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- Pamela Darnell's Work Lives On

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We have great things in mind.

Back to the Future—Reunion Spotlight



Gardner-Webb Mountain Get-A-Way photo details: Front Row (left to right) – Eddie Hudson, Louise Gladden Fisher, Lewis Ballard.

Second Row (left to right) – Lib Moore Sheets, Deree Mayberry Hand, Becky Hart Smith, Ray Crawford, Vickie Plaster Whitelock, Henry Fogle, Sue Vance Wilson.

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“The G-W Mountain Get-A-Way” was one Gardner-Webb reunion where memories refused to die. Five decades after graduation, over 50 alums spent time in the North Carolina mountains sharing stories, sharing time and sharing new adventures.

From hiking to shopping to golfing to eating – members from the classes of ‘53 –‘56 were proving that they could still keep up with the pace of their college days.

Plans are underway for another reunion of this group in the near

future. If you are a part of any off-campus Gardner-Webb reunion, share your story with us. Please email your reunion details and photo (300 dpi resolution) to lgilliam@gardner-webb.edu.

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GWU students provide much needed aid to hurricane victims during a recent mission trip to the ravaged Gulf Coast.

Weeklong Celebration Highlights Inauguration for Gardner-Webb's 12th President – **Dr. A. Frank Bonner**



Dedicated to renewing and growing Gardner-Webb's historic campus while honoring the rich tradition of an institution that was established more than a century ago, Dr. A. Frank Bonner will be installed as the twelfth president of Gardner-Webb University on Thursday, April 6 in a 1:30 pm ceremony.

"It is an honor to serve the Gardner-Webb University students, faculty, staff and alumni. I believe in this university. I believe in its heritage, its value and its dedication to providing superior educational opportunities within a Christian environment," said Bonner, who became president of Gardner-Webb in July 2005. "While the inauguration formally marks my investiture as Gardner-Webb's twelfth president," Bonner said, "it is also a time for all of us to celebrate and reflect upon Gardner-Webb's achievements, identity and future."

A week of special events, receptions and performances will precede the installation service of Dr. Bonner. These include:

- * University Open House and Spring Festival – Saturday, April 1.
- * Lecture by award-winning North Carolina author and Harvard University lecturer, Jill McCorkle – Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 pm, Ritch Banquet Hall.
- * Inaugural concert featuring Gardner-Webb instrumentalists and choirs – Wednesday, April 5, 8:00 pm, Boiling Springs Baptist Church.
- * Inaugural Worship Service – Thursday, April 6, 9:00 am, Boiling Springs Baptist Church.
- * Installation of Dr A. Frank Bonner as the twelfth President of Gardner-Webb – Thursday, April 6, 1:30 pm, Paul Porter Arena, Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

"Dr. Bonner takes the reins at an extraordinary time in our institution's history," said Ralph "Scoot" Dixon, chair of the Inauguration Committee. "As we embark on our second century at Gardner-Webb, we acknowledge that we've made great strides during the past several years – financially and academically. And we have every trust in Dr. Bonner's resourcefulness and vision to bring a keener focus to our strengths as a historic Christian university as we seek to enhance our position as a premiere educational leader."

Bonner is no stranger to Gardner-Webb; he joined the administrative staff in 1987 as dean of the college and in 1992, he was promoted to provost and senior vice president.

Bonner grew up in Greenville, SC, and graduated from Furman University. He holds a M.A. degree from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to



joining the Gardner-Webb administrative staff he was a faculty member and associate dean at Anderson College, Anderson, S.C.

Bonner has been active in community and civic life most of his career. He is a member of the Shelby Rotary Club, has served

on the YMCA board, the United Way Board, as past-chair of the Cleveland County Chamber, has been active in school affairs, and is deacon and Sunday school teacher in First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. He is also a retired colonel in the United States Army Reserve.

Bonner is married to Florence "Flossie" Black, also a Furman graduate and native of Chester, S.C. She is a retired school teacher.

They are parents of two adult daughters and three grandchildren.



During his presidency, Bonner will focus on bolstering Gardner-Webb's already strong academic programs, increasing the size of the University's endowment and striving to make improvements to campus facilities and programs.

"This event not only marks the formal beginning of my presidency at Gardner-Webb, but it is more of a celebration of the University and those who have led this great institution before me," added Bonner.

For additional information regarding the Inauguration festivities, go online to inauguration.gardner-webb.edu or call the office of University and Media Relations at 704-406-4631.



For God and ...



Hope for Tomorrow

Gardner-Webb Mission Team Delivers Relief to Hurricane Victims

**Editors note – Gardner-Webb has long proclaimed the motto – “For God and Humanity.” Every year Gardner-Webb faculty, staff and students volunteer to make a difference in our world. The following stories are just two examples of what Gardner-Webb practices on a daily basis. We salute each GWU volunteer who goes forth meeting the needs of man in God’s name.*

So what do college students really do with their spare time? During a break from classes during the fall semester, a group of 28 Gardner-Webb students and faculty members traveled to Gulfport Mississippi where they spent several days aiding the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Susan Manahan, instructor of biology at Gardner-Webb, remembers the work ethic of the group. “We had a great group,” said Manahan. “I was very proud of every student. They had great attitudes and

worked well together.” They certainly had their work cut out for them noted Kaylin Bowers, a senior photojournalism major. “I knew it was bad,” she said, “I just didn’t know how bad.” For several days, the students worked with residents to repair damaged homes. Manahan described her first impression of the disaster area. “Some houses were completely leveled, and other things were out just of place. One of the first things we saw as we drove to the site was a huge boat that had been washed into a cemetery and was just sitting there.” The group went to work immediately, targeting eight separate homes. Several of the men were able to cut logs and limbs that had fallen in people’s yards, or on cars, and haul them away.

“We tore down kitchen cabinets and helped the residents move the large furniture they couldn’t move on their own,” said Manahan. The Gardner-Webb team not only assisted with yard clean up but also ripped out flood damaged insulation and sheet rock as well. The group also delivered care packages containing items collected by Gardner-Webb students and the Boiling Springs community. The packages contained basic necessities like water, soap, shaving cream, etc. The residents were glad to receive them. “Helping others is very important,” says Manahan, “It puts a face to the victims of the hurricane.” Added Bowers, “We were able to give people care packages with things they needed even if we couldn’t work in their homes.”

The trip’s student coordinator, Julie Lineberger, a senior at Gardner-Webb, remarks, “I was a little overwhelmed to be asked to lead. But I was excited.” When asked why she wanted to spend her Fall Break replacing moldy sheet rock, Julie replied, “I’m just the kind of person who wants to do something tangible. Talking about helping and raising money is good, but I’d rather do something.” Together, the group was able to offer extensive help to the owners of eight houses. “We were able to put people one step closer to living in their homes again,” noted Lineberger.

The victims of this disaster expressed their gratitude to the Gardner-Webb contingent. “The people couldn’t believe that we cared enough to help them,” said Bowers. “They were all so open and thankful for our help,” said Linberger. When the team returned to Gardner-Webb they were anxious to encourage others to help the hurricane victims. Lineberger says of the hurricane victims, “They asked us not to forget them. They still need help and will for a long time. Each one of us has realized how blessed we are to have all of our possessions.”

More than anything else, the Gardner-Webb team offered hope in a time of despair.

- Gabrielle McClure
GWU Student

Humanity

Operation: Diamonds in the Rough

GW Athletes Take Baseball Fundamentals

Into Poverty Stricken Land



The idea to lead a team of coaches and Gardner-Webb athletes on a mission trip came to me in church one Sunday morning in January of 2005. As the missionary from the Dominican Republic spoke, I realized God was calling me to action. I had wanted to go on a mission trip since I was in college, but had never found the time. I knew God was telling me to make the time.

My wife Karen also shared my vision and we began preparations for the July trip. Our goal was to assemble a group of coaches and players who would conduct baseball clinics in the poor sugar cane communities of Bombita, La Hoya, and Bataye, near Barahona in the Dominican. God also laid it on our hearts to give each child who participated a baseball glove to keep. This meant we would need to collect over a thousand baseball gloves!

I was privileged to head a group that eventually consisted of nineteen members. Among those were two of my current baseball players at Gardner-Webb, one former player, some of my coaching colleagues, and members of my church. Through much prayer, hard work, and

God's grace, we were able to collect and ship over 1200 baseball gloves by cargo plane before we arrived.

Once in the Dominican Republic, the team battled the heat, the bugs, the change in diet and the language barrier. Despite the challenges, the experience was incredible. The people of the Dominican were awesome and appreciated our efforts. The kids at the baseball camps were excited and energetic. We had three opportunities to worship with

the local church and the youth groups. Their faith was an inspiration and a witness to us.

I learned much from my experiences on the mission trip. I have a greater awareness of God's all-encompassing love and vastness. I heard my Dominican friends worshipping in a foreign language yet I could sense their intense passion for God. I knew He could understand them even though I could not. But the Holy Spirit connected even those of us who could not speak to each other and we were able to forge bonds that will last a lifetime.

I am so glad I made time in my busy schedule to go on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I was told before I went that I would receive much more from the experience than I would give. Certainly this prediction proved accurate, as I will carry the experience of the trip in my heart for a lifetime.

- Rusty Stroupe, GWU Head Baseball Coach

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AWARDED ACCREDITATION

The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) announced that Gardner-Webb University was awarded initial accreditation of its business school



by the ACBSP Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners. Gardner-Webb will be presented with the certificate of accreditation during the ACBSP Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois on June 19, 2006. This will represent the sixteenth annual presentation to institutions being accredited since the founding of ACBSP eighteen years ago. Gardner-Webb University is fully accredited as a university by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's degrees and doctorates.

Douglas G. Viehland, Executive Director of the ACBSP spoke of the accomplishment of this accreditation, "Gardner-Webb has shown their commitment to teaching excellence by participating in the accreditation process, achieving accreditation, and then continuing the process of quality improvement. This accreditation is evidence of Gardner-Webb's commitment to quality business programs."

The faculty and students of the Gardner-Webb School of Business are honored to receive this accreditation. "This achievement is a testament to the quality of the faculty and programs in the School of Business. I am very proud of the accomplishment of the faculty and staff, under the leadership of Dean Anthony Negbenebor," said Dr. Darlene J. Gravett, associate provost for

schools. "The accreditation team was highly complimentary of the quality of the students in the School of Business."

"This accreditation has re-affirmed the quality in our business programs," noted Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, dean of the school of business. "It also means that we are producing some of the greatest minds in business you can find anywhere."

In addition to the School of Business, several other academic programs are accredited by the appropriate state or national agencies. The Education program is accredited by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The Music and Nursing programs are accredited respectively, by the National Association of Schools of Music and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada accredits the School of Divinity. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredits the Athletic Training Program.

MAJOR GIFT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GARDNER-WEBB DIVINITY SCHOOL STUDENTS

"We are looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with Gardner-Webb's Divinity School," said Douglas T. Ramsey, vice-president, Charles B. Keesee Educational Fund, Inc. "Mr. Keesee's real desire in starting the Keesee Fund was to help educate and train preachers and over the years many students have been aided in this endeavor."

The Charles B. Keesee Educational Fund, Inc. announced that it would assist Gardner-Webb University Divinity School students who hail from North Carolina and Virginia through a series of renewable grants. A maximum of \$4000 per student will be awarded annually to

those who qualify. Gardner-Webb students will begin to receive these grants in fall 2006 and the grants are renewable for a maximum of four years.

Currently, there are 129 divinity school students



enrolled at Gardner-Webb from North Carolina and Virginia. "This is a tremendous boost to our divinity school and we are honored to receive these funds for our students," noted Dr. Charles Bugg, dean, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity.

"We are proud to support students pursuing theological education at Gardner-Webb," said Keesee Fund President, David Burhans. "This will be a mutually rewarding partnership with the school and its students – and we are looking forward to it." Other grant requirements are based on student need, good academic standing and the desire for students to pursue full-time Baptist ministry or religious work in the Baptist denomination.

Gardner-Webb President, Dr. Frank Bonner added that, "We admire and appreciate the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Keesee in supporting the educational aspirations of worthy young men and women. We are deeply grateful for what the support of the Keesee Educational Fund will mean for our Divinity School students."

A MUSICAL PASSION LEADS TO FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP



This is a very special gift to the University," said Dr. David Boan, vice president for development at Gardner-Webb University. "This will benefit our students in numerous ways for years to come."

Boan's remarks refer to a new scholarship honoring a North Carolina musician. Suzanne Kirby was a talented composer, musician and teacher in Gastonia, N.C. Kirby loved teaching piano. She saw hope in every one of her students and

her desire was for her students to have as much of a musical passion as she did.

Helping students who were studying music became a dream of Kirby. Kirby's desire to help students who were pursuing a music degree in piano and organ prompted her to leave an estate gift to Gardner-Webb.

Her enthusiasm for teaching students and her love for church music led Kirby to leave a lasting legacy at Gardner-Webb University.

The Suzanne Thout Kirby Scholarship Fund was created to acknowledge students at Gardner-Webb who have an enthusiasm to study piano and organ. Thanks to this scholarship, students in the Fine Arts department will benefit from this gift in the future. "Only time will tell the number of opportunities students will have due to this particular scholarship," said Boan. "As long as there is a fine arts department at Gardner-Webb, Mrs. Kirby's love for music will continue."

Kirby was a graduate of the University of Hartford with a Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Music in composition. She was also a dedicated member of the Sharps and Flats Music Club and Dean of the Organ Guild of Gastonia. Kirby thoroughly enjoyed playing for the music club and theatre projects around town. She was born with incredible musical talent and was very active in music all her life.

The personal music of Kirby has also found a home at Gardner-Webb. Along with an endowment gift to the university, Kirby also left her individual compositions and manuscripts. These musical works will be placed in Gardner-Webb's Dover Library.

GARDNER-WEBB PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL DAY OF HELPING OTHERS



"The Make a Difference Day was a wonderful success," said Sandy Hammett, assistant director for student activities at Gardner-Webb and coordinator for the Fall Festival. "The reactions of students and children were heartwarming, just watching their faces and their responses left us feeling successful and touched."

The Gardner-Webb Reach Leadership group hosted a Fall Festival as part of the United Way Make a Difference Day program.

At the festival, Gardner-Webb students set up booths with games and candy for foster children and their families, as well as kids from the Children's Homes of Cleveland County. Children and their families also received tickets for the Gardner-Webb vs. Liberty Football Game. "It was a rewarding experience to be involved in this event," said Henry Hunter, Senior at Gardner-Webb and president of the Student YMCA club. "It was great to play games, give out candy and interact with all of the children."

The United Way Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others. It is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. In 2005, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns across the United States. Events range from the building of wheelchair ramps, to disaster relief clean up, to serving hot meals to the elderly.

Created 14 years ago by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of October. "It is so nice to work at a university where a sense of giving to the community is fostered so prominently," noted Hammett. "We are truly blessed to have students and faculty members who want to serve and we are already looking forward to next year."

Seeing is Believing

New Technology Makes the Art of Communication Easier for Deaf

It was a sunny afternoon on the campus of Gardner-Webb University, when I sat down in the Noel House with three excited deaf students to talk about something called the VPhone (videophone). The three students, all seniors were Russ Gribble, Jessica Rudisill, and Stephanie Zawada. While there was an interpreter present to help translate our conversation, it was easy for me to look at their big smiles and bright eyes and realize how much the VPhone meant to them in their everyday lives at Gardner-Webb.

VPhone is the hottest technology for the deaf and hard of hearing. The VPhone enables students to make a point-to-point call and see another person on a television monitor and communicate with that person in ASL (American Sign Language). The VPhone also offers a full menu featuring options such as - speed dial, memory, a relay offering both voice carry and video signal, and even missed call information and caller ID. All the user of a Vphone needs is broadband Internet service to put the technology into action.

When a call is made using the VPhone, the call is routed to an interpreter center where a relay person is provided to talk back and forth between a deaf and hearing person. Sorenson technology currently has over 30 interpreter centers throughout the United States with ASL interpreters staffing the centers. All ASL interpreters have to be either certified by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), RID (Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf), or hold a state interpreter certificate at the Intermediate or Master Certification skill levels.

According to the Gardner-Webb students utilizing this new service, the benefits are tremendous:

1. Communicating is much easier and faster: "It doesn't take as much time as old methods the deaf used in the past (all text based), it's like a normal conversation with a deaf person because there's a natural flow to the conversation without having to pause and use a keyboard to type back and forth to one another."

2. It is visual, providing face-to-face communication: "Yes, we have equal communication. everything is portrayed by being able to see the other



persons expressions and body language, making this experience so much more worthwhile.

3. It provides more independence: "We don't have to rely on others to make contact with someone. We can call our parents, phone in a prescription to a doctor's office, set up appointments, and even order pizza."

Keith Cagle, associate professor, ASL Studies, has become a fan of the Vphone technology. Cagle now relies almost entirely on videophone for personal and professional communication and video relay service. "It brings your friends visually to your living room, although they physically are thousand of miles away." Cagle believes that this kind of technology will attract both deaf and hearing students to Gardner-Webb who want to major in ASL. "A student could practice their ASL skills with outsiders via VPhone and a prospective student could call and talk with program representatives using VPhone as well."

Thanks to the efforts of Cagle and Gardner-Webb, the VPhone provides a conversation tool for the deaf that provides a more personal experience – an experience where the visual language of ASL comes to life via wires and networks and human interpreters.

-Paul Foster

The Awakening

Opera Experience Offered to School Children for Nearly 30 Years

Gleaming smiles, giggling, clapping and shrieks of excitement filled the Dover Theater as over 600 elementary School students came to the Gardner-Webb campus to participate in the "Student Day at the Opera." "We are thrilled that school children can watch performances that are entertaining, colorful, wholesome presentations which feature the talent of Gardner-Webb University," noted Dr. Terry Fern, professor of music at Gardner-Webb.

The university opera theatre continued a twenty-nine year tradition with this year's performance of "The Three Little Pigs" directed by Dr. Terry Fern. "Performing this opera for the children was very rewarding," said Anita Burnette, senior piano performance major and accompanist for the opera. "They laughed and responded to the cast in a way that made each individual character feel like a celebrity. Performing the opera for the 'Student day at the Opera' was our favorite part of the opera experience."

"The Three Little Pigs" is known as one of the most famous fairy tales of all time. Yet, this particular version is more than just a fairy tale; it is also an opera, a story presented in song. Therefore, the classic tale of the three pigs and their adventures with the big bad wolf reach audiences in a different way. "The Three Little Pigs" consisted of a cast of fine arts students including juniors – Shane Bryant, Andre Graham, Laura Marshburn, Hope Smith and senior, Anita Burnette. The music of this opera comes from one of the most famous



For nearly three decades, the Gardner-Webb University Opera Theatre has entertained audiences while providing musical and dramatic training for music and liberal arts students. The Opera Theatre has also contributed to the education of area elementary school children. The "Student Day at the Opera" has attracted students from numerous North Carolina counties. These children have had the unique opportunity to experience a real opera. "The Annual Student Day at the Opera is a chance for many area school children to experience the opera, maybe for the first time," said Fern. This rewarding venue shows students that there is more to the Opera than just music and singing, but an incredible combination requiring the skill of dramatic acting, great musicianship, a demanding singing style along with experience in dancing, comedy, stage presence and diction. "Bringing the children to see this opera has been a


wonderful cultural experience," said Susan Fogleman, music teacher at Fallston Elementary School. "Dr. Fern did an

extraordinary job of setting the opera for children and you could tell by the looks on the children's faces that they truly enjoyed this performance."

- Bailey Holt, GWU Student

This presentation of "The Three Little Pigs" contains a moral encouraging students and parents to use their local library to find answers to all of life's questions and "Read A Book – It's Fun!"

musicians and composers of all time, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with words and the story adapted by John Davies.



She
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a
smile.

Pamela Gail Darnell

Her smile was perpetual. Her energy was contagious. And, her love for life and sharing that life with others was beyond measure. In short, Pamela Gail Darnell made a significant impact on the Gardner-Webb University family.

In June 2005, Gardner-Webb lost a marvelous student, an inspiring example and a person who could turn the world on with her smile. After a courageous battle with Crohn's Disease and Lymphoma, Gardner-Webb Senior, Pamela Darnell, 22, passed away.

Pamela loved Gardner-Webb and the Boiling Springs community. Her involvement in campus and community activities went beyond the typical college student. She had a great understanding that being a student was more than merely writing papers, reading books and taking exams. It was about getting involved, serving others in need and taking advantage of the opportunities provided to you each day. She had a passion for life. It was obvious. Pamela was active in many areas at Gardner-Webb including Christian service and mission work programs, the student YMCA, Gardner-Webb Theatre, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of University and Media Relations. In addition, Pamela wrote numerous articles for The Webb Magazine in 2005. She was a talent and was pure joy.

Pamela touched many lives with her strong moral character, her sincerity, humility, cheerfulness and outstanding servant leadership. Everyone wanted to get to know or get to spend more time with Pamela – everyone. You just could not get enough of Pamela Darnell. She is truly missed.

Knowing of Pamela's love and commitment to the Gardner-Webb community, her parents, Ed and Betty Darnell, and Pamela's brother, Ben made a decision to provide a lasting memorial to Pamela.



Through several endowed initiatives, and a campus beautification project, the Darnell's have ensured that her name will forever be associated with Gardner-Webb.

The Pamela Gail Darnell Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance each year to a senior who

exemplifies a strong Christian commitment and leadership in the areas of campus and community ministry. In addition, The Pamela Gail Darnell Endowed Missions Trips Fund has also been established to assist students and /or chaperons for campus-sanctioned missions'

trips. These amazing gifts will guarantee Pamela's continued influence on this university and its' students.

The Darnell's have also made a significant contribution to assist Gardner-Webb in two beautification projects, which will serve as constant visual reminders of Pamela. A project that began 40

years ago with a concept and idea to restore the original Boiling Springs, near Lake Hollifield, has gone from dream to reality, thanks in large part to the Darnell family. The Darnell's have also assisted in the purchase of a 45-foot fountain with lights, which serves to enhance the Lake Hollifield Complex. Other projects in honor of Pamela include a Senior Class campaign – the efforts of this will place a permanent bench at the Springs in Pamela's honor.

If you would like to make a gift in honor of Pamela, please contact Dr. David Boan at 704-406-3251 or by email at dboan@gardner-webb.edu. Pamela touched the hearts and lives of countless individuals while she was living, and now she continues to do so. *Thank you Pamela.*



BULLDOG



Basketball, Baseball and Football ... Oh, My

Gardner-Webb Athletics Hall of Fame Names Five Honorees

The Gardner-Webb University Athletics Hall of Fame is designed to honor leaders, athletes, coaches and builders of the Gardner-Webb athletic program on an annual basis. It is also intended to preserve the historical and outstanding contributions made to the university's athletic program by participants. Gardner-Webb has been honoring Hall of Fame Inductees since 1991. In this year's annual Hall of Fame ceremony, Gardner-Webb University inducted five members into its Athletics Hall of Fame.

Each Hall of Fame member was presented with a commemorative plaque outlining his or her collegiate accomplishments. A Hall of Fame ring was also presented to the inductees by Gardner-Webb president Dr. A. Frank Bonner. Nearly 200 family and friends were in attendance collectively, marking one of the largest turnouts ever for the annual event. The class of 2005 was also recognized during half time at Gardner-Webb's homecoming football game.

The following inductees earned their way into this year's hall:

BOB BOLICK ('75) – FOOTBALL

Former Bulldog Bob Bolick was a trendsetter during his days with Gardner-Webb, anchoring the team's offensive line from 1972-1975. Bolick was the first Gardner-Webb player to earn All-America honors on the offensive side of the football, with a selection to the NAIA second-team All-America squad in 1975. Bolick is still one of only three GWU offensive linemen to earn All-America honors in 36 seasons of senior college football. He is currently an assistant principal at Lexington (S.C.) High School.

SUSAN BOLT-BRIGGS ('81) – WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gardner-Webb women's basketball standout, Susan Bolt-Briggs started for the Lady Bulldogs from 1977 until 1981, establishing herself as one of the pioneers for the sport in Boiling Springs. As a freshman, Bolt Briggs helped the Lady Bulldogs to an impressive 17-4 record, setting a single-season record for winning percentage (.809) that still stands. Bolt-Briggs remains one of only seven women in Gardner-Webb basketball history to record at least 1,000 (1,236) points and 625 rebounds during a career. She currently resides in Gastonia, N.C., with her husband – former GWU football player and current Ashbrook (N.C.) High head football coach Mike Briggs.

BILL ELLIS ('75) – MEN'S BASKETBALL

Standout point guard Bill Ellis held the keys to the engine that powered one of the most successful eras in Gardner-Webb men's basketball history, effectively stamping the Runnin' in Runnin' Bulldogs from 1971-1975. A four-year starter under Coach Eddie Holbrook, Ellis led Gardner-Webb to 97 wins during his career – an average of more than 24 per season. In 1971-72, the Bulldogs' floor general led the team to a school-record 31 wins and was the team's top assist man in each of his seasons running the point. The most telling statistic of Ellis' impact on the squad during his four years might be the fact that Gardner-Webb topped the 100-point mark in 52 different games during that time – a record that still stands. Ellis is currently head boy's basketball coach at Crest (N.C.) High.

COLEMAN HUNT ('73) – FOOTBALL

A stalwart of the early Gardner-Webb teams under head coach George Litton in the 1970s, Coleman Hunt emerged as one of the first defensive stars for the Bulldogs. Then a 6-foot-2, 210-pound lineman, Hunt developed a reputation as a fierce, but athletic, pass rusher who consistently harassed quarterbacks with his speed, agility and toughness. He helped fuel the school's transition to the senior college level. Hunt is currently the principal at Washington Elementary School near Waco, N.C.

MIKE MCDANIEL ('71) – BASEBALL

One of Gardner-Webb's first stars in the sport of baseball, Michael McDaniel flourished under Hall of Fame Coach Jerry Bryson for the Diamond 'Dogs. The power hitting infielder helped span the transition from junior college to senior college in the sport, compiling 39 home runs for his career. As a sophomore in 1969, McDaniel was named All-Western Carolinas Conference, was voted team MVP and led the team in home runs, RBI and total bases. As a senior in 1971, McDaniel batted a robust .362 with four home runs, four doubles and a

pair of triples in just 21 games played at shortstop - helping the 'Dogs to a strong 19-5 record against senior college competition. That team is regarded as the top-hitting team in GWU baseball history. McDaniel was the Bulldogs' leader in RBI for three seasons, home runs for two seasons and total bases for three seasons during his career in Boiling Springs. McDaniel graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1971.

LARRY THOMAS ('74) – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Thomas first appeared on the Gardner-Webb athletics scene as a freshman team manager for the Runnin' Bulldogs in 1967, but has left a lasting impression on the GWU athletics program – and the entire campus – during his long-term career at the institution. Thomas, who has spent the past 28 years as a campus police officer, has held a variety of roles within athletics as well, including Sports Information Director. His lifelong support of Gardner-Webb University is not limited to athletics, but his love for the Runnin' Bulldogs is genuine and well noticed. Thomas is still a regular at Bulldog athletic events and his award for meritorious service is well deserved.

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"Leadership is about inspiration and Coach Bill Bates ('53) encouraged, disciplined and believed in countless students over the years. Today we honor him," noted John Bridges, director of Church Relations, Gardner-Webb University, during a

true leadership. He encouraged all of us to never lose the moral high ground in life. He lived what he taught then and he continues to live it today," added Medlin.

Bates, a three-sport athlete at Gardner-Webb, came to work at Kings Mountain High School in 1957. During his tenure at the school, he coached football, baseball, girl's basketball and he served as athletic director and educator.

As athletic director, Bates was a driving force in the planning and construction of numerous Kings Mountain athletic facilities. Many of these facilities are still in place today at Kings Mountain Middle and High School. During that tenure, he also was instrumental in adding a number of competitive sports to the overall Kings Mountain High program; including - tennis, softball, wrestling, girls track, cross country and volleyball.

"Coach Bates taught us life lessons and discipline. He showed us the meaning of why hard work prepared you for life's struggles," added former King Mountain athlete, Geeper Howard. Over a dozen participants shared memories of Coach Bates and his impact on their lives, the school and the community.

gathering saluting the life and service of the former Kings Mountain coach, athletic director and teacher.

A group of former players, students and friends felt challenged to honor this man who had given so much of himself throughout the years. They chose to do something unique and lasting. The living monument to Bates will be in the form of an endowed scholarship to Gardner-Webb University for a Kings Mountain (NC) High School Student.

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"He built into our mindset to be well educated and never stop learning. He prepared each of his players and students for the future," said Jim Medlin, a former Kings Mountain football player under Bates. "He taught

The Bill Bates Scholarship will be available in the fall of 2006 to assist a King Mountain High School student choosing to attend Gardner-Webb University. The Kings

Mountain Sports Hall of Fame also honored Bates in September 2005, as the football stadium field house was named in his honor. "This is a humbling experience," noted Bates. "Nothing could be finer than to be loved and honored by someone else. I thank you."



Riding the Storm

Traveling with Billy Graham, covering natural disasters and exploring war torn regions are just a few of the adventures that have kept Bruce Bowers ('68) busy for over two and a half decades. Not only does he credit his success to hard work and staying focused, but Bowers is proud to say that he is the first member of his family to graduate from college. "I am so thankful for the opportunity to attend Gardner-Webb," noted Bowers. "I had the

opportunity to attend college that a lot of members in my family never had."

Bowers journalism experience begins at Gardner-Webb where he had the opportunity to create one-act plays and hold the position as editor of the Pilot, the Gardner-Webb school newspaper. These experiences at Gardner-Webb helped shaped Bowers' career in Journalism. After his time at Gardner-Webb, Bowers continued his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where the journalism bug continued to bite.

Currently, Bowers is the President of Bowers Media Group and has over twenty-five years of broadcasting experience, which include sixteen years as a television news reporter. Many events have added to Bowers successful career including investigative reporting and numerous overseas assignments. One of the most memorable events he covered includes the crash of Eastern flight 212 in 1974. This flight was leaving from Charleston, South Carolina and crashed three miles short of the runway at Charlotte-Douglas airport, killing 72 passengers. Bowers also had the opportunity to travel with Billy Graham on his first two trips to the Soviet Union in 1982 and 1984. In addition, Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world, contracted with Bowers to travel with the organization to Punta Gorda, Florida to shoot video footage of Hurricane Charley damaged areas.

Bowers most exhilarating trip was when Samaritan's Purse contacted him one month after traveling to Florida to ask if he would like to travel to Sudan and Darfur to shoot footage for the organization. "When I received this call I remember saying that Sudan and Darfur were some of the top places I had always wanted to visit," notes Bowers. "Yet, I must admit that I was quite nervous as I knew there was civil war, genocide and village burnings occurring in those parts of the world." Bowers notes that this was an eye opening experience. "We live in North Carolina and think that we have such big problems yet, our problems don't even compare to what others are facing around the world." Bowers adds, "I remember coming home from that trip and thinking that I have so much to be thankful for yet, we take so much for granted so often."



Faith has played a vital part in all of Bowers work. "When you have the opportunity to do something eternal in nature it can be very valuable," said Bowers. "You always have to think that whatever you are working on is something that can pave the way for evangelism down the road." Through all of his experiences, Bowers notes that you never have any true concept of how you can help people, but you should always take an opportunity when it happens. "It's gratifying to know that you can help people even if it's a small part."

Bowers has continued to serve Gardner-Webb over the years, serving as a former member of the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees. "Gardner-Webb is a wonderful university for so many reasons, yet it's particularly great because you

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have the opportunity to do things you can't do at a large school," said Bowers. "Gardner-Webb will be there to encourage you and to ease any fears about the college life, as it certainly did for me."

-Bailey Holt, GWU Student

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- * Gardner-Webb Football
- * Children's Activities
- * Brunch for the Decades
- * Hall of Fame Banquet
- * Gallery of Distinguished Graduates Banquet



- * Bonfire
- * Pep Rally
- * Reunion Activities
- * Tailgating
- * Powder Puff Football
- * Golf Tournament and More



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- * 09/02 @ Jacksonville (6:00 pm)
- * 09/09 TENNESSEE TECH – Home (6:00 pm)
- * 09/16 @ UT-Martin (6:00 pm)
- * 09/23 APPALACHIAN STATE (Defending I-AA National Champs) – Home – (6:00 pm)
- * 09/30 @ Southeastern Louisiana (6:00 pm)
- * 10/14 GLENVILLE STATE – Home (6:00 pm)
- * 10/21 @ Liberty (1:30 pm) *
- * 10/28 VMI (1:30 pm) * **Homecoming 2006**
- * 11/04 @ Charleston Southern (1:30 pm) *
- * 11/11 COASTAL CAROLINA – Home (1:30 pm) *
- * 11/18 WOFFORD – Home (1:30 pm)

(*denotes
conference games)



2005 GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

Gardner-Webb University established the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates to recognize and honor alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their fields of service and in the communities in which they serve. Every year, alumni are selected from nominations by their peers and the Gardner-Webb community.

REG ALEXANDER, '69 A.A., '71 B.S.



After graduating from G-W, Mr. Alexander received a master's degree in religious education from Southern Baptist Seminary. He currently serves as humorist and event planner for Regal Adventures Creative Ministries. Mr. Alexander served as the honorary

chairman for Kings Mountain's Relay for Life in 2001. He is a member of the Kings Mountain Outdoor Drama Development Committee and the Kings Mountain Downtown Revitalization Committee. He is the writer/producer of "Crosswalk." He was named citizen of the year by the Region C Criminal Justice Advisory Committee in 2004.

CAROLYN DEWBERRY BRATTON, '82 B.S.



Since 2001, Rev. Bratton has served as the pastor of Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church. During her ministry at the church, she has led her congregation to embrace the importance of community involvement. Under Rev. Bratton's leadership, church

membership has grown 50%. Rev. Bratton is active in denominational life having served for four years as the director of the Lincolnton District Youth Choir and seven years as the Lincolnton District Christian Education Youth Director.

KENNETH E. BROOKS, '74 B.A.



After graduating from G-W, Mr. Brooks earned a master of arts in education from Appalachian State University in 1979 and a master of arts in public school administration from UNC-Charlotte in 1984. Since 1977, he has been employed by Cleveland County

Schools as a choral director. Mr. Brooks has received several awards recognizing him for excellence in teaching including the Crest High School Teacher of the Year Award in 2004. He is a member of the NC Educators Association.

SARAH KINCAID BUSH, '53 A.A.



Mrs. Bush continued her education at Appalachian State University earning a bachelor of science degree in 1957. For 18 years, she had a successful career in education as a second grade teacher. Mrs. Bush has had the distinction of serving on the

Rutherford County Schools Board of Education. She has remained active in the life of G-W by serving on various committees including Alumni, Homecoming and 50 Year Reunion. She has also been active in raising funds for the Norman Harris Scholarship.

JEAN MCSWAIN CABANISS, '53 A.A.



After graduating from G-W, Mrs. Cabaniss earned a bachelor of arts from Wake Forest in 1955 and a master of arts from Appalachian State University in 1972. In 1957, she served as an English professor at G-W and from 1959-1969 she taught English for

Cleveland County Schools. Between 1972 and 1974, Mrs. Cabaniss served as principal of the Hawaii Baptist Academy, returning to Cleveland County to teach in 1975. For 10 years, she also served as a missionary teaching English through the International Mission Board from 1976-1986. During that time, she had the opportunity to serve in Jordan where she taught King Hussein's children. From 1986-1990, Mrs. Cabaniss was the director of recruiting and counseling for Cleveland Community College. She also served as the Director of the International Student Program at Gardner-Webb from 1990-1995.

SUE C. CAMP, ED.D., '73 B.S.



Upon graduation from G-W, Dr. Camp earned a master of arts in teaching from Winthrop University in 1976 and her doctorate in 1987 from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. As professor of business administration and assistant to the president for

planning and evaluation, Dr. Camp is currently in her 30th year teaching at Gardner-Webb. She has written over 100 publications. She is an active member of the Rotary Club having served as president. Dr. Camp has received the Service Excellence Award from G-W and is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

CHRISSY VAUGHN COLEY, '90 B.A.



After graduating from G-W, Dr. Coley earned her master of arts in education from the University of South Carolina in 1992 and her doctor of philosophy degree in higher education from Georgia State University in 2004. She serves as the

director of retention and planning at the University of South Carolina. She is an active member of the Georgia College Personnel Association having served as conference chair and membership chair. In 2000, Dr. Coley was named the doctoral student of the year by the Georgia College Personnel Association.

HOMER WAYNE CRAIG, '92 B.S.



Upon graduation from G-W, Mr. Craig earned a master of science degree in criminal justice from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. In July 2001, he was named assistant chief of police, Winston-Salem. He is active in his community having served on the advisory boards of the Salvation Army, Forsyth Technical

Community College Criminal Justice Curriculum and the Winston-Salem Youth Arts Institute. In 1988, the Winston-Salem Police Department awarded him the Medal of Merit, and he was also recognized by the Winston-Salem Jaycees as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

MARY RUTH ZANON DIXON, '81 B.A.



For the past 21 years, Mrs. Dixon has worked at G-W in the Noel Program for Students with Disabilities and has served as assistant director for the last four years. In 2004, Mrs. Dixon was honored for her dedicated service to G-W when she was recognized as the

Female Staff Member of the Year. Mrs. Dixon volunteers her time to help the less fortunate. She frequently helps prepare and serve food for a local homeless shelter and has provided Christmas gifts and a party for the Battered Women's Shelter.

BUDDY FREEMAN, '62 A.A.



After graduating from G-W, Mr. Freeman continued his education and earned a bachelor of arts from Carson-Newman College in 1964 and a B.D. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1967. Since 1997, Mr. Freeman has served as the executive

director of admissions and financial planning at North Greenville College. Prior to his current position, he pastored two churches and worked at Gardner-Webb for over 20 years. Mr. Freeman has served as the president of the Cleveland County Mental Health Association and as chaplain of the Fallston Fire Department.

JAMES "SONNY" HUGGINS, '58 A.A.



After graduating from G-W, Mr. Huggins began working for the Sears Corporation in 1959. He remained with the company until his retirement as store manager in 1994. Currently, he is in a family partnership as part owner of Maxwell B. Hamrick Insurance

Agency. An active member of his community, Mr. Huggins served as a board member for Crawley Memorial Hospital for 10 years. Due to his service as member and past president of the Boiling Springs Lion Club, he has been recognized as Lion of the Year.

ROBERT S. JONES, M.D., 1942-1943



Dr. Jones attended G-W from 1942-1943 before serving in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. In 1948, he earned his bachelor of science in pre-medicine from Wake Forest. In 1954, he earned his doctorate of medicine degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. Since 1957, he has

owned a private practice of family medicine in Shelby. He is the past Chief of Medical Staff of Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is a member of the American Academy

DR. COLLETTE W. DEVINEY, '71 B.S., '82 M.A.**ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

After earning her bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from G-W, Dr. Deviney graduated from the UNC-Greensboro with her doctorate of education in 1988. From 1975 until her retirement in 2005, she served as a teacher and administrator in the Cleveland County School System. Deviney has received numerous recognitions for her excellence in education. For three consecutive years beginning in 2003, she received the Leadership Award for Outstanding Achievement from

the Cleveland County School System. She was also honored as the Cleveland County Wachovia principal of the year in 1997, 2001 and 2004 and received the United Way Leadership Award every year from 1997-2005. Dr. Deviney is active in volunteer and community service having served the United Way on the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. She has also served on the Board of Directors for HOSPICE of Cleveland County, the Innovation Project Team for the Star and the Teacher Education, Graduate Scholarship and Doctor of Education Planning Committees for G-W.

M. CLAY WARF, '65 A.A.**JUNIOR COLLEGE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

After graduating from G-W, Dr. Warf continued his education earning a bachelor of arts from Wake Forest in 1967, a master of divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1971 and a doctor of ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984. Since 1971, Dr. Warf has ministered in two churches, serving 21 years at Temple Baptist Church and six years at Roxboro Baptist Church. Since 1998,

he has served as the executive director of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. Active in his community, he has also served as a volunteer chaplain for both the Durham Regional Hospital and the Person Memorial Hospital. He is currently on the board of directors of Contact Teleministry and Congregations in Action. In 1990, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina honored Dr. Warf as the Church Growth Pastor of the Year. He is a member of the North Carolina Planned Giving Council.

CASEY M. COOPER, '91 A.D.N., '93 B.S.N.**YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

Since 2004, Mr. Cooper has served as the chief executive officer of the Cherokee Indian Hospital. In this position, he is responsible for ensuring the availability of health care services at the Hospital and serves as the secretary of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Governing Board. Previously, he served as the executive director of the health and medical division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the supervisor for Community Health Nursing,

as a community health nurse, an inpatient registered nurse and a health occupations instructor for Cherokee Central Schools. Mr. Cooper is an active member of his community and currently serves as a member of the Western North Carolina Health Network and the United South and Eastern Tribes Health Committee. Additionally, he is the chairman of the Smoky Mountain Center Board of Directors and the committee chair of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Taskforce on Indian Health. Mr. Cooper is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

of Family Medicine, the Cleveland County Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

LELAND A. KERR, '73 B.A.

After graduating from G-W, Mr. Kerr earned a master of arts in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1976. Since 2002, he has served as pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby, N.C. From 1992-2002, he served as the executive director of missions for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Christian Service Organization for G-W. Rev. Kerr was elected the second vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of NC in 2005.

GARY MITCHEM, '95 B.A.

Mr. Mitchem is currently the acquisitions editor at McFarland & Company. He is responsible for acquiring new titles in all fields and works closely with the literary criticism and baseball lines. He is the co-editor of the McFarland Historical Baseball Library. Mr. Mitchem serves on the G-W Alumni Board. He has received several honors including the Koontz Poetry Award from G-W. He is a member of the Emily Dickinson Society, the Society for American Baseball Research and the W.H. Auden Society.

ISAAC M.T. MWASE, PH.D., '87 B.S.

After graduating from G-W, Dr. Mwase earned a master of business administration from Dallas Baptist University in 1990, a master of divinity in 1990 and a doctor of philosophy in religion in 1993, both from Southwestern

Baptist Theological Seminary. Since 2004, Dr. Mwase has served as an associate professor of philosophy at Tuskegee University. He serves as president of the Friends of Baptists in Zimbabwe and is a board member of Arkansas Baptist College. In 1999, he was awarded the Templeton Foundation Course Prize for Science and Religion.

CHARLES M. STARNES, '55 A.A.

After graduating from G-W, Mr. Starnes earned a bachelor of science degree in 1958 and a master of science degree in 1968 from Appalachian State University. In 1985, he earned an education specialist degree from Western Carolina University. From 1972 until his retirement in 1995, he served as principal of Tuscola High School. He serves on the Haywood Community College Board of Trustees and the Haywood Community Foundation Board. Mr. Starnes was a member of the Waynesville Rotary Club for 20 years. In 1985, he was named Waynesville's Rotarian of the Year.

TERRY L. SULT, '00 B.S.

After graduating from the G-W GOAL Program, Chief Sult continued his education at Pfeiffer University earning a master of business administration in 2002. In August 2004, he began serving as the chief of police for the Gastonia Police Department. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the NC Police Executive's Association, the East Coast Gang Investigators Association and the Charlotte Center City Public Safety Council. He serves as a member of the Gastonia Rotary Club and as a board member of the Charlotte Emergency Winter Shelter.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, '53 A.A.

After graduating from G-W, Rev. Wallace earned a bachelor of arts from Carson-Newman College in 1955 and a master of divinity in 1959 from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. From 1987 until his retirement in 2000, he served as the director of missions for the Tar River Baptist Association. Rev. Wallace has served as president of the NC Christian Action League and as a member of the G-W Board of Ministers. From 1977-1979, he served as second vice-president for the Baptist State Convention of NC. He is listed in Who's Who in North Carolina.

STEVEN JAY WHITE, '74 B.A.

Dr. White continued his education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville earning a master of arts in history in 1981 and a doctor of philosophy in history from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1990. Since 1990, he has served as an assistant and associate professor of history at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington, KY. He volunteers as a history lecturer at Christ Church Retirement Apartments. He has received the K.C. Babcock Fellowship. This year, he was honored in Who's Who Among American Teachers.

*Congratulations
to these outstanding Alumni!*

Class Notes

VIDA HESTER '31 A.A. and her husband, Hugh, celebrated 70 years of marriage on April 28, 2005. She says the secret to a long marriage is "first, love each other and then work at it."

MARGIE NANNEY METCALF '50 A.A. and her husband, Bill, celebrated 55 years of marriage on June 10, 2005.

BILL BATES '53 A.A. was honored by Kings Mountain High School on September 30, 2005 when the school's football field house was named for him. The night before, he was honored at a special banquet called "Salute to Bill Bates." Bill began serving as an assistant football coach and teacher at Kings Mountain High School in 1957. In 1962, he assumed the position of head football coach, which he held until he began serving in school administration in 1970. During his tenure as coach, Bill led two of the best teams in the history of the school.

EDWARD MCABEE '54 A.A. celebrated 53 years of service at Northside Baptist Church on April 24, 2005. He was licensed to the ministry by Piedmont Baptist Church in 1952.

JOHN CARROLL BRIDGES '56 A.A. was honored at the 2005 Foothills Merry-Go-Round Festival in Shelby, N.C. for "a lifetime of extraordinary youth development." During his career, he served as a swim coach, teacher and guidance counselor. He also managed the City Park pool for 26 years.

LEE ROY SMITH '56 A.A. and wife, Faye, were honored with a reception by the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Brunswick Association, to celebrate his 50th year as an ordained minister. For the past 11 years, he has served as interim pastor at several churches in Brunswick County and one in Bladen County. He has served in the Baptist church for over 38 years. He is currently interim pastor at Antioch Baptist.



CAROL TATE '64 A.A. is now enjoying retirement. You can contact her at rogerandcaroltate@att.net

MIRIAM BROOKS BURR '65 A.A. retired from Anson County Schools as a teacher in 1997. mburr45@yahoo.com

KAYE AILENE MARTIN '66 A.A. and husband, Jim, are pleased to announce the birth of their eighth grandchild, Joselyn Ailene, born June 11, 2005. The Martin's three children and eight grandchildren all live in Spartanburg, S.C. kayemartin@charter.net

WAYNE TROUTMAN '66 A.A. has been reappointed to the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College board of trustees for his second four-year term.

ANN D. HOOVER '68 A.D.N., '92 B.S.N. is a registered nurse with the Home Health Agency in Lincolnton, N.C. She has worked with the company for over 14 years.

JEROME BOYCE '71 B.S. has been serving as co-owner of Floorcraft Design Studio with his high school classmate since 1999. The business is located in Boiling Springs, S.C.

BILL HARRILL '71 B.A. left the Waccamaw Baptist Association after 16 years of ministry. He is now the staff chaplain at Conway Medical Center in Conway, S.C. wbassn@cs.com

JACKIE MCCLUNG '72 B.A. AND ELETIA MCCLUNG '72 A.A. have retired after serving as missionaries for the North American Mission Board for 31 years. jmccclung@slba.org

MALCOLM SINGLETON '72 B.S. has retired after 28 years in the public school system. He was a teacher and coached a variety of sports.

JOE HAYES, JR. '73 B.S. has been promoted to director of development for North Greenville College. In this position, he will develop relationships with existing and prospective donors, solicit major gifts, provide leadership in coordinating fund-raising activities and organize the annual golf tournament.

TIM BOVENDER '74 B.S. and his family have been named the District Farm Family of the Year and the Regional Farm Family of the Year. He has been working to increase the conservation measures of the farm over the past two years. 300 acres of the 935 acre farm have been put under the conservation easement ensuring their continued use for agricultural purposes.

TIMOTHY BRUCE CHAMPION '74 B.S. and Ronda Hunter Croft were married on June 4, 2005. He is a teacher with Cleveland County Schools. She is a teacher for Resurrection Lutheran School. The couple resides in Mount Holly, N.C. and Lawndale, N.C.

OSCAR JUNIOR DODSON '74 B.A. and Genell Causby Newton were married on February 19, 2005. The couple has homes in Forest City, N.C. and Shelby, N.C.

SUSAN MAYES '74 retired in June 2005 after 30 years of teaching kindergarten in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

JEFFREY MCNEILL '74 B.A. began serving as the executive vice-president for external relations at Presbyterian College on July 1, 2005. He is the founder of McNeill Group, a consulting firm and has served as the vice president for university advancement at the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, as vice chancellor of advancement at North Carolina State University and as president of the NCSU Foundation.

KATHY POTTER '74 B.S. was the winner of the 2005 Tanner Award for Excellence in Education. She is a kindergarten teacher at Forest City Elementary School. She has taught at the school for 30 years.

RICHARD GRISSOM '75 B.S. has returned to Elkin High School as head football coach, track coach and as a physical education and health teacher after a short, six-month retirement. He has been an educator and coach in the Elkin system for 18 years.

DAVID TROUTMAN '75 B.A. was promoted to supervisor of the Work First Employment and Services Unit for the Randolph County Department of Social Services January 1, 2005. skunkandwindy@carolina.rr.com

ROBERT J. CLINE '76 B.A. began serving in the new position of vice-president for Christian life at Anderson College in June. In this role, he will strengthen the relationship between churches of the S.C. Baptist Convention and the College.

RICK HORD '76 B.S. has been named publisher of the Kings Mountain Herald. For the past 20 years he has worked in advertising and business development with the Charlotte Observer.

MARY CAMP MAHAFFEE '76 A.D.N. is working as a team leader in PACU at Rex Healthcare. She also does additional work in CCU at Wake Medical Center. She has a daughter who is a senior at Appalachian State University, a daughter who is a sophomore at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, a daughter who is a junior in high school and a son who is a freshman in high school. Mary would love to hear from other '76 nursing graduates. mmpacu@nc.rr.com

DAVID G. ANDERSON '77 B.A. began serving as pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church in March 2004.

GREG MATHIS '77 B.A. was honored on Sunday, August 7, 2005 for his 25th anniversary as pastor of Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville, N.C.

LEE TAYLOR '77 has been promoted to senior vice president of BB&T. He has been employed with the bank since 1987.

KAREN TROUTMAN BARBEE '78 B.A. was in elected in June 2005 to serve as president of the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association for the 2005-2006 term. She is the first female to serve in this position in the 19,000 member organization. She is also the first second-generation NIADA president; her father served as president 10 years ago. Her responsibilities include setting policies and procedures, attending state association conventions and speaking at functions to represent pre-owned car dealers.

THOMAS "TOMMY" DAVIS '78 B.A. has been appointed to the newly created seat on Judicial District 29A. The district court position covers Rutherford and McDowell counties. Since 1986, he has served as the city attorney for Forest City, N.C.

JOEY JERNIGAN '78 B.S. began serving as assistant principal of Monroe Avenue School in Richmond County in the fall of 2005. He has been a middle school teacher at Hamlet Junior High for ten years.

CINDY PUTNAM-EVANS '78 B.S. has received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study the role of protein CP43 during photosynthesis. She is a professor of Biology at East Carolina University.

SCOTT EANES '79 B.A. has been elected to serve as a trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, K.Y. He is one of two trustees from North Carolina. scott@fairviewbaptist.net

CATHY COGGINS RIMMER '80 B.A. has been appointed by Governor Mike Easley to the Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control for a two-year term. She has also been appointed to serve as a liaison to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries by the National Cancer Registrars Association for a two-year term. ccrimmer@bellsouth.net

MELINDA CAMPBELL '81 B.S. recently received one of two Laura Harrill Presidential Awards given by Meredith College. The awards are given in recognition of noteworthy contributions to the advancement of the College. Melinda is a professor of health and exercise at the College.

SUSAN JEWEL BURSON '82 B.S. joined the education department of Huntington University in 2002 where she teaches early childhood education and elementary education and supervises student teachers. She is attending Ball State University in pursuit of a doctorate in elementary and gifted education. She and her husband, Scott, have three children Ashley (14), Lindsey (14) and Ryan (11). They reside in Huntington, Indiana. sburson@huntington.edu

WILLIAM WOODY '82 B.S. has retired after 27 years of police work. He has now come full circle driving school buses like he did in high school. He also is a reserve officer for the Crane County Sheriff's Department, is a volunteer firefighter and an arson investigator. bwoody_79731@yahoo.com

CRAIG MEADOWS '83 B.S. was unanimously approved by the Monroe, N.C. City Council as the new city manager. Previously, he served as city manager in Bedford, V.A. He is an accredited local government manager through the International City/County Management Association.

JOANNA APPLE '84 B.S. has been appointed executive vice president and chief clinical officer for CorSolutions. In this position, she is responsible for providing leadership for product and service development, clinical education, quality initiatives and accreditation of services.

BENJY CARPENTER '84 B.S. has started a non-profit organization that provides administrative outsourcing for churches and other non-profits. bcarpenter@nonprofitadministrators.org

SHEILA PAINTER PRICE '84 B.S. and her husband, Robbie, announce the birth of their daughter, Christa Danielle, born May 27, 2005. She joins brother Jonathan (8) and sister Angela (2). The Price family lives in Columbus, N.C. Sheila is a CPA and vice-president of finance for RENK Corporation in Duncan, S.C. Sheila would love to hear from her former classmates. sprice@alltel.net



SANDRA K. SELLS '84 B.S. has accepted a position as senior tax accountant for WebsterRogers, LLP in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Sandra and her husband, Dennis, also announce the birth of their son, "Jack," born February 19, 2005. ssells@websterrogers.com

ORSTELL BARNETT '85 B.S. has been named to the National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals. He is the president and chief executive officer of Kratos Consulting Group, LLC in Sterling, V.A.

RENN DOMINGUEZ '85 is serving as the first principal of REaCH School in Rutherford County, N.C. The School, located at Isothermal Community College, allows students to work towards a high school degree and an associate's degree simultaneously earning both by the age of 18.

ANTHONY HOLLAND '85 B.S., '86 M.A. has been named the principal of Brewer Middle School, which opened in August 2005. He previously served as director of the Freshman Academy and assistant principal of T.L. Hanna High School.

DEBBIE COCHRAN '86 B.S. celebrated 25 years of service as a radio personality for the WYSD radio station in Mount Airy, N.C. on August 25, 2005.

ANDY HANNER '86 B.S. was featured on the cover of the "Greater Columbia Business Monthly" for the May 2005 edition. He is the chief executive officer and president of Three Rivers Behavioral Center in Columbia, S.C., a company he led out of bankruptcy in 2000. He and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their new baby girl. Marina Blakely was born on July 11, 2005.



STEPHEN HELTON '86 B.A. was named the 2004-2005 principal of the year for Rutherford County Schools. He is the principal at Forrest Hunt Elementary School. He assumed the position in 2003.

JOSEPHINE BELL JONES '86 B.S. earned her doctor of education degree on June 25, 2005 from Nova Southeastern University.

EDDY MCGEE '86 B.S. began serving as the executive director for the Stokes County Arts Council in February 2004. In this position, he works to promote both the visual and performing arts in the county.

SALLY MATHENY '87 B.S., see Stephen Matheny '89 B.S. listing.

SCOTT MCALLISTER '87 B.S. is celebrating 10 years of ministry with Springwell Church in Greer, S.C. He was the founding pastor of the church, which has grown to over 850 members.

JIMI RAY '87 B.A. recently published a book entitled *I Wish It Would Rain*.

LEANNE SANDERS '87 B.S. has been serving as the director of the Mother Goose Daycare Center since 1987.

BETTY THOMPSON '87 B.S. was named the outstanding citizen of the year by the North Wilkesboro Rotary Club. She was honored for her church work at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, her career at Wilkes Community College and volunteerism with the North Carolina Symphony and the Adult Day Activity Program.

TERRY EDDINGER '88 B.A. is serving as command chaplain for the Marine Aircraft Group 26. He is stationed at the Al Asad Air Base in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

SHARON HARDY '89 B.A., '94 M.A. was named assistant principal of Dobson Elementary School in July 2005. She previously served as a science teacher in the Surry County School System.

MICHAEL HILLARD '89 B.S. began the chaplaincy internship program at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System on June 20, 2005. michaelcheryl@email.com

STEPHEN MATHENY '89 B.S. AND SALLY MATHENY '87 B.S. announce the birth of their third child, Zachary Stephen, born October 2004 and welcomed into the family through adoption. He joins older sisters Meriana (13) and Emily (11). Stephen continues to work as the director of administrative services for Isothermal Community College while pursuing a dual master's degree in business and divinity. Additionally, he has accepted a call as full-time pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Harris, N.C. smbartone@aol.com



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EMMABETH HAMBRIGHT WINGATE '89 B.S. and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of their son, Jon Grayson, born July 23, 2005. He joins older sister Emmaleigh Lauren (5). Proud grandfather is GWU professor Dr. Barry Hambright.

LISA GWALTNEY '90 has been appointed to the position of magistrate for Lexington, N.C. Her duties include working as a liaison with prosecutors, helping prosecutors prepare cases and issuing subpoenas.

KENNETH LEE LYALL '90 B.S., '02 M.A. and Jennifer Childers Baugess were married on August 4, 2005. He works for the Wilkes County School System. She is the ECHOES of the Northwest coordinator for the Easter Seals UCP North Carolina. The couple resides in Jefferson, N.C.

BRENDA CAPEL '91 B.S. began teaching a continuing education course, "How to Start a Quality Group Home," at Richmond Community College in September.

BENJAMIN "BENJY" HUMPHRIES, JR. '91 B.S. AND DENISE HUMPHRIES '98 M.A. announce the birth of their second child, Avery June, born August 11, 2004. She joins older sister, Eva Alane, who is four. Benjy was recently named the coordinator of testing and special projects at Gaston College.

CRAIG E. MEGLII '91 B.S. is a staff accountant with Turbo Systems, Inc. cemasm@yahoo.com

TRACEY SHOAF '91 B.S. has been selected as Wal-Mart's 2005 Teacher of the Year for Davidson County. She is a third grade teacher at Churchland Elementary School.

THOMAS WHITAKER '91 B.S. has been promoted to associate professor of mathematics at Chowan College. He serves as chair of the Department of Mathematics at the College.

JAY BISHOP '92 B.S. has been promoted to vice president and corporate operations manager for United Southern Industries. He will be responsible for overseeing human resources, employee safety and training, purchasing, corporate tooling and plant management.

JOY GRAHAM '92 B.S. was recognized as the rookie educator of the year for Scotland County 2004. The award is given annually to an exceptional children teacher with less than five years of experience and exemplary skills and knowledge in the field.

SCOTT HILDEBRAND '92 B.S. has been promoted to sergeant for the Hickory Police Department. He has been working with the force since 1994.

ANN D. HOOVER '92 B.S.N., see ANN D. HOOVER '68 A.D.N. listing.

CARLOS JARRARD HOWARD '92 B.S. and Catherine Michelle Patton were married on May 14, 2005. He is a substitute teacher with the Greenville County School System and self-employed at Sam Chapman's American Karate. She works for Collins and Aikman.

LORI LAMBERT '92 B.A., '94 M.A. has been named Rutherford County Schools teacher of the year. She received the Wachovia Outstanding Educator Award. She has been an English teacher at R-S Central High School for 12 years.

HOYT BYNUM '93 B.S. is serving as the vice-president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Spartanburg. He previously served as the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills.

RENNE THERESA FOSTER '93 would love to hear from her former classmates that graduated around 1993. She is a doctor of chiropractic in a practice she started with her husband. drsfosterdc@aol.com

BRIAN WINN '93 B.S. was promoted to the position of vice president of operations of Nationwide Logistics. He is responsible for the daily operations of their on-site offices located at the corporate offices of Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Old Orchard Juice and Nash Finch. He is also responsible for staffing and managing offices for new customers as they come on line. He will continue to live in Salisbury, N.C. with his wife, Kelley, and children Taryn (10) and Holly (1).

GREGORY CARPENTER '94 B.A. was presented the Middle School Campus Pastor of the Year Award by the Carolina Youth Commission during their annual Eagle Awards Banquet on April 29, 2005. He was recognized for his service as campus pastor for the Committed Young Christian Club at Queens Grant Community School. In April, he accepted the call to serve as youth and children's minister at Idlewild Baptist Church in Matthews, N.C. greg.carpenter@idlewoodbaptist.org

RAYMOND CHAPUIS '94 B.S. is working as a probation and parole officer in Randolph County, N.C.

KELVIN MONTEITH '94 B.S. recently accepted a position as a private client senior underwriter with Bank of America in Charlotte. He has two sons Canann Bradley (5) and Landon Alexander (2).

STELLA PERRIN '94 B.S., '99 M.A.

and her husband, John, announce the birth of their newest family member, Joanna Tess, born October 4, 2004. She joins proud brother Luke (7) and Abigail (5). The Perrins live in Hickory, N.C.



LISA CHILDERS '95 B.A. graduated from George Washington University on July 15, 2005 with a master's degree in event planning and management. She serves as the director of event planning and executive director to Pastor Craig L. Oliver of the 10,000 member Elizabeth Baptist Church in Atlanta, G.A. In her position, she is responsible for planning over 200 yearly events. She is also the founder and owner of an event planning agency, Planning With A Purpose (www.planningwithapurpose.com). Sam and Carolyn McKinney are the proud parents.

ANDREA DOCKERY JOHNSON '95 B.A. has relocated with her family to Omaha, Nebraska where her son will be attending a special school for deaf children. She and her husband, Joe, are teaching in the Omaha Public School system. doc_90@hotmail.com

DELAINE CHARLENE ADAMS SMITH '95 B.S. and Anthony announce the birth of their son, Kamen Anthony, born March 10, 2005. dasmith3032@hotmail.com

SHANNON TAYLOR-STANLEY '95 B.S., '98 M.B.A. and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their second child, Dillon James, born February 26, 2005. He joins older brother Devin William (3). ststanley@forsythtech.edu

TODD WIMBERLY '95 B.S. and his wife, Tonya, announce the birth of their second child, Benjamin Todd, born October 30, 2005. wimpy_51@yahoo.com

ERIN AMELUNG '96 B.S. moved to Matthews, N.C. in June 2005. She works as a crime scene investigator with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. eamelung@alltel.net

DARLENE BROADHURST '96 B.S. has been promoted to career services coordinator in the Bryan School of Business and Economics Office of Graduate Career Services at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. She started the new position in July 2005. darinnec@yahoo.com

KIMBERLY DAWN HAUSER '96 B.S. has been promoted customer service manager at Corning Cable Systems. Previously, she served as a senior programmer/analyst in the IT department. She has also completed her master's degree in instructional technology at Appalachian State University. Kim.Houser@corning.com

LAQUETA JOY LOW '96 B.A. and Rickard Arne Axelsson were married on September 17, 2005. She works for Youth With A Mission in Sweden. The couple resides in Klerebo, Sweden.

MARK ARROWOOD '97 B.S. AND CHRISTY CLAYTON ARROWOOD '97 B.S. announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Alexandra, born April 8, 2005.

JOY MCKIBBEN BURROW '97 B.S. graduated from UNC-Charlotte with her M.B.A. in December 2003. She is currently a vice-president with Wachovia Securities in Charlotte. She and husband, Dean, announce the birth of their son, Coleman Dean, born November 17, 2004. joy@joyanddean.com

JIM DAVIDSON '97 B.A., '99 M.DIV. AND JENNIFER HOOSIER '99 B.A. were married on June 18, 2005. The couple resides in Monroe, N.C.

AMY NIKOL GILBERT '97 B.S., '00 M.A. and Jonathan Sidney Owens were married on July 16, 2005. She is a math teacher at East Rutherford High School. He is an engineer at Thieman Metal Technologies. The couple resides in Rutherfordton, N.C.

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SHERRY LEE GRIGG '97 B.A. and James Ellis were married on May 14, 2005. She is an English teacher at Davidson School. He is a quality technician at Universal Manufacturing and Logistics. The couple resides in Lawndale, N.C.

SHEDRICK HARRIS '97 B.S., see **DEBORAH FREEMAN HARRIS '99 B.S.** listing.

MICAH RAUB '97 B.S., see **JENNIFER SECHRIST RAUB '00 B.S.** listing.

KIMBERLY LYNN SCHMITT '97 B.A. and her husband, Eugene, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Eugene, born May 28, 2005. klhschmitt@yahoo.com



MELISSA WELSCH DURHAM '98 B.A. AND LARRY DURHAM '99 B.S. joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Bethany Audra, born January 11, 2005. ldurh29720@aol.com

JODI BAUGHN HARRIS '98 B.A., '01 M.Div. authored four Sunday School lessons for Smyth & Helwys Publishing's Formations January-April 2005. The lessons for adults focused on Biblical messages from the early church.

RANDY GREENWAY '98 B.S. has been named the 2005 Isothermal Community College Alumnus of the Year. He has served 20 years as a law enforcement officer with 16 years as chief of police for Rutherfordton, N.C. He currently is a special agent with the State Bureau of Investigation.

JOHANNA MARIE HUMPHREY '98 B.S. and husband, Jason, joyfully announce the birth of their second child, Braden James was born January 29, 2005. jjhjmh@chartermi.net



JAMES JULIAN '98 B.S. began serving as pastor of Spring Creek Road Baptist Church in Chattanooga, T.N. on August 1, 2005. While he was a student at New

Orleans Baptist Seminary, he served at First Baptist Marrero, L.A. He and his wife, Haley '98, have a two-year old daughter. springcreekpastor@yahoo.com

JAMES PASS '98 B.A. AND TARA PASS '98 B.S. announce the birth of their second child, Tyler Matthew, born June 1, 2005. thepassfamily@att.net

BOBBY PETREE '98 B.A. was married to Ruth Jordan in 1998. They have three children: Abbie born September 1999, Chloe Beth born January 2002 and Ezekiel born May 2005. Bobby is serving as the pastor of El Bethel United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain, N.C.



ELIZABETH PHELPS '98 B.S. and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Renee, born July 7, 2005.

LISA SESSIONS '98 B.S. was recognized with the 2005 Outstanding Staff Member Award by Western Piedmont Community College. She is the director of human resources for the College.

CHRISTINA BAILEY STERLING '98 B.S. AND JEREMY STERLING '01 B.S. announce the birth of their second child, Brycen Jeremy, born December 29, 2004. Brycen joins older sister Bailie (2). christinasterling@hotmail.com sterling_015@yahoo.com



HALEY BRIDGES BABB '99 B.S. and her husband, Brent, announce the birth of their two daughters. Olivia Barrett was born December 28, 2002. MaryGrace Elizabeth was born July 30, 2005.

STEPHANIE CROCKER '99 B.S., and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of their first child, Mallory Marie, born February 25, 2005. svester26@aol.com

MICHELLE DAVIDSON '99 B.S. and Jay Goldsberry were married on December 27, 2003. Their daughter, Autumn Marie, was born March 3, 2005.

JULIE ELIZABETH EADES DRUM '99 B.S. and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their first child, Laura Elizabeth, born January 27, 2004. Julie and Jason were married on October 19, 2002. The Drums live in Catawba, N.C. julieandjasondrum@yahoo.com

LARRY DURHAM '99 B.S., see **MELISSA WELSCH DURHAM '98 B.A.** listing.

CHARLES GABRIEL '99 B.S., '03 M.A. is the new director of programs of the Rainbow Center for Children. In this position, he oversees all of the Center's programs, including five cottages, the Intensive Family Preservation Program, Time Limited Family Reunification Program and the Family Reunification Counseling Program.

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ROBIN HAMRICK '99 B.S., '00 M.B.A. AND LEIF HAMRICK '04 B.S. announce the birth of their first child, Levi Mercer, born July 22, 2005.

DEBORAH FREEMAN HARRIS '99 B.S. AND SHEDRICK HARRIS '97 B.S. announce the birth of their first child, Michael Christina, born April 3, 2004.

NATE HOFFMAN '99 B.S., '04 M.A. is working as the program supervisor for Solution Station, a day treatment facility for behaviorally and emotionally troubled children. nate.hoffman@supportinc.org

JENNIFER HOOSIER '99 B.A., SEE JIM DAVIDSON '97 B.A. LISTING.

JONATHAN BRAD HUSS '99 B.A., '05 M.B.A. has been hired by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to work in the photo department as a photo computer specialist. bhuss@bgea.org

GWENDOLYN LAFONE '99 B.S. is the finance officer for the city of Claremont. She has 16 years experience in city government and finances.

JOSHUA KIME LAWSON '99 B.A. earned an M.A. in religion from the University of Georgia in 2002 and worked as an instructor in the UGA Department of Religion until 2005. In June 2004, he married Elizabeth Victoria Millinna. Elizabeth is a PhD. student and teaching assistant in the religion department at Temple University. Kime is a PhD. student in history at Temple University where he also teaches in the American Studies Department. The couple lives in Philadelphia, PA.

ERIC LEWIS '99 B.S. was recently promoted to General Manager of Asia for Black and Decker's Hardware and Home Improvement Group. He and his family will be moving to China for the assignment. He also recently graduated from the University of Texas -Dallas with an executive M.B.A. in global leadership. eric.lewis@bdk.com

YEN-KWANG LIN '99 B.S. AND AMY ARROWOOD LIN '02 M.DIV. announce the birth of their son, Timothy Joseph, born July 3, 2005. wilfh29@hotmail.com

SALLIE LIVINGSTON '99 B.S. is a school social worker with Henry County Schools.

DUSTY MASON '99 B.S. is the co-owner of a new restaurant in downtown Albemarle. J.D. Shuckers Restaurant and Sports Theatre opened in July 2005.

AMY MEDLIN MILLER '99 B.S. married Ronnie Miller on July 27, 2002. They are the proud parents of Amber Nicole born February 4, 2005. The family resides in Bryans Road, M.D.



JASON NEILL '99 B.S. earned a master of arts in biblical counseling from Dallas Theological Seminary in August 2005. He is working toward receiving his license as a professional counselor in the state of N.C. dsstudent@yahoo.com

JENNIFER ROGERS SPINOLA DE ANDRADE '99 B.A. worked as a writer for the International Mission Board for three years before accepting a position as a missionary in Japan. In Japan, she met her husband, Athos, from Brazil. After her term of service ended in Japan, she moved to Brazil, where she and her husband teach Japanese classes or ESL classes to Japanese. athos.jenny@runco.com

THOMAS MATTHEW WALTON '99 B.A. and Heather Lynn Helton were married on August 6, 2005. He is the youth minister at Mount Sinai Baptist Church. The couple lives in Boiling Springs, N.C.

JACQUELIN CARPENTER YOUNGBLOOD '99 B.S. has moved with her family to Springfield, VA. Her husband, Steven, has completed six years in the U.S. Army. For the past five years, the family has lived in Okinawa, Japan, where Jacquelin taught third grade for the Defense Dependent School System. The Youngbloods have two children. syoungblood21@hotmail.com

TRAVIS ASHE '00 B.S., '02 M.B.A. AND JILL ASHE '01 B.S., '03 M.A.C. announce the birth of their first child, Marissa Lani, born July 26, 2005.



WILLIAM VERNON-MONIS BEAVER '00 B.A. and Melissa Dawn Osborne were married on March 28, 2005. He is employed by Cleveland County Schools. She is a registered nurse working at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center. The couple resides in Lawndale, N.C.

GUY WALLACE DAVIS, JR. '00 B.S. and Carolyn Grace Jennings were married on May 21, 2005. He is employed by Lexus. She is an ensign in the U.S. Navy stationed at the National Naval Medical Center. The couple resides in Germantown, M.D.

ANGEL HAGER DELONG '00 B.S. and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their first child, Madison Elizabeth, born December 1, 2004. angeldelong@numail.org



LORI DOTSON '00 B.S. and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of their second daughter, Lindsey Marie, born September 27, 2005.

JULIE ESTES '00 B.S. and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Rachel Joy born July 17, 2004.



JEFFREY FARIS '00 B.S., and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Thomas, born September 23, 2005.

MARY GETTYS '00 B.S. runs her own tutoring business called Mary's Learning Center. She is also a volunteer with Child Evangelism Fellowship. lookatme768@yahoo.com

KARYN CASPER HOBSON '00 B.A. and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Garrett, born July 15, 2005. After teaching music for four years, Karyn is now a full-time mom. Michael is a media specialist with the Howard County Public School System. The Hobson family lives in Maryland. home@hobson.net



BILLY HOLLAND '00 B.S., '04 M.B.A. has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president in brokerage and investments for First National Bank in Shelby, N.C.

AMY JEAN MCCALL '00 B.S., '02 M.B.A. and Cory Edward Honeycutt were married on July 9, 2005. Both work for Mud Creek Baptist Church. She is a ministries assistant and he is the hospitality intern. The couple resides in Flat Rock, N.C. anymccall79@yahoo.com

MANDY JOHNSON '00 B.S. and Alan Johnson announce the birth of Riley Sarah born February 3, 2005.

BRANDON MCKOY '00 B.A., SEE RACHEL MCKOY '02 B.S. LISTING.

JENNIFER SECHRIST RAUB '00 B.S. AND MICAH RAUB '97 B.S. announce the birth of William Boyd born October 24, 2003.

MELISSA ANN SIMS '00 B.A. and Preston Scott Layton were married on June 4, 2005. She is a teacher at Paris Elementary School. He works as an assistant reinforcing detailing manager for South Carolina Steel Corporation. The couple resides in Taylors, S.C. mlayton@greenville.k12.sc.us

CHRISTY GREGORY TROUILLE '00 B.S. and her husband, Corey, relocated to Monroe, N.C. following his graduation from the NC Highway Patrol Training Academy in May 2005. Christy is a part-time instructor at Central Piedmont Community College. The couple have a two-year old daughter, Marcee. christy_trouille@yahoo.com

DEBORAH VOGLER '00 B.S. is a career development counselor for Davie County High School.

LANA WOODS '00 B.S.N., '03 M.S.N. is the director of surgical services at Saint Thomas Hospital.

ANDREA BUTLER ARTERBURY '01 B.S., '05 M.A.C. relocated to Illinois in December 2004 with HSBC. She is now the senior internal auditor for WoltersKluwer U.S. Corporation, which is a parent company for CCH Tax and Accountancy Research. aarterbury@comcast.net

JILL LAFFERTY ASHE '01 B.S., '03 M.A.C., SEE TRAVIS ASHE '00 B.S., '02 M.B.A. LISTING.

ANDREA BURTON-BAILEY '01 B.S. AND ANDREW BAILEY '02 B.S. moved into their new home in May 2005. In December 2004, Andrew was promoted to store manager within the Eckerd-Brooks Corporation. He manages a store in Spartanburg, S.C. andrea.b.bailey@ncmail.net

BRENDA BARBER '01 B.S. graduated with a master of arts degree in special education, teaching parent specialty and a master of arts degree in human development and psychological counseling from Appalachian State University on May 8, 2005. She is employed by the Rainbow Center for Children.

JEREMY SCOTT BERGER '01 B.A. and Katherine Grace Weldin were married on April 9, 2005. He is employed by Crossroads Worldwide. She works for the Broad River Coffee Company. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

AMANDA CRAWFORD '01 A.D.N., '03 B.S.N. and Bryan Sowell were married on August 16, 2005. She is a registered nurse with the Sanger Clinic. He works as a surveyor for NCDOT. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

KINA CRUMPTON '01 B.S. and her husband, Robert, welcomed a son, Alexander Callaway, born March 20, 2005. He joins older sisters Rachel Mikayla (12) and Hallie Zara (20 months).

KRISTEN CONNELLY ELLENBURG '01 B.A. and Aaron Ellenburg announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Aaron, born June 25, 2004.

KELLY MARIE GARDNER '01 B.A. and David Bradley Worthington were married on June 25, 2005. She is a freelance sign language interpreter. He is the owner of Worthington Home Improvements. The couple resides in Amherst, V.A.

JORDANA HART '01 B.A., '05 M.DIV. moved to Sweden on August 2, 2005 to begin her career as a full-time missionary. She asks for prayer as she begins her new ministry. oneday_268@hotmail.com

KELLIE BROOKE JOHNS '01 B.S. and Mathew Hoover were married on August 13, 2005. She is a sales representative with Reliant Pharmaceuticals. He is a lead technician with CEM Corp. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

JACLYN KAISER '01 A.D.N., '03 B.S.N. graduated with her master of science with a major in nursing and family nurse practitioner from Clemson University on May 13, 2005. jkkaiser@charter.net

DESIREE LULAY '01 B.A. was the winner of the Heafner/Williams Vocal Competition held in Lincolnton, N.C.

JULIE MORGAN '01 B.S. is working for Richmond Community College as an Adult High School and GED Instructor.

JACOB D. MYERS '01 B.A. graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree on May 14, 2005.

ANGELA SANDERS '01 B.A. is working as a researcher for Star Magazine.

ELIZABETH DRAKE SONNEBORN '01 B.S. started working with InterAct in Philadelphia as a sign language interpreter in 2002. In 2004, she accepted the position of supervisor of interpreters and was promoted to the position of deaf project manager in 2005.

JEREMY STERLING '01 B.S., SEE CHRISTINA BAILEY STERLING '98 B.S. listing.

JULIE ALICIA STONE '01 B.A. and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Jackson Daniel born January 17, 2005. sopranojam@hotmail.com

NICOLE BAGLEY '02 A.D.N. and Kevin Smith were married on May 14, 2005. She works for Cross Country Travel Corporation. He is employed by Haulin' Buggy Motorsports. The couple lives in Lexington, S.C.

ANDREW BAILEY '02 B.S. SEE ANDREA BURTON-BAILEY '01 B.S. listing.

KAREN BURNETTE '02 B.A. is serving as the first director of youth at Trinity Baptist Church.

HOPE CHURCH '02 B.S. and her husband, Jeremy, are the proud parents of Jarrett Daniel, born June 2, 2005.

KATHY EVERETT '02 B.S. began serving as purchasing officer at Cleveland Community College on June 1, 2005.

EMILEE JANE FOX '02 B.A. and Scott Allen Myers were married on March 26, 2005. She is an elementary school music teacher with Lincoln County Schools. He is a developer at Compass Group NAD. The couple lives in Shelby, N.C.

AMANDA CORINE HENDERSON '02 B.S. and Kevin Robert Mounce were married on March 19, 2005. She is employed by Piedmont Charter School. He is the head women's soccer coach for GWU.

JONDRA HARMON '02 B.A. performed in the Washington National Opera's fall 2005 production of Porgy and Bess at the Kennedy Center. She will begin performing as a Young Artist with the Kentucky Opera in Louisville, K.Y. in January 2006.

KELLEY NICOLE KENNERLY '02 A.D.N., '05 B.S.N. and Donald Forest Shaub were married on June 17, 2005. She is a registered nurse in the coronary care unit of Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is an employee of Aramark Clinical Technology Services at Gaston Memorial Hospital. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

RACHEL MCKOY '02 B.S., '04 M.A. AND BRANDON MCKOY '00 B.A., '04 M.DIV. announce the birth of their first child, Kaden Joshua, born November 25, 2004. rmckoy@carolina.rr.com

MELANIE ANNE MCSWAIN '02 B.S. and Christopher Robert Kale were married on June 25, 2005. She is employed by the State Employees' Credit Union. He works for Shelby Alarm Company. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

AMANDA PENNELL '02 B.S. has opened a new store, Molly Malone's, in Hickory, N.C.

ALECIA DAWN RICHARDSON '02 B.S. and George Marshall Barnette, Jr. were married on May 14, 2005. She is a long term care specialist with the Financial Independence Group. He is a police officer for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The couple resides in Sherrills Ford, N.C.

NATHAN ROUSE '02 B.A. is now a field staff member for Teen Advisors, Inc. working with middle school students. supanateu2@yahoo.com

KRISTIN RENEE SANDERS '02 B.A. and Les Carpenter were married in June 2005. Kristin graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with her master's in social work in May 2005. She is a case coordinator for persons with chronic mental illness at Trilogi, Inc. He is a student at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. kristinscarpenter@hotmail.com

SABRINA SIEGRIST '02 B.S. graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2005 with a master of arts in counseling.

HAMAL STRAYHORN '02 B.A., '05 M.DIV. began working at Georgia Southern University as a hall director on July 1. In this position, he oversees 750 freshmen students and supervises resident assistants and graduate directors in a living learning center on the main campus. In addition, he teaches freshmen orientation classes. hamal1105@hotmail.com

JENNY TREADAWAY '02 B.A. and Heath Cartee were married on October 17, 2004. She is a potter/artist for Rising Sun Pottery. He is a police officer with the Boiling Springs Police Department. The couple resides in Boiling Springs, N.C. with their dog.

LYNETTE HALL WILLIAMSON '02 B.S., '04 I.M.B.A. has been promoted from relationship banker II to BB&T @ work officer for the BB&T Western Region. She was also ranked #1 RB for the entire BB&T footprint in September 2004. She and her husband, Larry, reside in Shelby, N.C. and celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary in September 2005.

JESSICA NICOLE BISHOP '03 B.S. and Aaron Kimberlan Newton were married on April 30, 2005.

ERIN LEIGH BOYD '03 B.A. and Will Thomas Odom, III were married on July 16, 2005. She is an ESL teacher for the Desoto County school system. He is a Spanish and ESL teacher at Horn Lake High School. The couple, who met while serving as missionaries in Costa Rica, resides in Southaven, M.S. erinley121@hotmail.com

KATHERINE BAKER BRADLEY '03 B.A. and Michael Edward St. Thomas were married on September 10, 2005. She is employed by Estee Lauder. He is employed by the City of Gastonia Fire Department. The couple resides in Gastonia, N.C.

BRANDY MICHELLE CHAMBERLAIN '03 B.S. and Bradley Warren Jones were married on September 24, 2005. The couple resides in Mt. Airy, N.C.

JORDAN LEIGH CREASMAN '03 B.S. and Eric Timothy O'Toole were married on July 9, 2005. She is a teacher with Bay City Schools. He is employed by BB&T. The couple resides in Panama City Beach, F.L.

KARI DAVIS '03 B.S. was the winner of the 2005 Cleveland County Idol Contestant. She is a kindergarten teacher at Fallston Elementary School.

JESSICA EMILY DYKES '03 B.A. and Joseph Stephen Herndon were married on July 30, 2005. She is a volunteer coordinator with Hospice of Rutherford County. He is employed by Padgett & King Mortuary. The couple resides in Bostic, N.C.

NICHOLE BAXTER FEASTER '03 B.S. is completing law school at North Carolina Central University School of Law. She was chosen to be a Torts tutor for the 2004-2005 school year and currently serves as a lead tutor. She will complete her law degree in 2006. nfeaster@nc.rr.com

SARAH FRANCIS FROST '03 A.D.N. and Kevin Omar Bradley were married on May 21, 2005. She is a registered nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is an agriculture teacher at Crest High School. The couple resides in Forest City, N.C.

JENNIE JONES '03 B.S. has been promoted to national promotions coordinator for Fitness One Consulting. jenniejones03@yahoo.com

AMANDA KNUTSON '03 B.S. and her husband, Terrel, announce the birth of their first child, Wyatt Avery, born January 28, 2005.

BRIAN LINDLER '03 B.S. is now serving as the financial service manager at First Citizens Bank's Carmel Commons branch.

LORI MICHELLE LOVELACE '03 A.D.N., '04 B.S.N. and Daniel Lee Shires were married on August 20, 2005. She is a registered nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is an agriculture extension agent in horticulture for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Shelby, N.C. The couple resides in Boiling Springs, N.C.

JAMES BAKER MAXWELL '03 B.S., '05 M.B.A. and Lindsey Elizabeth Sheppard were married on July 16, 2005. On October 16, 2005, Maxwell signed with the San Francisco 49ers.

PHOEBE CLAIRE MADELAINE MCGEE '03 B.S. and Raul Romero were married on May 21, 2005. She is a second-year physician assistant student at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine. He is a company commander for the 29th Infantry HHC Regiment. The couple resides in Columbus, G.A. phoebemcgee@yahoo.com

ELIZABETH PARHAM '03 B.A. AND KERRY DENNIS '05 B.A. were married on August 6, 2005. Elizabeth has earned her master of arts in professional communication from Clemson University. She is teaching at NC State University. Kerry is preparing for the Raleigh Fire Academy. The couple resides in Durham, N.C. eparham@clemson.edu

SHANNON SHEPPARD PARIS '03 B.S. has taken the position of listing manager for the Sherrie Puffer Team at Keller Williams Professionals. She has completed the salesperson's course at the Cumbe Institute and will graduate with her master of entrepreneurship from Western Carolina in May. shanshep@hotmail.com

VALERIE POUNDS '03 B.S. and Anthony Ellis were married on August 27, 2005. She is a trust accountant with SoftPro Corporation. He is a superintendent with East Coast Fire Protection. The couple resides in Clayton, N.C.

JOSHUA REICH '03 B.A. and his wife, Brittany, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Christine, born August 4, 2005.



SHARON REID '03 B.S. was promoted from deputy to crime scene investigator with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in October 2004. mcgruff205@yahoo.com

PAMELA RENFRO '03 B.S. is employed by Carolina Community Care as a social worker.

APRIL LYVA SPICER '03 B.S. and Brandon James Prevette were married on July 16, 2005. She is an accountant at Lowe's Corporate Offices in Mooresville, N.C. He is an OTR driver for Tyson Foods. The couple resides in North Wilkesboro, N.C.

RICH WILLIAMS '03 B.A. is a member of Team Impact, a group of athletes who travel and share their faith.

MICHELLE BREANN BILLINGS '04 B.S. and Ryan Thomas Nichols were married on June 18, 2005. She works for Lowe's Companies, Inc. He is employed by Wilkes County Schools.

JON BREWER '04 B.S. is serving as a member of the sales staff of Gateway Properties of the Carolinas.

KRISTEN LEIGH BURLESON '04 A.D.N. and Joshua Dixon Hamrick were married on April 30, 2005. She is a registered nurse in the emergency center at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He is a driver for UPS. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

JENNIFER LEE CHESTER '04 B.S., SEE JONATHAN ERIC MANSFIELD '04 B.A. listing.

TRACEY GIBSON '04 B.S. began serving as the president of the Davie County Chamber of Commerce in the Spring of 2004. She was previously employed for 17 years by the Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce.

LEIF HAMRICK '04 B.S., see ROBIN HAMRICK '99 B.S., '00 M.B.A. listing.

SALLY ELIZABETH HAMRICK '04 B.S. and Matthew Jonathan Lewis were married on May 14, 2005. She is employed by the Cleveland County Clerk of Court. He is a member of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department and is employed by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

WESLEY HUTCHINS '04 B.S. has been promoted to the Adult Literacy Department of Forsyth Technical Community College. He also works with the Fire Training and BLET Programs.

JONATHAN ERIC MANSFIELD '04 B.A. and JENNIFER LEE CHESTER '04 B.S. were married on July 31, 2004. He is a sales consultant with Curtis 1000. She is a swim coach with Columbus Aquatic Club. The couple resides in Columbus, G.A.

JAMIE CARTER MORRIS '04 B.A. announces the birth of a daughter born September 7, 2005. jcar79@hotmail.com

ASHLEY LYNN PALMER '04 B.S. and Gregory James Durham were married on July 23, 2005. She is a registered nurse at Forsyth Medical Center. He is branch manager and senior agent for Randstad. The couple resides in Pilot Mountain, N.C.

SETH LEE PHILLIPS '04 B.S. and Leslie Ann Bumgardner were married on September 24, 2005. He is co-owner of Clearsprings Landscaping. She is a fourth grade teacher at Union Elementary School. The couple resides in Polkville, N.C.

JENNIFER SMART '04 B.S. and her husband, John, announce the birth of Tyler Zane born September 10, 2004. He joins older sister, Sierra.

JOE THOMAS, JR. '04 B.S. and Jenny Smith were married on March 12, 2005. He is employed by Standard Register. She is employed by Union Regional Medical Center. They reside in Monroe, N.C.

MELISSA DAWN THOMPSON '04 B.S. and Travis Lee Burnett were married on March 26, 2004. She is employed by White Plains Elementary School. He works for Indicor Mechanical. The couple resides in Mount Airy, N.C.

LINDSEY DAEL WARNER '04 B.A. and PHILLIP DAVID DONNAN '05 B.S. were married on June 26, 2005. She is a business manager with Roberts Realty Investors. They reside in Alpharetta, G.A. lindseydael@yahoo.com

LORA WOOD '04 B.S. is the new director of Surry SCAN. In this position, she will provide direction for the organization aimed at preventing and treating child abuse by providing supportive services and education for families.

AMBER MICHELLE YORK '04 B.S. and Daniel Jonathan Pinney were married on September 2, 2005. She is employed at Stephens County Hospital. He is employed by Applebee's Restaurant. The couple resides in Toccoa, G.A.

CONSTANCE ATKINSON '05 B.S. is working as a public health educator for the Iredell County Health Department. As part of the Allied Health Division, she is involved in prenatal education, worksite wellness for business and industries and various other educational programs.

PAMELA BOLLINGER '05 B.S. is a first grade teacher at Battleground Elementary School. gsusluvsu2001@yahoo.com

BETHANY BRASFIELD '05 B.A. is serving as a sign language interpreter for CICS Language Solutions. bbrasfield@carolina.rr.com

JESSICA CARLSON '05 B.A. is serving as a sign language interpreter at Lenoir Rhyne College. carlsonjessica@hotmail.com

JESSICA PHILBECK COLLINS '05 B.S.N. and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their first child, Chloe Madison, born August 12, 2005. jessica_lea_from_nc@hotmail.com

KERRY DENNIS '05 B.A., see ELIZABETH PARHAM '03 B.A. listing.

PHILLIP DAVID DONNAN '05 B.S., see LINDSEY DAEL WARNER '04 B.A. listing.

HEATHER NICOLE FERRELL '05 B.A. and Joshua Bradley Knox were married on June 4, 2005. She is pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling. He is assistant estimator at Moss Marlow Building Company.

RUTH ELIZABETH HAMMOND '05 B.A. and BRENNAN SEAN BAILEY '05 B.S. were married on June 4, 2005. She is an English teacher at South Mecklenburg High School. He is a management trainee with Woodforest National Bank. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

BRIAN LUTHER HORD '05 B.A. and Joy Linda Talbert were married on July 16, 2005. He is employed by Waco Baptist Church. She is a teacher at Elizabeth Elementary School. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

HEATHER LEIGH MITCHELL '05 B.S. and John Adam McEntire were married on June 4, 2005. He serves in the U.S. Navy. The couple resides in Charleston, S.C.

DARRYL NELSON '05 B.A. is ministering as the youth pastor at Anchorage Baptist Temple in Anchorage, Alaska. danelson@ancbt.org

SHAWN PENDERGRASS '05 B.A. is teaching English at a Christian high school in Costa Rica.

CAROLINE ELIZABETH PITTMAN '05 B.S. and Mark David Butler were married on June 18, 2005. She is a sixth grade teacher at Kings Mountain Intermediate School. He works for the city of Kings Mountain as a police officer. The couple resides in Grover, N.C.

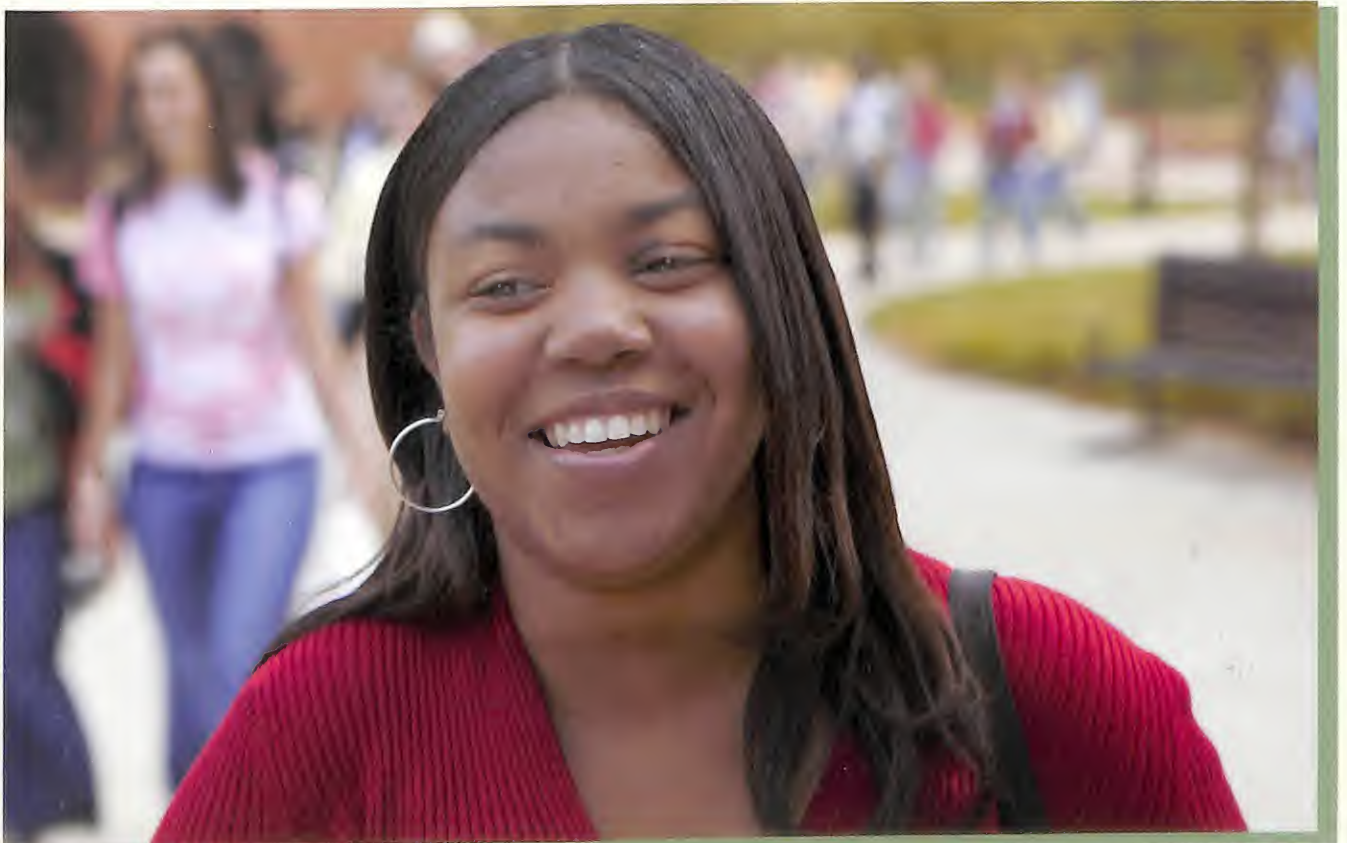
AMBER LANE SHARTZER '05 A.D.N. and Ernest James Davidson were married on July 16, 2005. She is a nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is employed by Harvest Works. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

JESSICA LYNNE SHEARIN '05 B.S. and Lawson Carl Propst were married on July 10, 2005. She is pursuing a master's degree in physical therapy. He teaches at Smoky Mountain Elementary School. The couple lives in Cullowhee, N.C.

CHRISTINA STONER '05 B.S.N. has relocated to Decatur, G.A. to attend Emory University. She is enrolled in the nurse practitioner program with a concentration in gerontology.

NATHANIEL AUSTIN WHITE '05 B.A. and Courtney Brooks Caudle were married on June 11, 2005. He is the youth and children's minister at West Point Baptist Church. She is pursuing a master's degree in clinical counseling at Columbia International University. The couple resides in Kannapolis, N.C.

KA'LUNDRA SHAVETTE WHITWORTH '05 B.S. and Marrio Demar Camp were married on July 12, 2005. She is a member of management at Woodforest National Bank. He is an assistant grocery manager for Harris Teeter. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.



GRADUATE ALUMNI

THE 80's

ANTHONY HOLLAND '86 M.A., see
ANTHONY HOLLAND '85 B.S. listing.

VIRGINIA SAMPSELL ARRINGTON '89
M.A. and Tom Vaughn Southern were married on
May 4, 2005. She is a retired fifth grade teacher.
He is the pastor of Forsyth Park Baptist Church
and former mayor of Walkertown. The couple
resides in King, N.C.

THE 90's

SHARON HARDY '94 M.A., see SHARON
HARDY '89 B.A. listing.

LORI LAMBERT '94 M.A., see LORI
LAMBERT '92 B.A. listing.

DIDI LEDBETTER '95 M.B.A. and her
husband, Shawn, announce the birth of Jaylen
born April 2, 2005.

STEPHANIE RAE BEASLEY '96 M.B.A. and
Kenneth Wayne Bush were married on April 2,
2004. She is the public relations manager at the
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.
He is a physician's assistant with Novant
Healthcare.
rabeasle@wfubmc.edu

DENISE THRIFT HUMPHRIES '98 M.A. see
BENJAMIN "BENJY" HUMPHRIES, JR. '91
B.S. listing.

RALPH KITLEY '98 M.A. is serving as principal
of Middle College of Entertainment Technology in
Guilford County.

TANYA WATSON '98 M.A. is the director of
federal programs and professional development
for Rutherford County Schools. She previously
worked as an assistant principal and teacher.
twatson@rutherford.k12.nc.us

TIM DAVIS '99 M.A. has been elected to serve
on a panel to evaluate the effectiveness of the
National Assessment of Educational Progress.
Only nine principals nationwide were chosen to
serve.

JIM DAVIDSON '99 M.DIV., see JIM
DAVIDSON '97 B.A. listing.

STELLA PERRIN '99 M.A., see STELLA
PERRIN '94 B.S. listing.

THE 00's

JENNIFER MOORE
STIMPSON '99 M.A. and
MIKE STIMPSON '01 M.A.
announce the birth of their first
child, Callie Elizabeth, born
September 28, 2005.



JOEY BULLIS '00 M.A. is now serving as
principal at East Wilkes Middle School.

ROBIN HAMRICK '00 M.B.A., see ROBIN
HAMRICK '99 B.S. listing.

MELISSA LYNN SWOFFORD '00 M.B.A.
and Phillip Lee Johnson were married on July 2,
2005. She has four children Brandon (20), Will
(8), Matthew (6) and Meighan (1). Melissa is an
instructor of business sciences and information
systems at Isothermal Community College.
johnsonm@isothermal.edu

JODI BAUGHN HARRIS '01 M.DIV., see
JODI BAUGHN HARRIS '98 B.A. listing.

PAMELA HELMS '01 M.A. began serving as
principal of Elkin Middle School in July 2005.

ROBERT SMITH '01 M.A. is the new principal
at Chase High School.

MIKE STIMPSON '01 M.A., see JENNIFER
MOORE STIMPSON '99 M.A. listing.

TONY WORLEY '01 M.A. has been promoted
by the Lincoln County Board of Education to the
position of principal of Lincolnton High School.
tworley@lincoln.k12.nc.us

TRAVIS ASHE '02 M.B.A., see TRAVIS
ASHE '00 B.S. listing.

MARK BYRD '02 M.A. is now serving as
principal at North Iredell High School.

AMANDA RADER ELLIOTT '02 M.A. and
David Steven Demiter were married on May 21,
2005. She is a seventh grade English teacher at
East Burke Middle School and a GED instructor
at Catawba Valley Community College. He is a
freight conductor for Norfolk Southern Railroad.
The couple resides in Mountain View, N.C.

AMY ARROWOOD LIN '02 M.DIV., see
YEN-KWANG LIN '99 B.S. listing.

KENNETH LEE LYALL '02 M.A., see
KENNETH LEE LYALL '90 B.S. listing.

AMY JEAN MCCALL '02 M.B.A., see AMY
JEAN MCCALL '00 B.S. listing.

JAMES BRANDON WILLIS '02 M.B.A. and
Leslie Anne Hunter were married on April 2,
2005. He is the vice president of operations for
Hunter Innovations, Ltd. She is employed by the
Duke Center for Living as an exercise
physiologist.

JILL LAFFERTY ASHE '03 M.A.C., see
TRAVIS ASHE '00 B.S. listing.

CHARLES GABRIEL '03 M.A., see
CHARLES GABRIEL '99 B.S. listing.

SUSAN RENEE HAYES '03 M.S.N. and
Michael Keith Lane were married on August 6,
2005. She works for Crawley Memorial Hospital
and GWU. He is employed by the American Safety
Utility Corp. The couple resides in Boiling
Springs, N.C.

PERRY K. MARDIS '03 M.A.C. began working
as an auditor in March 2005 at First National
Bank in Shelby, N.C. In this position, he
supervises all staff activities within the internal
audit department.

ROBBIE ROBBINS '03 M.A. has been
promoted to Lt. Col. In the United States Army
Reserve. He been a member of the 108th Division
for 18 years.

LANA WOODS '03 M.S.N., see LANA
WOODS '00 B.S.N. listing.

AGATA KABANIENKO '04 M.B.A. and Worth
Christopher Vess were married on April 16, 2005.
She works for BB&T in Winston-Salem. He is
employed by Hurst Jaws of Life. The couple
resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.

HENRY GILMORE '04 M.A. has been named
assistant principal for the intermediate school in
the Cleveland County School District.

NATE HOFFMAN '04 M.A., see Nate
Hoffman '99 B.S. listing.

BILLY HOLLAND '04 M.B.A., see BILLY
HOLLAND '00 B.S. listing.

PATRICIA LANKPOOP '04 M.A. has been
named assistant principal of Broad Creek Middle
School

BRANDON MCKOY '04 M.DIV., see
RACHEL MCKOY '02 B.S. listing.

RACHEL MCKOY '04 M.A., see RACHEL
MCKOY '02 B.S. listing.

CALVIN SAYLES '04 M.DIV. began serving as
pastor of Adaville Baptist Church in Spindale,
N.C. on August 21, 2005.

LYNETTE HALL WILLIAMSON '04 I.M.B.A.,
see LYNETTE HALL WILLIAMSON '02 B.S.
listing.

BRIAN ALEXANDER '05 M.DIV. began
serving as pastor of Center Hill Baptist Church in
Lexington, N.C. on September 1, 2005.

JORDANA HART '05 M.DIV., see
JORDANA HART '01 B.A. listing.

JONATHAN BRAD HUSS '05 M.B.A., see
JONATHAN BRAD HUSS '99 B.A. listing.

PAULA PEELER '05 M.A. is the new principal
at Jefferson Elementary School.

HAMAL STRAYHORN '05 M.DIV., see
HAMAL STRAYHORN '02 B.S. listing.

DEATHS

EDNA WASHBURN JENKINS, BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, died on September 26, 2005 at the age of 107. She was the oldest member of Double Springs Baptist Church where she was a longtime Sunday School teacher, pianist and choir member. She was a teacher, homemaker and farmer. She is survived by three sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

EMMA IRENE ROBERTS BLANTON '39 A.A. died on May 6, 2005. She was an active member of Elizabeth Baptist Church where she was a member of the Senior Adult Choir, WMU and Sunday School. She was a secretary for 15 years before becoming a licensed practical nurse. She retired as an LPN. She is survived by a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, four grandchildren, three nephews and six nieces.

RACHEL ANNETTE BROWN HIGH '43 A.A. died August 29, 2005. She was an elementary school teacher with Baltimore County Schools until she retired in 1989. She also wrote curriculum and articles for early education literature. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Baltimore, M.D. where she taught children's Sunday School for 50 years. She is survived by two daughters, a son and four grandsons.

MARGARET WASHBURN GODFREY '44 A.A. died September 20, 2005. She spent her career in the banking industry and retired from Bank of America. She was a member of Union Cross Baptist Church where she served as a deaconess, Sunday School director and choir member. She is survived by a daughter, a grandson, a granddaughter, a great granddaughter, and several brothers and sisters.

QUINN FISHER '50 A.A. died April 6, 2005.

DWIGHT WATTS '50 A.A. died August 24, 2005. He served as a Baptist minister for 57 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, a brother, three sisters, 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

DON RICHARD ROBERTS '51 A.A. died June 17, 2005. He was a Navy veteran having served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. Although he retired from Southern Bell Telephone Co. after 30 years, he continued working at Spake Strawberry and Christmas Tree lot, the hospital and the Cleveland County Fair. He was a deacon and choir member of Elizabeth Baptist Church. He is survived by two daughters, a sister, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SHIRLEY ANN DILLON '55 A.A. died August 26, 2005. Throughout her life, she worked as an office manager for the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and other public companies. She was an award-winning tennis player, competing in tournament across the U.S. She was a member and deaconess of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, V.A. and was active in the Virginia Society and the Civil War Preservation Trust. She is survived by her husband, two children, two grandchildren and a sister.

BILL V. BARGER '56 A.A. died May 24, 2005.

ROBERT BLANTON '58 A.A. died July 13, 2005. He was retired from PPG where he served as a supervisor from 1958-1991. He was a member of Double Springs Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his mother, wife, several children and grandchildren and a sister.

DAVID MAX BELL '65 A.A. died August 13, 2005. He was a former member of First Baptist, Gastonia. He is survived by his daughter, two brothers and three sisters.

CONNIE RUFF WILSON '68 A.A. died July 29, 2005. She was a registered nurse and worked at St. Luke's Hospital before serving in home health for 31 years. She was a member of Coopers Gap Baptist Church in Sunny View, N.C. She is survived by her mother, husband, one daughter, two sons, one brother, two sisters and eight grandchildren.

RUBY LEE CAISON BOWEN '72 B.A. died July 24, 2005. She worked for Atlantic Coastline Railroad and was a dental technician for the U.S. Navy. In 1987, she retired from teaching in the Rutherford County School System. She was a talented seamstress, quilter and gardener. She is survived by her husband, daughter, three grandchildren, three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

SHARON ANN QUICK SMITH '73 B.A. died June 19, 2005. She was a member and minister in the Assembly of God church. She was also the coordinator of her local Meals on Wheels Program and worked for the Department of Social Services. She is survived by her husband, fathers and one son.

CHARLES HERBERT WELCH '73 B.S. died August 31, 2005. He was the owner and operator of WSAT radio station until it was sold in 2003. He was on the local Board of Directors at First Bank and served as a Rowan County Commissioner from 1990 to 1994. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He is survived by his parents, his wife and two brothers.

JERRY C. BURLESON '74 B.A. died April 30, 2005. He was a veteran of the U.S. military having served in a variety of capacities. In addition, he was a member of the Morganton Police Department. In 1970, he began serving in full-time ministry as pastor and revival speaker. He was also active in community service. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, one granddaughter and one sister.

JUDITH DIANE CARTER NOE '76 A.D.N. died July 5, 2005. She was a registered nurse. She is survived by her daughter, a granddaughter, a sister, an aunt and numerous friends in the health care profession and former classmates.

CLARA ELAINE GROSE MUSTYAN '86 B.A. died July 11, 2005. She served for 34 years as an analyst for the Department of the Army. She was a member of the Statesville Woman's Club and the Town and Country Garden Club. She is survived by her daughter, a grandson, two sisters, a sister-in-law, three nieces and one nephew.

REBECCA "JACKIE" LITTLEJOHN TOTTEN '88 B.A. died May 10, 2005. She was employed by Robert E. Mason Company. She was a charter member of United Baptist Church where she served as church clerk and pastor's aide and was a part of the women's ministry and United Voices. She is survived by her husband, two sons, four brothers, four sisters, a mother-in-law, two sister-in-laws and two brother-in-laws.

DONALD RAY PEELER '91 B.A. died June 23, 2004. He was a minister of music and youth from 1984-1991 and a pastor from 1991-1995.

QUINN WITHERSPOON '93 B.S. died September 12, 2005. He had served as a police officer with the Concord Police Department since 1994. He was the N.C. State Representative for the International Police Work Dog Association.

SANDRA "SAM" HOWARD '97 B.S. died April 20, 2005. She served as a social worker for C.A.P. and for the Life Care Center. She attended Johnson Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by one daughter, a son, two grandsons, a sister and a brother.

GREGORY GEORGE ALFORD '98 B.S. died October 23, 2005. He was a customer service representative for E.D.C. Industries. He is survived by his wife, daughter, mother and father-in-law, two brothers and a sister.

MELISSA SEITZ COPELAND '99 M.A. died April 14, 2005. She was a first grade teacher at Ray Childers Elementary School where she was named teacher of the year in 2001. She was secretary for the PTO and for the Burke Jammers girl's basketball team. She is survived by her parents, husband, a son, a daughter, a sister and a niece.

DOROTHY BUMGARDNER TURBYFILL BEARD, CHARTER MEMBER OF LEGACY SOCIETY, died April 17, 2005. She was employed for 20 years as a nurse at Maiden Clinic. She was actively involved in community and church service. She helped start the Day Care Center at First Baptist Maiden, supported Baptist Children's Homes, was instrumental in establishing the "Treasure Chest Fund" at Maiden Elementary School and faithfully supported Christian Children's Fund, Salvation Army and Hospice. She is survived by her husband, a brother, three sisters, three sister-in-laws and several nieces and nephews.

WAYNE ALLEN BRUNNICK, FORMER BUSINESS MANAGER, died September 11, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II and spent over 30 years with PPG Industries. He was actively involved in the community having served as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the City of Shelby Parks and Recreation, as a board member of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital and past vice-president of the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce. He was a deacon and member of John Knox Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, four children, three grandchildren, four nephews and three nieces.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN, FORMER ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, died June 30, 2005. He was a physical education teacher and coach for defensive backs at Eastern Guilford High School.

JOHN H. HENDRICK, MEMBER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION, died April 27, 2005. He was founder, owner and president of Hidden Acre Farms for more than 50 years. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was active in church and community having served in numerous positions including: Sunday School director, deacon, president of the National Turkey Federation, chairman of the Board of Directors of First Citizens Bank and former GWU trustee. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, a brother, four sisters, four grandsons, and grand-daughter and a great-grandson.

THOMAS A. "JACK" RAMSEY, FORMER MEMBER OF BOARD OF ADVISORS AND MEMBER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, died April 12, 2005. He was a World War II veteran and co-founder and past president of A.A. Ramsey and Son, Inc. where he worked for 65 years as a building contractor. He was active in community and church organizations serving as a deacon and scoutmaster. He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, two brothers, one sister, one sister-in-law and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society was officially chartered on April 28, 1999 with 68 individuals or couples meeting the qualifications for membership. This very special group of alumni and friends of the University gathered at the invitation of the administration.

The much-respected group of donors who gathered on that day had two things in common. One was their love for Gardner-Webb and its mission. The other common bond was that they all had placed Gardner-Webb in their estate plans.

For many years, Gardner-Webb's mission to provide a quality education in a caring Christian environment had been enhanced by others of past generations with these same two common attributes. The families of those who had included the University in their estate plans were shown love and appreciation. Regretfully, those individuals who had initiated the gift were no longer able to hear University officials express their gratitude.

Thus, The Legacy Society was formed to recognize and express the University's thanks for the individuals and couples who have and will establish lasting legacies at Gardner-Webb.

The bequests and planned gifts that others have made to the University have helped to build Gardner-Webb and to strengthen the University for the challenges of the future. Now more than ever, Gardner-Webb depends upon the gifts that alumni and friends make today to benefit tomorrow.

GOALS FOR THE SOCIETY

The Legacy Society was established to recognize those alumni and friends who have made a commitment to the future of the University by including Gardner-Webb in their estate plans;

- ★ To honor the alumni and friends through various means for their dedication to the University, and
- ★ To insure that the University will continue to have the financial resources to provide students excellent educational opportunities for years to come.

WAYS OF GIVING

The Legacy Society honors those alumni and friends who make commitments to the future of Gardner-Webb through:

- BEQUESTS
- CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS
- CHARITABLE ANNUITY TRUSTS
- CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES
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If you have not received a phone call from Phone-a-thon, or would like to donate immediately, just cut off the form below and mail it in using attached envelope.

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Gardner-Webb Memories

Class of 1973



**(Photo taken by Debbie Brown)*

*(Front left to right) Alan and Gail
Mayhew, Gloria and Roger Harmon.
(Rear) Beth Waddell, John Taylor, Ben
Waddell, Ronnie Brown, Sandy Kirby.*

Gardner-Webb has played an integral part in each of our lives. You make friends in high school, but the friendships made in college last a lifetime. This group has stayed in contact with each other since graduating in 1973.

As each of us live in different parts of North and South Carolina and are unable to see each other as often as we would like, we recently decided to meet once again where it all began. We toured the school, and were so impressed with the changes, renovations, and general appearance of the

university. We sat for three hours in Hamrick overlooking the beautiful grounds reminiscing, telling old stories, and wondering how we were able to live in Mauney, Stroup, and Hapy without air conditioning!!!

Gardner-Webb not only provided a quality education, but the opportunity to make life long friends who care for each other deeply. For this we are truly grateful.

Ronnie Brown
Class of 1973

ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

NEW JOB? BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT? WEDDING? LET US KNOW!

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Complete, clip and mail to: Jeff Porter, The Webb magazine, Gardner-Webb University,
P.O. Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017

or submit your class note online at: www.gardner-webb.edu/alumni/classnote.shtml

The Final Word



"A DEFINING MOMENT"

This spring, we celebrate the heritage of our fine university while we begin a new chapter in the life of this century old school. Dr. A. Frank Bonner officially takes over the reins as Gardner-Webb's 12th president. We

congratulate him and we also honor all Gardner-Webb students, Alumni, faculty, staff and supporters who have established the foundations of our institution.

We are a blessed University and have overcome many obstacles throughout our 100 years. We are a school that wants more than mediocrity. We want greatness. We seek to become one of the greatest Christian universities in this country and we focus our sites on that direction. While we may be pleased with who we are, where we are and where we are going, we are never satisfied or contented. We always strive to be better, to be greater.

As we begin a new leg on this journey to greatness, we embrace the challenges and unknown adventures, which lie ahead. We are humbled and privileged to serve Gardner-Webb as we open our eyes to the dawn of a new day in the life of our university. As we celebrate the installation of Dr. Bonner as Gardner-Webb's

12th president we also commemorate our Christian and educational legacy. The inaugural activities highlight alumni, students, faculty, staff and community, through scholarly lectures, a fine arts concert, a worship service and the official installation ceremony of Dr. Bonner.

This presidential inauguration is a truly significant event in the life of our university. Inaugurations of college and university presidents trace their roots to 17th-century America. The custom was established by the country's nine colonial colleges as a way of formally acknowledging a change in leadership at a school's highest level within a context of tradition and continuity. As a rite of passage, the ritual of a presidential inauguration is filled with costume, procession, music, and speeches.

This is a time to celebrate our heritage.

This is an occasion to explore the vision for our future.

This is a defining moment within our university.

May God Bless Gardner-Webb University,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scoot".

Ralph "Scoot" Dixon
Sr. Vice President for
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