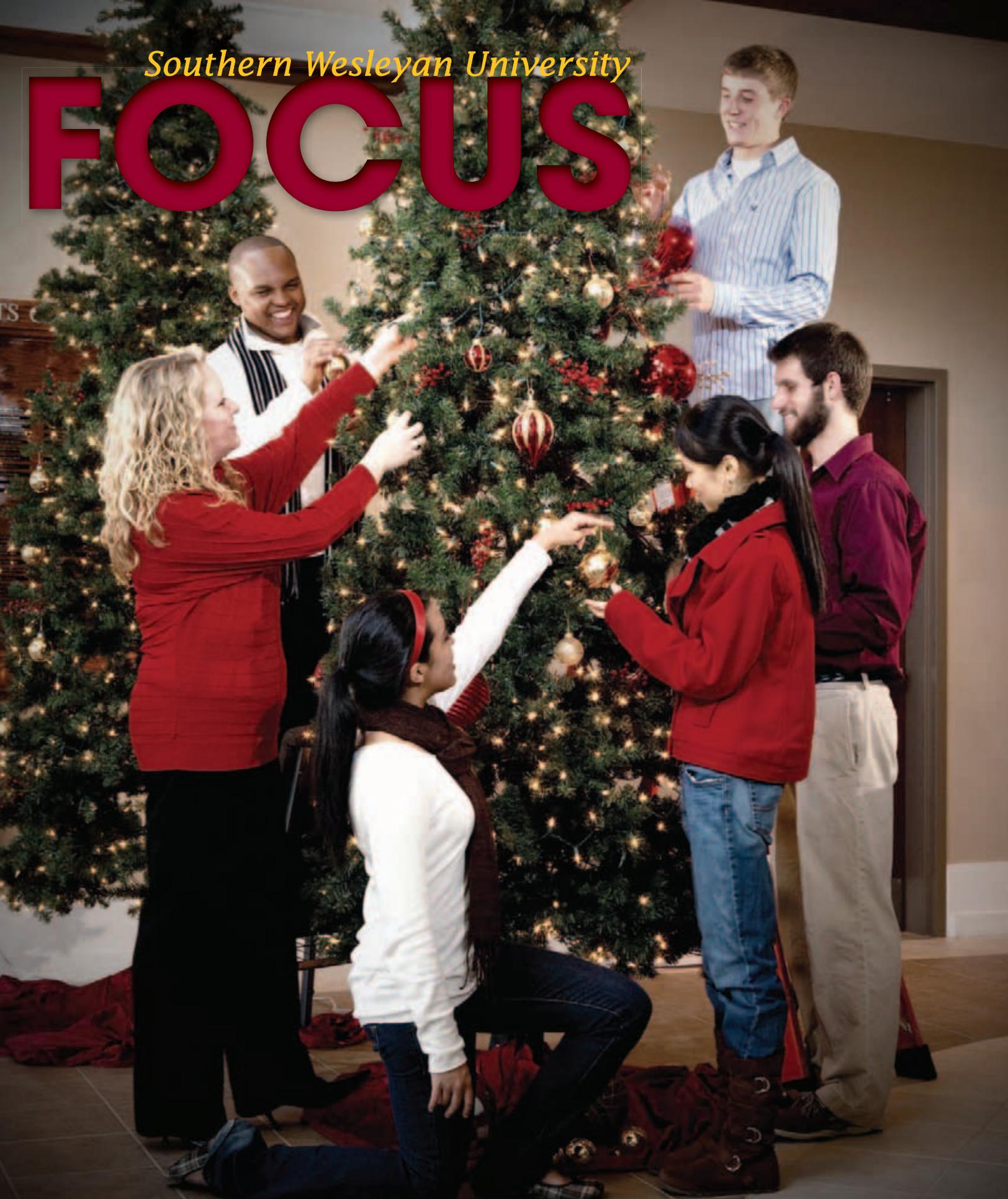


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God's love made visible through his followers

**By David J. Spittal, president
Southern Wesleyan University**

A few years ago, my wife and I took a flight to visit our son and daughter-in-law, but especially to spend time with our granddaughter.

Upon arrival, we joined a crowd of other travelers as we made our way to the public area where family and friends were gathered. When we arrived there, many names were called out and reunion tears were everywhere. Young and old were being embraced and excited voices were combined into a chorus of excitement and laughter.

I, too, searched for the familiar faces of my own family in the crowd. Then above the tangled sounds and voices, I heard a small but familiar voice cry out, "Grandpa!" and suddenly, out of the crowd, came my granddaughter running at full speed and into my open arms. Most grandparents would agree that there is no better expression of love than this. It was the powerful embrace of love.

God also demonstrated his love for us when he sent his only son Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He said, "You can experience my love through the one I have sent to you." Through this gift to mankind, God called each of us by name and wrapped his creation with his powerful embrace of love.

Once received, the gift of the love of Christ cannot be contained. It cannot be held selfishly to ourselves. It cannot be stored up or neglected. The love of God must be active and shared and visible in the lives of his followers. The family of God exists to express His love in a world that is searching

the faces of the crowd to find evidence of His love. His love can only become perfect when it overflows freely into the lives of others.

Our mission at Southern Wesleyan University is to mobilize a generation of men and women who have experienced the love of Jesus Christ in their own lives and who desire to serve him with

passion and purpose. We challenge them to be salt and light in this world and to actively serve Him as messengers of hope. It is through their outstretched arms that God's love will be seen, lives will be transformed and the mission of the university truly fulfilled. We are called to equip them and mobilize them to change their world through the powerful embrace of a loving God.



Dr. and Mrs. David Spittal

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The Spirit matters at SWU

Palmer Dill of The Difference, a SWU worship team, ministers in song during Spiritual Emphasis Week, Sept. 10-15, at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C. Dill is a religion major from Central. Southern Wesleyan marks the start of each semester with a special spiritual emphasis. Students, faculty and staff also took part in a prayer walk across the campus and heard from speaker Jeremy Kingsley of Columbia, S.C., who has spoken to thousands across the nation and in various countries.

On the cover The theme for this issue of Focus is "love one another," associated with 1 John 4:7-9: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." During the Christmas season, Southern Wesleyan University celebrates God's love for us, embodied in Christ.



A note about the chapel organ fund

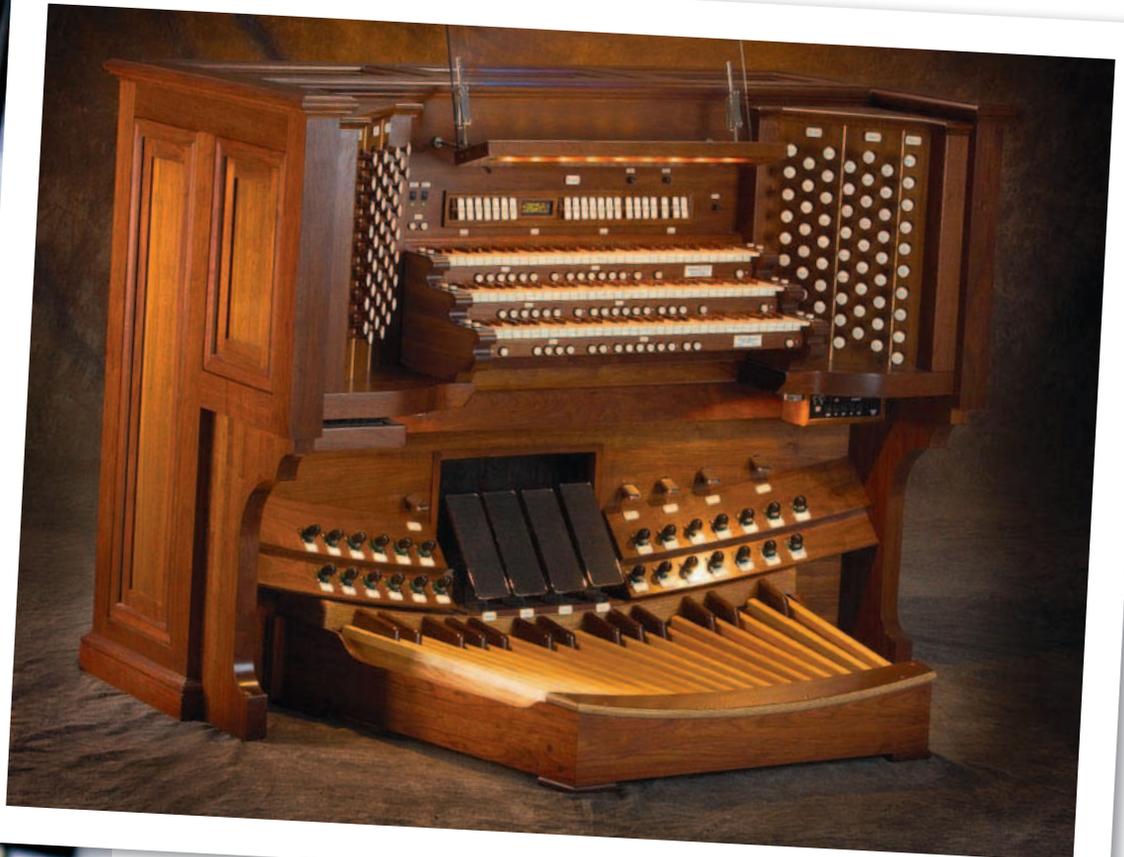
Southern Wesleyan University's chapel organ fund is in progress, offering university friends a chance to add their support to purchase an organ for Newton Hobson Chapel. This project has been made possible through a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Jennings towards the purchase of a custom Zimmer organ.

This fine organ will provide the university chapel with an appropriate instrument for major events, as well as for use in campus worship. The Zimmer Organ Company has provided a generous discount for the construction of this custom instrument. The university still needs about \$67,000 to complete the project.

Southern Wesleyan University deeply appreciates the generosity of the Jennings family and looks forward to installing this instrument in the chapel. One can imagine the beautiful organ music that will fill the chapel and bless hundreds or even thousands of lives for years to come.

The university offers alumni and friends the opportunity to help make this beautiful organ a reality at SWU. A generous one-time gift will help complete the campaign project and bring this opportunity to life.

If you need details regarding this project, contact Vice President for Development Jim Wiggins at (864) 644-5013 or jwiggins@swu.edu or you may use the envelope enclosed in this magazine to send your gift. Please designate your gift to the SWU Chapel Organ Fund. Gifts to this project may also be made as memorials or honorariums to family and friends.



Phonathon reaching out to SWU community

Southern Wesleyan's annual Phonathon is underway. Student callers are attempting to reach all friends and alumni in an effort to raise support for the Promise Fund and to maintain contact with the SWU family.

The Phonathon began in September and will continue until the end of April. The money raised goes to the Promise Fund, which supports student scholarships, as well as academic and student programs. The goal for this year's Phonathon is \$50,000. As of right now, the Phonathon has raised \$8,640 with \$22,855 pledged to date.

Please consider giving to the Promise Fund and answering the university's call. If you would like to donate, but do not want to be called, please send a gift for the Promise Fund in the enclosed envelope in this issue of Focus. For details, contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu.



Liz Propst, student caller

Tournament raises \$16,020 for university

Golfers from all around the southeast teed off on Oct. 19 for Southern Wesleyan University's annual P.B. Wood Golf Tournament. The tournament, held in honor of Dr. Paul Baker Wood, faculty emeritus, was at Pickens Country Club. There were 104 golfers for the day of golf, food and fellowship.

The tournament's \$16,020 in proceeds go to help support the Promise Fund. Numerous sponsors included: title sponsor, First Citizens; co-sponsors, Ram Technologies and Palmetto Insurance; and corporate sponsor, The Parkette of Pickens.

Hole sponsors were Ronald Brank; Clemson Soccer Academy; Palmetto Insurance; The Parkette; Jason Fellers, Math Tutoring; Ram Technologies; Whitener, Pettigrew and Company; Riverview Camp for Girls; Scott Dover, Attorney at Law; and Creative DataProducts. Tee sponsors were Sharp Business Systems; Carolina Ad Specialty; Forms & Supply, Inc.; Seven Oaks Pharmaceutical Corp.; Palmetto Insurance; and The Parkette.

Bojangles and Aramark provided breakfast and Chick-fil-A provided lunch. The Parkette of Pickens provided the post-tournament meal. For details about next year's tournament, contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu.

Promise Fund on its way to reaching goal

The Promise Fund, Southern Wesleyan University's annual fund, is making great strides toward reaching this year's goal of \$450,000. The Promise Fund supports student scholarships as well as academic and student programs. This year's goal is considerably higher than last year, but with the support and prayers of the university community, it is within reach!

Donors have given \$142,044 so far during this fiscal year. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Promise Fund and help the university reach its goal by June 30, 2010. Every gift is important and can make a difference in the lives of Southern Wesleyan University students.

Many of our students are only able to attend SWU because of the generosity of our donors. Thank you for supporting the university with your time, prayers and donations. Southern Wesleyan could not exist without the faithful support of alumni and friends. Please consider giving a gift that could change a student's life forever.

Donations...

- Faculty and Staff:** \$10,836
- Corporations and Businesses:** \$30,278
- Alumni:** \$28,604
- Friends:** \$22,117
- Churches and Organizations:** \$23,475
- Trustees:** \$25,634
- Matching Gifts:** \$800
- Foundation:** \$300

Total: \$142,044

Yellow Ribbon scholarship available for military

Southern Wesleyan University is saluting military veterans by offering free university tuition and fees.

"We appreciate the sacrifice made by veterans and their families and are pleased to extend greater access to our university through programs designed to provide financial assistance at an unprecedented level," said Dr. David Spittal, university president. "Those who have devoted themselves to our safety and protection deserve an opportunity to pursue their educational goals."

The university is proud to demonstrate its thanks to the nation's veterans by taking part in the Yellow Ribbon program. All veterans eligible for the program (as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs) will receive a Yellow Ribbon

scholarship. That scholarship, together with matching funds from the VA, covers all tuition and fees at Southern Wesleyan University that are not covered by Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

"We want to express our genuine gratitude for those who have selflessly served our country," said Donna Pittman, VA specialist at Southern Wesleyan University. "We are so pleased to offer a tuition discount to active duty military, National Guard and Reserve members. The university also provides a tuition discount for the spouses of those who are on active duty in the military."

University discounts are available on both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Southern Wesleyan University's participation in the Yellow Ribbon

program is determined annually. Should Southern Wesleyan University cease participation in the Yellow Ribbon program, eligible veterans will continue to receive other benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

For details about the Yellow Ribbon scholarship, go to www.swu.edu/military or contact Pittman at (864) 644-5536 or dpittman@swu.edu.



Studio open for tours

Artist Yvonne Herd Arrowood of Greenville, S.C., right, explains the story behind her 2005 copy of "The Death of Atala" by Giovanni Battista Riva to artist Mollie Erdmann of Greer. Herd Arrowood, a Southern Wesleyan University alumna and Board of Visitors member, opened her home and her art studio to the public during Greenville's Open Studios event, Nov. 6-8. The event opens the studios of local visual artists to the public.



SWU installs electron transmission microscope

Southern Wesleyan University's science students now have a powerful research tool, thanks to the recent donation of a Hitachi transmission electron microscope.

The microscope, donated by the Life Sciences Department at Clemson University, represents a significant piece of highly technical equipment that will be a powerful and invaluable addition to SWU's science, pre-med and forensics students, according to Dr. David Spittal, university president. Approximately \$25,000 was raised through donations of colleagues and friends of Southern Wesleyan University to pay for moving and installing the microscope.

"We are deeply appreciative of their support and a donation from Hitachi Corporation for making this equipment possible," Spittal said.

Dr. Walt Sinnamon, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at SWU, noted that Hitachi cut the



Katie Brush, left, a biology major at Southern Wesleyan University, looks into the Hitachi electron transmission microscope, donated to the university's Science Department recently. Also pictured is David Fipps Jr., a pre-medicine major at SWU.

cost to dismantle and reassemble the microscope essentially in half.

"The transmission electron microscope will allow us to view biological samples and physical samples up to as much as 600,000 magnification, if needed," Sinnamon said. "This will be a real

asset, particularly in the cellular and molecular biological areas."

The donation also means that the department now houses two electron microscopes. Sinnamon said that Clemson donated a JEOL scanning electron microscope 10 years ago.

University enrollment climbs with fall semester

Enrollment at Southern Wesleyan University continues to grow as the number of traditional students enrolled at SWU for fall reaches a record high.

The university's traditional student enrollment for the fall semester reached 685 with full time enrollment at 8.4 percent higher this year than it was last year, according to Dr. David Spittal, SWU president. Total Southern Wesleyan University enrollment reached 2,364 full time students for fall 2009.

"We are pleased with the enrollment growth that has occurred despite significant economic pressures on students and their families," Spittal said. "The university has provided students with record levels of scholarships and financial aid that have provided additional support and a significant impact on enrollment."

Enrollment in Southern Wesleyan University's Adult and Graduate Studies programs continues to hold steady, despite widespread

economic uncertainty. The university offers classes across South Carolina, at sites in Greenville, Columbia, Charleston and North Augusta, as well as Greenwood and Spartanburg.

"These are days of significant change in our world, but we are reminded that God still provides for the needs of the university and its students. We believe that God has plans for the rising generation." Spittal said. "We are thankful for tangible evidence of His continued blessings through this record enrollment."



Charleston student loves Christian,

Beverly Gaillard is full of love.

She loves God, her family, her church and her coworkers at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. And she loves Southern Wesleyan University.

“The Christian atmosphere is here at Southern Wesleyan. I love that,” she said. “I love that with each class, the chaplain comes in and prays with us and the instructors lead the classes in devotions. I think it’s very important to be surrounded by Christians. That’s one thing I love about this school.”

Gaillard is earning a bachelor’s degree in management at the Charleston location of Southern Wesleyan University, in Faber Place, off U.S. Highway 526.

A graduate of Wando High School, Gaillard was born and reared in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Rather than pursuing college, she focused on her career and her children. Today, she has two children and four grandchildren.

Gaillard is supervisor of patient registration in the ambulatory surgery department and the radiology department at the Medical University of South Carolina in downtown Charleston. She has worked there 17 years, beginning

as a registration person and working her way up to supervisor.

She loves the staff she works with at MUSC.

“I have some really good people that I work with – very dedicated women,” Gaillard said. “I love my job. And it gave me a way to come to school, with the tuition assistance program at work.”

Her university courses so far have helped her at work, she said. She uses management and leadership skills to help her staff, and she has polished her writing skills.

“I feel more comfortable now when I’m speaking to my director. I feel like I have more to offer,” she said. “I’m hoping that I will get the opportunity to advance to an even higher position.”

Gaillard is considering seeking a master’s degree in health administration after she completes her degree at Southern Wesleyan University. But it wasn’t career advancement alone that drove her into the classroom after a 30-year break, she said.

“It was more of a personal thing. I just wanted to be able to say that I’ve accomplished this goal that I’ve always wanted,” Gaillard said of her degree.

“When I was in high school, I was always a very good student – graduated with honors. But there was a 30-year lapse. I was wondering how well I was going to be able to do,” she said.

“It’s actually been great. The professors have been really good to make sure we accomplish the goals. Working in the study groups has been good because you have other people to give feedback. You have them as another resource to help you. It’s been a wonderful opportunity. I’m really glad I did it.”

Beverly Gaillard

family atmosphere

The professors at Southern Wesleyan University were helpful and willing to give extra help after class or outside of class hours, she said. Her favorite classes were Bible classes and she appreciates the friendliness of the Southern Wesleyan University staff, as well as the bonds she has formed with her classmates.

"I definitely found many friends from being here – people that I will remember forever. Southern Wesleyan University gives you that atmosphere," she said.

When she's not studying, working or spending time with her family, Gaillard is active in her church. She is an ordained deacon, superintendent of her Sunday school and a singer in their praise and worship team.

The convenience of Southern Wesleyan University's classes made all the difference for Gaillard. She lives in North Charleston and works in downtown Charleston, so it's very easy for her to attend classes at Southern Wesleyan University's Charleston location. It takes about 10 minutes to reach the university from downtown, she said.

"The one night of class and one night of study group works well for me," Gaillard said. "I could not have done it if classes were four times a week."

One goal that Gaillard has already achieved is writing a book. She is the author of "It is So – Fulfilling your God Given Destiny," a book of encouragement designed to inspire readers based on God's promises.

"It's about getting to a place with God that you feel like you really have a purpose and a destiny in God," she said. "That has been a dream of mine forever – being an author. It's so exciting to be able to say I've fulfilled that goal."

The courses at Southern Wesleyan University aren't easy, but they're not



Beverly Gaillard pauses with some of her coworkers at the Medical University of South Carolina.

impossible if you're willing to work hard, she said.

"I think SWU is very competitive with any other school out there. I know when I'm done here, I'll have a degree that I can use," Gaillard said.

"If I can do it after all this time, then I think anyone can do it, but you have to be determined and you can't allow anything to hinder you," she said. "If you trust in God and don't allow anything to stop you, anything's possible."

NAIA honors SWU Warriors

Southern Wesleyan University has been named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics list of Champions of Character institutions for the 2008-09 school year.

A total of 231 colleges and universities were named to the list. The mission of Champions of Character is to restore character values and raise a generation of students who understand and demonstrate in everyday decisions integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

The NAIA and member institutions use the Champions of Character program to instill an understanding of character values in sports, and provide student-athletes, coaches and parents the training to help them know and do the right things, inside and outside the sports setting. The program is dedicated to the principle that character is a choice and that being a champion is not just about winning, but making good decisions consistently in daily life.

To be considered a Champions of Character institution, schools must complete a form which is later reviewed by a team directed by NAIA Vice President of Champions of Character Rob Haworth. These schools incorporate the five core values in the campus community and educate student-athletes, coaches, parents and fans on specific standards and expectations.

"The Champions of Character program supports performance-driven athletics while defining expectations and standards that drive successful teams and athletic departments," said Haworth. "I congratulate these fine institutions and thank the administrators, coaches and student-athletes for playing a role in advancing character-driven intercollegiate athletics."

SWU competes for Lil' Bronze Peach

Southern Wesleyan University's Warriors are facing a challenge from nearby rival Emmanuel College for a new award – the Lil' Bronze Peach.

Southern Wesleyan University Director of Athletics Chris Williams, along with Emmanuel College Director of Athletics Mike Bona, is pleased to announce the creation of the Lil' Bronze Peach competition between the two schools.

Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Ga., has much in common with Southern Wesleyan University, including affiliations with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Southern States Athletic Conference and the National Christian College Athletic Association. Both schools are Christian based colleges and are located just 50 miles from each other.

The idea of the trophy being the Lil' Bronze Peach is based on the large amount of peaches that are produced in both South Carolina and Georgia. The annual competition will include all sports which both schools sponsor, including baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, and softball.

The trophy will be presented at the winning school's final chapel service with the losing director of athletics presenting the award to the winning director of athletics.



Champions with Christ event launches athletic year

Student-athletes and coaches at Southern Wesleyan University gathered for Champions with Christ, an annual event which kicks off the new school year for the athletic department.

The student-athletes and coaches were wearing their royal blue "Team SWU" T-shirts as they split up into nine teams which included student-athletes from all 11 sports offered at Southern Wesleyan. The teams competed in four games: Human Knot, Soccer Dribbling, Scooter Race and Leapfrog. Team Seven, captained by golf head coach Doug Wilkinson, won the overall competition.

SWU Director of Athletics Chris Williams shared his vision for "SWU Blue Wednesdays" in which everyone affiliated with Southern Wesleyan University is encouraged to wear royal blue on Wednesdays to show their support for the university.

Williams then introduced Herb Tyler, who currently owns Chick-fil-A stores in Clemson, S.C., and Seneca, S.C., as the featured speaker of the evening. Tyler referred to the theme verse for the SWU Athletic Department which is Romans 12:5: "So in Christ we who are in Christ form one body, and each member belongs to all of the others."

Warrior Women's Basketball 2009/10

DEC. 2009

11 FRI	UNC Asheville (Exhibition)	Asheville, N.C.	7 p.m.
15 TUES	Tennessee Temple Univ. DH	Chattanooga, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.

JAN. 2010

07 THURS	Brenau#	Gainesville, Ga.	6 p.m.
09 SAT	Emmanuel College# DH	Franklin Springs, Ga.	2 p.m.
12 TUES	Columbia College	Central, S.C.	6 p.m.
16 SAT	Auburn Montgomery# DH	Central, S.C.	2 p.m.
19 TUES	Voorhees College DH	Central, S.C.	6 p.m.
21 THURS	Shorter College# DH	Rome, Ga.	6 p.m.
23 SAT	Berry College# DH	Rome, Ga.	2 p.m.
28 THURS	Brewton Parker# DH	Vernon, Ga.	6 p.m.
30 SAT	S. Polytechnic St. Univ.# DH	Marietta, Ga.	2 p.m.

FEB. 2010

02 TUES	Columbia	Columbia, S.C.	6 p.m.
04 THURS	North Greenville College	Tigerville, S.C.	5:30 p.m.
06 SAT	Lee University# DH	Central, S.C.	2 p.m.
09 TUES	Auburn Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	6 p.m.
11 THURS	Brenau# DH	Central, S.C.	6 p.m.
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15-17	NCCAA South Regional	Central, S.C.	TBA
25 THURS	Shorter College# DH	Central, S.C.	6 p.m.
27 SAT	Berry College# DH	Central, S.C.	2 p.m.

MAR. 2010

SSAC Basketball Tourn. Rome, Ga.



Warrior Men's Basketball 2009/10

DEC. 2009

15 TUES	Tennessee Temple Univ. DH	Chattanooga, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
17 THURS	Newberry College	Central, S.C.	7 p.m.

JAN. 2010

04 MON	Francis Marion Univ.	Florence, S.C.	7 p.m.
07 THURS	Truett-McConnell College	Central, S.C.	7:30 p.m.
09 SAT	Emmanuel College# DH	Franklin Springs, Ga.	8 p.m.
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20 SAT	Faulkner University#	Montgomery, Ala.	3 p.m.
25 THURS	Shorter College# DH	Central, S.C.	8 p.m.
27 SAT	Berry College# DH	Central, S.C.	4 p.m.

MAR. 2010

3-6	SSAC Basketball Tourn.	Rome, Ga.
8-10	NCCAA South Regional Tourn.	Palm Beach, Fla.
	NCCAA National Tourn.	Oakland, Ind.
	NAIA National Tourn.	Kansas City, Mo.

Splish splash! **Homecoming**

Taking part in the annual class homemade boat races at Southern Wesleyan University's homecoming celebration, at left, is psychology major Nicholas Hindes of Mount Sterling, Ohio. Southern Wesleyan University hosted Homecoming Sept. 25 and 26 at its campus in Central, S.C. The day featured alumni gatherings, a special missionary chapel service, inflatable rides and athletic competitions. For more photos, go to swu.edu.



Southern Wesleyan Board of Visitors

Southern Wesleyan University's Board of Visitors met Oct. 22 at the university's campus in Central to hear university updates and provide advice for the institution's leadership. Board of Visitors members are committed to the growth and development of the university and its mission. The group meets twice a year and serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the university in their local communities, among neighbors, friends, church members, business associates and prospective students. For details on the Board of Visitors, contact Rev. Jim Wiggins at (864) 644-5013 or jwiggins@swu.edu.

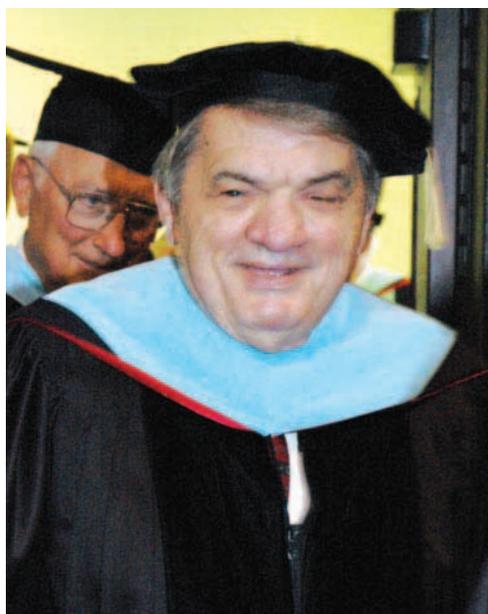
University mourns loss of retired professor

Retired Southern Wesleyan University professor Dr. Bob McDonald died Oct. 24 after a courageous battle with cancer.

McDonald served as associate director of LEAP (now known as Adult and Graduate Studies) 1988-1997. Prior to this, he served as an adjunct instructor in the LEAP program from 1986-1988. In 1998, McDonald assumed full-time responsibilities as professor of recreation and social sciences and was appointed as Division Chair of Social Sciences in 1999, a position he held until his retirement in 2005.

McDonald was selected to address the graduating class of December 2004 and was awarded a presidential citation from the university. In May 2005, he was awarded status as faculty emeritus.

Dr. David Spittal, president of Southern Wesleyan University, praised McDonald as a highly esteemed member of the SWU faculty who contributed greatly to the advancement of the recreation program as well as his leadership within the Adult and Graduate Studies program.



Dr. Bob McDonald

"He was an active advocate for students and gave his time and interest to give support to all who came in contact with him," Spittal said.

Rev. Ken Dill, Southern Wesleyan University chaplain, was hired by McDonald to serve as director of student services in the AGS program. Dill described McDonald as a gracious man who taught him valuable lessons about managing people.

"Sometimes busy people are not productive people, but Bob was busy and productive. He also had the ability to make you feel like he had all the time in the world for you. A student would never know how busy he was because Bob never showed it," said Dill.

Dr. Don Wood, professor of religion, said "hero" is a word that best described McDonald. Wood said that McDonald's development of the recreation major was a boon to the university's enrollment. McDonald also would work late hours to help his majors get placed in internships and jobs. Wood added that McDonald was dedicated to his church family as well, faithfully teaching Sunday school and being active in ministry to his community.

"Though he was gentle and self-effacing, he also stood firmly for what he believed was just and right," Wood said.

Funeral services were held for McDonald Oct. 27 at First Baptist Church in Pickens, S.C.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend

Connecting ... Reconnecting

a multi-decade reunion April 16-17, 2010.

During the multi-decade reunion weekend, the annual alumni awards banquet will be held on April 17. Seating begins at noon. Awards banquet tickets are on sale now for \$20 each.

All alumni award nominations must be received by Feb. 26. Submit to jbryant@swu.edu, in 250 words or less, your nominations for:

- Alumnus of the Year
- Young Leader
- Professional Excellence
- School of Business
- School of Education
- College of Arts and Science

For details, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5384.

NEWS FLASHES

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Kenneth Nix retired in February, 2008, from Oconee Memorial Hospital as vice president of support services after 30 years of service. After retirement, Ken and his wife, Joan, took a year off and traveled in their camper for two months. Also during that time off, they welcomed their first granddaughter (Sophie) into the world. In November, 2008, Ken ran for Oconee County Auditor and won the election. He began his first four-year term in July 2009 and hopes to serve a second term before full retirement. Ken has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southern Wesleyan University. His favorite professor was the late Miss Freda Myers, accounting professor for many years at CWC.

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The **Reverend Doctor James Hager II** was commissioned as a chaplain captain in the U.S. Army Reserve on Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace parish in Columbia. The service was officiated by Chaplain John Landon, Archdeacon of the CEC Archdiocese of the Armed Forces. Chaplain Hager returns to service after a 21-year break. He is also the pastor of Prince of Peace mission. Also, on Aug. 5, Chaplain Hager was board certified as a pastoral counselor by the International Board of Christian Counselors. He and his wife, Jeanne, celebrated their 16th anniversary on Sept. 25 and took an Alaskan cruise.

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B. Christian Chapman has served in ministry since graduating from Southern Wesleyan University. His experiences are recounted in his book, "Testify." Chapman recently presented a copy of his book to the university's library.

Chapman's success in college baseball led to playing with Athletes in Action, where as a missionary he worked with South African nationals to develop an Olympic-grade team. He competed nationally in a professional golf "longest drive" competition, raced motocross and has taken part in a racing-themed reality series on Spike TV. He led Bible studies for NASCAR teams and motocross racers, served as chaplain to football teams and pastored collegians at Clemson University.

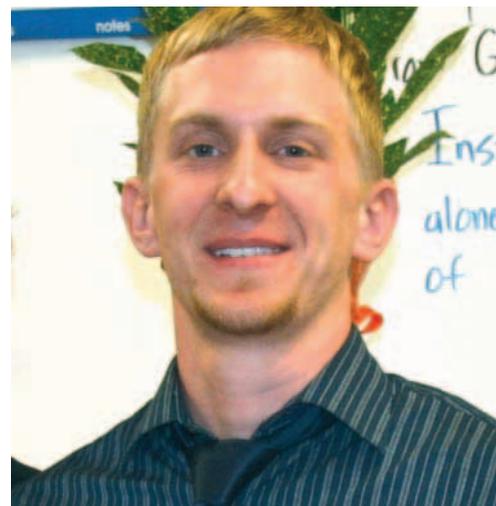


Chapman has served as staff pastor at several churches ministering to youth, young adults and adults, preaching, training church planters and investing in the spiritual growth of those in his care. He lives in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife, Amy, and three boys.

'06

The South Carolina Independent School Association has recognized Pinewood Preparatory School teacher **Nancy Beatty** as a master teacher. She is among an exclusive group chosen as master teachers statewide in SCISA's fifth year awarding the title. She holds the distinction of being the first physical education teacher to receive the designation in the history of the program. Master teachers are considered to be true standouts in their field. They must have master's degrees and a minimum of five years in the classroom, among other criteria.

'07



Charleston County School District named **Braeden Kershner**, a SWU music education graduate, as the first CCSD Teacher of the Month for the 2009-2010 school year. Kershner is a band teacher at Stall High School. He was recognized recently by district superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley, who praised his efforts to build a quality band program whose enrollment quadrupled during his two-year tenure. In addition to the marching band, he has started the PRIMETIME Drumline, the Ellusion Flagline, the Genesis Boys Singing Group and the new Los Conquistador's Mariachi Band, the first of its kind in any high school in the state.

'07

Raquel Welsh ran the New York Marathon and is now qualified to run the Boston Marathon. She is a teacher and high school coach at Darien High School in Connecticut, where she coaches 300 female athletes in cross country, track and basketball. Running the marathon has always been a life goal for Welsh and qualifying for the Boston Marathon in April of 2010 is "icing on the cake," she said. "To me, each day I am living the dream," Welsh said. "When you set your mind on something and give it all you've got, anything is possible. I still stick to my motto that I had from SWU: 'Believe.'"

Faculty

Southern Wesleyan University vice president for academic services, **Dr. Shelley Chapman**, was recognized for her efforts to move Johns Hopkins University's School of Business to higher levels of excellence. Chapman's work was noted in "From Inkwell to Internet," a book by Dr. Peter Petersen, recently published by iUniverse. Petersen's book details the 90-year evolution of teaching business administration at Johns Hopkins University from 1916-2006. Petersen describes Chapman's efforts to ensure a curriculum of higher quality courses in a degree program taught mostly by part-time faculty members. Under her leadership, the Center for Teaching and Learning was organized to offer programs and services that help build community and discourse for significant and transformative learning experiences for students, faculty and staff.



1969 Class Reunion

Pictured are, back row, left to right: Phil Baily, Don Milstead, Bobby Roach, Charlie Johnson, Myra McCammon Johnson, Buddy Rampey, Eugene Bradley, Linda Capps Bradley, Yvonne Herd Arrowood, Gary Arrowood, Melvin Rowland, Margie Bean Massingill and Bill Dilling. On the front row are: Lera Smith Rexroth, Faye LaBar, Martin LaBar, (faculty sponsor), Joan Wood Rampey, Laura Davis Lusk, Karen Andrews Swift, Janice Lynn Lovinggood.

WEDDINGS

'06

Michael David Schmidt and Stacey Michelle Rockwell were married on Sept. 12, 2009.

'07

Kayla Marie Richey and Chad James Sanders were married on Aug. 1, 2009.

'07

Jonathan Michael Sipe and Adrienne Elizabeth Besenbach were married on July 11, 2009.

'09

Kerri Shaw Crawford and Joshua Martin Pratt were married July 25, 2009.

'09

Laura Ashley Lacey and John Luther Guthrie were married on July 11, 2009.

'09

Tyler Cain Brady and Rebekah Gail Eden were married on June 26, 2009.

Student

Melodie Loren Worley and John Mathew Webber were married on June 6, 2009.

Student

Travis Craig Peacock and Melissa Ann Zooberg were married on June 6, 2009.

BIRTHS

'09

Bethani Faith Smith was born on Feb. 27, 2009, to Brad and **Bethani (Ford) Smith**. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was 20 inches long.

OBITUARIES

'53

Betty Jeanne (Smith) Karanick, of Anaheim, Cal. Jan. 23, 2009

'78

Susan Sarah Pruitt Rushton, of Pendleton, S.C. Sept. 11, 2009

'04

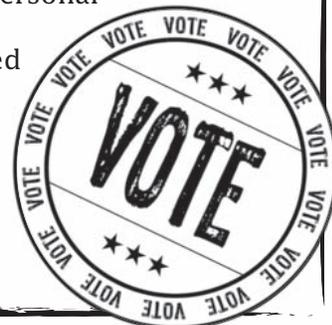
Jeffrey C. Haney, of Gray Court, S.C. Sept. 2, 2009

Attention Alumni Association

It is time to once again vote for a new President Elect

We are asking everyone to place their vote between Dec. 1, and Jan. 30, 2010, by going online at www.swu.edu. Go to the alumni web page and cast your vote for the President Elect. If you wish to vote and are unable to go online, please call the Alumni Center at (864) 644-5384.

SWU ID#'s will be required to vote. Personal ID#'s are located on the mailing label of this issue.



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SWU Jazz Invitational

Thursday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Founders' Hall,
University Dining Commons
FREE- no ticket

The Southern Wesleyan University Jazz Invitational will feature many of the Upstate's finest high school, middle school and community jazz bands.

Paolo André Gualdi

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.
\$10 Adults
\$5 students with ID
SWU students free with ID

Piano music of Liszt will be featured in a concert by Italian-born pianist, Paolo Gualdi.

"The Commedia King Arthur"

Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
\$10 Adults
\$5 students with ID
SWU students free with ID
Children under 12 free

The Tarradiddle Players present Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Sir Lancelot and the Ogre, and King Arthur and the most adorable little dragon one has ever seen.

"Pirates of Penzance"

Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday, March 25-26, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Folger Auditorium
\$10 Adults
\$7 Seniors and students with ID
SWU students free with ID
\$5 Children under 12

The annual Southern Wesleyan University spring production offers a hilarious evening with Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance."

Angela Jones, flute, and Damon Denton, piano

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
\$10 adults/ \$5 students with ID/
SWU students free with ID

Flute and piano will pair up for a concert.

Music Majors Honors Recital

Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.
FREE- no ticket

Selected Southern Wesleyan University music majors are featured.

Music Majors Formal Recital

Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.
FREE- no ticket

Southern Wesleyan University music majors are featured.

SWU Wind Ensemble

Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
FREE- no ticket

The Wind Ensemble joins with outstanding high school students to present a wide variety of music that spans several centuries.

Masterworks Concert

Sunday, April 25, 3 p.m.
FREE- no ticket

The Southern Wesleyan University Concert Choir and Orchestra combine in a performance of Luigi Cherubini's "Requiem" and a medley of beloved opera choruses.

SWU Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
FREE- no ticket

Bring on the jazz! The Jazz Ensemble and guest soloists set the mood with a light, powerful and energetic evening of swing, rock, funk and Latin music.

Events are at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central unless otherwise noted. For details, call (864) 644-5408 or go to swu.edu.