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The Asbury College student body and faculty gathered on the semi-circle in 1937. This picture was recreated to celebrate Asbury's transition to University on March 5, 2010.

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The mission of Asbury University, as a Christian Liberal Arts University in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, is to equip men and women, through a commitment to academic excellence and spiritual vitality, for a lifetime of learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church, thereby preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world.

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President's Message: An Altar Building Moment



It is a time of celebration at Asbury University, a time of fun and excitement, yet at the same time it is an altar building moment. Abraham built altars to God to commemorate significant moments in his life or the life of Israel. It was an opportunity to thank God for all He had done, but also a symbol of covenant to continue moving forward as the Lord leads. During the week leading up to our transition to Asbury University, I encouraged students as I encourage you to make this time your own personal "altar moment" and recognize and remember this moment in time, and your participation in something far bigger than ourselves.

As early as 1904, the dream of Asbury University was unveiled with the prospect of five schools, masters' programs and doctoral programs. More than 100 years later, that dream became reality. As we step forward into a new era for our beloved university, I pay tribute to the leaders of past eras, all of whom have contributed significantly to this moment. Name change itself does not transform us—only the Holy Spirit can transform the heart and spirit. However, a name change is symbolic. It is a public acknowledgement of what the institution has become and will be a catalyst in opening new opportunities for us in the future.

As to the future, God calls us to move forward. Life in His hands has forward movement, and He is continually calling His people into motion. Nothing in His character suggests that it is acceptable to maintain the status quo or move backward. Where He calls us, Asbury University is going—into the back roads of Appalachia; the African bush; laboratories of research institutions; pulpits of local church ministries; the classroom; marketplace; and halls of political power.

We are going where He leads and are putting into place those structures that will facilitate His work in these next days and decades. The institutional mission, for Asbury College and continuing for Asbury University, is to equip men and women for a lifetime of learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church, thereby preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world.

Asbury University stands at this point in time, full of promise. Admittedly, there are risks. But, I believe the risks are greater when we are paralyzed by the comfort of the present or by fear of the future. Thank God for the gift of faith and the ability to trust in what we do not see. As Søren Kierkegaard, a Danish philosopher and theologian, said, "life must be understood backwards; but... it must be lived forward."

As I began my Presidency three years ago, the Lord gave me a verse as a guiding principle for these days. The verse continues to inspire me today and answers, at least in part, "where Asbury University is going?" I will paraphrase Philippians 3:12-14: "We press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, we press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us."

May the Lord bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President

Expanding Our Mission



I believe that the transition from Asbury College to Asbury University provides an opportunity to offer new undergraduate and graduate programs to prepare students to serve in the global marketplace. Asbury graduates are sought after in the workforce as people of high integrity, who embody a strong work ethic, and are prepared to serve as professionals with the ability to demonstrate the relevance of Christ in the modern world.



DR. SHERRY WILSON '74 POWERS

An Asbury University education develops leaders to serve in professions both in Christian and secular settings. Becoming a university provides Asbury, as an institution, the opportunity to enhance within the academic arena by expanding opportunities for Christian and secular leadership, sustained academic excellence, service to the professions, and the overall growth of spiritual vitality in the community. The transition also positions Asbury to be recognized nationally as an institution of higher education, allowing the University to stay true to its mission by remaining on the cutting edge of faith and learning.

As parents, Mike '74 and I believe an Asbury University education is worth the investment. My children, Jonathan '03 and Leah '06, could have attended the University where I teach for virtually no cost. However, their Asbury education gave them a chance to experience a genuine Christian community within a higher education atmosphere. For many Asbury University students, this is their first experience in a Christian environment. The mentoring and partnership between the faculty and students is also an incredible benefit. Mike and I view the faculty and

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administration as partnering with us in parenting our children.

The Biblical principles, which are integrated within the educational setting, are incredibly important to help students wrestle with faith in their disciplines. Developing a Christian worldview in students is something that Asbury has always done well. Professors and administrators instill a notion of responsibility to the world as Christians. This value has shaped everything I have done in my life and I am witnessing that same impact in my children.

The changes Asbury has made in the last several years by adding graduate and non-traditional programming are very exciting to me. By reaching these audiences, the institution is opening doors for more students to engage in the Asbury University experience. It also provides opportunities for students to learn alongside individuals from different backgrounds, ages, races and life experiences. These additional

programs also allow bachelor's degree graduates to return for their master's degrees, further exploring the connections between faith and learning. Thus, the student body is looking more like the Kingdom of God, as it should.

By transitioning to a university model, Asbury University is opening new doors and increasing their capacity to equip and prepare leaders for service around the world—further embracing our institutional mission. We are reflecting that faith and learning are a lifelong process. Asbury University is meeting the needs of its students educationally and strategically preparing them for leadership to advance the cause of Christ, influencing the surrounding community, state and around the world. ■

– Dr. Sherry Wilson '74 Powers
 Alumna, parent,
 alumni board president '04-05,
 board of trustees member

Transition to Growth and Vitality

Part of Asbury College's shift to Asbury University involved a transition from individual departments into four different schools: the College of Arts and Sciences; the School of Education; the School of Communication Arts; and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. Asbury University adopted a distributive leadership model with the deans of the different schools reporting to the provost. The newly appointed deans make leadership decisions within their respective schools, which allows for a common growth plan and vision for each school.

The new model allows for growth within the graduate, non-traditional, distance learning and on-line programs – as well as education, and communication arts. However, the core of the Asbury University educational experience remains within the liberal arts curriculum, and the disciplines that comprise this foundation of learning find their academic home in the College of Arts and Sciences. Since our inception in 1890, Asbury University has been dedicated to providing an excellent integrated educational experience that develops the whole person academically and spiritually for leadership and service. Whether preparing students for advanced study or for professional employment, all academic programs of the University are grounded in the intellectual core of the liberal arts.

“Whether our students are majoring in biology, English, history or physical education, we believe that a broad exposure to Western culture shaped by our understanding of Wesleyan thought, is the best possible way to prepare students for their future,” said Dr. Jon Kulaga, provost. “It is the strong liberal arts core that provides a foundation to propel the other three schools forward in both scholarship and service through an integration of faith and learning.”

This new model also allows Asbury University to serve all of its students in a better way. The School of Graduate and Professional Studies, lead by longtime faculty member Dr. Bonnie Banker, combines the adult degree

completion program, and graduate programs in education and social work. The plan for this structure is to create a common admissions process and a support system for all non-traditional students regardless of program, and eventually have a common physical space for graduate and professional studies.

According to Dr. Verna Lowe, dean of the School of Education, education programs have grown 40 percent in the last two years with much of the growth attributed to the non-traditional programs in graduate and adult degree completion. According to Lowe, the ways graduates lives have been shaped as a result of non-traditional programs is evidence that Asbury University needs to offer courses and programs to as many populations as possible.

The School of Communication Arts has also seen tremendous growth with more than 300 majors in journalism, media communication, theatre and cinema performance, and communications. In the last five years, the School of Communication Arts has added classes in film and sitcom to expand theatre students' experience with staging, photojournalism courses, cross-cultural communications, and more courses in audio and film for media communication students. All of these efforts and future plans represent a long-term plan for the school to help each of the four major areas develop programs to meet the ever-changing needs of incoming students.

Part of meeting the needs of current and future students involves the fund raising for and construction of the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts. Once completed this state-of-art facility will encourage students and faculty, who are now located in five buildings, to share equipment and converge on projects, better representing the collaboration of these fields in the real world.

“We have attempted to be relevant to where students are today and where they are headed,” Dr. Jim Owens '79, dean



of the School of Communication Arts, said. “This has meant packaging the content in different ways that are attractive to students and parents.”

The schools have adjusted the course schedules and delivery systems to accommodate the needs of the student body. The School of Education is running a 12-month schedule offering courses that range in duration from 1 to 15 weeks. Students in the ACHIEVE Degree Completion Program classes in Wilmore can interact with their classmates more than 800 miles away in Orlando through distance learning courses. Despite the growing numbers of students and altered schedule, Lowe commented, “Our faculty have adjusted well as we try to accommodate students and provide classes in a variety of ways.”

Regardless of delivery system or duration of course, the quality of education will be maintained as students leave Asbury University well prepared for the work force. Lowe has found that students graduating from the traditional and non-traditional programs are equally prepared to teach and enjoy the same amount of success in their own classrooms.

Commencement this year will be the largest for the 120-year old institution with nearly 400 graduates set to participate. One-fourth of the new graduates will be master’s degree candidates from education, bachelor’s degree recipients from the ACHIEVE Program, and the first master’s degree candidates for the master of social work program.

“We are ministering to a whole other level of the community,” Lowe said. “We are maximizing on our mission, and are developing larger name recognition in the community as a result of the non-traditional programs. We are educating people who have never darkened our doors, and are providing a level of service that commands University status.”

In her early career, Dr. Verna Lowe taught middle school education and special education, in addition to serving as a school psychologist for several years. Lowe began teaching at Asbury full-time in 1982, teaching a variety of courses.

In her 40th year at Asbury, Dr. Bonnie Banker has served in numerous capacities at Asbury including department chair, faculty vice chair

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and vice president for academic affairs. She and Lowe were instrumental in starting the graduate education program of which Banker has served as director since its inception in 2000.

With more than 20 years at Asbury, Dr. Jim Owens has helped build a media communications program from a minor with a handful of eager students to a school with more than 300 students with majors and minors in numerous communications studies. Owens professional career includes nine Olympic broadcasts, ABC Monday Night Football, NCAA basketball and 22 years of Indy 500 broadcasts for ABC Sports. He has also been a producer for the Goodwill Games, ESPN2 and SportsChannel and has been instrumental in involving Asbury students in significant media events. ■

Preparation for Ministry

For Jill Ruhl '09, the road from business to bachelor's degree to pulpit has been paved with determination, a supportive family and a calling from God.

In January 2007, Ruhl took a spiritual retreat, where she says God began to reveal His plan to her. She read Parker J. Palmer's book called, "Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation." In his book, Palmer encourages readers to discover what excites them about their lives and pursue that as a vocation. For Ruhl, ministry excited her and she knew that she needed to be involved in ministry in some capacity. At that time, she did not know what form of ministry she would be serving, but if there was one thing she knew, it was that she would never be a pastor.

Ruhl was in her 27th year in the graphic design and advertising industry and her 16th running her own successful business. She spent her days working from home doing freelance graphic design, producing television commercials, and writing and editing radio ads. "I loved what I did," she said. "But God had a different plan for me."

Ruhl's first interest in the Asbury ACHIEVE Program started when she saw an ad in the newspaper. "I had an associate's degree, a successful business, and could play golf anytime I wanted. I didn't need to do this," she told herself. "I didn't have a purpose to finish a bachelor's degree."

As she began looking into ministry opportunities, trying to determine where she was called, God made it clear.

"God can take your heart and mind and turn it completely around," Ruhl said about her call to pastoral ministry, the role she thought she would never fill. "Never say never!"

Nearly three years ago Ruhl assumed her pastoral position at Centerville United Methodist Church and loves it. "I've never done anything more fulfilling in my life," she said.

Ruhl's family was supportive of her call to pastor the church near Paris, Ky., and to obtain her bachelor's degree from Asbury's ACHIEVE Program. "My daughter was shocked at first," Ruhl said. "But she wrote this wonderful paper for school on my call from her perspective."

Her husband, Ken, who recently retired after selling his business, Commonwealth Ford Lincoln Mercury in Richmond, supports his wife in her educational and vocational callings in every way that he can.

The ACHIEVE Program's Leadership and Ministry degree was exactly what Ruhl was seeking. "The curriculum was

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perfect for a baby pastor, which is what I called myself," she said. "I needed more Biblical background and more leadership experience. It was just a great fit. I would learn something on Tuesday and then apply it on Sunday."

Throughout her academic experience in the ACHIEVE Program, Ruhl balanced her academics with her pastoral duties, and roles as a wife and mother. While it was not easy, it was possible. "God gave me the strength to do it. I know I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Ruhl recalls the culmination of all of her work at Commencement in May 2009. "We stood as a class and sang together a verse of 'Take My Life And Let It Be.' I was so proud that moment. I could feel the pleasure of my Father in Heaven. I could feel His presence and His pride in me."

Today, Ruhl is pursuing her M.Div. at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and is on track for ordination within the United Methodist Church. "ACHIEVE prepared me so well for graduate school and writing from a theological perspective, but I realize that even if we work hard to achieve, if we are not focused on what God has called us to do, we don't truly achieve anything."

The mission of the ACHIEVE Program is to provide a quality academic program, within a Christian context, that equips non-traditional students to achieve professional excellence in their chosen field. The ACHIEVE Program prepares students for leadership and service to others, cultivates attitudes of lifelong learning, and fosters spiritual development. ■



JILL RUHL '09

*Photo by Ralph Homan,
courtesy of
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Theological Seminary*

Putting Faith into Practice

Neil Heffelbower and his eight classmates will be among the first students to not only graduate from Asbury University, but the group will also be the first alumni of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

The new program was granted accreditation candidacy status in 2008 and should receive full accreditation in 2011. The first cohort of students enrolled in fall 2008, and the program generally takes two years to complete for students without a bachelor's degree in social work. Those with a bachelor's in social work may attend the advanced standing program and complete the MSW in only one year.

Neil Heffelbower began the advanced standing program in summer 2009 after working for three years in youth ministry. When Heffelbower decided to pursue an MSW, he did not want to attend just any program—he wanted a Christian program that would help him to integrate faith into practice.

The Michigan native searched for a program that fulfilled his needs and would help him pursue his calling. He considered several programs, but his decision came down to the environment at Asbury and the opportunity to share how faith influences calling—an attribute not available at larger schools. Heffelbower was attracted to the practical application of Wesleyan theology to social work practice. The Wesleyan emphasis, he says, “really aligned with where I wanted to take my ministry.”

Heffelbower was also interested in the opportunity to be part of a new program. “As the first students, we have input in the structure of the program and have the opportunity to help make it a dynamic program.”

Dynamics is not something the new program lacks, however. According to Heffelbower, his professors and their diverse experience as well as the knowledge he has gained from his fellow classmates and their different backgrounds and pursuits have provided him a well-rounded and in-depth educational experience.

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Adding to the educational dynamic is the practicum experience, which includes almost 1,000 hours of service learning in a community agency and is considered the heart of the curriculum. Heffelbower says that the availability of field placement is a program benefit, with opportunities within hospital, mental health, school and residential settings. “It is amazing what they line up,” Heffelbower explains that the faculty align each student's gifts and desired pursuits with practicum placement, which enhances and builds upon classroom environment.



Heffelbower works with students at The Providence School, a non-traditional, combined middle and high school in Jessamine County. According to Heffelbower, the students come from diverse backgrounds and have struggled in the traditional school setting. The faculty and staff at The Providence School believe in hope that students can use their gifts and talents to influence others and rise above their situations.

Heffelbower serves as a school counselor intern and helps the students not only prepare to graduate from high school, but to also become contributing members of society by teaching them how to handle difficult situations.

Working in a public school setting, his faith permeates every interaction with students. “According to Wesleyan theology and The Providence School’s mission, we are all worthy of dignity

and respect, and each person has the opportunity change their lives,” he said.

Using his faith as a driving force, Heffelbower works to find the strengths and resources within each of his students and to teach them how to utilize those gifts in a positive way. He said, “Resistance is a strength that most of these students have and it is important to channel that in the appropriate direction.”

Using his faith as a driving force, Heffelbower works to find the strengths and resources within each of his students and to teach them how to utilize those gifts in a positive way.

Heffelbower also credits his faith and Biblically-based education for helping him stay positive despite difficult situations. “I wonder where social workers find hope—God inspired hope—where do you get it without God.” ■

Beyond the Goal



Aside from scores, wins and championships, the Asbury Eagles Athletics Department is growing in number, athletically and academically, and spiritually. In just five years, the program has grown from 124 student-athletes to more than 300 adding teams for baseball, softball and will start a men's and women's golf team in the fall. Other existing sports teams have added JV programs to deepen their rosters and allow younger athletes more playing time.

Athletics director Gary Kempf credits the growth to more purposeful recruiting, keeping in mind the university's commitment to academic excellence and spiritual vitality. "Finding student-athletes who want to grow spiritually and athletically is a challenge, but it is one we purposefully intend to meet," he said.

Athletically, the teams are taking home conference titles on a regular basis and are competing at the national level. The women's soccer team, led by Coach Paul Nesselroade '89 who is in his seventh season with the Eagles, has accumulated four straight KIAC conference titles. In 2009, the team tied the school's record for most wins in a season and made their first NAIA national tournament appearance. The men's soccer team also saw success in 2009 with a KIAC conference title.

The volleyball team, now led by J.P. Rader '83, won its first conference title and played in the national tournament for the first time in school history in 2008, under former coach Craig Mosqueda. Rader moved from South Korea to accept the coaching position in fall 2009. His first coaching duty was to meet his team at the airport and lead them on a mission trip to Costa Rica. "It was a defining moment in the season," Rader said. "We built camaraderie from that moment on."

When Gary and Dorothy Kempf came to Asbury in 2005, they had seven swimmers and divers. Today the team consists of more than 40 student-athletes across the country. In the Kempfs' first year coaching at Asbury, Kerry Hancock returned to the team and captured a national title. The success hasn't stopped since. In 2008, Matt Hood '11 won the NAIA national championship in the 200 Freestyle and Caitlyn Taylor '08 was the national champion in 1-meter diving. The team also boasted numerous scholar athletes with 49 NAIA All-Americans during the 2008-09 season. Coach Dorothy Kempf was named 2008 NAIA coach of the year. "Every student-athlete has a story and how they would not be here today without the swimming and diving program," Dorothy said.

In addition, the swimming and diving team has taken trips to Pass Christian, Miss., and the Appalachian Mountains for service and training. The Kempfs are intentional about building the swimming and diving program by recruiting students who want to become well-rounded student-athletes and servant leaders.

The Eagle men's basketball program brought back Will Shouse '02 to lead the program in 2008. In his first year, the team placed fifth at NCCAA nationals, the highest finish in school history. Shouse, who just happens to still hold the school record for three-pointers in one game (and is hopeful one of his players will soon break that record), has instilled the desire to serve among his players. The team has traveled to Costa Rica on a mission trip, the North Point Training Center, a medium security prison in Burgin, Ky., and to Shriners' hospital.

In his first year coaching the women's basketball program 2008-09, Bart Flener led the team to the most wins (15)



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in school history. That season was also the first year for the women's JV program. Flener has encouraged his team to get involved in the community, both local and abroad. In May of 2009 he took five women to Haiti for a mission trip. His teams have also been involved in the fight against Breast Cancer, playing one game every year as "Think Pink Day" to promote awareness and raise money for the Susan G. Komen foundation.

Jarred Miller is the men's tennis coach, taking over in 2008-09 season. Miller expects the number of male tennis players to double next season with recruits primarily from the Kentucky area. In addition to growing the team in size and athletically, Miller and the men's team hosted a tennis clinic for Kentucky Refugee Ministries and plan to host a second this spring.

The women's tennis program is on the rise thanks to the leadership of Head Coach Mary Clayton Dunn. Dunn took over the team in fall 2008, and in her second year led the young team to their most wins since 2004. With nine more matches scheduled for the spring, the team could record their highest win total in 20 years.

Randy Crist took over the cross country program in 2008, and has sent a runner to the NAIA National Meet in each of his first two years. In 2008, Carolyn Tegge was the first female from Asbury to run in the national meet. In 2009, freshman Jarred Brewster became the first male to run when he placed 229th out of 323 in Fort Vancouver, Wash.

Since its reinstallation in 2008, the baseball team led by Head Coach Bob Silvanik tied the school record with 25 wins, finished second in the

KIAC Regular Season and third in the NCCAA Mid-East Regional Tournament. Coach Silvanik took his team to the Dominican Republic for a week of ministry and games. The team visited an orphanage, played with kids in sugarcane villages, and played and witnessed to five baseball teams in three cities.

Softball made a roaring comeback in 2009 under the direction of Larry McCullough. McCullough led his primarily freshmen team to 24 wins, the most in school history and the KIAC Tournament Championship. The team would move on to the NAIA National Tournament in Alabama. Now back for their second season, the softball looks to defend their KIAC Tournament title and win the KIAC regular season.

Kempf concluded, "As an athletic department, we are committed to enhancing the opportunities for Christian student athletes nationwide by giving them the opportunity to receive an authentic Christian education, which prioritizes academic excellence, spiritual vitality, and athletic opportunity." To follow the Asbury University athletic teams, visit asbury.edu/athletics ■

Plans for Hope and a Future



JESSICA YOUNG & RACHAEL HENDER

Last spring, sophomore Rachael Hender of Lexington decided to transfer to Asbury to play soccer for the Eagles—a decision that did not come easy for the 20-year-old center-midfield player. Hender had practiced with the team several times and had spoken with Coach Paul Nesselroade '89. She loved the atmosphere and the team, yet she just could not commit. Overwhelmed with the decision, she initially decided to back out of transferring.

Unconvinced she made the right decision, she prayed for God to give her a “sure sign” of where He wanted her. That day she received an e-mail from Coach Nesselroade, in the message he wrote that he was praying for her and desired God’s will for her decision. That was the sign Rachael needed to confirm her transfer.

In spring 2009, Rachael was ready to enroll at Asbury. She was registered for classes and had a roommate, Jessica Young of North Vernon, Ind., a left-midfield player on the soccer team. However, in May, Rachael discovered that transferring to Asbury and playing for the team she had grown to love was going to be a lot harder than she expected. At 19, she underwent two surgeries, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy.

She sent a text message to her future roommate, Jessica, with the bad news that she would not be coming to school in the fall of 2009 or playing on the team that season. Rachael and Jessica didn’t know each other before choosing to share a room for the fall and spring semesters. They had met a couple of times and their coach suggested the arrangement, which suited them.



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Jessica drove down to see Rachael the day after her surgery, “As someone who was healthy, I didn’t know what to do,” Jessica said. “When I asked her what I could do, she said, ‘Nothing, I’m in God’s hands.’ Her strength blessed me more than anything—she was still praising God at that lowest low. I wanted to bless her and she was the one who blessed me.”

For Rachael, the visits from her teammates and coach, and Jessica’s support were what she needed during her darkest hours of treatment. “It was so special and incredible,” Rachael said. “Coach and the girls weren’t just people, they were the light at the end of the tunnel—the embodiment of God’s plan for me. God occupied my brain and I had steadfast strength that I didn’t know how I had.”

The surgeries and chemotherapy were rough and at times Rachael recalls feeling like she was dying, but support and love of her teammates and her

future roommate were God’s ways of saying to her, “You have a long road ahead with rough waters and jungles, but this is how beautiful, caring and wonderful it is going to be.”

In an effort to cheer her up, Jessica brought her an Asbury soccer shirt and visited her frequently. “I wanted to be there for her,” Jessica recalls. “I kept having the voice of God in my head telling me to call her and go see her.”

During her struggle, Rachael was reminded constantly of the words of Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Rachael says, “God breathed life into that and was faithful.”

On September 25, 2009, Rachael was declared cancer-free. Today she enjoys playing the guitar and singing, and is preparing to play for the Eagles in fall 2010. ■

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A DEFINING MOMENT

Special chapel services, new signage, 2,000 purple t-shirts, banners and a 1,500-person group photo drew attention and excitement in celebration of Asbury University on March 5, 2010.

Commissioner Israel Gaither, national commander of The Salvation Army and Asbury Board of Trustees member, was the guest speaker in chapel. Earlier in the week, Dr. Victor Hamilton and Dr. Sandra Gray spoke about the transition from College to University. You can listen to these chapel messages at asbury.edu/podcasts



SENIORS SHARE EXCITEMENT AS FIRST GRADUATES FROM ASBURY UNIVERSITY

BY JOEY NUNEZ, A SENIOR FROM HARRISONBURG, VA



On March 5, 2010, Asbury officially adopted the name Asbury University making the Unashamed Class of 2010 the first Asbury University graduates. As Dr. Sandra Gray led the institution in this new direction, many seniors excitedly anticipated the transition and many of its benefits including being the first recipients of an Asbury University diploma.

Mary Grace Rumford, a senior double major in social work and psychology from Macon, Ga., was unmistakably excited when she found out that her class would be the first to graduate from Asbury University. "I would have been upset if I had just missed it, and it changed just after I graduated," she said.

Rumford comes from an Asbury family and has bragged to relatives that "as the last of the bunch," she will receive a different diploma. "It is something new, and it is something that is going to help Asbury in the future, to help it grow," she said.

Growth and international recognition are a few of the many improvements graduating seniors hope to witness in the future.

Ben Groves, a senior Spanish major from Chillicothe, Ohio, believes that Dr. Gray and the administration are successfully delivering Asbury's name in new ways, both globally and domestically, reaching more people in a positive way.

The international recognition will help soon-to-be graduates like Sarah Yates, a senior social work major from Russell, Ky., who aspires to work with children internationally. She said that the name change demonstrates Asbury's ability to be "more than just a small, private school" communicating the University's mission and the ability of its graduates to broader audiences. "To have an Asbury University education actually is going to be so much more beneficial to my long-term future," she said.

Like Yates, Josh Howard, a senior international business major from La Grange, Ga., shares similar benefits from

the university status. Having already applied for jobs internationally, Howard believes the change enables students, faculty and staff alike to "have more of an autonomy and better structure that is conducive to growth."

Growing existing and new programs is of interest to Joel Chandler, a senior missions major from Huntington, W. Va. With Christians called to mission work in national or international settings, Chandler believes that the transition to university will prove Asbury's authenticity for future students to pursue this field and serve internationally.

All these seniors know that their alma mater will remain committed to academic excellence and spiritual vitality, but they hope to see growth and improvement in these areas as well. In addition to high standards and focus on community, Howard would like to see Asbury strive toward improvement academically. He credits the administration's willingness to think creatively and not to be satisfied with status quo. "We need to continue to strive toward the Lord and toward greater academic pursuits, not contain ourselves as a small Christian liberal arts college in Kentucky," he said.

Chandler compared Asbury's name change to his academic studies. "In missions, I have learned that cultures change. Institutions change too, and there's really no stopping that," he said. Chandler, like other students, is assured that the current spiritual climate and emphasis on community will remain the same. "There's definitely a strong commitment to holiness here, a strong commitment to living for the Lord and that should never leave. Likewise, the body of Christ is strong when it is united, and when brothers and sisters can help and lift each other up, that is when they are strongest," he said. ■



When the Earth Flexes its Muscles

ANDY OLSEN '04, NORTHWEST HAITI CHRISTIAN MISSION
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It took nearly 500 years to build this city. It took less than 60 seconds to level it.

The vast majority of us usually view human catastrophes of this magnitude through a television screen, myself included. Even as a photographer, this is the first time I have seen anything like this from the inside looking out.

I wandered through the streets of Haiti's capital city for a few days after a magnitude 7.0 Earthquake split the streets and crumpled buildings. Words and photos fail to describe the devastation that hundreds of thousands of people here are living through.

We felt many of the more than 28 aftershocks that followed the quake. They became so common at our hotel, at least, that most of us did not flinch. Mattresses lined the parking lot outside where many of the hotel guests sleep at night, safely separated from the concrete building.

Nothing here is easy — diesel and gas are scarce, and nearly every remaining building in the city is shattered. As I type, the drone of C-130 cargo planes rumbles through my room, goliaths with bellies full of gifts for a badly hurting

country. They are now taking off and landing at the Port-au-Prince airport 24 hours a day amid swarms of helicopters.

I also watched some great relief work done by missionaries in Port-au-Prince, people I do not know but for whom I developed a great respect after spending a few hours with them. Their relief efforts — medical care and food distribution — were small-scale, but they were well done with much love. While I appreciate the bravado and eagerness I've seen among the “big guys” like international rescue teams and military personnel, I find something almost more comforting in the quieter efforts of the Christian groups and grassroots organizations here. Long after all the big planes fly away, I know the little guys will still be here, working quietly as they always have.

This city has moved past the destruction-and-dead-bodies chapter and is getting on with the real work of relief and healing. There is a real sense that we are no longer just gawking at a train wreck, but we are beginning to pick up the pieces.

It is only starting to dawn on people here what a historic moment this is. It will shift the balance of power in unknown ways

here. It will ensure Haiti remains at the very bottom rung of the global economic ladder for decades to come. It will reshape the Haitian identity in profound ways. And it will surely alter the course of the future for an entire generation, shattering dreams before they were even dreamed.

But not too many folks are thinking about that at the moment. Right now, there is only one dream here: stay alive and find a doctor, food, and something to drink. Then find somewhere to sleep and do it all again tomorrow.

But if you are looking for fists raised to God, you'll have to look hard. In the streets of Haiti, there are more often hands lifted in prayer, in praise, and in thanks.

Even in the midst of great sadness — and there is plenty to go around here — Haitians have a remarkable ability to remember God's goodness. It is remarkable to watch so many people singing and praying as they are surrounded by death.

Less than 18 months ago, some of the worst flooding in recent history nearly destroyed Gonaives, Haiti's third-largest city. Like many foreigners here, I have wrestled with God about how He could allow such tragedy in a country that was already besieged by it.

In Haiti, there are abundant attempts to answers to that question. Some blame foreign governments, some blame Haiti's practice of voodoo, some blame sin, and some do blame God himself. I reject all of these as too simplistic.

I believe we all have the right to ask tough questions of God, but we are not always entitled to answers. I choose to accept that I am incapable of comprehending the mind of God, and that the earthquake was, if nothing else, a reminder that this world is not as God intended for it to be.



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Yesterday, I was struck by the words of Psalm 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Most of us have been anything but still since the earthquake. We have rushed to help in the ways we could, and tensions have run high at times. We have been glued to news reports, the same as many of our families in the United States.

But there have been moments of stillness when God unexpectedly

broke through, like the rainbow I saw arcing over a mountain peak as I drove to Port-au-Prince the day after the quake, a reminder of God's promise to Noah that he is still watching over the earth.

In those moments, I have heard eternity calling, a quiet assurance that all I have witnessed does not invalidate who I know God to be. Those same moments help me see that God still smiles on me, even in seasons when I despair that I am not doing enough to make a difference. ■

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Asbury University to partner with alumni at Haitian School

During Christmas break Art McMahon '99 visited Asbury University men's basketball coach, Will Shouse '02, and the Eagle men's basketball team. McMahon, who teaches and coaches basketball at Quisqueya School in Haiti, talked to the team about coming to Port-au-Prince in May to play against several professional basketball teams.

Then on Jan. 12, 2010, the trip and its focus changed dramatically. With about five minutes left of a routine basketball practice, McMahon was stressing the defense in preparation for their upcoming game when the court beneath him began to move.

McMahon had just covered earthquakes in his eighth grade Earth Science class, but he had never experienced one. The basketball court felt like water beneath his feet. "It felt like I was on a surfboard and the court was gently moving," he describes. "I was about to say to the guys that those were tremors when the real earthquake hit. The trees around the court were shaking and it looked to me like waves were going through the walls and buildings. It does not seem possible, but the buildings around the court actually moved."

As the ground continued to shake, McMahon and all of his players rushed to the center of the court. McMahon remembers having to fight to stay on his feet as the buildings outside of his school collapsed. When the shaking stopped, he told his team to sit on a nearby soccer field and call their parents.

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NORTHWEST HAITI CHRISTIAN MISSION

"I ran to our gate and onto the busy road where there was nothing but chaos," he said. "People were frantic and immediately I realized this was bigger than I first expected."

That night, McMahon and his girlfriend, Miquette, worked tirelessly at a small clinic with limited supplies trying to help the people who kept pouring in with extensive injuries. "No matter how many people we tried to help, there were more and more coming," he remembers.

In the days that followed, McMahon says that God opened the doors for the school to help. Quisqueya became a command center for doctors, and the teachers and staff worked to house, feed and help the doctors. "Our job here is to help them get to where hurting people are and show Christ in action. For me personally that has involved driving teams of doctors, transporting patients, translating, and trying to make a small difference in the middle of so much pain," McMahon said.

Amid so much pain came a few moments of joy as parents in the United States learned that the children they had been anxiously awaiting to adopt were safe and would be arriving home earlier than expected. McMahon worked with the orphanage to take the children to the U.S. Embassy where they had been given clearance to leave the country and meet their parents in the U.S. Among those families were McMahon's close friends who had been waiting to adopt their daughter for two years. "God totally brought the plans together," he said. "What would have taken three years happened in a period of hours. It was such a bright spot in the first week of very hard things to experience."



ART MCMAHON WITH THE CEABE FAMILY

"I am very excited about Asbury and Quisqueya working together," McMahon said. "I believe that both schools have a lot to offer each other, and I am happy to see how the Lord uses this new bond."

Quisqueya School, which became a safe haven for so many following the earthquake, is directed by Steve '89 and Ruth Bowen '89 Hersey. Miriam Powdrill '04 is also employed at the school. Mark Troyer, vice president for student development, announced during Holiness Emphasis Week in February that the University is outlining a measured and longer-term relief response to aid the school. "This is a good opportunity for us to live out our faith in reaching out to others," he said.

The University took up a \$2,100 offering during Holiness Emphasis Week to aid the immediate financial needs of the Quisqueya School, which includes support of tuition for students who lost family members, and school staff who lost homes in the earthquake.

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Asbury University has a history of partnering with communities and schools following disasters, the College and the City of Wilmore partnered with Pass Christian, Miss., for clean-up and rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. College students and community members took numerous trips to Pass Christian for years following the hurricane that devastated the community. ■

Asbury University Students Help Broadcast the Olympics

In February, more than 40 media communications students and four faculty traveled to Vancouver, British Columbia to help broadcast the winter Olympic games held Feb. 12-28. Students worked in paid positions as camera operators, camera assistants, liaison officers, audio assistants and loggers.

This year, two students broadcasted about their experiences on the Lexington news station, WLEX-channel 18. Junior Janelle Gore and senior Natalie Clements sent stories to the television station. View the Olympic reports online at asbury.edu/asburytv/channels/olympics.

Since 1984, more than 460 Asbury University students have worked in paid broadcasting positions at almost every Olympic Games. Asbury University is still the only school outside of the host country that was invited to send media students to work for pay in Vancouver, Beijing, Torino, Athens, Salt Lake, Sydney and Atlanta.



40 years later, historic revival revisited



On Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, students gathered in chapel for the 40th anniversary of Asbury's 1970 historic revival. On Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1970, the Asbury student body gathered for what was supposed to be a required chapel service. Dean Custer Reynolds, the College's academic dean was to speak. Instead, he gave a brief testimony and invited students to talk about their own experiences. Students began filing to the altar one after another.

For months following that initial chapel service, Asbury students were invited to churches, colleges and universities throughout the nation and into neighboring countries to share their testimonies and experiences. Each weekend of the revival, an average of 600 students went out on witness teams. The revival spurred similar events at more than 35 colleges and universities nation wide.

Lexington Herald-Leader religion writer, Paul Prather, described the event many years later. "If lumped with that charismatic movement and the 'born-again' revivals of the mid 1970s, Asbury's outbreak might be part of the most influential world-wide renewal of the century," he said.

The '70 Revival story is retold in *One Divine Moment*, edited by Robert E. Coleman. It is also featured in the video "When God Comes." Both are available at the College bookstore, bookstore@asbury.edu.

The Commission on Colleges reaffirms Asbury University for 10 years

Asbury University is pleased to announce the recent decision by the Commission on Colleges (COC) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to approve the reaffirmation of Asbury University's accreditation for 10 years.

In addition to the reaffirmation of accreditation the Commission also approved all of the institution's proposed substantive changes which include:

- The expansion to offsite locations at the Jessamine Career and Technology Center (JCTC) in Nicholasville and Orlando, Fla.
- The expansion of academic delivery to include both distance education and online learning
- The addition of the new Master of Social Work (MSW) degree

The Commission also approved Asbury University's required Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). All SACS-COC accredited colleges and schools must complete a Quality Enhancement Plan as a component of reaffirmation. Asbury University's QEP is The Cornerstone Project based upon the four Cornerstones of Scripture, Holiness, Stewardship and Mission. The Cornerstone Project will strengthen and broaden Asbury University's commitment to spiritual vitality.

Don't toss, recycle! Student-led initiatives pursue stewardship

Asbury University students, faculty and staff recently noticed many new recycling bins on campus this semester. These new "paper only" bins are part of a Cornerstone Project initiative to pursue stewardship. Juniors Jesse Powell

of Elizabeth, Ind., and Jeffrey O'Field of Louisville, Ky., are heading up this new project. Powell and O'Field hope to get people on campus in the habit of recycling paper. The bins, created from recycled plastic, are located in every campus building. Once the recycling program is up and running, Powell and O'Field plan to expand the program to include plastic and aluminum. Reducing consumption and waste was the reason for Asbury's other new initiative to eliminate trays in the cafeteria. College cafeterias around the country have been going "trayless" in an effort reduce the amount of food wasted, and lower energy and water costs needed to wash trays. In March, faculty and staff joined the effort with A Rocha to recycle and reuse two tons of Asbury College printed material.

Asbury Police Mounts selected for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Equine Village



Asbury Police Mounts will participate in the Equine Village of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington Sept. 25-Oct. 10, 2010. The Equine Village will be a world-class spectator attraction, offering equine entertainment, educational activities and lectures from equine industries. This feature exhibit area will be one of the major attractions offered to Games' visitors in addition to the world championship competitions in eight equestrian sports.

As a member of the 2010 Games Equine Village, Asbury Police Mounts will showcase a cavalry style drill ride that demonstrates maneuvers similar to those used by mounted police units. The demonstration at the Kentucky Horse Park will be offered to thousands of spectators during the 16 days of competition. Activities provided by the Asbury Police Mounts will include a drill ride set to music as well as a demonstration of mounted police training. The horses performing in this demonstration are all three-year-old Percheron-thoroughbreds and have been trained by Asbury equine students. The student trainers work diligently to prepare their mounts for future police work.

Principal Licensure Program approved

Asbury University's School of Graduate and Professional Studies is proud to announce the approval of the Principal Licensure Program by the Kentucky Education Standards Board. The Principal Licensure Program is school-based and closely aligned to the Kentucky Cohesive Leadership System Continuum for Principal Licensure and Development.

The Principal Licensure Program, responding to a widespread need for highly qualified leaders, will prepare caring, competent and highly-skilled professional educators who will provide leadership for today's schools across Kentucky, nationwide, and around the world. Asbury University's current success with preparing quality educators in collaboration with our public school partners sets the stage for a distinctive leadership program.

Collegian receives KIPA awards

The Asbury Collegian won 40 awards at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association's annual convention held on Feb. 26-27. Asburians walked away with 14 first-place awards, including best special section, best news story, best commentary, best feature story and best sports photo. In addition, Collegian executive editor Deanna Morono won Staffer of the Year: the convention's highest honor.

Asbury competes against both public and private colleges in Kentucky with enrollments of 5,000 or fewer students.

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ASBURY UNIVERSITY FAQ FOR ALUMNI

When can I purchase a new Asbury University t-shirt?

The bookstore has Asbury University merchandise in stock. You can order online at bookstore.asbury.edu

Will our mascot change?

The Eagle mascot, Isaiah, remains the mascot of Asbury University.

Will our school colors change?

Asbury University maintains purple and white as our institutional colors.

Will Asbury still sell "College" memorabilia to alumni and friends?

Asbury College items will be available through the College bookstore as long as supplies last. All new items will be Asbury University.

When do alumni officially begin saying they graduated from "Asbury University" rather than "Asbury College?"

Diplomas will read "Asbury University," beginning with May 2010 graduates. Alumni may list Asbury University as their alma mater on resumes, etc., beginning March 5, 2010. For a fee, graduates prior to 2010 will also be able to order Asbury University diplomas by contacting the Registrar's Office at (859) 858-3511 ext. 2325



ASBURY UNIVERSITY PROUDLY WELCOMED GENERAL SHAW CLIFTON OF THE SALAVATION ARMY

On March 10, 2010, General Clifton addressed the student body during chapel services.

General Shaw Clifton, LLB, BD, PhD, AKC, and Commissioner Helen Clifton BA, PGCE became Salvation Army officers in London in 1973. General Clifton was elected the 18th General of The Salvation Army by the High Council in January 2006 and took over as the international leader of The Salvation Army on April 2, 2006. At that time, Commissioner Helen Clifton became the World President of Women's Ministries. Commissioned as Salvation Army officers in 1973, General and Mrs. Clifton have held appointments on five continents, and are frequent guest leaders and speakers at events around the world.

Asbury University and The Salvation Army have shared a strong and mutually beneficial

relationship for more than 80 years. The first "Sallie" came to Asbury University in 1924, and since then the University has been home to as many as 93 Salvationists at any given time. Through the years more than 500 Salvationists attended

Asbury University, of those more than half became commissioned officers including corps officers and local officers, divisional and territorial leaders, three national commanders, and a former General. ■



ASBURY UNIVERSITY SALVATION ARMY MEMBERS WELCOME GENERAL SHAW CLIFTON ON MARCH 10, 2010.

Celebrating lasting partnerships



As we celebrate the name, Asbury University, we also rejoice in the lasting partnerships we have with our alumni and friends. It is you who have helped us arrive at this day. As an institution, we have thrived along with our alumni in daily pursuits to serve God and positively impact the community, church and family.

It is during this celebration that we also encourage our alumni and friends to reengage and reconnect with Asbury University. Your engagement and support is what propels Asbury University into the future, which is full of God's favor. Our name may have changed, but as an institution we remain committed to the values and mission that our founder set forth 120 years ago.

We ask that you continue your financial commitments to Asbury University, and share the good news about our institution as we move forward in pursuing God's plan for the days and years to

follow. Our future is bright with hope and opportunity as we continue to grow our non-traditional programs while staying true to our liberal arts core and integration of faith and learning. We believe that God is calling us to broaden our scope of influence through extending our ministry to populations of all ages and backgrounds. It is through our obedience to His call that we are able to celebrate enrollment growth, successful programs and a reinvigorated commitment to spiritual vitality.

We worship God and give him the glory for our success and for the loyalty of our alumni and friends who have remained steadfast in their commitments to help Asbury University proceed forward in challenging economic times. May God bless you and your family.

– R. Gregory Swanson, JD '78

Vice president for institutional advancement and general counsel

1930



Helen Winslow '31 Larabee celebrated her 101st birthday in January 2010. Helen is the first alumnae of a multi-generation Asbury University family. She started her Asbury education by attending high school at Bethel Academy. We celebrate this milestone!

1940

Martha Evans '48 Sparks lives at 178 Wesley Drive, Wilmore, KY 40390. E-mail: msparks1@windstream.net

Eyvyn M. Adams '41 has returned to Hawaii to live near his daughters, **Faith Adams '74 Mishina** and **Carol Adams '65 Ask**. He celebrates the 50th anniversary with HOREMCO (Hokkaido Radio Evangelism and Mass Communications), a work he pioneered.

Elmer Kilbourne's '43 life story is told in the book "Missionary Maverick" published by OMS Press.

Dr. John Woods '49 received the 2009 Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Humanitarian award in Rochester, MN.

1950

Gerald '57 and Joanne Pemberton '57 Anderson are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Robert Frauman '58 was pianist for the 2010 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC.

1960

Rebecca Kunkle '67 Petrie has written "Falling into His Grace: The Power of a Life Laid Down." Rebecca's web blog can be found at www.RebeccaJourney.com.

David '68 and Patricia Estep '68 Warden moved to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the UMC in June 2009.

Bruce '68 and Sylvia Baldwin '68 Scollard celebrated the birth of their 20th grandchild in October 2009.

Fred Gardner '68 has retired after serving 40 years in the Florida Conference UMC. He and wife, **Mary Ellen Meier '67 Gardner**, live in Clearwater, FL.

1970

Donald Adams '71 published "With Hands Outstretched," through Bristol House Publishing

Frank '73 and Sharon Engler '73 Martin are missionary pastors for WGM as of January 2010.

Philip Webster '77's book, "1776 Faith: The Christian Worldview of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence" was published November 2009 by Xulon Press.

Matt and Lisa Friedeman '77 Ausley have published "Life Changing Bible Study: Practical Keys to a Deeper Understanding of the Word" through The Francis Asbury Society.

Murray '79 and Penny Ritchey '81 Kenyon welcomed their first grandchild, Judah James Shirlen, on March 4, 2009.



Steve Rehner '79 is the new Asbury University golf coach. His four children are all Asburians, Emily '09, Daniel '11, Jonathan '13, and Allison is an Asbury Academy student.

Cinda Johnston '79 Swan is author of the book, "Christus Victor," and has written chapters to three college textbooks. She is an ordained United Methodist minister appointed to teach in the religion department at Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, KY.

1980

Scott Janney '80 is president of Plannedgiving.com.

Laurie Alice Eakes '80 published her 15th novel, "The Glassblower" in December 2009 by Barbour Publishing.

Michael W. Hogg '82 has served as Presbyterian pastor in New Orleans for 13 years. His church has served as mission base for more than 200 work teams damaged by Katrina. E-mail: skatepastormike@yahoo.com

Jorge Acevedo '84 was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church during the 60th Anniversary celebration of The Foundation for Evangelism.

Jay '89 and Lillian Gage '89 Stinson now live in Shallowater, TX. They are both employed by Hospitality Services department of Texas Tech University. E-mails: jay.stinson@ttu.edu and michele.stinson@ttu.edu.



Daniel Snyder '89 married **Jill E. Rodrigues '89 Holley** on October 9, 2009 in Wilmore, KY.

1990

Tate Webb '91 was editor on the film, "The Poodle Trainer," a selection of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival.

Trent '91 and Lisa Albrecht '91 Pedersen opened Pedersen Chiropractic in Wilmore. Web site: www.wilmorechiro.com.

Keith '91 and Bethany Barker welcomed Oren Rhodes on July 23, 2009.

Tim and Alison Baker '92 Simpson have written "Amazing Adventures, Creative Connections, and Daring Deeds," published by NavPress.

Charles D. Morton '92 qualified for the 2009 Boston Marathon.

Chris Heuertz '94 and **Christine Pohl** have recently published, "Friendship at the Margins: Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission" by InterVarsity Press.

Paul Hamilton '93 recently completed his M.S. in education administration at University of Scranton in Scranton, PA.

Gary Yoak '94 has a new e-mail address: gwyoak@casinternet.net

Christopher '96 and Jennifer Noah announce the birth of **Levi Alexander**, on July 26, 2009. He joins brother **Sawyer**, 3 and sister **Lily**, 2. Proud grandparents are **Mel and Fran Browning '68 Noah**.

A Trust fund has been set up to benefit **Anna Minnella '93 Doublestein**, who became paralyzed following a recent surgery. For more information e-mail **Tim Doublestein '96** at frdoublestein@comcast.net

Eric and Vonda Carlisle '96 Bryce welcomed **Emmelene Barrett** on Nov. 13, 2009. Neil and

Andrea Bristowe '96 Howey announces the birth of daughter, **Miranda Chapman**, on Dec. 12, 2008.

Gregory T. Jacobs '96 has recently published a book titled, "To Be Continued...An Ordinary Man on an Extraordinary Journey." Web site: www.gregorytjacobs.com

Heidi Raass '97 Spencer had two short stories published in the book, "Along the Way: Real

Life Moments Touched by God," by Meredith Publishing in 2008.

Kyung Kim '97 served as a tenor soloist for Handel's Messiah performed by Thomson-McDuffie Community Chorus and Chamber Orchestra on Nov. 29, 2009. He serves as Director of Music Ministries at Thomson First UMC in Thomson, GA.

Todd and **Alison Stevenson '97 Morris** welcomed the birth of Evelyn Clare on March 30, 2009.

Ivan and **Jessica Hill '98 Aviles** announce the birth of their son, Gianni Andres, on Aug. 10, 2009.

Danny '98 and **Jennifer Thomson '98 Griffis** announce the adoption of Sabrina Laine (born Nov. 21, 2003) and Monique Elizabeth (born Oct. 21, 2005) on Nov. 14, 2008.

Blaine '99 and **Jodie Shaner '99 Keene** announce the arrival of their third child, Makenna Laine, on Jan. 11, 2009.

Brian D. '99 and **Erin Rider '99 Yontz** welcomed Caroline Laura on July 30, 2009. Caroline joins sister Claire, 5, at home in Springfield, OH. Brian is a member of the education faculty at Wittenburg University, and Erin is a nurse practitioner in Women's Health at Wright State Physicians in Dayton.

2000

Martha Blackburn '01 married David Williams on April 25, 2009 in Zionsville, IN. They live in Collinsville, IL.

Jeremy '01 and **Cassie Davis '02 Corbett** announce the arrival of their second son, William Hill, on Jan. 1, 2010. Proud grandparents are **Steve '76** and **Deni Moegerle '75 Corbett**.

Katie Tevis '01 Hostetter is author of the Web site www.frugalfemina.com: fun and thrifty talk for a well managed home.

Ben '01 and **Sarah Kemp '01 Wehling** announce the arrival of Hutson Jude on June 20, 2009. Ben is the Director of Communications and Marketing for Taylor University.

Eric Bentley '02 has joined the Lexington office of Ross, Sinclair & Associates. E-mail: ebentley@rsanet.com

Juman and **Sarah Paff '02 Byun** welcome the arrival of daughter, Joy, on Feb. 28, 2010.

Michael and **Sarah Matthews '02 Hajduk** announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Addison, on Oct. 29, 2009 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Peter '02 and **Sarah Hackett '02 McCurdy**

announce the birth of their fourth child, Elianna Rose Ward, on July 15, 2009. Peter is the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Painesville, OH.

Glide-Crawford has a new resident, and it's a boy! Josh and **Julia Teets '02 Sheets** welcome the arrival of Joshua Fitzhugh on March 12, 2010. Julia is the Resident Director of Glide-Crawford Residence Hall at Asbury University.

Brad and **Brooke Newkirk '02 Swango** welcome the arrival of Mason William on Jan. 15, 2010.

Leli and **Matt Holmes '03** welcome the arrival of Gretchen Noel on Dec. 28, 2009, their first anniversary.

Ryan Worthen '03 was recognized on National Philanthropy Day, Nov. 17, by the Association of Fundraising Professionals for his work with Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass. He joined the board of directors of the Ronald McDonald House in January 2010.

Emily Harris '04 reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest point on the continent of Africa on Dec. 20, 2009.

Jamie Corbett '04 and Michael Higdon were married on October 11, 2009. The couple resides in Washington, DC.

David '05 and **Ashley Dalton '05 Grigg** welcomed the birth of their first child, Morgan Bailey, on Oct. 24, 2008.



Matthew and **Sarah Pierson '06 Ellis** announce the arrival of twins: Ivy Lynne and Eagan Matthew on Jan. 29, 2010.

Jason '08 and **Tiffany Blankenship** and announce the arrival of identical twins, Addison and Cassidy, on Jan. 11, 2010. Jason is youth pastor at First Evangelical Church in Macon, GA.

Misty Rose Johnson '08 married Adam Lawrence on Sept. 5, 2009. The couple resides in Leesburg, GA.

Peter and **Katie Neihof '08 Lanigan** welcome daughter, Ella Louise, on Feb. 15, 2010.

Joel and **Jenny Bunge '08 Mostad** welcome the arrival of Jeremiah David on Feb. 23, 2010.

Elisabeth Marie Upham '09 married Max Jonczyk on Sept. 16, 2009 in Stow, OH.

Have news?

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Alumni

Priscilla McPherson '30 McCoig, education, Sept. 9, 2009, Newport News, VA

Leta Stockton '33 Lovin, business, Sept. 22, 2009, Morton, IL

Doris Cole '34 Blitch, May 16, 2009, St. Petersburg, FL

Edgar Nelson '37, ministry, Jan. 23, 2010, Yuba City, CA

Leonard "Will" Wolcott '37, education, Nov. 5, 2009, Nashville, TN

Ruth Behnke '38 Amstutz, missions, Oct. 21, 2008, Bel Aire, KS

Mattie "Patsy" Craig '38 Emerick, education, Feb. 8, 2010, Port Charlotte, FL

Leda Yarnell '38 Smith, Nov. 24, 2009, Vienna, VA

Alice Coffin '38 Sprague, education, March 27, 2009, Milton, KY

Mahlon Amstutz '39, missions, May 23, 2009, Bel Aire, KS

Marian Eakin '41 Dugan, education, Sept. 6, 2009, Lake Junaluska, NC

Hosie "Ed" Garrett '42, ministry, May 14, 2009, Pensacola, FL

David Skeen '42, ministry, Aug. 27, 2009, Sarasota, FL

Mary Halsel Cunningham '44 Jones, Oct. 25, 2009, Modesto, CA

Robert Sommer '44, ministry, Oct. 11, 2009, Sevierville, TN

Mary Gamble '46 Nysewander, homemaker, Dec. 26, 2009, Marietta, GA

Lounette McCoullough '47 Roughton, Oct. 11, 2009, Lakeland, FL

E. Wendall Eskew '48, ministry, Feb. 2, 2010, Charleston, WV

Hilda Rou '48 Fall, homemaker, April 14, 2009, Traverse City, MI

Abraham Brandyberry '49, ministry, Feb. 2, 2010, Sebring, OH

Mary Sample '49, business/missions, July 26, 2009, Akron, OH

Harvey Wright '50, ministry, May 11, 2009, Springfield, IL

Donald Hall '51, writer, July 20, 2009, Pewaukee, WI

Floyd Powell '51, business, Sept. 22, 2009, Norfolk, VA

Joan McDade '53 Dyer, education, Sept. 13, 2009, Oxford, OH

Donald Joiner '53, ministry, Dec. 24, 2009, Lake Junaluska, NC

Nancy Stires '53 Luttrull, nursing, Jan. 22, 2010, Ventura, CA

Walter Applegate '54, ministry, April 26, 2009, Greenup, KY

Charles Moore '54, ministry, Jan. 11, 2010, Chillicothe, OH

Aleta Bowers '56 Winkler, music, Aug. 7, 2009, Oklahoma City, OK

Eleanor Burriss '57 Cobb, Nov. 25, 2009, Arab, AL

Albert Frank '57, ministry, Dec. 10, 2009, Lancaster, PA

Ardis Hanson '58 Jacobs, homemaker, Jan. 16, 2010, Frederick, MD

Mary Thompson '58 Stevenson, education, Dec. 19, 2009, Tucker, GA

Sue Hylbert '59 Biles, education, Aug. 19, 2009, Yuma, AZ

Patricia Scott '60 Vinzant, Feb. 7, 2009, Raymond, MS

Barbara Anne Herren '63 Livesay, social work, Sept. 26, 2009, Cynthiana, KY

Patti Allison '67, Sept. 24, 2009, Louisville, KY

Glenn Spencer '74, ministry, Oct. 25, 2009, Newfield, NJ

Joan Marie Stice '83 VanFleet, Nov. 10, 2009, Georgetown, KY

Friends

Santo Baiamonte, June 19, 2009, Sevierville, TN

Henry Coker, Feb. 14, 2009, Sugar Land, TX

Clint Conner, March 24, 2009, Centerville, OH

Mary Evelyn Cooper Hammonds, April 29, 2009, Lexington, KY

G. W. Hupp, Aug. 4, 2009, Oak Island, NC

David Ingram, Jan. 2, 2010, Oviedo, FL

Ella Ruth Kilbourne, Dec. 22, 2009, Venice, FL

Mildred Lopp, Dec. 30, 2009, Versailles, KY

Earl Sharp, Sept. 24, 2009, Warren, IN

Theresa Sims, June 4, 2009, Orlando, FL



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| April 7-9 | Faith & Public Policy |
| April 15-17, 22-24 | Spring Drama Production: Play On |
| April 16-17 | Jym Jam and Tumbling Team's 45th Reunion |
| April 20 | President's Lexington Business Lunch |
| April 21 | President's Louisville Business Lunch |
| April 22-24 | Spring Visit Days & Engaging Culture Weekend |
| April 24 | Highbridge Film Festival |
| April 26 | Honors Convocation in Hughes |
| May 1 | Junior/Senior |
| May 7 | Baccalaureate – Dr. Wess Stafford |
| May 8 | Commencement – Dr. Dermot Quinn |
| June 16-19 | Ichthus 2010 www.ichthusfestival.org |
| June 20-25 | Wilmore Camp Meeting – Dr. Bill Ury '78 & Dr. Vic Hamilton |
| June 24-27 | Reunion 2010 |
| July 10 | Asbury Day at Indian Springs Camp, Georgia |
| July 23 | Asbury Day at Hollow Rock Camp, Ohio |