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*The Swadley Family  
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**W**hatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

*(Colossians 3:23-24, NIV)*

When I coach my student interns on their job searches, I encourage them to pursue a career field for which they have a passion. If you look at the most successful people, they have a passion for what they do whether preaching, teaching, or managing business deals.

If you have ever watched the SBU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team perform a presentation, their passion for business is evident. This year they won their 28th out of 29 regional championships and competed well at SIFE USA nationals. What is even more impressive, however, is their heart for helping people. Our team was featured in *The Pathway* this summer, and we share that story with you in this issue (see p. 8)

While on the topic of helping people, this issue we feature one of our alumni families with multiple generations having graduated from SBU and SWBC. The Swadleys and their grown sons exemplify all we hope to accomplish at SBU in preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. Each Swadley has spent many years in ministry with the mission of spreading Christ's message of hope to a hurting world. Their gifts of preaching, teaching, music, and writing were honed in classes with top-notch faculty at SBU/SWBC. (story on p. 10)

This issue also features a father-daughter alumni story about our controller's office, a new book from an alumni writer, and a sneak peak at Homecoming 2012, which is scheduled for October 5 and 6.

As we settle into another school year with another large freshman class, we are mindful of the many alumni and friends praying for our students, faculty and staff. Without your prayers and your financial support, we would be unable to fulfill our mission for the University. We appreciate your passion for SBU.

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**T**he 2011-2012 academic year was a very successful year, especially for our students. They excelled in competition with other universities, completed numerous significant mission and service projects and had a very successful year on campus.

The SBU SIFE team, once again this year, won the regional championship in Chicago. This is the 28th year out of the past 29 years our SIFE team advanced to the national championship round. It appears to me that every year our SIFE team improves. Many lives are impacted by the service projects SIFE performs each year. Young people have come to Christ because of the efforts of our SIFE students. SIFE students continue to make a significant impact on our community.

SBU computer science students are amazing! Every year they compete with major universities with doctoral programs and often win these competitions. Dr. Tim DeClue and our computer science faculty have developed an amazing program. SBU has the reputation of graduating outstanding computer scientists and our graduates are very marketable.

The 2012 spring semester was good for SBU athletics. Our women's tennis team ended the season with a 22-3 record and was ranked 14th in the nation. They won the MIAA Championship securing a berth in the NCAA tournament and the opportunity to host the first round. Unfortunately, we lost in the NCAA tournament to Cameron University, a team we defeated earlier in the year.

The SBU men's tennis team also was successful, finishing second in the MIAA. The SBU baseball team won 20 games this year for the first time in several years. We had several track and field athletes who qualified for nationals and broke SBU records.

The SBU missions program continues to grow. This year we had more than 400 students to go on mission trips. This is approximately one-fourth of our student body. Several years ago I established a goal of having 40% of our graduates to have gone on a mission trip during their time at SBU. If the SBU missions program continues to grow, we will soon exceed this goal.

I have mentioned only a few of the organizations and activities provided for our students. There are numerous other programs, too many for me to mention in this column, that have a positive impact on our campus and on our students. The 2011-2012 academic year was a very successful year for our students and for student organizations.

My favorite day of the academic year is graduation. On May 19, we held our spring commencement and we awarded 475 diplomas. Every time we graduate a student, we accomplish our primary mission,

educating and graduating students. As I look back over my 16 years as president, I believe the greatest accomplishment has been graduating 11,744 students.

At this time enrollment for the 2012 fall semester looks positive. We had a total of 3,633 students last fall, the third largest enrollment in our history. I am hoping for a small increase for the fall of 2012. Enrollment always is a challenge and it seems to me that it gets more unpredictable each year. I am pleased to report that most of our indicators late this summer point to a good enrollment for fall.

One of my favorite Old Testament stories is the story of Esther. It has many significant lessons and is very interesting to read. Mordecai issues a challenge to Esther in verses 14 and 15 of the 4th chapter that should challenge all of us today:

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have been called to the Kingdom for such a time as this.”

This message is as pertinent today as it was in 450 B.C. I have no doubt that we have been called for a time such as this to deliver a quality education based on biblical principles to students and then graduate students to go throughout the world to do Kingdom work. We have been called for a time such as this to be a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

C. Pat Taylor

President

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# May 2012 Commencement

**SBU's** Life Beautiful Awards for 2012 graduates were announced at Spring Commencement on May 19, 2012. Guest speaker was Clifton Smart, III, the interim president of Missouri State University and father of Murray, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian ministry during the ceremony.

The Life Beautiful presentations were made by President C. Pat Taylor and Provost Bill Brown. The female recipient of the Life Beautiful Award for 2012 was Lydia Nebel, and the male recipient was Scott Davis. Their biographies follow below.

## Lydia Nebel

Lydia is from Bolivar, Missouri, and is graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Art in interdisciplinary studies. She was recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Theta Alpha Kappa. She was crowned Miss Southwest for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Nebel has been on several SBU mission trips where she served as co-leader, including the Philippines and the Lakota Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. She is a member of Alliance Christian Fellowship in Bolivar.

Nebel currently volunteers at the House of Hope. She also has worked as a court appointed special advocate for Child Advocates, Inc., and a counselor at Camp David of the Ozarks (a camp for children of prisoners). She is currently an SBU Resident Assistant, and is vice president of SBU's chapter of the International Justice Mission.

Nebel is passionate about serving and ministering to others. She genuinely cares about others and goes out of her way to meet people and encourage them. One faculty member shared that Nebel "exudes joy and her love for the Lord is evident in all she does."

Nebel's parents are Krista and the late Rick Nebel.

## Scott Davis

Scott is from Kansas City, Missouri and is

graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in church music. He was recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, is a member of Alpha Chi, Phi Eta Sigma, and Pi Kappa Lambda. He is a Presser Scholar, and has received the Truett Scholarship for 2012, which is a full scholarship to attend Baylor University and Truett Seminary, where he will pursue masters' degrees in church music and divinity.

Davis is a member of the SBU Chorale, Wind Symphony and Chamber Singers. He is the Pep Band Director and has performed in three SBU Opera Theater productions.

Davis is a member of First Baptist Church of Raytown, Missouri, where he currently serves as the youth ministry interim, the children's choir coordinator and director of 1st through 3rd grade choirs, teaches sign language, has an evangelistic ministry as "Skooter" the clown performing gospel illustrations, and is the music and program coordinator for Pathway Puppet Ministry.



Scott Davis



Lydia Nebel

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He also has served on many mission trips with his home church.

Davis is known by the faculty as someone whose attitudes and actions always are consistent with his desire to be the best possible example to those around him. He exhibits a lifestyle of service and compassion. One faculty member stated that his even temperament and teachable spirit have made him a pleasure to teach.

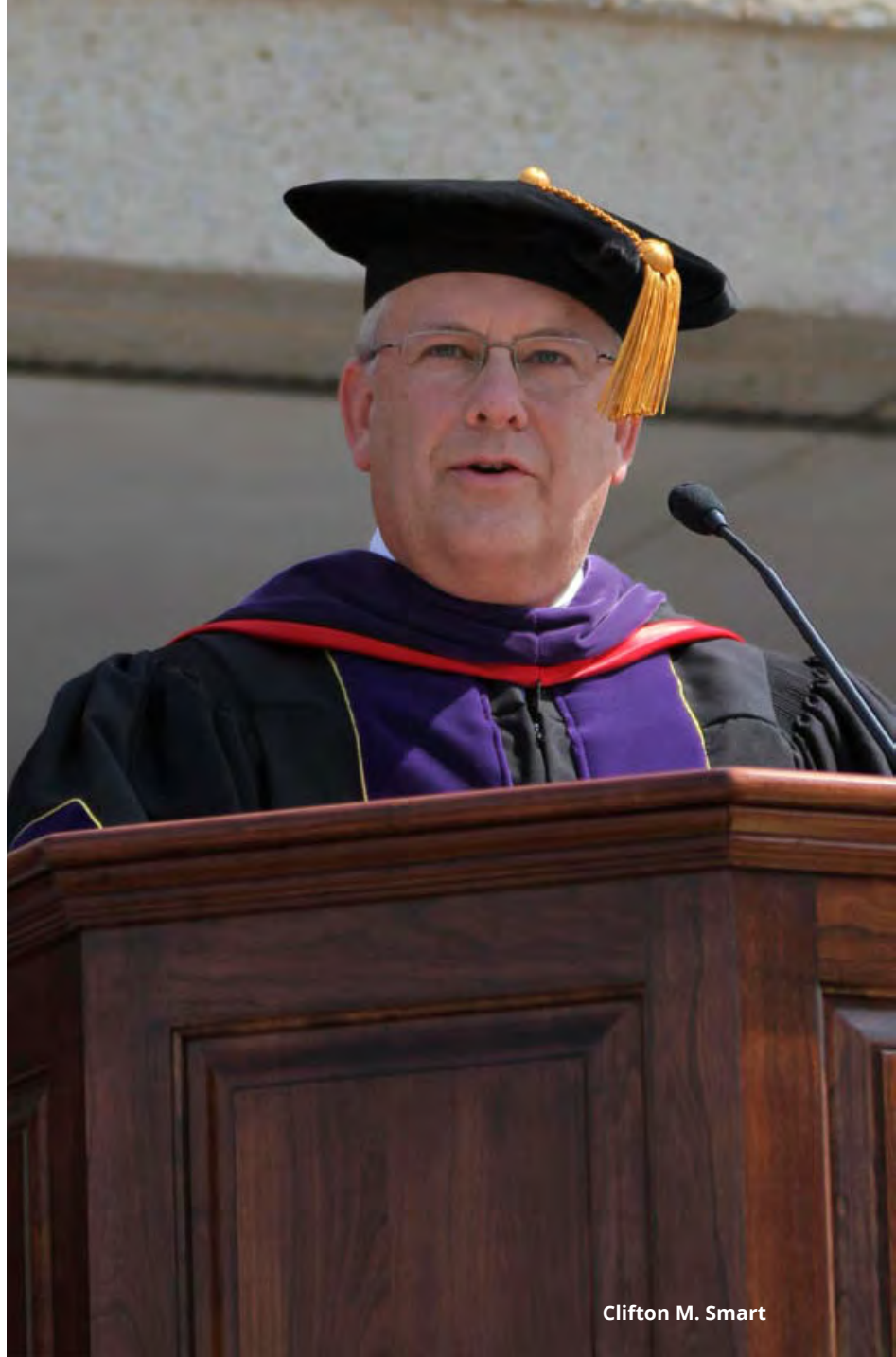
Davis' parents are John and Laura Davis.

**Biography of Clifton M. Smart**

On June 27, 2011, Clifton M. "Clif" Smart III was named interim president of Missouri State University (MSU) in Springfield. Mr. Smart had served as general counsel at MSU since December 1, 2007.

Over the past three and one-half years at MSU, Smart provided legal counsel to the Board, president, faculty, staff and administrators. He also was involved in many campus-wide initiatives including leading the university response to the state auditor's report on MSU; serving on the John Q. Hammons Arena Task Force; developing a comprehensive on-line library policy for the university; and chairing or serving on a variety of searches including vice president for diversity and inclusion, chief financial officer (twice), director of admissions, director of human resources and men's basketball coach.

Smart received his Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University in 1983, graduating summa



Clifton M. Smart

cum laude. In 1986, he graduated with a Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas School of Law. While in law school, he received the Leflar Scholarship, was an Oxford Scholar and was on the Arkansas Law Review.

Smart joined the Strong Law Firm in 1992. He has been a shareholder in the firm since 1995 and vice president since 1998. Over the past 15 years, his practice consisted primarily of representing individuals and entities in catastrophic injury, medical malpractice and commercial cases.

Prior to joining the Strong Law Firm, he worked for two years with the firm of Wright, Lindsey and Jennings in Little Rock, Arkansas.

From 1986-90, he was with the Judge Advocate Generals Corps in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Smart was selected as one of three applicants submitted to the governor for the vacant Missouri Supreme Court positions in 2002 and 2004. In February 2009, he was elected for a five-year term as one of the two lawyer members of the 31st Circuit Judicial Commission. *Best Lawyers in America* for 2007-08 included Smart in the fields of product liability, personal injury and professional negligence.

Smart and his wife, Gail, have two sons: Murray, graduating in May from SBU in Bolivar, and Jim, an incoming freshman at Hamilton College in New York.

Dr. C. Pat Taylor, Dr. Donald Babb, Rev. Dr. John Marshall, and Dr. Allison Langford

# SBU Awarded Two Honorary Doctorates on Founders' Day

**SBU** celebrated Founders' Day with a formal chapel program on Monday, March 26, 2012, in Pike Auditorium on the Bolivar campus. Dr. C. Pat Taylor, SBU president, delivered the address.

During the program, SBU presented Donald Babb, CEO of Citizen Memorial Hospital, an honorary Doctor of Business, and John Marshall, Lead Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo., an honorary Doctor of Theology.

## Biographies of Honorary Doctorate Recipients

### Donald J. Babb

Donald J. Babb was born on October 19, 1940, in Piedmont, Missouri. His family moved to the small town of Silva and eventually West Plains, where he was raised by his mother and maternal grandparents.

With a natural affinity for healthcare combined with education and duties while in the Air Force, Mr. Babb focused his energy in the healthcare field. He returned to school

at Mineral Area College where he completed a business degree, and later continued his education earning a master's degree in healthcare management and finance at Ohio State University.

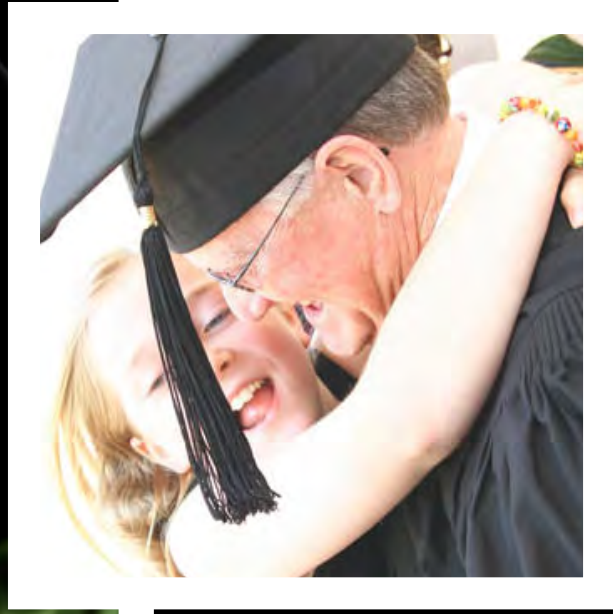
Mr. Babb was working for Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1981 when he was called to help construct and develop a new hospital in Bolivar. What started out as a short-term project quickly developed into a life-long goal of creating a rural healthcare system that set the standard for care throughout the nation.

Mr. Babb has provided visionary leadership for Citizens Memorial Healthcare (CMH) for more than 29 years. Since 1981, Mr. Babb has led Citizens Memorial Hospital as its one and only chief executive officer. He also serves as the executive director of the Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation and Riverside Management and Rehabilitation, LLC. Under his leadership, CMH has transformed from a small, acute care hospital into a fully-integrated health care delivery system. CMH has grown

at a rate seldom seen in rural areas and now provides a broad array of healthcare services to 100,000 residents of an eight-county area in southwest Missouri. CMH is Bolivar's largest employer.

In recognition of his leadership and service, Mr. Babb has been presented with six major awards. In 1993, he received the Missouri State Association of Health Occupations Educators Distinguished Service Award for Community Involvement. He was honored with the Missouri Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1994. In 1997, Mr. Babb was presented the prestigious Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Development Award by the American Hospital Association's Section for Small and Rural Hospitals and the Hospital Research and Educational Trust. He received the Visionary Leadership Award in 1999 from the Missouri Hospital Association. Honored for his outstanding contribution to healthcare in the state, Mr. Babb was presented the Missourian Award in September 2008.

Mr. Babb is a previous chairman for the



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Missouri Hospital Association and served on the board of directors for the Missouri Health Care Association. Mr. Babb is the current chairman for the Hospital Services Group, a company established to provide malpractice coverage for health care facilities and physicians. He also is a member of the board of directors for Southern Missouri Bank in Marshfield and Bank of Bolivar, and Silo Ridge Country Club in Bolivar. Recognizing that "good health" is a lifestyle, Mr. Babb has worked extensively toward the development of a wellness and fitness facility for the Bolivar community. He served as a member of a community steering committee for the development of a YMCA for Bolivar. He currently serves on the board of the Roy Blunt YMCA, which was constructed and opened in 2007.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Babb and his wife, Carrie, have lived in Bolivar, Missouri, for 30 years and have two children and four grandchildren

**John E. Marshall**

John E. Marshall was born on December 22, 1951, in Sikeston, Missouri. He is a sixth generation preacher who was called to the ministry at age 15.

The Marshalls came to Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, in November

1995. The church is annually one of Missouri's leading churches in baptisms and is the state's largest contributor to the Cooperative Program. Second averages 1700 in its three Sunday schools, and 2200 in its six worship services: two blended, two contemporary, one Burmese, and one Chinese. Second sends out hundreds of people each year on mission trips and has planted seven new churches in the past four years.

Dr. Marshall earned a degree in mathematics from Southeast Missouri State University in 1972. In 1975, he graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, becoming the youngest man ever to earn a Doctor of Ministry from a Southern Baptist seminary at the age of 23.

In 2004, Dr. Marshall won the New Orleans Seminary "Distinguished Alumnus Award." He preached the 2009 Annual Sermon for the Southern Baptist Convention. Midwestern Seminary named him its 2011 "Honorary Alumnus of the Year." He has served as second vice president, first vice president, and president of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Dr. Marshall married Ruth Huey on March 20, 1971. They have two children and five grandchildren.





# Like Father, Like Daughter

Juhlin retires from SBU, daughter steps in to 'fill his shoes'

BY JESSICA OLIVER DREWS '09

**A**fter more than 30 years as the controller at Southwest Baptist University, Rick Juhlin is passing on his office and three decades of accounting knowledge — to his daughter, Tara Parson.

"This is crazy enough, it has to be a God thing," Parson said of filling her father's position.

Juhlin started working for SBU in 1975, and she worked for a few years in other SBU jobs before becoming controller.

As controller, Juhlin is responsible for overseeing the accounting functions of the university. He prepares financial statements and reports. Working at SBU for more than three decades, he said, has been "really satisfying."

"I'm dedicated to Christian higher education and the people, and I believe in the organization and Christian education," he said.

A lot has changed over the years in accounting, Juhlin said. Today, nearly every task can be completed on the computer. Back then, he said, the university was just moving from ledger cards and hand-written schedules to computers.

"It was pretty tedious," he said. "We didn't have electronic spreadsheets then. There has been a lot of progress in technology that has helped us do our work."

Being a university controller can be demanding, Juhlin said. The most demanding times come in the summer when the university conducts audits. He said that although audits take a lot of work they "can be a very satisfying accomplishment."

"We have to make sure our records are up to date," he said. "Our staff gets us ready and we usually have good reviews from the auditors."

## SBU education

Juhlin is an SBU alum. He met his wife, Janet, while attending the university (then Southwest Baptist College). He is originally from Arnold. Janet worked for the university until her retirement a few years

ago. She started in the late '80s and served most recently as the director of institutional effectiveness.

"My experience here as a student was really good," Juhlin said. "We really love the Bolivar area. Bolivar is a great place to live and raise a family."

## On retirement

Heading into retirement, Juhlin has spent the past two weeks training his daughter to take his place. Once Juhlin gets Parson ready for the job, he will kick-off retirement "relaxing, working in the yard, tinkering in the garage and developing some hobbies," he said.

## Getting the job

When Parson learned of the open position, she said she struggled with deciding whether to pursue it. She had been working in Springfield and was ready to get back to working in Bolivar.

"One of the big considerations was that I would have big shoes to fill," she said. "I'm OK with having big shoes to fill. I'll get over the intimidation and do a great job."

"[Rick] has done the job with great commitment, great integrity and an attitude of service."

## Alumni, too

Parson is a 2003 graduate of SBU.

"When I started at SBU, I was a music major. But I didn't want to teach, so what would I do with it?"

Parson instead took some computer classes, and when those didn't pique her interest, she turned to the college of business. She took some basic accounting classes and it "clicked."

"Mr. [Wayne] Clark, the head of accounting, helped me with my schedule," Parson said. "He was so encouraging. Accounting made sense."

## Family connection

While Wayne Clark influenced Parson, and even encouraged her to apply for the controller position,

Wayne's father, Ed Clark, helped shape Juhlin and encouraged him when he was an SBU student.

"I studied under Ed Clark, then Tara studied under Wayne," Juhlin said. "Both are outstanding teachers. We learned a lot under them."

"They're so proactive and encouraging about things," Parson said.

## Always accounting

Parson has spent her post-collegiate years working in public accounting, but recently, she started looking for a slower pace to her work life. Her experiences were primarily with banking and publicly traded companies. She says the biggest obstacle to learning her new job is the difference in a university's form of accounting.

"Training has been good," Parson said. "There's a little bit different of an approach to life at work than life at home, who we are at work versus home. With my background in public accounting, I'm used to training. It's kind of fun to have my trainer be my dad."

## A great job

Juhlin said his daughter did not get the job just because she "had the inside track."

"The university had a search committee and advertised the job internally, on the university's website and externally," he said. "They received several applications and went through those. By her own merit, Tara was selected as controller."

"She's bright and energetic and she's going to do a great job. It's a great feeling for me to leave it in her hands."

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# SIFE servant leaders leave large footprint

BY ALLEN PALMERI

**BOLIVAR**—The story of TMB Recycling here illustrates the creative impact that the Southwest Baptist University (SBU) Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team is having in its community concerning job creation in a bad economy.

Because SBU is so in tune with the business trends of its host city, SIFE leaders could tell that TMB, which began in October 2010, was well-positioned to be the recycling leader in 2012. Armed with that knowledge, about a half dozen SIFE specialists went about the business of serving the owner, Mike Burrows.

“They spent a lot of time out here at first,” said Burrows, 45. “I’d see them three, sometimes four times a week. They were just seeing how the

operation worked, standing back and looking at things. They didn’t ever tell me I had to do anything. They just gave me suggestions.”

Bolivar is too small for curbside recycling, so Burrows needs to make money by collecting recycled items from businesses. Both he and his wife, Belinda, worked at a local restaurant (as a cook and manager, respectively) before he was inspired to quit his job and become a small business owner. In the midst of him trying to do all of the work—a tiring process—the SIFE team showed up.

“They can throw a lot of ideas at you that give you different aspects,” Burrows said. “None of them think quite the same. That’s what they did here for me.”

Some of the students perused the company’s books. Based on what they saw, the students showed Burrows, who was old enough to be their father, how he could direct more money toward payroll and hire his first full-time employee, which is exactly what he was able to do in the early part of the year. Since then he has hired two more employees.

“I knew nothing,” Burrows said. “It doesn’t matter who it is, if they know more about it than I do, I’ll listen.”

Listening to the students tell him what businesses he could add to his list for recycling pickups has caused TMB’s workload to go “crazy,” Burrows said, to the point where “we can’t get it all done.” Although he must work long hours to service the city, the volume

in his revenue stream increased approximately 40 percent in February and has remained very robust. Burrows said he is proud to be the owner of a thriving business.

"It makes me feel very good," he said. "It's a very viable business. We're making money. I replaced the income that I had, plus a little. I'm my own boss and I put other people to work, and I like that. I want to see people succeed."

Dr. Troy Bethards, who serves as SIFE co-advisor on campus with Angela Wright, said the project was important because it helped Bolivar establish a sustainable recycling option. Grant money was used to set up 21 pickup locations around the community, and a city-wide site for Bolivar and Polk County was also created. Advertisements and awareness efforts were also key to this project.

"I really appreciate what they did for me," Burrows said.

SBU President C. Pat Taylor said that SIFE efforts like the one put forth on behalf of TMB really do demonstrate all that is excellent about the university.

"Our SIFE leaders do a great job of instilling the value of community and the importance of helping others," Dr. Taylor said. "The most important thing is when a SIFE student graduates from here they have really developed that servant leadership mindset that we think is so important at SBU."

## SBU teams rule SIFE landscape

**BOLIVAR**—Southwest Baptist University (SBU) has established a spectacular tradition of excellence in Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition with regional championships in 28 of the last 29 years.

During this past academic year, the SBU SIFE team organized seven projects in and around the Bolivar community. The culmination of the SIFE program is an annual series of competitions that provide a forum for teams to present the results of their projects, and to be evaluated by business leaders serving as judges.

SBU SIFE is one of around 600 programs in the United States. Participating students use business concepts to develop community outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. Contrary to popular belief, participation at SBU is open to all students.

"It's for anyone who's committed to taking business principles in a biblical perspective and combining them to make a difference in our community," said SBU President C. Pat Taylor.

For more information, visit [www.sifeusa.org](http://www.sifeusa.org).

## SIFE way keeps SBU on mission

**BOLIVAR**—Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an international non-profit organization that brings together the top leaders of today and tomorrow to create a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business.

Founded in 1975, SIFE has active programs on more than 1,500 college and university campuses in 39 countries. Through projects that improve the lives of people worldwide, the university students, academic professionals

and industry leaders who participate in SIFE are demonstrating that individuals with a knowledge and passion for business can be a powerful force for change.

Southwest Baptist University (SBU) seeks to express its mission statement through SIFE. That mission statement is as follows: SBU is a Christ-centered, caring, academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

## Salvations come with SIFE labors

**BOLIVAR**—Something amazing happened this past year when Southwest Baptist University (SBU) Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) students did a mentorship/employment project at Footsteps Transitional Living in Springfield.

Three people got saved.

Project Leader Nathan Church, an SBU junior from Sedalia, credited it to a lot of listening, humility, and hanging out in the context of SIFE providing life coaching and job training. The SIFE students functioned a bit like Big Brothers as they mingled among the 41 young men ages 16-21 in the Missouri foster care system. Many were lacking in basic social skills, and the SIFE mentors, who are trained to meet a need as they see a need, prospered in this environment.

"They haven't seen love very often growing up in their home life," Church said.

Added Dr. Troy Bethards, who serves as SIFE co-advisor on campus, "One guy said, 'Our own families don't do what you guys do. You come down every week.'"

SBU worked with students from Central Bible College in Springfield, which is located very close to the Footsteps center, to achieve the project's goals.

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# *A Legacy of Ministry:* THE SWADLEY FAMILY & THE SBU/SWBC CONNECTION

INTERVIEW BY SHARINA SMITH



## Why did you choose SBU/ SWBC?

**Betty:** Because my husband announced in the spring that we were going there! He had been out of high school eight years and I had been out seven. We had to quit paying jobs to go there, and at first I didn't like the idea. But my husband is very persuasive, so we went to college!

**Paul:** My dad had gone there, and I just wanted to go to a good Baptist college.

**John:** God called me to pastor when I was 16. I knew I could get great training at SBU.

**Mark:** My parents attended SWBC in the 1950's. My older brother, John, attended SBU from 1980-1984. When I was young, Dr. Duncan Couch brought the SBU Chorale to my home church in Springfield several times. I was always impressed with the quality of the Choir. I also attended a campus preview event where I got to see the campus, rehearse with the Chorale, and stayed in a dorm with Chorale members.

## What or who had the biggest impact on your decision?

**Betty:** Paul did. I went nearly "screaming and kicking" but the moment I arrived on campus my attitude changed. I loved college at SWBC! And my wise husband, Paul, knew I would.

**Paul:** I was called to the ministry, and wanted to go to a good college to prepare me for that.

**John:** My parents attended SWBC and loved it. After touring the campus, I was hooked.

**Mark:** There were a lot of influences (family, school, Chorale, etc.). Receiving the Chancellor's Scholarship was the icing on the cake.

## How did college life differ from high school?

**Betty:** Made many friends, and loved the spiritual atmosphere. I went to Greenwood High School in Springfield and was well-prepared for college

—better prepared than Paul. I took Greek with him to help him, and, of course, he beat me. He got the E. I settled for E-. (The grading system then was E = excellent, S – superior, M – Medium – Inferior and F – Fail).

In New Testament, Dr. Carl Goodson only gave one E. I got it because I wrote "Pontius Pilate" on the final to answer a question, and Paul only wrote, "Pilate." Paul is still mad about this.

**Paul:** There was a huge emphasis on filling spiritual needs and growth as well as academics. Academics were a lot harder than high school.

**John:** In high school, teachers remind you of deadlines and expectations more than in college. I had to be more responsible in making sure I got my work done on time.

**Mark:** I loved the Christian environment at SBU, and the lifelong friendships that I developed. I also appreciated campus Bible studies, and Tuesday night "Praise Sings" in Davis Theatre. I loved Chapel. One fond memory is during formal convocations Dr. Ted Harris would direct the congregation in the Malotte "Lord's Prayer." It was always a glorious worship moment.

## What helped you adjust to college life?

**Betty:** The kindness and helpfulness of the faculty and the love and respect of so many of the fellow students, who were dedicated Christ followers.

**Paul:** I had been out of high school for eight years but made friends quickly and easily. I was President of the class of 1956.

**John:** I had no trouble adjusting. I made some great friends and had a roommate who was involved in my high school and home church.

**Mark:** I was able to make friends quickly in Chorale, Band, and in the dorm. My older brother, John, was a Junior when I was a Freshman, and helped me develop good study habits and learn the ropes.

1 Mark Swadley leading worship at Lone Oak First Baptist Church Paducah, Kentucky

2 SBU friends gathered to support Paul Swadley preaching a revival at First Baptist Church, Waynesville. Left to right: Bonnie Miles, Ann Rozell, Gary Rozell, Paul Swadley, Joyce Rippee and Duane Miles.

3 John Swadley baptizing believers in Shoal Creek near Joplin, Missouri



Betty & Paul Swadley



Mark Swadley with Wife Beth and daughters Christina and Olivia



**Alumni Profile:**  
Elizabeth Susan (Youngblood) Swadley '56 (I am called Betty)  
**Hometown:** Springfield, Missouri  
**SBU dormitory or residence hall(s):** My husband and I were married students and lived in Viles Apartments down the hill from the campus  
**Major(s)/Degree:** English and Creative writing/Associate of Arts in English (graduated eighth in her class)  
**Year of Graduation:** 1956

**Alumni Profile:**  
James Paul Swadley  
**Hometown:** Springfield, Missouri (but I graduated from Rogersville High School in 1946)  
**SBU dormitory or residence hall(s):** We were married students and lived in Viles Apartments down the road from Southwest Baptist  
**Major/Degree:** History/ Associate of Arts in History (graduated sixth in his class)  
**Year of graduation(s):** 1956 from SWBC (It was only a two year college then. I went on to Southwest Missouri State College and graduated there in 1958. Then I went to seminary at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and graduated there in 1961 – MDIV)

*Can you describe the classroom environment?*

**Betty:** Challenging and intellectually stimulating. Also, I thought that most classes were fun!

**Paul:** The teachers were especially geared to meeting the needs of the students. Since I had been out of high school so long, I had a lot of needs. The teachers helped me catch up on lots of things.

**John:** The teachers care about the student, and knew me by name. SBU has high quality professors who know their stuff.

**Mark:** SBU was academically challenging with professors that were passionate about education and Christ. Students were highly motivated. Professors also cared for students as individuals and worked hard to develop great mentoring relationships with students.

*What was the coursework like in your classes?*

**Betty:** Difficult, requiring lots of hours of study (especially Greek), but I was a good student and met the challenges. Burned a lot of “midnight oil.”

**Paul:** Challenging and difficult, But I am a good student and graduated 6th in my class.

**John:** There is a lot more homework in college so you have to be disciplined enough not to wait until the last moment to study. I thought that the workload was challenging but reasonable.

**Mark:** I was a bookworm and spent a lot of time studying. A great deal of reading, writing, research, practice, creating, and more was required. I felt very prepared for music ministry upon completion of my degree. At Seminary, I passed all of the Music School entrance exams because SBU had prepared me well in music and academics.

*What do you think about the faculty, staff, and advisors? Tell me a story about a particularly special teacher or coach.*

**Betty:** Faculty, staff and advisors were all great. My favorite teacher was Miss Mayme Hamlett, who taught me in both Latin and composition. She has a special grade she reserved for papers she deemed worthy of publication in the world outside college. It was A+++ (triple plus) and I got several of them. She also wrote on one paper, “Elizabeth, you have the talent and capability to write for publication.” Years later with her words ringing in my ears, I was at a writer’s conference in Nashville and dropped into see Broadman’s non-fiction editor, Bill Cannon. I told him I had an idea for a book. He said, “Go home and write a couple of chapters and send them to me.” I did. He liked them and so I finished the book. “Your Christian Wedding, published by Broadman Press in 1966. It is a simple etiquette book for church weddings. I also wrote two other books for Broadman. They were: “Dinner on the Grounds,” 1972 (Broadman asked me to compile recipes from famous and interesting Southern Baptists, and to include all fifty states. This cookbook, now out of print has a recipe for President Harry Truman’s pound cake, for Archie Manning’s chess



John Swadley with 2011 Mission Joplin

pie, and describes how Billy and Ruth Graham prepare steaks in their fireplace. “Christmas at Home,” (1975) is a guide book for the Christian celebration of Christmas in the home.

Plus, I was asked by Woman’s Missionary Union to write a “study course” book for older GAs. It was “Acknowledging My Stewardship.” It was published by Convention Press in 1967. This was the most difficult book I wrote. I was to give examples of generous givers. Those who gave generously didn’t want to be written about, and those who gave \$5.00 a year and thought that was generous sought the publicity.

**Paul:** There were two teachers I especially liked. Dr. Carl Goodson (I had 16 hours of Greek under him, and he made it clear that I was welcome to come to his house for help. I used his help frequently. He was a great teacher and a wonderful man, a

role model for me. In my sixteen hours of Greek under him, I became so proficient that when I went to seminary, I didn’t have to take the beginner courses in Greek but was able to start immediately translating the New Testament.

My history teacher was Dr. Cecil Unger. I liked him a lot, and he was another role model for me.

**John:** SBU leaders are the best. I took a lot of classes with Dr. Dutille because he taught the Bible in a powerful and practical way. I still use my notes from my days at SBU in my ministry today.

**Mark:** The faculty, staff, and advisors at SBU were excellent in my experience. It’s difficult for me to pick one person because so many had tremendous impact on my life. Lee Snook, my vocal teacher, taught me not only to sing, but helped this shy, insecure young man become more confident on stage and in public.

He really cared about what was happening in my life and ministry. Dr. Carol Bevier was my music theory, music history, and applied piano professor. She was passionate about music history and her tests were notoriously difficult. Still, she taught us thoroughly and passed on a love for music. As a freshman piano student, I made the mistake of telling her I didn’t like sharps and 20th Century piano composers. Guess what I studied all semester? She taught me to love both! Dr. Harold Pottenger (band director) was also one of the best directors I’ve ever played under. He was a tremendous musician, conductor, and teacher.

*What were the students like at SBU when you were a student?*

**Betty:** They were wonderful. Although we lived off campus, our apartment was usually full of

**Alumni Profile:**

John Swadley  
**Hometown:** Springfield, Missouri  
**SBU dormitory or residence hall(s):** Landon  
**Major(s)/degree:** Speech, Religious Studies/Bachelor of Arts  
**Year of graduation(s):** 1983



**Alumni Profile:**

Mark L. Swadley  
**hometown:** Springfield, Missouri  
**SBU dormitory or residence hall(s):** Landon Hall (2 years); Off-Campus Apartment (2 years)  
**Major(s)/degree:** Church Music/Bachelor of Music in Church Music  
**Year of graduation(s):** 1986 (walked the graduation line—finished degree in Dec., 1985)



students studying together, or just having a good time. I devised a system where I would collect 25 cents from a dozen or so friends and fix a spaghetti and meat sauce supper for them on many Friday nights.

Our close friends at SWBC helped decorate our Christmas tree, with student-made decorations, including a foil wrapped cardboard star that we kept for many years.

**Paul:** They were all there because they wanted to learn. Although my wife, Elizabeth (Betty) and I lived off campus, they accepted us totally. Our apartment was usually full of other students wanting our help, and to relax and have a good time. We made friends for life. Our class still gets together at those designated years. After the last reunion, we all went to the home of Dr. Bill and Joyce Rippee in Springfield and spent an afternoon and an evening enjoying each other and reminiscing.

**John:** We had so much fun! We spent a lot of time playing ping pong and hanging out together. I still love those guys.

**Mark:** Students were fully devoted followers of Christ. I was challenged by my fellow students to do daily Bible study, spiritual journaling, memorize Scripture, and witness for Christ. I also learned more about worship through student-led worship in Chapel and

during the week. Jeff Hamlin was particularly influential in opening my eyes to Biblical worship and praise. I was so impressed that at the Tuesday night "Praise Sings" Dr. William Brown would come and participate fully. Jeff Hamlin went on to be a member of the CCM group Glad, and a producer for Hosanna Integrity music. Many other students had great impact on my spiritual, academic, and personal life.

### *Did you participate in any activities or organizations?*

**Betty:** Yes, I belonged to the preachers' wives group, and also sang in a trio made up of wives of ministerial students.

**Paul:** I belonged to the group for preachers; I can't remember what it was called. I played softball and basketball in intramural sports. As president of the sophomore class, I met with the other officers to plan things. Each year a sophomore ministerial student is chosen to preach to the students in assembly. I had the honor of being chosen to do that.

**John:** I was on the debate team for a couple of years and placed 7th at nationals my junior year.

**Mark:** I was a member of SBU Chorale, Symphonic Winds, and did at least one

semester of Opera Workshop. I was Nankipoo in the Mikado, and I'm very grateful that was in pre-video days!

### *Did you have any internships or jobs while you were a student?*

**Betty:** I was employed as secretary to the faculty (one secretary then for the whole faculty). I prepared exams for everyone except those for myself, and did all of the correspondence for faculty members.

**Paul:** I drove a school bus for the Bolivar school system during my freshman year. to earn \$50.00 a month, which paid the rent on our apartment.

**John:** I did about 10 youth revivals a year which gave me great experience and helped me grow as a preacher.

**Mark:** I served New Hope Baptist Church in Fair Grove as Minister of Music for the entire time I was at SBU. It was a small country church that helped me learn to direct a children's choir and congregational music. This "on-the-job training" coupled with my college education gave me practical real-world experience.

### *What did you like best about SBU/SWBC?*

**Betty:** The Christ-honoring atmosphere. I also loved Mozarkian, the basketball games, the dramas and skits. I wrote some skits while there, which were performed at banquets, in chapel, etc. I worked for both the year book and for the school paper.

**Paul:** The administration, the faculty and the student body.

**John:** When you combine professors who care about you with great friends, and tremendous spiritual development, it doesn't get any better.

**Mark:** My first thought is the people: fellow students and faculty. It was also a great campus and big enough to be excellent and small enough to be personable.



*What were your plans after graduation? How did your career actually turn out?*

**Betty:** Courses I took at Greenwood High School prepared me to go directly to the business world, as secretary and as administrative assistant and office manager. I worked for Civil Service, and one of my most interesting jobs was in the Palace of Justice, Nurnberg, Germany. I was able to work there and be close to my soldier husband who was stationed close by. We were able to spend most weekends together, and toured most of Europe one weekend at a time. After SWBC, I went to work in the business world again so my husband, Paul Swadley, could go to seminary. It was a few years after graduation that I began to write. I wrote curriculum for woman and girls of the Southern Baptist Convention for Woman's Missionary Union for twenty years. I wrote for women – Royal Service; for GAS – Tell and Discovery; and for Acteens – Accent. And I wrote children and teens curriculum for the Baptist Sunday school Board. (now Lifeway) I loved attending writing workshops for WMU in Birmingham, Alabama, and for the SSB in Nashville, Tennessee, and learned a lot from editors and other writers.

**Paul:** I planned to further my education and prepare myself for seminary training. I have pastored Baptist churches in Missouri for over fifty years. After I retired from 25 years of pastoring South Haven Baptist churches in Springfield, I did eight interim pastorates, including fifteen months in Estes Park, Colorado. I preached many, many revivals in Missouri and sixteen other states. I served as President of the Missouri Baptist Convention (1978-1979 I think it was). And I served on the Executive Board of both the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. I served as president of the latter board for several years. SBU has honored me by bestowing on me an honorary doctor's degree and naming me Distinguished Alumni of the year.



From left to right: John, Sheri, Andrew, Betty, Paul, and Kristen.

**John:** I went to seminary where I got my master's and doctorate. I have pastored three churches and been blessed by each one. I hope to retire at the church I am currently serving. We have baptized more than 100 a year for 8 consecutive years. Seeing people's lives changed when they meet Jesus is the best.

**Mark:** I finished my degree in Dec. of 1985 at SBU and immediately went to Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in January of 1986. I served as Minister of Music in New Albany, I, in 1986-1987. I served Little Flock Baptist Church near Louisville from 1987-2007. From 2007-present, I have served Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah, Kentucky. SBU prepared me for both music and ministry. I learned how to administrate, conduct, perform, minister, and so much more at SBU. I use these skills all of the time in ministry.

*Why should today's students select SBU?*

**Betty:** Because at SBU they will get a fine education in a spiritual environment.

**Paul:** It is still a great university, academically and spiritually. It is one of the finest institutions of its kind in the USA. I especially admire Dr. Pat Taylor, and his visions for the future of SBU. He is a fine president and has accomplished many goals for the university.

**John:** You'll grow in your faith in a way you won't find elsewhere. How do you put a price on getting equipped to make a difference for Christ in the world?

**Mark:** Today's SBU students will receive a top-notch education in a Christ-centered environment.

*Do you have any advice for future students?*

**Betty:** Study hard. Develop whatever talent God has given you to the fullest. And make great friends.

**Paul:** Study hard, make friends, and grow spiritually as well as intellectually.

**John:** Take your studies seriously. We've been watching the Olympics and the common denominator in every gold medal winner is paying the price of preparation. Work hard when you are young to build a strong foundation for your life and you'll be blessed for it.

**Mark:** Pour yourself into your relationships with students and faculty as well as your studies. Your life will be molded and changed.



# SBU

## Friday, Oct. 5

- 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. REGISTRATION CENTER OPEN  
*Goodson Student Union*
- 10:00 a.m. HONORS CHAPEL  
Life Service Award Presentations  
Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni  
Award Presentation  
Presentation of Homecoming Court  
*Mabee Chapel*
- 11:00 a.m. HONOREES' RECEPTION  
*Mabee Chapel Lobby*
- 11:30 a.m. 50-YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON  
*McClelland Dining Facility*
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CLASS OF '62 REUNION  
*McClelland Dining Facility*
- 3:00 p.m. SOFTBALL HOME RUN DERBY  
*SBU Softball Field*
- 4:30 p.m. STUDENT BED RACES  
*Burnidge Memorial Forum*
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. REUNION CLASS PRE-DINNER SOCIAL  
*Kresge Room – Mellers Dining Commons*
- 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. ALL-ALUMNI BANQUET  
Recognition of LSA Recipients, Past & Present  
(Childcare Provided)  
*Mellers Dining Commons*
- 8:30 p.m. "SOMETHING TO DO WITH WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE"  
SBU Theatre Department  
*Davis Newport Theatre – Jester Learning  
and Performance Center*

## Saturday, Oct. 6

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. REGISTRATION CENTER OPEN  
*Goodson Student Union*
- 8:30 a.m. ALUMNI BREAKFAST  
Recognition of Lightfoot Award Recipient &  
Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients  
*Mellers Dining Commons*
- 9:30 a.m. DECADE PARADE WATCHING REUNIONS  
*Parade Route*
- 9:30 a.m. REDFORD PARADE WATCH TAILGATE PARTY  
*Parking lot between Beasley & Leslie Halls*
- 10:00 a.m. HOMECOMING PARADE
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ALUMNI & STUDENT LUNCH  
*Mellers Dining Commons*
- 11:00 a.m. BEARCAT VOLLEYBALL GAME  
SBU vs. Southern Arkansas University  
*Meyer Wellness Center – Hammons Court*
- 2:00 p.m. BEARCAT FOOTBALL GAME  
& QUEEN CORONATION  
SBU vs. Emporia State University  
*Plaster Stadium*
- 3:30 p.m. BEARCAT VOLLEYBALL GAME  
SBU vs. Henderson State University  
*Meyer Wellness Center – Hammons Court*
- 5:00 p.m. MEN'S ALUMNI SOCCER GAME  
*SBU Soccer Field*  
Contact alumnus Clint Bass for  
more information – [cbass@sbuniv.edu](mailto:cbass@sbuniv.edu)
- 7:00 p.m. "IMPROVISE!"  
SBU Theatre Department  
*Davis Newport Theatre – Jester Learning  
and Performance Center*

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# Homecoming '12

For questions or more information about Homecoming 2012, please contact the office  
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# Chicken Soup for the Soul: Say Goodbye to Stress!

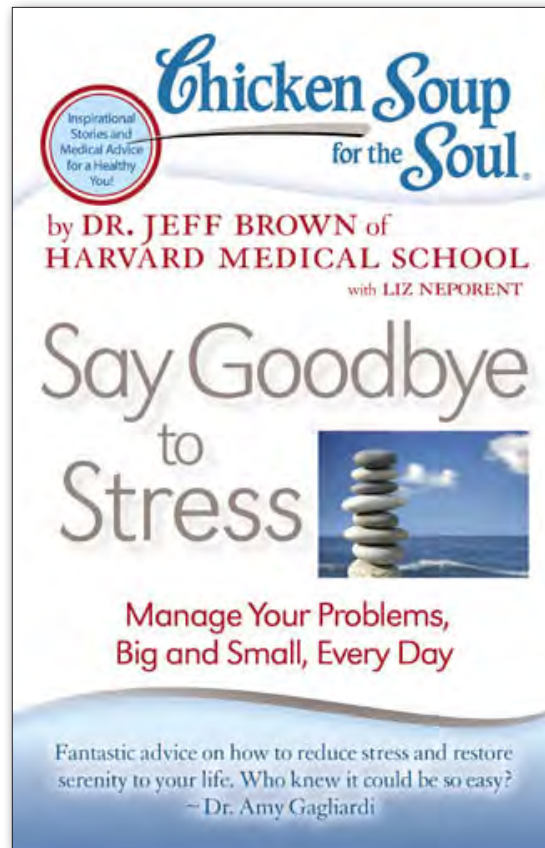


DR. JEFFREY BROWN '92

Full of inspiring stories and valuable medical information, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Say Goodbye to Stress!* will help readers manage their stress, no matter where their stress comes from.

Everyone feels stressed out at some point in their lives. Many have trouble getting their stress under control and want help. This new book will encourage stressed out readers with its stories from people like them about how they resolved or rethought the stress in their lives, learned to let go of anxiety and worry, and improved their lives by handling stress. Plus, it has relevant medical advice from renowned clinical physiologist and Harvard Medical School faculty member Dr. Jeffrey Brown.

Harvard psychologist and author Dr. Jeff Brown is a champion of cognitive-behavioral psychology. Dr. Brown not only walks along side clients who learn to manage inconvenient psychological



symptoms, he teaches them how to apply research-based strategies for fine-tuning their brains and optimizing life. He's board-certified in both clinical and cognitive-behavioral psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Outside of his private office, Dr. Brown is the psychologist for the Boston, Chicago and Marathon medical teams and is on *Runner's World* magazine's scientific advisory board. His psychology expertise has been cited by *The New York Times*, ESPN, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe*, *Woman's Day* magazine, FOX News, *Family Circle*, *Boston Magazine*, and ABC.com. His witty, yet meaningful messages frequently call him to the podium at various conferences and events across the country.



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Another school year has come and gone at SBU, and what a great one it was! The Office of Alumni Relations hosted events this year in Tulsa; St. Louis; Kansas City; Bolivar; Dallas; Osage Beach, Mo.; Springfield, Mo.; and Denver. All of that in addition to Homecoming, the Missouri Baptist Convention at Tan-Tar-A Resort, and the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans! At each of these events I had the opportunity to meet wonderful alumni who are still connected with and giving back to SBU. Thank you for your commitment to staying involved with our Alma Mater!

Preparations for Homecoming 2012 are underway, and I hope you will make an extra special effort to join us this year on October 5th & 6th. You will receive a Homecoming registration form in the mail in August, and online registration is already available. Highlights of Homecoming this year will include: Honors Chapel, the 50-Year Club Luncheon, Alumni Banquet, Parade, Football Game, Volleyball Games, and a Men's Soccer Alumni Game!

If you graduated in 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, or 2002, this is your reunion class year! Please remember to return your reunion class questionnaire (or complete it online) for the booklet by September 14th. Many of us developed lifelong friendships while at SBU, so contact your friends and make sure they plan to be here Homecoming weekend! Schedule, Reunion Class Questionnaire, and Online Registration can be found here: <http://www.sbuniv.edu/alumni/homecoming/index.html>

Let me remind you that we continue to do more and more communication online, so please make sure we have your current email address. You can update any of your contact information by filling out a Keeping in Touch form here: <http://www.sbuniv.edu/alumni/keep.htm>. You can also join the SBU Alumni Facebook group by searching for "SBU Alumni."

As always, if there is ever any way the Office of Alumni Relations can serve or assist you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

*Lindsay Schindler*



## 1975

**David Simon**, Minister of Adult Education and Senior Adults at Peninsula Baptist Church in Mooresville, NC, received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Baptist Association of Christian Educators (BACE) Conference at Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, TX. The award reads: "In recognition of outstanding contributions to Southern Baptist Religious Education through church and denominational service." The award was given on March 1, 2012.

Rev. Simon has served as a Minister of Education for 32 years in Wyoming, Kansas, and North Carolina. He is a member of BACE and Christian Educators of North Carolina (CENC) was a member of the Christian Educators of Kansas-Nebraska (CEKN). David served as a past president of CENC and CEKN. Rev. Simon leads numerous conferences and training. David graduated from SBU in Bolivar, Mo., in 1975 and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Simon is married to Denise Allen Simon and has two daughters, Chelsea and Sarah. Chelsea is a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and Sarah is a freelance graphic artist and videographer in Mooresville, NC. David, Chelsea and Sarah co-authored a Bible Study entitled Spring: Connecting With God (available on Amazon.com or <http://www.koshercopy.com/Spring.html>)

## 1948

**Eulene Zizmer** has lived in Columbia, Mo. for several years. Zizmer would like to announce the birth of her first grandchild, the baby was born in September of 2011. Zizmer has four sons: Stanley Smith, Ronald Smith, Douglas Smith, and Brian Smith. 525 Huntidge Dr., Columbia, MO, 65201. [eulenez@mediacombb.net](mailto:eulenez@mediacombb.net)

## 1953

The SBU alumni directory that was printed in 2010 erroneously stated that **Lois Mitchem Richter** was deceased. Mrs. Richter is alive and well and living in Stamford, Connecticut.

## 1954

**Charles Renno** graduated from the Hospital Volunteer Chaplain's Course at Loma Linda University Hospital-Murrieta on February 15. Renno has been added to the volunteer chaplain's duty schedule for March. The course included 22 hours of class instruction, eight hours of volunteer orientation program, and six hours of guided practice visiting patients in the hospital. The LLUH-Murrieta is a new 106-bed Adventist hospital. Chaplains at the hospital represent 12 different denominations.

Charles and Adelina Renno celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 15, 2011. The same week Charles received notice that his application to The Walmart Foundation for a grant to Family Services Association (FSA) serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in Southern California had been approved and FSA would receive \$10,000 to assist in providing meals and services for senior citizens. The grant was announced on the third day of Walmart's 12 Days of Christmas donations to non-profit organizations. FSA recognized Renno with a plaque at their volunteer luncheon on December 16, 2011. 29180 Del Monte Dr, Sun City CA 92586. [charlesmrenno@aol.com](mailto:charlesmrenno@aol.com)

## 1954

**Maryetta Cunningham** graduated from Southwest Baptist College in 1954 when it was still a two-year college. She would like to locate former classmates from 1952-1954/55 just to say hello. Marietta and her husband Don have three children. 339 County Road 2320, Decatur TX 76234. [Skills4success@earthlink.net](mailto:Skills4success@earthlink.net)

## 1956

**Kenneth Daugherty** has been a pastor for 23 years in Hawaii and California. Kenneth has also been the president of Christian Emergency Relief Teams (CERT) since 1991. He takes medical and dental teams into remote and impoverished areas of the world. CERT also ships medical supplies and do construction projects assisting indigenous pastors and field

missionaries. Kenneth and his wife Barbara now live in Tennessee, they have three children: Alyssa, Ben, and Todd. [Ken@certinternational.org](mailto:Ken@certinternational.org)

## 1957

**Rosanne Osborne** has received the Master of Divinity in biblical languages from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on May 12. 172 Huntington Dr. Pineville, LA. 7136. [Osborne@lacollege.edu](mailto:Osborne@lacollege.edu)

## 1958

**Pearl (Bunch) Edgar** and husband Glen still reside on D hwy north of Eminence, Mo. They enjoy their daughters, son-in-laws, and grandchildren's visits, as well as many other relatives. "This year we have enjoyed good health, and pray it continues!" Pearl and Edgar have two daughters, Mal Brooks and Melyssa Weaver. HCR 1 Box 60, Eminence, MO 65466. [gandpedgar@yahoo.com](mailto:gandpedgar@yahoo.com).

## 1960

**Dr. Charles Anderson** has been called to serve as pastor of Nisqually Valley Baptist Church south of Roy, WA. Charles retired from pastoral ministry in 2004, but along with his wife, Jan, had been teaching adults and has twice served as a deacon for Calvary Baptist Church in Renton, WA. The Nisqually church is a half-time situation and has mostly retired members currently. The Andersons will still reside in Renton, Wash.

## 1963

**Judy (Bryant) Warren** has retired from her CPA practice in Burbank. She and her husband Charlie returned to Colorado after 40 years in California. They are now enjoying the "terrific mountain views and great musical offerings" in Colorado Springs, Co. Judy and Charlie are looking forward to the 50th reunion in 2013 and would love to hear from classmates. 2405 Baystone Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80921

## 1967

The SBU Alumni Directory published in 2010 listed **Donald E. Miller** as a 1965 graduate. Donald did graduate with his AA in 1965, but also completed his BA at SWBC in 1967.

## 1969

**Dan Springfield** was selected for Who's Who in America for his work as a minister and evangelist. Dan is married to Sandra (Fuller) Springfield '69, and they live in Mammoth Spring, AR.

## 1970

**Ronnie Lowry** still writes quick fiction. His wife

Cindy recently passed away. 3225 Plymouth Street, Jacksonville, FL. 32205. [Ronnielowry125@hotmail.com](mailto:Ronnielowry125@hotmail.com)

## 1971

**James Lowery's** son Evan works for William Harris Lee Company in Chicago, selling and renting fine string instruments. Lowery's daughter Emily graduated from Drake University in May 2012 with a major in actuarial science and started work with CNA Insurance in Chicago in June 2012. James works at Cole Country Residential Services, Inc. and Karel is employed by the Jefferson City Public Schools. [Trugrit657@aol.com](mailto:Trugrit657@aol.com)

## 1974

**William "Bill" Kahler** retired in March 2006 after 14 years in the substance abuse prevention field. Kahler started supply preaching and was called to pastor Narcissa First Baptist Church, in Miami, Okla. Kahler is married to Davene Kahler and they have two grandsons, one 21 years old, in college, and the other 22 months old. 17400 S. Highway 125, Fairland, OK 74343. [wkahler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wkahler@sbcglobal.net)

## 1977

**Thomas Steward** has retired from active ministry and is now serving as co-teacher in a senior Sunday school class, National Heights Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo. Thomas and his wife Doreen live at 3423 N Marwin Ave, Springfield, MO 65803. [tsteward@mchsi.com](mailto:tsteward@mchsi.com)

**Jerry Carlisle** was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Dallas Baptist University, August 2011, elected President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, October 2011. Active in Baptist World alliance and Mission to Unreached Peoples [www.mup.org](http://www.mup.org). Dr. Carlisle is an adjunct professor at Dallas Baptist University and is married to Dedi. 405 Shady Oaks Drive, Murphy, Texas 75094. [Jerry@fbcplano.org](mailto:Jerry@fbcplano.org)

## 1980

**Don Coleman**, has earned his Ph.D. in Theology from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Cordova, Tenn. He and his wife Sherry (Carter) '80 live in Bartlesville, Okla. where he serves as pastor for Highland Park Baptist Church. They have four sons and a granddaughter. 2701 Evergreen Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006. [doncoleman@hpbcbville.org](mailto:doncoleman@hpbcbville.org)

**Richard and Rachel Nations** have moved to Kirksville, Mo., where Richard is the new director of missions for the Thousand Hills Baptist Association. He and his wife Rachel moved to Kirksville from Des Moines, Iowa, where he served as Church Health Team Leader/ Editor of the Iowa Baptist newspaper for the Baptist Convention of Iowa for 18 years. Rachel is employed

as special education paraprofessional with the Kirksville School District. The Nations live at 16 Kellwood Dr., Kirksville, MO 64501. [rdnations@gmail.com](mailto:rdnations@gmail.com).

## 1983

**Jeffrey Carter** was honored as the artistic director of 2011 Saint Louis American International Choral Festival. He continues as chair of the Department of Music at Webster University and recently received the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Supporting Actor in a musical award in December. 25 Lawn Pl, Saint Louis, MO 63110. [jrc@jeffreycarter.us](http://jrc@jeffreycarter.us)

## 1984

**Len Young and wife Rebecca** (Wilkinson) '83 are co-owners of Liberty Book Buyers. They buy and sell new and used college textbooks. They operate their business from their family farm near Steelville, Mo. Len and Rebecca are active in a new church work in St. James, Mo., which is approaching its third anniversary. Len has also been active in jail/prison ministry and supply preaching throughout the area. 82 Whipponwill Valley Ln. Steelville, MO 65565. [libertybooks@yahoo.com](mailto:libertybooks@yahoo.com).

## 1987

**Kristine Purcell** is currently working as a Head Start Lead Teacher. In the fall she will be working on her Administration Credentials in Early Childhood Education. 6975 W. Glenbrook Rd., Milwaukee WI, 53223. [Krispy61@msn.com](mailto:Krispy61@msn.com).

## 1988

**John Griggs** started a new job as a pharmaceutical group leader with Hospira Inc. in McPherson, Kan., in November 2011. He'd like to hear from any old friends from SBU who'd like to contact him. PO Box 32 Inman, KS. [jwgriggsiii@hotmail.com](mailto:jwgriggsiii@hotmail.com).

**Paula Gronniger** has worked for The Arc of the Ozarks for over 20 years. She is the Director of Residential Services. She is blessed with 2 beautiful girls who have grown up far too quickly.

**Gary Wade** has recently taken a position with Apple Inc. at their Cupertino headquarters working on OS X Server. 3507 Palmilla Drive Unit 3079, San Jose, CA 95134. [garywade@desisoftsystems.com](mailto:garywade@desisoftsystems.com)

## 1989

**Kelli (Wasson) Snyder** has worked as a pharmaceutical representative for Pfizer for the past 13 years. She has two kids, Kaitlyn 11, and Braden 7. She is divorced and now living in Republic, Mo. [kellidsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:kellidsnyder@gmail.com)

## 1990

**Kelly Warren**, graduated with his MBA from Fontbonne University. His thesis evaluated a business design for developing a game. He spoke on the value of integrity at the Baccalaureate. Warren recently completed a sports camp in Kosovo in partnership with the Free Church of Dresden, Germany. He helped build an orphanage in Cambodia with Service International. In New York twice after 9/11, Warren worked with the Second Free Church. [Justtaxes@gmail.com](mailto:Justtaxes@gmail.com)

**Michael J. Kerr** and son Gideon traveled to Israel in February 2012 for a second trip to help the Jewish communities with the keeping of their olive and grape orchards. The Kerrs own an organic produce farm and Kerr and Sons Construction. Michael and Malissa have nine children: Annalise 17, Gideon 14, Timothy 12, MaryGrace 11, Benjamin 9, Malachi 7, Hadassah 4, Nathanael 3, and Carmi 1. They reside at 44424 Maplewood Rd. Clearbrook MN 56634. [Mike.keer.mn@gmail.com](mailto:Mike.keer.mn@gmail.com)

**Suzanne "Sue" Lee** would love to hear from friends. Suzanne is employed by Missouri College and lives with her husband Ali Al-Zubeidy and daughter Marie-Batul 11, in Festus, MO. [slee@missouricollege.com](mailto:slee@missouricollege.com)

## 1979

### Alberta (Gomes) Smith '79 Named Teacher of the Year

On April 16 Central High School (Springfield, MO) vocal music teacher and SBU alumna Alberta Smith was named the Springfield Public Schools 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year. Alberta's passion for teaching, professional accomplishments and commitment to students and are among the traits that distinguished her from the 42 nominees.

Alberta has been employed with Springfield Public Schools for 27 years. As the choral music director at CHS, she has directed concert choir, chamber choir, women's choir, men's choir, Middle Years choir and musical productions that have received numerous recognitions and honors.

In addition to her involvement with her students, Alberta is active in the Springfield arts community, including the Springfield Regional Opera, Springfield Little Theater, her church choir, and other performing groups.

**Former Bearcat Standout, Matt Rogers**, makes NBA Summer League Debut with Indiana Pacers

Former SBU Bearcat basketball star, Matt Rogers '10, made his NBA Summer League debut on Monday, July 9, with the Indiana Pacers. Rogers made a large impact off of the bench for the Pacers, playing 19 minutes, scoring 8 points off of 3-6 shooting from the field while grabbing 5 rebounds in the Pacers victory.

On the Indiana Pacers team website, Pacers assistant coach Dan Burke commented that "Matt had significant contributions off the bench."



**1991**

Roland and Pattie Reitz and their two daughters Mackenzie and Meredith have moved again--this time to Alaska. Roland is currently serving as an active duty Air Force Chaplain and is stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Pattie is teaching English composition for Wayland Baptist University's Anchorage campus. She has also had devotionals published in Jocelyn Green's book "Faith Deployed... Again" and Lifeway's "Open Windows." The Reitz family lives in Eagle River. [Preitz@yahoo.com](mailto:Preitz@yahoo.com)

**1992**

**Rebecca (Wellman) Hamilton** is blessed to be living on a farm and engaged to the farmer. Rebecca was happy to see her daughter, Dani 17, graduate this spring. Hamilton is employed by Lebanon R-3 Public Schools and resides at 17974 Edison Road, Lebanon MO 6536. [rhamilton@lebanon.k12.mo.us](mailto:rhamilton@lebanon.k12.mo.us)

**Philip Huebner** was promoted in September 2011 to Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy. Philip just finished his third deployment with VFA-25 in the USS Carl Vinson. 112 N. Lemoore Ave #E, Lemoore CA, 93245. [Philiphuebner@comcast.net](mailto:Philiphuebner@comcast.net)

**1998**

**Mark Lander** is the Event Logistic Director for Men at The Cross, the ministry arm of Kanakuk Ministries that does men's conferences around the country. Mark's wife, Missy is employed by Crane R-III School District. Mark and Missy have two children; Emma 13, and Ethan 10. 401 N. Hemphill, Crane, Mo. 65633. [Mark.lander@mchsi.com](mailto:Mark.lander@mchsi.com)

**Brian Bird** took a new job as audio department manager for Logic System Sound and Lighting in January 2011. 1831 Sidney St. #K, St Louis, MO 63194.

**2000**

**Sabina (Hagerman) Chapman** received her master's degree in Instructional Technology from Drury University on December 17, 2011. She is employed by Crowder College and resides with her husband Steve at 904 Washington Street, Monett, MO 65708. [LovGod@juno.com](mailto:LovGod@juno.com)

**Arlene (Gonzalez) McCormack** has retired from St. Johns Health Systems, after twenty-four and a half years of service. Now working for another hospice, Arlene was promoted to clinical director of the program, last May.

**2005**

**Jennifer Morris** was recently promoted to operations supervisor for the Midwest region for the University

of Phoenix. She lives with her husband Chuck and son Finnley in Kansas City, KS.

**2006**

**Darcie Sperber** graduated in May of 2011 from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University with an M.Ed. in Early Childhood-Special Education. She is currently working for the Sumner County School District, teaching blended pre-school in Gallatin, Tenn. [Darcie\\_sperber@yahoo.com](mailto:Darcie_sperber@yahoo.com)

**2010**

**Jason and Jennifer (Gunderson) Byers '07** will be serving with OMF International (formerly "China Inland Mission") in Thailand as career missionaries. They plan to be church planters in Northeastern Thailand and hope to get to the field by November 2012. Jason and Jennifer are also proud to announce the birth of their baby bearcat, Moriah Lynn Jordan, born on February 9, 2011. "Thank you SBU for preparing us for the field!" PO Box 982004 Park City, UT 84098. [JGByers12@yahoo.com](mailto:JGByers12@yahoo.com)



Byers Family

**2011**

**Amy (Grabowski) Varner '11** graduated from Drury University with a Master of Art in communication with an emphasis in organizational leadership and change. Varner was part of the first accelerated program offered. She completed all of the degree requirements in 11 months instead of the usual two years.

## Marriages

**Susann (Brunner) Campbell '02** married Charles in 2004, and has worked in her current position with OACAC Head Start for nearly 9 years.

**Dr. Damon J. Grandy DPT '09** married **Dr. Tiffany Jernigan Grandy DPT '10** on May 26th 2012, at The Hermitage National Monument, Home of President of Andrew Jackson, in Nashville, TN. Damon and Tiffany met while attending PT school together at SBU from 2007-2009. They became acquainted on the SBU DPT Medical Mission trip to El Salvador in August 2008, and started dating soon after. They are currently both working as travel contract Physical Therapists. 7159 S. 233rd Drive, Buckeye AZ 85326.

## Future Bearcats

**Tammy (Brittingham) Maassen '01** and her husband Matthew celebrated the arrival of their first son Joshua Thomas Maassen on September 1, 2011 at 6:19 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs 9 oz. 707 Fall Creek Circle, Belton MO, 64012. [tammymaassen@yahoo.com](mailto:tammymaassen@yahoo.com)



Joshua Thomas Maassen

**Katrina (Fisher) Mitchell '94**, and husband Shane (attended, 1991) announce the births of Ezra Halen, born May 7, 2009 and Eden Celise, born March 22, 2011. They join big brother, Jude, 4. Shane works as a civil engineer in Olathe, Kansas. Katrina recently completed her Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Kansas and is teaching part time. 20937 W. 118th Terrace Olathe, KS 66061 [katrinalearmitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinalearmitchell@yahoo.com)

**William Eldon Owen, '80** announces the birth of his granddaughter Annalise Kathryn Owen, born on January 30, 2011. His wife Sherry passed away July 5, 2011. "What a year of joy and sorrow. God is god" [weo.rt@hotmail.com](mailto:weo.rt@hotmail.com)

**Alex Edgar '05** and wife **Allison (Davis) '05** would like to announce the birth of their second child, Aria Joy Edgar. She was born June 13, 2011. Aria has a proud sister Addison, 2. Alex is employed by Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital, and Allison works for Titanium Solutions. [alexedgardpt@hotmail.com](mailto:alexedgardpt@hotmail.com)

**Mindy (Weno) Having '98** would like to announce that Brylee Ruth blessed the Having family two years ago in December. "We are just late announcing it!" 132 Woods Edge Road, Billings, MO. 65610. [mweno@hotmail.com](mailto:mweno@hotmail.com)

## In Memory

### Arnold Long '42

**Arnold E. Long, 95**, passed away Dec. 31, 2011, at Rose Manor Nursing home in Shawnee, Kan.

He graduated from Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., in 1942; he was a 1943 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University; and graduated from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO in 1947.

He married Ruth Carter on July 5, 1937, in Granby, Mo. They served in pastorates in Missouri and Oklahoma before retiring in Shawnee in 1980. Arnold has been a member of University Baptist Church since 1980 where he was an ordained deacon and ministered to the senior adults as a Sunday school teacher and department director

Arnold is survived by his wife of 74 years, Ruth, their son and daughter-in-law Meredith and Janice Long and daughter and son-in-law Patty and Warren McWilliams as well as his grand-children, great-granddaughters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arnold will always be remembered as a man who never met a stranger and always had a funny story to tell. He served his Lord, his family, and his churches with honor and distinction.

### Nadine Cooper Marcum '49

Nadine Cooper Marcum passed away August 18, 2011. She went to be with Jesus, whom she loved so much! Nadine was a tremendous stay-at-home mother and wife, who loved Jesus, her sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. She was born on February 6, 1921, in Leeton, Mo. Nadine will be dearly missed by all who knew and adored her.

### Doris Jean (Wallace) Hooper '51

**Doris Jean (Wallace) Hooper** died December 5, 2011. Doris was married to Dr. William Hooper '51, SBU Professor of Music Emeritus. The Doris Wallace Hooper Scholarship for students in elementary education has been established in honor of Doris.

### June Brandt Hill '57

**June Hill** passed away August 3, 2011 in St. Louis, Mo. She graduated from Southwest Baptist College in 1957 with an Associate of Arts degree. During her two years at SBC she was very involved in many activities including music, sports, and Christian organizations. In 1957 she was elected Mozarkian Queen.

In August, 1957, she married Arthur "Jack" Hill. Both graduated with Bachelor of Science in Education degrees in 1959 from the University of Missouri. She received her Master of Arts degree in Teaching in 1986 at Webster University in Webster Groves, Mo.

She taught in Mexico, Mo., as well as the Affton, South County Technical, and Lutheran High - South in St. Louis, Mo. She taught English and Journalism for thirty-five years, coached volleyball, and lead the dance team to several state championships.

June and Jack were married for fifty-four wonderful years. They had three children, Phillip, Dawn, and Tim, and unofficially adopted Chris Boerner and Caroline Chung. Their daughters-in-law are Cheryl, Stacey, and Becky, and their son-in-law is Laree. Their grandsons include Dan, Joshua (Jenny), Caleb, Nathan, Nick, Noah, Tyler, and great-grandson, Micah. She is also survived by sisters Phyllis (Steve), Pat (Jim), brother Jim (Carla).

### Norma Highsmith

**Norma Highsmith, 65**, of Shipman, Ill., died at the Relais Bonne Eau Community Hospice Home in Edwardsville, Ill. She was born in Centralia, Ill., the daughter of Louis Otto and Ena Rae Buss Meyer. She married Earl Dean Highsmith June 11, 1967, and they had three children. She taught in the Southwestern School District in Piasa, Ill., for 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Mary Lou Prewett. Survivors include her husband, Earl, of the home; a daughter, Charlotte Marsch and husband David of Bolivar; two sons, Clark Highsmith and wife Susan of Midlothian, Texas, and Kent Highsmith and wife Jennelle of Bethalto, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Benjamin Highsmith, Midlothian, Texas, Rachel and Gloria Marsch, Bolivar, Mo., and Joslyn and Gabriel Highsmith, Bethalto, Ill.

## In Memory

### Nancy Lee Weeks

Nancy "Lee" Weeks passed away Sunday evening, August 12. She recently retired from serving as the Director of Student Services on the Springfield campus, where she worked for more than 22 years.



Nancy Lee "Leezy" Weeks, a long time resident of Ash Grove, MO., died August 12, 2012. She left this world the way she lived it, head on and in control. Born October 7, 1943, to Howard Ted and Helen Ruth Mann in San Leandro, CA.

Lee, as she was known to her family and friends, lived in several states throughout her life, but eventually made her home in Ash Grove, with her beloved husband. D.O.

For the last 22 years Lee worked at Southwest Baptist University holding various positions, most recently serving as the Director of Student Services and Marketing before retiring in March.

A freelance writer since the mid 70s, Lee served as a member and past president of the Springfield Writer's Guild and a member of the Missouri Writer's Guild since the late 90s. Lee had a passion for writing and had been published in the *Springfield News-Leader*, *Today's Woman Magazine*, *Senior Living*, *St. John's InTouch*, *SBU Life*, *SBU News and Events* (online), *Northwest Media*, *The Commonwealth* and *the Cross Country Times*. Lee also wrote a monthly column called "Leezy Undercover" in addition to blogging. Her writing always captured her unique sense of humor and perspective on life. She also received numerous awards for her articles and stories.

Lee is preceded in death by her husband

of 36 years, D.O. Weeks and her father Howard Mann. She is survived by son Jim Wheeler of Wasco, CA.; daughter Tammy Murphy of Reno, NV., daughter Marcy Blanchard of Yakima, WA., son and daughter-in-law, Glove and JoAnna Weeks of Baxter Springs, KS.; her grandchildren Andrew, Aaron, Alysse, Abigail, Kodie, Nicole, Lucas, Matthew, Connor and Madalyn; and mother Helen Mann of Ash Grove, MO. Lee also leaves behind a world of friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to a scholarship at Southwest Baptist University in care of the funeral home, Derfelt's Baxter Chapel, P.O. Box 616, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713.

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# Thank you, 50-Year Club!

BY HOLLY STOCKARD '08

Almost three years ago the Jim Sell's Front Entrance campaign was completed. This new front entrance has given SBU an attractive front door for guests who visit SBU as well as the SBU family. However, the southwest entrance to campus had no signage for prospective students, alumni and other visitors coming to campus.

During Homecoming 2011, the 50-Year Club approved the motion to sponsor a new marble sign at the southwest entrance of

campus. Thanks to a significant gift from a member of the 50-Year Club, a total of \$20,788 was raised. The black granite and brick sign provides a distinguished, impressive entrance for the southwest side of our campus.

The 50-Year Club has been very gracious to Southwest Baptist University throughout the years. Members of the 50-Year Club have funded projects that have improved the University's appearance making an impact on SBU students for years to come.

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