

*Southern Wesleyan University*

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**SPRING 2010**





# *Master's touch brings out joyful music of fulfilled life*

**By David J. Spittal, president  
Southern Wesleyan University**

**F**or those of us who have tried our hand at playing the violin, we discover quickly that the sounds we produce are nothing like the melodious and rich tones recorded by master performers.

In fact, as we draw the bow across the strings, the sound is more like that of a distressed cat. It is still a violin for sure, but lacks the song it was designed to play. A violin, after all, is made of wood, metal, glue and horsehair and, as such, possesses no talent or special abilities. Left unattended and without the touch of the master, this beautiful instrument rests silently, unproductive and unfulfilled.

Perhaps you have witnessed a master performer take a violin in her practiced hands. As she draws the bow across the strings, the sound she creates is captivating and its richness fills even the largest auditorium. In the hands

of the skilled musician, the once-idle instrument resonates with the transforming power of the master's touch.

God has designed each of us to be his instruments of joy. He desires each of us to resonate with the song he has planted within us. Without him, our selfishness, pride and sinfulness is like a violin without the influence of the master. An idle life without Christ produces only dissonance and discord, but becomes a symphony when tuned to the heart of God.

Our university mission is to help men and women discover God's unique design and purposes for their lives. We seek to challenge all who come to submit their lives to the master's touch and discover the joy of a fulfilled life. To fulfill our mission, we all must live our lives as praiseworthy songs of joy and hope. We must proclaim to all the power of a God who transforms lives.

Our orchestra is tuning to the Master's voice. His instruments are ready. Let the symphony begin.

## *Fine Arts Series at Southern Wesleyan University*

**Mark your calendar!**

**"Pirates of Penzance"**

Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday, March 25-26, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Folger Auditorium  
\$10 Adults

\$7 Seniors and students with ID  
SWU students free with ID  
\$5 Children under 12

**Angela Jones, flute,  
and Damon Denton, piano**

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.  
\$10 adults/\$5 students with ID  
SWU students free with ID

**Morehouse College  
Glee Club**

Sunday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.  
FREE- no ticket

**Music Majors  
Honors Recital**

Monday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.  
FREE- no ticket

**Music Majors  
Formal Recital**

Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.  
FREE- no ticket

**SWU Wind  
Ensemble**

Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.  
FREE- no ticket

**SWU Jazz Ensemble**

Thursday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.  
FREE- no ticket

**Masterworks Concert**

Sunday, April 25, 3 p.m.  
FREE- no ticket

*Events are at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central unless otherwise noted. For details, call (864) 644-5408 or go to swu.edu.*



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## Missions relief team helps Haitians

Southern Wesleyan alumnus Daniel Stanley, right, and Ralph Kelley of Pickens View Wesleyan Church treat a Haitian girl at a clinic set up in Petit-Goâve, a town located near Port-au-Prince. Two Southern Wesleyan University students and four alumni were among a 14-member missions relief team that left for Haiti Jan. 27 on a nine-day trip to deliver medical supplies and provide medical treatment to earthquake victims. The team, led by SWU alumnus Greg Edmonds, assisted another medical team in providing immediate treatment of the earthquake victims' injuries. On the team were two current SWU students: Kelsey Buchanan, a pre-med major; and Stephanie Sestito, a forensic science major. SWU alums, in addition to Stanley and Edmonds, were Fritzlene Gilles and Michelle Bryant. Also on the team was Joel Barrington, husband of SWU alum Kelly Barrington. The youngest member of the team, Brandon Bryant, is a Daniel High School student and son of Joy Bryant, Southern Wesleyan's executive director of alumni and constituent relations.



*On the cover* The theme for this issue is a focus on the noble, pure, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy programs and people at Southern Wesleyan University – across South Carolina. The scripture verse that inspired this theme is Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”



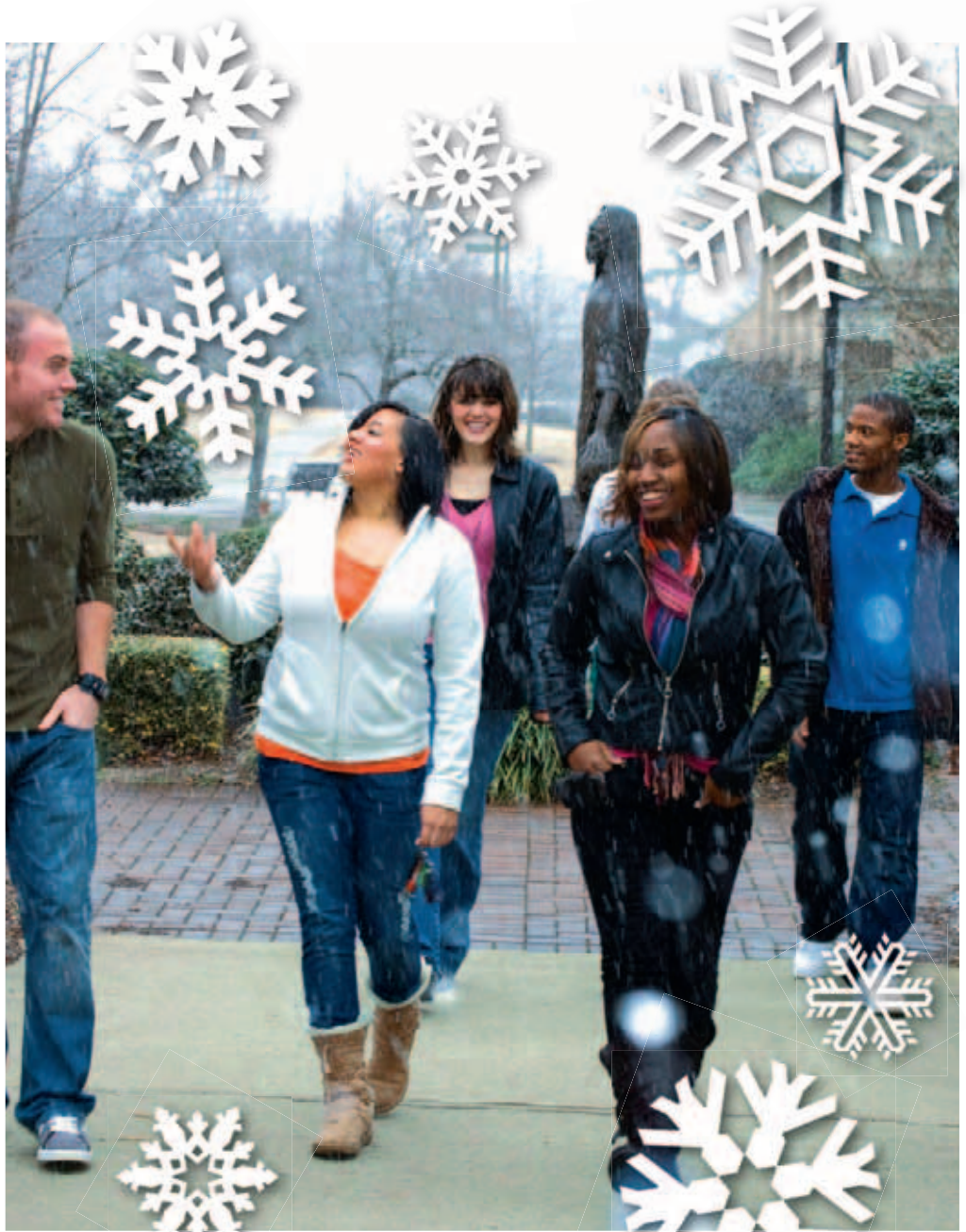
## Religion major 'goes west'

Famed 19<sup>th</sup> Century newspaperman Horace Greeley coined the term "go west young man."

For Zach Derr, a Southern Wesleyan University senior from Fishers, Ind., majoring in religion, going west proved rewarding.

Derr completed an internship at Greeley Wesleyan Church in Greeley, Colo. He spent 10 weeks doing, in his words, "almost everything." Working with his uncle, Pastor Steve Wilson, Derr was exposed to the various ministries and staff in the church. He learned about pastoral care, working with children and youth, technical and administrative details, spiritual formation, funerals, staff meetings, accountability, leadership, education, small groups, preaching and sermon preparation and visitations.

"I was very impressed with Pastor Wilson's leadership in structuring the internship, giving Zach access to all the ins and outs of the church, and being a significant mentor for Zach," said Dr. Christina Accornero, chair of the Division of Religion at Southern Wesleyan University.



## Winter in Central

Students enjoy a snowfall on Feb. 12 at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C. The snow began to fall in the afternoon and is shown here, blanketing the university's Intercession Square.

## Connect with the latest Southern Wesleyan news online at [swu.edu](http://swu.edu)!

Featuring: The latest SWU news, sports news, fine arts events and photos from celebrations at all SWU locations.





## Phonathon ringing in to ask for pledges

Southern Wesleyan University's annual Phonathon is underway, with students calling all alumni and friends in support of the university's Promise Fund. Student callers are in the process of attempting to reach all SWU alumni and friends in an effort to update personal information as well as to request a donation.

The goal for this year's Phonathon is \$50,000. So far, the university has \$27,930 pledged, with \$19,025 already paid. The goal is to be able to raise the remainder of the amount by the end of April, when the Phonathon concludes.

All money raised during the Phonathon goes to support the Promise Fund, which supports student scholarships as well as academic and student programs. Every donation raised during the Phonathon helps Southern Wesleyan University students be able to attend and graduate from a Christ-centered university.

As student callers continue to contact alumni and friends, please consider answering their call and



Sarah Jenkins

giving to the Promise Fund. If you do not wish to be called, but still want to donate, please send a gift in the envelope enclosed in this issue of Focus and note "Phonathon" on the memo line of your check.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Costello at 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5004 or mcostello@swu.edu.

## Employees support SWU with gifts

Southern Wesleyan University faculty and staff have exceptional compassion for students and believe in financially supporting SWU.

At the beginning of every fiscal year, SWU employees are given an opportunity to donate to the Promise Fund. Every gift is important and makes a difference in the lives of students.

Every department that has 100 percent of their members giving to the Promise Fund by November is entered into a drawing for a chance to win a home-cooked breakfast, served to them by the development staff as a way of saying thank you.

The breakfast was served in Mitchell Conference Room on Jan. 4. The following departments were recognized that day for their 100 percent Promise Fund giving: Academic Services, Development, Faculty Services and Planning and Assessment.

## Promise Fund on track for annual goal

The Southern Wesleyan University Promise Fund is moving steadily towards meeting the goal set for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. So far, alumni and friends have donated \$225,152, which is just slightly more than halfway toward the goal of \$450,000.

**Total: \$225,152 >**

Donations to the Promise Fund go to support student scholarships as well as academic and student programs. This fund is essential in helping students afford to attend Southern Wesleyan.

With continued financial support and prayer, the university aims to reach the goal for this fiscal year by June 30, 2010.

Every gift is important as the university assists students with tuition. Without donations from friends and alumni, Southern Wesleyan could not be effective in ministering to students and preparing them to be productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

Please consider giving a gift to help support the Promise Fund. Southern Wesleyan appreciates your support and prayers.

## Donations:

**Faculty and Staff:** \$18,148  
**Corporations/  
 Businesses:** \$31,584  
**Alumni:** \$50,649  
**Friends:** \$43,812  
**Churches/  
 Organizations:** \$19,232  
**Trustees:** \$54,627  
**Matching Gifts:** \$6,800  
**Foundation:** \$300

## Great uncle sent astronaut into space

John Glenn may be a name familiar to most of us. He is the first American and third person to orbit the earth. But do you know Thomas J. O'Malley?

"Uncle Tom was a really funny, hard-working and outgoing guy. Everybody loved him," said Kelley O'Malley, a sophomore at Southern Wesleyan University majoring in psychology, and Tom O'Malley's great niece.

"But he could be very strict too," Kelley added. "He would give you a look and you knew you were in trouble."

O'Malley was a legendary space industry engineer who worked for General Dynamics and North American Aviation. He made great contributions to the success of the U.S. space program. On the morning of Feb. 20, 1962, O'Malley pushed the button that launched the Atlas booster rockets and sent John Glenn into the orbit.

The button now is displayed in his Cocoa Beach home in Florida. Kelley said

she never really thought much about her Uncle Tom's job until she was in high school.

"We only saw him on sad occasions such as my grandma's funeral," said Kelley, "But every time we were with him, he made everybody laugh." Although O'Malley was from Kelley's dad's side, he was very close to Kelley's mom.

"He called my mom his 'little girlfriend,'" Kelly said. She also mentioned that her brother has a space room at home. Every year, Uncle Tom would send her brother little things from NASA to display in the room.

Besides sending Glenn into orbit, O'Malley also played a major role in reviving the Apollo moon program after a launch pad fire killed three Apollo astronauts in 1967.

O'Malley died of pneumonia at age 94 in November of 2009, shortly after receiving a phone call from John Glenn. According to Kelley, he and John Glenn were good friends.

"Uncle Tom got lost a lot, so they (his colleagues) installed a streetlight at the road for him at Cape Canaveral launch pads," said Kelley, "The light leads to the site of Glenn launching, and a plaque at the base reads 'O'Malley's Guiding Light.'"



Grouped together with astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr., beside "Friendship 7" spacecraft are from left, T.J. O'Malley, chief test conductor for General Dynamics; Glenn; and Paul Donnelly.





## Welcome back to campus

From left, Franchesca Renfro, Tamara Lowery, Amanda Williams and Stephanie Williams return to Stuart Bennett Residence Hall after buying books before the start of spring classes. Renfro is a freshman from Marietta, Ga., majoring in psychology. Lowery is a freshman from Mountain Rest, S.C., majoring in special education. Stephanie Williams is an early childhood education major and her sister, Amanda, is a communication major. Both are freshmen from Virginia Beach, Va.

## Graduates celebrate at campus in Central

Graduates in Southern Wesleyan University's Adult and Graduate Studies anticipate the awarding of degrees during commencement Dec. 12 at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Bearing the university mace is Dr. Mickey Rickman, professor of mathematics. Southern Wesleyan held two ceremonies for its AGS graduates that day: a morning ceremony for Central, Greenville, Greenwood and Spartanburg graduates; and an afternoon ceremony for Charleston, Columbia and North Augusta graduates. Students in the university's traditional programs graduated on Dec. 10.







## Columbia's regional director s

**G**iving students the advantages of education is Dr. Tammie Powell's passion.

"I believe that education is a vehicle for change. It's very exciting for me to think that someone comes to Southern Wesleyan University in a particular place and we see a change in the road they're taking," she said.

Dr. Powell is Southern Wesleyan's new regional director for its Columbia location on Pinnacle Point Drive in the Northeast area of Columbia, S.C. She has recently settled into the new position and is excited about working with students to equip them for successful careers.

"I think it's a good time in our economy for employees to re-tool and to re-envision where we fit in the job market. SWU offers a great opportunity for making a career change."

Dr. Powell's career has been dedicated to education. Before joining Southern Wesleyan University, she served six years as a marketer of graduate courses and programs in her position as associate director for the University of South Carolina's Extended Campus. She was a teacher for Richland School District Two in Columbia for 16 years. Before that, she spent nine years teaching in the Franklin, Va., area.

"I like working with adults and I feel called to work with adults in education," she said, adding that the adult students at Southern Wesleyan University hope to improve their education and improve their lives, as well.

"Our students are very committed. They come in and use our labs on their off-hours and they are dedicated to their study groups. The nurturing that is done in our classes leads to a close-knit community," Dr. Powell said. "We do work with a lot of adults who have children at home and these parents are in class and still have those responsibilities. They're focused on what they can do for their families with this education."

As regional director, Dr. Powell is responsible for marketing the university's associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs to adults in the Columbia area.

The Columbia location of Southern Wesleyan University offers the following degree programs: associate's degree in business, bachelor's degree in business administration, bachelor's degree in human services, master's degree in management, master's degree in business administration and master's degree in education. Students attend class one night per week in the university's accelerated format, in addition to a study group session and out-of-class projects. Most courses last six weeks. Depending on their program of study, students can earn their degrees in 18 months to 2 years. Currently, the Columbia location has more than 300 students enrolled.

Dr. Powell is also serving as a faculty member for Southern Wesleyan's School of Education. She earned her associate's degree at P.D. Camp Community College in Franklin, Va.;

*Dr. Tammie Powell*



# ays SWU education unlocks career potential

her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.; a master's degree in divergent learning from Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.; and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

She is excited to share Southern Wesleyan University's educational opportunities with Columbia area residents.

"With the quality of service and education we offer, I anticipate many more students will be coming to us as they learn of our institution," Dr. Powell said. "There are a lot of individuals in Columbia who would benefit from the way we nurture our students. Our plan for working with students lets them feel well advised and comfortable."

Southern Wesleyan University has offered classes in Columbia for 24 years. The university had been located in West Columbia and moved to its current location in the northeast part of Columbia in the fall of 2008. Since it began offering classes there in 1988, Southern Wesleyan has had nearly 2,000 graduates from its Columbia location.

"There is a growing population in the northeast section of Columbia. There is a large traffic flow in this area and we're conveniently located for many people here," Dr. Powell said. "There are many opportunities for collaboration in the community here, too."

In addition to a convenient location, Southern Wesleyan University's Christian perspective is producing leaders whose ethics are valued in the workforce.

"There is a need for graduates who act on Christian ethics in all



*Dr. Tammie Powell sees education as essential.*

communities and Columbia is no exception," Dr. Powell said. "Southern Wesleyan University is unique in that our Christian perspective is very clear. We really are intentional about Christian ethics in higher education."

When she's not focused on education, Dr. Powell enjoys spending family time with her husband, their daughter and their dogs, Bailey and Sally. She enjoys strength training three times a week before work and takes a kettle bell class once or twice weekly. She has been strength training for 10 years.

She also loves cooking, gardening and has enjoyed serving as a volunteer archivist at the University of South Carolina Caroliniana Library. The Powells attend Northeast United Methodist Church. Dr. Powell teaches an adult Sunday school class and conducts a Bible study for women.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity to encourage people to stick with

education because it makes a real difference," Dr. Powell said. "And because of the Christian education Southern Wesleyan University offers, we see people change spiritually as well."

Southern Wesleyan University's main campus is in Central and the university also offers classes across the state in Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Greenwood, North Augusta and Charleston. Southern Wesleyan University was founded more than 100 years ago by leaders who promised to "help men and women become what God has designed them to be."

Today, with nearly 2,500 students statewide, enrollment at Southern Wesleyan University is steadily growing. But the university's goal remains the same – to help students find God's purpose for their lives.

For details on Southern Wesleyan University, go to [www.swu.edu](http://www.swu.edu).



## SWU's Wimphrie wins 300<sup>th</sup> career game

Southern Wesleyan Head Coach Charles Wimphrie won his 300<sup>th</sup> career basketball game at Southern Wesleyan University on Jan. 19, after his Warriors defeated Voorhees College 120-96.

When Wimphrie looks back on career win number 300, he'll remember a lot of offense and not much defense as the teams combined to score 216 points. The offensive outburst for Southern Wesleyan started immediately as Nate Miller drained a three-point basket and then Nikola Lambic made a basket and Brandon Jankowy knocked down his three-point basket and just like that, the Warriors led 8-0 in less than two

minutes. Antwan Carter scored Voorhees' first basket, but Southern Wesleyan responded with another five consecutive points to lead 13-2.

The largest lead for the Warriors in the game was 30 points and when the horn sounded to end the game, the Warriors celebrated not only a 120-96 victory, but also Coach Wimphrie's 300<sup>th</sup> career victory at Southern Wesleyan.

The Warriors were making shots from everywhere on the floor as they made 56 percent (40-for-71) from the field, 50 percent from three-point range (10-for-20), and an impressive 81 percent (30-for-37) from the free throw line.



Coach Charles Wimphrie

## SWU softball team assisting Habitat for Humanity

As the Southern Wesleyan University softball team prepared for their season opener, they took time away from the softball diamond to help a local family in need.

The team members participated in a "Women Build" project for Habitat for Humanity and spent several hours assisting in the building of a house for a family in Liberty, S.C., seven miles from the Southern Wesleyan campus. During their time at the project site, the softball team worked on the framing of the front and back walls of the house. They attached plywood to the walls and were able to raise the walls into position. Other students from the university also assisted with the project.

"This was a great opportunity for the women of the SWU softball program to reach out to our community while also gaining a new experience and perspective," head coach Ed Deugan said.

Cristy Hudson, a sophomore from Goose Creek, S.C., said "It was



SWU's softball team helps build a Habitat for Humanity house in Liberty, S.C.

a great experience and it really helped us come together as a team, especially with so many new players. It was a tremendous accomplishment to help a family in need of a home."

Rebecca McGuire, a freshman who is a resident of Liberty, added, "Being from Liberty, it was a unique

opportunity for me to work on a house in my hometown. As for the team experience, it was awesome to put up the walls and know we were helping out a local family."

The softball team plans to provide further assistance towards the completion of the house.



## 2010 Warrior Baseball

### MARCH

10	WED	Montreat College	Montreat, N.C.	2:30 p.m.
12	FRI	<b>Truett-McConnell</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
13	SAT	<b>Truett-McConnell</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
17	WED	Truett-McConnell	Cleveland, Ga.	2 p.m.
19	FRI	<b>Southern Polytech</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
20	SAT	<b>Southern Polytech</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
24	WED	<b>King College</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
25	THURS	Anderson University	Anderson, S.C.	6 p.m.
26	FRI	AUM	Montgomery, Ala.	SSAC*
27	SAT	AUM	Montgomery, Ala.	SSAC*
29	MON	Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa, Ga.	3 p.m.
31	WED	North Greenville University	Tigerville, S.C.	2&5 p.m.

### APRIL

02	FRI	<b>Brewton Parker College</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
03	SAT	<b>Brewton Parker College</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
06	TUES	<b>USC-Beaufort</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
07	WED	North Georgia College	Dahlonega, Ga.	7 p.m.
09	FRI	Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, Ga.	7 p.m.
10	SAT	Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, Ga.	1 p.m.
16	FRI	<b>Faulkner University</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
17	SAT	<b>Faulkner University</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
22	THURS	Berry College	Mt. Berry, Ga.	SSAC 1
23	FRI	Berry College	Mt. Berry, Ga.	SSAC 2

APR 29-MAY 3	SSAC Baseball Tournament	Columbus, Ga.	
	NCCAA South Region Tournament		
	NAIA Opening Round		
	NCCAA National Tournament		*indicates SSAC Event
	NAIA World Series		<b>Home games are in bold.</b>



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## 2010 Warrior Softball

### MARCH

09	TUES	Brevard College	Brevard, N.C.	2&4 p.m.
11	THURS	Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, Ga.	4&6 p.m.
17	WED	Brenau University	Gainesville, Ga.	5&7 p.m.
19	FRI	<b>AUM</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>6&amp;8 p.m.</b>
20	SAT	<b>Faulkner University</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1&amp;3 p.m.</b>
23	TUES	<b>Emmanuel College</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>4&amp;6 p.m.</b>
26	FRI	Lee University	Cleveland, Tenn.	4&6 p.m.
27	SAT	Shorter College	Rome, Ga.	1&3 p.m.

### APRIL

02	FRI	<b>Brewton-Parker</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>5&amp;7 p.m.</b>
03	SAT	<b>Columbia College</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1&amp;3 p.m.</b>
07	WED	<b>Brenau University</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>5&amp;7 p.m.</b>
09	FRI	AUM	Montgomery, Ala.	2&4 p.m.
10	SAT	Faulkner University	Montgomery, Ala.	1&3 p.m.
14	WED	Anderson University	Anderson, S.C.	5&7 p.m.
16	FRI	<b>Shorter College</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>5&amp;7 p.m.</b>
17	SAT	<b>Lee University</b>	<b>Central, S.C.</b>	<b>1&amp;3 p.m.</b>
20	TUES	North Greenville	Tigerville, S.C.	3&5 p.m.
24	SAT	NCCAA Regional		TBA

APR 29-MAY 1	SSAC Tournament	Columbus, Ga.	TBA
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## 2010 Warrior Men's Golf

### MARCH

09 MON - 08 TUES	Rome News-Tribune Invitational (Berry College) Mt. Berry, Ga.
18 THURS - 19 FRI	Paine College Invitational *B SQUAD* (Paine College) Augusta, Ga.
25 THURS - 26 FRI	SEKI/MSC Spring Tournament (U of Cumberlands) London, Ky.

### APRIL

02 FRI - 03 SAT	Carolina Sands Intercollegiate Tournament (UNC Pembroke) Elizabethtown, N.C.
19 MON - 20 TUES	SSAC Tournament Columbus, Ga.

**Home games in bold.** Season in progress at time of publication.





## Challenging the culture

Dr. Hank Williams, left, enjoys conversation with Southern Wesleyan University student Jamin Connor, right, and physical education professor Dr. Keith Connor, after a Spiritual Emphasis Week service Jan. 26 at the university's campus in Central, S.C. Williams, who was the featured Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker, is senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Boiling Springs, S.C., and is also a Southern Wesleyan alumnus. Jamin, who is Dr. Connor's son, is a senior from Central majoring in business. Dr. Connor coached Williams when he played on the Warriors soccer team. Spiritual Emphasis Week took place Jan. 21-26 at Southern Wesleyan University.

## University mourns pastor, former trustee

Dr. Julius Scipio, 81, former Southern Wesleyan University trustee and pastor of Royal Baptist Church in Anderson, S.C., died Dec. 15 after battling cancer.

"Southern Wesleyan University was honored to have Dr. Scipio serve as a member of our board of trustees and to recognize his ministry," Dr. David Spittal, university president, said.

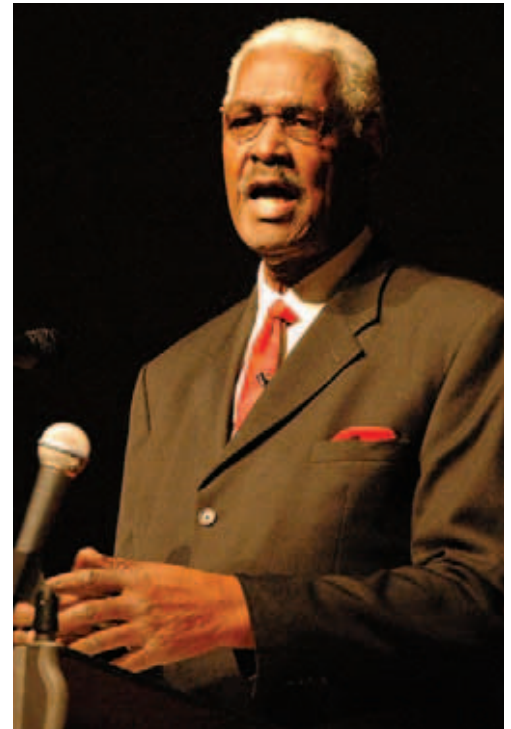
Among his many speaking engagements at SWU, Dr. Scipio was the guest speaker for the university's dedication ceremony for the new Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center Oct. 23, 2008.

He was well-known in the area for 60 years in the pulpit and gained state and national recognition for his founding of Elephant Men, an outreach that touched the lives of more than 100 at-risk youth. With the help of his son, Isaiah, Dr. Scipio took troubled youth from the juvenile delinquent lists and showed them love, trust and respect.

Dr. Scipio was born and raised in rural Darlington County, S.C., the fifth of 10 children. He said his parents taught him the value of hard work and faith in God. Dr. Scipio earned his bachelor's degree at Claflin University and took graduate classes at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Both of Dr. Scipio's grandfathers were ministers and his father's father, in particular, encouraged him to become a minister, calling him "his little preacher." Dr. Scipio was active in the Civil Rights movement, having shared the stage once with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1958. Dr. Scipio pastored churches all over South Carolina and conducted a special ministry to migrant workers in Florida.

In recognition of Dr. Scipio's accomplishments, Gov. Carroll Campbell presented him with the Order of the Palmetto. He also was honored with three Jefferson awards for public service.



*Dr. Julius Scipio*

Dr. Scipio once said of himself, "I've been so blessed. I know what God can do."



## Alumni Association presents: **A year of Connecting-Reconnecting**

### **April 6-6 p.m.**

Connect with new Alumni from Central, Founders' Hall Central Campus

### **April 8-5:30 p.m.**

Bookbag to Briefcase Career Development workshop with etiquette dinner

*R.S.V.P. to (864) 644-5150.*

*Seating is limited.*

### **April 12-6 p.m.**

Connect with new Alumni from Charleston, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Charleston Campus

### **April 15-6 p.m.**

Connect with new Alumni from Greenville, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Greenville Campus

### **April 17-9 a.m.-Noon**

Connect Reconnect Reunion Steering Committee meeting. Mitchell Board Room, Central Campus

### **April 17-Noon**

Alumni Association Annual Awards Luncheon honoring Alumnus of the Year, Young Leader, Professional Excellence awardees: Founders' Hall

### **April 17-7 p.m.**

Re-connect with Alumni and friends at the Collingsworth Family Concert, Newton Hobson Fine Arts Center, Central Campus

*R.S.V.P. for tickets to*

*(864) 644-5192 or (864) 508-0555*

### **April 19-6 p.m.**

Connect with new Alumni from North Augusta, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of North Augusta Campus

### **April 22-6 p.m.**

Connect with new Alumni from Columbia, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Columbia Campus

### **July 9-Noon**

Reconnect with Alumni from the Florida District Conference and enjoy lunch with university president Dr. David Spittal, location TBA at the Conference

### **July 15-3 p.m.**

Reconnect with Alumni from the South Carolina District and get the scoop over Aunt Sue's Ice Cream off S.C. Hwy 11

### **September 24-25**

SWU Connect Reconnect Multi-Decade-Reunion HOMECOMING (Calling all Ministry Team Members, Athletes, RA's, Ambassadors, Choir members)





## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### SWU alum to lead research

'97

**Dr. Louis Whitesides**, an accomplished Cooperative Extension professional with extensive knowledge in international business, is the new research administrator for the 1890 Research & Extension Program, S.C. State University officials announced. A federal and state supported program, 1890 Research & Extension conducts problem-solving research and provides quality lifelong learning opportunities designed to help transform the lives of South Carolinians.

As administrator for 1890 Research, Whitesides will manage, promote and supervise all aspects of the 1890 Research Program, including developing research priorities congruent to the university's research goals and encouraging faculty to produce and submit quality research proposals for consideration by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Whitesides has completed extensive studies abroad on the development and use of business and economic development models of the Czech Republic, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, China, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Bermuda and the Dominican Republic.

In addition to his professional experience at S.C. State, Whitesides managed the risk and safety unit for seven facilities operated by Family Health Centers in South Carolina. Prior to that role, Whitesides was employed with American Yard Products (now Husqvarna) in Orangeburg, S.C., where he held numerous positions, including replacement parts source manager. In this position, Whitesides managed three separate source entities with sales totaling over \$15 million.

The Orangeburg native earned a doctor of business administration in international business from the University of Sarasota, received a master of science in business management from Southern Wesleyan University and is a S.C. State alumnus with a bachelor of science in computer science.

## NEWS FLASHES

'79

**Larry Jennings Fowler** was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., where he serves as a chaplain.

'97



**Greg Edmonds** believes that missions are what God has been preparing him for throughout his life. He loves cross-cultural ministry and spent a year as a youth pastor at Wesleyan Community Church in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. When Heidi Edmonds began leading mission trips with Greg, her involvement in missions became serious. The Edmonds have been appointed by Global Partners to long-term missionary service in Haiti, where they desire to be the hands and feet of Christ. They want to be able to help restore hope in Haitians' lives, rebuilding lives one person at a time. They have one child, Haley, and are expecting another one in the summer. To have Greg come to your local church and share his passion about Haiti, contact him at [gpedmonds@juno.com](mailto:gpedmonds@juno.com).

'06



**Priscilla Hammond** was one of more than 40 attendees at a new pastors' orientation at The Wesleyan Church World Headquarters Nov. 11-12, 2009. A master of ministry graduate, Hammond is production manager and assistant connect pastor at Skyline Wesleyan Church in El Cajon, Calif. She also served 12Stone Church in Lawrenceville, Ga., as a production staff member. Hammond recruits and trains volunteer staff and plays a vital part

'06

**Tracy Landrith** snapped the photo, at right, during a visit to the Humboldt Redwoods State Park in California in the fall of 2007 and it placed 5th in an amateur photography contest for the Birchwood Center for Arts and Folklife in Pickens County. The photo is on display in the Pickens County Museum. Landrith said, "Strange as it may seem, I think about the redwoods almost daily because of the testimony they provided to me while I was there among the giants. I learned that the tallest tree in the world does not put out a taproot. The redwoods have a surprisingly shallow root system that spreads outward and can span 100 feet. This system was explained to me as webbing because they stand so close together, each tree's root system meshes with its neighbor's root system and together they form a strong root system that is interdependent upon one another. They bend, sway and stay upright because they have a community they can rely on with a strong foundation in which to stand."



of the assimilating ministry of the well-known congregation, which is pastored by Dr. Jim Garlow.

'09

A joint student-faculty article written by recently graduated senior **Jessica Hubbard** and associate professor Richard Rogers, "Cultural Factors Influencing HIV-Related Attitudes and Behaviors in the Third World: Ethnicity and Religion in Guyana," appears in the Autumn 2009 issue of "Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts."

The authors provide evidence from the 2005 Guyana AIDS Indicator Survey that ethnic and religious values can inhibit risky behaviors associated with the spread of HIV/AIDS and conclude by arguing for AIDS prevention strategies that incorporate these factors.



## WEDDINGS

'97

**Christopher Jennings Harmon** and Nicole Lee Porth were married Nov. 7, 2009, in Lexington, S.C.

'03

**George Heyward Barnes** and Brooke Farr Lown were married Dec. 5, 2009, in Lexington, S.C.

'08



**Jennie Fairchild** and Adam Ladd were married July 25, 2009, in Athens, Pa.

'08

**S. Kyle Blackwell** and Sonya Knight were married Aug. 22, 2009, in Westminster, S.C.

## BIRTHS

'07

Josiah Quinn Bumby was born on Dec. 4, 2009, to **Harold Bumby III** and Valerie Bumby.

'99/'02

Zechariah Yelton was born on Jan. 15, 2010, to **Eric** and **Anita (Mathis) Yelton**.

## OBITUARIES

'49

**Pauline H. Whitted** of Greenville, S.C., Dec. 22, 2009.

'50



**Southern Wesleyan Academic Dean Emeritus Stephen Calhoun, Jr.**, of Marysville, Tenn., died Dec. 12, 2009.

Dr. Calhoun earned an associate's degree at then-Central Wesleyan College, a bachelor's degree from Houghton College and master's and doctorate degrees from Ohio State University.

Dr. Calhoun's tenure as academic dean (1978-93) was marked by increased faculty interaction and participation in developing college curricula and academic policies.

Dr. Calhoun initiated a program of faculty development that included an annual retreat, an active program of sabbatical leave and participation in initiatives of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

During his tenure, the university developed a major honors program, initiated a chapter of the Christian honorary society Alpha Chi, established the Adult and Graduate Studies program, received reaffirmation of regional accreditation and achieved national accreditation of the teacher education program.

In 1993, his achievements were recognized with honorary membership in Alpha Chi.

'57

CWC High School Betty Raye Levan Rawls of Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 2, 2010.

'59

**Sallie Lackey Newton** of Greenville, S.C., Dec. 19, 2009.



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*Saturday, April 17, 2010*

Noon

**Alumni Association  
Annual Awards Luncheon**

honoring Alumnus of the Year, Young Leader and Professional Excellence awardees: Founders' Hall on the university's campus in Central. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please RSVP by April 12.

7 p.m.

Reconnect with alumni and friends:

**The Collingsworth Family &  
special guests Greater Vision**

will present a concert of sacred music  
at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center,  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, S.C.

Reserved Artist Circle tickets are \$25. General admission tickets are \$15.  
Tickets are available from Chuck Mealy, (864) 644-5192 or (864) 508-0555.

Cash or check only. No credit card orders, please.