Commencement Ceremonies
If you have recently celebrated the graduation of your siblings, children, or grandchildren, perhaps your thoughts have turned to fond memories of your Moody commencement experience.

This May, more than 500 new graduates became part of the Moody Alumni family.

On May 15, 450 students graduated from Moody Bible Institute and Moody Theological Seminary in Chicago. Moody Bible Institute–Spokane honored 25 graduates at its commencement ceremony on May 29. At Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan, 28 students received their diplomas in a commencement ceremony held May 22. Dr. Gary Chapman, bestselling author, pastor and conference speaker, was granted an honorary doctorate degree at the Chicago commencement ceremony. Chapman’s *The Five Love Languages* has sold more than five million copies worldwide.

Moody Conferences
Founder’s Week 2011
We’d like to invite you to the Chicago campus January 31–February 4, 2011, for Founder’s Week. The classes of 1961, 1971, 1986, and 2001 will be gathering for their anniversary reunions. Plan ahead and get more information at www.moodyalumni.org. To see class photos from last year, visit: www.flickr.com/photos/moodyalumni.

Let’s Stay Together
If you are in the Chicago area, we encourage you to attend *Let’s Stay Together: A Marriage and Family Conference*, October 23 in Torrey-Gray Auditorium. This conference will provide insight and practical tools to help you and your spouse each strengthen your relationship with Christ and together overcome seasons of marital unrest and other family struggles.

Concerts
The Moody Chorale left soon after commencement ceremonies on May 15 for its summer tour. Chorale students performed at churches in the United Kingdom through June 7.

The Moody Chorale, Men’s Collegiate Choir, Symphonic Band, and Women’s Concert Choir & Bell Ensemble are looking forward to presenting the annual Handel’s Messiah November 21 and Candlelight Carols December 3–4. The music ensembles will also perform at Founder’s Week 2011.

View complete tour schedules and upcoming concert dates at www.moody.edu/concerts. You can also learn more about music events, news, and connections at www.facebook.com/moodymusicdepartment.

Strategic Planning for the Future
This year, five teams—undergraduate, seminary, broadcasting, publishing, and enterprise—have been charged with examining the best ways to move Moody’s ministries forward to serve a changing world. Commissioned by President Paul Nyquist, the teams are developing strategies based on our biblical mission and our global vision.

The future of Moody will be shaped in part by an understanding of the driving influences of today’s culture—globalization, urbanization, secularization and pluralization—and how these forces intersect with higher biblical education and the optimal use of media for ministry.

Please pray with us as we seek to be faithful stewards of the task God has given us.

Stay Connected to Moody

Moody Alumni Online
Connect with the Moody family on our Facebook fan page, “Your Moody Alumni Association.” See recent Moody updates and information about upcoming gatherings. You can also view photo albums, videos, discussion boards, and links to class group pages.

On the Alumni Portal at www.moodyalumni.org, you can search for alumni in your area, reconnect with old friends, write blog entries, and post photos. After you register and log in, you can update your contact information and search the database by name or class year. Use the “Advanced Search” to narrow your search by location and academic major. If you organize local gatherings, please let us know! E-mail mbialum@moody.edu or call 312-329-4412.

Prayer Support
We pray for you continually and appreciate all the letters, e-mails, and updates that you send to the Alumni Office. Continue to share your experiences with us by mail or e-mail.

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Janelle Van der Hoek MAMin ’08 received degrees in social work and Spanish from Dordt College in Iowa. She has recently been appointed as a missionary to Spain with SEND International.

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Chad MAMIN ’08 and Beth (Gilbert BA ’93) Hovind have pastored three church plants—all members of the Willow Creek Association. During their six years at Cumberland Community Church and two years at New Community Church, these Georgia churches have grown to see substantial ministry development and discipleship. Chad is currently the senior pastor at Horizon Community Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. The church is in the construction process for a new facility that will be open in January 2011.

Chad also teaches the Christian community about economics, offering a biblical perspective on financial responsibility through his series Godonomics. Beth sings with the worship team and has set up an online portal for the church creative team.

The Hovinds have recently adopted a son Quinn (10 months), who joins the family along with their daughter Sierra (12) and son Javan (10).

www.horizoncc.com
www.Godonomics.com

Greg Seghers ASP ’90 has been a missionary for the past 16 years in South Africa. He works with the people of Zion who call themselves “amaZioni.” There are about 15-18 million of them who are a part of the African Independent Church movement. Because there is a missions connection to the church that started the movement, Greg has an open door to bring Bible teaching and training to develop Zion church leaders.

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Jurene Breidenbach ASP ’85 has been working with SEND International for the last 25 years. She spent 17 years with various church planting teams in provinces outside of Manila and eventually began working in the TESOL ministry. She received her Master of Arts in TESOL from Trinity Western University in British Columbia. She is presently teaching intensive TESOL certificate courses, preparing missionaries to teach English to speakers of other languages.

Jurene continues to build upon friendships and lessons that began during her years at Moody. She still considers patience to be the most important of these lessons. As she reflects on the trials in her life that have caused her to persevere, she looks forward to the way that God will cause her to have even more confidence in His power.

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Undergraduate School ’00s

Rachel Hoerner BA ’10 finished her student teaching at William Carey Academy (WCA) in Bangladesh. While there she worked with four other Moody Alumni: Nathan Thomas BA ’06, Tom Sartor BA ’87, Laura Kuykendall BA ’73, and Marilou Long ’69.

Marilou is now the principal at WCA. Nathan teaches math and music. Laura is an accountant as well as a math teacher at WCA. Tom works as a mechanic and teaches the trade to Bengali men. Rachel also sang with Marilou and Laura and in the women’s choir. The group was together often, participating in many community activities and fellowships.

Rachel is back in the United States now. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Moody on May 15.

www.abwe.org
Jeremy Lamour BA ’09 is currently raising support with Inner City Impact (ICI).

He grew up in a diverse neighborhood, attending an inner city church. This background informs his passion to see youth come to understand the character of God and begin an interactive relationship with Him. He is applying his degree in youth ministry through mentoring children and young adults while also working with other members of ICI to plan weekly youth clubs, summer activities, and winter camps.

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Jeremy Lamour (center)

From top: Aaron, Tonya, Ky’el, and Kasiah Wentz

Aaron BA ’98 and Tonya (Graybill ’94-’97) Wentz serve with Open Air Campaigners (OAC) in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. Aaron serves as the Branch Director of the Boston OAC, whose goal is to reach people with the gospel and bring them into relationships with local evangelical churches. He and Tonya spend the week teaching at the community center, serving in a Hispanic neighborhood, leading Bible clubs at the middle school, and visiting with people in the neighborhood. Aaron and Tonya have two children: Kasiah (5) and Ky’el (8).

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MARRIAGES

Karyn (Keck BA ’92) and Greg Fillhart, December 28, 2008, Garden Grove, California.

Greg and Karyn met through mutual friends Brian BA ’94 and Elizabeth (Kelly BA ’94) Richards. Greg is a high school business teacher and Karyn is a technology trainer at her school district. They live in their newly purchased home in Corona, California.

Alumni in attendance: Karyn’s parents, Robert BA ’72 and Deanna (Schoepf BA ’69) Keck; organist Sean Groombridge BMus ’96; singer Aimeé (White BA ’91) Lilly; and Becky (Kealy BA ’89) McVicker.

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Abby (Wiersema BA ’96) and Andrew Soprych, December 4, 2009, Dolton, Illinois.

Alumni in the wedding party: Reverend Patrick Michael Ryan ’83, Reverend Daniel Gute ’75, Charity (Aldrich ’90-’91) Fedde, and Michelle Strombeck BA ’94.

Over the last 13 years, Abby has been working with radio stations across the Chicagoland area. She was a traffic reporter (Abby Ryan) on WBEZ Chicago for eight years and also hosted Moody Radio’s Just for Kids program. Abby is currently working with Shadow Traffic (broadcasting) and various Moody Radio programs while also pursuing opportunities in theatre, specifically with voice-over.

Andrew is an IT administrator at McGraw Hill in Burr Ridge, Illinois. He also dedicates his time to serving at a local homeless shelter. Andrew and Abby engage in various ministries together at Moraine Valley Church in Palos Heights, Illinois.

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Far left: Karyn (Keck) and Greg Fillhart
Abby (Wiersema) and Andrew Soprych
’70s

Dan Haynes ’77 and his wife Marsha ’78 have been serving with Evangelical Baptist Missions in the hot Saharan wilderness of Mali, West Africa, since 1985. In November, Dan traveled with his son Mark to the cold wilderness of Siberia and stayed with missionary Stewart Cottle ’77 and his family, who showed them their places of ministry at a university and Baptist church in Irkutsk. Dan also participated in a weekend conference in Novokuznetsk to challenge youth for mission work, concluding in prayer and discussion with the church leaders. His son Mark (pictured in photo) spoke at the conference. Dan had speaking engagements in church services in Moscow and Kazan as well.

Robert Kilko BA ’73 and his wife Jane are missionaries to the Brazilian city Niterói through Baptist Mid-Missions. They are presently working with their community to recover from the torrential rains of April, which led to flooding and landslides across the state of Rio de Janeiro. The storms claimed hundreds of lives and left thousands displaced. Robert and Jane are safe, with their home finally dried out. They continue to help those around them who have lost their homes while still keeping busy with Bible studies, children’s programs, and other church services. They do have other missionaries working with them and encouraging them. Pray that their time together would continue to be profitable and that they would know how to lead and counsel the many new believers in their community.

Please consider donating to the emergency relief fund online at www.bmm.org or by sending a check payable to Baptist Mid-Missions, designated to “Kilko National Assistance.”

Steve Aldrich ’70 and his wife Bonnie make frequent trips to Ukraine with their Lifeworkx partners in association with One Challenge International, including the Ternopil Missionary Institute (TMI), Radooga Youth Ministries, and the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Steve and Bonnie have been in full-time Christian ministry since Steve graduated from Moody.

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Marvin and Denise (Roche ’75) Robinson are serving with Missions Door in Rochester, New York. Missions Door is an organization that assists local churches and Christ-followers in their efforts to evangelize, disciple, and plant churches among the unreached of our world.

Steve Aldrich (center, in plaid shirt) with his son Mark (on his left) are with pastors and leaders of the Baptist church of Novokuznetsk, Siberia.

Left to right: Naomi, Jeremy, Elijah, Waldo, and Lynette Goossen

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Ralph ’60 and Doris (Roden ’60) Parker were married on June 12, 1960, in Dorset, Ohio. After leaving Moody, Ralph went to Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education. He and Doris moved to Asheville, North Carolina, in August 1964 to work at Ben Lippen School. For 16 years, Ralph taught music, led the Concert Touring Choir, and served as music director. Doris was the music secretary.

After this, Ralph worked with Sysco Food Services for 16½ years while also working part time playing the organ for several churches. Doris worked at the Department of Social Services and spent time doing secretarial work at various offices. Today they attend a small Baptist church in North Carolina, where Ralph is the music and choir director and also the pianist.

Their son Jonathan and his family served two years in Nigeria with SIM and now live near Nashville. Another son Paul and his family live near Chattanooga and are part of a local church. They are glad to have their daughter Sharon living with them now after she has been working for 22 years. Ralph and Doris also enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren: Lauren, Mattie, Naomi, Bethany, Michael, and Garrett.

Robert E. Petersen ’65 has accepted the position of Chaplain of the Marine Corps League for all of the desert cities surrounding Palm Springs, California. Bob has been working with veterans for the last 35 years.

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Tom BA ’67 and Clarice Chandler ’66-’67 are missionaries in Singapore, helping resettle the thousands of displaced people affected by war.

One of Tom’s partner ministries involves a rehabilitation/re-education camp for about 2,300 female child soldiers who fought for the Tamil Tigers. These Sri Lanka refugees are not able to leave the camp or contact their families. This ministry has been the only relief allowed, since no other NGOs have been able to enter the camps. Tom and his team are also praying for the ability to reach the male child soldiers with medical and physical help.

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Jim Vance ’59 is now the Director of Missions at Fellowship Bible Church in Longview, Texas. Jim and his wife Ruth (Ramsey ’57) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

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’70s

Penny Lee (Sneddon ’72) Leonhard, February 2, 2010, age 59, Loganville, Georgia.

Penny was born the only daughter of William and Marjorie Sneddon, June 1, 1951, in Galesburg, Illinois. She graduated from Galesburg high school in 1969 and pursued a major in foreign missions at Moody.

In 1971, she married Bill Leonhard ’72 BA ’85, and became a member of the Women’s Glee Club. Penny and Bill graduated from Moody and became career members of Wycliffe Bible Translators. After serving in Mexico, they moved to Ghana in 1975. They supervised the Adele Translation Project and served in West Africa for 26 years. In 2001, they returned to the U.S. to serve with Wycliffe U.S.A.

Penny and Bill had three sons and adopted four Ghanaian daughters whom Penny schooled at home. Penny’s ministry of instruction extended beyond the home as she taught piano, mentored fellow missionaries, and trained eager learners in the art of baking her famous cinnamon rolls.

In 2006, Penny was diagnosed with breast cancer. After a courageous battle, she passed away at home surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Bill; children: Andrew BA ’99 and Jamie [Soen BA ’99] Leonhard; Kenneth and Christine Leonhard; Michael Leonhard; Anna Leonhard, BA ’09; Emma Leonhard BA ’10; Angela Leonhard [current freshman], and Kessia Leonhard; and four grandchildren.

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’40s

Marie (Manire ’41) Chapman, April 7, 2010, age 92, Joplin, Missouri.

Marie was born on December 12, 1917, in Buehl, Idaho to John and Emma Manire. An artist with many talents, Marie was a published author, freelance photographer, and gifted vocalist. She used all of these gifts to serve Christ, teaching and mentoring others along the way. She married Kenneth Chapman, D.D., on August 6, 1941, in Chicago, serving alongside his pastoral ministry until she was 80 years old.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years. She is survived by her two sons: John and Daniel; two daughters: Fran Molleni and Ramona Chapman, M.D.; two granddaughters; a grandson; and two great-grandsons.

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Helen June Paige ’45, January 19, 2010, age 89, Lake Placid, Florida.

Helen was born in LaPorte City, Iowa. She lived with her two brothers and grandmother in Waterloo and graduated from West High School in 1938. After graduating from Moody in 1945, Helen began working with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism in Iquitos, Peru. There she was engaged in Bible studies, women’s ministries, children’s programs, a local radio station, and also served as the Dean of Women at the Iquitos Bible School. After 41 years of ministry along the Amazon River, Helen retired and returned to Florida in 1987. There she continued to serve as a member of the church of her youth, Walnut Ridge Baptist Church.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Max Paige and Warren Paige. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Ruth Paige, numerous nieces and nephews, and her loyal friend in mission ministry, Edna Hull, of Sebring, Florida.


Born in Middlesborough, Kentucky, on September 3, 1923, Mel was the son of Edward and Nancy Bryant. He moved to Radford, Virginia, to live with his sister at age 17. He spent some time at a local Bible School and eventually went to Chicago to study at Moody. He met his wife Teddie there and was married after graduation. Their first ministry was in the mountains of Kentucky.


After studying at Moody, Guy went on to receive his Associate of Arts degree from Southwest Baptist University in 1954, where he met his wife Geneva. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1957. He earned his Master of Divinity from New Orleans Seminary in 1960. Guy is survived by his wife Geneva and their two children: Steven Lawyer and Kenneth Cansler.

In 1960, Jim accepted a position at First Southern Baptist Church in downtown Denver. While here, Jim introduced urban community outreach to seniors. Later he served as a student minister on college campuses and pastored in several locations in the Denver area, including First Baptist Church of Evergreen and University Hills Baptist. Jim was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his brother Aubrey, and his sister Grace. He is survived by his brother Ridley and several nieces and nephews.


Jim was born in Collingswood, Ontario, in 1917. He became a Follower of Christ at a young age and grew up participating in many church activities. After several moves, his family settled in Galt, Ontario. He worked as a tinsmith to support his family for many years, not finishing high school. He served in Nova Scotia with the Canadian Navy before he enrolled at Moody.

Gene Marie [Lowe ’38] Boeker, December 8, 2009, age 93, Elton, Louisiana

Gene grew up in Patterson, New Jersey, and came to Moody in 1935. After completing her education, she married Aaron Boeker ’37, whom she met at Moody.

Since 1957, she made her home in Elton, Louisiana, as a missionary with American Missionary Fellowship. For more than 40 years, she taught children’s Bible classes and led Bible studies in the area care homes, continuing them until weeks before her death.

Gene was preceded in death by her brothers William and Donald; her husband Aaron; a son, Donald; and three great-grandchildren. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Kircus; a son, Paul Boeker; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.
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