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## A LETTER FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Dear Ex-Creekers!

This note is almost the same as what we sent out via e-mail a few weeks ago. Sorry for not sending the alumni newsletter out sooner, but I was in limbo for 3+ months on whether I would be moving to Korea. Plans are now finalized, and I will be moving to Korea in July for 2 years to head up a small audit office for the Dept of Defense. However, I plan to be back for Homecoming on October 10-11, 2008. I need some help in preparing for the Homecoming weekend and the next newsletter:

1. I hope to have a few people give presentations on Friday evening and for Sabbath School (instead on the lesson study) on what they are doing to make the world a better place, or mission projects (at home or overseas) they have led or participated in. If you plan to come, and would be willing to give a short presentation 5-10 minutes, please let me know. If you know of anyone who you or I could convince to give a short presentation, also let me know. Presentations with photos are especially welcome, but not required. If you are unable to come, and could send a 5 minute presentation, this would also be great. **(Drs. Jim Gulley, Becky Cote, and Barbara McKinney have already agreed to give short presentations. I am hoping a few more will volunteer. I'm sure others are doing interesting things for the Lord and for humanity!)**

2. I would like the alumni choir to sing 2 or 3 songs for church. **If you are interested in joining the choir, I can send you the music ahead of time, if you let me know.**

3. I requested in a newsletter several months ago for 2 or 3 sentences from you to put into the newsletter to let people know what you are doing. I received practically no responses. Please send me a sentence or two of what you are up to for us to include in the next newsletter. Many Ex-Creekers are hungry for news of what their classmates and friends are up to. Many are interested in you as a friend, classmate, or simply as an Ex-Creeker. (Please don't think that you have to win the Nobel prize in order to have something noteworthy to tell.) **See the newsletter for the responses I received via my e-mail request.**

Hoping to hear from you soon.

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### HONOR CLASSES

<b>1943</b> Shirley Zollinger Chastain Sarah Ann Goodge McNeilus George Zollinger *	Dolly Nelson Eleanor King Phillips Ronald Pletcher Wilma Keller Rasmussen Grethe Muderspach Smith Charles Tobler Bruce Vogt John Vogt	Cindy Tandy Robert Vandeman Stanley Wallace Claudia Sutherland Woolsey	Linda VanArsdell Whiting Sidney Whiting Lesla Vogt Yip	Heather Wise Lang Lee Laswell Paul McKee Amy Ford Miller Monte Mitzefeld Pamela Draper Nerness Jeff Newell Eric Rochester Mark Silverstein Jeff Wolf
<b>1948</b> Billie Kelly Burdick Martha McKee Davis Allen Green * Jacquelyn Bartly Heflin * Bill Holland * Ancil Jones Fred (Bud) Scott * Freda McCall Zollinger Robert D. Zollinger	<b>1963</b> Stanley Biggs Bob Fuller Elaine Stewart Greene Lynn Miller Greenwalt Ron Keller Avalon Holverstott Rachele Kraft Jeanne Rauch Mazat Clara Cunningham Pennington John Rauch Diane Parker Ruckle Betty Boyle Sinclair Gwyn VanCleave	<b>1973</b> Berveryl Benchina Brett Dorothy Clark Brooks Gary Carlson Byron Carlton Sherry Horne Carlton Jeanie Beagles Danner Marilyn Perry Freeland Clara Wisdom Kelly David Lemmon JoAnne Chitwood Nowack Lynn Phibbs Rick Sharp	<b>1983</b> Brent Amos Koyle Blevis Susan Short Crutcher Tony Figueroa James Gulley Kelly Gunderson Hassenchal Cheryl Stuyvesant Hosford Mitch Kingsbury * Maria Holley Kutzner Stacy McDowell Mitchell Karen Heidinger Nelson Sharon Kennerson Russell Lindy Weitzel Kipp Robert Scott Carl Sellars Brian Sparks Janelle Maxson Spaulding	<b>1993</b> Scot Boehm Stephen Bralley Shaun Dean Karen Dickerson Rudolph Dittman Ruben Gandia Tracy Glass Carlos Gonzalez Steven Kurti Lindsay Leeds Jerry Teague Jon Wilton
<b>1953</b> David Burdick Gloria Matter Conner Gail Holland Holt Ruth Hughes Erma Griffin List Carlene Griffin Ludwig * Ernest Lytkowski Norman Peek James Peel Alvin Ringer Nancy White Rose	<b>1968</b> Myran Beers Collins Steven Foster Becky Hamilton Ingersoll Karen Holiman Jeske Jerry Johnston Sylvia Youngberg Kohler Karen Knight Morgan Jolene Leland Perry Gary Swinyar	<b>1978</b> Jeff Basham Kathy Rauch Campagnoli Theresa Jones Darroug Jim Davenport Wayne Dysinger Rick Greve Tim Leffew Brent Myers Ellen Reiseburg Prest Renee Regal Bill Scott Jeanne Chitwood Sherbert Jim Watson	<b>1988</b> Lynette McMullen Brooks Merrie Li Camp Bonita Dale Krista Olson Dale Bert Dimick Paul Eirich Todd Folkenberg Kimberly Goodge Kyle Kovach	* Deceased



Stanford'55 and Janet Straw celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 1, 2008. They are pictured with their daughters Deborah'77 and Cynthia'81. The Reception was held in the Multipurpose Room at Little Creek Sanitarium, with a program and tribute by their Grandchildren. Stanford's mother, Alice Straw was able to attend. They were married on June 2, 1958.

## BIRTHS

Jeannie and Clark '84 Larrabee are the proud parents of David Alan, born May 7, 2008

John '93 and Carol Wilton have a baby daughter, Abigail Grace, born February 17, 2008



Photos are of David Alan Larrabee



## *Fresh Food from Little Creek*

The Nursing Home Residents are enjoying fresh corn from our gardens, as well as tomatoes, cucumbers and green beans.

## DEATHS

Norman Peek (1953) slipped away in his sleep on February 25, 2008 after a battle with colon cancer. He moved to Little Creek with his parents in 1951 and retained a deep love for Little Creek and the self-supporting work throughout his life. He was devoted to the education of young people and to the idea of continuing to increase his knowledge about a wide variety of subjects throughout his life. During his lifetime, he was alternately a teacher, an entrepreneur, a tireless worker for The Layman Foundation and a carpenter and repair man. Many people were blessed by his abilities to both fix the small things that were broken around their houses and to have a very serious religious discussion at the same time. He is survived by his wife, Ava Peek and two children Britt and Charlene (Peek) (1982) Ponder and Daniel (1984) and Cynthia Peek and two grandchildren, Hannah and Timothy Peek

A Military funeral service was held on February 4 for Chaplain John E. Keplinger, Colonel, Retired, at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville. "Chaplain" (as he was fondly called), and his first wife, Nellie, served in several capacities on the Little Creek Faculty from 1973-1978. Chaplain had a great sense of humor, but was a deeply spiritual man.

After a year-long battle with cancer, Virginia Ellen (Mitchell) Arnold '69 was laid to rest on June 21 at the little country cemetery adjacent to Grace S.D.A. Church. Her loving Family and Friends tenderly cared for her during her illness. A standing-room only Memorial Service was a witness to Ginger's life of caring for others.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### from Alumni & Friends

#### 1950s

Ronald Pletcher '58 I'm still working. I travel, work and sing with my wife, Carol. We contract with a large corp in Chicago to work all over the US and Canada. We have even made a mission trip to Romaina in '99. Together we have 5 wonderful children and 11 GRANDchildren. Hope to see everyone this fall for homecoming.

#### 1960s

Ron ('67) and Claudia (Sutherland '68) Woolsey are living in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas where Ron pastors the local church in Marshall. Besides their 3 grown and married children, they have 2 at home - Zachary (13) and Natalie (12), and 2 grandchildren ages 13 and 6. They also have a faith ministry, "The Narrow Way Ministry", in which they travel extensively giving musical concerts and sharing the message that "Our God is mighty to save, the who-so-evers, from whatsoever, even to the uttermost", based upon Ron's reconversion story of divine rescue from a life of self-destruction, which he shares so that others may know that "nothing is impossible with God..." Ron has also produced 3 CDs with his concert grand marimba. Under the pen name of "Victor J. Adamson" Ron has authored the book "That Kind Can Never Change! Can They...", the story of his successful search to understand and overcome his own lifestyle of addictive behavior. In conjunction with this book he conducts a web site ministry dealing with the issue of homosexuality at: [www.victorjadamson.com](http://www.victorjadamson.com). Through The Narrow Way Ministry Ron and Claudia also support Bible Workers and Pastors evangelizing and raising up churches in Romania.

#### 1970s

Clara (Wisdom) Kelly, '73 For the past 2 and a half years I have been working as a Nanny, which I have thoroughly enjoyed! Now that my family is grown, I plan to go back to school in the fall and finish my education degree. Am excited about the possibilities!

Carol (Trivett) Williams, '72. We still live in Angwin and after ten years of teaching in the nursing program at Pacific Union College, I am now coordinating a heart failure program at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. While I miss the nursing students I am glad to be back in the clinical setting working with heart patients.

Janice (Williams) '72 and Gary Carlson '73. Gary and I relocated to London, KY last year. We both work at a small AHS hospital in Manchester, KY. Gary is CFO and I work in Outpatient and do chart audits. It has been quite the experience to live in KY. Manchester is in Clay County which is the poorest county in the state and one of the poorest counties in the US. It is truly a mission field. To be in Clay County is to step back 50 years in time. I did not know that such poverty and ignorance still existed in the US!

Robert McClellan (attended '69-'72). My wife, Sandy, and I live in Canton, GA. Our son Phillip, is a senior attending Kennesaw State University and daughter Carly is a senior at GA. Cumb. Academy. Robert and Phillip have common hobbies of working on anything mechanical that is old, mostly cars and motorcycles. They also enjoy riding motorcycles on weekends and vacations. Sandy is a pre-school Art and Music teacher and enjoys working with young minds.

Carroll Wheeler '76. I continue to fly for American Eagle Airlines. Religion often comes up in conversation. "why don't you fly Saturday". I often take my banjo along to practice on long layovers and refer people to our band's website: <truenorthgospel.com>

#### 1980s

Barbara (Chase) '79 and Mark McKinney '80. Mark has accepted the position of Chair of Radiology at University of Tennessee Knoxville medical center. They will be moving to Knoxville in August or September. Barbara spent 3 weeks in Africa this summer assisting with the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She will give a presentation on her work in this area at homecoming this year.

J.T. Shim, 1980, is currently pursuing an elusive doctoral degree at UCF, University of Central Florida, aka "U Can't Finish" and could use help with gathering data from pairs of information systems (IS) developers and users who've worked together on IS development projects. More info <http://www.bus.ucf.edu/jshim/data.htm>."

Kimberley (France) Sexton, '84. Our family grew in 2004 when we adopted a brother and a sister. Then in 2005 we joined with another family and started a ministry called His Hands & Feet Ministries. It started out as a local construction evangelistic ministry. In September of that year, we responded to Hurricane Katrina, originally for 4-6 weeks. We are still down in Mississippi. The Lord led us into rebuilding homes as well as lives. We have a volunteer camp where families, churches, or school groups can come down and help rebuild. It is still devastated down there.

Becky Cote '87. I am enjoying my 9th year of Family Practice in Gray, TN. I enjoy outreach in my community and abroad. Have had the opportunity to go to Africa this year on a medical mission trip and will be heading to Alaska in June on a building project mission trip. Also still enjoy nature and the outdoors camping, backpacking, hiking, and rafting.

James Gulley '83. I moved to Takoma Park in 1998 after completing my residency in internal medicine at Emory. I did a fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute and in 2000 was invited to stay on as Director of the Clinical Immunotherapy Group at the NCI. I work on vaccines to treat cancer with my primary cancer of interest being prostate cancer. I am happily married to Trenise and have two darling red heads Devon (age 7) and Kiera (age 4). We are active at Sligo Church where I am an Elder and chair of the Stewardship Committee.

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**HOMECOMING**  
 REMEMBER OCTOBER 10 and 11, 2008  
 A short vespers will start at 6 pm Friday October 10 in the Cafeteria with  
 Supper to follow. The meeting will follow from 7:45—8:30 pm.  
 Sabbath School will start at 10:00 am with Church at 11:00 am.  
 Vespers at 4:45 pm Sabbath.  
 Sundown Sabbath night is at 6:05pm



Deborah'77 (Straw) Tait and Dan Grimes were married July 4, 2008 in the presence of family and friends on the bow of Dan's boat. The ceremony was performed by Judge Shelton Hatcher, a friend of Deborah and Dan's. A small reception followed. Ben, a member of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra performed Meditation in memory of Deborah's grandparents, Alice and Leland Straw. Pictured with them, are Deborah's children Sheena, Christina, and Brandon.



Warren (90) and Merrie Davis with their daughter Miah Grace Mengyun Davis DOB Aug. 2, 2006 Yugan SWI, Jiangxi, China May 8, 2007 GOTCHA DAY Miah joins our family - forever