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More than 50 years ago, the idea of Faith Academy was conceived from a simple question: "What do we do about the education of our children?" As the school approached its half-century mark, the question had become: "What do we do about the 50th?" There was no budget, no person in charge, and no plan. Jeff Long, personnel director at the time, picked up the baton and helped move the school into action. In 2004 Jeff was given a startup budget and the go-ahead to form a planning committee. Initial ideas included an outline of special events, plans for a commemorative book and historical video, an anniversary calendar, new school logo, new all-school picture, a theme verse, and reunions in alumni's major passport countries.

Campus chaplain, Don MacKay, contracted Timothy Botts, a well-known Christian artist, to do a painting of the theme verse. He created an explosive calligraphy watercolor of John 15:16: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain." The verse became the subject and title of an historical video premeired at the 2006 baccalaureate. The new logo simply added a "5" in front of the traditional school logo to make the number 50. It appeared on many items such as stationary, polo shirts, and an anniversary calendar. The "fruit that remains" painting was reproduced on large posters that were displayed on campus and celebrations around the world.



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The preliminary event on the calendar took place on March 3, 2006 in conjunction with the groundbreaking for the new auditorium. Former superintendent Don Boesel and former secondary principal Gary Poppinga were invited. After the groundbreaking, there was a ribbon cutting at the 50th Room, a small museum where memorabilia would remain on display throughout the observance of the anniversary. The day ended with a banquet to kickoff the celebrations to come in the months ahead.

At this point, the planning committee focused its resources on reunions for alumni and former staff. In June/July 2006, these reunions spanned the globe with events in Australia, New Zealand, England, and 10 US cities. Don Boesel became an honorary Faith Academy staff member for the year in order to coordinate the US events. Alumni and churches in Korea hosted the final reunion in October. This multi-city trip was noteworthy in that new school superintendent Tom Hardeman and his father Tine led it. Tine, of course, is Faith's most veteran faculty member who was starting his 49th year of service at that time.

Faith looks ahead to the next 50 years



Ken Kiehlbauch photographed the Faith family celebrating 50 years.

During June and July 2006 the campus underwent a transformation of sorts in preparation for the 50th year of school. Banners were placed on buildings around the circle; finishing touches were added to the 50th Room; the phrase "fruit that remains" was painted above the entrance to the high school office; and the new logo replaced the traditional one on the peak of the library roof.

The biggest event on campus during the 50th year was a three-week long homecoming celebration in October.



Tom Hardeman Comes “Home”

When Tom Hardeman graduated from Faith Academy in 1978, he never in his wildest dreams imagined himself returning some day to run the place. But God’s imagination was larger than his.

At the beginning of Faith Academy’s 2006-2007 school year, Tom found himself sitting in the school superintendent’s chair.



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The journey to Faith’s top administrative position was long and filled with adventure. It began at Westmont College, where he received a degree in Religious Studies. During that time Tom made a trip back to the Philippines for his parent’s 25th wedding anniversary. Responding to a plea for staff help, he ended up staying for the entire second semester to teach P.E. He enjoyed the experience, but was not convinced that education was the direction his life should take.

Upon graduation, Tom joined a discipleship training program called Project Kibbutz. In 1983 he headed for Israel, where he spent 14 months as Christ’s ambassador in a Jewish kibbutz. It was a life-changing experience as his faith grew and matured. Tom left Israel in November of 1984. He decided to surprise his parents, Tine and Jan Hardeman, with a visit, but arrived in the Philippines to find that they were attending an out-of-town retreat. A Faith staff family took Tom in until his mom and dad returned. While he waited, he learned of the school’s pressing need for workers. The Lord touched Tom’s heart with a burden to stay. He finished out the academic year as a teacher.

His decision would change the course of his life, in more ways than one. Professionally, he began to sense that the Lord was directing him toward a career in education. He determined to return to school for teaching credentials, and applied to the University of California at Santa Barbara. On a more personal level, the months Tom spent in the Philippines yielded an unexpected blessing. When a 6th-grade teacher had to leave in the middle of the first semester, the school called on Philippine MK and former teacher Maddy Barker to come help. She took a leave of absence from her job in California and arrived at Faith close to the same time as Tom. During the course of the school year a close friendship developed between them. It continued after they returned to California. Eventually Tom and Maddy became engaged, and married in December of 1986. Their wedding vows included their mutual commitment to missionary service.

After receiving his teaching certification, Tom was recruited by a public school where he taught for five years. God used that time to help Tom and Maddy become established in a home church and mature in faith, as well as gaining valuable teaching experience. During that time, they were blessed by the births of two daughters.

When God finally indicated the time was right, Tom and Maddy applied for missionary service through OC. They were sent to Japan and spent the next 14 years at Christian Academy of Japan. During this time three sons were added to their family. They adopted Bennett at age 10 from Bulgaria and Grady and Elias as infants in Japan. Maddy taught Middle School science and AP biology, while Tom started teaching second grade. Later he moved up to fifth grade. After 4 years Tom was approached with an offer to become the Elementary principal. He took on the administrative duties in addition to teaching. Eventually he took a year off to complete a masters in School Administration at the University of North Texas.

During the 2004-05 school year, Tom received a letter from the Faith Academy Board of Trustees. Upon reading their invitation to consider coming as Faith’s Superintendent, he laughed for five minutes. “Why would I want to do that?” he said to himself. Yet the next year he came for a visit, and in the 2006 he took up the mantle of leadership at Faith Academy. “It took God’s prompting and directing and opening a lot of doors and pushing me through to get me to leave CAJ,” Tom says. “We really loved it there.” He describes his move to Faith as “a vigorous plunge into the rapids of life.”

Tom and Maddy feel supported by the Faith community. When asked what he would like to see happen during his tenure, Tom responded, “One of the most important things is stability in staffing – more longevity. We must find a confident way to move forward in the world of education, and address new challenges facing kids in the changing face of our missions community.” Tom would like to see the school “move forward with confidence and grace. Let’s dream big and let God show us what’s ahead for Faith Academy. I hope we will not be content to look at what has been done, but look forward to what is next. We must prepare our students for shifts in the church, and in their spiritual formation to withstand the onslaughts of culture and society.” Tom and Maddy are committed to moving Faith Academy forward in its quest to prepare the next generation of Christian leaders. To them we all say a hearty, “Welcome Home!”

-- article by Vivian Conrad

alumni news

THE 1960's

Debbie (Allen) Wilson '68 "I married Hugh Wilson in 1974 and we have been missionaries with Cadence International (formerly OCSC) for 26 years. We served at Clark and at Subic and had the opportunity to visit at Faith during our time in the Philippines. We have also served in Korea, Italy and Germany and are now serving at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. I am also a nurse and am currently working for the Air Force in a maltreatment prevention program that works with young families. We have two children Jeff, who graduated from Moody and works in the hospital here in Sumter, SC and also works with the youth group at the church he attends. Our daughter Jennifer graduated from Cedarville University and was married last September. She and her husband live in Michigan. hdjwilson@Juno.com

Steve Lentz '69 "I am living in Tacoma, WA with my wife, Roxann. We got married July 28th, 2000 in Leavenworth, WA. I am working as a Security Officer with Pierce County Security, currently serving as the daytime security guard for Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Community near Point Defiance in north Tacoma. I would like to hear from any of you from Faith Academy." sklantz@comcast.net

THE 1970's

Brad Starr '71 "We live in Claremont, CA. My wife Susan is a counselor at Chaffey College, and I've been teaching at California State University Fullerton for nearly 20 years. We have three kids--two graduating from college within the year, the third starting next year." bstarr@Exchange.FULLERTON.EDU

Steve Steffel '73 wife, Sally, children, Charis & Tim. Charis is 2nd year in college going to Cedarville University and Tim is a junior in HS. Steve supervises an engineering dept. at an electric utility and Sally is very involved at church coordinating Women's Ministries and teaching in the Missionettes, the girls ministry. Steve is involved in Royal Rangers, the boys ministry and usually takes a team of men on an overseas mission trip each year. In '04 and '05 he was in the Philippines, and in '06 Panama and the plan for next year is Spain. In '04 he stayed after the team left and visited Faith Academy with his parents (his mom used to teach Chemistry and other HS classes).

Stephen and Robyn (Reynolds) Blake '74 "We have been married for 30 years and have two children - Jonathan 25 and pursuing his Masters in Counseling at Cal State Fullerton... and Rebecca (named after Becky Costerisan) who is a senior year in high school. Stephen is a field merchandiser for Vons and I am a 4th grade teacher. Our parents, Bob & Lois Reynolds and Norman & Mavis Blake, live close.

Our brothers, Scott Reynolds/ James Blake/ Charles Blake/ Paul Blake, and their families live within driving distance from our home." snrblake@hotmail.com

Angela (Simpson) Leuice '74 and her husband Steven are first-time grandparents! Olivia Madison Jacobus, is the first child of their eldest daughter, **Jessica (Leuice) Jacobus '98** and her husband Steven. Angela and Steven Leuice live in Northern California, where Steven is pastoring a small church in Camino. Jessica and Steven are living near Nashville, TN. **Kurtis Leuice '00** is living in N. CA as well, and is working for the USDA National Forest Service as a Biological Science Technician and loves trekking around in the mountains of the Sierra Nevadas! **Kristin '02 and Ashley '07** are also in N. CA, where Kristin is a 2nd-grade teacher, and Ashley is a senior in high school at a Charter School in their area. Both Ashley and Kristin are active in the youth/young adult groups at their church, as well as singing in the youth and adult worship bands. All of their kids love the Lord Jesus Christ to whom belongs all the glory, both now and forever! Several have expressed a desire to work overseas." leuices@peoplepc.com

Margie (Waldron) Burgess '75 Margie lives in Waynesboro, Virginia with her husband Dave. Their oldest daughter, Kristen, graduated from Emory University in Atlanta this past May and married this past November. Her husband is in medical school and they are living in Atlanta. Her other daughter, Lauren, is a junior at Wake Forest University. Dave is an orthopedic surgeon and they love living in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley! dburg@ntelos.net

Beth (Ebersole) Dare '75 "I have been married to Bob Dare for 26 years. We both work at Northside Christian School in St. Petersburg, Florida. Bob has been there since 1978 and is the athletic director/alumni director and head football coach. I came to Northside after we were married in 1980 and taught kindergarten for a few years and then stayed home to raise four children. When they all were in school, I returned to Northside and have been teaching 7th grade Bible and 8th grade photography/yearbook. Our son, Jared is 23 and working on a master's degree in elementary ed at the U of South Florida; our son David (22) married his childhood sweetheart, Sarah and graduated from Taylor University in Indiana with a Biblical Studies and youth ministry degree....he also played football. We are very excited that David will be teaching Bible with me at Northside and coaching football with his Dad--he has always wanted to coach with his Dad (Jared coached middle school football and high school wrestling at Northside as well). David's wife, Sarah is finishing up her nursing degree. They are very interested in overseas work. Our son, Bobby is 20 and in the fire academy. He has been dating Erica for 3 years and Erica's Mom graduated from (Northside and was in my husband, Bob's Bible class way back when!:-) Our daughter, Emily is a junior at Northside and has been on several mission trips (along with her brothers) and hopes to go to Cedarville to study pediatric nursing. My family (the Ebersoles) just had a reunion in Illinois at the wedding of my sister's (**Cheri and Dennis Costerisan '73**) oldest, Aaron. bbdare@tampabay.rr.com

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Ken Mullins '76 graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with honors in 2007. While God has not revealed His plans for Ken and his Family, he would like to work in a computer support role with Bible translation. His daughter Elizabeth is at Dallas Baptist University, majoring in Elementary Education. His wife Cheryl is homeschooling Alexander in 7th grade. "Every time I think I know where God is leading me, He lets me know that if I want to server Him, it has to be on His terms and not mine--Why is that so hard for me to learn?" *Kmullins@satx.rr.com* or *Mullins.ken@gmail.com*

Joy (Bigelow) Wyatt '76 "I have been living with my oldest Michael and youngest Vernon. I moved back to WA to be with them and help out with grandson Keigan. My son Steven is stationed in Norfolk, VA in the Navy. I would love to hear from any of you. I still say some of the best times of my life were while at Faith." *joyfull1958@yahoo.com*

Kim (Keller) Tyson '76 "I married my stateside boyfriend in 1977 and we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary later this year. I was a stay at home mom and really treasure that time spent raising our children. I work as the Wholesale Division Manager for Netherland Bulb Co Inc, a Dutch flower bulb import company. My husband is a sales rep for the company with a territory in the Mid Atlantic states so we get to travel a bit and work on projects together. We have 3 children, our oldest Kate is 26 and has been married for 2 years and just gave birth to our first grandchild, a boy Tyson David. Nathan, 24 has just been married a year and now lives in Houston with his wife and Seth, 20 our youngest is working and going to college and is still at home for the moment. My parents (George & Leona Keller - former Boarding Home Parents) retired to Florida where they live near my younger brother David '82 and his three girls. My older sister Vicki '74 and her husband Donn Toensfeldt '73 are in the process of re-locating to Florida from California, they have a daughter Sacha still living in California and my youngest sister Judy '84 lives with her family in Tennessee, they have a boy and two girls." *kimtyson77@yahoo.com*

Lynette (Tackett) Wortham '78 "My brother, Galen, and I attended Faith from 1970-75. I am married, husband's name John. We live in the San Francisco Bay Area, in the city of Pleasanton. We have a 19-year-old son named Ian who is currently attending a local junior college. I have worked at Lucent Technologies for over 25 years, and now work from a home office. *gwortham@lucent.com*

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Valerie Anderson '81 "I am currently the principal of a K-12 school that serves MKs in Istanbul, Turkey. This is my 7th year of being in this country and my 20th of serving in MK schools as either a teacher or administrator. The previous schools I served in were Santiago Christian School in the Dominican Republic, Rosslyn Academy in Kenya, and Dakar Academy in Senegal." *valerie@tcmusa.org*

Ruth Anne (Stanley) Osborne '82 We moved from Atlanta in 2003 and have been living in Seneca, SC. We enjoy the slower pace of life here and it's a great place to raise children. My husband, Chuck, works for West-Oak High School and also teaches Tang Soo Do and Tai Chi on the side. We hope to eventually open a karate studio where he can teach fulltime. I stay at home with our youngest son, Logan, who is four. I have enjoyed being home with him, but do plan to work next year when he starts Kindergarten. Our daughter, Taylor, is 14 and is a Freshman at West-Oak High School. Caleb is eleven and is in the 5th grade. If you are ever in the area, stop by! *coosborne@yahoo.com*

Andrea (Lown) Lynde '84 resides in Fayetteville, Georgia, with her husband Chuck and children Diana (17), Amalia (15), Cameron (11), Emilie (7) and Benjamin (4). Chuck is a Chaplain with the US Army at Ft. McPherson, GA. Andrea homeschools the children as well as coaching speech and debate." *andrealynde@bellsouth.net*

Gail (Beran) Neils '84 "I left Japan in 2002 and moved to Seattle, where I later married my husband, Karl Neils. Karl lived in Zimbabwe for 3 years and now pastors a church here in Seattle. I work part-time for another

church and am completing an M.Div. at Fuller Seminary's extension campus in Seattle. I plan to graduate with in 2007. Karl and I hope to return overseas someday but are currently enjoying ministry in Seattle and life with our two cats, Misty and Shasta." *gber141@hotmail.com*

Cindy (Peters) Thomas '84 "It is hard to believe, but we have moved again -- from Colorado Springs to Castle Rock, CO in order to shorten my husband Rich's commute. After living in Castle Rock for 15 months, Lockheed Martin transferred us to Apalachin, NY. I took the summer off working as a nurse to care for the children and to sell our home in Castle Rock. This is the first summer I have taken off to spend with the kids and it was such a wonderful experience. (I have been a labor and delivery nurse for 18 years.) Shortly I will need to locate another job nearby. But, being a stay at home mom has been my dream. I am grateful that I have only had to work on the days Rich is home so that our children do not require child care. Joshua, our oldest, is 5. He just began kindergarten. He is an active, happy child who loves to learn. We are so pleased that our new home has about 15 other kindergarteners living nearby! (Apalachin is a very small, country town near Binghamton, NY.) Rachel is 2 and tries hard to keep up with her big brother. She is such a joy!" *cindy.thomas@netzero.net*

Sharon (Walton) Leuz '86 "My husband, Scott and I have just been accepted to go full time with Fellowship of Christian Athletes as missionaries. We will be serving in the Greater Philadelphia, PA Office. We are presently support raising in hopes to start in 2007. Up until this point Scott has worked for 13 years in the student development department at Philadelphia Biblical University. We also are very busy with our 3 boys. Seth is in 3rd grade, Jared is in 1st grade and Nathan is in preschool." *ssleuz@verizon.net*

Ron Brubaker '87 "After college I moved to Indiana where I flight instructed, maintained aircraft, and finally worked for a charter company flying a business jet. I also married Suzanne in '99 and we are the proud parents of Ellie, 4 and Joshua, 2. We have been in Troy, Ohio for nearly two years and I fly for a company in the Dayton area. We enjoy our Midwest town and are thankful for the new friendships we are developing after nearly ten years in Indiana. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us next!" *rjbrubaker@hotmail.com*

Mark Newman '87 "I attended Faith's 50th anniversary celebration at Biola. What a treat to see former dorm parents, teachers, and classmates! I live in Downey California with my wife and six kids. Amy and I are kindergarten teachers at a public school and we are busy with kids, work, church, and sports. I would love to hear from fellow classmates and friends from Faith." *Yankey7515@aol.com*

Shawin Rapp '87 "Robin and I celebrated our 7th anniversary this year. Hard to believe but when I think how long I have been away from Faith, seven years is not a long time. God continues to mold us and shape us as a couple. I had previously graduated college in '94 and '95 with two associates degrees. This April, I finished my Bachelor's degree in Business Admin at Colorado Technical University Online. It took 18 months of hard work but with God's help I got through it. I even managed to do something that I was not able to do in High School--finish with a 4.0 and graduate Summa Cum Laude. I was able to parlay my degree into a new position at work. I have become the Training Coordinator for Orenco Systems, Inc. I coordinate all of our in-house trainings and work with our trainers and presenters to help them get better at what they do. Our three kids are all doing very well. Our oldest daughter graduated from high school. Our son is in tenth grade and our youngest daughter is in eighth. It won't be long until all of them are testing their wings." *srapp@charter.net*

Andrew Redman '87 works for Cox Communications in Atlanta, Georgia. He has worked for Cox 15 years and is a network engineer supporting Cox Business Services. Andrew and Carrie have 8 children - Rachel, Jonathan, Jordan, Josiah, Rebekah, James, Noah and Gideon. *redmana@bellsouth.net*

Chris Elwood '88 "Live in Santa Barbara, CA, and work as a tennis professional teaching at the Valley Club of Montecito and coaching Westmont College Mens Team. Married to Tabitha, two kids, Avala Grace (2.5 years), Aza Joy (5 months)." *celwood@westmont.edu*

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Melanie (Maness) Hughes '88 "After living in St. Louis, MO for 13 years, moved to Savannah, GA in August of 2006 due to Joe transferring within Bank of America. It's nice to be near a beach again, and we're looking forward to the milder winters. I'm still at home with our kids. Josh, our oldest child, is now 3, and Mackenna turned 1 about a month after we moved. We would love to hear from any Faith Alumni and to see you if you're in the area!" jmhughesx2@hotmail.com

Christian (CJ) Lingenfelder '89 "Our biggest news is the birth of our daughter, Ana Sophia Amy Lingenfelder on June 12, 2006. Ana (we pronounce it "Ah-na") Sophia weighed-in at 8lb, 1oz, and was 21" long. News item number two is CJ's graduating with an M.A. in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School on March 24, 2006. We were blessed to have Dad & Mom (John & Kay) Lingenfelder and sister **Sarah (Lingenfelder) Aberle ('97)** on-hand for the occasion. CJ was also notified of his selection for promotion to the rank of Major! Degree completion and the birth of a healthy baby girl meant that it was time for us to move to Ramstein Airbase, Germany. We completed our 3700-mile drive east in Virginia, and after a couple of frenzied days of preparation, left the States, arriving in Germany on June 29. We trust that should your plans bring you (especially 89-ers) through Germany, you will look us up and stop by Gasthof Lingenfelder!" lingenfelder@worldnet.att.net

Rhonda (Saunders) Harmon '89 "I attended Faith back in the late 70's. My parents were Salvation Army missionaries at the Training College in Manila. I graduated high school in 1989. Since we left the Philippines, we mostly lived in California; my parents still working for The Salvation Army. My brother, Ken, and I remained stateside to attend college while my parents returned to overseas work in England, Korea and the Philippines. I graduated from Asbury College in 1998 with a degree in Missions and have been on several short-term mission trips. I graduated from The Salvation Army's Officer/pastor training college in California in 2001 and was stationed to Alaska. I have moved to different parts of Alaska since. My husband, Joel, and I were married in April 2006 and are currently serving as pastors for The Salvation Army in Petersburg." rj.harmon@hotmail.com

THE 1990's

Kimberley (Voss) Medlin '92 "It's hard to believe that it has already been over TWO DECADES since I proudly marched onto the stage and received my high school diploma. Since then, I've managed to marry my high school sweetheart, become an army wife, enjoy the Alaskan Tundra and give birth to three lively kids. My husband processed out of the Army 2001 and we moved to Arizona. 2002, Sierra (#4) was born in the hot summer on a 110 degree June night. In 2006 the Lord blessed us with Maverick. After experiencing a miscarriage, we certainly treasure him. We love being a big family. We are trying to sell our house and move onto our property where the kids can have more running and screaming space. My husband continues to play a large role in the growing ministry of www.kgcb.org Christian radio. The kids see their dad as the super star since people around the world listen to him. I enjoy home schooling, I've also enjoyed MOPS and network marketing." medlins@cablone.net

Bobbi (Wulliman) Maxwell '92 "We are in our sixth school year at West Nairobi School in Kenya where my husband Trevor is the superintendent. Our girls, Olivia (7), Monia (5), and Chloe (4) are taking Swahili lessons on Saturdays and are at home here. I stay busy with volunteer work at the school and in the community. WNS is always looking for great teachers, so check us out at www.nics.org. maxwellfive@yahoo.com

Bart '93 and Emily **Allen** recently completed four years of intensive training and are now with New Tribes Mission. They are headed to Papua New Guinea to take God's Word to an unreached tribal group. Please pray for them as they ask the Lord to raise up churches and individuals who desire to play a part in the spread of the Gospel. If you are interested in receiving their email newsletters or following their journey, please visit their website www.ntm.org/bart_allen or email them at bart_allen@ntm.org

Kristina (Bennett) Tipper '93 "It's been a long time since I sent any news, so hi to the class of 93! John and I are now living in Juba, South Sudan. John is managing operations for MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) and I am also working with World Relief, running Education projects and Teacher Training programs. It's not really on the usual travel route, but be great to say hi to anyone who might be in this part of the world!"

kristina.tipper@maf-europe.org

Peter Errington '93 "My wife Esther and I just celebrated 9 years of marriage. We live in Spokane, Washington with our kids, Aidan (6), Talea (4), and Shiloh (7 months). Esther is a stay-at-home mom who is busy with home schooling and life! I coordinate a missions internship program for Mission to Unreached Peoples where we recruit, train and send interns overseas for 9 months to work under the supervision and mentoring of a long-term missionary. God has really blessed the program and we've seen so many lives changed as a result. pete_esther@yahoo.com

Mike Scharfe '93 "In January 2005 I had the privilege of returning to the Philippines. My primary purpose was a missions project in a remote northern village, supported by my home church. I returned again for Easter with my parents and my wife. It is hard to put into words the feelings I experienced bringing my wife of 10 years to the PI. While many things have changed, it also seemed so familiar. It was an honor to show my wife this wonderful country and have her see the school and meet some of the teachers I had years ago. We are living in Virginia Beach, VA. I own and operate a hardwood flooring company. My wife, Chastin, is a nurse who is currently at home to raise our children, Olivia(5), Brayden(3) and Barrett(1). mscharfe@msn.com

Josh Strong '93 "I married Tracy in 1996. In 1997 I graduated from Simpson College (Redding CA) with a BA in Social Science. I earned my CA teaching credential in 1998 and my Masters in 1999. I taught at Faith Christian School in Yuba City, CA from 1999-2005 (History/Social Studies) and coached soccer and basketball. During this time we had two daughters: Abigail, 2002 and Hannah, 2004. Since 2005 I have

been working full time at Golden State Middle School (Sacramento, CA) teaching 7th grade world history as well as teaching part time for the California Virtual Academy, a virtual charter school, teaching 9th and 10th grade history. In addition to this I have been the worship leader at church. Our third daughter, Rebekah, was born in 2006 (I'm really outnumbered!). My wife, who has taught for the last seven years, has taken the year to stay at home with the girls which has been a real blessing to us all. Our desire is to eventually teach overseas at an MK school." servant4all@comcast.net

Rachel White '93 "I'm off to China to teach English. Hoping my Chinese isn't too rusty eight years after studying it! If any one is somewhere round central China, drop me a line and I'll show you round the tomb of the first emperor!" whiterachy@hotmail.com

Leslie (Davis) Glenn '94 "I am in Oklahoma City, in my 5th year of teaching art in a Christian School. It's so similar to Faith that sometimes it's a bit frightening. Wil (husband of 11 years) is a Systems Administrator for a local electric company. He's a great nerd! No children but we do have 2 dogs, Pepper and Zoey. We are both active in Northwest Baptist. Wil is working on a Video game tournament as a form of outreach and I teach a watercolor class at the church. lesart@dwimor.com

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Matt Wood '94 "I am living in North Georgia and working as an Electrical estimator. My wife Erin and I were married on September, 22, 2001. We now have a daughter Elizabeth, who is three and what a handful. God bless everyone!" mattguapo@aol.com

Matt Butler '95 "I've been living in Northeastern Ohio for ten years. My wife (Kellie) and I have no children, yet. I've been working in various social service agencies since 2000, and am currently a mental health case manager at a counseling agency. I'm (finally) two classes away from my double B.A. in Psychology and Sociology, and busy applying to graduate schools for the fall of '07." mattnkellie@gmail.com

Brian Hill '95 "I have recently moved and taken a position at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee. Small town USA all the way! I am the Director of Theatre for their Performing Arts Program called Renaissance. Thanks again to Dave and Lori French, and Dan and Amy Larson for your influence in my life. Renaissance was started two years ago and this is the first year of the theatre department. This is a dream job for me and I am so blessed to have been given this opportunity. My wife Rhonda also works here at the school. We are learning to adjust to such a small town, but God is providing. Hope to hear from some old classmates. jbhill13@gmail.com

Seth Persons '95 "I have moved to England as a Field Service Engineer for Cessna Aircraft Company providing structural support for Cessna's Citation jet owners in Europe, Africa and the Middle East." personss@gmail.com

Phil ('95) and Jessica (Wilson - '95) Smith welcomed their second son, Oliver Evan on Feb. 13, 2006. They live in Alaska and are keep very busy with ministry at Petersburg Bible Church where Phil pastors. They'd love to encourage someone from the class of '95 to start the ball rolling for a reunion! They have a fairly complete address list, so anyone who has updates and changes or who would like to get in contact with other class members is welcome to contact them. philandjessica@gci.net

Dexter Sobrepena '95 "My wife Kara and I were married October 15, 2005. We live in Renton, WA, a suburb of Seattle. I work as a senior underwriter for a health insurance company. Kara is a registered nurse. We are fortunate to be near family. In fact, my grandparents live next door! God has truly blessed us over the past year. Web address for wedding pictures is <https://home.comcast.net/~dksobrepena/> Email: dexsob@gmail.com

Aaron Roberts '96 "My wife Tara, daughter Grace and I live in Seward, NE where I am Asst Director of Admissions at Concordia University. I graduated from North Central University, MN with a BA in English and graduated from St. Mary's University, MN in 2006 with a MA in Educational Administration. I worked as Asst Director of Admissions and International

Student Advisor at North Central University after graduation. I also taught Film Studies and was director of the Mu Kappa organization. I wish to pursue a Ph.D. in English or an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and teach at the college level." aaron.roberts@cune.edu

Debra (Cox) Rook '97 "In May 2006, my husband and I moved to Hertford, North Carolina, where I work as a 7th grade Language Arts teacher in the special needs/inclusion classroom. Hertford is a very small, rural town so the students love having a teacher with so many "crazy MK" stories. They are even petitioning the school board to allow an Outdoor Education Week! This Christmas, my husband and I will be traveling to Mexico to a Spanish language school to celebrate our fifth anniversary in February." debra.rook@gmail.com

Debbie (Horlen) LaBell '97 "My husband, Adam, and I plan to move to Israel for a short-term assignment with Adam's employer, Intel. While I had never pictured myself living in Israel – or anywhere in the Middle East for that matter – I absolutely fell in love with the country when we visited this past January to check things out. We feel God's hand in this move and are excited for the opportunity to live abroad for a few years." debbie.labell@gmail.com

Jaimee Silva '98 "Since 2004 I've been at Trinity Church in Miami Gardens, FL. I work in Children's Ministries, aftercare, and day camps. I've been a teacher for a variety of elementary groups, receptionist, bus driver, and site director at various times too. For the last year I've been leading the Children's Church on Wednesday night. Eight years ago God spoke to me about serving in Thailand. This dream seemed to die, but in God's time it's being fulfilled. Now God's opening doors for me to return to missions work in Thailand. I'll be the Children's Pastor at ICA in Bangkok, Thailand. This is an international church. I'm really excited about this opportunity to work with this multicultural group of kids." asiagirl4ever@yahoo.com

Bethany Taylor '98 "On Sept. 30, 2006, I married James Query. We share the vision of ministry in the inner city. We live in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. If anyone would like to see some pictures from our wedding, visit www.woodruffplacebaptist.org. I am attending IUPUI for a Masters of Social Work and I continue to work at a residential treatment facility for mentally and emotionally handicapped adolescents. bltaylor79@gmail.com

Nicole (Ostman) Kennedy '99 graduated from Trinity International University May 03. **Justin Kennedy '00** graduated from Baptist Bible College Dec 03. We married in August '03. Justin is the assistant pastor at First Baptist Church in Memphis, NY and works with a contractor. Nicole works for a commercial real estate company. On August 22, 2006 we had a beautiful baby-Olivia Grace." justin_nicole_kennedy@yahoo.com

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Jonathan Boyer '00 (written 2006) "I've moved to Indiana and married to Dori Kempf. I am working at Community Hospital in Greenwood Indiana and planning to go back to school to begin work on my master's degree. Previously I was living in Ventura County area working at a juvenile residential facility for abused abandoned and neglected or foster care children. My parents are planning to return to the Philippines so Dori and I decided to move to Indiana to be near one of our families. swordsworn00@yahoo.com

Steve Cox '00 "I graduated from John Brown University in 2004 with a BS in Broadcast Communications. I work as a personal banker for Arvest Bank in Rogers AR. I attend Fellowship Bible Church and am a small group leader for a twenty-something singles ministry called The Life. Whatever part of my life the small group doesn't take up is filled by work, but God continues to bless me by having two of my high school friends close by--my roommate, **Dan Poblete '00** and **Jeanette Wedel '01**. They attend my small group and we spend a lot of time reminiscing about Faith." cox.steven.m@gmail.com

Eddie and Hannah (Gabler) Kotynski '00 "Eddie and I are in Nashville, TN while Eddie works on his Master's degree at Vanderbilt University. He's studying Classics, which includes Greek and Latin and a little Hebrew this year, as well as ancient history and archeology. We have a son, Gabriel, 1. He's such a joy, though very busy (grin). He's definitely added a lot of spice to our lives and though it's exhausting, we wouldn't trade him for the world. March 2007 we'll be having another little one. Sometimes we laugh and think we're crazy, having a second baby when Gabe'll only be 19 months and Eddie a couple months shy of being done with his Masters. But in many ways we've felt that God has timed this perfectly... So we're trusting Him and looking forward with hope and joy and humour. Eddie's dream is to go on to a PhD so that he can eventually teach at the college level; but we're wondering if taking a few years away from it would be better for our family - perhaps teaching Greek and/or Latin at the high school and/or elementary level. ejkotynski@gmail.com & hgk753@gmail.com



CLASS OF 1967

Back Row L-R: Thomas Knight, Constance Benson D'Agostino, Rhoda Boettcher Russell, David Durham, Craig Preston
Middle Row L-R: Carolyn Cadd Brannon, Lynette Gustafson Lee, Ray Waterman
Front Row L-R: William Arvan, Martha Simons Lavallee, Tim Lovestrand

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Hye Min Jang '00 "I just finished university, double majoring in Business Management and English Interpretations. I hope to continue in graduate school for a JD degree - though not definite at the moment. As for the rest of my family, **Kyumin ('01)** is now a junior studying Information Technology, and **Yemin ('05)** is also here at the same school majoring in Business Management. **Sungmin ('04)** is currently serving his military duty." faith7jang@yahoo.com

Chelsea (Nelson) Connor '00 "joyfully married to Matt Connor. We live in Newport, OR where he does construction and I'm a lifeguard/swim instructor. We both graduated from George Fox University with a degree in International Studies and have been accepted to Wycliffe Bible Translators! Our plan is to head to Indonesia to do survey." matt_connor@sil.org

Becca Wanak '00 "In June James (Kay) and I married. We reside in Davis, CA where James is completing his degree in Philosophy and Religion and he works as an Architectural drafter. Last May I graduated with a B.S. in Theology and Leadership. We are working with International Students Inc. (ISI), befriending students through ministry and assisting in their basic needs. So if anyone has a special need or desire to financial support someone, I'm your gal =>. I'd like to hear how some old friends, acquaintances, and teachers are doing." becapino@gmail.com

Sayar (Ruthie) Aung '01 "Wow, I cannot believe it has been 5 years since graduating!!! God is truly good to me! I am Mrs. Beaty as of May 1, 2005. Married a wonderful man named Josh. We live in Laguna Niguel, and absolutely love it here. I work for property management in Newport Beach and am thoroughly enjoying this new job God has blessed me with. I miss everyone, write me if you have time! sayar_aung@hotmail.com

Katie Cole '03 "I moved to Taiwan in January '07 to teach English for 15 months. It's been a very challenging experience, but God has taught me a lot through it. I am still seeking God's will in regards to my future. For now, I am planning on moving back to the U.S. next April and getting back into regular teaching." katieacole@gmail.com

Rob Sorbo '03 "I remember when I was at Faith I would always look up at the alumni board and think "man I'm going to send updates all the time!" Well, as far as I can remember, this is my first. I'm approaching my Senior year at John Brown University. I should be graduating in May of 2007, but I might have to delay things until December 2007. I spent my first two years as a Biology and Chemistry major, but I was so sick of hating my classes that I decided I needed to change majors. I spent all of last summer brows-

ing the school catalog, asking people for advice, and praying, and I am now a Biblical and Theological Studies major. I love it. I have absolutely no plans after I graduate, I'm not even sure what types of jobs will be available to me as a Bible major (this has been the hardest part of not being a BioChem major anymore). Depending on how life plays out, I'd enjoy coming back to Faith as a teacher. robsorbo@gmail.com

Sofia Kim '05 "I am currently in Maryland at the University of Baltimore, school of nursing. Just started my first year of nursing school, after working on 2 years of prerequisites at a community college. It is a huge transition, but fairing well so far. I hope to specialize in labor and delivery and hopefully move onto a midwifery degree. I also have a heart for missions, so we'll see where God takes me. Life in Maryland is good, I am very active in my home church; from teaching first graders sunday school to being a college small group leader on campus. My life is busy and active but I love it. God is definitely a good God." sofiburgs86@gmail.com

Joana Miller '05 "I am currently attending Bethel University in St. Paul, MN where I am a sophomore and in the progress of applying to the nursing program. Sophomore seems a lot harder than freshman year but I guess that is how things go. However, I do enjoy my classes and the friendships that I have made over the past year. Included are a few Faith alumni sprinkled around the BETHEL campus. We sometimes get together and remember the good memories that came out of high school. I am a tutor for one of the general education courses on Christian history. I love my job and I enjoy helping other students. Outside of school, I work on occasional weekends at a nursing home as a nursing assistant caring for the residents there and their daily needs. It's not always easy but the smiles that come from the residents and their encouragement makes a difference." miljoa@bethel.edu

Simon Chun '06 "After a summer full of 14 hour work days and nights filled with the World Cup, I became a freshman here at the University of Notre Dame and became Faith Academy's first official Fighting Irish. Academically, I will probably be double majoring in Business Admin and either History or Political Science, but the cursed requirements of math and science in your first year are killing me. I've also been able to continue my worship leading ministry as I was fortunate enough to be plugged into a nearby Korean American Church and lead worship at the Youth Group there. Notre Dame has been great, and everything I've wanted, besides the one loss that the football team had to Michigan of course. It's been great going to all the home football games and cheering on a potential national championship team and Heisman winner... I've watched more football here in the past 3 months than I have my whole life!" jchun1@nd.edu

OUR APOLOGIES: Due to furlough and the lack of staff for an alumni coordinator on site at Faith, this newsletter is VERY overdue. Some of this news is over a year old by now. We trust that we will again be able to put out two newsletters a year. So - please keep your news coming! We are targeting a June date for the next one so would need your updates by the end of April. Please send your news to: alumni@faith.edu.ph

NOTE: We have the capability to send out this newsletter via a PDF email attachment. If you would be willing to receive it via email please send your email address to: alumni@faith.edu.ph - we will send you a test email with PDF attachment before we delete you from the snail mail list.

FORMER STAFF NEWS:

Calvin Snyder "In 1971-72, I taught typing to grades 9-12. Currently I am doing short-term mission trips to teach Bible. For 2007, one of the places I will go to is the Philippines. In 1971-72, two young Ifugao boys--Jose and Gaspar--lived with me. Gaspar is now the director of a discipling mission in northern Philippines and has asked me to come to teach Bible for a few weeks. Also in 2007 I am planning to return to Burma for my seventh trip, where I have annually been teaching at a Bible college." cls777@juno.com



Faith Academy's Fine Arts Center: A Dream in the Making

THE DREAM INSPIRED: In 1989, the performing arts staff met with Peter Ford to begin talking about designing a fine arts center complete with a stage, choir and band rooms. Realizing Faith needed something bigger, the committee began to dream bigger dreams, all the while coming up hard against many obstacles. Where would they put such a huge facility? How many rooms should this facility house? Most importantly, how would such a monumental project be funded? The Board of Trustees committed that the school would not go into debt and they would not charge our missionary families for the cost of the project. The Faith community was going to trust God to provide the funds from outside sources.

THE DREAM INITIATED: Phase 3 was designed in 1995 in conjunction with Randy Sprunger, the chief designer for Fanning/Howey Associates, as part of the Classroom/Auditorium Complex. Ground-breaking for Phase 1 took place in December of 1998. This included a six classroom Middle School wing and a new maintenance shop. Phase 2 was started in December 2000. This addition gave us five fine arts classrooms including band, drama and vocal music. It also included a large group meeting hall (350 seats) to be used for chapel. Once the auditorium is complete this space will be converted into four additional classrooms. In the midst of this building project the Lord provided an amazing gift that gave Faith Academy an Aquatics Facility. Then, on January 30, 2006, a donor group from California informed Faith that they were committing to fund the entire multi-million dollar auditorium project. The ground-breaking ceremony for Phase 3 took place on April 7, 2006 with Gary Poppinga, a former superintendent of Faith, turning the first shovel-full of dirt. The Fine Arts Department's long-awaited dream had begun to materialize.

THE DREAM'S IMPACT: Project manager, Tad Wulliman, realizing the enormity of this project, began praying for expatriate help in construction and planning. The Lord answered this prayer by sending three men and their families to Faith: Sandy and Rhonda Musgrave, Dave and Jeanne Stewart, and Clarence and Jackie Torkelson. Sandy, who had been serving in Palawan, transferred to Manila bringing with him significant commercial construction experience. Dave, after completing his construction work on Mindanao International Christian Academy in Davao, extended his time away from the States and agreed to add his skills to the auditorium project. Lastly, Clarence, with extensive electrical experience, arrived to oversee the entire electrical installation. The Lord brought the right team together to flesh out this dream to its fruition.

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STAFF NEEDS *(as of September 2007 for the 2008-2009 school year)*

GENERAL

Athletic Trainer, Business Manager, Computer Technician, Director of Computer Services, Educational Psychologist, Educational Services Director, Network Administrator, NILD Therapists, Nurses, Orchestra Strings Director, Piano Teacher & Accompanist, Purchasing Comptroller, Speech Therapist, Swimming Instructor, Webmaster

HIGH SCHOOL

*Math, *Science, Bible, Business Ed & Accounting, AP Psychology, Chinese/Mandarin, ESL, French, Men's & Women's P.E., Special Education (Resource Room)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Math, *Bible, Art, Computer, English, ESL, Science, Boy's & Girl's P.E., Guitar

ELEMENTARY

Art, Computer, ESL, Music, P.E., Lower & Upper Level Teachers, Special Ed. (Resource Room)

IGCSE

Chemistry, Geography, Mandarin, French, Spanish

BOARDING

Boarding Home Parents

DAVAO BRANCH SCHOOL

*IT Administrator, MS Language Arts, MS Math, P.E. (K-8), MS Computer, Elem. Classroom Teacher, Special Ed. (K-8),

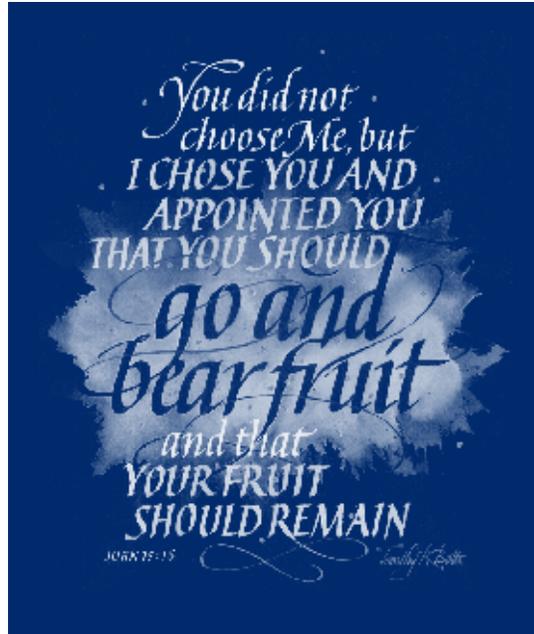
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**Immediate Need*

These are immediate needs, however we are regularly looking for qualified boarding home parents and teachers in all areas.



NEW FINE ARTS CENTER *cont. from page 8*

Not only has the oversight team made a physical impact on the realization of this dream but Rufo Cabungcal has been impacting his fellow-laborers for Christ. "Pong", as he is affectionately called, has been serving shoulder-to-shoulder with the other members of the 120-men construction crew. The energetic twenty-four year old has spent his time building relationships through games of chess, darts and basketball. He has initiated morning Bible studies, Sunday morning worship in the barracks as well as basketball tournaments. Praise the Lord -- as of June, 2007, eight men had received Christ as their Savior. Pong's ministry to the construction workers is impacting the Kingdom of God.

In July, 2007, the roof of the building was completed and Faith commemorated this milestone with a "topping out" ceremony. Baptist Bible Seminary's Chorale sang on the roof, and following a prayer time, a stirring message was given by the BBSI Professor and music director. Tom Hardeman, Faith's current superintendent, had the privilege of dumping the last bucket of concrete at the peak of the west gable tip of the roof. All in all, this milestone demonstrated again the faithfulness of our God and the impact that praying and persevering men can make.

THE DREAM'S GOAL IMPENDING: While the date of completion is not yet finalized, there is hope that the class of 2008 will graduate in the partially-completed building. While that will be one tribute to the faithfulness of God, He has shown Himself faithful in so many ways: Miraculously providing the funding, protecting the construction workers from being hurt, and enabling chaplain Pong to touch so many lives with the gospel. This project has forced the school to look at its priorities, what Faith exists to do, and how everyone can work together. Dan Eystone, one of the original 1989 planning committee members, succinctly describes his thoughts as he watches this dream gradually becoming a reality, "I'm amazed at the vision the Lord has given us and the provision of something so large." In the words of Tad Wulliman, "What does God have in store for Faith Academy in the next twenty years?"

-- article by Heather Book



THE NEXT 50 YEARS *cont. from page 1*

Approximately 30 special guests (see photograph above) flew in from Canada, Korea, the UK, the US, and other parts of the Philippines. The highlight took place on October 6. Guests were invited to a matinee of the Senior Play followed by a dinner hosted by Tom and Maddy Hardeman. Over 90 mission leaders, alumni, and staff members attended. Special recognition was given to members of the 25-Year Club. In the school's 50 years, 14 faculty members have attained membership, and eight were present at the banquet. Don Boesel, who left Faith at the end of his 24th year, was specially inducted into the 25-Year Club in recognition of the months he devoted to the 50th celebration as well as for his continuing passion for the school.

Another key event was a new all-school picture. Ken Kiehlbauch, the school's unofficial photographer for more than 30 years, organized this complex undertaking. This was Ken's final gift to the school before retirement. According to tradition, Ken set up the picture in front of Poppinga Hall. Elementary and middle school students were in front-center; employees and teachers filled in around them; high school students stood in the back as well as on the second floor balcony; and Ken's physics students framed the picture by holding flags from student's passport countries while standing on the library roof. There were all school shots with the homecoming guests along with special shots of the guests by themselves. This picture has been featured on the school's homepage and will be used prominently on school literature and publications.

An impromptu, yet significant, observance occurred in February. Things began a few days prior when one of the administrators was looking at the commemorative calendar. He happened to notice an entry on the last day of February: "1957 - Faith Academy becomes incorporated." The administrators got together and decided that it would be fitting in this anniversary year to recognize the day the school was legally founded. Because of the last-minute nature of things, it was decided to keep things simple—school would be dismissed a few minutes for prayer at the flagpole. This seemed a fitting way to begin the end of the 50th anniversary celebration.

Tom Hardeman officially closed the 50th year at 11:15 a.m. on May 25, 2007. Prayers were said; the Philippine and Christian flags were lowered; and students were dismissed to several weeks of vacation with cheers and music. As the crowds cleared, there were clearly questions that remained about the next 50 years: school demographics have changed, there have been struggles to staff important positions; and the balance between the school's academic and spiritual missions has yet to be resolved. On the other hand, God has obviously been preparing the school for the next 50 years: the overall number of staff members has been on the rise; there are new facilities and classrooms still under construction that surpass the wildest dreams of the founding fathers; the school has embarked on several new curriculum and professional development initiatives; and new opportunities for the school continue to pop up from unexpected places. There is no doubt that the fruit that remains from Faith Academy's first 50 years is more than sufficient to carry it into the future that God has in store.

-- Brian Foutz

Former Staff Members HOME WITH THE LORD



Everett Boyce

Some people are given time to say good-bye before they go home. One of these was beloved father, teacher, friend, and man of God, Everett Boyce. Everett learned he had cancer during Thanksgiving in 2006, had treatment in Colorado during the winter, and returned to Mexico to teach MK's in Mexico spring semester. Everett and his wife, Faith, were there until the day before he died. The Boyce's had a huge impact on people at Faith Academy during their 14 years on staff from 1961-1980. Ev wore many hats during his time on campus. This quote is taken from an article that he wrote for this newsletter in 2000. "The first year we had a senior class, I was the senior class advisor. The class of '65 set a precedent for subsequent classes to produce a senior class play. As their advisor I re-wrote a play script and the class put it on, under my direction. It was a big hit. For the next several years I wrote an original play that fit the personalities of those in the class. This proved to be great fun, and one of the high points of my experiences at Faith." Everett died on June, 9, 2007. Faith returned to Mexico in September to teach again this year.

Others go home without warning. But even these events do not surprise God. Steve Abelman was taken home during his early morning devotions on June 13, 2007. Steve and his wife, Kay, were to be honored a few weeks later at the



Steve Abelman

Baptist General Conference annual conference for their 25 years of service with BGC in the Philippines. Steve made his life count for Jesus, impacting people through missions all over the world. He and Kay also had a profound impact on the direction of Faith. Steve served for many years as the middle school principal and it was under his leadership that the Outdoor Ed program was begun. He was on staff at Faith Academy from 1976-1994.