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HELPING EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF NEED

I was on campus with some prospective students on the Sunday evening in March that Furman students were returning from spring break. There was a palpable feeling that students were happy to see each other and be back “home.”

It made me appreciate even more the nebulous concept of the “Furman Family.” Here are some ideas to make it a little less nebulous.

We are in one of the most uncertain economic times in our history. Knowing that, Furman is here to help all members of its close-knit family.

The Office of Career Services, headed by John Barker, offers free assistance to alumni. To learn what the office can do for you, visit the Web at www.furman.edu/ocs or contact Larry Hudson, alumni career counselor, at larry.hudson@furman.edu. The Alumni Office can also provide lists of alumni working in specific areas.

In the Office of Internship Programs, Susan Zeiger can work with you to set up an internship for a current student. Students even have access to funding to support their internship through the Furman Advantage program. Learn more at www.furman.edu/intern or by writing susan.zeiger@furman.edu.

These are the kinds of services Furman provides. But you can reciprocate. If a Furman student or alum gets in touch about career possibilities, please take the time to share your wisdom. Any advice or suggestions about whom they could contact or where they might look would be most valuable.

Furman also sponsors a career networking evening for students and alumni. This year’s event took place in



February, when the Young Alumni Council, the Office of Career Services, the Student Alumni Council, the Alumni Office and the Office of Internship Programs hosted an on-campus event attended by about 100 alumni and an equal number of students.

We will be holding similar programs around the country in the coming months. If you receive an invitation, we hope you will attend. Even if you’re not in the job market, it’s a great opportunity to meet and greet Furman friends — and you never know what kind of contacts you might make.

HOMEcomings: OCTOBER 16-18

Plans are in full swing for Homecoming 2009, October 16-18. Classes in reunion this fall end in 4 and 9.

In keeping with Furman’s commitment to sustainability, the five youngest reunion classes (1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004) and members of non-reunion classes from 1985 to 2008 will not receive hard copies of the Homecoming brochure. Instead, they’ll receive a postcard and e-mail reminders regarding Homecoming.

Along with the traditional events — football, lunch at Cherrydale, departmental gatherings, Friday night fun on Furman Mall — the university is introducing a special activity for alumni who took part in the Church-Related Vocations/Exploration of Vocational Ministry program. Former CRV/EVM students are invited to the Bryan Garden Room of the Charles E. Daniel Chapel on Friday evening, October 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a reception hosted by the Office of the Chaplains.

More information on Homecoming will be coming your way soon, either through the mail or on the Web at <http://alumni.furman.edu>.

Homecoming also calls to mind thoughts of your class gift. One way to boost your class gift — and

invest in future generations — is through a gift annuity, which provides an income tax deduction, guaranteed annuity payments for life, and the satisfaction of knowing that the remaining principal in your fund will benefit Furman in the future.

Visit <http://furman.planyourlegacy.org> to learn more, or contact the Office of Planned Giving at (864) 294-3461, planned.giving@furman.edu.

A SPECIAL SINGERS REUNION

June 1 is the deadline to register for this year’s Furman Singers reunion. Bingham Vick, Jr., director of the Singers since 1970, has announced that he will retire after the 2009-10 school year, so this marks his final reunion as the active director of the Singers.

Most of the weekend’s activities will take place on campus, with accommodations in North Village. The culminating performance will be Sunday morning, July 26, at First Baptist Church in Greenville.

Visit <http://alumni.furman.edu> and follow the Furman Singers reunion link for registration details.

THE PERFECT MEETING PLACE

Many of you are in leadership positions in your companies, so remember Furman’s Conference and Event Services if you are planning business-related meetings or conferences.

The Younts Conference Center provides great service and wonderful food at competitive prices. In addition, in May of 2010 Furman will have extra space available in North Village to accommodate overnight meetings.

So think about your next conference or retreat in G-Vegas rather than Las Vegas.

— TOM TRIPLITT '76

Director, Alumni Association

CLASS NOTES, SPRING 2009

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Roy Cantrell has served a number of interim pastorates since retiring from Abbotts Creek Missionary Baptist Church near High Point, N.C., in 1998. He currently serves Wallburg Baptist Church near Winston-Salem. He has published *History, Heritage and Memories: Abbotts Creek Missionary Baptist Church 1756-2006*, and is the author of *Visitors Around the Manger*, a collection of stories and sermons.

Jack Parham, a longtime physician in Greenwood, S.C., has been inducted into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame. He practiced medicine in Greenwood from 1965 to 1996 and established Greenwood Women's Clinic in 1982. He was one of the founders of HospiceCare of the Piedmont and is a past president of the South Carolina Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Greenwood County Medical Society. He is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor; the Palmetto Award, Hospice's statewide service award; and Sertoma International's Service to Mankind Award.

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MARRIAGE: Ted M. Miller and Carolyn Propst "Butts" Gale, January 31, Salisbury, N.C.

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Elizabeth Harrill Mitchell, a central figure in Maine state politics for many years, is president of the state Senate, which makes her the *de facto* lieutenant governor. She is the first woman in the country to be elected by her peers first as Speaker of the state's House of Representatives and later as Senate president. She received Furman's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1981.

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Jerry Thomas is dean of the University of North Texas College of Education, a position he assumed last August. He was formerly at Iowa State University, where he was professor and chair of the Department of Kinesiology, interim dean of the College of Education and interim associate dean for research and graduate studies.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Nancy Barker DuPree has been appointed social sciences coordinator for the libraries system at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

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Edward Lyles West (formerly Edward C. West, Jr.) represented Furman at the induction of Jimmy Carnes into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame December 6 in Reno, Nev. Carnes coached at Furman in the early 1960s before moving to the University of Florida. He was the first president of The Athletics Congress/USA and was head coach of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, when the United States boycotted the event. He is a former executive director of the U.S. Track Coaches Association.

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David Falls has retired after 30 years as senior sales representative for the Holophane Division of Acuity Brands Lighting Division. He lives in PoQuoson, Va.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Kathryn Fowler recently became executive director of the Georgia Council on Aging. She is a registered lobbyist and advocate for aging issues and administers a research and planning project for the

legislature to prepare for the aging of Georgia's population. She had previously been with the Athens Community Council on Aging for 26 years.

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The board of trustees of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria has appointed the Rev. **J. Barney Hawkins** as vice president of institutional advancement. He will continue to serve as associate dean and director for the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and as professor of pastoral theology. He is treasurer of the North American Regional Committee of St. George's College, Jerusalem.

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John and **Ginnie Lee Hodges Monferdini** of Lake, Miss., are relief parents and teachers at Sunbelt Christian Youth Ranch, a rescue ranch for at-risk children and youth.

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The State newspaper in Columbia, S.C., has promoted **Steve Brook** to managing editor, the newsroom's No. 2 post. He had been the newspaper's deputy managing editor since 2005.

Carol Locher Ransone of Charlotte, N.C., earned an MBA degree from Queens University in December.

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Carlos Rodriguez has been appointed a judge for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court in Florida. He had been in private practice in Fort Lauderdale since 1985 and was previously a public defender in Broward County.

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Ingrid Blackwelder Erwin is included in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of labor and employment law. She works for the Jackson Lewis firm in Greenville.

Phillip Hare of Aiken, S.C., is pursuing a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership degree from the University of Phoenix.

Author and educator **Merrie Koester Southgate** has started a blog designed to promote dialogue on the subjects of science illiteracy and integrating the arts and humanities into science curricula. Visit www.wagnespflumm.blogspot.com.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Jeff Beggs has been hired by Elon (N.C.) University as head athletics equipment manager. He oversees maintenance and inventory of all supplies, uniforms and equipment for the baseball, football and soccer programs. He previously was a coach and athletics administrator at Winder-Barrow High School in Georgia, where he was the 2007 and 2008 Georgia Region 8-AAAA Athletics Director of the Year and the 2008 Georgia State AAAA Athletics Director of the Year.

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Roy "Butch" Blume has been named managing editor of *The Baptist Courier*, the newspaper for South Carolina Baptists. He continues to oversee the publication's on-line edition, www.baptistcourier.com.

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Stephen F. Clyborne became senior pastor of Earle Street Baptist Church in Greenville on January 1 after being the church's associate pastor for seven years. He is also an adjunct professor at Erskine Theological Seminary.

C. Franklin Granger received The Irene and Curtis Ulmer Scholarship in Adult Education, given to an outstanding doctoral student in the adult education program at the University of Georgia.

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Carol Hardison, executive director of the Charlotte (N.C.) Crisis Assistance Ministry, was named the city's 2008 Woman of the Year by a committee of past winners. Last year the non-profit agency, which helps the working poor become financially stable, distributed \$7.5 million in emergency aid and raised a record \$3.3 million. **Mac Kirkpatrick** has been named registrar at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. He will assume his new position July 1.

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Vernon F. Dunbar of Greenville is included in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He works in the workers' compensation area of the Turner Padgett law firm.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Charles E. Hunter is the new director of field operations for IRS Criminal Investigation in the Midstates Area, a 13-state region. He is headquartered in Dallas, Texas, and reports directly to the chief of criminal investigation in Washington, D.C.

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Todd Deaton, longtime managing editor of *The Baptist Courier*, the newspaper for South Carolina Baptists, has become editor of the *Western Recorder*, the newspaper of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. **Julie Bledsoe Thomas** is a tourism development officer in the Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development with the North Carolina Department of Commerce. As such, she serves as administrator of Historic Hope Plantation in Windsor, N.C.

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LeeAnne Hallman Apple has been promoted to the position of special education coordinator for the Sumner County (Tenn.) Board of Education.

Kyle Matthews, a Dove Award-winning musician, has released his latest CD, "The Main Event," which is available at www.kylematthews.com. He is the author of a pamphlet titled "The Silly War: Ending the Conflict over Musical Styles in the Church and Reclaiming Worship for the People of God," and is a consultant with churches on worship issues. Last fall he relocated his company, "See for Yourself Music," from Nashville, Tenn., to Greenville, where he is a bivocational pastor at First Baptist Church.

Kelly Price Rainwater of Florence, S.C., a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, has been appointed to the Board of Visitors at the Medical University of South Carolina.

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D. Michael Henthorne of Columbia, S.C., has been named Of Counsel with Littler Mendelson, P.C., a national employment and labor law firm. Previously, he was Special Counsel with the McNair Law Firm.

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Don Hite was named to the list of 2009's Most Intriguing People of the Low Country by *Hilton Head (S.C.) Monthly*. A former Broadway conductor, he will be special guest conductor for the Hilton Head Orchestra Broadway Pops concert series in July. He is head of performing arts, music and theatre for Hilton Head Preparatory School and has been a guest artist conductor for Savannah College of Art and Design.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Lisa Elliott Grose of Greenwood, S.C., has completed the 30-hour training program for the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem program. She is a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for children removed from their home in child abuse and neglect actions brought by the Department of Social Services.

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After earning his Master of Divinity degree last May from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, **Maurice Beckham, Jr.**, was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. He is now associate rector at Emmanuel Church in Athens, Ga.

William H. Foster, who works in labor and employment law with the Greenville-based firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, is included in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Shannon Elliott Graham, a kindergarten teacher at a magnet academy for math and science in Greenville County, has started "Half the Time Tunes," a children's educational business. Her first CD, titled "Super States and Capitals," teaches the 50 states and capitals by geographic regions. Hear audio clips or get more information at www.halfthetimetunes.com.

Rod Underwood has been named coach of the Cleveland (Ohio) City Stars of the United Soccer Leagues First Division. He was previously first assistant for the Portland (Ore.) Timbers.

MARRIAGE: Douglas Beinert Welch and Amanda Shea McCown, December 6. They work in Lewisville, Texas, she as a physician assistant at Texas Digestive Disease Consultants and he as chief executive officer at HCA/Medical Center.

BIRTH: David and Candi Hill Tenhundfeld, a daughter, Caraline Frances, November 1. They live in Woodstock, Ga.

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Kevin Byrne, chief investment officer with The University Financing Foundation in Atlanta, has been elected to the board of the Association of University Research Parks, which he serves as second vice president.

Brian Lail, assistant professor of computer and electrical engineering at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, has received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award provides research funding of \$200,000 annually for five years and is the nation's highest honor for professionals at the outset of their independent scientific research careers.

Matt Lee joined the faculty of the Villanova University School of Law in January as an adjunct professor in the trial advocacy program. He practices with Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia, Pa. Unisource Worldwide, Inc., of Norcross, Ga., one of the leading distributors of paper, packaging and facility supplies in North America, has named **Eric Walter** vice president of finance.

BIRTH: Jon and Aimee Heard, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, January 14. They live in Simpsonville, S.C.

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Tim Brown, drama teacher at Travelers Rest (S.C.) High School, won a fellowship from the International Schools of Theatre Arts and International Baccalaureate North America to attend a theatre arts symposium in Bangkok, Thailand, last November.

Bradley S. Fordham is chief technology officer for Online Insight, an Atlanta-based company.

Julie Frank is the new owner of Jazzercise of Taylors (S.C.). She has been a certified instructor for eight years.

BIRTH: Mike (M.S. '94) and **Julie Mabry Dotson**, a daughter, Anna Paige, January 23, Greenville.

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B. Mendell Key, a certified public accountant, has been promoted to partner at the Anderson, S.C., office of Greene and Company. He is a member of the National Association of Valuation Analysts, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. He serves on the Anderson University Board of Visitors.

Randy Traynham of Laurens, S.C., has been promoted to vice president, corporate services officer with The Palmetto Bank.

BIRTH: **Scott** and Emily Mae McArdle **Purinton**, a daughter, Mackenzie Hayden, February 19, Dallas, Texas.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

ADOPTION: **Bradley Sheppard** and Terry Kukuk, a son, Jadon Isaac, November 12, 2007. Brad is in his 10th year of ministry as chaplain at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., and Terry is senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Mexico, Mo.

BIRTHS: **Lauren** and **Jennifer Chase** '98 **Chandler**, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, November 24, Cordova, Tenn.

John and **Mary Mundy Miller**, a daughter, Mary Hilton, June 17, 2008, Atlanta.

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Phil Hargrove, Jr., serves as associate pastor for young adults at Greenville's First Presbyterian Church.

BIRTHS: Mark and **Sabrina Peavy Cox**, a son, Alex Grayson, November 24, Columbia, S.C.

Edward and **Sarah Bell Danser**, a son, Luke Matthew, September 24, Charlotte, N.C.

Samuel and **Lynne Sykora Unglo**, a daughter, Caitlin Hope, July 9. They live in Roswell, Ga.

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Paul Satterwhite has become a partner in the Springfield (Mo.) office of Husch Blackwell Sanders law firm. He previously practiced in Kansas City, Mo., and Birmingham, Ala.

BIRTHS: Tim and **Suzanne Mackey Frye**, a son, Ethan James, January 1, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Wes and **Sally Culver Littlejohn**, a daughter, Ansley Lynn, December 17. Sally is an accounting manager with Coca-Cola in Atlanta, and Wes is a financial planner.

97

Delan Gaines, an orthopedic surgeon, has joined the staff of East Georgia Orthopedics in Statesboro.

BIRTHS: **Kenneth** '98 and **Kelly Galbert Fields**, a son, Kade Robert, November 15. They live in Clermont-Ferrand, France, where both work for Michelin.

Daniel '96 and **Cari Williams Hicks**, a son, Micah North, February 10, Greenville. Cari is outgoing president of Furman's Young Alumni Council and Daniel works at Michelin Research.

Brad '95 and **Laura Young Moore**, a daughter, Lindsey Ella, January 13. They live in Westminster, S.C.

Todd '98 and **Karen Oberg Yochim**, a daughter, Allison Starr, January 3, 2008, Gainesville, Fla. Karen is a lawyer and Todd owns G8rbay.com.

98

After eight years in the commercial real estate industry, **Kelly Sydney** is now director of research, economic development with the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. She is active in triathlons and planned to participate in her first 100-mile bike ride in June in Tahoe, Nev.

MARRIAGE: **Anne Caroline Reeves** and Todd Kirkland Reich, February 7. Anne is an account director at Fitzgerald



AN EARLY VERSION OF EARTHWORM JIM?

Although we're not sure of this earthworm's name, some Furman students certainly got up close and personal with it back in the day.

Yes, long before 2008-09, when Furman celebrated the Year of the Sciences, and long before "Earthworm Jim," the video game, was invented, some students and professors at Furman shared an interest in all things creepy-crawly. They still do, for that matter. But who were the curious investigators pictured here?

The Special Collections and Archives staff in the James B. Duke Library believes the instructor is Charles Riddle, longtime professor of biology. But they've been unable to identify the students. If you know who they are, please telephone Elizabeth McSherry '07 at (864) 294-3292, or e-mail liz.mcsherry@furman.edu.

One other request: If you have science textbooks from your years at Furman, Special Collections and Archives is building its historic textbook collection and would welcome donations of science textbooks — or those of any subject, for that matter. Contact McSherry for information on how to make a donation.

2008-09 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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& Co. Public Relations in Atlanta. Todd is business director of The Lenox Group, a boutique investment bank.

BIRTHS: Bennett '97 and Janet

Belliveau Bomar, a son, Samuel Gerard, December 5, New Bern, N.C.

Scott and Christina **Clanton**, a daughter, Caroline Marie, July 3. They live in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Stacy and **Julie McAvoy Hover**, twins, a daughter, Sara Kate, and a son, Jack Irvin, December 1. They live in Elberton, Ga., where Stacy operates a flooring business and Julie teaches science at Elbert County High School.

John and Amy **Jacobs**, a son, Charles Richard, November 21. They live in Mableton, Ga.

Brent and **Jayda Biddix Justus**, a son, Graham David, December 1. They live in Midlothian, Va.

Christopher and **Merideth Eason**

Miller, a daughter, Emory Hall, December 30, Burlington, N.C. Christopher is senior vice president at Willis Re, Inc., and Merideth is a program specialist in curriculum and instruction for exceptional children.

Jonathan and **Jenifer Kudelko Runion**, twins, a daughter, Alexis Lynn, and a son, Evan Parker, December 29, Clearwater, Fla.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Five Oaks Academy in Simpsonville, S.C., has hired **Emily Gaskin Gagne** as middle school program director.

Capt. **Brian Griffin** has been awarded the Silver Star, the U.S. Army's third-highest honor for combat valor, for braving machine gun and rocket fire during a three-day fight with insurgents in Afghanistan in August 2005.

David Ibsen has started work toward a Master of Science degree in organization development at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C.

Karen Schulz has joined Verizon Wireless as public relations manager for the Carolinas and Tennessee. She was previously strategic marketing manager at *The Greenville News*.

MARRIAGES: Cameisha Merriweather and Jamar Barnes, December 26. They live in Lithonia, Ga.

Jennifer Walton and Christopher Whelan, January 17. They live in Lansing, Kan.

BIRTHS: Jim and **Courtney Armstrong Buxton**, a son, Julian Edward Thomas Buxton, October 7. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

David and **Sarah Zajaczek Cordell**, a son, Nathan Andrew, June 21, 2008.

David is an instructor at the University of South Carolina-Upstate in Spartanburg and is working on his doctorate. Sarah is a contract writer for Uhlig, LLC, and is working to start her own company, SZC Communications.

Mike and **Nathalie Bell Lankford**, a son, Daniel Coleman, January 19, 2008, Charlotte, N.C.

Dan and **Tara Byer Parsons**, a daughter, Ella Grace, February 3, 2008, Charlotte, N.C. Both Dan and Tara are dermatologists with Charlotte Medical Clinic, a multi-specialty internal medicine clinic.

Eddie '98 and **Jamie Dorman Storey**, a daughter, Remy Alexis, November 19. Eddie is managing partner of Thorne & Storey, P.A., law firm in Orlando, Fla.

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Shelby Huie recently graduated from Mercy School of Nursing in Charlotte, N.C., as salutatorian of her class. She is working on a cardiac unit at Charlotte's Carolinas Medical Center.

Tracy Towle (M.A. '01) finished first in her age group for the 2008 South Florida Triathlon series. She lives in Miami Beach.

MARRIAGE: Mittie Elizabeth Richards and Kevin Lee Freeman, January 3. Beth is employed as a funeral director, embalmer and aftercare coordinator with Eggers Funeral Home and Crematory. Kevin works with UPS Supply Chain Solutions. They live in Taylors, S.C.

BIRTHS: Nathan and **Jennifer Dahms '01 Baker**, a daughter, Annabelle Caroline, September 10, Raleigh, N.C. Clay and **Lauren Hupp Garner**, a son, Jack Andrew, September 9, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bradley and **Martha Davis King**, a daughter, Adah Miriam, January 11. Brad and Martha are in graduate school at the University of North Carolina, he as a third-year medical student and she as a third-year Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology.

Jason and **Erin Carnahan Lane**, a son, Aidan McPherson, December 15, Raleigh, N.C.

Warner and **Melissa Freeman May**, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, November 12, Atlanta. Melissa is a legal nurse consultant with the law firm of Owen, Gleaton, Egan, Jones & Sweeney LLP.

David and **Wendy Copelan McDowell**, a son, Graham David, January 20. They live in Hixson, Tenn.

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P. Kristen Bennett has joined the Wilmington, Del.-based firm of Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP as an associate. She focuses on estate planning and trust administration and provides counsel on taxation and tax planning for businesses. She is a member of the Delaware Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

J. Matthew Boyleston, assistant professor of creative writing at Houston (Texas) Baptist University, received his Ph.D. in creative writing and literature in December from the University of Houston, where he gave the Commencement address.

His poems and essays have appeared in such journals as *The New Orleans Review*, *The Spoon River Poetry Review* and *Puerto del Sol*.

Kendra Johnson Dennis of Pelzer, S.C., received Certified Staffing Professional and Technical Skills Certified certifications from the American Staffing Association in October. She is a technical recruiter with Godshall & Godshall Personnel Consultants.

Kaufman Rossin Fund Services hired

Michael McQuin as business development supervisor in its Boston office. He previously was vice president/associate in relationship management at JPMorgan Prime Brokerage (formerly Bear Stearns).

Josh McKoon, an attorney in Columbus, Ga., is wrapping up his term as chair of the Muscogee County Republican Party. He recently graduated from the Coverdell Leadership Institute, a program designed to build a cadre of Republican leaders throughout the state of Georgia. He is in his second term as secretary of the board of the Urban League of Greater Columbus.

MARRIAGE: Christine Hill and Mark Mereand, August 16. Christine works at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

BIRTHS: Sean and **Mary Tyson Davis Bradshaw**, a son, Reid Gregory, October 3, Aurora, Ill.

Chris and **Helen Baxter Brown**, a son, Everett, August 19. Helen is completing an OB/GYN residency at the Medical University of South Carolina and will join the Spartanburg (S.C.) Woman's Clinic in July. James and **Amber Lewis Kiffney**, a son, Elijah James, November 12, Warrenton, Va.

Kevin and **Marisa Poston McLendon**, a son, Cade Andrew, January 22. They live in Hobe Sound, Fla., where Kevin is a business development manager with the National Golf Foundation.

David and **Lori Helms Odell**, a daughter, Adelaide Pearson, August 5. They live in Quantico, Va. David is a Marine AH-1W Super Cobra pilot.

Doug and Ashley **Stinson**, a daughter, Haley Rose, December 26, Knoxville, Tenn.

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Jeff Gibson has joined the Nashville, Tenn., law firm of Neal & Harwell, PLC. A graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, he previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable Susan H. Black in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Jacksonville, Fla.

Shannon Pierce Morrison of Easley, S.C., has been named vice president and controller of CommunitySouth Bank & Trust. She previously was with Heritage Community Bank in Hartsville, S.C. She is vice president of the Independent Bankers of South Carolina Young Community Bankers.

MARRIAGE: Paige Hamilton and Haris Hadziselimovic, March 8, 2008. Paige is in her fifth year as a theatre teacher in Austin, Texas.

BIRTHS: Travis '00 and **Natalie Muro Filar**, a daughter, Savanna Grace, February 10, Durham, N.C.

Andy '03 and **Katie Anderton Kidd**, a daughter, Margaret Grace, July 30. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Matt and Carrie **Mclver**, twin sons, Rense and Matthew, October 22, Marietta, Ga. Chris and **Allison Bailey Odom**, twin sons, Bailey Neil and Carter James, December 23. They live in Rock Hill, S.C.

John Paul and **Laurie Ingram Sibley**, a son, Robbie, January 8, Greenville. John Paul is a pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

03

David Bumpass completed his M.D. degree at the University of Virginia and is an orthopedic surgery resident at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

MARRIAGES: Jessica Currier and Rob Baker, January 19, 2008. Jessica works for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Washington, D.C., and Rob is a machinist with Allen, Mitchell and Co.

Andy Hall and Emily Cutts, October 25. They live in Atlanta where Emily teaches fourth grade at Tritt Elementary School and Andy is a financial systems analyst at McKenna Long and Aldridge LLP.

Nicole Kuhne and Steven Bell, December 21. Both are in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. Nicole is in military intelligence and Steven is in the infantry.

Amanda Stevenson Owens and John Boardman Banks, January 31. They live in Dallas, Texas.

Joyce Towner and Bryan Williams, October 18. They live in Rincon, Ga.

BIRTHS: Ben and Jenny **Hazlewood**, a son, Sawyer Henry, November 14. They live in Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Matt and **Jessica Miller Kelley**, a daughter, Katharine Barry, January 28, Clarksville, Tenn.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Lisa Fiacco was scheduled to graduate from the International MBA Program at the University of South Carolina in May. She has moved to Beijing, China, where she is spending 18 months studying the Chinese language.

Christi Hoffmeyer has been admitted into Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business Class of 2011 MBA program as a Merit Scholar.

MARRIAGE: Danny Marshall and Angela Johnson, November 22. Danny is an account manager for Avis Budget Group. They live in Atlanta.

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Jessica Powell received her master's degree in marine science from the University of South Florida this spring. Her research involved studying depredation and angler interactions involving bottle-nose dolphins in Sarasota Bay.

Elizabeth Mills Smith has been inducted into the Rho Chi Society, representing her standing in the top 10 percent of her class at the Mercer University College of Pharmacy in Atlanta. She is scheduled to receive her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011.

Heather Wilson graduated *cum laude* from Lander University in December with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing honors degree. She received the Faculty Award of Excellence in Nursing. She works with a medical-surgical unit at the Eastside campus of Greenville's Bon Secours St. Francis Health System.

MARRIAGE: Franklin Liddell Teagle and Eleeza Kay Alpert, July 5. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he is endowment coordinator for the Brooklyn Academy of Music. She is an elementary school teacher in the New York City schools.

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Jason Lesley (M.A.) will become principal of Spearman Elementary School in Piedmont, S.C., July 1. He most recently has been an assistant principal at Concrete Primary School and West Pelzer Elementary School.

MARRIAGE: Eva Clark and John Bateman, August 30. John is an attorney with the U.S. Army JAG Corps. Eva recently completed her law degree at the University of Richmond. She is set to join the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP law firm in Greenville.

JUSTFAITH PROGRAM PROMOTES COMPASSION, SOCIAL JUSTICE

When Jack Jezreel graduated from Furman in 1979 and headed to divinity school at the University of Notre Dame, he did not know that he would ultimately dedicate his life to serving others.

Thirty years later, Jezreel is the founder and executive director of JustFaith Ministries, a social justice program based in Louisville, Ky. Now in its 20th year, JustFaith offers workshops and programs that focus on preparing people of faith “to become prophets and dedicated servants of God’s compassion” by empowering them “to develop a passion and thirst for justice.”

Jezreel, who started JustFaith Ministries while working at a Louisville church, returned to Furman in February for a presentation sponsored by the Lilly Center for Theological Exploration of Vocation.

As an undergraduate, Jezreel, who was then Jack Jones, played on the tennis team and graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, with a double major in philosophy and religion. He took five philosophy classes with James Edwards, then in his first decade of teaching at Furman. While it is somewhat unusual for a student to have the same professor for so many classes, Jezreel says, “Jim’s teaching echoes in my life, and so much of what he spoke about became some of the touchstones of the way I have crafted my life.”

For his part, Edwards recalls the struggle Jezreel faced as a Catholic student trying to adapt to the Southern Baptist influences prevalent at Furman at the time. “He was trying to understand various religious issues but was having trouble hashing them out because of the strong Protestant environment that surrounded him,” Edwards says. “It made him a very interesting student.”

After graduating from Furman and Notre Dame, Jezreel went on to work for several relief organizations. During this time he met his wife, Maggie. Their marriage led to his name change.

“It is a cultural assumption that a woman’s identity becomes subjugated to male identity when she takes on the husband’s name in marriage,” he says. “This is one piece of the legacy of women being

somehow secondary to the status of men.”

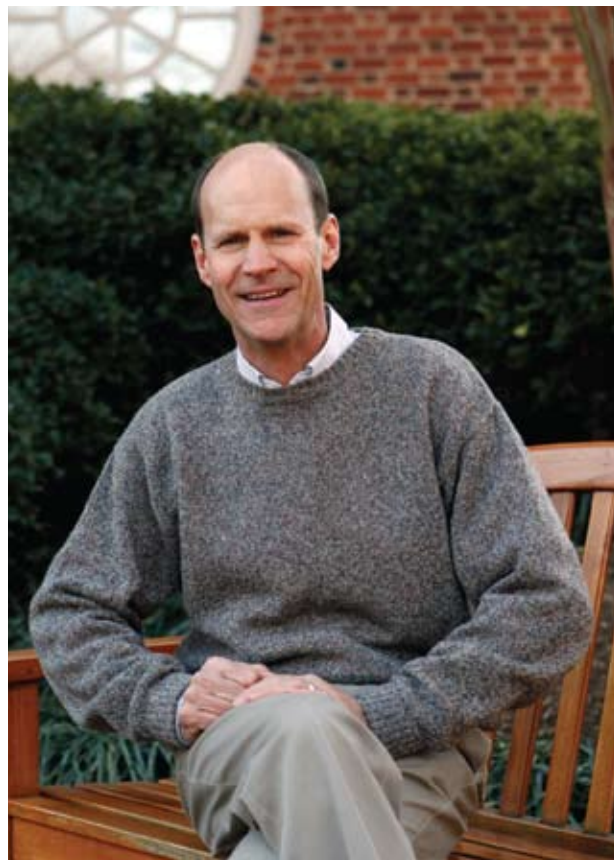
He and Maggie wanted their union to signify their future journey together. Echoing the biblical tradition of taking on a new name after being baptized, confirmed or joining a new religious community, they settled on “Jezreel,” a Hebrew word meaning “God sews.”

Jezreel says he did not become aware of the true meaning of his personal ministry until he lived among the homeless in a Catholic work community. Even after he gave up all of his possessions and dedicated himself to a life of service, though, he says he still clung to “a desire for recognition by others” for his good deeds.

Eventually, he realized that true compassion emerges once we stop seeking recognition for our efforts. As he told the audience at the Lilly program, “We discover who we are by giving ourselves away. We don’t do the work of compassion to get rewards. We do it so we can be changed. We are changed by putting ourselves in the presence of those who are in crisis.”

Jezreel also suggests that any authentic act of love requires a degree of sacrifice. To better understand this idea, he and his family lived for four years on a farm in Kentucky, where he raised his three daughters without electricity, running water or plumbing. They lived off the land. As a result, he says, his children realize that they can make do with less and know what it means to live simply.

During its early years JustFaith essentially targeted Louisville’s Catholic parishes, but its impact grew as more people completed the workshops and applied the lessons they learned in assisting the poor and vulnerable. Today the ministry partners with several national and international groups, and its programs reach across denominational and state lines.



JEREMY FLEMING

For his efforts, Jezreel received the Catholic Church’s 2006 Harry A. Fagan Roundtable Award for social action leadership, which he has described as the “Oscar” of social ministry. He has called the honor “a *de facto* award for JustFaith. I haven’t done anything extraordinary. But JustFaith has.”

Having weathered a bout with colon cancer four years ago (“I’m probably healthier now at 52 than I was as a tennis player at 22”), Jezreel makes it clear that he will continue to share his message of social justice and faith-based service for as long as he is able.

To learn more, visit www.justfaith.org.

— KATE HOFER ’09

The author is a political science/English major from Darlington, S.C.

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Brad Bell has been elected banking officer at Athens (Ga.) First Bank & Trust.

Paul Greathouse is an analyst with Watson Wyatt Investment Consulting in Atlanta.

MARRIAGES: **Wesley Bray** and **Claire Wilson**, December 6. They live in Greenville where she is an events coordinator at Furman and he is a sales representative for ScanSource, Inc.

Stephanie Marie Cox and Andrew de la Ronde Van Kirk, January 3. Both are students at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N.J., where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree and he a Master of Theology degree.

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Christina Henderson is a staff assistant in the office of Kay Hagan, Democratic U.S. senator from North Carolina.

John Tutterow of Charleston, S.C., received the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award from the South Carolina Athletic Branch of the state Recreation and Parks Association for his work with Special Olympics athletes through the city of Charleston's recreation department. He is employed with Benefitfocus, a computer software company.

MARRIAGE: **Nancy Demetree** and **Joseph Nort** '07, November 22. They live in Greenville.

BIRTH: **Ryan** (M.A.) and **Tracey Glenn**, a daughter, Madison Nicole, November 20, Pickens, S.C. Ryan is employed at McKisick Elementary School in the Pickens County School District.

DEATHS

Ruth Owings '28, February 25, Nashville, Tenn. She taught music in schools and colleges in the southeastern United States and then in the Washington, D.C., area until her retirement in 1971. She was

a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the South Carolina Club of Nashville.

Marion Thomas Anderson '29, March 22, Greenville. He was a leader in the Greenville County School District for many years, serving as assistant superintendent from 1951 to 1960 and as superintendent from 1960 to 1970. Under his direction Greenville County Schools were desegregated by federal court order without serious incident. In addition, 35 new buildings were constructed and every school in the district achieved both state and regional accreditation. Before coming to Greenville he taught at two South Carolina high schools and was principal of two elementary schools. He joined the staff at Greenville High in 1937 and served as principal from 1940 to 1952. In 1945 he was granted permission to add the first 12th grade in the state. Following his retirement as superintendent he was director of the Evening Division at Furman for three years. His many professional activities included stints as president of the South Carolina Education Association, the state Association of School Administrators and the state Association of Secondary School Principals, and he chaired the Legislative Committee of the S.C. Retired Teachers Association.

At various times he served on the boards at Furman, Greenville Technical College, *The Baptist Courier*, Senior Action and the United Way. Furman awarded him an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1955.

Margaret Howard Barry '34, April 5, 2008, Fairfax, Va. She was a retired school teacher.

Katharine Clardy Brandis '35, January 30, Lake Ridge, Va. She was a second-grade teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Falls Church, Va., from the late 1950s until her retirement in 1979. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Charles Francis "Frank" Dawes '36, January 3, Greenville. In 1980 he retired from Liberty Life Insurance Company, where he last served as vice president. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

David Conrad Wakefield, Jr. '37, April 27, 2008, Anderson, S.C. During World War II he was a flight instructor for the Army Air Corps and later retired from the Air Force Reserves, having commanded the Reserve wing in Anderson. He owned David C. Wakefield Company, a real estate and insurance company, and served as president of both the Anderson Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. He was a member of the Anderson board of South Carolina National Bank and was active in economic and industrial development.

Eleanor Wright Anderson '38, February 6, Anderson, S.C. She was a retired elementary school teacher in the Greenville County School System.

Catherine Nash Johns '38, February 20, Clemson, S.C. She retired as school lunch program supervisor from Richland County (S.C.) School District 1. A former member of the American School Food Services Association, she was past president of the South Carolina School Food Services Association.

Julian Pelham "Hoppy" Hopkins '39, February 15, Columbia, S.C. He retired in 1972 after 30 years of active military service, having seen duty in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was a photo reconnaissance officer, technical observer and advanced aerial photographer; he flew 37 single aircraft, unarmed combat reconnaissance missions over Germany in the first aircraft to use a photo radar camera. He left the Army Air Corps after World War II and worked as an entomologist for the state of South Carolina until he was recalled by the Air Force Reserves in 1951. He served as a cartographic officer, was a member of the launch team pioneering U.S. space reconnaissance programs, and was an intelligence adviser.

He was the recipient of 15 U.S. and foreign decorations, including the World War II Victory Medal. He was active in community service as director of the Chesterfield County chapter of the Red Cross, secretary of the Red Cross National Advisory Board for the Carolinas, chair of the South Carolina Blood Donor Program and chair of the Chesterfield Greater Town Committee. In 2004 he received the W.D. Craig Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a charter member of the World War II Memorial Foundation and the American Air Museum in Great Britain.

Milton Edward Hunt '39, November 15, Travelers Rest, S.C. He was self-employed in the appliance retail and well-pump supply business. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Alice Elizabeth Gillespie Clyde '41, February 21, Florence, S.C. She worked as an accountant at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base during World War II, taught in the public schools in Pamplico, S.C., and was owner/operator of Effingham Supply Company & Farms.

William Redding DeLoache '41, March 4, Greenville. After service in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he practiced pediatrics in South Carolina and founded the Christie Pediatric Group in Greenville, where he practiced for 20 years. He later became director of nurseries for the Greenville Hospital System, establishing its first Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery. He was an examiner for the American Board of Pediatrics and spearheaded passage of South Carolina legislation requiring child restraints in automobiles. In retirement he continued to devote his time to children's issues, including the establishment of the William R. DeLoache Center for Developmental Services. He served on the boards of the Free Medical Clinic, the Children's Hospital Development Council and Greenville's Child. He was a trustee of the Piedmont Healthcare Foundation and the Joe C. Davis Foundation.

DEALING WITH TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

The precarious state of the national economy continues to provide challenges for institutions of higher education. Furman is no exception.

Through careful planning, the university has been able to develop balanced budgets for this year and next — without laying off employees or eliminating academic programs. Among the steps Furman has taken are delaying purchases of non-academic equipment, instituting a reduction in operating budgets, enacting a hiring freeze and deferring some maintenance needs. At the same time, the university was able to increase its financial aid budget by more than \$400,000 for 2009-10 in an effort to ensure that all qualified students will be able to enroll in the fall.

As President David Shi said in a letter to parents in March, “Our challenge — and our commitment — is to reduce expenditures while sustaining the quality of the educational experience. We are determined to continue to maintain small class sizes and offer the high quality education you and your students expect and deserve.”

The university has established a Web page, www.furman.edu/finance, that provides information about how Furman (and higher education in general) is dealing with the economic crisis. The site is updated regularly and includes information on such topics as financial aid options for prospective students and how Furman manages and draws from its endowment.

Dorothy Harrison Lohr '41, December 3, Ann Arbor, Mich. She taught school for five years and then changed professions to clerical and administrative services. She later worked for 22 years at the University of Michigan, where she retired from the Department of Classical Studies.

Margaret Pardue Morgan '41, November 28, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Florine Williams Gantt '42, December 28, Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was an elementary teacher and principal for 39 years in South Carolina schools, retiring in 1981.

John Belton Hammond '42, March 5, Greenville. He retired as comptroller of the Woolen Worsted Division of J.P. Stevens Company. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Judson Cooley “Pete” Martin, Sr. '43, November 2, Greenville. He was the former owner of Martin’s Woodworking and retired from C.L. Cannon, Inc. He served in France during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart.

James Felix Clardy '44, January 27, Charlotte, N.C. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the European Theatre during World War II. Afterward he entered the securities industry with McCarley and Co. in Charlotte. In 1960 he formed Southeastern Securities, which merged with Hornblower & Weeks in 1963, where he served as manager of the Southern Division. He was elected general partner in 1965 and was on the firm’s executive committee. He retired in 1987 as resident manager of the Charlotte office of Paine Webber (now UBS). He was a trustee

and member of the Board of Visitors at Charlotte Country Day School, was past president and treasurer of Wing Haven Foundation, and volunteered for the Tutor Able literacy program for the YMCA. He was chair of District 10 of the National Association of Securities Dealers and was an arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange.

Clifford Irvine Smith Morrow '44, December 31, Charleston, S.C. She had taught first and second grades at Fremont and Z.L. Madden elementary schools in Spartanburg, S.C., and was known for her talent at teaching reading.

Marion Robinson '44, February 2, Medford, Ore.

Linda Franks Abercrombie '45, February 19, Laurens, S.C. She was a talented musician and athlete and was active with the Martha Franks Singers. She was May Queen at Furman.

William E. Fowler '45, January 19, Charleston, S.C. He served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, participating in the first assault on Iwo Jima and in the landings on Okinawa. He also witnessed the surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay. After leaving the Navy he began a career as an educator, serving in both the Virginia and South Carolina schools. He was one of the first residents of Kiawah Island and was active in the formation of the town of Kiawah. He was the first town administrator and was a charter member of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club.

Shirley Morris DuPree '46, December 19, Greenville. She was a member of the Junior League of Greenville, the Assembly and the Quadrille.

Mary Elizabeth Pettigrew King '46, March 2, Greenville. After graduating she enrolled for training in medical technology, a new field at the time, with the Kentucky Department of Health. She was one of the first to be affiliated with the National Association of Medical Technologists. In the early 1950s she was employed at

Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, La., and worked closely with the team that established national blood banks. She retrained in 1969 in medical technology and then worked for 20 years before retiring in 1990. Her husband, Joe King, is professor emeritus of religion at Furman.

William Hazzard Barnwell II '47, February 6, Charleston, S.C. A retired cardiologist and professor at the Medical University of South Carolina, he was credited with initiating the cardiac rehabilitation program at the university. He practiced cardiology at MUSC until July 1995 and was director of cardiac rehabilitation for the next nine years before retiring. He practiced general family medicine in Mount Pleasant, S.C., until 1965, and completed a fellowship in cardiology at the University of North Carolina in 1969. He was an Army Air Force veteran.

Dorothy Jane Martin Fleming '47, December 14, Cleveland, N.C. She was a social worker in the Carolinas for more than 30 years. She was superintendent of public welfare for Rockingham County, N.C., from 1959 to 1961, and directed the Iredell County (N.C.) Department of Social Services from 1965 until she retired in 1981. She was president of the North Carolina Association of Directors of Social Services. Active in the Altrusa Club of Statesville, N.C., and the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was a local director of the Bank of Iredell and United Carolina Bank.

Isabella O’Dell Williams '47, January 5, Easley, S.C. She was a longtime substitute teacher with the Greenville County School System.

Gene Blair Aiken '48, December 19, Greenville. She was a member of the Clarice Wilson Garden Club and the Furman Alumni Lunch Group.

Thomas Emerson Bell '48, February 14, Callison, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and had retired from Sears Roebuck in Greenville.

Virginia Balentine Martin '48, February 14, Greenville.

Boyd Newsome Hooks '49, January 19, Charlotte, N.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mary Nell Ellerbe Henderson Hurley '49, February 14, Greenville. She was coordinator of volunteer services at Greenville General Hospital for many years. She was a member of LaSertoma and Jayceettes, both of which she served as president.

Williams Cochrane Jones '49, February 27, Greenville. He was employed in the wholesale millwork and building materials industry and served on the board of the National Sash and Door Jobbers Association. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Greenville, and was a trustee for the Faith Memorial Chapel at Cedar Mountain, N.C.

Janet Parsons Spencer '49, December 29, 2007, Casselberry, Fla.

Edith Swann '49, February 20, Mars Hill, N.C. She was employed at the Farm Office in Statesville, N.C., before moving to Mars Hill College, where she worked in the financial office for 29 years. She also spent time as a missionary in France, Africa, Mexico and Bolivia.

Sara Adams Rutledge '50, March 2, Columbia, S.C. She was active in the arts and attended a course on porcelain repair through the London Museum. With her husband, Jim, she established the Rutledge Company in 1980 to continue the preservation of fine art and antiques, including fine porcelains. She retired from their business in 1999.

Jesse Lee Ballew '51, December 6, Shelby, N.C. An ordained Baptist minister, he was pastor of several churches in North Carolina. With his wife, Violet, he provided a grief program for Carothers Funeral Homes in Gaston County, N.C. He served

in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded a Service Medal with two bronze service stars, a World War II Victory Medal and an Occupation Medal.

Grady Frank Ellenburg '51, December 29, 2007, Ninety Six, S.C.

Carroll Francis Godwin '51, February 11, Lake City, S.C. He was retired from the city of Lake City, where he was a past Citizen of the Year. He was a member of the city's Rotary Club and Development Corporation.

Frank E. Granger '51, December 9, Greenville. He worked in insurance for many years and was a church music director, most recently at Grace Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in France and Germany.

Bruce Strickler Harrison '51, January 12, Winston-Salem, N.C. An active bridge player, he was a first line supervisor at Western Electric before his retirement.

Joseph Earl Morris '51, January 1, Westminster, S.C. He owned Morris Flowers and was known for his floral

designs. He was also a former owner of Westminster Drug Store. He was a past member of Westminster Rotary and Westminster Chamber of Commerce and a former city councilman. He saw service with the U.S. Army in China, Burma and India during World War II.

Julia Rose Wright Sublette '51, January 27, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Active with the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, she was a member of the Southern Association of Women Historians and a frequent contributor to Native American causes. She was Southern Division chair of the Music Teachers National Association, held several leadership positions in the Florida State Music Teachers Association (FSMTA), and was active with the National Guild of Piano Teachers and the Okaloosa County Music Teachers Association. She edited several professional journals and at the time of her death was president of FSMTA District 1. She taught at North

LETTER SEEKS ADOPTION CLARIFICATION

I wanted to follow up on a misperception in an article in the Winter 2009 *Furman* magazine.

In "The Quest for Eden" (about Jewel and Claude McRoberts' battle with international red tape while trying to adopt a child, Eden, from Vietnam), the article states that the couple ruled out adopting domestically for two main reasons: the birth mother chooses the parent, and adoptions are open.

While in many adoptions this is the case, it is not always true for private or public adoptions. For example, the tens of thousands of children awaiting adoption in the foster care system will, in all likelihood, not be in an "open" adoption situation.

I felt the need to follow up on this common misperception because there are so many myths that float around about adoption. I don't want potential adoptive parents to assume that adopting domestically is not an option, as these myths are especially prevalent around domestic adoptions.



I can't tell you the number of times that I, as a white woman, am asked what country my African-American daughter was adopted from, assuming that she would not be from the United States. We had an incredibly smooth time adopting her 10 years ago, and it was one of the best decisions we have ever made.

— **SUSAN CLAMPET-LUNDQUIST '91**
Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor's note: The article in question did not intend to dissuade anyone from pursuing a domestic adoption or to mislead about the options available. After thoroughly researching the possibilities, Jewel and Claude McRoberts determined that, based on their interests and family dynamics, international adoption was the best choice for them.

Since the article was published, Jewel Giesy McRoberts '94 and three friends who have also adopted children from Vietnam have begun a ministry called Moms for Vietnam. Through partnerships with churches and international aid organizations, they hope to start a home for orphans and to work to eradicate the problem of young girls being sold into the sex trade.

To learn more, visit www.momsforvietnam.com.

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West Florida State College for 30 years and also at Troy State University and the University of West Florida. While living in Falls Church, Va., she was a performing member of the Friday Morning Music Club.

William Carl Lindsey '52, March 3, 2008, Townville, S.C. A Baptist minister, he served several churches in South Carolina. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Marilyn Hunt Chambers '53, November 9, Greenville.

Carolyn Moore Watts '53, February 18, Greer, S.C.

Elizabeth Edwards Cobb '54, February 7, Corbin, Ky. She taught for 41 years at Clinton (Tenn.) High School, where she also served as assistant director of athletics, cheerleader and dance team sponsor, and senior sponsor. She was one of the first inductees in the Clinton High School Wall of Fame in 2006 and served as grand marshal for that year's Homecoming parade.

Ansel Clifford Owens '54, January 30, Greenville. He was manager of Southern Motor Finance for 30 years and then worked for 20 years at Dilco of Greenville. He held various offices in civic organizations, including the presidency of the Parker Rotary Club. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Kay Wilda Bell '55, January 31, Asheville, N.C. She worked as a music teacher with the Buncombe County (N.C.) School System for 38 years. She was Teacher of the Year at Estes Elementary School and was past president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Wilma McAbee Cox, M.A. '55, January 2, Travelers Rest, S.C. She was a retired teacher who taught at Slater-Marietta High School and in the Miami-Dade County (Fla.) School System.

William M. "Pot" Lindsay '55, February 11, Spartanburg, S.C. Before enrolling at Furman, he was a three-sport star at what was then North Greenville Junior College and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. He worked with Pfizer Labs Inc. as a pharmaceutical sales representative from 1957 to 1996. He served on the Spartanburg City Council from 1962 to 1996 and was active in the National Guard, from which he was retired.

Mary Lott Smith '55, February 3, Williston, S.C. She worked in Williston School District 29 for 25 years as a special education teacher and administrator.

Barbara Goodman Graham '57, May 26, 2008, Aurora, Ill. She was employed at Doctor's Data for 30 years.

Flora LaCoste Reynolds '58, December 23, Winston-Salem, N.C. She was a former educator.

Henry Perry Nichols '59, December 19, Mauldin, S.C. After service in West Germany with the U.S. Army, he started his business career as a merchant of goods and services. In 1988 he founded a loan business, which he managed until his retirement.

Martha Willis Gray O'Neal '59, January 28, Miami, Fla. She worked in cancer research at the Medical College of Virginia and was a medical technologist. She was Miss Greenville in 1958 and a runner-up for Miss South Carolina.

Jeff Nickolas Price '62, January 20, Easley, S.C. He was a retired Southern Baptist minister, having served as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., and Ariel Baptist Church in Easley.

Ralph Donald Cannon, Sr., M.A. '64, February 5, Spartanburg, S.C. He retired from Spartanburg School District 6 after a long career as teacher, coach and administrator. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was a retired commander of the 228th Signal Brigade of the S.C. Army National Guard.

Charles Glenn Scaff, Jr. '65, October 12, Jacksonville, Fla. He was retired from AT&T as a regional manager.

Allen M. Cornwell '66, April 12, 2008, Cramerton, N.C.

Ronald Edward Ginnetty '66, February 2, Honea Path, S.C. He worked for Meyers-Arnold, Rich's and Radio Shack and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Mount Pleasant, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Louise Hinson Bell, M.A. '69, February 16, Greenwood, S.C. She taught school in a number of South Carolina counties and was a reading supervisor in Greenville County schools. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Theron Woodruff Dillard, Jr., M.A. '72, December 2, Charleston, S.C. He was retired from the administration of Special Schools of South Carolina State Technical School Systems.

John Wilson Payne '74, February 5, Lyman, S.C. He was pastor of five churches before retiring from Mountain View Baptist Church in Boiling Springs, S.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and as a chaplain in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Hospital.

Jerry Mills Stewart '75, December 21, Piedmont, S.C. He was a retired assistant registrar with Greenville Technical College. He served in the U.S. Navy and was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He saw service in both the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War.

Virginia Carole Penick, M.A. '82, February 16, Greenville. She taught in Greenville County Schools, retiring from Northwest Middle School in 2001. She previously taught in Maryland and Kentucky and was a member of both the National Education Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Robert G. Roma '82, December 9, Mendham, N.J. He was the owner of the Newco Uniform Company in Newark for 20 years, and was active as a youth sports coach.

Karin M. Walsh Faulkner '95, December 15, Cary, N.C. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate in music and French, she went on to earn a master's degree in international business from the University of South Carolina. She worked for Bosch in Paris, Dynamic Data Solutions and PricewaterhouseCoopers before developing her own Web design company. She was an accomplished harpist and was active in Business Network International and Mothers of Preschoolers. She was an advocate for adoption, and she and her husband, Steve, adopted a 15-month-old from Russia in 2005 and two 1-year-olds from Vietnam in 2008. Visit www.karinupdates.blogspot.com for the story of her courageous final months.

Gladys Goodman McCorkle, January 10, Greenville. She worked as box office manager for the Furman drama/theatre arts department for 20 years. Upon her retirement the lobby of the Furman Playhouse was named in her honor. She served for 45 years as organist, elder, Sunday school teacher and friendship circle leader at John Calvin Presbyterian Church.

SHE HEADS THE BEST SMALL LIBRARY IN AMERICA

There's no need to whisper when walking into the Carnegie Library in Union County, S.C. The "shhh" mentality left in 2005.

Laughing teenagers dancing to songs just downloaded to their iPods are common. A better effort to warmly greet patrons while providing a more up-to-date collection also was embraced.

That's part of the reason the library has more visitors. It's also part of the reason it has been named the best small library in America.

The recognition has been celebrated across Union, and the honor has sunk in with some of the youth who fill the library after school.

"It's pretty cool, a little town like Union getting a big award," said Bruce Means, 13.

"Best Small Library in America" is an award sponsored by *Library Journal* and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Union's is the fifth library to receive the award. It was chosen from a field of more than 60 libraries across the country. The library was on the cover of the February issue of *Library Journal*, and it received a \$15,000 prize.

"Union is incredibly dynamic for how much money it operates on," says Rebecca Miller, executive editor of *Library Journal*. "It's a Cinderella story in a way. They've done a lot with what they have. It means the taxpayers are getting a lot of return for their money, but that doesn't mean they don't need more money."

A lot of credit is given to Nancy Rosenwald, the library's director. Rosenwald, a 1976 Furman graduate, took the job in October 2005 after living in Connecticut for 22 years. She saw a picture of the historic library and decided to apply for the job. She said her first priority was to improve customer service.

"There was this attitude of the scary librarian who went 'shhh,'" Rosenwald says. "[I thought] let's get people in to make them feel happy and comfortable."

Cindy Walton, the children's librarian, has worked at the library almost five years, and she's watched the transformation. "The first time I walked in here, I was wondering, 'Why did I get this job?'" Walton says. "It was not very people-friendly. Now it is. It's not just a little change. It's a huge change."

Rosenwald hired teens and accepted teen



GERRY PATESPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

Nancy Rosenwald shows off the cover story on Carnegie Library in the *Library Journal*.

volunteers. Some of the eight full-time staff members also have experience working in retail.

Rosenwald says the library's staff started providing more one-on-one help for those using computers. The building also became more kid-friendly. The 104-year-old structure is in a historic district, and she received permission to paint the children's section bright yellow.

Many of her daughter's stuffed animals rest atop bookshelves, and stacks of board games entertain kids spending their after-school hours in the library. Snacks are sometimes available, too.

Union County's population is about 29,000, and Rosenwald says the library has about 13,000 regular patrons.

"We're probably circulating close to 9,000 books a month, which is amazing," she says. "Half of those are kids' books. People say kids aren't reading, but hal! Yes they are. The kids that hang out here are reading like crazy."

Teens also have their own section with three computers, books and places to sit.

Rosenwald says the \$15,000 prize could be used to upgrade the library's phone system, which doesn't have voice mail, and purchasing more computers. The library has 19 computers.

"The more computers we can get, the better," she says.

The adult section of the library, which has seven computers, was added in 1986, and a dirt basement is below it. Rosenwald says the library has an architect's rendering of what that space could look like if completed. It would cost an estimated \$1.5 million.

"Doing a capital campaign is a big step, but we have to look at it," she says.

She adds that the library, which operates mostly on the \$200,000 it gets from the county's property taxes, is bracing to receive less money from the state because of the economic climate.

In March, the library hosted its first golf tournament as a fundraiser to purchase new materials. The flier for the tournament mentioned that it's America's Best Small Library.

The library staff is enjoying the notoriety. "The community is so excited," Rosenwald says. "I kind of feel like a star. I go places and people are like, 'That's the library lady.'"

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