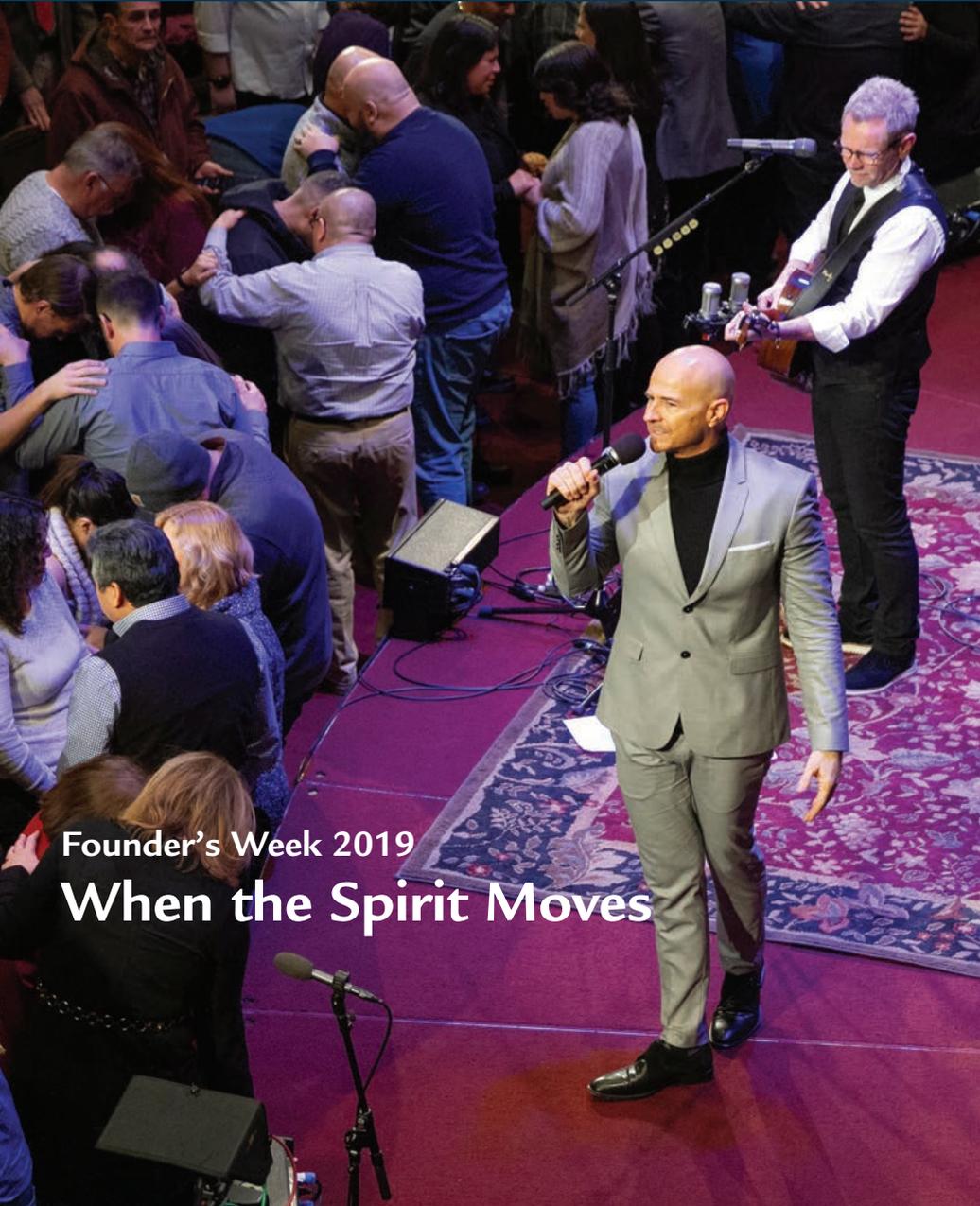


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When the Spirit Moves



“There’s nothing wrong with the inspired, infallible, inerrant, authoritative Word of God. It is powerful and effective. It cannot be stopped. It cannot be contained.”



But it's not enough to say that you know the Word or hear the Word. . . the problem is not with the Word, it's with your heart."

When the Spirit Moves

Behind the scenes on the last day of Founder's Week

by Kevin Mungons • Photos by Darrell Goemaat

DR. MARK JOBE walks into the greenroom right before the final session of Founder's Week, picking up a copy of the detailed schedule that rules the evening event. At 6:33 p.m. the preparatory meeting starts, at 6:48 the organ prelude, and at precisely 7:03 the lights come up for the official welcome and prayer. The minute-by-minute schedule continues until 8:40, when the sermon ends.

"And I always ask the speakers how they want to end the service," says **Lauren (Downey '14) Cuevas**, who keeps the schedules. Sometimes a prayer, sometimes a song—whatever the speaker chooses. So everyone looks to Dr. Jobe for an answer, only to hear his quick laugh and "I'm not sure."

"Let's just see how the Spirit moves."

Dr. Jobe arrives for the preparatory meeting with his whole family, including wife, Dee, his two sons, daughter, and son-in-law. During Founder's Week the president traditionally leads in prayer before everyone exits to the auditorium, but tonight marks his first official Founder's Week sermon and it seems awkward for him to pray for himself, so a coterie of trustees and vice presidents have also stopped by, and now the room feels crowded.

"I went into Friday night's meeting with high expectations," **Greg Thornton '81** says later, explaining how the event planning began well before Dr. Jobe's appointment as president. In fact, tonight's speaker was the last detail to fall into place. The Alumni Association had already moved its traditional Alumni Day

activities to Friday, and Steven Curtis Chapman agreed to lead Friday's worship. Then the alumni board selected the Alumnus of the Year recipient, and word quietly leaked out that Friday's announcement was a special surprise—multiple honorees.

A feeling of "something's different" started earlier in the week, ignited by a running joke about the necktie that Dr. Jobe did not wear on Monday. **Roy Patterson '81** noted the omission and predicted it would continue ("I'll bet you \$100,000 he doesn't wear one all week," which proved to be right). Founder's Week is the oldest Bible conference in the country, steeped in its own traditions, including neckties. And now Dr. Jobe has arrived in the greenroom with a modern-cut suit and snappy black turtleneck, provoking a few more friendly jabs. Someone had just run into Steven Curtis Chapman, who was wearing *a white shirt and tie*. That's right. The only guy wearing a tie was the Christian rocker, go figure.

While Dr. Jobe stands waiting, a few smaller details stand out, like the two wristbands he wears. One reads "BE HERE NOW," from a sermon about our distracted society. The other wristband says "BE THE CHANGE," a reminder that transformation starts with one person. Actually, he's not expecting anyone to notice the wristbands—he intends them as personal reminders. But in a final bit of foreshadowing, one more detail could be noted. He's not wearing a wristwatch.

At Founder's Week, very few speakers have enough gravitas to



“What a blessing, what a privilege! This is amazing to be with you, to stand in this very historic place.” —Steven Curtis Chapman

suspend the printed schedule. It happened once last year, the first time in recent memory, when Anne Graham Lotz spoke with the passion of her father, Billy Graham. What Moody needed was an old-fashioned prayer revival, and she called one down, putting lunch on hold.

Truth be told, she was right. Moody needed a prayer revival. The year had been difficult, marked by a significant leadership transition, the closure of a campus, plus faculty and staff layoffs. After a good deal of public reaction, it was tempting to offer quick answers. But interim president Greg Thornton took a different path, saying “God

has us where He wants us—humbled, praying, and listening.”

By the time Founder’s Week rolled around, campus leaders had spent a quiet year of praying and listening. The feeling of “something’s different” was real, and not just about neckties. Moody would remain true to its roots.

WHEN THE SERVICE BEGINS, the auditorium is nearly full, re-creating the annual vibe that makes this event famous. People say the “Historic” Moody Church so often that it seems like part of the church’s name, and a surprising burden for anyone who tries to speak here. They’ll stand on the

same spot where evangelical leaders have preached for nearly a hundred years. They'll clear their throats and look up at the famous horseshoe-shaped balcony, then the distracting wave of institutional history hits full force. It happens to everyone who stands here—you can see it in their eyes, right when they step behind the pulpit—the past cannot be ignored. But for preachers, the weight of “Remember Back When” can feel like the enemy of “Be Here Now,” especially when calling for spiritual decisions right now, today.

“At heart I am an evangelist,” Dr. Jobe said earlier, speaking at the annual Alumni Association banquet. He says it again tonight, as if to stake out new territory—or old territory, depending on how you look at it. As a graduate, Dr. Jobe understands the various ways Moody presidents have positioned themselves: educators, theologians, pastoral leaders, administrators. Each president brings his own gifts to the job, making unique contributions for a given era. But if you reach back in history, one fact leaps out. Several of the presidents described themselves as *evangelists*. Especially the first one.

Steven Curtis Chapman feels this history as soon as he hits the platform, immediately looking up and mentioning the “great cloud of witnesses” who have stood here before. “There’s a lot of history there for me, and a lot of my story is woven in and out of Moody’s story,” he says later. “It was a sweet night to come and get to celebrate because I’ve been in a season of remembering my own story, and God’s faithfulness in directing my life.”

Soon after his debut album in 1987, Chapman visited Moody for the first time. For anyone who might have forgotten those early years, a student

now stands near the back, vigorously waving a vintage Steven Curtis Chapman poster—the glamor-boy with a mullet, back in the day. Thirty years fly by, and now he’s the middle-age guy with a tie, standing alone with a guitar, leading off with an old gospel song that he learned as a boy in Paducah, Kentucky:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.*

Without realizing it, he’s chosen a beloved Moody song, written by Helen D. Lemmel, who once taught voice here. Who knows—without stretching the story too much, she probably stood on the same spot, too. Somehow Chapman has chosen the perfect song to get everyone singing together. By the third line everyone has found their seats and joined in: *And the things of earth will grow strangely dim*. The words set the mood for what follows, a tacit warning that the event will stray from the printed schedule as “Be Here Now” takes over.

A few minutes later Chapman launches into one of his own songs, not yet understanding how significant the choice will be. “It just seems appropriate, certainly because of the life of D. L. Moody and so many others,” he says, then sings:

*We will abandon it all,
for the sake of the call.
No other reason at all,
but the sake of the call.*

Chapman did not know that **Nancy (Andersen ’80) Hastings** was about to present the Alumni of the Year award to three Moody aviators who were “wholly devoted to live and to die—for the sake of the call.” Was this a well-timed coincidence? Or had Dr. Jobe been closer to the truth: “Let’s



“Birthed by the Word!” Dr. Mark Jobe ’84, MA ’98 introduces “a bunch of newborn babies,” young Christians from New Life Community Church in Chicago.

just see how the Spirit moves.” At any rate, the song provided the perfect introduction to three poignant testimonies about **Andrew Trouten ’15–’18**, **Joochan Lee ’15–’18**, and **Diego Senn ’10**.

“They did not labor in vain, nor did they die in vain,” announced **Naomi (Williams) Senn ’12**, wife of Diego. “The cost is high and the risk is great, but the kingdom investment cannot be matched.” Her thoughts were echoed by Rebecca Trouten, wife of Andrew, and Austen Lee’s older sister, JooEun Rose Lee. Each testimony passed through moments of profound grief—unavoidable, really—yet ended with powerful messages of hope.

WHEN MARK JOBE BEGINS his sermon, he’s faced with a preaching dilemma. The “preliminaries” of the service have exceeded their budgeted time, so maybe his four-point sermon should be cut to three. Or two points, if the schedule gets really tight. After all, there’s the live radio broadcast

to consider, and television. Having chosen James 1:19–25 as his text, he wanted to affirm the conference theme, the inspiration and authority of Scripture. And if he stops right there, everyone will be happy and comfortable.

But tonight is not about comfort. “The Word brings about change,” Jobe says, then plows into a surprise illustration: “This is a last-minute thing and I’m throwing the conference planners all into a tizzy . . . but . . .”

Until now, no one has paid much attention to 21 people sitting near the front in matching blue T-shirts. They represent more than 400 who have come to Christ at the multisite New Life Community Church in Chicago, and now Dr. Jobe invites them to the platform for personal introductions.

“Birthed by the Word!” he shouts after each name—calling them “Exhibit Number One of the power of the Word.” Given the electrifying effect of these testimonies, one might call it a powerful conclusion to his sermon.



“All to Jesus, I surrender.” Steven Curtis Chapman leads the altar call on Friday night.

“But I’m just on my first point,” Dr. Jobe says (and for the record, it is 8:40 p.m., when his sermon is supposed to end). He continues with two more points, offering no hint of a condensed version, and ends up preaching for a full hour. And no one notices.

“I had a fourth point but I’m going to skip it because of time,” he says. Then a student shouts down from the balcony: “Keep going!” and he does, delivering the most challenging words of the evening.

“I’m glad you want to change the world, but if you are getting drunk and sleeping with your girlfriend, don’t tell me how good your acts are—that’s not a spirituality that God embraces. And on the other hand, if you study the Word and have Bible studies, but you have no compassion for the hurting and the broken, the needy, the orphan, and the widow—then there’s

something wrong with *your* spirituality, just as much.”

Though Dr. Jobe started the night a bit unsure of his closing, the service can only end one way now. Not with a cursory every-eye-closed prayer, no. “If you can’t admit that you need prayer while here at Founder’s Week,” he says, “you probably aren’t going to do anything about it when you walk out of these doors.” He brings Steven Curtis Chapman back up and asks for an invitation hymn, even though it messes with the pre-selected song list. “Are you good with this?”

“Absolutely,” Chapman says, and then quietly to Dr. Jobe, “I’m with you, brother.”

“I’m old school,” Chapman explains later, confessing that he doesn’t know a lot of the current worship songs. “The hymns, for me, there’s so much theology and depth and richness that

“Dr. Jobe is very much like D. L. Moody in his passion for souls.” —Greg Thornton

I love keeping those alive, and I often weave those into what I’m doing.” So he scraps the PowerPoint slides and switches to “I Surrender All,” drawing on institutional memory and an old idea.

“Singing could do as much as preaching to proclaim God’s Word,” D. L. Moody once said.

And now a singer stands with his guitar, channeling all of the memories and the truth, singing like Sankey when the new Moody comes to preach.

MEN AND WOMEN, young and old, they all come streaming down the aisles, even from the farthest reaches of the balcony. One is tempted to say “Just like the old days,” except this is now, not history.

Outside the Moody Church auditorium, Chapman’s bus is already warming up. He was supposed to be on the road by now—tomorrow’s concert is in Florida, and he’ll need to run straight to the bus after he leaves the platform. But he keeps singing a bit longer and then offers his own benediction: “I love when the Holy Spirit decides to change our plans. The Holy Spirit does not wear a watch, clearly!”

A few days later, Chapman looks back on the memorable evening and elaborates. “I love when God decides to show up and says, ‘I’ll take charge now.’ That is what is amazing, watching the mystery—the Holy Spirit blows like the wind! It reminded me of my own history, the years of doing that at a Billy Graham crusade or my home church. That was really special and I was grateful to be a part of it.”

The event also provokes a good bit of in-house introspection, as the

old-timers ask each other—“Have you ever seen a Founder’s Week like this?” Though Greg Thornton is not generally given to hyperbole, he calls it *extraordinary*, no small tribute from a man who has attended Founder’s Week for the past 40 years. “Dr. Jobe is very much like D. L. Moody in his passion for souls,” he says.

One more affirmation comes from Don Quass and his wife, Betty, who have attended Founder’s Week every year since 1967.



Midnight Prayer Vigil. Students pray over Dr. Jobe after the Friday night session.

“You know what? I have never seen anything like that in the fifty years I’ve been at Moody,” Don says. “We’ve always felt the Spirit of God at Founder’s Week without a question, but it was so *unusual* on Friday. When you can’t explain something, you can only attribute that to the Spirit of God.”

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For the Sake of the Call: 2019 Alumni of the Year Award

Nancy Hastings announces three honorees for the award, with wives and a sister present.

In a bittersweet ceremony, three men from Moody Aviation were posthumously honored during Founder's Week with the 2019 Alumni of the Year Award: **Andrew Trouten** and **Joochan ("Austen") Lee**, and their instructor, **Diego Senn**.

The men died in a Moody Aviation plane accident on July 13, 2018. The award cited their "exemplary character, faithfulness to the Lord, perseverance in service, and contribution to the cause of Christ, based on 2 Timothy 2:15," said **Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings**, the executive director of the Moody Alumni Association.

Hastings presented the individual awards to **Naomi (Williams) Senn '12**, wife of Diego; Rebecca Trouten, wife of Andrew; and Austen Lee's older sister, JooEun Rose Lee (see photo). Austen's wife, **Yuki (Koike '17) Lee**, gave birth to their first child, Anna, on February 12 and was unable to attend.

Naomi Senn, whose fourth child was born in December, explained that it was Moody graduates who had inspired Diego to take the gospel to the most unreached places on earth

through aviation. Despite the loss, she said the men did not labor or die in vain. "May their lives be an inspiration to us to press on."

Rebecca Trouten looked forward to seeing her husband graduate so they could begin serving on the mission field through Mission Aviation Fellowship. "Even though I may never understand why God called us to walk through this," she told the audience, "I take so much comfort in knowing that we were doing what we had felt God had led us to do and were so thankful that God chose us to be part of Moody Aviation and Moody Bible Institute. And I'm confident that God's not finished with this story."

JooEun Rose Lee said of her brother, "JooChan was a respectful son, a loving husband to his newlywed wife, Yuki, and a soon-to-be father. . . . Most of all, he loved Jesus," she said. On the last day of his life, he woke up early to pray about his tuition. In the family chat room he declared in faith, "God will do it." JooEun added, "His testimony resonates beyond his life, even with us today."

Andrew, Austen, and Diego invested their lives in service to Christ, according to **Jim Conrad '98**, program manager for Moody Aviation. "They realized that by giving up the material things of this world, which quickly fade and pass away, and dedicating their lives to pursue God, His Word, and people's souls, that they would make an impact which would last for all eternity," he explained. "May their passion for the Lord, their love for family, and their care for those around them embolden us to pick up the banner of our King and allow His radiance to shine through our lives to a world which desperately needs Him."

Greg Thornton '81, Moody's senior vice president of Media, summed up the special tribute: "We surrender it all for the sake of the call. Diego, Austen, and Andrew were willing to do that, and we are surrounded by students at Moody Bible Institute who are saying yes to that call, no matter what the cost." To the women who accepted the awards, he said, "We cannot thank you enough for being with us tonight. Your presence means more to us than we can express in words. We love you. The Moody family stands with you."

To learn more about Andrew Trouten, Joochan Lee, and Diego Senn, view the video at moody.edu/alumni.

Faculty Citation Award to Linguistics Professor

The 2019 Faculty Citation Award was given to Stephen Clark, professor and program head of Applied Linguistics, on Alumni Day of Founder's Week. Each year the Alumni Association chooses one faculty member, nominated by peers and students, to honor for their distinguished service. Formerly a Bible translator in Papua New Guinea, professor Clark has taught in the Intercultural Studies Division since 1996. Under his leadership, many students have gone on to work in the field of Bible translation and missions.

Chris Drombetta '14, president of the Alumni Board and a pastor in northeast Ohio, presented the award to Stephen Clark during the morning session in Torrey-Gray Auditorium. Clark received a desk clock and a cash allowance of \$3,500.

Clark, who retires in May, thanked the Lord for leading him to Moody and for giving him the "amazing experience of teaching." He expressed his love for



Stephen Clark expresses thanks; shown with wife, Dawn, and Nancy Hastings

teaching linguistics, for Moody faculty, and for his students: "They're just amazing. They have inspired me, they have challenged me, they have encouraged me in my own walk with the Lord, and it's been such an honor to be part of their lives in a very small way. So thank you all very much. To God be the glory."

To hear more about the life and ministry of Stephen Clark, watch the Faculty Citation Award video tribute at moody.edu/alumni.



A Hispanic Ministry Panel included Jonny Armijo (back to camera), president of student group Puente and moderator; **Dr. Mark Jobe '84**; Danny Martinez, Guatemala-born bishop over 108 Evangelical Covenant churches; **Emanuel Padilla '14**, professor of Bible and Theology; and **Paco Amador '94**, Mexican pastor of New Life Community Church in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.



Let God Write Your (Love) Story. Four years ago, Nancy DeMoss met with Robert Wolgemuth for a quick 90-minute meeting during Founder's Week. "That was our first date," she tells the audience on Wednesday night. "Three months later we were engaged—it gets better—six months later we were married, and we recently celebrated our third anniversary." Their first book together, *You Can Trust God to Write Your Story* (Moody Publishers), comes out this fall.



Powerful Praise. Walter Owens, minister of music, media, and arts at the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, leads worship music.



Seriously. "Students, I beg you. I beg you. Get your nose in the Book." —Dr. Michael Easley, Moody's eighth president.



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Moody Highlights



Student Delaney Bonacquisti recites the text of Jesus' crucifixion outside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Experiencing the Bible in the Land of the Bible

In January, 40 students toured Jerusalem with professors Steven Sanchez and Matthew Moore, who are part of Moody's Study Abroad program. The students traveled in Israel for three months, taking courses from a rotation of Moody professors throughout their stay.

Half of the students started with Bible Introduction. "It's a course that deals with how we got our Bible," says Sanchez, chair of the Bible and Theology Division, who has traveled to Israel for over a decade and taught at Moody for three years. "For us to be in Israel is important because seeing the land of the Bible, visiting the museums, seeing the artifacts and manuscripts that are available to us—many of these things support the credibility, authenticity, and historicity of the Bible. So we have class and then we go see things. It's a fantastic way to learn."

Meanwhile the other half of the

students took Performing Scripture as a Dramatic Text, a course designed by Moore, who has performed large sections of the Bible and taught at Moody for three years. The students were assigned a passage, taught to meditate on it, study the characters, understand the context, and perform it with emotional authenticity in the place where it took place.

"Performing outside of the classroom is a big part of the learning experience," says Moore, who likes to "take it out of the lab and put it in reality."

So while visiting historic sites in Jerusalem like the Garden of Gethsemane or the Pool of Siloam, everyone would listen as a student dramatically recited the text, such as Jesus' prayer in the Garden or the healing of the man born blind.

Students did presentations at the major spots in Jerusalem: the Temple Mount, the Church of the

Holy Sepulchre, the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, and the Pool of Bethesda. In the Shrine of the Book Museum, a student performed the passage in Luke 4:17-21 of Jesus reading from the Isaiah scroll. They also performed the passage of the resurrection of Lazarus outside the city in front of an ancient tomb. “Next year we’re going to put somebody in there,” Sanchez jokes. “Come forth!”

Moore grins. “*That* would be dramatic.”

It’s refreshing to hear students recite Scripture dramatically, Sanchez says, “to actually see somebody perform in a way that’s faithful to the text and that’s not wildly interpretive, but at the same time draws the reader and the listener into the passage.”

Moore agrees. “We had a totally different experience of receiving the passage at each location with passion and authority. It was a great experience.”

Students who’ve taken Moore’s course sometimes perform biblical texts in chapel services on campus and at Missions Conference as well.

Sanchez points out that alumni who invest in Moody are also investing in the Study Abroad programs, where students can go for three months to another part of the world and have a different cultural experience.

Moore adds, “They are getting a richer, deeper, more nuanced understanding of the Bible in that context than they ever would in a classroom. As good as the classes are, it’s just incomparable.”

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Hundreds Graduate from Moody School of the Bible in Ghana

Moody School of the Bible—Moody Radio’s innovative outreach to equip Bible teachers in Ghana, West Africa—celebrated a graduation on January 24. Moody staff were there to honor the 270 first-year students and 170 returning second-year students who earned certificates.



(L to R) Theo Asare of Theovision and Moody professor Jonathan Armstrong congratulate a graduate in Ghana.

Priscilla Bosuo, a children’s Sunday School teacher and second-year graduate, said Moody School of the Bible enlightened her in the Word of God and made it easier to teach lessons and truth. “Each course explains the Bible clearly and makes studies so simple and interesting. My love for teaching the children has grown, and I am so thankful.”

The course material comes from Radio School of the Bible, one of Moody Radio’s longest-running teaching programs, with assistance

from Theovision, a nonprofit ministry organization in Ghana. The content, originally taught by Moody professors, was translated, contextualized, and recorded on solar-powered MP3 audio devices for use by the Akan- or Twi-speaking people. Students listen to the course content, then take oral exams over mobile phones.

“I love this school because it reaches some of us that are illiterate to make us better by helping us understand the Word of God,” said Comfort Bekoe, who completed the first year. “I can’t read or even memorize, but Theovision, through Moody School of the Bible, has made the Word of God alive to me, and it encouraged me every time I listened.”

First-year students took classes on the life of Christ, basic Christian doctrine, and surveys of the Old Testament and New Testament. Second-year graduates completed more in-depth studies, including courses on Ephesians, Proverbs, Bible study methods, and living a holy life.

Last July Moody Radio held a campaign to raise support for the Moody School of the Bible. God moved in listeners’ hearts, resulting in donations of more than \$500,000. That’s enough to support 440 students a year through January 2021!

“Through Moody School of the Bible, I have come to clearly understand the Word of God, and it has empowered me in my ministry and my walk with God,” said Pastor Enoch Oppong Boateng, a level-two graduate who oversees three church branches. “It strengthens and encourages me in my work as an overseer. The lessons have sharpened and shaped my prayer life.”



Moody leaders surround Dr. Gary and Karolyn Chapman at Chapman Center ribbon cutting.

New Chapman Center Honors Moody Alumni

By now everyone knows that the new Chapman Center is named for bestselling *Love Languages* author **Gary Chapman '58**. But there's more. When the building opened last November, guests noticed the gleaming surfaces and new technology—but they couldn't miss all of the throwback tributes to Moody alumni who have served at Moody Publishers and Moody Radio, honored with room dedications and photos.

Bill Pearce '49–'50 and Dick Anthony, gospel recording artists who performed on WMBI as a vocal duet, as soloists, and as part of the Sixteen Singing Men.

Irwin A. Moon '26, the founder of the Moody Institute of Science, director of the first gospel science film, *God of Creation*, and producer of 130

films and filmstrips.

Chuck Christensen '49, the WMBI station manager who produced Aunt Teresa Worman's *KYB Club*, starred in *Sailor Sam*, and later served as Communications department chair.

Bob Neff '62, who served as vice president of Moody Radio and became an innovative leader in the satellite distribution of Christian programs.

Jerry B. Jenkins '70, the former vice president of Moody Publishers, editor-in-chief of *Moody* magazine, and chair of Moody's Board of Trustees.

The building also has rooms that honor other noted figures such as Charles Spurgeon, George Beverly Shea, Charles Ryrie, Wendell Loveless, Donald Hustad, Bob Caithamer, and William H. Norton.



Pearce and Anthony



Irwin A. Moon



Chuck Christensen



Bob Neff



Jerry B. Jenkins

Standing Firm on Moody's Doctrine

Q&A with Dr. Bryan O'Neal, Dean and Vice President

The new Moody Publishers' book *Standing Firm*, edited by **Bryan O'Neal '87** and John A. Jelinek, gives a fresh look at Moody Bible Institute's doctrinal statement, including an excellent chapter on its history by theology professor Gregg Quiggle and expositions of core doctrines written by more than a dozen members of Moody's stellar faculty. From Jonathan Armstrong ("The Revelation of God") to Benjamin Wilson ("The Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit"), professors explain and affirm the rich theological positions that have shaped Moody throughout its history.

What prompted the writing of this book?

We've made statements like this a number of times in the past, but last year when Moody was going through a lot of change, some of our constituents were asking questions about who we are, so it was a great opportunity to affirm where we stand. It is a chance to showcase our faculty—that these are really quality people who are clear thinkers and clear communicators who believe these things and want to connect with their students and our external constituencies.

Has Moody changed any of its doctrinal positions over the years?

We've never moved away from a position that we've held, to my knowledge, but there have been

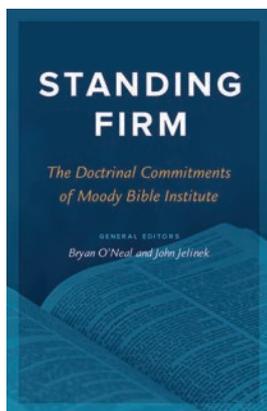
a number of times when we've clarified or added to our affirmations. Moody's original doctrinal statement was in 1928, and later the footnotes were added. Starting in 1983, we added statements on sign gifts, human sexuality, and gender roles in ministry.

Has Moody ever changed its view of inspiration and inerrancy?

The 1928 statement talks about the inspiration of the Scriptures, and back then Moody intended that to include inerrancy, because if God is true and inspires His Word, then He can't lie. But later movements in the church made a distinction between inerrancy and inspiration, saying that the Bible was inspired but maybe human authorship had allowed error to creep in. So in May 2000 Moody added a footnote making clear that we, in fact, affirm

inerrancy as well as inspiration. The typical phrase is verbal and plenary, which means that inspiration and inerrancy extend to the words—to all of the words. There's usually a qualifier around that that recognizes the need to interpret according to the genre and the use of literary devices and approximations.

How will this book assure alumni and constituents that Moody remains committed to the essentials of orthodox Christianity?



Our doctrine hasn't changed except where we've gotten more specific or added to our claims. There's never been a time to my knowledge when we've reduced or eliminated anything that we've claimed. One thing about theology—and this is technically a book on theology—is that the Bible never changes. But theology is the task of speaking biblical truth to a certain culture in a certain time, so this is a chance to express those beliefs in our present cultural context. Rather than just reprinting something we wrote years ago, the new book is framed in the vocabulary, issues, and dialogues that are going on in the church now.

How would you respond to someone who suggests Moody's doctrine has changed?

We've never taken a weaker stand on inspiration or inerrancy. Sometimes people have wanted a particular interpretation and have claimed that we deny what the Scriptures say. But in the recent past, questions about philosophy of language and theories of knowledge went far beyond the scope of most doctrinal statements. Some people were concerned with certain members of our faculty, accusing them of not affirming the doctrinal statement, yet every level of the Moody administration engaged that question—the dean, the provost, and the president all considered those accusations—and determined that the faculty were sincere in their affirmation of the doctrinal statement.

Why is Moody's doctrinal statement still important?

As I say in my chapter, it kind of functions as the About section of an online profile; it tells you about the



Dr. Bryan O'Neal '87 speaks in chapel.

organization. We want to be upfront about who we are and why we hold certain positions. We think that helps us attract the right kind of students, as opposed to students who are going to show up and be surprised or frustrated; the right faculty, so they can teach consistently with our community; and the right staff, as well as present a compelling case for these various positions. We believe these positions are true. Almost everybody in historical Christianity agrees about key issues like the Trinity and the deity of Christ. Not all Christians agree on questions about end times or church government. We think we've got good answers to those questions, so we want to present them. The preamble to our doctrinal statement says, "Throughout the history of the church, various groups have employed other positions. We readily recognize that we are not defining orthodoxy for

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the whole body of Christ. We gladly embrace all who adhere to the essentials of biblical Christianity.” So we’re not claiming that everything in our doctoral statement is one of the essentials of Christianity, but it is part of our identity.

Who will be interested in reading *Standing Firm*?

I am a Moody alum. Since the book has come out, a number of classmates from my time have reached out to me and said, “Hey, glad to see that Moody is standing firm and that you’re standing firm.” So there is something here about reconnecting with our

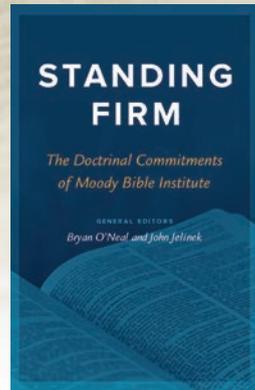
alumni to encourage one another that we are still about that work. And the title of the book is obviously drawn from the school song, with the line, “Firm may she stand, though by foes of truth surrounded.” I always point students and alumni to the closing lines of the song that say, “Glory over yonder. . . . When Jesus comes in glory, we shall part no more.” And so we’re in this season as graduates all around the world, serving faithfully in our own context, churches or ministries, homes, businesses, and it’s okay to be temporarily separated from each other because when Jesus comes in glory, we shall part no more.

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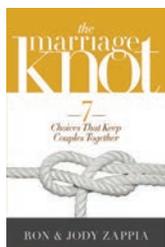
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by Arlene Pellicane. The title says it all. In a culture where

kids are often “more demanding, entitled, prone to attention problems, and emotionally fragile than they were in previous generations,” the author uses biblical examples and personal experience to empower parents to give full attention to the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of their children.

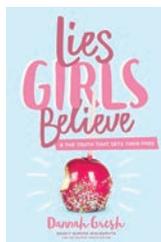


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by Gary Chapman and Clarence Shuler. Drawing on personal and counseling

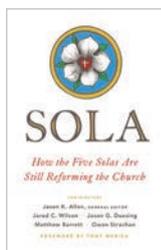
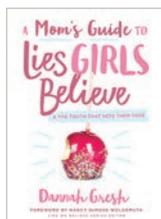
experience, **Chapman '58** and **Shuler '72-'75** encourage teenage boys to

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Lies Girls Believe & the Truth that Sets Them Free and ***A Mom's Guide to Lies Girls Believe***

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Sola: How the Five Solas Are Still Reforming the Church

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An Ordinary Radical

Finding God in a Japanese Gang

by Linda Piepenbrink



Jonathan Hayashi BA/MA '14 sat in the back of a police car, handcuffed and on his way to jail for stealing a motorcycle. At 15 years old he had risen in rank in a Japanese gang, but he was miserable. “I hated my parents, hated my siblings, hated authorities, hated children, hated Christians,” he recalls. “Above all, I hated God.”

But in that car, an encounter with God would eventually release him from the bondage of hate. Now a Moody alumnus and pastor in the greater St. Louis area, Jonathan marvels at the grace of God that transformed his turbulent life.

Fear and Fury

Born in Kentucky to a devout praying mother and a dogmatic atheist father, Jonathan was three when his family returned to their native Japan. His dad was a quiet geochemist in public, but at home he often got violent. “I remember my dad being furious and beating us.” Jonathan wasn’t strong enough to protect himself or his loved ones, so he would play piano to numb the pain.

When his mother would take him and his siblings to church, his father would mock them. “You fools, believing in a fairy tale!”

Jonathan lived in fear of his father—fear that later turned to hatred. In junior high he cried out to God to fix things, but “it just got worse with my dad’s beating us,” Jonathan says. “I began to doubt God and eventually walked away from Him.”

At age 12 Jonathan began hanging out with gang members, smoking, and taking drugs. He bleached his hair and got piercings and tattoos. People would say, “God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life,” but Jonathan would scoff. “If God so loved me, why couldn’t he give me a dad who loved me?”

Although Jonathan pretended everything was fine, “deep down I knew there had to be more than sex, money, and power.” By age 15 he failed his classes and had a GPA of 1.2. His two older brothers and younger sister were also leading troubled lives.

Then Jonathan got caught stealing the motorcycle. And in the back of the police vehicle, he had an encounter with God. “It wasn’t an audible voice or a vision or dream like Saul of Tarsus had,” he recalls. “It was like God tapping on my heart: *Jonathan, I have a bigger plan for your life.*”



Jonathan Hayashi (left) as a teen gang member in Japan.

Still lacking remorse, Jonathan got kicked out of school, so his mom sent him to a missionary home near Tokyo. There he met a youth pastor who exhibited great peace and joy and was continually praying for Jonathan.

Weeping for Joy

Curious, Jonathan finally asked, “Pastor, what’s the secret, tell me? What is it?” The youth pastor shared the gospel, and that was the turning point. Jonathan wept like never before as he professed his faith in Christ and sensed God’s unconditional love. “From the bottom of my heart, I had joy and knew I was loved and valued!”

“Everything changed when Jesus came into my life,” he explains. “I was no longer a hater of God. I was a lover of God who delighted in children, respected authorities, and was not only able to forgive my father but to love him for who he was!”

Repeating his freshman year, Jonathan attended an international boarding school in Panang, Malaysia, and studied hard, graduating with a 3.75 GPA. He remembers Kathy, his boarding school parent, asking him what he wanted to do in life. “I want to be the real deal, like my pastor, who



Jonathan and Kennedi Hayashi and family.

shared the gospel with me at age 16, who genuinely loved me,” he replied. “I want to be the salt and light of Jesus, who came for the outcasts. I want to see people being saved, baptized, and added to the church.”

Kathy recommended Moody Bible Institute, so Jonathan began reading about D. L. Moody and was inspired. “Who would have thought that a man who stacked up size 9 and 10 shoes—an un-ordained person with a fifth-grade education—would make a huge impact? The world’s greatest evangelist the world has ever known!” Jonathan says. He thought, *If God could use Mr. Moody, couldn’t he use me?*

Intent on studying at Moody, he prayed, “God, if I don’t make it, I’m

going to apply again. I want to live my life like D. L. Moody did. I want to preach your Word.”

Ministry Focus at Moody

Jonathan was accepted and arrived at Moody during its 125th anniversary. He heard about Moody’s bold legacy and dynamic future. “I wanted to be a part of that movement and wanted to join this cloud of witnesses,” he says. “I didn’t want to waste this life anymore that I had lived all for myself.”

He was amazed by all the ministry-minded students he met at Moody. “A lot of people know the Bible so well, and there are a whole lot of people who love Jesus.”

While studying at Moody, Jonathan did his practical Christian ministry at Uptown Baptist Church, an inner-city church where he later served as a music minister for four years and was ordained. He also taught apologetics and philosophy at Pacific Garden Mission. After his undergraduate degree in Pastoral Ministries, he earned a master’s degree in Congregational Leadership from Moody Theological Seminary. He also worked in Public Safety and served as student president of Moody’s International Student Fellowship. That’s when he met **Kennedi (Conradson) ’18**, whom he married after his graduation in 2014.

His mother jokes that no one expected Jonathan to become a pastor. Yet today he is an associate discipleship and music pastor at Troy First Baptist Church in Troy, Missouri, where his wife serves as the church’s children’s director. He is also a doctoral student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the author of a new book entitled *Ordinary Radicals: A Return to Christ-Centered Discipleship*. He and his wife have two daughters.

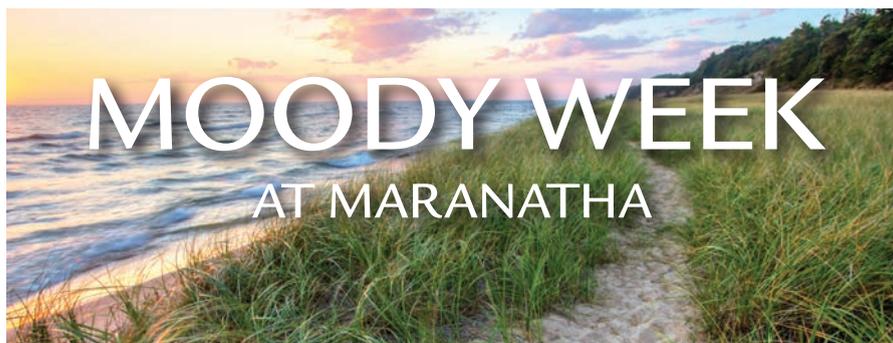
“I wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for

Moody Bible Institute,” says Jonathan, who hopes to be a lead pastor and teach in higher education someday. “Not only were the professors at Moody the best academically, but they also invested spiritually in the students. They opened their lives and homes to us,” he says. “It was more than a job for them; it was their ministry.”

His siblings have also turned to Christ, and two of them followed Jonathan to Moody. **Kazuyuki Hayashi '12** is a PhD student at Baylor University and an adjunct professor at Moody's seminary, and **Chrissy Hayashi '15**, now serves as a missionary teacher in Japan. The oldest brother, Takayuki Hayashi, is a missionary pastor with Operation Mobilization in Japan. He shared the gospel with their father, who came

to know the Lord and was baptized in 2012. “His life is changed,” Jonathan says.

Jonathan is grateful for God's faithfulness in leading him to the school that D. L. Moody founded. When he was asked to talk about D. L. Moody to the second-grade class at his church's academy, he agreed, talking about Moody's impact after the Chicago fire in 1871. He often shares the gospel that changed his life, and the Word of God he learned at Moody. “I am awestruck by the reality of God's infinite love, that He would choose someone like me; it is entirely by grace, through faith, that is in Christ alone,” he says. “I look back on my life and recognize that I am here simply as a sinner saved by grace. I give Him all the glory.”



MOODY WEEK AT MARANATHA

SATURDAY, JUNE 29–SATURDAY, JULY 6

Join us for Moody's alumni reception on Sunday, June 30, 4 p.m., at the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon, Michigan. Attend the dinner (adults \$18.40) at 5:30 p.m., then join us for the evening session with **Dr. Mark Jobe '84, MA '98** at 7 p.m. RSVP for the reception online at moodyreception.eventbrite.com, call (312) 329-4412, or email mbialum@moody.edu.

Plan to stay all week. Hear messages from Dr. Mark Jobe, **Dr. Andrew Schmutzer '88**, and Dr. Gerald Peterman. Register at vacationwithpurpose.com.



Flying Bibles, Planting Seeds

Husband is a missionary pilot,
wife starts community development project

by Anneliese Rider

*Aerial shot of the MAF airstrip
in Nyankunde, Democratic
Republic of the Congo.*

“When the translation is finished, we fly in boxes and boxes of Bibles,” David says. “Hundreds and hundreds of kilos of them.”

This is just part of what **David Petersen '12** does as a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Nyankunde, Democratic Republic of the Congo. “We regularly fly for twelve Bible translations. Recently, four translations were completed at the same time,” David says. After every translation is complete, MAF often flies in the Bibles and attendees for a dedication ceremony and celebration. David and his wife, **Ashley (Anderson '06–'07)**, attended a ceremony held last year.

“At the dedication we heard the impact that MAF had over those long years as the translation occurred. The lives that were saved, the lives that were lost in the translation process during the wars, the struggle that the missionaries faced,” says David, who has lived in Africa with his wife since 2014. “It’s really encouraging for us to be part of the dedication, because it’s a quick glimpse into a twenty-five-year partnership that worked well.”

MAF often flies missionaries and translators in and out of villages to do consultations and courses, like workshops on translating the Bible or how to use the translation computer software. In addition to flying people, when a village or translation location needs a great quantity of material, MAF flies the freight. “Once we took all the solar panels and batteries and inverters to a village where they were translating the Bible,” David says. “This equipment gives them all the logistical power needed to run laptops to translate in a way that’s not as time-consuming.”

David’s flights vary everyday by need—whether it’s flying a missionary to another village to help with

translation work, delivering vaccinations and supplies to a town or region requesting medical assistance, or transporting a patient to a larger hospital for advanced medical attention.

Sitting in the plane with people gives David an opportunity to talk to them about faith. Although the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo are frequently evangelized, they’ve been exposed to a lot of false teaching and syncretism. Many of them, lacking discipleship, practice a wild breed of Christianity. “People say Congo is majority Christian, but the faith is disturbingly shallow,” David remarks. “If you ask, ‘Hey, do you know who God and Jesus are?’ the vast majority of people know and believe they’re saved, but their theology is way off. It’s completely works-based faith, and there’s no freedom in the gospel.”



David Petersen tends to a patient in a medevac from Beni, DRC.

Using what he learned at Moody, David is able to talk about the gift and freedom of salvation. “Witnessing to people looks more like trying to help them correct their theology and thoughts about God,” he says. In addition to the opportunities the crew gets while flying, MAF holds a daily chapel in the hangar for their staff and

the local people they've hired. Through prayer and devotion, they teach and model what it means to be a Christian.

Farming for Body and Soul

While David serves as a pilot, Ashley is hard at work raising their son, Daniel, and beginning a community development project. Nyankunde, a small village on the east side of the country, is as rural as it gets. "There's no pavement, no anything," David says. "Most people are still in mud huts with grass roofs." Several factors, including the tropical climate, theft, wild animals, and lack of information on good agricultural practices, hinder many of the people from successfully sustaining plants and animals.



Ashley, with a new variety of cabbage that does well in DRC.

Ashley, already raising chickens and various vegetables, is working hard to cultivate species of plants and animals that thrive there. When she discovers something that does well, she'll distribute free seeds and young

animals to the local people and teach them how to farm and raise animals for themselves. Ashley wants to teach them a new way of life so families won't be malnourished, kids can receive an education, and medical necessities are affordable.

The community development project also invests in people's physical wellness to open doors to their spiritual health. As she works with local people, some of whom she's hired to help with gardening, clearing land, and raising animals, Ashley talks to them about life, faith, theology, and God's free gift of salvation. In Nyankunde a kid can go to school for \$14 a month, and a whole chicken sells for \$15, so even giving a family a chicken is modeling how God gives gifts for our own benefit.

Trial and Error in Tropical Agriculture

Learning tropical agriculture hasn't been easy. Plants react differently to the weather, and animals have a host of obstacles to overcome.

"If animals don't die from the army ants, they'll die from the hawks, and if they don't die from the hawks, they'll die from the sicknesses that go through the village every year," David says. Once, right before an entire batch of chicken eggs was due to hatch in the incubator, he and his family had to evacuate the village and go to Uganda to avoid an Ebola outbreak. "While we were gone the power went out, and there was no one to start the generator. All the eggs died," David recalls sadly.

Yet in the midst of disappointment and waiting, God is faithful. After four years of trying to buy the empty lot behind their house to expand the project, in early 2018 the owner abruptly decided to sell it.

"We bought the land right away,"



David Petersen (far right) flew this Samaritan's Purse Ebola response team from Uganda to DRC, where they set up a treatment center.

says David. “When we signed the contract for the property, we were given huge financial breaks by the local authorities. They could have charged us upwards of eight hundred dollars for the signing and they only charged us fifty.”

Immediately after they purchased the land, David, Ashley, and their four-year-old son, Daniel, went on their scheduled furlough. They updated churches on David’s flying work and the community development project. God’s blessing continued as they raised \$20,000 for the project. They keep friends and supporters informed through their blog: thisafricanhomestead.blog.

Returning from furlough, they began working on the land right away. They put up another fence to protect from wild animals, welded and installed a gate, put in a water line for irrigation as they began to plant, built a foundation for a water tank, exhumed the overgrown barn foundation, and built a foundation for a classroom. Ashley and some other local aid

workers will soon teach classes for the community about agriculture and nutrition.

“The local chief is very excited about the project, and very on board,” says David. “He’s super encouraged that MAF is involved in the community, and that we, as individuals, are going to be involved.”

Ashley and David are learning by trial and error what works and what doesn’t, but they celebrate every success. “We’ve brought in hundreds of breeds of plants from around the world and tried them and found quite a few that are good,” David says. “American sweet potatoes and purple sweet potatoes do well, and we also found the first breed of carrot that will give seed in this climate.”

As they trust God through the losses and the wins, David and Ashley seek to model His gift of salvation to local people through providing valuable transportation and agricultural instruction. “If you have nothing, you can’t get started,” David says. “We’ll be getting people started.”



RUNNING FOR

A self-described sports fanatic leads Moody's cross-country team

by Linda Piepenbrink • Photos by Molly Hansen



Moody coach **Troy Fichter '02 MA '04** recently led the women's cross country team to win its sixth straight NCCAA Division II national

championship. Troy was also awarded Coach of the Year for the sixth year in a row. All of this becomes more remarkable considering that the NCCAA has only held the event for six years.

"It's fantastic," says Dan Dunn, professor and chair of the Athletic

Department. "They're the only team that has ever won the Division II championship. For that you have to have talent, but I think Troy takes them over the top with his coaching."

Troy is grateful for the 14 women on his team. "God blessed us with some good runners—some fast runners—and we always give God the glory as a team. We always say running is a gift from God." But while adding another cross country trophy to the Solheim Center display case is thrilling, Troy says he'd trade every championship for a team of servant-hearted runners who encourage each other.



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Happily, he has evidence of both. After an earlier cross country meet in Wisconsin last fall, a secular school coach sent Troy an email saying how much it meant to the women on his team that members from Moody's team talked and prayed with them. Troy beams. "As a coach, that brings tears to my eyes."

Then there was the 5K championship race in November, where the top seven national runners from a dozen Division II colleges competed on a challenging, hilly course at College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. With four Archers out front and the finish line in sight, junior Toria Allem (ranked number five) suddenly collapsed in exhaustion. Coming from behind, her teammate Megan Bernard, a junior, lifted her to her feet. "Come on, we're

going to make it!" she urged. Then junior Mystique Kalat caught up and joined them, helping Toria cross the finish line.

Troy framed a large photograph of that moment in the race to show his team and reinforce the team theme of being united. "The thing that touches my heart, and this is what we're about, is helping your sister—the encouragement of them walking through the finish together," he says.

"I always tell them, 'It's not whether you beat that runner next to you but whether you encourage that runner.'"

In a closer race, the slow-down could have affected the score, but the Archers still had the best score. They totaled 33 points, finishing with four runners in the top 10 and winning the championship.



Coach Troy Fichter prays with the team before a race.

Pouring into Runners' Lives

A distance runner himself, Troy has coached the women's cross country team since it was formed in 2012 to comply with Title IX federal funding rules. Troy doesn't cut women from the cross country team, but each runner must meet the minimum requirements of running five miles a day, six days a week, at a 9½-minute mile, or a 26-minute 5K, before the season starts. He starts every practice with prayer and has devotions with the team once a week.

Besides coaching, Troy is athletic operations manager for the Solheim Center, a position he's held since 2008. He runs the varsity sports and oversees and trains the student workers. He also teaches a full load of classes for hundreds of students and has a running club three times a week for any students, faculty, or staff who are interested. "We explore the city," says Troy, who points out cool architecture as they jog to the Lincoln Park Zoo or special exhibits like Christkindlmarket.

"I'm doing a lot but I love it," he

says. "I love pouring into the students."

At the Archer women's awards banquet, Troy hands out plaques with individual awards. The Flash Award went to Maddy Boyle and Emi Minnich, both all-Americans, who were second and third in the nation this year. He gave the Servant's Heart Award to Molly Hansen, who, despite injuries that prevented her from running this season, served as team videographer and maintained a great attitude. Toria Allem got the Dig Deep Award for consistently giving her best.

"Races are difficult, but we continue to give our best and to push hard because it's ultimately not for ourselves; it's for God's glory."

Toria says Coach Fichter has taught her to relate running to her walk with Christ. "Races are difficult, but we continue to give our best and to push hard because it's ultimately not for ourselves; it's for God's glory."

Abigail Ellis, a junior in Intercultural

Ministries, says, “He’s the best coach I’ve ever had. He always makes sure Christ is the center of our team and always encourages us in a lot of different ways. And he’s good at helping us reach our goals too.”

Troy enjoys combining his passion for mentoring young people with his love for physical fitness. Every year Troy has to rebuild at least half of the team because students often have other priorities, such as ministry jobs or marriage. “It’s hard to keep them for three to four years. But I always say, ‘Go where God has you.’”

Getting Equipped to Lead

Raised with a twin sister and Christian parents in Ohio, Troy committed his life to Christ as a young adult and soon became a youth leader in his church. But he felt unequipped to lead a youth group, so he started taking classes locally through Moody Evening School. When he found out Moody had a main campus in Chicago, he transferred in January of 2000, graduating a few years later. Since then he’s earned a master’s in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship from Moody’s graduate school (2004) and an MA in Sports Fitness and Health from the United States Sports Academy.

Troy is a self-described sports fanatic, but he sees his ministry as preparing the team members for a life of service for the Lord. “Sports done the right way can really represent the Christian life,” he says. “There are times we want to quit because it’s hard, but if we persevere, it can teach us to get ready for the next trial in life.”

Ironically, for the past six winning seasons, Troy has faced his own trials. An allergic reaction to an antibiotic six years ago caused chronic fatigue, and exposure to black mold exacerbated his health problems. “It’s been

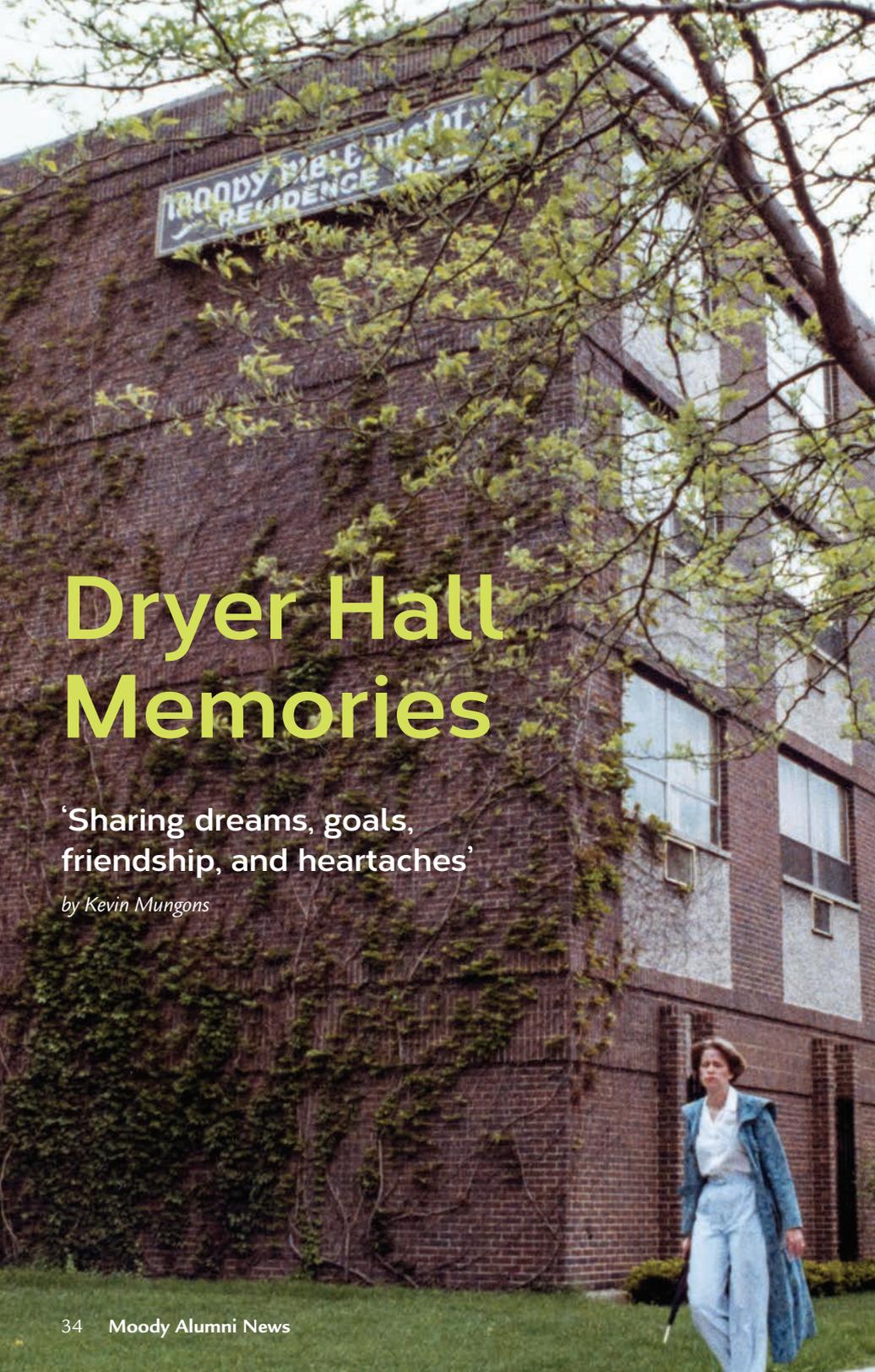
humbling,” says Troy, whose health is slowly improving. “I used to be a pull-up-your-bootstraps type of guy, but I feel God has let this happen to prevent pride. I work with 320 students, and some of them are going through things. I’m more empathetic now.”

So while it’s great to win at nationals, Troy wants the women on Moody’s cross country team to be,



Two of Moody’s cross country teammates help Toria Allem cross the finish line at Nationals.
Photo: Plumlee Photography

first and foremost, united in Christ for His glory. “When I see them hugging and encouraging the other young women, and if we can plant a seed in someone who doesn’t know Jesus—if we can shine the light of Christ—that’s more important than any race.”



MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE
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Dryer Hall Memories

‘Sharing dreams, goals,
friendship, and heartaches’

by Kevin Mungons



Dryer Hall, named for the Chicago Bible teacher Emma Dryer, will close at the end of the spring semester after 41 years as an undergraduate student dorm. Wishing to preserve the legacy of the building's famous honoree, Moody Bible Institute has announced that another campus location will be selected for a new Emma Dryer tribute. A ceremony and dedication will be held later this year.

Dr. Mark Jobe '84, MA '98, president of Moody Bible Institute, called the closing of Dryer Hall “an incredible opportunity to expand on our celebration of God’s servant, Emma Dryer. There would be no Moody Bible Institute if it were not for Emma Dryer being faithful to her calling and encouraging D. L. Moody to establish a school here in Chicago.”

Dryer Hall currently houses 147 undergraduate students, says Dr. Bruce Norquist, associate dean of residence life. Campus leaders had discussed the building’s aging infrastructure and maintenance costs for several years, leading to a plan to raze the building and redistribute the current students to the four other dorms on campus. Norquist says the realignment comes in response to shifting trends in the residence halls—more single undergraduate students and fewer married students.

Dryer’s Life and Legacy

Soon after the 1871 Chicago Fire, Emma Dryer had started a Bible Work program devoted to prayer meetings, women’s Bible study, and personal evangelism. D. L. Moody asked for her help in establishing a Bible training school on Chicago’s north side, calling her “the best teacher of the Word of God in the United States.”

Sometimes forgotten for her early assistance in establishing Moody Bible Institute, Dryer had previously been



Emma Dryer

honored with a portrait in the campus dining room during the 1920s, followed by the 1977 dorm name.

Dryer Hall History

When Moody purchased the building in June 1977, it was known as Brittany Terrace Nursing Home, a venture that fell into bankruptcy. Moody spent the summer converting patient rooms to dorm rooms, and vice president **Donald Hescott '51** started "Operation Fill Up" to recruit 100 new students. The new dorm opened with full occupancy for the fall semester, with Moody trustees naming the building Dryer Hall in October 1977. For six years the building was home to women undergraduate students, then transitioned to male students in 1983.

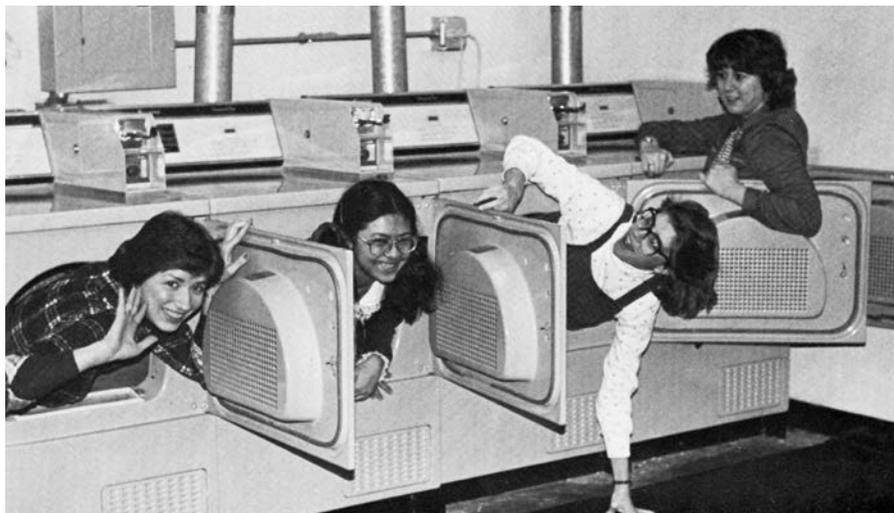
Starting in the mid-1980s, the top floor of Dryer Hall also housed Moody Radio's Broadcast Services, a tape distribution facility led by **Perry Straw '63**. By 2003 the tape duplication program was discontinued, largely because Moody Radio transitioned to online distribution and streaming audio.

In the 1970s, the LaSalle Blvd. corridor was politely known as a neighborhood in transition, full of colorful characters and quirky landmarks. Across the street stood the aging Henrotin Hospital, built in 1887 and known for its trauma center ("If I ever get shot, take me to Henrotin," cops and gang members would say). Further up the block was Marvin Glass and Associates, "The Toy Design Capital of the World," where games like Operation and Lite Brite were developed (the windows were covered with butcher paper to keep Moody students from spying, or so the owner claimed). And right next to Dryer Hall stood North Hall, built in 1909 by the Central Masonic Temple Association and later repurposed as Moody's gym (with campus rumors about the spooky attic and alleged secret passages).

Over the years, more than 3,000 Moody students lived in Dryer, provoking all sorts of warm and funny memories when the closure was announced. "We shared dreams, goals, friendship, and heartaches with some incredible women," says **Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings**, who lived in Dryer and now serves as executive director of the Moody Alumni Association.

A Few Practical Jokes

Yes, there were pranks. **Laurie Eve Loftin '83** and her friends on Dryer 3 organized a legendary stunt, one that could only work in the Olden Days when every room had a landline phone. After meticulously researching the phone numbers of each room on their brother floor, the Dryer women organized a simultaneous call-a-thon. At the count of three, everyone called a guy's room with the same script: "Hi, this is Ann, and I want to speak to so-and-so next door, but his phone



The Dryer women, circa 1982: Becky (Hueber) Perry '83, Rosemary (Sankaran) Scarpuzzi '83, Roberta (DuCharme) Ressler '84, Patti (Brand) Baatz, '83.

is busy. Could you please check if he's on the line?" On cue, 40 guys bolted out of their rooms and simultaneously turned left, "all we like sheep," ka-bam.

"No mess. No damage. No one hurt," says Laurie now. "But oh, boy, what fun!"

"And then there was the time that I made the ill-advised decision to shoot a watergun from my third-floor window," says **David Holsten '98**, later acknowledging that the LaSalle Street pedestrians were not quite amused. "That one landed me in Dean Arens' office, and some needed maturing came as a result," says Holsten, now the president and CEO of Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Serious Business

"I could tell of other stories, such as used-sock wars, pillow fights, and other types of so-called controlled mayhem," says **Gary Riendeau '92**. "I would prefer, however, to speak of the blessedness of those years in studying the Bible and Theology, and having significant discussions with

my roommates on various theological matters and life issues. Such a time of growth at Moody—first and foremost from the classes and homework but also from relationships built in the dormitory."

Peter Schlaybach '13 ministered to street people during his Moody years, often reflecting on "the contrast between the safe and secure campus life and the totally hopeless lives we encountered on the streets." He started an evening ritual while waiting outside the building, habitually reading the Emma Dryer plaque while waiting for his ministry partners to arrive. "It was amazing to think that those people from the past who founded Moody Bible Institute are the reason that we were there that night," he says now. "We offered lost and desperate people a faint glimpse of hope. It also gave me courage to know that God had brought MBI into existence using people who were really pretty normal, so I knew He could use our simple offering of companionship to bring

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2010s



Nathan '07 MMin '12 and Tricia (Boyle '02) McMillan MMin '12 recently published *The Handy Dandys: The New Dandy Toolbox*,

the first in a planned children's book series seeking to make Scripture memory fun and practical. Nate is a comedian and host of the Christian comedy podcast *Laugh on Track*. Tricia is the coordinating producer for Moody Radio's *Open Line with Dr. Michael Rydelnik*. The McMillans reside in the suburbs of Chicago and have three children: Annie (5), Duncan (3), and Maisie (1).

 laughontrack.com/handydandys



Jacob Boyd '15 has recently joined staff as the associate pastor of students and discipleship at First Baptist Church of

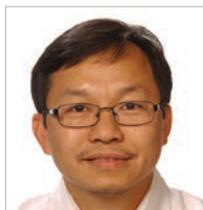
Springfield, Virginia. After graduating from Moody, Jacob received an MDiv from Liberty University. Currently, Jacob is pursuing a PhD in Historical Theology from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Spencer Thorpe '10 has been serving as the student ministries pastor of Community Bible Church in Central

Point, Oregon, since July 2010. Following his time at Moody, Spencer earned his MDiv degree from Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon, in 2014. Spencer and his wife, Meckenzie, reside in Central Point, Oregon, with their two children: Huxley (2) and Camille (7 months).

2000s



Jacob Vo '06 was recently elected as the general secretary of the Vietnamese Baptist Union of North America. Prior to this, Jacob

served several years on the By-laws and Constitution Committee. Additionally, Jacob recently received a ThM in Practical Theology from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Currently he is pastoring at Sachse Vietnamese Baptist Church in Sachse, Texas.



Stephen '02 and Danielle (Medrano) '03 Kott recently relocated to Hillsborough, New Hampshire, where Steve serves as the full-time teaching elder at Valley Bible Chapel. Following his graduation from Moody, Stephen served as a Moody employee for 15 years. Danielle is a stay-at-home mom

who homeschools their children. Stephen and his wife, Danielle, have five children: Kailyn (13), Louisa (11), Julia (4), and twins Aleah (2) and Judah (2).

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1970s

Eloise Hull '79 recently retired from teaching and now enjoys driving full-time for Uber and Lyft around Nashville, Tennessee. Through this opportunity, Eloise has met more than 3,000 people from all over the world and has been able to minister to many while driving. Prior to this, Eloise taught and directed preschool for 35 years.

Wedding Anniversaries



Nat Perry '59
and **Mariel**
(Fenton '58)

Perry celebrated 60 years of marriage on June 14, 2018. The Perrys married

just one week after Mariel's graduation from Moody. After graduation, Nat continued his education at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Currently, Nat is retired, filling pulpits and teaching classes.

Douglas White '56 and his wife, Lois, celebrated their 60th anniversary on August 23, 2018. The Whites were married in Charleston, West Virginia, at the Bible Center Church. After retiring from the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Doug



served as the chief probation officer of Juvenile Court in Huntington, West Virginia. Lois is a retired registered nurse, having served as a school nurse for the Cabell County Board of Education.

The Whites have two daughters: Sherry and Beth (Wiebe), four grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Births



To **Eric '13** and **Sarah (Uehle '12) Price**, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Price, born September 9, 2018. At the time of her birth, Lucy

weighed 4 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Eric is a stay-at-home dad completing his ThM in Homiletics while Sarah is working as an accountant. The Prices are based in Chicago.



To **Zach and Anna (Vaughan '05) Luginbill**, a boy, Lewis Webster Luginbill, born March 31, 2018. Anna is a lecturer and

program coordinator at the American Language Institute at California State University, Long Beach, California. Zach is pursuing an MDiv degree full-time and serving as a worship leader at Cornerstone Church in Long Beach.

Life & Ministry Notes



To **Benjamin Murray '11** and Brittany, a daughter, Gracie Lynn Murray, born October 24, 2018, weighing 8 pounds 4.9 ounces. Brittany

joins sister, Bennett Joy Murray (2).

Correction: In the winter 2018 issue, a photo caption of the Good News Quartet (page 23) gave the wrong name. The correct name is **Bill “Bud” Lanxon '51–'53**. Bud and his wife, Jo, live in Metamora, Illinois.



The Good News Quartet: (l to r) Ralph Colburn, Bud Lanxon, Ed Meyer, Gene Getz, Stan Gudeman

What's New with You?

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about real transformation in others' lives.”

Fond Farewell

Moody celebrated the dorm's campus presence with an open house on Friday, Feb. 8, during Alumni Day of Founder's Week. Two of the most popular questions were “Can we buy a brick?” and “Will they sell off the room numbers from each door?” Bruce Norquist says Moody is exploring this possibility and will know

more information once a demolition timetable is set. In the meantime, there are lots of memories and stories.

“We will reflect on Dryer Hall with many fond memories, especially the way students' lives were impacted while living there,” says Dr. Tim Arens, vice president and dean of student life. “Life in the residence halls has and will continue to be an important part of the Moody experience for our students.”

Read more alumni memories of Dryer Hall at moody.edu/alumni.



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1990s



Dr. Michelle (Edmonds '98) Johnson, age 44, January 2, 2019, Alta Loma, California.

Michelle was born on October 31, 1974, in Evanston, Illinois, the daughter of **Dr. Gerald '57** and **Irma ("Patty" Manges '57) Edmonds**. Her father taught at Moody for 32 years, starting the Moody Band and conducting the Moody Chorale until he retired in 2010. Michelle attended Moody, majoring in piano and singing in the Moody Chorale. She traveled with the group for concerts across the United States and abroad in Asia, Europe, and Israel. She met **Stephen Johnson '98** at Moody, and they married in the summer of 1998. She then earned her Master of Music from Northwestern University and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California. She was a piano faculty member at the Master's College, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and at Azusa Pacific University. She continued to teach while raising their three sons, Cayden (12), Dylan (9), and Miles (5). She loved raising her boys and making

special memories with her family. She passed away after a stunningly courageous fight with cancer.

"Michelle's life is marked by her faith in Christ, her love of her family, and her belief that excellent music can touch the soul and lift the spirit," Stephen says.

Michelle's sister Debbie adds, "Our hearts are broken but rejoicing that my beautiful sister, Michelle, has finished her race. The love of her life, Stephen, was keeping vigil by her side until she entered her eternal home. We are thankful that she has been released from the pain and anguish of her earthly body, but she will be sorely missed by her family and friends."

Michelle is survived by her parents, Gerald and Patty Edmonds; her husband, Steve Johnson; her three children, Cayden, Dylan, and Miles; and her sister Debbie (**Tim '85) Hollinger**.

1980s



Bill Clarkson Hoops '83, age 61, September 29, 2018, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Bill grew up in West Covina, California, and came to Chicago to study at Moody Bible Institute. After graduating from Moody, Bill married **Lily (Eng '83)**, and they decided to remain in Chicago.

Bill worked in different career fields including serving as a bank auditor, school bus driver, and Walgreens customer representative. Additionally, Bill enjoyed volunteering in church and parachurch organizations including

FamilyLife and Gideons International.

Bill was preceded in death by his younger brother, Jimmy. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Lily; sons, Nathan and David; daughters, Alisa and Emmeline; a sister, Alice Stehl; and a granddaughter, Mila.

1970s



Jacquie Hitch '69 '72, age 72, November 4, 2018, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

After graduating from Chicago's Austin High School in 1964, Jacquie attended Moody Bible Institute where she earned a degree in Bible Theology in 1972. Throughout her teen and early adult years, she directed multiple Salvation Army ministries, which included youth Bible studies, a men's alcoholic rehabilitation center, and an eldercare program. Jacquie became a DuPage County probation officer. She worked with both adults and juveniles, earning awards and special recognition throughout her career. The DuPage Juvenile Officers Association named her "Youth Worker of the Year" twice, which she considered to be a special honor. Jacquie retired in 2008 after nine years as a supervisor in the juvenile division.

Jacquie belonged to Harvest Bible Chapel in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. She participated in small group Bible studies and helped establish another Harvest church campus in Aurora, Illinois. There, she became the leader of the soul care ministry for one year. During that time and beyond, she advised and encouraged many people

in crisis and trained others to become counselors.

Her other interests included working as a licensed massage therapist, mentoring young women in relational and spiritual matters, studying theology, creating stained glass art, and other pursuits. A people person, Jacquie was always willing to help those in need and enjoyed having fun with friends.

Jacquie is survived by a half-sister, Carol Drennan, and a niece, Mary Ellen Owen.

1960s

Paul A. Landreth '69, age 96, September 23, 2018, Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Paul was born in Axtell, Kansas, on October 16, 1921, the oldest of three children. He was active in his local Presbyterian church and in the Kansas Presbyterian youth association. Music at home and musical events were a great source of enjoyment for him his entire life. He learned piano and would play duets with his sister, Grace, a trumpet player, performing often for their family and church.

Paul served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945, mostly in northern India with the Evacuation Hospital. He became the chaplain's assistant and learned to play the organ for chapel. He accompanied the chaplain to mission works in India, which inspired a commitment to support foreign missions. On November 16, 1949, Paul married **Beatrice Jeanette (Brewer '46)** in Stelvideo, Ohio. Bea joined Paul on the family farm in Kansas, where they raised their three girls and

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often opened their home to friends, missionaries, and overnight guests. Together they led Sunday school and youth groups at their church.

Paul was plowing the fields one day when he sensed God calling him into ministry. So, in 1963 at the age of 42 and with his parents' blessing, he sold the farm and moved his family to Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Paul worked as a carpenter and locksmith for Moody Bible Institute for 23 years. He also attended and graduated from Moody Evening School in 1969. Additionally, he became a chaplain of the Aaron Legion Post and had opportunities to preach and share the gospel at many locations. Eventually he was officially ordained as a minister and served at Meadows Baptist Church as a Sunday school teacher, summer Bible school staff, and greeter.

After his wife passed away in 2007, Paul moved to DeKalb, Illinois, near his daughter Ruth and her family. He lived at Barb City Manor, leading a Bible study there, and attended Cross View Evangelical Free Church.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Bea, and his sisters. He is survived by his three daughters, **Ruth Wood '71**, **Janet** (Steve) **Sharpmack '73**, and **Carol** (Mark) **Kohl '78**; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Ken Warren Enger '68, age 72, September 28, 2018, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Following graduation from

Moody, Ken and his wife, **Katherine** (**Kestell '68**), were married in

August 1968. A long-time resident of Colorado Springs, Ken worked as a computer field service engineer at Digital Equipment Corporation until he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1982. Prior to that, Ken served in the US Air Force for four years and received computer training.

Ken resided at Laurel Manor Care Center, where he was the president of the residents' council. He loved his family, taking photos of people, nature, and his favorite mountain, Pikes Peak. He also loved making friends and telling people about Jesus.

Ken is survived by his former wife, Katherine Bowser; his children, Nathan (Dawn) Enger, Michael Ann Bissey, Emily (Greg) Hod; sisters, **Heather** (**Enger '73**) (**Creighton**) **Bell** and Beryl (Walter) Moser; brothers, Kevin (Lina) Fast and Daniel (Valerie) Fast; and several grandchildren.



Larry Bryant Bardwell '64, age 79, October 10, 2018, Spokane, Washington.

Larry and his wife, Carol, served

in Kenya, Africa, from 1978 to 1992. When government halted private aviation, Larry began work in Christian literature distribution. Larry worked primarily as a technical illustrator preparing Christian educational materials. On weekends he pastored a small church. He was also the Bible study coordinator for the Rift Valley Region, working with the elders of 60 small churches to organize Bible studies in those churches.

After graduation from Prairie Bible College, Larry attended Moody Bible

Institute. His goal was to serve God in missionary aviation. In 1963, he married Carol Brodrick Bardwell, whom he had met at Prairie Bible College. Additionally, he graduated with high honors from Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. By 1967, Larry had obtained two maintenance licenses as well as private and commercial pilot's licenses.

Larry is preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. He is survived by his wife, Carol; three sons, James, Mark, and David; two daughters, Kathryn Spaulding and Karolyn Graham; a brother, John Bardwell; a sister, Esther Johnson; and nine grandchildren.

1950s

Joyce A. (Ditlevson '59) Haflinger, age 92, January 4, 2019, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Joyce, the oldest of six children, was born on August 11, 1926. She attended First Baptist Church with her family, and at age 10 she received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She founded her life and daily strength on the principles in God's Word.

After high school, Joyce worked at the JW Thomas clothing store in Minneapolis, and then as a secretary at Hormel in Austin, Minnesota. When Joyce felt called to work at Moody Bible Institute, she moved to Chicago with her sister, Nola, in 1949, and began working in the service department. Later she became the office manager of the music department. While working at Moody, Joyce met **Carl Haflinger '59**. They got engaged on Joyce's birthday, Aug. 11, 1950, and were married one year later, to

the day. Carl and Joyce were blessed to adopt Elizabeth in November 1960 and Jonathan in September 1964.

Joyce was a great listener and loved children, volunteered in Sunday School, sang in choir, and served her family. She taught herself accounting and did bookkeeping for several companies.

Joyce and Carl lived in Chicago more than 50 years and retired in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

Joyce was preceded in death by her brother, Lynwood, and three of her sisters, Delnora, Marian, and Connie. Joyce is survived by her husband, Carl; daughter, Beth (Tim) Gunsolley; son, Jon (Debby) Haflinger; a sister, Nola; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joyce Ariel Moody '53, age 92, October 28, 2018, Wood River, Illinois.

Born March 22, 1926, in Alton, Illinois, Joyce was the daughter of Dwight Lyman and Christine Rosella (Wiley) Moody.

Joyce graduated from Alton High School in 1945 and from the AMH School of Nursing in 1948. After working for a year, she attended Moody Bible Institute. Following her graduation from Moody, she worked at Lake Shore Drive Methodist Hospital in Chicago. For the next 25 years, Joyce followed a medical mission calling to India where she worked at Burrows Memorial Hospital in Assam, India. She was a member of Brown Street Baptist Church in Alton.

Joyce is survived by a brother, Ted (Mary); two sisters, Virginia (Ennis) and Pauline (Scheurer) of Godfrey; and several nieces and nephews.

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Ralph W. Bradbury '51, age 95, January 2, 2019, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Ralph was born on July 22, 1923, in Danville, Illinois. After an honorable discharge from the Navy Seabees following WWII, he was persuaded by Fred Elsy in Moody's Stewardship Department to apply at Moody Bible Institute as an assistant cook. He entered Moody's Evening School and eventually enrolled in the undergraduate school. Ralph then attended Tennessee Temple University and graduated with a BA in Bible. While studying there, he met and married Grace Holcomb on May 28, 1956. In the following years, Ralph earned an MEd from the University of Tennessee.

From 1953 to 1969, Ralph was employed with Hamilton County Juvenile Court in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as a Juvenile Court Detention Unit superintendent and later as Juvenile Court director. He served on the executive boards of several Christian and community agencies. The Lord led him back to Moody, where he served as the assistant dean of students for 22 years.

At Moody, Ralph was a counselor and advisor to both single and married students. He organized various programs to develop couples' social and spiritual wholeness, and was also involved in Hi-C clubs and Youth for Christ. He played on Moody's varsity basketball team as a student and later coached the varsity team during his tenure. Ralph loved the Lord, his family, and Moody Bible Institute.

He was preceded in death by a brother, **Rev. Robert Bradbury '49**, who was a former WMBI staff member. He is survived by his beloved wife, Grace; a daughter, Kathy (Kevin) Reed; a son, Mark (Julie); nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



Rev. Vincent Nick Rosheger, Sr. '50, age 93, December 21, 2018, Boerne, Texas.

Born August 12, 1925, Vincent

grew up as one of 10 siblings in Beaumont, Texas. He attended Lamar College for one year before entering the Navy in 1942. He served in the South Pacific during WWII until 1946. He attended Moody, graduating from the Pastor's Course in 1950 and married **Nina Lee (Norman) '50** right after graduation.

In 1953, Vincent and his wife moved to Rome, Italy, to be missionaries to the Slavic refugees. For nearly two decades, the Roshegers expanded their ministry with Bible study and prayer groups. In 1973, Vincent was ordained as a missionary pastor in Kenai, Alaska, where he served for 11 years. In 1985 the Roshegers moved to Vienna, Austria, where Vincent taught missionaries and pastors throughout Europe. After retiring in 1987, Vincent and his wife moved back to Texas to be near family. Vincent continued to teach and preach at their home church.

Vincent is survived by his wife of 68 years, Nina Lee; their sons, Vincent, Jonathan (Christiane), Peter (Sara), John (Perri), and James; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1940s



**Phyllis Jean
(Zylstra '48)
VanGerpén,**
age 90,
October 5, 2018,
Washington,
Iowa.

After graduating from Moody Bible Institute, Phyllis furthered her training for missions overseas by receiving her RN certification from Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. Shortly after, she and **Emory VanGerpén '48** were married on April 17, 1952, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, Iowa. On October 30, 1952, they sailed for Nigeria under the auspices of the Sudan Interior Mission to begin lifelong careers of missionary service in northern Nigeria.

In 1974, the VanGerpens joined the worldwide ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Phyllis taught Bible at the Government Teacher's Training College in Nigeria for 10 years. During that time she was a member of the government team, writing and editing Christian religious knowledge textbooks. She was also heavily involved in the local presbyterial

and national Women's Guild. The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria asked her to serve as the executive secretary of the Board of Church Life.

Upon their retirement as missionaries in 1997, the VanGerpens moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where Emory pastored the Westlawn Presbyterian Church and Phyllis was an ordained deacon. Following retirement, Phyllis enrolled in an accredited training program for the chaplaincy and served as a hospital chaplain. She enjoyed the fellowship of the local Presbyterian Women, serving as an enabler at the presbyterial level.

In 2004, the VanGerpens relocated to the United Presbyterian (UP) Home in Washington, Iowa. Phyllis became actively involved in the local Presbyterian Women. She also chaired the International Mission Team with passion and enthusiasm. She was happy to be involved in a number of volunteer activities at the UP Home.

Phyllis was preceded in glory by premature twins and her only sibling, Percy John Zylstra. She is survived by her husband, Emory; five children, Ruth Ann (Dave) Wolf, David, Miriam (Alan) Shapiro, Seth (Karen), and Rachel (Jack) Beard; seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, whom she was very fond of.

Submissions

To submit an alumni death notice, please send the obituary and, if possible, an attached photo (highest resolution possible) to alumnews@moody.edu. Include the deceased person's full name, maiden name, if appropriate, class year/years attended, age, date of death, location of death (city and state), relatives or related alumni, ministry focus in life, and other pertinent information. We may edit your submission for accuracy and length if needed. Questions? Call the Alumni Association Office at (312) 329-4412.



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