



Find Us Faithful



The other day, I was looking through some old photos of my grandpa Mortensen and my dad, the late **Phil Mortensen g74**, comparing their ages in the pictures to my age now. Oh my, I'm a little older than when I first stepped onto the Fort Wayne campus in 1970.



Phil Mortensen g74, Michael Mortensen g91, and Michael's grandpa.

As I age, I think more about the legacy I will leave behind. I am reminded of Steve Green's 1994 song, *Find Us Faithful*, where the chorus sings:

*"Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful."*

In this issue of your *Fort Wayne Vine*, we will announce how your Alumni Council has made the recommendation for your Fort Wayne Alumni Center to move forward as faithful stewards of the Lord's resources. You can be certain as we move forward that our mission and ministry will continue to be *caring, connecting, and celebrating* our alumni.

Also included are some stories illustrating how God and His people, our alumni, have been faithful through returning to campus, singing, praying, and even powerlifting.

As we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, may He find us faithful,


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Faithfully Stewarding God's Resources

By Michael D. Mortensen g91 & Sari (Pafford) Harris g88

It is remarkable to reflect on how the mission of your Fort Wayne Alumni Center has evolved since June 2, 2009. Initially, we had only one staff member, a houseful of archives, a few volunteers, a limited mission, and an uncertain future.

Nearly 10 years later, the Operations Team of the Alumni Council sat down to evaluate our past decade of *caring, connecting, and celebrating*. As we reviewed the stories and statistics, we were gratified to note how our staff, mission, and volunteer hours have expanded. It's amazing to see God's faithfulness: we are now volunteer-driven and self-funded by continued gifts from our loyal alumni and friends.

As we look to the future, we are equally excited to continue fulfilling our mission. To move forward as faithful stewards, the Council has recommended we relocate just down Rudisill to the Welty Building across South Wayne Avenue from First Missionary Church.

The move will enable us to reallocate some of what is currently spent monthly on rent and utilities while remaining close to our roots. Technology and the faithful work of volunteers make it possible for us to move to more efficient space, where we will maintain

a homelike and nostalgic environment when alumni return to visit.

While our location will change in May 2019, our communication with you will remain. The *FW Vine*, *FW Falcon*, *FW Alumni Connection* Facebook group, and www.fwalumnicenter.org will continue to serve you with news, information, and inspiration, just as they always have. Classes and special interest groups will be encouraged to plan reunions in places best suited to meet the needs of their size and activities.

As we have seen Him do for the past 10 years, we know God will continue to bless the work of your Alumni Center as we steward His resources to *care for* our Fort Wayne alumni by *connecting and celebrating* all He has done for His glory. Stay with us as we look forward to what God will do to show His faithfulness.

Editor's Note:

Go to this link <http://bit.ly/FWGivesThanks> to see the partial list of items the Alumni Council reviewed that have been accomplished since June 2009. To God be the Glory!

CELEBRATE

Faithful Return to Campus for Reunions

By Kathryn Fenstermacher g13

It's been 25, 40, 50, and even 60 years since many of our alumni walked across the stage at graduation. But for those who attended *Reunion Weekend* September 20 – 21, it felt like only a day had gone by.

Just ask **Jeanne (Mohr) Crafton g78** who, along with classmates **Esther (Cox)**

Latino g78 and **Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78**, hosted the 40-year reunion for her graduating class. "It's easy to pick up wherever you left off, after you get over the fact that we've aged a little bit,"

Jeanne said. "You cannot get a group of FWBC college graduates together and not have a good time. We couldn't get them to break up!"

This was a year of significant milestones. The classes of '58, '68, '78, and '93 hosted a range of activities to commemorate their reunions. **Linda (Carlson) Bagshaw g68** and her husband traveled 22 hours round-trip to attend the festivities. "We found that memories emerged as we strolled through the campus," she said. "The years seemed to disappear as we reconnected with friends and classmates, laughing over memories and sharing updates."

There was something about being

physically on campus that touched many people. For one attendee, it clarified the mission of the Fort Wayne Alumni Center. For another, it inspired gratefulness for past experiences. "Changing times and changing ownership cannot take away the four terrific years I spent as part of the FWBC family,"

said **Jay Marquart g78** in an email. "For allowing me to again reconnect with that experience, even if just for a few hours . . . thank you."

The 100 plus attendees gathered on Saturday for an all-campus service, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, where three alumni, **Delbert Lindley f06**, **Shellie (Kale) Burden g91**, and **Sarah (Carr) Hall**

g68, shared how God showed his faithfulness during difficulties in their lives. Then, over lunch, alumni met around tables for various reunions. People lingered, one group until 8 p.m., praying together and exchanging phone numbers before hugging goodbye.

Every year, it takes incredible effort to put together the events that make *Reunion Weekend* special. But, according to Fort Wayne Alumni Center Director **Michael Mortensen g91**, the work always pays off. "I just want to challenge and encourage people to consider getting their classmates together," he said. "Being able to reconnect with these people is life-giving."





*Will YOU help plan a 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th
class or specialty reunion in 2019?*



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Quartet Reflects on 60-Year Journey

By Kathryn Fenstermacher g13

“They displayed no spirit of showmanship, pride or conceit, but in all humility and love for the Lord Jesus Christ, their testimonies of what God has wrought in their lives was made manifest to us.”

This testimonial reached Fort Wayne Bible College (FWBC) in 1958 in response to a performance by the Crusaders Quartet. Sixty years later, no truer words could have been spoken of Paul Robbins g60, Ed Terui g60, Ken Mays g60, Paul Brennan g60, and T.A. Strader g60 as they reunited in Hawaii to celebrate enduring friendship and faith.

These faithful men were brought together as students when the late **Rev. Don Rohrs g48**, National Director of Missionary Youth Fellowship (MYF), approached Paul Robbins about assembling a musical group to accompany him as he spoke throughout the country.

Paul – “Pappy,” as he was later nicknamed because he was two years older – recruited Ken as pianist, and Don hand-picked Ed from Hawaii. Paul Brennan and T.A. completed the ensemble. “I have often said, the name of our quartet is the Crusaders, but we should have

been called the Leftovers,” T.A. said.

The group compiled a repertoire of popular gospel songs and hymns and embarked on a rigorous travel schedule, performing three weekends per month during the school year and touring full-time over the summer. When **Dr. Jared Gerig g29** became president of FWBC, he invited the group to represent the college and to assist with student recruitment.

Initially, their 1958 coast-to-coast itinerary didn’t include Hawaii at all – it was added upon special request from the Crusaders. They had been praying for Ed’s family, who were deeply entrenched in Buddhism. Ed vividly recalls the morning when the group,

traveling for a performance, stopped by the roadside to pray. “As we were praying, I had some kind of vision where the faces of my parents and grandparents seemed to be passing into eternity without Christ,” he said. “I shared it with the guys, and we continued to pray about what that might have meant.”

After raising additional support, and a nine-hour flight later, they arrived in Hawaii. Paul Brennan, now a 30-year resident of Hawaii, recalls how out of place they must have seemed. “Our preconceptions melted away pretty



(L-R): Ken Mays g60, Paul Brennan g60, Paul Robbins g60, T.A. Strader g60, and Ed Terui g60.



soon after landing here and being so warmly embraced," he said. "We had a wonderful three weeks that first time, so it's not surprising to me

soon after landing here and being so warmly embraced," he said. "We had a wonderful three weeks that first time, so it's not surprising to me that we, on our own, would organize to return."

In Hawaii, God used prayer to bond the Crusaders in a special way. Early in their tour, Don took them to his "prayer closet" on an isolated stretch of beach, where they prayed about their desire to help recruit young people from Hawaii. "We learned deeply from him how much prayer should be a part of what we do," T.A. said.

The first direct answer to their prayers was the conversion of Ed's mother even before they arrived. Then, during their performance at Koloa Missionary Church, Ed's father walked the aisle to receive Christ. In addition, approximately 50 Hawaiian students were recruited to be trained as pastors and lay leaders at FWBC.

Witnessing this display of God's grace and being part of his work was instrumental in forming the Crusaders' conviction to faithfully serve him for the rest of their lives. "Our faith became more than some sort of intellectual exercise," Paul Robbins said. "It became, in fact a way of life."

Through all the changes the years bring, the Crusaders' friendship remains. This was evident in August 2018 when they returned to Hawaii for an anniversary tour. After only one rehearsal, the octogenarian ensemble revived enough favorite songs to perform 10 concerts over 16 days. In several venues, they encountered people who had heard them 60 years ago. Audiences young and old were

stirred by their soulful singing. "I think our liberty of singing and enjoying what we were doing really spoke to the people," T.A. said.

Their personal testimonies also impacted the Quartet audiences deeply, perhaps more so after 60 years of life experience. They found themselves drawn to one particular song, *It's Not an Easy Road*, because its chorus resonates with what they have experienced through the years:

*"No, no, it's not an easy road,
but Jesus walks beside me and brightens the journey,
and lightens every heavy load."*

Ken and T.A. recently experienced poignant grief with the passing of their wives. “People one after another would say, ‘We loved hearing your songs, but we also loved hearing your testimonies that show that you lived these songs,’” Ken said. “When you’ve lived through them, it makes all the difference in the world.”

This is the impact of a lifelong friendship, forged in prayer and founded on faithful Christian service. "I think it's possible to say we were good ambassadors," Paul Brennan said. "We have been able to leave an impression of the message that we're singing about, and that's what I am especially grateful for."

Editor's Note:

We are celebrating this extraordinary friendship on <http://bit.ly/crusaders60th> during the month of November and December. Visit our website for more in-depth testimonials from Paul, Paul, Ed, Ken, and T.A. about what being part of the Crusaders has meant to them, as well as a collection of photos, articles, and video recordings from one of their most recent performances.

CARE

Dykehouse Holds on to Faith

By Kathryn Fenstermacher g13

“I can’t get over that picture of all the prayers ascending to the throne from all the different generations.”

When **Pam Dykehouse fs09**, former bookstore manager and business office staff member, reflects on her life right now, she feels surrounded by prayer. “From the youngest little ones saying, ‘God, I hope Grandma feels better,’ to these older saints all the way up, it just felt like full circle.”

Pam was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer in September 2018. With this diagnosis comes no hope of a cure besides God’s own hand. Regardless of the outcome, Pam trusts that she has been in God’s hands the whole time.

“When you’re in God’s hands, you’re always in a good place,” she said. “He is sovereign, and so I won’t complain about His will for me.”

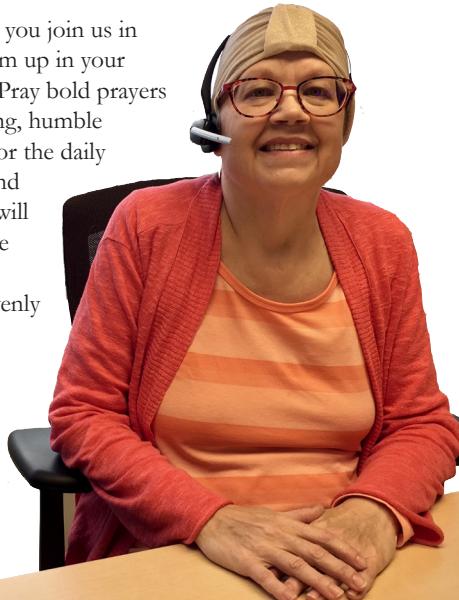
In an effort to slow the cancer’s progression, Pam is undergoing chemotherapy and is enrolled in a clinical study for a drug that has proven effective against other types of cancers. She gives thanks that she has been spared from many of the side effects that usually accompany these treatments, and credits the prayers of her friends, family, and broader community. “When I came to the ‘Great is Thy Faithfulness’ service during Reunion Weekend and alumni prayed for me, it was such a powerful reminder to me of the Body of Christ,” she said.

Her biggest decision now is how to spend her time wisely. Pam works as an administrative assistant at Stewart

Richardson Deposition Services in Fort Wayne and serves her church in youth ministry, in addition to her role as wife, mother, and grandmother. As her physical symptoms increase, it becomes more difficult for her to continue these commitments. “I’ve been thinking a lot about my faith and thinking about how I should best live my life, because I have limited energy and perhaps limited time,” she said.

As time becomes precious and Pam considers what is most important in her life, her spiritual family stands out. “It was a real blessing to me early on, before I was even diagnosed, the youth group that I work with at church came around me and put their hands on me,” she said. “They prayed very sincere prayers for my healing, but also for my acceptance of God’s will and for my trust in God.”

Will you join us in lifting Pam up in your prayers? Pray bold prayers for healing, humble prayers for the daily details, and that she will rest in the hands of her Heavenly Father.



God is Faithful Through Accident

By Kathryn Fenstermacher g13

November 10, 2016. For Cheryl (Roth g68) Cecil, this date will remain significant for the rest of her life. On that date, she was struck down by a car while crossing the street. Memories of what happened next are hazy, but one thing stands out clearly: Jesus was by her side. "In some way or another, Jesus was standing beside me," Cheryl said. "I wasn't alone on that street."

Cheryl's injuries were severe: two broken legs, a broken arm, a fractured pelvis, and contusions of the head. She spent nearly 10 days in the ICU where friends and family kept constant vigil. Cheryl credits her family, particularly her husband, Earl g68, with caring for her in a special way. "In my limited ability to really take in much . . . I was very aware of how much people cared," she said.

After spending a few days on the orthopedics floor following the ICU, Cheryl was transferred to rehab where she went for in-patient therapy 100 days.



Early in her recovery she had to fight despair, as progress was – literally – painfully slow. "I was ready to pull the blanket over my head, between the pain and barely being able to move," Cheryl said. "I wasn't paralyzed, but I felt like I was."

It was the small gestures of others that helped her through, one day at a time. Injuries and weakness prevented Cheryl from holding a Bible. So, her daughter left some verses scribbled on a piece of notebook paper, which became Cheryl's cherished daily devotions.

Her physical therapists were another source of inspiration and helped facilitate significant progress over her course of treatment. "I don't know, but I'll try" became Cheryl's mantra. She acknowledges that hard work and frustration were part of the process. "God just gave me the two nicest therapists that you could ask for," she said. "However, going to therapy is still going to therapy. Every morning I would cry. I had more tears in my breakfast than anyone would care to know."

March 2, 2017, Cheryl was discharged from rehab. Home care and out-patient therapy followed, but tremendous healing had already taken place. One of the most significant hallmarks of Cheryl's recovery was the day she left home without relying on a cane. "One Sunday, I said to my husband, 'I think this cane is just in my way,'" she said. "I left it at home and haven't used it since."

Cheryl acknowledges that, physically, she isn't where she was two years ago. "I can't just go dashing off," she said. "I have a lot of metal in me . . . I can give you the weather forecast anytime."

However, she can say from her heart that she is content, and is even thankful for the experience, which has allowed her to share her faith with others in a new way. She can reflect on God's provision – over her pain, her healing, her life – and say that she wasn't alone even one day in 100.

CONNECT



Faithful Lifting Leads to Health and Top Finish

By Gabby Carlson cs19

Cathy (Crowder g95) Miller recently earned a first-place finish in her age and weight class at the Amateur World Powerlifting Congress (AWPC) Worlds Powerlifting competition.

Cathy began her weightlifting journey two and a half years ago at the age of 46. As someone who had been active her entire life, her physical activity declined in recent years and she struggled with weight gain. In an effort to regain a feeling of health, she joined Cali Fitness in Caledonia, MI, and started walking on the treadmill. "When I told my husband that I got a gym membership, he laughed at me," Cathy said. "It inspired me to prove him wrong."

Cathy proceeded to visit the gym five days per week to lose weight and build muscle. In February 2017, Cali Fitness began a powerlifting club called Renegade Barbell Club. Cathy joined the club, and her lifting journey took off. The Renegades helped her learn proper form for squats, bench presses, and deadlifts, the three movements used in powerlifting competitions. She started a workout program, trained often, and quickly began to see results.

She started to lift competitively in 2017. In her first appearance at the AWPC in October of last year, Cathy finished first in her weight (67.5kg) and age (45 - 49) classes. In April 2018, she finished first again in her age and weight classes at a national competition. This qualified her to compete in the AWPC Worlds Powerlifting competition in

Manchester, England.

Cathy hit her stride once again at Worlds, placing first in both her age and weight classes. She hit her personal record for squats for her one repetition maximum (1RM) of 248.1 pounds. For her other two events, her 1RM for bench press was 121.5 pounds and for deadlift was 270.1 pounds.

Cathy is thankful for the inspiring and encouraging community that powerlifting has brought into her life. At all three meets she competed in, she found that the contestants work extremely hard to get stronger. "It's just you against the iron and it tests your limits," Cathy said. "I felt privileged to compete on an international scale and represent our country."

Not only has Cathy lost the weight she set out to lose, proven her toughness, and become a healthier version of herself, she is now an international amateur power lifter with hopes to compete again in the future. She says that powerlifting has made her believe in herself like never before.

"I am proof that if you set your mind on a goal and are consistent, you can accomplish that goal," she said.



news notes

Classes of 1950-59

Clara (Bilbrey g52) Reynolds

published her second book on Amazon, *Just One Hill*, about her mother's missionary experience in Sierra Leone. Her mother, Edna Bilbrey, attended FWBI for one semester in 1929.

John g58 and Bernadine (Amstutz g60) Zurcher Jr. celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary July 4. The Zurchers, who reside in Berne, IN, previously served as missionaries to Haiti for 20 years.



Classes of 1960-1969

Howard g61 and Ruth (Ringenberg g61) Moser returned to Spain in February 2017 to visit Villagarcia, Galicia, where they had served as missionaries with World Partners

before retiring. Once they return to the U.S. in December, they plan to settle in the Baltimore area.

The **Rev. Jerry Cramer g62** married Alana Carpenter on May 5 at Woodburn Missionary Church.

The **Rev. Ray g63 and Dorothy (White g62) Burris** have been doing unique mission work offering prenatal care as a method of evangelism. The Burrises live in Chattanooga, TN.

Brenda Moser g67 has been an instructor for the Interpreter Training Session at Zaporozhye Bible Seminary in Ukraine, where she has also been involved in leading Bible studies and English classes for seminary students.

Helen (McIntosh g69) and Arden Steele officially retired from



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Classes of 1970 – 1979

Virginia (Shaffer fs71) Wilson just got another excellent report from the Cancer Treatment Center in Chicago. She and her husband, Merle, live in Mount Pleasant, PA.

Rick g72 and Monica **Haberkamp** retired from missions with TEAM in October. They have relocated from the Republic of Chad to Columbus, OH, to live with their daughter while they search for a house.

Dawna Lou (Haley g73) Anderson has taken early retirement. She and her husband, Steve, live in Litchfield Park, AZ.

Ray Swatkowski g73 was appointed as Deputy Secretary General for Operations for the World Evangelical Alliance in August. Both he and his wife, **Kay (Wright g74)**, are published authors and reside in Antioch, IL.

Amy Philips g76 recently received her 20-year pin as a member of the American Massage Therapy Association.

Classes of 1980 – 1989

Carolyn (Bortz g84) Moyer and her husband, Jerry, have been serving with mission agency World Team as church planters in the Paris suburbs since 1997.

Tommy g85 and Konni (Sayler g86) Logan returned to the U.S. in 2017 after nearly 30 years working as Bible translators in Musala, Papua New Guinea. Tommy continues to advise the local Musala translators remotely as they translate the Old Testament into the Kasua language.

Darwin Dunten g86 became the new chaplain for the Mercer County, OH, sheriff's office in June. Darwin also pastors Mt. Tabor Church of God in Celina, OH.

Marilyn Millar g86 is employed by UPMC Passavant Hospital in Pittsburgh, where she continues to work and live. She has been employed in the hospital's dietary department for 18 years.

Sherri (Harris g88) and Mike Ritter returned to the U.S. in October for a brief sabbatical from their mission work in Rafiki Village, Liberia.

Classes of 1990 – 1999

James Leichliter g90 retired from the

pastorate after serving 14 years at the First Church of God of Franklin, PA.

Dr. Kent Kessler g91 published a six-book children's series, *Tales from Three Drawers Down*. The color-illustrated stories teach children about spiritual concepts using kitchen utensils. Kent's books are available for purchase on Amazon.



Carl Badertscher fs92 graduated from University of Maryland in August with a master's in cybersecurity. Carl is sergeant first class in the United States Africa Command, Army Reserves and is based in Stuttgart, Germany.

In May, **Lonnie Stout g93** started working for Pathfinders in Wabash, IN, where he works in a group home assisting mentally challenged men.

Mark Hammond g97 is in his twenty-second year in youth ministry and is starting a youth segment of Blackhawk Ministries, which seeks to be a light for Jesus and to build a diverse community of disciples in the Fort Wayne area.

Gary Rowland g97 serves as Mobilization Director for International Project, a ministry that initiates church planting movements to diasporic unreached people groups in major global cities. He and his wife, Kelly, reside in Fort Wayne with their two sons.

Matt fs98 and Estefana (Ponce g98) Jesch celebrated the particularization of their church plant Iglesia Cristo Rey Eterno, which is now an independent operating church in Guadalajara, Mexico. The Jesches are full-time missionaries with Mission to the World.

Homeless for the Holidays

Two former Fort Wayne classmates, **PeggySue Wells fs05** and **Marsha (Ringenberg g65) Wright**,



kept in touch through a local writers' group. Their partnership resulted in the release of *Homeless for the Holidays*, a heartwarming novel based on a screenplay of the same name that was filmed in the Wrights' home. Read the full story on our website at: <http://bit.ly/homeless4holidays>.



Distinguished Alumnus Remembered

Dr. Grant Osborne g66, 76, received his heavenly reward November 4. A humble man with an unassuming manner, Grant was a brilliant scholar with a passion for scripture. "I sat next to Grant in our apologetics class at TEDS;" **Dr. John Strubhar g69** wrote on Facebook. "Most of us wrote 30-page papers, Grant wrote 80-page papers."



Grant taught at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) for 39 years and was recognized as a New Testament scholar and biblical hermeneutics specialist. He published several books and was in the process of completing a 19-volume commentary project for Lexham Press to equip busy pastors and lay leaders. He was honored by TUFW in 1996 as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

Grant will be lovingly remembered by his wife, **Nancy (Hardy) g67**, two daughters, Amber and Susanne, his brother and sister-in-law, **David g67** and Donna, and innumerable friends, students, and colleagues who were touched by his life. Well done, good and faithful servant!

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Editor's Note: Follow this link <http://bit.ly/DrGrantOsborne> to read tributes from several of those who knew and loved Grant.

Jennifer Woolever g98 married

Fred **Kreppert** June 2 at Fellowship Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. Included in the wedding party were **Laura (Tobens g01)** Tinker and

**Sarah Ann (King g00) Martyn.**

Other participants included **Rev.**

Richard Woolever g79, Rev. Mark Mays g95, and Rev. Tim Johnson g81.

The Krepperts reside in Yorkville, IL.

Rebecca (Green g99) Knight is the news director at WBOI/WBNI, Northeast Indiana Public Radio, after 15 years reporting for the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*. Rebecca married Aaron in 2013 and they live in Noble County, IN, with their search-and-rescue dog, Helo.

Classes of 2000s

Dawn (Renkenberger g00) Crandall

published *Enchanting Nicholette* with Whitaker House in October. This is her fifth novel in *The Everstone Chronicles*, a Christian fiction romance series focused on a group of characters living in the Boston area during the Gilded Age.

**Rick Henderson g00** received his

master's degree, accepted a new job, and welcomed a new baby girl, all in the same week. Ayriana Silver was born May 17, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 18 ¾ in. long. Ayriana joins Carissa, 21, Ailsa, 13, Ayin, 8, Tymon, 5, and Skylar, 2. The Hendersons live in Woodland Park, CO, and Rick works as a PR specialist with Andrew Wommack Ministries in Colorado Springs.

**Rebekah "Becka" (Coleman g03)**

and Guy **Atkinson** welcomed Benjamin Nolen on June 6. Benjamin weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 ¼ in. long. He joins siblings Timothy, 12, Hannah, 10, Grace, 8, Natalie, 5, Jonathan, 2, and Caleb, 1.

**Beth (Bongard g03) and Chuck Jones fs03**

welcomed Brynnlee on September 5 in St. Augustine, FL, where they live. Beth married Chuck on October 7, 2017.

**Matthew g04** and Laura **Gross**

welcomed their third child, Jonathan Donald, on July 5. Matthew works at Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne.

**Jeff g04** and **Kim (Tabor g04)**

Krabach welcomed Mabel Rose on August 30. Mabel weighed 7 lbs., 2.5 oz. and was 19.68 in. long. She joins older siblings Noah, 12, and Sophia, 5. The Krabachs live in Lynnwood, WA.



Bethaney Leahy g04 graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College with an associate's degree in nursing. She is working as a registered nurse at WellSpan Ephrata Hospital near her home in Columbia, PA.

Josh "Marty" g05 and

Jill Lehman felt called to overseas service in 2014 and began a four-year training program with Ethnos360, an organization focused on unreached people. They and their family hope to move to the Asia-Pacific region by July 2019 to support planting efforts.

Andrea (Matetic g05) and Keith Osmun g06

welcomed Kaden Zane on May 20. He weighed 8 lbs., 4.8 oz. and was 18 in. long.

Julia (Beange g05) and Gentry Stickel

welcomed Christopher Norman Gary on April 29. He weighed 10 lbs., 1 oz. and was 21.5 in. long. The Stickels live in Calgary, Canada.



Nathan Marchand g06 is a clerk at Reboot Technology and Consulting in Fort Wayne, which is co-owned by **Jeff Yates g05**. In addition to this work and freelancing, Nathan is attending Purdue Fort Wayne for graduate school.

Yvette (Yoder g07) Weiland won the 2018 Republican Adams County Council District 4 contest. Yvette lives in Geneva, IN.

Rev. Kent Green g08 was ordained for service at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He serves as a chaplain along with **Lydia (Steele g90) Miller** and Dr. Jon Swanson, former Fort Wayne campus faculty member and administrator.

Rachel (VanAlstine g08) Muncie

and her husband, Phil, welcomed their first child, Tristan, on October 4. Tristan weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 21 in. long. The Muncies live in Fort Wayne, where Rachel works at Lincoln Financial Group.

Andrea Burns g09 married Owen **Phiri** on December 2, 2017, in Zambia, where Andrea has been ministering with Heart of the Bride Ministries. Andrea and Owen continue to serve in Zambia.

Jeremy g09 and Sarah **Cates** welcomed Malachi Austin on August 6.



Malachi weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 ½ in. long. He joins older brother, Jackson, 2. The Cates currently reside in New Hampshire.

Matt g09 and **Natalie (Myers g11) Mills** started www.PennyMagic.co, a short story anthology website that publishes fairy tales for adults. The Mills currently work and live in Chicago.

Candace (Hart g09) and Ben g11

Moore welcomed Selah Pauline on April 2. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 in. long. Selah is welcomed home by sister Elle, 4. The Moores live in New Haven, IN.



Amber Wiseman fs10 purchased a small business, Cage Signs, Etc. As the sole owner, she is designing, printing, laminating, and selling cage signs for rodents, birds, and other small animals. Amber lives in Van Wert, OH.

Staff

Dr. Tom Beckner, former TUFW professor, has been appointed chaplain for the Westminster Canterbury community in Daytona Beach, FL.

Mark Vermilion, former TUFW professor, started his new role as leader of global education initiatives at Asbury Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY.

Memorials

Helen Lucks g38, 101, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 9, 2017. Helen served with the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) for 32 years in Nigeria,

where she led Bible classes for children and did bookkeeping and secretarial work.

Arlene (Riegel g56) Johnson

passed away in September after a protracted battle with pulmonary fibrosis.



Arlene worked as a parole officer for juvenile girls in Indiana and later worked in children's protective services for the Lexington-Fayette urban county government in Kentucky. She also served many congregations as a church pianist.

Rev. Hugh Palmer g58, 88, of St. Petersburg, FL, passed away June 21. He had pastored for 14 years with the Missionary Church in Jamaica. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, **Barbara (Lung g57)**.

Gretchen (Gallagher g61) Hughes, 78, went to paradise on September 19. Gretchen taught at Hilton Central School District in New York, where she was appointed as Hilton High School's first female vice president. Gretchen is survived by her husband, Floyd.

Carolyn "Sue" (Harris g66) Eynon passed away April 9 in Indianapolis. Sue worked as a kindergarten teacher for IPS Louis B. Russell Jr. School 48 for 25 years, volunteered with children's ministries at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Rick Habegger g68, 73, passed away October 28 in Berne, IN. Rick served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a short-order cook on Mackinac Island, MI.

Garold Ray Quick g69, 80, passed away in July. Garold spent most of his life service as a pastor and steward of faith and ministry. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Marilyn (Spears fs60)**.

Daniel E. "Dan" Salsbury g77,

66, passed away August 23. Dan was famous for his laughing song with **Nancy (Waits g74) Lowry**. He worked at Parkview Hospital for 15 years and then at Biomet for 20. Among his survivors are his wife, Bonnie, and his brother and sister-in-law, **Larry g71** and **Annette (Goldsmith g72) Salsbury**.

Maggie Troyer g92

received rest and peace from battling disease for years November



1. Maggie had an incredible testimony that she shared often, even after being diagnosed with cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Rich g92**, and her son.

Sheila Combs g94, 46, of Barberton, OH, passed away unexpectedly on July 27.

Beloved friend **Rose Ann Nickel h95** passed away July 14 at age 92. She joined her husband, **Dr. Theodore "Ted" Nickel h95**, who passed away in 2012. Both were employed by the Fort Wayne campus.

Sam Steffen g05 passed away January 17. Sam is survived by his wife, Janelle.

Dr. Gene Hovee joined his late wife, Jodi, in Heaven on April 3 after battling Parkinson's disease and being hospitalized with pneumonia. Dr. Hovee served at FWBC as a Bible and homiletics professor and administrator.

Deborah Hall, 65, passed into glory June 18. Deborah worked in the campus cafeteria for many years and was a great friend to many students and faculty.

Faithful Giving Needed by Dec. 31 to Fund Mission

By Michael D. Mortensen g91

Your Fort Wayne Alumni Center will soon celebrate 10 years of ministry! WOW! God has used faithful alumni and friends providing monthly, quarterly, and annual gifts to keep our ministry moving forward.

As you have read through the stories in the preceding pages, we hope you've been encouraged, inspired, and blessed by how each story reflects the faithfulness of God in the lives of our alumni. We care deeply about sharing the stories of our alumni in many ways, especially via the *FW Vine* and www.fwalumnicenter.org.

Your Alumni Center is self-funded and

volunteer-driven. This means we depend on alumni and friends to provide for our ministry. Your gifts fund our ability to keep our alumni connected through the *FW Vine*, our website, reunions, and many other venues.

With the close of 2018 approaching, your gift, postmarked by **December 31**, is needed and appreciated. Each gift, no matter the size, will combine for the amount needed to move our mission forward as we continue *caring, connecting, and celebrating*, all for the glory of God.

Keep your Alumni Center alive and vibrant by giving your gift today!

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Michael Mortensen
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TBT - Earlier today, I was talking to a friend who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer, and we talked about Hebrews 12:1, and "removal of obstacles." These are two ladies I can hardly wait to see again - Joy Geng and Violet Ringenberg. These two among many others are so wise - Joy was a pioneer, and Violet was like a "Ma" to everyone. I am so grateful for the love they share! Who else are you looking forward to seeing again from our campus?

Tom and Jan Jonker is celebrating your big day.
Dr. Wes was feeling fine
On Spring break of 69.
His tests made us queasy.
They were never a bad day
But he knew how to have a good time!

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While it's not a Falcon's birthday, it's pretty close for our Fort Wayne Campus. Tom and Jan Jonker - Your Fort Wayne Falcon wishes Dr. Wes a very Happy 88th Birthday. Please join the Falcon in "Falcon form" wishing him a special day. The most creative birthday wish today will get the winner one of his books or an item from our www.fwalumnicenter.org/store. Go!

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