

ABOUT OUR ALUMS

Stephanie Spangler '97 is Pastor, North church, Lansing, Michigan.

Paul Henschen '86 was recently installed as pastor at Corbin Presbyterian Church, Corbin, Kentucky.

Dr. George Dewey Carter, Jr. '61 died September 3, 2002. He had retired in January, 2002, as Director of Field Education and Professor of Ministry at Louisville Seminary.

John Thomson (ThM '77) and wife Marlene moved to the Old Parish Church, Hamilton, Scotland in the fall of 2001. John is still serving as chaplain in the Army Reserves, having done a three-month tour in Bosnia. He was recently appointed divisional police chaplain and was also made a Justice of the Peace (part-time local district court judge). He would like to hear from old friends. Contact him at john@hopc.demon.co.uk

Steve Lindsley '97 and Lorie announce the birth of their son, Connor James Lindsley, born September 9, 2002, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Joe Hinds '99 and **Kazy Blocher Hinds** '00 have relocated to East Hampton, New York. Joe is pastor of the Springs Community Presbyterian Church and Kazy is in search process.

Annette Rogers '00 is Interim Associate Pastor at Easley Presbyterian Church, Easley, South Carolina.

Cary Speaker '76 (DMin.) has become pastor of Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Brian Rummage '96 is now pastor of Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin, North Carolina.

Malcolm Brownlee '93 (DMin.) has become interim pastor of Beckley Presbyterian Church in Beckley, West Virginia.

Sharon Youngs '87 has a new position as Communications Coordinator for the Office of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sid Leak '83 now serves as State Chaplain of the Alabama Army National Guard and continues to serve as pastor of First church, Manchester, Tennessee.

IN MEMORIAM:

George D. Carter, Jr. '61 died Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in Charleston, S.C. of complications from multiple myeloma, a systemic cancer of the bone marrow. Until his

recent retirement, he had served since 1988 as Director of Field Education and Clinical Pastoral Education and Professor of Ministry at Louisville Seminary. In his retirement he was teaching clinical pastoral education for chaplains at Roper Hospital and Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, SC.

He was born in Atlanta and was educated at King College in Bristol, Tenn. He received a Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. As an ordained Presbyterian minister, he was pastor of two churches in Tennessee: Red Bank Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga (1961-1966) and Glen Leven Presbyterian Church in Nashville (1966-1970).

He was a clinical member and approved supervisor with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, a Diplomat with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, a certified supervisor with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., and a licensed marriage and family therapist in the State of Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Welsh Carter; a son, Dr. Timothy D. Carter; a daughter; Wende G. Carter; a stepson, Robert S. Cochran, III; two stepdaughters, Courtenay C. Corrigan and Margaret C. Schlossberg; a sister, Gwen C. Stevens; and four grandchildren.

Wade H. Bell, Jr. '53 died October 18, 2002. He was retired and serving as interim pastor at the Homer, Georgia church. He served pastorates in Jackson, Decatur, and Valdosta, Georgia, and Panama City, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy and children, Wade H. III, Martha Clarice and John Stanton Bell. Dot's address is P. O. Box 148, Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia 30571, phone 706-878-2695, dwbell@linkamerica.net

Other deaths:

John Leith '43	August 12, 2002
Leonard Woodward '43	December 20, 2001
Calvin Thielman '55	August 17, 2002
John Love '59	September 16, 2002
Glen Nagel '63	December 20, 2001
Ed McIlwain '79	September 24, 2002
Imogene Bennett '79 DMin.	September 16, 2002
William Smith '84 DMin	February 25, 2002

I encourage you to go on line to the CTS website www.ctsnet.edu to find other news of alums, faculty, and staff as it appears in VANTAGE.

You can go to the CTS website and learn a great deal about our faculty's qualifications, educational background and publications and I encourage you to do that. However, I've asked them to introduce themselves to you in a more personal way. I'll be sharing those with you in some of our future email newsletters.

ABOUT MARK DOUGLAS – CTS ETHICS DEPARTMENT

Certain events (birth in 1966, marriage to Rev. Lindsay Armstrong in 1992, birth of daughter, Logan Alexandra, in 1997), places (Ft. Collins, CO, Princeton, NJ, Charlottesville, VA), and persons (two loving parents, a wonderful wife, and an adorable daughter) ought to be central to my biography regardless of the reasons for writing it. Yet in spite of their importance in my life, they would almost certainly fail to interestingly distinguish me from most other middle-class, male, Caucasians in their mid-thirties. So rather than trace yet another personal history, in the remaining sentences of this biography, I will offer several “snapshots” of personally significant events in my life, hoping that something of Mark Douglas will show through them.

- When I was born, my dad worked as a volunteer member of the Ski Patrol at Loveland Basin. I grew up outdoors and, when possible, on skis. In spite of a theological education, my image of heaven still involves two feet of pristine powder, clear blue sky, and a view of mountain ranges that stretch for miles.
- In second grade, I began attending a small elementary school when my family moved into the country outside of Ft. Collins, CO. My new teacher, Mrs. Schulke, gave me straight “A’s,” encouraging me into a lifelong love of learning.
- The week after I started college, I went to the college group at First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs for the second time and Rev. Steve Harrington remembered my name. In the midst of forming an identity away from my parents, being valued enough to be remembered would have a life-long impact on me and on my ministry.
- My first semester at Princeton, I gave an ethics paper I had written for a class to Dr. Nancy Duff, who was not teaching that class. She read it and responded so graciously that my growing interest in ethics exploded into a deep passion.
- I played on my (Division III) college volleyball team. My wife played on the (Division I) college soccer team—I married athletically upward. Sports are part of who we are. Six weeks before our daughter Logan’s birth, I had my left knee reconstructed after severely injuring it in a volleyball tournament. Lindsay and I joked about who would be able to run first—Lindsay, Logan, or me. Lindsay won that race. The three of us continue to learn to walk (and run) together. And hopefully, when Logan is old enough, we’ll be able to play volleyball competitively together.
- When I applied for the ethics position at Columbia Theological Seminary, I thought it was a dream job and, therefore, it was highly unlikely that I’d get it: my gifts and interests almost perfectly matched their needs and desires. Years into that job now, I still haven’t awoken from the dream.

These are, as I noted, only snapshots of a life that has been far more fulfilling than a single page—or even an entire book—could ever convey. But I hope they convey a bit more of me than any standard biographies.

CHRISTINE YODER’S SABBATICAL

During this, my first sabbatical, my main project is a commentary on Proverbs for the Abingdon Old Testament Commentary Series (Abingdon Press). I have also finished an article on the Woman of Substance in Proverbs 31:10-31 for the Journal of Biblical

Literature, and am working on another on personified Wisdom in Proverbs 1-9 for the journal Semeia. When I am not at the computer, I am reading (catching up on the long list of books to read I've made over the last four years), trying lots of new recipes (Reinald and I definitely eat better when I am on sabbatical!), and enjoying some time with friends and family. A sabbatical is a much-needed, important season for research and rest, and I am most grateful to Columbia for affording me this time.

COLUMBIA'S COMMITMENT TO YOU

At Columbia's convocation Wednesday, September 11, 2002, the Chair of our board, Mr. Frank Skinner asked questions to the incoming students regarding their commitment to study and discipline consistent with their calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Then his response to them on behalf of the seminary was this:

“In reliance upon God's grace and in faithfulness to Jesus Christ, the church, and you, Columbia Theological Seminary promises and covenants to provide the best theological resources we can offer for your academic growth, personal welfare, and spiritual growth as you prepare for the service of God in the Church of Jesus Christ and to offer the seminary to you throughout your life to empower, enrich, and renew your faith and ministry.”

I share this to remind all of us graduates that Columbia continues that commitment to us in our lives and ministries.

TRAVELS AROUND THE CHURCH

During September and October I've had the pleasure of visiting with many of you at presbytery meetings and other functions.

I attended Holston Presbytery in Bristol, Tennessee.

Dent Davis, our Director of Continuing Education, and I attended a luncheon for our alums hosted by Dick Newsome '88 and Page McRight '02 (DMin.) at the Trinity Church in Charlotte and attended Charlotte Presbytery meeting in Davidson the following day.

Dent, Cam Murchison, Dean of the faculty and I, along with several M.Div Students and two international graduate students enjoyed a Theological education Sunday weekend trip to St. Andrew Presbytery in Mississippi. We were hosted for dinner in Tupelo on Saturday evening by the presbytery, Coy Franklin '65, and Ann Kelly '92, pastors of the Tupelo church. Then we all went home with our hosts and preached and spoke in various churches around the presbytery. Bill Connelly '89 of the evangelism committee coordinated the schedules and assignments. We are indebted to him and Greg Goodwiller, the presbytery exec, and all our hosts for a very special, meaningful and fun visit. We were all thankful for a safe trip with Cam proving his skills as a bus driver.

If any of you are interested in working with us as we think about future trips, please let me know.

Laura Mendenhall and I attended Tropical Florida Presbytery's meeting in September. We like the site, Marathan Key. Laura led a workshop for our alums and others one day and preached and spoke about CTS the following day. It was good to see "old" and meet new friends in that part of the world.

Dent, representatives from the development office, and I also attended an alumni/ae luncheon in Nashville arranged by Middle Tennessee Presbytery Exec, Phil Leftwich and hosted by First church. We were joined by about twenty folks, including Todd Jones, the pastor, and newly retired Tom Walker '65 who is now serving as the Parish Associate. Thanks guys for a good time and a great lunch.

Leaving Nashville, we drove on down for a meeting of Savannah Presbytery at First church in that beautiful city.

On Tuesday, November 12 we will be in St. Augustine where Carol DiGiusto has arranged lunch at the Athens Café near the presbytery office. If you're an alum, friend of the seminary or just an innocent bystander and would like to join us there, please let me or Barbara know by email poeb@ctsnet.edu or carmichaelb@ctsnet.edu or call 404-687-4566.

Dent is anxious to get out in the church to meet you, to share his hopes and dreams about continuing education and its future. He's doing a great job of that and we're excited about the possibilities.

Most of you probably know by now that CTS received a rather large Lilly grant to promote excellence in ministry. Dent has begun some preliminary planning with the faculty and staff and will be sharing with you how you can become involved.

If you would consider arranging a gathering of alums and friends of CTS in your area and inviting faculty and/or staff to join you, please let me know.

In the meantime we ask you to keep Columbia in your prayers, especially the students. We are very proud of the student body and what they represent as they answer their calls and prepare for service to the church. We have 58 new students in our entering M.Div. class.

WILL ORMOND'S MOVE

Erskine Clarke, Lee Carroll, and I had a good visit with Will Ormond last week. For the last few years he has been a resident in a retirement community, Lenbrook Square in North Atlanta. He's had an apartment in the independent living section, but due to increasing health problems, he has given up his apartment and moved to the nursing care unit of the facility. As you can imagine, this is quite a transition for him. In fact as we arrived, a truck was leaving with his furniture which he had donated to CTS.

Given the circumstances, he seemed in good spirits. I know that he would welcome prayers, visits, cards and phone calls from his former students and friends. His address is Lenbrook Square, Health Care Center Room 227, 3747 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30319. Telephone number at Lenbrook is 404/233/3000 and the switchboard will transfer you to his room.

STAY IN TOUCH

Please help Barbara and me stay in touch with you by emailing us any news of interest or changes in your address, life or work that you would like to share with the seminary community and other alums. If Barbara or I can be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

Blessings,
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