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## Sacrifice For Service

Honoring Gordon & Judy Dutile

**PLUS STORIES  
OF SERVICE  
INCLUDING:**

**GARY GILMORE, NATHAN WARD,  
BRIAN BRIGGS, JOEL CRISLER & MORE**

**C**hange. Our new President-elect of the United States campaigned under the banner of “Change.” Change is coming for the U.S., and while some embrace change, others are fearful of the sacrifices change may bring. In his first speech as President-elect, Barack Obama said, “So let us summon a new spirit of patriotism; of service and responsibility where each of us resolves to pitch in and work harder and look after not only ourselves, but each other.”

The people who we honor in this issue of **SBU Life** are patriots and scholars. They daily live a life of “service and responsibility” and “pitch in and work harder” while looking after those around them. Their names are dear to the SBU family, and I hope you are inspired by the stories of Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Judy Dutile, Chaplain Gary Gilmore '79, Masters-at-Arms Brian Briggs '88, and SBU student Sgt. Nathan Ward. All of these individuals work hard to serve others, and their sacrifices have enriched the lives of those whom they serve.

Change is coming to SBU as Gordon and Judy Dutile retire at the end of this year. The sacrifices they have made to serve the Lord have not been in vain. In the words of an old song, the Dutiles have concluded that “It Was Worth It All.” They will be missed as they begin a new chapter of their life. As they leave the rigors of academics and administration, serving their children and grandchildren is high on their agenda. The Dutiles are looking forward to more time for leisurely pursuits, but already they are exploring mission trip and teaching opportunities for their “retirement” years.

As you read through the magazine you will note many other changes at SBU. The University welcomed 453 new faces to campus during Welcome Week for new students in August. Their energy and enthusiasm is positively contagious as they take on the challenges of academic life. A new front entrance will soon greet visitors to SBU. The piles of dirt in front of the Sells Administration building slowly are transforming into new roads and landscaping in honor of former SBU President Dr. Jim Sells.

Another chapter is ahead for the College of Business and Computer Science as Dean David Whitlock leaves SBU for the presidency at a sister Baptist university. We will miss him and his family, but we wish them well as they begin a new life as first family at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Change. Universities are places of change as new students arrive and others graduate and move on to begin their lives. Scholarship reveals new methods of study and research brings new techniques and thought processes to the academy. New scholars bring fresh ideas and older scholars offer new wisdom as they mature in their disciplines.

While I am a creature who thrives on change, I sometimes wish we could freeze time or at least slow it down a bit. As my own children are preteens and teens, time passes quickly at our house. The kids seem to change daily as they learn who they are and how they relate to the world. It is at this time in their lives that I realize the importance of serving an unchanging God. As life changes rapidly around us, I pray we teach our children that God never changes. His love for us is unending, His plans for us are eternal. We sacrifice and serve for God, because He first sacrificed for us.

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## One Certainty: Things Change



The 2008-2009 academic year has gotten off to a great beginning. Our fall enrollment is outstanding and this follows a better than average enrollment for summer school (see story on p. 3). We also had good numbers in camps this summer. However, the financial crisis, which appears to be a world-wide problem, has presented challenges for SBU. One positive impact the current economic condition has had on SBU and other universities is that campus housing numbers are up. Evidently, the price of gasoline has encouraged more students to live on campus. Our residential numbers are at an all-time high.

*In higher education, there is one certainty: things change.*

If you have been to the Bolivar campus recently, you will have noticed the Jim Sells Memorial Front Entrance project is well underway. I believe that this is a very important project for our University. It honors Dr. Sells and it is very much needed as it certainly will improve

the first impression people have of our campus. The project includes: filling in the ditch that runs adjacent to Springfield Avenue, a sidewalk running from Aldrich Road to Southwest Electric Company, a grand entrance in front of the Sells Administrative Center, expansion of the Sells Administration Center parking lot and the Jim Sells Memorial Garden.

Dr. David Whitlock has been unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees to be the next president of Oklahoma Baptist University. This is a compliment to David and it is a compliment to SBU. The selection of one of our deans to serve as the president of a sister Baptist university is a great compliment to all of us at SBU. We are very proud of David and we wish him well at OBU. We will miss his leadership at SBU, but I do know that God will have someone for us. We will use our normal search process and we will work hard at finding the exact right person to provide leadership for our College of Business and Computer Science.

This will be Dr. Gordon Dutile's last semester as Provost. He will retire effective December 31, 2008. Gordon and Judy Dutile moved to Bolivar during the summer of 1980. For many years Gordon taught Greek and New Testament in the Redford College. He was an outstanding teacher and had a positive impact on countless young ministerial students, many of whom are now pastors, church staff members and missionaries. Fortunately for me and for the University, nine years ago Gordon agreed to serve as Provost. He has been a marvelous academic leader. He has the respect of faculty, other administrators and students. Under Gordon's influence we have developed numerous academic programs that have greatly improved our University. All of us will miss Gordon; I will miss working with him on a daily basis. I will miss his wise counsel. However, if I get into too much trouble, I know where he lives and I will not be hesitant to ask for his help.

Unfortunately, Gordon is taking Judy into retirement with him. We will miss Judy, too, and she may be more difficult to replace than Gordon. Judy serves as the director for our Career Planning Center, serves as the director of our International Studies Program, she is a faculty member in the University Success Center, and is the sponsor for the Ambassadors. Gordon and Judy Dutile will be missed. (see story on p. 19)

During the fall Board of Trustees meeting, the Board unanimously approved naming the honors program The Gordon and Judy Dutile Honors Program. This is an appropriate name for our honors program. Both Gordon and Judy are scholars and have been committed to challenging SBU students to pursue excellence.

I recently attended the funeral service of Dr. Robert Plaster. Dr. Plaster has been a great donor for SBU and several other colleges and universities throughout the region. Bob was a great philanthropist and he will be missed. During the past 12 years I had visited with Bob on a regular basis. He always was generous with his time and he always was kind to me. We often discussed the future of SBU. He genuinely loved college students and was concerned that they receive a quality education. I lost a good friend and I will miss him very much.

Things change. Gordon and Judy Dutile are retiring. David and Dana Whitlock are moving to Oklahoma. We have lost several good friends recently like Bob Plaster, Tom Davis, Bernard Holmes, Clay Snowden, Jack Crowell, Ruth Hinton, Don Kennedy, and others. But we know some things do not change. In Malachi chapter 3 verse 6 we read, "For I, the Lord, do not change." And in Romans chapter 8, verse 28 we read, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." These are comforting verses to us during times of change. Personalities may come and go. Events may change. However, we must not change who we are and we must not change our mission at SBU.

Today, I can tell you that this University is strong and will remain strong. We have great people – a near record number of students who are some of the finest young people on the face of the earth, we have great faculty who are committed teachers, we have staff members who are deeply committed to SBU, we have a dedicated Board of Trustees who are committed to providing excellent leadership for the University, and we have a solid donor base who will help us through this national and world-wide financial crisis. And most important of all, we worship a God who never changes. Therefore, we must continue living out our mission statement on a daily basis. As long as we stay committed to our mission of being a "Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society," the state of this University will remain healthy and strong.

**C. Pat Taylor**  
President

# SBU NEWS

## EXCITED about Fall Enrollment NUMBERS

By Charlotte Marsch '97  
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Southwest Baptist University started off its 2008-09 school year on a high note with the second-largest freshmen class in the school's history, 453 freshmen, SBU President C. Pat Taylor told a group of community leaders during his recent SBU President's Breakfast. But there's more good news about the University than just a strong recruitment year.

"We ended last year in the black," he said. "About half the colleges in the country would like to be able to say that."

Total undergraduate enrollment is up 1.9 percent, at 2,803 this fall and 2,752 in the fall of 2007. "In some ways, it's the strongest enrollment we've ever had," he said. "Not only do we have good numbers, but we have good students. Our average freshman ACT score went from 22.94 to 23." The national average ACT score is 21. SBU is a moderately selective institution.

The number of students who dropped out of the University and returned later decreased this fall. Taylor attributes the decrease to better retention practices.

Enrollment is up 8.4 percent at the University's Mountain View campus, at 142 this year compared to 131 last year.

"We had had a steady decline there for eight years," Dr. Taylor said. "We had been getting concerned about its survival. Hopefully, we've turned a corner there." Elementary education is the most popular major offered on the Mountain View campus.

The Salem campus's enrollment is up 4.8 percent with a ratio of 114 full-time students to 106 part-time students. Dr. Taylor said enrollment at Salem is usually more than 50 percent part time, so the change to having more full-time students than part time is positive.

The Springfield campus, which focuses on the nursing program and other allied health programs, is up to 612 from 603. "We've been at capacity (600) there for about four years," Dr. Taylor said.

At the October Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Taylor announced that graduate student enrollment totaled 853 bringing the University to a grand total of 3,656 students.

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# EXCITED about Fall Enrollment NUMBERS

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Dr. Taylor said enrollment has topped 3,600 only twice in the University's history, in 1998 and 1999 when the University operated a campus at Poplar Bluff.

Increased enrollment has presented the University with a new challenge of providing enough housing for students. With 1,104 beds on campus and 26 students purchasing private rooms, only 23 beds are vacant in campus housing, and they all are in girls' living quarters.

"The men's side of housing is completely full," Dr. Taylor said. "That's problematic, but it's a good problem to have."

Other information Dr. Taylor shared:

- The University is planning a fund-raising campaign that will kick off in the spring with a primary focus of building the University's endowment. Currently at about \$19 million, the goal is to build the endowment to \$40 million.
- Major projects taking place on campus now include renovating the swimming pool, installing an elevator in the Sells Administration Building and constructing a new front entrance in memory of former SBU President and Chancellor Dr. James Sells.
- The University added a journalism major this year.
- Undergraduate students represent 97 of 114 Missouri counties and 266 Missouri communities. Ten percent of students list an address in Polk County. About 1 in 9 students are from the Kansas City area, with 7 percent of students from Jackson County.
- Sixty-nine percent, or 1,094, of undergraduate students are from Missouri with 100 students from Kansas and 68 from Illinois. International students account for 2 percent of the student body, with 16 foreign countries and six continents represented.
- Thirty-three percent of students are enrolled in the College of Education and Social Sciences. The College of Business and Computer Science is the second largest and fastest-growing college with 17 percent of students enrolled in it.
- Fifty-four percent of undergraduate students are female and 46 percent male, a statistic that has varied no more than 2 percent during Taylor's 12 years as SBU president.

Southwest Baptist University began construction in September on a new Springfield Avenue entrance in memory of Dr. Jim Sells, former chancellor and University president. "This will give us a much better first impression of the University," said Dr. C. Pat Taylor, SBU president.

The new entrance, which is scheduled to be completed in mid-December, will replace the north entrance near Jester Learning and Performance Center. The south entrance near the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Aldrich Road may be gated and used as an overflow entrance when events on campus bring a lot of traffic. An entrance and exit lane with a new street, Jim Sells Avenue, will connect Estep Drive and Anderson Drive.

Taylor says other renovations will be completed to enhance SBU's look, including the installation of underground drainage and culverts, a sidewalk along Springfield Avenue and filling the ditch between the road and campus.

"The first thing is filling that ugly ditch," said Taylor. "Our first impression for parents and students is that ditch. It has bothered me for years."

A fence will run along the front of the property from Aldrich Road to the property line at Southwest Electric. The parking lot in front of Sells Administrative Center will be expanded to add 14 parking spaces. The Jim Sells Memorial Garden will be in front of the parking lot.

About 70 percent of the \$1 million needed to complete the project has been raised. A lead donor was secured in January. "I like to be at 75 percent before I start a project," said Taylor. "We think we're close."

Sells died Nov. 25, 2007. His wife Joyce died Feb. 16, 2007.

The University constructed the Joyce Sells Heritage Center in the Harriett K. Hutchens Library. The heritage center will be dedicated with the new entrance.

"We think this is a project that is great for our campus and will give a better aesthetic appeal and be a great thing for the city," said Taylor.



## University Begins Construction On New Front Entrance

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# DEAN WOODERSON GOES TO BOOT CAMP

BY SARAH HAAS,  
CLASS OF 2012

**M**ost professors view summer break as a chance to relax, but for Dr. Linda Wooderson, dean of the college of education and social sciences, this past summer introduced an entirely new kind of challenge: surviving boot camp.

“We should all do something different, out of the norm,” said Wooderson.

Because Southwest Baptist University’s Reserved Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program is housed in the College of Education and Social Sciences, ROTC invited Wooderson to attend boot camp so that she could learn more about the program and explain it to interested students. “I’m all for these big challenges,” said Wooderson. “So, by George, I did it!”

# Faculty Focus



Wooderson began training herself several weeks early by practicing the exercises she would need to perform in boot camp. She frequently ran, biked and walked. She also went rappelling with ROTC students. Perhaps the most intensive aspect of her training was in the pool. Wooderson taught herself to swim laps while wearing all

Experiencing the rigors and excitement of boot camp taught Wooderson first-hand about ROTC and the military. “I’m not from an army background. I have a whole new appreciation for what our military does,” said Wooderson.

Besides her desire to learn more about the program, Wooderson had another source of motivation for attending boot camp. “This was also for me. I’m into wellness; it’s my passion in life,” said Wooderson. “Every year, I try to do something I have never done before.”

Wooderson has not let anything hold her back from taking on new tasks. Her past self-challenges include mountain climbing and hot air ballooning. Though preparing for and attending boot camp were strenuous, Wooderson still has no regrets.

“It was my prayer to get through everything, but it was fun.” said Wooderson.



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OUT OF THE NORM. - LINDA WOODERSON**

of her clothes and holding a 10-pound weight, which actually weighed 100 pounds in the water. She learned to jump into the pool from a high dive while holding a rifle and without getting the rifle wet.

Wooderson’s competitive spirit kept her motivated throughout the exhausting training. “I didn’t want to embarrass SBU,” said Wooderson. “I wanted to win this thing!” As a result, she felt well-prepared for boot camp. During her five days there, Wooderson successfully completed all of the activities and exercises.

Only one activity, maneuvering through tree tops, surprised her. Roughly one-third of the 90 attendees participated. Wooderson was surprised at the low participation. Although she had no practice in this area, Wooderson did not hesitate to join the exercise. “I was afraid the whole time, but I just did it,” said Wooderson

The boot camp was held at Fort Knox in Louisville, Ky. Although the majority of her time was spent training, Wooderson enjoyed visiting the Army base and viewing the Fort Knox Bullion Depository, where the United States government stores gold.



# Faculty/Staff News

**Dr. Ronda Credille '80**, associate professor of business administration, traveled to Tomsk, Siberia, Russia, with **Dr. Janet Juhlin '73**, professor and director of institutional effectiveness, and **Dr. Bob Klostermeyer**, associate professor of political science in June, and taught marketing seminars at Tomsk State University (TSU). This was Dr. Credille's third opportunity to teach marketing at Tomsk State University. The attendance at the seminars was even larger than in previous years.

**Dr. Baochuan Lu**, assistant professor of computer and information sciences, completed the open source software project he began over the summer. Dr Lu's project was funded by Google.

**Jeffrey Kimball '92**, instructor of computer and information sciences, has begun work on his Ph.D. at Nova Southeastern University.

**Dr. Tim DeClue**, professor of computer and information sciences, created a senior project course that is breaking ground this year by accepting the first-ever international software project. The project, which will be completed for the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention, will help the IMB track church growth and church training programs. The project sponsor will be in India. The project not only marks the first international project for the CIS department, but it also provides strong evidence supporting SBU's mission statement that says in part that SBU students are "servant leaders in a global society."

**Dr. Kevin Hopkins**, chair and professor of mathematics, was selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's Advanced Placement Examination in June. He read and scored in Advanced Placement Calculus. The examination allows high school students to receive credit or advanced placement in mathematics courses upon entering college based upon their scores

**Dr. Robert Kitchin**, professor and chair of chemistry and physics, co-presented with **Dr. Perry A. Tompkins**, dean of the College of Mathematics and Science, at the International Institute for Christian Studies conference held July 17-19 in Kansas City, Mo. Their paper titled "Developing Undergraduates with a Synergistic Worldview Including Science and Christian Faith" was co-written with Dr. Gary O. Gray, former dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at SBU.

**Dr. Bing Bayer**, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, preached at Calvary Baptist Church, Republic, and at Windermere Baptist Conference Center for the summer staff. He also toured Israel, August 12-22.

**Dr. Don Denton**, associate professor of theology, completed a chapter, "Being Interpreted by the Parables: Critical Realism as Hermeneutical Epistemology," for inclusion in an upcoming volume, *Jesus as Israel's Messiah: Engaging the Work of N.*

*Thomas Wright* (London: T&T Clark, 2009). He is working with a student to charter a local chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious and theological studies, for which he will serve as faculty advisor and liaison to the national organization. The Redford College of Theology and Ministry will induct their first group of students into the society this fall. Denton also gave a presentation on "Postmodernism in Theology and Culture" at the faculty workshop in August.

**Dr. Zach Manis**, assistant professor of philosophy, is currently working on a manuscript for *Philosophy of Religion: Thinking About Faith, Second Edition*, a book co-authored with Dr. C. Stephen Evans (Baylor University) to be published by InterVarsity Press. He also had papers accepted for presentation at three upcoming conferences: "On Divine Essential Goodness and the Nature of Divine Freedom," to be

**Dr. Rodney Reeves '79**, dean of the Redford College of Theology and Ministry, recently submitted five articles, "Paul," "Colossians," "Romans," "Philemon," and "The Sermon on the Mount," to be published in the *Baker Dictionary of the Bible*, 2009. In June, he was the evening speaker during a Senior High summer camp at Camp Patmos (Kelley's Island) for Calvary Church, St. Louis. He spoke during a weekend conference in July for the Noland Road Baptist Church, Kansas City. Dr. Reeves was the Welcome Week speaker for students during SBU's freshman orientation, and he recently spoke during revival services for the First Baptist Church, Springfield. Currently, Dr. Reeves is serving as the interim preacher of South Haven Baptist Church, Springfield.



presented at the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers conference (Oct. 3-5); "Foundations for a Kierkegaardian Account of Moral Obligation," to be presented at the Southwestern Philosophical Society conference (Nov. 14-16); and "A Molinist Solution to the Problem of Divine Freedom," to be presented at the Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Feb. 18-21, 2009). He gave

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a short presentation titled “Kierkegaard on the Problem of Abraham” at the fall faculty workshop and led an afternoon discussion along with Dr. Denton on the topic of postmodernism.

**Dr. Duke Jones**, assistant professor of Christian education, taught New Testament Survey at Dallas Baptist University this summer. He is currently serving as the interim pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church.

**Dr. Kelly Malone**, assistant professor of intercultural studies, was recently appointed to the Stanton Chair of Evangelism. He preached during services at Southern Hills Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Bolivar. In July, he participated in a mission trip to Delhi, India, sponsored by the IMB. This included student workers and university professors who will have the opportunity to encourage future mission involvement of their students in India.

**Morgan Gallatin '84**, (right) assistant professor and chair of the art department, **Grant Cochran '84**, instructor of graphic design, and **Dianna Callahan**, lecturer of art, presented a faculty art exhibit in the SBU Driskill Gallery during August and September.

During the summer Gallatin and Cochran prepared posters representing each of the seven Revelation churches. These posters have been on display at First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and will be part of a sermon series on these churches.

Callahan presented a program on fiber arts in June to the Bolivar Area Quilt Society. In August, she entered five pieces of art and art quilts in the Ozark Empire Fair and won four blue ribbons, one red ribbon, one sponsor's choice award, and one champion ribbon. In October, she will serve as juror for the Springfield Visual Arts Alliance juried exhibit at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

**Dr. Linda Wooderson '78**, dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences, was the guest speaker for the New Teacher Welcome Luncheon, sponsored by the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, held in Bolivar at the Tea Garden Café on August 5. Teaching experiences past, present, and future were revealed to the audience with encouragement given to the new teachers to enjoy their calling to teach.

On August 11-13, Dr. Wooderson taught a Red Cross Instructor's Course for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid to SBU personnel involved in the Meyer Wellness and Sports Center and the Department of Safety and Security.



**Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick**, associate professor of psychology, has been selected as an Advanced Placement Statistics grader. She also attended and presented at the Association for Psychological Science teaching pre-conference in May.

**Dr. Richard Brewer '78**, professor of psychology, presented at two sessions at a Young Adult's Retreat in Branson in June.

**Dr. Kevin Schriver '83**, professor and department chair of behavioral sciences, chaired the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Academic Requirements Committee in June. He also attended the committee meeting of the High School Review Group of the NCAA.

**Sarah Russback '86**, assistant professor of education, Mountain View, wrote a paper titled “The Swinging of the Pendulum: Curricular Conflicts in Higher Education” that has been published in a monograph titled *Curriculum Wars: The Cultural, Organizational, and Instructional Conflicts in Curriculum Policy and Practice*. She presented the paper at a symposium in late spring at Arkansas State University. It was part of a cohort project in her doctoral program.

**Dr. Timothy Wood**, assistant professor of history, delivered a lecture titled “Religion and Modernism in the 1920's” at the Teaching American History Conference in Louisville, KY.

**Dr. Robert Kitchin**, professor and chair of chemistry and physics, **Eldonna DeWeese**, editor of the Southern Baptist Periodical Index housed at SBU's Harriett K. Hutchens Library, and **Sharina Smith**, senior director for marketing and communications, have been

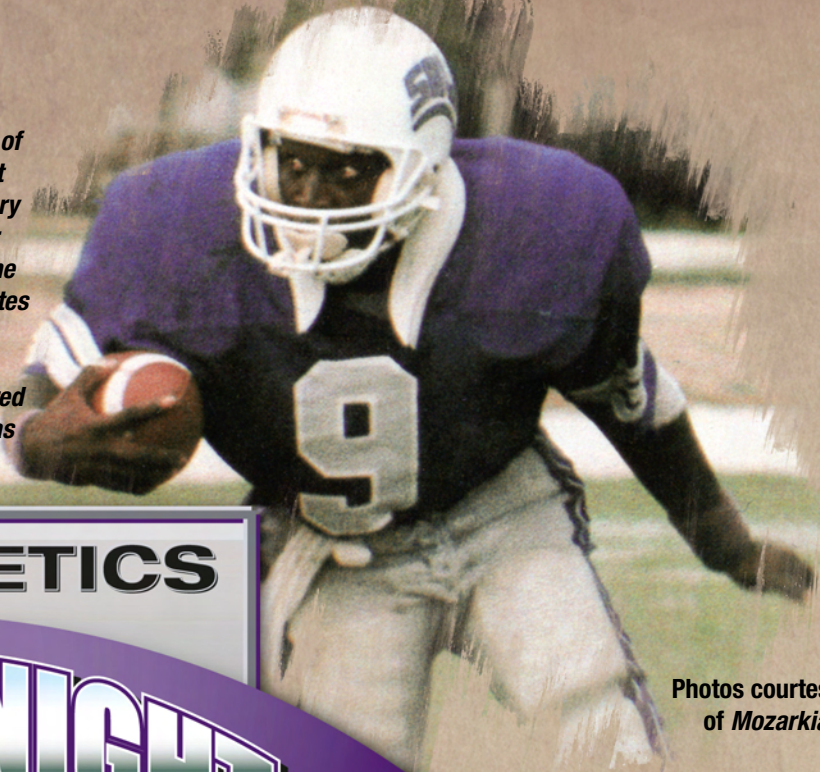
**Dr. Terri Knupps**, assistant professor of music, was chosen to present a paper, “From Stravinsky to Copland: The ‘Rite’ Road to the Development of American Modern Ballet,” at the American Musicological Society Midwest Chapter meeting in Chicago in October.



selected for inclusion in the 2009 Edition of Marquis *Who's Who in America*.

**Dr. Stephanie Miller '80**, vice president for enrollment management and **Darren Crowder '98**, director of admissions, presented “Strategies for a Comprehensive Enrollment Management Plan and the Impact on Enrollment” at the 2008 Noel-Levitz National Convention. Dr. Miller also presented “Five Steps to Compelling Recruitment Communications” with Kathryn Karford, executive consultant for Noel-Levitz.

The SBU Department of Athletics is proud to announce the inductees of the SBU Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2009. Part of our mission is to honor those who share our vision of excellence. As such, Southwest Baptist University will host the SBU Honors Night and Hall of Fame Banquet on February 14, 2009. This event will honor our senior athletes for their accomplishments in the classroom, on the court, and on the field. Our hope is that our affirmation of these senior athletes will encourage underclassmen to work toward academic success and graduation. Also that night, we will honor the inductees of the Class of 2009. These alumni will be honored for their achievements in their collegiate athletic careers as well as later contributions to family and community.



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## SBU ATHLETICS

# HONORS NIGHT

## SENIOR RECOGNITION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

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### 1984 MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

NAIA national co-champions

The 1984 men's tennis team earned a place in SBU history as NAIA national co-champions. Raul Saad (Argentina), who now lives in Naples, Fla., was named an All-American and All-District 16. Sven Groeneveld (Holland), who is a professional coach of Ana Ivonovic (French Open singles champion) was named All-American and All-District 16. Kevin Kopp (Jefferson City, Mo.) is now a banker in Indianapolis. Kopp was named an All-American, and was a member of the doubles national championship team. Gregg Yarbrough (Steele, Mo.) is currently a public school principal. He was named an All-American, and was a member of the doubles national championship team. Ronen Graziani (Israel), is a tennis camp owner and real estate agent in Naples, Fla. He was named All-District 16. David Smashey (Bolivar, Mo.) is a science teacher in Willard, Mo. Smashey was named All-District 16. Head coach John Bryant is in his 43rd season at the Bearcat tennis helm.



Sven Groeneveld





## LESTER BAKER

Football, 1985-87, 1989

Baker played football for SBU for four seasons, and was one of the team's tri-captains in 1987 and 1989. He is SBU's all-time leading rusher with 3,892 yards on 823 carries. Baker holds SBU records for points scored in a game (30), in a season (114), and in a career (270). He holds the SBU record for touchdowns scored in a game (5), in a season (19), and in a career (45). Baker holds the SBU record rushing attempts and rushing yards in a game (43, 238), in a season (286, 1391), and in a career (823, 3892). Baker was named to the *Football Gazette* All-American Second Team in 1989. He was the MIAA Offensive Player of the year in 1989. He played for coach **Garry Brandt** from 1985-87 and later for **Jim Hall** in 1989.

## TIM ELLIOTT

Basketball, 1970-74

Elliott was a 6' 2" guard who played basketball for the Bearcats under coach **John Edwards** for four seasons. Elliott ranks third on SBU's all-time scoring list, and fourth on SBU's all-time field goals made list. He scored 606 points during the 1972-73 season, which is the third highest point total in Bearcat history. That year, he attempted 540 field goals, the most ever attempted by a player at SBU. On February 27, 1973, Elliott became the first SBU Bearcat to score 40 points in a game. Elliott's 40 points against Arkansas Tech was later matched by John Willis (1989). Elliott did emerge from the contest with 20 successful field goals, which is a single-game record he holds by himself.

## GLENDA PSALMONDS

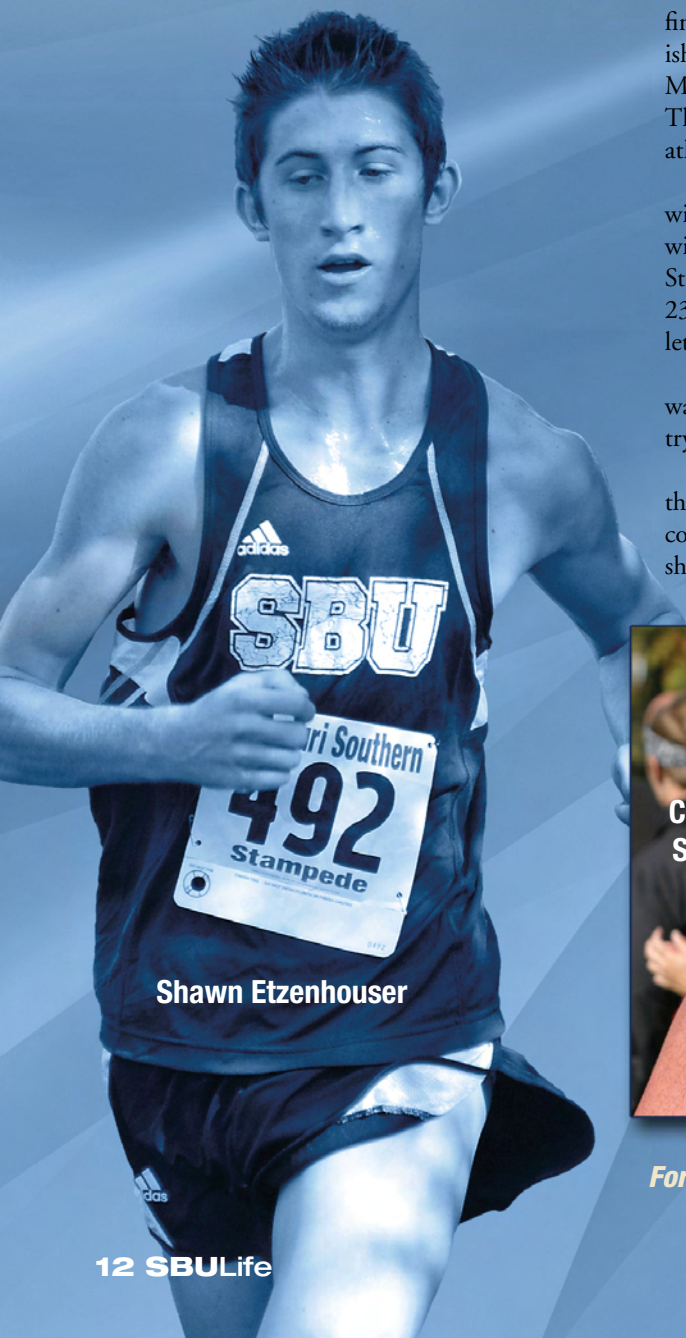
Softball, 1980-81

Psalmonds played softball for two seasons at SBU. In 1980, she earned All-State honors, pitched five games at regionals, which were all won by SBU, and had a 0.21 ERA during post-season play. She recorded two 16-strikeout performances during the 1980 season. In 1981, she was named the team's co-captain. That same season, Psalmonds was named to the All-Region and All-State teams with a 13-4 record with a 0.80 ERA (which included a 0.00 ERA and 9 strikeouts during the NAIA regionals). Psalmonds played for the two winningest teams in SBU softball history (34-11 in 1980 and 36-9 in 1981) under coach **Jo Ann Harrison**. The 1980 team won the regional championship and placed 5th at the NAIA National Championship. The 1981 team placed 4th at regionals and received an at-large invitation to the NAIA National Championship, where they went 1-2.

# RUN TO A

## Bearcat men take first place while women claim third; McElhane named Coach of the Year

By Mike Pitts '85



Shawn Etzenhouser

**S**outhwest Baptist University's men's and women's cross-country teams celebrated first and third place victories at this year's MIAA Championship, and the coach who led them to the top received an MIAA honor.

The men's cross-country team took first place at the MIAA Championship in October. They finished with a 63-point total at the event hosted by the University of Central Missouri.

Shawn Etzenhouser ran a 25:46.23 to finish in fourth place. Jeremy Glassmaker finished in seventh place (25:52.78) and Michael McCampbell finished in eighth (26:02.02). The three were named first-team All-MIAA athletes.

The women's team finished in third place with 83 points. Courtney Ayers led the team with her third place finish (22:57.05). Chelsea Strahm finished in 10th place with a time of 23:24.63. Both were named All-MIAA athletes.

Cross country coach Corey McElhane was selected as the men's MIAA Cross Country Coach of the Year.

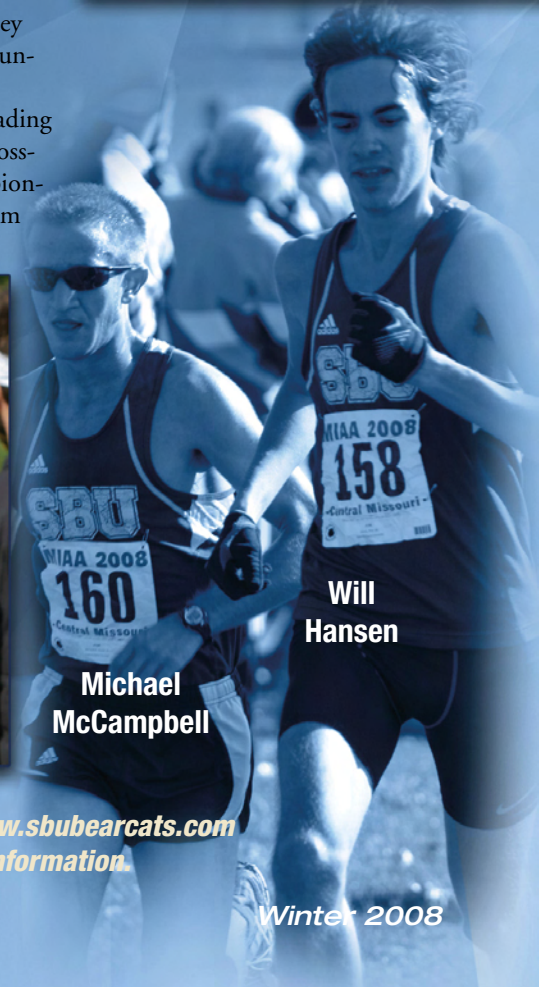
McElhane is in his second season leading the Bearcats. His success in leading the cross-country team to its first ever men's championship win is noteworthy because he led them



Jeremy Glassmaker



Chelsea Strahm



Michael McCampbell

Will Hansen

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# TITLE

## BEARCAT Sports Report

Erica Whitfield



to the top in the absence of All-American Michael Pierce (He is a medical redshirt this season).

This is McElhane's first MIAA Coach of the Year award and the second in three seasons that an SBU cross-country coach. Jeff DeLong received the award in 2006, his final season at the University.

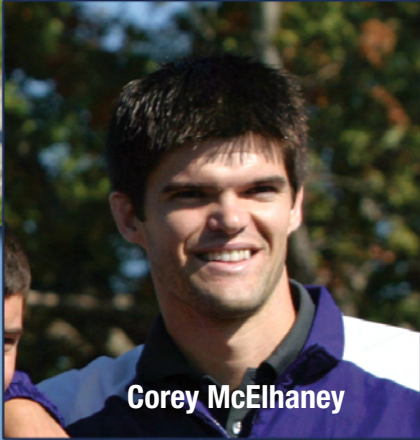
Brent Good, director of athletics, commented on McElhane's achievement.

"I'm extremely proud of Coach McElhane's recognition as the MIAA's Coach of the Year. It's evident we hired the right person two years ago. The fact that he has received this award in his second year of leading the program speaks volumes."

Courtney  
Ayers



Corey McElhane



# Extra Special Homecoming

**F**or Southwest Baptist University's Joel Crisler, it was an extra special Homecoming. Crisler is a freshman linebacker from Liberty (Mo.) High School. And on that Saturday afternoon, a packed crowd at SBU's Plaster Stadium was visibly moved, as they watched Crisler's father, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) R. Patrick Crisler, administer the oath of office to his son.

Joel Crisler accepted a three-year scholarship for the Army ROTC. When he learned that his father, LTC Crisler (who is stationed in England) happened to be travelling to the United States, the younger Crisler began to envision standing at midfield, being sworn in by his father, in front of his team, coaches, classmates, and SBU Alumni.

Six minutes before the game, the fans stood at attention for the opening prayer and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, as they usually do. They watched two individuals march to the 50-yard line, and approach a microphone stand. As Joel Crisler stood in his SBU Football uniform with his right hand raised, he faced his father, who was wearing his Army class A military uniform. In a moving, but "all business" exchange, LTC Crisler administered the oath to his son. After the oath, the two hugged, and they

stepped off the field together. A capacity crowd had just witnessed an amazing ceremony.

"For me, I would put this right up there with life's most memorable events," said SBU's Director of Athletics, Brent Good. "I just happened to have lunch with Joel in our cafeteria a couple of days before that. We got to know each other, discovered our backgrounds, and exchanged stories about what it was like to grow up in a military family.

"And because I grew up in the military, I have great respect for what took place on our field," continued Good. "This involved a young man on our football team, and his father, who have chosen to defend our country. I've never heard the words of that oath, and I suspect that the people in attendance hadn't heard it either. It was special, to say the least. That's why people give their life for our country – because they have taken the very oath we heard at that moment."



**Story by  
Mike Pitts '85**

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Above, SBU Trustee and National Guard Chaplain greets Joel Crisler before the game. (See page 25 for more on Gilmore) Right, Joel takes the oath from his father LTC R. Patrick Crisler.



# BEARCAT Sports Report



D'ANTE HARRIS

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**at Missouri (exhibition)**  
Nov. 7 (Fri) • Columbia, MO • 6:30 PM

**LIVIN' THE DREAM (exhibition)**  
Nov. 10 (Mon) • Bolivar, MO • 7:05 PM

**at Northeastern State (Okla)**  
Nov. 15 (Sat) • Tahlequah, OK • 2:00 PM

**at Quincy**  
Nov. 22 (Sat) • Quincy, IL • 2:00 PM

**at St. Mary's Classic vs Incarnate Word**  
Nov. 28 (Fri) • San Antonio, TX • 4:00 PM

**at St. Mary's (TX)**  
Nov. 29 (Sat) • San Antonio, TX • 6:00 PM

**CENTRAL MISSOURI \***  
Dec. 2 (Tue) • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

**LINCOLN**  
Dec. 6 (Sat) • Bolivar, MO • 1:00 PM

**at Ouachita Baptist**  
Dec. 8 (Mon) • Arkadelphia, AR • 6:00 PM

**at Pittsburg State \***  
Dec. 13 (Sat) • Pittsburg, KS • 5:30 PM

**CENTRAL METHODIST**  
Dec. 20 (Sat) • Bolivar, MO • 2:00 PM

**MISSOURI SOUTHERN \***  
Dec. 29 (Mon) • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

**TRUMAN STATE \***  
Dec. 31 (Wed) • Bolivar, MO • 1:30 PM

**at Emporia State \***  
Jan. 3 (Sat) • Emporia, KS • 5:30 PM

**at Washburn \***  
Jan. 7 (Wed) • Topeka, KS • 5:30 PM

**FORT HAYS STATE \***  
Jan. 10 (Sat) • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

**at Nebraska-Omaha \***  
Jan. 14 (Wed) • Omaha, NE • 5:30 PM

**NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE \***  
Jan. 17 (Sat) • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

**at Missouri Western \***  
Jan. 21 (Wed) • St. Joseph, MO • 5:30 PM

**at Central Missouri \***  
Jan. 24 (Sat) • Warrensburg, MO • 1:30 PM

**at Missouri Southern \***  
Jan. 31 (Sat) • Joplin, MO • 5:30 PM

**PITTSBURG STATE \***  
Feb. 3 (Tue) • Bolivar, MO • 5:30 PM

**at Truman State \***  
Feb. 7 (Sat) • Kirksville, MO • 1:00 PM

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Feb. 18 (Wed) • Hays, KS • 5:30 PM

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**MIAA Tournament**  
March 5 - 8 • Kansas City, MO

**NCAA Division II Regionals**  
March 14 - 17 • Campus sites

**NCAA Division II Elite Eight**  
March 25 - 28 • San Antonio, TX

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## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

**at Arkansas State Invitational**  
December 8 • Jonesboro, AR

**at Missouri Southern Fazio's/Baymont Inn Invitational**  
January 16-17 • Joplin, MO

**at Iowa State Open**  
January 23-24 • Ames, IA

**at Missouri Southern Radio Shack Invitational**  
February 6-7 • Joplin, MO

**at Central Missouri Mule Relays**  
February 6-7 • Warrensburg, MO

**at Iowa State Classic**  
February 13-14 • Ames, IA

**at Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolf Invitational**  
February 21 • Lincoln, NE

**MIAA Championships**  
February 27 - March 1 • Warrensburg, MO

**NCAA D-II Indoor Track and Field Championships**  
March 13-14 • Houston, TX

**at Southern Illinois (exhibition)**  
Nov. 6 (Thur) • Carbondale, IL • 7:05 PM

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Nov. 15 (Sat) • Salt Lake City, UT • 3:00 PM

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BY JESSICA OLIVER, CLASS OF 2009



# TO SERVE & PROTECT

**AS** students during Welcome Week at SBU, we learn to recite the University mission, which acknowledges SBU's academic objective to prepare students to "be servant leaders in a global society." Sergeant Nathan Ward has put his academic career at SBU on hold to get hands-on experience as a servant leader as he lives a life of service with the United States military in Iraq.

Nathan came to SBU in August 2005 to pursue a computer science degree. Just one month before, he had started basic training with the National Guard. Two weeks after school had begun, Hurricane Katrina approached the country's gulf coast and destroyed much of New Orleans. Nathan was activated and sent to Louisiana to help with recovery efforts.

When he returned to Bolivar in November, Nathan proposed to his girlfriend Megan, who was then a junior at SBU. They married in June 2006. January 2007 brought the ice storm to Missouri and Nathan was activated again to aid in that situation. Right after Thanksgiving in 2007, the Wards learned some news that would drastically change their lives.

"One day Nathan sat me down on the couch and said he had some news," said Megan. "He told me that he was going to be deployed to Iraq and that he was leaving in January."

Megan graduated from SBU in December 2007 and then Nathan left at the end of January for training at Camp Clark. After a deployment ceremony in February and training in New Jersey until April, Nathan was deployed to Kuwait. After spending two weeks there, he went to Iraq.

Because he was activated, Nathan's college career had to be put on hold. Megan is grateful for the faculty and staff at SBU that have been supportive of his service.

"Nathan's professors and advisor have been so supportive with the things that have caused him to miss class," Megan said. "It takes a tremendous amount of stress off of us knowing that he can finish up when he gets back."

Nathan serves as military police. He works on a squad responsible for the set-up and upkeep of three Iraqi police stations. Each day, Nathan and his squad drive 45 miles to check on the stations and deliver supplies. As military police, Nathan's squad also works security when important people visit the area and keep an eye out for IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

Megan asks that everyone continue to pray for Nathan's safety and his family's patience during this time. As a sergeant, Nathan has the opportunity to share his faith with those who work underneath him.



"We're halfway through this and on the downward slope," said Megan. "I am anxious for him to get home. Pray for patience as we go through this last part and pray we will continue to let God work with what we've been given- not just to endure it, but to grow in it."

Although this is a hard time for Nathan and Megan, she says many blessings have come from this journey.

"People are supporting Nathan that he doesn't even know. They're praying for him and they appreciate what he's doing," said Megan. "I am amazed at how our relationship has grown though this. We've been able to grow and learn more about each other. We've had to learn different ways to show that we love each other. This has been a good experience to look at our relationship in a different way."

Nathan will return to the states in February.

"I think about the core values that SBU tries to instill in its students through the Spiritual Formation class," said Megan. "I can't imagine making it through this without my faith and some of the things I learned at SBU."



from Megan Ward Sept. 14, 2008  
This past week our very own SGT Nathan Ward was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and Combat Action Badge. The Army Achievement Medal was awarded to each member of his squad for their work and accomplishments while at FOB McHenry. The Combat Action Badge was awarded to Nathan and a few other soldiers in his squad. This badge is awarded to any soldier performing assigned duties in an area where there is hostile fire or imminent danger, who is personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement (according to [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)). Nathan never does anything halfway... I was already proud of him before, but I am even more proud now!



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED  
ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

# Q&A WITH SGT. WARD

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE EXCERPTS FROM NATHAN'S NEWSLETTERS HE SENDS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SBU LIFE DID NOT HAVE A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH WARD.

## WHAT DO YOU EAT ON A NORMAL DAY?

"They always have eggs, bacon, and biscuits and gravy. I usually just get some muffins and fruit. If we're out on a mission for lunch, I usually bring snacks. If I get real hungry we have MREs in the back of the truck. There are about 30 different meals they cook for us spread between the two meal times. Sometimes I get ice cream while I'm at the 'chow' hall but if you don't eat it fast it turns into a shake."

## WHAT IS THE STRANGEST/MOST INTERESTING FOOD YOU HAVE EATEN?

"The most interesting food I've eaten so far is a sandwich called a falaffe. A falaffe is a hot dog-like bun baked and stuffed with onions, cucumbers, tomatoes and fried humus."

## WHAT ARE THE TOILET/SHOWER FACILITIES LIKE?

"There are a few buildings that look like small mobile homes. In one are a few toilets and sinks and in the other are showers and sinks."

## WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

"I usually have a couple of hours a day to myself. I've watched a lot of movies. Naps are really popular too, especially when it's really hot outside. When we first got here it was still kind of cool in the evenings so we sat outside and played cards or got a game of touch football going."

## WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING THING YOU HAVE SEEN?

"The most interesting thing I've seen is the difference in lifestyle that there is compared to back home. Things are a lot simpler and less hectic around here. People do what they need to do to feed their families or make a living."

## DO YOU FEEL LIKE WHAT YOU ARE DOING THERE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

"Yes, I honestly feel that we're making a difference. It may not be the drastic changes that were made when the war started but just in the few months I've been here, I can see a big improvement in the ability of the Iraqi Police. As long as they can continue to improve, they will be able to serve and protect the communities when we're gone."





by Sharina Smith

# Sacrifice For Service

Dr. Gordon & Mrs. Judy Dutile



**I**f you spend very much time with Dr. Gordon Dutile, you know he was a much-beloved, if much-feared professor. The saying goes that he told his students they “got all the grace they were going to get at the foot of the cross.” In his classes, “salvation was by works alone.” If you have had any connection with Judy Dutile, you know that the words, “high energy” do not even begin to describe her frenetic work pace. Those who know the Dutiles well know they are at their best when they are together. After 45 years of marriage, 25 of them working for the same employer, Judy and Gordon are excited about their retirement on December 31, 2008. The SBU family is going to miss their steadfast presence and their many academic and administrative contributions to the University, but Judy and Gordon are counting down the days until they can get to work on their “bucket list.”

Gordon came to SBU in the fall of 1980 as assistant professor of Bible to teach Greek and New Testament in what was then known as the Redford School of Theology. The story of how Gordon came to be a Bible scholar is worth the telling.

## I married an engineer.

Before Gordon was called to be a pas-

tor, he was working for McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis as a senior electronics engineer. His transition from that job to the ministry was the first of many sacrifices the Dutiles made to serve the Lord.

“I sensed it wasn’t where God wanted me to spend my life,” Gordon said of his position as an engineer. “Over the course of a year in 1969, I felt God calling me to be a pastor. Judy was not very keen on the idea. I had thought about going back to school to work on a history degree. I had worked on a master’s degree in math.” Neither of these options had the strength of call that the ministry had for Gordon, but he respected Judy’s reticence to leave the life she loved. “I figured if God called me, He would call her. I waited until God called her. I came home one day and she was ready.”

“The idea of moving and Gordon going to seminary was hard on me,” Judy said. “I had married an engineer. I was not expecting him to be a pastor. We had bought a house. [Gordon interjected: “She had a spoiled dog.”] I had a child, I was at home full-time. When we moved to Fort Worth, I had to go back to work full-time. We left St. Louis for Ft. Worth on July 31, 1970.”

Despite acknowledging the painfulness of the material sacrifices, Judy recalled the blessings, “We had a very supportive

network. Gordon had three aunts in the area and a fourth aunt 50 miles from Fort Worth.” Judy also wondered at the time if God had forgotten them in Fort Worth, “When Gordon left for seminary, he wanted to be a pastor but discovered he wanted to earn a doctorate. What was to be three years there turned out to be 10 years. I have to admit, I wondered ‘Has God forgotten us in the wilderness?’”

## I came for a one-year trial.

When asked how he found out about the position at SBU, Gordon said his predecessor announced he was leaving as New Testament teacher to go to Criswell Bible College. H.K. Neely was dean here at the time. His friend Dr. Harry Hunt, was on the faculty at Fort Worth - he was an Old Testament scholar. Hunt called Dr. J.W. MacGorman and he recommended me. I came on a one-year trial. Dr. Neely said, “When SBU gets a new dean he might want someone else as the New Testament teacher.”

Once again the Dutiles made sacrifices to honor God’s calling, but this time their children were asked to give up things, too. “The move to Bolivar was much harder on our older daughter, Penny,” Gordon said. “She was in seventh grade, 12 years old;

she had been in a gifted program studying French and Spanish. We petitioned the school here to let her continue her language studies, but they said no. The move was very hard on Penny. Shonda was five and went all her years to school here. Penny now considers this home.”

Gordon is starting his 29th year at SBU, but he will retire before its completion. In 1999, Gordon was appointed acting provost after Provost Dr. M. Michael Awad died.

“I didn’t want to be provost. After Dr. Awad died, I was interim provost,” Gordon said. “I missed teaching; I still do. I don’t miss giving tests, but I miss the classroom.” Gordon’s sacrifice was SBU’s gain, since the University not only gained an exceptional scholar as provost, but the Redford College was blessed with the return of an alumnus who had earned a reputation from a highly regarded colleague: “I had wanted to bring Dr. [Rodney] Reeves to SBU- I had used him as an adjunct. My daughter stood outside his door while he taught and said, ‘Daddy, if there’s any way you can get him here you should hire him.’”

“Rodney told me he wanted my job. I told him I’d have to retire or die because I wasn’t going into administration.”

After spending the past eight years in administration, Gordon said the hardest part is “dealing with personnel issues. You are dealing with people’s lives. Sometimes you have to make a hard decision when a relationship just doesn’t work or is not in the best interest of the student or University. I can make those decisions but I don’t like to.”

## How are we going to replace her?

When Gordon and Judy moved to Bolivar, Judy decided not to work full-time until the girls were a bit older. She first began teaching at SBU as an adjunct and also served as secretary to Dean Charles Chaney in the Redford School. Soon after Judy received her master’s degree in 1983, she became Director of the Child Studies Center and has spent 25 years working in various capacities at the University, often working in several positions at the same time.

When home economics was phased out, Judy moved to the Education Department and taught early childhood classes. She then became Director of Clinical Experiences and supervised student teachers. When Dr. Little retired, Judy became Director of International Studies and Dual Credit. Since the Dutiles announced their retirement, SBU

President C. Pat Taylor has said several times that “when Gordon retires we will miss him, but when Judy retires we don’t know how we are going to replace her.” Judy currently holds the following positions: Director of International Studies, Director of Career Services, Academic Advisor in the University Success Center, and sponsor for the Ambassadors.

## Defining moments for Gordon

When he was asked, it did not take Gordon long to determine his defining moment at SBU: “I had been here four years. As a freshman teacher, I had a freshman student, Ethel Pierce, who loved languages. She took Spanish and three years of Greek. She went into seminary at Fort Worth. At the time they had a policy that no matter how much Greek you had in college, you had to start over. I asked them to let her start at the upper level, third year. They were reluctant to do this, but the dean said if Gordon is recommending her, then we’ll give her a shot. She made A’s and B’s in every class she took. Her husband is a pastor. He consults his wife on Greek.

“This affirmed to me I was able to teach in a way that made quality students. Then they let others of my students do this including Billy Russell. I told my teacher Dr. Virtus Gideon, ‘If I can’t teach students at the level you do, that is an indictment of you since you taught me how to teach.’”

Another defining moment came more recently for Gordon: “Someone came to me at Bernard Holmes’ funeral and said they have kept all their notes from my class and still refer to them.”

Gordon’s toughness in class is legendary. Judy said, “Penny avoided Gordon’s classes.” Gordon said Shonda was in a lot of Judy’s classes, and took my New Testament class. Our oldest son-in-law was told: “If you want to protect your GPA, don’t take Dutile!”

## Defining moments for Judy

Judy said the growth of the International Studies program is her proudest accomplishment: “We had petitioned faculty senate to support this program. I am proud of the growth of International Studies here and the number of students we have studying abroad outside of the Intercultural Studies program.”

Referring to the flags from many nations that now hang in the lobbies

# Gordon & Judy Dutile TIMELINES

prepared by Sandra Brown

## Gordon Dutile

### Background

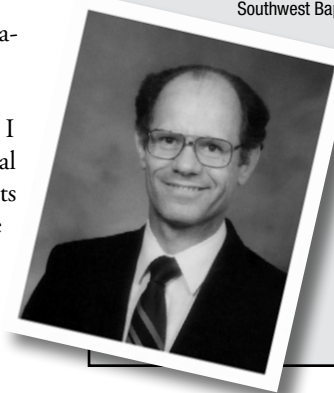
1941	Son of Edmond Joseph and Lessie Mae (Royston) Dutile. Native of Natchitoches, Louisiana.
1963	B.S., Electrical Engineering, Louisiana Tech Univ.
1963	Married to Julia Ann Colvin
1963-70	Senior Electronics Engineer, McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Corporation
1970	Moved to Texas in 1970 to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
1970-71	Licensed and Ordained to Gospel Ministry by Hazelwood Baptist Church, Hazelwood, Missouri
1973	Master of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Albert Venting, Jr. Memorial Award)
1971-80	Associate Pastor of Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
1975-79	Teaching Fellow, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
1980	Ph.D. in New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### Service at Southwest Baptist College and University

1980	Joined the Faculty of The Redford School of Theology, in the fall of 1980, to teach Greek and New Testament, as Assistant Professor of Bible
1982	Earned promotion to Associate Professor of Bible
1984	Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award
1985	Served as Guest Professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for Jan-term
1986-96	Served Redford College as acting/associate dean.
1990	Earned promotion to Professor of Bible
1991-92	Served on SBU Presidential Search Committee
1994	Named Parkway Distinguished Professor
1995	Appointed Associate Provost by Provost Awad
1996	Earned promotion to Senior Professor of Bible (In later years, he removed the “senior” and just goes by professor. Due to the changes in the faculty ranking hierarchy, “professor” is the highest rank any faculty member can now achieve.)
1997	Lecturer – “Dating and Marriage” - Bennie Cole Crabtree Family Life Lecture Series, SBU. Co-lecturer – Mrs. Judy Dutile
1999	Appointed Acting Provost after Dr. M. Michael Awad died March 11, 1999, following brief battle with lymphoma
2000	Named Provost in January 2000 after national search.
2008	Named Provost Emeritus in October of 2008 by a resolution passed by the SBU Board of Trustees

### Memberships and Awards

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Association Baptist Professors Religion
- Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- Albert Venting, Jr. Memorial Award, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1973
- Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award, Southwest Baptist University, 1984



- Who’s Who in Religion - 1992-1993
- Parkway Distinguished Professor, Southwest Baptist University, 1994

of the Mabee Chapel and the Sells Administration building Judy said, "I have realized a vision of getting the flags to represent our diversity." Soon these flag displays will have plaques describing Judy's vision to have flags representing the countries of students, faculty, and staff from around the world who have studied and served at SBU.

Judy views her work with international students at SBU as a ministry more than as a recruiting function: "We did go on a recruiting trip to China. Our admissions and athletic teams recruit abroad. Missionary department scholarships have been attractive to students. I really do not recruit. My ministry is to acclimate the students once they get here. Yesterday, I took a student from Ghana to help him get work at the cafeteria here, since they can only work on campus. Standing there with him is what I see as my ministry. I help the students get Social Security numbers by taking them where they need to go and I get to stand beside them."

While there is much to be said for having someone beside you while doing paperwork in a foreign place, there is no substitute for the maternal touch of food and gifts. Judy understands this need and makes sure her international students feel loved. "I give them four gift bags a year. They never know what will be in them." Having witnessed the joy of international students receiving their bags, Judy knows they are very much appreciated. Judy also plans two major activities per semester for

her students, which she says "helps to acclimate them to campus. I provide a place for them to come with questions. I can help them get what they need."

Judy also enjoyed her unpaid work with the Ambassadors. "That has been one of those volunteer 'hats' that I've worn, but oh, what a joy to work with those students! This is my third year as Ambassador sponsor. These 12 students are so committed to serving SBU. This has to be one of my highlights!"

## Working and playing together

Working for 28 years and 25 years at SBU, respectively, Gordon and Judy have their share of funny stories. Judy made the mistake of mentioning her most embarrassing moment: "Telling my chicken joke at a Trustee's dinner. No more details. I did it, but afterwards I was so embarrassed." Gordon wisely changed the subject to tell one of his favorites: "When I turned 50, my class brought black balloons. All of them had black t-shirts with "Dutile's Dudes" imprinted on them." Judy said, "We also had some matching clothes. Our kids about died."

While some couples do not like working for the same company, Gordon said working in the same place as Judy has been "great." Judy nodded her agreement and finished his sentence saying they rode to campus together and enjoyed attending

activities at SBU. Judy said, "We love going to our theatre and music department events, especially with their leadership today."

"We enjoy being around each other," Gordon said. "So we even enjoy eating lunch together."

Judy and Gordon both agreed that some of their most rewarding and fulfilling experiences have been on SBU mission trips they took together and with SBU students. Chicago, Brazil, and Thailand were high on their list of trips to remember. The trip that was the most memorable was one on which they did short-term teaching together in Malawi, Africa.

"We lived with SBU missionaries in Africa for three weeks and spent two weeks teaching," Judy said. "Gordon was teaching pastors from the bush. I taught their wives English and child development. In the evenings we did marriage workshops." Gordon said, "It was a foreign concept to them to treat their wives with dignity and respect."

## Plans for their future

When asked about their plans for the future after December 31, 2008, Gordon and Judy noticeably brightened and were full of ideas. Judy replied first, "I would like to do something like the Africa mission trip again. I'll be doing things on my bucket list!" To which Gordon replied, "I'll be doing things on her bucket list!"



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Gordon had his own bucket list, too. “My hobby is wood-working. I look forward to doing things for Judy and the kids. We enjoy working in our yard together.”

The Dutiles even have a few far-out and crazy things on their retirement “to do” lists. Gordon said he “always wanted to learn to play guitar” even though he “never had any music lessons.” Judy had just one word on this section of her list: “clog.” Gordon quickly responded, “I want to see this!” without missing a beat. Judy said she also wishes to learn how to play the dulcimer. “Kurt Caddy built her one so she better learn to play that!” Gordon said.

Places in the U.S. to which the Dutiles would like to travel include the Northeast for fall foliage viewing, the Pacific Northwest, and Washington D.C. Places to go abroad include Italy and Ireland.

## Future hopes for SBU

When asked what their hopes and prayers were for the future of SBU, Judy said hers was from Revelation: “I don’t want SBU to leave its first love. The play, *God’s Mighty Oak*, says this best. Every time I see it or think of it I am reminded that I don’t want SBU to ever lose sight of its mission.”

Gordon’s vision was that “SBU would produce some intellectual giants in educational pursuits. Some people think if you are a person of deep faith, you leave intellect at the door.” Gordon said there are “scientists that are Christians who wouldn’t be the same without their faith. They seek to understand everything they can about creation. They have a solid biblical worldview for everything they do in life. Isaac Newton was a scientist who worked from a Christian perspective. He started from that perspective. Some say they would not be accepted by the scientific community if they had this perspective.”

Judy interrupted to say that Nancy Percy has been a big influence on Gordon with her book, *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity*.

## “It will be worth it all.”

The Dutiles have many fond memories from their 28 years as part of the SBU family. They raised their daughters in the SBU family; both girls graduated from SBU and married SBU graduates. They both have celebrated academic and administrative

successes. They both have watched students make sacrifices in order to graduate from SBU. They have watched the University Success Center and the Honors Program develop and become instrumental in student success at SBU. Both Gordon and Judy’s favorite tradition is the singing of the Lord’s Prayer at the end of SBU gatherings.

Gordon is grateful to be leaving SBU with strong “academic leadership in deans and faculty who are capable and committed with a sense of call to mission.”

Gordon said another point of gratitude is the possibilities for people to grow at SBU: “My primary responsibility has been working with faculty, but I receive a lot of support from staff. I never take anyone for granted. The people who clean buildings and take care of grounds, some of them have moved into academic support areas. One of my administrative assistants in Redford began as a housekeeper. SBU has given people opportunities to move into new positions.”

There are many people who have impacted the Dutiles’ life at SBU. Judy listed several people who made an impact: “Pat and Don Baker always have been steadfast. We can’t forget Dr. Dan Cochran and his family’s hospitality to us. From our first night here, they opened their home to us, loved our children, made our children feel special, and called them by name.”

As they grew up and became SBU students, the Dutiles’ daughters had plenty of faculty influence on their lives, but especially noteworthy to Penny was Dr. Twila Smith, Dr. Dan Cochran, and Dr. Susan Lynch. Influencing Shonda the most were Dr. Linda Wooderson, Dr. Judy Bryant, and Judy Wollard.

Judy and Gordon also agreed that Pat and Judy Taylor have been especially influential with their positive attitude. “They are the eternal optimists. They see the glass half-full,” said Judy. “We see the glass half-empty.”

Learning how to set goals and how to face adversity are among the most important lessons the Dutiles have learned during their 45 years together. “*It Will be Worth it All*” was my theme song when we started seminary,” Judy said. “I did not want to be there. I had to keep reminding myself: ‘It will be worth it all.’” Although the Dutiles have made many sacrifices for their years of service to God and SBU, they realize it has been worth it all.

# Gordon & Judy Dutile TIMELINES



## Judy Dutile

### Background

1943	Born in Rayville, Louisiana
1963	Married to Gordon Dutile
1963	Bachelor of Science Home Economics (Teacher Training), Louisiana Tech University
1970-74	Taught at Lake Worth High School: General Home Economics, Home & Family Living and American History

### Service at Southwest Baptist College and University

1980-81	Secretary to the Dean of Redford College
1980-83	Special Instructor of Home Economics (adjunct)
1980-83	Director of SBU Child Study Center (later renamed Child Development Center)
1983	Master of Science in Education, Home Economics, Central Missouri State University
1983	Promoted to Asst. Professor of Home Economics
1991	Education Specialist, Curriculum & Instruction, Central Missouri State University
1991	Earned promotion to Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education
1993	Selected to serve on a Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Team, November 1993.
1994	Recipient of SBU Faculty Life Beautiful Award
1997	Lecturer – “Dating and Marriage” - Bennie Cole Crabtree Family Life Lecture Series, SBU. Co-lecturer – Dr. Gordon Dutile
2001-02	Coordinator of Clinical Experiences in Education Department
2002	Director of External Studies / Director of Freshman Advising
2002-05	Director of University Success Center; also served as a faculty member in USC
2004	Teacher of English with Consortium for Global Education (CGE), Bangkok, Thailand
2005-08	Director of External Studies (recently changed to International Studies) / Director of Career Services

### Memberships and Awards

1994	Recipient of SBU Faculty Life Beautiful Award
	Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
	American Association for Employment in Education, Inc.
	American Home Economics Association
	Consortium for Global Education
	National Association of Colleges and Employers
	National Assoc. of Early Childhood Teacher Educators
	National Association for the Education of Young Children
	MO Home Economics Assoc.; District E President 1992

### University Service

	Faculty Senate
	International Studies Committee, Chair
	Who’s Who Selection Committee
	Academic Advisory Committee
	SBU Ambassadors, Sponsor

**W**e have various holidays throughout the year – Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Veteran’s Day - during which it is customary to remember those who serve our country and protect our freedoms by serving abroad in the military. Brian David Briggs '88 is a fellow Bearcat who we can remember as we watch those fireworks shimmer in the sky or hear that patriotic music. Brian has been serving U.S. Americans on the sands of Iraq while his family patiently waits in Bloomington, Ill. for his return.

Brian graduated from Southwest Baptist University with a degree in computer science. While he was a student here, Brian played on SBU's second football team in 1984 as an offensive lineman. Playing football not only offered Brian the opportunity to be a part of a team but also gave him the opportunity to meet the woman who would later become his wife.

Beth Delameter '88 was the manager of the football team when she and Brian met. Through the football team, Beth and Brian were able to grow closer, and two weeks before Brian's May graduation, the couple married. Beth graduated in December of 1988 with a degree in Psychology. Beth says that SBU was a good place to start a relationship.

"[SBU] was a safe zone," said Beth. SBU was also the beginning of many lasting friendships for the Briggs, friendships they have maintained for 20 years.

Brian and Beth moved to Bloomington, Ill. where Brian got a job offer at State Farm who was impressed at the quality of education Brian received at SBU. Their family has expanded to include their four children: Lynna, 14; Mikayla, 12; Ian, 10; and Levi, 4. With these four kids to look after, Beth was able to fulfill her dream of being a stay-at-home mom.

In October 2001, just after the 9/11 tragedies, the Briggs' lives were changed when Brian made the decision to join the Navy Reserves. "He always wanted to be in the military, but I couldn't handle it when we were first married, but after 9/11, I knew he was thinking about it," remembers Beth.

Brian currently works in the reserves as an MA2, or Masters at Arms, which is the equivalent of a military policeman. Being a part of the reserves allows Brian to continue pursuing his career at State Farm Insurance and remain close to his family while still fulfilling his dream of serving his country in the military.

In February, Brian was deployed for the second time to Iraq. Brian's deployment will

last eight to nine months. Beth says that they knew that this second deployment was coming.

"Even when Brian was home from his [first] deployment, we knew that the Navy wasn't done with him yet," she said. Knowing that Brian is in a combat zone is definitely difficult to handle sometimes, but Beth says she and her kids hold onto to God for support, especially being so far from their extended family.

"When I was talking to Lynna about her father's deployment she said the pastor said, 'Nothing can touch us that doesn't go through God's fingers first.' I've been holding onto that. Nothing happens by chance," Beth said, also commenting that she was proud of Lynna's ability to apply their pastor's teaching to their own family's situation.

Beth believes that God has been constantly preparing them for this all along. Just before Brian's deployment, the Briggs' van broke down. Beth believes that God allowed the van to break down at that moment so that Brian would be able to help her get the van fixed. Now with Brian gone for several months, Beth will not have to worry about the van.

"It was so good that the van broke down while Brian was still home so he could help," said Beth.

The Briggs also are far from family in Bloomington, Ill., but God has given them a supportive church family to help Beth and the kids while Brian is in harms way. "God has put incredible people in our lives to help us," said Beth. "Our church is incredible and always there for us."

Brian still has several months to go in his deployment, but Beth and her kids will be relying on God to protect him and provide for them in this time of separation. As members of the SBU family, we ask that you pray for them during this time of deployment.



# BEARCAT IN IRAQ

by Charlotte (Holman) Atchley '08

DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Kitt Amaritnant, U.S. Navy

pictured: Seaman Apprentice Steven Gehry

BY JESSICA OLIVER, CLASS OF 2009



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## IN THE MILITARY

### CHAPLAIN GARY GILMORE



**C**haplain Gary Gilmore, a 1979 Southwest Baptist College graduate, is currently the Missouri National Guard State Chaplain to the Joint Forces Headquarters in Jefferson City. Gilmore graduated from SWBC with a degree in religious studies and a minor in business administration. He was called to be a local pastor and chose Southwest Baptist after seeing many faithful men serving in Missouri graduated from SWBC. Gilmore served as pastor in Mount Vernon, Mo. and Waverly, Mo. Gilmore never intended to join the military.



“My call to chaplaincy was a lot like my call to ministry, one of initial surrender and then being guided to a place of service,” Gilmore said. “I’m prone to ask God to tell me what He’s thinking and then I’ll see if I approve of it. But that’s not how it’s worked in my life! Once fully surrendered and committed to doing His will, then He tells me the plan and opens the doors. Obedience is easy when you’ve already said ‘yes.’”

Gilmore was already established in a full-time position at Waverly Baptist Church in Waverly, Mo. when he realized that “pastors needed to model-the-role” in ministry.

“It was easy to tell others to be involved in a ministry outside the church walls and give their

support of “Operation Noble Eagle,” a security mission in response to the September 11 attacks on our country.

“It was a time of contradictions,” said Gilmore. “I have never been closer to Susan and the girls than when I was farthest away from them. I have never valued the gift of life so much as when I lived with its uncertainty. I had few resources but accomplished ministry in entirely new ways using what was at hand. I learned to see things differently—sometimes what doesn’t happen is as important as what does.”

Gilmore said that during his time as chaplain to soldiers in Iraq, his faith was strengthened and he learned the power of prayer.



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money to support Baptist mission efforts- but what was I doing?” said Gilmore.

A National Guard unit in Waverly had a vacancy for a chaplain, so at age 32 with two young children, Gilmore signed up for another weekend job.

“This was something I could do because of my education and skill,” said Gilmore. “I embraced this as an extension of my church ministry and got busy doing what I could.”

After accepting the position as a National Guard chaplain, Gilmore accepted the call to First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, Mo.

Until Sept. 11, 2001, Gilmore’s National Guard ministry was ‘one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer’. After that day, Gilmore said the Chaplaincy grew into an “all-consuming ministry”.

Gilmore was deployed to Iraq. He calls this deployment an “interruption” to his plans, but a great ministry opportunity and time of personal growth. During his time abroad, he mobilized

“Soldiers would come with terrible situations back home, and there was truly nothing I could do to influence their world,” said Gilmore. “I would offer them Biblical counsel and pray with them. A few days later I would see that soldier at the chow hall and they would say something like, ‘Hey Chaplain, I did what you said and you wouldn’t believe what happened when I called home!’ It was simply God at work in people’s lives.”

He also said that during his time in Iraq, he went back to the basics and learned that they are essential and fundamental when facing trying situations.

“The foundation of life is your relationship with Christ and cultivating relationships with loved ones and the people around you,” Gilmore said. “When you love God and your brother, you know what to do, no matter the situation you are facing- doing a training mission, routine things like eating chow with some guys, encouraging somebody with a trouble marriage or responding

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to a crisis at the hospital. Focus on the basics in your life and the Lord will bring you plenty of opportunities to minister!”

Gilmore said coming back from Iraq was difficult simply because soldiers had more needs than before and there weren't enough chaplains to cover the demand. He decided to step down as pastor at FBC Mount Vernon and devote his time to the National Guard.

“For the sake of the church and my family, I finally reached the place where I had to let go of the dual-ministry and give my energy to soldiers and their families,” said Gilmore. This was a decision based on the incredible needs we have in Missouri at this time.”

Gilmore says that his time in the National Guard and the education he received from SWBC has helped him grow and become an effective Christian.

“My National Guard service has broadened my world in many ways,” said Gilmore. “The Guard weekends got me out of my comfort zone and kept me engaged with people who need the Lord. The travel and ongoing education took me places and exposed me to top-notch training- my church gave up some control of my schedule, but they gained a better pastor in return.

“My training at SBU was essential for being a pastor- I needed both the Bible and business education to lead a church effectively,” said Gilmore. “I have also learned over time that while I may supplement the education I received at SWBC, it has been a life-long foundation for ministry leadership—and for life itself.”

Although the current University mission statement was not developed until Gilmore finished college, he says it accurately describes what generations of students are doing and have done.

“The current mission statement does describe what generations of SBU students have sought after- Christ-centered, caring and global impact,” said Gilmore. “It's the global part that has changed. As a teenager, I went on mission trips to a neighboring state, and it was a big deal.”



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During Gilmore's years at SWBC, the first mission trips to Florida were offered during spring break. In 2009, the University will lead students on 19 mission trips throughout the world.

“Now SBU students can travel the world as a part of their education,” said Gilmore.

“Travel and missions is an essential part of a Christian education today. The world has gotten bigger in terms of opportunity and smaller in terms of our ability to impact it! I never imagined my life would touch the Middle East or have a statewide impact and national voice through the Chaplaincy. What a great day to be alive and serving the Lord!”

“God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called!” said Gilmore. “The key to success is more about being faithful than about being smart.

“I like the emphasis SBU places on building a life that honors the Lord, not just getting a degree,” said Gilmore. “The degree is a stepping stone to a life that matters.”





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**The Crimson King:  
A Vision, A Journey, A Revelation**

Dennis Dale Kemper

Editors: Sharina Smith, Glen Ellard, Kelly Fender

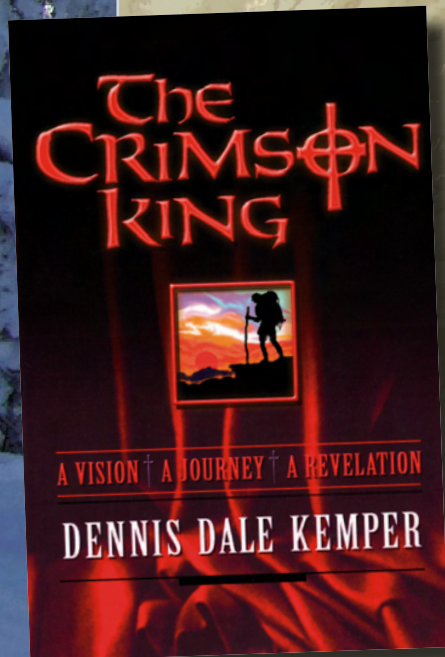
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**Sharina Smith** is the senior director of marketing and communications at Southwest Baptist University.



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# Office of Alumni & Church Relations

## *That Star-Spangled Weekend*

Once again it was a joy and a pleasure to welcome many of you back to campus this fall for A Star-Spangled Homecoming! We had beautiful weather for the third straight year which helped make for a pleasant weekend. A record number of alumni and friends of the University pre-registered for and attended the events and activities.

SBU was proud to honor four of our graduates with the Life Service Award: Geraldine Stephen '51, Dr. Carol Wilson '61, Dr. John Wheeler '72 and Mike Linderman '86. The Rev. Dr. Paul Swadley '56 was the recipient of the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni award. Friday night we had wonderful attendance at our Alumni Banquet, Patriotic Concert, and Alumni Reunion/Dessert Fellowship.

The students outdid themselves on the floats during the parade this year, and both the women's soccer team and the Bearcat football team used home field advantage and defeated their opponents.

Check out the Homecoming 2008 photo gallery on pp. 28-29 and see more photos online at [www.SBUuniv.edu/alumni](http://www.SBUuniv.edu/alumni). Plan now to join us for Homecoming 2009 on October 9-10, 2009!

If you have a Facebook account, please join the Southwest Baptist University fan club and the Southwest Baptist University Alumni group, and you will be able to re-connect and network with other alumni and read news from campus.

**Shawn Summers '94**  
Director of Alumni & Church Relations



## **NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER . . .**

The SBU Alumni & Church Relations Office requests nominations from alumni and friends for the 2009 Life Service Award 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 that name. New nominations will be processed and combined with nominations 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 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) are or have been outstanding in their field of service; (3) were in good standing as students at SBU (SWBC); and (4) are or have been making a significant contribution to mankind.

**LIGHTFOOT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** The National Alumni Association Board annually selects a 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, 2009. Please send your nomination(s) to: SBU Office of Alumni & Church Relations, 1600 University Avenue, Bolivar, MO 65613. If you have any questions please contact Shawn Summers, Director of Alumni & Church Relations, at 417.328.1806 or [ssummers@sbuniv.edu](mailto:ssummers@sbuniv.edu).

## **1939**

**Camile (Harper) Bratcher** passed away the first part of 2008 in Henderson, Kentucky.

## **1943**

**Mary (Anderson) Cansler** passed away in Mankato, Minn., on May 19, 2008. Mary graduated from SWBC and began teaching at a one-room country school. This experience ignited a love for children and of teaching. She earned a bachelor and a master degree from Mankato State College. In 1989, after teaching kindergarten and first grade children for three decades, she retired from the Mankato Public Schools. She married Gleamon Merf Cansler, a high school classmate, September 13, 1942. She endured many hardships during his military service and his pursuit of a doctorate degree. Her selfless devotion to him and her two sons required postponement of her college education but not her creativity and interest in many activities.

**Elizabeth (Mauldin) Linhardt** is living near her daughter on the fifth floor of Noland Towers. She has been a member of Concordia Baptist Church for 53 years. She is still mobile but does use a cane for

## **HELP COMPLETE A COLLECTION**

SBU's collection of past SWBC Catalogs and Mozarkians is missing some years and would like your help to complete our collection if you have any of the missing years for these publications. The years missing for SWBC Catalogs is 1914-15 through 1924-25, 1930-40, and 1940-41. The years missing for Mozarkians is 1917, 1918, 1919, 1936, 1938, 1939, and 1943. There may have been some years that were skipped in the 30s and 40s due to the economy of the day, and further information about this would aid our search. Thank you for your help. If you have information about these missing collections please contact Sandra Brown at [sbrown@sbuniv.edu](mailto:sbrown@sbuniv.edu) or 417-328-1604.

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**Don W. Kennedy**, who had a distinguished legal, political, and judicial career in Missouri that spanned almost 50 years, died at his home in Marion, Ky., early Friday, October 10, 2008. He was 82. He had been in declining health in recent years, suffering from Parkinson's disease as well as post-polio syndrome.

## **1949**

**Bill Dunker** is now residing in the Daystar Skilled Nursing Facility at 2001 Cedar St. Rm. 118, Cairo, IL 62914. In the near future he may be returning to his residence at 1101 Ohio St. Apt. 704, Cairo, IL 62914.

**Laverne Gregory** passed away March 14, 2008, at the age of 87 years.

## **1950**

**William "Bill" Bell** and his wife Patricia recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They worshiped together at their small Baptist church in Deerfield, Mo., with five of their six children, their spouses, some of their grand-children and great-grand-children. Their children and one granddaughter performed a vocal and instrumental concert. Bill, a retired pastor, teacher, and social worker then shared a short sermon. They later met three more grandchildren, their families and a sister and husband from Mt. Vernon, Mo.,

**Hubert and Charlotte Conway** '53, for dinner and anniversary cake. 1516 W. Walnut, Nevada, MO 64772

## **1955**

**Joann (Ridenour) Bowdidge** passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2008, after a battle with breast cancer. Joann was born on July 13, 1934, in Kansas City, Mo., to Stewart J. and Mildred Pewitt Ridenour. Joann graduated in 1952 from Raytown High School in Raytown, Mo. At the time of her death she was a consultant with Neuropsychological Associates of Southwest

Missouri (NASM) where she worked to help many families overcome the difficulties faced by their children with learning disabilities. One of the highlights of her professional life was the recent publication of the book titled *Transforming the Difficult Child Workbook: For Parents, Teachers, Practitioners and All Other Caregivers*, which Joann coauthored with Howard Glasser and Lisa Bravo. Joann was an active member of University Heights Baptist Church in Springfield where she served in many capacities, most recently as president of the Chancel Choir. Joann loved the Lord and lived her life as an example of God's love. She cared deeply for others and showed compassion to everyone with whom she interacted. Joann is survived by her beloved husband of 47 years, John, of Springfield.

## **1956**

**Jewell (Parrack) Waldren** recently passed away.

## **1957**

**Delores Johnson** was married to Raymond Johnson who passed away on July 18, 1959. Her children include: R.J. (Randall) a disc jockey who had a band and wrote several songs; Chet who works for his wife's parents at Digital Etching; Claude who assists Chet's business, was Ambassador for College of Desert, and plays several instruments; Thelma lives in New Mexico. Delores has nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She retired as a medical assistant and secretary after five strokes. She worked in Membership Campgrounds Naco West & Thousand Trails as store manager, secretary and membership relations. Currently she is the chairperson of the County Advisory Committee, and advocates for seniors and disabled. 56255 Yuma Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 [BGD7440@msn.com](mailto:BGD7440@msn.com)

## **1958**

**Don Northway** passed away in 2007.



## **1960**

**Rev. Ronald Meldrum and Ellinda Meldrum** were recognized for their fifty years of service during a special evening meeting on Sunday, September 7. About fifty people were present at King's Valley Chapel on Salem Road as the Kingfield couple were given flowers and a plaque to honor them for their sacrifice and service. Rev. and Mrs. Meldrum have served in eight different churches during the last 50 years. Rev. Meldrum enrolled at Southwest Baptist College in 1958. Even before graduating, he was preaching at Forest Grove Baptist Church in Lamar, Mo., driving 70 miles one-way to be there. In every church he pastored, his wife, Ellinda Meldrum, served in sundry positions, including church secretary, Sunday school teacher, pianist, ladies group leader, and more. The couple served at churches in Lamar, Mo., Everton, Mo., Malta Bend, Mo., Gentry, Mo., Wheeling, Mo., Novinger, Mo., and Kingfield, Maine. Rev. Meldrum retired in 2001 due to health issues, but Rev. and Mrs. Meldrum continued to be active members at King's Valley Chapel, the last church he pastored, and Rev. Meldrum continued to preach as needed at churches in Wilton, East Dixfield, and Kingfield.

## **1964**

**Charles "Chuck" Wright** founded National Combat Medical Memorial & Youth Educational Center, Inc. to honor all medical personnel who willingly and valiantly served our country. He and his wife Eileen moved to Texas. No children of own are at home but three step-children are at home. 16138 Cold Springs Lane, Cypress, TX 77429 [starshipcb@yahoo.com](mailto:starshipcb@yahoo.com)

## **1966**

**Neal Amos** passed away May 18, 2008, in Merrillville, Ind. He is survived by his wife Madeline (Michel) Amos, three children and five grandchildren.

## **1969**

**LeRoy Tucker** retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. She was buried in Waynesville, Mo. His wife went to be with the Lord on May 1, 2008. 11200 102 Ave #89, Seminole, FL 33778  
[FLT769@aol.com](mailto:FLT769@aol.com)

**Bill La Mar** retired on May 1, 2006. He and his wife have two grown children, Phebe and Daniel. They reside at 1704 W. McGee, Springfield, MO 65807 bill.  
[lamar1@gmail.com](mailto:lamar1@gmail.com)



**Sandra (McDonald) Jones** is the executive assistant to the President of Ozarks Technical Community College. She has been involved with the Missouri Community Arts Council, the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, Parent-Teachers Organization, Music Boosters Club and the Springfield Little Theater and is active in her community in civic, church, school, and political affairs. Sandy has served on the Missouri Women's Council since 2005 and her appointment as chair is for a term "ending at the pleasure of the governor."

## **1970**

**Linda and Duane Hileman** were featured in the May 2008 "Leaders Among Us" edition of the *Southern Business*

*Journal* for their contributions to Illinois community. Projects they have led include the restoration of historic churches and promoting Jonesboro as a site of a Lincoln-Douglas debate.

## **1973**

**Alexandra (Fern) Gregory** has been named associate provost/associate academic vice president for Duquesne University. She has held earlier administrative appointments at La Roche College, Point Park University, St. Peter's College, Malone College, and Rockhurst University.

**Eldon Manwiler** is employed by Gray Research as principle analyst under subcontract to NASA Ares I – Crew Safety and Reliability for the shuttle replacement. 118 Bordeaux Ln, Madison, AL 35757  
[jayhawk67@netzero.net](mailto:jayhawk67@netzero.net)

## **1977**

**Claude Westfall** is a choral director and has been appointed director of choral activities at Central Methodist University. Westfall joined CMU's Swinney Conservatory of Music as an assistant professor of music. Westfall earned his bachelor's degree in vocal and instrumental music at SBU and a master's degree in education and choral conducting at Missouri State University. He is currently completing work on a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction/music education with an emphasis in choral conducting from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In 1998 he was given *USA Today's* All Teacher Academic Award for contributions to the Advancement of Music Education. Westfall and his wife, Diana Westfall, and their three children live in Columbia.

## **1978**

**Robert Hulett** is the electrician at the Higginsville Habilitation Center. He received his master's of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1981. He went back to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and worked in the Ninth Ward helping to build homes. His

wife, **Cindy (Walker) '76**, is a social worker at Carmel Hills Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Independence, Mo. They are both involved at First Baptist Church of Higginsville, and she is involved in the music ministry. She was recently elected as program director for the Central League Association of Social Services, an organization of social workers that meets in Warrensburg, Missouri. They have two children, Allen (26) and Jesse (21). 108 W. 29th St, Higginsville, MO 64037 [rkhulett@ctcis.net](mailto:rkhulett@ctcis.net)

## **1979**

**Linda Dudley**, after 27 years in the classroom, will be moving to a job as the science regional instructional facilitator in the Southwest Regional Professional Development Center in Springfield, Mo. Her new duties will focus on providing professional development in science for teachers in southwest Missouri and working on the science state assessments. 1204 Fowler Rd, Lebanon, MO 65536 [allsci@yahoo.com](mailto:allsci@yahoo.com)

**Scott Wright** is the new chief financial officer for Stonecroft Ministries in Grandview, Mo. His wife, **Carolyn (Fuchs) '77**, continues to proof doctoral dissertations for Midwestern Seminary. They are enjoying their new home at 504 Palo Verde St., Belton, MO 64012 [scottiswright@gmail.com](mailto:scottiswright@gmail.com)

## **1981**

**Terry McInteer** just earned her 6th degree black belt in karate. She is a behavior specialist for Independence schools. She has one son Aaron (26). 728 Jennings, Independence, MO 64056 [terryleemcinteer@yahoo.com](mailto:terryleemcinteer@yahoo.com)

**Clark Mershon** received his master's in administration from the University of Missouri and education specialist degree in administration from Missouri State University. He was the Greater Kansas City Missouri Principals Association Robert. C Howe Principal of the Year 1998-99,

2001-02 and the Missouri Middle School Principal of the Year 2002-03. He is now the first principal at Stanley High School in North Kansas City.

## **1982**

**Eleanor (Jewell) Watson** went home to be with her Lord June 7, 2008, after a year-long battle with lung cancer. She was born March 22, 1935, in Hayes, Kans. She married Rev. Gordon Watson on September 4, 1955. A pastor's wife and church leader, she worked with churches all across the U.S. including Texas, Montana, Ohio, Arizona, Idaho and Missouri. Eleanor and Gordon were commissioned as SBC home missionaries in 1993. She also was a school teacher for 28 years. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Gordon D. Watson, of Mt. Vernon; son Douglas and family of Springfield; son David and family of Newcastle, Okla.; and daughter Deanna and family of New Richmond, Va. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## **1983**

**Jeffrey Carter** is the chair of the department of music at Webster University in St. Louis. He is also the new artistic director of St. Louis' Gateway Men's Chorus. 2039 Alfred Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110 [jrc@jeffreycarter.us](mailto:jrc@jeffreycarter.us)

**Cathy Tisher** was commissioned as a Mission Service Corps missionary by the North American Mission Board (SBC) this past spring. She serves as president/chaplain with Called To Care, Inc., a missionary providing spiritual and emotional support to care center residents. She is an active member of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Okla. 1601 Maple, Blanchard, OK 73010 [chapcath@aol.com](mailto:chapcath@aol.com)

**Cindy (Lane)** is an employment specialist with the state of Indiana. She and her husband Bill reside at 25 South 20th St., Vincennes, IN 47591 [krautman33@cinergymetro.net](mailto:krautman33@cinergymetro.net)

## **1984**

**John Godby** has been associate pastor of White Oak Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, for eight years. He has been married to Joy for 20 years and has served in the ministry for 24 years. He serves as minister of music, senior adults, and administration. Joy is the director of billing for the Department of Radiation Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. They have three children; Micah (18), Christopher (16), and Caleb (15). 7707 Heron Lakes Drive, Houston, TX 77064 [jgodby1960@hotmail.com](mailto:jgodby1960@hotmail.com)

## **1985**

**Timothy Faber** graduated from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary with a doctorate of ministry in May 2008. He has been senior pastor at East Tipp Baptist Church in Lafayette, Ind., since 2001. He also serves as president and professor at Indiana Baptist Institute and as an adjunct professor at Liberty University. He and his wife, **Teresa (Clements) '85**, have four children; Isaac, Sarah, Hannah, and Ethan. 3003 Roanoke Circle, Lafayette, IN 47909

## **1986**

**Ray Ellerd** and wife **Lori (Ramsey) '86** continue to pastor Central Baptist Church in Fairfield, Iowa. 800 W Taylor, Fairfield, IA 52556 [ray.ellerd@gmail.com](mailto:ray.ellerd@gmail.com)

## **1987**

**Kristine Purcell** is working as a case manager for Bell Therapy and working with clients with mental illnesses. 6975 W Glenbrook Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53223 [krispy61@msn.com](mailto:krispy61@msn.com)

## **1988**

**Steve Fanara** was named head coach of the Jacket football team at Howard Payne University.

**Kay (Teter) Lee** is currently the library media specialist for both Pleasant Hope Middle and High Schools. She lives in Pleasant Hope, Mo., with her husband,

Rodney, and daughter, Jaydin (6). 2005 Carolyn, Pleasant Hope, MO 65725  
[teterlee@hotmail.com](mailto:teterlee@hotmail.com)

## 1989

**Tim Clarkson** and wife **Penny (Dutile) '90** have relocated to Kerrville, Texas. Tim is the new athletic director and head football coach at Ingram High School. Penny is the librarian at Our Lady of the Hills Regional Catholic High School. The couple has two children, Campbell (11) and Emma Cate (7). 516 Overhill Dr, Kerrville, TX 78028  
[the4clarksons@yahoo.com](mailto:the4clarksons@yahoo.com)

**Grant Medford** and wife **Jennifer (Spurlock) '90** were just commissioned as missionaries with NAMB and are now serving as the student evangelism and family ministries director for the Illinois Baptist State Association where Grant serves over 1,000 churches. Jennifer teaches junior high English. They have two children, Megan (10) and Meredith (6). 14356 Pioneer Dr, Athens, IL 62613  
[grantmedford@ibsa.org](mailto:grantmedford@ibsa.org)

## 1990

**Penny (Dutile) Clarkson** (see 1989 news)

**Jim Seward**, after 17 years of human service work, has opened a private mental health practice so that he can do what he really enjoys, author books and public speaking. He and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Lucy (4) and Lily (2). 501 S. 5th St, Maquoketa, IA 52060  
[JSCounseling4U@aol.com](mailto:JSCounseling4U@aol.com)  
[www.JSewardCounseling.com](http://www.JSewardCounseling.com)

**Tony Darnell** and wife Marlene are preparing to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary as well as Tony's 20th year in the ministry. They are serving with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Togo, West Africa. Tony works as a professor of church history at the West Africa Baptist School of Theology. He also serves as a church planter

among the peoples of Togo. Marlene enjoys her role as a home school teacher for their two children, Logan (6) and Elizabeth (4).  
[DarnellTogo@usa.net](mailto:DarnellTogo@usa.net)

**Laurie (Bonner)** and husband Mark Nickless have two children, Ekaterina (Kit) Victoria (12) and Samantha (Sami) Delenn (8). 12273 Hillsboro Ave, Desoto, MO 63020  
[roguerabbit@earthlink.net](mailto:roguerabbit@earthlink.net)

**Jennifer (Spurlock) Medford** (see 1989 news)

## 1991

**Machon Joiner** and wife **Karla (Beyes) '91** have two children, Krystal (17) and Kourtney (14). Machon is entering his third year as senior pastor of Benton Avenue AME Church in Springfield, Mo. [omjoiner@liberty.edu](mailto:omjoiner@liberty.edu)

**Heather (Williams)** and husband Michael Walker have four children, Beracah (15), Judah (13), Josiah (11), and Charisma (3). The family is serving as full-time missionaries in Maun, Botswana. They have been there for four years and are coming back to USA on furlough in December 2008 through the end of April 2009. Maun Postnet, Private Bag 114, Suite 46, Maun, Botswana  
[heatherwalker@lovebotswana.org](mailto:heatherwalker@lovebotswana.org)

**Chrisel Clay** has two children, Hunter (16) and Griffin (11). 9 Marjean Court, Kirkwood, MO 63122  
[claychr@gw.kirkwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:claychr@gw.kirkwood.k12.mo.us)

**Bryan Chatman** and his wife have lived in Alaska for the past two years. Bryan is head of the maintenance department at the Anchorage Baptist Temple. They have a daughter Abby (2). 520 Carin Place, Anchorage, AK 99504  
[gottotrvl@aol.com](mailto:gottotrvl@aol.com)

## 1992

**Jeri Ganer** moved from an assistant teaching job to a teaching job at Willard South Elementary. 4053 W. Watkins, Springfield, MO 65802

**Tammy (McConnell)** teaches fourth grade at Fairfax County Public School System. She and her husband, **Richard "Brad" Moya '91**, have four children, Emilee (14), Megan (12), Alex (10), and Jordan (8).



## Ricki Taylor

SBU's unofficial and unpaid (unless you count food) mascot Ricki died July 20, 2008. Ricki, part dachshund, part rat terrier, and all bearcat. Ricki was the pet dog of C.Pat Taylor, SBU president, and his wife Judy.

Ricki was a part of the Taylor's lives for the last 14 years. Ricki was 14 years and eight months old when she died of kidney failure. "We will miss her dearly," said Dr. Taylor. He explained that Ricki had become so much a part of their lives that she was considered another family member. Ricki loved traveling. She was known for jumping in a suitcase being packed by the Taylor's as they prepared for a trip. Ricki was brought along, enjoyed the trip from Mrs. Taylor's lap in the front seat, as Dr. Taylor recalls.

Ricki came to the Taylors by way of their oldest daughter's boyfriend. Ricki was given to her during her senior year of college. Ricki was rescued from a local pound in Oklahoma. She was named after then-University of Kentucky head basketball coach Rick Pitino since the Taylors were loyal fans of the Wildcats.

Ricki always traveled to campus and participated in events such as the homecoming parade. "Ricki enjoyed coming to campus and sniffing around," said Dr. Taylor.

Ricki's involvement and joy of SBU's campus is what made her the unofficial mascot of SBU. Ricki's adventures on campus can be read about in a small book written by Mrs. Taylor and Sandra Brown, entitled "Ricki Hunts for Bearcat."

Ricki will be missed by her all of her SBU family members.

-- *Nathan St. Clair, The Omnibus*

## 1993



**Shannon (Tackett)** and late husband Richard Martin had three beautiful children, Isaac (7), Benjamin (5), and Sadie Grace (3). Richard passed away in August 2006. God has blessed the family with strength, health, comfort, and an amazing church family during this time. 40 Drew Lane, Thorsby, AL 35171

## 1994

**Neil Bilyeu** and wife **Faith (Kornis) '95** have moved from Pennsylvania to Kansas. Neil has taken a new position as the director of student ministries at Mill Creek Community Church in Shawnee, Kan. They have four children, Becca (12), Evan (10), Spencer (6), and Ava (2). 21437 W. 50th St., Shawnee, KS 66218 [neilbilyeu@yahoo.com](mailto:neilbilyeu@yahoo.com)

## 1996

**LeAnn (Wilson) Henenberg '98 M.P.T.** graduated from the doctoral program at Creighton University May 10, 2008. LeAnn is currently employed by Citizens Memorial Healthcare as the clinic rehab supervisor. 1227 Hwy NN, Bolivar, MO 65613 [henenberg@alltel.net](mailto:henenberg@alltel.net)

**Karie (Stark)** and husband Shannon Lee have three children Braden (7), Kelan (5), and Mackenzie (3). They live at 3021 Tybee Trail, Murfreesboro, TN 37127 [karie\\_lee@bellsouth.net](mailto:karie_lee@bellsouth.net)

## 1997

**Tim Lambert** has been working at

Theda Care EAP in Appleton as a licensed professional counselor and a clinical substance abuse counselor. He and his wife Cindy have two children, Rebekah (6) and Aaron (2). 2417 Linnet St., Green Bay, WI 54303 [lambert-tim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lambert-tim@sbcglobal.net)

## 1998

**Jamie Beckner** relocated to the Kansas City area where she is a vice president at Bank of America and manages commercial clients. She loves being the favorite aunt to six nieces and nephews. She is very involved in multiple church ministries in the metro area. 1703 Beau Dr., Raymore, MO 64083 [jamiebeckner@att.net](mailto:jamiebeckner@att.net)

**Jennifer (Wagner)** and husband John Fricks live in North Carolina with their two children, Andrew (6) and Avery who was born in March. She is finishing up her degree at East Carolina University in special education and will graduate in December 2009. 6093 Wayne Memorial Dr., Pikeville, NC 27863 [jenluvsfl@aol.com](mailto:jenluvsfl@aol.com)

## 1999

**Allison (Ater)** began teaching pre-school at the ELC Pre-School and her husband, Michael Holcomb, is a high school football coach. They have one daughter, Madison (4). 4709 Bellflower Way, Fort Worth, TX 76123 [allison\\_nicole\\_holcomb@yahoo.com](mailto:allison_nicole_holcomb@yahoo.com)

## 2000

**Jennifer (Myers)** and husband Brandon Wiese live in Ft. Worth, Texas, where Brandon is getting his Ph.D. at Southwestern Seminary. Jennifer is the student card administrator at the seminary. The couple celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on March 8, 2008. 2110 Wayside Ln, Fort Worth, TX 76115 [jwiese@swbts.edu](mailto:jwiese@swbts.edu)

**Christina (Lyon)** and husband Joel Miller have one daughter, Emelia Rose (5 mos.). Christina earned her master's in social work from Missouri State in May 2002. She is currently working toward a Ph.D. in social work at Florida State

University. 2831 Misty Garden Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32303 [crm05f@fsu.edu](mailto:crm05f@fsu.edu)

**John Thomas**, after working for a financial consulting firm in Springfield, Mo., has recently accepted a new position as a financial advisor in Bolivar, Mo., with Keeling Financial Services and Investment Centers of America, Inc. He and his wife, **Annie (Ankrom) '04**, have two children, Ellie (2) and Josie (1). 4301 S. 94th Rd, Bolivar, MO 65613 [john.thomas@investmentcenters.com](mailto:john.thomas@investmentcenters.com)

## 2001

**Betsy Blount** received a promotion to social studies lead teacher at Woodlake Hills Middle School for the 2008-09 school year. She was also named teacher of the month for the Judson Independent School District in March 2008. 1111 Vista Valet Apt. 1614, San Antonio, TX 78216 [goeagles25@hotmail.com](mailto:goeagles25@hotmail.com)

**Robert Catts** completed active duty in the Air Force. He is now attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. 4317 Baldwin Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76115 [robert.catts@gmail.com](mailto:robert.catts@gmail.com)

**Shane Kennard** and wife **Nicole (Brasher) '01** moved to Baldwinsville, N.Y., a suburb of Syracuse, to plant The Bridge Church. It will be the first SBC church in Baldwinsville. They have two children, Elijah (2) and Josiah (1). [skennard@kennardfamilyweb.com](mailto:skennard@kennardfamilyweb.com)

## 2002

**Mike Hurtgen** and wife **Jamie (Helms) '02** are in Carterville, Ill., where he serves at First Baptist Church as the minister of youth and education. Their son, Ethan, just celebrated his second birthday this last July and they are getting ready to celebrate six years of marriage in December. 402 E. Grand Avenue, Carterville, IL 62918 [mhurtgen@hotmail.com](mailto:mhurtgen@hotmail.com)

## 2003

**Sally (Scott)** and **Nathan Pierce**

'93 have one son, Aidan. Sally has been performing with the Belleville Philharmonic since 2005 and has been principle viola since 2006. She has been playing viola since age 11 and chose the instrument for its uniqueness. Sally teaches privately in the O'Fallon and Collinsville areas.

**Brian Kaylor** will graduate with his doctorate in communication from the University of Missouri in December. He accepted a position as assistant professor of communication studies at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. His wife, **Jennifer (Credille) '04**, accepted a position as a software developer at Jenzabar. They enjoy hikes in the mountains with their dog Poco. 2132 Lake Terrace Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
[JNNFRLN@hotmail.com](mailto:JNNFRLN@hotmail.com)

## 2004

**Catherine (Zidlicky) Welch** passed away September 13, 2008. Catherine, a life-long Bolivar resident, graduated from SBU's St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences as a registered nurse in 2004. She was the director of nursing at Butterfield Residential Care Facility in Bolivar.

## 2006

**Pamela Credille** was presented with the "Commander's Award for Excellence" by Lt. Col. Kremer on June 18, 2008, for the work she did to help the Army during their stay during the Ottumwa (Iowa) floods. The next morning, he made her an honorary Lieutenant Colonel during a short ceremony.

**Erika (Bandy) Opperman's** husband Brian has been accepted in Hillsong's Leadership Seminary for Worship and Creative Arts, where he will study and intern for the church for three years. They will be leaving for the program in January '09 in Sydney, Australia.

**Ashley Hall** just graduated in May 2008 with her master's in social work from the

University of Missouri. She was recently hired at Lake Regional Hospital as a medical social worker.

**Sara Wescoat** is serving as a missionary in Nigeria. She is working with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as a rugged researcher. She left for the field in January 2007 after eight weeks of training at the International Learning Center in Virginia. She recently extended her stay until June of 2009. She also helps churches from America who want to adopt a people group.  
[sarawes13@gmail.com](mailto:sarawes13@gmail.com)

## 2008

**Jim Grabowski**, SBU's scoring leader last season, has signed to play with Dart Killester, a professional basketball team in Ireland. In his three-year career at SBU, Grabowski scored over 1000 points, and was the only player in SBU basketball history to play on two men's regular season MIAA championship teams.

## Marriages

**Ashley (Richardson) '06** married **Brad Shrimpton '07** on August 2nd 2008. Ashley is currently working at SBU as an admissions counselor and Brad works for Creator Designs as a sales associate.  
[ashrimpton@sbuniv.edu](mailto:ashrimpton@sbuniv.edu)



**Julie Garrett '06** married Wes Friebe May 24, 2008.

**Stephanie (Mark) '05** married Lee Smith July 7, 2007. After spending a year in Webster Groves, they moved to Lee's

Summit to be youth leaders at Grace United Methodist Church. Stephanie is teaching kindergarten at Oak Grove Primary and Lee is working as a sales representative for The Auto Clinic. They have a lively black pug named Baxter. 408 NE Topaz, Lee's Summit, MO 64086  
[smitty07@mac.com](mailto:smitty07@mac.com)

**Yalonda (Barnes) '04** and Ryan Pinnell were married July 12, 2008, at Highland Springs Country Club in Springfield, Mo. Yalonda is currently the campus director for the University of Phoenix-Springfield campus. 2349 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810  
[yalonda\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:yalonda_3@hotmail.com)

**Kami (Goad) '04** and Jim Gollhofer were married on April 27, 2007. Kami works for Springfield Victory Mission as the director of Victory House and assistant director of education. Jim graduated from Missouri State University and currently works at Jack Henry and Associates.

**Carrie (Austin) '03** and Johnsie Martin were married August 2, 2008. They both have new jobs, Carrie teaching first grade in Aurora and Johnsie teaching third grade in Crane. 1740 E. Hamilton Way Apt. E11, Republic, MO 65738

**Stephanie (Tate) '03** and Justin Frieze were married October 14, 2006.



**Candace (Warner) '98** married Marc Maddox July 5, 2008, in Liberty, Mo. Candace works with the missions organization Frontiers. 6507 S. Hardy Dr. #136, Tempe, AZ 85283

**Theresa (Ney) '96** and David Rose were married April 14, 2007, at New Town Christian Church. Theresa received her master's in counseling and is working as an elementary school counselor in the Rockwood School District in St. Louis. David is self-employed as an artist and painter. They just moved into their new home with their dog, Riley. 66 Hillcrest Blvd., Ballwin, MO 63021  
[neytheresa@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:neytheresa@rockwood.k12.mo.us)

**Mark Zaragoza '95** married Jami Porche on November 1, 2008, in Tomball, Texas. The couple met two years ago on Relationships.com. They reside in Houston, Texas, with their spoiled cat, Shane, and their newly adopted and already spoiled two-year-old Schnauzer, Max. 14220 Park Row, Apt. 1413, Houston, TX 77084  
[m.zaragoza@comcast.net](mailto:m.zaragoza@comcast.net)

**Christopher Ron Davis '92** and Quentena K. Baker were married May 24, 2008, in Raymond. Christopher is an active member of the Mississippi Army National Guard with the rank of Captain. He is the operations officer to the 47th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction). Quentena is a nursing student at Hinds Community College. 105 Talon Cove, Byram, MS 39272

**Roma (Martin) '90** and Paul Schneider were married October 27, 2007. 25 Pleasant Valley Terrace, Arnold, MO 63010  
[Myroma66@yahoo.com](mailto:Myroma66@yahoo.com)

## Future Bearcats

**Hillary (Brenner) '04** and husband Brian Pearson would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Macy Elizabeth, born September 22, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. She joins big sister Chloe (2). HCR 1, Box 39B, Hermitage, MO 65668  
[hpearson@wheatland.k12.mo.us](mailto:hpearson@wheatland.k12.mo.us)

**Christy (Shanks) '03** and husband Ronald Reid would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Anne, born

July 14, 2007. 9142 County Rd. 1420, West Plains, MO 65775

**Betsy (Nelson) '02, M.S. '03** and husband **Nate Rucker '03** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Grace, born February 10, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed by her big sister, Claire (2 1/2). Betsy is a middle school science teacher and Nate is a college coach. 2450 Promwood Loop Apt. 2, Montgomery, AL 36106

**Joe Alford '02, M.S. '04** and wife Allison would like to announce the birth of their son, Eli McGuire, born March 14, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

**Michelle (Silva) '02** and husband Matt King would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Mikayla Mae, born December 7, 2007. 4617 Allegheny CT NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114  
[mk4617@gmail.com](mailto:mk4617@gmail.com)

**Serena (Chatman) '02** and husband Bobby Hagler would like to announce the birth of their son, Adam Gene, born April 30, 2008. He was welcomed by older brother Jonathan (4). 13145 Shafer Rd., Licking, MO 65542  
[shagler@licking.k12.mo.us](mailto:shagler@licking.k12.mo.us)

**Angela (Tucker) '01** and husband Dave Beshears would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lilly Kathryn, born May 1, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.  
[Anglea\\_beshears@hotmail.com](mailto:Anglea_beshears@hotmail.com)

**Jodi (Thompson) '01** and husband Robert Elder would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lani Jo, born in April 2007. Jodi teaches English at Waynesville and is a freelance writer. Robert works for the U.S. Department of Defense.

**Jennifer (Davis) '99** and husband Brent Lundgren would like to announce

the birth of their daughter, Savannah Claire, born March 25, 2008. 4251 North 146th Court, Omaha, NE 68116

**Sarah (Parrott) '99** and husband Jeff Thomas would like to announce the birth of their son, Micah Scott, born April 15, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.  
[jeff145@centurytel.net](mailto:jeff145@centurytel.net)

**Alice (Matkowski) '98** and husband **Wade Evans '97** announce the birth of their daughter, Maelyn Alice, born July 28, 2007, and the adoption of their daughter, Lily Xin Rolaine, born July 29, 2007, and adopted March 31, 2008, from Guangxi, China. Wade is a medical service corps officer in the USAF stationed at Dover AFB, Del., and Alice, after teaching for nine years, is finally a stay-at-home mother.  
[aliceevans1@gmail.com](mailto:aliceevans1@gmail.com)  
[wadeevans@gmail.com](mailto:wadeevans@gmail.com)

**Kyle Nix '98** and wife **Susie Archambault '98** announce the addition of Anna Dola to their family. Anna joined them through adoption from Kolkota, India, on February 5, 2008. She was welcomed by older brother, Elijah (5). They now live in Albuquerque, NM. Kyle is director of family ministries at Mesa View Methodist Church and Susie is an RN at Presbyterian Hospital. 12205 Cedar Ridge Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112  
[kylenix@yahoo.com](mailto:kylenix@yahoo.com)

**Laura (Ford) '97** and husband Rick Chambless would like to announce the birth of their second son, Nicolas Kirk, born June 11, 2008. He joins big brother, Matthew (2). Laura is a stay-at-home mom and Rick is associate minister at their church and also a Bible teacher and soccer coach at Middle TN Christian School. 9016 Mutual Dr., Smyrna, TN 37167  
[rlchambless@hotmail.com](mailto:rlchambless@hotmail.com)

**Christy (Rohrbach) '97** and husband Lucas Heimericks would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Kay,



**Megan  
Elizabeth  
Ware**



**Ethan Christopher Mendenhall**



**Chloe & Macy Pearson**



**Jude Cole Mitchell**

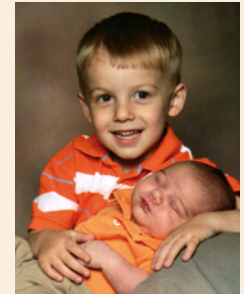
**Lily Xin Rolaine &  
Maelyn Evans**

**Olivia Anne Reid**



**Braden  
and Raef  
Kurbin**

**Jonathan Curtis & Adam Gene Hagler**



born June 20, 2008. Christy continues to teach English classes at California High School while Lucas milks cows. 1014 Dave Dr. California, MO 65018

**Marc Kurbin '96** and wife **Miranda (May) '00** would like to introduce the SBU family to Braden Edward. He was born January 20, 2008 and joins his big brother, Raef who turned 3 in October. Marc is working at Grantham University. Miranda is teaching eighth grade science at New Mark Middle School in the North Kansas City School District. 1513 NE 113th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64155 [mkurbin@hotmail.com](mailto:mkurbin@hotmail.com)

**Andrea (Johnson) '96** and husband **Michael Hill '96** announce the addition to their family of three children. Chad is 4 and Amanda and Tori are three year old twins. Andrea is the math department head at Winfield High School. Michael is cross country coach at Winfield High School.

**Bryan Bulmer '96** and wife Katie would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace, born November 20, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. [thecross29@juno.com](mailto:thecross29@juno.com)

**Amy (Hughes) '96** and husband **Sterling Nabours '95** announce the birth of their son, Campbell Hughes, born July 7, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He joins Sterlin (3), who is thrilled about being a big brother. 109 Ryan Ct., Nashville, TN 37221 [anabours@comcast.net](mailto:anabours@comcast.net)

**Ulysia (McReynolds) '95** and husband **Albert Castleberry '96** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Marie Castleberry, born June 21, 2008. She weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces and was 16 1/2 inches long. She joins her brother Payton (7). 1605 NE Stonewood Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64086

**Katrina (Fisher) '94** and husband Shane Mitchell would like to announce the birth of their son, Jude Cole, born August 28, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. 20937 W 118th Terrace, Olathe, KS 66061 [katrinaleamitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinaleamitchell@yahoo.com)

**Doug Mendenhall '93** and wife **Pamela (Feller) '93** announce the birth of their fifth child, Ethan Christopher, born October 17, 2007. He weighed 8

pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed by older siblings, Mikayla (14), Julianna (10), Austin (8), and Savannah (6). Pamela home schools the children. [pakettle@consolidated.net](mailto:pakettle@consolidated.net)

**Kevin Stewart '93** and wife **Candice (Moore) '94** announce the birth of their son, Jack Silas, born March 17, 2008. This date also marked the six month anniversary of their three adopted children (Sophia (8), Elijah (6) and Olivia (4)) joining their family from Liberia, West Africa. Their other children include Abigail (11), Emma (7), Samuel (5), Chaella (2), and Amaris (2). [stewakd@yahoo.com](mailto:stewakd@yahoo.com)

**Mark Reimer '91** and wife Nichole would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Mobley, born January 29, 2008. She was welcomed by older siblings, Lukas (6) and Cade (4). The Reimers live in Derry, N.H. [reimerfam@hotmail.com](mailto:reimerfam@hotmail.com)

**Tammy (Allen) '89** and husband Tim Ware would like to announce the birth of their third child, Megan Elizabeth. She was welcomed by older siblings, Zachary and Cody. 17027 Sunny Hollow Rd., Edmond, OK 73012 [tntware0403@cox.net](mailto:tntware0403@cox.net)

## In Memory

**Camile (Harper) Bratcher '39**

**Don Kennedy '43**

**Opal (Ragsdale) Yeargain '43**

**Mary (Anderson) Cansler '43**

**Laverne Gregory '49**

**Don Northway '58**

**Joann (Ridenour) Bowdidge '55**

**Jewell (Parrack) Waldren '56**

**Neal Amos '66**

**Catherine (Zidlicky) Welch '04**

### Dr. Bernard Holmes

Dr. Bernard Holmes, retired Southwest Baptist University professor, died September 9, 2008. He was 78 years old.

Dr. Holmes was born May 9, 1930 in Wellington, New Zealand. He was the eldest son of Scottish-Irish immigrants. He married Joyce (Trail) Holmes on June 2, 1956. He has two daughters, Bronwyn Loretta (Holmes) Blount and Sondra Jean (Holmes) Turner.

Dr. Holmes graduated from Wellington College in 1946 and worked as an accounting

clerk at Guardian Trust and Executive Company until 1951. In 1946, Dr. Holmes was called to preach and continued his education at The Bible College of New Zealand from 1952-53. He was an honor graduate.

From 1954-60, Dr. Holmes served as music director, counselor training coordinator and children's evangelist on a team holding crusades in New Zealand and Australia.

When Rev. Billy Graham visited New Zealand and Australia in 1959, the evangelistic team joined his group for a month as observers. Dr. Grady Wilson, a part of Graham's team, consulted with Holmes, and he made the decision to immigrate to the United States and pursue a doctorate in Theology.

Dr. Holmes graduated from California Baptist College in 1962 with a B.A. in History and Sociology. Holmes served as the student body president, received the President's prize and honor



roll, and graduated summa cum laude.

He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1962-65, earning his master's in divinity and from 1966-74, earning a doctorate of Theology. He taught at Columbia International University from 1976 to 1982 as professor of homiletics, Bible and evangelism.

Dr. Holmes became professor of discipleship at SBU in 1982, the same year he became a naturalized citizen of the United States. He was a part of the SBU faculty for 16 years and helped start a new series in "prayer and discipleship" at the Redford College of Theology and Ministry. In addition to teaching, Dr. Holmes pastored many churches and ministered on almost every continent and most notably in India, Russia and South Korea. He helped develop and lead Wellspring Fellowship from its beginning in 1989. His son-in-law, Phil Blount posted this about Dr. Holmes online September 9, "He was a great man who touched many, many people both directly, as a professor, pastor, seminar teacher, missionary, and discipler, and indirectly, as his heart for discipleship was: 'to teach others who will teach others also.'"

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# Gifts

## *University Relations*

Southwest Baptist University is steadfastly committed to preparing the present and future generations of students to be Christ-centered servant leaders. Our ability to achieve and sustain this goal is dependent in large measure upon the support of our alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students. SBU could not fulfill our mission without your partnership. One way to partner with us in our mission is to pray regularly and diligently for us. Your prayers on our behalf do make a difference. Another way to partner with us is through your financial support. Planned giving is one way you can assist SBU fulfill its mission.

## *Planned Giving*

Whenever we think of making a gift to a charitable organization like SBU, we normally think in terms of a cash gift. SBU needs and deeply appreciates the cash gifts we receive. Cash gifts sustain us in our numerous university-related functions. Planned gifts to the University, however, can be beneficial as well as diverse.

### *What other options are available to make a contribution to SBU besides a cash gift?*

Other assets may be favorably donated to Southwest Baptist University. Publicly traded securities, stocks, and real estate are some of the many options for planned gifts to SBU.

### *Are there certain types of gifts that provide income to the donor?*

Numerous charitable gift options exist that mutually benefit the donor and the charitable organization. SBU can assist those interested in this option to establish gift arrangements that provide a gift to the University as well as provide income to the donor and/or family member.

### *Have I established a plan to benefit my family and Southwest Baptist University?*

We make plans for all facets of life: family, church, friends, etc. We establish plans for the day, the week, and the weekends. We plan for careers and for leisure. We should likewise intentionally plan for our financial future.

### *Have you made or updated your financial and estate plans?*

Southwest Baptist University is prepared to assist you in your planning options for your charitable giving as well as for your financial and estate planning. We have an informative brochure entitled Gift Planning Options. This brochure describes the various types of gift options designed to provide you with tax savings, assured lifetime income, and the opportunity to support organizations like SBU that are doing the work and will of the Lord.

To learn more about planned giving options, contact us for the FREE brochure Gift Planning Options. To receive your free copy of Gift Planning Options, please contact our Estate Planning experts in the Office of University Relations. You can reach us by phone at 417-328-1838 or by email at [crice@sbuniv.edu](mailto:crice@sbuniv.edu).

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