



REMEMBERING

Judy Taylor

BY STEPHANIE BENOIT



About 1,300 students, alumni, staff and friends of SBU gathered March 30 in SBU's Mabee Chapel to honor the life of Judy Taylor, wife of SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor. Together, they are the longest-serving president and first lady in the University's 138-year history. She passed away Saturday, March 26, 2016, in Bolivar, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated service to the kingdom and the University.

The celebration of life service included remarks from speakers such as Dr. Bob Agee, who was president of Oklahoma Baptist University during the time that the Taylors lived in Oklahoma and served at OBU. He recalled fond memories of Judy and how she lived her life with joy and enthusiasm and reminded attendees that the Gospel brings hope amid grief.

"I have had to remind myself frequently in recent days that I am not to grieve like those who have

no hope, and that's tough, but the more I look at that verse, the more I realize that He did not say 'do not grieve,'" Agee said. "In fact, I think the tears that we shed in this moment are really simply expressions of love and care and the exposure of our own humanity to the realities of pain and sadness. The difference is the verse says there really is a right way to grieve. We don't grieve as those who have no hope. We shed our tears, but with a reality that death is not the end. For Judy, this is a new beginning, and she liked new beginnings."

Remarks were also made by people whose lives were touched by Judy, including Stephanie Rovenstine, who served as her caregiver during her final years and whose testimony was read by Dr. Pat Baker, as well as her goddaughter Robin Parrish McAlister, who fondly recalled Judy's caring and vivacious personality.



“I count myself among the lucky ones to have been a daughter of Judy,” McAlister said. “Humor, kindness, wisdom, grace, joy and Southern charm: these are the virtues she embodied and exuded.”

Judy’s faith and great love of music were celebrated through congregational renditions of songs such as “Crown Him With Many Crowns” and “Victory In Jesus,” the performance of which was led by Dr. James Tarrant, SBU professor of music and director of choral studies, featuring the SBU combined choirs and orchestra. They also

The Rev. Billy Russell, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Bolivar, shared about Judy’s great love and passion for God, life, her family and others as he preached from her favorite passage of Scripture, I Corinthians 13.

“She was gifted to do so many things, and it pleased God—it was His will and good pleasure—that in the many different roles that she played in our church, our community and our University we were allowed to see the Spirit of God at work in a person’s life,” Russell said.

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performed classical works such as “Hallelujah from Christ on the Mount of Olives” and the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s “Messiah.”

Dr. Charles Graham, a music evangelist who attended SBU, sang several songs in Judy’s honor, including “I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb” and “I Bowed on My Knees.” He also shared about her impact on the SBU campus and throughout the community.

“The reason we loved her so—and we love her so—is because she knew the Lord, the Savior which she served,” Graham said. “And out of that relationship, she lived, she loved, and she gave. What an amazing example of Christ in the earth and in our lives. And for that, I am forever grateful.”

Additionally, Dr. Bill Brown, who retired in 2015 as provost of SBU, performed a selection of songs on the piano, including “Moonlight Sonata” and a Gospel medley.

He also explained that her joy and love for others flowed out of her relationship with the Lord and were rooted in His great eternal love.

“Brothers and sisters, let us embody this love,” he said. “Let us practice and pursue this kind of love because it lasts, and that’s why Judy’s memory will outlast her life.”

After the service, Judy was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Judy Taylor Campus Beautification Fund at Southwest Baptist University, 1600 University Ave., Bolivar MO 65613. Cards can be sent to the Office of the President at the same address.

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Beverly Jane Richardson honored with honorary doctorate

BY STEPHANIE BENOIT

Beverly Jane Richardson '60 of West Plains, Mo., received an Honorary Doctor of Missions from Southwest Baptist University during the annual Founders' Day chapel service held Monday, March 7, at SBU.

SBU awards honorary doctorates to recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to society and to kingdom work during Founders' Day, a time set aside each year to reflect on the University's heritage and its establishment in 1878.

During the ceremony, SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor encouraged attendees to reflect on some of the pivotal points in SBU's history and how they illustrate God's provision since SBU's founding, from recovering from a devastating fire in the early 1900s to working to transition from a two-year college to a four-year institution.

"Today, we take time to honor the committed Christian scholars who have worked diligently during these 138 years to ensure that SBU offers quality Christian higher education," Taylor said. "Founders' Day is an important time when we are challenged to reflect on our past and thank God for the men and women who have gone before us and created an environment that inspires us to be successful today."

He also encouraged attendees to pause and remember the people in SBU's history who answered God's call in the past and laid the groundwork for the decades of kingdom work that followed.

"We must recognize that we would not have survived if God had not had his hand on this University, and we would not be able to enjoy the successes of today if the heroes of the past had not answered God's call to be a part of the kingdom enterprise here at SBU," he said.

In introducing Richardson, Brittany Earl, SBU campus visit and event coordinator, praised Richardson for her love for others and passion for missions. "Miss Beverly has seen the beauty of God woven deeply into his creation all over the world," she said. "At her home in Jordan, she taught and loved in order that those children would know this goodness of the one true God."

Richardson attended Southwest Baptist College from 1958 to 1960 and Union University from 1960 to 1962, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree. She earned a master's degree in religious education from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1964. She served as secretary to the

Associational Director of Baptists in the San Francisco area from 1962 to 1963 and taught school in the Modesto-Turlock area of California for 11 years.

In 1974, she was appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board to teach English at the Ajloun Baptist School in Ajloun, Jordan, where she lived for the next 27 years. She retired from the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board May 2002.

Richardson thanked the SBU community for the honor and reflected on her time at SBU. "I want to thank you today for this great honor," she said. "Students, let me tell you, when you are a student, you don't dream you are going to be receiving a great honor like this."

She also related a significant moment during her time as a missionary when she was shown great hospitality by the poor family of a student whom she taught while serving in Jordan.

"As I stepped out [of their home], I thought 'what is my very best to give back to this community and my students?'" she said. "I thought about two things: I was going to give them love. I want them to know that I love them and to know that I care. And I was to share Jesus Christ. I wanted to give them my best because I was given the best they had."

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members may submit nominations for SBU Honorary Doctorates to the Office of the President at any time during the year. Only written nominations accompanied by a comprehensive résumé of the individual being nominated will be considered.

Honorary Doctorates are awarded to alumni who have made noteworthy achievements such as those related to the academic purposes of the University or who have done outstanding service to the University, the local community or the denomination.

For more information about the nomination criteria and process, please contact Ashley Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator and Director of Major Events, at (417) 328-1500 or adinwiddie@SBUuniv.edu.



Shelton, Smith crowned Mr. and Miss Southwest

BY STEPHANIE BENOIT

Kinsey Shelton, an English education major from Highland, Ill., and Hunter Smith, a biblical studies major from Kansas City, Mo., won the titles of Mr. and Miss Southwest at the annual pageant on Friday, March 4, at Southwest Baptist University.

The beginnings of the “Miss Southwest” pageant date back to the 1930s, with “Mr. Southwest” being added in 1963. The pageant, which was organized by the students of SBU’s University Activities Council, was one of the keynote happenings of Bearcat Days, a visit event for admitted students considering SBU attendance. Eight candidates were nominated by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body for the purpose of selecting a pair of students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year.

This year’s candidates also included Brice Benham of Webb City, Mo.; Aric Dale Gooch of Bolivar, Mo.; Aleece Kanai of Mount Vernon,

Mo.; Natalie O’Keefe of Granite City, Ill.; Lydia Swisher of Fishers, Ind.; and John Taylor of Rogers, Ark.

The pageant featured introductory videos and a talent presentation by each candidate, followed by a round of text-message voting to determine the top four candidates, who then participated in question-and-answer sessions. A final round of voting determined the winners.

During the competition, Shelton lip-synced and danced with a group of friends to a parody version they recorded of “California Gurls” by Katy Perry.

“My friend had rewritten the lyrics as ‘Southwest Baptist Girls,’” she said. “It all fell into place as soon as we picked the song. I had a lot of incredible girls—people who live or have lived on my hall, been resident assistants with me, or served on past mission teams—who stepped up and helped make this such a fun experience. This was a really neat way to combine all of the different people whose friendships have meant so much to me.”

Shelton, who hopes to teach overseas after graduation, remembered attending the event as a prospective student, and felt honored to be selected as a candidate. “It seemed surreal,” she said. “One of the first experiences I had at SBU was going to Mr. and Miss Southwest. I remember thinking how awesome it was and that I would like to be a part of it. It felt great to show how much I love my school and my class.”

Smith drummed on a drum set while his friends danced in the style of the group Stomp, which creates percussion with everyday objects. Although he felt nervous preparing, he enjoyed



the opportunity to perform. “It started out stressful while we were still figuring out our talent, but once we started practicing it was really great,” he said. “It was so cool to get to know the other candidates better and to see their talents develop.”

Smith, who plans to either attend seminary or go into youth ministry after graduation, felt encouraged by the experience. “I never thought I’d be asked to do this—I didn’t see it coming,” he said. “It was really awesome how the students supported me and being recognized for the hard work I’ve done at school, especially being nominated by faculty. I am glad everyone had fun and enjoyed the performance. It made me really joyful.”



RECOMMENDED READS

BY STEPHANIE BENOIT



Dr. Kelly Malone

Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies, Jack Stanton Chair of Evangelism

RECOMMENDED READ: *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* by Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History and Co-Director for the Program on Historical Studies of Religion at Baylor University and Emeritus Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities at Pennsylvania State University

Is this a book that a layperson can understand and appreciate?

Yes. Jenkins is a really lucid writer and I think that anyone with interest in Christianity can read one of his books—you don't have to be an expert in theology or church history or missions or anything like that. Recently he has written books that deal with how Christianity is changing in the world, and also about things in Christian history that other people haven't written so much about.

Why do you recommend *The Next Christendom*?

This really is the first book that alerted me to how much the population of Christians has shifted. For example, at the beginning of the 20th century, over 60 percent of the world's Christians were in Europe and North America. Now, Africa, Latin America and Asia account for almost 70 percent. And it's not that Christianity has shrunk in America. We just aren't growing, or aren't growing nearly as fast. We no longer live in a world where [only] Americans and Europeans are missionaries. Now, we live in a world where there are missionaries going from everywhere to everywhere. This book really fired up my imagination and helped me to begin to think about what this new world that we live in looks like and what do I need to do, and what role do I have.

Jenkins writes about Christianity from a historical perspective. What do you think readers gain from that viewpoint?

It helps us understand the context in which we live as Christians today and seek to serve the Lord and carry out His mission. It sort of reoriented my [ideas]. Here is an interesting idea that grabbed my imagination: How

would you visualize the typical contemporary Christian? A lot of people in the United States would think of it one way. Jenkins says that we should think of a young woman living in Nigeria or maybe in Brazil as the more typical [contemporary Christian today]. That shifts our thinking.

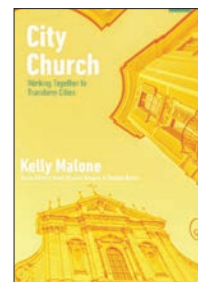
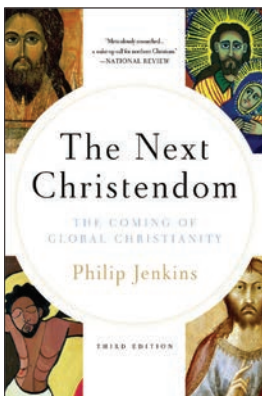
What do you like to read in your spare time?

When I can, I really like to read history and biography for leisure reading. Of course I am interested in Christian history, but I am also interested in the Civil War period. I have become more interested in World War II and the Asian Theater of that war, probably because of living in Japan for 15 years [as a missionary]. One of my favorite writers is Stephen Ambrose. He wrote a good book on D-Day. He also wrote an excellent book on Lewis and Clark and their adventures. I would recommend anything by Stephen Ambrose.

Are there any books on your bookshelf that you think your students or colleagues would be surprised to find?

I bet no one else [on campus] has a hymnal in Japanese. Every once in a while, I pull out my Japanese hymnal. There is a song in there that is one of my favorite hymns. It is available in Japanese, but not English. It was originally written in Japanese. Every once in a while I have to sing it.

Dr. Malone recently authored "City Church: Working Together to Transform Cities," a new book about the church, outreach and evangelism in cities.



Tennison earns award for dissertation

Dr. Rachel Tennison, Bolivar Primary School assistant principal, received the Outstanding Research Award for Cognitive Coaching from Thinking Collaborative, an organization working to maximize individual and organizational thinking and professional collaboration.



She successfully presented her dissertation December 2015 to earn her Doctorate in Education in Educational Leadership from SBU.

Tennison's dissertation focused on Cognitive Coaching—a professional-development model emphasizing reflection, collaboration and self-directed learning—in the elementary-school setting.

“Working with Dr. Tennison was a pleasure because she was self-directed and focused throughout the dissertation process,” said Dr. Nancy Colbaugh, assistant professor of graduate education and chair of Tennison's dissertation committee. “She developed a very strong directed research study in the area of cognitive coaching, and I am proud that her paper was chosen for this well-deserved award. The results of her study will enable principals and faculties to develop deep levels of thoughtful, reflective collaboration, a key component of successful schools.”

A write-up of Tennison's study will be included in the 2016 edition of “Cognitive Coaching: A Synthesis of the Research,” as well as in future editions. She received the award at the Thinking Collaborative Symposium held Jan. 27 in Denver, Colo.

“I would be completely amiss to not acknowledge those that made such an award possible,” Tennison said. “I am so grateful to SBU and the professors who encouraged me at every point in the juncture. I am also very grateful to my teammates, both professionally and personally, who stood behind this type of project.”

SBU reaccredited by Higher Learning Commission

SBU was approved for continued accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, the University's regional accrediting body, March 21.

“Continued accreditation is affirmation of our University's commitment to providing a high-quality education and overall college experience for our students,” said SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor. “Our peer evaluators were impressed with our academic programs and our commitment to excellence. They especially noted the strong community support, for which we are very thankful. Our local community plays a vital role in helping to fulfill our mission of preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.”

The reaccreditation process includes a self study of continuous improvement and development of an assurance argument based on five criteria that are reviewed by a peer review team that visited the Bolivar campus, as well as SBU campuses in Springfield, Mountain View and Salem, in November.

In order to achieve accreditation, an institution must meet strict guidelines and be committed to continuous improvement. This gives assurance that the institution offers quality academic programs. Accreditation also is a federal requirement for the University to administer federal financial aid.

“This is excellent news,” said Dr. Allison Langford, interim provost. “In addition to receiving continued accreditation, we received many accolades for our University's accomplishments, along with some insightful suggestions on how to continue our success.”

Langford and Dr. Bob McGlasson, Vice President of Operations for the Mercy College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU and Associate Provost, were co-chairs of the reaccreditation committee that included representation from throughout the University.

SBU has been accredited by HLC since 1957.

Ten SBU CIS students qualify for PBL nationals

Ten students in SBU's Computer and Information Sciences (CIS) Department prequalified from state-level competitions to compete at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) National Leadership Conference taking place June 24-27 in Atlanta, Ga. SBU and University of Missouri had more students qualify for the national competition than any other Missouri universities.

National-qualifying SBU CIS students include junior Brenna Andersen (Walnut Grove, Mo.); junior Jordan Brown (Urbana, Mo.); junior Chase Bussey (Sedalia, Mo.); junior Judd Horton (Bryan, Texas); junior Regan Katz (Hampton, Iowa); junior Kelli McNabb (Clever, Mo.); sophomore Stephan Munsell (Belton, Mo.); sophomore Joseph Reyes (Dora, Mo.); junior David Thomas (Monett, Mo.); and junior Lajos Zadravec (Waynesville, Mo). Sophomore Emily Woods (Osceola, Mo.) and freshman Austin Masters (Strafford, Mo.) may qualify for the

national competition pending additional judging in April.

“I have to credit the hard work of Meilani Conley in getting this team together and getting them prepared. She is a tireless worker and a great motivator,” said SBU CIS Department chair Dr. Tim DeClue of Meilani Conley, SBU CIS instructor and PBL team coach. “She and the teams are both great representatives of everything good that SBU and the CIS Department stand for.”

In the last 10 years, SBU CIS students have claimed five national championships in PBL competitions and had more than 15 students finishing in the top ten nationally.

The SBU CIS Department is home to about 100 students, five full-time faculty members and two faculty associates. SBU CIS is a nationally recognized leader among evangelical Christian schools in the production of computing and software engineering professionals.

1960s

Paul Bass '66, '68 recently published his ninth book, "The History of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri." The book details the 75-year history of the Missouri military base, which is listed as one of the five most strategic military installations in the U.S. The book also chronicles the history of military training progress, as well as the impact and importance of Missourians who helped build, support and fight for the permanency and continuation of the base. He is a retired minister and educator, having served churches in Arkansas, Alabama and Missouri. He also served at Ouachita Baptist University as an administrator and adjunct faculty for 20 years. He and his wife, Jan '69, live in Willard, Mo. He may be reached at bassp@obu.edu.

1970s

Dave Martin '71 recently published his first book, "The Incredible Journey: Mapping the Christian Life" (Kennedy Publishing Group). The book takes a spiritual seeker or believer from conversion through all of the various challenges that come with living the Christian life. Someone asked him how long it took him to write his book, and he replied, "Forty-eight years!" He and his wife, Terry, live in Wentzville, Mo. They have two children and seven grandchildren. In January, they planted a new church in St. Charles County. More information about the church is available at CrossPointeSC.org. He and Terry may be reached at souldr@charter.net.



Carol Smith '74 and William "Bill" Wright '74 were united in marriage November 7, 2015, at the Randolph Meditation Chapel on the SBU campus, near the place they first met back in 1972. Carol is the daughter of

Professor Bob Smith and his wife, Alene. The Wrights are starting a new chapter, with Bill serving as the new pastor of Fredericktown Christian Church in Fredericktown, Mo. Bill may be reached at revbillybob@hotmail.com and Carol at bassetsandroses@gmail.com.

Michael Rorie '78 is located in Fort Knox, Ky., and is assigned to the 84th Training Command as the Senior Chaplain Assistant NCO. This will be his last duty station of his U.S. Army career and he is scheduled to retire in July 2018. He may be reached at mchl_rorie@yahoo.com.

Larry Scantlan '78 continues to provide musical entertainment at nursing homes and assisted- and independent-living facilities in St. Charles and St. Louis counties since retiring in 2014. He is involved in the Wentzville School District as a mentor. He is also actively involved in amateur radio. More information about his radio activities can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1494074827513632>. He assists local churches in disaster relief communications. He is active in his church as a lead usher and teacher of second through fifth grade Sunday school. When he is not doing either of the above he can be found at Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, Mo., or on the beach in the Dominican Republic. He can be reached by email at scanco@charter.net.

1980s

Marsha Powell '84 successfully defended her dissertation February 12, 2016 to earn a Ph.D. in Business Administration. She may be reached at marshapowell@cox.net.

1990s

Jamie (Wernli) Harmon '94 and her husband, Derek, have moved to Iowa, where Derek took the position of pastor of Princeton Presbyterian Church. They also became grandparents on September 20, 2015, to Bryson Michael Lee Agans. She may be reached at harmonjamie@yahoo.com.

2000s

Melissa Coon '03 married Luke Jennings November 7, 2015.

Rhonda (Armstrong) Waide '05 earned the Supervisor of the Year award at the All Together Now, One Conference 2015, a collaborative effort of the foster and adoptive support agencies across Missouri. She is a roving supervisor in Polk and Dallas counties where she supervises investigations. She graduated from SBU summa cum laude with bachelor of science degrees in psychology and sociology.

David Pyle '08 was selected by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals as the 2016 Missouri High School Principal of the Year.

Future Bearcats

Derek Crawford '01 and his wife Charli (Duff) Crawford announce the birth of their first son, Benjamin Scout Crawford. They can be reached at dcrawford625@students.sbts.edu.

In Memory

Wilma Marie "Peggy" Silvey passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016. She was a dorm mom at Southwest Baptist College and was known as "Mom Boone" to many young men in the years she served.

Larry Dean Swinford passed away on Monday, February 8, 2016. He was a student at Southwest Baptist College from 1962 to 63. He served as Phelps County Coroner since 1997 and for Dr. V.E. Falkenhain as an optician since 1970. He worked in both capacities until the time of his death.

Dr. Charles Leonard Chaney, former SBU President, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Chaney became Dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology at SBU in February 1981. In July 1983, he became Vice President for Academic and Religious Affairs and continued to fill the role of Dean. He was elected President of the University in 1983 and served until 1986. He then returned to the position of Dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology, in which he served until 1988.

In lieu of flowers, the Chaney family requests memorials be made to SBU noting either The Marie Chaney Endowed Library Fund (and/or) The Charles & Fannie Chaney Scholarship Fund. Memorials should be made payable to Southwest Baptist University with the chosen fund noted in the memo line.



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SBU's First Lady, **Judy Taylor**, leaves legacy of service to the University



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