

## 60'sSixties

**Johnny W. Lott ('65)** became director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at the University of Mississippi on Feb. 1, 2007. This center was formed to help university faculty members with issues regarding teaching and student learning. In June 2007, **Carolyn J. Lott ('65)** was named professor emeritus in the department of curriculum and instruction and continues to teach online classes at The University of Montana. "It is good to be back in the South and near family," says Johnny Lott. "In my first deans' meeting at the University of Mississippi, I met Dr. **Lynne Murchison ('68)**, one of Carolyn's suitemates in Jones Hall. It is a small world." Address: 800 Royal Oaks Drive, Oxford, MS 38655. E-mails: jlott@ole-miss.edu and carolyn.lott@mso.umt.edu

**Mary Houston Yoshida ('67)** Address: 464 Kalanikoa St., #101, Hilo, HI 96720 E-mail: Yoshida\_mary@hotmail.com

## 70'sSeventies

**Deborah Flowers Allen ('76)** is currently teaching at Gibson County Special School. Deborah had taught at Medina Middle School for 20 years. While there she received the 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year for fourth and fifth grade. She has five grandchildren. Address: 739 Graves Loop, Medina, TN 38355. E-mail: ellie2anna@yahoo.com

**J.J. Osborne ('76)** has a new address: 134 Rosewood Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312. E-mail: jjneve@charter.net

**Jim Parker ('77)** has been called as associational director of missions and church starter strategist for the Color Country Baptist Association with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention. Parker was former pastor of First Baptist Church in Beaver, Okla. He began his new duties in November 2006. He and his wife Patsy were appointed as home missionaries with the North American Mission Board in February 2007, in Albuquerque, N.M. Address: 67 East 250 N., St. George, UT 84770. E-mail: bambojim82@hotmail.com

**Bob Hadley ('79)** has been called as pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Fla. He and his wife Trish live in Ormond Beach. Address: 18 Manderley Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 E-mail: pastor@sbgm.org

## 80'sEighties

**Sandra Allen ('83, '02 MAEd)** has a new position as office manager for John B. Woods, an internal medicine physician in Jackson. "This position offers ministry opportunities daily," Allen says. Address: 49 Charjean Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: sallen@johnbwoodsmid.com

**Laura Rushing Moore ('84)** completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts from School of the Art Institute of Chicago in July 2006. Laura recently celebrated the grand opening of her new art studio and gallery – www.laura-mooreart.com – in historic downtown McKinney, Texas. Address: 7432 Stoney Point Drive, Plano, TX 75025 E-mail: laura@lauramooreart.com

**Scot Finley ('85)** is in his sixth year of service as minister of senior adults at Bonsack Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. In the spring of 2007, he will also serve as an instructor in New Testament for John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Washington, D.C. His wife Pam is an optometrist with Pearle Vision and they have two children: Sam, age 11, and Heather, age 6. Address: 191 White Oak Drive, Roanoke, VA 24064. Email: scot@bonsackbaptist.org

**Janet Watkins Nevins ('85)** launched JLN Originals – www.jlnoriginals.com – and relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., after spending several months in part-time missionary work outside Quito, Ecuador. Address: 10414 E. Raintree Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. E-mail: janet@jlnoriginals.com

**Mary Jane Wallis Crawley ('87)** and husband Danny have returned stateside for 2007 after serving 10 years in Ghana at Baptist Medical Centre with the International Mission Board. They are on furlough in Pataskala, Ohio. They will be sharing with churches about their work and seeking God's leadership for future service. Address: 7512 Willow Bend Drive, Crestwood, KY 40014. E-mail: dcrawley@gowestafrica.org

**John ('87) and Stephanie Gaddy Doster ('90)** along with their children, Peyton and Drew, have moved back to McKenzie, Tenn., after 13 years away. John continues to serve as vice president and managing director of The Franklin Group, inVentiv Health, a New Jersey-based pharmaceutical services company. Address: 8690 Hwy 436, McKenzie, TN 38201. E-mail: jdoster@inventivhealth.com

## 90'sNineties

**Dale Charlton ('90, '06 MSN UU-Germantown)** received the Master of Science in nursing from Union University on Dec. 16, 2006. He is employed as an assistant professor of nursing at Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis. Address: 4931 Owen Road, Memphis, TN 38122. E-mail: dcharlto@midssouth.rr.com

**Daniel Clevenger ('90)** is working as registered nurse in the home health industry. He and his wife Tammy have three children: Jacob, Zachary and Sarah. Address: 308 Forest Drive, Humboldt, TN 38343. E-mail: Hmclevenger3@aol.com

**Peggy J. Mosley ('92)** was recently hired as the new vessel systems trainer for Ingram Barge at Kentucky's Paducah Landing location. Address: 250 Jan Ann Drive, Paducah, KY 42003. E-mail: peggyjmosley@yahoo.com

**Jennifer Arnwine ('94)** graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Islamic studies. She is an executive director of As ONE Ministry. Address: P.O. Box 53, Spring Hill, TN 37174. E-mail: JArnwine@charter.net

**David ('94) and Christy Marbury Tull ('94)** have a new address: 7813 Gaston Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76116. E-mail: tull david@hotmail.com and cmt1225@hotmail.com

**Leigh Hargis Gray ('95)** has established a ministry called Speaking Thru Me Ministries. She travels all over the United States speaking to women's groups, college, youth and singles. She welcomes invitations to speak. Address: 5429 Chiltern Hills Trail, Charlotte, NC 28215. E-mail: cletus104@bellsouth.net

**Matthew Schobert ('95)** was promoted from assistant to associate editor for the journal Social Work and Christianity. He continues to work as a unit manager and social worker for Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Texas. He also teaches part-time at Baylor University in the Honors College and School of Social Work. Address: 10141 China Creek Drive, Waco, TX 76708.

**Jennifer Carter-Johnson ('96)** graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Law School in May 2006. Carter-Johnson is

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# Finding answers in physics

Tom King ('60)

Tom and Virginia Lewis King met at Union and married in 1961.

Tom King certainly has taken some unconventional career paths.

"I'm a maverick," says King. "I'm a technologist. I need to know what a thing is made of."

King's career journey includes Grand Ole Opry lighting operations and Disney laser shows. It includes radio and robots, outer space flight and free fall rides.

He left Union and his native Jackson—as one of the university's first physics majors—to serve as a design engineer for NASA. King's knowledge of control systems in the early Saturn vehicles placed him on the investigative team which examined the 1967 Apollo I disaster that killed three astronauts.

As the space program downsized, King joined the American Red Cross. His work

there established the format and criteria that launched their safety training program, and helped assist companies like IBM to comply with the First Aid section of the OSHA law.

Another opportunity led King to interview with Walt Disney World, where executives quickly recognized his technical skills. This began an eight-year stint as an engineer for the famous entertainment park. King was a project engineer in the development and installation of many of the EPCOT attractions. His more recognizable role was in the development of EPCOT Center's "IllumiNations 2000: Reflections of Earth." The show features laser light, fountains and fireworks.

Today King is retired and lives in Kissimmee, Fla., but nearby Disney still

calls him in to consult on new projects. Among his other roles in retirement is service on the advisory council for Union University's engineering department. He is pleased with the engineering track and its vision for expansion.

"They're right on track by starting with mechanical and electrical engineering," says King. "They could offer chemical and environmental engineering, civil engineering or a degree in engineering physics. I would like to see it expand."

He encourages students to discover, explore and learn.

"There are other things out there," says King. "Get out of the box. Take a chance. If Michelangelo hadn't taken chances, he would have painted the Sistine Chapel floor." ♦



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an attorney with Perkins Coie, LLP in Seattle, Wash. On July 2, 2006, she married Jeff Johnson in Ann Arbor, Mich. Address: 2611 22nd Ave. W., Apt. 2, Seattle, WA 98199. Email: jeffandjenny@gmail.com

**Heidi Shouder ('96)** Address: 1501 E Central Road, #220, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. E-mail: hshouder@comcast.net

**Cammie Vos Johnson ('97)** directs the K-5 art program at Unity Elementary School, Luthersville, Ga. She also teaches as an adjunct art instructor for Brewton-Parker College Newnan campus. Address: 387 Turner Road, Newnan, GA 30263. E-mail: cvjohnson@gmail.com

**Millicent (Millie) Smith Bullington ('98)** and her husband Ray own and operate Pallet Warehouse Inc. in Stantonville, Tenn. They have recently added a second facility in Nashville and are now serving the industry in West and Middle Tennessee, North Mississippi and Alabama. In January they celebrated 12 years of marriage. The couple has two children: Grant, 6, and Emme, 3. Address: 5496 New Hope Road, Michie, TN 38357. E-mail: mabullington@comcast.net

**Janna Gardner Davidson ('98)** recently began working for SunBridge Nursing Home in Winchester, Tenn., as the social service director. Janna and her husband J. have a 5-year-old son, John Dalton. Address: 1284 Maxwell Road, Belvidere, TN 37306. E-mail: johnjan\_davidson@yahoo.com

**Brynna Vos Spain ('99)** completed another degree at Watkins College of Art and Design. She works as a designer for the Nashville firm, McAlpine, Booth & Ferrier Interiors. She and her husband Bart have spent the past year restoring their 1928 home in the historic area of Old Hickory. Address: 909 Cleves St., Old Hickory, TN 37138. E-mail: brynna.spain@comcast.net

## 2000's TwoThousands

**Andrew Exum ('00)** teaches history and Bible at Trinity Christian Academy in Jackson. He also serves as project coordinator for the school's Reaching Others for Christ ministries. Annually, he takes the ROC team to Mission Arlington – Mission Metroplex in Texas for week-long service.

Prior to moving back to Jackson, he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Address: 176 Jack Exum Lane, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: AExum@tcalions.org

**Joshua Trent ('01)** Address: 941 Patrick Henry Drive, Arlington, VA 22205. E-mail: JoshuaTrent\_@hotmail.com

**Stacy Veatch Canter ('01)** now lives in South Carolina where her husband Jeff is the new children and youth pastor at Crowfield Baptist Church. Address: 104 Gainsborough Drive, # 1913, Goosecreek, SC 29445.

**Jon Dockery ('02)** has been accepted to Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. Jon has been serving as assistant to the dean at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., where he completed a degree in theology. Jon graduated from Union summa cum laude with a major in economics and a minor in ethics.

**Tonya L. Hale ('02)** is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in college student personnel services at the University of Central Arkansas. She is also the assistant director of student activities at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., a small, private, liberal arts institution. Address: 1600 Washington Ave., Conway, AR 72032. E-mail: tonyahale@mac.com

**Jeremy ('02) and Rachel Polk Hollie ('03)** spent 18 months in Kabul, Afghanistan, at the International School of Kabul – a part of Oasis International Schools. Jeremy is the business manager, physical education and health teacher and facilities manager. Rachel teaches K-12 music, arts and civilization and women's choir. Address: 3882 Fawn Valley, Memphis, TN 38125. E-mail: buddylz493@aol.com

**Jeremy ('02) and Leslie Bryant Todd ('02)** reside in Jacksonville, Fla. Jeremy has accepted the position to serve as associate pastor minister of students at Fruit Cove Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He is currently completing his Master of Arts in Christian education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Address: 656 Hampton Downs Court, Jacksonville, FL 32259. E-mail: jeremyandlesietodd@hotmail.com

**Timothy L. Tucker ('02)** was installed as president-elect in Atlanta, Ga., of the American Pharmacists Association for 2007-2008. Tucker considers it a privilege and honor to be recognized by peers to



serve as president of such a prestigious organization. The National Pharmacy Organization has more than 58,000 members in the United States. Address: 553 Tara Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344. E-mail: tltucker@aeneas.net

**Amber Elizabeth Ryan Thienel ('03)** teaches seventh-grade math and is a softball coach at Freedom Middle School, Franklin, Tenn. Amber was married June 3, 2006. Address: 3300 West End Ave., Apt. 304, Nashville, TN 37203. E-mails: aeryan14@hotmail.com and thienelamb@fssd.org

**Chad ('04) and his wife Debi Marlin Davis ('04)** recently moved back to Jackson, Tenn., with their two sons Jonas and Judah. Chad is currently serving as an elder at Cornerstone Community Church. Address: 26 Lawnwood Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: chaddavis22@gmail.com

**Jai Raj Singh ('05 MBA UU-Germantown)** Address: 192 E. Porter Run Drive, Collierville, TN 38017. E-mail: singh\_jairaj@yahoo.com

## Marriages

**Patricia Babb Clark ('91)** married Barry Clark on March 18, 2005. Address: 180 County Road 2296, Saltillo, MS 38866. E-mail: triciajb@hotmail.com

**Timothy Hooker ('93)** and Gantuya Ganbold were married Dec. 20, 2006, in Pohang, South Korea. Timothy and Gantuya live in Pohang where Timothy teaches English at Handong Global University. Address: 225 Susan Lane, Paducah, KY 42003. E-mail: twhooker@gmail.com

**Jennifer Bishop McManis ('95)** married Chris McManis on Jan. 13, 2007, at First Baptist Church in Dyersburg, Tenn. Address: 251 Woodside Lane, Dyersburg, TN 38024. E-mail: jcbishop73@yahoo.com



**Melissa Mann Bean ('96)** married TJ Bean on Sept. 9, 2006, in Louisville, KY, and honeymooned in Maine. Melissa is a part-time professor at a community college and has her own photography business – www.melissamannphotography.com. TJ is a graphic designer for thevimarcgroup in

Louisville. Address: 129 Alton Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065. E-mail: mbmann@hotmail.com



**Jeff Rushing ('97) and Valerie Howell Rushing ('97)** were wed Oct. 28, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Millington, Tenn. Valerie left her job as circulation manager of Emma Waters Summar library at Union. Jeff is a director at Fox 13 News in Memphis. Address: 6433 Old Tipton Road, Millington, TN 38053. E-mail: jeffcnn@yahoo.com and valhow@yahoo.com

**Matt N. Thomson Jr. ('99)** married Kit Wilkinson of Nashville in January 2007. Kit attended Wake Forest University. Matt joined Hogan & Hartson LLP, one of the oldest major law firms headquartered in Washington, D.C. Address: 535 5th St., N.E., Washington, DC 20002. E-mail: mattnthomson@yahoo.com

**Hope Weaver Smith ('99)** married Kristopher Smith on Nov. 11, 2006. Hope serves as minister to preschoolers and children at First Baptist Church of Natchitoches, La. Her husband also serves there as minister of music and worship. Address: 101

Aloys Circle, Natchitoches, LA 71457. E-mail: hsmith@fbcnatchitoches.net

**Jonathan Gray ('00) and Melissa Yau Gray ('01)** were married Sept. 9, 2006, in Collierville, Tenn. Jonathan is employed with Transnetyx Inc. in Cordova, Tenn., as an assay design specialist. Melissa is a clinical pharmacist and assistant pharmacist trainer at excelleRx Inc. in Memphis. Address: 6838 Garmin Lane, Cordova, TN 38018. E-mails: md\_sae@bellsouth.net and yau.melissa@gmail.com



**Erika Godfrey Allen ('02)** and Geoffrey Allen were married on Feb. 24, 2007, in Naperville, Ill. Both work in Wheaton, Ill., and attended Wheaton College. After receiving a master's degree in historical and systematic theology, Erika works as executive assistant to the president at Crossway Books and Bibles. Geoff works as a mental health counselor for Innovative Healthcare. Address: 113 W Park Circle Drive, Apt. 104, Wheaton, IL 60187. E-mail: eallen@gnpceb.org

**Sarah Jane Head Drury ('02)** married Tim Drury in 2004. Tim is student minister at First Baptist Church in Bethalto, Ill. Sarah

Jane is a grant writer for a consulting firm and several non-profit organizations. They make their home outside St. Louis. Address: 326 12th St., Wood River, IL 62095. E-mail: sj@lgpconsulting.com



**Summer Rhodes Deepe ('02)** married John Matthew Deepe on July 8, 2006, at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. Summer is currently employed at Pathway Family Center as the community and marketing liaison. Matt is currently employed as an aviation design engineer for General Electric. They live in Loveland, Ohio, outside Cincinnati. Address: 224 Silver Fox Court, Loveland, OH 45140. E-mail: sumsum1313@aol.com

**Matthew Glass ('04) and Amanda Hornbuckle Glass ('04)** were married on March 12, 2005. They are both employed by HeartCry Missionary Society, which recently relocated from Metropolis, Ill., to Muscle Shoals, Ala. Amanda serves as office manager and Matt is the coordinator for mission endeavors in the 10/40 window. Address: 502 Wilson Dam Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660. E-mail: mglass@heartcrymissionary.com and aglass@heartcrymissionary.com



## Heart for missions

**Andy Exum's ('00)** heart is called to missions. He participated on mission trips during his middle, high school and college years. Exum, a history and Bible teacher at Trinity Christian Academy in Jackson, Tenn., still answers the mission call by taking his students on an annual trip.

The students are part of TCA's Reaching Others for Christ ministry. Each January Exum coordinates a week-long trip to Mission Arlington – Mission Metroplex, Texas. There the students lead Rainbow Express, a children's Bible study. They also do service projects and survey neighborhoods for apartment churches.

"I've watched God grow this program from five students to 24 this year," says Exum. "It is a privilege to help expose young people to endeavors where the focus is sharing the Gospel message."

Exum (back, right) is pictured with some of the team members who have participated in ROC since 2003. Some of the participants are children of Union staff and faculty.



**Callie Pritchett Nolen ('04)** married Benjamin Nolen on May 19, 2007. Both are pursuing their master's degrees at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Address: 618 Sherburn Lane, Louisville, KY 40207. E-mail: cpritchett@yahoo.com



**Matthew Oshel ('05)** and **Bethany Davis Oshel ('04)** were married on Dec. 30, 2006, in Southaven, Miss. Address: 908 North Bentley St., Apt. C, Marion, IL 62959. E-mail: bethanyoshel@gmail.com

**Cliff L. Russell ('05)** married **Jessica Rudy Russell ('05)** on Oct. 1, 2005. Jessica is employed by Merchants and Planters Bank in Bolivar, Tenn. Cliff is employed by Nelms Chevrolet in Bolivar. Address: 200 Rowland Lane, Bolivar, TN 38008. E-mail: jlrussell\_05@yahoo.com



**Nathan Michael ('06)** and **Joanna Causey Michael ('06)** were married on Aug. 26, 2006. **Andy Pettigrew ('00)**, director of student ministries at Union performed the ceremony. The Michaels are now living in Dallas, Texas, preparing to begin classes at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics. When they complete their studies, they plan to begin a life-long mission of Bible translations with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Address: 6363 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Apt 316, Dallas, TX 75236. E-mail: joanna\_s\_michael@yahoo.com

**Brittany Schlafer Conn ('06)** married Matthew Conn on Nov. 4, 2006, at Bluegrass Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tenn. Brittany is a kindergarten teacher at Vena Stuart Elementary School in Gallatin. Address: 105 Yorkside Place, Hendersonville, TN 37075. E-mail: Britts1283@hotmail.com

## Births

**Richard C. Barlow ('73)** and **Katherine Waters Roe ('74)** announce the birth of their granddaughter Olivia Leigh Barlow on Nov. 27, 2006. Parents are Jon and Tara Barlow of Jackson. She has an older sister Anabelle. Address: 209 Ramblewold Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: richardcbarlowmsha@hotmail.com



**Kevin ('91)** and **Amy Pyron Stoope ('95)** celebrate the birth of a son, Casey Pearson. He was born on March 1, 2007 and weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Casey shares his middle name with Amy's mother, Sandra Pearson Pyron (1945-1997), former staff member in the business office at Union University. He has a big brother, Jacob Wesley (Jake), age 2. Kevin is a district manager in the metabolism division at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals. Amy is a stay-at-home mom. Address: 12280 Grand Ridge Lane, Arlington, TN 38002. E-mail: thestoopes@bellsouth.net

**Elyse Cullum Bogner ('92)** and her husband Gil announce the birth of Russell Harrison. Harry was born on Aug. 18, 2006, and weighed 7 pounds and was 21 inches. Address: 79912 Grandview Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. E-mail: elysebogner@msn.com

**Greg Simons ('92)**, his wife Rebecca and children – Anya; 6, Anisa; 4 and Eliana; 2 – are proud to announce the arrival of Finn Alexander. He was born on Dec. 17, 2006, and weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches. Address: 3125 N. Parsons Ave., Merced, CA 95340. E-mail: gregsimons12@netzero.com

**Lorrie Edwards Dixon ('94)** and her husband Greg have a new addition to their family. Ruth Elise was born on Aug. 10, 2006. She joins sisters: Hannah, age 9 and Chloe, age 2. Greg is worship pastor for Legacy Baptist Church in Northwest Arkansas. Lorrie is a home school mom and accompanies several local choirs. Address: 1300 N. Cardinal Drive, Rogers, AR 72756. E-mail: lorrie71@yahoo.com

**Jennette Rogers Skaggs ('94)** announces the birth of son Timothy Daniel on March 6, 2006. Timothy has twin 9-year-old sisters Alexandria and Jordynn. Jennette is a home educator for her daughters and works part-time for Web-Meister Designs Inc. — a web design and application business. Address: 1239 Hartsfield Drive, Columbia, TN 38401. E-mail: jskaggs@web-meister.com

**Dana Cole Maury ('95)** and her husband Stephen had their first child, Allison Brooke, on May 19, 2006. Dana works from home as a mortgage originator and Stephen is in construction lending for a local bank. Their address is 4347

Charleswood Ave., Memphis, TN 38117. Email: danamaury@midssouth.rr.com



**Stephan ('96)** and **Camille (C.C.) Lambert Claybrook ('93)** proudly announce the adoption of their daughter, Darby Dean YuanHai. Darby was born in China on Jan. 6, 2006, and was adopted on Feb. 5, 2007. C.C. will begin graduate school in the fall at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary pursuing a master's degree in Christian counseling. Stephen is the worship pastor at Crosspointe Church in Cary, N.C. — web.mac.com/sclaybrook. Address: 410 High Holborn Court, Apex, NC 27502. E-mail: camiclay@nc.rr.com

**Angela Brothers Mavsey ('96)** is proud to announce the birth of her daughter Skye Adeline on Sept. 26, 2006. E-mail: amavsey@mchsi.com



**Jenni Fuller O'Guin ('96)** and her husband Shane welcomed a daughter Catherine Elaine on Feb. 27, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. Catherine joins big sister Caroline, 7, and big brother Carson, 5. Jenni is a stay-at-home, home schooling mom. She also sells Kelly's Kids clothing. Shane is associate pastor and minister of education, youth and music at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Centre. Address: 1535 County Road 380, Centre, AL 35960. E-mail: sjcc97@tds.net



**Lori Albright Raches ('97)** and husband Scott are adopting a little girl from China. They expect a referral this fall. The couple has two sons: Brayden Scott, 5 and Evan Douglas, 2. Scott is a safety and design engineer with Whirlpool and Lori is a homemaker. Address: 51 Richland Cove, Jackson, TN 38305. Email: rachestn@jaxnet.net



**Victoria Clark Firor ('97, '00 MBA)** and her husband Brandon are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Mollie Elizabeth. She was born on Nov. 8, 2006. Mollie weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches. They have recently relocated to Texas where Brandon is a site man-

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# Asking questions about ethics

Autumn Ridenour ('02)

Autumn Ridenour is expected to ask some very difficult questions.

She's not a journalist, a detective or a district attorney. She serves as program coordinator for Yale University's Bioethics Center.

Ridenour first became interested in bioethics during an introductory ethics course at Union—an interest developed further while doing graduate study at Yale.

Most of Ridenour's work at the Bioethics Center pertains to the realm of ideas.

"Ideas have consequences," says Ridenour. "The center's role is to generate scholarship and research regarding issues that will bear much influence on society."

Yale's center is unique in that it considers both biomedical and environmental issues. There are more than 14 working groups on various topics, including aging and end-of-life, genetically modified plants,

and rights of children.

Ridenour has focused on aging and disability. She explores what aging means in the human life cycle.

A few of those tough questions: Is aging a process or a disease? What is considered normal or abnormal in regard to disability in the human body?

"Both new technologies and current definitions of aging in medical practice pose challenges to our conception of aging," says Ridenour.

Ridenour also explores the injustices and inequalities within health care. Is health a prerequisite for human flourishing? What is our duty to care for the aged?

These questions, especially in the area of aging, have prompted Ridenour to pursue her current project entitled "Curse or Calling? Toward a Constructive Theology of Aging"

in graduate school.

Ridenour plans enter the Ph.D. program at Boston College this fall. Her work will be in theological ethics.

Ridenour has accomplished much since her undergraduate days at Union, where she began to build a foundation for connecting academic inquiry and a faith conviction. She challenges fellow alums to seriously think about the world in which they live and engage it with the hope of the gospel, and ask the tough questions.

"Let's think alongside and within the lens of faith — beyond what the media, culture, or the status quo says about complex issues," says Ridenour. "Embracing the person of Christ in a committed, dynamic relation allows us the freedom to explore new ideas. . . and to engage our world with the hope of Christ's redemptive gospel." ♦



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ager for Shell Oil in Houston and Victoria is a stay-at-home mom. Address: 26403 Meadow Dawn Lane, Katy, Texas 77494. Email: victoria@firorfamily.com

**Bill Myatt ('97)** and his wife Melanie announce the birth of Samuel Tate born April 2, 2007. Tate will be traveling to Chicago in August 2007, with his two big sisters: Zoe, age 5, and Tessa, age 2. Bill will begin working on a doctoral degree in constructive theology at Loyola University of Chicago. Address: 12107 Sandra Lane, Omaha, NE 68137. E-mail: bmyatt@brookside.net



**Jonathan ('99) and Nikki Waller Castles ('01)** had a daughter Isabella (Izzie) Grace on Sept. 18, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches

long. Jonathan works for Poly Pharmaceuticals as a sales representative and Nikki works in the office of undergraduate admissions at Union as a staff assistant and special events coordinator. Address: 34 Autumn Valley Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. Email: jcastles.polyrx@yahoo.com and ncastles3218@yahoo.com

**Jenny Middleton Holt ('99)** married Jacob Holt on Feb. 7, 2004. Their first son Jackson Eric Ronald was born Dec. 29, 2004, and their second son Joseph Berry Samuel was born June 13, 2006. Jennifer is a homemaker and her husband is a hospitalist in Thornton, Colo. Address: 2343 Augusta Ave., Loveland, CO 80538. E-mail: redrufused@gmail.com



**Micky ('98) and Stacy Nolen Wolfe ('98)** welcomed a son, Nolen Anderson, born on Aug. 5, 2006. He has two big sisters Gentry Addison, age 6, and Ella Ashtyn, age 3. Micky is the head golf professional at the Huntsville Country Club, Alabama, and Stacy is a stay-at-home mom. Last July Micky won the Dixie PGA Professional Championship which included PGA Professionals from Alabama and North Florida. This victory earns him a spot in the PGA Professional National Championship in Sun River, Ore. The top 20 finishers earn invitations to the 2007 PGA Championship. Address: 116 Chatham Circle, Madison, AL 35758. E-mail: wolfepack@knology.net



**Teresa Capshaw Howell ('00)** and her husband Joey celebrated the birth of their second child

Easton Dwayne. Easton was born on Nov. 8, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces. He was welcomed home by his big sister Cadence Grace. Address: 7400 Highway 18 S., P.O. Box 123, Hickory Valley, TN 38042. E-mail: teresa2071@wmconnect.com



**Ryan ('00) and Melissa Hayden Massey ('01)** are the proud parents of their second baby

boy, Riley Hayden. Riley was born on Oct. 25, 2006. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches. His older brother Trent Patrick is 2 years old. Address: 208 Fournie Drive, Swansea, IL 62226. E-mail: masseyr@ohts.k12.il.us



**Al ('01) and Jennifer Green Chandler ('98)** announce the birth of their second son John David on

June 5, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches. John David is also welcomed by big brother Luke Albert, age 2. Al was an elementary school teacher for four years teaching kindergarten and fifth grade. He now serves as the minister of children at Trace Creek Baptist Church in Mayfield, KY. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom after teaching first grade for six years. Address: 5887 Hopewell Road, Mayfield, KY 42066. Email: achandler@wk.net



**Johnna Green Davis ('01)** and her husband Aaron announce the birth of their first child Catherine Ashley on July 5, 2006. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Johnna is a stay-at-home mom and Aaron is a software engineer at Dynetics in Huntsville, Ala. Address: 12761 Marble Drive, Madison, AL 35756. Email: aaron\_johnna@yahoo.com.



**Daniel ('02) and Christy Littleton Davis ('02)** announce the birth and adoption of Hannah Rochelle born Feb.16, 2006, and adoption day was April 27, 2006. They live in the Nashville area.

Daniel works for LifeWay and is also a part-time student minister at Edgefield Baptist Church. Christy is a stay-at-home mom. Address: 505 Cumberland Ave., Madison, TN 37115. E-mail: dcsbts307@yahoo.com



**Joseph ('02) and Ellen Penny Grant ('01)** welcomed their first child Abigail Cailin on Aug. 8, 2006. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 20 inches long.

Michael Penny, professor of voice at Union, is a proud grandfather. Joe recently completed his master's in business administration from Milligan College and is a surgical sales associate for Stryker Orthopedics in the North Nashville area. Ellen received her master's in elementary education from East Tennessee State University. She is currently staying at home with Abby. Address: 122 Cedar Ridge Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075. E-mail: ellengrant68@hotmail.com



**Jonathan ('02) married Erin Joseph Hitt ('04)** on July 24, 2004. Their daughter Bethany Kathleen was born on Nov. 24, 2005. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces

and was 19 3/4 inches. Jonathan has recently started work with a new company, Defense Contract Audit Agency, which is preparing to move to the Nashville area. Address: 70 Oakland Woods Cove, Oakland, TN 38060. E-mail: jonmhitt@yahoo.com



**Betsy Morris Oldham ('02)** and her husband Nathan announce the birth of a daughter, Hallie Kate. She was born on June 8, 2006, and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches. Betsy teaches seventh, eighth and 10th grades at Calvary Academy, a Christian school in Springfield, Ill. Nathan graduated from medical school in May and they will relocate this summer for his residency. Address: 127 N Glenwood Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. E-mail: betsy-loumorris@hotmail.com



**JulieAnn Stephan Maddox ('02)** and Jeremy welcomed a daughter, Jayden Avery, on Sept. 22, 2006. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. JulieAnn has

taken a leave from teaching and coaching at Gleason School to stay home with Jayden. Jeremy is the elementary physical education teacher and high school baseball coach at McKenzie. Grandparents are **David and Carol Stephan ('75)**. Address: 505 McCadams Road, McKenzie, TN 38201 E-mail: coachmadox24@yahoo.com



**Mary Sue Taylor Martin ('02)** and her husband Jason welcomed a healthy 8-pound, 21-inch baby girl, Hannah KateLynn, into the world on June 4, 2006. They live and work in the Washington, D.C., area. Address: 10279 Ridgeline Drive, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. E-mail: MarySue.Martin@mwa.com

**Jeremy ('03) and Katie McBride Wright ('04)** are pleased to announce the birth of

Kallista Noelle born on Dec. 16, 2006. She weighed 6 pounds and was 18 1/2 inches. Big brother Hunter, age 2, welcomes her home. Other proud family members are grand-parents **Mike ('76) and Jean Ann Lauderdale McBride ('75)** and Uncle **Andy McBride ('07)**. Address: 1390 Bayberry Hill Drive, Cordova, TN 38018. E-mail: katiebugg0523@yahoo.com

**Leah Gronberg Hood ('04)** and her husband Zeb welcome their first child Malakai (Kai) James on Sept. 28, 2006. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches. Leah is a Montgomery County softball pitching coach. Zeb is employed with Kent Moore Cabinets in Conroe, Texas. Address: 901 Wilson Road, Apt. 514, Conroe, TX 77301. E-mail: Leah015@aol.com

**Allison Lynn Reed ('04)** and her husband Jared joyfully announce the birth of a new



daughter. Addie Ruth was born on April 17, 2007, and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches. She has a big sister, Ella Frances, 1. Mike and **Beth Lynn ('03)**, collection development coordinator in Union's Emma Waters Summar Library, are her proud grandparents. Address: 10055 S. 1st St., Milan, TN 38358. E-mail: allisonsaccount@charter.net

## Memoriam

**Edward Carr ('29)**  
Sept. 4, 2006 Akron, Ohio

**Robbie E. Bivens ('30)**  
Sept. 27, 2006 Friendship, Tenn.

**Rosaland Gooch Morris ('30)**  
Feb. 7, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.



Don't miss a single moment of the excitement at Homecoming 2007. Save these dates: November 1-3, 2007. Plans are already taking shape for three memorable days at Union.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 11:30 a.m. Heritage Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Sports Hall of Fame Dinner

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 10 a.m. Homecoming Chapel - 50-year reunion and recognition of the Class of 1958
- 11:30 a.m. Class of 1958 Luncheon and Tour of former downtown campus.
- 6 p.m. Alumni Awards Banquet and Recognitions
- 7:30 p.m. Departmental Dessert Receptions and Reunions

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Brunch
- 11:30 a.m. "Arts in the Park" - Including alumni art show and sale, games and fun for the entire family. There will be an inaugural "Bulldog Family Olympics." Plans include inflatables, pony rides and petting zoo. Campus organizations will host tailgating and food service. A live remote radio broadcast is also planned.
- 2 p.m. Lady Bulldog and Bulldog basketball. Presentation of Homecoming Queen and Court and Presidential Homecoming Cup.

A fully detailed Homecoming brochure will follow in late summer. Until then, make your plans to "Meet Me at the Fred!"





**Lillious C. Rollins ('31)**  
Nov. 4, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Mary M. Englert ('34)**  
March 6, 2007 Jackson, Tenn.

**Carl Rogers ('34)**  
Oct. 1, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Carl F. Peterson Sr. ('35)**  
Oct. 27, 2006 Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Ann Luckey ('36)**  
Jan. 29, 2007 Florence, Ala.

**William E. Mullins Jr. ('37)**  
March 30, 2007 Greenfield, Tenn.

**Albert L. Burch ('38)**  
Feb. 3 2006 Trenton, Tenn.

**Ileen B. Monteith ('38)**  
Jan. 29, 2007 Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Gaston D. Collins ('40)**  
Sept. 28, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Joseph F. Hall, Sr. ('40)**  
Oct. 10, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Buell T. Wells ('40)**  
Dec. 23, 2006 Pampa, Texas

**Evelyn Dupree Naylor ('41)**  
April 10, 2006 Brownsville, Tenn.

**Monda W. Schwarm ('41)**  
Jan. 17, 2006 Cincinnati, Ohio

**Eileen W. Huffman ('42)**  
Feb. 5, 2007 Vincennes, Ind.

**Jean E. Hoaglan ('46)**  
Jan. 23, 2007 Wichita, Kan.

**Anne D. Hartgraves ('47)**  
Oct. 17, 2006 Marlow, Okla.

**Elizabeth N. Hicks ('48)**  
March 2, 2006 Trenton, Tenn.

**Robert E. Lee ('48)**  
Dec. 13, 2006 Lebanon, Tenn.

**Robert H. Mizell ('48)**  
March 20, 2007 Hernando, Miss.

**Anne S. Taylor ('48)**  
March 7, 2007 Roanoke, Va.

**Dorothy Branch Hall ('49)**  
Oct. 18, 2006 Campbell, Calif.

**Gerald Lloyd Montgomery ('49)**  
July 12, 2006 Knoxville, Tenn.

**Lester A. Bishop ('50)**  
Sept. 25, 2006 Camden, Tenn.

**Perry D. Crim ('50)**  
March 5, 2007 Trenton, Tenn.

**William A. Mills ('50)**  
March 20, 2007 Memphis, Tenn.

**Juanita P. Garland ('51)**  
Nov. 10, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Evelyn W. Lowery ('51)**  
April 29, 2006 Trenton, Tenn.

**Garvin Curry Pyron ('51)**  
May 23, 2006 Brownsville, Tenn.

**Mary Nell Rankin ('51)**  
April 27, 2006 Henderson, Tenn.

**D.C. King ('52)**  
Oct. 7, 2006 Henderson, Tenn.

**Mabel M. Morgan ('52)**  
Jan. 29, 2007 Jackson, Tenn.

**Charles Franklin Robinson ('52)**  
Aug. 29, 2006 Florissant, Mo.

**Ralph Burton Johnson ('53)**  
July 9, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Logan D. Lewis ('54)**  
April 2, 2007 Humboldt, Tenn.

**James Carl "Cotton" Couch ('61)**  
Dec. 5, 2005 Savannah, Tenn.

**Becky M. Haynie ('64)**  
Feb. 9, 2007 Collierville, Tenn.

**Martha E. Tucker ('64)**  
Oct. 7, 2006 East Prairie, Mo.

**Lana K. McClain ('67)**  
Feb. 14, 2007 Decatur, Ga.

**Hershel M. Merwin ('77)**  
Oct. 1, 2006 McKenzie, Tenn.

**Susan S. Stack ('79)**  
Dec. 17, 2006 Toone, Tenn.

**David T. Reynolds ('83)**  
Sept. 11, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Rachel "Becky" Barger ('87)**  
Jan. 20, 2007 Jackson, Tenn.

**David James (Dave) Shaw ('93)**  
Jan. 22, 2006 Jackson, Tenn.

**Argyle W. Graves (Trustee)**  
Feb. 24, 2007 Milan, Tenn.

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