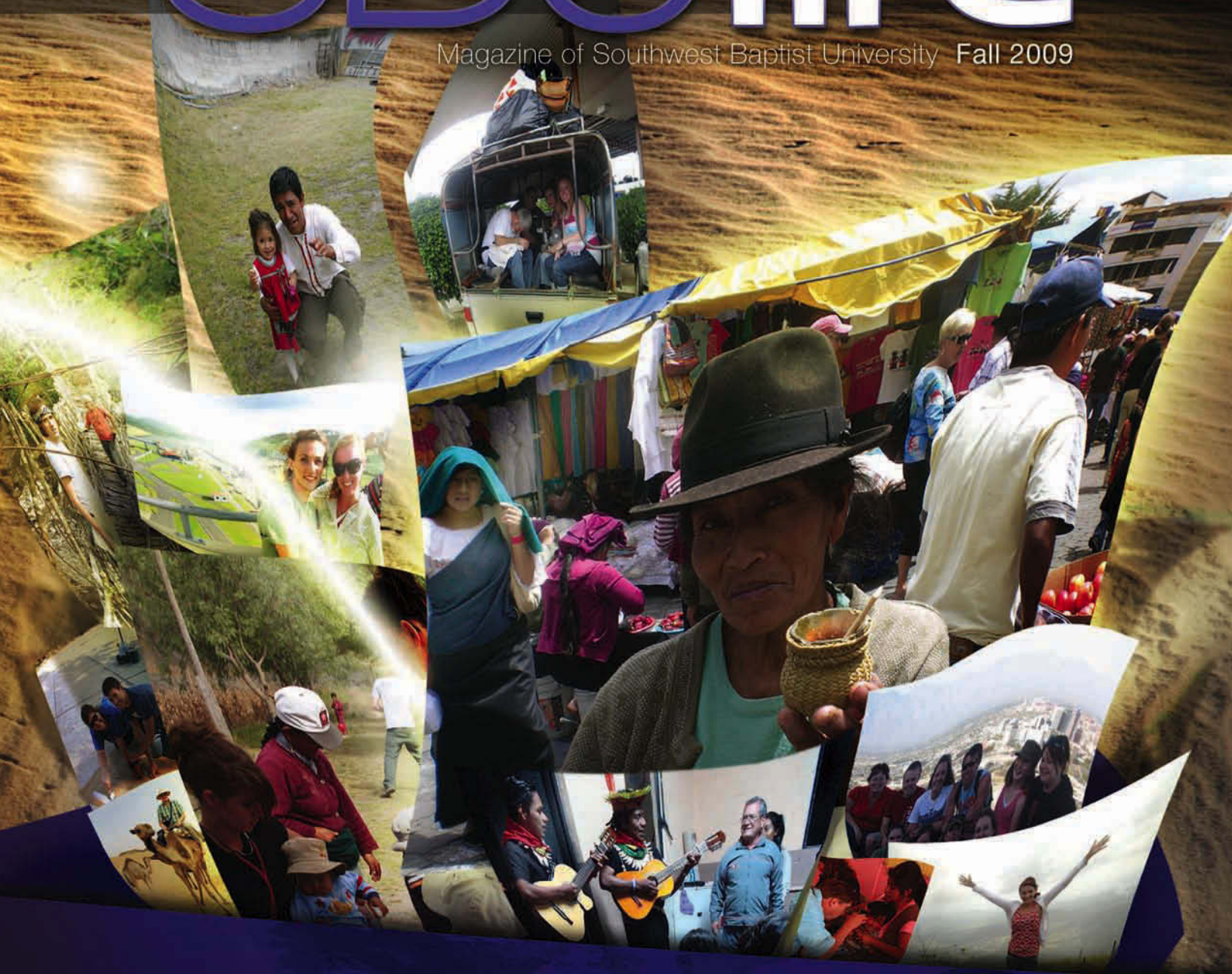


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Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

We see and hear the above mission statement a lot around here. We see it posted on the wall of just about every cubicle and office on campus. We see it posted at chapel on the PowerPoint announcements. We see it beautifully framed and for sale at the SBU Bookstore. We hear the mission statement in every speech or presentation given by President Taylor.

When we decided to put together a global impact-themed magazine for this issue, I knew that SBU lived out its mission statement and that students graduated with multi-cultural leadership skills, but I had no idea just how the SBU mission has impassioned the hearts of our alumni, students, faculty, and staff over the years. SBU's mission statement is just as relevant now as it was when the University first opened its doors as a college.

In this issue, you will read about students who have enjoyed international business trips, alumni whose passion for sharing the gospel has led them to sell everything and move to North Africa, faculty and staff who walk alongside students taking an international or stateside mission trip for the first time. You will also read about a collaborative medical mission trip to Ecuador and an alumni-led SBU mission trip to Thailand. On this side of the oceans, many teams have traveled around the U.S., sharing Christ's love with the lost. A Tucson trip from the eyes of a student participant is featured in this issue.

On a sad note, SBU recently lost three friends of the University who played an active part in University mission life. Judy Leininger, and Dr. Jack and Edythe Fellows all went to be with the Lord this year. Their many contributions of time and talents along with financial support helped SBU missions on and off campus. They will be missed by family and friends, but we rejoice in their eternal homecoming.

This past year, my heart has been longing to go on mission. I wanted to go somewhere fun and exciting like Siberia, Slovakia, or Sicily. I said "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said, "Wait." Just this past week, mission leadership opportunities have been placed before me to work with single moms in Springfield. Having spent time both as a single parent and as the child of a single mom, I think God has prepared me for a special calling.

SBU's mission statement is more than words. SBU's mission is relevant and has been lived out by the SBU family since 1878. Where are you being called to serve? Our global society needs more servant leaders.

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President's Perspective



We are so fortunate to have alumni and friends who are committed to SBU. Our alumni generously support us with their prayers, time, and financial contributions. When you read through this issue of SBU Life, you will see that this support is making a global impact.

As we celebrate the success of our record fall enrollment, our admissions representatives already are traveling around the country recruiting the next freshmen class. We have a great team of admissions representatives, and they will tell you that their jobs are much easier when SBU alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and current students encourage prospective students to attend SBU.

On behalf of our admissions team, I am asking you to be ambassadors for SBU by encouraging future generations of students to attend SBU. Let me share with you what I tell parents considering SBU for their son or daughter:

At SBU we can offer your student a safe intellectual environment, where we help to grow their faith. While your son or daughter is here, we will challenge him or her to grow spiritually.

We have great students here at SBU. Our students are encouraged to uphold Christian values. SBU students seek a high quality, Christian liberal arts education. Our students make studying a priority and are involved in Bible study and church activities.

SBU's world-class faculty are involved in professional organizations and research. They write articles and books, and make presentations at conferences, but their number one academic priority is to teach. Your student will not have graduate assistants as teachers. He or she will be taught by professors. SBU classes are very small with the average class having about 17 students. General education classes with 100 or more students enrolled will not be found at SBU.

Academic excellence is valued at SBU. When I hand your son or daughter a diploma during graduation, it will represent a very worthwhile degree. We add value to your student's intellectual ability and to his or her lifestyle. SBU offers a complete education of the mind, hand, and heart.

We have outstanding facilities at SBU. There are good dorms and apartments for your student. The academic buildings and library are outstanding. We have a beautiful theater and chapel, and we have numerous fitness opportunities in the state-of-the-art Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness and Sports Center.

SBU is affordable in comparison to other private and Christian institutions and we compare favorably with some state universities. Many competitors have total costs of more than \$30,000 while SBU's total cost this year is \$22,000. We offer a good product for a good price. Our financial aid department works individually with students and their families in providing the best possible financial aid package.

Since our founding in 1878, we have been driven by a consistent mission. Our mission statement is as follows:

Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

Our mission statement guides everything we do at SBU.

I want to personally invite you to visit the SBU campus and experience the SBU family. When you visit with an admissions representative, take a tour, and sit in on classes, you will see the SBU mission statement brought to life.

I wish you the best in the college decision process, and I hope you join our SBU family.

I hope my comments will better equip you to be an ambassador for SBU. Let me challenge you to represent SBU and encourage all prospective students with whom you have contact to consider attending SBU. Your efforts will make a difference for our University. Thank you!

C. Pat Taylor
President



SBU undergraduate enrollment hits record

BY CHARLOTTE MARSCH '97

Southwest Baptist University has a record number of undergraduates — 2,924 — enrolled for the fall 2009 semester, SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor told community leaders during a breakfast Tuesday morning at SBU. The number is a 4.3-percent increase from Fall 2008 undergraduate enrollment.

This year's freshman class of 459 students ties the record set in 2006, and last year's freshman class — at 453 students — was not far from the mark.

A vigorous retention program, including programs provided through the University Success Center, has brought the university's retention rate from about 70 percent to about 85 percent, contributing to the record enrollment. Another factor is a 13.6-percent increase, from 612 to 695, in enrollment at the university's

Springfield campus, where the University has a partnership with St. John's Health System for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. While the building has a capacity of 600 students, the BSN program is now being offered online to accommodate more students. The University's dual credit program in which high school seniors can take classes for both high school and college credit is down 3.6 percent in enrollment, but Taylor said he was pleased with that number, as he had expected the number to be down more than that due to the weak economy.

Taylor expects total enrollment for undergraduate and graduate programs to hit a record number, also, but the graduate numbers will not be finalized until October. Total enrollment in Fall 2008 was 3,656, and Taylor said it could hit 3,700 this fall.

Taylor gave five reasons SBU is doing well.

- A combination of an "exceptional" enrollment recruiting team and retention through the University Success Center.
- Financial aid. "We've figured out how to leverage financial aid," Taylor said. "We really are data-driven on financial aid." While financial aid used to be negotiable at SBU, Taylor said that now what financial aid is offered in the original package is what the student will receive.
- Facilities. "If we can get students on our campus, we can show them some very nice facilities," Taylor said, naming off some of the recent additions, such as the front entrance, the Meyer Wellness Center and the renovation of the Jim Mellers Center.

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Enrollment Continued



Freshman procession during Welcome Week 2009

- Competitive tuition and room and board. “Our cost is much less than our competitors, and in this economy, even students from wealthier families are being more price conscious,” Taylor said. Tuition, room and board and fees at SBU this year are \$22,000.

“When you compare that to MU [University of Missouri] and other four-year institutions, it looks pretty good,” Taylor said. For example, William Jewell College in Liberty costs \$34,000 a year.

- Remaining true to the university’s mission. “We know who we are,” he said. “Our commitment is to be Christ-centered in everything we do. We’ve remained true to a commitment to being strong academically.”

Upcoming projects

With 29 building or renovation projects completed during Taylor’s 13-year tenure at SBU, he is looking ahead to yet another major renovation to add more seating capacity to Pike Auditorium. That

project, however, is likely one to two years away. “Fundraising is hard right now,” Taylor said. “It’s more challenging than it ever has been in the time I’ve been here.”

A BSN program on the Bolivar campus also is in the planning stages. Taylor said that though incoming freshmen are told they will have to transfer to the Springfield campus to complete the BSN program, when it is time to transfer to Springfield, many of them will choose not to.

“They come here and they paint their faces purple and they like college life,” Taylor said. “We lose 20 to 30 students every year because we have no traditional BSN program.”

Taylor emphasized that the program would be targeted at traditional college students and would not compete with the programs for non-traditional students at Bolivar Technical College.

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America’s Best

SBU has been named one of *America’s 100 Best College Buys*® for the 14th consecutive year and one of *America’s Best Christian Colleges*® for the 13th consecutive year. In addition, for the third year in a row SBU has been named among schools with *America’s Best College Scholarships*®.

Darren Crowder, SBU’s director of admissions, said, “We are honored by these recognitions, because they demonstrate that we provide families with a Christian higher education experience that is ranked among the most affordable universities in the region and in the nation. Since our average ACT continues to grow along with our number of applicants, we know we are not sacrificing quality for quantity.”

SBU President C. Pat Taylor said, “We are pleased to see SBU nationally recognized again this year, not only as one of the best Christian colleges in the nation but also as one of the best college buys. Academic excellence is valued at SBU, but we also have been blessed to keep SBU affordable in comparison to other institutions of our size. Many competitors have total costs of more than \$30,000, while our costs for 2010-2011 will be \$23,000.

“We offer a good product for a good price. Our financial aid department works individually with students and families in providing the best possible financial aid package.”



Commencement



For details about SBU commencements, see www.SBUniv.edu/news



Living the Culture of International Business: Dr. Susan Lynch

BY *Nicole Heitmann*, CLASS OF 2010

The SBU College of Business and Computer Science (COBACS) has a professor who has helped students gain a broader worldview, especially during the past five of her 24 years of teaching at SBU. Dr. Susan Lynch '78 is responsible for organizing and leading the annual COBACS international business trips taken by SBU students. Past trips have included Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, and Turkey.

"Learning about the culture by reading about it is one thing, but going over there and living it is really different," Dr. Lynch said. According to Dr. Lynch, students have the opportunity to earn credit as they travel on these trips. The student must first research the country, view select videos on the country, and complete a fact sheet to earn the credit.

"They have to put together a fact sheet in the form of a PowerPoint presentation," Lynch said. "In their compilation of facts about the country and cities, they also have to give ten really different facts that are fun facts. From their ten fun facts submissions, I comprise them all into quizzes and games during the trip."

Dr. Lynch said, during the trip, students participate in tours that showcase the country's people, history and culture. The students also are required to keep a daily diary.

"The journal is probably one of the best things, and they love doing it," Dr. Lynch said. When Dr. Lynch traveled on her first international trip to Greece and Turkey, she kept her own diary while traveling around the countryside. "I went to Turkey and Greece twice with students and shared my journal with them, and they just thought it was neat," Dr. Lynch said.

Dr. Lynch feels that the trip to Greece during the spring of 2009 was very successful:

"To me, the culture is really different, yet of all the big cities, Athens, was very easy to

get around, and the people were really kind and sweet," Dr. Lynch said. "There are some areas we've experienced where that was not the case. Italy was not friendly, nor was France friendly to the American traveler."

"The trip to Greece was a good one to take with SBU students. They enjoyed taking a cruise and going to Turkey, which is Ephesus. Turkey is really different; there were two cultures there. The students got to see the early things that we read about in the Bible. They got to go to Ephesus, and they got to go to Patmos, where John wrote Revelation."

The trips are organized and planned through agencies such as EF Travel and Explorica. Dr. Lynch said last year was the first year the group went as a private group. Although pricier, those that went were able to stay on time and enjoy themselves without having so many people on the same tour. Although the trip is planned through a travel agency, the location is determined by students who went on previous trips.

"I allowed students who went on the prior trip to choose the next trip, if they wanted to come back and do it again," Dr. Lynch said. "This will be Levi Bridge's fourth trip. It will be Ashley Chapman's third. If Rachel Greene goes, it will be her third. I allowed these students to choose the trip and this one, Costa Rica with the white water rafting, is the most popular trip ever."

The trip to Costa Rica during March 18-27, 2010, will be filled with adventure. Students will have an opportunity to visit cities such as San Jose and Monteverde as well as participate in outdoor excursions, zip lining through the jungle and whitewater rafting on the Sarapiquí River.

Dr. Lynch understands the importance of exposing students to the world.

"They have learned quite a few things," Dr. Lynch said. "They have learned how to travel. Some of them have never even traveled at all

outside of the [U.S.] culture, so the students learned how to be confident in their language, ask questions, and communicate. They've learned to do business with them [the natives], because they have to deal in another currency. They've learned to barter, because in most other countries you get to barter.

"The students have learned to be adventurous, because one of the things we encourage them to do is to get out and do something different. I tell them, 'Don't just stay in your room when we're finished with a tour, get out.' I've seen those kids get on a train in Munich to go someplace by themselves. A couple of nights in Paris, the students were out on their own just finding various things we hadn't done on our schedule and doing them. I think what helps is that they are prepared before they go. They know a lot about the country and important details they need to know. They've learned in travelling together to appreciate the fact that we're all different."

Dr. Lynch not only has the opportunity to lead groups of students on trips abroad but has had several opportunities to go abroad with the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

After SBU became accredited with ACBSP in 1992, Dr. Lynch said she began attending national conferences where she was able to meet and network with other professors and professionals.

Since she has been involved with ACBSP, she has been part of approximately 30 auditing teams, domestic as well as international. These teams go through a department's mission and other important information before the ACBSP accredits them.

Last spring, Dr. Lynch found herself chairing a team that visited the European universities in Barcelona, Spain, and Munich, Germany.

Although they have textbooks and classes similar to ours, many classes are taught by important business people.

"CEO's of organizations are teaching in the classroom," Dr. Lynch said. "They believe it is their duty."

Although Dr. Lynch would enjoy having more professionals visiting her classes, she uses the experiences she

has had abroad to mold her students to be thinkers in a global society.

"Traveling abroad has allowed me to bring into the classroom broader cultural first-hand experiences in relating various marketing, communication, and management principles," Dr. Lynch said. "I also have been able to develop in my students the desire to travel internationally and to appreciate the differences in other cultures as compared to our culture. It has helped me to verify textbook information on cultural differences through personal experiences."

Dr. Lynch not only gives sound advice to her students but acts on that advice as well.

"Each year after taking a group of students abroad, most of the students are excited and look forward to their next international experience," Dr. Lynch said. "In the past three years, five students after traveling with me have gone on a second and even third additional trip with me. I like to tell the kids to take a risk, get out and travel."



Wayne Clark, department chair and assistant professor of accounting, was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants. Clark also attended the McGraw-Hill Accounting Educators Seminar in March.

Dr. Susan Lynch '78, department chair and professor of business administration, served on an Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) accreditation team for the European University in Barcelona, Spain, and Munich, Germany, from February 28–March 6.

Dr. Tim DeClue, chair and professor of computer information science, presented a paper at the 2009 Central Plains Regional Meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC-CP) on April 3-4 titled "A Theory of Attrition in Computer Science Education." The paper explores the effect of learning theory, gender, and context. Dr. DeClue also led a tutorial on robotics and is serving as the 2009 CCSC-CP Steering Committee Chair.



James Cain, assistant professor of computer information science, served as the organizer and chief judge for the 2009 CCSC-CP Competitive Programming Contest.

Dr. Baochuan Lu, assistant professor of computer information science, presented a workshop at the CCSC-CP titled "Use Bootable Linux CS to Teach Parallel and Computing Concepts." Dr. Lu also served as the site chair for vendors at the 2009 CCSC-CP.

Paula Steiert, instructor of biology, has been asked to join the McGraw-Hill Publishers Academic Advisory Board as a reviewer and contributor to one of their publications, *Annual Editions: Microbiology*.

Dr. Bing Bayer, department chair and professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, taught local pastors at a Bible conference in El Salvador and was involved in evangelism efforts in Santa Elena and San Salvador.

Dr. Zach Manis, assistant professor of philosophy, gave a talk at Missouri State University sponsored by the MSU Philosophy Club, titled "The Impossibility of Knowledge without God" in February. He also presented a paper titled "A Molinist Solution to the Problem of Divine Freedom" at the Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago.



Dr. Rodney Reeves '79, dean and professor of biblical studies, served as the convener of the Institute for Biblical Research during the annual meeting in Dallas. He recently submitted articles to be published in the *Baker Handbook to the Bible*, titled "Jesus the Servant" and "The Son of Man."

Dr. Duke Jones, assistant professor of Christian ministry, spoke during the Missouri Metro Youth Minister's Conference in Springfield on March 12. His topic was "Using Contemporary Christian Music in Youth Ministry."

Dr. Kelly Malone, assistant professor of Christian ministry, had an article published in the April 2009 edition of *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* titled "Doing Evangelical Theology with the Japanese."

Grant Cochran '84, instructor of graphic design, designed the new logo for the City of Bolivar.



CITY OF
BOLIVAR

Dr. Brett Miller, professor of communication arts, was invited to give a presentation on the basics of public speaking to Leadership Bolivar during March. Dr. Miller and **Jordan Compton '05**, instructor of communication arts, are co-authoring a paper titled "If It Talks Like a Duck: Image Restoration in the Rhetorical Denouement of Modern Lame Duck Presidencies," which has been accepted by the National Communication Association for presentation at the annual meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Elissa Sartwell, assistant professor of communication arts, presented a paper at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education Conference in Denver. The paper addressed the unique challenges of developing theatre programs at Christian universities.

Dr. Mark Tappmeyer, chair and professor of language and literature, read original poetry at the University of Louisville's Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, in February.



Dr. Bill Brown, dean and senior professor of music, was hosted in Atlanta at a book signing at the Music Teachers National Association Convention in April. Dr. Brown is the author of *Menahem Pressler: Artistry in Piano Teaching*. He also coordinated the annual Gold Cup Festival during March which brought 80 young pianists to the SBU campus for a performance competition.

Dr. Brian Hopwood, assistant professor of music, was guest conductor/clinician for the South Central Association Conference Band at Willow Springs that concluded with an evening concert including approximately 70 students in the band in February. During March and April, he also presented clinics and held rehearsals with band students at the high schools in Marshfield, Stoutland, Linn, Neosho, Mt. Vernon, Aurora, Washington, Seymour, Fordland, and New Covenant Academy in Springfield. He also presented a clinic for seventh grade band students at Bolivar Middle School, visited instrumental directors at Union High School, and adjudicated for the Monett Middle School Music Festival and the West Plains District Festival.

Dr. Terri Knupps, assistant professor of music, presented a paper at the College Music Society Great Plains Chapter Meeting in Kansas City in April.

Dr. Martha Hicks, professor of music, led Higher Ground on a spring tour to the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area performing at First Baptist Rolling Hills in Tulsa, Haikey Park Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Baptist Chapel in Owasso, and Memorial Heights Baptist Church in Claremore. They also participated in Disciple Now events at Ozark Baptist Church in Houston and First Baptist Church, Cameron. During April and May, they presented music during worship services at Raytown's First Baptist Church, Bolivar United Methodist Church, and First Baptist Church in Bolivar.



Dr. Renee Waters, professor of music, was honored to have her composition, "I Will Exalt You," performed by Willard High School Choir at the Missouri Music Educators Association Convention during January. The group will perform the piece at a competition in Chicago later in the spring.



Dr. Elizabeth Maben, assistant professor of music, presented a showcase concert for her voice studio titled "Bouquet of Song" in March.

Dr. Linda Wooderson '78, dean and professor of physical education, served as a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) examiner for Missouri Standards for Teacher Education (MoSTEP) in a recent focus review visit at Central Methodist University. Dr. Wooderson also has been listed in the 2009-2010 online *Cambridge Who's Who Registry Among Executive and Professional Women*. Individuals are appointed based upon a candidate's current position, and usually with information obtained from researched executive and professional listings.

Dr. Chris Dinwiddie, instructor of psychology, and **Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick**, associate professor of psychology, have been notified by Dr. Everett Worthington (the recent Crabtree Lecture Series speaker) that they will assist him in a grant research project on "Forgiveness and Agape Love." Their work will include the SBU campus body.

Pearlene Breshears '76, assistant professor of psychology and counseling, recently presented four "Coping with Stress" sessions for teachers in the Bolivar school system. She also attended a counselors' workshop on "Teaching Internet Safety."

Dr. Kelly Martin, professor of criminal justice, attended a seminar on "How to Start and Maintain a Prison Ministry" presented by the group Celebrate Recovery Inside at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Springfield. **Bill Walkup '83**, assistant professor of psychology and counseling, and **Dr. Chris Dinwiddie**, instructor of psychology, serve on the board of Healthy Family, Healthy Homes. This is the Bolivar outreach of the Forest Institute's Marriage Matters Initiative.

Dr. Judy Bryant, assistant professor of education, **Dr. Dwight Haun '81**, chair and professor of education, **Barbara Whisler '72 M.S.'00**, certification officer for SBU, and **Dr. Linda Wooderson '78**, dean and

professor of education attended the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education spring meeting in Jefferson City, on April 2-3. SBU graduates Joelle Smith and Jared Lotz were honored at the Outstanding Beginning Teachers luncheon held on the final day of the conference. Smith is currently teaching first grade at Bolivar Primary School, and Lotz is teaching physical education at Ozark West Elementary School.

Gina Whitehead, instructor of sports management, attended the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) conference, March 31-April 4, in Tampa, FL.

Dr. Bob Klostermeyer, department chair and associate professor of political science, was the guest of Eureka College president, Dr. J. David Arnold, during the historic visit of former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at Eureka College in Eureka, Ill., on March 27. Dr. Klostermeyer participated in a town hall style meeting with the Eureka campus community and attended Gorbachev's keynote address at the college's second annual Ronald Reagan Day dinner. Gorbachev spoke about the leadership lessons of Ronald Reagan and how building relationships between leaders can change the world.



Terri Briggs, clinical instructor of nursing, was one of 12 registered nurses chosen nationwide based on clinical expertise to develop test items for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. She completed a four-day training and item-writing session for the panel of subject matter experts in Chicago during March.

Dr. Martha Baker, professor and director of the BSN program, attended "Creating Research Careers: Leading the Way," the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Association's fifth annual conference in Albuquerque, N.M. Dr. Baker was a faculty member in the "Pathways to Leadership" symposium in March. She served as a reviewer for five books: *The Neuman Systems Model 5th Edition*, *Nursing Theories 6th Edition*, *Nursing Research*, *Research Strategies for Nurses 1st Edition*, and *Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques (7th Edition)*.

Dr. Pam Hedgpeth, assistant professor of graduate education, was the guest speaker for the Southwest Missouri Senior Democrats Association on March 10. Her topic was: "Trends Related to Missouri Education. She also co-presented with a team from Drury, MSU, and SBU on March 17 to Southwest Missouri Curriculum Directors regarding collaborative initiatives with K-12 schools.



Terri Schmitt, assistant professor of nursing, presented a poster presentation at the University of Missouri Evidence-Based Practice conference on April 23. The title of the poster was "Factors Associated with Insulin Omission and Misuse Among Type I Diabetic Adolescent Females: A Review of the Literature." During May, she completed the coursework for her Ph.D. in nursing. Schmitt is president of the Springfield Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Theta Lambda chapter. In addition, she led an Evidence-Based Practice Conference on April 8.



The Greening of SBU is Making a Difference

BY *Whitney Baker, Class of 2010*

SBU recently has implemented many efforts to care of the earth that God has entrusted to us. As we make steps towards creating a more environmentally-friendly campus, we are making a difference in our community that will in turn impact the world.

RECYCLING PAPER

In every department on campus, a big tub full of paper to be recycled is becoming a familiar sight. Recycling paper is a very basic concept with an extremely large result. Recycling paper instead of making it from new material generates 74 percent less air pollution and uses 50 percent less water. (EPA, 2008)

Greg Stewart '93, manager of credit and collections, is called the recycling man. Stewart started recycling three years ago with the help of a work-study student. Stewart said the student couldn't bear to see so much paper wasted. After shredding bags of paper from the administrative building, the student would take it to the recycling center. The student moved on and Stewart was left to Polk County Recycling Center cycle on his own, but that didn't last long. The SBU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team gave the dorms an opportunity to recycle and Stewart continued collecting from the administration building. The paper kept coming.

Soon Stewart had a point person in every department on campus that would gather the recycling for the week. This system is still working on our campus today. Stewart sends an e-mail out every Thursday and the point people get the recycled paper together. Stewart, with the help from Enterprise Unlimited, a local workshop for the disabled, picks up the paper every Friday. Involving Enterprise Unlimited provides opportunity and responsibility for those workers and is one more reason to continue the recycling efforts on campus.

Stewart said that the SBU recycling fills 24, 14-foot U-Haul trucks every year with recycled paper. That is one-half of a truck every week. The hope is to move to one truck each week. Stewart encourages people to carry out this basic act for a lasting impression.

"There are people who recycle and those who don't. If you want to make a difference, you have to make it a habit," said Stewart.

Stewart says he does put at least a week of his year into the time it takes to accomplish the recycling tasks, but he said, "It is rewarding and it's what we should do. Thanks to the point people, SBU can complete a campus-wide recycling effort."



PHOTO: SBU point people for the paper recycling effort.

Stewart said, "From the President's office to housekeeping, everyone is involved and making a difference."

TRAYLESS MEALS

At Mellers Cafeteria, campus food service provider Fresh Ideas is doing its part to be eco-conscious as well. In the past, the cafeteria has offered trays at all meals. Last year, Fresh Ideas hosted "Trayless Tuesdays," during which days the trays were not available. Alanda Cantrell, director of Fresh Ideas, said "This year, the food trays are no longer available 24/7. We are saving water, electricity and detergent now that we are not washing an average of 16,500 trays per week. We have already noticed we are doing 1,500 less loads of dishes per week. Not only does going trayless help preserve water, it also reduces food wastes by 50 percent. If students don't have a huge tray to fill, they are less likely to stock up on food they will not eat."

Cantrell also comments on the recycling they are doing with tin cans. Cantrell says many of the vegetables come in tin cans; therefore, they go through a lot of tin. She said that they gather all of the cans and the Polk County Recycling Center collects them. Cantrell says they are currently working toward a cardboard recycling plan, and Habitat for Humanity has hopes of building a collection bin for the cardboard. As of now, the dining facility has three dumpsters of trash collected twice a week. If Mellers had separate bins exclusively for cardboard, then trash pick-up could be reduced to once a week. Not only would they be helping the earth but they would also be helping the University save money by reducing the amount of weekly pickups.

Fresh Ideas also made one more simple change for the students, a change which has turned out to be surprisingly eco-conscious. One will no longer find the napkins in the front and center aisle at Mellers; the napkins are in individual containers on each table. "This is greatly reducing paper waste," Cantrell said, "because guests will no longer have to guess how big a pile of napkins they will need for the meal. Napkins were thrown away quite often, but now the napkins are easily accessible." Cantrell says these changes save money and in turn help the students. Fresh Ideas can take the savings and focus on providing higher quality in more areas.

RECYCLING BOOKS

Also doing their part to be eco-conscious is the SBU Bookstore. Walt Tredway '78, M.S. '99, director of SBU bookstore services, said their biggest efforts toward sustainability include buying the maximum amount of used books. The more used books, the lower the need for new books to be printed. The bookstore also offers numerous items printed on recycled paper, such as notebooks and drawing pads. In addition, Walt mentioned the bookstores recycling of cardboard boxes and paper. He said a couple of years ago the students buying from the SBU Bookstore planted a forest of 100,000 trees in a promotional opportunity with Nebraska Book Company. According to The Environmental Paper Network, if the U.S. reduced its paper consumption by 10 percent annually, we could save enough energy to power 228,000 homes, the carbon emissions equivalent to removing 279,000 cars from the road and 11 billion gallons of water. Reducing consumption of new books puts SBU on the way to saving energy and natural resources.

The bookstore isn't the only place that recycling books is high on the list. The SBU Harriett K. Hutchens Library aims to avoid throwing any books away. Between library book sales and the Duplicate Exchange Lists, SBU rarely throws a book away. The Duplicate Exchange Lists is a service providing the SBU Library the opportunity to share books we don't need with a library in need of that specific book, at little or no cost. Media Services Technician Maggie Kluthe monitors the paper recycling locations in the library. She says, "The staff is making an all out effort, in regards to recycling paper." She wants students to know that the boxes are by every copy machine or printer available for use. Maggie mentioned that we are not only helping the Earth when we recycle, but we are providing work for Enterprise Unlimited.

OTHER WAYS TO BE GREEN

At SBU, there are many students walking or riding bikes to class, both convenient alternatives to draining gas tanks. SBU supports these students by providing sidewalks and bike racks around campus. Walking or riding a bike is an easy way to enjoy the beauty of the SBU campus. The many mature trees around campus provide beauty, and they aid in sustainability. According to the U.S. Forest Service, one tree provides enough oxygen for five people. In addition, one tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.

SBU is looking for more opportunities to be eco-conscious in order to continue making an impact on our campus and in the world.

How *SBU Life* is going green:

- reducing magazine publication from three times a year to two saves approximately 1,100,000 pages of paper
- fewer magazines sent via postal mail saves fuel as well as paper
- printing on 10% Post Consumer Waste (PCW) paper

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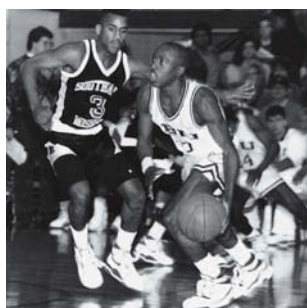
The SBU Athletics Hall of Fame

THE SBU Department of Athletics is proud to announce the inductees of the SBU Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2010.

Part of our mission is to honor those who share our vision of excellence. As such, SBU will host the 2nd Annual Honors Night and Hall of Fame Banquet on February 6, 2010. This event will honor our senior athletes for their accomplishments in the class room, on the court, and on the field. Our hope is that affirming these senior athletes will encourage underclassmen toward academic success and graduation.

Also that night, we will honor the inductees of the SBU Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2010. These alumni will be honored for their achievements in their collegiate athletic careers as well as later contributions to family and community.

The following SBU Athletics Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized on February 6, 2010, during the SBU Athletics Honors Night ceremony, which will also recognize SBU's senior athletes.



Ernest 'Mudo' Hall - Basketball 1989-91

- from Dunbar in Baltimore
- played basketball for SBU for two seasons in 1989-91
- All-MIAA First Team in 1989-90 and 1990-91
- MIAA MVP in 1991
- Bearcats reached Elite Eight his senior year
- ranks 5th in all-time career assists with 319
- holds SBU single-game records with 17 free throws in 20 attempts vs. Washburn
- ranks 2nd in SBU single-season assist record with 208 in 1990-91; tied for 1st in single-season in free throws made with 155 in 1990-91
- selected in 1991 CBA Draft by Wichita Falls
- played for several years in CBA and USBL
- had several NBA tryouts and short preseason stints with clubs including Portland & Washington



Sherri (Taylor) McVey - Track, 1986-89

- participated on SBU's track & field team in 1987-89
- was Illinois high school state champion in high jump
- MIAA high jump champion (multiple times)
- three-time NCAA Division II qualifier (twice indoor, once outdoor)
- holds SBU records in high jump (outdoor at 5'10 1/2", and indoor at 5'7")
- held SBU record in outdoor long jump (18' 3 1/4") until 2009
- broke NAIA District 16 record in high jump, and tied MIAA record in indoor high jump as a freshman.



Roy Fields - Basketball, 1973-75

- 6-5 forward for the Bearcats
- played two years for SBU, from 1973-75
- named All-American in 1973-74
- averaged 20 points per game in 1974-75
- described as SWBC's "Mr. Everything" who was instrumental in the Bearcats' success in his two seasons
- All-District 16 and Honorable Mention All-American in 73-74
- averaged 17.7 points and 10 rebounds per game and shot 78% from the foul line in his first year
- team was District 16 runner-up in Fields' first season
- Fields' senior season saw him average 20.3 points and 11.5 rebounds



Charlie Lane - Tennis, 1975-1979

- played tennis for four seasons, 1975-79
- #1 singles player for SBU three years
- second on SBU all-time singles wins list (105)
- made four NAIA national championship appearances
- named to the ITA All-American Team twice
- three-time District 16 champion
- two-time District 16 doubles champion
- named to the NAIA All-District Team all four years.

The New 'Baseball Boosters' Club

SBU's baseball coach, Sam Berg, has a vision to strengthen the presence of SBU baseball in the MIAA conference. In the past few years, enhancements to the dugouts and backstop were made, and this summer the outfield fencing was replaced with wood fencing. Coach Berg has the following on his list of continued improvements to be made:

- Short wood fencing from foul pole to dugout down first and third baselines
- Padding behind home plate
- Sprinkler system installation
- Press box
- Covered bleachers

In the process of recruiting, players are always looking at the facilities being offered, as well as the academic offerings. The construction of the astounding entrance to the campus in memory of Dr. Jim Sells has been an addition to one of the most beautiful campuses in the area. Improvements in the baseball facility will add to this beauty, and the excellent faculty and staff of SBU!

Won't you please join the **BEARCAT BASEBALL BOOSTERS** as we support the players of today and tomorrow?

For more information, call Mike Pitts, Interim Co-Director of Athletics, at 417-326-1412 or visit our web site at www.sbubearcats.com



You are invited to join the new SBU Athletics Purple Club!

The Purple Club is a way you can show your support to our student-athletes, as they compete in the strong MIAA and the NCAA Division II level. Becoming a member of the Purple Club will help our student-athletes have the best possible experience here at SBU. As athletics educators, we have a passion to better position our students toward success. Your generous support contributes directly to that process.

Each season, as we follow the 16 Bearcats teams, we expect no less than excellence on the field, on the court, and in the classroom. The Purple Club allows us to team up with our student-athletes, and lets them know that they can expect the same excellence from us.

You will see the results of your generous support. As a member of the Purple Club, you will be able to track the specific projects that will help the SBU Bearcats in the biggest and most needed ways. You will see results as you drive through campus, as you watch the Bearcats compete, as you read about the successes of our student-athletes, and as you watch them walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. We will send you quarterly reports, letting you know exactly what your support is doing.

Our goal? We want you to attend our events along with the thousands of Bearcat fans each year, and leave with the thought, "I'm glad I support the SBU Bearcats!"

Whether you live close enough to attend every single game, or you follow us on www.sbubearcats.com, there is a level of the Purple Club that can fit your situation. At the top level, for example, not only will you receive general admission to all regular-season, home SBU Athletics events, you will also enjoy



unlimited access to the Breadeaux Pizza Purple Tent (at selected outdoor events) and the Domino's Pizza Purple Room (at selected indoor events).

You, as a member of the SBU Athletics Purple Club, are an important part of our team. Together, we are putting our student-athletes in the best possible position to succeed athletically, pursue a quality education, and grow spiritually.

We have great student-athletes at SBU! Help us help them develop to their maximum potential!

For more information, call Mike Pitts, Interim Co-Director of Athletics, at 417-326-1412 or visit our web site at www.sbubearcats.com.

BEARCAT sports report

For more SBU sports news, visit
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for the latest updates and information

2009 Football Schedule

at Ouachita Baptist
10/24 • Arkadelphia, Ark. • 1:30 PM

at St. Joseph's (Ind)
10/31 • Rensselaer, Ind. • 12:00 PM

Missouri S&T
11/07 • Bolivar, Mo. • 1:00 PM

2009 Women's Soccer

Central Missouri*
10/29 • Warrensburg, Mo. • 7:00 PM

Missouri Western*
10/31 • Bolivar, Mo. • 12:00 PM

Nebraska-Omaha
11/5 • Bolivar, Mo. • 3:00 PM

Northwest Missouri State*
11/7 • Bolivar, Mo. • 12:00 PM

2009 Volleyball Schedule

Truman State*
10/28 • Kirksville, Mo. • 7:00 PM

Missouri Western*
10/30 • Bolivar, Mo. • 7:00 PM

Northwest Missouri State*
10/31 • Bolivar, Mo. • 2:00 PM

Washburn*
11/6 • Topeka, Kan. • 7:00 PM

Fort Hays State*
11/7 • Hays, Kan. • 3:00 PM

Emporia State*
11/10 • Emporia, Kan. • 7:00 PM

Missouri Southern*
11/13 • Bolivar, Mo. • 7:00 PM

Pittsburg State*
11/14 • Bolivar, Mo. • 2:00 PM

NCAA Regionals
11/20-22 • TBA • TBA

'09 -'10 Men's Basketball Schedule

Livin' The Dream (exhibition)
11/2 • Bolivar • 7:00 PM

Disney Tip-Off Classic
11/6 • Saint Leo Univ. • Orlando, FL • 7:00 ET

Philadelphia University
11/7 • Orlando, FL • 4:45 ET

Lake Superior State University
11/8 • Orlando, FL • 7:00 ET

Drury University
11/16 • Springfield, MO • 7:00 PM

MidAmerica Nazarene University (Kan.)
11/19 • Bolivar • 7:00 PM

Dallas Baptist University
11/21 • Dallas, TX • 7:00 PM

SBU Thanksgiving Classic
11/27 • Henderson State Univ. • Bolivar • 8:00 PM

11/28 • Dallas Baptist Univ. • Bolivar • 6:00 PM

University of Central Missouri*
12/2 • Warrensburg, MO • 7:30 PM

at Missouri Baptist University
12/5 • Bolivar • 7:00 PM

at Central Bible College
12/7 • Bolivar • 7:00 PM

Missouri Southern State University*
12/9 • Joplin, MO • 7:00 PM

at Pittsburg State University*
12/12 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

Truman State University*
12/30 • Kirksville, MO • 7:30 PM

at Emporia State University*
1/2 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

Washburn University*
1/5 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

Fort Hays State University*
1/9 • Hays, KS • 4:00 PM

at University of Nebraska at Omaha*
1/14 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

Northwest Missouri State University*
1/16 • Maryville, MO • 3:30 PM

at Missouri Western State University*
1/19 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

at University of Central Missouri*
1/23 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

at Missouri Southern State University*
1/30 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

Pittsburg State University*
2/3 • Pittsburg, KS • 7:30 PM

at Truman State University*
2/6 • Bolivar • 3:30 PM

Emporia State University*
2/10 • Emporia, KS • 7:30 PM

Washburn University*
2/13 • Topeka, KS • 7:30 PM

at Fort Hays State University*
2/18 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

University of Nebraska at Omaha*
2/20 • Omaha, NE • 3:30 PM

at Northwest Missouri State University*
2/23 • Bolivar • 7:30 PM

Missouri Western State University*
2/27 • St. Joseph, MO • 7:30 PM

'09 -'10 Women's Basketball Schedule

Saint Louis University
11/5 • Saint Louis, MO • 6:00 PM

Quincy Tip-off Tournament
11/20 • Maryville Univ. • Quincy, IL • 5:00 PM

vs. Iowa Wesleyan or Quincy
11/21 • Quincy, IL • 3/5 PM

Northeastern State University
11/24 • Bolivar, MO • 6:00 PM

SBU Thanksgiving Classic
11/27 • Quincy Univ. • Bolivar, MO • 6:00 PM

11/28 • Drury Univ. • Bolivar, MO • 8:00 PM

University of Central Missouri
12/2 • Warrensburg, MO • 5:30 PM

Georgetown University
12/8 • Washington, DC • 7:00 PM

at Pittsburg State University*
12/12 • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

at Ouachita Baptist University
12/21 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

Missouri Southern State University*
12/28 • Joplin, MO • 5:30 PM

Truman State University*
12/30 • Kirksville, MO • 5:30 PM

at Emporia State University*
1/2 • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

at Washburn University*
1/5 • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

Fort Hays State University*
1/9 • Hays, KS • 2:00 PM

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2/23 • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

Missouri Western State University*
2/27 • St. Joseph, MO • 5:30 PM

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game

Record-breaking Summer for SBU Missions

Leeanne Kline, Class of 2011

Involvement in missions peaked this summer with more SBU students traveling the world to share the gospel than ever before.

"This was an exciting year for us," said Diana Gallamore, director of University Missions at SBU. "We saw the greatest amount of students involved."

Each year the missions office sees approximately 230 students and leaders participate. This year involvement rose to an all-time high of 300 participants.

According to Gallamore, the Missions Office is now "offering more teams" and has "expanded to offer more trips."

Usually offering 17 trips per year, the University plans to send out 24 teams this year.

"Students are coming in with a greater awareness of missions and desire to be involved," Gallamore said. This has "lent itself to a mission's atmosphere."

Junior Hannah Simpkins went on her third mission trip with SBU when she joined the Bolivia team to work with orphanages around Santa Cruz.

The team "worked really well together, helped each other out, and picked on each other as they were going to different homes and getting to know all the kids," Simpkins said.

Nichole Ward, director of residence life and team leader for the Australia trip, guided a team in working alongside Rahab Ministries to reach out to women in brothels.

The team consisted of a group of female students who had been a part of the discipleship program for one year.

Taking a new approach to the mission, Ward said, "The point wasn't Australia but the group. We were fully there, fully together."

Ward saw the team unite in "seeing the mistreatment of human beings" yet "seeing how the Lord does redeem."

"Relationship building, helping out missionaries and making contacts" kept the Extreme Asia team going as they were "out in the middle of nowhere hiking and doing a lot of things with people that live simply," junior Brian Meusborn said.

Finding her trip challenging yet rewarding, junior Elizabeth Munnell, on her return trip to Rwanda, said, "I was stretched by realizing that everything belongs to God and there is only so much I can do in two weeks. Ultimately, I had to give it up and let God do His work through me."

The Lord worked through students in miraculous ways. The Bolivia team brought Spanish Bibles to kids in an orphanage; only to find out the orphanage had been praying six months for Bibles.

Simpkins said her experience in Bolivia "got me even more excited to go back and work with them."

Learning from his Extreme Asia trip, Meusborn explained "I need to love people more and not be afraid to tell them about God."

Currently, the Missions Office faces the challenge of evaluating the summer trips, offering new trips and planning for next year.



Medical Mission to Ecuador

by Nicole Heitmann, Class of 2010

Forming a medical mission team has long been on the hearts of faculty from St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences (SJC NHS) at SBU's Springfield campus, and during the spring of 2009 the dream was finally realized.

"Doing medical mission trips with colleagues from SJC NHS has been a dream of mine and several other faculty members since at least 2004, when I joined the faculty," Dean Carole Eldridge said. "I spent a year in Zambia in 1990 running a rural clinic and participated in other mission trips through the years that made me very aware of the need for medical care in the developing world. I have always believed, as do many of my colleagues in health care, that Jesus called us to serve both physical and spiritual needs wherever we find them."

The destination of Ecuador was determined after Dr. Eldridge became acquainted with SBU's College of Mathematics and Sciences Dean Perry Tompkins.

"I consider it a 'God thing,'" Dr. Eldridge said. "Dr. Tompkins and I joined SBU as new deans in our respective colleges at the same time, so we naturally bonded as we learned our new roles. I was praying and searching for a way to get a medical mission trip program started, and Dr. Tompkins was an experienced visitor to Ecuador who had contacts on the ground and also spoke Spanish.

"His pediatrician brother, Dr. Rory Tompkins, had recently expressed interest in a medical outreach. Dr. Perry Tompkins wanted to facilitate his brother's desire, help the people of Ecuador, and help the SBU nursing students reach their mission goals. Dr. Tompkins and I were discussing these things at a faculty function, when we realized that God was putting a plan together through us."

Terri Schmitt, an assistant professor in the SJC NHS B.S.N. program, said, "Dr. Tompkins really brought the original plan to light, since his brother is a pediatrician and Dr. Tompkins is very familiar with Ecuador and had contacts there. Dr. Eldridge then spearheaded the idea

with the nursing group. It was an excellent example of team work by Dr. Tompkins, Dr. Eldridge, and Diana Gallamore from the SBU missions office."

Once a group was formed of seven SBU students (Baylee Anderson, Laura Hampson, Shannon Ingram, Laura Percival, Tiffany Smith, Jamie Gray and Faith Simmons), three faculty members (Dr. Perry Tompkins, Phebe Goldsmith, A.S.N. faculty, and Terri Schmitt), two physicians and family members of the faculty, they began to prepare. The students took a course taught by Schmitt designed to develop competence in health care cross-culturally and also studied the book, *Where There is No Doctor*.

"We had no idea what we were doing, so we played it by ear, prayed a great deal and it all seemed to work out well," Schmitt said. "The students read and were well-prepared; they helped pack supplies and were willing to do whatever the team leaders asked. We had such an excellent combination of people, with different talents that each part of the clinic and clinic need were miraculously covered."

St. John's Health System donated supplies and medicine while students and faculty raised money to buy more. There were some challenges that faced the group as they began preparing for the trip.

"One of the biggest challenges was figuring out what supplies and medicines to take and how to get them into the country," Dr. Eldridge said. "Everyone had to coordinate their luggage so they could carry as many of these items as possible. There were some concerns about customs and costs, but it turned out to be unnecessary worry."

While on the trip, the group spent most of their time hosting clinics. Between Monday and Wednesday, the group saw almost 300 children at a church in Maranata. The group

also went into the mountains a few days to the villages of Capigasi and Tanlahua. During the clinics, the group dispensed medications, educated parents, and taught about healthy living.

"I would have been worthless on this trip if it were not for Terri taking over the leadership in that area," Dr. Tompkins said. "I was pleased to be a glorified gopher and translator."

"We built relationships that will last and we provided many people access to health care who would not otherwise have it," Schmitt said. "It was amazing to me to see the number of

"Jesus called us to serve both physical and spiritual needs wherever we find them."

children in Caspigasi without transportation or access to health care. There was no health care in Tanlahua either; people had to travel in to Quito if they could. The number of children with life-threatening chronic illness was surprising. The things we take for granted became very clear: dental care, access to a health care provider, money to buy medicine. These were things the majority of these people did not have."

The faculty believe that the trip allowed their students to see the world in a different perspective.

"I think that this was a perfect example of Christians 'doing' church, not just enjoying or experiencing it," Tompkins said. "On the mission field it seems more direct to grow close to God and Christ than it is sitting in a pew. Additionally the team pulled together very tightly and an amazing amount of work was accomplished. We were tired, but we had the satisfaction of accomplishing an amazing work dedicated unto God."



"Students' eyes were opened to the wide gap between health care and general living conditions in the U.S. and in other parts of the world," Dr. Eldridge said. "Several students have told me they plan to go again next year."

"I hope they learned that the world is bigger than their own exposures or back yard,"

Schmitt said. "That they are called to 'care for the least of these,' that their lives are living sacrifices, that God is present and loving and unchanged in all cultures and in all people, and that they can make a huge difference anywhere with their gift of nursing." Though the trip is over, the dream for SJC-NHS to continue to participating in medical mission trips is not. The college is in the process of planning another trip to the same area in Ecuador during the summer of 2010.

"Because we have established relationships, know the needs, and know the population, a trip to the same area is a win-win for both the patients and for SBU," Schmitt said.

Dr. Eldridge can see the change in students just like she saw a change in herself when she came back from Zambia.

"I believe that medical mission trips change those who go more than those to whom they minister," Dr. Eldridge said. "I learned new gratitude for the material blessings we have, and I also learned to hold my possessions lightly. I saw that it is possible to be content with much less. I learned that death is a very present daily reality in many developing countries, and that eternity feels much closer in those conditions. I learned that I could never do enough, but that I could do something, and that God could use whatever I did."



Dr. Carole Compton Eldridge: 20 Most Influential Women

Dr. Carole Compton Eldridge was named one of *Springfield Business Journal's* 20 Most Influential Women for 2009. She joins 199 other women who have been honored by *SBJ* since 1999.



Dr. Eldridge serves as dean, campus director, and associate professor of St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences (SJC-NHS) at SBU's Springfield campus

According to *SBJ*, this year's nominees were chosen by a panel of five judges from the Springfield area business community. Honorees were recognized at a gala luncheon, September 25, at the University Plaza in Springfield.

One of Dr. Eldridge's strongest civic contributions is through networking with health care leaders in Springfield, throughout Missouri and in other states (particularly Texas), sharing and learning about ways to organize and lead health care that will improve our systems and strengthen our workers.

"In everything I do I want to equip, enable and empower other people, whether staff, faculty or students," Eldridge said. It is well-known among her peers, as a teacher and natural mentor, Dr. Eldridge is impacting the health care world.

Dr. Eldridge exemplifies servant leadership as she has built four profitable, high-quality health care businesses from the ground up, providing excellent care and great jobs for hundreds of people. She has written several health care books that provide training for thousands of health care workers. Dr. Eldridge has facilitated the education of hundreds of registered nurses who provide quality care to their patients. She helps aspiring nurses reach their goal of a career that will improve their lives and their families' lives.

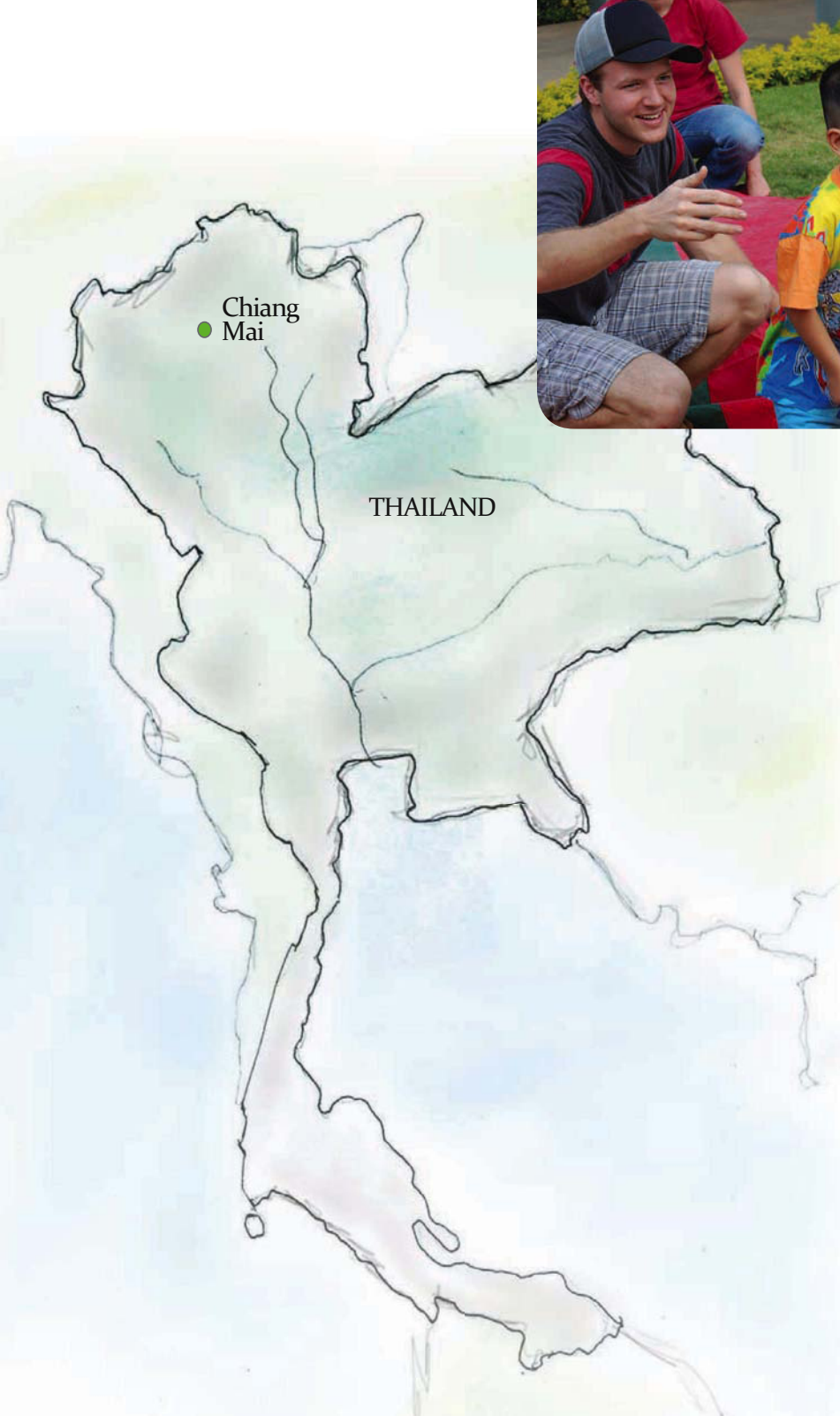
"These things all come from my central mission and constitute my proudest ongoing accomplishment: strengthening health care workers, thereby making health care better," Dr. Eldridge said.



Dr. Perry Tompkins (center)
"Glorified gopher & translator"



Terri Schmitt recently
was named Faculty
Newcomer of the Year.



MISSIONS is an integral part of campus life at Southwest Baptist University, and for Andy Snyder '07, this was no exception. Snyder has had the opportunity not only to go on trips with SBU but also lead trips, the most recent to Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Although Snyder went on mission trips with his church when he was in high school, he decided not to go on a trip with SBU until his junior year.

"I remember sitting in Missions Chapel while they were talking about the different opportunities," Snyder said. "I thought it sounded so neat -- all the cool stuff people were doing all over the world. When they talked about Senegal, it sounded like something I really could do, and it was interesting to me. The idea of going to Africa just blew me away. It sounded amazing."

Snyder decided to apply for the trip and see where that would lead. For Snyder, his passion for missions started while on the trip.

"Senegal really opened my eyes to how much pain and hurt there is out there, and how much crazy stuff goes on in the world," Snyder said. "It really opened my eyes to a whole world of things I didn't know existed. I knew then I really wanted to be part of missions for the rest of my life in some aspect. Thankfully, God opened the doors for me to participate in that fairly regularly."

During the trip, Snyder began to connect with Senegal mission leader and assistant director of university missions, Kelly Rehm.

"Kelly really mentored me a lot," Snyder said. "There were segments of the trip where he and I roomed together, and I really had some good conversations with him. From then through the rest of my time at SBU, I met with Kelly weekly in a kind of mentor relationship."



Thailand

with Andy Snyder '07

by Nicole Heitmann, Class of 2010

The next year, Snyder found himself leading the trip to Senegal with Travis Pace '08. This was the first trip during which SBU sent out a team overseas with student leadership. A little while later Rehm contacted Snyder, then a graduate, about leading a trip to Thailand.

"I went ahead and did that trip," Snyder said. "It went flawlessly as far as I can remember. I came back and thought 'That was that,' and I would see what God had for me from then on."

The next year, Snyder found himself leading the next team to Thailand after the initial plans for the trip were changed. "It's so crazy, but it seems that every trip I led ended up being a matter of circumstance, but I guess that's how God works sometimes."

Although Snyder had led previous teams there were still challenges he faced while preparing the team as well as while overseas. "I wouldn't say I was skilled at preparing for trips," said Snyder. "Not always knowing even during the training how everybody was reacting to it [the material]. I tried to make sure things stayed calm and everyone continued to get along and remembered the purpose of the trip."

Snyder's favorite part of the recent excursion to Thailand was the time he spent with a handful of team members in the rural village of Mae Wang.

"I appreciated being out in the village: the people getting to know us, waving to us as we rode our bicycles, eating meals with them, just being part of their community

for a few days," Snyder said. "It was a good opportunity to have a smaller group of the team bond together as missionaries and enjoy each other. We got to know the people and more what they do, not just in an urban setting but in a rural, real nitty-gritty Thailand sense."

Snyder is now working on his master's degree in biology, while he anticipates attending medical school. He hopes that he will continue to be involved in missions.

"I intend to be involved with missions for the rest of my life," Snyder said. "Right now, it appears that that will be in several short-term volunteer type scenarios. However, I won't claim to know what God has in store. If God has something more for me to do, I'll be happy to do it. The only thing I know for sure is that I will be going overseas again to do missions work. I don't know where, I don't know when, and I don't know for how long, but I will go."

"Andy is a wonderful servant leader and really has a heart for the nations and for the Thai people. His laid back and adaptable nature allowed us to cope in all situations, especially those that were stressful or confusing. He is absolutely hilarious and so wonderful to be around."

– Jade Enoch, Class of 2012

"I think Andy did a tremendous job leading the SBU team to Thailand. He was always there to point us in the right direction and help us where we needed it, but he was a good enough leader to let us have responsibility for ourselves and let God work out the details. In doing so, I think he helped the team to grow and learn amazing things."

– Nathan Brown, Class of 2010



MISSION TEAM JOURNALS

Panama (Spanish class)

by Whitney Baker, Class of 2010 and Amy Smith Wagner '09

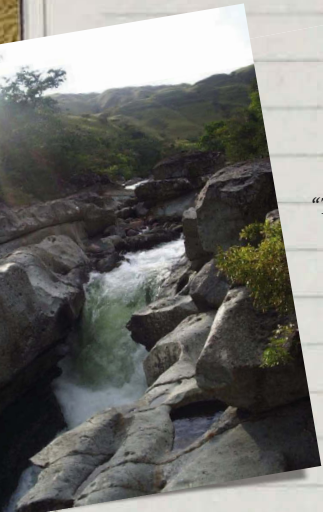


In January 2009, several students from the SBU Spanish department had the opportunity to travel to the Central American country of Panama. For ten days, we traveled the country ministering to the remote village of Llano Bonito, singing in Baptist churches across Panama, and sharing testimonies, while developing our Spanish-speaking skills and taking in sites from the country's tropical mountains, to the Pacific Ocean, and to the Panama Canal.

We traveled with SBU students Kelita McLaughlin, Stephen Pollock, Kristy Schick, and Randall Stirewalt, and we were accompanied by our SBU Spanish Professor Curtis Goss. We recorded our adventures in daily journals. Following are some excerpts:

Day 1: A long day of travel, a bumpy ride into the Panamanian mountains and excited villagers awaiting our arrival to Llano Bonito.

"After bumping up the mountain in the back of a truck for nearly five hours, we were greeted by the faces of the Llano Bonito village. What an amazing experience, especially considering we were the first team ever to arrive by vehicle." –Amy



Day 2: Mud huts, joyful children, and river baths.

"The people of Llano Bonito are excited. We went to the schoolhouse after our first bath in the cool river waters. We had fun with the children and they loved taking pictures with our cameras." –Whitney

Day 3: Poured concrete floor in the schoolhouse, lively worship with the village and bedtime in the tents.

"We laid the floor to the school. We went to the village church that night tired and exhausted. Through a language barrier we all worship the same God. Back in my tent tonight, I am still hoping I don't get bit by something strange." –Amy



Day 4: Girls painted the school, boys went spear fishing and we all hiked to beautiful waterfalls.

"The view was breathtaking! We could see the whole community of Llano Bonito. The waterfalls were amazing and truly a testament of our Creator." – Whitney

Day 5: Sadly left Llano Bonito, traveled to Sona, sang in a church and enjoyed electricity and plumbing.

"It was really overwhelming to be back in civilization with the hustle and bustle of life. We already miss the calmness of Llano Bonito." – Amy

Day 6: Attended Sunday morning church, had an authentic Panamanian lunch, and enjoyed fellowship with locals.

"After dinner we went to Abel's cousin's house. They shared their home, cookies and ice cream with us as we enjoyed one another's company. It was a lovely day in Sona."

– Whitney

Day 7: Traditional Panamanian breakfast and a beautiful beach house stay.

"We had fresh pineapple, corn cakes, freshly squeezed orange juice, homemade pastries and so much more. We had a great time with the host family, and it was the best breakfast ever!" – Amy

Day 8: Sun and swimming, fresh fish from a local fisherman, and much needed rest and relaxation.

"We made it to the Pacific Ocean. We loved the sand and the unique shells. We enjoyed fresh seafood for lunch, and treasured spending time with each other." Whitney

Day 9: Sight-seeing, Panama Canal and Panama City.

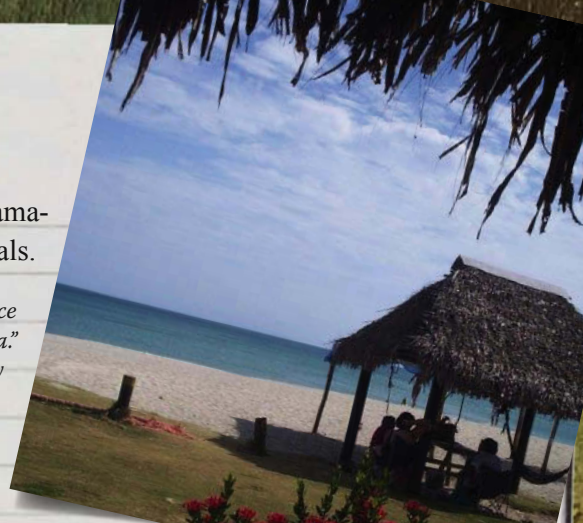
"We drove for a while and went up into the mountains for a panoramic view of Panama and the Pacific coast. It was beautiful." – Amy

Day 10: Souvenirs from the Kuna Indians, Old Panama City and sadly saying "adios" to Panama.

"We spent the evening with Abel and his wife Olga. They were so thankful that we came. I can't believe it is already time to leave. What an unforgettable trip!" – Whitney

We are thankful for this experience and all that it entailed. We were stretched out of our comfort zones, and we grew through our experiences. Abel has such an inspiring vision for the community of Llano Bonito and it is truly a blessing to work in the midst of the plans the Lord has for that place. We learned that you really can love through language barriers, culture barriers and many differences. Ultimately, we worship the same creator, lover, and one true God.

– Amy & Whitney



MISSION TEAM JOURNALS

Tucson (Missions Department)

by Jessica Oliver '09

THE FOLLOWING is a journal entry written after my trip to Tucson, Ariz.

Mission trips are never what we expect. Whether we're traveling to metro Manila, across the country to an inner-city church, or to the soup kitchen down the street, we always have expectations, as with everything in life, and whether or not they are met or exceeded often measures the success with which we rate the journey.

If we had no expectations — well, that wouldn't work either. We all need a dream to work toward, something in which to look forward and seek to obtain. For many, the goal is winning souls for Christ, which is in and of itself a most noble goal, though sometimes misguided.

So my expectations upon embarking on this trip to Tucson were slim... just make it through the week, see some new sights, tell a few people about Jesus, and that's about it; however, my expectations were exceeded far beyond what I could have ever imagined, and it wasn't because of how many people came to know Jesus.

Sure, our trip to the orphanage in Mexico was great. I was blessed to have spent time with those children, just getting a chance to extend them kindness and love, and be their playmate for the afternoon. I enjoyed planning and holding the block party and running the bounce house booth.

But the real, life-changing moments came as we walked the streets of Tucson, putting fliers for a block party at Emmanuel Baptist Church on people's doors, and asking the residents if we could pray for them about anything in their lives. And it wasn't my asking and praying that changed me. It was the praying

and asking of the members of the church.

The people in the houses knew the church members, and clearly had no ill toward them, though I'm sure there were some people out there who didn't like the church people. I found that they knew them for helping and loving others, and nothing more. I'm sure they knew the church members "worked for God;" however, that didn't seem to matter.

And during the block party we held for the community, it was the church members who rallied together as a community to prayer walk the church campus, asking God to allow opportunities for ministry, and to meet the needs of those in their community.

During a pancake breakfast that the church holds for the homeless every Sunday, I witnessed again church members coming together to meet the needs of people in their community, without bickering, without an agenda. They simply loved people, right where they were, for what they were.

And that was really the most important lesson we could ever learn — to love. Whether we are walking the streets of inner-city Tucson inviting people to a block party, feeding the homeless pancakes or spending time with kids at an orphanage in Mexico, the only expectation we should have is to love. Many people won't understand the Jesus-jargon we tell them, but they will understand if we love them with the love of Christ, or out of obligation.

After all, that's the greatest commandment, right? "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 37-40)

Jesus says loving our neighbor as we love ourselves is like loving God. The people of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Tucson, Ariz., helped me realize this concept — it is truly impossible to love God and not love people. And that has made all the difference in my life.



Serving a God Who Cannot be Stepped On:

Abby Duncan '08 in South Asia

BY WHITNEY DUNCAN, CLASS OF 2011

"I am thankful I serve a God that cannot be stepped on."

This is just one example of the regular comments that my sister, Abby Duncan, makes in South Asia.

Abby is currently 24 years old and graduated from SBU in 2008 with a double major in political science and communications and a minor in religious studies. After graduation, Abby felt the tug from the Lord to serve the International Mission Board as a Journeyman, a two-year ministry program for college graduates. After training and praying about where exactly the Lord wanted her, Abby ended up in South Asia with her mission partner Allison. They are putting the Great Commission into direct action.

Abby has lived in South Asia for nearly a year. In this time she has handed out endless Christian tracks to people she encounters. She also has been taking several language classes to better her communication with the locals. Another thing Abby has done single-handedly is begin an English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) class. ESL has become a great opportunity to witness to anyone wanting to learn English. Over the course of a few months, this class turned into a Bible study group. The worship and prayers are done in two languages, their own language and English, which is a great exposure to English but most importantly teaches them about Christ. My mom and I had the chance to visit Abby this August and experience Abby's ministry first-hand.

After getting over the excitement of seeing Abby, finally, after 10 long months, the next few days we hit the ground running with places to go and people to see. At the Bible study there were about 15 people crammed into a tiny room the size of a U.S. home bathroom. It was amazing to experience the word of God in a foreign language and to hear people sing well-known worship melodies in their native tongue. The Bible study participants were very excited to meet some of Abby's family and were overly gracious and hospitable.

While sightseeing, we took an early morning tour of a Hindu temple with many stairs leading up to it. Unbeknownst to me, there was a Hindu god on the steps right before you enter the temple that I accidentally stepped on. This is one of the many gods that the Hindus believe in and worship. It was a sad sight, but reaffirmed to all of us Abby's purpose for being in South Asia.

There will be some new changes for Abby in the near future. Abby is now moving to a different location in South Asia



and is very excited about the new people she will meet and the new assignments she will have. She is equally excited to work more with her partner Allison and reach more people for the Kingdom. Abby plans to train local pastors and teach them the Word of God as well as show them the importance of outreach. With locals being in charge of Bible study, this is a great way for her influence to last longer than her duration in South Asia. Abby's ministry will not stop when she leaves the country but will continue to last long after she is gone.

While in South Asia it was very plain to see that the people there are in need of the true light and freedom in Christ. Instead, most of them are bound to idols that do not hear them and do not care about them. This is the fire behind Abby's ministry. The god I stepped on in the Hindu temple is only one example of how small and insignificant their gods really are. It is Abby's goal and passion to bring the light to the people of South Asia and to show them that there is a God out there that will listen to them. There is a God that will care about them. There is a God that has died for them and has saved them from a life of hopelessness. There is, at last, a God that cannot be stepped on!

Please continue to pray for Abby and her mission partner Allison as they represent the light of Christ in a very dark region. And pray for the hearts of the people in South Asia that they will come to know that Christ is the only way, the only truth and the only light.

Extend Global

BY Sharina Smith

*"I have but one passion:
It is He, it is He alone.
The world is the field and the field
is the world; and henceforth that
country shall be my home where
I can be most used in winning
souls for Christ."*

-COUNT NICOLAUS LUDWIG
VON ZINZENDORF

CULTIVATING SEEDS

The seeds for Extend Global's ministry to mobilize, equip, and inspire short-term mission teams were cultivated at SBU. As students, John Tucker '97 and Sean Smith '04 learned how to put their faith into action. Their lives have never been the same.

Tucker first went on a short-term mission trip in middle school with his youth group. Their mission was to help a church in Vermont to grow. This trip made an impression on him, but Tucker said he did not do anything else mission-wise until he was a student at SBU. His first SBU mission trip was as a freshman during the January term.

"I was a typical poor college freshman," Tucker said. "I made \$5 a week with *The Omnibus* writing articles. One day, I was studying for Old Testament history, and a friend asked me to go to Jamaica. 'No, I don't have the money,' was my first response. Of course, then in my reading, I came across Isaiah's call: 'Who will go...here I am, send me.' I felt a real call....I knew I was supposed to go. I sent out letters of support, plus I had a little bit of money...my church responded to help. I went to Jamaica during Jan. term."

During the remaining time Tucker was a student at SBU, he went to Jamaica twice and once to Croatia. To Tucker these trips were "spiritually forming in my life in a way that had not happened before. There was something about putting faith into action."

After graduation, Tucker spent a year in Egypt on staff at an international church in a position in which he ministered to students all over the world. Tucker returned to the U.S. to complete his master's degree in missions and intercultural studies at Wheaton College, then he returned to SBU to work as Director of Missions from 2000-2004.



Tucker said, “I met Sean in 2002. He was signed up to go on a student mission trip. I had started mission/discipleship groups with my wife (now Dr. Erin Jackson Tucker ’96, also a graduate of SBU’s master’s and doctoral programs in physical therapy). We trained the students in missions, hoping to train team leaders.

“After the initial discipleship group, Sean became friends with my wife and me. He went to Peru with us during his junior year. Two years later, Sean was assistant team leader for a N. Africa trip scheduled for January 2002.”

“Mission fest during Sean’s junior year was on 9/11/01,” said Tucker. “After what happened that day, we thought the N. Africa trip would be cancelled. We met with Dr. Taylor and fought hard to go. I had lived there for a year and felt we should go. Before Dr. Taylor made the decision to let us go, we trained hard not even knowing if we could go. Lots of lives were changed.”

Smith said after the discipleship group and training for N. Africa, “I went to Peru, which led me from Path A to Path B in my life. That next summer I spent in Wales, and I said to myself, ‘If this is what I am going to do, this is what I need to do.’ I served as a youth pastor in Wales through the International Mission Board, and, actually, I wore many hats. I didn’t know then that missions would be my career.”

The Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf quote that begins this story was motivating to both Tucker and Smith. Smith said to him it meant, “Don’t worry about the details, but this is what I want to do. I want to go where am I most effective at leading souls to Christ? Following this path led me to Extend Global.

“In 2003, when I led the trip with

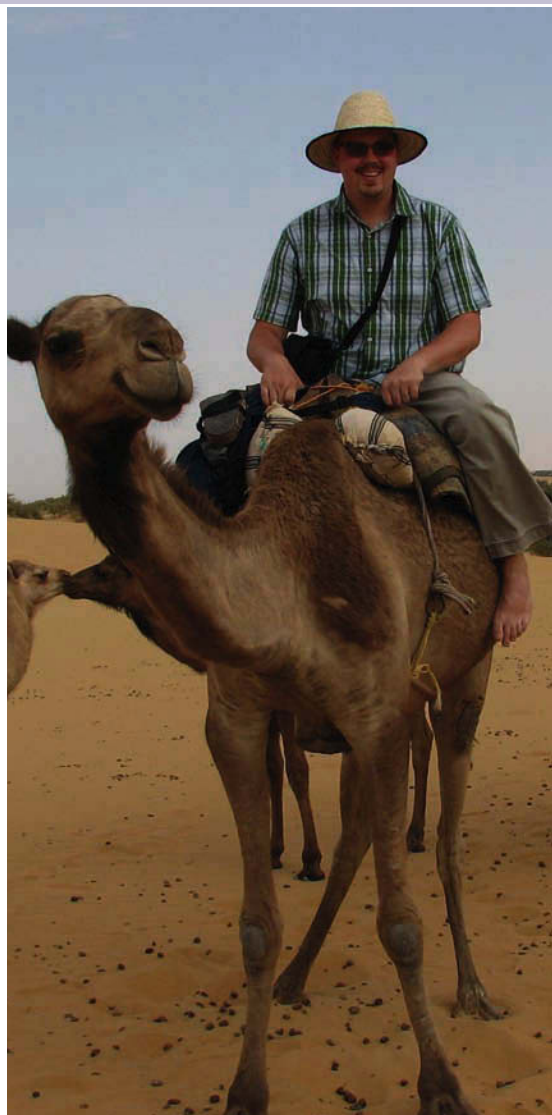
John to N. Africa, I asked John where he saw me in five years. He said he saw me as a missionary. It was five years from then to our working together in Extend Global.”

In the summer of 2004, Tucker left SBU and moved back to the same church he had previously served in N. Africa. Tucker said he had a passion for the country and its people. “I believe God called us to Egypt. We had gotten too comfortable in Bolivar. Looking back, we see that God pulled us out of our comfort zone. We sold everything we owned. We had accumulated a lot in five years of marriage. Our son Ethan [now four years old] was born in Cairo. We lived in Egypt for two years then returned to the States. We had no jobs waiting for us, but we knew it was time to transition back. It was time to take a leap of faith [again].”

Although he and his wife did not have jobs waiting upon their return to Bolivar, Tucker knew they had a business idea. “Even as SBU’s Director of Missions,” Tucker said, “I would get calls from churches to help set up trips. I didn’t have enough resources to help all of them, but the seeds were planted: ‘Wouldn’t it be awesome to help people do trips?’ My wife and I began a five- to 10-year plan. We decided to start a business to help people do trips. After two years back in the U.S., my wife and I started Extend Global in 2006 going through the whole process of starting up as a 501C3 with religious emphasis. I sent Smith a letter and asked if he wanted to jump with us”

Smith, who was unmarried at the time and working as an admissions counselor for SBU, said “Sure, why not?”

Smith said, “Literally, in spring 2006, John’s letter was life-changing. I





met my wife right after I got the letter. I already knew I was leaving SBU. I asked Sarah, when we started dating, if it was okay that I quit my job and started asking for money. ”

It is obvious she said “yes,” because Smith and Tucker are co-leaders of Extend Global, and Sarah is part of Smith’s home team along with their daughter, six-month old Rebecca. Tucker’s family expanded, too, with the addition of Sadie, who is now two-and-a-half years old.

EXTEND GLOBAL

Tucker said Smith came on board full time in 2007. With a passion for training, Tucker and Smith also want to facilitate partnerships to better equip and facilitate teams going on short-term mission trips.

“We work with churches, groups within churches, individuals, and organizations like SBU,” Tucker said. “We have been partnering with SBU since beginning with Extend Global. We’ve sent several teams to North Africa -- two teams each year.”

Tucker said. “We get e-mail from churches in Kentucky, Connecticut, California, Florida, and everywhere in between. Next month, we’re sending teams to the Ukraine, Maryland, Mississippi, Washington, and Springfield.”

“Training is a challenge, but we can train by

teleconferencing. We try to facilitate everything from A to Z. We develop relationships overseas, send trained leaders with them. We don’t go on every trip. For smaller churches, we may do more facilitating than for a large church.”

“We want to be a servant to the churches,” Smith said. “For larger churches we might help them develop a long-term missions strategy.”

Tucker said three people in SBU missions office were influential, because they invested time in him: Becky Cassel, David Myers- I was his work-study student, and William Taylor- he gave me opportunities and prodded me.”

“John Tucker was that person for me,” Smith said. “He gave me freedom. He told me going to Wales for the summer was not a bad idea. It was not dumb.” Tucker nurtured the passion for missions in Smith just as it was nurtured in him at SBU.

Tucker said Extend Global was getting more requests for family mission trips. In fact, Smith and Sarah recently led a team to Guatemala with their six-month old baby. Smith said, “Short-term missions are fun. It can be cool to see culture, but we want to teach them to serve.”





When I graduated from SBU back in 2004, I left with very special memories, lifelong friends, and a valuable degree in business administration. I also left never dreaming that the Lord would bring me back here...twice! Following graduation, I traveled with a music and missions ministry based out of Atlanta. When I finished my one-year commitment, I returned to SBU to work as an admissions counselor, recruiting in states west of Missouri and then in southwest Missouri. When I stepped away from that after two recruiting cycles, I had begun work on my M.B.A., and I went to work for Tracker Marine Group in Springfield, Mo. I never imagined that I would come back to SBU or to Bolivar, but the Lord had other plans, and I'm so glad!

I began my duties here on April 6; I am so excited to be back at SBU serving as your alumni director. I love that I get to work in a Christian environment and be a part of the SBU family again.

As 2010 is rapidly approaching, I would love to hear from you how the Office of Alumni Relations can better serve you in the upcoming year. We have many exciting things to look forward to. I am working to set up several regional alumni events, and planning for Homecoming 2010 has already begun. Watch your mail and the website for details and updates regarding all upcoming events. SBU Alumni have also formed a group on Facebook – just search "SBU Alumni" and you'll find us!

In the brief time that I've been here, I've been reminded why SBU is such a special place. I've had the opportunity to connect with many people who believe in and support our mission here. As alumni, I hope you value and support that mission as well. I am proud of and excited about the involvement of our alumni in the work of Southwest Baptist University, but there is always room for improvement. I want to challenge you to get involved and give back in whatever way you're able. And to those of you already involved, I want to say thank you for choosing to be a part of impacting students' lives for the Kingdom!

Lindsay Lewis '04, M.B.A. '09
Director of Alumni Relations

ALUMNI news

Attention Commerce Bank SBU Affinity Card Holders

Effective December 31, 2009, Commerce Bank will terminate its agreement with Southwest Baptist University to provide the SBU Affinity Credit Card. You will receive a replacement card in the mail from Commerce Bank, but please be aware that 1%

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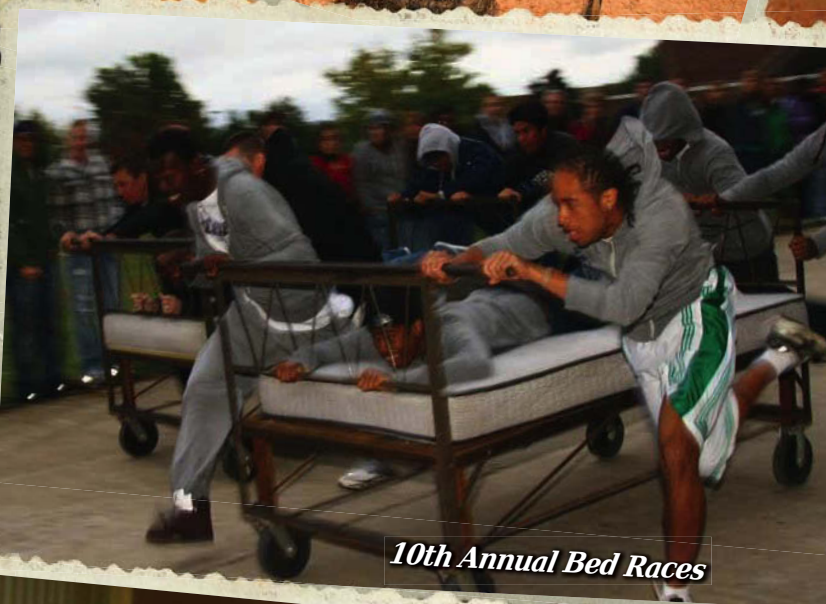


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EDYTHER HAMMACK FELLOWS

(February 20, 1922 - February 17, 2009)

Longtime Southwest Baptist University supporter Edythe Mae Fellows, 86, Bolivar, died February 17, 2009, at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility. Edythe was the daughter of Henry and Calla Avis (Smith) Hammack and was born February 20, 1922, in Southwest City, Mo.

Edythe and Dr. Jack B. Fellows were married on Aug. 6, 1939, in Southwest City, MO. Edythe attended Southwest Baptist College for three semesters. She graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts. She earned a Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Edythe was a teacher and for more than 25 years after her retirement. Edythe (and Dr. Fellows) served as volunteer church missionaries, and she traveled to 18 countries around the world including Bosnia and Croatia of the Balkans, China, Korea, Japan, Germany, Scotland, and Israel.

Edythe and Dr. Fellows moved to Bolivar in 2004 from Silver Springs, Maryland, and attended First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, where Dr. Fellows is an elder and serves on the mission committee. Edythe and Dr. Fellows recently came under the watch-care of the First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Mo.

Edythe was well-known for her commitment to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and her support of Southwest Baptist University's mission to "prepare students to be servant leaders in a global society," Edythe and Dr. Fellows established and endowed the Global Ambassador Awards to recognize SBU faculty, staff, and students for their leadership and involvement in University missions. For five years this award has been presented during the annual SBU Homecoming.

Edythe's parents, a sister, Marjorie Wasson, and brothers, Hubert Milton Hammack, Russell Charles Hammack and Emmett Hammack preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Jack B. Fellows; 5 children, David Wayne Fellows and wife, Sarah, Columbia, S.C. and former wife Ms. Patti Gehrke, Conyers, Ga; Dawna Hopeman and husband, Ross, Lander, Wyo.; Dr. Jack D. Fellows and wife, Kay, Boulder, Colo.; Douglas Fellows, Bolivar; and Dr. Neal Fellows and wife, Deborah, Lake Leelanau, Mich.; 3 sisters, Frances Fugate, Claremore, Okla.; Flo Davis, Springfield, Mo; and Beverly Hammack, Conyers, Ga; 18 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

DR. JACK B. FELLOWS

(July 22, 1918 - June 14, 2009)

Dr. Jack Beverly Fellows, 91, died peacefully on June 14, 2009 in Bolivar, Mo. The son of Don Barnd Fellows and Del Etna Loveless, he was born on July 22, 1918 in Springfield, Mo.

He and Edythe Mae Hammack were married in 1939 in Southwest City, Mo. The family lived in Bloomington, Ind., until 1967 when they moved to Potomac, Md. They moved to Bolivar in 2004 from Silver Spring, Md., and attended First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Mo., where Jack was an elder and served on the Mission Committee. Edythe passed away in February, 2009.

In 1940, Jack received an associate art degree in religion at Southwest Baptist University (formerly Southwest Baptist College) in Bolivar, Mo. He went on to receive a bachelor of arts in religious education and youth minister in 1944 from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., and a master of religious education in 1946 and a doctorate in religion education in 1948 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Jack began his professional career as a professor of religious education and special studies at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan. In 1954, he joined Indiana University-Bloomington as an instructor, where he also received a masters of science in both recreation and in audio visual education and communications. While in Bloomington, he started a non-profit organization know as Boy Builders of America, Inc. that taught constructions skills to at-risk young men. In 1967, he moved his family to Washington, DC where he joined Goodwill Industries of America, Inc. After leaving Goodwill, he was on the staff of several private schools and eventually opened his own school for disadvantaged youth in the Washington, DC area named Contemporary Learning Centers. He then partnered with his sons for over ten years in a retail store called Aquariums, Terrariums, and Things.

While in the Washington, DC area, Jack and Edythe were faithful members of the National Presbyterian Church and lead several mission teams to the Holy Land. After a successful career in education and business, Jack and Edythe retired in 1984 and were heavily involved in volunteer work in Maryland and eventually became missionaries in both Palestine and Croatia. In 1998, they founded Life Center International-America, Inc., a non-profit that has raised substantial funds to

support mission organizations and individuals.

Both Jack and Edythe were committed to both Bolivar and the Southwest Baptist University. Jack was a devoted member of the Bolivar Rotary Club and helped raise the funds for the Bolivar Rotary Park. He was also a member of the Polk County Senior Center Board, the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, and the Bolivar Habitat for Humanity Fund Raising Committee. He was the Treasurer of the Polk County Senior Citizens Service Tax Fund Board and created the Polk County property tax project that provides assistance for Polk County citizens over sixty. Jack was president of his SBU freshman class and lettered in both tennis and track. He was on the SBU Alumni Association Board and the SBU Endowment for Missions Committee. He loved the SBU football, basketball, and tennis teams, and he and Edythe attended their games faithfully. Jack received the SBU Life Service Award in 2002 and the SBU Alumni Association Edwin Lightfoot Award in 2007. In 2004, Jack and Edythe were recognized by SBU as SBU Global Ambassadors and they created the SBU Global Ambassador Awards, which continues to support SBU mission students.

Survivors include his sister Martha E. Robinson, Jefferson City, Mo., and Jack and Edythe's five children: David W. Fellows and wife, Sarah, Columbia, S.C.; Dawna B. Hopeman and husband, Ross, Lander, Wyo.; Dr. Jack D. Fellows and wife, Kay, Boulder, Colo.; Douglas R. Fellows, Bolivar, Mo.; Dr. Neal H. Fellows and wife, Deborah, Lake Leelanau, Mich.; and daughter-in-law Patti Gehrke, Conyers, Ga.. Jack and Edythe also had 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy and any tax-exempt gifts may be mailed to Life Center International, Inc. Box 353, Bolivar, MO 65613-0353. Life Center gifts will go to support missionaries and mission work in Bosnia, Croatia, and the Philippines; Palestinian Christian students at the Bethlehem Bible College; and SBU students involved in various mission programs.

(Editor's note: Prior to their deaths, I had the privilege of working with Dr. and Mrs. Fellows to edit their memoirs. God-Given Baby, the book-length manuscript of their adventures as global ambassadors for Christ, will be available in the SBU Harriett K. Hutchens Library archives in spring of 2010. – Sharina Smith)

1950

Lucile Smith passed away at her home in La Mirada, Calif., after a year-long battle with cancer, February 1, 2009, at the age of 88. Her husband **Richard '50** preceded her in death in 1990. In the midst of her battle, God graciously took her home, painlessly, with a heart attack.

1957

Bob Tolliver and his wife Jo Ann have returned from the mission field after six years in Kiev, Ukraine, and are now living in Collins, Mo. They have resumed their evangelism and equipping ministry in the states and continue taking shorter trips ministering in other countries. They would love to hear from former class mates as well as the SBU students who went with them on mission trips during the 1990s and early 2000s. PO Box 228, Collins, MO 64738 lifeunlimited@pobox.com

1958

James White has retired. He and his wife Charlotte (Walton) reside at 20 Abby Lynn Circle, Clarksville, TN 37043 james.g.white@charter.net

1966

Linda (Wyatt) and her husband Jim Bowman live on a farm not far from Harrisonville, Mo. Her husband teaches at a nearby university. In June, they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Their two sons are grown; the oldest son is a pastor, and the younger son works for an accounting firm in Minn. PO Box 93, Urich, MO 64788 twobowmans@hotmail.com

1968

Charles Lacy is a candidate for a second Bachelor of History from Missouri University of Science and Technology on May 16, 2009. 1101 McCutchen Road, #4-209, Rolla, MO 65401 cw1626@yahoo.com

1969

Due to some health issues, **William Bretts** retired in July 2008 after 35 years in church and denominational ministries. He and Barbara, his wife of 39 wonderful years, moved back to Brentwood, Tenn., an area in middle Tenn. that they love and that just happens to be within 20 minutes of their three beautiful grandchildren: Will, Kayelynn and Jacob. Barbara continues to

work, but with five weeks of vacation, her work has not hindered their love to travel. (went to London and Scotland in June) William would love to hear from any of you. 800 Wilson Pike, Brentwood, TN 37027 bettswh@comcast.net

1970

Linda (Jines) became a Dave Ramsey Certified Financial Counselor. She and her husband, **Rod Masteller '69** have four grown daughters: three are in the Dallas area and one in Orlando. They have nine grandchildren, including a set of identical twin boys. Rod has pastored Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., for the past 11 years, having led the church to purchase and relocate to a million-square foot mall. The former JC Penny's is now their auditorium. 706 Cobblestone Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106 lmsapphire@aol.com

Jacquie (Jeter) Umfleet works at the Clinical Education Coordinator for the Southwest Missouri Area Health Education Center. She works with medical students from medical schools in Missouri by assisting them with setting up their clinical clerkships with physicians in southwest Missouri. 701 E Bedford, Marshfield, MO 65706 mojac98@yahoo.com

1972

Barbara (Pitts) Miller accepted a new position with Auburn University after serving five years with the College of William and Mary in Virginia. She is the Assistant Vice President of Development, and is a member of the leadership team that recently completed a successful campaign and raised over \$609 million dollars in private gifts for the university. Her current assignment is Principal and International Gifts. barbarapittsmiller@gmail.com

1973

On June 11 **David G. Hacker** was presented with the Missouri Hospital Association's 2009 Excellence in Governance award. Since 1985 the award has been given to deserving board members for exceptional dedication to increasing the health care quality of Missouri. Hacker distinguished himself from the excellent board members of the 153 hospitals the Association represents.

For 26 years Hacker has been a member of the Citizens Memorial Healthcare board of

directors. He has served in various capacities, and has served most recently as treasurer from 1993 to 2007, and board chair from 2007 to the present. However, he supplements these duties with strenuous legislative activities focused on healthcare improvement in Jefferson City and Washington DC.



David G. Hacker (right) with Donald J. Babb, CEO/Executive Director of Citizens Memorial Healthcare

1977

Donald Shannon served as director of missions for southeast Alaska and is now serving as the director of church and community ministries/missions education for the Alaska Baptist Convention.

1978

Hal McNeal and his wife **Terri (Smith) '77** are getting back into the SBU fold with their daughter now being a freshman at SBU. Hal teaches 8th graders in American history and Terri is a parole officer at Boonville Correctional Center. Their oldest son Eric teaches history and coaches softball at Pilot Grove C-4, and their youngest is a 7th grader at Boonville Middle School. They are planning some fall and spring road trips to watch SBU softball. Hal still enjoys his hobby of Civil War reenacting and Terri is into photography. 76sportster@earthlink.net

Dwayne Isringhausen just completed 30 years of service to the citizens of Missouri through the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He and his wife Sharon are expecting their fourth grandson and are looking forward to retirement in the next few years. They are members of Mountain Grove First Baptist Church. Their daughter, Tara, is a pharmacist in the Kansas City area. Their oldest son, Seth, is a Missouri Trooper stationed in Forsyth. Their other two sons, Brad and Mark, are currently in high school. 1606 East 16th Street, Mountain Grove, MO 65711

isrindf@yahoo.com

Eula (DeWeese) Bradley completed her M.Ed. degree at Arizona State University in May 2009. 3632 E. Park Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85044 eula.bradley@asu.edu

1979

Philip Smart and his wife **LeAnn (Bell) '79** recently moved to Michigan where Phil accepted a position as pastor of missions at Kentwood Community Church. leanns1@yahoo.com

1981

JoAnn (Redmond) Saunders recently taught a reading seminar for Texas Association of Baptist School elementary teachers. The convention was held at Prestonwood Baptist Church and School. JoAnn will finish up 24 years of teaching this May. Fourteen of those years have been at FBBA teaching first grade. She has been nominated twice for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. JoAnn and her husband Lee serve the Garden Oaks Baptist Church in Houston. Lee was named assistant pastor. They recently celebrated 21 years of marriage praising the Lord together. 13935 Oakwood Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77498 iteach81@comcast.net

1983

Mike Harper and his wife **Perri (Blount)'84's** eldest, Jillian, was married to Matthew Suppenbach this past June 6. Their youngest is planning on participating in a six-month mission/training experience to Scotland beginning in Oct.

Tom Renfro has been called as bi-vocational pastor to Mt. Washington Baptist Church in Independence, Mo. 7350 Kenton Road, Shawnee, KS 66227 trenfro@kckcc.edu

1985

Martha "Marty" (Gardner) and her husband Jerry Putman have moved to 17890 CR 15, Tyler, TX 75703. marty.putman@gmail.com

Jeff Renard and his wife **Sharon '85** are currently on stateside assignment (furlough) and will be residing in Diamond, Mo., until July 2010. 501 W. Market St., Diamond, MO 64840 renard6@pobox.com

1988

LeVault (Arnold) Phyllis has been

married to her husband Tim for almost 10 years and would love to catch up to her friends from SBU. 311 Karen Ave, Romeoville, MO 60446 pbear67@att.net

1989

Matt Summers has earned his doctorate in educational leadership. He is currently serving as Berryville Middle School Principal. His wife **Beth (Woods) '89** is teaching first grade. msummers@bobcat.k12.ar.us

Helmer Jensen and his wife **Shannon (Moyer) '90** returned to serve their second term in Angola with the International Mission Board in late August. Shannon and Helmer are excited about returning to where God has called them to serve, and their girls are looking forward to seeing their friends in Africa and their dog Simba. The past year has been great for them to reconnect with family and friends and provided many opportunities to speak in area churches to communicate what God is doing in Angola.

1990

Jim Seward has his Master in Counseling Education and is a licensed mental health counselor. He has a private practice in Maquoketa, Iowa. Jim also works contractually at a youth treatment center and presents wellness seminars for corporations through Eastern Iowa. Jim is stepping out on a new venture, as guest columnist for "local" magazines and newspapers. He volunteers his time by providing psycho-educational groups and weekly devotions with Prisons for Christ, at a county jail. Thanks to Dr. Wheeler's recommendation letter, Jim is beginning his studies for his doctorate in counseling education psychology. 501 S. 5th Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060 JIMY1999@aol.com

1991

Michael Walker '88 and his wife **Heather (Williams) '91** have moved from the northern region to the southern region of Botswana, where they have spent the last five years. They are now in Lobatse, Botswana, where Michael is the director of the Botswana School of Missions, which provides missionary training for nationals here. They would love to be in touch with old friends. WTAB, PO Box 941, Lobatse, Botswana heatherbotswana@gmail.com

Barb (Anderson) and Bob Bickford '90 have moved from their home in Texas because Bob has joined the staff of The Journey as the pastor of campus development. They will be living in Webster Groves, Mo., where their kids are already very involved in school. Their son Alex is on the cross country team and their daughter Emily is on the freshman volleyball team.

Russ Walje '91 and Kirsten (Giesler) Walje '91 are living in the Houston area and loving it. Russ is the youth minister at River Bend Baptist Church, which is located in the SW Katy area. They have two children who are still homesick for Missouri, Ethan (14), and Lexi (11). 26011 Pagemill Lane, Richmond, TX 77406 kwalje@entouch.net

1992

Eddie Del Bosque is currently employed as a truck driver hauling farm equipment for a local tractor company. He and his wife enjoy team roping and going to barrel racings with their daughter. eddelbosque@yahoo.com

1993

Jennifer (Robertson) Shenberger is the brass specialist for the Clayton School District's instrumental music program in St. Louis. She lives with her 15-year old son, Colin. 3525 Berkeley Ave, Alton, IL 62002 j_Shenberger@hotmail.com

Wade Cutkomp and his wife Vicki have been married for 14 years on August 12.

Jennifer (Hartman) Jones and her family moved to the Cabot, Ark., area in August 2008. They built a new home and have quickly grown to love their community. They are actively involved in First Baptist Church of Cabot and are excited to see what God has in store for them. 202 Morningside, Austin, AR 72007 jennifer@houseofjones.com

1995

Myra (Phillips) Percy recently passed her state & federal board exams in what??? 1140 Belle Air Place, Carthage, MO 64836 jasonpercy@hotmail.com

Stephanie (Post) and her husband Mike Murphy have moved to Collinsville, Okla., and would love to hear from any of her SBU friends. 5601 E 145th Street N, Collinsville, OK 74021 stephdmurphy@yahoo.com

1996

Susan Ward founded and directs Defiant Joy Ministries. She speaks at women's retreats, one-day conferences and other venues. Her website can be found at www.defiantjoyministries.com. She is also an assistant professor of communication studies at Delaware County Community College. 1160 Kingsway Road Apt. 2, West Chester, PA 19382
susan@defiantjoyministries.com

1999

Carolyn (Trulson) Wolfe is preparing to finally return to school to finish her B.S.N. She then plans to obtain her M.S.N. and teach nursing. 2901 West Irma Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027
lnrnm01@msn.com

Mindy (Walters) Gomez and her husband have been married for two-and-a-half years. She has worked at Ozark Technical College since 2001 in the business office, the library, and now the office of online teaching and learning. As of July 1, 2009, she is the instructional technologist. 2829 W FR 76, Springfield, MO 65803
gomezmm@otc.edu

2000

Lisa (Tomlin) Caldwell recently graduated with her Psy.D. from Rosemead School of Psychology in La Mirada, Calif. After completing her internship at Washington State University, Lisa and her husband relocated to Pa., where she accepted a post-doctoral position at a community mental health agency. They are still getting settled and are enjoying experiencing different parts of the U.S. 1708 Josiah Chowning Way, New Cumberland, PA 17070
hippygimpy@msn.com

2001

Angela (Scheets) Lisle graduated in May from Webster University in Rolla, Mo., with a Master of Arts in counseling with an emphasis in marriage and family counseling. They have moved to Alabama due to her husband Chad's job as a nuclear engineer, so she is still working on completing the requirements for licensure as a counselor in the state of Alabama.
turtlesoap@gmail.com

2002

Shelby Tonnies received a promotion in January 2008 to assistant vice president at Town and Country Bank of Quincy.

2003



Brian Kaylor, who earned his Ph.D. in communication in December 2008, was selected as the recipient of the University of Missouri (MU) Graduate School's Distinguished Dissertations Award for the year 2008. He was recognized at the annual award reception on April 21 at MU.

2004

Meggen Cumpton completed her M.S. in counseling psychology at Evangel University, Springfield, Mo., on May 1, 2009. She is currently employed at Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare in El Dorado Springs, Mo., and is pursuing PLPC licensure. 325 N. Adams St., Nevada, MO 64772
cumptonm@yahoo.com

Christina (Cooper) Davis is involved in New Day Church in Pueblo, Colorado. She is on the security team, the media and sound team, and soon the ministry team. 1446 N. Bowen Dr, Pueblo West, CO 81007
aletheiawarrior@gmail.com

Jonathan Greever earned a master's degree in public policy administration with emphasis in local government management at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in August 2009. 404 Morgan Woods, Fenton, MO 63026

2005

Brent Lacy and his wife **Elayna (Whipple)** '03 have moved to Rockville, Indiana, where Brent has started his new position as the Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church.

Angela (Zeller) Foster is now working in accounts payable at Qualserv Corporation. 7905 S. 24th Fort Smith, AR 72908
adfoster84@yahoo.com

Pamela (Bryson) Foster graduated July 2009 with her master's degree in educational administration. She still resides in Clever, where her husband is the youth pastor at the First Baptist Church. She is employed as a high school science teacher at Aurora High School. 107 W. Meadowbrook Ave, Clever, MO 65613
mpplfoster@yahoo.com

Terry Blauvelt graduated from the University of Arkansas on May 9, 2009, with an M.S. in operations management. He was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key International Honour Society, and *Who's Who Among Student's in American Universities and Colleges* at the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville). He also was blessed with a second son, Jackson (Jack) Oliver Blauvelt. He was born May 21, 2009, weighed 10 lbs. 3oz, and was 22 1/4 inches long.

2007

Pamela Credille has begun her second year at the Ottumwa, Iowa, Bureau of ABC affiliate KTVO-TV. Rural Iowa has provided her with some great story opportunities. Leading up to the state caucuses in January '08, she interviewed former Senators Obama, Biden, and Clinton many times. In May, she covered the Iowa Army National Guard as they battled flooding in southeast Iowa. To prepare a series of stories on the police department for November "sweeps", she actually completed their annual rifle school, combat training and SWAT training. In addition to news and sports reporting, Pamela serves as the substitute sports anchor. She would love to hear from classmates via Facebook or My Space.
pamelarae84@hotmail.com

2008

Shannon Klousia is currently employed at Washington University in St. Louis in the alumni and development office for the business school.

2009

Bethannie Borel will be attending The School of Professional Psychology at Forest Institute in the fall to pursue a doctorate in child and adolescent psychology. 1131 W. Battlefield Apt. #A206, Springfield, MO 65807
rainingpromiseroses@yahoo.com

Sarah Minott just became the middle school English and history teacher for the American Indian Christian Mission, a boarding school

for Apache and Navajo Native Americans. 924 Mission Lane Lot 16, Show Low, AZ 85901
sarahminott@gmail.com

Marriages

Matthew Chase married Kelli Isaacson on June 12, 2009. 12109 E Mainsgate Rd, Wichita, KS 67226 matthew.j.chase@erac.com

Ashley (Herod) '08 and **Tom Stevens '02** were married on July 11, 2009, in Mena, Arkansas, and are presently living in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Kelly Roselius '05 married Chet Moyer on October 4, 2008, in Fulton, Mo., and they currently reside in Lake Tahoe, Ca. Kelly is the assistant director for the A+ Preschool. Chet is a golf professional at the Resort at Squaw Creek and works in ski rentals at Squaw Valley USA.

Josh Bennett '02 married **Cindy (Smith) '02** September 13, 2008, at Calvary Bible Church in Nixa, Mo. The reception was held at The Highland Place in Highland, Mo. Josh is a fourth grade eMINTS teacher in Sparta, and Cindy works for the City of Springfield as a workforce development specialist at The Missouri Career Center. 951 W. Birch Street, Nixa, MO 65714

Mikki (Hammons) '98 married Chris Raulston July 12, 1997 and would love to hear from SBU friends. PO Box 1333, Salem, MO 65560 marrau@ironc4.k12.mo.us

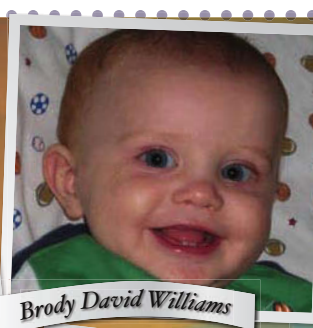
Tiffany (Blew) '97 married Harold Johnson Jr. October 26, 2008 and are currently living in Kansas City. She is the director of finance and human resources for Camp Fire USA Heartland Council.
outoftheblew@gmail.com

Sigrid (Watson) '89 married Micheal Rich Jr. May 27, 2006. Sigrid is currently working in the Transportation Industry and has been for approximately 15 years. Her husband works in the customer service area of banking/mortgage. She would love to hear from any SBU friends. computerpence@yahoo.com

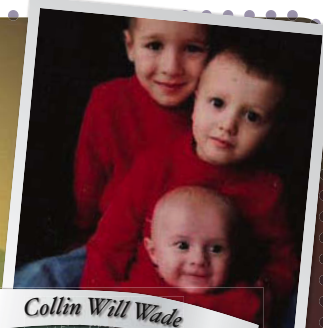
Jamie (Beckner) '98 married Sean Mayes on August 1, 2009 in Kansas City, Mo. Sean is an art teacher for Kansas City, Kan and Jamie is a commercial banker for Bank of America. They are both very involved in their church praise band where Sean plays bass and Jamie sings. 1703 Beau Dr, Raymore, MO 64083
jamiedmayes@att.net



Curtis Frazier



Brody David Williams



Collin Will Wade



Luke & Lydia Tyndall



Jace Awbrey



Eli Jackson Skinner

Jennifer (Beyer) '04 married Tyler Talton on July 11, 2009, at Brunswick Plantation House in Calabash, N.C. Tyler is a Furman University graduate ('00) and works as a project manager for McIntyre Metals in Thomasville, NC. Jennifer still works for Wake Forest University School of Medicine as a Biostatistician. Their new address is 2731 Wildwood Ct. Winston-Salem, NC 27103.
beyer27@hotmail.com

Future Bearcats

Amy (McKinstry) Tyndall, '99 and her husband Keith have two children. Lydia was born September 27, 2006, and Luke was born November 11, 2008. Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, Amy taught kindergarten and sixth grade. Amy blogs about her adventures as a mommy at amysgarden.com.

Brandi (Horner) '98 and her husband Troy Keling would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Jace Awbrey, born March 3, 2009. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins big brother, Caleb. 2124 Ashland Ave, St. Joseph, MO 64506
tkeling@intergate.com

Angie (Parker) Collins '99 and her husband Ken would like to announce that Ashlyn Renae was born into their family on January 9, 2008. Angie was recently named in the Consumers' Research Council of America's Guide to the Top Pediatricians in America. 7681 Cherokee Rd, Norwood, MO 65717
acollins2@duganmd.com

Mike Friesz '89 and his wife Melissa have welcomed a new addition to their family, Josiah Michael Friesz. Their church, Connect Ministries, (www.connectministrieskc.com) is celebrating 25 years of ministry on June 27-28. 3301 S Emery Street, Independence, MO 64055 drmikefriesz@sbcglobal.net

Rachel (Nottingham) Graves '02 and her husband Joey just had their second daughter, Taylor Rose, on August 7, 2009. She is precious and big sister Riley is loving her new role and doing a great job! PO Box 141, Stockton, MO 65785 raje4@yahoo.com

Tayler (Langan) Thiel '94 and her husband Donald announce that Jacob Ryan Thiel joined their family on July 1, 2009. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20 3/4 inches long. Tayler is a stay-at-home mom and Don works as an engineer at Spirit Aerosystems. 1902 Quail Crossing, Andover, KS 67002 taylerthiel@att.net

Lori (Ewin) and Andrew Boyd would like to announce their fourth child, Andrew Ethan, who was born on June 26, 2009. He weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. He joins big sisters, Anne, Naomi, and Melanie. Lori is teaching 8th grade pre-algebra part time at Bentonville Public Schools this year. 250 Park Circle, Gentry, AR 72734
alanboyd@cox.net

Angella (Smith) and Kyle Schwemmer would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Kobie Willow Grace, who was born Aug 11, 2009. She was 7 pounds, 15.5 ounces,

and 21 inches long. 903 W Pearl, Bolivar, MO 65613 kyle.schwemmer@us.army.mil

Allison (Scott) Herweck '97 and her husband **Trey '97** announce the birth of Knox O'Dell Herweck on February 23, 2009. He joined Clairra (8) and Cooper (6).

Rachael (Baines) Turner '00 and her husband Harvey added a new family member to the Turner family. Scarlet Mercy was born on February 27, 2009. 2685 Glen Eagles Drive, Reno, NV 89523 hturner@att.net

Elissa (Atlis)'05 and her husband **Jeff Walls '02** would like to announce the birth of their son, Justus David Walls, born March 23, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long. Big brother Jerrett (2) is very proud of this little brother. 1415 St. Hwy Y, Forsyth, MO 65653 erwalls@gmail.com

Lindsey (Hayes) Skinner '07 and her husband **Rollie Skinner '06** would like to announce the birth of their son, Eli Jackson Skinner, born June 10, 2009. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 3/4 inches long. Lindsay is teaching 6th grade at Halfway R-3. 1422 E. 370th Rd, Bolivar, MO 65653 lskinner@halfwayschools.org

Justin Osborn '04 and his wife Danae had their first son, Cade Logan Osborn, on July 8, 2008. 343 West Second Avenue, Buhler, KS 67522 jndosborn@yahoo.com

Amanda (Griffin) and her husband John Frazier '02 would like to announce the birth of their second son, Curtis Robert Frazier, born August 11, 2007. Curtis joins very proud older brother Clayton. 25401 Majestic Lane, Lebanon, MO 65536 afrazier@lebanon.k12.mo.us

Stephanie (Sybert) '02 and her husband Shawn Hendricks would like to announce the adoption of their daughter, Laura Claire. Laura was born in Bogota, Columbia, on May 25, 2008, and adopted on December 1, 2008. Stephanie is working part-time at Virginia Commonwealth University and Shawn is a writer for the International Mission Board.

David Williams '01 and his wife **Cheryl (Welsch) '01** would like to announce the birth of their son, Brody David Williams, born September 25, 2008. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Cheryl is a stay-at-home mom and David is a finance manager at a local Toyota dealership.

3524 Dewberry Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118 cheryldavewilliams@yahoo.com

Shannon (Trentham) and her husband Tony Spangler would like to announce the birth of their son, Jude Michael, born January 20, 2009. Jude joins two older siblings Jacob (8) and Katelyn (3). 339 NV Millstone Circle, Blue Springs, MO 64015 shannonmspangler@yahoo.com

Laura (Zelle) '95 and her husband Wade Shreve would like to announce the birth of their son, Collin Will, August 27, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud big brothers are Logan (5) and Brady (3). 2414 Fountain Drive, Barnhart, MO 63012

Angela (Woods) '94 and her husband Ken Puckett would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Havene Puckett, born April 18, 2009 112 High Crest Road, Pellham, AL 35124 kandapuck@bellsouth.net

Christine (Hoffman) '92 and her husband Chip McCommons have been blessed to have Levi join their family on May 28, 2008. They have moved with their other two

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children, Liam (9) and Lindsay (6) to Beaver Springs in the past year in order to plant their new church, River Christian Fellowship. 457 Snyder Avenue, Beaver Springs, PA 17812
mccommons@susqu.edu

Christopher Wade '90 and his wife Lara adopted their daughter, Keziah Christine Huidong Wade, January 13, 2009. She was born August 19, 2002 in Chongqing, China. 2278 SW Park Avenue, Blue Springs, MO 64015
crwade@sbcglobal.net

Leah (Gorman) '97 and her husband Jesse Sullins welcomed a new baby boy, Jett Franklin, on April 29, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 21 inches. He joins big sister Finley Jane (3). Leah teaches art at Truman Elementary in Rolla, Mo. 116 Martin Street, Licking, MO 65542
ljsullins@hotmail.com

In Memory

Virginia Ruth Hopper, age 86 of Bolivar, passed away on April 4 at her home. Mrs. Hopper was a sociology professor at SBU,

and became a professor emeritus in 1967. Her father was former SBU president, Courts Redford.

Judy Ann Tipton Leininger, 69, of Bolivar died Aug. 12 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield from a severe heart infection. She was the wife of William Ray Leininger, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and former trustee of Southwest Baptist University.

She was born on April 10, 1940, in East St. Louis, the daughter of Raymond Eugene "Bud" Tipton and Wilma Louise Pride Tipton, who preceded her in death.

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1962. As a pastor's wife, she served with her husband in Hennepin, Okla., 1971-1973; Normal, Ill., 1973-1984; and First Baptist Church of Bolivar, 1984-2004.

She served in youth and student ministry. In women's ministry, she led Bible studies and discipleship. She was a mentor to many women.

In the 1980s, the couple led their first international mission team to Bolivia and

have led mission teams to Venezuela, Belarus, Ukraine and Romania.

Since 2005 they have served under the appointment of the International Mission Board as virtual strategy coordinators in Tomsk, Russia. In recent ministries in Central and Eastern Europe, they have led teams to teach conversational English, prepared teaching materials and trained several hundred short-term missionaries.

She is survived by her husband; three children, Andy and his wife, Elizabeth, of Novosibirsk, Russia, Beth and her husband, Steve Moore, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Sarah and her husband, Tom Jones, of Bolivar; and 11 grandchildren, Hannah, Rachel and Rebekah Leininger, Katy, Nathan, Emily and Claire Moore, and Madelynne, Abby, Sam and John Jones.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts to First Baptist Church, Bolivar, for Tomsk, Russia, ministry.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 17 at First Baptist, Bolivar, with Billy Russel and the Leininger family officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Continued Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Carole Eldridge, dean and associate professor of nursing, presented the results of her doctoral work at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Theta Lambda Induction at Missouri State University on April 18, titled "Creating a Virtual Instructional Center for Faculty and Students in a College of Nursing: Report of an Outcomes-Based Project, Process, and Results." Dr. Eldridge completed a chapter titled "Nursing Science and Theory: Scientific Underpinnings for Practice," to be included in a doctoral-level nursing textbook to be published in the fall of 2009.



Several faculty members participated in the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, February 9-13. **Dr. Tena Jenkins '01 M.P.T.'03, D.P.T.'08**, assistant professor (along with the coauthors), presented a poster titled "Determining the Prevalence and Assessing the Severity of Injuries in Mixed Martial Arts Athletes." **Dr. Bev McNeal, D.P.T.'07**, assistant professor, presented (along with coauthors) "The Effects on Balance after Core Strengthening Using Pilates." Dr. McNeal also presented as sole author "The Use of Standardized Clinical Performance Tools in the PT Management of an Active Older Patient with Diabetic Neuropathy."

Dr. Connie Matheny '93, professor of physical therapy, along with her

coauthors had a poster accepted, titled "Low Back Pain in Relation to Postural Changes in Women Throughout Pregnancy" at the Annual Physical Therapy Conference, to be held in Baltimore, MD, during June.

Brooke Walters, administrative assistant for the graduate education department, passed the first part of her interpreter's exam for the state of Missouri. Upon completion of the second part of the exam, Brooke will be a certified Interpreter for the Deaf for the state of Missouri.

Dr. Steve Lesh, director and professor of the physical therapy graduate program, co-wrote two chapters published in IER's National PTA Examination Review & Study Guide: "Standardized Testing Success" and "Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy." Dr. Lesh was reappointed to the "Specialization Academy of Content Experts" for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. In addition, Dr. Lesh attended the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) where he served as Chair for the Program Committee of the Health Policy and Administration Section, in Las Vegas, NV, February 9-13. His two-year term as chair of the Program Committee ended February 28.



A Musical Impact:

Former Faculty

Susan & George Baker

by Steve Whisler '71
with Cindy Rice '73



“SUSAN AND GEORGE BAKER” and “church music ministry” are often heard in the same sentence in Missouri Baptist life, because the Bakers’ life-long ministry has impacted so many people. Their greatest goal and joy has been to lead people to worship and to communicate with God through music.

Susan said her love of piano began at age eight and soon blossomed into a desire to play in church services. Her mother patiently told Susan that when she learned to play every hymn in the hymnal well, she could play in church. Susan has been a church pianist since age 12, when she attained that goal. During a revival in the spring of her high school senior year, God called Susan into church music. Susan did not know where this adventure would take her, but she answered His call wholeheartedly.

George began directing music in a church during high school. He was a choir member as well as a trumpet player at Hannibal High School. When he was a senior, he promised the Lord he would do whatever God wanted him to do.

George met Susan at the University of Missouri in Columbia (MU). They knew each other because they were music education majors, but they became closer through the Baptist Student Union (BSU). George became a singer in the BSU choir which Susan directed. During these years they became more and more interested in each other.

Here are highlights of their educational, family, and experiences between 1953-1974:

- ❖ Graduation from MU and marriage in December 1953
- ❖ Sacred Music master’s degrees at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1957
- ❖ Doctoral study by George through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1979
- ❖ Doctoral study by Susan at University of Missouri in Kansas City in organ performance 1980-82
- ❖ Full-time service at several churches in music ministry over a period of 18 years
 - 1) Tallwood Baptist of Houston, Texas
 - 2) West End Baptist of Atlanta, Georgia
 - 3) First Baptist of El Dorado, Arkansas

Besides work in the aforementioned churches, George has been tenor soloist for state music events in Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, and Missouri. In 1981 he performed as a soloist with the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony*. George served as clinician and adjudicator for choral festivals in Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Missouri. He was a faculty member of Ridgecrest and Glorieta Music Leadership Conferences as well as state-wide music schools in Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, and Missouri. George also served as conductor for the

Conference Youth Choir of premier performances at Music Leadership Conferences at Glorieta, New Mexico, in July 1984.

When Dr. Duncan Couch, Southwest Baptist College's dean of the College of Music, Arts & Letters, heard the high school choir from First Baptist Church of El Dorado, Arkansas, perform at Glorieta's church music week, Dr. Couch liked what he heard. He asked the Bakers to join the SWBC music faculty. They said, "Hey, you've got the wrong people. We're church musicians, not teachers!" However, they were exactly who Southwest Baptist needed because of their experiences. In answer to their prayers and God's direction, they agreed to move to Bolivar in August 1974. George developed a very thorough church music degree program. Susan taught organ from 1974-1997, and George served as assistant professor and director of church music studies from 1974-1983.

The Bakers joined First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and George was soon thereafter asked to become the interim music director. Ten years later, after teaching and serving the church part-time, George was asked to become the first full-time minister of music. Susan became the organist in 1975, continuing until 1998. Music groups at that time included: two adult choirs, two youth choirs, six children's choirs, two handbell choirs, a 20-member wind ensemble, and several small ensembles. During his leadership and Susan's assistance there, enrollment grew from 100 in 1974 to over 400 in 1998.

The Bakers' ministry always has been about teaching people how to use music as a worship tool. "It is interesting that in every church we've served, George has been the first full-time minister of music," stated Susan. "We enjoy starting or growing church music programs, and it is exciting to see how many of those we have taught are still serving in churches all over the country."

Their teaching ministry has produced amazing results. In 1965, most Missouri church music ministers came from Oklahoma Baptist University. Now most music ministers are SBU graduates. What a difference the Bakers have made with their God-given talents dedicated entirely to Him!

Susan is blessed with writing and composing musical talents. She has written curriculum units and articles for elementary children and their music leaders in the

church from 1961-78, authored two books, and co-authored another. She is author, designer, and composer of one record album for piano. As composer of over 100 songs and piano pieces for elementary music students and church music groups, pieces which have been published in various song books and periodicals as well as being reprinted often in more recent song books and periodicals, it's obvious Susan has a God-given talent for sharing music.

Susan has been featured as a teacher/clinician for numerous workshops/conferences for children's choir leaders at national, state, and local Baptist music conferences from 1960-1980. She served as organist at national, state, and local Baptist conferences and conventions over the past 40 years, including the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Bartle Auditorium in 1977 for 20,000 people in attendance. Susan has given organ recitals and workshops in eight states. She has also authored several articles on organ playing, which have been published in *Pedalpoint*.

During Susan's years at SWBC, new teaching assignments included courses in organ, theory, sight-singing/ear-training, and church music courses. She served as coordinator of church music and faculty sponsor of the student chapter of the Church Music Conference. Her organ students have won regional and national awards and are serving in churches in several states. Susan has held membership in the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference since 1958, the Executive Board of Missouri Music Educators Association from 1978-82, Sigma Alpha Iota (alumni), Pi Kappa Lambda, and the American Guild of Organists. Susan served as keyboard consultant for church music/worship development department of the Missouri Baptist Convention and on the SBCMC Executive Board from 1986-88.

Since retirement from First Baptist Church of Bolivar in June 1998, George and Susan served eight years in part-time music ministry at Glenstone Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. Since 2006, they have been directing the music ministry at Brighton Baptist Church, Brighton, Missouri. They thank God every day for the health, energy, and ability to continue serving Him through church music at age 76. The Bakers' talents and gifts have made a tremendous musical impact on Southern Baptist life and on Southwest Baptist University.

The George and Susan Baker Church Music Scholarship

Knowing that tuition, room and board for one year at SBU is currently \$22,000 and that the majority of students need financial aid to be able to attend, George and Susan began a private scholarship in January 2008 to aid church music majors.

Through their years of service to the local church as well as to Christian higher education, the Bakers have touched many thousands of lives. If your life has been one of those influenced by the Bakers, you have the opportunity to express your gratitude for the difference Susan and/or George has made in your life.

No matter the size of your gift to the **Susan and George Baker Church Music Scholarship**, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Upon your request, the Bakers will be informed of your name as a supporter of this fund, and any personal message to them will also be forwarded to them.

Please consider joining Susan and George in helping the next generation of church music leaders to prepare to be servant leaders. Your investment in the lives of young men and women in ministry through music may inspire and encourage them to follow the example of the Bakers and can yield eternal dividends for the Kingdom of God.

A Bearcat for 85 years

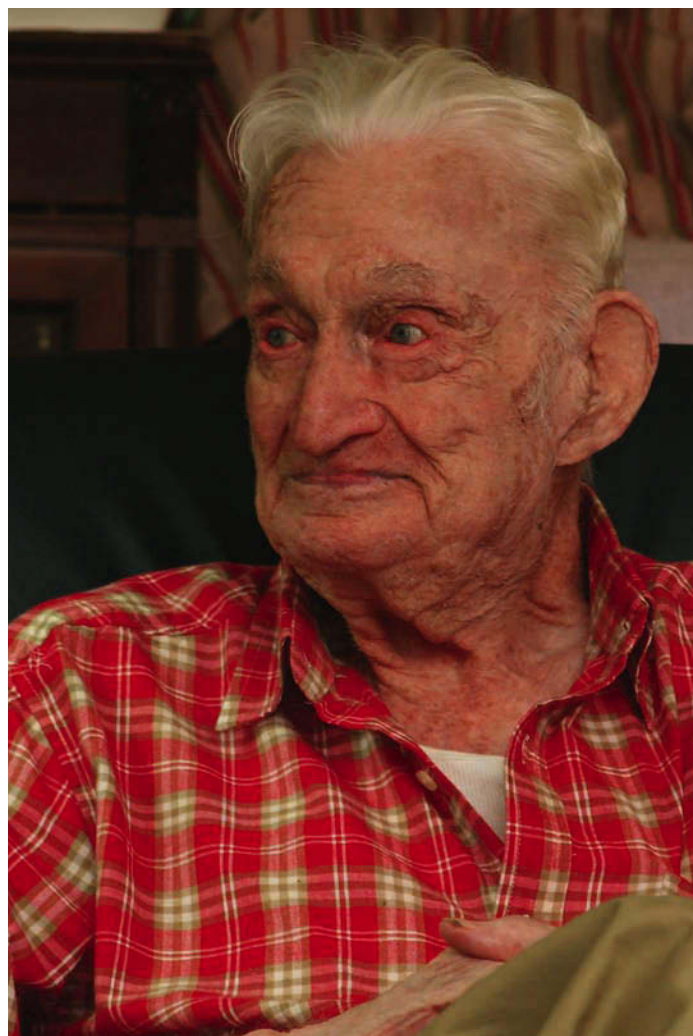
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While much is said about the extent of influence SBU alumni have around the world, right here in Polk County, only 30 minutes from the campus, lives an alumnus from the class of 1928—our oldest living Bearcat. Born near Morrisville, Missouri in 1907, Mr. James “Van” Anderson just celebrated his 102nd birthday August 20 and was a member of the first graduating class of the newly-named Marion C. Early High School in the spring of 1926. In fact, as a member of the senior class, he suggested that the school be named after Mr. Early, a graduate and benefactor of that school.

Despite Mr. Anderson’s plan to attend Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri that fall, a conversation between his father and Dean J. C. Pike changed his college plans. Instead, he began his higher education by taking his classes and his meals on the Stuf ebam Campus while living just west of the Bolivar square in a building formerly known as the Bolivar Hotel (but affectionately known as “The Mule Barn” by the young men who were residents there). His roommate there was Paul Hegle.

Mr. Anderson recalls taking about four courses each semester, and he fondly remembers taking classes with professors such as J. C. Pike and T. W. Medearis. He refers to Pike as “a most wonderful man who was quite a character.” According to Anderson, he spent considerable time in the library in preparation for classes. When not in class or studying, Mr. Anderson worked at a grocery store just west of the square and rode horseback for much of his local transportation.

After beginning his sophomore year in the fall of 1927, he earned a place on the basketball team as center on an



eight-man squad and recalls that his coach’s name was E. A. Cole. The team faced several opponents that season, including Drury, SMS (now MSU) and a school in Jefferson City, Missouri. He distinctly recalls playing home games in the original Pike Auditorium which was quite new and modern at the time.

Following graduation in 1928, he returned to farming with his father on the 360-acre family farm. Later he worked for the MFA Commission at the Springfield stockyards. After retirement, he sold the family farm and eventually moved near Lake Pomme de Terre, where he presently lives in the care of his only child--son Carl Anderson and daughter-in-law Joanne. Joanne’s brother, Robert Reams is a 1967 graduate of SWBC.

Mr. Anderson enjoys relatively good health and was in the company of more than 60 friends and family who attended his last birthday party. He continues to follow Bearcat basketball, and plans are underway for him to attend a home game this season.



Mabee Chapel Renovation Plans Underway

Since 1978, the Mabee Chapel has served the SBU family and local community as a central gathering place. Chapel services, commencement, music concerts, summer camps, a local electrical cooperative annual meeting, and many other uses of this facility have made it the site of numerous important and meaningful moments in the lives of students and community members over the years.

However, except for a minor renovation in 2004 (when a center aisle was added, new paint was applied, and new carpet was installed), the facility remains original. More than 30 years after its initial completion, the time has come for Mabee Chapel to receive a major renovation, and in the most recent meeting of the SBU Board of Trustees, approval was granted to begin the process of this much-needed renovation.

Funding for renovation projects on the SBU campus does not come from student tuition or fees. The renovation of Mabee Chapel must come from the support of SBU alumni and friends who support the mission of the University and understand the importance of updating the facility that serves as the worship center for the campus. Mabee Chapel symbolizes the essence of the University, which is referred to in the mission statement as being "Christ-centered."

Please watch for more information about this renovation and its funding that will be forthcoming in the next few months as plans unfold on this exciting project.



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