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*On the Cover* -

*The events of Sept. 11 shocked the United States as perhaps nothing has done since Pearl Harbor. But destruction of the World Trade Center towers is not the only act of evil perpetrated in the past hundred years. Images shown represent individuals and groups affected by horrors of the past century.*

# Beyond Blasphemy, Beyond Prayer

Albert Camus' classic novel, *The Plague*, is a metaphor for our world of suffering. Published just after the Second World War, Camus' story describes the tragic city of Oran, quarantined from the rest of the world because of the bubonic plague. Once a city of excess and indulgence, Oran becomes defined by death and the residents struggle to respond to their suffering. The narrator, Dr. Bernard Riuex, takes a scientific and detached view of the horrors surrounding him. He acknowledges, however, that the reality of suffering draws people together. Regardless of religious beliefs or personal convictions, suffering is "beyond blasphemy, beyond prayer" in the way it unites people to weep, to work and to fight against terror.

Every worldview and religion is forced to deal with the issue of suffering. It cuts to the heart of our fragile existence. When we see news reports of a destructive hurricane in India and a famine in Kenya, we all weep. The agonized faces of children grip the heart of every parent. The helplessness of the injured and grieving motivate us to give, pray and work. We don't ask questions about political beliefs, religious affiliation or ethnic background. We are bound together by a bond stronger than social agendas. It is the bond of humanity and the suffering that marks us as a fallen people.

Suffering unites us all. It is the one experience that pulls at the soul of every person and dynamites the walls that divide us. We all meet and cry together at the smoldering ruins, the hospital, the funeral home. Since September 11, the unity we as a nation experience defies analysis. For some it is the result of facing a single enemy, for others it is the force of a common



William E. Brown



## The Problem of Evil

The problem of evil is the shadow that falls across the biblical teaching about God's character. Why does an all-good and all-powerful God allow evil in His creation. How do we reconcile the pain in the world, and the pain in our own lives, with the character of the God we see in the Bible?

By "evil" we mean both moral evil and natural evil. The term moral evil refers to the evil choices made by free human agents. Natural evil does not involve human willing or acting, nor does it necessarily reflect any observable, intelligent purpose.

### *A View of the Future: The Factor of Time*

The component of time is crucial to a biblical worldview of evil (Rom. 8:18). One day, God will wipe away all tears from our eyes (Rev. 21:4). Until then, even saints in the Lord's presence wail "How long O Lord?" as they anticipate cosmic restoration (Rev. 6:10).

Let us reconsider our original propositions:

Both God and evil are realities that truly exist.

If God were all-powerful, He could destroy evil.

If God were all-good, He would destroy evil.

Evil has not been destroyed.

Before drawing the conclusion, the last proposition should be reworded to fit with our biblical worldview. This is how it should read: Evil has not yet been destroyed. Thus we may draw a new conclusion: Evil will be destroyed by an all-good, all-powerful God.

### *from Making Sense of Your World, by W. Gary Phillips and William E. Brown*

This is logically coherent and is precisely what the Bible claims. Although we do not yet have enough data to answer why each individual act of suffering takes place, we have a reasonable perspective within which to deal with our pain. Is our biblical worldview large enough to trust God with our remaining uncertainties?

Those who belong to Jesus have been told to anticipate that they will follow their Lord in suffering (John 15:20-27; Rom. 8:17), realizing that Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33). Therefore, we can take comfort in the fact "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

From a biblical worldview, the ultimate apologetic for the problem of evil is God's action (through Christ) in becoming the victim of maximum evil. God took the punishment of sin upon Himself. He became man, and in that form He—and He alone—suffered the entire composite of human evil and misery. Not only did He bear our sins, he bore our emotional pain (Isa. 53:4).



*Making Sense of Your World may be purchased from the Bryan College Bookstore for \$15.95. Call 423-775-7271 or e-mail tullbeta@bryan.edu.*

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in prayer after  
the attacks."

goal. But for most, it is the grief of suffering that has no name.

We can ask why God did not keep it from occurring. We can ask the same question about the millions slaughtered in the name of atheism by Stalin, Hitler, Pol Pot, Idi Amin. We can ask why He allowed Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris to rampage through Columbine High School.

But the answers are not apparent.

Many nonbelievers arrogantly point to the existence of suffering in the world as the once-and-for-all proof that a good God cannot exist. And if a good God cannot exist then there is, in fact, no God at all. The existence of evil, writes philosopher Ed Miller, "is the most notorious evidence against God."

But I do not want to discuss the existence of God in light of evil in our world. We have written about this elsewhere (see the excerpt from *Making Sense of Your World* in this issue of *Bryan Life*). C. S. Lewis devotes some of his sharpest reasoning in his classic work, *The Problem of Pain*, where he reminds us that our response to suffering reveals our understanding of God. "The problem of reconciling human suffering with the existence of God who loves," he writes, "is only insoluble so long as we attach a trivial meaning to the word 'love,' and limit His wisdom by what seems to us to be wise."

We may not know the reasons God allows suffering in particular instances. God's ways are sometimes beyond knowing on this side of the resurrection.

But one day we will know. Until then, suffering is a foil - a means to saltiness in an unsavory world.

*Suffering provides a level playing field for ideas.*

The unity we enjoyed in the months after the terrorist attacks provided us with the opportunity to look each other in the eye - even ideological adversaries - and relate at the most basic levels of humanity. While discussions about ultimate questions, political issues or social policies usually generate more heat than light, the attacks changed that. We want substance, not sound bites.

Studies and polls showed that people became less interested in frivolous activities and more serious about family and relationships. People went to church and prayed more. Incidents of bigotry and racism dropped dramatically. People were actually nicer to each other! Why? Because we recognize that what unites us is stronger than what divides us. Suffering makes us aware of a truth that we all try to suppress: we are not in control of our lives.

*Suffering shows that there is something wrong with the world.*

When we feel a pain in our body, it is a symptom that something is wrong. We never go the doctor and say, "Hey, Doc, I've been feeling really great lately. Can you run some tests and find out why?" The pain and suffering in the world is a constant reminder that something is horribly wrong with creation. To know that something is wrong is to imply that we know what it means to be right.



The opportunity to communicate to a suffering world how God can make it right is the Christian's privilege. We give an answer for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15).

*Suffering is only engaged and conquered by the One who suffered with us and for us.*

The suffering of Christ is not merely intended to show God's empathy for a fallen world. He took upon Himself the very consequences of the sin that spoiled His creation. Christ suffered "once for all" (Hebrews 9:12) and because of His sufferings all pain takes on a new meaning as temporary irritant, not ultimate victor. Even death itself will be the last enemy destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). We are never victims and we will never allow suffering, no matter how evil and destructive, to drive us to despair.

*Suffering is the means God uses to communicate to us in His most passionate way.*

Many claim that suffering drives people away from God. It is an odd quirk of human nature that most often the opposite occurs. We as a nation turned to God in prayer after the attacks. Not out of fear or weakness but out of knowledge and strength. Pain is, as C. S. Lewis reminds us, "God's megaphone."

For many people, suffering is the road traveled to find God and meaning. Viktor Frankl, thrust into the ugly hopelessness and horror of the Nazi death camps, not only survived but grew through his experience. He described working in a trench outside of Auschwitz, "struggling to find a reason for my sufferings, my slow dying. In a last violent protest against the hopelessness of imminent death, I sensed in my spirit piercing through the enveloping gloom. I felt it

transcend that hopelessness, meaningless world, and from somewhere I heard a victorious 'Yes' in answer to my question of the existence of an ultimate purpose. At that moment a light was lit in a distant farmhouse, which stood on the horizon as if painted there, in the midst of the miserable gray of a dawning morning in Bavaria. *Et lux in tenebris lucet* – and the light shineth in the darkness."

A meaningful and happy life is not always free from suffering. In fact, suffering is often the means to a life of joy and significance.

But this does not take away the real horror of suffering. We cannot give a definitive answer to those who ask why God allowed the horrible acts to occur. The answer is not found in a pronouncement or a philosophy.

It is found in a Person.

"Is God trying to tell us something?" writes Philip Yancey. "From the view of all history, yes, God is speaking to us through pain – or, perhaps, in spite of pain. The symphony He is working out includes minor chords, dissonance and tiring fugal passages. But those of us who follow His conducting through these early movements will, with renewed strength, someday burst into song." 🏠



*The pictures of New York City were taken by alumnus Walt Jackson, '82. Walt walked through the World Trade Center complex just minutes before a plane hit the first tower.*



# Rebuilding New York –

## where does God fit in?



*By Serge Yurovsky, Class of '98*

Living in New York, you take certain things for granted. You assume it will be standing-room-only in the subway this afternoon, that a good bagel is just around a corner and that your next cab driver probably knows the city worse than you do. You are also used to looking at the skyline and seeing two tall steel giants holding up the skies over this busy city.

At least we used to.

As I sit in the subway crossing the Manhattan Bridge, the sight still causes me to pause. The twin giants are gone and so are the hopes and dreams of over 4,000 people and their families. New Yorkers are asking big questions now: "Where was God on Sept. 11?" and more importantly "Where is He now?"

I can tell you with full certainty – God is here now! He is in this city, His presence stronger than ever, His Word armed with the power to heal and rebuild both the lives of the people and the heart of the city.

God is in the little things, like the hundreds of calls and e-mails that many New Yorkers and I have received from friends all over the world. You can feel God's presence on the streets when you see just a bit more kindness than is normal in the city. These days someone may share a cab with you, give up a seat on the subway or even not be quick to anger when you bump in to them on the street.

God is also in the bigger things. His word rings on many street corners from Union to Times Square. Churches are fuller now than anytime in the recent past. People are seeking answers and



peace. While everyone from Hare Krishna to Jehovah's Witnesses are trying to convince people that they have the truth, I believe God's truth and His Word are prevailing.

The church where I worship is in Greenwich Village, half a block from St. Vincent's hospital, the medical facility where the majority of WTC victims were taken on 9/11. Walls of the hospital are covered with pictures and posters of loved ones lost. There I have encountered much grief, anger and despair. Still, those people are looking for something to hang on to.

My church and many others have opened their doors and hearts to the city. Thanks to the prayers and support of believers from around the world, they are able to provide emotional, physical and financial support to those who need it. More important, this tragedy has opened the broken hearts of this city to the Gospel.

As I walk near Ground Zero, the sight is terrifying and the smell of death and destruction lingers. Still, I believe this is a great time for New York. We cannot afford to let this amazing opportunity slip away. Please point your hearts to this city, this place that is in a desperate need of God. Don't let the vigor of your prayers fade away as the dust settles, the smoke clears and our lives get back to the daily busyness.

This city will rebuild. The big question is "How much will it embrace God and His love to allow all of us to rebuild our hearts?" 🏠

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# Muslims defend Islam, are attracted by grace

*Editor's Note: The following was written by an alumni couple who have lived in Pakistan for some 20 years. For their safety and to protect their work, they asked that their names not be used.*

People of the east, including Muslims, are very friendly and hospitable. We were always amazed at the amount of food provided for what was to be a simple meal. At times when I was alone at home a Muslim friend would urge me to stay with him and enjoy the company of another human being.

But we found that when talking about Jesus or the Bible, Muslims were quick to tell us our errors while defending Islam as the perfect religion.

There are good Muslims and bad Muslims, just as there are good Christians and bad Christians. As I see it, God gave His law to His people who were not able to live by that law in a way that pleased God. God then revealed grace through Jesus Christ. About 600 years later in reverse of this grace the prophet of Islam came bringing back the law of God. "These are the requirements of Allah. Do this and you will please him."

What is done outwardly in Islam seems very important. The pious Muslim can make me feel irreligious as he does his formal public prayers five times a day, as he fasts for one month during the year, gives alms to the poor, etc. In contrast, I've never had a Muslim offer to pray with me or for me. Islamic religious leaders interpret right and wrong, define the "law," and lead in the acts of devotion, but are not "priests" who mediate between God and man. Interestingly, every follower of Christ is a priest who can pray with Muslim friends. I have never had a Muslim refuse prayer. In fact, they come to expect it.

A Muslim cannot be neutral toward the enemies of Islam. Muslims believe that Islam is the perfect religion and if followed completely the perfect government, economic and social systems will follow. They believe the current disarray in Muslim countries cannot be blamed on the religion of Islam, but it can be blamed on the Christian West, which is forcing its values on the Muslim world. Therefore, certain Muslims have decided to fight against the West to break its grip on their society. To fight for Islam may be the greatest work possible for pleasing Allah. To be martyred in such a fight is to gain instant access to paradise.

Christians have something else to offer. Recently, a Muslim wrote me saying that it is impossible and ridiculous to love your enemies. "Such a statement is proof of the inadequacy of the Bible showing that it has been superseded by the Q'uran and that Islam is superior."

In a tourist area a Pakistani boy was throwing stones at a foreign child. The Pakistani family grabbed the boy, apologizing profusely.

The foreign family said, "We can forgive, because our God has taught us to love even our enemies." Hearing this, a young Muslim man started his journey toward this God of love who teaches us to love our enemies. 🕌

# THE SPORTS PAGE



Members of the Lions basketball team include, from left, front, Austin McElroy, Dillon McElroy, Chris Travis, co-captain Brett Wright, Head Coach Morris Michalski, co-captain Jared Jones, Aaron Braun-Duin, Michael Carter and Josh Brown. Back are Athletic Trainer Mike Weller, student Coach David Arute, Coach Terry Hill, Jordan Musselman, Jeff Rohman, Brandon Gordon, Michael Stone, Josh Locy, Gene Henley, Blake Bohler and managers David Chambers, Shannon Reynolds and Candi Caudill.

## LIONS' MEN'S BASKETBALL: SMALL, FAST, YOUNG....

"We're really, really young," Coach Morris Michalski said of the 2001-2002 Lions basketball squad. "We have 16 on the team and only five of them are back from last year. Of those five, only one was a consistent starter last year, and for three of the five, last year was their first year playing varsity ball. Replacing over 65 points per game in offense will not be easy and again the schedule is brutal."

Coach Michalski is counting on returning players and co-captains Brett Wright, a junior point guard, and senior shooting guard Jared Jones to provide crucial leadership for the young team, but he's looking for new team members to step forward as well.

Another returning player who has caught his eye early is sophomore Chris Travis, a guard. "I'm really pleased with the way Chris has improved. We're trying to build a lot of things with him in mind."

Because of the team's youth and the loss of its big players to graduation and other plans, Coach Michalski said the style of play will be different. "We'll press and run more. We should be very exciting for our fans," he said.

### Lions Basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
11/3	Mid-Continent College	Home
11/8	Bluefield College*	H
11/9-10	Atlanta Christian Tipoff Tourney	Away
11/13	Covenant*	A
11/17	Middle Tenn. State	A
11/19	Lee	A
11/24	Pensacola Christian	A
11/27	Tennessee Temple	H
12/1	Alice Lloyd*	A
12/4	Lee	H
12/8	Milligan*	A
12/13	Tennessee Temple	A
1/3	Pensacola Christian	H
1/5	Crighton	A
1/8	Virginia Intermont*	H
1/11	Bluefield*	A
1/2	Univ. Virginia-Wise*	A
1/15	Brevard*	H
1/17	King*	H
1/19	Alice Lloyd*	H
1/22	Covenant*	H
1/26	Milligan*	H
1/29	Tennessee Wesleyan*	A
2/1	Brevard*	A
2/2	Montreat*	A
2/5	Tennessee Wesleyan*	H
2/9	Virginia Intermont*	A
2/12	King*	A
2/15	Montreat*	H
2/16	Univ. Virginia-Wise*	H
2/20-23	AAC Conference Tourney	Bristol, TN
3/1-2	NCCAA Mideast Region Tourney	
3/6-12	NAIA National Tourney	Branson, MO

\*denotes AAC Conference game  
Bold denotes home game

## LIONS SOCCER TEAM MAKES PLAYOFFS

A young men's soccer team reached the conference playoffs and left Coach Sandy Zensen excited about the team's potential.

"This was a good year, better than expected," Dr. Zensen said. "We finished sixth in the conference and made the playoffs, but with so many freshmen and sophomores starting and some key injuries, I'm satisfied with the results."

The 10-6 regular season record allowed the team to play in the conference tournament and "let our young players gain some experience playing under that kind of pressure."

Coach Zensen singled out senior Isidro Loaiza for his leadership. "He continually challenged the team to excellence because it honors the Lord."

He also commended Brian Eisenback for his commitment to excellence, and Josh Ray for leading the team with nine goals.

Gray Douglas and Dan Harvey "no longer were playing as freshmen by the end of the season."

And Russell Courtney "was an unsung hero. He anchored the defense and did as good a job as a sweeper as I have seen in my 12 years here. I'm looking for him to continue in that capacity."

## LADY LIONS SOCCER TEAM PLAYS IN NATIONALS

A 10-6-1 record, a top-10 national ranking and a trip to the NCCAA national tournament have Lady Lions soccer Coach Marc Neddo singing the praises of his team, as well as looking for more excitement next year.

The Lady Lions spent three weeks at No. 1 in the NCCAA and finished the season in the top 10. Bryan won the Mid-East Regional title by forfeit and the trip to the nationals.

The Lady Lions lost both games at the tournament, but Coach Neddo was pleased with the experience.

The coach had particular praise for freshman forward Abby Snead, who scored 32 goals this season. She led the conference in scoring and was first in the NCCAA.

He also praised senior Becky Kalz, a sweeper, who "was the leader of the team. She anchored the defense and was a major reason we had 10 shutouts."

He also recognized Esther Bragg and Rachel Palmer for their contributions. Esther was second-leading scorer and second in assists, and Rachel "was one of our most improved players."

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM 2ND IN REGION

Bryan's volleyball team finished second in the NCCAA Mid-East Regional tournament before falling in the conference playoff.

Coach Jerri Beck's charges compiled a 17-16, 10-6 record in the Appalachian Athletic Conference, and were ranked fourth.

The Lady Lions' fourth-place conference finish was one better than a year ago, and with a young squad the coach is optimistic about next year's prospects. "We will lose (senior) Kelly Braun-Duin and will miss her leadership and court performance. But we're still a young team. It's been encouraging to see us come together."

## BASEBALL COACH AIMS HIGH

A former college baseball player who spent 14 years as a scout for four major league teams has his sights set high for Bryan's new baseball program.

Preston Douglas, Bryan's new baseball coach, has a national championship as one of his goals. "I went to the College World Series as a player, and I want to go back as a coach," he said. "There's no experience like it."

But winning on the field is only part of his dream. "I want all our players to graduate, to be better in every area of their lives when they graduate."

Coach Douglas was attracted to Bryan because of the people, the quality of the facilities and the college's commitment to a first-rate baseball program.

"I said if this is where I'm going to coach, this is where I want to retire. This is a place where I can serve the Lord," he said.

Coach Douglas, a graduate of Pembroke State College, earned his Master's degree from Western Carolina University between stints as a high school and junior college coach. He scouted for the Angels, White Sox, Brewers and Cubs before moving back into coaching at Montreat College.

"I enjoy looking at young players and discovering talent," he said. "Several of my recruits have gone on to play in the major leagues. But I also enjoy teaching, working with kids and encouraging them."



## FALL ATHLETIC HONORS

For the Lady Lions soccer: Abby Snead, All-Appalachian Athletic Conference first team; Becky Kalz, second team. Rachael Palmer, Becky Kalz, Valerie Petite, Jenny Hughes, Academic All-Conference team.

Abby Snead, player of the year; Becky Kalz, Esther Bragg, Jenny Hughes, Rachael Palmer, Anna Hanger and Mya Morrison, NCCAA All-Region team.

For the men's soccer: Coach Sandy Zensen, AAC Coach of the Year. Jamal Marshall and Josh Ray, All-Conference team. Isidro Loaiza, Brian Eisenback, Ben Carver, Phil Douglas, Jordan Mattheiss and Henry Barrios, All-Conference academic team. Isidro Loaiza and Ben Carver, NCCAA scholar athletes. Ben Carver, NAIA All-American scholar athlete.

Volleyball: Brook Fleming, Randi Mellon and Kelly Braun-Duin, NCCAA Mid-East All-Region team. Brook Fleming and Laura Smith, All-Tournament team. Brook Fleming and Kelly Braun-Duin, NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athletes, NAIA National Scholar-Athletes.

Brook Fleming, AAC All-Conference, All-Tournament. Randi Mellon, AAC Freshman of the Year. Brook Fleming, Kelly Braun-Duin, Laura Smith and Amalia Peters, AAC Scholar Athletes.



## LADY LIONS BASKETBALL SEES NEW BEGINNING

It's a new beginning for the 2001-02 edition of the Lady Lions basketball team in more ways than one.

New Coach Jim Arnold, three freshmen and one senior who transferred to Bryan this year, join the nine returning players seeking to improve on the team's nine-victory season from a year ago. Coach Arnold, a 1998 Bryan graduate, returned to Dayton this summer from Orlando, Fla., where he taught and coached high school boys and AAU girls team.

The Lady Lions' roster includes three freshmen, six sophomores, two juniors and two seniors, "so we're an extremely young team," the coach said. "But I believe we will be very competitive in the conference."

He said he is encouraged that the girls came to the opening practice in good physical condition and seems to be coming together as a team.

Coach Arnold said he is particularly counting on senior transfer Becky Blesch, a small forward, this season. Becky, who came to Bryan from Liberty University, is the team captain this year. "At Liberty, her teams won the Big South Conference championship and went to the NCAA tournament. I'm counting on her for leadership, and she's really developing in that area," he said.

Members of the Lady Lions basketball team include, from left, front, Sarah Bass, Holly Davis, Tara LaRoy, Stephanie Huttenhoff, Jenny Heaton and Liz Bass. Standing are Head Coach Jim Arnold, student assistant Brooke Wilson, Katie White, Valerie Huttenhoff, Kimmie Hill, Kate Strunk, Talor Armstrong, Becky Blesch, Brandi Harris, manager Rachel Schmitt and Asst. Coach Jerri Beck.

### Lady Lions Basketball Schedule

11/3	Lee University	Away
11/6	Midway	A
<b>11/8</b>	<b>Bluefield</b>	<b>Home</b>
11/10	Atlanta Christian	A
11/13	Covenant	A
<b>11/20</b>	<b>Knoxville College</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>11/27</b>	<b>Tennessee Temple</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>11/30</b>	<b>Atlanta Christian</b>	<b>H</b>
12/1	Alice Lloyd	A
<b>12/4</b>	<b>Judson</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>12/6</b>	<b>Midway</b>	<b>H</b>
12/8	Milligan	A
12/13	Tennessee Temple	A
1/5	Judson	A
<b>1/8</b>	<b>Virginia Intermont</b>	<b>H</b>
1/11	Bluefield	A
1/12	Univ. of Virginia – Wise	A
<b>1/15</b>	<b>Brevard</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>1/17</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>1/19</b>	<b>Alice Lloyd</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>1/22</b>	<b>Covenant</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>1/26</b>	<b>Milligan</b>	<b>H</b>
1/29	Tennessee Wesleyan	A
2/1	Brevard	A
2/2	Montreat	A
<b>2/5</b>	<b>Tennessee Wesleyan</b>	<b>H</b>
2/9	Virginia Intermont	A
2/12	King	A
<b>2/15</b>	<b>Montreat</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>2/16</b>	<b>Univ. of Virginia – Wise</b>	<b>H</b>

Bold denotes home games

# Alumni Matter

Have you ever wondered where most Bryan College Alumni live? What they are doing? How many assist in funding scholarships for today's Bryan students? Or how many Alumni met their spouse at Bryan College? I have.

While these ponderings didn't keep me awake at night or captivate me in "Johnny Appleseed-esque" suspense, they did provide for some interesting research and a number of fascinating results. For those alumni who possess a keen "Trivial Pursuit" mind and an insatiable curiosity for factoids, the following information has been compiled:



Director of Alumni Ministries  
Brett Roes, '88

## Alumni Population By State:

State	Residents
AL	148
AK	28
AR	31
AZ	71
CA	191
CO	124
CT	17
DE	23
DC	10
FL	756
GA	696
HI	1
ID	11
IL	205
IN	209
IA	52
KS	44
KY	179
LA	32
ME	23
MD	118
MA	30
MI	350
MN	71
MS	47
MO	95
MT	19
NE	31
NV	5
NH	11
NJ	109
NM	10
NY	87
NC	445
ND	7
OH	299
OK	24
OR	33
PA	267
RI	3
SC	160
SD	6
TN	1842
TX	320
UT	2
VT	6
VA	374
WA	48
WV	78
WI	64
WY	10

# Vital signs and other neat factoids

**Contactable Alumni:** Of Bryan's 8,123 alumni, 6,161 are contactable; we don't know addresses for 1,962.

**Neat marriage fact:** 68% of contactable alumni are married to each other.

**Percentage of Bryan graduates who give to Bryan College and how they stack up to our peers according to *US News & World Report*:**

Liberty	.....1%
Covenant	.....10%
King	.....15%
Bryan	.....23%

**Recent Alumni Statistics:**

-89% of Bryan graduates indicate that they are successful in achieving their first or second employment choice.

-92% of Bryan graduates pursuing graduate degrees indicate they were "well prepared" for advanced studies.

**Bryan Alumni Sector Profile:**

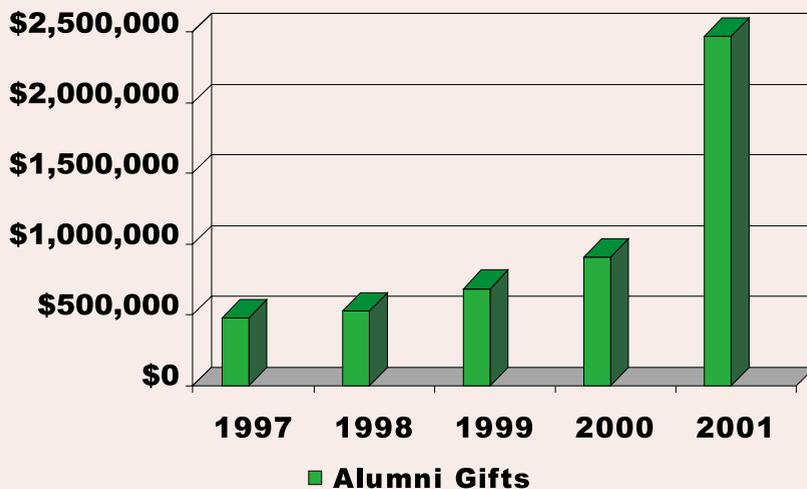
46% are in business and the professions  
29% are educators; 2/3 in public schools  
15% are in vocational ministry  
10% are homemakers

**Factoid:**

Class of 1980 holds the reunion attendance record with over 100 family members at their 20th anniversary.

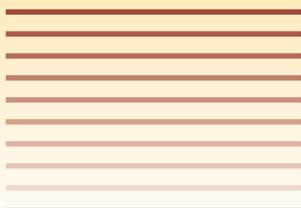
*Alumni portion of total gift revenue for 2000-2001: Bryan College received a total of \$4,487,015 in fiscal year 2000-2001. Of that total, alumni gave \$2,464,134 (55%); individuals gave \$1,352,440 (30%); and corporations gave \$670,441 (15%).*

## Alumni giving trends:



# Lion Tracks

## Alumni News



### 40's

DURWARD (D.W.) MAYNARD, '41x, was featured in *The Louisville Courier Journal* for his story of "Suit instead of soot." The article highlighted D.W.'s journey as a coal miner's son pursuing a college education. It took him 14 years, working his way through six colleges in three states, earning a bachelor's degree in education, two degrees in law and a Ph.D. in survival skills. D.W. has been a member of the Kentucky Bar Association for almost 50 years and still practices law six days a week.

NELL PEARSON, '49, visited Bryan College during Homecoming 2001, when she was named an Alumna of the Year. She is a retired missionary and is planning to begin volunteer work at the Wycliffe Bible Translators office in Dallas, Texas.

### 50's

JACQUELINE (JONES) LEWIS, '50, and her husband, Cecil, celebrated their golden anniversary July 29. They have two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandson. They are

enjoying retirement in Siloam Springs, Ark.

LAMAR, '50, and DOROTHY (ALLEN), '52x, MODERT visited Bryan during Homecoming 2001 and Lamar and Dorothy were named Alumni of the Year. They both remain busy in their local church in Milwaukee, Wisc.

ERNEST, '52, and LOIS (CARTWRIGHT), '54x, LEE visited Bryan College in September. Ernest works with Wycliffe Bible Translators as a translation consultant in Dallas, Texas. His e-mail address is ernielee@sil.org.

JAMES PITTS, '56x, and his wife, Barbara, are serving the Lord at Children's Haven of Morocco, a safe haven for orphans. The work at the orphanage at Ain Leuh houses six Moroccan babies, and they hope eventually to have 100. Their e-mail address is chaven@IAM.net.ma.

CHARLES WILLOUGHBY, '56, and his wife, Charlotte, were to minister in Cuba in mid-November. Charles (Spud) was to hold two conferences for pastors and other Christian workers. Charlotte was to speak to ladies groups in area churches and provide counseling.

DAVID, '57, and KAY (TEMPLE), '55, HENRY have been working as missionaries in the Russian Far East for eight years. They have come a long way in learning Russian and Yakut language and culture.

### 60's

ROBERT, '62, and GRETA (SORRELL), '60, CARIGON recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Bob and Greta plan to move from Grandville, Mich., to work with the Hilo Missionary Church, where their son, Tim, is pastor.

### 70's

GERALD MATHISEN, '72, and his wife, Thelma, have moved to West Chicago, Ill. Gerry serves with the academic partnerships department of the Willow Creek Association in South Barrington, Ill. Gerry and Thelma are rejoicing because of the college graduations of both of their daughters, Emily and Jamie.

LEROY, '73, and BECKY (CONRAD), '72, NICHOLSON and their son, Nathan, have returned from Pakistan due to the recent terrorist attacks. They plan to stay in Knoxville, Tenn., until it is safe to return to Pakistan.

JANICE (RASH) TROSTLE, '74, and her husband, Stephen, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 30. The Trostle family is home on furlough from Cape Town, South Africa, living in Maryland.

THOMAS SMITH JR., '75, retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in June. At his retirement, he received an Air Force Retirement Certificate, Air Force Commendation Medal, a U.S. flag and an Air Force Reserve Squadron plaque. He lives in Greenville, S.C.

STEPHEN STRAUSS, '76, has been promoted to director of SIM USA. Steve, Marcia and family have returned from Ethiopia and now live in Tega Cay, S.C.

MICHAEL WOOD, '78, head coach for Chattanooga, Tenn.'s, McCallie School varsity cross country team, coached his team to the state championship in November. Mike and his wife, Paula, live in Chattanooga.

### 80's

JAMES, '81, and KAREN (CROWDER), '80, ASHLEY have resumed their work with Wycliffe in the Solomon Islands. Their children, Philip and Susan, are in high school, and Kent is in his third year at Bryan studying music administration.

MARIE BRACKINRIDGE, '81, lives Wolfeboro, N.H., where she works as a children's therapist for a community mental health center.



*The Bell family on the cover of East Tennessee Reaching Out magazine*

LARRY BELL, '81, and his wife, Lora, were featured on the cover of the November issue of *East Tennessee Reaching Out* magazine. The article was written about their open hearts, open home and a biracial open adoption. Larry, Lora and their children, Bethany and Daniel, live in Knoxville, Tenn.



*Nathan and Sandy Bayley, Cassie, Sarah, Frances and David*

SANDY (BENNETT) BAYLEY, '82, notified Bryan College of the death of her husband, Nathan, on Sept. 20, after a 14-month battle with cancer. He was pastor

of Cornerstone Chapel in Bristol, Tenn. They have three daughters, Cassie, Sarah and Frances, and a son, David.

G. MICHAEL SMITH, '82, is now director of business development for Bryan, Pendleton, Swats & McAllister, LLC, in Brentwood, Tenn.

RICHARD, '83x, and KIMBERLY (FIORI), '83, PARKER, and their two sons, Matthew and Greg, remain in South America, where they serve as missionaries for Word of Life. This fall, they held their seventh graduation at the Bible institute where they work.

CHERYL (JOHNSON) RYLE, '84, her husband, Gregory, and family serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship in West Africa. Cheryl teaches one first-grade boy and five second-grade boys at Bamako Christian School. Matt, Jeremy and Ben attend the International Christian Academy this year.

JERRY and CINDY (WILLIAMSON) WALKER, both '84, send greetings from Papua New Guinea. After two months of no rain, their 3,000-gallon drinking water tank was very low and water started to taste bad. Jerry and the kids made a day of draining and cleaning the tank. Now they are praying for rain.

GARY, '85 and DEANNA (FLORE), '86, ELLISON, serve as missionaries to Mexico City. The Ellison family traveled more than 7,000 miles in the United States before returning safely to Mexico.



Kathy and Jerry Bimber, Jack, Lauren, Brook and Taylor

KATHY (BEATTY) BIMBER, '86, and her husband, Jerry, announce the birth of their fourth child, Taylor Beth, on Sept. 6. Kathy and Jerry and their children, Jack, 9; Lauren, 6; Brook, 4; and Taylor, live in Lombard, Ill.



Vicky, and Michael Dye and Fiona Grace

VICKY (MOHLER) DYE, '86, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Fiona Grace, on Aug. 24. Fiona and her parents live in Collinsville, Ill.

DEBBIE (BARWICK) KIPPS, '87, and her husband, John, announce the birth of Samuel Tyler, on Aug. 15. Big brothers Nathan and Andy are excited to have a new brother. Debbie and her family live in Vienna, Va. Debbie recently had lunch with ANNA (CULPEPPER) WISHARD, '86, at the home of KELLY (KIK) MCCLELLAND, '88x. They had a great time reminiscing of their years at Bryan while their nine children played together.

ELIZABETH (BRANSON) WOOD, '87, and her husband, Timothy, are missionaries to Beira, Mozambique. They are continuing with Cindau lessons and their involvement with the church is more intense than ever.

TERRY, '88x, and Sherry COPELAND and their two girls, Xan and Taylor, live in Knoxville, Tenn., where Terry is director of collections at EdSouth, a student loan company.

CELESTA (BEACHY) RICHARSON, '88, and her husband, Dennis, serve as

missionaries in Anchorage, Alaska. Their focus in the fall is the Fall Gathering, a time for ministering to the native men and women around Anchorage. You can check out their website at [www.nativemenforchrist.org](http://www.nativemenforchrist.org).

JAMES WOYCHUCK, '89, and SUSAN KLAUS, '88, were married Aug. 4. Many Bryan friends attended their wedding and are pictured, from left, front, CHARLIE GOODMAN, '81; SHARON (WOYCHUCK) GOODMAN, '81; NANCY SPOEDE, '85H; ELIZABETH (CARDEN) KELLEY, '89x; JOHN KELLEY, '89; TIM COMBS, '90; and BRYAN REGIER, '93. Second row, MELODEE (WOLCOTT) ALLEN, '90; MARK JORDAN, '89x; DR. ROBERT SPOEDE, '85H; TARA (BUCKLEN) CRUZ, '89. Third row, EDWARD FICKLEY, '89; NOEL ALLEN, '89; DANIEL BUTLER, '87; DAVID SPOEDE, '78; JONATHAN KLAUS, '86; SUSAN WOYCHUCK, '88; JAMES WOYCHUCK, '89; BRUCE BEATY, '85; BOBBIE BROOKS, '90; DANNY CAMPBELL, '89; and RAUL CRUZ, '88.



The Smith and Roes children

CHRISTINE (PIERCE) SMITH, '90x, and her family visited with BECKY (NAFF), '90x, and BRETT, '88, ROES during a vacation in Orlando, Fla., this summer.

Pictured, from left, are Christian Roes, Michael Smith, Stephen Smith, Sarah Roes, Jonathan Smith, Carson Roes, Caleb Smith, B.J. Roes and Mary Roes.

DAVID, '90, and SYLVIA (SUGANANDAM), '89, BANKS attended Homecoming 2001 where they visited with classmates DAMON, '90, and LEA (JOHNSON), '89, KELLY and family.



Lea and Damon Kelly, David and Sylvia Banks



James and Susan Woychuck and friends

## 90's

TIMOTHY COMBS, '90, and his wife, Becky, announce the arrival of their second son, Jacob Christopher, on Oct. 19. They live in Xenia, Ohio, where Tim is assistant principal for Xenia Christian High School.

JENNIFER (REYNOLDS) KINSEY, '91, attended her 10-year class reunion during Homecoming 2001. Jennifer and her husband, Vernon, live in Seminole, Fla. Pictured are members of the Class of 1991, from left, front, DEBBIE (MACNAB) GEGERSON, RONA HALCOMB, CHRISSY (CAMPBELL) BARKMAN, JENNIFER (REYNOLDS) KIN-

SEY, PAM WHITE and CHRISTINE (MASSEY) DAVIS. Back are DAN WILSON, ED ELMORE, GREG BARKMAN, KEVIN BOOT, DR. BOB DAILY, ERIC ENGER, JENNIFER (GAR-MON) SANDERS and SUSAN (EFIRD) BRACKEN.



Eric and Stephanie Enger, Nathan and Erika Snyder



Jennifer Kinsey and members of the Class of 1991

KEVIN and KARLA (TRAMMELL) BOOT, both '91, attended Homecoming 2001. They live in Sharpsburg, Ga.



Kevin and Karla Boot

GREG and CHRISTINA (CAMPBELL) BARKMAN, both '91, attended Homecoming 2001. Greg, Chrissy and their two sons, Samuel and Zachary, live in Fayetteville, N.C.



Greg and Chrissy Barkman, Samuel and Zachary

NATHAN, '91, and ERIKA (LORENZEN), '92, SNYDER visited with ERIC ENGER, '91, and his wife, Stephanie, during Homecoming 2001.

JUNE (CRABTREE) DIXON, '91, graduated in May with a Master of Social Work degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. June and her husband, Greg, live in Lynchburg, Va., where June works as a family therapist.

ROBERT, '91, and KARIS (WHITE), '90, KOEHN, and their sons, Daniel and Joseph, serve as missionaries with the Africa Inland Mission in Mutari, Zimbabwe.

ERIC ALBRIGHT, '94, and his wife, Allison, send greetings from Southeast Asia. They have been busy in field training, learning about rural and urban living in Asia.



Chris and Chanin Gilman, Daniel, Brenda, Joseph and Kendall

CHRISTOPHER, '94, and CHANIN (ASHWORTH), '93, GILMAN announce the birth of their fourth child,

Joseph Andrew, on Sept. 2. He joins Kendall, 6; Daniel, 4; and Brenna, 2. They reside in Richmond, Va., where Chris is a CPA and Chanin is a homemaker.



Hanna West

PATRICK, '95x, and MELANIE (GIESE), '94x, WEST, announce the birth of Hannah Madelyn on Aug. 30.

KRISTY COPENHAVER, '97, and Andy Stewart were married June 30. Andy and Kris reside in Bucyrus, Ohio.

STEPHEN and JENNIFER (BLANTON) MAYES, both '97x, announce the arrival of Kaelle, on May 24. She joins Kelly, 6; Kody, 4; and Kristopher, 2. The Mayes family lives in Fort Polk, La.



Auburn Taylor

JIM and JULIA (BRUEHL) TAYLOR, both '98, welcome their first son, Auburn, born June 20. The Taylor family lives in Mesquite, TX.

KATHLEEN HICKS, '98, traveled to Beijing and Tibet this past summer on a survey trip. She and her teammates found many opportunities for professionals who want to share Christ.

Kathleen lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she teaches English and drama at Grace Baptist Academy.



Kathleen Hicks

DAVID LEE, 98x, is deployed in Kosovo as a chaplain assistant in the U.S. Army.

GREGORY and ASHLEY (MCCDONALD) SOVEREIGN, both '99, announce the arrival of Caedmon, on June 20. The Sovereigns live in Morrisville, N.C.

## With the Lord

M. SUE GREEN, '60x, died Aug. 12.

DR. RONALD TAYLOR, '74, died Oct. 1. Dr. Taylor was president of the Pinecrest Bible Training Center in New York. His wife, Helen, survives him.

ANTHONY MCBRIDE, '79, died Nov. 6, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, and daughters Chelsea and Courtney.

## Reunions

May 3 & 4, 2002  
Class of 1952 (50 years)

July 26 & 27, 2002

Class of 1977 (25 years)

October '02

Classes of 1937, 1942, 1947, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997

and cluster reunion in honor of 2002 (includes 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005)



# Bryan celebrates 'All Things New' homecoming



U.S. Rep. Van Hilleary, R-4th District, speaks during the Homecoming dedication service on the Triangle Commons. Rep. Hilleary, who lives in Spring City north of Dayton, is a candidate for Governor of Tennessee.



Winnie Buck, a senior liberal arts major from Chattanooga, Tenn., daughter of Jeff and Linda Buck and Suzanne Buck, and Adam Parker, a senior business major from Covington, Ga., son of Ruel and Linda Parker, were crowned homecoming queen and king during ceremonies before the soccer game. Winnie was crowned by last year's queen, Christina Senter. Winnie plans to attend graduate school, and Adam plans to go into banking after graduation.



Dr. Brown introduces Erwin D. "Lat" Latimer, center, and Lane Latimer after announcing the Student Life Center has been named the Latimer Student Center in their honor. Mr. Latimer is a trustee of the college. The Latimers' children gave the sign in front of the student center in honor of their parents.



Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown, center, greets U.S. Rep. Zach Wamp, R-3th District, before the start of the Homecoming dedication service on the Triangle Commons Oct. 6. At right is Trustee Dan Dorrell.



Nell Pearson, a 1947 graduate of Bryan College, was named one of three Alumni of the Year during homecoming ceremonies in October. Miss Pearson, of Edinburg, Texas, served as a missionary for more than 40 years in Russia and South Africa and now works in the library of Rio Grande Bible College. She is pictured, with, from left, Alumni Association President Steve Stewart, Director of Alumni Ministries Brett Roes and President Dr. Bill Brown.



Lamar and Dorothy (Allen) Modert of Milwaukee, Wisc., were named Alumni of the Year during homecoming in October. Mr. Modert, a 1950 graduate, and Mrs. Modert, a member of the Class of 1952, were recognized for their Christian service and support of the college. Mr. Modert is a registered professional engineer and a certified manufacturing engineer. Mrs. Modert worked in public schools for many years.



Bob and Nan Simpson were named honorary Bryan alumni during homecoming in October, recognizing their years of service to and support of the college. Dr. Simpson is professor of mathematics at Bryan, Mrs. Simpson teaches math part-time for Chattanooga State Technical Community College and operates a business in Dayton. Pictured with the Simpsons are, from left, Alumni Association President Steve Stewart, Director of Alumni Ministries Brett Roes and President Dr. William E. Brown.

Homecoming celebrated Bryan's "All Things New" theme as the college family dedicated the new library, Administration Building and Triangle Commons and gave a new name to the Student Life Center.

Dr. Gary Phillips, distinguished professor of Bible and philosophy, spoke during the Thursday night sacred assembly, which focused on a dedication of the Triangle Commons. At the conclusion of the service, students and others formed a circle between the Administration Building and student center and lit candles as Dr. Phillips led in prayer.

Dr. Phillips, who resigned at the end of the 2000-2001 school year to become a full-time pastor, said, "In our country, and here at Bryan College, we have learned the hard lessons that buildings are really buildings; it's the people who are eternal. I think Bryan College has never been stronger, because it's not a matter of buildings, it's a matter of vision before God, of Who He is and who we are in light of that."

Saturday's dedication service featured remarks by two members of Tennessee's congressional delegation. Fourth District Rep. Van Hilleary and Third District Rep. Zach Wamp. Rep. Hilleary congratulated the college on being "an example of what can be achieved when generosity and resolve turn into action." Rep. Wamp commented on the terrorist attacks against this country, pointing out that positive results of the attacks have been a renewal of national unity and interest in spiritual, particularly Christian, values.

Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown announced that the college trustees voted to name the student center in honor of Erwin D. "Lat" and Lane Latimer. Mr. Latimer has served on the board since 1992, and co-chaired the fund-raising campaign that resulted in construction of the building.

In addition, Vice President for Business Dee Mooney announced that the new clock on the Triangle has been named for the late Billie Barrows, a former trustee and mother of present trustee Betty Ruth Seera.

Following the program on the Triangle, Dr. Brown hosted a luncheon for trustees and other guests on the second floor of the library. At the same time, Library Director Laura Kaufmann and her staff were hosts for another luncheon for librarians from other college and public libraries in the area. Among those attending were former Bryan librarians Ginny Seguire Schatz and David Wright.

During Saturday evening's Celebration 2001 program, Dr. Brown outlined the second phase of The New Century Campaign, a \$25 million effort to endow faculty salaries, program costs of the Worldview Studies Institute, scholarship needs and campus improvements including a new gymnasium, residence hall, expansion of Rudd Auditorium and construction of a new entrance to the college.

Celebration 2001 concluded with a 20-minute fireworks show, with spectators spread out on the Grassy Bowl as well as in Point Park at the foot of Bryan Hill.

Homecoming 2001 concluded with an alumni worship service Sunday morning, featuring a performance by the alumni choir under the direction of Dr. David Luther, and a message from Dr. Brown. 🏛️

# LAUNCHING INTO THE NEW CENTURY

Bryan College's most successful building program ever, the Student Life Center, is now a prominent landmark on the campus.

Now, in the most ambitious undertaking since Bryan College was organized, the Trustees and Administration invite you to be a part of Phase II of The New Century Campaign. The New Century Campaign will provide the resources necessary to attract students who share our goal of making a difference in their world through a quality, Christ-centered education.



## Bryan College Capital Needs:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Funds Raised</i>
1. Athletic & Fitness Center	\$5.5 million	\$2.0 million
2. Dormitory	\$1 million	
3. Outdoor Athletic Complex	\$700,000	
4. New Entrance	\$1.0 million	
5. Athletic Endowment	\$2.7 million	\$1.7 million
6. Rudd Chapel Expansion	\$1.0 million	
7. Welcome Center	\$500,000	
8. Endowed Worldview Studies Center	\$2.0 million	
9. Annual Fund (\$1.0 million/year)	\$5.0 million	\$700,000
10. Endowed Faculty Chairs	\$5 million	
11. Fundraising Expenses	\$500,000	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$24.9 million</b>	<b>\$4.4 million</b>

Already, gifts totaling nearly \$5 million have been given or pledged to the New Century Campaign. We urge you to prayerfully consider your participation as Bryan College takes a bold new step in faith.

Look for information about how you can help Bryan College continue to educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world.

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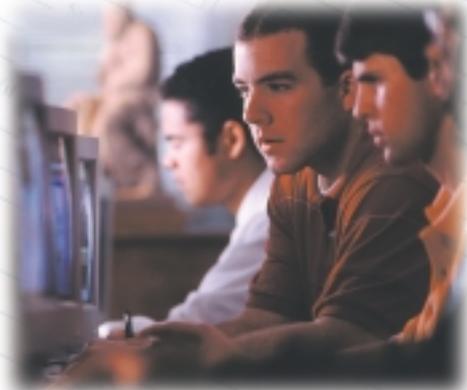
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