Dr. Jim Coffield, left, and Dr. Steve Bradshaw have built into their weekly schedules time for the two of them to talk and pray for their students, the psychology department, their personal and professional lives.

Bryan's psychology majors preparing to read the times

Problems that plague individuals or a society may have had their origins in the Garden of Eden, and a solution may have been offered at the Cross, but people continue to struggle.

For Bryan's psychology professors, preparing students to make a difference in their world essentially means reminding them of those facts.

"Christian counseling is actually teaching the theology of suffering," Dr. Steve Bradshaw said. "We recognize that, short of heaven or of Christ coming back and establishing His kingdom, things are not going to go well. The world calls that 'Murphy's Law.' How you respond in those situations defines your relationship to God and men.

"We want our students to develop a biblical view of the nature of man, how the image of God was marred by the fall, and the implications of those conditions for us as fallen creatures in a fallen world."

Dr. Jim Coffield echoes that outlook: "We want our students to realize that for any personal problem that they or one of their friends may have, they can find hope in God. And we want them to take a hard look at their own lives, what motivates and challenges them."

It's this foundational belief about the nature of personal problems and their solutions -- as well as the professional background of the two major professors -- which give the major its focus on counseling. About a third of students who earn psychology degrees enter the field professionally, Dr. Bradshaw said. But training counselors is not the only value of the major.

"I tell people they're always going to have to deal with people," he said. "Whether a woman is a homemaker or someone goes into personnel work, psychology will give them a good foundation for understanding people."
Character Matters

"The American people don't give a hoot about character - just look at the polls."

"The president has a right to lie to the American people if he is talking about his personal life."

"As long as the president is doing his job effectively, we shouldn't care about his moral standards."

All of the above statements were made by journalists and supporters of the president during the first days of "The White House Sex Scandal." The idea that a leader's personal morality is separate from his public service is an old one, but recent events are testing this claim to the limit. Does character matter?

The Celebrity Society

Two features of the American spirit of the times are at work here. The first is the American adulation for celebrities. American culture has produced a spirit of celebrity that demands and celebrates a high level of performance regardless of individual character. We often care very little about the personal lives of athletes as long as they perform well on the field or the court.

In some countries, athletes are hailed as heroes when they win while others are screamed at and spit upon for losing a key game. A Colombian soccer player was killed by an irate fan after he accidentally scored a goal for the opposing team during a World Cup game.

Three years ago the Dallas Cowboys defeated the San Francisco 49ers. San Francisco quarterback Elvis Grbac played a poor game that day. To add to his difficulty, his wife and family had struggled the week before with a serious illness of one of their children.

The day after the loss, the mayor of San Francisco, Willie Brown, described Grbac as "less than human" because of the way he played. A tragic evaluation of a very good man, but from Mayor Brown's perspective, Grbac was only "human" if he won on the football field.

As America grows increasingly toward celebrity idolatry, the character of individuals fades rapidly in light of their performance.

This focus on the external is seen especially among young women. After three decades of teaching young women to assert themselves, take charge of their lives and find their place in the world, the result should be a more aggressive, social-minded population of teenage girls.

A recent survey brought about startling results. The question was: What is the number one concern of high school girls? Personal morality? Integrity? Ending racism? Eliminating poverty? Ending gender discrimination?

No, the number one concern for high school girls is "getting and staying thin." Unfortunately, external looks are far more important than internal morality or social concerns. By and large, young women are influenced to adapt to a celebrity society.

It is no surprise that the same standards of evaluation are applied to a celebrity president.

So What?

Jesus reminds us that what we do is an outgrowth of what we are. He tells His disciples, "What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly" (Mark 7:20-22).

Quite a list! Jesus was more concerned about the internal character which gave rise to the ungodly actions.

Even in Christian leadership, the scriptures challenge us to find leaders who are people of character. In Paul's letter to Titus he outlines the qualifications for church leaders. The 13 qualities he lists relate to personal character and integrity, not experience, education or abilities (Titus 1:6-9; see also 1 Timothy 3).

Why?

Because what we do comes from the soil of what we are.

Because character matters.
Mike Smith: It’s A Matter of Trust

“Trust” is more than an academic concept to G. Michael Smith, ’82; it’s something he lives with day in and day out.

Mike, a vice president and trust officer for AmSouth Bank in Chattanooga, Tenn., recently was appointed to the Bryan College Board of Trustees.

As a trust officer, with major responsibilities in business development, Mike’s job is to encourage individuals and institutions to choose his bank to manage their investment portfolios. This process also can involve estate and tax-planning for individuals.

“To do this, I have to have impeccable character,” he said. “There’s no way people will trust me or the bank with their life savings without that. The character issue – Bryan impacted that.”

Character is something he knows about, because the reputation of the college, as well as some of his friends in high school, influenced his decision to attend Bryan.

“I came to Bryan because some older guys from my high school, including Jerry Cline (’78) and Charlie Goodman (’79) came here,” he explained. “Bryan had a great reputation at my high school.”

College meant study in his accounting major, plus a lot of time running cross country, playing intramural sports and teaching in the Bible Education Ministry.

But in his senior year he met Kim Ackerson, ’85x, who became Mrs. Smith after she finished her degree at another school.

After graduating, he moved to Atlanta where he worked for a bank and took courses toward a Master’s in Business Administration degree. During his 10 years in Atlanta, his family grew to include Kim and daughters Eryn, now 10, and Chelsea, 8.

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Dr. Luther, professor of music and director of the Bryan Chorale and Chamber Singers, spent a week as one of 25 basses -- one of 100 singers -- rehearsing and performing for the Robert Shaw Choral Workshop in New York City. Their hard work culminated in performances of Haydn’s The Creation and The Seasons before sell-out crowds at Carnegie Hall.

“It was an incredible privilege to be there,” Dr. Luther said. “I was surrounded by outstanding musicians from well-known places. For example, one of the tenors is director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.”

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But the focus of the week was music and preparing for the two performances. They rehearsed for three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon, except for Thursday and Sunday when they performed. Dr. Luther developed a new appreciation for Robert Shaw.

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Dr. Luther, left, is pictured with Robert Shaw, center, and Dr. Glenn Draper, choral director at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The picture was taken in the Manhattan Center in New York City, during a rehearsal for the Robert Shaw Choral Workshop. Dr. Luther sings with choral master Robert Shaw considered the most important choral conductor this century.

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“We spent at least 20 minutes warming up. It was a privilege to warm up for 20 minutes -- something we never get to do at Bryan when we only have three hours of rehearsal time each week. He would drill us on rhythm -- counting out the rhythm -- then on the pronunciation of the German text, then put both together. I felt like when we sang at the concerts we really knew the music.

One "trick" Dr. Luther learned that he plans to use
Origins 98 examines more than just science

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Most Christians believe that. But when did it happen? And might God have used a process of evolution over millions of years to complete creation? And, for that matter, do the “how” and “when” really matter?

According to speakers at Bryan College’s first Young-Age Origins conference, creation happened thousands -- not millions -- of years ago, without an evolutionary process, and, yes, it does matter.

During Origins 98, the 167 conference participants, not counting Bryan students, faculty and staff, attended lectures and workshops on the scientific, theological, philosophical and legal implications of the origins issue.

Dr. Jeff Myers, director of The Summit at Bryan College and conference co-director, suggested four basic consequences of the idea of “evolutionism” in the world today: Permissiveness in theology, relativism in philosophy, naturalism in science and positivism in law.

Although Charles Darwin was not an atheist, Myers said, his atheistic contemporaries, including Karl Marx, latched on to his ideas. Because atheism was not socially acceptable, Myers suggested the idea of theistic evolution -- God having a hand in the process -- to counter what he realized would be the assumption that evolution is essentially atheistic.

He pointed out that in our day, Richard Bozarth, an atheist, argues that evolution removes the need for a creator, the reality of the fall and the need for redemption. Therefore, he says, Christ’s death is meaningless. “A lot of people don’t want to live consistently with that idea, so we call them theistic evolutionists,” Myers said.

In a similar way, “People begin to believe what you do during the week in science class has nothing to do with God, that Christianity is a personal belief, but has nothing to do with the rest of your life,” he said.

Not only has evolutionism challenged the role of faith in everyday life, “it has resulted in a debunking of absolutes.” Philosophy -- the love of reason and the study of principles that underlie all knowledge and reality -- becomes relative. “If the laws of nature evolved over time, if they were not created by design, we cannot say there are absolutes which govern us,” Myers said.

Now, those who disagree with the evolutionary perspective “are outcasts in academia because they are seen as willfully ignorant. The effect is that Christianity is pushed to the margins of debate.”

Conference Co-chairman Kurt Wise talk Thursday night on young-age creation as a watershed issue for Christians, he said. “If the earth is old, look at the contradictions with Genesis 1 to 11.”

“A number of the Psalms, and almost every significant doctrine is built on a foundation laid in Genesis 1 to 11. There is no way to harmonize evolution or theistic evolution with Genesis if the earth is old.”

But beyond the obvious conflict of evolution with Scripture, does the theory of evolution impact everyday life today?

John Eidsmo

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Bryan goes to Dallas

If success breeds success, the Dallas Worldview Weekend Experience may have any number of offspring. On the last weekend in January, representatives of the Alumni, Admissions and Advancement staff, accompanied President Bill Brown and members of the Worldview Team on a trip to introduce Bryan College to as many people in the Dallas area as possible.

"It was successful beyond our expectations," Dr. Brown said. "I was surprised at the enthusiastic response from alumni and prospective students." said. "I was surprised at the enthusiastic response from alumni and prospective students."

In all, about 110 prospective students and their parents attended the Admissions reception, where they met with Dean of Enrollment Management Tom Shaw, members of the Worldview Team and alumnus Jim Woychuk, '89x. "We had such a good response we had to ask the hotel for a larger room," Mr. Shaw said. Among those present were 10 of the 12 applicants from Texas, as well as a number of Presidential Scholarship candidates. "Jim Woychuk, a doctoral student at Dallas Theological Seminary, talked with the group about his experience at Bryan, and how well it had prepared him for seminary. And current student Jessica Ritterbush talked about life on Bryan Hill today. "The group was so large we had to be a little more formal than we had intended, but people really seemed to enjoy meeting our students," Mr. Shaw said.

In the alumni reception, former faculty members Bob and Nancy Sporde were special guests, as Vice President for College Advancement Tom Kenner updated alumni on developments at the college, including construction of the new Student Life Center. "The students did a great job," Mr. Shaw said. "They were so good in their presentation, so personable. The people really warmed to them." Dr. Brown said the response to the first Worldview Weekend Experience has encouraged him to plan on targeting other cities for similar programs. "We’ll be looking at cities where we have a good bit of interest, in terms of alumni and prospective students, and do this again. Instead of just sending communications about Bryan from Admissions, Advancement and other ministries of the college, everybody gets the strengths of all of these and then some."

Do I need a Living Trust? By Terry L. Balko

There is a lot of talk about living trusts these days. Pick up a magazine or turn on the radio and you are likely to see a piece about living trusts. However, sometimes the information is confusing and it raises more questions than it answers. That’s why people come up to me and ask: What about living trusts...

Is a living trust the same as a living will?
Do I need a will and a living trust?
How much does a living trust cost?
How can I add property to a living trust?
Would my estate go through probate if I have a living trust?
Can I include charitable beneficiaries in a living trust?
Will a living trust lower estate taxes?

It is because of these concerns and questions that I am making our new newsletter, Living Trusts, available without cost or obligation to anyone who asks for it. Complete the form below and mail it to me at the Estate Planning Department at Bryan College. You will receive a free complimentary newsletter about living trusts. Learn how a living trust can conserve your estate for your family and the ministries you care about. After you get the information, you can decide if a living trust is right for you. Feel free to contact our Office for any of your estate planning needs. We count it a privilege to serve you.

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Mr. Terry Balko, Director of Estate Planning
Please send me the FREE newsletter called Living Trusts. I understand I can receive it without cost or obligation.

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Lions turn record around, head to regional

Hard work, new talent and a better attitude combined to change the fortunes of the Lions men’s basketball team this season.

Coming off a 4-28 year in 1996-97, Coach Morris Michalski’s team worked their way to a 16-18 record as they prepared for a trip to the NCCAA Mideast Regional the first week of March.

“In some respects, I’m ecstatic about the improvement,” the coach said. “On the other hand, I think we could have gone further.”

He pointed out that 11 of their 34 games were decided by seven points or less, and the Lions won four of those. “If we had gone 7-4 instead of winning four, we would have had a record of 19-15, which isn’t bad. We finished the year with a taste of encouragement.”

The coach had special praise for his seniors.

“Jimmy Arnold really had a good year,” he said. “At this point, he is the national assist leader for the NCCAA. There is not a better playmaker in the league than Jimmy Arnold. Five shoulder separations during the second semester, and three cracked ribs cut down on his scoring and assists this point, he is the national assist leader for the NCCAA.”

The coach was also proud of the leadership of David Lee.

“Stepfan Jiles battles for a rebound during a game with Asbury College. At left is Chris Mayberry. The Lions finished their conference season with a 16-18 record, a dramatic turnaround from a disappointing 1996-97 season.”

He also praised the athleticism and work effort of Chris Mayberry and Stepfan Jiles, as well as the leadership of David Lee.

Mao sees progress in women’s basketball

The record wasn’t what she had hoped, but women’s basketball Coach Sherri Mao found bright spots in her first season at the helm of the Lady Lions.

“Basically the girls did a great job,” she said. “We had a couple of good wins and lost a couple of close games. The seniors did a good job and showed a lot of improvement.”

The Lady Lions finished with a 5-21 record, 4-14 in the Tennessee Virginia Athletic Conference, up from a 3-20 worksheet the year before.

Despite the record, the Lady Lions produced some of the conference leaders in rebounding, blocked shots, steals and free throw percentage.

Senior Shauna Murray was among the conference leaders in rebounding and blocked shots and contributed 11 points per game to the offense.

Andrea Triplett, a junior transfer student, averaged almost 16 points per game, ranking her among the top scorers in the conference. “She played aggressively on offense and defense,” Coach Mao said. “She provided strong leadership on the court.”

Cara Dulaney, a academic senior but junior in eligibility, “played point guard and really pulled the team together.” She hit 81 percent of her free throws, among the best in the conference, and led the conference in steals, with 99.

Andrea Moore also ranked high in the conference in rebounding and steals. She averaged about 10 points per game and improved as the season progressed.

Dr. Mao complimented her team on their defense and team play. “Everybody tried hard,” she said. “We actually kept most teams below their scoring average.”

She knows she will lose four seniors, and Cara Dulaney was to make up her mind about returning for another year after spring break.

“Recruiting will be crucial for next year. We need a good inside player,” she said. “I hope we do better next year.”

Tennis teams aim high in TVAC

Members of the men’s tennis team include, from left, front, Bryan Osborne, Tyler Seera, Nate Bauman and Matt Snead. Back are Jeff Hall, Brad Fox, Joshua Hood, Josh Johnson and Klon Kitchen, with Coach Bob Andrews. The women’s team includes, front, Alison Villanova, Mandy Wills and Wendi Bauman. Back, with Coach Andrews, are Melinda Snead, Amy Ford, Tracy Schultz and Rachelle Elliott.

Experience and depth are two factors Coach Bob Andrews is counting on to help the Bryan tennis teams improve on their fourth-place finishes in the TVAC conference last year.

Six women are returning from the 1997 squad, including Melinda Snead, “our team leader and captain,” Dr. Andrews said. “Tracy Schultz, who played one year, is back. She will add a lot to the team. And Rachelle Elliott is a freshman who will make a contribution.”

The coach plans to play Alison Villanova at No. 1, Melinda Snead, who has played No. 1 or No. 2 each year, at No. 2, followed by Wendi Bauman, Mandy Wills, Tracy Schultz and Amy Ford.

Melinda and Wendi will team up at No. 1 doubles. “They were real strong in doubles last year, and in their second year of playing together they should be even better,” he said.

For the men, this year is starting out as a rebuilding season, to replace two seniors lost to graduation. “I have a good problem, though,” Dr. Andrews said. “I have five guys who, on any given day, can play even with each other. I’m having a hard time figuring out the order.”

“Brad Fox probably will start at No. 1, then Tyler Seera, Matt Snead, Bryan Osborne and Nate Bauman are in the running for No. 2. We have strong depth,” the coach said.

“Then three other men are in line for the No. 3 positions, but his teammate has not been decided as this is being written.”

“Last season both teams tied with King for fourth in the TVAC tournament. Our team goals this year are to finish third in the tournament all alone, and have a better-than-.500 season. They are ambitious goals for a team with minimal scholarship aid, but they are attainable,” he said.
Mr. Terry Balko held a tax and estate planning seminar for Bryan faculty and staff in January, and presented an estate planning seminar at Shenandoah Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., in February.

Dr. Bill Brown and members of the Worldview Team presented a Worldview Weekend at Shades Mountain Bible Church in Birmingham, Ala., and First Baptist Church in Athens, Tenn., in January, and Christian Academy of Knoxville in February. He spoke at Christian Bible Fellowship in Evensville, Tenn., and Bethesda Christian Fellowship in Knoxville, Tenn., in February.

Dr. Jim Coffield spoke at Grace Bible Church in Dayton, Tenn., and Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Decatur, Tenn., in January.

Mrs. Marcy Froemke has sold a book proposal to Love Inspired, a new inspirational line from Silhouette/Harlequin, one of the largest publishers of romance in the world. This will be her first contemporary Christian novel, and is set in Chattanooga, Tenn. Publication is expected during the second half of 1999.

Dr. Peter Held is teaching eschatology at the Dallas Theological Seminary extension program at Bryan this semester.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid attended the American Historical Association's annual meeting in Seattle, Wash., in January. He also has completed a chapter-by-chapter review and analysis of a Russian history text, Russia and the USSR in the Twentieth Century. His observations will be used by the authors as they complete the fourth edition of the text, which is to be published this summer.

Dr. John Liu has been invited to review the textbook, Hole's Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology. His name will appear in the front matter of the book. He also has reviewed an article, "Preservice Teachers Talk About the Student Teaching Experience" for consideration of publication in the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Dr. Sigrid Luther attended the meetings, competitions and leadership conference of the Music Teachers National Association Southern Division. She was elected president-elect of the southern division, and will take office in April.

Mr. Jon Mosby held an estate planning seminar at Lomirone Baptist Church in Dalton, Ill., in February.

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culture and worldview, but about how God's grace can intersect with the individuals in their world.”

Apparently those ideas resonate with students, since the psychology department generally graduates the second or third greatest number of students each year.

Both professors earned their graduate degrees in state universities, a fact which makes them appreciate the biblical foundation for a Bryan College education.

Dr. Steve Bradshaw spends some time with Rachael Crammer, a senior psychology major, in the lobby outside his office.

During his doctoral work, Dr. Bradshaw served as a graduate teaching assistant, and found the atmosphere restrictive to him as a believer. “That experience made me more committed to Bryan, because I didn’t have the freedom to share my faith,” he said.

Having the kind of faith students want to share is important to the professors, which is a major reason for the emphasis on integrating faith and learning in the program.

Dr. Bradshaw, who earned his undergraduate degree at Bryan in 1975, returned to teach after completing his master’s degree in 1977. “When I came back, I hadn’t realized how much I had drifted spiritually. In graduate school, the drifting is real subtle.

“I was committed to one thing — to make Bryan’s psychology department known for integration of faith and learning. Through the years, I think the Lord has honored that commitment.

“The students tell us they appreciate the integrated approach.”

But does that mean compromising quality of discipline content for adding a spiritual dimension? That’s a question which the professors emphatically answer, “no.”

“We have an obligation to give the students a $5,000 answer to the question, “Why study here instead of at a state school,” Dr. Bradshaw said. “Our students consistently score in the upper quartile of the Educational Testing Service profiles. We are transmitting knowledge, but we are doing it with Christian content.”

Dr. David Drake, ’79, who was among Dr. Bradshaw’s first students at Bryan, said he received a good foundation for graduate work and his own clinical practice.

“At both stops (for his master’s degree and doctorate) I felt I was very competitive with other students. When you’re from a small Christian college it’s hard to see how you rank with students from ‘name’ programs, but my education was very solid.”

Not only did he find a good academic foundation, the concept of integrating his faith with his discipline has stuck with him. “As I deepened in my personal and professional life, the seeds sown about the integration of faith and psychology have grown as well.”

Today’s students appreciate the efforts Drs. Bradshaw and Coffield make to offer the broad exposure to the discipline students need. “They bring in speakers and require us to go to conferences, so we’re getting far more than two views,” senior Robin Olive said.

As students are being trained in the discipline of psychology, both professors insist they are not trying to substitute “techniques” for the healing power of God’s Word. “All truth is God’s truth,” Dr. Bradshaw said. “I don’t believe psychological techniques do God’s work or the work of the Holy Spirit.

“But they can help prepare hearts to receive God’s truth. The answers to man’s problems are in the Word, and they are not augmented or enhanced by psychological techniques.”

Dr. Coffield added, “We want them to have a clear vision that they can, with God’s help, make a difference in people’s lives, whatever they do.”

Speaking of differences, psychology students get a lesson in differences just from watching their professors.

“Jim and I have a great relationship, and I think we offer a healthy balance,” Dr. Bradshaw said. “His personality and mine are quite different, but we don’t try to compete in areas of the others’ strengths. Jim is a real extrovert, quite humorous. I’m more organized than he is.”

Dr. Coffield agrees. “Steve is a good friend. We meet once a week to talk and pray about the department and for each other. Our very different personalities provide students with variety. What Steve provides in stability, I provide in spontaneity.”

And the professors want to see some differences in their students.

In the psychology department, like every other area of Bryan College, there is time for one-on-one interaction with students. Dr. Dave Coffield, right, a senior psychology major, works at the Rhea County Women's Care Center for her internship this spring. She and Mona Coffield, left, speak with a woman in one of the center's counseling rooms. Mrs. Coffield is the wife of psychology professor Dr. Jim Coffield.
The Golden Anniversary reunion of the Class of 1948 will be May 1-2, during the Commencement exercises for the Class of 1998. There will be a dinner hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Senior Vespers, Commencement and a class reunion after the noon meal on Saturday. Alumni Weekend is scheduled for July 17-18. The classes of 1958, 1968, 1978 and 1988 will be honored. Remember, there is no cost to stay on campus, the meals are reasonable and children eat FREE! Be sure to mark your calendar.

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If you haven't taken the opportunity to participate in the New Century Campaign to build the new Student Center, now is the time to come aboard. The infrastructure is complete and the exterior will soon be done. In order to complete the building, we need for all alumni to participate.

Local alumni from the early '50s enjoyed a noon meal with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Zeller. Carol Halloin Zeller taught zoology here at Bryan from 1948-1953. She and Frank were married in 1952 and both taught in the Science Department for one year before moving to Indiana and joining the faculty of Indiana University.

Book Review

Dangerous Devotions: An Exciting Journey through the New Testament

Jackie Perseghetti

Chariot Books

Jackie (Griffin) Perseghetti, '82, is a homeschooling mom who lives in Kettering, Ohio. She and her husband, Doug, have two children, Bethany and Ben. She has written a devotional book for ages 8-adults. She introduces the book with this caution: "Dangerous Devotions" will take you where you’ve never gone before. Proceed, if you dare. The trip may get dangerous! You could be challenged to learn something about yourself and God’s Word. Expect the unexpected. This book will make you stop and think, but beware, the trip will be fun and exciting.

"As you hike through the New Testament, you’ll gain a whole new perspective of God’s Word and how it speaks to every area of your life. You will see how God put each book in its place to give you direction for your life.

“All you’ll need is a compass (your Bible) to help you keep your bearings, a map (this book) so you won’t lose your way, and a willingness to listen to God. You won’t walk away the same!”

Jackie has divided the journey through the New Testament into short activities which involve prayer and reading with applications to life’s situations.

The first printing was for kids from 8-12 and the current printing has expanded the age range to include almost everyone.

42nd Birthday

Members of the Upper East Tennessee Chapter of the Bryan College Alumni Association celebrated their chapter’s 42nd birthday in February with a dinner in Dayton. Pictured from left, seated, are Shirley Holmes, '56x; Donna Cornelius, '57x; Rich Cornelius, '55; Fred Bedford, '86x; and Mayme Bedford, '65x. Standing are Ralph Cireen, '56; Jim Barth, '57; Joy Steele, '75x; Ginny Schatz, '54; Susan Davis, '74; and Ruth Green, '67x. Not pictured are Raymond Holmes, '59; Steve, '85; and Lisa, '87; Stewart; Jon, '92, and Kayla, '92x, Green. Maxie Green gave a history of the first alumni chapter, and Academic Vice President Dr. David Masone briefed the alumni on the progress of the new Student Life Center and other news of the college.

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30's

Reunions

Class of '38
July '98 (60 years)

Ralph Toliver, '37, was married on Feb. 21, to a former missionary, Mrs. Kay Fries, whom he had known in the Philippines. They were married in Lititz, Pa., in the Cornerstone Baptist Church with Ralph's son, David, as best man. Present for the occasion were David's wife, Virginia, and Ralph's daughters, Ruth (Toliver) Green, '67x, and Kathryn Toliver Murray and her husband, Gordon. The newlyweds plan to live in Dayton, Tenn., which is Ralph's boyhood home and his retirement home since returning from the Philippines. Ralph is interim pastor of Cranmore Cove Baptist Church.

40's

Reunions

Class of '43
Oct. '98 (55 years)

Class of '48
May '98 (50 years)
LOUISE POST, '41, resides in a retirement home in Lancaster, Pa., where she has a part-time job. She also participates in functions at the Grace Baptist Church. She is pleased that one of her nieces is an accountant with Baptist Mid-Missions in Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert and GRACE (LEVENGOOD), '42, BENNETT left from their Knoxville, Tenn., home in September to spend a week on the Blue Ridge Parkway and in October had a great 10-day bus tour to Cape Cod. They are glad to have their son, Dick, close by and to share the first birthday of their granddaughter, Rebecca, last December.

WARD, '43x, and Agnes (Fay) TRESSLER continue their participation in the ministry of the Grace Brethren Church in Fremont, Ohio, where they make their retirement home. In October, Ward had a seminar in the first National CE Senior Citizen's Conference and Agnes was on the retreat committee for the District WMC retreat in Fremont.

ROBERT, '44, and ALICE (TUCKER), '47x, ST. JOHN, who reside in Tacoma, Wash., both had illnesses during the past year. Bob had treatment for cancer, and Alice was hospitalized with bronchitis and pneumonia. A brief time later Alice suffered a bad fall with lots of bruises and a scalp laceration but no broken bones. They are glad for their three children and their families, but were saddened by the homegoing of their son, Doug, in St. Louis.

JEAN (CLARK) EARL, '45x, maintains her country retirement home in Nashville, Tenn., but is limiting her “farming” activities to growing tomatoes, bell peppers and flowers. She has had surgery for knee joint replacement on both knees and keeps mobile with an exercise program shared by two lady friends. She teaches a ladies' Sunday school class and enjoys reading.

GEORGE, '48, and ALICE (NORTHRUP), '49, BIRCH share an apartment in the residence of their daughter and husband. NANCY, '70, and MARK, '72, LONGNECKER in Chattanooga, Tenn. Although retired, the Birches have an active part in the Stanley community with electricity and buses. The film ministry has an added video projector which they have used to show films in schools, churches and open air. They also have a growing “heifer project” to help those in poorer areas by giving them a heifer if they have land and would plant grass and fence in the area. They gave away 18 heifers and have received back 15 female calves to keep the cycle going. In January the Millers had Teen Missions boot camp with about 100 kids.

ANGIE GARBER, '47, continues living in Coquille, Oregon, where she has served for nearly 50 years. When she attended church recently she thought of the many Navajos who are living for the Lord now and how different it was when she first went there. One of the first girls that she met was sitting with her husband in front of Angie. Both of them had turned to the Lord from a life of sin, and Angie is concerned that many more need to be transformed through Christ.

Angie and her twin sister, Alice Peer, whose late husband was also a '47 Bryan graduate, attended graduation at Bryan last May for Angie’s 50th anniversary. The twins celebrated their 85th birthday while at Bryan.

50's
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Class of '53
Oct. '98 (45 years)
Class of '58
July '98 (40 years)

PAUL, '50, and ELAINE (KENNARD), '47 SYERS took a short leave from their ministry at Antioch Bible Institute in Brazil to attend to medical needs in Springfield, Ill. Paul was scheduled to have eye surgery and Elaine needed dental work. Their three daughters planned a reception in December at the Southern View Chapel in honor of their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary. The Syers hoped to return to Brazil soon after February, where Paul has been remodeling two houses for use by married students and has also started working on the girls’ dorm. All of the male students are preaching in nearby churches during the school year.

ILA RUTH MAHR, '48, enjoys her retirement home in Snellville, Ga. She has joined the computer age and now has E-mail (irm4@juno.com). She volunteers one day a week at the Southeastern Regional Office of Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Atlanta area. She assists with the Prayer Ministry Team and also provides counseling services when needed. She spent a week last year, joining her brother, his wife and niece and her family to do volunteer work at JAARS in Waxhaw, N.C. While there, she was able to spend 3 days with DAVE, '53, and MARY (GROVER), '55, NAFF at the SIM headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. In April this year Ilau Ruth plans a trip to the British Isles with her missionary friend, Pat, from Brazil.

LYMAN, '49, and HELEN (PARDEN), '49.

GOEBRING have retired in Lakeland, Fla., where they are close to three of their children and Helen’s mother. Last year a Christian cardiologist located the “short circuit” in Lyman’s heart and repaired it in about three hours. He continues serving as a deacon, usher, greeter, AWANA Leader and visitor for the church. Helen is involved with the Ladies’ Missionary Fellowship, in library and visitation with Lyman and corresponding in Portugal with some Brazilian friends, besides caring for household and garden chores.

JEAN PULKIN, '48, planned to leave her home in Black Mountain, N.C., in February to visit her sister, GRACE (PULKIN), '50x, and her husband, PAUL, '50, GILLESPIE in Gainesville, Fla., and her brother and wife in Miami. She expected to start her home Bible class in March after attending an Evangelism Explosion workshop. She also is a substitute teacher another Bible class.

JAMES, '56x, and IONA (COSTLEY), '52, HAR RIS have been traveling extensively from their home in Mansfield, Ohio, to share in various work projects. Early last year they were camp hosts in Coffeetown, Ala. From there they camped for a few days in Bentonville, Ark., where they had lived in the 50s. In Missouri they visited JIM, '53, and EDYTHE (HOWSDE) '47, KIRTLER to help in a revival for a week at Easter. They are staying at home this winter since Jim is facing surgery to deal with aneurysms in his leg.

ALTON, '54, and MARY JEAN (McKINLEY), '55 WITTER became retirees last year after Al completed 39 years of ministry as pastor and chaplain. They have enjoyed trips to Ohio, North and South Carolina and New York to visit their children and grandchildren. They are living in Gaithersburg, Md., in the Washington, D.C. area and look forward to part-time ministry as the Lord directs.

RALPH, '54, and MELBA (MAYS), '55, MAYNARD are grateful for reasonably good health and a “ton of projects” to keep them busy in their retirement at their home in Kissimmee, Fla. Their three sons are active in international interests, stimulated by their early years with missionary parents in Irian Jaya.

TIMOTHY, '83x, is studying language in Bandung, Java, prior to assignment to Irian Jaya with Missions Aviation Fellowship as an airplane/powerplant mechanic. Grady and Kim are at Moody’s aviation program in Elizabethton, Tenn., where Grady will graduate in May, Dwight is at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., majoring in International studies and Global Affairs, with a background of knowing Korean from serving in the military.

ROBERT, '56, and Wanda HEARING make their home in Mississippi but travel frequently in Child Evangelism fellowship ministry. Bob is Southeast Regional director and acting director for Virginia. In addition to taking part in the regional conference last May in South Carolina, they visited all the state directors in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Louisiana. Each month they spend three days at C.E.
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International Headquarters in Warrenton, Mo., for USA team meetings. For two weeks last June they were in northern Minnesota to help train 17 young people for 5-Day clubs. They also had 5-Day clubs in Mississippi and directed a vacation Bible school at a church in northern Mississippi. The 12-day Mississippi State Fair attracted more than 4,800 people to visit their tent, with more than 900 declaring their trust in Christ. They were assisted by 140 helpers to tell the Wordless Book story and counsel inquirers.

JIM, '56, and Barbara PITTS continue to serve at Children's Haven in Azrou, Morocco. They had a busy summer last year entertaining visitors who are interested in Haven young people. They have six students in high school and 11 younger children who keep five teachers busy during the school year. They have put in a request to gain property formerly used as an orphanage so it could be reopened to take in children who have had to be turned away from the Haven. Two young couples are in candidate school, hoping to work with the Pittses at Children's Haven. The Pittses made a trip to the U.S. during the Christmas season and were able to have all of their children visit them. One of the Haven boys who lives in Delaware arranged a get-together for 45 grown Haven "kids."

PEARL RATHBUN, '56, returned to the States in July and officially retired from TEAM on Nov. 1, 1997. She has an apartment in Carol Stream, Ill., and attends Glen Ellyn Bible Church, her home church before going to Korea. She is especially enjoying intergenerational weekly small group Bible study.

DAVID, '57, and KAY (TEMPLE), '55, HENRY celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25 and Jan. 7 (the Russian Orthodox Christmas) with the opportunity for evangelism in Yakutsk, Siberia. They have a new Yakut Home Bible Study attended by people from two local churches with the believers teaching in Yakut language. Last summer 19 people were baptized.

LARRY, '57, and Shirley (ARDELEAN), '56, FEHL, celebrated 40 years of marriage with considerable traveling related to their positions with SIM in Charlotte, N.C. Larry is the US director for SIM and Shirley is personnel administrator. The Fehls traveled to Zimbabwe, Africa, last July to attend a directors' meeting of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship along with two representatives from SIM as they discussed the possible merger of these missions. They also visited SIM's ministry in Cape Town and took a tour along the east coast of South Africa, and then had a 14-hour non-stop flight to Miami. In September Larry traveled to Korea on SIM's behalf to help set up an office in Seoul for SIM's 40 Korean missionaries. In October it was a board meeting in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, that both Fehls attended and then went on to Austria and Switzerland to be impressed to see the "fabulous" mountains and go through about a hundred tunnels in a four-day interchange. Their dream of visiting Siberia, where they had lived for 20 years but left in 1982, was realized when they went to Yos to attend a pastors' conference of November 1, and to visit with former students and colleagues. Between overseas trips they spent time with their three children and families.

CHARLES (Spud), '56, and CHARLOTTE, '56x, WILLOUGHBY spent several months in Mexico teaching and preaching in towns scattered in the Mexican desert south of Chihuahua. Charlotte was speaker for a women's conference attended by 89 ladies with at least two being saved. Christians in Cuba were working on visa papers for Spud to fly to Cuba late in February. They made their home in Lawrenceville, Ga., and serve with Biblical Ministries Worldwide.

CHARLES, '57, and Shirley MOORE, as affiliates with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Upland, Ind., are interested in the 140 MKs at Taylor University, especially the 25 Wycliffe MKs. Chuck has been selected by both Taylor and Wycliffe to co-sponsor a Lighthouse Missions Trip during this year's January interterm. He and a Taylor staff member were scheduled to travel with 16 students on Jan. 5 to New York, Singapore, Madras, India, and then 400 miles by train to Bangalore, India. Their ministry is combined with a work project for Youth for Christ India.

CARY M. PERDUE, '58, is senior pastor at the Sugar Grove Church in Goshen, Ind., Leaving behind his wife, Verna, Cary planned to return to Sofia, Bulgaria, in February for a week to complete the second half of the course that he taught in October. He also visited Lemgo, Germany, to minister at Brake Bible Institute and with fellowship with PAUL, '80, and Sandy TIMBLIN who were his students at Appalachian Bible College more than 25 years ago.

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Bryan Golf Classic
Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Join us for a day of fun at Windstone Golf Club in Chattanooga to benefit the scholarship program of Bryan College.

Prizes to the winning foursomes in three flights, plus prizes for closest to the pin on the front and back nines and longest drive, front and back nines.

For registration information call the Bryan College Advancement Department, (423) 775-7206

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60's

Reunions

Class of '63
Oct. '98 (35 years)

Class of '68
July '98 (30 years)

WAYNE FUNDERBURG, '60, continues his work with Child Evangelism Fellowship as director for Upper Michigan from his home shared by his wife, Gay, in Quinnesec, Mich. He participated in the state board meeting with CEF directors around the Great Lakes as they met in Kokomo, Ind., for sharing and planning. He and Gay took a load of blankets to Oklahoma to the "Voice of the Martyrs" to be sent to persecuted Christians in Sudan. Last summer their 5-Day clubs gave offerings which went to CEF in China to help spread the Word of God.

Russell and NANCY (GOEHRING), '60x, EBERSOLE, who live in Shamong, N.J., and work under Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, were scheduled to make a 11-week trip to Thailand, Bangladesh and the Philippines. They will visit and speak at various churches, schools and conferences sponsored by ABWE. In Bangladesh they will be with Nancy's son and family, HAROLD, '80, and Shawne EBERSOLE, who are missionaries with the same mission. Before leaving, they had a grand family reunion at Christmas with six of their eight children and spouses and 25 of their 31 grandchildren.

LOWELL, '62, and Nancy MARTIN are praising the Lord for sparing Lowell in a bad chainsaw accident which almost severed his left arm below the elbow. Due to God's mercy and grace it was reconnected and some surgery to reconnect two nerves remains. They are enjoying having their family and grandkids living near them in Texas.

KENT, '63, and Willina LUEB were surprised by friends from their church in Hurkamp, Netherlands, with monetary gifts from 23 family units to make possible a trip to the States to visit their son, Joel, and his wife, Dorien, with their two children, including a newborn, in Los Angeles, Calif. They were also able to visit other family members. Their son, Jonathan, helped to fill in for them while they were away and with his wife and other friends from the church did cleaning.
organizing and logging their library in the computer. At their 30th open house in Harskamp in December, they had more than 200 people.

JANET CLAYCOMB, '64, is thankful for the provision of a donated car to be shipped to St. Mary, Jamaica, where she has various outreaches. She shares in Bible school teaching in the summer and also conducts Sunday school and VBS seminars, along with doing some relief work to provide food for people in impoverished areas. The Lord has recently opened an opportunity to teach Bible at a prep school and part-time at a high school. Janet had a two-month stateside visit recently with friends and churches.

TOM, '65x, and DIANNE (LYONS), '64, BOLDT, enjoyed a vacation last summer in Germany, Austria and Hungary. Dachau was particularly moving and emotional. Tom fell and broke his right leg in September. He had surgery to implant screws and should be well enough by now for most normal activities. Their daughter, RENAE, '89x, and Brent WEBER, presented them with their fourth grandchild, Skyler, Renae and Brent's first child, in January. books of Tessalonians.

Loren’s family, including his brother, Doug, and his family from Brazil. Loren and Pam visited support churches last September and October and attended marriage seminar in New Hampshire.

DALE, '77, and Opal LINEBAUGH will be moving to Miracle Mountain Ranch following Dale’s retirement from the presidency of Practical Bible College Oct. 1. He has been president for six and a half years and observing the college policy for staff and faculty to retire at age 70. Dale and Opal plan to assist at the Ranch and to accept invitations to counsel missionaries and minister to nationals. Dale is also interested in issuing evangelistic meetings as the Lord opens doors. Last July, while they were visiting their son.

JONATHAN, '84, and family in Alaska. Opal was taken to the hospital with a heart problem and eventually received a pacemaker. She is slowly improving.

KEVIN, '78, and Cheryl Zminda DAVEY live in Chicago area were Cheryl is a fund-raiser for How Area Community Church, a multi-purpose service agency. Kevin is a reference librarian at the Science and Technology department of the Chicago Public Library and also assists at the Business/Science/Technology Division's periodic unit. They attend LaSalle Street Church where Kevin has served on the church board and is working with the congregational care commission and sings in the choir.

VERNON, '79, and Dorris STEVENSON spent many days with their daughter, Melody, and her family in Indiana to give assistance to Melody, who has been suffering weakness and pain from an unknown source. They traveled to visit their son and family in Oregon for Christmas and returned to their home in Palme, Alaska, for continued oversight of SEND’s ministry efforts in Siberia.

70's

Reunions

Class of '73
Oct. '98 (25 years)

Class of '78
July '98 (20 years)

HARVEY, '70x, and IRENE (WILSON), '69x, KLAMM make their home in Lynchburg, Va., where Harvey is principal of Lynchburg Christian Academy and Irene is school nurse. They have two children at home and one married daughter. Harvey’s parents, GLENN, '40, and Elinc KLAMM, live in an apartment in their home. Last February Irene had heart surgery to replace a calcifying aortic valve with a Saint Rhea Medical Center. She is active at Grace Bible Church in Dayton. Her sister, BETTY HODGES, '74, is an accountant in Chattanooga.

MIRIAM SAILERS, '71, is at Jackson Community College in Jackson, Mich., where she is coordinator for non-traditional students. This is a real challenge as it is a completely different setting for her than ever before. She also taught as an adjunct professor an introduction to psychology course and a tests and measurements course at Spring Arbor College.

JANICE (DECKER) BISHOP, '74, has left her job at Piedmont Bible College for a position at Bethesda Christian Academy where son Danny attends.

JANET (HERLONG), '74, and Robert Holland recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. She and Robert live in Callahan, Fla. The Hollands have three children: Stephen, a senior in college, Julie, 11th grade, and Scott, 7th grade.

BECKY RAMSEY, '74, was able to take a long-anticipated trip to Alaska this summer. The trip was full of surprises, not the least of which was a forced landing at a tiny airport in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. She thanks the Lord for the safety and the beauty of Alaska and its flora and fauna.

Dwight Mains, '74, lives in Bel Air, Md., and works for a company that supplies defense equipment for the government.

Nard and Sandra (Neumann), '75, Pugyao, who live in Waxhaw, N.C., attended the 30th anniversary of Wycliffe Associates in Lancaster, Pa., where they met Steve Saint, son of Ecuador martyr Nate Saint. Nard gave two of the Waorani (Aucu) men a ride in the JAARS helicopter. To share his testimony and stimulate interest in Bible translation, Nard traveled in August to Anchorage, Alaska, and in more recent months to several eastern cities, to Chicago for a TV interview, and to a church in Charlotte, N.C. Sandy drives back and forth from their home to Charlotte for band and flute lessons for Phillip. She is trusting the Lord and thankful for friends who join her in praying for complete recovery from Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome.

Tim and Gwynn (Henry), '75, Lindler, have moved from St. Louis, Mo. to Cornelius, N.C., after 11 years in Missouri. Even though leaving the home of the St. Louis Cardinals has been a bit traumatic, living in North Carolina agrees with them.

Jonathan Bennett, '76, and his wife Pam, moved recently from Cleveland, Ohio, to Houston, Texas, where Jon was transferred by the BP Oil Co. They had previously had an assignment in Houston and enjoyed life there, especially the church they had attended, so they are pleased to return.

Loren, '75, and Pam (Martin), '78, Baughman are settled in a house on the JAARS center for their home assignment from Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators. In July they had a reunion with...
CHARLIE, '79, and SHARON (WOYCHUK), '81, GOODMAN in Madrid, Spain, were pleased to have Charlie's parents visit them when their young daughter, Alicia, was being dedicated to the Lord.

Charlie had the privilege of going to Slovakia to participate in the training of several men from different denominations in the principles of church planting. Sharon and the women in the Pinto church are starting a ministry called "Coffee and Something More." Their first coffee was scheduled for Feb. 18. Charlie and a group of believers have been passing out literature to introduce the church and offer Bible study opportunities. He has also been coaching a basketball team of 14- and 15-year olds, as a means of reaching out to young people.

Steve and RUTH (VANDERMOLEN), '79, PORTER returned to their home in Nigeria where they serve under SIM with Steve's ministry in dentistry. One of their crates arrived safely and they await the others which contain new dental equipment. Their house was preserved in good condition, but the dental clinic had been inhabited by rats. The Porters are concerned for the Nigerian people who have suffered from lack of food. The poor economy will make it hard to purchase fertilizer this year, which may mean a poor harvest.

They welcomed a young woman who is a dental assistant. She has been working one day per week doing computer consulting while their housing situation works out. They started a new daughter, Sierra Savannah, on June 15 (Father's Day). They are pleased to have a larger home to accommodate their enlarged family. Their older children are schooled full time and one part-time.

BEE (Bible by Extension) program. In Nepal he found an increase in the number of believers from 800 in 1980 to 300,000 now. There are about a dozen Bible schools representing different denominations. The leaders of Nepali churches will decide how to use the BEE program. In Myanmar, Joe met with five groups in two cities to lead seminars teaching the BEE Galatians-Romans course to mostly pastors and lay leaders from many parts of the country. The struggle for democracy in Myanmar continues causing fear of the government, although Christians have not been targeted for persecution. Joe hopes that Becky can accompany him on future trips to develop women's ministry projects, but their concern for their two small daughters is a limiting factor.

Jim and LAURIE (ANDERSON), '80, THAMES celebrated their 10th anniversary in October. On Dec. 20, Jim received his Ph.D. from the University of North Texas. Laurie began a long-term substitute teaching job in kindergarten for a teacher on maternity leave.

BLAINE, '81, and KARA (BENEDICT), '82, BISHOP write from Alabama where they are wondering where the year went. John 10, Nathan 8, and Luke, 5, are keeping busy at school and sports. Nathan is home schooled and best buddy for Anna since he is home all day. Kara writes of the sorrow of their handicapped child missing milestones we take for granted but thrilled at her achievements after hours and hours of training. She recently signed "more" for cheese pizza. Blaine loves his job except for the legal wrangling which comes with it.

Darrell and CHRISTINE (KAATZ), '81, FRIESEN live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They welcomed a new daughter, Sierra Savannah, on June 15 (Father's Day). They are pleased to have a larger home to accommodate their enlarged family. Their older children are Kaily, who is in kindergarten, and Taylor. The Friesens have found a new church home where Darrell is working with an outreach/discipleship ministry called "Alpha," a 12-week course for seekers or new believers. Chris is involved as leader of a Mom's ministry.

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MESERVEY, write in their Christmas letter that Rick and son Toby were able to go hunting often this winter. Toby is happy to have his own license now. Debbie and Laura were in an auto accident in May which totaled their Subaru wagon. God protected them from being badly hurt. They are now enjoying a Taurus wagon which will seat eight.

FRED, '87, and JUANITA (TUCKER), '94x, DUONG have been approved as members in training by Wycliffe Bible Translators. They began membership paper work in January 1997 and in June and July attended the Quest program in Idyllwild, Calif., which confirmed their desire to serve God by helping to see that every tribe and nation has His Word in their own language. They plan to attend the Intercultural Communications Course in Dallas. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., with their three daughters Rebekah, Anna and Katarina.

Matt, Randy, Rebecca and Katherine Morris (COX), '87, MORRIS live in Birmingham, Ala. Nan is homeschooling their four children, and Scott is enjoying his work.

SCHUAN, '87, and DARLENE (MIDDLETON), '86, MYERS and their two daughters, Jessica, 5, and Brittany, 3, have moved to Reading, Pa. Schuan is senior pastor of St. James Church, a non-denominational church of 370 members.

ANDY, '88, and KAY (POWELL), '88, BRUNER moved from their village in Solomon Islands to the capital, Honiara, where Andy started his assistant-to-the-director responsibilities in January. They are glad to have E-mail again and electricity, plus rationed water.

Carol, on Nov. 25, 1997, weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 201/2 inches long.

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and Sidney Johnson were married Jan. 3, in Miami Beach, Fla. Tiffany is modeling for Irene Maire Bridal Management and Sidney is a teacher at Miami Christian High School.

MICAH, '98x, and JOHANNA (ZIEG), '97, GELATT write from Kansas City. Micah plans to return to college this spring to finish his degree. Johanna is joyfully suffering through her first year as a sixth-grade teacher and Micah is working as production manager of a professional cleaning company.

### WITH THE LORD

**GENEVA & (WALTER) PIFER** died on Jan. 20, at age 78. She was married to **DR. LESTER E. PIFER**, '46x, for 57 years. Geneva and Lester were the first married couple to attend Bryan College. They had moved from Florida to Columbus so Lester could become pastor to seniors in a large church. He will continue this ministry. His address is 5727 Salinwood Dr., Columbus, OH 43229.

**LILLIAN, '40, (HUMMELL) LEVENGOOD,** died in memory of:

**DR. EMIGDIO E. EGIPTO,** a visiting professor of education at Bryan in 1973-74 died on Aug. 31, 1997, just 26 days after his 90th birthday. Dr. Egipto’s son, Joe, and grandson, Lemuuel, were able to travel to Manila from their home in the Atlanta area to attend the funeral. Following his one-year stay at Bryan as a special lecturer, Dr. Egipto worked at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago about six years and then returned to his home in the Philippines as a representative for the Gideons until 1989.
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