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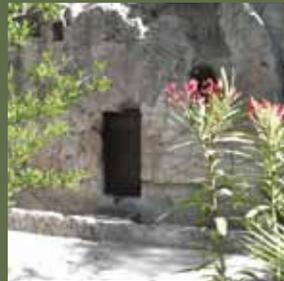
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Dear friends,

With the winter and new year upon us, you may be staying close to a fireplace—if you live in a cold weather climate—tackling resolutions or catching up on a list of books or indoor projects. Others of you continue to minister faithfully, regardless of what time of year it is.

No matter where you find yourself, we know you will be encouraged by this year's Founder's Week, which will explore the theme, *The Hope Within Us*. We invite all of you to join us for a wonderful week of inspiration and fellowship, February 6–10, 2012. You will find details for class celebrations, the Annual Alumni Banquet, a list of speakers, and more in this issue. The classes of 1962, 1972, 1987, and 2002 will have additional celebration opportunities, but all classes ending in a "2" or "7" will be meeting together on Alumni Day, Tuesday, February 7th. Plan to join us to reconnect with former classmates, administration, and faculty.

We pray that in this new year, you find time to reflect on God's unfailing love, which compelled Him to send His one and only Son to earth to die for our sins. May you renew your commitment to grow stronger in His presence, answering His call for your life, so you can be a blessing to those around you.



Serving Christ together,

Nancy K. Hastings

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings
Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association

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125th Anniversary Celebration in Review

With more than 3,000 people in attendance, Moody Bible Institute concluded its 125th Anniversary Celebration with a luncheon on October 1 at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers in Chicago, IL. Dr. Chuck Swindoll, host of *Insight for Living*, served as the guest speaker for the historic occasion.

The program included performances by Moody's music ensembles, two videos from the 125th Anniversary documentary series, and a panel discussion about the future direction of Moody. Guests also enjoyed a D. L. Moody sermon reenactment

by Reg Grant, director of the Media and Communication Program and professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary. Following the luncheon, guests were invited to tour the Chicago campus.

The 125th Anniversary celebration officially kicked off on January 25 with employees and students gathering together for a special President's Chapel.

Earlier this year Moody Publishers released an updated edition of *The MBI Story—The Vision and Worldwide Impact of Moody Bible Institute*, written by alumnus [Jim Vincent '78](#).

Friends around the world also engaged with Moody through social media outlets including Facebook and Twitter, along with the official 125th Anniversary Web site. And during Founder's Week 2011, Moody had the privilege of hosting David Powell, D. L. Moody's great grandson, along with his wife, Lucia.

At the heart of this year's celebration was the 125 Hours of Prayer. From Sunday, August 2 through Friday, August 26, more than 500 people from 34 states and 12 countries prayed for the ministries of Moody. An outdoor Vespers service on the Chicago

campus Sunday evening kicked off the 125 Hours of Prayer, while a performance by singer/song-writer Aaron Shust in Torrey-Gray Auditorium on Friday evening brought it to a close.

"This past year has truly been an incredible time of celebration," Dr. Nyquist said. "For 125 years God has faithfully sustained the ministries of Moody, and by His grace we will continue to trust Him for the future. As we move forward together, I ask that you pray that Moody's ministries will continue to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world."



Students worshipping at the kickoff of the 125 Hours of Prayer



Students began the 125 Hours of Prayer with a prayer walk around campus



Moody Radio hosts Chris Fabry '84 and Janet Parshall



Roy Patterson '81, Station Manager, Moody Radio Chicago



3,000 of Moody's faithful supporters, employees, students, and alumni attended the celebration luncheon



David Gauger II, Conductor, Moody Symphonic Band



International students participate in the flag processional



Greg Thornton '81, Collin Lambert, Paul Nyquist, Junias Venugopal, and Greg Wheatley discuss Moody's dynamic future



Guest speaker, Dr. Chuck Swindoll



Reg Grant portrays D. L. Moody



Dr. Chuck Swindoll and Dr. Paul and Cheryl Nyquist enjoy the festivities

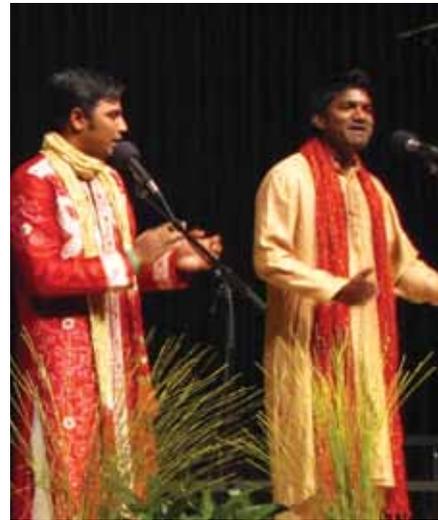


Guests enjoy time on campus after the luncheon

Missions Conference 2011: October 11–14

The opening night of this year's conference, *Back to the Future: Celebrating the Past, Engaging the Future*, saw a new twist on the SMF Concert of Prayer: prayer walks. In addition to several prayer walks through various Chicago neighborhoods, conference participants circled the Chicago campus and prayed for the nations. Plenary speakers at the conference included Operation Mobilization founder **George Verwer '60** and Chair and Professor of Moody's World Missions and Evangelism Department Tim Sisk. Other key speakers included the author of *The Missional Mom* blog, Helen Lee (wife of Music Professor Brian Lee), Founder and Director of Church Multiplication Associates, Neil Cole, and World Vision Chicago CEO, Felicia Thompson. Students had the opportunity to meet representatives from more than 50 mission agencies at 113 breakout seminars on Wednesday and Thursday. New to the conference this year was Ethne Fest on Thursday night, when some of Moody's international and ethnic American students performed music from all over the world. Participants were also invited to pray in more than 20 heart languages.

Technology played a major role at this year's conference. Participants kept up with all of the events via Twitter and Facebook, and listeners and participants texted questions to conference coordinators and speakers. In addition, the new *Moody Standard* Web site, which posted the full conference schedule, received more than 4,000 hits.



Spokane Missions Conference: November 14–15

At the Spokane Missions Conference, the general session opened with a word from Dr. Steve Strauss, Professor of World Missions and Evangelism at Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Strauss served 10 years as the director of SIM U.S.A. and 19 years as a missionary in Ethiopia with SIM. He is passionate about cross-cultural theological education and leadership, contextualization of theology, mission history, and African studies. In addition to the four general sessions, the conference hosted more than 30 mission organizations at more than 60 seminars for both students and employees.

Welcome Students, Faculty, and Staff

Moody enrolled more than 3,500 students this fall in courses taught on our Chicago, Spokane, and Plymouth campuses and through Moody Distance Learning. This is a 7% increase over last fall's historically high enrollment rates.

Moody also welcomed new faculty members to both Chicago and Spokane.

New Faculty

Dr. Jae Hyeok Jang, Assistant Professor of Music and Composition Program Coordinator

B.Mus., Keimyung University, South Korea; M.Mus., Manhattan School of Music; D.M.A., Boston University

Dr. Betty-Ann Lynerd, Associate Professor of Music and Director of

Women's Concert Choir and Bell Ensemble

B.Mus., Westminster College; M.A., Montclair University; D.R.S., Trinity Theological Seminary

Dr. Gerald Vreeland, Professor of Bible, Spokane campus

B.A., Oregon State University; M.Div., Th.M., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary; Ph.D., Trinity International University

Mr. Chris Rappazini, Special Instructor of Bible Exposition, Spokane campus

B. A., Moody Bible Institute; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Th.M., University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Israel Trip: May 26–June 6, 2012

You are invited to join Dr. Paul Nyquist, Moody Bible Institute president, and Dr. Charles Dyer, professor-at-large and host of Moody Radio's *The Land and the Book*, on a spectacular journey through the ancient land of Israel.

Picture yourself, Bible in hand, surrounded by like-minded believers, reliving historical moments at the very locations where they occurred. It will truly be an unforgettable experience.

Throughout the tour, you will worship with several hundred Moody friends, stay in hotels hand-picked for Moody, and be transported across the country by carefully selected drivers and guides. Each bus will also have a Moody faculty member on board who will open up



God's Word at every location to enrich your experience of the Holy Land. Space is limited, so register today. For itinerary details and registration information, visit www.moodyministries.net/israel.

Founder's Week, February 6–10, 2012: *The Hope Within Us*

Inspired by the exhortation in 1 Peter 3:15 to “give an account for the hope that is in you,” this year’s Founder’s Week will challenge you to embrace the hope of Christ through biblical teaching, worship, and fellowship. Francis Chan, Paul Nyquist, Don Sunukjian, James Meeks, Erwin Lutzer, Ravi Zacharias, **Gene Getz ’52**, and **Don Sweeting ’76** are just a few of the scheduled speakers. For alumni, activities will include reunion dinners for the classes of 1962, 1972, 1987, and 2002, and an Alumni Banquet. If you can’t make it to campus, find us online and on the radio. Visit www.foundersweek.org to watch videos and to find a list of radio stations to listen to Founder’s Week sessions. To order tickets for the banquet or for more information, see the insert card in this issue.



Thrive80

As part of Moody’s vision to bring its legacy forward into a dynamic future, Moody Publishers is focusing on “Millennials,” a name that generally applies to people who are 18-30 years old. To speak directly to that generation, Moody Publishers is going straight to the source, recruiting, training, and supporting writers in that age group. This new publishing team is called Thrive80, because Millennials were all born after 1980.

Currently, this group is made up of about 30 student interns and alumni volunteers led by Randall Payleitner, acquisitions editor, and Duane Sherman, spiritual formation marketing manager. The team hopes to expand by finding writers from colleges across the country.

Thrive80 began as a blog, the perfect venue for helping tech-savvy writers in this generation develop Millennial-focused messages. Payleitner said the blog helps to build writers’ skills, giving them an opportunity to grow and to develop interesting, publishable ideas.

“Randall and Duane are committed to this being grassroots,” Corum Hughes, a senior communications major who fulfilled an internship with Thrive80 said. “They want it to be from the student interns and volunteer writers who can speak to and from this generation.”

The first of Thrive80’s books is set to be released in January. *Farewell to Facebook, at Least for the Weekend*, by 2011 Moody graduate Kyle Tennant, focuses on the use and overuse of social media.

Moody Week at Maranatha: Saturday, June 30–Friday, July 6

Join other Moody alumni and friends this summer for Moody Week at the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon, Michigan. Enjoy nice accommodations, great food, and recreational activities for all ages. The week includes a special Alumni event at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, followed by a concert featuring Big Band of Praise with band leader **Jonathan DeCou ’80**.

Speakers will include Dr. Paul Nyquist, President of Moody Bible Institute; Walt McCord, Assistant Professor at Moody Theological Seminary; **Michael Rydelnik ’77, BA ’78**, Moody Professor of Jewish Studies; and Dr. Charlie Dyer, Moody Professor-at-Large of Bible and Moody Radio Host of *The Land and the Book*. For more information and to register, visit www.vacationwithpurpose.com.

Alumni Giving

We want to keep you informed about the progress in alumni giving. The fiscal year 2010–2011 ended with alumni giving totaling \$2,203,852.85. See the chart below for a breakdown of giving by decades.

World Missions majors to travel internationally to fulfill their internship requirement. This class determined during their 50th reunion that this was something they would like to accomplish, and as of August 2011 has contributed over \$59,000 for this endowment fund. Way to go class of 1957! How about your class?

We also want to highlight the efforts of the class of 1957, who have banded together to provide the Student Missions Travel Endowment Fund used to enable

Decade	Donors	Gifts	Revenue
1900–1919	1	9	\$300.00
1920–1929	3	20	\$1,160.00
1930–1939	32	125	\$19,651.09
1940–1949	365	1,976	\$168,878.23
1950–1959	772	4,141	\$392,162.67
1960–1969	832	4,024	\$426,090.29
1970–1979	717	2,966	\$498,610.30
1980–1989	699	2,777	\$271,400.10
1990–1999	499	2,034	\$141,953.19
2000–2009	431	1,421	\$160,095.98
2010–present	62	152	\$14,683.00
No class year	67	305	\$108,868.00
Total	4,412	19,636	\$2,203,852.85



Moody Chorale



Moody Men's Collegiate Choir



Moody Symphonic Band



Women's Concert Choir

2012 Spring Tour Concerts: March 11–23, 2012

Moody Chorale, Xiangtang Hong, Conductor

Sunday, March 11, 7:00 pm	Lincoln Berean Church, Lincoln, NE
Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm	Bethel Evangelical Free Church, North Platte, NE
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Casper, WY
Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm	Faith Church, Loveland, CO
Friday, March 16, 7:00 pm	Calvary Church, Longmon, CO
Sunday, March 18, 9:30 am	Grace Chapel, Castle Rock, CO
Sunday, March 18, 6:00 pm	Village Seven Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm	Walsh Baptist Church, Walsh, CO
Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 pm	Union Valley Bible Church, Hutchinson, KS
Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm	Lamont Wesleyan Church, Lamont, KS
Thursday, March 22, 7:00 pm	Chapel of the Lake, Lake St. Louis, MO
Friday, March 23, 7:00 pm	Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

Moody Men's Collegiate Choir, H. E. Singley III '71, Conductor

Sunday, March 11, 8:30 am, 11:00 am	Northmont United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Sunday, March 11, 6:00 pm	First Baptist Church, Upper Burrell, PA
Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm	Lanse Evangelical Free Church, Lanse, PA
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm	First Baptist Church, Danville, PA
Wednesday, March 14, 10:00 am	Colombia County Christian School, Bloomsburg, PA
Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, NY
Friday, March 16, 7:00 pm	Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Rheinbeck, NY
Sunday, March 18, 11:00 am	First Baptist Church, Newton, NJ
Sunday, March 18	Island Christian Church, East Northport, NY
Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm	Grace Reformed Fellowship, Hagerstown, MD
Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm	Grace Life Baptist, Christiansburg, VA
Thursday, March 22	Grace Church, Cedarville, OH
Friday, March 23, 7:00 pm	Linton First Baptist Church, Linton, IN

Moody Symphonic Band, David Gauger II, Conductor

Sunday, March 11, 9:30 am, 11:00 am	Bethel Church, Fairbanks, AK
Sunday, March 11, 6:00 pm	Denali Bible Church, Fairbanks, AK
Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm	First Baptist Church of North Pole, North Pole, AK
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm	Bethel Church, Fairbanks, AK
Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm	Faith Chapel, Tok, AK
Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm	Glennallen Community Chapel, Glennallen, AK
Friday, March 16, 7:00 pm	Wasilla Bible Church, Wasilla, AK
Sunday, March 18, 9:00 am, 10:45 am	Anchorage Grace Church, Anchorage, AK
Sunday, March 18, 6:00 pm	First Baptist Church, Anchorage, AK
Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm	Lazy Mountain Bible Church, Palmer, AK
Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 pm	Soldotna Bible Chapel, Soldotna, AK
Wednesday, March 21	Crosspoint Community Church, Anchorage, AK
Thursday, March 22, 7:00 pm	Douglas Island Bible Church, Juneau, AK
Friday, March 23, 7:00 pm	Auke Bay Bible Church, Auke Bay, AK

Women's Concert Choir, Betty-Ann Lynerd, Conductor

Sunday, March 11, 9:00 am, 10:30 am	Lewis Memorial Baptist Church, Huntington, WV
Sunday, March 11, 6:00 pm	Bible Center Church, Charleston, WV
Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm	Cross Road Baptist Church, Asheboro, NC
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm	First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, NC
Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 pm	Community Bible Church, Beaufort, SC
Thursday, March 15	First Baptist Church, Palatka, FL
Friday, March 16	Bradenton Christian Reformed Church, Bradenton, FL
Sunday, March 18, 9:00 am, 11:00 am	Covenant Church of Naples, Naples, FL
Sunday, March 18, 7:00 pm	Covenant Church of Naples, Naples, FL
Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm	Starkey Road Baptist Church, Seminole, FL
Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 pm	Houston Lakes Presbyterian, Kathleen, GA
Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm	First Baptist Church, Forsyth, GA

Undergraduate School

'00s

Hilliary Anderson '07-'11, co-founded Hope for Life Ministries with **Megan Swanson B.A. '10** after a particularly moving trip to Kigali, Rwanda, in 2008. Hope for Life (HFL) is a boys' home that serves the needs of Rwandan street children. The children are provided with the needed resources for leaving street life and receiving long-term spiritual and emotional healing.

During her last years at Moody, Hilliary worked on fundraising, accounting, and various administrative tasks, along with managing the Web site, blog, and newsletters. She spent her summers at HFL as well, working directly with the boys and staff members. Shortly after graduation, she moved to Rwanda, where she now serves as HFL's Executive Director and Treasurer. She plans to complete her student teaching and receive her B.A. in Elementary Education and Bible by spring 2012 and will remain in Rwanda afterward.

By visiting the HFL Web site, you can learn how to support the boys' home through prayer and giving and by becoming pen pals with the boys. Please feel welcome to write to and pray for Hilliary and Megan, as

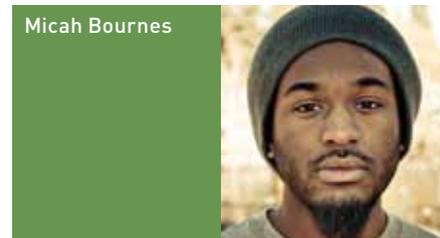


Hilliary Anderson

ministry in another country is growing tiring for them, and they both plan on remaining at HFL long term.

W www.hopeforlifeministry.org

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Micah Bournes B.A. '10 is a spoken word artist. He began exploring this poetry and music genre while studying at Moody. While in Chicago he participated in many local poetry slams, performed for the student body, and won the first-place title two years in a row at the Intercollegiate National Religious Broadcasters Competition.

Since then he has been invited to perform at a variety of events in venues across the country. Much of his work today is focused on social justice ministries. He will be performing in February 2012 at the annual Justice Conference held in Portland, Oregon.

Micah's Web site features his poetry and recordings of some of his spoken words and music. You can also see his tour schedule, which is updated frequently.

W www.MicahBournes.com

Drew Hutcheson '10 and his wife Amber Hutcheson are raising support for their work with International Justice Mission (IJM), a human rights organization that serves victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of



Amber, Isaiiah, and Drew Hutcheson

oppression. For the last year and a half, Drew has served as youth pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in Fremont, Michigan, while Amber has stayed home taking care of their son, Isaiiah (1).

Since October, Drew and Amber have been raising support full time and are aiming to depart for Uganda between May and June 2012. Once there, Drew will serve as Church and Community Relations Fellow with IJM, developing relationships with other church and community leaders. Along with his relational and networking responsibilities, he will be tasked with developing and presenting to churches sound theological messages on the biblical call of justice.

Drew and Amber are at the very beginning of their fundraising journey and need to be at a 100% level of support in order to depart for Uganda. Their blog has family updates, ministry information, and instructions for giving and praying.

W thehutchesonheadline.blogspot.com

Christopher Jones B.A. '09 is in his third and final year as a Resident Advisor at Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany, where he lives in a high school boys' dorm with 18 students from 16 countries. As an RA, he is closely involved in the boys' studies, extracurricular activities, and personal growth. He accompanies

them on study trips, sporting events, ceremonies, and celebrations. By the time graduation rolls around, he admits to feeling quite like a proud parent to his students.

Chris has kept a detailed blog for the past three years. He uses it to post updates and photos from his ministry and his traveling adventures. He also uses it as an opportunity to invite prayer and financial support, providing updates and new requests often.

W ChrisatBFA.posterous.com



Blair '07 and Erin (Rogers '04) Cushman were married in April of 2008 in Chicago. Erin studied at Moody for one semester in the spring of 2004 before transferring to the University of North Texas and graduating in 2006. In the fall of 2008, the Cushmans moved to Texas to start the Headwaters summer camp program at Camp Eagle. They helped with the building of a completely new campus and starting a program from scratch at an already existing camp. Headwaters is the third campus at Camp Eagle, where Blair and Erin serve 8–16-year-old boys and girls.

In October 2010, they welcomed their first daughter, Gwendolyn Hope, who, after a healthy full-term pregnancy and labor, went to be with Jesus after 36 hours. Blair and Erin have experienced an incredible journey in the last year of grief and joy, as they have known intimately God's nearness and

faithfulness. In February, they started a ministry called Hope Mommies to reach out to others experiencing the same loss as they have, meeting them with the hope of Christ. Blair and Erin have recently opened their home to foster children and are expecting their next biological child this spring.

www.campeagle.org

www.HopeMommies.org

www.ourblessedhope.blogspot.com

Kai Elmer B.A. '05 was voted the Christian Music Broadcasters' Echo Award winner for Promoter of the Year at the 2011 Momentum Conference. Kai, the former Moody Radio National Programming Assistant, now works at INO Records, Nashville, as Manager of National Promotions.

Darnell Starks B.A. '05, with his wife Karen, is the senior pastor at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Perth, Scotland.

Darnell graduated from Greater Cincinnati Christian Academy in 1984 and entered the United States Marine Corps, where he served as an Aviation Ordnance Munitions Technician. After one year of active duty, he spent five years in the Reserves. After leaving active duty military service, he trained at the Computer Learning Center and received a certificate in computer operations. Prior to graduation, he was hired by Allstate Insurance Company. He worked there for a year as a computer operator before leaving to pursue training as a financial planner.

During this time, he met and married his wife Karen. He began work in the construction industry, finding better wages there. He started as a laborer, then worked up to becoming the labor

foreman and eventually became President and co-owner of a commercial painting and decorating company.

By the time he was 35, Darnell had success in business, but perceived a call from God to pursue full-time ministry. So, with a wife, five children, and a mortgage, he began his theological training at Moody. Later in his studies, he and Karen and their three youngest children went to Glasgow, Scotland, to study for a year at International Christian College through Moody. They now reside in Perth.

Darnell and Karen have five children—Ricky, Brandi, Rhyann, Kari (current student), and Darnell Jr.—and nine grandchildren.

www.trinitychurchperth.org

Michael Vowell B.A. '05 is the founder and senior pastor of Mosaic Fellowship Calgary in Alberta, Canada. For the last 10 years, Michael has served in pastoral ministry as a student pastor, associate pastor, and congregational leader. He has led missions projects to Mexico, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Austria. He has regularly served as a youth conference speaker for Chosen People Ministries at their annual camp in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, called "Simcha." Beyond this, he has served on the faculty at the Center for Biblical Studies, an extension of Dallas Theological Seminary, and has taught classes on Jewish studies at Moody Bible Institute.

Michael holds an Associate's degree in Accounting, a B.A. in World Missions (concentration in Jewish Studies) from Moody, and a Master of Theology in Old Testament (with a focus on the Hebrew Bible and Semitic Languages) from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). While at DTS, he received the highly

respected Nathaniel Maier award for academic excellence and servant leadership. He was also awarded the Merrill F. Unger Award in Old Testament Studies and graduated on the Dean's List with High Honors.

Michael and his wife Lauren celebrated 12 years of marriage on June 17, 2011. They have three children: Oran (5), Seth (2), and Hazel (1).

www.Mosaic-Calgary.com



Fader family

Eli B.A. '04 and Bethany (Sorenson B.A. '04) Fader, with their sons, Isaac (7), Evan (5), and Joshua (3), have been missionaries with Serving in Mission (SIM) since 2006. In June 2007 they landed in South Sudan to work in a small village called Yabus, where they worked among five different tribes for three years.

The Fader family spent June 2010 to March 2011 in the States on home assignment and returned to Sudan in April. Since May 23, they have been in Khartoum, dedicating a year to studying the Arabic language.

After they are finished with their Arabic studies and language improvement, they plan to return to South Sudan. At this time they are still prayerfully

considering either returning to Yabus or beginning a new ministry in an area located along the Nile River called Melut.

In either location, Eli will be involved in teaching and training Christian leaders in the church. Bethany will continue working with women in the areas of literacy and basic Bible studies, along with homeschooling their three children.

africanfaders.blogspot.com

Eric Stapleton B.S.B.S. '03 studied at Moody's campus in Spokane, Washington, where he presently lives with his wife Brenda and their daughters, Kimmy and Kayla. Since graduating, he has taught and directed at Christian Youth Theater, participated in a short-term mission trip to China, and worked in Japan teaching English at Mukogawa Women's University.

Today he serves as Worship Arts Pastor at Mosaic Fellowship. Brenda teaches English at Mukogawa Women's Fort Wright Institute in Spokane. Eric has a passion to reach the Japanese with the gospel. Currently he is in the process of networking with pastors and school leaders in various parts of Japan to launch Christian Youth Theater there. In the future he would like to move to Japan with his family to see that vision through.

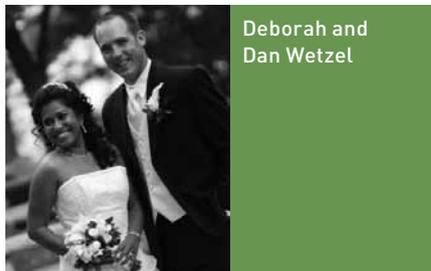
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Eric Stapleton

Phil Covert B.A. '02 has been in youth ministry for 10 years and is now Assistant Pastor at Carolina Church

in Locust, North Carolina. He works to see a generation passionate for the glory and renown of Jesus, compelling others to come to Christ. After his time at Moody, Phil went on to graduate from Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte. He and his wife Sarah have two boys, Knox and Haddon, with one who remains nameless on the way.



Deborah and Dan Wetzel

Deborah (Ali B.A. '02) Wetzel currently works as a Licensed Professional Counselor at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Deborah is also an adjunct faculty at Fox Valley Technical College. She loves serving Christ and others through the skills God has given her. Deborah plans on pursuing her Ph.D. in Psychology in the near future.

Deborah is married to Dan Wetzel, who is currently completing a degree in Biblical Studies through Moody Distance Learning. Dan is a motivational speaker and travels across the country speaking to thousands of athletes, students, and families at church and corporate events. Dan and Deborah are passionate about encouraging and equipping others to utilize their talents for Christ.

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Kristie Berglund B.A. '01, following her time at Moody, moved to Vancouver, Canada to begin her graduate work in biblical studies at Regent College. After graduating from Regent, Kristie accepted a position with InterVarsity Press, where she worked for five years—first as an editorial assistant, then as the academic sales and marketing manager. She began studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in September 2009 to pursue an M.Div. degree and begin the process of ordination in the PCUSA. She hopes to enter into full-time pastoral ministry when she is finished. Kristie currently lives in Pasadena, California, where she is the pastoral intern at Knox Presbyterian Church.



Lyndon and Erin Entz with sons, Brody (left) and Tyson (right).

BIRTHS

To **Lyndon Entz B.A. '02** and his wife Erin, a son, Brody Zane, on December 12, 2010.

He joins big brother Tyson Anthony. They live in Newton, Kansas. Lyndon teaches junior high at Berean Academy and will complete his master's degree in school counseling in December 2011.

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'90s

Bryan Hodge B.A. '97 graduated from Moody with a degree in biblical theology and went on to earn his M.A. in Old Testament and Semitic Languages from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. While studying at Trinity, he was also a Teaching Fellow in Hebrew Bible. He later served for many years as pastor at the Presbyterian Church in America of Rockville, Maryland.

Bryan's first book *The Christian Case Against Contraception: Making the Case from Historical, Biblical, Systematic, and Practical Theology and Ethics* was published in November 2009, and his second, *Revisiting the Days of Genesis: A Study of the Use of Time in Genesis 1–11 in Light of Its Ancient Near Eastern and Literary Context*, was published in November 2010. He is presently Professor of Biblical Studies at the Jesus Bible Institute's Pennsylvania campus, and is completing his Th.M. in New Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary. Bryan makes his home in Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, with his wife Allison and their six children.

Dr. Hubert James Keener B.A. '97 has dedicated his life to equipping individuals and the Church to live and think biblically. He has served as a youth minister, Associate Pastor of English Ministry, seminary instructor, university professor, and pulpit supply preacher. He has earned a B.A. in International Ministries (Moody Bible Institute), a Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies (Knox Theological Seminary), a Master of Divinity (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (OT emphasis; minors: Historical Theology and Greek; Baylor University).

Ingrid (Oberg '97) Olsen and her husband Dan live in inner-city Minneapolis and consider themselves to be tentmakers there. In January 2011, they traveled to Ethiopia and have remained involved in Friends of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, a ministry to children in Southern Ethiopia. Ingrid writes a blog and dedicates much of her time toward Ethiopian ministry, urban outreach, homemaking, and family life.

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Kenneth Way

Dr. Kenneth C. Way B.A. '97 recently published *Donkeys in the Biblical World* (Eisenbrauns, 2011). The book is a comprehensive look at the ceremonial and symbolic significance of donkeys in ancient Near Eastern literature, archaeology, and the Bible. Ken has written many essays and articles and has a second book, *Teach the Text*, forthcoming in 2012 (Baker).

Since graduating from Moody, he has earned the following degrees: M.A., Trinity International University; M.Phil., Hebrew Union College; and Ph.D., Hebrew Union College. Ken is currently Associate Professor of Bible Exposition at Talbot School of Theology. He resides in southern California with his wife **Lori (LeClerc B.A. '96)** and their three children.

Michelle (Lanting '91-'92) Wegner and her husband Rob have been in ministry since 1992 at Granger Community



Wegner family

Church (GCC) in Indiana. There Rob serves as Pastor of Life Mission and teaches about 30 weekends a year, spending time with people to help them understand where they fit in God's local and global mission. GCC has planted over 1,000 churches in Southern India using the method Rob and Michelle articulate in their book *Share the Well*.

They have traveled to India on many occasions, taking their three daughters with them on a couple of visits, and are passionate about raising believers in that area to plant churches and invest in the growth of their communities. With this method, the local churches are set to be the tipping point to lead entire villages out of extreme generational poverty.

Read more about their book and the ministry they are involved in by visiting the Web sites they contribute to regularly. Michelle has also contributed to *Michiana Mi Child* and *Family* magazines.

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Kevin B.A. '98 and Gillian B.A. '99 Bruursema moved to Chicago in 1995 to study at Moody. They worked in an urban ministry with Inner City Impact and as internship directors

before stepping into pastoral roles in May of 2003.

Kevin and Gillian have been part of New Life Community Church in Chicago since 1999 and became pastors in 2003. Kevin teaches at the New Life locations in Lakeview and Lincoln Park and worships and serves Jesus alongside a great team of people in both communities. He and Gillian and their four children live in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago.



Gillian and Kevin Bruursema

Lorilee (Reimer B.A. '91) Craker recently published the book *Money Secrets of the Amish*. She wrote this guide to thrifting, saving money, and building up a savings account Amish-style after spending a year researching and interviewing Amish families. Lorilee has authored 11 books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Through the Storm* with Lynne Spears, and *A is for Atticus: Baby names from Great Books*, which was featured in *People* magazine.

Her next book, due September 2012, is in collaboration with Marv Besteman, who tells his story of seeing heaven. "It's like being back at Moody," Lorilee said, referring to writing this book. "I've been researching angels, the Book of Life, the Apostle Peter—all the amazing things Marv witnessed while in Heaven." Her Web site is www.LorileeCraker.com.

Lorilee lives with her husband **Doyle Craker B.A. '91** and their three children, Jonah (13), Ezra (10), and Phoebe (6) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has



Lorilee Craker

also spent the last 15 years as an entertainment and features editor for the Grand Rapids Press. Doyle leads a children's worship team at their church, Madison Square Christian Reformed Church, where he and Lorilee also co-lead a small group. He works as a systems analyst for CSC Corporation.

W www.LorileeCraker.com

'80s

Tracey (Sharam A.S.P. '85) Piggott and Geoff Piggott have completed 16-and-a-half years in pastoral ministry at Laurieton, New South Wales, Australia, and are considering overseas missions. Their son, James (22), is doing two years of apprenticeship in his church in Sydney while their other son, Luke (20), and his wife are in their first year of college studying Chinese and Linguistics. Their daughter, Laura (18), lives with Luke and his wife in Newcastle while she studies primary school teaching.

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Ken and Deb Hall

Ken '80 and Deb (Schneider '80) Hall serve with Africa Inland Mission and are presently in Eldoret, Kenya, working with students at the AIC Missionary College and Scott Theological College extension. Ken teaches Old and New Testament Bible courses and also conducts missionary and leadership training for those in the area. Deb has begun a ministry of prayer and encouragement for national missionary wives. She is also teaching English to those missionary college wives who want to speak and understand it better.

The Halls maintain a blog, which has more information about their life stories and ministry journeys. Also included are photos from Africa and a video about their ministry, along with links to other projects they have done.

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'70s

Jim Huffman '76 resides in Burlington, North Carolina, and is a self-employed nurse and consultant. He is author of *Dare to be Free: How to Get Control of Your Time, Your Life, and Your Nursing Career*, which is available through his blogs or at www.bn.com and www.amazon.com.

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Janet Loyd B.A. '76, for the past 30 years, has been involved in developing and leading women's Bible studies and ministries. She currently teaches adult ESOL and language and writing for students preparing for their GED.



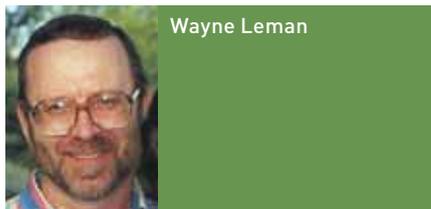
Janet Loyd

Jan also writes on a devotional blog/ Web site called *A Branch in the Vine*.

She has been married to **John Loyd B.A. '76** for almost 40 years. Together they have two adult married children and four grandsons.

www.ABranchInTheVine.com

Ellen (Banks '74) Elwell is a graduate of Moody and the American Conservatory of Music. She has authored several books for women, including *The Christian Mom's Idea Book*, *One Year Devotions for Moms*, and *When There's Not Enough of Me to Go Around*. Ellen and her husband, Jim, live in Wheaton, Illinois, and have three grown sons and one daughter-in-law.



Wayne Leman

Wayne Leman '70 was born and raised in Alaska and descends from Russian and Alutiiq ancestors. He is a linguist, lexicographer, Bible translation consultant, writer, and proud grandpa of 10. Wayne has B.A. and M.A. degrees in linguistics from the University of Kansas, and has done Ph.D. coursework in linguistics at the University of Oregon.

From 1975 to 2005 he and his wife Elena helped the Cheyenne Indians of Montana and Oklahoma translate the Bible into their language. Wayne now checks Bible translations being conducted for other languages. In his spare time he also checks English Bible versions and is glad when translation teams are open to receiving revision suggestions. He is a regular contributor to the *Better Bibles* blog and enjoys ham radio as a hobby (his call sign from Spokane, Washington, is KL7FDQ).

www.BetterBibles.com

'60s

Norm '64 and Rebecca (Horski '64) Wretlind co-authored the book *When God is the Life of the Party* (Navpress, 2003). Over 30 years ago, Norm and Becky began hosting a Christmas party for their neighborhood, using it as a way to introduce their neighbors to Christ. Eventually their parties led to Bible studies, which led to both individuals and entire families trusting Christ as their Savior. A church, now at over 1,000 members, began through these efforts and meets weekly in Richardson, Texas.

The Wretlinds founded NeighborHope Ministries International in 1998, basing it on the same principle of lifestyle evangelism and using neighborhood parties to build relationships and testify to the gospel, both locally and abroad. In 2000, a pastor in India saw purpose in this vision and began using the NeighborHope training and methods to reach thousands in India.

Over 22,600 Christmas parties have occurred with over 1.6 million people



Rebecca and Norm Wretlind

hearing the gospel. Thousands of house churches have been formed and existing churches have been strengthened. In the last year, the ministry's staff has been approached with more opportunities internationally to present the basic idea of a neighborhood Christmas party as a starting point for relating the gospel.

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Bob and Dottie Wright

'50s

Robert '59 and Dorothy (Scott '55) Wright are retiring after 50 years of ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Bob and Dottie served 30 years in Brazil, where Bob was an electronic and computer technician, and Dottie worked in accounting and many other support jobs. Since then, Bob has been

working in computer support and training at the JAARS center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. They praise the Lord for the privilege they have had to serve Him, and for His protection and provision through these many years.

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Gatherings

Ukarumpa

Ukarumpa is the largest center in the world with over 500 professional missionary staff, plus families, representing 14 countries. Operated by Wycliffe Bible Translators/SIL, its focus is to bring God's Word to the nearly 800 language groups of this beautiful island. The task is nearly half complete, but workers are still desperately needed. Recently, several Moody alums got together in Ukarumpa where they sponsored a tea and talked about great Moody memories. Not all Moody alums were able to make it to the reunion, but the school was well represented. Jim and Peggy Powell are retired from 45 years of Christian literature ministry and are spending a portion of their time in assignments like this one.

May 2011, Greece

The Moody Men's Collegiate Choir traveled to Greece and Cyprus this past summer during their two-week tour. After providing the music for the graduation ceremony of the Greek Bible College (a "sister" institution to MBI) in Athens on May 28th, they were able to gather a group of Moody alumni together for a picture.



Ukarumpa (l to r): Darrell Hays '88, Jeff Brewer '02, Andy Grosh '86, Robert King '97, Jon '85 and Jill '82 Mork, Tim Fox '98 (top of photo), Daniel Jezowski '03, Vicki (Thompson) Covington '84, Becky and Lyle '85 Reffey, Peter Kruzan '94, Peggy (Baker '65) and Jim '65 Powell.



Greece: Seated in front of Moody Men's Collegiate Choir is H. E. Singley '71, Jeff Baldwin '86, Alan Brown '90, Whitney (Buckwalter) Brown '89-'90, Miriam (Raney) Macris '84, Jonathan Macris '85, and Mark Doebler '87 and '90. Pictured standing with MMCC is Justin Macris (present student).

Nominees for the 2012 Alumni Board of Directors

The 15-member Alumni Board of Directors acts as a resource and advisory council to the alumni staff. Each year, approximately one-third of the Alumni Board membership is changed. We have three graduates up for consideration in 2012.



Janet (Thrall '78) Funderburk resides in Austin, TX, with her husband Richard of 24 years. After graduating from Moody, Janet attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR, completing bachelor's degrees in vocal performance, Christian education, and music education.

Janet has worked as a legal secretary and music teacher. She sang with the Austin Lyric Opera Chorus for five years and occasionally performs for various events, retreats, and conferences. She is also an avid pianist.

Janet has served on the boards of the Christian Women's Club and Camp Peniel, a Christian camp in Marble Falls, TX.



Ed Reese '50 is a native of Grand Rapids, MI, and has spent a lifetime in Christian service, serving with Youth for Christ, World Literature Crusade, Christian Aid Mission, Second Coming, and Jack Van

Impe Ministries, as well as pastoring two churches.

He taught at Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Pointe, IN, for 13 years and at Crown College in Powell, TN, for the last 14 years.

Ed also developed and published the *Reese Chronological Bible* and the *Reese Encyclopedia of Christian Biographies*.

He and his wife Margaret have been married over 53 years and have five children.



Myrna (Kinlaw '68) White has enjoyed a long career in music, singing for such organizations as Word of Life, the Discovery Singers on

the nationally televised program *Day of Discovery*, and on the Moody Church broadcast *Songs in the Night*. Myrna has performed in conferences and concerts throughout the United States and on local television and radio programs.

Myrna and her husband Phil have been married 46 years and have three grown daughters and five grandchildren.

David Malone BA '89 is completing his first term on the Alumni Board and will not be continuing for a second term. We want to thank David for his faithful service to the Alumni Board over the past three years.

James “Jim” Warren (former host and producer of Moody Radio’s *Prime Time America*), May 23, 2011, age 73, Whitehall, Michigan.

Jim was raised in Gary, Indiana, where he graduated from high school in 1955. He was married in August 1959, graduated from Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music in 1960, and went on to study further at Grand Rapids Junior College. While living in the Grand Rapids area, Jim arranged music and led six choirs in four different churches at the same time. Jim and his wife Jean moved to the Chicago area in 1964 and remained there for 40 years.

After moving to the Chicago area, Jim was the choir director and youth director at River Grove Bible Church, and then served for 13 years as the Minister of Music at Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park. During those years he also held a variety of jobs in factories, workshops, railroads, and businesses. He began his work with Moody Radio in 1971 in the music library and was soon promoted to on-air programming.

When Moody Radio began broadcasting by satellite, Jim created the nationwide drive-time program *Prime Time America*. He was the host and executive producer for 18 years, until he retired due to health reasons. In 2004 he and Jean moved back to western Michigan.

’90s

Roger John Buciak CEU ’96-’01, June 10, 2011, age 59, Chicago, Illinois.

Roger was a member of Calvary Memorial Church and a devoted volunteer at the YMCA.

’80s

Bryan Nowatzke B.A. ’89, May 8, 2011, age 53, Michigan City, Indiana.

Bryan first believed in the gospel of Christ at age 22. While attending Purdue University, he became very active in Campus Crusade for Christ. During his years as a Moody student, Bryan worked as a photographer for the yearbook, graduating with a degree in Visual Communication in 1989.

While at Moody, he developed an incurable immune disease, which later progressed to become debilitating. He was forced to quit work in 1994 and was eventually no longer able to attend church. For the next 15 years, he deeply benefited from the companionship of a dog named Tipper, a black and white beagle mix, who became a source of emotional healing and strength for Bryan. For nine years they walked a mile a day together, at a time when Bryan needed daily exercise but often had difficulty standing up. For Bryan, the 15 years of this unassuming animal’s life were a vivid demonstration of the Lord using the ordinary to bring out the miraculous.

Jamie Robert Sernatinger B.A. ’89, April 23, 2011, age 54, Puruándiro, Michoacán, Mexico.

Jamie was born in 1956 at Fort Eustis Army Base in Virginia. He grew up in Suffield, Connecticut, and graduated from Suffield High School in 1975. After graduating from the University of Maine in Orono, he served in Guatemala in the Peace Corps and CARE for six years. After graduating from Moody, he obtained his Master in Biblical Studies degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He went

on to serve with Christian Missions in Many Lands in Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frederick Charles. Jamie is survived by his wife Monica and son, Fredrick Arthur, of Puruándiro, Mexico, as well as his mother, Ann Sernatinger of Annapolis, Maryland, brother, Charles of Wilmette, Illinois, sisters, Jean Harry of Essex, Vermont, Judith Sernatinger of Jamestown, Rhode Island, and Jessica Nelson of Maynard, Maryland.

’70s

Paul Kruse ’78, June 17, 2011, age 58, Portland, Oregon.

Paul, the son-in-law of retired Moody professor Bob Clark and his wife Marian, recently passed away due to complications from esophageal cancer. Paul was employed by Mayflower in Portland for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife **Kathleen ’73**, two children and their spouses, and five grandchildren. The family lives in the Portland area.

’60s

James C. Griffiths ’65, May 16, 2011, age 67, Tucson, Arizona.

James married **Jean (Parker ’63)** in 1965. James’s early years were spent as a part-time music director in six different churches while earning his living as a life insurance agent. He lived the last 46 years of his life in Tucson. In his 40s he earned a Master’s degree in counseling and worked as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor in the Arizona Correctional Facility in Marana, Arizona.



James knew that the only solution for addiction was the Lord Jesus Christ, so he devised a program which allowed him to share the gospel with those he treated without running into problems with the government. By doing this he was able to lead many men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. His son preceded him in death in 1988. He is survived by his daughter, **Jennifer (Griffiths B.A. ’95) McCreight**.

Albert “Al” Edward Hawker ’63, June 2, 2008, age 68, Lake Almanor, California.

Al was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1939 and graduated from Nanaimo High School in British Columbia, Canada. While studying at Moody he met his wife **Phyllis (Holsteen ’63)**. He went on to study at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota. His profession in music, primarily church-related as a minister of music, took him and his family to various churches, where he shared his love of many types of vocal/choral and instrumental music. Even up to the last days of his life, facing multiple myeloma cancer, he meaningfully shared his love of music and love for family and friends and his Lord. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, three sons, and six grandchildren.

Rev. Willie B. Jemison ’63, June 5, 2011, age 81, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. Jemison was born in Montgomery, Alabama, the youngest of 10 children

and the grandson of a slave. His family moved to Chicago in the 1930s, in search of a better life. He graduated from high school, where he met his wife Bessie, and went on to graduate from Moody. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in the mid-1960s and started his church career as a Sunday school teacher at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Morgan Park, a Chicago neighborhood.

Rev. Jemison dedicated his life to religion and education. He was one of the first African-American ministers in the Evangelical Covenant Church and at Oakdale Covenant Church on the south side, where he was pastor for 30 years. There he built a school that grew from 25 members to more than 1,200. He also helped his students continue their education after high school at colleges and technical schools. After retiring, Rev. Jemison spent his time caring for family members and chauffeuring neighbors on errands. He also took care to make sure his children knew their family history.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, four daughters, 22 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



Delores Ann Kohn

Delores Ann (Reeser '61 E.S.) Kohn, May 8, 2011, age 74, Racine, Wisconsin.

Delores was born in 1936, in Orangeville, Illinois. She married

Homer Kohn '61 in November 1957 before they attended Moody. Delores was a devoted homemaker during Homer's career as a military chaplain.

Delores attended Calvary Memorial Church in Racine, her home since 1993, and became involved with Cadence International. She was also a member of her church's Ladies' Bible Study, Ladies' Christmas Tea, and Vacation Bible School. She had a love of gardening, especially flowers, and enjoyed traveling, both across the U.S. and abroad, with her husband.

She is survived by her husband Homer, three children, and seven grandchildren.

'50s



Virginia Barrows

Virginia (Harmon) Barrows '58, June 17, 2011, 74, Hudson, Michigan.

Virginia married **Alden Barrows '56** in 1958 in Battle Creek, Michigan. They served the Lord together for over 50 years in the U.S. and in Brazil, most recently with FIM in São José do Rio Preto, São Paulo, Brazil. Virginia was known for her hospitality, generosity, and peacemaking spirit in their church-planting ministry.

Alden was by her side throughout her six-month battle with cancer.

Along with her husband, Virginia is survived by their two daughters, **Helen (Barrows '82) Filsinger**, who

also serves with FIM in Brazil with her husband Gilberto, and **Dorothy (Barrows '83)** and her husband **David Durling '83** of Hudson, Michigan, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Hazel Whitaker Atwell '55, July 10, 2011, age 84, Bristol, Tennessee.

Hazel was born in Blountville, Tennessee. After graduating from Moody, she worked at Kingsport Press and retired in 1988. She was a member of Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Tennessee, where she taught Sunday school and evening classes for youth. Hazel also studied and taught at Graham Bible College and loved to travel and serve on mission trips.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Homer Atwell, four brothers, and four sisters. She is survived by 15 nieces and nephews and numerous great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Gerald Gooden, '53, February 24, 2011, age 85, Prescott Valley, Arizona.

Jerry served in the Navy during World War II. After graduating from Moody, he graduated from Marshall University in West Virginia and received a Master's degree from UCLA. He served as a Baptist pastor and, for many years, was director of the library at Biola University in La Mirada, California, the position from which he retired.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Inez, who attended the Married Women's Guild at Moody. Jerry is survived by his second wife Delores, six children, three step-children, 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Miriam (Bixel '52) Waterman, May 1, 2011, age 78, Tuscon, Arizona.

Miriam's passions in life were gardening, travel, and church ministry. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Fickenworth, in 1996.

Miriam is survived by her second husband, Burl Waterman, daughters, Denise Johnson and Ruth Briggs, sons, Thomas and Jon Fickenworth, three step-grandchildren, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Leon Henry Ditzell '51, July 11, 2010, age 87, Sebring, Florida.

Leon was born in Trumanburg, New York. Throughout his ministry, he pastored five churches: Memphis Baptist Church, New York, People's Baptist Church, New York, Faith Baptist Church, Massachusetts, Waneta Lake Baptist Church, New York, and a church in an RV Park in Arcadia, Florida. He had retired from his full-time pastorates and several interim ministries by 1985. He then worked as a representative with Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) for nine years and also served as a deacon at Maranatha Baptist Church in Sebring, Florida, where he lived since 2005.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, daughters, Karen, Linda, and Lora, son, Stephen, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Eric "Ric" Ryser '51, June 8, 2011, age 84, of Linton, Indiana.

Ric was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan, in 1927. After graduating from Moody, he went on to John Brown University for seminary training and served as a Baptist minister throughout Indiana for 46 years. He also managed a Christian radio station for many years.



Eric Ryser

He was preceded in death by a son, a daughter, and a great-grandson. Ric is survived by his wife Marilu, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Robert Springer '51, September 18, 2011, age 88, Eureka, Illinois.

After graduating from the Moody Pastors' Course, Bob pastored Cumberland Presbyterian Churches for 13 years, first in Petersburg, Illinois, then in Bethany, Illinois. He directed the Peoria Christian Center in Peoria, Illinois, for 21 years and did pulpit supply for many area churches. During his years at the Peoria Christian Center, Bob developed the baseball and basketball programs, expanded the bowling alley, and in more recent years was the main thrust behind the Super Seniors program.

Bob is survived by his wife Eileen, a son and a daughter, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

'40s

Jerome W. Roberts '48, April 1, 2011, age 91, Brevard, North Carolina.

Jerry was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin. In April 1941 he entered the U.S. Army and served during World War II in the Pacific as a radio operator and repairman in the 632nd Tank Destroyer Battalion. After his discharge, in July of

1945, he took up residence in Chicago and attended Moody. It was during his final year that he met Alice Marie Russell, who was working at the Chicago Bible Society. They were married after his graduation in 1948.

Jerry served as a Baptist pastor and interim preacher for many years in Wisconsin. After years of civil service in Madison, Wisconsin, he and Alice retired to North Carolina. There they led Bible studies and taught Sunday school, and Jerry delighted in many opportunities to preach the gospel. He renewed his interest in radio by taking up shortwave listening and was particularly interested in worldwide gospel broadcasts.

Preceded in death by his wife and oldest daughter, Jerry is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Leonard J. Messenger '48, February 14, 2011, age 89, Dearborn, Michigan.

Leonard was born April 25, 1921, and grew up on a farm near Hillsdale, Oklahoma. While at Moody, he met **Frances (Brandel) '48**, whom he married upon graduation. Their first home was in Stitzer, Wisconsin, where Len pastored a Methodist church and studied at Dubuque University in Iowa. They applied to the West Indies Mission/World Team and were accepted as missionaries to the Caribbean.

Their first assignment was at a church in Laborie, St. Lucia, in 1951. Later they moved to another village named Dennerie. In 1957, they moved to St. Vincent, where they both taught at the Windward Island Bible Institute. Len also built a church in Questelles, which grew from three young men to 80 believers.

In addition to the church, the Messenger family grew. Sharon traveled to St. Lucia with them, David and Barbara were born in Barbados, Stephen was born while on home assignment in Michigan, and Karen was born in St. Vincent.

In 1969, Len and Fran returned to Michigan and worked at Grand Bible and Bookstore. They were both active in their home church, Highland Park Baptist. Len served on the deacon board, Boys Brigade, Tuesday morning prayer meeting, as President of the Christian Partners class, and on the Mission Board. Both Len and Fran served as advisers for Compassion Evangelical Hospital located in Guinea, West Africa.

Each summer from 1986 to 2010, Len and Fran traveled to Pennsylvania to assist at Camp Crossroads, a special needs camp. Following Fran's death on June 21, 2010, Len requested to help once again at the camp.

Len was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Blanche, his wife Frances, an infant daughter, two brothers, Earl and Howard, and a sister, Beulah. He is survived by five children, 16 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Anna Marguerite Zimmerman '48, September 9, 2011, age 87, Edwardsville, Illinois.

Anna was born in 1924 in Campti, Louisiana. She graduated from Moody in 1948, and in April 1949 she married **Rev. Daniel William Zimmerman '49**. Together they served as missionaries in Gao, Mali, West Africa for 31 years. Later she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grafton, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by three brothers. Along with her husband,

Anna is survived by their four children, 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one sister.

Virginia Lee Jackson '45, April 10, 2011, age 88, Columbia, Missouri.

Virginia grew up on a farm in southwest Iowa. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa and worked on her graduate studies at the University of Chicago. During this time she worked as a scriptwriter for two Chicago radio stations. Later she became an educator and a writer of poems and stories.

She worked for the U.S. Department of Defense in Japan, England, and Spain, teaching dependents of military personnel. She taught classes for adults while in Japan, including English. Virginia also worked as a camp counselor at a girls' camp in Garmisch, Germany. When she returned to the U.S., she worked for 17 years on Navajo reservations in Arizona and New Mexico with the Department of Interior Adult Education Program.

After retiring, Virginia moved to Sarasota, Florida, and taught classes in writing life history. She helped many people publish their memoirs—some have dedicated books to her and included her in acknowledgements. She spent 20 years volunteering in this way and also served as an editor of *Doorways* magazine. Her family members published a book of her poetry in 2003 called *Kaleidoscope of Verse*. In 2005 she moved to Columbia to be near family.

She is survived by her sister and siblings' families, three nephews, and three nieces.

Harry Reagle Elyea '44, August 31, 2011, age 94, Wauchula, Florida.

Harry was born at home in 1917 near Marshall, Michigan. He grew up on the family farm, graduating from Marshall

Harry Elyea



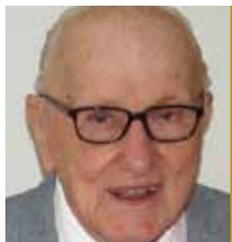
High School in 1935. He and his wife Doretha moved to Chicago in 1940 to study at Moody.

After he graduated from Moody, he and Doretha went to Nigeria in 1945 with Sudan Interior Mission, where they served through 1968. Harry's zeal for evangelism found outlets in extensive dispensary work and village ministries. His skill in mechanics enabled him to repair vehicles and equipment for other missionaries. Back home in the States, he stayed active in jail ministry, tract distribution, and installation of gospel signs. He continued in active ministry right up to the end of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Doretha Elyea, nine children, including **Dan Elyea '65**, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a brother.

Rev. Alvin P. Jingst '42, March 3, 2011, age 90, Norwalk, Iowa.

Rev. Jingst was born in Warsaw, Illinois. After studying at Moody, he attended Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. After marrying in 1945, he preached in Michigan, Kansas, and Illinois before



Alvin Jingst

moving to Iowa in 1966. There he continued to preach and worked for the University of Iowa General Stores for over 16 years. After retirement from the university, he continued preaching at local care centers and hospitals. Alvin was a long-time member of Faith Baptist Church in Iowa City. He and his wife have resided in Regency Care Center in Norwalk, Iowa, for the last several years.

Alvin was preceded in death by a son. He is survived by his wife Ruth, a son, and grandchildren.

Lois (Robbins '45) Fay, July 4, 2011, age 90, Elgin, Illinois.

Lois was born in 1921 in Elgin, Illinois. She was a member of Elgin Bible Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald and their son, James. She is survived by three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Anne Elizabeth Bouvier '45, April 15, 2011, age 96, Oak Park, Illinois.

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Rev. Chester Carlson '39, June 16, 2011, age 92, Kentwood, MI.

Rev. Carlson graduated from Northern Seminary and pastored American Baptist churches in the Illinois communities of Lexington, Melrose Park, Springfield, DeKalb, and Park Forest. He also served in Hastings, Nebraska, for a season. His love of music was evident in his playing of numerous instruments and directing of choirs in the communities where he lived—most recently, in Sunset Village in Jenison, Michigan, where he and his wife lived for 17 years. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy, two brothers, and a sister.

Herbert Cook



Rev. Herbert B. Cook '36, May 8, 2001, age 99, Rowlett, Texas.

Rev. Cook was born August 4, 1911, in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. He was a retired missionary who served with Africa Inland Mission in the Congo and Kenya. Rev. Cook was named the Moody Bible Institute Alumnus of the Year in 1969. He was a member of Capital City Christian Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and later attended First Baptist Church of Garland, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Muriel (Stevenson). Rev. Cook is survived by two sons, **Rev. Herbert B. Cook, '60** and Ronald Cook, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren,

a niece, a great-niece, a great-nephew, and numerous other relatives.

RETRACTION

In the Fall 2011 issue, *Present with the Lord* section, we included information concerning alumna **Joyce Moody '53** in error. Joyce is very much alive and living at the VIP Manor Nursing Home in Wood River, IL. In a note sent to the Alumni Office, Joyce reports that the Lord is still giving her opportunity to witness for Him among the residents, nursing staff, aides, and visitors. We sincerely apologize to Joyce, her family, and friends for the misinformation that was printed and rejoice with her in the life God continues to give her.



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