then personnel director and later director of the physical plant.

After retiring from TUFW in 2002, Hamm became pastor of Statewood Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, helping it grow from 30 to 85 to 90. He also traveled to Decatur, Ind., during this time to represent his church at a Social Security meeting.

There, he met a woman who worked for former Indiana Senator Mike Pence. After the meeting, Hamm went to ask this woman a question, and in the course of the conversation, Hamm says, "she asked if I would be willing to meet her mother (Diane Kreter)," who also had been widowed.

Her daughter said, "She will only date a dedicated Christian."

"I told her I was a Pastor at Statewood Baptist, and would that be good enough?" Hamm asked with a chuckle. I contacted Diane later by email, and after three weeks, I got up the nerve to call her, and we met at Bob Evans. After about six months, Don and



Diane were married at Statewood Baptist Church May 1, 2004.

Diane had just built a new home in Alexandria, Ind., so Don sold his home in Fort Wayne, and they moved there to be closer to Diane's mother and her family. Now, they head up the Keenager Program at Grace Baptist Church in Anderson, Ind., where several "seniors" from various congregations come together on Tuesdays for fellowship, fun and a gospel message Don often provides. Don is also in charge of the greeter program at his church, and he leads Bible studies at two retirement communities.

Recently, Don visited the Resource Center, where he appreciated seeing some friends and the great work being done. He reflected, "My 20 years at the Fort Wayne campus were wonderful years, and I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to meet such wonderful people and make a contribution to the cause of Christ. I shall never forget my experience and the great times I enjoyed there."

Editor's Note:

Don would love to hear from you. His email address is ddhamm914@gmail.com.

news notes

Submit News Notes items to alumnifw@taylor.edu, call the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center at (260) 744-8790, or mail to FW Vine, 915 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Do you receive our monthly newsletter, the *FW Falcon*? Contact the Resource Center to add your email address to our list.

Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53 recently was hospitalized with chest pains. She has been busy caring for her husband, Dr. Ivan (Pete) Peterson who is currently being treated for cancer.

Howard Moser g61 recently had hip replacement surgery in Chicago. He and **Ruth (Ringenberg) g61** have been serving as missionaries in Villagarcia in Northwest Spain.

Sharon (Beitler) Mattern g69 and her husband Charles continue to work and minister in Globe, Ariz. They have been serving the Lord in music and at the annual Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church.

Helen (McIntosh) Steele g69 and her husband, Arden, have been with SIM, serving in Bolivia, South America since 1977. Helen teaches first grade at Carachipampa Christian School – the school she went to as a MK. The couple has been blessed with the birth of their 12th grandchild this year, and they praise God for continuing to use them and their children and their families in Christian ministries.

John Cornell g76 retired from Alvin Independent School District after serving for 30 years as an elementary counselor. John and his wife, Susan, are now moving to Burleson, TX, to be near their children, grandchildren, and extended family.

Rev. Randy g77 and Eunice (Keifer) Oser g73 (formerly Yearling) were married October 29, 2011, at Westview Alliance Church. Randy and Eunice are living in Payne, OH.

Skip Kite g80 continues his ministry with Eternal Impact. Last month he gave workshops “How to Counsel for Salvation” and “The Salvation Message.” He is presented. He has presented, two school chapels, two children’s meetings, two ministry presentations, four adult Bible studies and one preaching engagement. Skip and Rosie live in Salem, NJ with their children Amanda, Jessie and Caleb.

Don g81 and **Rachel (Weber) g79 Kramer** serving in Taiwan have recently taken on a new role. Don is now the C&MA Taiwan Team Leader. The Kramers may be reached at donrachtaiwan@yahoo.com.

Bill and **Holly (Miller) Kollenbaum g81** have moved back to Florida, after four years in Hawaii, to be closer to grandchildren and care for Holly's mom who is 86 years old. They built a home in Brooksville, Fla., and are raising hay. Holly quit teaching and is getting licensed to sell health insurance.

Craig g83 and **Peggy (Bearss) Vincent fs83** recently completed two years as Executive Director of Streamside Camp & Conference Center where they are serving as missionaries with BCM International in Stroudsburg, Penn. Alumni can follow their blog at www.streamside.org.

Graham g88 and **Lori (Fazio) g86 West** recently returned from serving overseas. They were able to help establish a SIM/Sports Friends sports ministry office in Southeast Asia to intentionally and strategically share Christ in that region of the world through sports. Graham has

returned to serving full-time with the Charlotte Eagles, but will stay connected with the ongoing work in Southeast Asia.

Alan and **Cheri (Patton) She g93**, with Josiah and Nathaniel moved in January to Liberia, West Africa, as full time missionaries. Alan will work the area of radio and electrical engineering for Christian Radio ELWA while Cheri plans to raise their sons and assist at the ELWA Academy.

John and **Jacy (Gallalee) Hildreth g97**, with Grace (4), welcomed Isaac John on January 25, 2012. Isaac weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Eicher turns 100; Celebrates with Open House

It's not every day a person turns 100, especially one who continues to volunteer at the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center generally twice a week. On March 6, the **Rev. Cyril Eicher g32**, former dean hit the century mark.

On Saturday, March 17, nearly 300 family and friends came to the Eicher Student Commons from across the country to celebrate his birthday and to visit with one another.



After a family meal for about 65, Eicher greeted former students and friends during an open house reception.

At the request of Cyril and his family, the guests who were able to attend and those from around the country who could not make the trip sent in cards with checks to match his \$2,000 gift to the Resource Center. In total, over \$5,400 was given in his honor to benefit the FW Alumni Fund, which provides for the events, resources and staff for the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

Special thanks go to **Naomi (Buckels) Heidelberg g69** and **Joyce (Wiggle) Gerig fs61** for preparing the food and organizing the event with the **Dr. Jay Platte g69** and the family.

Sherri (Harris) Ritter g88 and her husband, Michael and their family continue serving with the Rafiki Foundation in Ethiopia. They help vulnerable children in Africa who have been affected by AIDS and poverty. They have established 10 model Training Villages in 10 African countries to train their head teachers in order that the Rafiki Bible Study can be taught.

Joe Boway g95 delivered late last year a 40-foot container filled with school supplies, a newly purchased 2001 Toyota truck, 15,000 meal packets, clothing and other supplies for children in Liberia through his ministry, The Liberian Children's Ministry.

Bonnie Spallinger g98 became a resident director at Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., in July 2011. She continues to serve part-time with Avant Ministries as a missionary. She previously

served as a missionary at Echo Ranch Bible Camp near Juneau, Alaska, from 2001-2008 as the assistant program director. She then moved to Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany, where she worked on the Residence Life Staff from 2008-2011.

Matt and **Abi (Raedeke) Lynch g01**, with Jeremy (2), welcomed Luci Elizabeth on March 12, 2012. Abi and her family are living in Göttingen, Germany. Luci weighed in at 3350 g (7 lbs. 6 oz.) Email Abi at mabilynch@gmail.com.

Mander Prater g01 recently accepted the position of Procurement and Warehouse Coordinator for Nehemiah Visions Ministry located in Kirklen, Ind., and Chambrun, Haiti.

Justin Spurlock g01 recently completed seminary in Chicago. He is now the

associate pastor at Columbine United Church in Littleton, Colo. Sarah (Vestal) g02 is a marriage and family therapist. She recently started her own practice in the Denver metropolitan area. www.denvercounselingsolutions.com

Josh and **Kellie (Moll) Ellis g02**



welcomed Lydia Evangeline on November 21, 2011. Lydia weighed 8 lbs. 20 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Amanda (Craft) g04 and **Andrew fs07 Nichter** have announced the birth of their son, Andrew George Nichter III who was born May 5, 2012. Andrew was 8 lb 1 oz. and 20 3/4 inches

Class of 1962 reunited for 50th reunion

Four members of the FWBC Class of 1962 have been meeting to plan and contact class members for their 50th reunion to be held on the former Fort Wayne campus Friday and Saturday, September 28 & 29, 2012, during Fort Wayne Celebrates!

Rev. Jerry Cramer g62, Jim Clauser g62, Barb (Sprunger) Eicher g62 and **Lynnette Leslie g62** have met for the past several weeks at the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center on Tuesdays. Soon a letter from the committee will be going out, asking the class members for biographical information for a special memory booklet.

The weekend will include a chapel service, plenty of time to reminisce and a trip down memory lane at Hall's on Bluffton Rd.

long. He joins big sisters Melanie (5) and Lily (3).

Derek and **Mandy (Tarter) Rakoci g04**



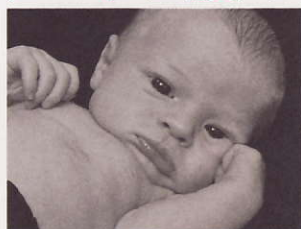
welcomed their son, Connor Anderson Rakoci, on October 14, 2011. Connor weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Matthew and **Beth (Armstrong) Overman g05**



welcomed Patrick Russell on March 18, 2011. Patrick weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 inches long. Beth's email is eaoverman@gmail.com.

Tommy g06 and Rachel (VanProoyen) Boggs g06,



with Hailey (1), welcomed Jack on February 9, 2012. Tommy graduated with his Master's Degree in Psychology is now a Therapist at Lifeline Youth and Family Services and Rachel is a Social Worker at SCAN.

Tim g06 and Beth (Manon) g04 Groman have welcomed the birth of their adopted son, Ezekiel Timothy Groman, who was born May 9, 2012. Ezekiel was 7 lb and 3 oz and 22 inches long.

Matt and **Amy (Badowski) Boeke g07** were married on April 6, 2012 in Rockford, Ill. **Stephanie Gates g07** was a bridesmaid. Amy's email is amy.badowski@gmail.com.

Dave g07 and Kathryn (Johnson) Lawson g07 welcomed Isaiah John on November 14, 2011. Isaiah weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 ½ inches long.

Dusty g07 and April (Selander) Mack g07 live in Tokyo, Japan. Dusty is working in the computer department of Christian

Academy in Japan (April's alma mater) as a Technology Coordinator. Their first child, Mordecai (Cai) Kenshin Mack, was born August 8, 2011. April is reachable through Facebook (where there are lots of pictures of their son).

Lee and **Jeana (Baber) Miles g07** were married October 22, 2011, at C2G Music Hall in Fort Wayne. **Laura Johnson g07** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Lee and Jeana reside in Fort Wayne.

Thomas and **Allison (Davenport) Kuhn g08** welcomed Lincoln Samuel on April 15, 2012. Lincoln was lbs. 14 oz. and 18 inches long.

Matthew fs08 and Cassie (Olinghouse) Verhoff g07



welcomed Evelyn Ann on November 24, 2011. Evelyn weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Four couples still friends; vacation together

Four couples who met in 1966 at FWBC before they were married have not only remained friends, but, each summer for many years, they have gone on family vacations together.

Von and **Ruthie (Sprunger) g70 Bixler, Verlin g73 and Pat (Goldsmith) g82 Rice**, Barry and **Judy (Courtney) fs68 Poling** and Lowell and **Judy (Hakes) fs68 Martin** all were married in 1968 exactly two weeks apart. This summer, they will all celebrate 44 years of marriage.

Last summer, the couples spent a week in Toronto, Canada, celebrating their 43 year anniversaries sight-seeing, laughing and going out to dinner. Other places the couples have visited together include: Branson, Mo.; Dubuque, Iowa; Hocking Hills, Ohio; Alaska; Cincinnati, Ohio; the Smokey Mountains; Turkey Run State Park; and Turkeyville, Mich.

Jim and **Jessica (Roach) Wason g08** were married in a medieval ceremony on July 23, 2011, in Hudson, NH. They are now living in Bullhead City, Ariz., where Jessica is a full-time teacher.

Sean fs09 and Becky (Parcell) Smuts fs06,



with **Ayidian (5)**, welcomed **Kathryn Jane** on February 8, 2012. Kathryn weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Brandon TUUg11 and Cassie (Warriner) Lemberg g08



celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Claire Denise**, on January 12, 2012. Claire was 7 lb. 8 oz. and 20 inches long. Cassie is the online learning coordinator for Taylor Online.

Paul and **Heather (Clementson) Roberts fs12** were married April 21, 2012. They are now living in Swanton, Ohio. Heather is planning to pursue a Master's in clinical mental health counseling in the near future.

Memorials

Ruth (McClure) Rupp g39 passed away on April 20, 2012. Ruth was a resident of the Woodcrest Nursing Center in Decatur, Ind. Ruth formerly did missionary work in Alaska, where her husband, Mervin also worked as a teacher. Mervin preceded her in death. Ruth is survived by her sons **Roger fs66** and Keith; her daughter **Janet Gray and Debbie Blosser g79**; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren with another on the way; 2 step-great-grandchildren; and 6 step-great-great-grandchildren.

Joyce (Woodward) Kool fs48 met with the Lord on November 1, 2010. She and her husband, Orville, served churches of the Southern Baptist convention in Illinois and Iowa. Joyce served as Sunday School director and choir director for children's, youth, and adult choirs. During their 60 year marriage, they were blessed with four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Rev. Wendall Souseley g51 went home on February 26, 2012. Wendall served the United States Air Force as chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol. He was also a missionary and pastor in Hawaii and Elkhart, IN. Wendall is survived by **Dolores (Bumb) Souseley fs51**, daughter **Lois Pannabecker fs72**, son Jonathon Souseley, and **Deborah Oke fs79**.

Rev. Harold Basehore g52 passed away on January 19, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Florence of Lebanon, Pa.

Joy Gerig g52 & g66



was reunited with the Lord on March 9, 2012. Joy served as the Director of the Christian Service department at FWBC from 1959 until she retired in 1990. She continued to serve as an emeriti member of the Fort Wayne alumni council until she passed.

Mary Carolyn (Steiner) Gerig g52, wife of **Dr. Wes Gerig g51**



is now home with her Lord after a long illness. Mary Carolyn and Wes were married for over 59 years. She served for many years in the TUFW bookstore while Dr. Wes was a professor of Bible. Mary Carolyn is survived by Wes and their four children, **Jeanne g78 (Tim TUUg81) Johnson**, **John g81 (Julie) Gerig**, **Jeff g84 (Jean Ayabe g84) Gerig**, **Jared TUUg89 (Laura TUUg91) Gerig**, and multiple grandchildren.

Lila (Sinn) Colestock fs53 went home on October 23, 2011. Lila served as a missionary to Africa. She is remembered by her husband, Bob, her sons Mark and Corey, her daughters Sandra Spencer and Gwynne Shaver, and her sister **Nancy (Sinn) Martin g61** and brother-in-law Lowell.

Ronald fs54 and Norma Jean **Hughes** passed away within a day of each other. Ronald passed away on March 7, 2012. Norma Jean passed away on March 8. Ronald retired in 1998 from John Painting in Fort Wayne and also worked for several other area companies. They were members of Good Shepherd United Brethren Church, and they served as foster parents for many children in Huntington County. They were survived by three daughters, Karen (Tom) Black, Debra (Mike) Branstator, and Stephanie (Dave) Booher; a son, Mike Trout; and 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Ronald's surviving brothers are Rev. Roger Hughs g66, Herb g69 (Maxine Goff fs69) Hughs, and Lawrence Hughs.

Donna (Jewel) Clark fs59 died on February 15, 2012. Donna worked as a teacher for 43 years. She is survived by her husband, Buddy; son Douglas Jewel and Thomas (Staci) Clark; daughters Nancy (Randy) Gruber and Barbara (Scott) Merkle; and 15 grandchildren.

May Rose (Imler) Zeider g60 passed away Monday, April 2012. She was a member of Westview Alliance Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. She was a typist with Temporary Services for 17 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, Clide Zeider, a son, stepdaughters; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Shirley (Murry) Fritz's g63 husband, Keith Fritz, longtime teacher and football coach with Wauseon Schools, passed away in their Wauseon, Ohio, home on April 30, 2012. He was 72.

Richard Lovestrand g67 went home on October 5, 2011. Richard formerly sang in the Messengers.

Anita (Warner) Diehl g69 saw the Lord on Christmas day, December 25, 2011. Anita was member of Piney Creek

Church of the Brethren of Taneytown, MD, and Union Bridge Church. She was a pastor's wife for 37 years. She is survived by her husband, **Rev. Stan Diehl g74**; three daughters, Heidi VanScoyoc, Heather Hartlaub, Ruthie Fracassi; a son, Christopher Diehl; and 11 grandchildren.

Thelma Postel, 87, wife of former Director of Business Affairs for FWBC from 1979 to 1986, **Don Postel**, passed away May 9, 2012 after a long-term illness. Condolences can be sent to d2post@frontier.com.

Dr. Ted Nickel h95



passed away January 15, 2012. Dr. Nickel taught in the

Teacher Education program at Fort Wayne Bible College for 25 years while his loving wife of 64½ years, **Rose Ann h95**, worked in the library. He is survived by Rose Ann, his daughter, **Janet Nickel g74** of Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa; his son, **David** (Rev. Rebecca) **Nickel fs73** of Indianapolis; his son, **Gordon** (Ann Marie) **Nickel g78** of Grand Rapids, MI; and multiple grandchildren.

The Fort Wayne
TALCON Publication of the Fort Wayne

Have you seen this publication?

It flies via email each month with the latest news, events and announcements.

If NOT, please send us your email address at

alumnifw@taylor.edu.

Melissa Garr assists Resource Center through w



As Taylor's creative web developer, she is transferring the Fort Wayne website (fw.taylor.edu) from an older server to a new dotCMS server and updating technologies to attract a new, interactive audience.

"I am honored to be a part of such a worthwhile effort preserve and bring history to the mainstream," Melissa said.

With Melissa's help, the website is more mobile-friendly and socially relevant.

"We have deeply integrated the archives with technologies from Facebook, Youtube, and Flickr," Melissa said. "With the progressive thinking of the Fort Wayne team I am sure these changes are just the beginning."

Be Counted!



Our mission at the Resource Center is to **care** for Fort Wayne alumni and to **celebrate** the legacy of impact this campus and her alumni have made here and abroad. Although Taylor has taken responsibility for the majority of these costs to house and support the Resource Center in Fort Wayne, we need FW alumni and friends financial support too in order for us to continue in the future.

As we come to the close of yet another fiscal year, we ask each alumnus to consider **being counted** in giving something to the FW Alumni & Friend Fund no matter the size of the gift. Your gift will be an endorsement and encouragement for the ministry of the Resource Center.

Our goal and need this year is \$60,000 by May 31. We're about \$10,000 from our goal, and Poorman's Heating & Air Conditioning is matching each gift dollar for dollar up to \$3,000. Will you please consider **being counted** in helping us reach this new milestone? If everyone does something, we can meet our obligation and send the message that you want the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center to remain in Fort Wayne and to continue caring for FW Alumni and celebrating our heritage for years to come.

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

Fort Wayne Celebrates!

September 28 & 29, 2012



DR. HENSELY - PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJORS REUNION

1962 50TH CLASS REUNION - ULTIMATE FRISBEE - SOCIAL WORK REUNION WITH MICHELE (MALLETT) W

Watch for more details in the *FW Falcon*, online at <http://fw.taylor.edu>, call 260.744.8790, or email alumnifw@taylor.edu.



915 W. Rudisill Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Nonprofit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Upland, IN
Permit No. 3

Rev. and Mrs. William Gerig
1926 Blue Sage Cv
Fort Wayne IN 46808-3506

2271-21



Fort Wayne Celebrates!
Sept. 28 & 29