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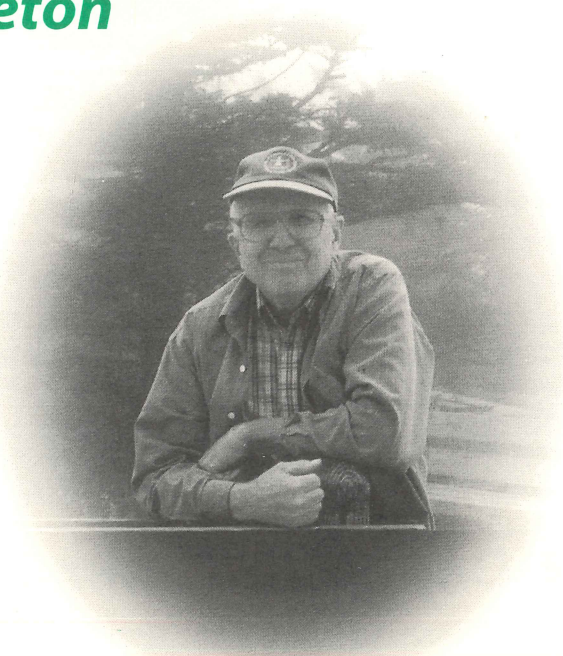
Thank you, Mr. Pendleton

by his friend, Gerald Nash

The Howard Pendleton, whom I remember, loved his family, loved his school (his school was the education service on the Fletcher campus), and loved his Jesus and the church. In every decision, these areas of his life had to be protected, had to be nurtured, and were valued.

Books were also a big part of Howard Pendleton's life because books are tools of education, and education means young people. Christian education was so important to him that he decided to relocate his family from New England to Fletcher so "my children could have their education on the Fletcher campus."

That move to North Carolina had a positive impact on the Fletcher campus.

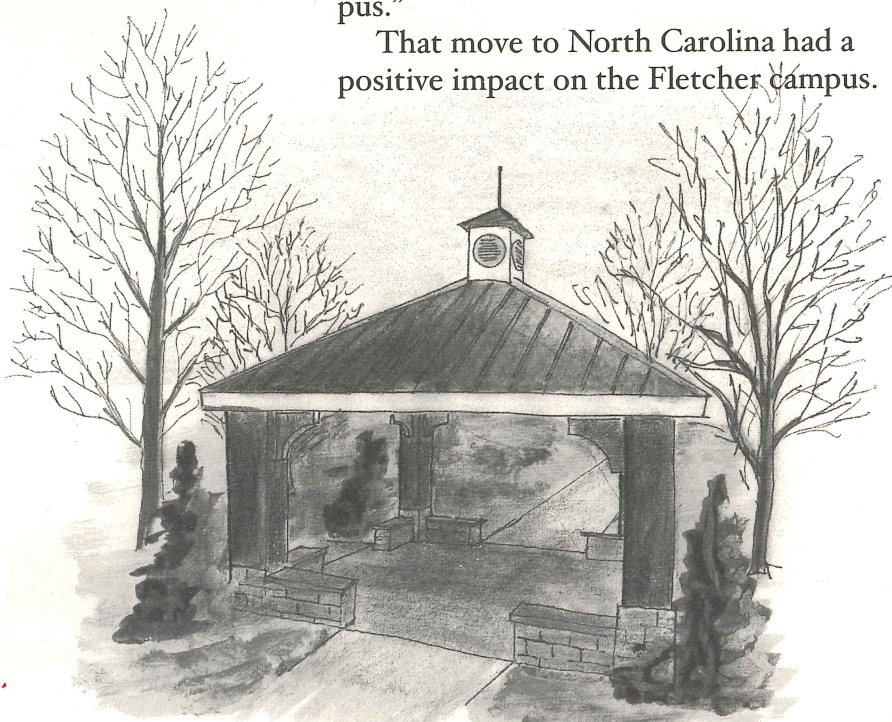


August 10, 1927 – December 30, 2003

Howard became involved where his children went to school. He became one of the members of the corporation board and served for over 30 years. He showed his interest in young people by being the Bible Study leader of the choir for many, many years; often, he would present the devotional thought when the Academy had its outings in the mountains.

Howard hired many young people in his construction business; many of whom later established their own construction services. He donated his time, energy, experience, and skills to assist with the growth of the Fletcher Campus and services.

Howard Pendleton's work on earth is finished, but his service continues to bless us. For him and for all he did, we are truly grateful.



A tribute to Mr. Pendleton in honor and thankfulness for his dedication and service to Fletcher Academy, Inc. The gazebo is located in front of the boy's dormitory.

Letter *from the* Principal *by Randy Cox, Principal*

As I look ahead to the 2004-2005 school year here at Fletcher Academy, I am excited about the potential I see. With the opening of the Lelia Patterson Center and its excellent auditorium, we will now have the facilities to host music and gymnastics festivals, clinics, and performances. This opening has been long anticipated and will be a great asset to Fletcher.

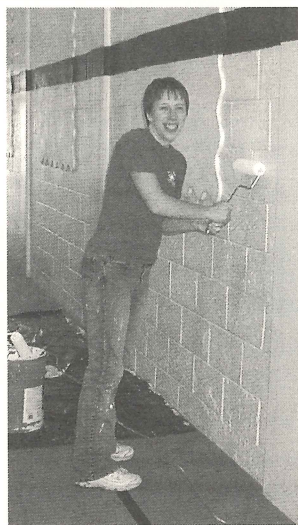
Next year, we will also have a problem which very few schools experience. We will have 143 student jobs that need to be filled. Fletcher Academy has long been a school where students willing to work, have the potential of earning much of the cost of their education. I am pleased that this continues today.

My prayer for the school is that we will continue to strive for a closer walk with God for both students and staff. I want Fletcher to be a place where students are comfortable sharing the love for their Savior with each other as well as in our out-reach programs.

I would encourage each of you to spread the word about Fletcher Academy. If you know students who could benefit from attending Fletcher, either give them our web site, www.fletcheracademy.com, or give us their names so we may contact them. I appreciate your support of Fletcher Academy and ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers daily.

A Day in the Community

by Bill Bass, Chaplain and Eric Grove, Science Teacher



Jesus shares with us in Matthew 25:40, "...as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Our objective for our community service day this year was to help the students look outside their own lives and take notice of those around them in need.

"When can we go back?" "Could we schedule to do this on some Sundays as well?" and "You wouldn't believe the difference we made." These were only a few of the comments we heard from the students as they returned from their various assignments.

Our largest group went to the WNC Rescue Mission in Asheville. The mission houses up to 60 residents every night and serves around 300 people every day. Our students were kept busy cooking, washing dishes, wiping tables, washing bedding, cleaning bathrooms, and many other tasks throughout the day.

We received outstanding compliments from the staff at the mission and they were excited about having the students come back again.

We returned on January 31st to discover the mission had double-booked its help for the evening, so it looked like our students had traveled there only to be spectators- but the students were not satisfied with that. Several of the students went into the chapel and began playing songs out of a hymnal to those who were waiting to eat. People came and went, but the music continued until everyone had moved into the dining room.

Editor's Note

Dear Fletcher Academy Friends and Family,

Thank you all for your feedback on the last *Fletcher Spirit*. I appreciate your praise and constructive criticism. Please continue to communicate your thoughts and wishes, so I may shape this paper into a tool that serves you to the best of its ability. Thank you again for all you do to in word and action to support Fletcher Academy, Inc., and its mission.

Sincerely,
Erin Syfert Teague
Director, Office of
Advancement
Class of 1996

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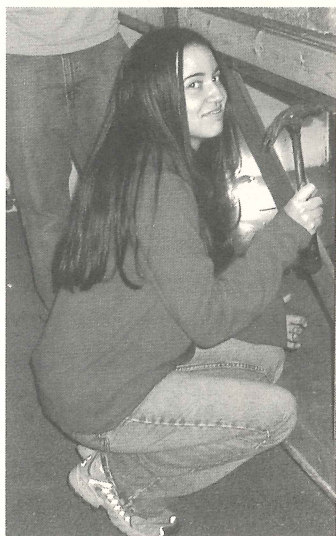
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Community Continued



The students had taken the initiative to feed the souls of those assembled while they waited to be fed physically.

Other students were busy at the nursing home here on campus, helping to clear tree limbs and brush which were beginning to take over the building. For our own Captain Gilmer School, we worked on Pierson Hall, putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls, cleaning out under the stage, cleaning and organizing storage rooms, and doing some minor repairs. The students were excited to see the difference a little elbow grease and teamwork could accomplish in a relatively short amount of time. Another group braved the below freezing day and collected trash at two Henderson County Parks.

We worked hard, got dirty, earned sore muscles, and had a warm fuzzy feeling inside. The little saying, "It is better to give, rather than receive" had a new meaning for many of us.

We look forward to scheduling further opportunities in the near future. Continue to pray for the Lord's leading in our students, staff, and entire campus.

When Opportunity Knocks

by Kevin Saye, Work Coordinator

Many academies have similar problems in that they do not have enough work to accommodate their students. At Fletcher Academy, we have a special and unique opportunity. Thanks to the men and women prior to us, Fletcher Academy was designed with a viable and profitable industry force in mind.

We will have, with the opening of the Lelia Patterson Center, 143 available jobs in over twenty fields. This opportunity does not exist at just any Academy, but can be counted on at Fletcher Academy year in and year out. Take a look at some of what we have to offer:

- Lelia Patterson Activity Center – Life-guard, child care, exercise room attendant, customer service and membership coordination.
- Park Ridge Hospital – Grounds helper, record keeping and medical billing.
- Fletcher Academy and Captain Gilmer Schools – Teacher's assistant, grounds, maintenance, cafeteria, accounting office and work coordinator assistant.
- Fletcher Park Inn – Kitchen, housekeeping and customer service.

- Fletcher SDA Church – Assist with audio and visual equipment.
- Park Ridge Living Center- Kitchen helper, as well as working one-on-one with patients.
- Homestead Market – Retail clerk in active and popular health food store
- Upper Crust Deli and Bakery – Preparing and serving in a health food restaurant.
- Laundry – Serving Industrial and Hospital customers
- Print Shop – Apprenticeship in active print shop

Imagine, as they are faced with the daunting task of career choices, the benefits each student receives by participating and experiencing in such a variety of work environments. Fletcher Academy continues to strive for excellence in all aspects; whether in education or industry, our goal remains to help usher our students into a growing and nurturing relationship with Jesus Christ.

A special note of appreciation to all who have shown their support, whether through commitment, prayers or contributions. Without you, Fletcher Academy would not be what it is today.

Mountain Love Lights

One Red Light in honor of **Gregory Peters III**, "Bob," by his grandparents, Greg and Connie Peters.

One Red Light in honor of **Christopher Peters** by his grandparents, Greg and Connie Peters.

One Red Light in honor of **Gwynevere Peters** by her grandparents, Greg and Connie Peters.

One Red Light in honor of **Charles Peters** by his grandparents, Greg and Connie Peters.

One Red Light in honor of **Josef Peters** by his grandparents, Greg and Connie Peters.

One Red Light in honor of **Lisa Peters** by her grandparents, Greg and Connie Peters.

One Red Light in memory of **my parents** by Mary Ellen Chapman.

One Red Light in thankfulness for **Dee and Dr. P. J. Moore** by their friend, Mary Ellen Chapman.

Fletcher in Days-Gone-By

By Ada Noble Williams, Class of 1942, School of Nursing Class of 1945

One Red Light in memory of **Haines McIntyre** by his son and daughter-in-law, Gail and Linda McIntyre.

One Red Light in memory of **Armand Palmieri** by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gail McIntyre.

One Red Light in memory of **Sue Palmieri** by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gail McIntyre.

One Red Light in honor and thankfulness for **Ingrid Johnson** by anonymous individuals.

One Red Light in memory of **Karen Duncan** by her parents, Linda and Garwood Duncan.

One Red Light in honor of **Allison Joy Bradley** by her grandparents, Linda and Garwood Duncan.

One Red Light in honor of **Zachary Duncan Bradley** by his grandparents, Linda and Garwood Duncan.

One Red Light in memory of **Steve Zollinger**, Class of 1970, by his parents, Leland and Virginia Zollinger.

One Red Light in honor of **Elizabeth Jo Ballard** by her parents, Gary and Audra Fox.

One Red Light in memory of **Darren Keith Hamilton** by his parents, Shirley and Kirby Hamilton.

One Red Light in honor and thankfulness for **Robert Johnson** by anonymous individuals.

One Red Light in honor and thankfulness for **Ray and Carol Higgman** by anonymous individuals.

TO BE CONTINUED...

My husband, Jack, and I are very happy to be back at Fletcher. Many things have changed since we first came here as academy students back in the 1930s. Most of the buildings are different and many wonderful people are gone: Dr. and Mrs. John Brownsberger, Mr. and Mrs. Jaspersen, Dr. Bliss, Miss Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Marquis, etc. The list



could go on and on with these capable, Godly workers, who worked for 10 cents an hour—the same as the students received! And most of these people stayed here for the duration of their lives.

At that time, all of the students worked 16 to 20 hours a week. Practically all of us lived in the dormitories. In our day, only rarely did a student come from a home that could pay any cash for tuition. In later years when some came from homes that could pay, the students were still required to work and, thus, their families only needed to pay a little.

The staff taught us how to work and to be responsible for good work. That was an important part of our education. "...students are to be shown the true dignity of labor. They are to be taught that God is a constant worker" (*Counsels to Parents and Teachers* 203). "The instructors will find it greatly to their advantage to take hold with the students in manual labor, showing them how to work." (*Ibid* 208). God designs that all should be workers. He is a constant worker, as are His angels.

At Fletcher we grew beautiful apples, grapes, strawberries, tomatoes, corn, potatoes, and many other kinds of vegetables. Staff members worked with the students in growing, gathering, cooking, and canning. At times, we worked long, late hours together, and, at times, we played games on Sunday afternoons together. There was a close association in work, study, and play between the staff and the students.

We were normal teenage youth, full of energy that sometimes needed to be harnessed. Quite a few of the students were from new Adventist families. Sometimes we misbehaved and there would be counseling, prayer, guidance, and quite often punishment. Rarely was a student dismissed. We knew that we were loved.

Even though many things have changed since then, Jack and I can still see lots of love and God's guidance on this campus.

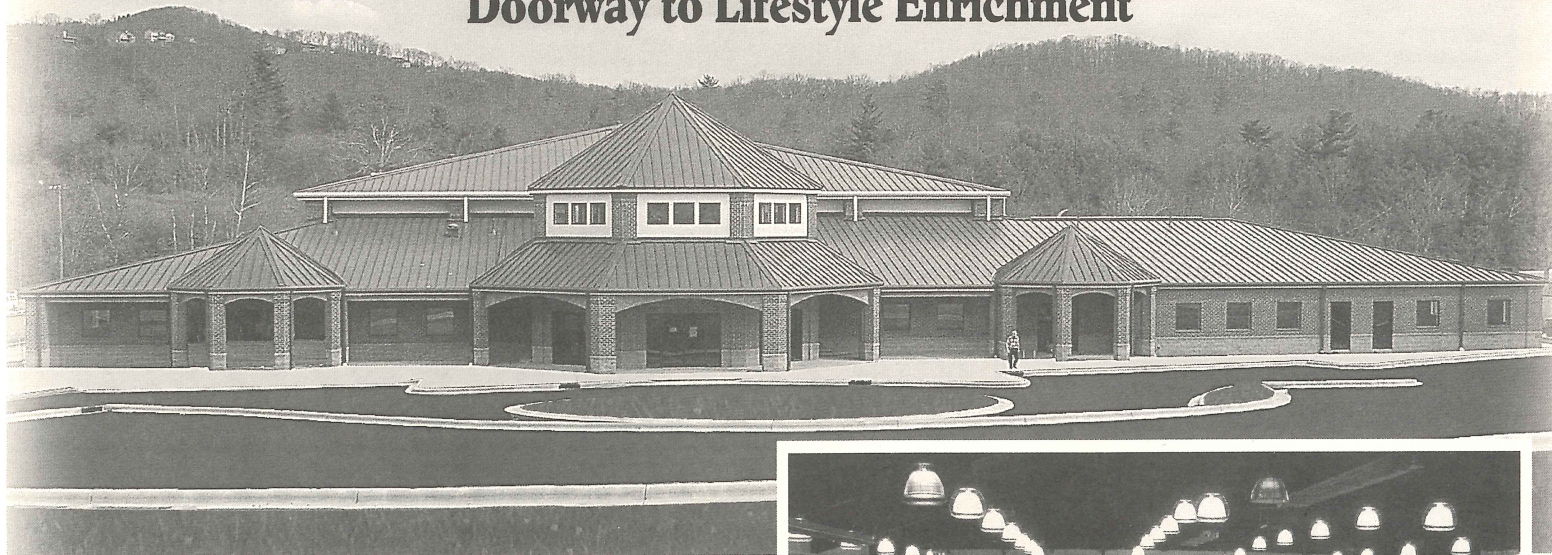
We recognize the value of the training we received here; we see it was the vital foundation of our work for the Lord in serving others. We

never realized that we were blessing others while we were students working on campus and serving in the hospital, but now we can see what a blessing it is to have young people around and to see them being trained to serve the Lord.



The Lelia Patterson Center

Doorway to Lifestyle Enrichment



Latest News

by Shane Stephens
Director of the Lelia Patterson Center

The building is very near completion. The auditorium and stage floors have been laid. The pool area is being finished. Much of the equipment is on the way, and advertisement, tours, and memberships will begin soon.

Tuwan Ussery, our Membership Coordinator, is currently working on the final touches for our membership drive. By the time you are reading this, he will be ready to accept memberships.

Call today for information.



Jason Milks is our Aquatics Manager. He has been preparing documents, signage, equipment, and schedules for the pool. Jason will be providing a variety of programs and classes to allow individuals of all ages and abilities to fully enjoy our aquatic center.

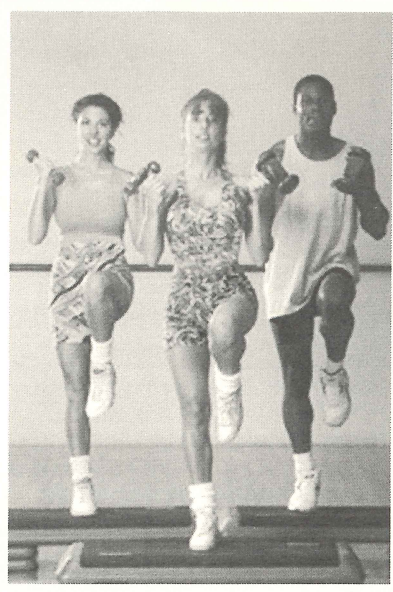
Dixie Perez has joined our team as the Fitness Director. Her enthusiasm and expertise as a personal trainer will encourage everyone to reach their fitness potentials.

We are really excited to see the recent progress in construction and the excellence of our staffing team. We look forward to hearing from you and taking you on a tour of the facility! We will be giving tours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning March 22, 2004. Please contact us to schedule your tour, so you can see the exciting things that are taking place at the Lelia Patterson Center! **(828) 687-5145.**



Jason Milks, Shane Stephens, Dixie Perez and Tuwan Ussery

Lelia Patterson Center Membership Summary Information



Charter Members are those who join before the facility's opening. Members will have access to fitness rooms, aquatics areas, and designated health and aerobics classes. Charter Members will receive a 5% discount on services and programs. There are no registration fees for charter members. Monthly dues are that of a general membership.

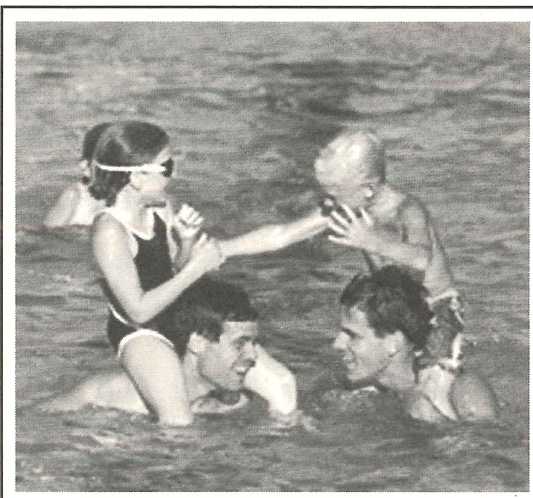
Supporter Membership allows members who live more than fifty miles away to have an opportunity to support Lelia Patterson Center programs. Seventy-five percent of the membership fee will be used to provide quality programs for the community, and the remaining twenty-five percent will cover the maintenance of a general membership to the facility. A receipt for the seventy-five percent donation will be issued to the member.

TO JOIN, CALL NOW!... 828-687-5145
or contact us at: PO Box 5440, Fletcher, NC 28732
lpcdirector@bellsouth.net

Memberships

Memberships	Registration Fees	Monthly Dues
General Membership Individual	\$25.00	\$39.99
General Membership Couple	\$50.00	\$59.99
General Membership Family	\$75.00	\$69.99
Corporate Rates	N/A	\$29.99
Manager's Choice Membership	\$25.00	\$120.00
Supporter Membership	\$25.00	\$39.99
College Student Membership	\$25.00	\$29.99
Lifetime Membership	Contact membership department	
Day Passes:		
Guest Pass with member		\$8.00
Guest Pass without member		\$10.00

Membership fees and dues subject to change without notice. Guest passes subject to space availability.



Opportunity to Support this Mission

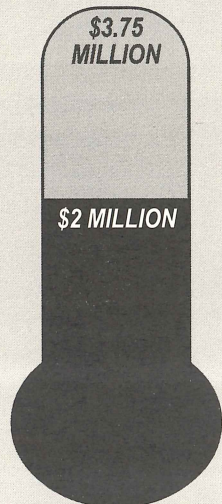
Before construction started on the Lelia Patterson Center, but after the financial goal was announced, the size increased by 10,000 square feet, thereby making the total cost \$3,757,907. To have a debt-free facility, \$1,500,000 is needed.

With your support, we have raised well over one half.

With your support, we will achieve the goal.

This means **FA students** will be guided in service, providing for the wellness and strength of the community. Your gift will **provide** a Center for youth to learn and **provide** for a debt-free facility where **students of Fletcher Academy** can assist with educational seminars dealing with health and family needs.

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1937

Ruby Clark Demyen, School of Nursing 1937, worked for 38 years as a nurse, serving the majority of that time at the Prince George's General Hospital in Maryland. She has two children, who threw a large dinner party for her to celebrate her 90th birthday this last November. She paints and writes and "never lacks for something to do." "I've been blessed with a long, healthy life and everybody's invited to my 100th birthday!"

1940s

Irene Abston Umlauf, Class of 1942, lives in Douglasville, Georgia where she and her husband are retired and loving it! After 25-30 years doing lab work and nursing, Irene now enjoys her free time and shares it with her three great-grandchildren, who love to sing and play the piano.

Carolyn Byrd Sword, Class of 1947, lives in Arden, North Carolina where she moved when she retired from lab work after 27 years of service. She has three children and four step-children, 12 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. "I'd like to say that Fletcher Academy had a big influence on my life because the work program helped me know I wanted to work in a lab."

1950

Alice Collins Carney, School of Nursing 1950, lives in the chilly, "deep freeze" temperatures of East Syracuse, New York. She is recovering from the major back surgery she had three months ago; please keep her progress in your prayers. She has four children, six grandchildren, and several great stories about her experiences here at Fletcher Academy.

Vestor Elrod, Class of 1950, lives in Media, Pennsylvania, where he has worked as a pressman for a local paper. His wife and one of his sons have passed away, but his other two boys are doing well. One of his sons lives in Cleveland, Tennessee and works for a bakery there. His other son is an RN in the Wilmington area.

1963

Harryette Good Aitken, Class of 1963, lives in Simi Valley, California with her husband, John, who has been working at Glendale Academy but will be returning to a pastoral position with the S. CA Conf. in March. Harryette has worked for the *Voice of Prophecy* and now works for *It is Written* in their Public Relations department. Their son, John II, serves as a pastor in the Oregon Conference.

1970s

Susan Anderson Wood, Class of 1971, moved to Florida in 1973 and began working as a nurse in 1974. She has been working for Hospice for the last two years. This May will mark her 30th anniversary with her husband, Bob. They have a son, Eric, who is 27.

Lonnie Anderson, Class of 1972, graduated from Southern Union College in 1975. He moved to Georgia in 1979 where he still lives and works as a realtor. He has a son, Jim, who is 22, and a daughter, Kristy, who is 20. You may contact him via his website: www.lonniesellshomes.com

Mark Anderson, Class of 1974, lives in Portland, Tennessee where he utilizes his Master's in Elementary Education in his work as a teacher and the principal of Highland Elementary. He and his wife, Nancy, will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this August with their adopted boys, Justin (9) and Brandon (5).

Julie Apsey Worrell, Class of 1978, worked as an elementary school teacher for 10 years before she changed profession and began working in medical records in a doctor's

Calling All Alumni!

Dear Alumni,
I am updating our records and doing my best to contact each one of you for the *Alumni News* section of this newsletter. We have lost track of many of our alumni, so I am calling you to help. I know everyone has a friend and knows where "such-n-such" and "so-n-so" are. Please help me know where they are too! Look through this list and if you can help me get in touch with them, please contact me at (828) 687-5125, advancefai@bellsouth.net, or at the school's address. You can also let them know that we want to be in touch and encourage them to contact me or visit www.fletcheralumni.com to update their contact information. Thanks, Erin Renee

Missing Alumni

FA 1930 Cordia Brizendine Dovicki
FA 1930 Bertha Dunagin
FA 1932 Mabel East Morris
FA 1932 Nettie McNeil McQuade
FA 1932 Sara Williams Case
FA 1933 Marguerite Benning Jordan
FA 1933 Harriett Brass
FA 1935 Earle Case
FA 1935 Jennie Kirkwood Cardey
FA 1935 Virginia Miller Hinds
FA 1936 Alice Bennett
FA 1936 Glenna Mae Cameron Lansford
FA 1936 Kenneth Case
FA 1936 Virginia Snow Acosta
FA 1937 Evelyn Gilliland Pettibone
FA 1937 Cleo Gray Allen
FA 1937 Sarah Green Barger
FA 1938 Silas Fox
FA 1938 Bernice Grant Williams
FA 1938 Joseph Hann
FA 1938 Verna Moore
FA 1938 Alta Stevens Perkins
FA 1940 Marguerite Beck Bailey
FA 1940 Mildred Smith Sackett
FA 1940 Alreda Tripp Rhodes
FA 1941 Anna Mae Brown Spaulding
FA 1941 Albert Durocher
FA 1941 Winona Robertson Kerswill
FA 1942 Louise Dalton Young

FA 1942 Paul Pusey
 FA 1944 Betty Straight Kelble
 FA 1945/ Son 1948 Hazel Hensley Artress
 FA 1946 Helen Woodall Hale
 FA 1947 Jamie Lasseater Williams
 FA 1947 Marjorie Pettigrove
 FA 1947 Marjorie Priehs Smith
 FA 1947 Sara Wright
 FA 1948 Charles Cecil
 FA 1951 Louise Hudson May
 FA 1951 Paula Jones Smith
 FA 1951 Don Van Ginhoven
 FA 1951 Mary Young Brown
 FA 1952 Nancy Collins Faulk
 FA 1952 Donald Hansen
 FA 1952 Carroll Porter
 FA 1953 Robert Conibear
 FA 1953 Jane Throckmorton Guiles
 FA 1954 Patricia Baker Marcus
 FA 1954 Dorothy Carroll
 FA 1954 Lila Wilson Cates
 FA 1955 Bonnie Byrd Leakins
 FA 1955 Ronald Dietz
 FA 1955 Ellen Grimes
 FA 1955/ Son 1958 Shelva Jean Hodge Pennington
 FA 1956 Charles Batchelor
 FA 1956 Cynthia Bowen Gagnen
 FA 1956 Louella Byers Barnwell
 FA 1956 Alex Couch
 FA 1956 Becky Bryson Danner
 FA 1956 Patsy Felder Broughton
 FA 1956 Norma Googe Couch
 FA 1956 Parnell Hudson
 FA 1956 Ann Wallace
 FA 1956 Pat Wilson
 FA 1956 Raymond Wynn
 FA 1956 Georgetta Zerbee Garrison
 FA 1956/ Son 1959 Lauretta Sisson Amentier
 FA 1957 Jack Carroll
 FA 1957 Carol Doolittle Chapman
 FA 1957 Gayle Dunagin
 FA 1957 Kay Leonard
 FA 1957 Betty Lipscomb Snyder
 FA 1957 Aline Padgett Curry
 FA 1957 Shirley Poole Thomas
 FA 1957 Jan Stanely Coates

office. She has lived in Danville, Virginia and has served as the Pathfinder Director there for the last three years. Her daughter, Amanda, is a freshman at SVA and is on the Dean's list.

1990s

Jenny Mitchell Andrews, Class of 1992, and **Grant Andrews**, Class of 1992, live in Brandon, Florida. They were married in 1993 while Jenny was studying for her RN. She now works in the Neonatal ICU at Brandon Hospital. Grant works as a manager for Citigroup. They have three children: Gavin, 5, Olivia, 7, and Nate, 9.

Becky Mills Carpenter, Class of 1993, lives in Monroe, North Carolina where she works for the Carolina Conference designing all their prints for brochures, posters, etc. and designing the *Carolina* section of Southern Tidings. She was swept off her feet in 2001 by Bobby Carpenter when he showed up at the church Becky helped to plant in the Monroe area. They were married on October 27, 2002.

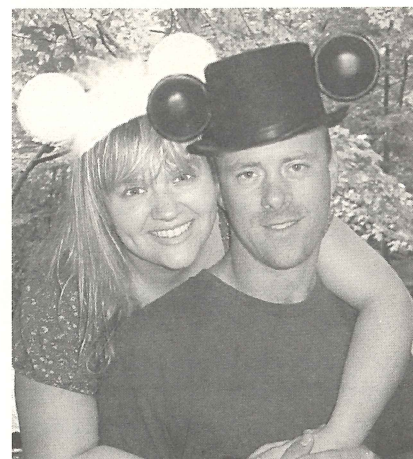
Rain Siim, Class of 1994, lives in Estonia where he works as a ventilation and air-conditioning sales engineer and a youth leader in his church. He firmly believes that his experience at Fletcher Academy was one more step in God shaping him for His service.

Arli Subi, Attendee of 1996, lives in Estonia with his wife, Evrika, and their two daughters, Lysette, who is 4, and Jessica, who will be 2 in June. They are also expecting their third child in June. Arli works in the furniture industry and sings tenor in his church's Gospel Choir, which needs your prayers and support. Arli's e-mail address is Arlii@hotmail.com

Trisha Worthen, Class of 1996, just became engaged to Mr. Jean-Paul Robertson this last Valentine's weekend! They will be married sometime in June of this year! Trisha met Jean-Paul while they were both attending Andrews. She graduated from Andrews in 2000 with her bachelor's degree in social work.

& 2000

Steven Milks, Class of 1997, and **Misty Armstrong Milks**, Class of 2000, live in El Paso, Texas where Steven is serving as an Army Specialist and working with Patriot Missiles. He has also served in Kuwait and Korea. Misty is studying for her Associate's degree in nursing and working as a mom with their daughter, Nadia, who is 13 months old.



Visitor's Information — Parents, Alumni, and Guests

For your convenience and comfort during your visit, we want you to know about some of the local accommodations and the recent exit number changes on I-26. (Note: Our exit number, 13, is now 44.)

Quality Inn in Hendersonville (828) 692-7231 (Exit 49 Bat Cave-Old Exit 18A)

Holiday Inn in Fletcher (828) 684-1213 (Exit 40 Airport Exit-Old Exit 9)

Hampton Inn in Fletcher (828) 687-0806 (Exit 40 Airport Exit-Old Exit 9)

Mention **Fletcher Academy** when you call and you will get a discount rate.

If you need **car rental** information, please call Erin Teague at (828) 687-5125.

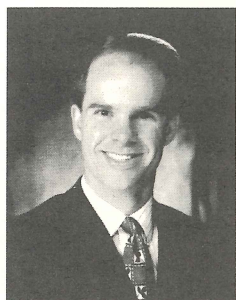
Light Bearer's Meetings visitors: Dorm rooms are available upon request. For rates and reservations, please call Erin Teague (828) 687-5125. If you need any additional assistance or information, please feel free to contact me. --Erin Renee

Light Bearer's Ministry's Fifth Annual East Coast Convocation

Monday Evening, June 28 to Sabbath, July 3, 2004
at the Lelia Patterson Center on the Fletcher Academy Campus.

Jesus Is All

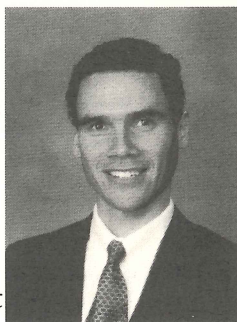
Featuring: **Ty Gibson, James Rafferty, Herb Montgomery**
Elder Leroy Moore, and Dr. Agatha Thrash



Ty Gibson is Co-Director/Speaker for Light Bearers Ministry, based in northeastern Washington State, where he makes his home with his wife, Sue, and their three children—Amber,

Jason and Leah. The ministry has published over 300 million pieces of evangelistic literature in 30 languages for the church in third world countries. Ty is also an author, having written seven books, and is co-host with James Rafferty of the 3ABN television series, *A Closer Look at Revelation* and the ongoing series, *Lift Him Up*. Ty also maintains a teaching ministry at local churches and camp meetings, in which he shares his personal experience with Christ and the powerful influence of God's love to transform hearts.

James Rafferty is a Co-Director/Speaker for Light Bearers Ministry, an evangelistic publishing ministry printing over one quarter of a billion pieces of literature in over 30 languages for worldwide evangelism. His distinct vision for ministry is making Christ the central focus of every discourse, including prophecy. He is convinced that Christ is the answer, God's Word is the power, and Holy Spirit prayer is the key. He believes that in teaching, evangelism and prayer, and by sharing his personal experience with

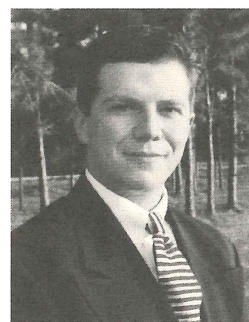


Christ, the powerful influence of God's love transforms hearts.

James has been privileged to travel all over the United States and the world presenting to thousands the powerful themes of the gospel. He has conducted seminars on the Daniel and Revelation for hundreds of pastors from every Christian denomination and is also a featured speaker on 3ABN. He has written several books, including *Full Circle*, available at your local ABC. James is married to a wonderful wife, Risë. They have two children, Jeiel, ten, and Kierra, five.

Herb Montgomery, under God's direction, became involved in colporteur work at a young age, which led him into a leadership position of training young people in literature evangelism and equipping them to give Bible studies. Since June 2000 Herb has been sharing his personal experience with Christ and the powerful influence of God's love to transform hearts. He shares his love for the gospel as a full-time seminar speaker for Light Bearers Ministry, based in northeastern Washington State, where he resides with his wife, Crystal, and their two small daughters. Herb now conducts weekend seminars, weeks of prayer, camp meetings and evangelistic meetings in churches, conferences, and schools across the United States and overseas.

- Christ-centered, Biblical preaching
- Book and tape sales
- Daytime and evening meetings
- Children's programs
- On-campus meals and lodging
- Health Seminars



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Youth Sabbath at Fletcher SDA Church

by Jo Ottinger, Fletcher Church Youth Pastor

"What a wonderful Sabbath experience!" "The Spirit of God was in this place today." "To me, this was a service coming from the heart of the youth, lifting the hearts of the congregation, pleasing to the heart of God." These are just some of the comments I have

personally heard from those who had the opportunity to join us on Sabbath, February 7, at the Fletcher SDA Church for 'Youth Sabbath.' This high Sabbath experience came about because a couple of youth asked me if they, the young people, couldn't "do a church service." I said, "What do you mean by 'do?'" After all, the elders involve the youth in some aspect of the worship service nearly each week. These young people

told me they wanted to do the whole service, if that would be alright. I reminded them, they belong to a church which loves our youth. We embrace and support them in all areas, especially spiritually!

I mentioned the idea to our Senior Pastor, Gary Tolbert, and he was elated with the idea; so the planning began. I am pleased to tell you, my role was quite limited for this special Sabbath. Youth, such as Amy Campbell, a senior at Fletcher Academy, did most of the footwork. She contacted people, secured their commitments for the weekend, and set up times for me to meet with most of those involved. Much thought went into each portion of worship to determine who would be the right fit, and who would be willing to serve the congregation for this Sabbath.

I spent some quality time with each one who had a part in the worship service, encouraging, explaining, and assisting them in putting the words together to accurately get their ideas across to the church;

being very careful, especially with the testimonies, to allow their ideas to be the ones expressed, not mine. Sabbath finally came, filled with nervous anticipation. There was, in fact, so much nervousness I had to spend much time on the phone Friday night calming fears and encouraging the youth to show up the next morning!

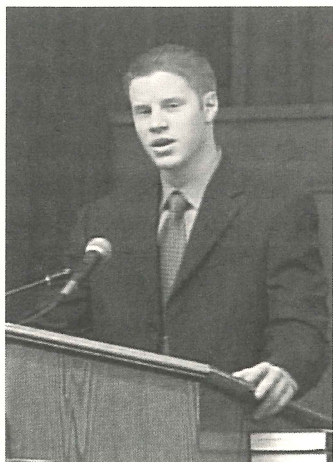
I praise God they did show up. They led the church family in a worship service which is still being felt weeks later. The community is abuzz even now from the honest testimonies, heavenly music, and thoughtful worship these youth brought to God's

House. I am extremely proud of them for their diligence in planning the Sabbath; being careful to minister to our entire congregation, not just their own segment of society. I am also proud of them for realizing and sharing the true experience of worship: it is not a show, nor is it a time to show everyone what a great job I can do, but rather the chance to come to God's House and hear about His love, forgiveness, kindness, and mercy.

There were many who felt, as did I, the presence of the Holy Spirit in a very special way throughout our time together. Another benefit to the service is the after-affect. More students are willing to share their talents and testimonies because of those who have broken the ice. Members of the Church have a reason to approach the youth and ask about their spiritual walk. Some members have shared their testimony with the youth. I believe no one could have imagined the impact this one week has brought, that is, no one save God. To Him be the praise and glory for all He does through our youth and in our youth!

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FA 1957/ SoN 1960 Mildred Fields Matthews
FA 1957/ SoN 1960 Jeanette Messer Earley
FA 1958 Eunice Davis
FA 1958 Ardyce Draper Earhart
FA 1958 Juda Franklin
FA 1958 Earnestine Heatherly Mitchell
FA 1958 Herbert Marchant
FA 1958 Margaret Meven Dunning
FA 1958 Winona Reece McClellan
FA 1958 Tommy Straight
FA 1958/ SoN 1975 Mary Lou Murray Ball
FA 1959 Diane Bonner Seibly
FA 1959 Dwight Clark
FA 1959 Delores Ham
FA 1959 Hobart Lowe
FA 1959 Donna Reagan
FA 1959 Nancy Weech
FA 1960 Buster Huggins
FA 1960 Wendy Maples Goodin
FA 1960 JoAnn Ricks Barden
FA 1961 Elaine Granke Anderson
FA 1961 Brenda Behre
FA 1961 Cathy Brooks
FA 1961 Dorothy Charron Deaton
FA 1961 Lester Clark
FA 1961 Marcella Collins Carney
FA 1961 Cathy Deverall
FA 1961 Pat Jackson Conner
FA 1961 Violet Molnar
FA 1961 Dara Mosely Parrish
FA 1961 Lillian Nicholson

Acroknights Update

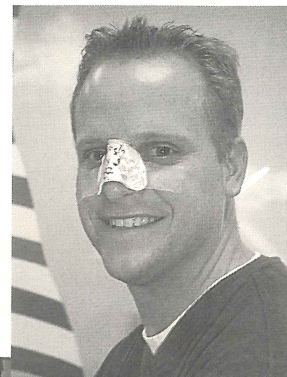
by Craig Johnson, Acroknights Coach

All is well in Tar Heel Land with the exception being the black eye and broken nose I suffered within one week of each other! Our team just got back from a week long tour in Florida. We are tired and maybe tired of each other, but the tour was very rewarding and I think our team was blessed because of it.

We are traveling around the border states right now, performing for schools to let them know about our team and what a great school Fletcher Academy is. We are working very hard in anticipation of being the first team to perform Homeshow in the Lelia Patterson Center. We consider it a privilege to have that opportunity and we look forward to putting on a great show. **Homeshow is**

May 1, and we hope that our alumni will come and share this occasion with us.

God has blessed our team and our school! We hope you keep us in your prayers.



Captain Gilmer Home and School

by Kathy Hadley, Home and School Leader

The year is already half over, and the students have been involved in many projects this year. During the month of December they purchased toys, pencils, crayons, toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, candy, gum, etc., for Christmas shoeboxes for children in Honduras. On December 18th, fifty-two shoeboxes were given to Mark Searcy, who delivered over 3,500 Christmas shoeboxes to Honduras. Our students included letters in their shoeboxes and we are hoping to hear back from the Honduran children who received them.

We have several Classroom Chaplains spending time in classrooms, mentoring the students. The fifth grade especially enjoys the time spent with Poppa, Frank Cox. Bill Bass is mentoring the eighth grade and preparing them for the big jump to Fletcher Academy next year. We still need Classroom Chaplains for several grades. Ask Frank Cox or Bill Bass how

rewarding it is to be a mentor and then contact Jeannie Bradley about volunteering.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th grades have been taking field trips to Jeff Wilkie's greenhouses to plant seeds and tend winter crops. This has been a fun learning experience with Jeff. Jeff, thanks for sharing your knowledge and greenhouses with us! We will be selling shares in an Organic Co-op; the funds will be used for playground equipment. For info on obtaining a share call Kathy Hadley at (828) 693-1111.

Thank you to all who purchased Yankee Candles from the students. Thanks to you, we raised \$1,866.00 for playground equipment. Don't forget Ingle's "Tools for Schools" program! Our School ID Code is 11849. This will also help us raise funds for playground equipment. And, as always, please remember Captain Gilmer and Fletcher Academy's students and faculty in your prayers.

FA 1961/ SoN 1965 Pat Roberts Cook
 FA 1962 Roy Orr
 FA 1962 Carolyn Springer
 FA 1963 Josie Tipton
 FA 1963/ SoN 1966 Betty Breeland King
 FA 1964 Peggy Baldwin Williams
 FA 1964 Yvonne Cartledge Marchent
 FA 1964 Eddie Dennis
 FA 1964 Carole Kidd Clements
 FA 1964 Trude Meister Dyer
 FA 1964 Susie Muckenfuss Moore
 FA 1965 Don Allen
 FA 1965 Ted Bloomfield
 FA 1965 Charlie Brown
 FA 1965 Louise Bruce
 FA 1965 Charles Crisp
 FA 1965 Harriet Darr Smallwood
 FA 1965 Beth Drake Albee
 FA 1965 Steve Fuller
 FA 1965 Julia Hansen
 FA 1965 Jerrie Hardee
 FA 1965 Dale Harper
 FA 1965 Gail Hewitt
 FA 1965 Vivian Holloman Thomas
 FA 1965 Kenneth Houck
 FA 1965 Brad Ingram
 FA 1965 Joyce Jenkins Winters
 FA 1965 Joyce Lynes Folson
 FA 1965 Janet Segur Milligan
 FA 1965 Wallie Strawder
 FA 1965 Terry Taylor
 FA 1965 Paul Thompson
 FA 1965 Jeff Winters
 FA 1966 Peggy Brown
 FA 1966 Carol Chandler
 FA 1966 Lynda Davis
 FA 1966 Myron Dobbs
 FA 1966 Francis Falls

FA 1966 Linda Feagin
 FA 1966 Marion Hales
 FA 1966 Roger Milligan
 FA 1966 Carol Newgard Vile
 FA 1966 Sandra Pate
 FA 1966 Elva Rouse
 FA 1966 William Waters
 FA 1966 Diane Watkins
 FA 1967 Frances Harvey Barger
 FA 1967 Ronald Nowfel
 FA 1967 Nancy O'Brien Segur
 FA 1967 Rosemary Segur Raines
 FA 1967 Elaine Sherer
 FA 1968 Michael Ansari
 FA 1968 Danny Cox
 FA 1968 Alice Fleming Smith
 FA 1968 Marion Freck Anderson
 FA 1968 Sherra Houck
 FA 1968 Terry Idol
 FA 1968 Donna Joiner
 FA 1968 Allen Kennedy
 FA 1968 Susie Meisner Manning
 FA 1968 Cheryl Taylor Baker
 FA 1968 Patti Worden Hales
 FA 1969 Jere Bradwell
 FA 1969 Danny Brinson
 FA 1969 Joy Daniel
 FA 1969 Ann Freeman Cockrell
 FA 1969 David Gardner
 FA 1969 Rodney Grant
 FA 1969 Shirlee Hess
 FA 1969 Carl Jones
 FA 1969 Cindy Rentfro
 FA 1969 Lars Tornlov
 FA 1969 Leslie Walters
 FA 1969/ SoN 1972 Larea Bumgardner
 FA 1970 Hanna Coffey
 FA 1970 Donna Dover
 FA 1970 Steve Grimsley
 FA 1970 Wanda Joiner
 FA 1970 George Moncreiff

Calendar of Events

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March 20	Church Service	FA Choir at Fletcher Church
March 27	Church Service	FA Band at Fletcher Church
March 27	5:30pm	FA Band Winter Concert
April 3	Church Service	11 th Hour at Upward Church
May 1	Church Service	FA Choir at Arden Church
May 1	7:45pm	Gymnastics Homeshow
May 8	Church Service	FA Choir at Fletcher Church
May 8	7:00pm	FA Band and Choir Spring Concert
May 21-23	—	Graduation Weekend
June 28-July 3	—	Light Bearer's Seminars

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