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Founder's Week 2018  
**Prayer Revival  
at Moody**

# From the Executive Director



*Prayer means  
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at Moody.*

Dear friends,

Spring has sprung—and so has prayer, fervent prayer.

With recent transitions at Moody, I was grateful when a panel from the Board of Trustees and Moody's interim leadership joined us at the Alumni Banquet to answer questions. Also gratifying was the overflow of love and support from all of you who came to Founder's Week 2018. In my view, the impromptu and extended prayer times during this year's conference were the best thing that happened.

Prayer means we are in the right posture at Moody. We hope you are joining us in seeking God for renewal and revival here at Moody, in the churches, and beyond. We also thank God for the amazing alumni featured in this issue, including Daryle Doden, the 2018 Alumnus of the Year, and Elsie Young, who went to Glory just before this issue was printed.

Your prayer requests and updates are important to us. Contact us at [mbialum@moody.edu](mailto:mbialum@moody.edu), or call (312) 329-4412.

Serving Christ together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy K Hastings".

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings  
Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association

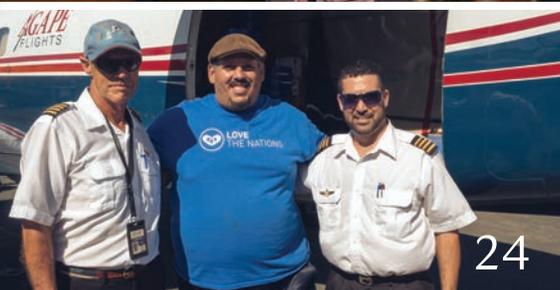
**On the cover:** *Joseph Babrick, Pre-Counseling major, class of 2019, prays during Founder's Week.*

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## Founder's Week Prayer Revival

*"God is stirring hearts at Moody," said Greg Thornton, addressing alumni at Founder's Week.*

After speaking on confession and repentance from Daniel 9, Anne Graham Lotz stepped back up to the microphone and called for a time of prayer. "Wouldn't it be great if God started revival here at Moody?"



Anne Graham Lotz

The students, alumni, and attendees who filled Torrey-Gray Auditorium responded by crying out to God for forgiveness and revival.

By the closing session on Friday night, **Roy Patterson '81**, Moody's community relations director, told the

audience, "This has been one of the most exciting Founder's Weeks I have ever experienced. The fellowship has been rich, the Word has been powerful, and prayer—I went to a church service and a prayer meeting broke out. Isn't that amazing? I'm telling you, it was a time of repentance, seeking God, and unifying. I believe that God is up to something."

Indeed, while Patterson was talking, a 17-hour prayer meeting that began with students and others earlier that day in Crowell Hall was continuing in The Moody Church basement. Then it spilled into the Alumni Auditorium on campus where 100 people joined together to pray through the night. Some continued praying in Broman Chapel until 5:00 a.m.

The whole week was permeated by a spirit of prayer, and nightly prayer services among students and leaders have continued since then. "God is stirring hearts at Moody," said interim president **Greg Thornton '81**. "Themes of humility, confession of sin,

repentance, reconciliation, healing, revival, perseverance, and peace were brought before us through the Word spoken and sung.”

Many people came to Founder’s Week with questions but left with surprisingly devotional and prayerful moments. **Cheryl (Osborne ’68) Lyons** of Fort Wayne, Indiana, said, “Founder’s Week has been fantastic. We have felt the Spirit of God moving this whole week.” She and her husband, **Kirk ’72**, attended early morning prayer sessions with students and others, and determined to take prayer requests back home with them—such as prayers for increased enrollment, employment for those who will be leaving Moody, and God’s grace for the transitional leadership team.



*Roy Patterson*

### **Powerful Preaching**

The conference theme of *One New People* inspired challenging messages by **Dr. James Ford Jr. ’84**, **Dr. Dennis Hollinger ’69**, James Meeks, J. D. Greear, Danny Carroll, Matt Chandler, and others.

“I am so grateful to God for the momentum and the ballast that God has built into this institution for now well over 100 years,” speaker **Dr. Mike Bullmore ’79** said. “I believe that will serve Moody greatly in these days, and I find myself particularly thankful for God’s promises of protection and care

for all who look to Him, which I believe those who are in leadership right now are doing. So I find myself trusting God and very grateful to God.”

Ed Stetzer addressed the changes at Moody and said he believed in Moody and thanked God for its history of ministry in the city. “Here’s what I know. Institutions that stay faithful to the gospel remain through the difficulty.”

*Watch full sessions at [foundersweek.org](http://foundersweek.org).*

### **Alumni Banquet and Fireside Chat**

On Alumni Day, the Alumni Banquet included a Q&A panel discussion with interim president **Greg Thornton ’81**, Board of Trustees chair Randy Fairfax, interim chief operating officer Mark Wagner, and interim provost John Jelinek. Moderated by Alumni Board president **Chris Drombetta ’14**, the panel answered questions on Moody’s mission, communication and trust, theology, ethnic diversity and racial reconciliation, student enrollment, conduct standards, and the ombudsman process.

Drombetta said his 11-year-old son wants to attend Moody and become a pastor like his dad. “Why should he come?” he asked the panel.

Jelinek replied that if he comes to Moody, the faculty will stoke his passion, teach him sound theology, and impress on him what he needs to know to be faithful in ministry. Thornton added, “We will love and nurture and care for your son, beginning with the faculty. And then there’s the training and development that goes on in Residence Life in preparing him for adulthood.”

“We are in a season of change and transition, and we are listening to God,” Thornton added. “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, and we have every confidence, not in us, but in Christ our Lord.”



*Dr. Andrew Schmutzer accepting the Faculty Citation Award with his family.*

### 2018 Faculty Citation Award

**Dr. Andrew Schmutzer '88**, a professor of Bible and Theological Studies at Moody since 1998, was recognized for his distinguished service and awarded \$3,500 to further his effectiveness in ministry.

“Andrew is especially gifted in teaching, writing, and leadership,” said John Goodrich, program head of Moody’s Bible Department. “His many different course offerings are consistently among the most popular Bible classes at Moody. His passion in the classroom is simply infectious.”

The son of medical missionaries, Schmutzer lived in South Africa until he was 12. After they relocated to Nebraska, he taught the junior high classes at church while still in high school. He and **Ashley (Eustice '89)** have been married for 27 years. Their oldest son and daughter are students at Moody, with their youngest daughter planning to attend this fall.

### Grateful for Givers

This past year, more than 3,300 alumni have given over \$1.9 million. In

addition, Moody received \$1.8 million from 21 alumni who left money from their estates to Moody Bible Institute. This brings the total alumni giving for 2017 to more than \$3.7 million.

“We are very thankful to God for the provision that He has given to Moody Bible Institute,” **Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings** said.



*Nancy Hastings*

### Humility, then Honor

**Daryle Doden '68** received this year’s Alumnus of the Year award. “It’s humbling to know and have the realization that there are many more

worthy recipients whose stories may never be told until eternity,” he said during his acceptance speech. “Humbling because you realize God’s economy is not based upon accomplishments, triumphs, or successes. . . . It is a legacy of a well-lived life, the blessing of finding meaning, purpose, and hope in Christ and then faithfully investing in the lives of others.” (See the story on page 14.)



*Jessica Case and Leah Vanderlaan*

### Renewing Memories

**Jessica Case '08** found the yearbook picture for **Leah Vanderlaan '04 MA '06** during the alumni social. Leah, who works with youth and children at her church in Canada, said Founder’s

Week “refreshes me and gives me motivation to keep going.”

### Praying from the Heart

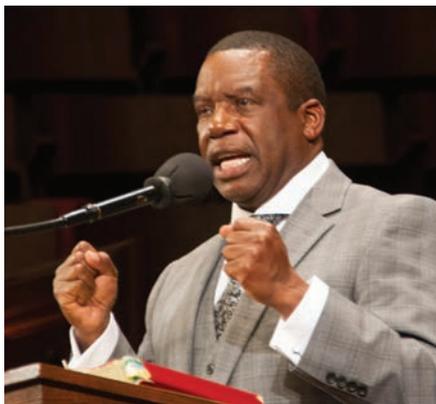
At the end of the Alumni Q and A session, several alumni board members gave impassioned prayers, including **Dr. Peter Grant '83**, who later canceled his flight home to stay longer and pray with students.

Grant shared feelings of overwhelming grief for the staff, leaders, trustees, employees, and students. “Another blowout, another news article, another accusation, more gossip, more strife, more disunity,” he said. “I was just crying out to the Lord, ‘Lord Jesus, please speak to me, hear me! How do I pray for brothers at Moody, whom I love?’ ”

Grant then read Philippians 2:1–2, which speaks of unity through humility and gave him great comfort. He thanked God and continued, “Even as we pray to You now, we may be on different sides of these issues, and it doesn’t matter because we have fellowship in Your Spirit. You bring us together, looking to Jesus. Thank You for Your tenderness and Your compassion, Jesus, that You will bless those in leadership at Moody.”



*Dr. Peter Grant, alumni board member, prays during the alumni banquet.*



**The Final Word.** “What is it that we believe about the Bible? We believe that the Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God,” said James Meeks, pastor of Chicago’s Salem Baptist Church and a Moody trustee, on Monday night of Founder’s Week. He pointed out that the Bible says “God said” or “Thus saith the Lord” 3,800 times. “Just remember this: The Bible is God’s final answer.”

**The Word Made Fresh.** Moody student Zachary Williams (below) expresses joy at Founder’s Week.



**Reunited Friends.** Al Detter ’69, a pastor in Erie, Pennsylvania, ran into classmate and Alumni Day speaker Dr. Dennis Hollinger ’69. I hadn’t seen him in almost 50 years!” Detter says.



**Praising the Lord.** Ayanda Khumalo ’17 (known as TK) leads worship on Alumni Day.



**Sincere Singing.** (L to R) Alumni Board members **Jim Shedd '72**, **Tobias Brown '08**, **David Lee '05**, and **Dr. Tracy Reed '14** (second row) worship in Torrey-Gray.



**Dr. Pamela (Kistler '79) MacRae '02 MA** visits with **Matt '08** and **Jenny (Solstad '08) Peterson** at the banquet.

**Joyful Praise.** **Dr. Xiangtang Hong** (left) conducts the Moody Chorale and leads the congregation in a hymn on Tuesday night, Feb. 6.

## Scott Howington: Distance Learning Faculty of the Year



**Dr. J. Scott Howington '81** has been named Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning Faculty of the Year. Senior pastor at Pleasant Hill Community

Church for 21 years and pastoring since 1985, he served as an online adjunct professor at Moody from 2005 to 2008 and then from 2015 to the present. Doug Murphy, MBIDL director of programs and instruction, announced the award in a faculty webinar last July as well as in *In the Loop*, an e-news faculty publication.

More than 200 students gave feedback on their favorite online professors before the award recipient was chosen. One student wrote, "Professor Howington is incredibly

active with his students and really desires they learn and challenge their thinking process. Any time I needed assistance he would follow up immediately. He challenges you to do better not by critical grading but by excellent feedback that encourages growth."

Howington has taught such courses as Problem Solving and Challenges of the Church; Media, Culture, and Church; and Theology and Culture.

Besides a BA in Communications from Moody Bible Institute, Howington has a DMin degree in pastoral care from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and an MDiv and MA in Biblical Counseling from Grace Theological Seminary. His wife, **Charlene (Tompkins) '79**, daughter, **Bethany Engelkemier '04**, and son-in-law, **John Engelkemier '04**, also attended Moody.

### New from Moody Publishers

*This I Know: Trusting Your Unknown Future to a Known God* by Laura Dingman. Do you get gripped by fear, worry, and anxiety? This six-week guide helps you explore truths about God so you can apply them to your life, trusting God for the future.

*The Gospel for Muslims: An Encouragement to Share Christ with Confidence* by Thabiti Anyabwile. Written by a former Muslim, this book equips Christians to anticipate and clearly answer questions, extend hospitality to Muslim neighbors, and rely on the Holy Spirit.

*The Heart of the Church, The Character of the Church, The Life of the Church* by **Joe Thorn '97**. These three paperbacks explain what the church is and provide a good understanding of its gospel-centered mission. Thorn describes the marks of a biblical church, such as the Word, ordinances, leadership, and discipleship.

## Moody Alumni Awarded at Evangelical Homiletics Society



*Moody alumni and faculty at the Evangelical Homiletics Society Conference (l to r): Cisco Cotto '10, Nicholas Marnejon '15, Daniel Green '97, Daniel Wong '77, Heather Joy Zimmerman '11, Winfred Neely '12, David Giese '12, Peter Frey '10, Nick Gatzke '01, Lucas O'Neil, Collin Skipper '16, Eric Dokken '02, Chris Rappazini '07, Jason McConnell '01.*

Two Moody alumni received awards at the Evangelical Homiletics Society Conference at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary October 19–21, 2017. At least 15 Moody alumni and faculty attended.

**Heather Joy Zimmerman '11** received the Keith Willhite Award for the most outstanding paper presented: “No Longer Second-Class Sermons: Redeeming the Topical Sermon’s Reputation through Application.” Heather is the first woman to receive the award. **Collin Skipper '16**, who graduated from the Spokane campus, received the Haddon W. Robinson Biblical Preaching Award for his sermon, “Fight On! The Surprising Words of Jesus to His Suffering People.”

In addition, three EHS board members are Moody alumni: **Dr. Nick Gatzke '01**, **Chris Rappazini '07**, and **Dr. Ken Langley '73**, plus **Eric Dokken '02** as webmaster. EHS past presidents who are Moody alumni include **Dr. Winfred Neely '12**, professor of biblical exposition, **Ken Langley '73**, and **Nick Gatzke '01**.

The Evangelical Homiletics Society explores the ideas and advancement of biblical preaching. The 2017 theme was “What Makes Evangelical Homiletics Evangelical? Challenges and Distinctives.”

“I thoroughly enjoy attending every year,” says **Chris Rappazini '07**, program head and assistant professor of Biblical Exposition at Moody Bible Institute in Spokane, Washington. “I look forward to reconnecting with former students, professors, pastors, and colleagues while exchanging ideas related to preaching. Unlike other larger academic conferences, the size of EHS enables strong and lasting relationships to be built as we strive together for better biblical preaching.” About 125 people came to the annual conference.

Rappazini, who will be transferring to the Chicago campus this summer, says Moody alumni would enjoy the EHS Conference. The next annual conference will be held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on October 11–13, 2018.

## Ryrie Scholarship Given for Students



Dr. Charles Ryrie

Moody Bible Institute recently announced the Dr. Charles Ryrie Scholarship, funded by a generous endowment from the Ryrie Foundation for the benefit of undergraduate and seminary students. The scholarship honors Moody's 60-year relationship with the noted Bible scholar and Moody Publishers author.

"Moody is humbled by this generous gift," said **Greg Thornton '81**, interim president and longtime friend of Dr. Ryrie. "He will always be remembered as a man of the Word. Ryrie was all about teaching, studying, and living the Word of God."

Ryrie went to be with the Lord on Feb. 16, 2016, just a few days short of his 91st birthday.

The new scholarship in Ryrie's honor will be awarded to undergraduate and

seminary students with proven financial need, good academic standing, and plans for vocational Christian service. "Dad loved students and he loved teaching the Bible," said Carolyn Ryrie Howard, Ryrie's daughter. "As a professor he always thought of his students first."

The Ryrie Foundation gave a \$150,000 seed gift to begin the Dr. Charles Caldwell Ryrie Tuition Endowment. Each year, half of the new endowment's investment earnings will be directed toward student scholarships, and half directed to the Chicago Undergraduate Tuition Grant that benefits all on-campus undergraduate students.

Donors are also able to contribute to the endowed fund in Ryrie's memory.

"I hope others will contribute to the endowment now that it is established," added Howard. "It would be a lovely tribute to our father and a great opportunity to honor his legacy."

For those interested in Moody scholarships, visit Moody's Financial Aid web page. Donors interested in giving to Moody's endowed scholarships should contact Kirsten Miller by calling (800) 801-2171, or send an email to [plannedgiving@moody.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@moody.edu).

## Professor Serves Up an Award-Winning Short Film

Moody Communications professor **Bob Gustafson '82** collaborated with his son, Ben, and several Moody volunteers on a short film that was shown in a dozen festivals as far away as London. At the Elgin (Illinois) Short Film Festival, *Seared: The Journey of a*

*Chef* won third place and an audience choice award. The film has also won awards in Kentucky and Vermont.

What thrills Gustafson is not the awards, but to produce a well-written film that promotes the Christian value of hope. "Most people walked out of



*Bob Gustafson, right, interviews Chicago chef Marc Anthony on set for a short film.*

this film saying this is a strong message about the values of family and the sanctity of life,” he says.

*Seared: The Journey of a Chef* tells the story of Marc Anthony, a man whose life was marked by injustice and crime until a pivotal event led to a passion for culinary arts and his family.

In making the film, Gustafson interviewed Anthony and edited the story, while his son did the cinematography. They wanted to tell a story of life change while not alienating their intended audience, the arts community. “If we could sprinkle in that here’s a life that once was lost and now was found, and beneath the waterline there was a praying mother, that to me was a win,” he says.

Moody volunteers helped produce the film during spring break last year, meeting the deadline for the first film festival. Two Communications students, Taylor Phipps and now alumnus **Jonathan Metzger ’17**, helped with recording audio and sound effects in the Moody Media Lab, while a Moody employee

provided voice talent.

“We shot, edited, and delivered within two weeks,” says Gustafson, who took a handful of students with him to the Elgin Short Film Festival.

“To be used of the Lord and then watch the audience respond, that’s awesome,” he says. “And to model that to my students is powerful.”

Gustafson now uses the film as a case study in one of his Communications courses. Students learn the steps to produce a short film, including editing an eight-minute version down to five.

“It’s legacy time, and I really want to equip and mobilize our students to reach their generation,” he says.

Gustafson regularly reconfigures his courses to stay up to date with emerging technology. What has not changed is the essence of telling a good story, “how to find a compelling character with a transformational story that moves an audience to action,” he says. “If I can show them how they can use their abilities to be an influence on their audience, I’m excited about that.”

To view the film *Seared: The Journey of a Chef*, visit [moodymedialab.com](http://moodymedialab.com).



# Ministry in the Market

## Daryle Doden, Alumnus of the Year

**Daryle Doden '68** has followed a different path than the typical Moody graduate. He's spent his life not as a missionary or pastor but as a Christian businessman, serving the Lord through a notable level of business success. At Founder's Week this year, Daryle's lifetime of Christian service was recognized with the Alumnus of the Year Award.

When Daryle received his diploma from Moody Bible Institute in Sacred Music, he fully intended to serve in church ministry like his father, **Chester Doden '38**.

And he did—for a while. He and **Brenda Bell '68**, whom he met in the Moody Chorale, did their practical Christian ministry assignment at Chicago's Ashburn Baptist Church,



*Nancy Hastings presents the Alumnus of the Year Award to Daryle Doden, with wife, Brenda.*

place

where Daryle was choir director and Brenda played the organ. After they graduated and married, Daryle served in youth ministry and music at Calvary Baptist Church in South Bend, Indiana, while they completed their Bible and music education at nearby Bethel College. In 1971 they joined Daryle's father to help pastor a new church in Butler, Indiana.

The church grew, but Daryle was miserable and felt ill-suited for the relational interaction and personal care expected from a pastor. "You don't take a left-brained, analytical, task-oriented introvert and put him in ministry," he decided.

Daryle resigned in 1973 but couldn't find a job, so with little money and a third child on the way, he resorted to doing remodeling work.

When Daryle tried to purchase some concrete-reinforcing bar for a patio project, he couldn't because of a local rebar shortage. He called Glen Sharp, a Christian man in the steel industry, who found five tons of rebar in Chicago and sent it to Daryle by truck. Daryle and a friend transported it to Fort Wayne, Indiana, made calls from a phone booth, and sold the steel in one day.

Noticing Daryle's natural affinity for business, Glen suggested they start a company. With \$1,400 from Glen and a \$600 note from Daryle, they and some partners founded Ambassador Steel Corporation in January 1974. The next month Daryle did \$50,000 worth of sales. At 26 years old, he had found his niche.

"I could buy and sell, and I intuitively understood the language and activities of business," he says.

Eventually, Ambassador Steel would become the largest privately owned steel fabrication and distribution company in the United States. Yet Daryle never lost sight of the church, generously offering his skills, resources, and insight to congregations and ministries in crisis.

"He is always willing to pour his energies into helping others in their time of need," Brenda says

Daryle adds, "God blessed our efforts financially and spiritually. I had been raised watching my dad integrate his faith into his everyday life, so it was

not a stretch for me to integrate my faith into the marketplace.”

### His Father’s Influence

Daryle was profoundly shaped by his dad, who spent two hours every morning in Bible study and prayer. Daryle was five years old when he trusted Christ and wanted to be baptized. He told his dad that if he didn’t baptize him, God would spank him. “That was the worst punishment he could think of,” his mom used to say. According to his father, Daryle’s testimony before his baptism would have put an adult to shame.



*Daryle and Brenda as Moody students, Christmas 1966.*

Showing entrepreneurial promise as a child, Daryle sold newspapers, ointments, and vegetables from his parents’ garden. He loved baseball, became active in a Youth for Christ club, and started a traveling choral group in high school.

**Steve Bell ’70**, executive vice president of the Willow Creek Association, was Daryle’s classmate and future brother-in-law. “I could tell Daryle was a man with convictions,” he recalls. “He really wanted to be

a difference maker, wanted to be a serious Christ follower, wanted to have an impact on the kingdom.”

### Applying What He Learned

Daryle and his young family eventually joined Bible Baptist Church (now Lakewood Park Church), where Daryle sang in the choir, taught the young marrieds Sunday school class, and served as an elder. When the church started a Christian school, the Doden children were some of the first attendees.

In 1981, Daryle also helped his church purchase and remodel a nearby Catholic novitiate to house the church and school. Daryle moved the Ambassador offices onsite temporarily so he could oversee the project.

During that time, Daryle’s dad passed away, a great loss to the family. But with more than 150 volunteers from church, Daryle completed the school in time for fall semester 1981, and the sanctuary was ready by Easter services the next spring.

Even in the midst of those busy days, Daryle made his wife and five children a top priority. At breakfast, Daryle would bring out the missionary prayer cards, and each child would pray for a missionary. Monday nights were game night with the kids. And he periodically took one of them on a business trip and would often interrupt his day to see them when they came to the office.

### A Wake-Up Call

With all his successes, Daryle was not prepared for a phone call he received in late 1984. One of his employees had embezzled money and could have ruined Ambassador Steel. Daryle became deeply depressed and took time off to get help, including being hospitalized twice. God used those months to reveal “a self-sufficient confidence that had grown into arrogance and a condescending



*The Doden family: (L to R): Audra Best, Sadie Best, Tami Best, Brian Best, Carlinn Best, Chloe Best, Duce Bishop, Race Bishop, Stella Bishop, Kara Bishop, Brenda (Bell) Doden, Daryle Doden, Laurie Doden '93-'94, Quinn Doden, Jones Doden, Eric Doden '93-'94, Maci Doden, Lawson Doden, Rylan Doden, Whitney Doden, Bridger Doden, Jared Doden*

attitude,” Daryle recalls. “He humiliated me so that He could humble me.”

After recovering, Daryle returned to work, more effective and with a stronger vision for improving his interpersonal and leadership skills. “I am on a lifelong quest to develop greater spiritual sensitivity and emotional intelligence through prayer, reading, and receiving feedback from others,” he says.

### **Helping the Household of Faith**

In 1989, Daryle joined the Moody Alumni Association Board of Directors, serving as its president from 1991 to 1994. He took an active role in planning the Alumni Student Center, particularly the Commons eating area, modeled after the Sweet Shop he and Brenda loved as students.

In 1992, Daryle joined the Cedarville University Board of Trustees, contributing a significant sum to the building of the fieldhouse. The school wanted to name it after Daryle but agreed to honor his father instead.

Daryle and Brenda have a heart for holding retreats to help leaders strengthen their relationships. At the core of Daryle’s business philosophy

is a belief that “relationships are the essence of life.” He says, “If all we are doing is trying to accomplish things, life is pretty empty at the end of the day. Success only satisfies for a while, and then we have to go on to another accomplishment. People who are fulfilled in life are people who have deep and meaningful relationships. No amount of money can heal the absence of relationships.”

Since selling Ambassador Steel, his efforts are focused on Ambassador Enterprises, a philanthropic equity firm that invests in leaders and their organizations for the benefit of the kingdom of God and for His glory. “I want to steward the resources God has entrusted to me with the greatest level of wisdom and excellence I can achieve,” he says. “We routinely invest time, talent, temperament, testimony, and treasure for returns that are financial, cultural, and eternal.”

While Daryle never pursued an MBA because it would have taken away family time, he has voraciously read books and asked questions of bankers, lawyers, accountants, and others to increase his business knowledge. One day a businessman said to Daryle, “I know where you got

your MBA. You got your degree from Yale. The reason I know is because they emphasize the balance sheet approach to business, like you do.” Daryle thanked him for the compliment and told him he graduated from Moody Bible Institute and Bethel with degrees in Sacred Music and Biblical Studies.

Steve Gardner, who works with Daryle, adds, “He has spent his life figuring out how to live like Christ in the marketplace. The fact that he could be spending his golden years on any yacht of his choice rather than sixty-hour weeks in support of the community he leads by example says a lot about his commitment to our growth and development.”

While Daryle is busy with no

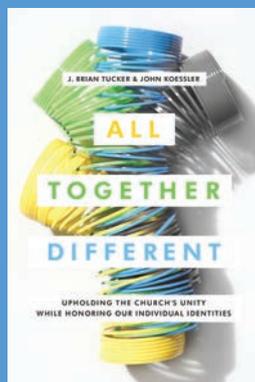
retirement in sight, he cherishes time with his children (four of whom live nearby and one in South Africa), 11 grandchildren and number 12 on the way, extended family—and his wife, who still goes on dates with him every Friday night. “He has been a trustworthy husband, father, boss, and friend,” Brenda says.

**Dr. Randall Bell '64**, his brother-in-law, adds, “I have not known anyone who has more effectively and fervently used his influence to encourage others to grow in godliness. Daryle’s life has consistently exemplified the highest possible levels of integrity. Daryle deeply desires to become more like Christ and he works at exhibiting Christ’s character more diligently than anyone else I know.”

## DO YOU FEEL DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS AT CHURCH?

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# Forever Young

by Linda Piepenbrink



*Elsie Young (Sept. 30, 1912–March 16, 2018) passed away as this issue went to press. Linda Piepenbrink visited Elsie in January.*

Solar-powered figurines tick-tock on the windowsill as **Elsie Young '38** sits in her recliner, leafing through a binder of stories, poetry, and devotional articles she's written over the years. "There are some real goodies in here!" she says, searching for something special to copy for the nursing assistants. Even at 105 years old, Elsie still takes opportunities to witness to people and give them literature. "My next article that I want to write is called 'Looking Back,'" she says.

One of the oldest living Moody alums, Elsie says that by recalling the past, “you see the things you couldn’t do and how the Lord worked it out for good and for His benefit.”

These days she gets pushed in a wheelchair, and the farthest she goes is the dining room of an Arizona retirement community, where she is the oldest resident. “Sometimes people ask me if I like it here. I say it’s great except that I’m always getting pushed around,” she says with a grin. “See, I still have a sense of humor!”

“Everyone knows how old I am. I’m famous for my age,” she adds. “But I’m young. I always said I didn’t marry my husband for love. I married him for his name so I could be forever ‘Young.’”

### Looking Way Back

Elsie was born September 21, 1912, the year the *Titanic* sank and Arizona became a state. She has outlived seven siblings, most other known relatives, and her husband, **Harold Young ’38**.

The sixth of eight children, Elsie grew up in a church-going family on a small farm near Sandusky, Ohio. “I had a close relationship with my earthly father,” she says, recalling fieldwork at her dad’s side. “I’d put the strawberry plant in the ground, and with his foot he’d stamp it in.” She learned to drive a Model T Ford while selling fruits and vegetables with her father.

At a youth get-together in 1931, Elsie met Harold, a Kroger store manager four years older than she. Elsie was 19 when Harold gave her a diamond ring, but Elsie’s mother wouldn’t consent to the marriage and Ohio required parental consent under age 20. Impressed by Harold’s job during the Great Depression, Elsie’s older brother and sister helped the couple elope by driving them across the West Virginia state line where marriage laws were more lenient.



*Elsie and Harold Young at Moody Bible Institute*

When Harold and Elsie returned, Elsie’s mother put them at ease: “I know all about it,” she said.

A year later Harold saw a bus advertising gospel revival meetings. After attending, Elsie asked Harold, “If you died tonight, would you go to Heaven?”

“No,” he said, “would you?”

She wasn’t sure. They had grown up going to church, but now realized the need to be “born again.” Attending the final night, they invited Jesus Christ into their lives as Savior and Lord. “Harold and I dedicated our lives together,” she says.

In 1934, the week before Christmas, Harold lost his job. With time on their hands, they volunteered to conduct VBS programs in schoolhouses in the Kentucky mountains. While there, someone told them, “You kids need Moody.”

Elsie laughs at the memory. “We didn’t even know what Moody was then, but we landed at Moody—both of us.”

Looking back Elsie says, “If Harold hadn’t lost his job, we wouldn’t have been down there in Kentucky. And if we hadn’t been down there, we wouldn’t have heard about Moody.”

### Life after Moody

They attended Moody Bible Institute from 1935 to 1938. Harold took the Pastor’s Course and Elsie studied music. She remembers playing her accordion during street meetings in downtown Chicago.

After getting their diplomas, they spent several years in the Ozark Mountains of Oklahoma and Arkansas as home missionaries. Later Harold served as assistant pastor of a Baptist church in Des Moines, Iowa, while Elsie served as church secretary. When the choir director moved away, Elsie took over the choir and was grateful that choral conducting had been part of her studies at Moody.

The Youngs spent several years working at Moody Bible Institute’s bookstore and for Moody Radio. In 1950, they ran their own Christian bookstore in Michigan where Elsie served on the board of the Christian Booksellers Association. In 1957, they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Elsie set up a literature ministry for Christian Business and Professional Women of America.

Each time they relocated, their ministry continued. In Detroit, Harold served as an assistant visitation minister in their church and Elsie worked as a teacher trainer.

The Youngs moved to California in the 1970s to work for Dr. Clyde Narramore, a Christian psychologist. When they retired in 1979, Elsie worked in real estate and investments.

In 1986 the couple relocated to Friendship Village in Tempe, Arizona, where Elsie taught Bible studies for up to 30 seniors. When Harold passed away in 1994, they had been happily married for 62 years. Although the Youngs were never able to have children of their own, Elsie later unofficially adopted Charles Smith, who volunteered after her in their church library. “He’s like a son,” she says. “I pray for him every day for wisdom.”



*Elsie with adopted son, Charles Smith*

For Elsie’s 100th birthday, where the theme was To God Be the Glory, Charles wrote this tribute: “I’m single and age 66, and Elsie has become my closest friend. We spend valuable time together on the phone and in person, and know that God brought us together as ‘mother and son.’”

Charles accompanied Elsie to an area meeting celebrating Moody Bible Institute’s 125th anniversary



*Chris Fabry interviews Elsie on her 100th birthday, attended by more than 100 people.*

in 2011. Besides meeting the Alumni Association executive director, **Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings**, she met Moody Radio's **Chris Fabry '84**. Since then Elsie has shared her faith and wisdom on his program several times. She also has her own website, [kneeholesdesk.com](http://kneeholesdesk.com), with links to verses, stories, poems, and other "Encouraging Words by Elsie K. (Koch) Young."

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Living in one room, Elsie has few possessions, but she is still a giver. Her nightstand is crowded with devotionals and correspondence, including mail from Moody Bible Institute. "Of course I'm on Moody's mailing list," she says. "My instructions are that when I am not here anymore, everything that I have left goes to Moody."

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for a moment: "Faithfulness to the Savior."

With her advancing years Elsie has more health challenges and fewer visitors. "I really feel after coming from a big family and being active, I get pretty lonely," she says. "But I don't spend a lot of time moaning and groaning about what I don't have. So far I'm able to be thankful for what I have." A stack of word find books gives her pleasure, and her big window shows the trees blowing in the breeze and planes flying the red-eye at night. She picks up a piece of flowery stationery titled "Thanks-Living," which she wrote when she turned 100.

"There are so many things we can't do," she reads, "like . . . grow a plant without water, send a letter without a stamp, hug a person without having arms, have eternal life without a Savior. Let's ask God to fill our cup to overflowing with a truly thankful heart; then praise Him for what follows."

Elsie takes her own advice, starting and ending each day with prayer. "I'm thankful to be here," she says, "and the Lord is with me."

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# Hurricane Saves Lives in Puerto Rico



How the recent disaster prompted relief through a pro-life ministry

*by Linda Piepenbrink*

When Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico, the Category 5 storm blew away **Joseph '06** and Daisy **Pardo's** plans to host a fundraising gala for Cree Women's Care, the first pregnancy resource center on the island. "I wanted to raise support and for Puerto Ricans to get the vision," Joseph says, speaking of his pro-life vision that began while he was a Moody Bible Institute student.

But despite the unexpected interruption to their plans, "God did something totally different and better," Joseph says. "I'm not saying Maria was a blessing, but God used Maria in a huge way."

After Hurricane Maria required the family's evacuation to Tampa, Florida, Joseph connected with donors and organizations to gather needed funds and emergency supplies, sending them by plane to Puerto Rico. When Joseph returned to Puerto Rico, the devastation he saw was shocking. "It looked like an atomic bomb had gone off. Trees were bare, like sticks with no leaves." The hurricane had destroyed the power grid, knocked out bridges, and tore the tin roofs off homes.

Through their pro-life work, the Pardos had developed a network of about 40 evangelical Puerto Rican churches. They and their crew began contacting pastors on the list. "Hey, we want to help you go out and help people. What can we get for you?"

So over the next month and a half, the Pardos worked with others to distribute needed supplies—chain saws, generators, water filters, tarps, food, and other emergency items. They enlisted the help of five airplanes through Agape Flights in Venice, Florida. And they discovered that the pilot was a Moody Aviation graduate, **Jeffrey Yannucciello '01**.

The Pardos purchased rice and beans, hygiene supplies, and other

items. "We were raising support and spending up to \$2,000 a day for supplies. We'd turn around and send them out almost immediately to the churches," Joseph says.

Since the initial rescue response, the Pardos transitioned to raising money so local churches can hire Puerto Ricans to clean up homes and fix roofs. Because of Puerto Rico's 55 percent unemployment rate, money for hiring locals is preferred over work teams arriving from the States, Joseph explains.



*Volunteers, including Josiah Pardo, 13, load supplies for a church in Utuado, Puerto Rico.*

The Pardos' efforts have given the churches not only resources to help survivors and employ workers but also a platform for sharing the gospel. One day, for example, the pastor of La Travesia (The Way) used a chain saw to help cut down a tree that had fallen on a member's roof. Then he did the same for the neighbor's roof and asked what else he could do. Astonished, the neighbor asked for water and food and then promised to attend their service the next Sunday. "After church, the guy was in tears and said, 'I have never witnessed such love,'" Joseph recalls. "He became a believer that day."

As Joseph visits churches, he hears



*Joseph Pardo (center) with Agape Flights pilot Steve Koch (left) and Moody Aviation graduate, Jeffrey Yannucciello (right).*

numerous stories like that. “It feels like we’re in the Acts church,” he says. “People have been coming to Christ. It seems like a revival.”

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Cree Women’s Care, founded by the Pardos, has remained open since the hurricane. In the first two months following the disaster, 40 young women came in for free pregnancy tests and services, Joseph says. Of those, 23 decided to give birth to their babies; 14 were not pregnant, and three decided to have an abortion. “On Friday two teen girls came in desperate, saying, ‘We have no money, no job. We lost our home, our furniture.’ It was so cool because our staff is trained to give them hope. By the end of the meetings, the girls were reassured.”

Cree Women’s Care uses an iPad program to take clients on a visual trip through the womb at different stages of pregnancy. Their mobile sonogram machine, acquired through three \$5,000 donations, also convinces

young women to choose life about 95 percent of the time, Joseph reports.

The center also provides free weekly birth classes. Later they offer classes on parenting skills and how to have a God-honoring family. “We walk with the young women up to a year after the baby is born,” he says. “We lead them to a point where they see they need Christ, then begin to disciple them and connect them to churches.”

The clinic also ministers to moms who have had abortions. “That mom sees that Christ can forgive her for her abortion. Once she puts her faith in Christ, she becomes an evangelist like you can’t imagine.”

It reminds Joseph of his own conversion when he was 21.

### **New Life and Pro-Life**

Raised in a Jewish home in Tampa, Joseph got into partying, sex, and drugs at age 18. A few years later he was invited to a Baptist church, and within three months, he was born again and “bawling like a baby.” Joseph’s radical conversion in 2000 gave him a burning desire to share his transformation with others. A mentor and Moody Aviation–trained pilot, **Christopher Simpson ’88**,

suggested Joseph apply to Moody. With Chris as his best man, Joseph married Daisy, a young Puerto Rican woman from church, in January 2003. They moved to Chicago, where he began to study at Moody.

A missions major, Joseph switched to Jewish Studies after taking some classes with Dr. Michael Rydelnik. “He’s a really sharp, excellent Bible teacher,” he says. “I never saw myself going into Jewish ministry per se, but I thought it was a natural thing to help me understand my upbringing.”

Joseph and Daisy intended to go to China as missionaries. Then another student, **Stacey Rubio '05**, invited them to a fundraising gala for Caris, a crisis pregnancy center in Chicago. “Daisy was pregnant with our first child. It opened our eyes to the whole movement,” Joseph says.

After graduating, Joseph worked on a master’s degree, still pursuing missions in China. But the door seemed to be closing. “I had a hard time trying to figure out what God wanted us to do,” he recalls.

“That was a rough year and a half for us, but God sustained us and kept us moving forward,” Joseph says. “He used that time to burn off a lot of pride and self-worship.”

Meanwhile he and Daisy stayed active in pro-life ministry. When Joseph watched a video of an abortion on YouTube, “I was destroyed. I realized we need to be actively involved, wherever we’re at, in some kind of ministry defending the unborn child.”

Seeing the abortion reminded him of his Jewish heritage and the 6.5 million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. In abortion, he says, “They’re doing the same thing!”

The Pardos moved to Tampa to run an international student ministry at the University of South Florida. At the same time, they got involved

with a local pregnancy center doing fundraising, the annual Walk for Life, and counseling.

During a vacation in Puerto Rico, they thought they’d check out what kind of pregnancy centers were on the island. “We searched and searched and found nothing,” Joseph says. Back in Tampa, they informed the director of the local pregnancy center: “You guys need to start a pregnancy center in Puerto Rico.” The director replied, “Joe and Daisy, you need to start one in Puerto Rico.”



*A pregnant client at Cree Women’s Care gets a free ultrasound.*

From that point on, God put it on the Pardos’ hearts to start a pro-life ministry in Puerto Rico. They launched Love the Nations, a ministry-planting nonprofit, and in January 2015 the Pardos started fundraising for the project. By the following October their family had relocated. They opened Cree Women’s Care in 2016, strategically down the street from two abortion clinics in Bayamón.

At that time the island had 11 abortion clinics and aborted 15,000 babies a year. “Two of the clinics have closed since we’ve gotten here,” he says. Dozens of girls have walked into their clinic instead of the abortion clinics. Many have chosen life.

“God has provided abundantly more than we needed,” he says. With four other paid staff members, “God has taken care of every need.”

The Pardos are considering opening more pregnancy centers on the island. Their website, [lovethegations.com](http://lovethegations.com), summarizes the heart of their mission. “We are in it for life, not just the child’s life but also true life found in the Savior for all who walk through our doors!”



*Joseph and Daisy Pardo and sons (left to right):  
Josiah, Judah, Jonathan, and JoeJoe.*

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# REACHING CHINESE WORLDWIDE



**How Moody grads are making an impact**

*by Linda Piepenbrink*

“When Chinese people answer the altar call to be full-time missionaries, we encourage them to study and equip themselves at Moody first. Then they can go,” says **Esther Wang ’93**. She and her husband, **Rev. Pine Wang ’93**, who have spent a lifetime of ministry to the Chinese, hosted the recent Gospel for China conference, which was attended by 2,000 people, including many Moody graduates.

The Wangs’ affection for Moody began their first day of graduate school in 1991 when then vice president of Moody Bible Institute, **Dr. Howard Whaley ’59**, picked them up from a Chicago suburb and drove them to Moody’s opening ceremony. He let them store their luggage in his office and surprised them by his humility. “He was like a father, so kind, so humble,” says Pine. “We learned a lot from Dr. Whaley.”

Their good impression of Moody grew with the love and fellowship of Moody’s teachers and students, leading to a spiritual revival in their own lives. “We consider those two years the best years in our life,” Esther says.

After they completed their graduate degrees in Biblical Studies in 1993, they wrote a letter to Dr. Whaley. “We probably have not won the best scores in the class, but we are sure that we have gained more love, more biblical knowledge than anyone else in the school, for we came with the least.”

### **From China to the US**

The Wangs both became Christians in China. Esther was born again in 1980 when an American missionary led her to study the Bible. In 1983 she married Pine Wang, a university student leader who rallied for democracy years before the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests. Pine became a Christian in 1990, and Esther says it’s a miracle that they were

granted passports and permits to leave China and come to America.

But Pine’s political activism is a distant memory that he has no interest in revisiting. “I just want to tell the people, ‘Christ and Him crucified for us,’” he says, referring to 1 Corinthians 2:2, his favorite verse and the theme of every Gospel for China conference. “It is the core of the Bible. It’s the focus of our faith.”

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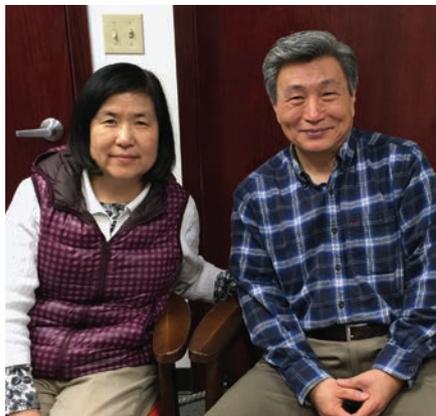
The Wangs followed on the heels of more than a million Chinese who left China for other parts of the world in the early 1980s. Although the Wangs had hoped to move back to China after seminary, going back was not possible at the time. They were also burdened for the many Chinese who had found Christ in the United States and other places but were struggling in their spiritual growth.

### **From Prayer to Publisher**

Pine and Esther began meeting weekly with a godly couple to pray for China and the Chinese people all over the world. Pine wanted to start a publishing ministry that was faithful to the Bible, but Esther wasn’t certain. She thought, “It’s too troublesome, very hard, a lot of work. Maybe it’s not God’s leading.” But after more prayer and counsel, she agreed, and in 1996 Pine and Esther started what is now Chinese Christian Life Fellowship, Inc.

Since then CCLife has published sermons, music CDs, daily online

articles, and magazines for Chinese believers and intellectual seekers. They coordinate prayer rallies in local churches to pray for China and for church revival. Since 1999, they've also hosted the Gospel for China Conference in Chicago, Hong Kong, and Toronto, seeking to raise up Christians who will fulfill the Great Commission and commit to full-time ministry.



*Esther and Rev. Pine Wang*

On the last night of the recent Gospel for China conference, December 2017, "It felt like Moody night," says **Junjiang Du '18**, who emceed the large event. After he said he was a Moody graduate, others followed suit, including **Rev. John Chao '89**, the worship leader and a plenary speaker, **Dr. Wenhui Gong '08**, speaker and missionary in Africa, and **Pine Wang '93**, who founded the Gospel for China Conference in 1999. Meanwhile another Moody grad, **William Wu MDiv '16**, was overseeing the English-version of the conference for Chinese-American youth.

In addition, a video was shown about **Francis Julius Fitzwilliam '25** and **Jennie Kingston '25**, Moody alumni who were married in Shanghai and served with China Inland Mission

in China until Francis died there in 1940. Their son later attended Moody, and their grandson followed in his grandfather's footsteps in serving the Chinese.

At the altar call, more than 100 people made commitments to devote their lives to God in full-time ministry or missionary service.

One pastor who answered the call at the 2013 conference was the emcee in 2017, Junjiang Du. He left his career as a certified public accountant to earn his Master of Divinity at Moody Theological Seminary and was just installed in January as pastor of Chicago Northwest Suburban Chinese Christian Church, founded 40 years ago. Several Moody graduates were there to pray for Junjiang, including the interim pastor, Pine Wang, and William Wu, a former attorney who became the church's youth pastor. Under the Wangs' direction, William and his wife oversee the Grace Conference, which was started in 2009 to reach English-speaking Chinese American young people for Christ.

Also at the installation was Wenhui Gong, a missionary who served as pastor of CNSCCC until 2014. Formerly a successful businessman in China, Wenhui started a house church two years after trusting Christ but lacked a strong theological foundation. "Rev. Wang told me . . . Moody is the best seminary for pastors' training. And what he said is true," says Wenhui, who closed his business to earn his MDiv from Moody. His daughter **Jin Hu '14** and future son-in-law, **Vu Che '14**, also attended Moody.

"I learned a lot. Moody is very, very important for my Christian life and also for my ministry," says Wenhui, who is now a missionary with Chinese Diaspora Mission in Africa.

## Chinese Challenges

While persecution remains a constant challenge for believers in China, the Wangs say materialism, secular values, and prosperity theology are creeping into Chinese churches in the States and beyond. Conflicts arise between generations, and many young Chinese people who grew up in the church never return after completing university studies. That's why the Wangs emphasize returning to the Bible.

"We do a lot of ministries: seminary, conference, training program, magazine, books," Pine points out. "We are doing all ministries focused on the core—the cross. Pointing the people, the church, back to the Bible, focused on the cross. That's all we are doing, have done, and will continue to do."



*Missionary Wenhui Gong and his wife, Jane (back row, center), with their children, including alumni son-in-law, Vu Che, and daughter Jin Hu (left).*

To that end, they ask for prayer. "The time is harder for us to continue to preach only Jesus Christ and Him crucified, because people have become very open to all kinds of things," he says. "But we have to continue."

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### 2010s



**Dave and Cheryl Blough '15** recently celebrated 33 years of marriage. Dave is currently serving as the executive pastor at

Wintonbury Church in Bloomfield, Connecticut. The Bloughs have seven children and two grandchildren. Cheryl is a survivor of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The Bloughs use her story of miraculous healing to praise God and encourage others.



**Kaz '12 and Laura (Jones) '09 Hayashi** are currently living in Waco, Texas, while Kaz pursues his doctorate in Old Testament at

Baylor University. Laura is a stay-at-home mom of two children, Emi (4) and Elina (2). Previously, the Hayashis lived in Chicago for six years while Kaz earned two master's degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. In the years following graduation before their daughters were born, the Hayashis spent their summers on archeological excavations in Israel. During that time, God called Kaz to professorship and archeology, which he is pursuing at Baylor.

### 1990s

**Hugh and Cindi McMenam**  
**MA '98** will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this summer. Hugh is currently on staff at North



Coast Calvary Chapel in Carlsbad, California, where he serves as the director of Prime Time, a ministry to adults aged 65 and older. Prior

to this, he pastored in San Marcos, California, for 13 years, and in Quail Valley, California, for nine years. In February Cindi released her 16th book, *12 Ways to Experience More with Your Husband: More Trust. More Passion. More Communication.* (Harvest House Publishers). Hugh and Cindi live in San Marcos and have one daughter, who works for the Walt Disney Company.



**Paul Barreca MA '97** published two books on discipleship in 2017—*Follow the Master: How Jesus Made Disciples* and *Follow the Master:*

*A Discipleship Course for Growing Christians.* He also began serving as the general director of Fellowship International Mission in August 2017. Paul's affiliation with FIM began in 2007 when he joined the board of directors. The agency serves Christians called to share the gospel and build up spiritually mature, reproducing disciples. In his new position, Paul works with the administrative team to provide ongoing missionary care and assistance to believers as they fulfill their call to serve the Lord in cross-cultural settings.

This transition followed 33 years of pastoral ministry in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New Jersey. Most recently, he served as the teaching pastor at Faith Bible Church in

Vineland, New Jersey. Missions has always been a priority in his ministry. Paul has led more than 30 short-term mission trips with teens and adults. He also frequently teaches in the Philippines and other countries. Paul's books and sermons are available on his website.

 [followthemaster.org](http://followthemaster.org)



**David '90 and Vicky (McIntosh) '96 Stankus** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2017.

For the past nine years, the Stankuses have lived in Newton, Illinois, where David is the director of Lawrence County Ambulance. He also serves as a lay minister and enjoys providing pulpit supply for area churches as needed. Vicky is a blogger, the author of two children's books, and a homeschool teacher. With the help of their two children, the family started Higher Hands Puppets in 2013.

 [heholdsmyrighthand.com](http://heholdsmyrighthand.com)



**Alex '96 and Sheryl (Kooistra '99) McLellan** recently joined the Josh McDowell Ministry team. They will be serving through Cru in partnership

with Josh McDowell Ministry. Alex, a published author and international speaker, will be serving as an evangelist and an apologist. The McLellans have three children and reside in Encinitas, California.

## 1980s



**Doug Brown '86, '97** recently appeared as a guest on the *Pastor's Chat* podcast. Doug was interviewed by Steve Brown,

the talk show host of *Steve Brown, Etc.* The podcast highlights the challenges that ministry leaders often face.

Doug, a pastor for nearly 30 years, is currently serving as the pastor of family ministries at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He also writes and speaks to the issues facing ministry leaders in the US and on the mission field. His most recent book, *Shotgun Rider: Restoring Your Passion for the Ministry Trail* is written for those who are in non-leadership ministry.

 [shotgunride.com](http://shotgunride.com)

**Tania (Marshall '84) and Jim Green** recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Tania has worked as the manager of McDowell Mountain Justice Court in Phoenix, Arizona, for the past 27 years. Jim works with autistic young people and children, as well as working to refurbish their home. Tania also teaches fifth and sixth graders at Calvary Community Church, where Jim lends his artistic abilities each Sunday while working with the

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children. Jim and Tania have two adult children, Timothy and Karlea.



**Vishnu Harbhajan '84** continues in itinerant speaking after 25 years of pastoral ministry. He founded Hope Revival Evangelistic Ministries with the

goal of seeing a spiritual awakening across America. This year, Vishnu will be speaking across the US and the Caribbean. Following his time at Moody, Vishnu studied at Trinity International University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

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### 1970s



**Wendell Thacker '79** is celebrating two years as the senior pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ in Crown Point, Indiana. His wife,

Kathy, leads the weekly children's ministry and also works as a critical care nursing manager at a local hospital alliance. They live in Munster, Indiana, and have six children and seven grandchildren.

**Clyde Minch '74** recently released his second book under his pseudonym Chaim Bendorah. *Journey into Silence* (Whitaker House) recounts his experience of living in silence before God on silent retreats at a monastery in Kentucky and in the Catskill

mountains. His first book, *Hebrew Word Study: Revealing the Heart of God* (Whitaker House), has been listed as a best seller in its genre. His previously self-published *Beyond the Lexicon* has been picked up by True Potential Media and will be re-released this year. Clyde received his doctorate from Denver Seminary and taught Hebrew and Old Testament for 13 years at World Harvest Bible College.

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**Robin L. Jones '76** works as the director of community engagement with Salt and Light Leadership Training, which serves Christians in the public and private sectors by helping them use their passion and skills for the common good of the community. Last spring Robin presented a certificate of welcome to Oklahoma Christian School graduate PJ Whittington, after his acceptance to Moody Bible Institute. Robin, proud to be a Moody graduate, told PJ that he was getting ready to step into the rich history of a place whose purpose is to change the world for the kingdom. In her congratulatory remarks, she reminded him that he is a part of a very select group who will receive a tuition-paid education.

**Bob Boyd '75** recently retired after teaching philosophy at Fresno City College in Fresno, California, for 20 years. In the summer of 2017, he published a two-volume set titled *Approaching the World's Religions* (Cascade Books).

### 1960s

**Alex '63, BA '80** and Sallie **Turoczi** celebrated their 50th wedding



anniversary on August 5, 2017. In 2011, following their retirement from Trans World Radio, the Turoczis started Church Assist

Ministries, which provides churches with pulpit supply, interim pastor work, and pastor selection help. Sallie continues to teach seminars for women and provide special music. Prior to retirement, Alex and Sallie served TWR through recruitment and support raising. Alex also represented TWR as a pastor-at-large in churches across the country. Earlier, the Turoczis served with TWR overseas in Guam and Monaco. Alex was also involved in TWR's production programs in Hungarian, Russian, Serbian, and Croatian, while Sallie edited English programs and taught English. Prior to their service with TWR, Alex was pastor of Brigantine Baptist Church. After graduating from Moody, Alex continued his education at The King's College in New York, where Sallie was also a student. The two were married at Grace Baptist Church just before Alex's ordination.

Alex desires to keep in touch with MBI alumni from 1960 to 1966.

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**Jim '68 and Ruth (Baker '67) Lauer** retired in 2014 and currently live near Nashville, Tennessee. Previously, Jim directed new-

member training for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Idyllwild, California,

and Orlando, Florida. He also ministered by directing MK reentry programs and MU KAPPA International with Narramore Christian Foundation and Barnabas International. Before that, he served as the director of the Christian camping internship at Camp Forest Springs in Westboro, Wisconsin. Following Jim and Ruth's days at Moody, Jim served as a youth pastor and music pastor in DeKalb, Illinois, and Prescott, Arizona, before they moved to Tokyo, Japan, to serve as house parents to high school boys.



**James '61 and Fran '61 Lines**

celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 4, 2017. After serving with Bible

Centered Ministries International in Italy for 51 years, the Lineses moved in 2014 to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where they serve with their local church.



**Elizabeth (Snavelly '60) Holt** and her husband work with a local church in England, teaching English to some of the thousands of Nepalese

people living in the area. Through the English classes, the Holts have been able to share the gospel with people from different nations. In addition, Elizabeth serves as a marker for the correspondence courses for Emmaus Bible School, UK. Previously, the Holts served with Operation Mobilization and a Flemish church, doing evangelism on merchant ships that harbored in the port of Antwerp, Belgium.

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### 1950s



**Richard '56 and Patsy (Thore '56) Taylor** recently celebrated 58 years of marriage. They credit Moody for giving them a wonderful foundation for everything they have faced in their lives. The Taylors currently live in Purcellville, Virginia, where they enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren. George works as a contract editor for IT companies. Prior to that, he served as a media editor for Intercessors for America. Following graduation from Moody, George got his master's in Biblical Studies and pastored churches in Virginia, Georgia, and Maryland. Patsy served in the music ministry while raising their two children.



**Richard and Phyllis (Hacksten) Reetzke '50** celebrated 70 years of marriage on March 1, 2017. Since retiring from electrical work,

Richard serves his local congregation by encouraging its leaders and the leaders of a prison ministry that he started in Kentucky. Richard serves as the only pianist in his local congregation.

### Weddings

Current student **Tim Abbatacola** married **Abigail (Wychers '17)** on

August 12, 2017, in Zion, Illinois. Their dads (both pastors) officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a brunch reception in a rose garden. Abby majored in Biblical Studies and Elementary Education. Tim is currently a Biblical Studies major and will graduate in May 2019. Tim plans to become a pastor after graduation, and Abby hopes to return to school to become a physician's assistant.



Current student **Joe Straw** married **Laura (Krumwiede '17)** on September 30, 2017, in Chicago. Joe and Laura are currently serving

at Cornerstone Community Church in Chicago's South Loop. Joe has been teaching theology classes and Laura serves on the church's worship team. Joe works at Moody as an ITS support center supervisor. Laura was also recently hired at Moody as an application coordinator in Admissions.



**Isaac Medler '16** married Nicoline (Koch) on May 13, 2017. Isaac and Nicoline are currently serving in Toronto's multicultural

neighborhoods with Calvary Church,

where he has been serving since his May 2016 graduation.



**Sylvia (Smith '15)** and Ryan **Maike** were married on October 1, 2016. The bridal party included **Dr. Jori Jennings**, a music professor at

Moody. Ryan serves as the regional director for United Adoration, which strives to reach musicians and artists who can use their gifts to bless local churches. Sylvia serves as the administrator for parish development at His Church Anglican in Livonia, Michigan. The Maikes currently live in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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**Joel '14** and **Kate (Kuntzman '13) Warren** were married on September 30, 2017. Joel is working at Moody in Crowell Library,

and Kate is working at Moody Publishers. They are both finishing up their degrees in Church History from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.



Dennis and **Kristin (Walberg '12) Mesidor** were married on September 2, 2017. They currently live in Washington, DC,

where Dennis works for Apple. Kristin

serves as the receptionist at Capitol Hill Baptist Church, where she and Dennis are both very involved.

## Births



To **Charles (Chuck) '14** and **Adrienne Babbitt '15**, a daughter, **Caroline Marie**, on February 8, 2017. Chuck is currently pursuing his MA in Ministry Leadership through Moody, and together the Babbitts serve at First Baptist Church in Spencer, Iowa. Chuck is an associate pastor of family ministries, and Adrienne serves in the youth group, music, nursery, and Awana program. Caroline joins brother Titus and sister Zoey. The Babbitts miss their son, Timothy, in Heaven, but are thankful to God for the miracle of Caroline's birth.



To **Tony MDiv '15** and **Esther (Shin MA '13) Chuang**, a daughter, **Adrielle Lynn**, born September 19, 2017. Tony is an evangelist

and preacher, while Esther is a concert pianist and gospel singer. Tony is pursuing his PhD in Intercultural Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Esther is pursuing a doctorate of Worship Studies at

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Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. The Chuangs combine their passions for global revival, evangelistic zeal, and strong academic foundations to strengthen Christians around the world through conferences, seminars, evangelistic concerts, and more. In addition to the United States, they have served in many international countries.

 [tonyandestherchuang.com](http://tonyandestherchuang.com)



To **Erik** and **Katharine Hultquist '13 MA '14**, a daughter, **Melanie Elyse**, born June 15, 2017. Melanie joins siblings

**Abbie** (4) and **Isaac** (2). Erik serves as assistant division manager for Facilities at Moody. He serves on the campus leadership team for Park Community Church, and Katharine is on staff as the children's ministry leader.



To **Serge '12** and **Julie Makhovitskiy '12**, a daughter, **Anita Esther**. Anita joins siblings **Mark** (5) and **Tim** (3). Serge and Julie are both serving

full-time with Life in Messiah, a Jewish ministry organization. Serge and Julie are developing a diaspora ministry in

the US, reaching Russian-speaking unbelievers and Jews.



To **David '05** and **Cheryl (Stickler '05) Crossett**, a son, **Samuel Weston**, born July, 2016. Samuel joins sisters **Sophia** (6) and **Jenny** (3). David serves as a partnered attorney at Cornerstone Law Firm in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Alliance Defending Freedom as a Blackstone Fellow. Additionally, he serves on the elder board at their church, as well as the board of a local pregnancy clinic. Cheryl homeschools their two older children, serves as the nursery director at their church, and tutors for a local Classical Conversations homeschool co-op. They are grateful for their Moody education and how it prepared them for their current ministry.



To **Edward** and **Amber (Smith '05) Walthew**, a daughter, **Daria Elizabeth McCaughy**, born December 9, 2017.

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**Kerchal Armstrong '52**, age 86, December 12, 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Kerchal grew up in Pontiac, Michigan, and came to Moody to study music in 1950, where he was profoundly influenced by Donald Hustad, conductor of the Moody Chorale. He found another lifelong friend when he joined the Christian Velvetones, a trombone trio formed by WMBI announcer Bill Pearce. Kerchal and Pearce would also sing with the Sixteen Singing Men, a group formed by WMBI's Dick Anthony.

In 1954, Kerchal married Ilene Ewald, a family friend from Pontiac. But instead of a honeymoon, they reported for duty at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where Kerchal played in the 98th Army Band for two years. Returning home, he earned a bachelor's degree in church music from Wheaton College in 1959, followed by a master's degree from the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University.

Kerchal joined the Moody faculty in 1956 and succeeded Robert Carbaugh as conductor of the Moody Men's Glee Chorus. He also conducted the Moody Chorale from 1961 to 1969, including a memorable six-week tour (by ship!) to the British Isles in 1967.

After he earned a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1974, Kerchal and family moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Kerchal served as chair of the Fine Arts Department at Sioux Falls College. Active in the local arts scene, he founded the Sioux Falls Master Singers.

His long friendship with Donald Hustad led to their collaboration on *Choral Musicianship and Voice Training*, a conducting textbook. He also assisted Hustad on a 1990 hymnal project, *The Worshipping Church*—the hymnal used in Torrey-Gray Auditorium.

In 1988, the Armstrong family moved to Indianapolis where Kerchal served as pastor of music and worship at First Missionary Church. Ilene was diagnosed with cancer in May 1993 and died only months later in September. As Kerchal reached retirement, he remained active in the Indianapolis music scene, including a long association with Salvation Army bands and various choral groups. He married Janice Helmer in 2002, whose spouse had previously passed away, and they enjoyed 15 years of marriage.

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## 2010s

**Hayden (Crebbin '14-'15) Palm**, age 24, November 7, 2017, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Hayden attended Moody Bible Institute in Spokane, Washington, until she was diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer in 2015.

She grew up in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and moved to Stuttgart, Germany, after high school to work as an au pair. Her mother and sister joined her after the year-long contract, and the three of them backpacked around Europe. In their travels, Hayden visited 15 countries.

Back in the United States, Hayden attended Moody. She started a photojournalism project on social media to produce an artistic journal of students. The project, *Humans of Moody*, documents over 200 Moody students on Instagram and was continued by others when Hayden could not return to school.

In the summer of 2015 after her first year of college, Hayden worked as a photographer at Camp Redwood Glen in Scotts Valley, California. There she first exhibited signs of cancer and was diagnosed on July 26 with Merkel Cell Carcinoma—a form of skin cancer usually found in older males. The day of her diagnosis, she started a blog titled *The Merkel Miracle, the Art of Celebrating Cancer*. Her blog inspired people worldwide including **Adam Palm '16**, who emailed her a note of encouragement. Adam's email sparked a correspondence and in August, 2016, they married. Hayden faithfully documented her fight with Merkel Cell Carcinoma for two years until her death.

Hayden relayed the experience of planning her own funeral in a final blog post. "My home to come is far better than anything I will ever be able to imagine," she wrote. "And because of that I was able to stand there, under the shade of the tree, next to my grave, and thank Jesus."

Hayden is survived by her husband, Adam; parents, Rob and Alisha Crebbin; and sister, **Chandler (Alec) Bobbitt '14-'15**.

**Dale Kompik II '14**, age 31, December 19, 2017, Ludington, Michigan.

Dale made national headlines after he had a lung and both legs removed in an attempt to stop the spread of sepsis. Dale succumbed to the illness, passing away a few days before Christmas. Before his death, Dale's repeated prayer was, "Show me Your glory." As a tribute to Dale, those words now title the book, *Show Me Your Glory: A Mother's Cry for Her Son*, written by his mother, Barbara Kompik.

In life, Dale actively cared for the people around him. In his local community, he made efforts to reach out to the homeless by collecting resources for homeless shelters and connecting with others. He frequented local coffee shops where he would discuss intricate questions of theology with friends. When on his own, he could be counted on to befriend a stranger. He also loved God's creation and often enjoyed hiking, kayaking, and camping.

Dale attended three colleges before settling at Moody Bible Institute in Spokane. He graduated with a degree in Biblical Studies in 2014. At a graduation luncheon, he gave a speech about his time at Moody and the

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future. “We must hold our plans with open hands,” he said, “and trust that God knows what He is doing.” Dale is survived by his parents, Dale and Barbara Kompik; sisters, Tasha (Will) Oltman and Natalie Kompik; and grandmothers, Zora Kompik and Jean Sothman.

### 1990s



**Ramona (Scott) Susberry CEU '96**, age 79, November 30, 2017, Chicago, Illinois.

Ramona was born in Denver, Colorado, on July 8, 1938. Following her salvation, she became heavily involved at Grace & Glory Chapel through camp ministries. She also founded Grace & Glory's Good News Club, through which she was able to lead children to salvation. Ramona was involved in several churches around Chicago, including South Shore Baptist, Evangelical Christian Church, Grace Conservative Baptist Church, and Elim Christian Church. Ramona also participated in the Chicagoland's Christian Women's Conference for many years. Additionally, she served as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital following her days at Moody, and supported several missionaries both in the United States and in Africa.

Ramona is survived by her many loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

#### **José S. García**

'95, age 59, September 29, 2017, Berkeley, Illinois.



Born on September 12, 1958, José first came to Chicago as a teenager with a student visa to learn English. It was there that he

first heard the gospel and committed his life to Christ. José met Carol DeNooyer in 1986, and they were married two years later.

After attending the Hispanic Bible Seminary, José enrolled at Moody, where he felt called to take the gospel back to Mexico. After graduating from Moody, José began working as a mental health counselor while also starting the deputation process with Fellowship International Mission. During this time, José was also involved in two Hispanic church-planting efforts, which produced the Woodside Bible Chapel and Bensenville Bible Church. In 1997, the Garcia family arrived in Mexico as missionaries, where they planted churches including La Capilla Biblica and Apaxtla Bible Church in José's hometown of Apaxtla de Castrejón, Guerrero, Mexico. José also completed his master's degree from Moody via correspondence. After their second furlough in 2007, they were prevented from returning to the mission field and so remained in Chicago, where José returned to work as a mental health counselor.

José is survived by his former spouse, Carol; their four children: David, Alexandra, Sandra (Sam) Barthel, and Ana (Arturo) Cintora; grandchildren Zeus and Ameyali Cintora; and siblings: Antonio, Thomas, Alfonso, Crecencio, Eustolia, Rosa, Amanda, Maria, and Felix.

## 1970s



**Melodee (Copeland '78) Smith**, age 59, November 11, 2017, Visalia, California.

Melodee was active in church ministry throughout her entire life. She was known for mentoring women, discipleship, and youth ministry—particularly through Awana Cubbies and Sparks, and the Losing to Live program. She also served on short-term mission trips to Bolivia and Mexico. While at Moody, she worked on the *Arch* yearbook as a layout editor.

Melodee is survived by **Matthew '78 MA '93**, her husband of 38 years; her daughters, **Tabitha (Smith '03) Challis** and Hannah Moore, as well as their husbands; six grandchildren; two brothers, and one sister.

## 1960s



**H. David Fry '61**, age 77, October 24, 2017, Chatham, Illinois.

David served on the administrative staff of the Illinois

High School Association for 35 years. For 11 of those years, David led the organization as its executive director.

David worked to improve the IHSA by creating a TV network, a sportsmanship mascot, and the March Madness Experience in Peoria. He encouraged sportsmanship and strong academic performance from student athletes, as well as encouraging the speech and debate programs.

Before becoming involved in administration, David taught at North Chicago High School and Niles West High School. He taught drama, speech, and debate at both schools. Following his time at Moody, David earned a bachelor's degree from Colorado State Teachers College and a master's from Northwestern University.

David is survived by his wife of 55 years, **Adrienne (Indlecoffer '61)**; daughters Kim Papp, Karen Herwig, and Katie McElroy; son David; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, and one brother.

## 1950s

**Gayle P. (Pevehouse '56) Lyle**, age 82, September 27, 2017, Chiefland, Florida.

Gayle was born on November 14, 1934, in Umatilla, Florida. She was in high school when she met her future husband, **Ernie Lyle '59**, in 1950 at a skating rink in Orlando, Florida. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior on September 28, 1951. After she and Ernie graduated from Orlando High School in 1952, Gayle worked as a secretary before enrolling in Moody Bible Institute. Gayle and Ernie married on June 27, 1954, and raised four sons and a daughter. Gayle also worked as a secretary at Youth for Christ in Orlando. Later, she traveled and sang with the Gospel Messengers,

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a ladies' trio. She also served as a church secretary at Faith Baptist Church in Orlando and helped her husband lead the Jet Cadets, a youth ministry.

Gayle is survived by her husband; five children; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



**Bob Starburg**  
'53, age 85,  
October 12,  
2017, Dickinson  
County, Kansas.

Following his graduation from Moody in 1953, Bob attended Northern Baptist Theological College and Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State), where he received his master's degree. In 1960, he returned to Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity.

Bob spent his life in ministry, serving as the pastor of churches in Chicago, South Dakota, Kansas, and Montana. He and his wife, **Jewell (Jury '57)**, also served for seven years by visiting retired American Baptist pastors and missionaries. They organized and served on mission trips to Israel, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Japan, China, Thailand, Myanmar, India, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. In his later years Bob enjoyed spending time in nature and on his farm.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jewell, his daughter, Lynnette (Ross) Boeling, and son, Ben (Dianna) Starburg; five grandchildren; and four great-granddaughters.

## 1940s



**Mark I. Bubeck**  
'49, age 89,  
November 6,  
2017, Phoenix,  
Arizona.

With his wife,  
**Anita (Harl '48)**,

by his side, Mark served as a pastor and biblical counselor for nearly 50 years at churches in Colorado, Illinois, California, and Iowa. A graduate of Moody, Denver Seminary, and Talbot Theological Seminary, he authored several Moody Publishers books, including *Warfare Praying: Biblical Strategies for Overcoming the Adversary* (recently updated), *The Adversary*, *Spiritual Warfare Prayers*, and *Preparing for Battle*. In 1983, Mark founded the counseling and discipleship ministry now called Deeper Walk International.

In response to Mark's death, Dr. Erwin Lutzer, pastor emeritus of The Moody Church wrote, "I have lost a very good friend. He introduced me to warfare praying and made me aware of our invisible enemy. But he always did so with optimism and complete faith in the victory of Christ."

Mark is survived by four brothers, including **Dale Bubeck '49** and **Larry Bubeck '63**; three daughters and their spouses including **Judy (Bubeck '81) Dunagan**, and **Gary Raad '75**; nine grandchildren including **Karen (Raad '97) Nelson** and **Luke Raad '04**; and 16 great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy Green '47-'48**, age 88,  
October 27, 2016, Lafayette, Colorado.



Dorothy grew up in Michigan where she attended a one-room school house until the eighth grade. After high school, Dorothy attended

Moody to study Christian education. There she met her future husband, **Bill Green '46-'48**. Following their graduation from Moody, the Greens moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where Bill continued his education at Tennessee Temple University. During their 40 years of ministry, Dorothy and Bill served in churches in Alabama, Florida, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Dorothy served in various roles, ranging from church pianist to Sunday school teacher.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her sister **Elizabeth (Green '40-'43) Peinado**, and her son Bob. She is survived by Bill, her husband of 68 years; her brother Don (Ivy), her

sister-in-law Doris; her daughter Linda (John); three granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### **Kerchal Armstrong** (from p. 42)

Dr. Kerchal Armstrong was “one of the giants in the Music Department,” said H. E. Singley, current director of the Moody Men’s Choir. “In a one-on-one ‘mini-seminar’ I was once privileged to have with Kerchal at his home in Indianapolis, he told me of his high view of making the gospel evident in concerts by our Moody music ensembles. He also cautioned, ‘I never want to entertain with the gospel.’”

Kerchal is survived by his wife, Janice; daughters Kris (Jon) Peterson and Laura (Mike) Adair; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild (as well as Janice’s children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren).

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## **Submissions**

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