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# a letter from the president



*"I am going to prepare a place for you"*  
- John 14:2.

Our greatest hope and comfort as believers in Jesus Christ is that one day He will return to earth to catch His bride away to live with Him forever in a home that He has prepared for us. Of course, nothing can even begin to compare with going to our heavenly home, but for the 500 alumni and family members who attended Bryan's 2007 Homecoming weekend, they experienced the joys of renewing friendships and seeing what has changed at the place they once called "home." As you read the Homecoming highlights in this edition of *Bryan Life*, I hope you will enjoy recalling special memories from your days at Bryan.

Other campus happenings and features you will enjoy in this issue include:

♦The two-week missions internship trip to Rwanda this fall, led by Dr. Ray Legg, Bruce Morgan, and Ben and Ariel Norquist, provided many opportunities for our students, faculty, and staff to share the Gospel with the courageous people living in that war-torn country. In turn, the story of these

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people forever changed the lives of the Rwanda team. An ongoing relationship was established with the church in Rwanda, so plans are in place for future Bryan students to return to Rwanda to carry out the Great Commission.

♦The prowess of our athletic teams is evidenced by our cross country team capturing the crown of one of the NAIA's 14 regions and making a strong showing in the national championship race in Kenosha, Wisc. Likewise the women's volleyball team and our soccer programs have been ranked near the top of the conference all season and vied for the Appalachian Conference championship.

♦Perhaps no single domestic issue has gripped the minds and imaginations of Americans more than global warming and its effects on our earthly home called planet Earth. My article seeks to examine this controversy from a biblical and scientific perspective.

We have seen our Bryan "home" change and grow as God has blessed us with another record enrollment. Because we cannot seat all of our faculty, staff, and students at one time in Rudd Auditorium, we are excited about expanding the seating capacity from 840 to 1,150 seats. We need to take action this summer, and I invite you to help us remodel your home so that all the Bryan family can worship together.

Stephen D. Livesay, Ph.D

# Homecoming 2007 brings out the Pride

**H**undreds of alumni exhibited tons of Lion Pride as Bryan College celebrated Homecoming 2007 Oct. 5-7.

In addition to recognizing an Alumna of the Year and naming an honorary alumnus, the college paid tribute to the 1975, 1976, and 1977 NCCAA national champion soccer teams at a luncheon on Saturday and between the men's and women's soccer matches that afternoon. Luke Germann, captain of the 1977 squad, was inducted into the Bryan Athletics Hall of Fame at the awards dinner that night.

"Having the national champion soccer teams back was a special addition to our Lion Pride homecoming," Alumni Coordinator Warren Cole said. "Homecoming is a special time for the Bryan family, but being able to honor an alumna for such a significant accomplishment made the weekend all the more memorable."

Another athletic event was the annual alumni golf tournament, with 10 teams playing. Winning teams received gift certificates to Outback Steakhouse.

Food was an important part of homecoming, with the Good Ole Days, 25th Anniversary Reunion, and reunion dinners for the five-year classes on Friday night; departmental reunion lunches and the awards dinner on Saturday; and the second annual bonfire and s'mores after the awards dinner. The departmental lunches were a new feature this year, and



Mr. Cole said the event was "a big hit."

Jackie Perseghetti, a member of the Class of 1982, was honored as Alumna of the Year, saluting her achievements as a wife, mother, author, speaker, and supporter of the college. Dr. Raymond Legg, chairman of the English Department, was named an honorary alumnus of the college.

During the soccer game with Tennessee Temple—the Lions won 10-1—Jessi Hundley, a senior from Knoxville, Tenn., was crowned Homecoming Queen and Paul Gutacker, a senior from New Egypt, N.J., was crowned King.

Homecoming concluded with an alumni worship service led by the Rev. Howard





## Summers Gymnasium gets upgrade

**A**n athletics facilities improvement effort that has spanned more than a year came to a close this winter as work on an addition to Summers Gymnasium finished as the semester ended.

Vice President of Operations Tim Hostetler said the 5,742-square-foot office and locker room complex was the final step in an upgrade project that included construction of a practice gymnasium at the maintenance building, construction of an athletic training room on the west side of Summers, and renovation to the traditional front of the gym.

Before the new semester begins, the coaching staff is to move into the second floor of the newest addition to Summers. Each head coach and the new sports information director will have a private office, and assistant coaches will share office space. There is a conference/signing room and a work area on the upper level.

The first floor, on the same level as the Summers game floor, houses the Bryan men's and women's team locker rooms. Locker rooms will feature 25 two-foot-wide wooden lockers with storage space above the

lockers, and will have LCD projectors and white boards.

On the Summers upper level, locker rooms have been renovated for use by visiting teams and Bryan's intramural teams. There is a new concession stand and laundry and uniform storage areas.

Perhaps the most striking addition to the upper level is a new façade which complements architectural elements of other campus buildings, and is matched on the front of the new addition. Visible from the upper level are the exercise and weight rooms that now occupy space that once housed offices and the training room.

Dillard Construction of Dayton was contractor on the \$1.15 million project.

"In the past year we have significantly improved the athletics facilities at the college for our intercollegiate teams and provided benefits for our intramural program and for students who want to exercise on their own," Mr. Hostetler said. "These new facilities will help provide a quality overall program as we work toward eventual construction of the new athletics center."

# Lessons from Rwanda



## What one team learned about sorrow, hope, and the grace of God in the wake of genocide

**T**hirteen years after a genocidal rampage devastated Rwanda, a Bryan College team saw evidence of healing, growth, and hope as they visited the African nation in October.

Seventeen students, two alumni, and four faculty/staff leaders spent fall break on an internship trip for the students' Missions: Foundations and Applications course, using skills they are learning in their majors in a missions setting.

"The core concept for the class is that missions can be whatever you're good at," Ben Norquist, '04, assistant director of spiritual formation, explained. "The goal is to help build the kingdom of God overseas by using emerging skills. The key outcome is students who live a kingdom lifestyle."

To that end, students majoring in Bible, communication studies, psychology, Christian ministry, mathematics, pre-med, and politics and government made the trip.

The country they visited, Rwanda, is still recovering from a period of 100 days in 1994 when some one million persons were murdered in a government-sanctioned slaughter. As many as 10,000 persons died each day, and relatives of victims were the focus of the ministry outreach.

Team members came face to face with the genocide when they visited a memorial at Kigali where some 250,000 persons are buried. Ariel Norquist, Mr. Norquist's wife, who accompanied the team, said the museum-style memorial offers information about the years leading up to the genocide, pictures of the victims, and even depictions of the slaughter.

"Several students had to leave, they were so affected," Mr. Norquist added.

"One room had pictures of children and notes about their age, maybe their favorite toy, and how they were killed," said Jessie Farrell, a senior elementary education major.

While the memorial was emotionally challenging, contacts with survivors or orphans from the genocide

deeply touched team members.

Sarah Coffman, a senior psychology major, said working with volunteer counselors allowed her to hear stories from women whose husbands were murdered and who were deliberately infected with HIV during the terror. The counselors "are suffering like their clients," she said. "They struggle with images that replay daily. They meet every year and bring up issues they face, consult with one another, and ask advice from the counselors" at a counseling center in Kigali. "I was able to share some things I had learned at Bryan about trauma and grief, and told them that God is a healing God."

Another psychology major, Joel Trigger, a senior, found the language barrier hindered his communication with Rwandans, but communication was possible. The second day of his internship a man who bore a machete scar across his head began speaking with the counselor, who translated for Joel.

"The counselor was encouraging him with Scripture. He began to cry, and I began to cry with him. I asked

the counselor to tell him that even though I was from far away and didn't know him, I was crying because I hurt for him, because Christ loved him. He said it was a miracle to see such love from a person. That just blew me away. I knew God brought me there to show His love to them."

Joel also was able to see a "gacaca" court, the traditional community justice system, in action. Because there are still so many involved in the killing who have not been adjudicated, Joel said traditional courts are used to try some killers. "The counselor I was working with was called to the gacaca court to face the man who had killed her husband and five children. She asked me to go with her."

He said the woman had visited the man in prison where he was being held and offered forgiveness, an offer he rejected. As a result, he was to face trial. "In court, the witnesses often face the family of the accused who are trying to stare them down. But the witnesses have no family to support them. To me, being there with her that day sounds like the Gospel in real life. God is called a husband to the widow and father to the orphan. That is what we were doing (for the counselor), standing in the place of God as He supported them. He brought me there on that day to represent Him."

Jessie Farrell spent the first week working in a school in Kigali, primarily giving children kindergarten-age and younger extra help with their lessons. The second week she worked with teens and young adults who had been orphaned in the genocide. "The prob-

lems youth in America face are nothing compared to what those in Rwanda have faced: genocide, lost families, AIDS.

"I thought I was going to Rwanda to change lives, but they changed mine. We met orphans who literally had gone through hell, yet were able to have a smile on their

faces and know about forgiveness from the deepest part of them."

Jeremy Moore, a senior Communications Studies major from Prattville, Ala., said focusing on small things helped him benefit from the trip. "The first week I really didn't think we were doing much," he said. "I worked at a radio station acting as



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a marketing director, writing proposals, meeting with bankers, embassies, all business stuff. It was hard to see where Christian work was being done. We were looking for big things to happen.

“At the end of the first week we refocused to notice the small things. The next week was amazing. We noticed how the families we were staying with were encouraged by our coming. My ‘papa’ told me we as Americans hadn’t been through what they had, but it meant so much to him for us to come that the whole rest of his life would be different. He told us, ‘You may not feel like you’ve done much, but you have. You’ve impacted my family.’”

Dr. Legg acknowledged the difficulty in assessing the true impact of the team’s visit. “We touched lives of people in ways we may not fully appreciate until the roll is

called up yonder. We fully anticipated we would not change Rwanda but that we would be changed.”

But projects such as the Bryan trip do help rebuild the nation. “People in leadership positions, even those who are not Christians, see the church as vital to rebuilding Rwanda. Somebody has to care for those people. They don’t need money, they need bodies, they need people to come along side and help,” he said.

Mr. Norquist said he saw two main benefits from the trip. “Most important, students came away spiritually formed and impacted in marvelous ways. And now we have a long-term relationship by which we will be able to send student interns in the future.”

Mrs. Norquist suggested the students may not have realized the impact they made. “Students left

understanding they had learned much more than they had contributed,” she said. “But I was amazed at how much they had contributed, how they helped where they worked. People were eager to learn from them.”

If nothing else, the students returned much more grateful for the blessings they take for granted. “It truly made me so much more appreciative of the life that God has given me,” Sarah Coffman said. “I feel like so much is taken for granted here.”

“I will never understand the justification for my being born in America, and those children being born in mud huts,” Jeremy Moore said. “It puts a whole new meaning on life.”

“To sum it all up,” Joel Trigger added, “we were put in a situation where we saw unbelievable ugliness





## Bryan athletics honored

The following Bryan College teams, athletes, and coaches were recognized this fall for outstanding performances:

### Men's Soccer

**Scott Davidson, Nate McCown:**

1st team All Conference,  
NAIA All Region XII Team

**Manoel Silva, Daniel O'Kane:**

2nd team All Conference

**Jota DaSilva, Kyle Wagley:**

3rd team All Conference

### Women's Soccer

**Christy Noel:**

2nd team All Conference,  
NCCAA 1st team All Region

**Jana Watson:**

3rd team All Conference,  
NCCAA 1st team All Region

**Kara Nissley:**

NCCAA 1st team All Region

**Joy Hartman, Allison Cunningham,**

**Jana Watson, Christy Noel, Sara**

**Ward, Lizy Peters:**

Academic All Americans

### Volleyball

*AAC tournament runners-up, NAIA  
Region XII runners-up, Berth in NCCAA  
national championship tournament*

**Robin Renfroe**

NCCAA 1st Team All American

**Amber Smith**

NCCAA National Championship  
All Tournament Team

**Gabrielle Claxton, Robin Renfroe:**

1st team All Region

**Kathryn Rawley:**

2nd team All Region

**Gabrielle Claxton, Kathryn Rawley:**

Region XII All Tournament team

**Gabrielle Claxton, Kathryn Rawley,**

**Robin Renfroe:**

1st team All Conference

**Alison Young:**

All Freshman team

**Kaylin Carswell, Stepheny Petite,**

**Kathryn Rawley:**

All Academic team

### Men's Cross Country

*NAIA Region XII Champions  
Appalachian Athletic Conference Champions  
Berth in NAIA national championships*

**Josh Bradley, Zach Buffington,**

**Daniel Goetz, Bryson Harper,**

**Zach Mobley:**

1st team All Conference

**Matt Albin, Hunter Hall, Bryson**

**Harper, Zach Mobley:**

AAC All Freshman team

**Coach Rodney Stoker:**

AAC Coach of the Year



# The Scourge of Human Trafficking

**H**uman trafficking is nothing new to the world. Consider the words of Tod Lindberg, whose work, *The Political Teachings of Jesus*, is an extraordinary exposition on the Sermon on the Mount as well as the rest of Christ's teaching:

"Into a world of imperial occupation, deprivation, cruelty, slavery, injustice, heredity privilege, persecution, tribal conflict, collective punishment, piracy, the arrogance of the strong, the hopelessness of the weak, and the banishment of the sick, Jesus introduced the idea of universal freedom and the equality produced when people recognize the freedom of others by treating others the way they themselves would like to be treated."

A case can be made that Lindberg's description of the world into which Jesus was born and raised; served and led; died; and from which He was resurrected is no different in so many respects than our world today. So, let's go "back to the future," to Genesis, where we learn of Joseph's trials and tribulations at the hands of his brothers and the Ishmaelite slave traders. Joseph was trafficked before being raised up by the Lord and put at the right hand of Pharaoh to lead not just Egypt but Israel through one of the most terrible periods in human history.

In this 21st century world, where human trafficking is more profitable and significantly safer for the traders than drugs, many drug lords and barons are getting out of the drug trade to move into the human trade. There are many brave and dedicated people who fight this scourge world-

wide. One of the most effective and dedicated leaders is Ms. Christine Dolan of Boston, Mass. Ms. Dolan credits President George W. Bush with doing more than any President to combat this scourge. Within the State Department, the under secretary for democracy and global affairs oversees the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. The sole purpose of this division is to track and combat the human trafficking scourge.

Crimes against children, especially the sex crimes, are the worst imaginable. Remember the words of Jesus:

"If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea (Matthew 18:6, NIV)."

Ann Grisham, a young scholar and a person familiar with the issue of human trafficking through her dedicated research ("Child Slavery, Education, and Hope," by Ann Grisham) this past summer, reports:

Christine Dolan said, "People who prey know how to do it well." I don't think human slavery, and indeed child slavery included in that heading, could have been summarized more succinctly. As the third-largest and fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, human trafficking and slavery includes an estimated 2 million people being trafficked every year and 27 million enslaved people each year; we can only attribute its success to evil that is more complex than we may realize.

According to the latest report of the International

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by Dr. Ron Petite,  
Professor of Politics and Government  
Director, William Jennings Bryan Center for International Leadership

Labor Organization (ILO) in 2004, 246 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 engage in child labor. The majority of the world's 211 million working children between the ages of 5 and 14 are found in Asia (127.3 million or 60 percent), in Africa (48 million or 23 percent), in Latin America and the Caribbean (17.4 million or 8 percent), and in the Middle East and North Africa (13.4 million or 6 percent, ILO).

The college/university campus organization Students Stopping the Trafficking of Persons (SSTOP) now estimates that there are 30 million people in slavery today. The number is rising by the millions.

Human trafficking is not only big business; it is a multi-national enterprise of incalculable proportions. According to a study (“Economics of Human Trafficking”) by another of my students, Miss Corrie Nash, U.S. companies outsource their work to countries such as Jordan. Please, consider the details she provides:

In 2006, the National Labor Committee (NLC) published a report detailing abuses of workers in this free trade zone. The report describes activities of around thirty factories in Jordan, which were producing goods for U.S. companies [including major national chains]. What the NLC claims happens in the factories is appalling. For example, in [one factory] in Irbid, Jordan, workers might go two or three days without sleep. They were beaten and tortured, paid as little as two cents per hour, and lived in small rooms with few amenities.

Many

of them are from nearby countries such as Bangladesh and were deceived into contracts, paying thousands of dollars to come to Jordan with the promise of a secure job and money to send back to their families. In turn, they were cheated out of their wages and stripped of their passports, unable to leave Jordan. Factory workers [at this factory] sewed clothing for [major national chains](NLC). At another factory in Irbid [serving major national chains], managers sexually abused female and child workers. They too were owed up to six months pay. These are only a few examples cited in the NLC's report. However, as with any single report, we cannot accept it all as blanket truth. Nor can we dismiss the information, potentially harming tens of thousands of people. Estimates place the total number of workers in these factories around 50,000, with more than half being non-Jordanians (NLC).

The Trafficking In Persons (TIP) report issued by the U.S. Department of State addresses some of these same concerns regarding the abuse of foreign guest workers in Jordanian factories.

Christen Noel is still another of my students who spent the summer of 2007 engaged in a study of human trafficking. Please listen to what Christen has to say (“Human Trafficking” by Christy Noel):

Movies, books, the Internet, and even television are avenues in which Americans are being introduced to human trafficking. Americans, being caught up in the entertainment of it all, are not focused on the truth that

lies behind their entertainment. Human trafficking crept into the world during Bible times and has become a normal part of culture. Americans should realize human trafficking is rocking the world as it takes lives physically, emotionally, and mentally from innocent individuals. Victims of human trafficking cannot speak up for themselves. Therefore, it is up to those with a voice, such as Americans, to speak out for them.

Americans need to seek the Lord in prayer as they begin to fight against this evil and be ready to meekly but boldly stand up for the victims of human trafficking.

The number one issue for Americans engaged in the political process is the War in Iraq. All other issues, national and international, are subservient to this war. Republicans and Democrats are fighting constantly over how best to solve the war and safeguard our soldiers. Once a plan is agreed to by both major parties and the U.S. military has a clear cut mission to accomplish, our politicians and government can do no better than turn their full attention to the world-wide holocaust that is human trafficking.

American clergy need to take the lead, with Congress, to combat this evil. It is not, as one pastor recently expressed himself, enough to say that “Congress is aware of the problem; they’re smart, they know what’s happening.” This was the situation in World War II. Fortunately, a core of moral leaders had the courage of their convictions to take action based on their knowledge and to fight to liberate not only the Jews from Hitler’s abyss, but to save Europe in the process. And, unless America commits to act on its knowledge of human trafficking, World War II will be seen as America’s finest hour and the generation that fought that war, “the brightest and best of the sons [and daughters] of the morning;” for darkness will have fallen over a 21st century land where knowledge was more prized than action.

No less a Christian soldier than Augustine “plead[ed] with...urgency for forceful civil action to suppress a sudden burgeoning of the international slave trade fed by indiscriminate kidnapping.”

Centuries later it was left to William Wilberforce to lead the crusade against slavery in Great Britain and Abraham Lincoln to emancipate those in slavery in America, the beginning of the end of the cruelest and darkest chapter in American history. The fact that slavery still exists and is a world-wide epidemic is reason to begin the fight anew, with 21st century Augustines, Wilberforces,

# Human Trafficking

*How Bryan is making a difference*



**B**etween 27 and 30 million persons are victims of human trafficking, a little-recognized evil that may hit closer to home than most persons realize.

Paul Gutacker, a senior from New Egypt, N.J., is working with a committee of students, faculty, and staff to organize a conference on human trafficking at Bryan Jan. 25-26, 2008.

“We want to expose people at Bryan, in Dayton, and in colleges in the area to the breadth and depth of the problem, and to examine what we as Christians can do.”

He explained that, following a presentation in the spring of 2007 by Christine Dolan, a journalist who has researched the matter extensively, students, under the leadership of Dr. Ron Petite, decided to sponsor a conference on the topic.

A number of students spent this past summer researching the matter, and will present their findings at the conference, which is being presented by Dr. Petite’s Center for International Leadership, the new campus organization Students Stopping the Trafficking of Persons (SSTOP) and the Bryan Center for International Development under the leadership of Mr. Dennis Miller.

Students have invited representatives from Bard College and Georgetown University, where other SSTOP chapters have been organized, to attend the conference.

The conference schedule still is being refined, but

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# Global Warming: Does God have a

by Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, Bryan College President

**M**any uncertainties in today's world, such as a volatile stock market, rancorous politics, terrorist threats, and questions about climate change and global warming, plant seeds of worry in our hearts and minds. I'm so glad that we as Christians do not need to be anxious regarding tomorrow, as Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything... His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

## **Worry Number One: Global Warming**

Many media outlets promote a one-sided perspective on climate change and global warming, planting seeds of worry that our planet is heating up. They say that increasing levels of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the primary cause of global warming, yet seem to ignore the benefits of CO<sub>2</sub> for plant growth.

Alarmists focus on anthropogenic causes of global warming. They claim that human actions, especially the burning of fossil fuels that produce CO<sub>2</sub>, are heating up the planet. All scientists, however, have not joined that consensus. Some believe that the earth has gone through historic cycles of cooling and heating, most of which stem from solar winds and other natural activity. Indeed, NASA has just released data

indicating that the decade of the 1930s was the warmest decade in the past 100 years.\*

## **Worry Number Two: Massive Flooding**

The popular media plant seeds of worry that global warming will melt the ice caps on the poles and produce massive flooding for many of our cities. Yet, God has told us that He has put boundaries on the waters: "You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains. At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away. Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed. Then you set a firm boundary for the seas, so they would never again cover the earth." Psalm 104:6-9



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**Worry Number Three:  
More Fallout**

Green movement disciples plant more seeds of worry by blaming global warming for just about all the ills of the world, from increased hurricane activity to the spread of diseases such as malaria. They fail to mention how many of these ills can be cured given current financial resources, and they fail to mention the positive effects of a warmer global environment. To claim that the answer for these real and imagined ills is to reduce carbon emissions is neither scientifically proven nor is it economically viable. For example, fossil fuel, the alleged primary culprit for global warming, is the most affordable method of energy production and available to the greatest number of people worldwide. Without this affordable form of energy, it is extremely difficult to raise the standard of living in third world countries; and without means and resources, the challenge of eradicating disease and combating poverty is greatly increased.

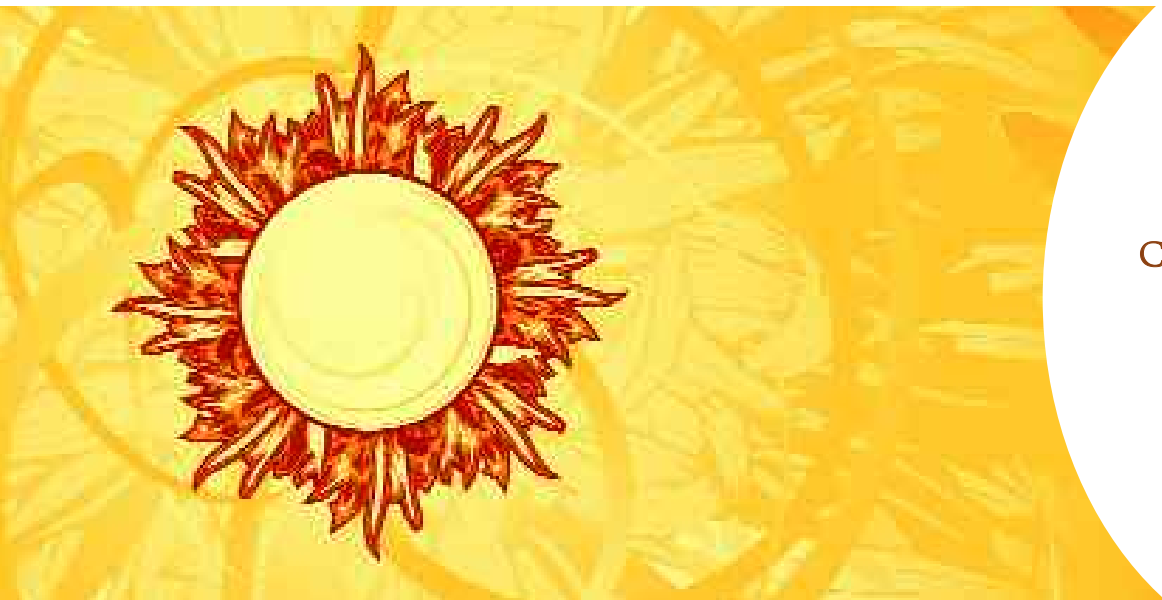
Grouped together under the Green movement’s huge umbrella are such initiatives as reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, controlling water and air pollution, promoting conservation efforts, and using natural resources more efficiently. Certainly we should do everything possible to provide and maintain clean water and air and to conserve and use wisely all of the earth’s resources. To claim, however, that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are the primary cause of global warming and that the effect of global warming is harmful if not devastating to the future of planet earth is not supported by good science and rejects our Creator’s activity in sustaining His creation. Being a good steward of God’s creation in no way requires that Christians bow to the false science and new theology dictated by anthropogenic global warming disciples.

**At the Heart of the Matter**

Fundamentally, the greenhouse disciples’ theology dispenses with an all-knowing and all-powerful Creator

and Sustainer God and substitutes a naturalistic worldview that teaches that humans are in control of their own destinies. In addition, the popular press confuses the issue when it equates environmental stewardship and anthropogenic global warming.

For example, colleges are solicited with appeals to support initiatives such as the “A Call for Climate Leadership” proposal advocated by a consortium of Green entities including Second Nature, ecoAmerica, and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. This proposal claims that “reversing global warming is the defining challenge of the 21st century,” and states that higher education must educate students to face this “crisis that threatens its [society’s] very viability.” They say that the culprit for global warming is fossil-fuel dependency, and the answer is a collectivist approach of greater taxation, regulation, re-education (including mandatory classes in college curricula), widespread reduc-



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tion of energy usage, and contraction of trade.

### A Balanced Response

Scripture clearly requires us to be good environmental stewards. Many well-intentioned Christians, however, have rushed to embrace the popular deception that environmental stewardship mandates taking immediate and drastic steps to curb greenhouse emissions in order to protect our planet. In the process, they have also embraced a theology that denies God's promises and plans for His creation and have accepted questionable scientific claims that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are the primary culprit of global warming.

God's truth teaches that human beings are created in His image, given a privileged place among creatures, and commanded to exercise stewardship over the earth. We are to work the earth and take care of it (Genesis 2:15). We are to be fruitful, exercise dominion, and bring forth good things from the earth (Genesis 1:26-30). God has prepared an environment for us to use in such a way that we will pros-

per, be fulfilled, and ultimately accomplish His purposes.

God's ultimate purpose for His created beings is that we are to live out the greatest commandments—to love Him and love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:35-39). We must make every effort to make Him known throughout the world and to provide for every individual the opportunity that we have to enjoy His creation in a manner that brings glory to Him.

A balanced response is one based on God's truth and good science—one that seeks out political and economic policies and practices that maximize the use of natural resources for the greatest benefit of all mankind. Green responses that ignore God and ignore other scientific data that contradict their belief system result in policies and practices that diminish our political and economic freedoms. We must protect these freedoms that allow us to maximize our God-given abilities to shape creative solutions that provide for the needs of mankind both now and in the future.

Global warming and climate change have not taken God by surprise; His creation is not fragile. He built into His creation the ability to adjust to changing conditions that come from internal and external sources. He will not allow this earth to be destroyed until He makes a new heaven and a new earth; that is, until His purposes are fulfilled (Revelation 21:1-3). After the flood, God said that “As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night (Genesis 8:22).” Here God promises that these cycles will never cease—and His promises never fail. The cycles necessary for human beings and other life on earth to thrive will continue as long as the earth abides.

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\* A detailed analysis of the scientific evidence that calls into question the anthropogenic causes of global warming that the popular press has promoted and the public has been so quick to embrace is beyond the scope of this article. For further information visit [www.cornwallalliance.org](http://www.cornwallalliance.org) or attend the February 22-23 Bryan College symposium on



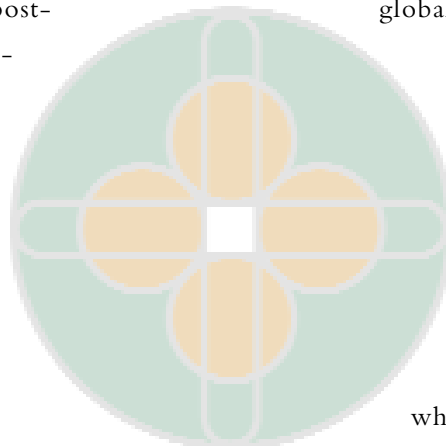
# The Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice

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*Dr. Charles Van Eaton, Director*

## Symposium to explore global warming

Former Vice President and current recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize Albert Gore argues that global warming is not a political issue but a moral issue. Consequently, in today's post-modern world of the fact-value dichotomy, values—meaning issues of morality—are whatever any individual chooses them to be, which is to say that one person's morals are no better than another person's notion of morals. Indeed, if substantiated science is not the standard, the issue of global warming can mean different things to different people and cannot be subjected to scientific analysis because science, meaning facts, has been ruled out.



Logic demands that global warming is, first and last, a scientific issue. Either the entire globe is warming or it is not. Indeed, a troublesome question is, can we even know if it is warming when most climatologists agree that it is mathematically impossible to measure a global temperature “average”?

But, measurement problems aside, if the earth is warming, hard science has to determine if it is caused by human activity or is a product of natural forces over many long-term periods of alternating warming and cooling cycles. If natural, policy has to focus on programs based on knowledge of what is needed to promote human adaptability. If warming is occurring and if hard science is compelled to conclude that human activity is the cause, policy has to carefully examine which policies have the greater probability of reducing the sources of human causation before mandating programs which might actually diminish human adaptability to climate warming.

## CORE introduces new mineral exhibit

The Center for Origins Research has established a new permanent exhibit of fluorescent minerals in the Henning Natural History Museum. Director Dr. Todd Wood said the display was prepared as the

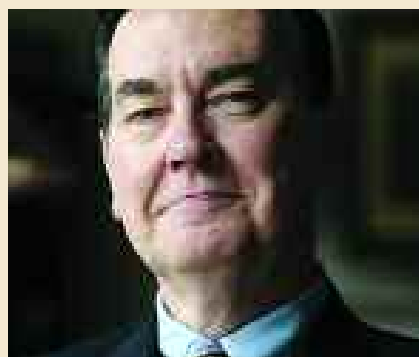
museum celebrated National Museum Day in October, when about 80 persons stopped by. School groups visit regularly, and individuals stop by nearly every day, he said.

Dr. Roger Sanders is continuing his study of lantana, an invasive

weed found in Australia. His work is being carried out in cooperation with a researcher in Australia in an effort to determine how threatening the weed is to the native ecosystem.

CORE also has established a journal club, similar to those found in most graduate schools. Dr. Wood said students and faculty members meet every other week to discuss

## Cal Thomas supports scholarship



Cal Thomas, one of America's leading conservative commentators, will be the featured speaker at a fund-raising banquet March 11, 2008, for the William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program.

Mr. Thomas is a 35-year veteran of broadcast and print journalism. He has worked for NBC, CNBC, PBS television, and the Fox News Network, where he currently provides weekly political commentary. He has appeared

on NBC Nightly News, Nightline, The Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN's Crossfire, Larry King Live, and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

In 1995, Thomas was honored with a Cable Ace Award nomination for Best Interview Program. Other awards include a George Foster Peabody team reporting award, and awards from both the Associated Press and United Press International.

Steve Keck, director of Advancement, said, "We are delighted to have Cal Thomas as the speaker for this program. He is a keen observer of contemporary life, and has a gift for communicating biblical truth in a compelling manner. He understands the importance of a biblical worldview and shares the commitment that Bryan College has to our Lord and to His

Word."

The William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program is a new initiative to ensure a quality Christ-centered education is available to all academically qualified students who demonstrate significant financial need. The program is a guarantee that eligible students will receive scholarship or grant funds from federal, state, and institutional sources to meet or exceed the cost of tuition at Bryan. It is available to first-time full-time freshmen entering in the fall semester and who meet family income guidelines. The program is renewable for four years for students who maintain eligibility.

Tickets for the dinner, which will be held at the Sheraton Read House hotel in Chattanooga, are available by calling 423-775-7323. Corporate spon-

## Bryan honors December graduates

Bryan College celebrated its first winter graduation ceremony Dec. 21, as some 80 students received their degrees.

Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White said the college administration

decided to add the second commencement service as the growth in enrollment resulted in increasingly large May graduations.

"With our growth in enrollment, we realized our May graduations would

become larger and larger, making it difficult to maintain the personal touch that is a Bryan hallmark," Dr. White said. "Also, it was becoming more and more of a challenge to provide seating for family and friends."



Another contributing factor was the nature of the Aspire degree completion program, which has groups of students completing their coursework throughout the year, rather than only in May and December as is the case with traditional students. “For these students, as well as our traditional students who fin-

ish in December, we felt giving them a commencement service closer to their actual completion of courses would be appropriate,” Dr. White said.

While some 200 students received their diplomas this past May, the first December graduating class had some 80 members, he said.

Awards were presented to the traditional graduate and the Aspire graduate having the highest academic record in their respective programs.

Dr. W. Gary Phillips, pastor of Signal Mountain Bible Church and former professor of Bible and Philosophy at Bryan, was the speaker.

## Debate teams impress the judges

Two debate teams from Bryan College won top honors in their respective divisions, a third team finished in third place, and three of the six team members received individual honors in a recent parliamentary debate at Walters State Community College.

Brittany McGehee, a junior from Rushton, La., and Eric McEachron, a junior from St. Charles, Mo., won the JV division for teams that have competed in three or fewer tournaments. Brittany was selected the top individual speaker in the division.

Brian Thomas, a freshman from Clarksville, Ark., and Tori Stewart, a freshman from Cleveland, Tenn., won the novice division, for teams competing in their first college debate tournament. Tori was selected top individual



speaker in this division, and Brian was runner-up for that award.

Rachel Welch, a junior from Covington, La., and Melissa Peters, a freshman from Clarksville, Tenn., finished third in the novice division.

Club leader Lawrence LaPlue said club members are working to raise awareness of and participation in the debate club. They are looking forward to taking part in several tournaments in the spring.

# Crucifixion painting displayed in library

A starkly realistic depiction of Christ's crucifixion has been loaned to the college by the artist, Robert Meredith, a member of the Bryan Class of 1963, at the invitation of President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay.

The Crucifixion, a 12-foot by 6-foot depiction of Christ's crucifixion, displayed in the library, was painted by Mr. Meredith, now of Marietta, Ga., over a period of two years beginning in 1979. Mr. Meredith explained that he had sat in church services and heard preachers describe the crucifixion. Invariably they would finish by saying, 'It didn't look like any of the paintings you see in museums.'"

He said when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior on July 1, 1979, he found the "missing piece" that enabled him to begin the process which produced this painting.

Mr. Meredith said the painting "depicts the moment when Jesus



cried out 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?'"

His inspiration for details in the painting is the Scriptural account of the crucifixion. Nails are depicted piercing Christ's hands and feet. He said he was assured by a medical authority that nails through the victim's hands would support the body's weight. Christ and the thieves are depicted nude because, he explained, the Bible says the soldiers took Christ's garments. Jesus is shown with his body bloodied by the beatings and scourging He suffered before being crucified.

Jesus does not wear a crown of thorns in the picture because Mr. Meredith said he does not "believe He was crucified with a crown of thorns" and Scripture does not address that point specifically.

He also added a lamb in the painting as a reminder that Christ

became our Passover lamb. "The crucifixion took place on the Day of Preparation for the Passover, the day lambs were killed for Passover," he said. "The contemporary historian Josephus recorded a census of lambs used in the Passover in Jerusalem—256,500. When Jesus walked into Jerusalem, I believe he was sharing the road with lambs to be sacrificed for Passover."

Dr. Livesay invited Mr. Meredith to display the painting at the college when he and Mrs. Livesay visited the artist at his studio. "I felt it important that not only our Bryan family, but all of Dayton and the surrounding community feel the passion of Bob's work. His work was 25 years ahead of Mel Gibson's film, "The Passion of the Christ," in its portrayal of the reality of our Savior's suffering. Bob Meredith's work is not simply

# faculty/staff notes

Members of the Christian Studies Division, including **Drs. Paul Boling, Doug Kennard, Jud Davis, Scott Jones, Drew Randle, Ken Turner,** and **Mr. Alan Corlew**, attended the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) and Evangelical Philosophical Society meetings in November. Dr. Davis presented a paper at the ETS meeting, "Passover and the Meta-narrative of the Bible: Exodus 12 and Leviticus 23 in Light of the New Testament." Dr. Kennard presented a paper titled "Interpreting Jesus' Parabolic Teaching within a Second Temple Context." They both moderated sessions of Bible-Both Testaments. In addition, Drs. Kennard, Turner, and Davis attended meetings of the Institute for Biblical Research, Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Philosophers, and the Society for Christian Theological Review.

**Dr. Steve Bradshaw, Dr. Liz Moseley,** and **Dr. Clark Rose**, with a number of students, attended the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference in Nashville, Tenn., in September. Dr. Bradshaw presented a paper titled "Practice Makes Perfect...and Other Lies: An Analysis of Family Mantras and Sayings."

**Mrs. Kim Keck** presented two workshops for the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools meeting in Murfreesboro, Tenn., "Stop Talking and Start Singing" and "Teaching Young Singers to Sing." Mrs. Keck also has been selected for inclusion in *Who's Who*

*Among Teachers in 2007.*

**Dr. Dana Kennedy** has received her Master of Science degree in Public Health from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Dr. Bill Ketchersid** recently was named a Melvin Jones Fellow, one of the highest honors presented to members of Lions Clubs International. Dr. Ketchersid, a member of the Dayton, Tenn., Lions Club for 34 years, has served as club president three times as well as holding other offices. He regularly distributes used eyeglasses, collected by the club, during medical trips to Haiti, Russia, and Jamaica. Dr. Ketchersid also has been named to *Marquis' Who's Who in Collegiate Faculty for 2008-09*, and to *Marquis' Who's Who in America for 2008.*

**Dr. Phil Lestmann, Mr. Earl Reed, Mr. Stefon Gray, Mr. Jason Wasser,** and **Mr. James Sullivan** attended the Appalachian College Association summit in October. During the conference Dr. Lestmann presented a talk "Trigonometry without Sines and Geometry without Angles." Student Will Wade presented a report on his summer research project on the Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness area near Dayton as it was originally developed by the Dayton Coal and Iron Company.

**Dr. Jeff Myers** has spoken at conferences and workshops in Colorado, Tennessee, Oregon, Florida, California, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, the Philippines, and Indonesia this past summer and fall.

**Dr. Jack Traylor** attended the annual conference of the Western History Association in Oklahoma City, Okla., in October. He has published a review of "Indian War Veterans: Memories of Army Life and Campaigns in the West, 1864-1898," compiled and edited by Jerome A. Green, in the Autumn 2007 edition of *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*. Dr. Traylor, assisted by three students, did a presentation and demonstration entitled "Safety and Self-Defense for Women" for the Women's Leadership Conference in Chattanooga in October.

**Dr. John Wells** and his wife, Marilee, traveled to Vila Klabim, Brazil, this summer on a mission trip, where Dr. Wells gave a recital of Christian music on a portable keyboard and accompanied congregational singing. Mrs. Wells assisted in a Bible school.

**Dr. Cal White** attended the Council for Independent Colleges Dean's meeting in Philadelphia in November.

**Dr. Mel Wilhoit** has been named to *Who's Who Among Teachers* and to *Who's Who in American Education for 2007*. In September, he performed with the Chattanooga Symphony Chorus in a benefit concert "Sing for the Cure," sponsored by the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In October, he was guest conductor for the East Tennessee Concert Band when it appeared in concert at Bryan. Dr. Wilhoit and Mr. Bernie Belisle accompanied a group of 19



## 1940s

**REBECCA (PECK) HOYT, '40**, has moved to the Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., Health Care Center following the death of her husband, **LOWELL, '42**, April 6, 2007.

**ROBERT, '45x**, and Jeanette **HARPER** live in Maitland, Fla., where Robert continues in ministry, speaking at various locations when invited.

**HAZEL NELL GEIGER, '47**, has retired from teaching but continues as a volunteer in the elementary school in Green Cove Springs, Fla. She helps children with reading problems and assists in the library.

**MIRIAM LEVENGOOD, '47x**, has moved from Knoxville, Tenn., to a Christian retirement home at Tehlequah, Okla.

**NELL PEARSON, '49**, visited Austria in August, reconnecting with friends she had made during 41 years of ministry there. A high point was meeting a man who led a church service, who told her he had come to Christ at a children's camp she led.

## 1950s

### Class Representatives

**1954:** Ginny Seguine Schatz

**1956:** Bud Schatz

**GLEN SCHWENK, '50**, lives in Spring City, Tenn., and is active as a "parking lot preacher" at grocery stores in Dayton and Spring City. He also helps teach his five granddaughters music lessons on the harp, guitar, and piano.

**BOB, '56**, and Wanda **HEARING** retired in May 2007, from Child Evangelism Fellowship and have moved from Anderson, Ind., to Madison, Ga., where they now serve with Source of Light Ministries. Bob is providing leadership to the ministry's discipleship schools, which publish correspondence lessons and work in training

## 1970s

### Class Representative

**1971:** Maye Hayes Jepson

and discipleship.

**GENE, '74x**, and **LYNN (PUFFER), '73**, **JORDAN** recently celebrated 30 years service with Mission Aviation Fellowship. Gene

has served as a pilot and mechanic and Lynn as a teacher during those years. Since 2000, Gene has served as director of personnel for MAF. The Jordans live in Nampa, Idaho.

**Dr. DALE, '77**, and Opal **LINEBAUGH** live in Mineral Point, Wisc., where Dale serves as a pastor. In August 2007, they launched a "Cowboy Country Chapel" outreach in a renovated barn with more than 60 persons present for the first service. During the summer they ministered at Odosagih Bible Conference in



Jerry Skifstad, Agnes Lee, and Vernon 'Steve' Stevenson

Machias, N.Y.

Three Bryan alumni had a reunion Aug. 29, 2007, in Wroclaw, Poland.

**JERRY SKIFSTAD, '79**, a missionary in Poland with SEND International; **AGNES LEE, '61**, and her husband, Dr. Robert Lee, of Palmer, Alaska; and **VERNON**

**“STEVE” STEVENSON, '79,** met while the Lees worked for 3 1/2 months with SEND International in Poland. Steve and his wife, Dorris, live in Prague, Czech Republic, where he serves as

## 1980s

### Class Representatives

- 1980: Tom Branson
- 1984: Paulakay Franks
- 1985: Steve Stewart
- 1986: Gina Lyles Hays
- 1987: Laura Kaufmann
- 1988: Brett Roes
- 1989: Gretchen Mann Sanders

European director for SEND International.

**DAVID ERSKINE, '89,** head men's soccer coach at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., earned his 100th coaching victory this season and the colleges' 100th soccer victory. David, in his 10th year as head coach, began his career at Hannibal-LaGrange in 1998 as

the school's first head men's and women's soccer coach. After leading the women's team to a 1999 NCCAA Regional Championship, an NCCAA National tournament berth, and receiving American Midwest Conference Coach of the Year honors David stepped down from the women's program following the 2000 season to focus on the men's soccer program. He has since led the team to six straight post-season appearances, accumulating a 77-35-10 record over that time. He received conference Coach of the Year honors in 2002 and 2006.

## 1990s

### Class Representative

- 1991: Debbie MacNab Gegerson

David and his wife, Kimberley, and their four children live in Hannibal.

**ANITA (REUTER) URBAN, '90,** recently moved to Greencastle,

Ind., with her husband, Bob, and two children, Anna Beth and Peter. They would like for any Bryan alumni in the area to contact



Marcus Goss

them if they wish to get together and reconnect. Anita's email address is [missdaisy10@yahoo.com](mailto:missdaisy10@yahoo.com).

**MARCUS, '92x,** and **DAWN (RAMSEY), '90, GOSS** announce the birth of their third child, Marcus Stefan, Jr., on Aug. 11, 2007. Marcus joins big sisters Peyton, 7, and Aubrey, 5. This year also marks the fifth anniversary of the founding of their company, Goss Foundations, Inc., a concrete-



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Mark Combs, '79

Jackie Perseghetti, '82

## Dayton, TN

*Being organized*



## Kansas City, MO

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## Knoxville, TN

Officer: Miguel Ayllon, '04

## Nashville, TN

Officers: Mark Robbins, '80

Mary Pierce Ewing, '75

## Orlando, FL

Officer: Lewis Alderman, '86

## Philadelphia, PA

Officer: Abby Miller, '03

## Phoenix, AZ

*Being organized*

## Richmond, VA

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Barry Gilman, '69

## Washington, DC

Officer: Lisanne Boling, '03

**Alumni Council:** Ginny Schatz, '54, Bud Schatz, '56, Faith Heitzer, '69, Joe Runyon, '79, Tom Branson, '80, Ed Fickley, '89, Barton Stone, '05x.

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masonry-tilt wall construction company that has continued to grow.

**MICHAEL SMITH, '93**, starred as Prof. Harold Hill in the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Theatre Centre's production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" in September and October. Michael reprised the role he played in Bryan's 1992 production of the show.

## **BRENDA (ADAMSON)**

**COTHRAN, '95**, received her Master's degree in elementary education in May, 2007, from Grand Canyon University. She teaches kindergarten at Normal Park Museum Magnet School in Chattanooga, Tenn. Her husband, Del, works at SunTrust Bank in the mortgage department. The Cothrans have three children, Joshua, 11; Lydia, 7; and Jared, 5.

**Dr. GLYNN STONE, '95**, and his wife, Angie, and their two sons have moved to Longview, Texas, where Glynn is senior pastor of Mobberly Baptist Church. Their sons are Trey, 4, and Luke, 1. The



Stone Family

Stone family had been living in Rome, Ga., before the move to Texas. **DERIC WHATLEY, '95**,



Deric and Tobi Whatley

and Tobi Elizabeth Wilkes of Chattanooga, Tenn., were married April 7, 2007, on Lookout Mountain. The Whatleys live in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where they are distributing their evangelistic CD, The Wildfire Project, and are college/career pastors at Tuscaloosa First Assembly.

**SUSAN LORIOT-MASTIN, '96**, introduced her husband, Gary Parker, to friends at homecoming in October. They live in Lexington, Ky.



Robyn Fox

**CHARLES, '98**, and **BROOKE (SHEPHERD), '97, FOX** announce the finalization of the adoption of their daughter, Robyn. Robyn, 3, has been in Brooke's and Charles' care since she was three days old. Bryan Alumnus **T.R. BLACK, '99**, was present at the adoption hearing. The Fox family lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where Charles is pastor of media and communications at Carolina Forest Community Church



and Brooke is a stay-at-home mom, and teaches Yoga and Pilates at Fitness Edge.



Joel and Charity Gonce

**JOEL**

**GONCE, '98**, and Charity Hargraves were married Oct. 7, 2006, in Kingsport, Tenn. **ELGIN GONCE, '02**, served his brother as best man. **JAMES COOPER, '98**, and **JOHN BAILEY, '98**, served as groomsmen. **KATIE BENNETT, '04x**, served as a bridesmaid. Other Bryan alumni in attendance were **AKARI (SAGUCHI) BAILEY, '98**; **JEFFERY SCHUMACHER, '97**; and **JONATHAN and LORRAINE (GONCE) DORAN, both '00**.

Joel and Charity spent a two week honeymoon touring Germany and Austria and reside in Gray, Tenn.

**BETHANY TOLIVER, '99**, has moved from Baltimore, Md., to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she works

**2000s**

**Class Representatives**

**2001:** Elizabeth Miller

**2002:** Jonathan Mobley

**2003:** Matt Lowe

**2004:** Taylor Smith

**2005:** Barton Stone

**2006:** Rob Palmer

as a pediatrics nurse. She plans to enter a nurse practitioner program soon.

**IRIS, '00**, and Erik **MEULMAN-GRIFFIOEN** announce the birth of their third daughter, Eva., on Oct. 9, 2007. Eva joins big sisters Anna, 3, and Julia, 2. The Meulman-Griffioen family lives in Meppel, Netherlands.

**MICAH and JUDY (TOLIVER) ODOR, both '01**, continue graduate studies at Cincinnati Christian University in Ohio. Micah serves as a pastor, leading a small group ministry in a local church. The Odors have a daughter, Jenna, almost 1.



Kate and Aubrey Palmer

**MATT and AMY (JENKINS) PALMER,**

both **'02**, announce the birth of their second daughter, Aubrey, on Aug. 30, 2007. Aubrey joins big sister Kate, 2. The Palmer family lives in Oldsmar, Fla.

**DAN, '02**, and Anne **KING**



Rebekah and Rachel Bass

announce the birth of their son, Hayden Daniel, on May 25. Hayden joins big sister Becca. The King family lives in Dayton, Tenn. They are pursuing plans to join Greater Europe Mission's work in Germany.

**SARAH (DRAKE), '03**, and Scott **BASS** announce the birth of their daughters, Rebekah Lynn and Rachel Elizabeth, on Oct. 5, 2007. Rebekah weighed 4 lbs, 13 oz., and was 16 ¾ inches long. Rachel weighed 5 lbs., 1 oz, and was 17 inches long. The twins join big sister Maggie, 4. The Bass family lives in Franklin, N.C.



Makayla and Lilyan

**KATY (ABERCROMBIE),**

**'04**, and Nick **SAYNES** announce the birth of their daughter, Lilyan Pearl, on May 23, 2007. Lilyan weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19 inches long. The Sayneses also welcomed Makayla Audrey Sims, 2, to their



Lucas Gantz and Friends

family this year. They live in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.

**LUCAS GANTZ, '05**, and Katie Thompson were married in October. Bryan alumni at the wedding included, from left, **DAVID DARDEN, '05**; **GABE GREENER, '05**; **ADAM HATMAKER, '06x**; friend Jimmy Hoffman; **JOSH LOCY, '03**; **NATE ELKINGTON, '05x**; **RICKY ALLISON, '05x**; and Lucas.

**KEDRIC WEBSTER, '03**, works

as a weekend manager for Ronald



Tyler and Darby Jenkins

McDonald

House in Orlando, Fla.

**SHERYL, '07**, and Mark **JENKINS** announce the birth of their daughter, Darby Joy, on Aug. 8, 2007.

Darby weighed 8 lbs, 11 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches

long. She joins big brother Tyler, 4. The Jenkins family lives in Dunlap, Tenn.



Andrew and Allison Hyer

**ALLISON**

**STROHM, '07**,

and Andrew

Hyer were married May 26, 2007.

Allison is an assistant editor for Strang Communications and Andrew



Addyson Falzone

Anthony and **DAYNA (LOVINS) FALZONE '07** announce the birth of their daughter Addyson Marie on June 5, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs and was 19 inches long. The Falzones live in Dayton, Tenn.

## With the Lord

is a third-year student at Reformed Theological Seminary. The Hyers live in Fern Park, Fla.

**LAWRENCE J. LEVENGOOD,**

'42x, died Aug. 29, 2007, at his home in Canton, Ohio. He is survived by three daughters.

**DR. CHARLES TABER, '51**, died Oct. 26, 2007, at his home in Johnson City, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, **BETTY (HANNA) TABER, '51**, and five children.

**LAURA SMART, '73**, died Feb. 11, 2007, at her home in Laredo,

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