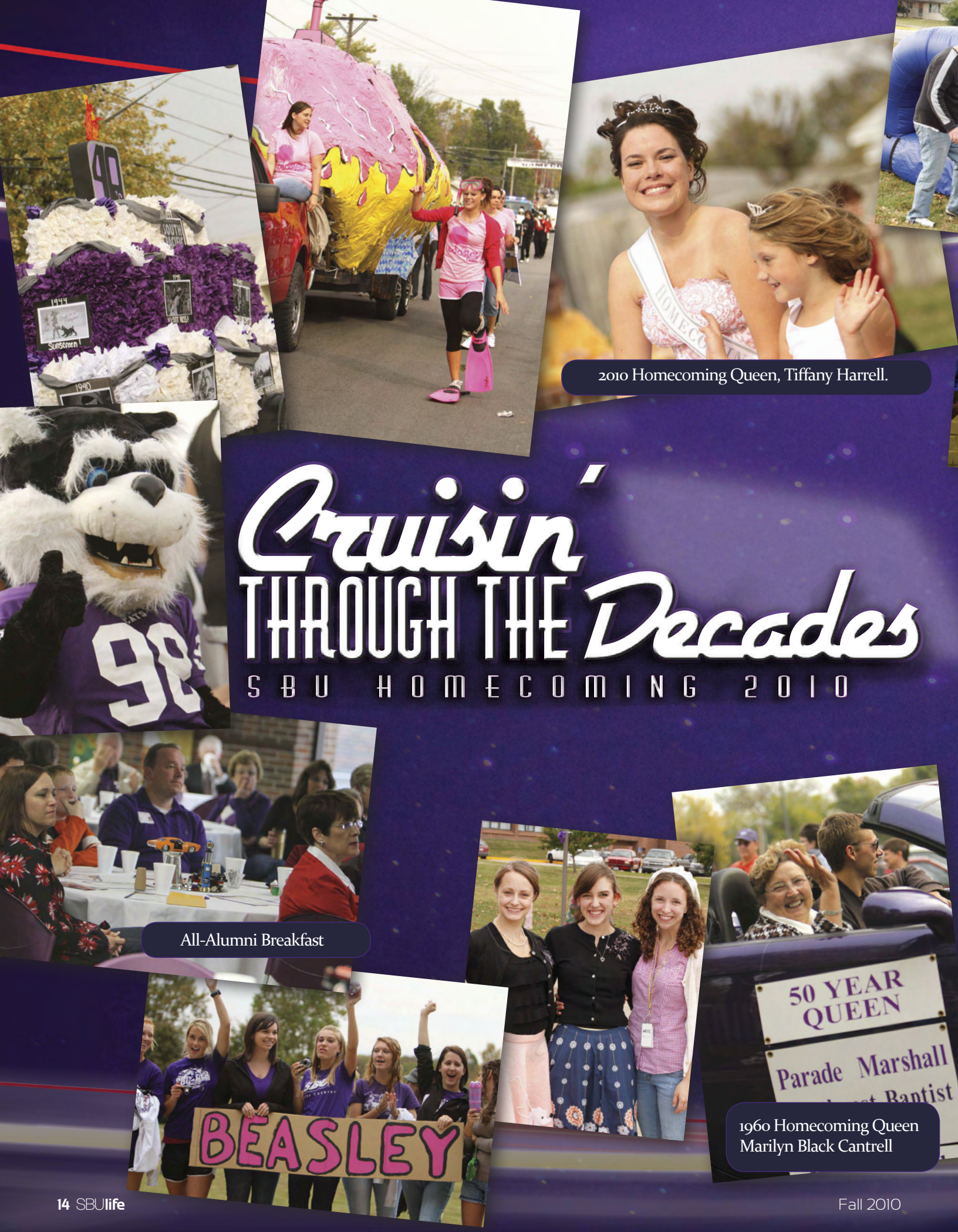


Cruisin' Through the Decades

SBU Homecoming 2010

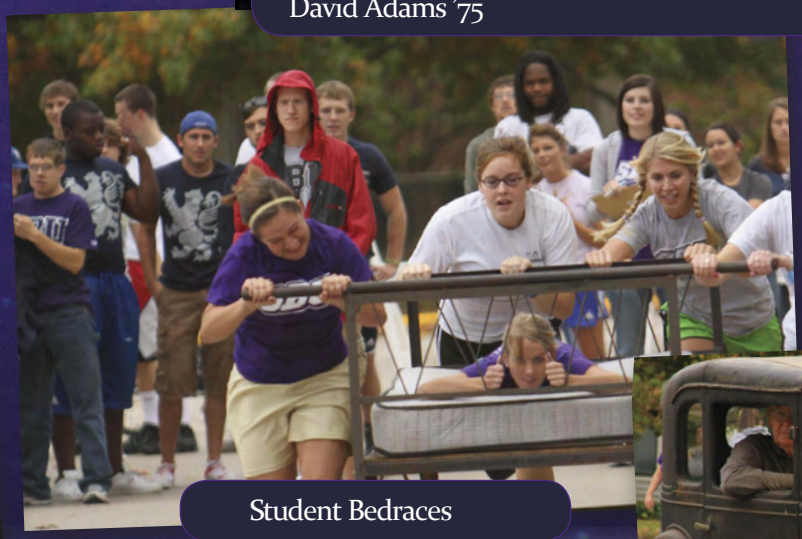
2010 Homecoming Queen, Tiffany Harrell.

All-Alumni Breakfast

1960 Homecoming Queen Marilyn Black Cantrell

Class of 1960

Charles Renno '54, Bill Fisher '43, SBU President Pat Taylor, Ruth Pittenger Glaze '78, Gratia Rinehart Sammons '53, David Adams '75



Student Bedraces

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

It was a joy and a pleasure to welcome so many of you back to campus in October for *Homecoming 2010 – Cruisin' Through the Decades*! We ended up having great weather which helped make for a wonderful weekend. SBU was proud to honor four graduates with the Life Service Award: Dr. Bill Fisher '43, Dr. Charles Renno '54, Mr. David Adams '75, and Dr. Ruth Pittenger Glaze '78. Gratia Rinehart Sammons '53 was the recipient of the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award. Friday night we had wonderful attendance at our Alumni Banquet, Alumni Dessert Fellowship, and Music Through the Decades Concert. The students outdid themselves on their parade floats this year, the food and fellowship were great at the alumni/student tailgate party, and the Bearcat football team defeated Central State University (Ohio) 52 – 0!

Save the Date • Homecoming 2011

If you were not able to attend homecoming this year, I invite you to save the dates October 28-29, 2011, and join us for Homecoming 2011.

Nominations please . . .

The SBU Alumni Relations Office requests nominations from alumni and friends for the 2011 Life Service Awards and Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award. If you have nominated a person who has not yet been selected, it is not necessary to re-submit their name. New nominations will be processed and combined with nominations currently on file. Please include a letter indicating why you believe this nominee deserves to receive the award and the name of the person making the nomination.

LIFE SERVICE AWARD

Final selections are made by the Life Service Award committee of the National Alumni Association Board and then ratified by the entire board. A nominee should be at least 50 years of age. Nominees must be graduates who: (1) have lived exemplary Christian lives; (2) were in good standing as students at SBU (SWBC); (3) are or have been outstanding in their field of service; and (4) are or have been making a significant contribution to mankind.

LIGHTFOOT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The National Alumni Association Board annually selects the recipient of this award. The recipient of this award is a graduate who has: (1) remained enthusiastically and actively involved in leadership within the Alumni Association; (2) continued to support SBU in a variety of ways, including financially; (3) demonstrated genuine interest and concern for young people; and (4) been faithful and active in the work of a local church. This award is distinct from the Life Service Award in that nominees must have been continuously involved with the University through alumni activities since graduation.

The deadline for nominations is February 4, 2011. Please send your nomination(s) to: SBU Office of Alumni Relations, 1600 University Avenue, Bolivar, MO 65613. Or email them to lschindler@sbuniv.edu. If you have any questions please contact me at 417.328.1806.

1943

Dorsey Detienne has many friends with whom she still corresponds. She is very active in her church, First Baptist, in St. Charles. The Lord is her refuge and guide. 1237 Cunningham Ave., St. Charles, MO 63301

1947

Crystal (Phelps) Horne is married to a preacher, and goes with him wherever he goes. 529 Anthony Dr., Clovis, NM 88101

1957

Jimmy Edwards and **Duetta (Knier) Edwards** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May. They live on a farm near Salem, Mo. Jimmy served as director of the SBU Campus in Salem for nine years. They have three children and 12 grandchildren.

1969

On July 11, 2010, **Raymond Lewis** and his wife Loretta celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the church where Raymond had been the pastor for the last four years. 3469 Benton-Birmingham Rd., Benton, KY 42025

1975

Brian Kenney began serving as pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Beardstown, Ill., on June 6, 2010. Prior to coming to Beardstown, Brian served as the chaplain of the Wesley Willows Continuing Care Retirement Community in Rockford, Ill. 212 West Tenth Street, Beardstown, IL 62618 **b-tkenney@att.net**

1981

Dora Lea (Snead) married Tony Duffy in 1982 and moved to California in 1990. 2500 Kamm Ave., Kingsburg, CA 93631 **doralead@yahoo.com**

Robert Stamper accepted an early retirement offer from Chrysler, LLC after nearly 27 years of service as a production control analyst and an industrial chaplain for the administrative office staff at the Fenton, Mo., assembly complex for minivans and trucks that was suddenly and permanently closed July 3, 2009. Robert welcomes all direct personal and social networking correspondence from all of his friends among past students and staff of SBU. PO Box 1170, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357 **robertmstamper@aol.com**

Steven Thornton is working as a North American Mission Board endorsed Hospice Chaplain with Odyssey Hospice.

1991

Kristi (Stiles) Williams and her husband **Jeff '91** recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2010. They are the parents of three great kids: Kalli, Jayci and Spencer. Kristi teaches second grade at Lee Hunter Elementary and Jeff is the principal of Morehouse Elementary. **jwilliams@sikeston.k12.mo.us**

Steven Pierce is currently living in Douglas, Mass. His oldest son Brian, 19 finished his first year at Quinsingamond Community College and transferred to SBU in August 2010. Youngest son Sam, 18, will graduate in 2011. 45 B Franklin Street PO Box 45, Douglas, MA 01516 **tspofsap45@charter.net**

Jody "Joe" Rogers has taken a position with the Arkansas Rice Depot, the state's largest food bank. Joe coordinates volunteer activities to help supply free food for needy Arkansans. He would love to hear from old friends or alumni who would like to join in the fight to end hunger in Arkansas. His wife Laura and two daughters love this new ministry. **arkrogers@att.net.**

Chaplain (Major) Douglas Gibson moved to Lawton, Okla., a year ago in July after receiving promotion from captain to major. Current duty position is the 6th ADA Brigade chaplain. Son Brian has just completed AIT and is currently serving in the Army National Guard. Daughter Heather graduated basic in August. Daughter Theisi graduated from University of Missouri-Kansas City in May. CH Gibson's plans are to retire in December 2011 after 35 years of service. 502 Hallwood Drive, Fletcher, OK 73541 **chaplaing2003@yahoo.com**

1993

Leon Wirth has been appointed to the role of executive director of family ministries at Focus on the Family where he has been serving since December 2007. Leon and his family are entering their 15th year in beautiful Colorado Springs. **lcwirth@msn.com**

1994

Greg Marsden is the director of operations for Paul Davis Restoration, a nationwide company specializing in fire and water restoration services. **Danelle (Lewis)** earned her doctorate in educational leadership from Saint Louis University in May 2010. She is currently an elementary principal in the Kansas City metropolitan area. **gmarsden@everestkc.net**

Kristen (Morrow) Feola's first book, *The Ultimate Guide to the Daniel Fast*, will be released nationwide by Zondervan in December 2010. It is an inspiring resource that provides recipes and devotions for anyone doing the Daniel Fast. She also has a blog, www.ultimatedanielfast.com. **Justin '98** is Director of Rehabilitation at the US Medical Center for Federal Prisoners. 3303 S Kimbrough Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807 **feolafitness@yahoo.com**

1995

Scott Hamilton and his wife **Jennifer (Hollcraft) '96** have been married for 15 years. Scott is a senior art director for Staples, Inc. He got his Master of Arts in advertising at Illinois University. Jen got her Master of Social Work at Boston University and is getting her independent license for social work in the fall. She works for MSPCC with families. She is also the New England WMU President. They have three kids and are living the life! 1847 Middlesex St #8, Lowell, MA 01851 **j.jenhamilton@comcast.net**

Karen (Simpson) Flanigan moved in June 2010. She would love to hear from friends from the class of 1995. 707 South Ave. Apt 4, Springfield, MO 65806 **paralegalmouse@hotmail.com**

Mark Zaragoza recently passed his national certification exam for medical assisting and is employed as a Certified Medical Assistant at two clinics in Houston, Texas. He will be starting classes to become a registered nurse in the fall of 2010. 14220 Park Row, Apt. 1413, Houston, TX 77084 **zaragoza.mark@gmail.com**

1996

Ben Kendall is the new worship pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Republic. Ben and his wife **Carrie (Knapp) '01** are foster parents who plan to adopt their first son in September. 3917 W Parkridge Circle, Springfield, MO 65802 **carsy1219@yahoo.com**

1997

Amber Slayton would like to announce the formation of Lafferty & Slayton, PLLC, offering legal services to businesses and governmental entities in the areas of litigation and appeals, business transactions, and municipal

law. 507 Monte Vista Dr., Dallas, TX 75223
aslayton@LS-Law.net

1999

Jenni (Morton) Fansler recently published her first book, a children's music book entitled *The Shape of Music*. The book is available on Amazon.com. Jenni also homeschools their four children and helps with her husband's new graphic design business, Judah Creative Studio (www.judahcs.com).
jennifansler@gmail.com

2002

Charity McGill is the policy administration product manager for Duck Creek Technologies. She recently published an article in the *Insurance Networking News magazine, Policy Administration 2010 edition.*

Andrew Keller Recently graduated with a Master of Arts in acting from the Liverpool (UK) Institute for Performing Arts and is an adjunct professor at Ferrum College. 110 Northview Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060
andrewkeller.actor@gmail.com

Former Bearcat Matt Rogers '10 drafted by Texas in NBA D-League Draft

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- The NBA Developmental League draft was held Monday night, where SBU All-American center Matt Rogers was picked fourth overall, to the Texas Legends. Rogers was waived after spending training camp with the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, where he made three pre-season appearances last month.

The Legends are based in Frisco, Texas, in the Dallas metro area, and are preparing for their first season as an expansion team. Their inaugural season kicks off Sunday, November 21, against Rio Grande Valley.

2005

Nichole (Harlin) Turnage has joined Oklahoma Baptist University as assistant professor of computer information science in the Paul Dickinson School of Business. She began teaching with the 2010-11 academic year.

2007

Ashley Butler earned a Master of Social Work in May 2010. Ashley graduated from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California. 1938 N Prairie Ct., Nixa, MO 65714

Matthew Overturf is beginning his third year of teaching oral communication and theatre and his first year at Wynne High School in Wynne, Ark. 2216 Union Ave W, Wynne, AR 72396 **moverturf@gmail.com**

Marriages

Lindsay (Lewis) '04, M.B.A. '09 married **Anthony Schindler '04** on May 29, 2010, after meeting at the 2009 Missouri Baptist Convention. They currently reside in Bolivar, Mo.

Crystal (Frock) '09 married Dustin Dick on October 3, 2009. 6517 NW Platte Hills Rd, Kansas City, MO 64152 clf1984@yahoo.com

Micah Titterington '10 married **Crystal (Jordan) '10** on July 24, 2010 in Tonganoxie, Kan. Micah is currently pursuing an M.Div. at Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas.

Future Bearcats

Daniel Bogart '97 and his wife **Melody (Dawdy) '98** announce the birth of Marie Bogart born on December 29, 2009. She joins big brother Wade Daniel, 6. 297 Shellbark, Troy, MO 63379

Dani Sue (Hodgins) Peterson '95 and her husband David announce the birth of Samuel Blaine Peterson on May 28, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 in. long. He was welcomed home by big sister Leanna, 2.

Jackie (Miklos) '95 and **Scott Mathys '95** announce the birth of Gabrielle Mathys on February 18, 2010. She joins proud older siblings: Tyler, 13, Braedon, 10, and Brooke, 7. Jackie works part time as a registered nurse at a local hospital, and she also home schools her three children. Scott works as a home health physical therapist.
themathysfamily@yahoo.com

Christy (Wright) '00 and **Christopher Grimes '00** announce the birth of Carter Leland Joseph Grimes who was born on August 19, 2009. He was welcomed by his older brother, Cameron. 13 Benton Court, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368
christopherandchristy@hotmail.com

Jason Williamson '00 and his wife **Carrie (Fitzwater) '00** announce the birth of Josiah Emrys. Josiah was born on January 28, 2010, the day before big sister Jayna's 4th birthday. 7318 Red River Dr, Richmond, TX 77469
jwilliamson36@comcast.net

Danielle (Breshears) '07 and her husband **Andrew Lawman '07** announce the birth of their first son. Weldon Eric Lawman was born July 27, at 1:15 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz., and was 20 in. long. 4184 S 135th Rd, Bolivar, MO 65613 **daniellelawman@hotmail.com**

Michelle "Shelley" (Falcone) '93 and **Leon Wirth '93** announce the birth of their eighth daughter, Jenna Pearl, on June 8, 2010. She is healthy and happy and joins seven older sisters: Hannah, Rebecca, Emma, Olivia, Leah, Clara, and Alicia. **lcwirth@msn.com**

Mark Zaragoza '95 and his wife, Jami, wish to announce the birth of their first child, Lily Grace, born at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Katy, Texas on April 27, 2010, at 4 lbs. 8 oz., and 16.5 in. long. Their little miracle was born six-weeks premature, but she is happy, healthy, and getting bigger and stronger every day.

Daniel & Melody Bogart

Angela Henry

Dani Peterson

Eric Washington

Eric Washington '93 and his wife, Elizabeth, would like to welcome their third son, Denzel Eli Washington. He was born on October 27, 2010, and weighed 7 lbs. oz., and was 20.5 in. long.

Angela (Hodges) Henry '97 and her husband Eric announce the birth of their son, Elijah Stephen, born on August 3, 2010. 4818 E 5th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508
angelahenry2005@yahoo.com

In Memory

Rev. William Henry Betts '69, age 63, of Brentwood, Tenn., passed away Saturday, June 12, 2010, at his home after a long battle with cancer. Rev. Betts was pastor of First Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg from 2005-2008. He was preceded in death by his mother Grace Piper Betts, and brother, David Betts. Survivors include: his wife Barbara J. Betts of Brentwood, Tenn.; sons Jerram C. Betts of Los Angeles, Calif., and Geoffrey Betts of Franklin, Tenn.; daughter Regina Rathbone (Charles) of Spring Hill, Tenn.; father Wilben R. Betts of St. Louis, Mo.; brothers Robert Betts of St. Louis, Mo.; Bruce Betts of Tulsa, Okla.; and Steve Betts of Rolla, Mo.; grandchildren, William, Kayelynn, and Jacob Rathbone.

Charles "Sug" Taylor

Charles "Sug" Taylor, 90, of Salem died Friday, Sept. 17, 2010 at Crittenden Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born April 27, 1920 on a farm just north of Salem. He lived in Salem all of his life. Taylor was a member of Salem Baptist Church for 79 years and was involved in many church activities. He was a farmer and also worked at Air Products in Calvert City.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Georgia Patmor Taylor; a son, Dr. Pat Taylor and wife Judy of Bolivar, Mo.; two granddaughters, Marijo Taylor Gronewold and husband Tom of El Paso, Texas, and Dr. Charla Taylor Austermann and husband Dr. Adam Austermann; two great-grandsons, Drew Charles Austermann and Luke Taylor Austermann, all of St. Louis, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Taylor and Lillie Hord Taylor; a sister, Elizabeth Taylor Wooldridge; and two brothers, C.H. Taylor and Frank Park Taylor.

Services were Monday, Sept. 20, at Salem Baptist Church with Rev. John East and Rev. Mark Combs officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Georgia Patmore Taylor and the late Charles "Sug" Taylor

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Let's Keep in Touch!

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