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A More Excellent Way

In 1920 H. Orton Wiley, our first president, wrote these defining words: "Northwest Nazarene College has caught the vision of a need for a true Christian education. ... As an institution, this college seeks not to conform to the ideals of worldly institutions; it seeks rather in all things the Kingdom of God." (Nazarene Messenger, May 1920)

In making this claim and taking this stand, Dr. Wiley was used by God to imagine and implement a vision that continues to guide and direct the work of Northwest Nazarene University to this day. Like the Apostle Paul, H. Orton Wiley was mapping out a more excellent way.

It is fitting, as the time of the NNU Centennial Celebration draws near, to remember the guiding principles of our founders. Their words, their character, their passion for Jesus Christ and NNC/NNU have become an Ebenezer, "stones of remembrance," marking the path we have taken.

We do well to examine the stones that mark the path to a more excellent way. As NNC's first president it is important to remember Dr. Wiley's priorities:

Communion with God: Dr. Wiley believed that for an institution to be distinctly Christian it must foster and promote a personal relationship with God alongside knowledge of God. Thus, the spiritual life of the campus was Wiley's first priority.

Head and Hear—The Liberal Arts: Dr. Wiley set out to assemble a cadre of professors who would teach a wide array of disciplines, inviting exploration of the creative activity of humankind and the wonder of God's handiwork. The pursuit of truth in all fields was welcomed, for the Spirit guides us into all truth.

In Excellence—An Example: In addition to Dr. Wiley's explicit priorities he also led by example. Throughout his tenure as president he served with excellence as teacher, theologian, administrator, preacher, fundraiser, recruiter and lifelong learner. His personal commitment to being a good steward of his gifts, skills and responsibilities set the course for a century of excellence.

Persons of Passion and Power: Wiley believed that a Christian education is transformative, releasing students from the shackles of the world's ways, freeing them to become unique individuals in Jesus Christ, able to creatively serve their God, addressing society's needs through the strength of the Holy Spirit.

In November of this year we will kick off the NNU Centennial Celebration. Amidst the reverie may we pause to consider the path we have trod and the way that lies ahead. May God continue to use women and men attuned to His will, who earnestly "seek first His Kingdom" and in so doing pursue a more excellent way.

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In 1920, H. Orton Wiley, our first president, took Matthew 6:33 seriously. He pored over this Bible seeking God's will for NNU and penned his vision for this college: "[It] seeks not to conform to the ideals of worldly institutions; it seeks rather in all things the Kingdom of God."



YOU A MORE EXCELLENT WAY.

— I Cor. 12:31b NKJV

Centennial. One hundred years. How do you calculate and appreciate all that has occurred across one hundred years? So many presidents, professors, students, staff, churches, pastors, laity. What guided them? What connected them?

As we look back in history's hindsight, patterns and priorities begin to emerge:

A selfless, Christ-centered faculty and administration are assembled

A guiding motto is chosen—Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

A growing group of churches and families makes sacrifices for its children

A commitment to join heartfelt faith with academic rigor is established

A passionate calling to serve a lost world motivates student preparation

The things that describe the history of Northwest Nazarene University are the things that define NNU. The path and purpose of the University have not been charted by those seeking personal gain or worldly glory. Rather, the people we now call our founders, our leaders, our visionaries were guided by God. In the words of the Apostle Paul, they chose to pursue “a more excellent way.”

(I Cor. 12:31b)

A More Excellent Way—the Centennial theme of Northwest Nazarene University—a phrase that describes our accomplishments and our aspirations. The words declare that for one hundred years the people of NNU have sought to be the people of God. For one hundred years God's will and way have been the guiding force in the school's direction and desire.

The stories that follow are examples of NNU students and NNU alumni living out the pursuit of A More Excellent Way. Over the next year and a half, we want to trace the hand of God in the life of NNU and tell the stories of your pursuit of a more excellent way. We invite you to submit your stories to nnu.edu/100.

A VISION, A CALL, A



2012 Alumnus of the Year Brian Helstrom

By Ashlee Chaffee, Class of 2008

The “Jesus” film is shown every 28 minutes in over 120 countries around the world. To date, over 11 million people have decided to follow Christ as a result of JESUS Film Harvest Partners’ international ministry; every three minutes, two more people make the decision for Christ.

When Brian Helstrom enrolled as a student at NNC in 1978, he didn’t expect to change his major five times. But God’s call to full-time ministry became very clear to him one day during his sophomore year.

Originally, the plan was to obtain a business degree and return home to Washington to work in one of his father’s businesses. Brian’s involvement in the Northwesterners prompted him to try two music majors, but God’s gentle nudge became clear during a ministerial class when a pastor referred to his work as “equipping the saints for service” (Ephesians 4:12).

“That resonated in my mind and in my heart. I thought, ‘If I could just help other people succeed the rest of my life, then I will be fulfilled,’” Brian reflects.

Three NNU professors were very influential during this time in Brian’s journey: Dr. Paul Miller, Dr. D.E. Hill and Dr. Irving Laird. Dr. Miller taught Brian how to serve others and help them succeed through media; Dr. Hill taught him how to act professionally and introduced him to the international Church; and, Dr. Laird mentored Brian while showing him how to love others.

PASSION

After graduating from NNC, Brian served with youth and music in Denmark then married the love of his life, Jeanie. He earned a master of divinity at Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1988 while continuing to pursue ministry through media, and while working at Nazarene headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. Following ordination and a mission assignment working in Sweden, Brian returned to headquarters to work in mission strategy, to connect “Work and Witness” teams directly with field leaders and to decentralize cross-cultural orientation training for volunteers to college campuses.

“When God asked us to follow a more excellent way—the way of love—He was asking us to be better than our past, to be better than our environment, to be better than the situation we might find ourselves in,” Brian shares. “When I came to NNU, I was able to find that more excellent way in my own life, and I was able to graduate with a gift, a vision, a call and a passion I had never experienced before.”

In 1997 while he was at headquarters, Campus Crusade for Christ International approached the Church of the Nazarene, offering the “JESUS” film and more than \$1 million in equipment. In exchange, the Church of the Nazarene would provide teams of nationals around the world to show the film in order to evangelize, make disciples and plant churches.

Today Brian’s call and training are fulfilled while he serves as the executive director of JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)—a position that combines his passion for ministry with his desire to equip the saints. At JFHP Brian provides films, resources and equipment to over 450 teams around the world.

Developments in technology have

allowed JFHP to share God’s Word in increasingly effective ways. Not only is less equipment needed with the development of the DVD player and flash memory, but it is lighter and smaller, allowing JFHP teams to use equipment that is sensitive to the specific cultural, environmental and safety concerns when crossing borders. What used to weigh 19 pounds in 16mm film has been replaced by a macro flash chip the size of a pencil eraser. Each chip can contain three different language translations of the “JESUS” film.

“As a Nazarene missionary, one of my jobs is to equip the saints for service—to replicate myself in them and to set up systems of multiplication that they can then reach the people in their communities for Jesus Christ,” Brian says. “Within three hours, with the ‘JESUS’ film, you can go into a new village and reap the harvest that the Holy Spirit has prepared in that area.”

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NNU is proud to honor Brian Helstrom with its 2012 Alumnus of the Year Award for faithful obedience and service to his Heavenly Father. Plan to join us as we recognize him on Friday, November 9, at a special Alumni Chapel of the Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Brian and his wife have two daughters, Meagan and Tori, who are home-schooled in Olathe, Kan.



Floyd Johnson -56-
came to NNU to pursue his two passions: track and science. Soon he realized that in order to stay at the college he would have to give up track and get a part-time job.
After graduate school, Floyd opened up his own practice and felt led to fund an endowed scholarship so future student-athletes would not be placed in a position where they, too, would have to let go of the sport they love.

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BUILDING BLOCKS OF



Pictured left to right: Dr. Stephen Parke, Michael Whiting (Idaho), Bryan Hunt (Alaska), Jesse Baggenstos (Wash.), Andrew Peterson (Wash.), Luke Hetrick (Idaho) and David Vinson (Wash.).

The motto for NNU's Department of Engineering's first missional engineering capstone design project is found in Matthew 16:18: "On this foundation I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." They take it literally.

Extreme Nazarene first approached NNU in the fall of 2010. Thirty fellowships in Peru had been identified as being ready for a church, but traditional building materials were not strong enough and required

masonry skill. They needed a stronger substance that could be produced on-site by local unskilled laborers. The answer? Styrofoam.

The original plan was to build the churches using polystyrene blocks. These foam building blocks, much like Legos, fit together to create walls, benches, tables and chairs and are then reinforced with concrete and rebar to build strong yet inexpensive structures. However, shipping the blocks to Peru was expensive and not a feasible long-term plan. The NNU team was challenged to design, build and deliver

a portable block-molding plant powered by a diesel generator that could produce the blocks on site.

"This project is really at the heart of what we're all about in engineering at NNU: the opportunity to apply our skills to advance God's kingdom and to meet human needs in both the third world and the U.S.," said Dr. Stephen Parke, professor of engineering. "We're excited to design new technologies to build churches both in Peru and in other third-world countries as well."

Dr. Parke and his colleagues at the University are deeply committed to the work to

LOVE



which God has called them. And, their students take notice.

"It's really exciting to come here and see the professors not only passionate about teaching the subject matter—be it engineering, math or

"I'm used to students working hard on senior projects—that's true for all the majors at NNU—but you can really tell when it goes from being a project and becomes a real, personal commitment and encounter with serving the Lord," said Dr. Parke.

English—but also to see them so excited and on fire for God. That instills a fire for God in me," sophomore David Vinson (Wash.) explained.

Under the guidance of Dr. Parke, the team

investigated and tested many different production methods and companies for both polystyrene and polyurethane blocks. A team of seniors went to Peru in the summer of 2011 to help build the first two churches with the polystyrene blocks and gain insight into the building process. They began their senior year fall 2011 with a new plan and enthusiasm for what God is doing in Peru.

"Getting to know the people by working with them and sharing stories with them was an amazing experience," said senior Andrew Peterson (Wash.). "This project was an answer to their prayers from God. Their

passion and faith really made me want to become more involved on the project."

The difference in this project and this team was immediately recognizable.

"I'm used to students working hard on senior projects—that's true for all the majors at NNU—but you can really tell when it goes from being a project and becomes a real, personal commitment and encounter with serving the Lord," said Dr. Parke.

Throughout the school year the seniors worked to perfect the process, even staying up until 1 a.m. during spring break to make sure it would be ready to send to the mission field in the summer.

This experience allowed the students to love people they had never met while using their God-given talents and what they learned throughout their time at NNU. In the end it was difficult to tell whether it was the Peruvians or the students who felt most

blessed by the experience.

Senior Michael Whiting (Idaho) described the project this way: "It is not self-seeking, but seeking to serve people through the love that God instills in us. We are using the creative aspects of engineering to build a foundation for eternal change and building blocks for God, in love of his people."

In the weeks following commencement, the team delivered a block-molding plant that allows blocks to be made on-site using polyurethane, representing a 20-percent savings over the polystyrene blocks with which they started. While there, the team helped set up and trained the Peruvians to use the new equipment and establish a small-scale production. Over the next two years, more than 20 more churches will be completed. In the future, it is hoped that the technology will expand and be used in other third-world countries around the globe.



Dawn Gertson -80-
received the Floyd G. Johnson M.D.
Science and Athletic Scholarship
as a young pre-med student at NNC.
Today, Dawn is a family practitioner
and gives back to her alma mater
through a family scholarship
and a life insurance policy
named to NNU.

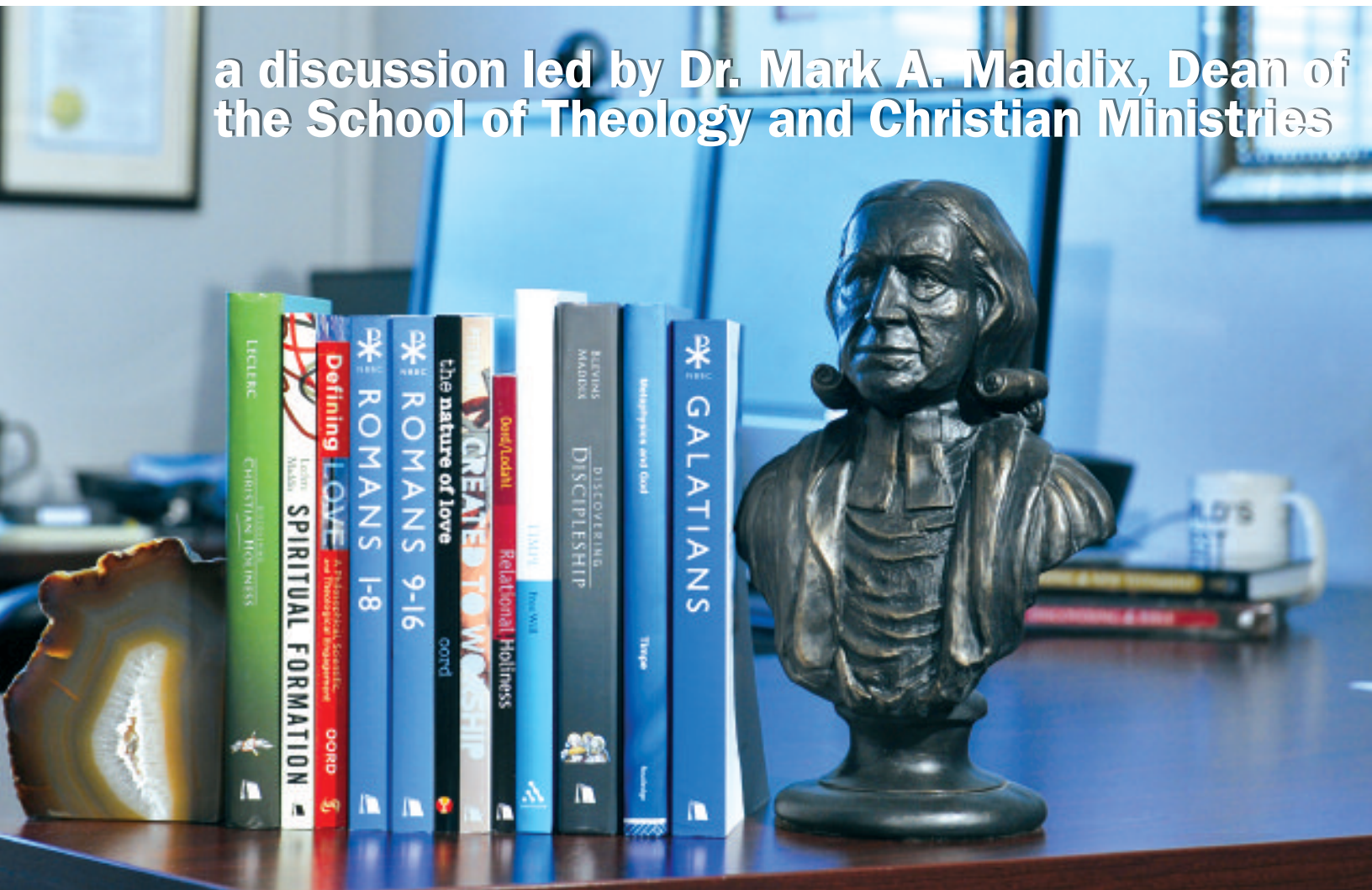
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KNOWLEDGE AND VITAL

a discussion led by Dr. Mark A. Maddix, Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministries



Dr. Mark Maddix: The famous quotation of Charles Wesley, “Unite the pair so long disjoined: Knowledge and vital piety,” is displayed in Swayne Auditorium on NNU’s campus.

It succinctly and poetically states the importance of knowledge and love that elaborates fully the necessity of Christian discipleship. Knowledge, learning and truth conjoined with piety, holiness and love portray people who live in total dedication to God. Wesley’s famous phrase reflects the heart and passion of the faculty in the School of Theology and

Christian Ministries (STCM). We are deeply committed both to the process of forming men and women as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and to rigorous scholarship in the pursuit of knowledge.

Dr. Diane Leclerc: Absolutely. I see my scholarship as a part of my vocation and my calling. Whether I am writing more “academically” or more “devotionally,” I see the Spirit guiding my mind and heart as I write.

Dr. Brent Peterson: Yes, my calling as a pastor is not just teaching students in the classroom but also writing and pub-

lishing to teach, encourage, inspire and prophetically challenge. I hope that what I write is for God’s glory. I hope that it helps to inspire and encourage folks to fall more deeply in love with Christ.

MM: NNU’s STCM faculty is actively engaged in writing books and academic articles in the areas of biblical studies, theology, practical theology and philosophy. Our faculty is recognized around the world for their excellent scholarship in their respective disciplines. We believe that the pursuit of knowledge is central in the life of a Christian disciple. Jesus affirmed that the greatest command was to “Love the

PIETY:



Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37,

“I hope that what I write is for God’s glory. I hope that it helps to inspire and encourage folks to fall more deeply in love with Christ,” Peterson said.

NRSV) Some Christians view the pursuit of knowledge as inconsistent with matters of faith, but we believe that our role is to integrate knowledge and vital piety. We affirm that faith is seeking understanding. We explore

new ideas in order to develop our understanding and to ground our faith. When this takes place, faith and reason are not in opposition but are complementary. We want to help Christians explore the deep questions of faith as informed by Scripture, reason, tradition and experience.

DL: As a historical theologian, I attempt to take facts and ask the “so what” question. This happened—now what are the implications for us today? What has gone before influences who we are and what we do in the present. It is important that we place ourselves in a historical context as the Church. We do not create theology in a historical vacuum.

BP: We do not pursue data or knowledge to lord it over others. The more you study the more you realize you do not know. We

pursue knowledge for wisdom, and we pursue wisdom for the glory of God: to help us to learn to love better, to be more fully Christian, to be more faithful to God and to be better lovers of those in our world.

MM: Recently our faculty has participated in presenting chapters from the book “Spiritual Formation: A Wesleyan Paradigm” (2011), edited by Diane Leclerc and myself, at several local Nazarene congregations. Our faculty and the leaders in NNU’s Office of Spiritual Formation wrote the book’s chapters, and it’s a great example of the integration of scholarship and Christian practice. It is a resource for pastors and laity who want to grow in their relationship with God. This book is helping Christians

expand their theological knowledge and to grow in holiness of heart and life.

Our scholarship is also a reflection of our worship of God. We believe that God has called us to serve the Church through our scholarship. Our role as professors is to continue to be engaged in exploring knowledge that helps to serve the Church of the Nazarene and the universal church. We want to be faithful to our calling as professors at Northwest Nazarene University through the forming of faithful disciples and engaging in scholarship.

DL: We affirm that all truth ultimately leads us not to abstract concepts, but to a deeper devotion to God and each other. This is what is meant by bringing together “the pair so long disjoined: knowledge and vital piety.”

BP: The goal isn’t to be the celebrity professor or the celebrity author. It’s to be faithful to the inspiration God has given us and to encourage the Church to fall in love with God more deeply. It’s to help Christians to love the church so that they could be equipped then to better love their neighbor.

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Brittney Miller (2014), Dawn Gertson’s family scholarship recipient.

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- 7 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. College of Idaho
- 9:30 p.m. Book Release and After-Game Party

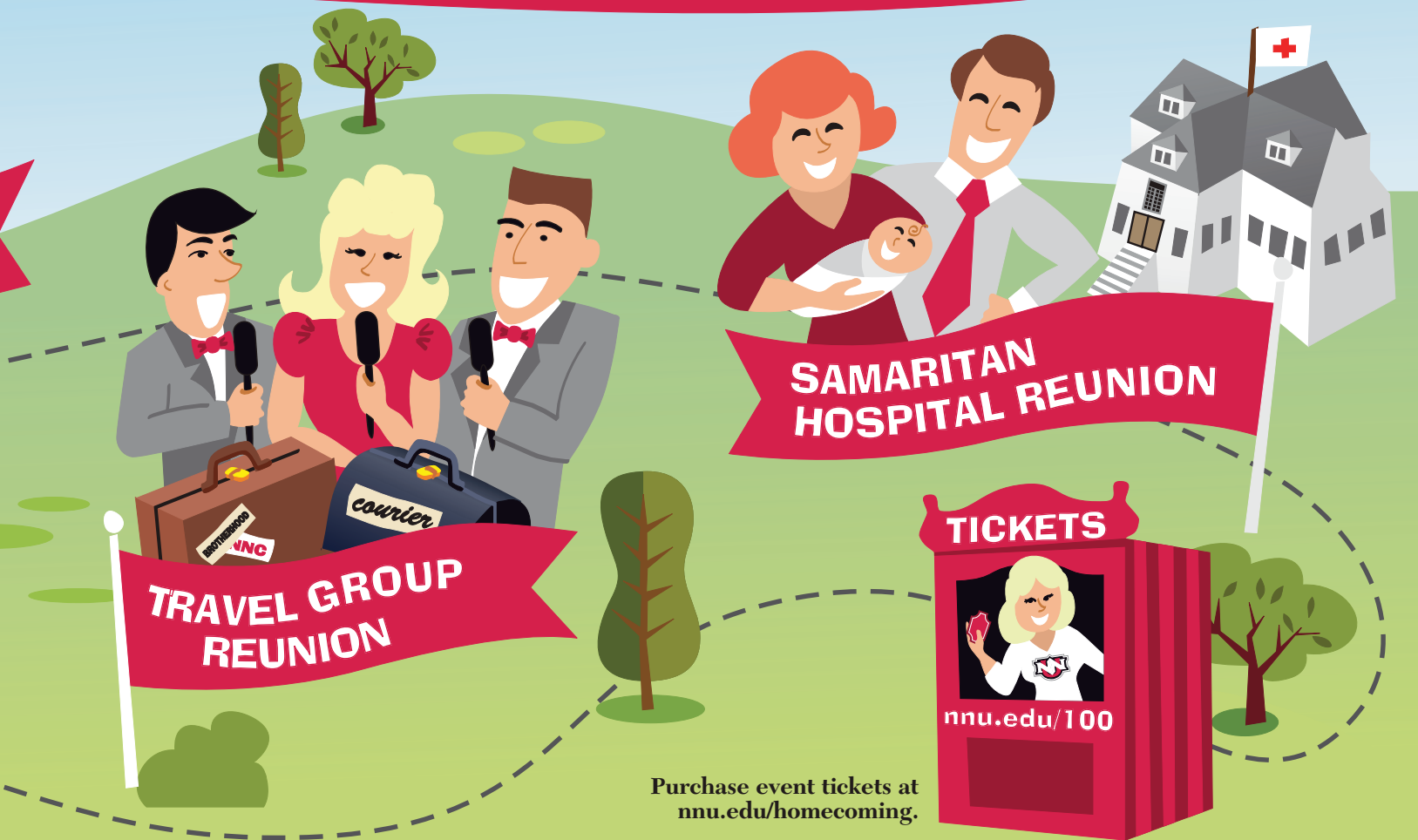
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 8 a.m. Legacy Partners Breakfast
- 8 a.m. 25-Year Master of Ministry and 10-Year Graduate Theological Online Education (GTOE) Anniversary Breakfast
- 9 a.m. 100-Year Historical Display opens
- 10 a.m. Chapel Centennial Kickoff Ceremony*
- Noon Alumni & Friends Award Banquet
- 2 p.m. Theology Discussion Panel: "Looking Back—The First 100 Years of Theology at NNU"
- 4:30 p.m. KidZone
- 5-8:45 p.m. Silent Auction (closes during halftime)
- 5:30 p.m. "Celebrating the Decades" Dinner
- 7 p.m. Coronation
- 7:45 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Portland Bible College*
- 9:30 p.m. '60s Music and Game Fest

*Centennial Book signings by Dick Etulain and Gaymon Bennett to follow these events.

Family Weekend 2012

THE CENTENNIAL KICKOFF!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8 a.m. Travel Groups Dress Rehearsal (continental breakfast provided)
- 8 a.m. STCM/NTS Ministry Reunion Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Science and Math Associates (SMA) Breakfast
- 8 a.m. 100-Year Historical Display opens
- 10:30 a.m. Athletic and Literary Society Competitions
Societies: ADP, Athenian, LSP, Olympian, SLA, Spartan.
- 2 p.m. Samaritan Hospital Heritage Reception and Tour
- 2 p.m. NNU Centennial 5K
- 2 p.m. "Our Town" fall play
- 4:30 p.m. Class Reunion Dinners
Reunion years: 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007
- 4:30 p.m. KidZone
- 7:30 p.m. Centennial Radio Hour and Gospel Sing*
(dessert reception to follow)
- 9:30 p.m. Travel Group Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day

We invite you to attend the church of your choice.

OTHER IMPORTANT CENTENNIAL DATES

February 7-8, 2013—Wesley Center Conference featuring Dallas Willard, Tom Nees, Ed Robinson and Tammy Condon

May 10-11, 2013—Commencement and Alumni Weekend

May 20-29, 2013—Alumni Tour of Israel

June 19-28, 2013—General Assembly

September 13, 2013—Founders Day

October 11, 2013—Centennial Gala

October 20, 2013—Celebration Sunday

November 7-10, 2013—Centennial Finale at Homecoming and Family Weekend 2013

November 9, 2013—Covenant Celebration Service



Tell us

HEARTS TUNED TO SING GOD'S GRACE

by Jan McNaught

We sang without a mixer board or headsets. All we used were our voices and the glorious hymns sung for years by folks raising their hands and hankies. We chose songs that touched our hearts, then we practiced and practiced. One of the hymns we chose was ...

"Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise."

We were young and enthusiastic and inexperienced enough to sign on for a 4,000-mile summer tour. Singing about grace in a practice room was one thing; living it every day in that nonair-conditioned van we nicknamed "The Green

Goose" would reveal the power of God's grace.

"The Green Goose" took us from Idaho to Minnesota and back. We spent a week at a camp nestled in the mountains of Montana where we could sit beside snow-fed streams and read God's Word. We stopped at a small town in North Dakota where Dutch people met us with hearty handshakes and warm-from-the-oven Kuchen (cake). One day off, we swam too long in one of Minnesota's beautiful lakes and ended up with painful sunburns, don't cha know?

Though we were in some places that seemed hardly big enough for a post office, we always anticipated the mail call, hoping for a letter from that "someone special" and/or cookies from mother. We were served the evening meal and breakfast at homes in which



Let the numbers speak for

89 known
summers
traveling

150+ groups
sent on tour

50 unique,
student-selected
group names

800+
students
involved



who you recognize and what's going on in these photos at nnu.edu/100.

we stayed and were sometimes given a sack lunch. For some reason, 95 percent of our evening meals were ham.

I think we received \$6 a week for spending money and lunches. Then in August, \$600 was credited to our student account for the next term.

**“Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.”**

Whether college cost less back then doesn't really matter; sending someone to college has always demanded sacrifice. After writing many checks to NNC for his two girls, my dad said, “Best money I ever spent!”

Since my traveling summer of '62, many groups have represented NNU.

Now, the educational zone covers fewer square miles; vehicles are no doubt air-conditioned; and students text and Skype instead of waiting for “snail mail.” Someday, however, someone who traveled the summer of 2012 will wonder: “How could we have been effective

using only ...?”

It's not unusual to encounter someone who heard us sing “way back when,” and it is noteworthy that daughters and nephews and grandsons are now dreaming of doing that tour. Those fortunate enough to share God's grace traveling for NNU have always been blessed.

The rich melodies and mercies of that summer have more than once whispered God's grace to me, nourishing my soul again.

Since 1923, performance-based groups have ministered, entertained and advocated on behalf of Northwest Nazarene University. Many things have changed in the nearly 90 years of summer ministry group history, but many things still remain true. Vans will always break down, drivers are bound to get lost and countless inside jokes will be made among members.

For touring all summer to perform at churches and camps across the district, we tip our hats to you.

themselves ...

- 500,000+ audience members
- 200 average hours spent in a van (per person)
- 11,281 miles traveled this summer
- 1,028,400 total estimated miles traveled

**SING WITH US
AT THE RADIO
HOUR AND
GOSPEL SING**

—a concert featuring the NNU Department of Music and travel groups from across the decades. 7:30 P.M. Saturday, November 10.



CRU AWARDS SIGNIFY EXCELLENCE

“Athletics served as the best classroom in my life.”

These words, spoken by 2006 NNU alumnus and student-athlete Tyler Layne, signified the vision behind the first annual CRU Awards showcasing both current student-athletes and alumni.

A longtime vision of Athletic Director Rich Sanders, the CRU (short for Crusader) Awards became a reality April 2012 thanks to a community partnership between NNU's athletic department and Northwestern Mutual Financial Network (NMFN).

Hilary Hughes and Layne, both members of the Northwestern Mutual team, were welcomed back to campus to honor student-athlete excellence both on the fields of play and in the community.

While there were numerous awards and accolades recognized during the evening, most notable were the Hopkins-Humphrey Female Athlete Award and the Orrin E. Hills Award. Both honors were presented to senior athletes who embody the effort and passion for NNU of their namesake's tradition.

In honor of Faculty Emerita Martha Hopkins and NNU Board of Trustee Member/Alumna Minnie (Humphrey) Richards, Joy Warrington received the Hopkins-Humphrey award for completing her collegiate career as a six-time Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) individual-event champion and the holder of three NNU school records.

Maurus Hope claimed the Orrin E. Hills Sports Trophy, as he

amassed a career record that included four GNAC individual-event championships and the 2009 GNAC Indoor Track Freshman-of-the-Year award, and was named the 2012 GNAC Male Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. This award was named in honor of alumnus Orrin E. Hills who served NNU for 19 years as a coach and athletic director and is a member of the NNU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Layne provided the keynote address for the CRU Awards event and shared that his great-grandparents moved to the Kuna, Idaho, area specifically so his grandfather could attend NNC.

“I'm a third-generation NNU/NNC product, and I am thankful for my NNU experience because of the people who surrounded me ... It helped shape my life,” Layne added. “I feel honored to come back to campus and help recognize the current student-athletes.”

“Athletics served as the best classroom in my life and taught me life lessons that I apply today. Having to be accountable to my team, or in my sport (track), the clock was a great learning experience for me,” Layne said.

Layne, who graduated from NNU with a degree in physics and holds four NNU Top-10 all-time performances on the track, continues excellence in his position as a wealth management advisor at Northwestern

Mutual. Awarded the Platinum Leader of the West award this year, Layne was the highest-producing financial advisor in the 16-state West region, and in 2010 he was honored as a West region Top-50 performer at NMFN.

“Athletics served as the best classroom in my life and taught me life lessons that I apply today. Having to be accountable to my team, or in my sport (track), the clock, was a great learning experience for me,” Layne said.



Photos: Page 16 track and field team at the 2012 CRU Awards. Page 17 left: Keynote speaker and '06 alumnus Tyler Layne now works at NMFN. Right: The men's soccer team poses at the CRU Awards.

Hughes echoed these sentiments about NNU: "My soccer coaches here were pivotal in helping me start my career and even find my first internship." Hughes graduated with a degree in kinesiology and was a two-time GNAC All-Conference Award winner on the field and a three-time GNAC All-Academic team member in the classroom. Successfully converting her on-the-field drive and focus, she is now the director of recruiting and development for NMFN.

As the festivities of the CRU Awards banquet continued, Brian Bailey, managing partner for Northwestern Mutual Idaho,

commented to the more than 425 student-athletes, coaches and boosters in attendance: "We are excited to partner with NNU because the student-athletes at NNU have a value structure unlike any other. You just don't see the values in everyday society that you see when you are on this campus, and that is exciting."

Bailey continued, "The opportunity to be a student-athlete at NNU is a real blessing in your life."

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1 Commencement recap

The 96th Annual Commencement Convocation conferred degrees on 533 graduating students Saturday, May 5. The Class of 2012 included 240 graduate students and 293 undergraduates representing 34 states from as far away as New Jersey and 19 foreign countries that include China, Switzerland, Germany and Ethiopia.

The class of 1962 was inducted into NNU's "Golden Grad" club during commencement exercises. Participating members of the class of 1962 donned caps and gowns and took part in the commencement, forming an honor guard through which the class of 2012 proceeded.

President David Alexander offered the baccalaureate sermon, and well-known, respected educator Dr. Steven Gary Wade Moore was the keynote speaker for the commencement ceremony—a combination of academic pageantry, conferral of degrees and acknowledgment of significant life goals being achieved. Long-time Board of Trustee member Steve Walden was awarded an honorary doctorate.

2 Study in Costa Rica

Beginning fall 2012, NNU is offering a new semester-abroad program. Students have the opportunity to spend 11 weeks in Central America taking 15 credits. Courses on language, history and economics will be offered through the Costa Rica-based Nazarene Seminary of the Americas (SENDAS) campus, with the opportunity to take major-specific courses online while abroad. Online class offerings are flexible and tailored to individual students' graduation requirements.

SENDAS is located in San Jose, Costa Rica, about an hour away from rainforests and national parks. Cultural experiences and touring will be incorporated into the semester while fulfilling the student's tier one cross cultural requirement.

Normal NNU tuition and fees apply; the only extra costs pertain to travel (airfare, passport, personal items, etc.). An optional parent visitation week will be scheduled. See if this program is a good fit for your student at nnu.edu/costarica or by emailing boisecenter@nnu.edu.

3 Centennial Issues of the Herald of Holiness released

In anticipation and celebration of NNU's centennial (2012-13), the Wesley Center Online is releasing digitized issues of the "Herald of Holiness" each week, 100 years after their initial publication. Interested alumni and friends, curious about the history of the holiness movement, have an opportunity to revisit the church context in which NNU began.

The first weekly issue of the "Herald of Holiness" was published on April 17, 1912, and was produced continually

until its name was changed to "Holiness Today" in 1999. In 1971 the "Herald" became biweekly and in 1989 monthly. Benjamin F. Haynes edited the "Herald" for its first decade from 1912 to 1922. He was one of the leading pastors in the "Methodist Episcopal Church: South" before he joined the newly formed (1907) holiness denomination led by General Superintendents Phineas F. Bresee (1907-15), Hiram F. Reynolds (1907-32) and Edward F. Walker (1911-18): "The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene."

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4 B. Edgar Johnson remembered

The Treasure Valley and Church of the Nazarene lost a humble, servant leader and friend of many, Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, in February. Johnson's connection to the University was significant throughout his lifetime as a legacy partner who modeled generosity of heart and service for more than 70 years.

Johnson served thousands of people and volunteered at numerous charitable organizations locally and around the world during his life, a pastor for 24 years and general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene for 26 years. NNU was included in his expressions of love and service, and was a recipient of his time, talent, finances and an endowed scholarship.

"NNU shall forever be a beneficiary of Dr. B. Edgar Johnson's vision, intellect and kindness. He was a living example of a servant leader. His tireless efforts, unwavering principles and positive advocacy made us a better University and city," said NNU President David Alexander.

Alive in our hearts and minds is the inspiration and example of a man passionately committed to God, family and others, poured out in service to all people by Christ's strength, not his own.

5 G'ru group wins social venture competition

Business students won an honorable mention award of the Social Venture Plan Competition at Seattle Pacific University and took home \$1,000 in prize money for their efforts this spring. Projects were judged on the significance of the need addressed; the on-going impact of the venture; the likelihood that the plan could be successfully implemented and the financial viability of the plan.

NNU's team G'ru proposed a venture that sells stylish and comfortable scarves designed with an activated carbon-filtering system underneath to protect individuals in South Korea from harmful pollution and airborne diseases.

Marketing and business administration major Lauren



Hartford (Olympia, Wash.) stated, "Through the G'ru back program, customers can choose one of three options to give back to their community with every purchase of a scarf-mask. These include donating a mask to the Child-Fund Korea, donating funds to the Korean Environment Institute's pollution research fund or planting a tree through the Korea Forest Service."

More than 20 teams participated in the Seattle event, and the competition was judged by local business professionals from the area.

G'ru won first place and \$1500 in prize money at a similar competition held on NNU's campus earlier this spring. All NNU senior business students prepared social venture plans that were presented and evaluated. Plan to join us in March 2013 for NNU's second annual Social Venture Competition.

6 First alumni mission trip returns from Bangladesh

As part of a JESUS Film Harvest Partner's initiative, NNU alumni served two weeks in Bangladesh. Located in southern Asia, Bangladesh is an area in critical need of JESUS film equipment and ministry teams.

The NNU team of alumni and campus personnel delivered six film-equipment packs to the field and saw firsthand the life-transforming work the Bangladesh Nazarene Mission is doing on a daily basis to feed and to educate over 10,000 children through its Child Development Center. Bangladesh is experiencing miraculous church growth through their holistic approach to ministry by addressing the needs of the entire person.

Team leader Tahmina Martelly is a member of the NNU Alumni Association Board of Directors and class of 1988. Born and raised in Bangladesh, she expressed, "I am amazed and absolutely awed by what God is doing in my home country!"

Interested in participating in future alumni trips such as Israel 2013 or Bangladesh 2014? Email alumni@nnu.edu.

7 Retiring faculty and staff recognized

For their commitment to the University, four retiring faculty and staff members were honored and thanked: Robbyn Lande, Dr. Larry McMillin, Dr. Mamie Oliver and Dave Peterson.

Robbyn Lande has been a member of the University staff for 38 years, most recently as the resident director for Dooley Hall, the sophomore girls' residence hall. By being available and creating relationships, she has helped shape students out of the classroom.

Through Dr. Larry McMillin's 25 years as faculty, he helped lead the institution's transition to offering multiple graduate and adult and professional programs.

The University granted Dr. McMillin the title of Professor Emeritus of Education during commencement.

Dr. Mamie Oliver's 12 years at NNU has been spent serving the social work department as a faculty member with over 40 years of professional experience. Currently, Dr. Oliver serves as leader in several community organizations and as a local pastor.

For the last four years, Dave Peterson has served as the vice president of financial affairs. He provided leadership and oversight of the financial and operational functions that included oversight of university budgets, financial systems, information technology and the physical plant.

8 Athletic Hall of Fame inducts Women's NAIA National Championship basketball team

The Women's NAIA National Championship 1996-97 basketball team was inducted into NNU's Athletic Hall of Fame last fall for finishing the season 27-7 overall, finishing 10-2 in Cascade Collegiate Conference play and capturing the first national team championship, in NNU history.

Looking back on the road to the championship, the Crusaders opened against Dominican College in the first round as Erica Walton scored 20 points to lead the Crusaders to a 98-48 blowout victory.

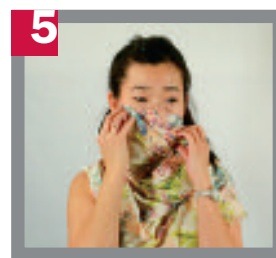
With a day of rest, the Crusaders faced Austin College. Ellen Duncan scored 20 points and the Crusaders edged Austin 74-72 in what would be the closest NNU game of the tournament. St. Francis College was the Crusaders' third-round victim, falling 97-76 to the Crusaders, led by Kari Smith's 23 points.

Doane College was the target in the national semi-finals. Erica Walton again led the NNU attack with 26 points to help produce an 86-80 victory and a berth in the national championship game. Facing Black Hills State University on March 18, the Crusaders' Staci Wilson produced a double-double performance of 22 points and 13 rebounds enabling NNU to capture its first national championship with a 64-46 victory.

National honors went to two members of the championship team, Erica Walton and Kari Smith, and head coach Roger Schmidt, who was named the 1996-97 NAIA National Women's Coach of the Year.

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news**GOLDEN GRADS**

Pictured left to right. Row 1: Judith Henske, Sharan Porr, Sharon Loen, Naomi Miller, Roy Hall and Sharon Widmark. Row 2: Harold Wilcox, Joan Murray, Judith Angell and Darlene French. Row 3: Janis James, Kathie Etulain, Lucie Lindberg and Lawrence Jackson, and row 4: Bonnie Bunger, Myron Murray, Neil McKay and Wesley Aman.

Wayne Aller -55- retired from chairing two Los Angeles committees, one for the county and one for the city, following his retirement in 2000 from 17 years as a professor at Cal. State University—Northridge. He received the “L. A. Pearl - Outstanding Senior Citizen” award from the city in 1997. Wayne is now fully engaged in his church, its homeless care program and its music program as well as doing some sacred choral music composing. He completed the L.A. Marathon in March as a fundraiser for two, local elementary school music programs and placed fifth for his age.

Gene Olson (64) self-published his memoirs under the title of “The Boy from Bothell - Bipolar Vietnam Veteran,” which details his battle with bipolar disorder, his fight for sanity, and how God never

left his side. He began the book in 1969 while taking Miss Helen Wilson’s creative writing class.

Dwight Douglas -72- now serves as the first director of community relations for Quality Technology Services (QTS), one of the nation’s largest and fastest-growing providers of data center facilities and managed services, with the announcement of its expanded charitable giving and community service program. Dwight has most recently served for 16 years at Mid America Nazarene University in various executive administrative roles including vice president for institutional advancement.

Ali Tiegs -72- is the founder and executive director of WOWW - a growing science, arts and culture collaborative that aims to bolster educational experiences for K-5

students in the Texas panhandle. Visit windowonawiderworld.org for more information.

Robert Donaldson -81- has been named assistant women’s basketball coach for Utah State University. Donaldson goes to Utah State from Coventry, England, where he was owner of the Coventry Crusaders Basketball Club. Robert was NNU Alumnus of the Year in 2004. He and his wife **Beth (Bolerjack) -81-** have six children, five boys and one girl.

Mike -85- and **Holly (Bortz) -87- Terpstra** have relocated back to Nampa where Holly has joined Team Realty of Idaho. Mike is working as an advance scout for the NBA’s Oklahoma City Thunder, scouting primarily on the west coast this season.

Debbie Berho -88- published a new book, “Protestant Hispanic Churches of Oregon,” through Wipf and Stock Publishers. The book contains observations about trends in the more than 250 Spanish-speaking Protestant churches in the state, something not previously described in other publications. She will make multiple presentations about the book to church leaders in various Oregon locations in April and May 2013.

John Emerson -90- will be principal over Lake Ridge Elementary and the Early Childhood Learning Center in the Nampa School District for the 2012-13 year. This past year, he was principal over Lake Ridge and New Horizons a dual language magnet school.

Vince Dickinson -91- just released his second novel, “Virtual Silence,” on Amazon.com. The book is about people learning to unplug from the TV, Internet and other institutions that have taken too much control over people’s lives.

Jodi Daugherty -92-, CPA, has more than 16 years of experience in public accounting, providing services to a variety of industries, including nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, multifamily and public housing authorities and retirement plans. She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Idaho Society of CPAs. Daugherty joined Eide Bailly in 1995 and recently was named partner.

Joe -98- and Kristi (Madsen) -98- Arnold have relocated to Cheyenne, Wyo., where Joe has accepted the position of senior pastor of the SonRise Church of the Nazarene after 13 years of full-time youth ministry.

Whitney (Hanson) Ward -00- will be principal at Nampa's Greenhurst Elementary School starting fall 2012. She is presently a consulting teacher for professional development at the district office. Prior to joining the district office, she was an intervention and Frameworks evaluation coordinator in the Parma School District and a peer mentor specialist in the Fruitland School District. She taught elementary grades for eight years in Fruitland and Nampa.

Jason George -01- is a middle school science teacher at Vision Charter School in Caldwell and was among three top educators recognized by Idaho First Lady Lori Otter for exceptional efforts in the Idaho Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program. The three were presented with the 2012 GIANTS (Governor's Industry Award for Notable Teaching in STEM) at a ceremony held in the Governor's Office.

Christopher Meade -MMN-03- is an assistant professor of management and received George Fox University's (GFU) Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Teaching. He has been an instructor at GFU's Boise Center for four years teaching MBA, adult degree, doctorate of business administration and seminary program courses. Chris holds a doctorate

in organizational learning from the University of Idaho.

Jessica (Scott) Brougher -03- lives in Prineville, Ore., with husband Matthew and three children, Caleb (4), Maria (2) and Gracee (10 months). Jessica and Matthew have recently started a solar installation and electrical business, and Jessica is the reading specialist at a local elementary school.

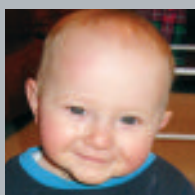
Andrea Landes -MMN-05- will serve as an assistant principal shared among Victor Falls, Crestwood and Emerald Hills elementary schools in the Sumner School District in Washington state. Andrea started her career in the Sumner School District in 2008 working as an elementary librarian. This past year, she was named dean of students at Victor Falls in addition to her role as a learning specialist.

Jeff Moore -08- has been promoted to vice president and commercial branch manager for Home Federal Savings Bank. A 15-year veteran in the banking industry, Jeff's background includes business development, branch management and commercial lending. Jeff is active in the community, involved with the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and volunteers at several local charitable organizations.

Kate Fowler -MBA-12- has been promoted to chief financial officer at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, Idaho. Kate is a CPA finishing up her Master of Business Administration at NNU.

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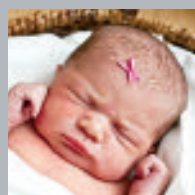
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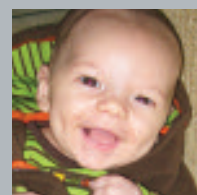
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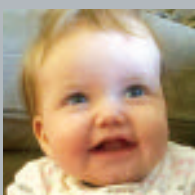
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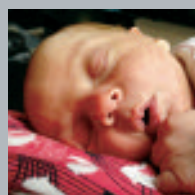
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Nathaniel James on May 1, 2011, to **Kristi (Trigg) -03-** and **Willis Cook -03-**, joining big sisters Gabrielle and Annabelle Jayci Joyce on June 30, 2011, to **Melissa (Hardy) -99-** and **Brian Parker -99-**, joining big sister Ainsley Chavelle Camille on Sept. 13, 2011, to **Jen (Luhn) -97-** and **Rich Vasquez -02-** Colt James on Oct. 7, 2011, to **Erin (Sanders) -07-** and **Bryce Johnson -07-** Lily Grace on Dec. 23, 2011, to **Jaime (Boyd) -00-** and Kyle **Kragt** Weston Henry Sommer on Dec. 28, 2011, to **Jill (Moseley) -00-** and Michael **Gile**, joining big brother Grayson Madelyn Kate on Feb. 21, 2012, to **Alisa (Stanford) -00-** and **Ben Reese -97-**, joining big brothers Elijah and Lucas Judah Lee, on April 11, 2012, to **Alyssa (Wilson) -07-** and **Casey Wilkerson -07-**, in a gas station parking lot Brooks David on May 14, 2012, to **Anna (Salisbury) -04-** and **Ryan Lee -04-**, joining big brother Ethan

marriages

Haline Freitas -09- and **Jebediah Anderson -08-** on July 30, 2011, in Ontario, Ore. The couple resides in Meridian, Idaho. **Jillian Jensen -09-** and Samuel Viles on Aug. 20, 2011, in Powell Butte, Ore. The couple resides in Prineville, Ore.

in memory

Paul Yeend -42- on Jan. 27, 2012, Vancouver, Wash. **Ruth (Helland) Brock (42)** on Mar. 26, 2012, Hemet, Calif. **Fredrick Deiters (43)** on Feb. 12, 2011, Sherwood, Ore. **Robert Woodworth -44-** on Jan. 9, 2012, Parkville, Md. **Ella F. Harris -45-** on Nov. 27, 2011, San Bruno, Calif. **Duane McKay -51-** on March 13, 2012, Phoenix, Ariz. **Alice (Supernois) Vail -52-** on Jan. 21, 2012, Fort Collins, Colo. **Elwood Gale -52-** on Feb. 21, 2012, Nampa, Idaho **William "Bill" Barrett -57-** on Feb. 20, 2012, Boise, Idaho **Lynell (Lewis) VanOrder -58-** on Feb. 6, 2012, Meridian, Idaho **Jerry Dirkse -61-** on Jan. 18, 2012, Leavenworth, Wash.

Norma Jean Long -62- on May 6, 2011, Fairbanks, Alaska **Larry L. Davis -63-** on Nov. 22, 2011, Idaho Falls, Idaho **Orin D. Kent -63-** on Apr. 6, 2012, Port Orchard, Wash. **James Dyer -69-** on Jan. 27, 2012, Boise, Idaho **Deloris (Robinson) Cram -74-** on Dec. 18, 2011, Nampa, Idaho **Marvin George Merkel -74-** on Feb. 2, 2012, Falmouth, Maine **Sharon (Chitwood) Cozart (75)** on April 15, 2012, Athens, Ala. **F. Scott Bartlow -77-** on May 5, 2012, Nampa, Idaho **Charles "Randy" Warren -81-** on May 5, 2012, Meridian, Idaho **Todd Campbell -86-** on April 15, 2012, Yukon, Okla. **Mary (Hoalst) Dennison -87-** on Oct. 2, 2010, Gallipolis, Ohio **Michael Gessner Brown -00-** on Nov. 2, 2010, Seattle, Wash. **Anna Watson -00-** on March 15, 2012, Kasilof, Alaska **Dr. B. Edgar Johnson**, honorary doctorate -05 on Feb. 17, 2012, Nampa, Idaho

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July 4	3 p.m. Oregon City Naz., Ore.
July 6	7 p.m. Portland Central Naz., Ore.
July 8	10 a.m. Aurora Naz., Shoreline, Wash.
July 8	6 p.m. Seattle North Naz., Wash.
July 9-13	Washington Pacific Jr. High Camp
July 15	9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Olympia Mountain View Naz., Tumwater, Wash.
July 15	7 p.m. Puyallup Naz., Wash.
July 17	7 p.m. Kalama Naz., Wash.
July 18	6:30 p.m. Liberty Bible Naz., Vancouver, Wash.
July 19	7 p.m. Amboy Naz., Wash.
July 20	6 p.m. Ridgefield Naz., Wash.
July 22	8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. Yakima Bethel Naz., Wash.
July 22	6 p.m. Kennewick Naz., Wash.
July 24	6:30 p.m. Hermiston First Naz., Ore.
July 25	6:30 p.m. Moscow Naz., Idaho
July 29	10:30 a.m. Lewiston First Naz., Idaho
July 29	6 p.m. Harrington Naz., Wash.
July 30-Aug. 3	Northwest District Camp
Aug. 5	10 a.m. Post Falls Naz., Idaho
Aug. 6-11	Rocky Mtn. Teen Camp
Aug. 12	9:45 a.m. Whitefish Naz., Mont.
Aug. 12	6 p.m. Bitterroot Naz., Victor, Mont.
Aug. 13	7 p.m. Colfax Naz., Wash.
Aug. 15	6 p.m. Idaho Falls Naz., Idaho

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