

SBU awards honorary doctorates to Bryant, Clemmons

[Left to right] SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor; Dr. Brad Johnson, vice president for university relations; the Rev. Barbara Clemmons; Charles E. Clemmons '59 of Seabrook, Texas, recipient of an honorary doctor of computer and information science; John A. Bryant '61 of Bolivar, recipient of an honorary doctor of mathematics; Dr. Susan Lynch, professor emeritus of business administration; and Dr. Lee Skinkle, provost, during the annual Founders' Day chapel March 6 at SBU.

BY DENISE ELSON TUCKER '89

John A. Bryant '61 of Bolivar, and Charles E. Clemmons, Jr., '59 of Seabrook, Texas, received honorary doctor degrees from Southwest Baptist University during the annual Founders' Day chapel service held Monday, March 6, at SBU.

SBU awards honorary doctorates to recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to society and to kingdom work.

Founders' Day is a time set aside to reflect on the University's heritage and its establishment in 1878.

"Today, we take time to honor the committed Christian scholars who have worked diligently during these 139 years to ensure that SBU offers a quality Christian higher education," SBU President C. Pat Taylor said. "Founders' Day is an important time when we are challenged to reflect on our past and thank God for the men and women who have gone before us and created an environment that inspires us to be successful today."

JOHN A. BRYANT '61

John A. Bryant, who received an honorary doctor of mathematics degree, graduated from Southwest Baptist College in 1961 with an associate of arts degree. He then earned a bachelor of science in mathematics education (1963) and a master of science in mathematics education (1966), both from Mississippi College. He earned a second graduate degree, a master of arts in mathematics, from the

University of Illinois in 1970. In 1966, he was hired by SWBC as a mathematics teacher, and named the new men's tennis coach.

In his 50 years at SBU, Bryant has amassed a record of 937-523, won national championships, made 48 national appearances, had 36 men and seven women be named all-American, been named national coach of the year in 1983 and 1990, and was inducted into the SBU Sports Hall of Fame (1982), the NAIA Hall of Fame (1987) and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (2010). In 2001, the SBU tennis courts were named in his honor.

Bryant was recognized as the Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher in 1974 and given the Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 1996. He retired from teaching mathematics in 2016.

In a "This is Your Life" presentation, Dr. Susan Lynch, professor emeritus of business administration, introduced some key players during Bryant's time at SBU – his college roommate, James Westbrook; former tennis player Sanah Chung '89; and former player and current graduate assistant Fanni Varga '15 – who all paid tribute to Bryant via video.

"It is incredible how God shapes each of our lives," Lynch said. "Today, God's plan for John Bryant's life is evident in his stellar career as a math professor, and in his career as a world-known NCAA Division II tennis coach," Lynch said. "During his 51

years of coaching tennis at Southwest Baptist College/University, John Bryant has coached hundreds of young men and women in both tennis and in life."

Bryant said he could thank people for hours, but noted SBU trustees, Dr. C. Pat Taylor, SBU president, Dr. Lynch, Westbrooks, family, friends and faculty.

"Southwest has done so much for me," Bryant said. "They got me in the classroom. I came back on faculty in math, but my career path really started on that first faculty workshop day (when the athletic director gave him the choice to coach wrestling or tennis).

Bryant assured his wife, Dr. Judy Bryant, that he'd coach for one year, "and we're still trying to get that thing down," he joked.

CHARLES E. CLEMMONS JR. '59

Charles E. Clemmons Jr. received an associate's degree from Southwest Baptist College in 1959 and a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University in 1961. He went to work for the Department of the Navy for seven years in Washington, D.C., before working 12 years for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in New York for the U.S. Army.

Clemmons and his family moved to Tuscon, Ariz., where he worked for a design team for the L-1011 commercial aircraft before moving to Houston, Texas, to work for the Johnson Space Center. In 1979, Clemmons founded Pro-tem, Inc., now doing business as PTI Systems, Inc. PTI remains the dominant supplier of radiation tracking and work authorizing software in the nuclear power industry.

In 1994, Clemmons retired from his company, but continues to serve on the company's board of directors, while turning his attention to Rotary International. Clemmons has held several Rotary offices, nationally and internationally, and has been honored with the Rotary International's Service Above Self Award, the Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Clemmons also founded the Second Wind Foundation, which collects books and other educational material and ships them to developing countries. Since its founding, the foundation has sent more than 12 million books to 20 different countries. Many of the books, including

Bibles, go to orphanages and schools in countries where it is difficult for missionaries to enter.

Dr. Brad Johnson, vice president for university relations at SBU, described Clemmons as someone "who despite his remarkable

accomplishments, will often deflect the credit to those who have helped him get there.

"SBU has a long history of producing servant leaders who influence the world for Christ; (Clemmons) is no exception."

From the first chapel service Clemmons attended

59 years ago at SWBC, he knew what he wanted to do. He just didn't know how to get there.

"SBU helped me along the way," Clemmons said. "It instilled the confidence in me. What it taught me was to spend my time learning, and especially, for you students, to dream. Know what you want to be; dream about being there, because dreams really do come true.

"I had two dreams – one, of working for myself, and one, of being in the nuclear industry," Clemmons said. "I wanted to be a nuclear physicist, but it took me 20 years to get from that dream to its reality. So, dream. You never know when it will come true."



John A. Bryant '61 (left) and Charles E. Clemmons Jr. '59 (right) receiving honorary doctorate awards during the annual Founders' Day chapel at SBU



Faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members may submit nominations for SBU honorary doctorates to the Office of the President at any time during the year. Only written nominations accompanied by a comprehensive résumé of the individual being nominated will be considered.

Honorary doctorates are awarded to alumni who have made noteworthy achievements such as those related to the academic purposes of the University or who have done outstanding service to the University, the local community or the denomination.

For more information about the nomination criteria and process, please contact Ashley Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator and Director of Major Events, at (417) 328-1500 or adinwiddie@SBUuniv.edu.

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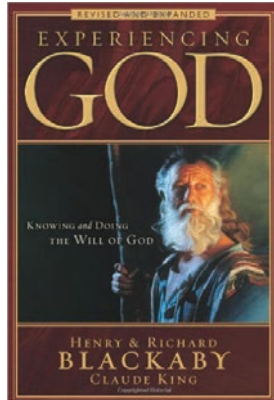
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An Open Book



Dr. John Zietlow

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RECOMMENDED READ: *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*, by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King

Why do you recommend *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*?

I highly recommend it for anyone, as it focuses on the importance of an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the ways in which God guides us in serving and bearing fruit for Him. It will challenge anyone, regardless of the maturity of their relationship with Christ. There is so much wisdom in this book for how we live out our daily lives and regarding how to approach major decisions that are consistent with the will and ways of God. The authors note that God speaks primarily through the Bible but also leads by other means such as guidance from the Holy Spirit, counsel from others and “spiritual markers” that God has allowed or placed in our lives that show us things about ourselves, our situation or our future that we might not otherwise comprehend. They speak of “joining God where He is at work,” which is a powerful concept that applies to many of the major decisions we make. They also underscore the fact that, even for believers, our ways are often not God’s ways, even though they seem completely rational and wise to us.

What do you like to read in your spare time?

The Bible, books on prayer and first-hand accounts of spiritual awakening, and articles related to nonprofit financial management or corporate treasury management.

What are you currently reading?

“Charles F. Stanley Life Principles Daily Bible,” “Fresh Encounter” by Henry Blackaby and Claude King, and “The Secret of Intercession” by Andrew Murray. The latter book is a short one I go back to and re-read on an ongoing basis. I also plan on re-reading “The Pursuit of God” by A.W. Tozer.

Are there any books on your bookshelf that you think your students or colleagues would be surprised to find?

The main two would probably be “Square Foot Gardening” by Mel Bartholomew and “God’s Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul” by Gordon Fee. The first book is to help me set up a garden, when I finally get the time, and the second one is a 915-page gold mine of spiritual insight that took me 2½ years to read through in my daily quiet time.

ZIETLOW CO-AUTHORS FINANCIAL TEXTBOOK

Dr. Zietlow recently co-authored the textbook, “Short-Term Financial Management, 5th Edition,” (2017, Publisher: Cognella Academic Publishing, 546 pp.) along with Terry S. Maness of Baylor University and Matthew Hill of Arkansas State University. The textbook covers cash and liquidity management, banking selection and relationship management, short-term investments and borrowing, cash forecasting, risk management, credit and inventory management, and international treasury management. The text is being used at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at a number of institutions. He also co-authored the instructor’s manual, including question and problem solutions, PowerPoint slides, and test bank, for both the 1st and 2nd editions.



Left to right: Matt Gaskin, Olivia Darst, Sylvia Ofori-Yeboah, Dustin J. Clarno, Claire Van Doren, Taylor Parrish, Taylor Logue, and Tony Savage

Clarno, Ofori-Yeboah crowned Mr. and Miss Southwest

BY DENISE ELSON TUCKER '89

Dustin J. Clarno, an exercise science major from Clarkston, Mich., and Sylvia Ofori-Yeboah, a social work major from Bolivar, won the titles of Mr. and Miss Southwest at the annual pageant on Friday, March 3, at Southwest Baptist University.

The beginnings of the “Miss Southwest” pageant date back to the 1930s, with “Mr. Southwest” being added in 1963. The pageant, which was organized by the students of SBU’s University Activities Council, was one of the keynote happenings of Bearcat Days, a visit event in which admitted students considering SBU attendance were hosted on campus.

Eight candidates were nominated by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body for the purpose of selecting a pair of students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year.

This year’s candidates also included: Claire Van Doren of Columbia; Matt Gaskin of Lawrence, Kan.; Olivia Darst of Branson; Taylor Parrish of Blue Springs; Taylor Logue of Topeka, Kan.; and Tony Savage of Sedalia.



Dustin J. Clarno

The pageant featured introductory videos and a talent presentation by each candidate, followed by a round of text message voting to determine the top four candidates, who then participated in question-and-answer sessions. A final round of voting determined the winners.

During the competition, Ofori-Yeboah performed a dance routine with a group of friends titled “Evolution of Christian Dancing.” The first half of the routine included dance moves such as “Baptists Don’t Dance,” “Hillsong Worship,” and “When You Can Tell the Pastor is Wrapping It Up,” all set to Toby Mac’s “Me Without You.” The second half opened with “Go Buck” by Flame and wrapped up with Lecrae’s “I’m Turnt.”

The idea was born after Ofori-Yeboah had seen an episode of “Evolution of Hip-Hop Dancing” on “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,” featuring former First Lady Michelle Obama.

“I said, ‘We should do something like that,’” Ofori-Yeboah said of the routine. “The dances were made up kinds of things; things you might see in church (like ‘Haven’t Seen You Since Last Week’s Service’ and ‘Oh, Honey, Bless Your Heart’). We were just kind of laughing at ourselves.”

Ofori-Yeboah, who plans to pursue her master’s in social work with hopes of working in international social work, remembered attending the event as a prospective student, and later as a

host of the event. She was especially touched by all of the support she received.

“It’s a real honor,” Ofori-Yeboah said. “It is humbling. All of the contestants were so worthy of being crowned. I’m extremely grateful to God

to have these people in my life. (This year’s contestants) were saying we don’t want it to end. We’ve talked about having a reunion.”

Clarno sang, while he and his friends performed a routine, which emphasized exercise, to revised lyrics to the tune of “A Whole New World,” from “Aladdin.”

“I remember my sophomore year

thinking it would be so cool to be up there,” Clarno said. “(The pageant) used to be a specific talent that you had, but then it changed to more of a stage performance. The humor aspect stood out the most to me.

“I really enjoy exercise and the gym, and I want other people to enjoy it and not have to dread it.”

Clarno, who plans to enter physical therapy school at SBU because of its Christian focus and reputation, was honored to be part of the program.

“I was kind of overwhelmed,” Clarno said. “I’m grateful to be part of it.”



Sylvia Ofori-Yeboah

Change of plans

Mike McIntosh's journey to SBU began when he signed the 'wrong' letter of intent



BY DENISE ELSON TUCKER '89

Mike McIntosh was not supposed to be at Southwest Baptist University – at least, not according to his plan.

The senior physical education major from Loveland, Colo., was recruited to play football by several colleges, including Adams State University in Alamosa, Colo., which was close to home, and SBU, which was 12 hours away – both NCAA Division II schools.

On the morning of McIntosh's signing day at his high school, a snowstorm hit Alamosa, closing the one road that goes in and out of the mountain-pass town – setting into motion the sequence of events for McIntosh's college destination.

"I printed the athletic letter of intent for Adams State because that's where I planned on going," McIntosh said. "(Coach Steve Cole) at SBU had contacted me and told me to also print the SBU LOI, 'just in case.'"

McIntosh, who had been playing his college choice close to the vest, had made Adams State his top choice, with SBU farther down on the list. He grabbed one of the LOIs, stuffed it into an envelope and headed to school.

"I got to my signing day, and I have the LOI in an envelope," McIntosh said. "I hadn't told anyone yet who I was signing with, all along thinking I had Adams State (in the envelope)."

"I opened the envelope – and it was SBU. But being the arrogant high schooler that I was, I said, 'This is where I want to go.' So, I signed (the LOI as a preferred walk-on), faxed it in, and I've been at SBU ever since."

But football didn't last long. After that first year, McIntosh said he lost the passion to play and was feeling the wear and tear on his body. He sat out of athletics for a semester, but was still feeling the competitive itch. That is when track and field came along.

McIntosh began competing in the hammer throw during the spring of his sophomore year, and now has his eye on qualifying for nationals and breaking the SBU record of 171 feet, 6 inches. His personal best is 132-9.

"Mike is a fun athlete to coach," said SBU throws coach Jennifer Miller. "He is always willing to work hard and listen to instruction. Being coachable is one of Mike's greatest assets. He is a great teammate, who is always willing to offer a word of encouragement or advice. I am proud of what Mike has accomplished and confident that if he continues to apply himself, he will no doubt find success this season."

Playing football at a school 12 hours away, and then switching to track and field, was not the only change for McIntosh. He experienced a change in his heart once he arrived at SBU, followed by a mission trip to Baja, Mexico.

"I was Christian by words," McIntosh said. "I associated myself as a Christian, but my heart was never really in it until that trip. It was more of going through the motions. That trip really made me realize what it means to be a believer."

His friend, Ben Gibson, who also was on the trip to Baja, left a lasting impression on McIntosh.

"One morning, I had woken up and I was so tired and couldn't move from my bed," McIntosh said. "Ben had woken up and he was super-excited about the day. It made me second-guess why I was there and what I was doing there because Ben was non-athletic compared to me, and we were doing the same work."

"He was doing it for the Lord, and I was doing it just because I was there. It made me realize, 'That's how I need to be living my life;' not in the moment, but for Christ and to glorify his kingdom."

McIntosh's academic advisor and teacher, Joe Wooderson, has seen the transformation in Mike during his time at SBU.

"It has been a pleasure to see him grow and mature as a young man and as a Christian," Wooderson said. "He has a high moral character. Not only is Mike a good student in the classroom, but he exhibits exceptional leadership skills."

And McIntosh will use those leadership skills to lead a team on an international mission project this summer.

"I have grown so much," McIntosh said.

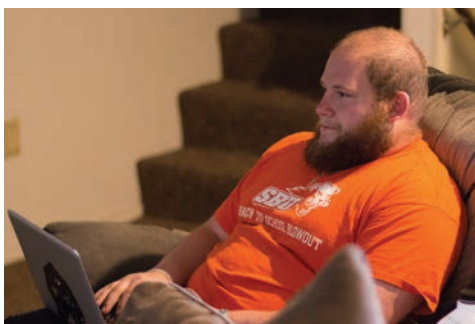
"Spiritually, I've grown a ton. I've grown the most through the trips and being an RA (resident assistant, currently at Roseman Apartments). I still have room for improvement, as everybody does. The only one who is perfect is Christ Himself."

McIntosh, who is currently student-teaching in the Bolivar school district and is set to graduate in May, has plans to get his master's degree at SBU and teach physical education.

"He is conscientious and passionate about teaching physical education," Wooderson said. "I've seen him work with students and he treats them with compassion and respect. With his love for people, Mike will make a very successful teacher."

But the road to SBU would not have been traveled had he not grabbed the "wrong" LOI.

"There is no other way I can explain it besides it was God's plan," McIntosh said. "I feel like if I would have grabbed the 'right' (LOI), I would be a completely different person. SBU has made me into the man I am today."



SBU CIS students design mobile app for Missouri State Fair

Four Southwest Baptist University computer and information sciences students met with Missouri Lt. Gov. Mike Parson on Feb. 23 to present their design of a mobile application that will be used by fairgoers at the 2017 Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

“This is our first senior project with the Missouri state government, but so far, it has really been a great experience for our students,” said Dr. Tim DeClue, CIS department chair.

The Missouri State Fair, which will be held from Aug. 10-20, is one of the largest tourist attractions in the state of Missouri. According to the Missouri State Fair website, the fair attracted more than 350,000 visitors in 2016, and has been recognized as one of the premier agriculture showcases in the world by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

This year, the State of Missouri, the Missouri Farm Bureau and the Southwest Baptist University computer and information sciences department have teamed up to make the fairgrounds easier to navigate.

SBU CIS seniors Kelli McNabb of Clever; Andy Johnson of Piedmont; Mason Peck of Republic; and Jake Miles of Bolivar collaborated to design a mobile application, which fairgoers can use to navigate the fair’s attractions. Among other features, the app will allow users to search for

categories of attractions and then be directed to where those attractions are on the fairgrounds.

The mobile app has attracted significant attention. The team was invited to unveil their mobile app for Lt. Gov. Parson. In addition, the team also received a tour of the Office of Administration and a visit to the Missouri Capitol Building.

“When your team is thinking of the scope of the fair, you’re only thinking of 10 or 11 days, but the state fair is much

more than that,” Parson said. “People from all over the United States come there every year, and if they’ve got your app, somebody’s going to pull that up and say ‘where is this?’ So, you are going to be using it year round, not just for the 11 days of the fair.”



[Left to right] Mason Peck, Andy Johnson, Missouri Lt. Gov. Mike Parson, Jake Miles and Kelli McNabb

SBU Honors students lead sessions at conference



[Left to right] Kat Jespersen, Shelby Barta and Seth Walley

Three Southwest Baptist University students in the Gordon and Judy Dutile Honors Program presented at Ozarks Technical Community College’s fifth annual Honors Conference on Saturday, March 25, at OTC in Springfield.

Kat Jespersen, a junior exercise science major from Broken Arrow, Okla.; Shelby Barta, a sophomore biology major from Basehor, Kan.; and Seth Walley, a senior chemistry and music major from Willard, joined 15 other presenters at the conference for college honors programs in southwest Missouri.

The conference began five years ago to provide an opportunity for OTC honors students to interact with other honors programs and students, experience an academic conference and share their research and work. It includes attendees and participants from OTC, Missouri

State University-West Plains, Missouri State University, Missouri Southern State University, Drury University and SBU.

“The honors program at Ozarks Technical Community College, directed by Todd Yerby, hosted a fantastic undergraduate research conference,” said Dr. Jodi Meadows, Dutile Honors Program director and assistant professor of university studies. “I was delighted for the opportunity for our students to present their work and see the work of other honors students in the area.

“In addition, we were able to meet OTC honors program students who may be interested in completing their four-year degree at SBU. Seth, Shelby, and Kat did an outstanding job with their presentations, and we are looking forward to attending next year and, hopefully, taking more students.”

1950s

Jacquelyn (Bateman) Thorn '57 can be reached at Liberty at Shoal Creek Retirement Community, 8800 NE 82nd St., Apt. 203, Kansas City MO 64158.

1980s

Carol (Baker) Wright '81 married Shawn White on July 16, 2016. Carol substitute teaches at local schools and Shawn is the school resource officer at Crocker Schools. Carol can be reached at goffcarol@hotmail.com.

Todd Decker '83 and his wife, Tammy, live in Neosho, Mo., where Todd serves at First Baptist Church. The Deckers have two children, Aaron and Tara, and have two grandsons. Todd can be reached at todd.decker@fbcneosho.com.

Brenda (Haggy) Stanton '84 lives in Graham, N.C., and is in her fifth year as a contractor to Cisco Systems. She is blessed to be living close to her brother, Allen Haggy '83, and his family. Brenda can be reached at bls0224@gmail.com.

1990s

Terri (Bacon) Grant '91 and her husband, Kent, live in Morrisville, Mo., and have two children, Derek (25) and Colby (17). Terri works in Communications for Mercy Emergency Services where they take care of system status management of the ambulances throughout a 12 county region. She also has recently accepted a position with the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch in Salt Lake City and will be doing quality assurance for 911 centers throughout the country. Terri can be reached at terrianngrant86@gmail.com.

Kent Hulsey '92 and his wife, **Carrie (Brown) '92**, live in Buffalo, Mo., and have two children, Calees (26) and Kristopher (23), and three grandchildren. Kristopher is a student at SBU and was recently in his first SBU Theatre production. The Hulseys run The Haven, a ministry to help young families with many needs including childbirth and parenting classes.

Steve Blakley '94 and his wife, **Stacy (Brown) '94**, have four children, Shelby (21), Hannah (19), Lyndsi (15) and Chloe (13). Hannah is a current student at SBU.

Matthew Keathley '94 and his wife, Sonja, live in Dadeville, Mo., and have four children, Ben (19), Marcus (17), Landon (10) and Brayden (9). The family can be reached at mkeathley@hotmail.com.

2000s

Rye '02 and **Mandy (Wilburn) Taylor '02** have two sons, Blaze (6) and Teak (4). Rye is the development director for Beartooth Christian Camp and Arrowhead Bible College in Fishtail, Mont. They can be reached at rye@ryetaylor.com

Joshua Jacobson '03 and his wife, **Shelley (Lardy) '03**, live in Gales Creek, Ore., and have three children, Logan (13), Matea (11) and Jonas (8). The family can be reached at jacobson_shelley@yahoo.com.

Kyle Schwemmer '03 and his wife, **Angella (Smith) '99, M.S. '03**, have three children, Elisabeth "Lilli" (13), BellaRose (9) and Kobie (7). The family will be moving to Fort Knox in July to continue their U.S. Army service. They can be reached at angellalou@yahoo.com.

Kim (Hardin) Gray '04 is married to Chris and has two children, Cooper (3) and Bria (2). Kim works for All Blessings International and can be reached at kimberlea.hardin@gmail.com.

Corey McElhaney, M.S. '06, and his wife, **Christine, Ed.S. '06**, live in Bolivar, Mo., and have one daughter, Carlee Christine (2). Corey is the head coach for cross country and track and field at SBU. The McElhaney's can be reached at cmcelhaney@SBUUniv.edu.

Sandra (Schuttenberg) Davenport '07 and her husband, Nathan, live in St. Peters, Mo., and have two children, Evalyn and Samuel. Sandra can be reached at sdavenport23@gmail.com.

Heather (McGee) Frazier '07 and her husband, Curtiss, live in Arnold, Mo., and have three children, Adelyn (5), Levi (3), and Mya (1). The Frazier's are currently working on becoming licensed as foster parents. The family can be reached at hmcgee731@yahoo.com.

Dr. Alex Edgar, D.P.T. '09 and his wife, **Allison (Davis), M.B.A. '04**, have three children, Addison (7), Aria (5) and Ainsley (3). The family lives in Topeka, Kan., and can be reached at allisonedgar23@gmail.com.

2010s

Andrew Brantley '11 graduated with an M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and now works as a pastor in Chicagoland at Redemption Bible Church. Andrew and his wife, Kara, have one child, Owen (1).

Nakita Knowles, D.P.T. '13 was married to Karvol Mackey in her home country of the Bahamas on January 21, 2017.

Spencer Hunter, D.P.T. '15 and **Laura Ashley Smith, D.P.T. '15** were married on June 17, 2017.

Future Bearcats

Justin Barnhart '10 and his wife, **Melissa (Brown) '10**, welcomed their daughter, Brooklyn Mackenzie, in January 2016. Both Justin and Melissa are dentists working in a Christian-based practice in Hutchinson, Kan.

Ben Brundage '08 and his wife, **Macy (Greer) '10**, welcomed their daughter, Lynnelle, in January 2017.

Chris Fryrear '06 and his wife, Ashley, announce the birth of their third child, Wade, on February 1, 2017. Wade was welcomed by Grayson (5) and Grant (2). The family can be reached at chrisfryrear@gmail.com.

Richard Green '09 and his wife, **Kiera (Kessinger) '11**, recently welcomed their first child, Carson.

Julie (Fankhauser) Karanja, M.S. '03 and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of their second child, Kai, on November 1, 2016. Kai is welcomed by big brother, Ethan (11).

Brock Kennedy '04 and his wife, Elaina, recently welcomed their first child, Greyson Daniel. The family can be reached at brockdkennedy@gmail.com.

Scott Mathys '95 and his wife, **Jackie (Miklos) '95** announce the birth of Cooper in December 2014. Cooper is welcomed by Tyler (19), Braedon (17), Brooke (14) and Emily (7). Tyler recently signed to play baseball at SBU and will be transferring to SBU in fall 2017! The family can be reached at themathysfamily@yahoo.com.

Jesse McCallister '10 and his wife, **Erica (Meisenheimer) '09**, welcomed their son, Chilton, to their family in September 2016. He joins big sister, Aubrey (2).

Jane (Noyes) Morris '05, '08 and her husband, Adam, recently welcomed their first child, Ruby.

Thomas Murphy '12 and his wife, **Victoria (Gibson) '12**, recently welcomed their first child, Ian. Thomas graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last year with his M.Div. and now serves as a ministry assistant at First Baptist Church in Elsberry, Mo. Victoria keeps busy at home keeping up with Ian!

In Memory

Norma (Bakemeier) Fite passed away on March 5, 2017, at Parkview Healthcare Center, Bolivar, of complications from a progressive dementia disease, at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband, Randolph, two sons, two daughters, including her daughter, Debbie (Fite) Gamble, an instructor of sociology, and a son-in-law, Brad, director of financial aid, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three sisters. She worked at SBU from 1978 to 1983, first as secretary for Dr. H.K. Neely in the Redford School, then for Dr. Charles Chaney. When Dr. Chaney moved to the President's office, she moved to the office with him. During the summer of 1983, she and her husband moved to the Charleston Baptist Association.



Sondra (Cliff) Schofield '60 passed away Jan. 30, 2017, at the age of 76, after a courageous 10-year battle with cancer. A recipient of the 1960 Life Beautiful Award, she represented Southwest Baptist College in the finest Life Beautiful tradition.


During her 30-year elementary teaching career, she taught in the Philippines, Germany, Missouri, Alaska, Utah and Illinois. She is survived by her husband, Dale, four children, 10 grandchildren and two sisters.

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