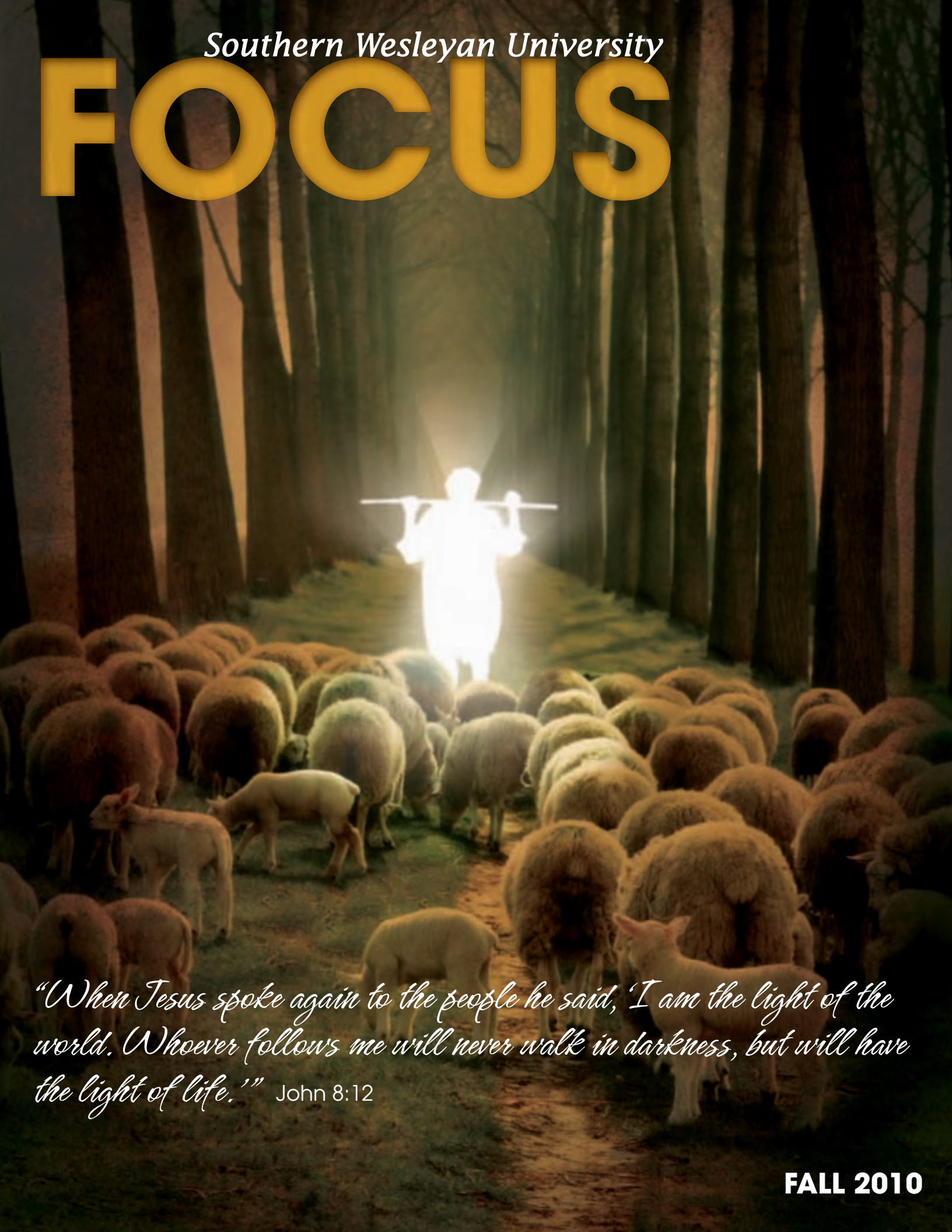


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"When Jesus spoke again to the people he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12

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Letting Christ's light shine

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

Most of us can recall the words of the Sunday school song that begins – “this little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.”

The second verse suggests that the light might be hidden under a bushel, and you may recall the thrill it was as a child to shout an earth-shaking “NO” at just the right time. Shouting was normally discouraged in church, but the mere thought of hiding that light under a bushel provided an exception to the shouting rule that we all clearly enjoyed.

This simple children’s song, derived from the Sermon on the Mount, carries a powerful message. These are the words of Christ who compelled his followers to become the light of the world. He called us all to walk in that light just as he is in that light. Compared to the little imaginary candlelight we made with our index finger, lighting the world seems like an extremely tall order.

In actuality, it is not we

whom he calls to shine, but it is his light, the light of Christ that must burn brightly through us. If darkness, despair and fear are to be conquered in our world, it will be through reflections of him and those who light the world as messengers of hope.

The same gospel passage refers to a city on a hill whose light cannot be hidden. Much like the illumined life Christ has called each of us to live, he has also established beacons on hilltops, consecrated places like Southern Wesleyan that exist to burn brightly and ignite hearts with the presence of God as his witnesses to the world.

Southern Wesleyan’s mission is to engage each new generation and ignite that passion and fire in their hearts as beacons of light in a world many of us will never see. Much like an eternal flame, our university remains fully committed to educate and equip men and women so that they will burn brightly and give witness to God’s presence in their own lives.

Shall that light ever be hidden under a bushel? Shall the light of the good news of Christ ever be compromised or diminished in this place? Much like our answer to that childhood song, may we shout our response in unison, loudly, and with renewed passion:

NO! A thousand times no! We are going to let it shine.

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SWU recognizes faculty, staff member of year

Southern Wesleyan University students, faculty and staff selected two employees to receive special recognition for the 2010-11 academic year. At left, Greg Day, associate professor of music, was named Faculty Member of the Year. Receiving honors as Staff Member of the Year was Chuck Mealy, right, director of conference and housing services.

On the cover The theme for this issue of Focus magazine is based on John 8:12, "When Jesus spoke again to the people he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" We hear this promise directly from Jesus – that he will light the way in our lives. As we pursue our mission at Southern Wesleyan University, we seek to live in the light of Christ and to help illuminate the lives of those around us. We hope to help our students avoid living in darkness and to illuminate the paths that God has chosen for their lives.



A challenge to fuel the Promise Fund

For more than 100 years, Southern Wesleyan University's mission has been to prepare men and women to become all that God has created them to be. Join the 100 Plus Challenge as the faithfulness of our donors for more than 100 years is shown in the giving that has continued our legacy.

What are we asking? We need you to pray, give and send. Pray for the financial stability of Southern Wesleyan University. Give monthly to help us keep the promise to our students. Send students to Southern Wesleyan to experience all that God has in store for their higher education.

Praise the Lord that the university's employees were sheltered from unemployment for another year. This is a result of the sacrificial giving of alumni, employees and friends.

We need everyone to pull together if we are to add to the 15 consecutive years of ending our year with our budget in the black. This will allow our testimony to remain positive with no loss of jobs, programs or salary reductions. We need you to pray, give and send.

Overall Goal
\$450,000

Alumni
\$100,000

Trustees
\$95,000

Board of Visitors
\$70,000

Friends
\$60,000

Corporations
\$50,000

**Churches,
Organizations
and Foundations**
\$40,000

SWU Employees
\$35,000

I will keep the foundation of SWU strong by giving a monthly gift of \$_____ or a one-time gift of \$_____.

Consider this giving chart:

First year givers	\$12 per month
Second year givers	\$24 per month
Third year givers	\$36 per month
Tenure givers	\$41.66 per month

Please make checks payable to SWU. In the memo line, please put Promise Fund.

Cut the form above and mail using the envelope provided in this issue of FOCUS magazine.

Callers reaching out to university friends, alumni

Get ready for a call.

Students, faculty and staff from Southern Wesleyan University will be contacting friends and alumni Oct. 4-8 for the annual Phonathon in an effort to raise support for the Promise Fund.

The Phonathon allows Southern Wesleyan to maintain relationships with our friends and alumni and also makes it possible for SWU to update personal information that may have changed over recent years. It is also a vital tool in raising funds for the Promise Fund, which supports student scholarships, as well as academic and student programs across the Central campus and

throughout the various AGS sites. As callers endeavor to reach all university alumni and friends on the list, the university asks that you be in prayer for their efforts. By answering the call, donors can make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students.

All Phonathon gifts are tax-deductible and do not have to be paid until June 30, 2011. Donations for the Promise Fund can also be made in one-time gifts or through monthly gifts.

For details, or if you would like to donate but do not want to be called, please contact Mary Costello at (864) 644-5004 or mcostello@swu.edu.



Colin Frost is one of the Southern Wesleyan representatives who will be calling friends and alumni of the university. Frost is a sophomore business major from Central, S.C.

Annual tournament tees off to raise funds

The annual Southern Wesleyan University P.B. Wood Golf Tournament will be teeing off on Oct. 18 at Pickens Country Club.

The tournament raises money for the Promise Fund, which supports student scholarships as well as academic and student programs. This event is named in honor of Dr. Paul Baker Wood, a noted psychologist and Southern Wesleyan University professor emeritus.

The tournament is captain's choice style and has slots for 36 teams of four. A hole-in-one contest with prizes totaling more than \$40,000 will be part of the tournament. Prizes include: 1st Place: Set of Cobra irons (retail \$749 per set); 2nd Place: Cobra driver (retail \$269 per club); 3rd Place: Cobra hybrid/fairway wood (retail \$149 per club); 2 Closest to pin: Cobra wedge; 1 Longest drive: Cobra wedge (retail value \$89 per club).

The entry fee is \$400 per team or \$100 per player. This fee covers greens fees, cart fees, a polo shirt, breakfast, lunch and the various snacks throughout the day.

Sponsorships are also available at various levels.

To play, sponsor or support the Promise Fund, please contact Mary Costello at (864) 644-5004 or mcostello@swu.edu.

Display SWU pride

Purchase a Southern Wesleyan University personalized license tag and let everyone know that you support the university. Each South Carolina license tag generates revenue for the university.

There are 10,463 alumni in South Carolina. If just half our South Carolina Alumni purchased license plates, the university would receive \$47,083.

Stop by your local DMV and ask for your SWU license plate today! The cost of the license plate is \$35 plus the normal registration fee.



Dine at Subway for Southern Wesleyan University Night

at the Central Walmart Shopping Center Monday, Oct. 25.

10% of all proceeds from 4 to 10 p.m. will be donated to Southern Wesleyan University.

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Fine Arts

2010-2011 Season Schedule

September 21, 7:30 p.m.
The Gospel of John (free)

October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Victor Asuncion, piano (\$10)

October 24, 3 p.m.
Music Major Instrumental Recital (free)

October 26, 7:30 p.m.
Music Major Vocal Recital (free)

November 9, 7:30 p.m.
Fall Choral Concert (free)

November 11, 7:30 p.m.
Upstate Intercollegiate Choral Invitational Festival (free)

November 14, 3 p.m.
The Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus
(call 864.644.5408 for free tickets)

November 16, 7:30 p.m.
Wind Ensemble/Jazz Ensemble Concert (free)

December 3, 7:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols (free)

January 18, 7:30 p.m.
The Jazz Trumpet Project (\$10)
featuring Pat Harbison

January 21, 7 p.m.
Upper Region Honor Choir (free)

February 1, 7:30 p.m.
Amber James/Melanie Gibson Rowell - Duet Recital (free)

February 10, 6 p.m.
SWU Jazz Invitational (free)

March 7, 7:30 p.m.
The Taradiddle Players present:
"The Commedia Princess and the Pea"
(\$5, children under 12 free)

March 18-19, 7:30 p.m.
March 24-26, 7:30 p.m.
March 26, 2 p.m.
"The Music Man," Folger Auditorium
(\$10 Adults, \$7 non-SWU student/senior,
\$5 children under 12, SWU students free)

April 3, 3 p.m.
Music Majors Honors Recital (free)

April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Music Majors Formal Recital (free)

April 12, 7:30 p.m.
SWU Wind Ensemble (free)

April 17, 3 p.m.
Masterworks Concert with SWU Choir and Orchestra:
"Beethoven's Mass in C major" and
Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzer" (free)

April 19, 7:30 p.m.
SWU Jazz Ensemble (free)

For events requiring ticketed admission, please call (864) 644-5408 between 8-5 p.m. for details. Tickets are also available at the door. Admission to all events is free to SWU students with ID. All shows have open seating. All events are in Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center unless otherwise noted. Visit swu.edu for event details.



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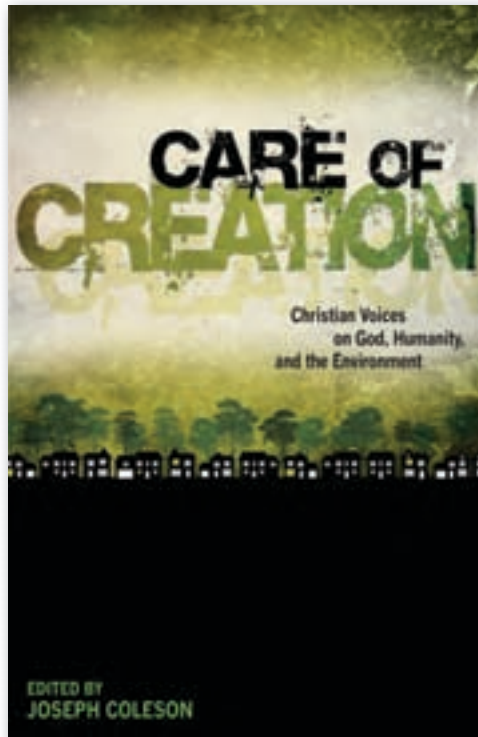
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'Care of Creation' features Southern Wesleyan authors

A group of Southern Wesleyan University employees contributed chapters to a new book that offers a biblical perspective on humanity's stewardship of the earth and its inhabitants.

The new book, "Care of Creation: Christian Voices on God, Humanity, and the Environment," was recently released by Wesleyan Publishing House.

The book's contributing authors include Dr. Christina Accornero, chair of the religion division and associate professor of religion; Dr. Don Wood, professor of religion; Dr. Martin LaBar, professor emeritus of science; Dr. Rocky Nation, professor of biology; Dr. Susan Rouse, professor of biology; and Rev. Ken Dill, associate vice president for spiritual life and university chaplain. Dr. Roger McKenzie, professor of religion, assisted in the planning and coordination of the book.



The book, edited by Joseph Coleson, professor of Old Testament at Nazarene Theological Seminary and an ordained minister

in The Wesleyan Church, includes contributions from faculty at other Wesleyan institutions, as well as from Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church.

"Creation isn't all about people, but it's about the environment – everything that walks on earth and flies – it's the total package," Accornero said. "It's a clear connection that we are created beings who are able to care for the environment as a whole. To ignore that assignment from God would be to fall down on our stewardship."

Chapters authored by Southern Wesleyan faculty and staff include "Choices between Life and Death," by Accornero and Rouse; "Land and Water Conservation," by Nation and Dill; and "Endangered Species and Habitats," by LaBar and Wood.

University alumni board donates outdoor furniture

The Southern Wesleyan University Alumni Board recently donated a set of outdoor furniture to the Admissions Office. The outdoor furniture set, consisting of two tables, six chairs and a glider, is on the patio of the Clayton Welcome Center on the university's campus in Central. Major donors from the Alumni Board are Lee Allen, class of '99 and '05; Lewis, '70, and Nancy Edwards, '72; and Mary, '51, and Darl Fowler, '53. Funds were raised from alumni to purchase patio furniture to enhance the space for recruits, visitors and their families visiting the new welcome center. Pictured, far right, is Joy Bryant, executive director of alumni and constituent relations, along with members of the admissions staff.





Education, ministry meld at university's

It's part education, part ministry for Terry Blackwell, regional director of the Greenville, S.C., location of Southern Wesleyan University.

"Our job is a ministry where we can help students achieve educational goals and model Christianity to our students," Blackwell said. "We are service-oriented. We look mainly at how we can serve and minister to each student who applies to the university. We try to keep God-focused and look for what's best for each applicant."

Blackwell has held the regional director position for the past year, and is pleased to combine his passion for education with Southern Wesleyan University's Christian perspective.

"I love education. I love the opportunity for any age group to be able to learn. And the Christian perspective really attracted me," he said.

The Greenville location of Southern Wesleyan University serves adult students, offering the following degrees:
 Bachelor of Science in Business Management,
 Bachelor of Science in Human Services,
 Master of

Business Administration, Master of Education and Master of Science in Management.

Students attend accelerated classes that are designed to fit into the lives of busy working adults.

"Our adult students are special because they're juggling work, family and all their outside responsibilities along with their education," Blackwell said. "Our classes meet one night a week and we set a schedule for them way in advance so they can plan their schedules. We help them with the paperwork to apply. We take our students by the hand and walk them through the process."

Blackwell earned his bachelor's degree in history at Limestone College and his master's degree in education from Converse College. He has held a variety of teaching and administrative roles during his 38-year career. Blackwell tried retirement for six months and, after redesigning his yard, installing a swimming pool and revamping his landscaping, he was ready to head back to work.

"As long as I'm able to contribute, I want to work," Blackwell said. "I love working with people and seeing the lightbulb go off for students as they achieve."

As adult students, many have been away from the classroom setting for a number of years and are nervous about their ability to succeed, Blackwell said.

"I love seeing students who have been out of school for years come back and make that leap of faith – it's a traumatic experience for some who have been out of school for years. I love the look on their face as they find success," Blackwell said. "We are proud to see their accomplishments and to celebrate that they can do it. God helps those who help themselves and we want them to do well."

Terry Blackwell

Greenville location

Southern Wesleyan's classes are taught by professors who have workplace experience in their fields. Although the coursework isn't easy, professors are eager to help students achieve, Blackwell said.

"The coursework is very rigorous. It's not easy. It does require a lot of work. When students go through our program, they've not only passed all the courses, they have learned a lot. I think that's why we see those smiles and satisfaction from those who achieve," Blackwell said. "But our format is designed for the working adult. They can get a quality education in a Christian atmosphere. It's very doable."

Southern Wesleyan University is more than 100 years old and headquartered in Central, S.C. The university has offered classes at the Greenville location for the past 24 years. Southern Wesleyan is different from other colleges and universities that offer education for adults, often with an online format.

"There are a lot of storefront institutions, where you can pay your money and get a degree," Blackwell said. "I think we offer a quality education that allows students to implement what they learn here in their workplaces. Our face-to-face instructors have experience in the workplace. That makes us different from our competitors."

With current economic difficulties, now is a great time for people to add to their education and give themselves an edge in the job market.

"With the economy the way it is, people need a degree or a higher degree to advance in the workplace," Blackwell said. "What we're seeing is applicants who see the need for that bachelor's or master's degree. It makes them



Terry Blackwell

more employable. Teachers who obtain a master's in education will get a pay raise and it makes them more employable as well."

Southern Wesleyan's Greenville location is close to interstates 85 and 385. The university is at 84 Villa Road, off Pelham Road, near Haywood Road. It is easy to spot from Interstate 385.

"We're centrally located in Greenville County. We're easy to get to, logistically, and we've been in the same location for a number of years," Blackwell said.

In addition to education and his faith, Blackwell also has a passion for water skiing and horseback riding. A few years back, Blackwell was a competitive water skier, who could ski barefoot and even ski on a boat paddle. Also, Blackwell's family raised Tennessee Walking Horses, which led him to a job breaking horses during his high school and college years.

Today, Blackwell and his wife, Pattie, have four grandsons and a new granddaughter. The Blackwells attend Lyman United Methodist Church.

"I enjoy being with family," Blackwell said. "My wife is my best friend."

And Blackwell also enjoys a family atmosphere at Southern Wesleyan University.

"Southern Wesleyan University is a rewarding place to work," Blackwell said. "I don't feel like I'm coming to work. We do a devotion here most mornings – it starts our day on the right track. We're like a family here at the Greenville location."

Southern Wesleyan University offers classes across South Carolina at the main location in Central, S.C., as well as in Greenville, Columbia, Charleston, North Augusta, Spartanburg and Greenwood. For details, go to swu.edu.

Davis hired to lead women's basketball

John Davis has been hired to lead the SWU women's basketball program into the 2010-11 season.

Davis comes to SWU via Wesley College, where he spent six years as an assistant with the men's program, and the last two with the women's basketball team.

"I am humbled and honored to be the next women's basketball coach at Southern Wesleyan University," Davis said. "I want to thank Dr. Spittal, Chris Williams, Dr. Brockinton, Dr. Accornero and the rest of the interview committee for blessing me with this great opportunity of leading these student-athletes."

Davis began his coaching career in 2001 at the high school ranks as the head varsity boy's coach at The King's Academy in Jonesboro, Ind. During his six years (2002-

2008) with the men's program at Wesley, the Wolverines advanced to their first-ever conference title game at that time in 2005-2006, and had double-digit wins for three consecutive years from 2005-2008 for the first time in the Division III era with the men's program.

Director of Athletics Chris Williams is excited to have Davis on campus and is ready to see his imprint on the women's basketball program.

"I am looking forward to the direction that John will take the women's basketball program," Williams said. "I know he will provide solid leadership and I am sure he is excited to begin his head coaching career here at SWU."

Davis finished his undergraduate degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2002, and graduated with his MBA from Wesley College



John Davis

in 2005. Davis was also the sports information director at Wesley for almost four years, and will also be working as the assistant sports information director with the SWU athletic department.

Volleyball to begin Ellis era this fall

The SWU volleyball team opened their 2010 campaign in late August and in doing so opened the Jennifer Ellis era.

Ellis took over for Derek Schmitt, who coached five seasons before resigning in February. Ellis earned her master's degree in counseling and human relations from Liberty University.

She completed her undergraduate work at Mississippi University for Women, where she was a defensive specialist/setter as a four-year starter. While at Mississippi University for Women, Ellis compiled 3,800 total assists and set a school record for assists in one match with 66.



Jennifer Ellis

Ellis brings with her experience at the Junior College and NAIA level as she previously served as head coach at Catawba Valley Community College during the 2006 and 2008 seasons. While at Catawba, she guided her team to

conference, region and district championships. She helped lead her team to the elite eight in the nationals during her time at CVCC. During these two seasons, Ellis was named conference, region and district coach of the year.

In addition to her coaching experience at the junior college level, Ellis has most recently guided the volleyball program at Sterling College in Sterling, Kan. She was named Conference Coach of the Year after posting a 19-11 overall record and 13-5 mark in the KCAC. Sterling was picked to finish tenth in the 2009 preseason poll and completed the season in third place.

SWU will be competing for a quality seed in the SSAC Tournament, held this year in Gulfport, Mississippi from November 11-13. The squad will then host the NCCAA South Region on November 19-20.

2010 Fall Athletic Home Schedule

All events listed below are home events only



MEN'S SOCCER

SEPT.

25 Sat

North Greenville University
(Homecoming)
5 p.m.

OCT.

13 Wed

Erskine College
7 p.m.

16 Sat

Brewton Parker College
5 p.m.

23 Sat

Truett McConnell College
7 p.m.

30 Sat

Emmanuel College
(Little Bronze Peach)
7 p.m.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

SEPT.

22 Wed

Chowan University
7 p.m.

25 Sat

Faulkner University
(Homecoming)
3 p.m.

29 Wed

Milligan College
7 p.m.

OCT.

2 Sat

North Greenville
7 p.m.

16 Sat

Brewton Parker
3 p.m.

23 Sat

Truett McConnell College
5 p.m.

30 Sat

Emmanuel College
(Little Bronze Peach)
5 p.m.



WARRIOR VOLLEYBALL

SEPT.

25 Sat

Brenau University
(Homecoming)
1 p.m.

28 Tue

Lee University
7 p.m.

OCT.

2 Sat

North Greenville
11 a.m.

2 Sat

Johnson & Wales
3 p.m.

20 Wed

Brevard College
7 p.m.

21 Thur

Toccoa Falls
7 p.m.

23 Sat

Shorter College
2 p.m.

NOV.

2 Tue

Columbia College
7 p.m.

19-20 Fri/Sat

2010 NCCAA
South Region



MEN & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

SEPT.

25 Sat

Warrior Invitational
(Homecoming)



WARRIOR GOLF

OCT.

4-5 Mon/Tue

SWU Invitational
Smithfield's Country Club, Easley S.C.

Southern Wesleyan grads earn top teaching recognition

These SWU education graduates were recognized for their outstanding contributions in the classroom on national, district-wide and school-wide levels.



Michel Justus, a 1995 graduate of Southern Wesleyan University, recently received the 2010 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award for South Carolina from the National Association of Biology Teachers. The daughter of Dr. Walt Sinnamon, dean of arts and sciences at Southern Wesleyan University, Justus earned her bachelor of science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Southern Wesleyan. She also earned a master's degree in life science from the University of Maryland. Justus will be recognized at the National Biology Teachers Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., in November. Justus currently teaches biology at D.W. Daniel High School. Her mother, Carol Sinnamon, is director of counseling and health services at SWU.



Sheila Beasley, a Southern Wesleyan University education graduate and second-grade teacher at East End Elementary School in Easley, S.C.,

was named 2010-11 School District of Pickens County Teacher of the Year. Beasley was announced as the winner during a district-wide kickoff celebration for the school year. Beasley is starting her seventh year at East End. Prior to that, she taught first-grade at the school for six years. Beasley has also served as an administrative assistant at the Pickens County School District office and was secretary to the principal at Easley High School. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in education in 1998 and her master's degree in education in 2003.



Justin Petersen was named 2010 Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year by Riverside Middle School in Pendleton, S.C. A 2004 education graduate, Petersen recently started his seventh year at Riverside. Petersen initially sought a lower grade, but when an opening for a sixth-grade teacher came up at Riverside, he accepted the job and hasn't looked back. Petersen taught sixth-grade social studies for three years and is currently starting his fourth year of teaching seventh-grade social studies. A student-athlete while at Southern Wesleyan, Petersen played varsity basketball and soccer. He continues his involvement with Southern Wesleyan as an assistant coach for the Men's Soccer Team. Petersen was previously honored by Riverside in 2007 as Teacher of the Year.



Ruth Anne Potts, a 2004 SWU graduate, was honored by her peers at Airport High School in Columbia, S.C., as Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011.

Potts works with the freshman program at Airport High. After graduating with an English education degree from Southern Wesleyan, Potts earned her M.Ed. degree in secondary education from the University of South Carolina. She began as a substitute teacher for Lexington District Two at Fulmer Middle School. Potts has been at Airport High since fall, 2006.



Christie Lee Vaughn, a 1992 SWU biology graduate and sixth-grade science teacher, was chosen by Gettys Middle School in Easley, S.C., as Teacher of the Year for 2010-11. Vaughn, whose philosophy

is to make students comfortable with the concepts of science and to teach with an engaging, active approach, feels that the professors at Southern Wesleyan prepared her completely for the classroom. She appreciated the caring professors who were not only easy to speak with, but very knowledgeable in their subject areas. She was also a member of the Lady Warriors Softball Team while a student at Southern Wesleyan and continues to keep in touch with many of her former teammates. Vaughn is a native of Liberty, S.C.

ALUMNI

'74

Dr. Milton Lowe was named director of the doctor of ministry program at Asbury Theological Seminary on Jan. 1. Dr. Lowe has served at Asbury Seminary for 11 years and also spent 26 years in pastoral ministry.

'74

Dr. Verna Lowe has been named dean of the School of Education and assistant to the president for institutional effectiveness and strategic planning at Asbury University. Dr. Lowe has taught at Asbury for 26 years and served as education department chair for 16 years prior to being named dean of the School of Education when Asbury became a university on March 5.

'74

Dr. D. Jonathan Watts received two teaching excellence awards in the past academic year. For his leadership and teaching excellence, Dr. Watts was selected to be a member of the Class of 2009 Chancellor's Award for Alabama Community College System. Also, in May, Dr. Watts received an International Award for Teaching Excellence at the 2010 International Conference of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development through the University of Texas at Austin. He teaches religion

and ethics at Snead State Community College and teaches a course in communicating the Gospel through the Graduate Theological Foundation.

'92

Timothy Sexton has been named assistant vice president of human resources at Lincoln National Corporation in North Carolina and is responsible for leading the human resource function for the Lincoln Employer Markets, Group Insurance segment in Omaha, Atlanta and more than 25 field offices. Prior to this role, Sexton was leading the human resource function for the Lincoln Life and Annuity. His previous positions also include human resource manager at Fluor Corporation and North American Human Resource Manager for Umbro International. Sexton has a bachelor's of science degree in human resource management from Southern Wesleyan University and a master's degree in human resource development from Clemson University.

'99



The Pickens County School Board named **Darian Byrd** as new principal of

Forest Acres Elementary School in Easley, S.C. Byrd earned his bachelor of arts degree in music education from Southern Wesleyan University. He also earned a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Clemson University. Byrd has served as assistant principal at East End Elementary School and previously was a band leader at Liberty Middle School.

'99

Belinda Brownlee, a business graduate of Southern Wesleyan University, was named the new director of the Upward Bound program in the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Center for Community Career Education. Brownlee previously worked with the Upward Bound Program at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, S.C., for 10 years before assuming her new post.

'04

Rupal Shah is currently at the University of KwaZulu-Natal at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine in Durban, South Africa, where she is working in the lab and teaching a course for clinicians and researchers from various African countries to learn more about tuberculosis diagnostics and research. Shah earned a B.S. in biology and a B.A. in chemistry from Southern Wesleyan University and earned her master's degree at Clemson University.

'05



Erica Rainey, a business graduate of Southern Wesleyan, daughter of Rev. Glenn and Sherry Rainey ('74), recently graduated with a master of library and information science degree from Valdosta State University. Rainey is employed as the technical services librarian at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C.

'07

Robin Lowe received her master of arts degree in education with the Teacher as Leader Endorsement from Asbury University on May 8. Asbury is the first school in Kentucky to offer this new endorsement and Lowe is part of the first graduating class with this particular degree. For three years Lowe has taught fourth grade at Wilmore Elementary School in Wilmore, Ky. For the 2010-2011 school year, she will be at Anne Mason Elementary in Scott County, Ky., overseeing all interventions for grades K-5 and leading the school and district in implementing quality balanced assessment.

'08

Jamie Barnes has joined Life Care Center of Charleston, S.C., in the marketing and admissions department. She has a bachelor's degree in corporate communications from the College of Charleston and a master's degree in management from Southern Wesleyan University.

'08

Stephen Kyle Blackwell, a business graduate from Westminster, S.C., was offered a position at Edward Jones in Easley, S.C., right out of college. Representatives from Edward Jones have indicated that they take less than five percent of their employees immediately after college graduation.

'10

Erica Picard has been accepted into the graduate program at the University of Tennessee. She will begin work on her master's in teacher education with a concentration in middle school mathematics. She has been awarded an assistantship to work on a program where she will train teachers how to teach a food safety curriculum. She will work with the program for two years.

'10

Elizabeth Bruce, a recent applied computing graduate from Pickens, S.C., has always wanted to take flying lessons. Her parents surprised

her with a flying lesson as a surprise graduation present. Bruce, who had never flown before, said "getting to actually fly a plane my first time up was incredible, and the instructor was patient to answer all of my questions. I'm told that we flew for an hour, but it only seemed like 20 minutes to me." Bruce hopes to continue flying. She has also started a Web site development company with her parents.

'10



Brett Barton, a recent traditional graduate from Walhalla, S.C., will be attending Clemson University in the master's of accounting program in the fall. Barton earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Southern Wesleyan University.

'10

Katie Brush of Rockwell, N.C., has been accepted into Presbyterian College's pharmacy program for a doctor of pharmacy degree. Her goal is to work in a hospital pharmacy. Brush majored in biology

at Southern Wesleyan University. She appreciates the special interest that the faculty has for students and their desire for students to succeed. She also appreciates the lifelong friendships she has developed with students that share the same core beliefs.

'10

Brian Daniels was accepted into the Ph.D. program in neuroscience at Washington University in St. Louis for fall 2010. Daniels graduated in May with a bachelor of arts degree in English and a bachelor of science degree for a specialized major in integrated behavioral biology. According to Daniels, Washington University's neuroscience program is among the top 10 neuroscience programs in the nation.

Young parents find that MBA program offers flexibility



Attaining a degree is possible through Southern Wesleyan's Adult and Graduate Studies

program, regardless of the circumstances. Pictured are Heather Hedden, left, and her twins Carter and Lillie, born Oct. 16, 2008; and Angela Ward, right, whose son Mason was born May 12, 2009. Hedden and Ward graduated in May with their MBA degrees. They credit their supportive families and the flexibility of SWU's AGS program for attaining their goal of earning a degree.

WEDDINGS

'05



Michael and Abbie (Husman) **Baker** were married on April 24, 2010, at Litchfield Beach, S.C.

'10



Zachary Wayne and **Jennifer (Rickman) Derr** were married on June 12, 2010, in High Point, N.C.

'10



Nathan and Brittany (Buchanan) Jolly were married on May 15, 2010, at Table Rock Retreat and Conference Center in S.C.

Student



Kris and **Kelsey Michelle (Buchanan) Morrison** were married on July 31, 2010, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

BIRTHS

'97



Greg Edmonds and his wife Heidi announce the birth of their son Luke, born July 23.

'01

Jadon Russell was born on May 9, 2010, to Jason and **Carla (Davis) Evans**.

'03

Noah Philip Gilbert was born on July 7, 2010, to **Travis** and **Amanda Gilbert**.

'04 & '05

Avery Joy was born on June 28, 2010, to **Andrew** and **Jennifer Peed**.

'98 & '97/'07



Kate Charlotte Young was born on July 23, 2010, to **Greg** and **Amanda Young**.

OBITUARIES

'38

Ruth Butts Smith, Walhalla, S.C., May 9, 2010.

'48

Dr. Robert Nelson Shigley, Clarksville, Ga., May 27, 2010.

'48

Edna Herd Phillips, Greenville, S.C., Aug. 13, 2010.

'97

Jori Woodworth Fresquez, Atlanta, Ga., July 24, 2010.

Former student

Marcus George, Stoneboro, Pa., April 29, 2010.

Former student

Linda Verna Mae LeSure, July 27, 2010.

Faculty

Arthur Lovelace died Aug. 26, 2010. Lovelace served as assistant professor of business at Southern Wesleyan University from 1973 to

1981. He and his wife Ruth were also active at Central First Wesleyan Church while residing in the community. In 1998, their children established a scholarship for students entering business or education, The Arthur and Ruth Lovelace Endowed Scholarship. Lovelace received a bachelor's degree from Roberts Wesleyan College and a master's degree from Syracuse University.

SWU's oldest alumni passes on

'36



Rev. Frank Warren of Topeka, Kan. graduated from SWU, which was then known as Wesleyan Methodist College. Warren also attended Indiana Wesleyan College in Marion, Ind., obtaining a bachelor's degree in 1944. He finished his licensing and course of study in the United Methodist Church, and on June 12, 1960, was ordained an elder in the Kansas East Conference. In 1965 he completed the U.S. Army Chaplain School's

Advanced Course at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. He served as a chaplain in the United States Army with 26 years of commissioned service from 1945 until 1971. While in military service, he was transport chaplain on the Atlantic (1945); assistant post chaplain at Fort McClellan, Ala. (1946); chaplain in Korea (1951-1952); finance chaplain, Tokyo, Japan (1952-1954); post chaplain, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. (1954-1956); post chaplain, 2nd Armored Division Baumholder, Germany (1956-1957); Chaplains Advanced School (1965); and reserve duty chaplain at the 109th Army Hospital in Topeka, Kan. Warren retired from the military in 1971, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Rev. Warren passed away on June 1, 2010.

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