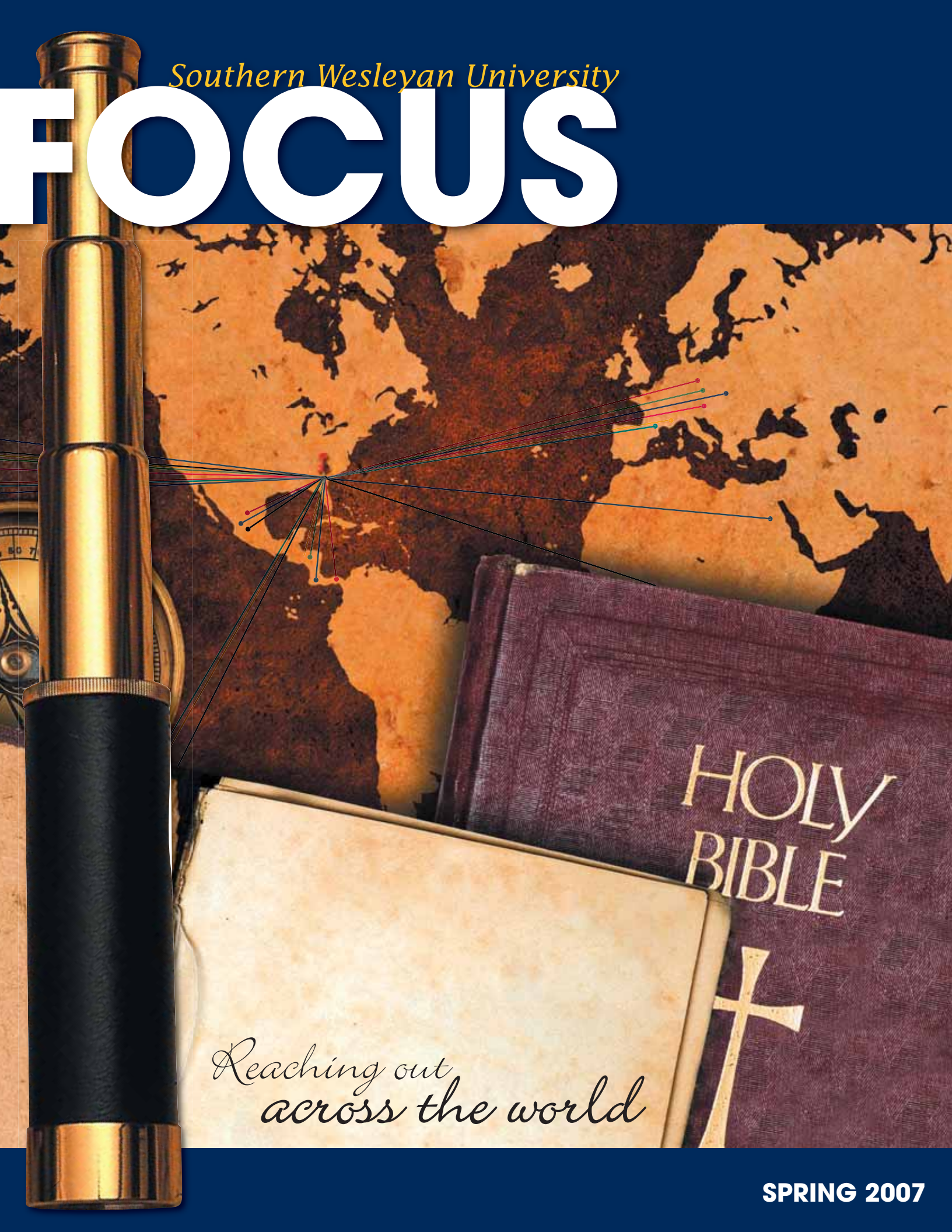


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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

University clarifies, fulfills its mission

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

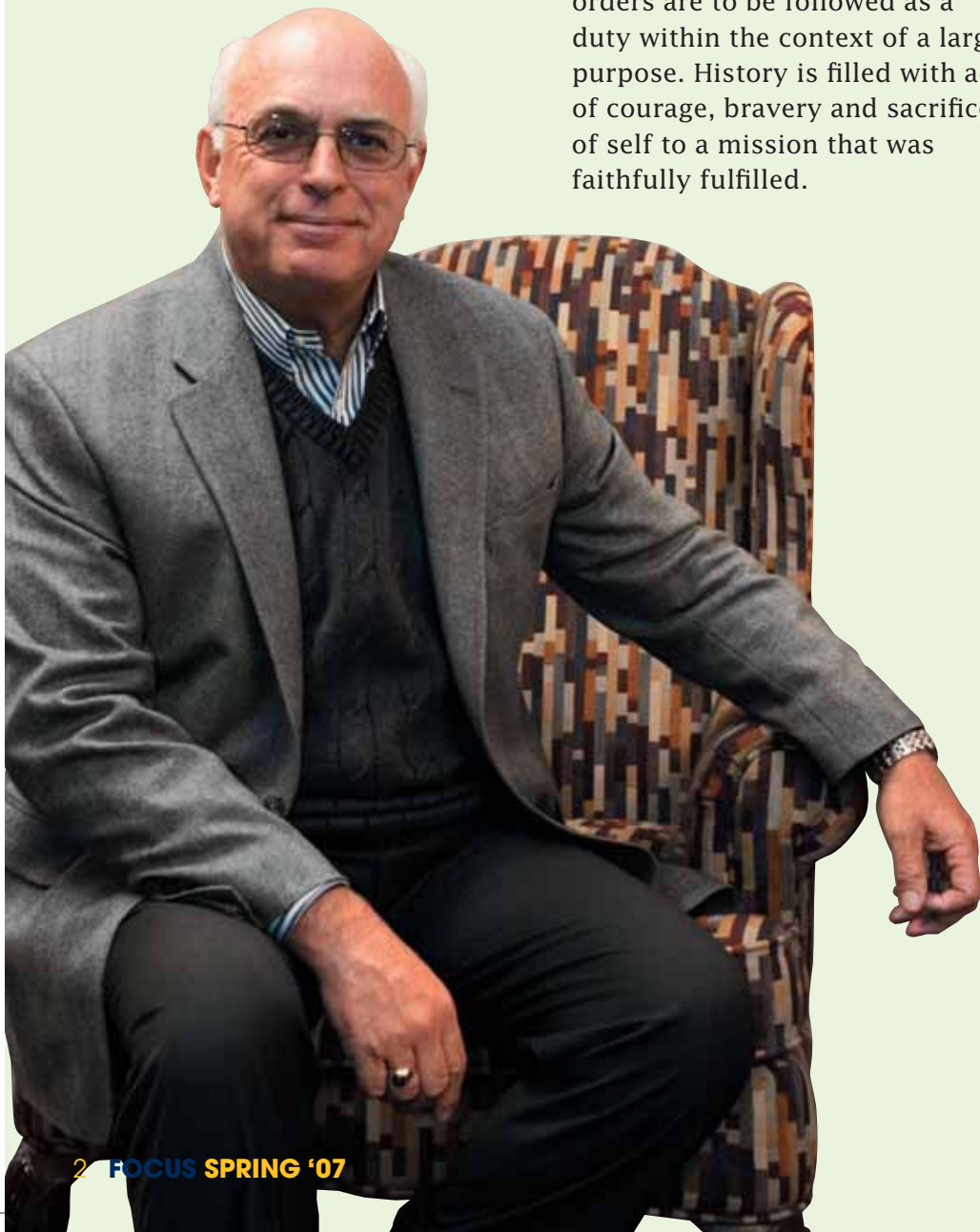
What is your mission? This question is frequently being asked these days as churches, schools and individuals are being pressed to clearly describe their missions and to declare their purposes and commitments.

The substance of any statement of mission rests in the level of dedication to the goal it desires to achieve.

Within a military context, printed orders are issued to identify the objectives required to accomplish the goals of a mission. The discipline of military life is that orders are to be followed as a duty within the context of a larger purpose. History is filled with acts of courage, bravery and sacrifice of self to a mission that was faithfully fulfilled.

Scripture clearly defines the mission of the church and the "orders" issued to the church and all who desire to follow Jesus Christ. As followers of Christ, we are compelled to pursue him, to seek him and to allow his purposes to fill and permeate every aspect of our lives. Submission to his will provides a sense of purpose for our lives and a clear definition of what it means for each of us to be "on mission."

Southern Wesleyan University has a compelling mission that is best defined by the thousands of students whose lives have been transformed by its influence and ministry. There is no greater mission and no greater purpose than that which is found in the receiving and the sending of men and women transformed by Christ. Similar to Paul's challenge to the church, the university exists to provide an environment where students can seek, test and approve God's good, perfect and pleasing will for their lives. To that mission and purpose we seek only God's final and ultimate affirmation ... mission accomplished!



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SWU religion faculty contribute to book

Three Southern Wesleyan University religion professors have contributed to a book released recently at a Wesleyan pastors' conference in Orlando, Fla. The book, "The Church that Jesus Builds: A Dialogue on the Church in the 21st Century," is a collaborative effort from theological educators in Wesleyan higher education. The book was edited by Joseph Coleson of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Southern Wesleyan religion professors and book contributors are Dr. Don Wood, seated; Dr. Roger McKenzie, standing left; and Dr. Bob Black.



SWU cabinet members serve breakfast to employees

At the start of every school year, Southern Wesleyan University's Development Office kicks off its employee giving campaign with a challenge – 100 percent employee participation.

As a gift of appreciation to employees and departments that reach 100 percent in giving to Southern Wesleyan's Promise Fund, the Development Office staff provides a home-cooked breakfast that is served by the university's cabinet members. So far this fiscal year, employees have donated \$18,799 to the Promise Fund.

A drawing was held in November for all departments that reached 100 percent participation in Promise Fund giving for the fiscal year. The winning departments were Conference Services, Spiritual Life and the Counseling Center. Employees of these departments were treated to a special breakfast served by members of SWU's Cabinet on Jan. 8 in the Mitchell

Conference Room at the university's campus in Central. The institution's cabinet consists of vice presidents from across the campus.

Below, Dr. Keith Iddings serves coffee as Pam Burnett enjoys breakfast.

At right, Willa Brockinton and Lori Herron, far right, sit down to a home-cooked meal.



Warrior Open tees off soon

The Second Annual Warrior Open Tournament is set for Friday, May 4, 2007, at Cross Creek Plantation in Seneca. The tournament benefits Southern Wesleyan University athletics and provides support for the university's athletes.

The tournament is captain's choice and is limited to the first 24 four-man teams to register. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. A hole sponsorship is \$125. A corporate sponsorship is \$1,500 and includes a four-person team entry.

Prizes will be awarded to members of the first, second and third place teams. Individual prizes will be awarded to the person with the longest drive and the person who is closest to the pin. Door prizes will also be given away and the day will be capped off with an auction. For details, please contact Chris Williams at (864) 644-5304 or cwilliams@swu.edu.

President's Club

members to attend pre-concert reception

Members of Southern Wesleyan University's President's Club are invited to attend a pre-concert reception before the SWU Jazz Ensemble concert on April 26.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in Founders' Hall on the university's campus in Central. This is an opportunity to meet with other President's Club members as well as be honored for contributions to the university. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Folger



Fine Arts Auditorium. For details about becoming a member of the President's Club or attending the reception, please contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu.

Development director thanks donors



Promise Fund on track for year

The Promise Fund, a fund that supports scholarships as well as student and academic programs, continues to track ahead of where it was this time last year. This year's goal is to raise more than \$350,000 by June 30, 2007. So far, our donors have

contributed more than \$205,856 to date. With continued support from Southern Wesleyan University alumni and friends, the Promise Fund can surpass our initial goal of \$350,000.

To donate to the Promise Fund, please use the envelope enclosed in this issue of Focus, or contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu.



- Faculty and Staff** \$18,799
- Corporations and Businesses** \$44,850
- Alumni** \$54,279
- Friends** \$32,978
- Churches and Organizations** \$16,858
- Trustees** \$34,251
- Matching Gifts** \$3,841
- Total** **\$205,856**

Chapel-Fine Arts Center campaign reaches for goal



The “Building Foundations for a New Generation” campaign is now reaching to achieve the \$5 million dollar goal required to complete a new Chapel-Fine Arts Center on the university’s campus in Central.

“We are nearing our goal and, with approximately \$4.4 million in contributions already committed, we are positive that God will help us exceed our goal in the next few months,” SWU President David Spittal said. Groundbreaking for the new facility is scheduled for April, with construction to be completed

and the building occupied by the fall 2008 term.

The new university facility has been the focus of the first phase of a multi-year capital campaign and is needed to respond to rapid growth in enrollments and in fine arts-related programs and performance groups. This facility includes a 1,000-seat auditorium, music classrooms, teaching studios, practice rooms and rehearsal halls for the university instrumental and choral organizations.

Upon completion of the first phase of this project, the university will

focus on phase two the funding of a new physical education and wellness center facility. This proposed facility will accommodate 2,500 for sporting events and major convocations. It will include training and athletic facilities and an indoor track. It is designed to accommodate the university athletic programs as well as community activities.

“The Chapel-Fine Arts project has been made possible through the support of alumni and friends of the university who believe in our dreams for the future of the university,” Spittal said. University trustees, faculty and staff have provided leadership for the campaign and have been joined with many others from the immediate community and region.

“We still have a ways to go and will need to stretch to reach the \$5 million goal for the Chapel-Fine Arts Center. We are looking for others who believe in the dream and want to be a part of this exciting new facility,” Spittal said.

Investing in education

Southern Wesleyan University business majors are learning about the world of high finance by investing in companies through a university-sponsored investment club called Timely Investments Creating Keen Equitable Returns (TICKER). The club uses funds donated by area companies such as Easley Custom Plastics and Merrill Lynch of Clemson. Students research investment options and buy stocks, with profits from the investment club going to fund SWU business school activities. Club participants, from left, are Kyle Blackwell of Westminster, a business administration and accounting major; Danny Gregg, vice president of the Merrill Lynch Clemson office; Misty Bryant of Liberty, a business administration major; and John Frazier, associate professor of business.



Business of the month

Southern Wesleyan University was named Business of the Month for December 2006 by the Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce. The honor came in recognition of the university's 100th anniversary, as well as its community involvement. Pictured, from left, are Ben Hooker with SunTrust Bank; SWU employees Janelle Beamer, director of public relations; Joy Bryant, director of alumni and constituent relations and Dr. David Spittal, president; Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kent Dykes; Saundra Hunter with CFS Inc./Mass Mutual; and Chamber President Carol Walsh of Walsh Realty.



Princeton Review: SWU named one of best in Southeast

Southern Wesleyan University has again been ranked as one of the best in the Southeast by The Princeton Review, according to Robert Franek, publisher, editorial director and author of "The Best 361 Colleges."

"Southern Wesleyan University is one of 146 schools on the site receiving our Best in the Southeast designation. We believe these schools uphold the standards of our Best Southeastern College distinction and provide students with a wide breadth of excellent schools to consider," Franek said.

Prospective students from across the nation use The Princeton Review to prepare for the SAT and to learn more about colleges and universities. Southern Wesleyan University has received the Best in the Southeast ranking for the third year in a row.

"We are very pleased to be designated as a 'Best in the



Southeast' university by The Princeton Review for 2007," Southern Wesleyan University President David Spittal said. "We're proud to spread our good news to potential students."

Southern Wesleyan University was founded 100 years ago by leaders who promised to "help men and women become what God has designed them to be."

"The university has celebrated 100 years of achieving that goal," said Janelle Beamer, university spokesperson. "This year we look

to the future and are excited about offering new programs such as communications, forensic science and criminal justice."

Southern Wesleyan University prepares students for leadership and graduate study in such fields as religion, education, music, business, medicine, law and a variety of civic and social service professions. Southern Wesleyan offers 33 major areas of study for undergraduate and graduate degrees in the areas of business, education and ministry. The university's main campus is in Central and there are regional learning centers across the state, in locations such as Greenville, Columbia, Charleston and North Augusta.

To view Princeton Review's best schools in the Southeast, go to: http://www.princetonreview.com/college/research/regional_southeast.asp.

Ministry program equips

servants of the Lord

For those who feel called to minister to others, Southern Wesleyan University is a launching pad.

The university's Master of Ministry program covers topics including theology, Bible study, spiritual formation, ministry, leadership, worship, counseling, finance, evangelism, the family and technology in the church.

For one ministry student, Beatrice Coleman of Abbeville, the program is an answer to prayer.

"I have had an amazing awakening regarding Christian leadership and ministry and my personal preparation for it. This is an excellent, God-given program, and I highly recommend it to

everyone seeking to grow in his or her ministry," Coleman said. She is pastor of Jacob Chapel AME Church in Abbeville.

The ministry program includes 36 credit hours of study. It is designed to accommodate the complex schedules of its students, with an emphasis on flexibility. Students are able to complete their studies while maintaining weekday employment and Sundays at their home church.

"Our classes meet once each month on Friday night and all day Saturday," said Dr. Mari Gonlag, religion professor and director of the program. "In this format, each course is completed in a three month time period.

"Whatever your circumstances, whatever your needs, we have a

program that works for you," Gonlag said.

Some of the program's students are bi-vocational, maintaining a weekday job while ministering to others on Sundays. Stanford Glenn of Central, for example, is a Baptist pastor as well as a special needs teacher.

"The Master of Ministry program has broadened my idea of ministry and I've found the information and concepts taught to be extremely applicable to my ministry context. It's a great program for bi-vocational ministers," Glenn said.

For details about the Master of Ministry program, call 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5550, or e-mail mmin@swu.edu.

Meet three Master of Ministry students



Name: Beatrice Coleman

Church: Jacob Chapel African Methodist Episcopal

Job Title: Pastor and

Administrative Assistant with Greenwood School District 50

Year graduated from SWU, degree: 2006, Master of Ministry

City you live in: Abbeville, S.C.

Favorite Biblical character: Mary, the mother of Jesus.

What inspires you to achieve: Knowing that, as a Christian, I am an agent of God. He demands and deserves the best that I can give. Knowing that God will always give awesome results in whatever He has me to do is exciting and rewarding. I also want to be an example for others; I want to motivate, inspire and encourage

others to always do their best to achieve their best.

Most valuable learning experience at SWU: I cannot single out any one valuable learning experience that I had at SWU. Every experience was a valuable learning experience. Every course brought new knowledge, understanding, wisdom and necessary challenges; and each professor was a master teacher and, each in his or her own way, a mentor.

Dream job: Full-time ministry

What you'd like to tell others about SWU: SWU's motto says it all: "A quality education, a Christian perspective."



Name: Rev. Steve Stanley

Church: Greenville First Wesleyan Church

Job Title: Interim Pastor

Year to graduate from SWU, degree: 2008, Master of Ministry

City you live in: Greenville, S.C.

Favorite Biblical character: Aside from our Lord, I'd have to say, Joseph. He is an amazing

example of perseverance in the face of crushing adversity.

What inspires you to achieve:

The thing that drives me most is the passion ... redeeming humans and transforming the world. God's love and grace are too wonderful to keep to ourselves. And I believe that our success will depend, in part, on our training and commitment to excellence.

Most valuable learning

experience at SWU: That we never learn anything until we close our mouths and open our ears, minds and hearts. The professors are great with this. More than once, I have been (tactfully and kindly) challenged to rethink some issue in the light of a more complete set of data.

Dream job: My "dream job" would be as a "teacher of preachers," whether here in the United States or some other field.

People might be surprised to know these things about you:

I love hiking and amateur photography. I'm actually quite shy. I know how tears taste.

What you'd like to tell others

about SWU: The best thing I've garnered from the time spent with my professors and classmates is the value and genuine pleasure of having to examine one's assumptions and beliefs against the template of scripture. Southern Wesleyan has a strong, high view of scripture. Everything in the classroom flows from and returns to what God's word says. We are continually encouraged not to fear the truth – for there is where we'll find God.

I guess what impresses me most is the sense of authentic community one encounters everywhere on campus. These people want you to succeed! They are invested in your dreams right along with you. You are not alone at SWU.



Name: Priscilla Hammond

Church: Crossroads Church

Job Title: Series Coordinator for the Worship and Creative Arts Department

Year graduated from SWU, degree: 2006, Master of Ministry

City you live in: Lawrenceville, Ga.

Favorite Biblical character:

Daniel is my favorite. My favorite passage is Daniel 4:2, "It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me."

What inspires you to achieve:

God gives a vision to individuals and then empowers them to achieve that vision. I want the church to be the most effective organization it can be, and being even a small part of that inspires me.

Most valuable learning

experience at SWU: My years in the Master of Ministry program allowed me to sit and learn, which creates a lifestyle of stopping and hearing. I can sit at Jesus' feet and be prepared before I get busy doing what ministry requires. Also, we learned how to do ministry from the professors, the texts and each other. It was a fellowship of preparation.

Dream job: Communicating to adults through writing, speaking or creative art. I want it to be my life's vocation to take pleasure in telling about what God has done for me and for others.

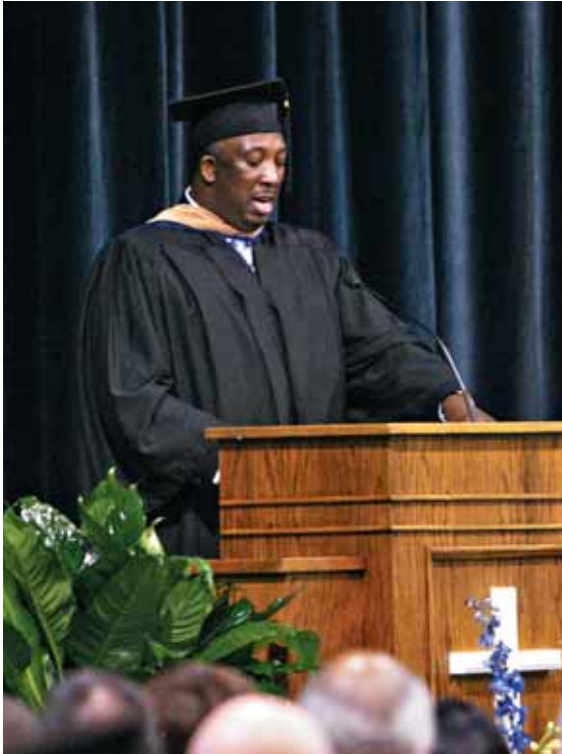
People might be surprised to know this about you:

In 2006, I finished a marathon, my licensing requirements for The Wesleyan Church and the Master of Ministry program at SWU. I have never done anything athletic before signing up to train for the marathon, but I trained for six months and completed the goal.

What I would like to tell

others about SWU: SWU is truly a Christian university with a commitment to helping students to become what God designed them to be. If you are called to vocational ministry, the Master of Ministry program will equip you for that ministry.

Winter graduates receive gift of celebration



Ray Lattimore

Ray Lattimore, in addressing the graduating seniors at Southern Wesleyan University on Dec. 17, announced that he was there to give them a gift – the gift of celebration.

“Today everyone in this place has gathered to celebrate you! However, the gift comes with a responsibility. The responsibility to celebrate others – to give away this gift for the rest of your lives,” Lattimore said.

Lattimore, the first member of his family to attend college, secured a basketball scholarship from Spartanburg Methodist Junior College and later at Southern Wesleyan University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Later he earned associate’s degrees in marketing and computer technology from Greenville Technical College.

In 1996, Lattimore founded Marketing Staffing Services, a company headquartered in

Greenville with offices in seven cities throughout Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Marketing Staffing Services has been awarded numerous honors for its professional and community achievements, and it has enjoyed a client portfolio that is heavy with Fortune 500 and other large companies.

A native of Greenville, Lattimore married his high school sweetheart, the former Jacqueline McDaniel. They have one son, Michael Ray Lattimore.

Addressing the 530 Southern Wesleyan graduates, Lattimore said, “When I first arrived on this campus in the 1980s, I was without direction, skills or money. But I left the campus with the values of discipline, compassion, and a Christ-centered life.”

In his conclusion, Lattimore welcomed the graduates to the family of Southern Wesleyan University alumni, and he added, “You are meant to do great things and to be great people. Let me be the first to celebrate you!”

The university had two separate graduation ceremonies at Tysinger Gymnasium. The 10 a.m. ceremony was for graduating students from the university’s Central and Greenville locations earning associate’s and bachelor’s degrees, and for students from all locations earning master of science and master of business administration degrees. The 3 p.m. ceremony was for students from the university’s Charleston, Columbia and North Augusta locations earning associate’s and bachelor’s degrees, as well as for students from all locations earning master of education or master of ministry degrees.



A proud graduate displays her diploma after the Dec. 17 ceremony

New majors coming to SWU locations

Education and human services programs are coming to Southern Wesleyan University locations across the state.

The university recently received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer its bachelor of science in education degree at its regional sites in Greenville, Charleston, Columbia and North Augusta. SACS is the regional accreditation agency for higher education institutions in the Southern states.

“We are so pleased to be able to offer our bachelor’s program in education to students across South Carolina,” said Dr. Fred Woodworth, dean of the university’s School of Education. “Our evening program is ideal for working adult students who are interested in becoming educators.”

Also, the university received SACS approval to offer a bachelor of science in human services degree at its Central and Greenville locations. The human services major prepares students for practical work in a variety of human service or “helping” agencies, in the fields of health, social care, education, guidance, counseling, the remedial professions, probation, social and justice systems, and the independent sector.

Applications are currently being accepted in the Central and Greenville locations for both new majors. The programs will be offered in Columbia, North Augusta and Charleston in the future.

These programs are offered in an accelerated format for working adults who can attend class one night a week. Other outside-the-classroom requirements such as study group meetings, reports and projects allow students to master the required material while maintaining employment and family commitments.

For details on the bachelor’s degree in education or human services, please call (864) 639-2112 or 1-800-808-1653.

SWU offers criminal justice, forensic science majors

Criminal justice is the latest of 33 majors available for students at Southern Wesleyan University.

Richard Rogers, criminal justice coordinator at the university, says the program will produce graduates who will be able to use their skills in challenging criminal justice careers.

“The criminal justice degree is desirable for those students seeking to eventually become detectives or administrators in law enforcement or corrections after they work their way through the ranks,” Rogers said.

The criminal justice major and minor is for students interested in

careers as law enforcement officers, trial attorneys, corrections officials and parole officers. The program highlights courses in social science and management that are useful in criminal justice.

Students who major in criminal justice will take courses to study areas such as forensic science, behavioral theories in deviance, psychology, research, race and ethnic relations, social problems, negotiation and conflict resolution, forensic psychology and criminal investigation.

Southern Wesleyan University also offers a forensic science major for



Rev. Kevin Myers

Conviction is key to daily decisions

Rev. Kevin Myers, senior pastor at Crossroads Community Church in Lawrenceville, Ga., encourages students at Southern Wesleyan University to live by their convictions. As part of the university’s Spiritual Emphasis activities in January, Myers asks, “Do you walk with the crowd or do you walk with Christ?” Myers urged students to set their convictions early and let those convictions guide their daily choices.

SWU exceeds goal of *50 missionaries*



Donna and Dave Tolan

October of 2006 at least 50 SWU students or recent graduates would complete or be completing a four-month or longer missionary assignment. They coined the slogan, “50 by 2006.”

“We chose October 2006 because that was the grand finale of Southern Wesleyan University’s Centennial Celebration,” Tolan said. “When we set this goal, it was a very aggressive commitment. This is not just a random number. This is huge; it is significant Kingdom stuff! This number represents God’s call upon students’ lives.”

By April of 2006, the Tolans had not only reached the goal of 50, but surpassed it.

“Praise the Lord! We’ve more than reached our goal, six months early!” he said.

The Tolans are missionaries in residence at is Southern Wesleyan

University. Having served as missionaries, the Tolans provide first-hand advice to students who are interested in the mission field.

“This accomplishment represents a significant cultural shift on our campus. In the 10 years before Donna and I came to SWU, from 1988 to 1998, approximately 10 to 12 graduates had completed a four-month or longer missionary assignment. But with these 52 students and, I pray, many more following, I believe God is raising up a new generation of missionaries from Southern Wesleyan University,” Tolan said.

Now that they have reached their goal, the Tolans have raised the bar at Southern Wesleyan University. Their new goal is to have 100 students serve in the mission field by 2010.

In November, the Tolans hosted many of the university’s missionaries at a missions conference on the university’s campus in Central. The missionary students shared their experiences with the campus community.

“I believe the Holy Spirit is using these missionary students to challenge other students to join God’s great worldwide mission of redemption and restoration,” Dave Tolan said.

For details about serving in the mission field, contact Dave Tolan at 864-644-5134 or 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5134 or e-mail dtolan@swu.edu.

Each pin on this display represents a student or recent graduate who has completed or is in the process of completing a four-month or longer missionary assignment.

In the summer of 2001, Dave and Donna Tolan set a goal to reach out to the world.

They were determined that by



Student Missionaries

Amy (Wilson) Havlen, 1988
Czech Republic, 6 years
Global Partners

Brian Malingowski, 1988
Costa Rica, 6 months
Global Partners

Joy Malingowski, 1988
Costa Rica, 6 months
Global Partners

Tommy Southern, 1999
Swaziland, 1 ½ years
Global Partner

Jennifer Southern, 1999
Swaziland, 1 ½ years
Global Partners

Heather (Ennis) Sells, 1999
Croatia, 2 years
Global Partners

Anita (Mathis) Yelton, 1999
Croatia, 1 year
Global Partners

Keri Chaffin, 2000
Puerto Rico, 5 years
Global Partners

Jennifer Moore, 2000
Croatia, 2 years
Global Partners

Andrea Spicer, 2001
Puerto Rico, 6 months
Global Partners

Carla Davis, 2002
Czech Republic, 4 years
Global Partners

Kara (Stallings) Hurlburt, 2002
Albania, 1 year
Global Partners

Katie O'Connor, 2002
Croatia, 1 year
Global Partners

Kristy Baysinger, 2002
Czech Republic, 2 years
Global Partners

Travis Gilbert, 2002
Australia, 4 months
Global Partners

Hope (Haithcock) Hucks, 2002
Czech Republic, 1 ½ years
Global Partners

Amanda Lark, 2003
Burkina Faso, 1 year
Southern Baptist

Cindy Huston, 2002
India, 1 year

Carol Gray, 2003
Russia, 1 year
Global Partners

Kari Jones, 2003
Germany, 1 year
Global Partners

Suzie Stogner, 2003
Germany, 1 year
Global Partners

Joy Lewis, 2003
China, 1 year
Independent

Carol Nolan, 2003
Tonga/USA, 3 years
Child Evangelism Fellowship

Emily (Rampey) Miller, 2003
Germany, 1 year
Global Partners

Matt Miller, 2003
Czech Republic, 1 year
Global Partners

Renee Raker, 2003
Czech Republic, 2 years
Global Partners

Chantel Melanson, 2003
South Korea, 9 months
NICS (Network of International Christian Schools)

Andrea (Hill) Hodges, 2004
Honduras, 4 months
World Hope

Adam Spooner, 2004
Australia, 6 months
Global Partners

Tara Boshart, 2004
Honduras, 2 years
Church of God

Andrea (Holmes) Morello, 2004
Mexico, 1 year
Southern Baptist

Sherlyn Sheets, 2004
Bosnia, 1 year
Global Partners

Noelle Stephens, 2004
Cambodia, 1 year
World Hope

Jennifer Hawkins, 2005
Honduras, 4 months
World Hope

Joe Page, 2005
Guatemala, 4 months
Independent

Jasmyn Byrd, 2005
Czech Republic, 1 year
Global Partners

Brad Hornback, 2005
South Korea, 1 year
NICS (Network of International Christian Schools)

Seth Cotton, 2005
South Korea, 1 year
Independent

Mark Tolan, 2006
Czech Republic, 6 months
Global Partners

Adam Jones
Bosnia, Currently on the field
Global Partner

Kristy Baysinger
Czech Republic,
Raising Support
Global Partners

Jason
Western Asia
Currently on the field
World Hope

Kelley
Western Asia,
Currently on the field
World Hope

Lauren Hughey
Turkey, Currently on the field
NICS (Network of International Christian Schools)

Travis*
Middle East,
Currently on the field

Amanda*
Middle East,
Currently on the field

Thomas Bowyer
Germany,
Currently on the field

Kristyn Dees
Bosnia, Raising Support
Global Partners

Julie Tabler
Cambodia, Raising Support
Global Partners/World Hope

Kari Jones
Germany, Raising Support
Global Partners

Christina Collins
Central Asia, Raising Support
Youth with a Mission

** Names withheld for security reasons.*



Dave and Donna Tolan, Southern Wesleyan University's missionaries in residence, above, lead a chapel service and speak to SWU students who have become missionaries.

ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS

NEWS FLASH

'74

Dr. D. Jonathan Watts has authored a book titled "Gospeltelling to a Digital Culture: The Forensic Reconstruction of a Good Storey" (ISBN: 978-1929569-21-2) This is a Cloverdale Publication.

Watts defended his dissertation in Oxford, England, where he studied at Christ Church College, Oxford University. He and his wife, Karen, are active in their church in Guntersville, Ala., and have two daughters, Lindsey and Whitney. He has conducted numerous workshops and retreats focusing on storytelling and preaching.

'03

Spartanburg Community College has appointed **Ron Jackson** its new vice president of student affairs.

Jackson previously held the same post at the Technical College of the Lowcountry in Beaufort. He also is the former project field manager and special schools manager for what is now the Center for Accelerated Technology Training for the S.C. Technical College System. Jackson worked specifically with the Bridgestone/Firestone project in Aiken and the DelWebb/Sun City project in Beaufort.

'04

Veronica Pinkett-Barber has been named donor services associate by the Central Carolina Community Foundation. She holds a master's degree in management from Southern Wesleyan University.

'05

York Technical College has announced that **Angela Fowler** is the college's new financial resources director. Fowler has a master's in management from Southern Wesleyan University.

STUDENT

Kellen Kmiecik, junior from Elmwood Park, Ill., has been selected by Athletes in Action to participate next summer on a team playing in the Alaskan League. Athletes in Action is a division of Campus Crusade for Christ and the Alaskan League is a summer collegiate baseball league designed primarily for NCAA Division.

BIRTHS

'69



Isaac "Ike" Aaron Rampey was born Jan. 16. He weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 3/4 inches long. He is pictured here with his grandparents **Buddy** and **Joan Rampey**. His parents are Aaron and Elizabeth Rampey of Huntsville, N.C.

'95/'98



Kris LeRoy and **Jessica (Parnell) LeRoy**, of Asheboro, N.C., announce the birth of Raegan Jessica LeRoy. She was born April 24, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz., and was 21 inches long.

SWU EMPLOYEES



Karon and **Rocky Nation** are the parents of a new baby girl, Margaret Elizabeth "Meg," born on Jan. 5, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long.



Kristi and **Byron Shirley** are the parents of a baby boy, Branson, born Sept. 7, 2006. Branson weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and is pictured with his sister, Morgan. This is also the grandson of Admissions employee **Donna Wood**.

DEATHS

'37

Mary Lila Kelly, of Greenville, S.C. January 15, 2007

'78

Rick Lloyd Harkins, of Clemson, S.C. Nov. 3, 2006

WEDDINGS

'06

Kristy Melana Butts and **John Christopher Yates** were married Oct. 3, 2006.

Mark your calendar

Grandparents' Day – April 26

The grandparents of Southern Wesleyan University's students are invited to the institution's campus in Central for a visit with their grandchildren. Grandparents will have lunch with the students and explore the university's campus. Attendees will also be ushered back in time at nearby Collins Old Towne, a living example of life in years past. Finally, grandparents will want to stay for the SWU Jazz Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Folger Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission to the concert is free.



The Jekyll Island Club, on a neighboring island.

St. Simons Getaway – Sept. 11-14

Reunite with old friends at Epworth By The Sea, Conference and Retreat Center. Special guest speakers will entertain and enlighten in the mornings. Choose to nap in the afternoons or enjoy the beauty of ocean beaches, offshore fishing tours, golf, fishing piers, tennis courts, bicycles or an afternoon stroll.

2007 Homecoming – Sept. 28 -29

The theme for the university's homecoming is "Showdown in Central." The theme is Western, with a showdown between the soccer teams of Southern Wesleyan University and Indiana Wesleyan University. Events are designed to bring graduates to the university's campus in Central to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

For details on these events, please contact the Alumni Center at 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5384, or e-mail jcrain@swu.edu.

Spring 2007 Fine Arts

March 5

Home concert featuring the University Concert Choir-
7:30 p.m.; free.

March 22-24

SWU Student Productions presents- "Once Upon A Mattress;"
7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students with ID; SWU students admitted free with ID. Call (864) 644-5293 for reservations.

April 15

Music Majors Honors Recital-
3 p.m.; free.

April 16

Music Majors Formal Recital-
7:30 p.m.; free.

April 26

SWU Jazz Ensemble-
7:30 p.m.; free.

May 1

SWU Wind Ensemble-
7:30 p.m.; free.

May 6

Maytime Masterworks- University Concert Choir presents the Brahms "Requiem;" Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, S.C.- 3 p.m.; free.

All Fine Arts events are in Folger Fine Arts Auditorium on the university's campus in Central unless otherwise noted.

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Plan to attend the

2007 Alumni Awards Banquet

May 12,

at the university's campus in Central.

Banquet seating starts at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15

Awards will be presented after dinner.

All nominations for

- Alumnus of the Year
- Professional Excellence
- Young Leader

are to be in the Alumni Office by April 2.

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