Making a Lasting Impact on Southwest Missouri

The generosity of Ken and Jane Meyer
As I write this column, the first March snow is melting outside the window of my home office. Two days before this latest snow storm, the temperature was in the 70s, and we got a blessed taste of spring. The weather has been chaotic here this winter with several ice storms, one of which rivaled the amount of ice which fell from the sky during the Ice Storm of 2007. Weather impacts us at the core – there is no escaping it. We know our students at SBU are impacted by the weather as well. Their hearts were broken along with the rest of the U.S. as we watched the news from Union University after the tornado that rocked their campus on February 5, 2008. We continue to pray for our sister Southern Baptist institution as they recover from the storm. We know our financial contributions to their recovery were much appreciated as were those from other Southern Baptist friends.

Normally, I would not refer to another school so much in my remarks to you, but I take comfort in the following excerpt from Union President David Dockery’s address to the Union community upon the re-start of school on February 19, two weeks after the devastating storm:

“Certainly we have seen hundreds of acts of mercy and compassion from people near and far,” Dockery said. “Now we pray that God will work in our lives to bring about patience with one another, forgiveness when we have been wronged as well as seeking forgiveness when we have been the ones in the wrong, and fortitude and courage to face the challenges that are now ours.

“Most of all, we pray for an urgent sense of our complete and total dependence upon God for all aspects of life,” he continued. Dockery said that although the pre-February 5 Union University is irretrievable, he looks forward to “new future.”

“Here, the impossible can become possible,” Dockery said in comparing Union’s situation with that of the psalmist. “Affliction can point us to joy. Ashes can become beauty, hardship can be turned to rejoicing, rubble can become renewal and weakness can be transformed into strength. We can, by God’s grace, become an oasis of hope to others across this campus.

“We claim the promise of the final verse of Psalm 84: ‘O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in you.’”

Dr. Dockery’s remarks illustrate why we are passionately committed to our mission here at SBU. With God’s grace, we can be “an oasis of hope” in our community and in the world as we send students, faculty and staff to spread the Good News. We have been blessed because we have trusted in Christ to guide this institution since its beginnings in 1878. Like Union, we have and will again face storms, whether physically or emotionally, as we grow as a university. I am convinced that SBU has persevered over the past 130 years, because students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University have been committed to keeping SBU a Christ-centered, caring academic community.

In this issue of SBU Life, you will read about Kenneth and Jane Meyer, a couple from Springfield, Missouri, who could have chosen to be bitter about the storms they faced in life, but instead they chose to trust in Christ and better their community and the institutions of higher education they believed would best impact the future with their legacy. You also will read about scholar athletes who have achieved remarkable levels in their respective sports. Their determination to succeed is inspiring.

Our “President’s Report 2007” is included in this issue and is a tribute to all of the donors whose generous gifts help SBU impact the world. We also have included “The Cornerstone of Excellence: Strategic Plan 2007-2012,” a plan for the University which will propel SBU from its 130th year into the future.

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What a terrific year 2008 already has been at SBU! Our SBU SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team just won the regional championship at competition in Rogers, Arkansas. Our speech and debate team recently won the first place team championship at the National Pi Kappa Delta Comprehensive Tournament in St. Louis. The Theatre and Music Department production of *Fiddler on the Roof* played to sold out crowds, and it was a wonderful show. SBU students, alumni, faculty, and Bolivar community members filled the cast, crew, and orchestra pit. Dan Neumann stole the show as the affable Tevye, and Dr. Jim Tarrant was a rather convincing (and intimidating) Russian constable.

That same weekend in March, our men’s and women’s basketball teams traveled to Kansas City for the MIAA tournament. The men won the regular season conference championship with a 14-4 conference record. Their regular season record was 21-6. Unfortunately, the men lost to a “hot” Emporia State team in the first round. The women had an 11-7 conference record and a 19-8 record for the regular season. The women finished third in the conference. In the tournament, the Lady Bearcats defeated Central Missouri in the first round and Truman State in the semifinals advancing to the championship game against Northwest Missouri State. The Lady Bearcats lost the championship game despite a valiant effort.

For the first time in SBU’s history, both teams received a bid to the NCAA Division II National Tournament in the same year. Both teams have received this honor in separate years, but this year both traveled to Texas to compete in the NCAA South Central Regionals. Congratulations to both the men’s and women’s basketball teams and coaches on a great year! See page 8 for more details.

As we recap 2007 in the President’s Report, you will note that we have finished another year with a balanced budget. This is a significant accomplishment for a small, private Christian university. Our endowment continues to grow and, hopefully, will soon be valued at $20,000,000. At the last Board of Trustees meeting in February, the board approved a new grand entrance for the campus, which will be dedicated to the memory of former SBU President/Chancellor Dr. Jim Sells. The fund-raising for this project has begun. You may read Dr. Sells’ memorial on page 3.

Along with the 2007 President’s Report you will find SBU’s strategic plan for the next five years. It sets forth seven bold initiatives to continue the work begun at SBU in 1878, a work that has endured for 130 years. “The Cornerstone of Excellence: Strategic Plan 2007-2012” underlines the importance of our mission statement and outlines how we intend to continue to offer Christian higher education during a time when pressures are increasing on Christian institutions to conform to the world.

As we look forward to the 130th anniversary of SBU this fall, we are proud of our accomplishments and humbled by God’s many blessings on our institution.

C. Pat Taylor
President
Former Southwest Baptist University President Dr. James Sells, age 79, passed away November 25, 2007 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, Missouri.

Sells was traveling westbound on Forest Street at 9:36 a.m. when he failed to make the curve at the intersection of North Oakland Avenue. A witness told police that Sells' 2007 Chevrolet Silverado traveled through a median and down a gravel driveway, where it struck a parked 1995 Ford Pickup. Police and paramedics found Sells in respiratory distress and quickly transferred him to Citizens Memorial Hospital, where he later died.

Dr. Sells grew up in East St. Louis and married Joyce M. Wayne in June 1951. Joyce preceded him in death in February of 2007. Dr. Sells earned his undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University, and after serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he earned his graduate degree at Columbia University in New York. Before coming to Southwest Baptist College, Dr. Sells taught and coached at University of California-Davis and served as an administrator at State University College in Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Sells was named the director of academic affairs at Southwest Baptist College in 1965. He became the 19th president of SWBC in 1968 and was named chancellor in 1979, a position he held until 1992. During his time at SBU, he also helped start and expand degree programs and began the football program.

“Dr. Jim Sells is one of the heroes of Southwest Baptist University,” said Dr. C. Pat Taylor, president of SBU. “For 12 years, he provided SBU with leadership as president and then for 12 years as chancellor. During his 24-year tenure as leader of SBU, Dr. Sells saw the institution through the transition from a college to a university, the development of signature graduate programs, and a significant increase in enrollment. In addition, many of the current buildings on campus were built under his leadership. Much of the success we have enjoyed during recent years is due to the foundation Dr. Sells established.”

Dr. Sells also made a lasting impact on the Bolivar community by being involved with several community projects, including Citizens Memorial Healthcare (CMH), Polk County Library, and the Bolivar YMCA. Dr. Sells helped in the development of CMH and was recently awarded CMH’s Donald J. Babb Award for his support in beginning SBU’s physical therapy, nursing and health care management programs. He also received the Bolivar Civic Service Award in 1991.

“This University owes Dr. Jim Sells a debt of gratitude,” said Dr. Taylor. “He is one of the heroes of Southwest Baptist University.”
SBU Provost Dr. Gordon Dutil recently presented the Faculty Life Beautiful award to Sherrie Bayer, an instructor in the University Success Center, during the annual employee Christmas banquet. SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor also presented the Staff Life Beautiful award to Rick Pennington, a groundskeeper for the University’s physical plant, at the banquet.

“The designation ‘life beautiful’ is the highest honor a person can receive at Southwest Baptist University,” said Dr. Taylor. “Each year at spring commencement, we honor two graduating seniors who are chosen by the faculty as best exemplifying a ‘life beautiful,’ and each year during the employee Christmas banquet, we honor a faculty member and a staff member who exemplify a ‘life beautiful.’

“The Faculty Life Beautiful award was established in 1987 through a generous gift from an anonymous donor. To be eligible for the Faculty Life Beautiful award, a faculty member must have been employed at SBU for four consecutive years, have full-time faculty status and teach a minimum of six hours per semester during the academic year. Full-time faculty members vote for the Faculty Life Beautiful award through a balloting process coordinated by the provost’s office.”

Bayer has been a full-time member of SBU’s faculty since June of 2002 and is described by her colleagues as a friend who always listens and one who prays for and encourages her coworkers daily. One of her colleagues said, “She demonstrates Christ’s love in many ways. Her kindness and compassion are evident in how she relates to students, coworkers, family, and friends. She is always willing to sacrifice her time and energy to benefit those around her. She consistently invests in those she comes in contact with. She provides me with an outstanding example of how to serve others.”

Throughout her years at SBU, Bayer has been very involved at First Baptist Church of Bolivar, working with college students and children and leading several mission trips.

Bayer has a bachelor’s degree from Dallas Baptist College and a Master of Science in education from SBU. She has been a teacher since 1977 and has taught students of all ages from kindergarten classes to adult education classes.

She and her husband Bing have 4 boys: Brett, Matt, Scott, Ryan.

“In 1992, the Staff Life Beautiful award was added to the list of annual awards presented at SBU,” explained Dr. Taylor. “In contrast to the Faculty Life Beautiful award, anyone on campus can nominate individuals for the staff award. To be eligible for the Staff Life Beautiful award, a staff member must have been employed at SBU for four consecutive years in a non-faculty position.”

Pennington has been described as always helpful, positive and nice. He also has been described by coworkers as hard working, always giving 110%, and Christ-like in his service to the campus. One of his coworkers said, “He is always professional and does not exhibit a negative attitude when he is stressed and when things aren’t always going exactly like he intended.”

He is an active member of First Assembly of God in Bolivar, where he serves as an usher. Pennington graduated from SBU in 1982 with a B.S. in Business Administration and History and with his Master of Business Administration in 2004. He has worked for SBU since 1986 for the physical plant.

For 12 consecutive years, SBU has been selected as one of America’s 100 Best College Buys®, and for 11 consecutive years, selected as one of America’s Best Christian Colleges®. SBU also is among the schools with America’s Best College Scholarships®.
Dr. John Lewis, retired professor of international business and director of business and international education at Missouri Southern State University, recently made good on an old promise to the now late Congressman Gene Taylor. Dr. Lewis donated his collection of educational resources to Southwest Baptist University upon his retirement February 1. During Dr. Lewis’ trips to Washington D.C. and throughout his service in the United States Navy Reserves, he would often stay in Congressman Taylor’s apartment. Dr. Lewis made his promise following the 1982 dedication of the Gene Taylor Free Enterprise Center on SBU’s campus.

“Missouri State and Missouri Southern are state-funded institutions that go to their state representatives and ask tax people for support,” said Dr. Lewis. “Therefore, I argue that private funds should be donated to private institutions.”

The collection includes over 200 books on a variety of topics such as international business, finance and marketing. Other resources included in the donation are maps and CD-ROMs.

“We are so appreciative of the generous gift Dr. Lewis has made to SBU’s College of Business and Computer Science,” said Dr. David Whitlock, dean of the College of Business and Computer Science. “These new holdings in international business will enhance our programs and in particular our international business major. As Dr. Lewis makes good on the promise he made to Congressmen Taylor so many years ago at the dedication of our Free Enterprise Center, SBU continues our dedication to promoting free enterprise with a biblical worldview.”

“We are very appreciative,” said Ed Walton, dean of University Libraries. “The collection will be housed in the University Libraries and will be identified by nameplates and featured in the University Libraries’ catalog for student use.”

Dr. Lewis retired from a nine-year career at Missouri Southern. Previously, Dr. Lewis taught at Oklahoma City University for six years and North Texas Woman’s University for three years. Dr. Lewis graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He went onto the University of Denver to complete his M.B.A. in international marketing. Dr. Lewis received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1992. Originally from Carthage, Dr. Lewis now resides in Sarcoxie.

SBU’s Staff Council celebrated its first year as a group made up of each of the 150 staff members of the University. This historic, first-ever SBU Staff Council is governed by a board of directors that is comprised of officers forming the executive board and representatives for small groups of staff members. The group announced its 2008 board and its officers during an all-staff meeting in December. John Stillwagon was recognized as Staff Council Representative of the Year and David Bolton was recognized as the first chair of the group.

PHOTO: (left to right). SBU Staff Council Board 2008
A Noble Calling: Devotions and Essays for Business Professionals
Dr. David Whitlock and Dr. Gordon Dutile, editors
Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2007

Dr. David Whitlock, dean of SBU’s College of Business and Computer Science, and Dr. Gordon Dutile, SBU’s provost, have co-edited A Noble Calling: Essays and Devotions for Business Professionals, published by Wipf and Stock Publishers of Eugene, Ore. The book consists of three parts. Part One is titled “A Matter of Character” and focuses on devotions relative to eight characteristics that ought to identify a Christian professional. Part Two is titled “A Matter of Worldview” and focuses on the integration of faith with one’s work. Part Three is “A Matter of Faith” and challenges the reader to make a commitment. With contributors from a wide variety of disciplines and universities, several of the devotions and essays were submitted by SBU personnel including the following listed in order of their presentation in the book:

“The Essence of Integrity” by Gordon Dutile
“Service: Putting Others First” by Ronda O. Credille ’80
“All I’m Asking For” by Susan Debauche ’78
“Charity: Preserving the Dignity of Work” by David Whitlock
“A Picture of Faithfulness” by Rodney Reeves ’79
“Humility: Attitude and Action” by Rodger W. Minatra
“What Keeps You Going?” by R. Stanton Norman
“Under New Management” by Ronda O. Credille ’80
“Talents and Technology” by Timothy DeClue and Jeffrey Kimball ’92
“Defining Success” by Rodger W. Minatra
“He Was a Successful Man” by David Whitlock
“An Ethics Primer” by Troy Bethards ’93
“Finance: Toward a Biblical Worldview” by Tom D. Stevens ’02
“Style, Power and the Servant Leader” by David Whitlock
“Free to Serve” by Tom D. Stevens ’02
“Motivation: A New Model” by David Whitlock
“The Necessity of a Biblical Christian Worldview” by Gordon Dutile
“A Life of Faith: Lessons from Joseph” by David Whitlock
“Psalm 15 and Usury” by David Whitlock

Wipf and Stock Publishers have also announced a decision to publish a small book containing some of the devotions from the first part of A Noble Calling. The eight character traits, based on SBU’s Psalm 15 Faith Integration Plan in the College of Business and Computer Science, will be highlighted in a book titled Psalm 15: Integrating Faith and Work. The book is also co-edited by Drs. Whitlock and Dutile and will be released in early 2008. It will contain work exclusively written by SBU personnel.
Michael Pierce All-American

“Usually, I never get nervous before races,” said SBU’s Michael Pierce. “But this was different. I don’t know if it was the prestige of this race or something else, but I have to admit I was nervous.”

The race that Pierce mentions was very prestigious indeed. On November 17, 2007, Pierce became the first cross-country athlete from SBU to attain the honor of NCAA All-American by finishing 27th in the cross-country nationals in Joplin, Mo. He finished the 6.2-mile race with a time of 31:17.

“My goal for the race was to finish in the top 30, and I was elated when I made it,” Pierce continued. “For most races during the season, I try and start eating healthy meals a couple of days before the race, but this race was for nationals. It was the biggest race I’d ever ran in my life so I was really watching everything I put into my body within the final week of nationals.”

Pierce is a junior from Oak Park High School in Kansas City, Mo. He enjoys vacationing in Colorado. For a light snack, he’ll have a big dish of strawberry ice cream with Oreos and chocolate syrup. His favorite quote? “My life is a gift to me from my Creator. What I do with my life is a gift back to my Creator.” – Billy Mills

To become an All-American in cross-country, a runner must qualify in the “top two” individually from their designated region then place in the top 30 at nationals.

“I don’t know if I was nervous,” said SBU’s head coach Corey McElhaney. “But I was sure excited for him. I put myself in his shoes and tried to calm him down a little bit. We didn’t know what to expect. Watching him run that race was special. We had high expectations all season, but that moment with thousands of people watching him run was surreal. He was running with people you only read about in magazines. It was so special. The only thing that would have made it more special would have been if the whole team was there.”

Brent Good, SBU’s director of athletics, was there to support Pierce.

“What an incredible day,” said Good. “I was very happy that I got to see first-hand SBU’s first All-American cross-country athlete. Michael had lots of support, and since the race was in Joplin, there were lots of people who knew about our program. It was very exciting.”

Pierce talked about the importance of support he received from his family, friends, and people from SBU.

“As I ran, Coach McElhaney, the SBU fans, and my family were screaming what place I was in during the race so I was very aware of how I was doing for the entire race. It really helped that they cheered like that because I didn’t want to fall back any more places or have someone come up from behind and catch me. My parents, my sister, my grandma, and my aunt all came up to watch me. I knew they were really proud of me. And after the race, I wasn’t near a phone for over an hour, but the first person who called me was my former coach here at SBU, Jeff DeLong.”

Pierce wants to be a head coach in college someday, but he wouldn’t mind running for a short time after his SBU career is over. In his year and a half left at SBU, he has set his goals even higher. In fact, as this article is being written, Pierce has just set a new SBU record for the mile (4:07.80) and automatically qualified for the NCAA National meet held at Minnesota State University-Mankato later this year.

“I run because it’s my God-given talent,” said Pierce. “It’s enjoyable for me. God has given me this incredible talent, and what greater joy is there than using your talents for the glory of God?”

“Michael is our team leader,” said McElhaney. “It’s obvious to everyone on and off the track. He is how I want every player to be. I always tell our entire team that anything is possible with God’s glory as your purpose. That’s the only reason we were able to do so much this, my first year as a head coach. It’s amazing to lead a team who gives credit to God for all their success. All year long our theme has been ‘God before Glory,’ and we believed that, and it came true. It’s just been an amazing season, and we only have one guy graduating so things look very promising for next year.”

Pierce was recognized in front of the SBU students during a packed house at a Bearcat basketball game. That night he received a certificate and his All-American medal to the delight of a couple thousand fans.

“The medal is at my parents’ house,” said Piece with a big smile. “They show it off to everyone who comes over.”
Bearcats: Champs Again!
The SBU men’s basketball team completed an exciting season, finishing the year with a record of 22-8. Not only did the team accomplish much this season, but individual players also received well-deserved recognition for their performances.
The SBU Bearcats won their second regular season MIAA Championship in three seasons when they defeated Central Missouri, 66-57, on February 26. This win also gave them a perfect 15-0 record at home. A 14-4 conference mark gave the Bearcats the top seed in the MIAA Postseason Tournament. While the Bearcats were bumped from the MIAA Tournament in the first round by Emporia State, the ‘Cats earned a bid in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament in Stephenville, Texas. The Bearcats dominated their first game in the regional against the Buffs of West Texas A&M, winning 95-79. The Bearcats fell to the host and top-seeded Tarleton State University Texans 80-72 in the regional semifinals.
Individual Bearcats were also recognized this season for their outstanding performances. Sophomore Matt Rogers was a unanimous selection to the All-MIAA First Team. Rogers was also named as the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year. He was joined by senior Jim Grabowski on the All-MIAA First Team. Grabowski is the only player in SBU history to be a member of two men’s MIAA Championship teams. Junior D’Ante Harris was named to the All-MIAA Second Team. Rogers, Grabowski, and Harris all were named MIAA Player of the Week at least once this season. Rogers was named first team All-Region while Grabowski earned second team All-Region honors.

Lady Bearcats Surprise
The SBU Lady Bears had an excellent season with a 21-10 record and were recognized with several postseason honors. Despite being picked to finish eighth in the preseason poll, they went into the MIAA Tournament as the #3 seed. The Lady Bears gave their best effort, defeating Central Missouri and Truman to make it to the MIAA Championship game before losing to Northwest Missouri State. The Lady Bears earned the program’s sixth NCAA tournament bid, entering the South Central Regional as the #5 seed. It was a familiar opponent for SBU as the Lady ‘Cats fell to MIAA foe Emporia State 82-66 in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Canyon, Texas at West Texas A&M University.
For their efforts during the season, senior Erika Souza, sophomore Rachel Graves, and head coach Jim Middleton earned MIAA honors. Souza was a unanimous All-MIAA First Team selection, and Graves was selected to the MIAA All-Defensive Team. Middleton was selected as the MIAA and WBCA South Central Region Coach of the Year. He is also a finalist for the Division II National Coach of the Year.

RECORD-BREAKING WIDE RECEIVER
During the 2007 SBU football season, senior wide receiver Nick Smart broke the NCAA all-division, single season record for pass receptions when he recorded his 143rd catch during the final game of the season against Washburn. Along with that record, he holds the SBU, MIAA and the Division II records. Among his numerous postseason honors, he was named a first team member of Don Hansen’s Football Gazette NCAA D-II All-America team and second team Daktronics All-American.

Support SBU Football and Bolivar Charities
Southwest Baptist University will be hosting the first annual Bearcat Bowl Flag Football Tournament on Saturday May 3, 2008. Teams will be made of seven members each and a $175 fee will apply. A portion of the proceeds from the tournament will go to support local charities in the Bolivar area. The Bearcat Bowl has also partnered with the Ozark Food Harvest and the team that brings the most non perishable items on the day of the tournament will receive a prize. The tournament will take place on the University’s campus. Each team will be guaranteed three games. The three games will be played in the morning and the top seeded teams will then begin the single elimination play for the championship in the afternoon.
The Bearcat football staff would like to encourage you to pass the word on, invite friends and come out and support the Bearcats as well as local charities in the area. For more information on these upcoming activities you can call us at 417-328-1927 or e-mail your questions to football@sbuniv.edu.
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*Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Game

Home games in BOLD played at Bryant Tennis Center, Bolivar

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**2008 SBU BEARCATS MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE**

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Evangel games 2/23 and 2/29-3/1 played at Killian Sports Complex

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Ken and Jane Meyer

Making a Lasting Impact on Southwest Missouri

by Sharina Smith with Charlotte Holman, Class of 2008

The Meyers, Communications and Wellness

Ken Meyer and his late wife Jane have made a lasting impact on Southwest Missouri, including Southwest Baptist University.

Mr. Meyer was born in Freistatt, Mo. and grew up in the area, graduating from Southwest Missouri State University in 1950 with a degree in business education. He married Jane Atkeson in 1959. Mr. Meyer was an accountant, and Mrs. Meyer, with an associate’s degree in music and a bachelor’s degree in business administration, was a school teacher.

The couple invested in a young radio station in 1962. A year later, they became majority shareholders and began to transform KTXR into “The Gentle Giant,” the second FM station in the state to broadcast in stereo. With the ownership of KTXR, Mr. Meyer formed Meyer Communications, Inc. in 1964, and Jane took over KTXR, becoming the first woman in Missouri to run a broadcast station. She wrote copy, kept the books, and sold advertising. “KTXR was all hers,” said Mr. Meyer.

According to Mr. Meyer, Jane had a special way with advertisers, noting that her lemon bars were so good that advertisers who enjoyed this dessert feared them, because they knew they would buy more advertising from her after eating them. Mr. Meyer recalled this story: Once when Jane was helping an advertising representative renew a particular client’s account, she brought the client in for a meal. After the client renewed his account over sandwiches, Jane brought out the lemon bars, and the client responded humorously that he couldn’t eat them because he couldn’t afford to buy any more advertising.
KTXR is the only top-rated station in Springfield that remains locally-owned and operated. The Meyers started by playing easy-listening music, but in the 1960s, KTXR started broadcasting Kansas City Royals’ games. Later, the station began broadcasting St. Louis Cardinals’ games as well and local college games for Southwest Baptist University, Drury University, Evangel University, Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri. The Meyers remained on the cutting edge of progress, broadcasting SMS Lady Bears’ basketball games in 1986 before other stations were including women’s sports on their programming.

The holdings for Meyer Communications currently include KTXR-FM, KWTO-AM, KWTO-FM/Jock 98.7, KBFL-AM AND KBFL-FM. The Meyers also had a hand in television, owning Channel 27 KMTC in Springfield and Channel 14 KARD in West Monroe, La.

With the success of Meyer Communications, the Meyers have not forgotten to give back to the region that has shaped their lives. The Meyers focused their giving on bettering higher education and promoting health and wellness.

Mrs. Meyer was diabetic and suffered the loss of her legs and other painful symptoms of her condition, making health and wellness a central part of their lives.

“Jane was the happiest person in the world even though she was in pain with diabetes,” said Mr. Meyer. “She also was the most polite person in the world.”

The Meyers had one daughter, Constance “Connie” Jean, born Oct. 7, 1963, who later died in 1977 due to neurological problems. Mr. Meyer funds a scholarship at Westminster College in memory of their daughter. Without a living heir, the Meyers decided to create the Kenneth E. and Jane A. Meyer Foundation to leave a legacy to fund private education, Missouri State University, and wellness.

Mr. Meyer said he and Jane had been Presbyterian the majority of their lives, but an astute SBU President learned of Jane’s Baptist background and began their long relationship with Southwest Baptist University. Mr. Meyer could not recall which president discovered their Baptist connection, but he has enjoyed friendships with three of SBU’s presidents over the years: Dr. Jim Sells, Roy Blunt, and Dr. C. Pat Taylor, the current president of SBU. The Meyers also were introduced to Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) by Jerald Andrews at one of Jim Sell’s fundraisers. Gene Taylor, a friend of the Meyers, started the SBU chapter of SIFE in 1975. Now Mr. Meyer is a national board member of SIFE.

The Meyers have contributed greatly to SBU’s growth as a university. The Meyers donated funds to build the Jane A. Meyer Recital Hall with a plaque marking the event and dedicating the hall to the life of Jane and the memory of her mother. The Meyers were also a major contributor to the renovation of Meyer Residence Hall. More recently, the Meyers made the Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness and Sports Center a reality when it opened in 2005. The facility has state-of-the-art equipment to aid students, faculty, staff, and the Bolivar community in becoming healthier. The Wellness Center includes a natatorium, racquetball courts, intramural courts, rock climbing wall, sports café, aerobic room, fitness room, classrooms, and offices. The Meyer Wellness Center also helps recruit prospective students to the University.

Both Mr. Meyer and Jane received honorary doctorates from SBU. Mr. Meyer received his in business administration, and Mrs. Meyer received an honorary doctorate in humanities.
THE MEYERS’ LEGACY OF WELLNESS

In 2005 the Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness and Sports Center opened its doors to the Southwest Baptist University community and has provided the means for students, faculty, and staff of SBU as well as residents of Bolivar to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This state-of-the-art facility not only provides excellent equipment for individual workouts but also offers fitness classes and the Cat’s Health Assessment and Motivation Program (CHAMP). The Wellness and Sports Center staff shares the Meyers’ devotion to helping provide people with fitness opportunities to help maintain physical and mental health that is necessary to a healthy lifestyle.

Mrs. Meyer suffered from diabetes and its symptoms for the majority of her life, and the Meyers lost their only daughter at an early age so promoting health and wellness has always been an important mission for the Meyers. The Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness and Sports Center at SBU is one of several contributions the Meyers have made in their mission to help southwest Missouri become more healthy.

The Wellness and Sports Center houses a fitness room with cardio and strength training stations, racquetball courts, rock climbing wall, natatorium, indoor track, intramural courts, aerobics room, Sports Café, and several academic classrooms. To help members succeed in their quest for physical and mental fitness, workout logs are offered to help keep members on track with their exercise routine. Special programs are also offered to help challenge and motivate members to exercise.

The center’s four racquetball courts can be reserved 24 hours in advanced, and equipment can be checked out from the center. Men and women’s tournaments are offered year round in every skill level. The center also offers Wallyball equipment for those wanting to try their hand at volleyball within the confines of a racquetball court.

The rock-climbing wall offers top rope climbing and bouldering with staff supervision. Classes are offered in Sport/Lead climbing, one-on-one instruction in climbing techniques, and training programs. Eight top ropes are available as well as a separate wall specifically designed for bouldering. Climbing equipment is available for renting.

The center also offers fitness classes including kickboxing, total fitness, buns of steel, body sculpting, cardio hip hop, killer abs, Pilates, aqua aerobics, martial arts, boot camp, stability ball, partner/multiple step, and fit kids. These classes are free to students, faculty, staff, and Wellness Center members and are held in the aerobics room with the exception of aqua aerobics, which is held in the natatorium.

CHAMP is a program designed to put students and members through a variety of tests to help them determine their current fitness level. The testing includes cardio, body composition, muscular fitness, and flexibility. This service is free but requires an appointment.

For more information, please visit www.s buniv.edu/wellness_center.

Mr. Meyer recalled that her speech ended with a three letter word—hug.

“The whole auditorium was hugging,” said Mr. Meyer. “She got more applause than the ‘fire and brimstone’ doctor before her.”

Jane valued community involvement and supported the Springfield Rotary club, American Red Cross, Republican Central Committee, and was a charter member of the Fast Break Club for the Lady Bears. She was a member of the original planning committee for the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts and an active member of the Springfield Chapter of the Soroptimist International. Jane played a major part in gaining votes to mandate a State of Missouri gubernatorial appointment for a woman to hold countywide elective office for the first time in over 40 years. Jane also was active in church, playing the organ at Covenant Presbyterian Church for 34 years.

Mr. Meyer continues in his commitment to community service today as he has been heavily involved in the Ozarks throughout the years. He has served as president or director of the Springfield Southeast Rotary club, council of Churches Foundation, Mount Vernon High School Foundation, Westminster Board of Trustees, MSU Foundation Board of Directors, the Cox Medical Center Board of Directors, and Blue Cross/BlueShield of Missouri Board of Directors. Mr. Meyer also is a supporter of non-profit organizations such as the Salvation Army, the American Lung Association of Missouri, the Alzheimer’s Association, and the Springfield Symphony. Mr. Meyer also continues to serve Covenant Presbyterian Church as an elder.

The Meyers’ generosity has not been limited to SBU. The Jane A. and Kenneth E. Meyer Center for Rehabilitation and Wellness opened at Cox Health in 2003. The Meyers also have donated funds to several projects at Missouri State University such as the Jane A. Meyer Carillon. They also have made several major donations to the MSU Foundation, the Pride Band, the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, the Springfield Symphony, the Landers Theater, and the Gillioz Theater.

The loss of a child is a life-changing event for a parent. SBU is grateful that the Meyers took this tragedy and chose to form their foundation leaving a legacy for the community in which they live. Jane’s severe health trials also were difficult for the Meyers, but they chose to focus on providing wellness opportunities for others instead of dwelling on her pain and suffering. Ken and Jane Meyer made positive choices that will impact future generations.
MAKING AN IMPACT

Southwest Baptist University

President’s Report 2007
Dear SBU Donors and Friends

Thanks to your generous contributions of time, prayer, and financial resources, 2007 was an outstanding year for SBU. As I review this past year, I am reminded of the inspiration and encouragement that I receive from one of my favorite Psalms. Psalm 16, verses 5-9:

*The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
You support my lot.
The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.
I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.
I have set the LORD continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.*

SBU has every reason to be thankful for the Lord has indeed blessed us as we endeavor to fulfill our mission of being a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. Also, our heritage is just as beautiful as King David describes in his psalm. For one hundred and thirty years, Southwest Baptist University has been offering students the opportunity to receive a distinctively Christian education. We always have maintained the basic principles and goals that were set forth when Southwest Baptist College was established in 1878.

It is my dream that the University will continue to impact our society and our world for Christ. I thank you for being a part of the SBU family and partnering with us as we continue on this exciting journey. SBU is a great university because we have great people. The state of the University is excellent because of our trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends. Although we have faced challenges, God has been faithful, and we have persevered. I am confident that God has great and marvelous things in store for the future of SBU.

Thank you for your commitment to the University and its mission.

C. Pat Taylor
President
From Dr. Stan Norman, Vice President for University Relations...

As I reflect upon the completion of my first year of service as Vice President for University Relations, one of my greatest joys these past twelve months has been working closely with the SBU family. I am truly grateful for each individual and every group, that has helped SBU become the University it is today.

I believe our greatest strength is our shared conviction to be a Christ-centered university. This commitment is what binds us together and instills within us a deep sense of community. As we plan and prepare for the future generations of SBU students, I pray that we will continue unashamedly and steadfastly to embrace this legacy.

Although we have many challenges before us, the growth and maturation of SBU is a worthy investment of our lives, passions, and resources. I believe our God will enable us to engage and overcome all obstacles that would threaten or impede our pursuit of His will for SBU. Please pray that Southwest Baptist University will continue to enjoy the favor and blessing of God. I also ask that you join with us in our mission to impact the world for the cause of Christ.

Thank you for your support of this Christ-centered institution.
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Annual Gift Clubs

**Heritage Society**
$50,000 and above
- Miss Marjorie Barnett
- Elizabeth W. Daniels Estate
- Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Gott
- Mr. and Mrs. John Hammons
- Cena P. Matthis Estate
- Dr. Ken Meyer
- Mrs. Marilyn Sharp

**Legacy Society**
$20,000 - $49,999
- Mr. John Allman
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Black
- Dr. Elsie Blair
- Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Campbell
- Dr. and Mrs. Ed Clark
- Dr. and Mrs. David Cribbs
- E.J. Daniels Endowment
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mott

**Distinguished Leadership Council**
$10,000 - $19,999
- Dr. James Campbell
- Mrs. Kathleen Craig
- Dr. and Mrs. Phil Franz
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grant
- Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Griffin
- Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Hutchins
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jackson
- Dr. and Mrs. Bob Killian
- Mr. Carl and Dr. Dianna Lowe
- Mrs. Vinita Murrell
- Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Myers
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rayl
- Dr. and Mrs. Jack Shewmaker

**Provost’s Club**
$1,000 - $4,999
- Mr. David Abbott
- Mr. and Mrs. James Adams
- Dr. and Mrs. Art Allen
- Mr. and Mrs. James Allsup
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ankrom
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arnsmeier
- Mr. Alec Atchison
- CDR and Mrs. Mathew Ausmus
- Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Baker
- Mr. and Mrs. George Baker
- Mr. Clinton Ballard
- Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Banner
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barker
- Mr. and Mrs. Rick Barnhouse
- Mr. Jack Belcher
- Dr. Ellen Bell
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bellia
- CDR and Mrs. Michael Berry
- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bishop
- Ms. Karena Blaes
- Dr. Betty Van Blair
- Dr. and Mrs. Roy Blunt
- Mr. and Mrs. David Bolton
- Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bonenberger
- Mr. Joe Brand
- Dr. and Mrs. Alan Branson
- Dr. Richard Brewer
- Mr. and Mrs. Greg Brown
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown
- Mr. and Mrs. Mel Brown
- Drs. Bill and Kathy Brown
- Mr. John and Dr. Judy Bryant
- Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bryant
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buis
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bush
- Mr. Jeremy Cain
- Ms. Kristy Carico
- Rev. and Mrs. Nolan Carrier
- Ms. Lauren Cawein

**President’s Council**
$5,000 - $9,999
- Mr. Charles Banta
- Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barber
- Dr. and Mrs. Jack Blaylock
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burton
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Missouri Colleges Fund, Jefferson City, MO

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Teters Floral Products Co., Bolivar, MO
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Alton Bank, Alton, MO
Bentonville School District # 6, Bentonville, AR
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Camahan-White, Springfield, MO
Central Ozarks Private Industry Council, Inc., Rolla, MO
CMH Foundation, Bolivar, MO
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Shelter Insurance Foundation, Columbia, MO
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Message from the President, C. Pat Taylor

“As president, I am often asked the question, ‘What is my vision for the University?’ My initial response to this question is that we must not change our core values or our Baptist identity. We are committed to being Christ-centered in every facet of University life and preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. Long-range planning is an important process for any institution.

It is imperative that SBU has a plan that can provide a road map for our future and can ensure that every area of the University works toward accomplishing our mission. Each strategic initiative and specific annual goal in this document points to the mission statement. These strategic initiatives and goals will provide guidance for the University during the next five years.”

A Legacy of Excellence

Southwest Baptist University was founded as Southwest Baptist College in 1878 in Lebanon, Missouri. In 1879, the school was chartered as a coeducational liberal arts senior college and moved to Bolivar. Following a fire that destroyed the college’s main building in 1910, the school closed for two years and was re-chartered as a junior college in 1913.

The school remained a junior college until 1964 when it became a senior liberal arts college and graduated its first baccalaureate graduates in 1967. In 1980 the Missouri Baptist Convention and North Central Association of Colleges and Schools gave approval for Southwest Baptist College to become Southwest Baptist University effective September 1, 1981. Over its history the institution has matured from a junior college. Currently, SBU offers some associate’s and many bachelor’s degrees for undergraduate students. Graduate degrees include the following: Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Education, Master of Science in Educational Administration, Education Specialist, and Doctor of Physical Therapy. SBU has grown from a single-purpose liberal arts college at one location to a University with four campuses and many additional graduate sites.

MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

Southwest Baptist University fulfills its mission with specific care to guard its Christian distinctives and Baptist heritage:

• As it demonstrates continuous improvement,
• Enlarges its ministry through consistent growth in student enrollment, retention, and ethnic and racial diversity, markets the institution and its mission regionally and nationally,
• Fosters an environment of open communication and service to others, and
• Cares for employees through competitive compensation and benefits packages.
Core Values

In fulfilling the University’s mission and vision through its strategic planning process, Southwest Baptist University is committed to the following core values:

- Christian Distinctiveness
- Baptist Heritage
- Compassion and Care for SBU Family
- Academic Excellence
- Social and Spiritual Development
- Personal Wellness

SBU EXCELLENCE

The Cornerstone of Excellence

Strategic planning is a systematic process for identifying an institution’s long-range goals and determining the best approaches for achieving those goals. Strategic planning is the cornerstone of excellence.

The process of strategic planning must support understanding of the institution, its mission, and its unique characteristics, while at the same time promoting changes that will lead to a new and better institution in the future.

Strategic planning consists of a five-step process: evaluating the current situation in order to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; defining goals and objectives or strategic initiatives; formulating actions to be taken to attain these goals; implementing the actions; and monitoring goal implementation by obtaining feedback from the implemented processes. Once a strategic plan is established, it becomes a guideline to follow that must be firm enough to give clear direction, but flexible enough to adjust to ongoing monitoring and a constantly changing environment.

INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Initiative One: Promote a Christ-Centered University

Southwest Baptist University is dedicated to being Christ-centered in all facets of university life. It is the University’s desire to elevate Christian distinctiveness in all areas of the curriculum, student life, athletics, and relationships with constituents. All faculty and staff have the responsibility of modeling a Christian lifestyle for students and our community.

Goals:

- Develop additional Christian service and mission opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.
- Increase the number of faculty, staff, and students who participate in service and mission activities.
- Build an endowment fund in order to provide financial support for mission trip participants.
- Provide professional development opportunities for faculty to enhance their abilities to teach the Christian worldview and to integrate faith and academic discipline.
- Develop a plan to strengthen the integration of the mission and academic life into athletics.
**Initiative Two: Enrich the Quality of Life for SBU Employees**

Southwest Baptist University will improve the quality of life of its employees by providing opportunities for spiritual, physical, professional, and financial advancement.

Goals:
- Develop a five-year plan for improvements in compensation and healthcare benefits for faculty and staff.
- Establish a comprehensive salary and staffing review process.
- Analyze current workloads. Develop a comprehensive plan for reducing faculty and staff overload. Reduce discrepancies in staffing and job requirements between different academic departments. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current organizational structure of academic areas in order to improve the efficiency of that structure.
- Emphasize personal wellness and the development of personal wellness programs.
- Increase professional development funding for faculty and staff.
- Promote safety training for emergency situations for faculty, staff, and students at all campuses.
- Develop and implement a plan to promote unity of purpose among academics, athletics, and student life, as well as among the four campuses.

**Initiative Three: Promote Our Distinctive Identity**

Southwest Baptist University continues to be well served by our current mission statement: Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. Thus, the University will continue to promote excellence in academics and service to Christ. In addition, SBU will clarify its identity in relation to graduate programs, athletics, diversity, and adult education.

Goals:
- Promote our institution and mission to current constituents and markets, as well as new regional, national, and international markets.
- Analyze the effectiveness of the name, Southwest Baptist University, in representing our focus on academic excellence, in serving Christ throughout the world, in reaching new and changing students and markets, and in promoting growth of the university.
- Strengthen our relationships with our churches, alumni, and media.
- Promote the integration of faith in all facets of university life, including undergraduate programs, graduate programs, adjunct faculty training, athletics, student life, and adult programs.

**Initiative Four: Support and Strengthen Academic Excellence**

Southwest Baptist University will provide student and faculty academic excellence by improving student and faculty learning, enhancing the learning experience, promoting a caring academic community, providing scholarly activities and opportunities for students in and out of the classroom in local, national, and international settings, and upholding academic integrity.

Goals:
- Explore international partnerships for academic programs and exchanges.
- Improve student learning through effective assessment and program review analyses.
- Provide research opportunities and other scholarly activities for students both in and out of the classroom.
- Strengthen current policies to uphold academic integrity.
- Provide continued technological support for students, faculty, and staff.
- Examine current support services and develop new programs to improve services for diverse students.
• Increase the funding allocated to instructional and departmental expenditures within the Education and General Expenditures from 44.51% to 46% over the next five years.
• Increase the nonathletic organized activities expenditures percentage within the Education and General Expenditures from .36% to .41% over the next five years.

Initiative Five: Plan for Growth and Stewardship of Resources

Because God is the giver of every good and perfect gift, Southwest Baptist University intentionally will plan for growth and stewardship of its physical and human resources. Plans will include identification of current capacity and development of a vision for future growth.

This growth will reflect the mission of the University: to be Christ-centered, caring, and academic in the preparation of servant leaders in a global society. Growth also will include the development of programs that can meet the unique needs of a changing population.

Goals:
• Identify current capacity of facilities, support services, and human resources and determine optimal enrollment levels.
• Develop a plan for enrollment growth that identifies optimal enrollment on and off campus in undergraduate and graduate programs and that identifies additional needs in facilities, support services, and human resources.
• Develop a plan for enrollment growth that maintains a critical mass of students who are evangelical Christians in order to remain a Christ-centered institution and who have the academic potential for degree completion.
• Study the potential for new programs for adult learners and graduate students, including online programs and other means of delivery.
• Identify enrollment goals for diverse groups of students.
• Establish target goals for tuition for the next five years by studying tuition rates and methods for determining tuition rates at peer institutions.
• Establish target goals for the discount rates for the next five years.
• Develop a five-year plan for maintaining, upgrading, and replacing information technology equipment, infrastructure, resources, and personnel.

Initiative Six: Plan for Improved Financial Health

Southwest Baptist University will design a plan for improved financial health that is integrated within and responsive to strategic planning. This plan will align annual and five-year budgeting to strategic planning and will promote the use of a comprehensive financial analysis of all programs.

Goals:
• Develop and implement a five-year financial projection by Spring 2010 based on reasonable and realistic assumptions of income and expenses.
• Use the strategic plan to prioritize annual budget funding and to guide the development of the five-year budget.
• Increase expendable net assets of the University by increasing restricted and unrestricted endowments.
• Implement a comprehensive financial analysis (full-cost accounting) of all programs.
Initiative Seven: Improve the SBU Physical Plant and Environment

Southwest Baptist University will develop a master plan for facilities and grounds maintenance that will ensure that buildings and grounds are inviting, attractive, and well-maintained. This plan will include a schedule for preventive maintenance and/or renovation of all facilities, as well as for beautification and maintenance of the grounds. Attractive and well-maintained facilities will provide an atmosphere conducive to effective student learning and will enhance pride in the University.

Goals:
• Develop and implement plans to strengthen the security of our campus and buildings.
• Develop a master plan for preventive maintenance that includes repair of roofs, replacement of heating/air conditioning units, painting, replacement of carpeting, and replacement of desks, as well as renovation of buildings.
• Study current housekeeping equipment and staffing and identify strategies to improve the cleanliness of offices, residence halls, and classrooms.
• Develop a plan for adding exterior campus signage.
• Develop and implement a plan for campus beautification and maintenance of grounds.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT PARTICIPANTS

Linda Armer '00, MBA '05, Director, Salem Center
Mick Arnold, Coordinator, Educational Administration
Martha Baker, Director of BSN Program
Bill Brown, Dean, Geneva Casebolt College of Music, Arts and Letters
Sandra Brown, References Services Librarian
Hal Chambers, Associate Professor of Physics
Zeke Clawson '05, Assistant Director of Safety and Security
John Credille '76, MS '92, Registrar
Ronda Credille '80, Associate Professor of Business Administration
Darren Crowder '98, Director of Admissions
Tim DeClue, Chair, Computer and Information Sciences
Ashley Dinwiddie, Administrative Assistant to the President
Gordon Dutile, Provost
Clyde Elder '75, Trustee
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Bob Gildwell '86, Director of Physical Plant
Brent Good, Director of Athletics
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Rick Hedger, Trustee
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Holly Hill-Stanford, Professor of English
Wayne Hutchins '51, Trustee
Duke Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Education
Janet Juhlin '73, MS '90, Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Bob Kitchin, Chair, Chemistry and Physics
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Stephanie Miller '80, Vice President for Enrollment Management
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Dennis Owens, Director of Food Services
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David Whitlock, Associate Provost, Dean of College of Business and Computer Science
Jennifer Wilson, Dean, St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Tim Wood, Assistant Professor of History
Linda Wooderson '78, Dean, Lewis E. Schollian College of Education and Social Science
I am looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming! We are planning a festive weekend and hope you are making plans to be on campus for this wonderful celebration of our alma mater on October 10-11, 2008.

Our alumni events on campus help fulfill our mission to strengthen the ties between former students of SBU and the current students, faculty, and staff. Another way we hope to encourage alumni ties is the establishment and reorganization of regional SBU Alumni Chapters across the United States.

I am excited about these regional chapters because they provide a great way for you to socialize with old friends and meet other alumni without having to wait for Homecoming weekend. Regional chapters also give you the opportunity to give back to SBU by helping us with student recruitment, assisting alumni new to your community and encouraging local support for SBU.

I am working with alumni in St. Louis, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Columbia/Jefferson City (MO), and the Lake of the Ozarks area to begin alumni chapters, and we would love for you to be part of the fun. Let me know if you would like to begin a chapter in your area!

I pray you will have a wonderful spring and summer and then join us in the fall on campus for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

Shawn Summers ’94
Director of Alumni & Church Relations

Greater Kansas City Area Alumni Chapter Spring Banquet
Friday, April 18, 2008  6:30 p.m.
Noland Road Baptist Church, Independence

Springfield Area Alumni Reunion
Sunday, April 20, 2008  12:00 p.m.
Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield

Homecoming 2008
Friday & Saturday, October 10-11, 2008
If you graduated in a year ending with a 3 or 8, contact Shawn Summers to assist with planning your class reunion. All SBU alumni and families are welcome to attend! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with contacting your classmates. To volunteer contact Shawn Summers in the Alumni/Church Relations office.

For more information on any of these events contact Shawn Summers at 417-328-1806 or ssummers@sbuniv.edu
1937
Helen (Lindholm) Jones passed away on December 5, 2007, at the age of 90. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Orval Jones, in 2004. They had 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

1938
Laura (Zumwalt) Cloyd-Payne passed away on October 19, 2007, at the age of 96. During her six years at Butterfield Care Center her favorite activity was Monday night Bingo with SBU students. She was thrilled when they came to her apartment to see her hand-calligraphed diploma and her fifty-year club gift.

1953
Nilene Lambeth passed away on October 4, 2007, in Springfield, Mo.

1958 (50th REUNION CLASS)
Make sure to send in your news for the July issue of SBU Life

1965
Barbara (Poteet) Johnson’s husband of 34 years went to heaven to be with our Lord. His last weeks were painful but God was with him. They have two children, Athena Ellis and Alicia Richardson. 1080 Lake Front Dr, Sacramento, CA 95381
bjpoteetjohnson@comcast.net

1967
Carmen (Keeler) Lanning (see 1968 news)

1968 (40th REUNION CLASS)
Ronnie Lowry loves living in Florida even when it is chilly and no snow! 1433 Ingleside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205
thunderlane125@yahoo.com
Bill Lanning is a retired United Church of Christ pastor and serves as adjunct at several colleges and universities in the Orlando, Fla., area. His wife, Carmen (Keeler) ’67, is directing the general education program at Keiser University in Orlando. Their daughter, Melanie, is an assistant dean at MMMI and their grandson recently celebrated his sixth birthday. 673 E Magnolia, Clermont, FL 34711
blanning1@cfl.rr.com

1969
Bob Loy serves as church development/port ministries director for the Jacksonville Baptist Association in Jacksonville, Fla., and national consultant with Internationals, Special Ministries, North American Mission Board, and Southern Baptist Convention. Port Ministries Web: www.jacksonvilleportministries.org PO. Box 41182, Jacksonville, FL 32203
bloy@jaxbaptist.org

1970
Dr. Calvin Nation and wife Cheri have three children. The couple recently became grandparents for the fifth time. 2680 E Highland Ave, Apt 512, Highland, CA 92346
cnation1946@yahoo.com

1972
Calvin Reynolds has retired from being director of missions of Greater Wabash Baptist Association in Fairfield, Ill. He and his wife, Sharon, have moved into a fifth-wheel trailer to do church health consulting and transitional pastoring. 849 Dixie Bee Rd, c/o Ramona Ambrose, Adams, TN 37010
trailertracks@gmail.com

1975
Bob Breazeale had a liver transplant in May 2007. 412 SE Shamrock Ln, Blue Springs, MO 64014
saltLight@sbcglobal.net

1976
Michael Miller is now the mathematics department chair at Galesburg High School in Galesburg, Ill. He continues to teach as an adjunct at Carl Sandburg College and is the pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Galva, Ill. He and his wife, Tricia, have three children, Elizabeth (25), Kathryn (21), and Michael (19). Kathryn is a senior at SBU. 1665 W North, Galesburg, IL 61401
mdmiller54@hotmail.com

1978 (30th REUNION CLASS)
Curt Hernandez recently resigned, after five years on staff, as minister of youth/recreation from the Westchester Baptist Church in High Point, N.C. He began a new ministry called Advice For Life Ministries, Inc., which will be a youth ministry consultation ministry. Rev. Hernandez is also pursuing a master’s degree in professional counseling from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. 3421 Hillside Dr, High Point, NC 27265
gridzaks09@aol.com

1979
Debbie (Harvey) del Rosario has been teaching in Marshall, Mo. She lives with her three daughters, Nicole (23), Cymantha (18), and Ashley (14). 602 S Locust, Sweet Springs, MO 65351
ddelrosario@marshallschools.com

Douglas Green and wife Cynthia (Tygart) ’81 have four children, Jadah (24), Jennah (21), Joshua (19), and Jarah (16). Jadah graduated from SIUE at Edwardsville in December 2006. Jennah is a senior at the University of Memphis. Josh is a sophomore at the University of Memphis. Jarah is a junior at Apple Valley High school. Cindy has started her own company and is painting large murals. Douglas works as the director of environmental services at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Fairview. 260 County Rd 42, Apple Valley, MN 55124
dgreen0432@charter.net

1980
Mike Howe is currently teaching chemistry and serving as science department chair at Clayton High School
in suburban St. Louis. Mike was the 2006 ACS St. Louis Chemistry Teacher of the Year. He also serves as a deacon and teaches an adult Sunday school class at Kirkwood Baptist Church. His wife Debbie coaches competitive figure skaters and their son Taylor is a sophomore at Parkway South High School. 2811 Barrett Pines Lane, Des Peres, MO 63021 mhowe01@earthlink.net

1982

Marita (Edson) Schutz passed away in February 2005. She is survived by her husband, Obie Schutz '81, and their nine children.

Julie (Standford) Nagamine is a second grade teacher at Lanakila Elementary school in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her husband, Robert, is the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor and a chaplain in the Hawaii Air National Guard. 48 A Maluniu Ave, Kailua, HI 96734 RJKKNagamine@aol.com

1985

Jeffery Smith spent almost ten years in the Air Force after college. For the past five years, he has been an over the road truck driver and loves it. TruckinJMan@yahoo.com

1986

Brad Clark and his wife, Lee, have two children, Jory (6) and Keegan (2). After nine years of teaching and coaching, Brad moved to New Orleans and the Jackson, Miss. area where he met Lee. After six years, they decided to move back to Springfield. Brad owns two Smoothie King franchises in Springfield, Mo. Lee is an occupational therapist in Springfield. Jory is in his first year of school and Keegan tries to keep up with big brother. The family has Lee’s sister’s children, Jory (6) and Keegan (2). After nine years, he has been an occupational therapist in Springfield. Jory is in his first year of school and Keegan tries to keep up with big brother. The family has Lee’s sister’s children, Jory (6) and Keegan (2).

John Wall has moved to sunny Florida and would love to hear from his SBU friends. 915 Dartmouth Court, Kissimmee, FL 34758 jw88keys@embarqmail.com

1987

Scott Nichols attended Grace Seminary and Moody Bible Institute (MA). He was the associate youth pastor at New Life Baptist in Osceola, Ind., from 1988 to 1996. Scott was also pastor at New Life Community Church in Melrose Park, Ill., from 1996 to 2001. Since 2001, he has been the church planting pastor and senior pastor for Crossroads Community Church in Carol Stream, Ill. He and his wife Vicki have two kids, Brooke Elizabeth (15) and Isaiah (13). The family also owns two dogs, two cats, and two turtles. Mayfield Ln, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Scott@crossroadswheaton.org

Eric Chaffin left his position in January 2007 as program coordinator of Oklahoma Family Policy Council's K.E.E.P. abstinence program to accept the call to pastor Broadview Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Eric spent four seasons in team chaplaincy in the Arena Football league (three with the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz and one with the Lubbock Renegades). He is a frequent motivational speaker and has authored two sports-themed books, *Finish Strong: Tackling Life Head On* and *Pigskin Parables: Eyes on the Prize*. He is chair of 3:14 Ministries, Inc. (www.three-fourteen.org), an outreach ministry to athletes, student athletes, and more. Prior to Eric's work with Oklahoma Family Policy Council he spent 12 years in drug and alcohol education. 6530 8th St, Lubbock, TX 79416 echaffin@swbell.net

Victoria (Dunham) Parker Bond has relocated to Tempe, Ariz. She is an attorney with her own consulting business, Bond Consulting, LLC. vpb@parkerlaw.com

1988 (20th REUNION CLASS)

Dawn (DeJong) and husband Jon Shepard have two children, Stephanie (17) and Patricia (10). Stephanie is graduating from high school in May 2008. 4903 Sylvan Oaks Dr, Valrico, FL 33596 dshepard@radser.com

1989

Kevin Cook and wife Sara have four children, Karis (6), Drew (4), Nathan (2), and Matthew (1). The Cooks are now working for the IMB in a secure location in Africa. They have lived in Africa for two years and are excited to be a part of God reaching this part of the world. saraandkevin@pobox.com

Susan (Booze) and husband Dana Carte have been married for 14 years. They have one son, Brandon (13). The family settled in Tennessee five years ago. Susan has been working at Open Arms Care as a program manager since 2002. She is a goalie mom for Brandon, who plays competitive soccer. 3131 George Cove, Bartlett, TN 38134 danakarlcarter@bellsouth.net

1990

Sean Lee and wife Brenda (Johnson) ’92 have two children, Hudson and Olivia. They have been in Roswell for nearly six years. Sean is in youth ministry and Brenda is a master domestic engineer! They are still in love, still serving Jesus, and proud to be Bearcats! leesinroswell@msn.com

Rhonda (Anderson) and husband Chris Lamke have one son, Ryan (9). The family moved to Pleasant Hill, Iowa, where Rhonda works in the Veterans Administration as a health systems specialist. Buckskins4life@yahoo.com

Mark Wallenmeyer and wife Ann (Welborn) ’91 have two children, Melinda (12) and Teddy (7). Mark is now the CEO of a national company, Trajecsys Corporation that tracks health students online. He is also the president-elect of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section which has over 15,000 members. Mark is traveling both nationally and internationally giving lectures on nuclear medicine. 4038 W Portland, Springfield, MO 65807 spfdmark1@mchsi.com

1991

Steven Strauch and Susan
Vanita Boyd is working for a mental health agency and enjoys her work in the community. She is happy that she had the opportunity to have a wonderful Christian education and she misses Beasley Hall! 10007 Neville Walk, St. Louis, MO 63136 vlb7884@bjc.org

Brenda (Johnson) Lee (see 1990 news)

Cindy (Wityk) and husband Sean Reilmann have two children, Grant and Lindsay. Lindsay will turn three in February. Cindy is employed with the Francis Howell School District in St. Charles County as the director of finance. 410 Stone Park Dr, Wentzville, MO 63385 Cindy.Reilmann@fhsdistrict.org

1993

Leon Wirth and wife Michelle (Falcone) '93 have seven daughters (see Future Bearcats news). After nearly six years serving with the Christian Booksellers Association, Leon has joined the ministry team at Focus on the Family as youth outreach director. Michelle (Shelly) continues serving as a full-time mom and home school teacher. Leon.Wirth@otf.org LCWirth@msn.com 10520 Marble Creek Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Matthew Penn, who has been doing part-time freelance work for more than a decade, has finally gone full time with Penn Communications, a website development company (www.penncomm.com). His wife, Shawna (Wright) '95, now teaches music in Mexico, Mo., at Hawthorne Elementary School. They have two children, Geoffrey (4) and Gracelyn (6). 803 S Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265 matt@penncomm.com

David Murray moved from California to Statesboro, Ga., in July 2007. He began working as an assistant professor of Music and Piano Area and serves as the chair in the Department of Music of Georgia Southern University. murray_david@yahoo.com

Jesse White married Miranda Caudle of Carlinville, Ill., in June 2003. Miranda works in Springfield, Ill., as a registered dental hygienist. Jesse has worked for the III. Secretary of State for the past ten years in Springfield. He was promoted as information systems technician to maintain the mainframe in December 2003. After his father passed away in August 2003, the couple moved back to Carlinville. They have two cats, four dogs, and three cows and love every bit of country life. 23312 Charity Church Rd, Carlinville, IL 62626 mjwhite1@frontiernet.net

Mary (Lamborn) and her husband, Jeff, are involved in hospice work. Mary is a representative for Good Shepherd Hospice/Division of Lifepath Hospice in Tampa. Jeff is a massage therapist, having both a private practice and hospice volunteer work. They have a little girl, Amelia Rose (4). Their son, Morgan (19), is a sophomore at the University of Florida majoring in journalism with plans to go to law school. mlamborn@htn.net

Dennis Davidson and his wife, Peggy, have one son, Andrew (3). The family recently moved to Independence, Mo. where they are involved in hospice work. Mary is a massage therapist, having both a private practice and hospice volunteer work. They have a little girl, Amelia Rose (4). Their son, Morgan (19), is a sophomore at the University of Florida majoring in journalism with plans to go to law school. mlamborn@htn.net

1994

Aaron Matkowski (see 1997 news)

1995

Wren (Dawson) and husband Ellis Hall '96, M.P.T. '98 moved back to Missouri and reside in Bolivar after several years in Arkansas. Both work in healthcare at CMH in Bolivar. The couple has three children, MacKenzie (7), Emme (4), and Ryder (2). 381 S Gary Ave, Bolivar, MO 65613 wrenhall@yahoo.com

Jason Lee and wife Dorothea (McGlauglin) '95 have three children, Janet (8), Jacqueline (7), and Jacob (3). The family is serving in Senegal, West Africa. jaydotlee@yahoo.com

Todd Yockey (see 1997 news)

Shawna (Wright) Penn (see 1993 news)

1996

Ellis Hall (see 1995 news)

Susan (Briels) and husband Christopher Gering have moved from Korea to Hawaii. Chris is active duty Air Force and works at Camp Smith, Hawaii (PACOM). Susan just finished her M.S.H.S. in Emergency & Disaster Management at Touro University Int. and hopes to put it to use soon at a nearby Hawaii hospital. The couple is one and a half years into their adoption of three new children from Ethiopia and all is going well. 4770 West Elua Way D, Ewa Beach, HI 96706 csgering@hawaii.rr.com

Christy (Snyder) and husband William Baumberger have two daughters, Hope (8) and Faith (2). Christy home schools the girls. 8844 Arcadia Dr, Newburgh, IN 47630 cbaumberger1@yahoo.com

1997

Stacy (Batson) Romaine is currently teaching in the Bolivar R-1 School District where she is the special education process
Keri (Franklin) graduated from University of Missouri with her Ph.D. in English Education. She is employed as an assistant professor of English at Missouri State University where she directs the English education program and the Ozarks Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project. Her husband Aaron Matkowski ’94 is vice-president of Pride Services, Inc. a landscape contracting company in Springfield, Mo. 708 East Linwood Dr, Springfield, MO 65807 kfranklin@missouristate.edu

Alaina (Poynter) and Todd Yockey ’95 have been married for ten years. Todd is the physical therapy director for Global Professional Healthcare Provider (GPHP) in Joplin. Alaina is a resource developer in the Continuous Improvement Department at Leggett & Platt, Inc., in Carthage, Mo. Their church, Forest Park Joplin, launched its first multi-site church in Carthage, in which they are part of the core leadership. 337 Sadie Lane, Webb City, MO 64870 alaina.yockey@leggett.com

Wendy (Krebel) and husband Jamie Klein have two children, Kiersten (7) and Braeden (5). Wendy has finished her Master of Education and is teaching science at Collinsville Christian Academy. The family has recently moved to a new home. 317 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL 62220 wendyklein77@hotmail.com

Cari (Weiss) and husband Jason Luttrell ’00 are both teaching in the Winona school district. Cari is teaching kindergarten and enjoying time with their daughter, Bailee Jo (2). cariluttrell@yahoo.com

Sunshine Loveland will be moving to Costa Rica for three years in December 2007. She will serve as a missionary with Christ for the City International working with teenage street girls in a drug and alcohol rehab center. sunshineloveland@gmail.com

Amber (Gaddis) Burger and her husband started a relationship with a church in southern Sudan four years ago. Working directly with this local church in Yei Sudan they have started three orphanages. The Burgers live in Texas and travel to Sudan four or more times a year. The local church in Yei asks for the couple to do it this way so they will not become dependent on the Burgers but rather can be encouraged by them. Amber’s husband is on a committee in southern Sudan that is trying to legalize American adoption of Sudanese children. At this time Sudanese children can only be adopted by Muslims. www.hisvoiceforsudan.com www.sudanskids.blogspot.com

Sarah Meadows and her husband, Barry Brown, purchased The Biker Boutique in 2007. It is a motorcycle apparel and accessories shop. Sarah sings regularly at various venues and won the 2007 “Boomtown Idol” singing contest in Joplin, Mo. 253 Hillcrest, Neosho, MO 64850 info@meadowscycle.com

Nicole (Gordon) and husband Mark West ’03 have one son, Jonah (9 months). nicole_west7@yahoo.com

Jared Houk and wife Michelle (Bancroft) ’04 have just returned from working with the lost in South Asia. They will be home for six months and then return to work with the last unreached and unengaged people groups in South Asia. 1503 Highland, Clinton, MO 64735 houk@pobox.com

Matt Easter and wife Andrea Cloud ’04 will be moving to New Zealand this August. Matt has been accepted into the New Testament Ph.D. program at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. matt.easter@yahoo.com
Sarah Pahl received a Master of Science of Social Work in May 2007 from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is currently employed as coalition coordinator at Drug Prevention Resources, Inc., in Irving, Texas. sarahpahl@gmail.com

**Marriages**

Laura (Barnes) ’06 and Matthew Peery were married on December 29, 2007. Laura is finishing the school year as a kindergarten teacher before they move to Louisville, Ky. this summer where Matt will begin classes at Southern Seminary in the fall. laurapeery@hotmail.com

Peggy Parrack ’04 married Matthew Peterman on December 1, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Macks Creek. Peggy and Matt work together at Weaubleau School. pparrack81@hotmail.com

Mandy (Maberry) ’02 and Nathan Evans ’02 were married in May 2005. They have started the marketing firm Blue Duck Marketing and recently moved to downtown Springfield. 610-A E Battlefield #106, Springfield, MO 65807

Christy (Koelling) ’01 and Brian Oestreich were married on December 9, 2006, in Ord, Neb. Brian is employed at Trek Bikes in Oconomowoc, Wis. Christy volunteers at their church and is a housewife. 911 Fox Creek Dr, Apt 1, Watertown, WI 53098

Misty (Weiss) ’00 and Charles Park were married on October 15, 2005. Misty is the senior vice president for accounting services at AG Financial Solutions in Springfield, Mo. Charles is employed as the multimedia coordinator at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo.

Sarah Youree ’00 and Gibson Kersting de Moraes of Porto Alegre, Brazil, were married at Chapel Dulcinea in Austin, Texas, on May 31, 2007. Sarah is an ESL teacher at Del Valle High School in Austin and is working on her M.A. in English literature at Texas State University. 1212 Hollow Creek Dr A, Austin, TX 78704 sera778@yahoo.com

Kendra (Schweer) ’97 and Jacob Babcock were married on June 16, 2007. The couple met on eharmony.com in September 2005.

Brandon Shaw ’96 married Brittany Erwin of Phoenix, Ariz., on May 27 in Phoenix, Ariz. Brandon is a physician practicing anesthesiology in the Phoenix area and Brittany is finishing her degrees at Arizona State University. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz. brandonjshaw@yahoo.com

Roma (Martin) ’90 and Paul Schneider were married on October 27, 2007. They are living in Arnold, Mo. Myroma66@yahoo.com

Carmen (Larimore) ’79 and Jesse Russell were married on July 19, 2007. They have made their home in Creve Coeur, Mo. The couple met while working together in a professional theatre production. Jesse is the A-V specialist at McCluer High School. Carmen is the assistant professor in speech-language pathology at Fontbonne University. Carmen and Jesse spend their free time working and performing in theatre. 833 N Spoede, Creve Coeur, MO 63141 crussell @fontbonne.edu

Janet (Pybas) Leiner ’73 recently married Mark Arnold in Oklahoma City. Janet is teaching middle school choir at Western Heights Middle School in Oklahoma City. 2412 SW 90th Pl, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 jleiner2@gmail.com

Lynette (Meeks) ’04 and husband Jonathan Hunter ’04 would like to announce the birth of their son, Elias Talesin, who was born at home February 18, 2007. He weighed 11 pounds, 1 ounce and was 22 inches long. 219 W. Douglas Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

Karen (Sancken) ’03 and husband Paul Whetstone would like to announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Allen, born October 1, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds and is the grandson of Allen Sancken, M.S. ’06 and Katie Sancken. whetstoneinlove@hotmail.com

Shawna (O’Quinn) ’03 and husband Travis Bybee would like to announce the birth of their second daughter, Kendall Rose, born June 7, 2007. She is welcomed home by big sister, Shelby (4). Rt 1 Box 21, Preston, MO 65732 smbymeemail@yahoo.com

Rachel (Rasor) ’02, M.S. ’06 and husband Mike Tennison ’03 would like to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Garrett, born December 22, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Mike is the SBU admissions counselor for southwest Missouri and Rachel teaches fourth grade at Bolivar Intermediate School. mtennison@sbuniv.edu

Tena (McGrew) ’01, M.P.T. ’03 and husband T.J. Jenkins would like to announce the birth of their first child, Kaden Michael, born July 28, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. 2006 Carolyn Dr, Pleasant Hope, MO 65725
Megan (Lee) ’00 and husband Ben Champion ’00 would like to announce the birth of their son, Jack Nathan, born March 6, 2007. Megan is working part time for Parents as Teachers in the Francis Howell School District. Ben is working as a real estate appraiser for Appraisal Concepts. 511 Glengarry Ct, Wentzville, MO 63385 megchamp@hotmail.com

Anita (Hentschel) ’97, M.P.T. ’99 and husband Nathan would like to announce the birth of their son, Samuel, born July 3, 2007. He was welcomed by big brother, William (2). 602 16th Ave South, Greenwood, MO 64034 amusteen@comcast.net

Carla (Hendrickson) ’99 and husband Joshua Gilzow would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Grace, born March 17, 2007. She was four pounds and 17 ¼ inches. Carla@gilzow.com

Mark Roberts ’97, and wife Amy (Whatley) ’99 would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth “Ella” Anne, born November 13, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed by big brother, Jack (20 months). Mark is working for the family business and Amy is staying at home with the kids. 1293 E. Brookside Dr, Bolivar, MO 65613

Brock Mitchell ’97, M.P.T ’98 and wife Courtney (Gambrel) ’00, M.S. ’01 would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Avenley Faith, born August 27, 2007. She weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed by big brother, Deacon (4). Brock manages an outpatient physical therapy clinic in Bowling Green, Mo. Courtney is now a stay-at-home mom. 53435 Eagle Ridge Ct, New London, MO 63459

Rachael (Peachee) ’97 and husband Matt Morrow ’97, M.S. ’02 would like to announce the birth of their son, Alexander Matthew, born February 7, 2007. He joins sister, Annie (3). 4050 W Page Place, Springfield, MO 65802 rachaelannmorrow@gmail.com

Lori (Ewin) ’97 and husband Andrew Boyd would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Melanie Kate, born October 27, 2007. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Lori taught seventh grade math for the past three years and was awarded Teacher of the Year for her district for the 2006-2007 school year. She now stays at home with her daughters and home schools. 250 Park Circle, Gentry, AR 72734 lori.a.boyd@cox.net

Greg Webber ’94 and his wife Melissa would like to announce the birth of their third girl, Kendall Rose Bybee, born July 3, 2007. She joins Haleigh (6) and Courtney (4). 264 Valleybrook Ct., O’Fallon, MO 63368 gdwebber2002@yahoo.com

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Heather (McMahon) ’94 and husband Tom Combs would like to announce the birth of their second son, Bradan Michael, born April 27, 2007. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Caleb James (3). Heather was an elementary teacher for ten years and is now enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Tom flies for the United States Coast Guard at Air Station Clearwater. 11535 Cypress Reserve Dr, Tampa, FL 33626

Mark Taylor ’94 and wife Courtney would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Katelee Sarah, born November 5, 2007. She was seven weeks early but is doing well. Dad was able to return from Guam for the birth. Katelee is welcomed by big sister, Olivia Grace (2). 1020 B Rota Dr, Yigo GU 96929 marktaylor14@yahoo.com

Laura (Medlen) ’94 and Jason McKinney ’94 would like to announce the addition of their daughter Gabriella. She came from Guatemala on August 1, 2007. Gabriella joins big sisters, Leena and Anna. jlimlam2@yahoo.com

Bill Endraske ’93 and his wife Kim would like to announce the birth of their fourth child, Daniel William, born September 2, 2007. Daniel was welcomed by big sisters, Emily (11) and Noelle (4), and big brother Nick (9). The family moved to Memphis, Tenn., in 2006. Bill is an IT consultant working at FedEx. 1094 Gettysburg Cove, Collierville, TN 38017 bill.endraske@gmail.com

Leon Wirth ’93 and wife Michelle (Falcone) ’93 would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Alicia Johanan, born December 21, 2007. She is being heavily doted on by her six big sisters, Hannah (11), Rebecca (9), Emma (8), Olivia (6), Leah (3), and Clara (18 mos.). 10520 Marble Creek Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Eric Washington ’93 and wife Elizabeth would like to announce the birth of their second son, Deric Jayden, born December 11, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. He joins big brother Darian Izaya (2). EricElizabethW@aol.com

In Memory

Marita (Edson) Schutz ’82
Nilene Lambeth ’53
Laura (Zumwalt) Cloyed-Payne ’38
Helen (Lindholm) Jones ’37

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