Educating Students To Become Servants of Christ
To Make a Difference in Today’s World.
God’s faithfulness to his people never wavers, never changes, and is one of the few things in this life that we can hold securely. Characteristics of generations, however, do change; and this generation of students is no exception. Tim Elmore in his recent book, *Generation iY: Our Last Chance to Save Their Future*, describes today’s students as the first generation in history who “have been online since preschool and can’t imagine life any other way.” How we need godly wisdom to know how to communicate to this generation about the timeless truths of our eternal God!

Even while communication methods, programs, and facilities change to meet our students’ changing needs, Bryan strives to be faithful and unwavering in carrying out its mission to each generation of students we serve. We have been blessed this fall with wonderful changes, including a new entrance, Landes Way; the Townhouses at Bryan Commons; and a softball facility. Our campus master plan, Vision 2020, continues to come into sharp focus as we plan facilities, add faculty, and develop new programs to serve this generation of students.

I know you will rejoice with me as you read about a record-setting Homecoming capped by the dedication of our new entrance. I continue to marvel at the giftedness and spiritual depth of our students. Our music students once again took superior ratings in state competitions this fall. Our debate team continues to take top honors as they compete across the Southeast. Our film technology program prepares our students to work as salt and light in a media culture that has drifted from the character of our Creator God.

Our athletic teams gave us one of our most productive semesters in our history. Our women’s volleyball team was first among 262 NAIA volleyball programs for the number of scholar-athletes on the team and took our conference’s Champions of Character award. The men’s cross country team took seventh place in the nation at the NAIA meet in Vancouver, Washington. Our men’s soccer team advanced to the NAIA “sweet sixteen,” falling to the eventual national champion.

Our Board of Trustees continues to be an anchor for the college as we navigate the fast-paced winds of change. I can think of no one on our Board who has contributed more to the stability of the college and the strengthening of our mission than Glenn Stophel and his wife, Jackie. For thirty years, the Stophels have provided godly counsel and leadership for our Board, providing the singular focus that defines faithfulness. In this edition, as we thank our faithful God for his goodness to our College, we honor and thank the Stophels for their friendship and service.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support as we remain constant in our mission, “educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world.”

Stephen D. Livesay
Hundreds of alumni took “The Road Home” the first weekend in October as Bryan celebrated homecoming, which featured dedication of the new entrance.

A weekend of reunions and fellowship started, of course, with food—dinners honoring the classes of 2010, 1985, 1980, classes before 1970, and five-year classes since 1970—and culminated with a chapel service led by Dr. Tom Branson, ’80, and Mark Jones, ’85.

In between, the college dedicated the new entrance (complete, that is, pending construction by the state of the intersection with U.S. 27), students and alumni enjoyed a soccer victory over Virginia Intermont, and the Alumni office recognized outstanding graduates.

On Saturday, a triumphant march up Landes Way capped off by a tailgate lunch under a huge tent on a reworked athletics practice field gave alumni a close-up look at the new entrance, the Townhouses at Bryan Commons and sites prepared for future development.

Standing between the portals flanking Landes Way, President Livesay paid tribute to the donors, college trustees, local and state officials, and his predecessors “who all dreamed of this day, and created their respective pieces of this puzzle that I have had the privilege of collating together to see their dream become a reality.”

He pointed out that the college motto, Christ Above All, is prominently displayed at the entrance. “These words stand alone as full sufficiency for all that we need and desire. May our motto serve as a cornerstone upon which everything attempted and accomplished on this hill is forever established.

Dr. Livesay said the thoughts of Isaiah 62: 10 capture his resolve: “Go out through the gates! Prepare the highway for my people to return! Smooth out the road; pull out the boulders; raise a flag for all the nations to see.”

“May our flag always be Christ Above All.”

During the alumni awards banquet, Gary Conner, ’79, a vice president at Unum Insurance Co.’s Chattanooga headquarters, was named Alumnus of the Year in recognition of his support of the college. Alumni Director David Tromanhauser pointed out that Gary was instrumental in resurrecting the track and cross country program six years ago, and has served on the Host Committee for the Bryan Opportunity Program.

In comments taped because he was unable to attend the dinner, Gary said, “When I walked on the campus at Bryan I was looking for a place with a good math department, and Christ Above All was key to me. I made friends that have endured. We’re as close now, or closer, than we were then.”

He reminisced about Dr. Phil Lestmann “as a rookie math professor” who just happened to be “one of the brightest people on the planet. Just the fact that he’s at Bryan is a God thing, because he could have been anywhere he wanted to be, but he chose Bryan.”

He remembered Dean Kermit Zopfi bringing German
chocolate cake to him and his roommates in Bryan Village, and Dr. John Anderson leading devotions for the basketball team.

“But the thing I took away was the fact that people cared about you and for each other, and that’s such a tremendous blessing.”

The Young Alumnus of the Year award was presented to Nathaniel Goggans, ’00, an attorney with the Chamblish, Bahner & Stophel law firm in Chattanooga. Nathaniel, who also served on the Bryan Opportunity Host Committee, recently was elected to the Tennessee Trucking Association’s board of directors.

Associate Professor of Communication Studies Michael Palmer was named an Honorary Alumnus of the college. He has taught at Bryan for nearly 20 years and has assisted with the soccer and rugby teams.

When he was announced as the recipient of the award he responded, “I’m shocked but very grateful.”

Four Lions were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame, including Boe Barinowski, ’85; Ronnie Cox, ’89; Carlos Vega, ’79; and Francisco “Cisco” Cleaves, ’81.

Boe, who received his award at the Class of 1980 dinner because of a schedule conflict, was recognized as the only Bryan goalkeeper to date to be recognized as an All American. “It’s fun to come back,” he told his classmates. “I’ve really been impressed walking around Bryan College. It’s neat to see the programs you have down here.”

Ronnie was honored for his leadership on the basketball team. According to former Lions Coach Rick Burby, “Ronnie may be the only athlete in Bryan history to have three coaches in three years. The best memory I have of him is that he was a great leader; he led by example.” In his Bryan career, he scored more than 1,000 points and was first-team NCCAA All American.

Ronnie responded, “My teammates made me look better than I deserve. Thank you for letting me be part of your family. You continue to elevate Christ, and that’s just awesome.”

Carlos and Cisco were recognized for their accomplishments as soccer players, Carlos a two-time All American and an all-tournament selection in three national championship tournaments, and Cisco an All American.

Carlos told the awards dinner crowd that the team he played on “had discipline and heart. The discipline we got from the faculty and staff, especially from our friend John Reeser. He made us work. And we put the heart in it. Fellow teammates, we really put it out.”

Cisco was surprised by his award, thinking he had come to homecoming to help honor Carlos. “I don’t really think I belong there (in the Hall of Fame), but that’s when you really appreciate it. Thank you.”
Ronnie Cox, ’89, left, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments as a member of the basketball team. He led the Lions in scoring two years. He was inducted by one of his coaches, Rick Burby, ’83.

Carlos Vega, ’81, right, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments as a member of the soccer team. He was a two-time All American and scored the winning goal in one of the Lions’ national championship games. He was inducted by his coach, John Reeser.

Francisco “Cisco” Cleaves, ’81, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments as a member of the soccer team. He was an All American defender. He is pictured with Alumni Director and teammate David Tromanhauser, ’80.

Nathaniel Goggans, ’00, left, was named Young Alumnus of the Year during homecoming. He was recognized for his support of the college, including serving on the host committee for the Bryan Opportunity Program. He is pictured with Alumni Director David Tromanhauser, ’80.

Gary Conner, ’79, right, was named Alumnus of the Year in recognition of his support of the college. He has helped resurrect the track and cross country program, and served on the Bryan Opportunity Program Host Committee. Alumni Director David Tromanhauser, left, presented the award at Gary’s office as he was unable to attend the homecoming awards banquet.

Boe Barinowski, ’85, left, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments as a member of the soccer team. He is Bryan’s only goal keeper to date to be named an All American in that position. He was presented the award by Alumni Director David Tromanhauser during the Class of 1980 dinner.

Michael Palmer, associate professor of communication studies, right, was named an Honorary Alumnus of the college during homecoming. He was recognized for his nearly 20 years as a faculty member and contributions in other areas including coaching the rugby team and assisting with the soccer team. He is pictured with Alumni Director David Tromanhauser, ’80.
How can I say this politely? How can I be careful not to offend? What words can I use to gently convey the message? Aw, nuts, I just can’t do it. For those of you who did not make it back for Homecoming,

YOU MISSED THE GREATEST HOMECOMING EVER!

It was an amazing weekend of celebrating, dedicating, reconnecting, serious eating, honoring, and worshipping our Lord together. I know you can go to the various Facebook pages and check out the pictures, but somehow they don’t do it justice. Landes Way is just plain special. The portals that announce the entrance to Bryan College are truly magnificent. It gives you a whole new feel for the campus, a whole new level of appreciation of the excellence that is Bryan College. Brett and Matt Landes honored us by cutting the ribbon to officially open Landes Way. We have talked about it a great deal, and frankly, it is a huge deal for Bryan.

Friday night we had the 25th and 30th reunion dinners, as well as many other milestone dinners. The Class of 2010 had their first reunion, and officially became part of “the Old People” who come back! At the 25th, we inducted Lt. Col. Boe Barinowski into the Hall of Fame for soccer; he is the first goalkeeper to be inducted.

The tailgate lunch tent on Saturday was buzzing for hours with conversation, friends catching up from where they left off so many years ago. Many friends got to catch up with “Bad Guy” Mr. Argo. Our newest inductee into the Hall of Fame, Carlos Vega, ’81, was the honorary assistant coach for our men’s soccer team, who brought home a victory.

The highlight to me was the Alumni Dinner and Awards banquet. We inducted Ronnie Cox, ’89, for basketball and then surprised Cisco Cleaves, ’81, by inducting him as well. We all greatly enjoyed Carlos, Cisco, and Coach Reeser entertaining us in the middle of the induction ceremony! Gary Conner, ’79, was named Alumnus of the Year and Nathaniel Goggans, ’00, was named Young Alumnus of the Year. Mr. Michael Palmer, associate professor of Communication Studies (and a truly Twisted Individual!) was named Honorary Alumnus of the Year.

Sunday morning was special. Mark Jones, ’85, led us in worship in a very powerful way, while Tom Branson, ’80, took us to the Scriptures. After feasting on The Word, we had one last meal together. It was evident that the weekend had been so meaningful no one wanted to leave.

Chrissy and Cherie, we really missed you. Stephan and Rooster, we missed you. Bill Brewer, Suzanne, Murphi, same for you. The list is very long. You missed it and we missed you. Please get your calendar out right now and plan to come. October 7-9, 2011.

Now, back to being careful. I don’t want you to feel bad from missing the last one too much. I just want to use this as a HUGE encouragement to come for the next one! God continues to bless Bryan in mighty and many ways. You can read about them, or you can come see for yourself. Like I said, pictures just don’t do it justice.

In His Grace,

David Tromanhauser
Alumni Director
These are common goals for Bryan academic programs, but the film and media option in the Communication Studies program adds a do-it-very-publicly element.

Mr. Chris Clark, assistant professor of communication studies and director of the film program, said a new requirement is that seniors must do a senior project that is shown publicly. “By the time new students graduate they will have to do an eight- to 12-minute film that will be shown in chapel or at the Broad Street Film Festival,” he said.

“There is something good about deadlines in a very public situation. Ultimately, every filmmaker wants his stories up on the big screen, and we give our students two platforms—one in front of their peers at a special chapel service at Bryan, the other in front of anyone from the Chattanooga area where their films are shown at a local theatre.”

Technical proficiency is critical if students are to continue in the field, but Mr. Clark believes there is a higher purpose to the Bryan film program.

“Film students get a minor in the liberal arts,” he explained. “They need to be well-rounded, to understand not only the culture in which they live and how to speak into that culture, but to know where this culture came from. I want them to develop a voice that will allow them to speak into the culture.”

Bryce McGuire, a senior, said mission statement of the then-new program, to develop students into critical thinkers about their culture, particularly in the visual arts, and also to incubate creative visual storytellers to write, direct, and produce narratives that speak into our culture, all from a Judeo-Christian perspective, was what drew him, even though it was mostly a dream at that point.

“If I had seen the film that’s going to be on the website soon, I think it would have convinced me we have people making better-quality films,” he said. “There was faith in Chris that we could do what we’re doing; now there’s a more concrete draw.”

Students learn the art and craft of filmmaking, from writing scripts to the technical aspects of camera operation, lighting and sound management, to the editing process, aspects of the program that haven’t changed all that much in theory, but their practical application is dramatically improved.

“This year we have bought a better camera and lights,” Mr. Clark said. “We have gone from one set of lights and a couple of cameras, to using a camera like those that are used to shoot TV shows and music videos.

“John Carpenter (associate professor of journalism) and I pooled our resources and
bought six Macs (computers), to give us a total of nine for our journalism and film-making students. Part of the reason for that is that students have to graduate with knowledge of current computers and software they will use in their fields.

Not only has equipment been upgraded, Mr. Clark is emphasizing contacts with professionals in the industry.

“This fall we have done three workshops; one, a training session to acquaint our new students with what they will be dealing with. The others were for production and editing,” he said. “I felt the best way to introduce them to filmmaking was to have them produce a film. It was a baptism of fire for them—working lights, the camera, directing, and running a set.”

Professionals including alumni Matt and Kelly (Crane) Rogers, both ’05, came to campus to help with one of the workshops, and allowed student filmmakers to use some of their equipment. “He let us use his camera, which is the same kind of camera that was used to film (the recent release) ‘The Social Network.’ I want students to have more contact with professionals in the area.”

Another way to increase interaction with professionals has been development of the Broad Street Film Festival. Begun five years ago as the Bryan College Film Festival, the event has grown to include filmmakers from other colleges in the area and presented in Chattanooga.

Student Bryan Saylor said the festival, together with scheduled chapel sessions devoted to film give students significant platforms for displaying their works.

“The public audience is a helpful indicator for a Bryan filmmaker to see if they understood his or her film,” Mr. Clark said. “Films are meant to be shown to people; they are not isolated pieces of art.”

A common theme in discussing the film program with students and faculty is “story.” From Mr. Clark, students have caught the idea that successful filmmakers tell a story that resonates with an audience.

“This goes along with Bryan College’s emphasis on narrative—the story in people’s lives, the metanarrative of the Bible,” Bryce McGuire said. “It’s almost his (Mr. Clark’s) battle cry.”

Bryan Saylor agrees. “Chris Clark has always emphasized story over everything else, and he’s right. Without good stories, we cannot have good films; there never has been a great film without a great story.

“When I came into the film program I wanted to make great movies. This desire led me to create several pretentious bad movies. When I finally wrote a good story and looked for the best way to tell it, I found myself making the movie I wanted to make.”

That striving for quality is paying off as students hone their craft. For example, Bryce McGuire, as an internship project, worked as director of photography on the documentary “Agenda” that recently won the grand prize at the San Antonio Film Festival.

And, as Mr. Clark says, “When students graduate I want them to be able to continue in the field locally or to go on to Los Angeles. I want to give them the skills to be confident enough to go further.”
Some at Bryan are surprised to find that William Jennings Bryan was a Democrat, postmillennialist, Presbyterian, and peace advocate opposed to World War I. His views on race were bound by the prejudices of his day. Also surprising is his day/age view of Genesis 1. For some, these positions lead to a question: “Was he really one of us?”

There are similar questions of other evangelical leaders: B. B. Warfield, who popularized “inerrancy,” believed in theistic evolution. Calvin allowed the unitarian Servetus to be executed. Luther was an anti-Semite. And on and on it goes.

On one level, the Bible says that we should not judge others. Jesus is the only righteous judge. We should defer to Him. On debated issues, be convinced and do not harass someone else for their view (see Romans 14 and 1 Corinthians 8-11 on meat sacrificed to idols).

On the other hand, we are admonished to reject false teachers (Rom. 16:17) looking carefully at their lives (2 Thess. 3:6). This is a helpful exercise in regard to two rough contemporaries: William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925) and Karl Barth (1886-1968), both of whom held non-traditional views about Genesis 1-2. Bryan thought that the text of Genesis allowed for long ages of time. Barth thought that the Adam story (like Christ’s resurrection) was not historically true but should be believed by faith. The Atlantic listed Bryan as the 36th most influential man in American history. His firm belief in historic Christianity and his willingness to speak for the common man make him one of evangelicalism de facto leaders. Barth’s influence as a theologian was massive, and many look to him today particularly in the debate over the interpretation of Genesis 1-2. Some would even class Barth in the top five of theological minds after Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, and Calvin.

What should a Christian think about Barth’s and Bryan’s views on Genesis? Should a person just accept divergence under the banner of Christian freedom? Conversely, should a Christian disfellowship any that hold non-traditional views? Or is there perhaps a third way?

God advises Christians to look at the lives of their teachers. This is very interesting when it comes of Bryan and Barth. In 1907, Barth fell in love with Rösy Münger, who was disapproved by his parents perhaps because of the commonness of her social standing. Though he would carry her picture with him his entire life, he yielded to his parents. Karl and Rösy said goodbye after burning their love letters and would see each other but once before Münger died in 1925. Barth eventually married Nelly Hoffmann who was from suitable stock in 1913, and together they had five children. Their marriage has been described as difficult and troubled. In 1924, 38-year-old Barth met a very bright 25-year-old, Charlotte von Kirschbaum. Her pastor, Georg Merz, introduced the two—a decision Merz grew to regret. Barth says of her that when he met her, his loneliness ended. Their relationship brought with it whispers and censure from his own mother, her family, his brothers, and even some of his children. Charlotte, whom he nicknamed Lollo, eventually became Barth’s constant companion. His children did not know if she was “auntie Lollo” or if they just had two mothers. Charlotte and Karl often vacationed together alone.
In 1929, Barth announced that Lollo would be moving into their home, where she lived for the next 35 years. In 1933, Karl asked Nelly for a divorce to which she refused to consent. Barth arranged for von Kirschbaum’s bedroom to be off of his study, accessible only through his study door. Von Kirschbaum wrote Barth’s sister acknowledging that her presence alienated Karl and Nelly. When Barth lectured at Princeton, observers were confused that the theologian shared a bedroom with von Kirschbaum. The latest researcher on von Kirschbaum believes that their relationship was sexual at first, though perhaps waning over the years. [At the end of the day, no one can know what happens behind closed doors.] The three, Karl, Lollo, and Nelly, are buried together in the Barth family tomb.

So what should I think about Karl Barth and his teaching? I hope against hope that he did not live in a 35-year adulterous affair. I would do my best to believe him if he had denied it. I recognize his giftedness in theology, but I fear for him. I fear that he may be a self-proclaimed Christian leader of whom Christ says, “Depart from me, I never knew you.” I look at Barth’s legacy in people, and I do not see the vibrancy of the people of God. I do not see those who say, “Not to us, o LORD, not to us, but to your name be glory!” I do not see the meek. I do not see those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. I do not see those who tremble at God’s every word.

Carl F. H. Henry, editor of Christianity Today, asked Barth at a news conference about the resurrection. He queried that if news cameras had been present, would they have filmed anything? To which Barth sarcastically quipped, “I’m sorry, are you with Christianity Today, or Christianity Yesterday?” Barth’s comment, for which he later apologized, sounds more like the scoffers of the New Testament than someone submitting to a sovereign Lord and loving his words.

So what was Bryan’s life like? Although Bryan became a very wealthy man, he never stood aloof from the common man. He believed the admonition of Scripture which enjoins Christians to celebrate unity of Christian hope in fellowship with low and high alike (Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 4:6-7; James 2:1-2; 3:17). Bryan married Mary Elizabeth Baird in 1884, and she completed law school with Bryan’s help and was admitted to the Nebraska bar. She did this to help her husband in his work, and collaborated with William, later finishing his memoirs after his death.

Thanks to modern technology you can hear Bryan’s pleas in behalf of the downtrodden. Listening to his voice, James’s statement comes to mind that “pure and undefiled religion is to care for the widow and orphan in their distress” (James 1:27).

Bryan believed in the truth of God’s word. He saw as the real menace to humanity not atheists and agnostics, but modernist Christians. Bryan said, “Give the modernist three words, ‘allegorical,’ ‘poetical,’ and ‘symbolically,’ and he can suck the meaning out of every vital doctrine of the Christian Church and every passage in the Bible to which he objects.”

When faced with the apparent age of the earth, Bryan came to the biblical text and did the best that he could. Perhaps a different answer lies out there to this vexing question. One does recognize that material creation behaves differently when in the immediate, immanent presence of God. Aaron’s dead staff comes to life,
Three moments some 25 years apart stand as landmarks in Glenn Stophel’s service on the Bryan College Board of Trustees and show evidence of God’s hand on the school.

Mr. Stophel recently stepped down from the board but remains the college’s legal counsel, a service he and his Chattanooga law firm of Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel have rendered for more than 30 years.

He joined the board in 1978 when then-President Dr. Theodore C. Mercer approached his brother, attorney John Stophel, to take the seat. John, however, was unable to accept, but recommended Glenn, and the relationship began.

“I served several years (1978-1986) and then left the board during the tenure of Dr. (Kenneth G.) Hanna as president,” he said. “I came back on the board shortly before Dr. (William E.) Bill Brown was named president in 1992, and I was serving as chairman of the board when Dr. (Stephen D.) Livesay came to Bryan as president.”

The mid-1980s to early 1990s were difficult years financially for Bryan. Board members declared “financial exigency,” authorizing administrators to take drastic steps to preserve the college. “Those were dark, difficult days. There was a recession and drop in enrollment. Dr. Hanna did a tremendous job with the tools he had in hand.”

Serving as chair of the academic affairs/student life committee at the time, his committee met with faculty and staff to explain the situation. “The faculty stood by us, they understood. Everybody regretted those days,” he said.

In 2000, while he was serving as board chair, the college experienced a catastrophic fire in Mercer Hall, then known as the Administration Building. “That could have been devastating, but it became almost a rallying cry not only for the trustees but for the students,” he said.

While both events were difficult, he said they have served to reaffirm the providential hand of God on the school. And, he added, “It’s always exciting to be part of something that comes from the ashes and goes on for the Lord.” Because of steps taken in response to both events, “the college has been able to expand its ministry.”

A happier event was hiring President Livesay. He remembers that the search committee set aside two days to interview the finalists for the position, and that Dr. Livesay was the last of the four candidates scheduled. When his flight to Chattanooga was delayed, committee members spent the time reviewing the earlier candidates.

“We were not satisfied with the first three, and I was beginning to wonder if we would have to go through this again,” he said. “When the elevator door opened and Dr. Livesay walked in, I said to myself, ‘This is our man.’ The committee came together and voted unanimously to recommend him,” he said. “That is the most memorable event of my term.”

“Dr. Livesay has helped us get a good focus on what we can be with God’s help. He has a depth of experience with programs like distance learning and degree completion, things we have pursued very deliberately.”

As he leaves the board, Mr. Stophel said both the board and administration are doing good jobs watching over and directing the school. He will continue in an advisory role as legal counsel, a position that convinced his wife, Jackie, to support his decision.
“She and I love the college, enjoy the musical and theatre productions we see, and Jackie and Corinne Livesay just love and respect each other. I told her they invited us to attend board meetings, so she was fine with that.”

President Livesay said, “Glenn Stophel served as chairman of the board when Corinne and I were called to Bryan, and it soon became evident to me that he was the steadfast rock that has provided strength and guidance to our board and Bryan for the past thirty years. His encouragement, wisdom, and godly counsel have meant so much to me during these past eight years. One statement expresses it better than any other: Bryan would not be the outstanding Christian college that it is today without Glenn and Jackie Stophel. All of us at the college love and appreciate the Stophels and owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude.”

Although much has changed since he joined the Bryan board 32 years ago, the essentials remain unchanged.

“Christian education always has been a point of interest for Jackie and me, particularly since the two of us worked with others to found Brainerd Baptist School in 1972. We have seen the difference Christian education at every level can make in a person’s life,” he said. “I had no depth of knowledge about Bryan College (when he came on the board). I was drawn to serve because of what the college is, an institution that provides a strong theologically solid Christian education.”

And, he added with a smile, “Dr. Mercer was quite a persuader.”

For further study:

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Writers Wanted

If you have been graduated from Bryan for more than 50 years and would like to share memories of your time on the Hill with Bryan Life readers, please write between 300 and 400 words and send them to Bryan Life, Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321 or email to alumni@bryan.edu. Please include a current picture of yourself. While we can’t promise to publish every submission, we will consider all for publication in future editions of Bryan Life.
The 2009-2010 fiscal year was one in which we saw some of the fruit of years of planning and preparation. Record enrollment, new and growing programs, expanding facilities, new outreaches to the community, and enhanced support for scholarships all are indications that God is working at Bryan College. Undergirding all of progress we witnessed in the past year is the faithful, prayerful support of our alumni and friends, and our unwavering commitment to our motto, “Christ Above All.” I trust this special report will be an encouragement to you and that you will continue to rejoice with us in God’s blessings for the college.

Stephen D. Livesay, Ph.D.  
President

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Trudy and I support Bryan College because the college strives to honor its mission statement, “educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world.” We see that lived out in the lives of faculty and staff and demonstrated to students.

**Dawn M. Hoffman**  
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I support Bryan College because it is the place where I solidified my faith, chose my career path, and developed lifelong friendships.
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Bryan College is like a breath of fresh air. Dedicated faculty, beautiful campus, and a Christian environment. Because of Bryan’s excellence we have a granddaughter and niece enrolled.

Haley Kaye
Alumna, Class of 2009
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I support the Bryan College Faculty Development fund because I’m grateful for the time professors give to teaching and investing in students. I want to show my appreciation to the professors who were especially influential in my life.

Joe and Rachel Decosimo
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Walter and Diane (Dempsey) Sirmans
Alumna, Class of 1986
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It’s easy to tell someone why we support Bryan: God’s truth lived, His truth given, lives touched by His hand, and my life forever changed. In keeping and reconnecting with friendships from Bryan, I have yet to find one who doesn’t share the same heart. It’s our privilege to give, because Bryan is a gift.

Mark and Carol (McKemy) Trail
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We consider ourselves privileged to be able to support Bryan as the college continues to prepare young men and women for life intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

Bobby D. Vincent
Mayor, City of Dayton
Dayton, Tenn.

Relations between Bryan and Dayton City School have been a joy to watch develop. We have teachers who were introduced to Dayton City School first as Bryan students. My wife, Maxine, as an alum keeps up with campus life while I keep up more closely with community connections. What a rewarding experience this has been.
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- Student tuition does not cover the entire cost of a Bryan education. Income from the Endowment Fund helps meet this need.
- Support of the Bryan College Endowment ensures the long-term viability of the college

Vice President for Advancement Blake Hudson said an endowed fund represents the commitment of individuals to the ideals and the future of the college. “A gift to endowment is something that will last beyond the life of the donor, since the college uses only the income and does not touch the principal.”

Each year, these funds supplement current gifts to help make it possible for deserving students to attend Bryan.

The endowment fund maintains the principal of gifts so the interest earned can be used permanently to support a program chosen by the donor.

### The Endowment Process

Endowed funds may be created with a minimum of $25,000, which may be made in one payment, in contributions over five years, or through a bequest from your estate. The funding can be in the form of cash, securities, real estate, a planned gift like a charitable gift annuity, or a combination of these.

Additional gifts in any amount may be added to the initial fund at the pleasure of the donor.

The development staff will work with donors to establish guidelines in a gift agreement to assure that their wishes are met. These guidelines also allow the opportunity to name the endowment in a manner satisfactory to the donor.

### Types of Endowments

Endowment funds may be created for a variety of purposes based on the interests of the donor and the needs of the college. Examples of endowment funds include:

- **Student Scholarships and Fellowships** – These funds allow students to concentrate on their coursework while participating more fully in extracurricular programs that will enhance their personal development. The minimum gift level is $25,000 for an undergraduate scholarship.

- **Program Endowments and Excellence Funds** – These funds support excellence in specific or general programs across the campus. Donors can choose to support the area in which they earned their degree or another program of interests. The minimum gift level is $25,000.

- **Chairs and Professorships** – These honors can be awarded to deans, department chairs, and outstanding faculty. Establishing such funds will enhance the college’s efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers. Gift levels range from $500,000 to $1 million.

Please contact the Bryan development staff for more information about endowed funds:

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My scholarship made it possible for me to attend a great Christian school. Bryan has helped me figure out God’s will for my life and what I need to do to follow that path. Every experience I have had while attending Bryan College has been a blessing and I could not be more thankful.

Callie Dawkins
Sophomore from Memphis, Tenn.
Christian Ministries (Leadership Emphasis) major

Without my scholarships I would have not been able to attend Bryan College. Without attending Bryan I would have missed amazing experiences like meeting distinguished people like Andy Crouch, Dr. Marva Dawn, Shaun Groves, and many others. I would have missed learning so much about Christ and Biblical Truth in a friendly, personal, encouraging atmosphere. I thank God for His working so I could come to Bryan College.

Jessica Jones
Junior from Largo, Fla.
Biology major

My goal in choosing a college was to play volleyball, study biology, make lasting friendships, and to continue developing and growing in my relationship with Christ. Bryan had it all and was perfect for me. I never would have been able to come had it not been for my scholarships.

Edward Taylor (TK) King
Sophomore from Athens, Tenn.
Contemporary Music major

Without receiving the Presidential Scholarship, it would be very difficult for me to attend Bryan College. I am greatly appreciative of my scholarship because not only is it an award for all the hard work I have done in the past, but it is a great motivator to keep my grades up and strive to do the best I can here at Bryan.
## Legacy Society

*(Planned Gifts and Endowments*  
*Added July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)*

- Dr. Ruth M. Kantzer
- Bradford and Betty Lapsley
- Dr. Ernest W. and Lois R. Lee
- Drs. L. Jake and Sandra Matthes, William S. and Jacquelyn Quarles
- Dr. Charles H. Robinson
- Mae Roskamp +
- Margaret R. Thompson +
- Holland Ware
- Georgia Weyrick
- James R. and Patricia Wolfe

### W. J. Bryan Circle

- **$1,000,000 +**
  - Anonymous - 1
  - Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Drake
  - Dr. and Mrs. Erwin D. Latimer
  - National Christian Charitable Fndn.
  - Mr. Nick F. Senter +
  - Mr. Holland M. Ware
  - Mrs. Mary H. Waterhouse +

### President’s Circle

- **$500,000 - $999,999**
  - Miss Jane Barbour +
  - Benwood Foundation, Inc.
  - Cawood Foundation
  - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cawood
  - Chattanooga Christian Community Fndn.
  - Dr. Joanne S. Rankin +

### Founders’ Circle

- **$100,000 - $499,999**
  - Anonymous - 1
  - Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Amadee III
  - Mr. D. Lewis Anderson +
  - Mrs. Elinor S. Baker +
  - Mr. Thomas O. Bales +
  - Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Barge
  - Mr. Frank E. Beck +
  - BellSouth Corporation
  - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bice
  - Col. J. Henderson Brock +
  - Mr. Morris V. Brodsky +
  - Mr. Leland R. Bryan +
  - Mrs. Princess Bryan
  - Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Carlson

### Revenue

- **Tuition & Fees** $11,757,662
- **Gifts** 3,119,121
- **Auxiliary Income** 3,675,196
- **Investment Income** 146,617
- **Federal Financial Aid** 506,933
- **Other Income** 178,514

**Total** $19,384,134

### Expenses

- **Instructional** $4,914,456
- **Academic Support** 1,687,490
- **Student Services** 3,911,469
- **Institutional Support** 2,893,859
- **Advancement** 957,209
- **Auxiliary Expense** 2,271,363

**Total** $16,635,846

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*Christ Above All 18  Bryan Life Winter 2010*
Ms. Kim Keck took music education students to the annual kick-off workshop for the Collegiate National Association of Music Education in September. She attended the National Symposium on Multicultural Music at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and took three students to the Tennessee state vocal competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, both in October.

Dr. Ray Legg presented a paper, “The Devil’s Advocate?” at the fall meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature at Oklahoma Christian University in October. His article on “Vanity” also was published in *The Dulia et Latria Journal*, Volume 3, (2010).

Dr. David Luther worked on the sidelines as a contract technical employee for ESPN for the Vanderbilt-LSU football game in September, the Vanderbilt-Eastern Michigan game in October, and was scheduled to work the Tennessee Titans-Indianapolis Colts game and the New Orleans Saints-Atlanta Falcons game in December.

Dr. Sigrid Luther took four students to participate in the Tennessee Music Teachers Association college piano solo competition at Vanderbilt University in November. All received superior ratings. That month she also performed as guest left hand artist for workshop sessions by Ingrid Clarfield at Union University. She also attended a jazz piano workshop by Phillip Keveran in October and a session on musical phrasing by Dr. Steve Wilber in November.

Dr. Michele Pascucci presented a paper at the 21st International Congress of the Association for the Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language in Salamanca, Spain, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The English translation of the title of the paper is “Fray Luis de León in the Spanish Classroom: Contextualized Grammatical Analysis with the Treatise On the Names of Christ.”

Ms. Danielle Rebman attended the annual Forum for Short Term Missions Leaders in Green Lake, Wisc., in October.

Ms. Poly Revis attended a cataloging webinar “Controlling Headings in WorldCat” in August.

Dr. Roger Sanders and Jonathan Brown hosted a tour and discussion of the newly established Bryan College Arboretum in September. They visited the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Arboretum, which also was established this year, later that month.

Mr. Tim Shetter and Dr. Scott Jones’ applied Christian leadership class attended the Catalyst East conference in Atlanta, Ga., in October. Faculty and staff members attending included Dr. Matt Benson, Mr. Nathan Beuster, Mr. Jeremy Deal, Mr. Jonathan Doran, Mr. Taylor Hasty, Dr. Drew Randle, Ms. Danielle Rebman, Mrs. Jessi Trigger, Ms. Kimberly Crowe-Tuttle, Mr. Ben Williams, and Ms. Bonnie-Marie Yager.

Ms. Bonnie-Marie Yager testified in October before the Select Committee on Children and Youth, a joint committee of the Tennessee Senate and House of Representatives, about human trafficking in Tennessee.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit reviewed the opening concert of the Chattanooga Symphony’s season in September for the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. That month he performed with the Tabernacle Symphony of Praise in a concert at Hixson, Tenn., United Methodist Church. He also sang with the Chattanooga Bach Choir in its fall concert in October. That month he also attended the Southeast meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians conference in Chattanooga.

Mr. Ben Williams attended the National Convention on Christian Apologetics in Charlotte, N.C., in October.

Ms. Stephanie Wood attended Librarian’s Day, hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and featuring a talk by the archivist of the United States, in Knoxville, Tenn., in August.
One of the “Greatest Generation” chose one of Bryan’s greatest homecoming events to visit his alma mater in October and reintroduce his children to the college that equipped him for a life of sharing his faith.

Roscoe Mulvey, a 1954 Bryan graduate, was a member of General George S. Patton’s Fourth Armored Division during World War II. In March 2010 he received the Legion of Honor from the French government for his role in the liberation of France during the war. He, with a number of other veterans, received the award at the French consulate in Washington, D.C.

While there was time during homecoming for a few stories about his military adventures—he landed in Europe 36 days after D-Day; when the Germans started the Battle of the Bulge, his unit was 150 miles from Bastogne on Dec. 16, 1944, and reached the beleaguered city the day after Christmas; he saw Gen. Patton a few times at the front—he was more interested in talking about the influence Bryan had on his life.

He learned about Bryan from a pastor in Evans City, Pa., “who was very impressed with the school. It was Norman Hershey (who was Karin Traylor’s grandfather). He encouraged me to attend.”

While he eventually took Rev. Hershey’s advice, the war intervened and he did not complete high school until after returning from service.

After completing his high school education he went to work as a welder and worked four months, long enough to learn the skill, then was laid off. “When I came to Bryan I worked with a fellow who was a welder, and we welded the roof on the Administration Building (now called Mercer Hall). We were paid 75 cents per hour.”

He and his wife, Marjorie, made the trip from Pennsylvania to Dayton in time for him to enroll as a Christian education major in 1949. “I took five years to finish a four-year course because I didn’t have some of the high school classes I needed,” he said with a laugh.

He chose Christian education because “I didn’t have a preacher’s heart, but I wanted to share my faith every day and work with young people.”

Even though he doesn’t think much of his abilities as a student, he appreciated the “good teachers, especially the Bible teachers” he found at Bryan. “I took one year of Hebrew from Dr. Atkins,” he said. “We only got through 13 verses of Genesis, but every day we had a wonderful sermon on the Bible.”

In addition to his work on the Administration Building, Mr. Mulvey worked as a janitor and picked up the mail and laundry for the cafeteria each day to earn money to support his growing family.

“We lived in Trailerville,” he said. “We were in an 18-foot trailer that didn’t even have a stove in it when we arrived. Dr. Rudd (then-President Judson A. Rudd) came down and helped put one in. My last year we got a 9-foot by 12-foot room added to the trailer,” a room that was passed from trailer to trailer when the senior who had it graduated. That came in handy, because two daughters were born while he was a student.

He worked as a welder in the summers, then returned to the same plant in Zelienople, Ohio after he graduated, working as a welder and in the office. In his career “I had a variety of odd jobs, but mostly worked as a welder” before retiring in 1990, he explained.

His desire to be a daily witness was realized through his career and into retirement. “One boss said to me to go work in the shop and exercise your faith.” He also taught Sunday school and has worked with Awana for more than 20 years.

While Trailerville is gone and the campus has changed in the past 56 years, Mr. Mulvey still appreciates the education and preparation for sharing his faith he received at Bryan.
Register today for one of our Adult Worldview Conferences or Student Worldview Conferences held at Bryan College in Dayton, TN.

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MEN'S SOCCER
Conference Champions (second consecutive), regular season and tournament

Sandy Zensen – Coach of the Year
Harry Sherwood – Appalachian Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Player of the Year

All Conference Team
Jacobo Gallardo, Daniel O’Kane, Rodrigo Pigatto, Harry Sherwood

All Conference Second Team
Bennie Bardales, Johannes Müller

All Conference 3rd Team
Tom Hemmings, Jonathan Houghton

All Conference Academic Team
Jordan Devlin, Sebastian Fischer, Tom Hemmings, Richard Kirk, Chris Kloc, Lee Rickman

WOMEN'S SOCCER

AAC Champions of Character

All Conference Team
Chelsey Morris

All Conference Second Team
Lauren Bowling, Carli Milligan

All Conference Third Team
Kaitlyn Bryant

All Conference Academic Team
Alisha Deal, Emily Hurlbut, Yuri Lopez, Jenn McCue, Shannon McGowan, Carli Milligan, Chelsey Morris, Katherine Nelson, Kara Nissley, Chelsea Parham, Shelby Robinson, Stacey Tatum
ATHLETICS AWARDS

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

7th place at the NAIA National Championships
AAC Champions (second consecutive)

Rodney Stoker, Coach of the Year
Bryson Harper, 2010 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

All Conference Team
Jake Bradley, Zach Buffington, Bryson Harper, Jason McLeod, Drew Thompson

All Freshman Team
Anders Clarke, Anthony Simpson, Alex Stephens

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

Conference runner-up

Ericka Simpson, 2010 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

All Conference Team
Alyssia Lindsay, Ericka Simpson

All Freshman Team
Andrea Spencer

VOLLEYBALL

Ashley Hogsett, AVCA-NAIA All-Region Team

All Conference Team
Ashley Hogsett, Alison Young

All Conference Second Team
Lauren Pratt

All Academic Team
Laura Adams, Chelsie Blackburn, Jessica Etress, Caitlyn Fuller, Ashley Hogsett, Jessica Jones, Lauren Pratt, Alison Young
Robin Renfroe wore #24 from 2005 to 2008. Robin was one of five Bryan athletes to break 1000 kills in her career (1192). She set the school record for blocks in a season, total solo blocks, single-season blocks and career blocks. She made the AAC All Conference First Team three times, was a three-time NCCAA All Region Team member, and a three-time NAIA All Region Team selection.

Amber Smith wore #7 from 2006 to 2009. Amber became the all-time leader in career kills (1435), total blocks in a season (230) and career (612), assisted blocks in a season and career (450). She made the AAC All Freshman team, the AAC All Conference First Team twice, AAC All Conference Second Team, and twice was a NCCAA All Region Team member. In 2007, she was named to the NCCAA National Championships All Tournament Team. Amber was also an AAC and NAIA Scholar-Athlete. She led the 2009 team to the NCCAA Final Four, led the NCCAA in blocks, was third in the nation in the NAIA in total blocks, and seventh in the NAIA in blocks per game. She was an NAIA All-American honorable mention, was named to the NCCAA All-American First Team, was the third-highest vote-getter for NCCAA National Player of the year, and was also named to the NCCAA National Championships All Tournament Team.

Van Irion, President, The Liberty Legal Foundation, spoke to government and business classes Sept 29.

Jeffrey Brauch, Dean, Regent University Law School, spoke to Kevin Clauson’s government classes Oct. 6.

Dr. Marva Dawn, Teaching Fellow in Spiritual Theology at Regent College in Vancouver, BC, Canada, was a chapel speaker Oct. 25-27.

Wesley James, Red Bank, Tenn., grandson of J.T. Matthews who gave his farm to the William Jennings Bryan Memorial University for the site that became Bryan College. “My grandfather supported education. He wanted a college in Dayton.”

Dr. Paul Marshall, a member of the Hudson Institute, where he is senior fellow in the Center for Religious Freedom. “International Human Rights: Freedom from Persecution.” Third international conference on human trafficking, Nov. 3-7.

Bryan College senior Scott Newton passed the 1,000-point milestone earlier this season. He has been the leading scorer for Bryan the past two seasons and is leading the team this year averaging 12.73 points per game. Newton currently has a total of 1,081 points in his career.
60’s

PRISCILLA STRUBE, ’69, and Robert Taliaferro were married Oct. 3, 2009, in Weeki Wachee, Fla.

70’s

STEVEN HIGHT, ’71, is pastor of Faith Mission Church in Bedford, Ind. He assumed this ministry in late 2009, following about 12 1/2 years as a missionary in Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, and 21 1/2 years in missionary administration. Steve and Kathy, his wife of 38 years, have three children and four grandchildren.

CARL “Skip” CLINE, ’77, recently returned to his law enforcement career in Florida. He retired in 2004 to care for his parents in Ohio. He may be reached at P.O. Box 8451, Coral Springs, FL 33075.

90’s

BOB, ’93x, and ABIGAIL (SNEAD) ANGOVE, ’95, announce the birth of their son, Levi Robert, on Aug. 12, 2010. Levi weighed 6 lbs, 14 oz. He joins big sister, Addie, 16 months. The Angove family recently moved to Asheville, N.C., where Bob is district supervisor for Dodson Brothers Pest Control and Abigail is a stay-at-home mom.

SUSAN (LORIOT, ’77x, LAURIAULT) PARKER, ’96, sent an update from Lexington, Ky., where she lives with her husband, the Rev. Gary Parker, and cares for her mother. Susan volunteers for the Downtown Christian Unity Task Force, an educational and service organization that works toward unity between member churches.

SAM TEASLEY, ’97, was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in November. He defeated an incumbent by more than 13 percentage points, and takes office in January. Sam and his wife, MICHELLE (WILEY), ’97, and their three children live in Marietta.

SHARON (WOOD), ’98, and Matt COCHRAN announce the birth of their second child, Jacob Duke, on Sept. 2, 2010. Jacob weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 3/4 inches long. He joins big sister Emily, 4 1/2. The Cochrans live in Greenville, S. C.

DAVE and AMY (NACE) GERHART, both ’99, announce the birth of their third child, Asher Daniel, on Sept. 8, 2010. Asher was born 10 weeks early and weighed 3 lbs., 3 oz. He joins big brother Josiah, 2, and sister Annie, 1. Amy is the pharmacy clinical coordinator at Grand View Hospital in Sellersville, Pa. Dave is a stay-at-home dad and leads worship at BranchCreek Community Church in Harleysville, Pa. They live in North Wales, Pa.
00’s

JOSHUA JOHNSON and KELLIE HILL, both ’01, were married Jan. 1, 2010, in Dayton, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included DANIEL CARVER, ’01; MATT JOHNSON, ’01; GREG SOVEREIGN, ’99; TERRY HILL II, ’05; KIMMIE HILL, ’03; JACKIE JOHNSON, ’99; and AMY MCDANIEL, ’01x. The Johnsons live in Dallas, Texas, where Josh is a high school teacher and Kellie is a nurse.

SARAH REVELL, ’02, and Nate Craft were married July 18, 2009, in Smithfield, Va. RACHEL (SCHMITT) MCCONNELL, ’02, and SONIA (SAMUELSEN) ERICSON, ’02, were in the wedding party, and MILES ERICSON, ’02, attended. Sara, who kept her last name, and Nate live in Lawrence, Kan. She works as a cardiac nurse in Topeka, and Nate is the band director in Pomona, Kan.

COLIN, ’04, and ALEXIS (LASSETER), ’05, JAEGER announce the birth of their second daughter, Brielle Ashlyn, on July 21, 2010. Brielle weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and was 19 inches long. She joins big sister, Cadence, 2.

SARA YOUNG, ’05, received the Master of Music degree in music education from Lee University July 31, 2010. She teaches music at Griffith Elementary School in Dunlap, Tenn.


BETH SIMON, ’07, and Ryan Knauer were married July 24, 2010. Alumni in the wedding party included RICKY SIMON, ’07x, and NATALIE BEST, ’07, participated in the ceremony. The Knauers live in Chalfont, Pa.

ANDRA BRANSON, ’08, and Andrew Allen were married Feb. 20, 2010, in Hanson, Ky. Alumni in the wedding party included DEMI BARDISLEY, ’08x; JACQUELINE (HOLUBZ) ROTH, ’08; JESSICA LONG, ’08; JOANNE OLSON, ’08; KATIE BARHAM, ’08; KIMBERLY (MISHOW) WILLIAMS, ’08; LEANNE MCDANIEL RAGLAND, ’08; REBEKAH TOOLEY, ’08; RENEE (TULLBERG) HUGHES, ’07; LAUREN HOSTETLER, ’09; HOLLI (MANCINI) POOL, ’08; TRISH EWING, ’08; and ALLISON (HENDRICKS)
HALL, ’08. Andra is a pharmacy technician and Andrew works for the Hopkins County (Ky.) Board of Education.

EMILY WHITE, ’09, and Pavel Fesyuk were married June 5, 2010. MOLLY (GEHRING) SUTTON, ’10, was a bridesmaid. Emily and Pavel live in Rochester, N.Y., where they work at a pest solutions company, Pavel as a technician and Emily in the office.

10’s

BAILEY PAYNE, ’10, is pursuing a Master’s degree in higher education at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., where she works as assistant coach for the women’s cross country and track teams.

CHAD HUGHES, ’10, and RENEE TULLBERG, ’07, were married June 12, 2010, in Dayton, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding included NATALIE TULLBERG, ’05; HILARY TULLBERG, ’09; KALANI LESTMANN, ’07; STEPHANIE MILLER, ’07; CHRISTINA JOHNSON, ’07; ANDRA (BRANSON) ALLEN, ’08; and REBEKAH TOOLEY, ’08. TIM ST. JOHN, ’06, played piano, and GLEN HENTZ, ’04, and Rebeka Tooley sang. Former faculty member Duane Cuthbertson, Renee’s grandfather, officiated. Renee works for ARCpoint, a drug testing collection service in Dayton, and Chad works in the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom, a private school at Lee for children with autism. He is working on a Master’s degree in special education at Lee.

ALLAN JOHNSON, ’10, and Emily Crist, a current student, were married Aug. 7, 2010, in West Chester, Pa. Alumni in the wedding party included STACEY BRADSHAW, ’09; and JOSHUA YOUNG, ’10. Bryan students in the wedding included Alicia Schulze and Audrey Vordenbaum. Also attending were Kristen Ferrante and Kelsey McCormick. The Johnsons live in Dayton, where Allan is financial adviser and management trainee with Primerica, Inc.

MATT DEE and RACHEL CARR, both ’10, were married Aug. 21, 2010, in Gainesville, Fla. Alumni in the wedding party included HANNAH CAMP, ’10; LIZY (PETERS) DILTS, ’10; HANNAH HAMRICK, ’10; FAITH WAGNER, ’11; ANDREW JOHNSON, ’11; and BRYCE RANDALL, ’11. Current students Seth Flores and Deryk Rankin also were in the wedding party. The Dees live in Oxford, England, where Matt is studying for a term before returning to the States to complete graduate school.
A 20-plus year investment in Bryan College is paying dividends to Mac and Lucia Fary, and one of those dividends is in the form of cash.

Dr. Fary was hired in 1977 to head the education department and stayed in that role until he retired in 1998. At the same time, while she was managing a household that included three children, Lucia became active in the Bryan Women’s Auxiliary, bringing her in close contact with students.

When they arrived on campus for his interview they found “good people who loved the Lord,” Dr. Fary recalled. “The school looked very practical, very realistic.” As they discussed their impressions later, Mrs. Fary said she thought Dayton “would be a good place to raise kids. That was high on our priority list.” Dr. Fary said.

“The people were very warm and open. We never regretted it. These were God’s people and we felt very close to them.”

He said his department was small. “When they needed someone to teach pedagogy, it was Malcolm; when they needed something else taught, it was Malcolm. I tried to show the kids that a teacher is to serve the students and to do everything he or she could do to make what they were studying desirable.”

His efforts paid off in at least two ways: the education department grew, and he made enduring connections with his students.

One day his colleague, history Professor Dr. Robert Spoede asked him, “Do you realize who the kids come back to see? Then he pointed at me. I liked that, of course.”

Mrs. Fary added, “To this day kids come back for homecoming and stay here (at their home). These are the greatest kids. To me, it was life to be around wonderful young people who love the Lord.”

While Dr. Fary was teaching, Mrs. Fary served for many years as cake chairman for the Bryan Women’s Auxiliary. “That was a great way to get to know many students. In those days we could take a cake to the students’ rooms and give them a message from their parents.” (That program continues today, but students pick up their gifts from a central location.)

“I did a lot of counseling with students at the house or in restaurants, counseling on living life. It was a wonderful time for me.”

As retirement beckoned, there was almost no decision to make about a destination. “When Mac asked where I wanted to retire to I said, ‘Here.’ He said, ‘Me, too.’” As a result, they have continued to take advantage of attending chapel, fine arts events, and athletic contests as they did while he was a member of the faculty.

One retirement idea changed, however.

“We owned property adjoining the college,” Mrs. Fary explained. “We originally were going to build there, but when we decided not to, we decided to give it to the college. Our dream was to see the college grow, and do what we could to help.”

In return for the gift of property, they receive income each month, money they are saving to help with their grandchildren’s education. “All our grandchildren love Bryan and want to go there,” she said.

Jim Barth, Bryan’s director of planned giving, said annuities may be purchased with cash or gifts-in-kind of assets, such as in the Farys’ case. For more information about a charitable gift annuity or other giving options, contact Mr. Barth at 423-775-7280 or by email at barthji@bryan.edu.
If you are like many individuals who hold appreciated stock or real estate, you may be concerned about the high cost of capital gains tax upon the sale of your assets. Perhaps you recently sold appreciated property and are looking for a way to offset your current tax liability. And if you are entering your retirement years, you may be looking for ways to increase your income for the future.

A charitable remainder trust permits you to make a gift of your property to charity and take advantage of numerous tax benefits including:

- Bypass of capital gains tax
- Increased income
- Charitable deduction

For more information on the benefits of establishing a charitable remainder trust, please contact Steve Keck or Jim Barth, or log on to our web site at www.BryanGift.org. We look forward to helping you!
One hundred-fifty graduates received their degrees along with an encouragement to follow the principles that guide Bryan College during commencement ceremonies in December.

President Dr. Stephen Livesay told the graduates that for the past few years they had “been about what has been called sharpening the saw, preparing” for their chosen fields. But Bryan College has sought to prepare their hearts, not just their minds, to impact the world with their faith in Christ.

Commencement speaker the Rev. Tony Walliser of Silverdale Baptist Church in Chattanooga, added his commendation to “press on, keep on going, do not give up. The truth is, you will face many challenges in front of you. The easiest thing that any one of us can do in the midst of challenges and stressful times and tests of our future is to quit.”

But he called on the example of the Apostle Paul, “who went through some challenges and difficulties unlike probably any of us ever will face. People talk about having a bad day, a bad week. The Apostle Paul had a bad decade, and yet he pressed on.”

Paul succeeded in the same way we can, he said. “If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, the moment you surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to take residence in you.

When you understand Christ Himself lives within you, you find a source of strength the world cannot comprehend.”

During the ceremony, Cindy Cross received the Degree Completion Research Award. Ms. Cross, who received the Bachelor of Science degree, with highest honors, in business administration: business management, is senior director of legal services at Life Care Centers of America, Inc., in Cleveland, Tenn.

Stephen Deck, who received the Bachelor of Science degree, with highest honors, in music education: instrument; and Stephen Hill, who received the Bachelor of Arts degree, with highest honors, in English literature, shared the award for having the highest academic average in the traditional program. Both earned 4.0 averages on Bryan’s 4.0 scale.
### Honor and Memory Gifts

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14, 16

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