

# Alumni Footnotes

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## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Rev. Don and Betty Seymour '57 were voted Outstanding Alumni of the Year for passionately carrying the message of full salvation in missional, pastoral, and administrative ministries in the United States and abroad. Through the Churches of Christ in Christian Union, the Seymours have served pastorates in OH and FL, as missionaries in Papua New Guinea and the Caribbean area, General Missionary Superintendent, missionary and general evangelist. Don also ministered as Director of Development at Circleville Bible College and as Superintendent of the Northeast District of the denomination. Betty (Mattox) served with Don carrying many of her own ministries and being a faithful helpmeet, prayer partner, visionary, and confidant. She also enjoyed working in the headquarters General Missionary Department assignment as Editor of the denomination's *Missionary Tidings* magazine.



Rev. Don and Betty Seymour '57 receiving Outstanding Alumni Award from Alumni Vice President Mike Pounds '67

## WELCOME NEW ALUMNI – CLASS OF 2013



L-R: Daniel Sikes, Stephanie Barger, Ross Foley, Brittany Foley, Kala Mathes, Nick Armstrong, Sarah Richardson, Sarah Fortner, Marie Derozin, Dan Speas, Deanna Lorimer, Mariela Contreras, Savanna Pelfrey, Charlotte Chandler

## DR. JOHN NEIHOF TO PRESIDENCY OF WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY



On May 18, the Board of Trustees at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, MS, unanimously approved **Dr. John Eldon Neihof '82** as president-elect. Dr. John says, "This is a huge change for **Beth (Stowe '82)** and me. The change of ministry is covered with God's fingerprints. Assured of God's direction and the support of my parents and Dr. Philip Speas, and many others, I have accepted this position. These 23 years at KMBC have been rich and rewarding. My diverse experience at KMBC, in evangelism and in accreditation work with ABHE have been God's way of preparing me for this new phase of ministry. I am humbled and overwhelmed by the task which lies ahead of us. Assured of God's strength, grace and leading, Beth and I have chosen to obey God's leading as best we understand it." Dr. Neihof will be installed July 1.

While at KMBC, Dr. John's many ministries included instructor, Vice President of Development, and serving on accreditation teams for Association of Biblical Higher Education. Dr. John also served as Mt. Carmel pastor and in evangelism. He is a member of the World Gospel Mission Board of Trustees. Beth was library media specialist at Jackson City School. She also taught in the elementary curriculum at KMBC. Together the Neihofs have held many marriage enrichment seminars. Dr. John is the son of **Dr. Eldon and Agnes (Creed) Neihof '56**.

## Dr. DAVID WRIGHT to Presidency of Indiana Wesleyan University

Dr. David Wright has been named the 9th president of Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN, beginning July one. KMBC claims David as part of our family since David is the husband of **Helen (Cox '74)** Wright and brother-in-law to **Phyllis Kushman '67**, **Jerry Cox '70**, and **Debbie Renfroe '79**. David is the son of retired missionaries of the Wesleyan Church, Wayne and Virginia Wright. He and Helen have been married almost 36 years and have served the Lord as pastor, and missionaries in Haiti and Great Britain. The past 19 years, David has served in higher education at Indiana Wesleyan and Azusa Pacific University. David and Helen are grateful to God and you for your love and prayers as we look forward to our new calling.

—Helen Wright



**RICHARD ENGLEHARDT '94** received his D.Min. in Leadership in Community Spiritual Formation from Denver Seminary (CO) on May 18. He has served at Kentucky Mountain Bible College for 13 years as professor in history, Bible and Theology, and as registrar. He received his M.Div. and M.A. in Religion in Historical and Theological Studies from Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA. Richard and his wife, Chaplain Jonette of the U.S. Army, have two children, Dorcas Joy and Berwin.

**Dr. PHILIP RENFROE '79** has been invited by Indiana Wesleyan University to become a full-time faculty member in their new School of Public Health. Phil will work with both graduate and undergraduate students, hoping to challenge them with Christ's call to make disciples around the world. Phil will continue with World Gospel Mission on Special Assignment, planning to recruit students to be part of their ministry trips to various world areas. He, **Debbie (Cox '79)** and daughter, Whitney, will move from Wilmore, KY, to Marion this summer.

## CHARLES & KEET WINTERS HONORED



During commencement exercises on May 24, Kentucky Mountain Bible College conferred on **Charles '63** and **Keet (Rutledge '62) Winters** honorary membership in Delta Epsilon Chi. This honor recognized the Winters' outstanding missionary career in Bolivia with World Gospel Mission/ Wesleyan Church.

## HONDURAS WORK TEAM



Back, left - **Earl Newton '57**; 2nd from right back row - **Jerry Cox '70**; front center - **Rob MacGregor '60**

In January, **Jerry Cox '70** led a work team to La Moskitia, Honduras, where **Bill and Beth Ryan '07** serve with World Gospel Mission. **Earl Newton '57** and **Rob Roy MacGregor '60** joined the group. They worked on several phases of maintenance in an orphanage and ministered in church services. Since becoming fluent in Spanish, Bill has also learned the Miskito language. Besides relationship building, Ryan's ministries include teaching English at the high school, teaching Sunday school, village visitation and much more.

## HAITI MISSION TEAM

**Dale McIntire (FS)** led a ministry team to Hinche, Haiti, February 11-18. They served at a clinic, praying with each patient, held services in the town square and local churches. Along with preaching, Dale taught a class at a conference for rural pastors, focusing on the use of Jesus' parables as both preaching and ministry sources. Dale is pastor of the Cornerstone Community Church in Grand Marais, MN.

## ACTIVE SENIOR

Excerpts from *Marion Chronicle-Tribune*

Though officially retired, **Mike Roorbach '69** is still in the fast lane. Following his years as educator, coach, Executive Director of YMCA, sports announcer for WBAT Radio Station, arena announcer for the Indiana Wesleyan University home basketball games, and participation in local government, Mike is still involved with sports, family, church and community. He is a brain cancer survivor. Mike stepped out of retirement and into administration for a year to help struggling Lakeview Christian school. He is passionate about everything he does. Mike and wife, Karen have two children and six grandchildren. They attend Lakeview Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN.

## HISTORICAL MOMENT IN BELIZE

**Juanita Sampson '79** reports a historical moment in her country. For 20 years the Bible Society and some concerned Belizeans along with Wycliff translators have been working on translating the New Testament into our Kriole language. Yesterday (April 24) was the launching of it. We were all so proud and touched by the ceremony. We are praising the Lord for this miracle. Juanita lives in Sand Hill and teaches in the Bible schools in the area, helps with women's meetings, and works with the women in her local church. She also ministers as a song evangelist. She spent several years teaching in Christian elementary schools in the United States.

## REVIVAL IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**Wane Ninjipa '78** says, "We are experiencing revival in our churches and in this year alone have added 10 new churches in one area, with more popping up like mushrooms. The governor of one province donated K50,000 to build a new church in his home area. He asked our youth group to erect the PNG Bible Church sign right in front of his house." God helped them register a church in the Solomon Islands. Wane says, "The Solomon Islanders are generally religious, but those who helped me register the church expressed their desire to hear about holiness and heart purity. My motto for the year is, 'One more soul, one more church and one more district to touch.'"

## FISHER/LORIMER



Current manager, Dan Lorimer; founder/manager, Dr. Wilfred Fisher; manager, Jennifer Cox

**Dan Lorimer '09** says in regard to WMTC/Mountain Gospel's Spring Sharathon and 65th Anniversary Celebration April 29-May 3: We loved the time of fellowship Friday night with about 300 people joining us for a concert with Mark Bishop and a fish fry. Perhaps the most exhilarating part of the week was surpassing our goal of \$20,000. We raised over \$14,000 on Friday alone. Telephone interviews throughout the week with former staff and student workers were exciting to listen to: Dr. Wilfred Fisher, Founder and Manager, **Richard Cartwright '57**, **Tim Kirkpatrick '59**, **Stephen Henry '01**. Live interviews included **Richard Barker '50**, **Faith Amspaugh '52** and **Donna Woodring '57**. **Melody (Short'93)** Thompson was interviewed regarding her father **Seldon '54** who was also a manager. Dr. Fisher was also present for the big Friday night celebration.

## SPRING GRADUATES

**Doug Kraft '99** graduated from Asbury University May 4 with an M.A. in Special Education. Besides pastoring the KMHA Spencer Fork Community Church, Doug is a Cottage Coordinator at Buckhorn Children's Services.

**Peter Lanigan '07** received his M.A. from Wesley Biblical Seminary. **Peter and Katie (Neihof '07)** serve the Monticello Methodist Protestant Church in MS.

## WEDDING BELLS

**Thelma (Ninjipa '04)** and Ronald Kavanamur were married at Corner Stone Gateway Church, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Thelma is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. **Wane Ninjipa '78**.

**Sam Mokoli '09** and Sharon Sarowa were married December 25, 2012, in Tambul, Papua New Guinea.

**Patsy Detamore '70** and John Wesley Bush were united in marriage in the Warren, IN Wesleyan Church in March. Henrietta Griffith performed the ceremony

**Dan Lorimer '09** and **Charlotte Chandler '13** were wed June 1 in Helen Matthews Luce Memorial Chapel at Kentucky Mountain Bible College with Rev. Tom Lorimer, KMBC's Academic Dean, officiating.

## NEW ARRIVALS

**David '03** and **Mary (Marshall '12) Kunze** were blessed when Marshall Justice, their fourth child, joined their family on December 14, 2012.

**Josh '12** and **Kara (Glover '11) Huff** became first-time parents on Dec. 27 to Gideon Patrick. **Charles and Joni Glover '79** are happy grandparents.

**Ean '11** and **Deanna Garcia '10 Greene** welcomed their son, Boaz Gerald, as part of their family on January 6, 2013

**Alex '11** and Thess **Hilaire** celebrated the arrival of Nathaniel Ethan into their family January 10, 2013.

**Hannah '07** and **Eric '08 Avery** were blessed by the arrival of their daughter, Naomi Ruth, January 17, 2013.

Scott and **Aleshia (Spencer '97) Smathers** are proud parents of Colton Mark, born January 24, 2013. **David (FS)** and **Nora '90 Spencer** are proud grandparents.

**Jeff '00** and Melissa **Snyder** celebrated the arrival of Ezra Glen into their family on March 15.

**Justin '07** and **Kayla '13 Mathes** announce their first son's arrival May

**David '08** and **Carrie Munson** welcomed twins Judah and Josiah born May 30.

## IN HEAVEN

**David Mercer '82**, pastor of Hillside Wesleyan Church in Port Huron, MI, passed away December from a sudden heart attack while in Nicaragua on a mission trip. David was one of two assistant superintendents in the East Michigan Conference and district director of church health and fitness. General Superintendent Jo Anne Lyon remarked that David was a great pastor and a great man of God. He was greatly loved by his congregation. Gifted in pastoral training, David mentored some KMBC internship students. He is survived by his wife, **Renee (Schell '82)**, one daughter and three sons. Sisters, **Becky '77/Herb '78 Gibbs** and **Carol '79/Tim '81 Wright** also survive.

**Paul Ashley '65** went to be with the Lord December 24, 2012. Paul and wife **Ruth '68** joined the KMHA where they gave excellent service as mechanic and cook until 1971. Both were ordained in the CCCU Church and pastored in Warrensville, NC, where they preached and lived the holiness message. Ruth passed away in 1998. Among the survivors are three sons, Rick/Phyllis, Jerry/Sara, and David. Rick's grandson preached the funeral.

**Dian (FS)**, wife of **Bruce Wrightsman '74** went to heaven December 28 following a lengthy cancer illness. Bruce and Dian had been married 38 years.

**Mary (Newby '57) Culbertson** passed away January 21. For several years, Mary was a public school teacher then a full-time homemaker. Her husband, Robert and a sister, **Rebecca '59/Rhinehart Burke** survive. A daughter preceded her in death.

**Donna (Bukhart '63) Barber's** husband, Jim, went to be with the Lord February 4. Jim had heart problems.

**Olive (Perry '40) Graves** went to heaven February 7. She and husband, **Glen '49** served several KMHA churches and were a blessing to many in eastern Kentucky. Besides Glen, survivors include three sons, **Levon '72/Leatrice '71**, Ed, Bob and daughter, Twila. Olive was one of a large number of teens who came from the Devils Creek church (now Old Time Religion Chapel) to Mt. Carmel and KMBI and went into full time service for the Lord.

**Margie Foster '44** went to heaven February 19 in Blakely, GA. Following graduation from KMBI and Marion College, Marjorie taught at the KMHA Lee City Elementary School. During retirement years in GA, Margie was active in many areas of service in the Dawson United Methodist Church while caring for her parents.

**Mary Rager '56** Myers passed away March 9 in Seneca, PA. Mary was a clinical R.N. in the jungles of British Guyanna for five years. She was ordained as a minister by All Tribes Missionary Council in Athens, MI, and pastor of several churches, with additional ministries in Haiti and Mexico. Mary was also a teacher in Christian day schools. She is survived by son, Gary, daughter, Darlene, and several nieces and nephews.

**Donald Myers '61** went to his heavenly home April 21 in Evansville, IN. He was known far and wide as a godly man. He was assistant pastor of Somerville Pilgrim Holiness Church, pastor of Oilville Pilgrim Holiness Church, and Mission of Faith church, classroom monitor of Trinity Holiness Academy, and president of Otwell Holiness Camp.



Mike and Elizabeth in Sherwood Forest/England

His wife, Pauline, three sons and 13 grandchildren survive. A daughter, Dorcas Ann, preceded him in death.

**Ed Smith '57** entered his eternal home May 21 following a long illness. As pastor, lay minister, husband, father and friend, Ed preached and demonstrated sanctified living. His wife, **Vera (Warren '57)** preceded him in death. Survivors include sisters, **Ava Smith '56, Eunice /Bill Lockwood '64, Genevieve '58 /Lew Weeber**, and **Dorellen Belleau '66** a son, **Warren '82**, daughters, **Connie (FS)**, and Brenda, and six grandchildren.

**Linda (Bently '71)** Hermon's husband, Ron, went to heaven April 27 following a cancer illness.

## NEW BOOKS

***Let All the Children Come:*** A Handbook for Holistic Ministry to Children with Disabilities, is a new book by **Phyllis Kilbourn '64**. Phyllis has many years of experience working in global ministries for children in crisis. Her experience includes 20 years as Founder and International Director of Rainbows of Hope and 16 years as Founder and Educational Coordinator of Crisis Care Training, International. She has also faithfully labored in Liberia and Kenya with WEC (World Evangelization Crusade), International. Phyllis is author of five books and co-author of several others.

***Deep and Wide:*** A Twenty-Four year Seminary Professor Attempts to Build a Bridge Between the Church and the Academy, by Darius Salter.

**Darius '68** has been employed in church and related areas of service for 40 years. He was Professor/Administrator at Western Evangelical Seminary for eight years, Nazarene Theological Seminary for 16 years. Darius served as Executive Director of the Christian Holiness Association for seven years. His preaching ministries took him to five continents and more than 30 states. Darius and his wife, Sandy live in Lake Winnebago, MO.

## ADAMS MINISTER IN ENGLAND

In December, '12, **Mike and Elizabeth (Dean) Adams '73** traveled in England. They enjoyed ministering alongside Christopher and Karen Lewis, pastors of South Leeds Church of the Nazarene in northern England. Besides preaching, Mike worked with youth leaders. The Adams enjoyed various villages, and a presentation of Handel's Oratio, The Messiah, in Royal Albert Hall with nearly 5,000 others. Among the many other sites they visited were John Wesley's Chapel, home and birthplace, and Buckingham Palace.

# ALUMNI DAY



Song leader, **Jim Fant '71**/ Pianist **Barbara Barker**, wife of **Richard Barker '50** - Praise Service



**Karen (English '77) Reynolds** testifying - Praise Service



**Angie Yoder Yoder '03** testifying



**David Withrow '97**, President, conducting business meeting



Six Singing Men: **David Withrow '75**, **Brian Withrow '99**, **Richard Barker '50**, **David Withrow '97**, **Jim Fant '71**, **Eldon Neihof '56**



**Jeff Snyder '00**, **Amber/Jay Wisler '01**



**Dona Hensley '56 Ruckman**/daughter



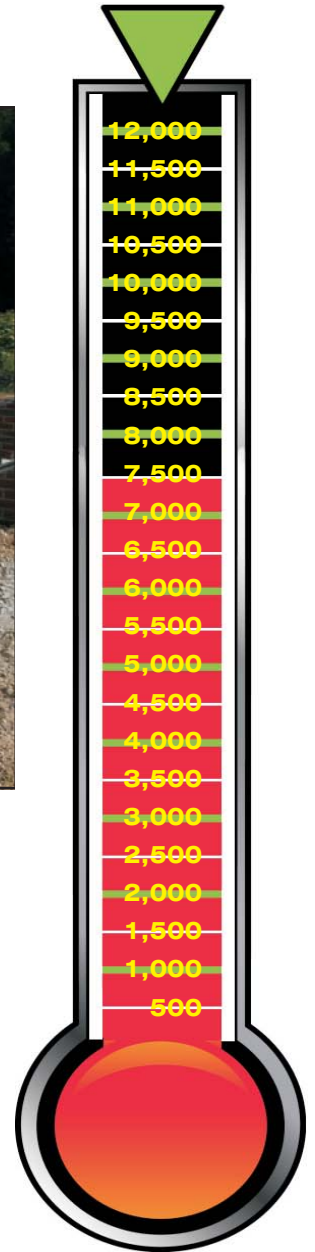
**Dave Munson '77**, **Mike Pounds '67**  
Old friends meet again.

# MYERS MEMORIAL GARDEN



As you can tell from the picture, Myers Memorial Garden is progressing very well. It is about 2/3 complete; we hope to finish it this summer. It will memorialize the Myers family, Myers Chapel, and honor/memorialize 26 people who have worked at KMBC for 30 years or more.

These are spiritual heroes who gave and sacrificed to make KMBC the great school it is. The capped portion of the far wall that bows into a half circle will contain attractive 4x8 brass name plates for the 26 honored workers. These are people who so greatly influenced our lives for time and eternity. Would you like to give a gift to honor these people who have impacted your life? We have spent about \$7,500 and need about \$4,500 to complete it. Listed below are ways you can help.



## I would also like to help memorialize the great people who provided me with a great holiness education and heritage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Brass Memorial Plate - \$100 each (need 16)

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Brass Myers Chapel marker - \$1000      Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (with engraved picture of Myers Chapel)      Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Park Bench - \$500 each (need 2)      City \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Decorative Light - \$40.00 each (need 2)      State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Landscaping - \$500      Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Flag Pole - \$500

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

May 4, 2013

President - Michael Pounds '67

1st Vice President - Richard Englehardt

2nd Vice President - Rob Pocai, Jr.

Secretary - Kim Withrow

Treasurer - Phyllis Light

Alumni Footnotes - Jill Kraft/Donna Woodring

## 2012/13 PROJECT REPORT WE CAN DO IT!

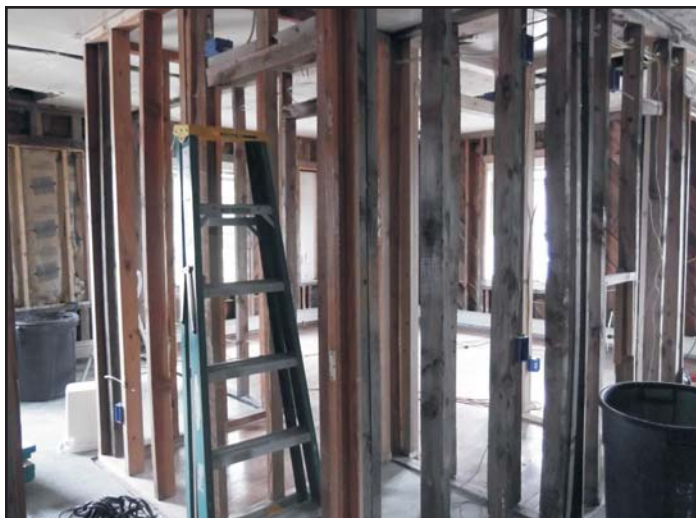
**Pledged \$12,000.00 — Received \$4,829.04**

2012/13 Project - Swauger Hall 2nd floor renovations -  
Completes both ladies' dorm renovations. Work has begun on  
this project.

We are still taking donations. We raised less than half of  
what we pledged. We still need \$7,000. Deadline August 31.

Make checks payable to: KMBC Alumni Association.

Send to: KMBC, 855 Hwy 541, Jackson, KY 41669.



Was this your Swauger dorm room? Check out the  
next Alumni mailing and see how it will look in  
August—beautiful and very nice furniture

## KMBC ALUMNI DAYS 2014

**May 2 - 3**

**Friday Evening - Special Event**

**Saturday - Country Breakfast, Praise Service,  
Alumni Concert, Business Meeting, Picnic**

**2014 REUNION YEARS -**

**1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974,  
1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009**



Gene Light '59 working on Alumni  
2012/13 project—finishing Swauger  
Hall 2nd floor

## NEW ALUMNI PROJECT - 2013/14 - BRENGLE DORM

Work with the school to make improvements in upper  
Brengele and complete dorm rooms for non-traditional  
students and guest rooms on lower level.

Goal - \$12,000

My Pledge - Due May 1, 2014

\$500     \$100     \$50     \$25

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## MT.CARMEL CAMP MEETING — JULY 26 - AUGUST 4

Evangelists - Rev. Hal Daigre, pastor, First Independent Church in Decatur, AL

Dr. Jon Tal Murphree - Evangelist, United Methodist Church, Tocoa Falls, GA

Children's services - Barbara Deaton

Youth Camp evangelist - Rev Greg McDonald

Missionary Speakers - David/Rachel Kerney, Bolivia/ World Gospel Mission