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in Schools. ■ **BIRTH:** **Bubba** and Cortney Locke **Smith**, a daughter, Mary Brittain, August 5, Hampden-Sydney, Va.

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Next reunion in 2006

Reico Barber is pursuing an M.D. degree in adolescent counseling at the Medical University of South Carolina. He lives in Rock Hill, S.C., and works as a clinical residential counselor and a court-appointed parole officer. ■ **Gabrielle Ferguson Cannick**, a third-year dual doctoral student in the Dental Medicine Scientist Training Program at the Medical University of South Carolina, received the top prize for her presentation on “Oral Cancer Knowledge Among South Carolina Dental Students” at the Hinman Student Research Symposium. She also received a travel award to the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta and the President’s Award for Excellence in Dental Research from the National Student Research Group of the

American Association of Dental Research. She is currently conducting research at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research of the National Institutes of Health. ■ **Abbey Redfearn Haddock** of Lugoff, S.C., works in sales with Redfearn Motor Company. ■ **Erik ’02** and **Chelsea Berry Iliff** have been assigned to Giessen, Germany, by the U.S. Army. Chelsea recently completed her master’s degree in mass communication. ■ **Heather Lundell** is studying for her doctorate in occupational therapy at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. ■ **James Moeckel** is in the import/export business in Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. ■ **Corrine O’Neill** is a student at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., pursuing a master’s degree in social work with a concentration in social and economic development. ■ **Jennifer Scholz** has completed her master’s degree in clinical psychology and is a psychometrist at the Marcus Institute in Atlanta. ■

MARRIAGES: **T.K. Broecker** and **Shari Zoffmann**, September 20. They live in Taylors, S.C. ■ **Amy Cushing** and **Phillip Berry ’02**, August 30. They live in Grayson, Ga., and work with Gwinnett Outreach. ■ **Emily Eades** and **Brian Johnson** (M.A. ’00), August 2, Charleston, S.C. Emily earned a master’s degree in health administration and is completing an administrative residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. Brian teaches elementary school and coaches cross country and track at The Citadel. ■ **Megan Leigh Palmer** and **Morgan DeWitt** Camp, June 7. They live in Roanoke, Va., where she is a child and adolescent mental health therapist at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare and he is a transitional medicine resident at Carilion Health System. ■ **Emily Wilson** and **Andreas Lawrenz**, July 26. They live in Munich, Germany, where Emily, who earned a master’s degree in violin performance from Boston University’s College of Fine Arts, teaches violin, piano and English.

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Chris Bainbridge is pursuing a master’s degree in journalism at the University of Nebraska. ■ **Laura Garrett** lives in Tuxedo, N.C., and is the associate director of conservation and ecology at Camp Glen Arden, a summer camp for girls. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Sarah Cornelius** and **Brian Hahne**, August 2. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C., where Brian is an area coordinator for residence life at the North Carolina School of the Arts. ■ **Sara Ingram** and **Brad Cain**, July 12. They live in Maitland, Fla., and Sara is office coordinator at The Geneva School. ■ **Ryan Koon** and **Megan Prewitt**, July 19. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Megan is completing a master’s degree in English and works as a substitute teacher. Ryan teaches biology at Charleston Collegiate School. ■ **Katrina McClanahan** and **Justin Barrett ’03**, September 27. They live in Wilmington, Del., and Katrina is an investment analyst with

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Alumnus makes Newsweek cover

When Ron Singleton ’83 answered an e-mail from the United Methodist Church national office asking for comments about the threats and effects of litigation on the ministerial profession, he never thought he’d wind up in the midst of “Lawsuit Hell.”

But that was the headline on the front of the December 15 issue of *Newsweek*, referring to an article about society’s increasingly litigious nature and how concern about being sued, even at the slightest perceived offense, is affecting various professions. And there, on the cover, stood Furman alumnus Singleton, minister at Inman (S.C.) United Methodist Church, alongside a physician from Brooklyn and a law enforcement officer from Maine.

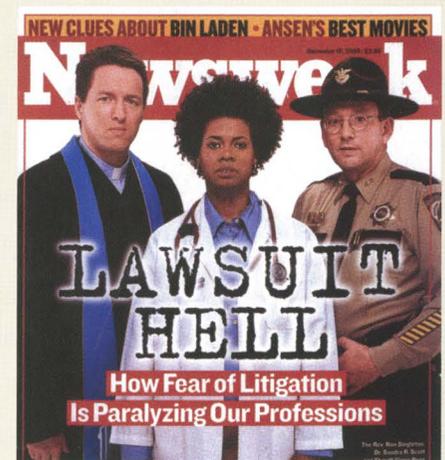
Singleton, who has never been sued or known anyone who has been, says that his response to the UMC query pointed out how, as part of their training, ministers and

prospective ministers are “made aware that you have to be careful about putting yourself in a vulnerable position and that there are general rules you need to follow.”

The UMC passed his thoughts on to the magazine, and soon a reporter called to follow up with a telephone interview — and to ask if *Newsweek* could send a photographer to Inman to take a picture. The story opened with Singleton discussing the precautions he takes, alongside a large photo of him in his church’s attractive sanctuary. (To read the story, visit the Web at msnbc.msn.com/id/3660738.)

Then came another call: Could he travel to New York for a cover shoot? Well, sure, he said, and wound up spending a day posing in a New York studio.

Singleton does point out that luck played a role in his 15 minutes of fame. Had the magazine been scheduled for



printing a few days later, he wouldn’t have been a cover boy at all: “We were told that we would be on the cover — unless they found Saddam Hussein.”

The date of Hussein’s capture: December 13.

— Jim Stewart