



## Brevard College Alumni Class notes

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*The following class notes include information collected from Aug., 2009 through Dec. 2009.*

### 1930's

**Jack R. Bagwell '38** celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with his family December 19.

### 1940's

**Florine Yates Barnett '44** writes, "Warmest greetings to the handy survivors of the Class of 1944! The time I spent at Brevard College was one of the happiest periods of my life. Although I have been blessed with many of the best things in life-three children, six grand children, two "acquired" grand children, wonderful friends and a good career -- I have also suffered the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune." In less than two year's time, I lost our two sons and my husband between March, 2005 and December, 2006...our sons to tobacco-related cancers and my husband to complications from a massive stroke. Upon reflection over my 84 years, it is still a wonderful life! My soul will always be Tar Heel."

**Rachel H. Freeman '42** "Health-fine. Happy- very busy living in Brevard."

**Bob Regan '47** writes "though retired as pastor of Fredericksburg (Va.) United Methodist Church, I serve as president of the Va. Conference Housing Development Corporation. We house about 4,000 seniors and families in 34 projects built throughout Va. During the last year we built 225 apartments."

### 1950's

**Donald E. Oglesby '58** writes, "I still have most of my hair and all my teeth!"

### 1960's

**Celia Hooper Miles '60** Retired from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in 2000. Co-editor: *CHRISTMAS PRESENCE: from 45 western NC women writers* (2008). Co-editor: *CLOTHES LINES: from 75 western NC women writers* (2009). Author: *Mattie's Girl: An Appalachian Childhood*; *SARRANDA*; two short-story collections and two romance novels. Forthcoming, 2010: *Journey to Stenness*.

**Phil Tappy '60** "has new twin grandbabies one boy and one girl. Phil retired from Eastman Kodak Co. in 1991 after 29 years in marketing. Phil and his wife (Lisa) live in Charlotte and spend time volunteering and traveling. Phil still plays lots of tennis and has been practicing yoga for about seven years. Lisa is a history docent & a wonderful grandmother."

**Ruth Moore '63** and husband “have joined the Grandparent Club. We have two grandchildren under two-years-old. What a joy!”

**Richard M. Marvin '68** “has taken a new job with First Tryon Advisors in Charlotte in Nov. 2009.”

**Ronald D. Smith '69** published a novel, *Passing Through*, available at [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com)

**Ted Tallent '69** “survived a bout with a stage IV cancer and I am alive and well with a clean bill of health!”

## 1970's

**Frances Ehrlich '74** “met up with two good friends from Brevard back in the summer at Brevard. Great memories and enjoys seeing the campus and town (Which I love what has developed there).”

**Patricia Gash '77** writes, “In 2003. I became foster mother to a precious 22-month-old little boy. On May 11, 2007 I adopted him. His name is Christian William Gash and he in the light of my life. In June of 2009, I retired from Transylvania County Schools after 29 years of teaching.”

**Bruce Mitchem '71** is “Retired—looking forward to finding a home in the mountains of N.C.— Look forward to being close to the campus and support the arts/performance events on campus. Also, support sports teams. My best friend is the one I formed at Brevard – **James Carroll '71** – and we still talk/see each other often.”

**Pam Bowser Powell '71** “has developed a love of community theater. She is often the property master. She enjoys searching re-sale and antique shops for ‘just the right’ props and set pieces. She often works as stage manager and has appeared in small roles on stage. She played Officer Pudney in Neil Simon's *Rumors* in a Nassau Bay, Texas Theatre.

## 1980's

**William Federick Bigelow '83** writes, “Went to ASU. Joined ROTC. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1986 and entered active duty in 1987. Have spent the last 23 years in service to our great Nation and travelling around the world. My initial application for admission to BC was denied so I wrote a letter appealing the decision; the day the good folks in the Brevard College Admissions Office accepted my appeal for reconsideration changed my life.”

**Judy Heard McDonald '84** has moved to Greer, S.C. She is now the Director of Children's Ministry at Covenant United Methodist Church.

## 2000's

**La'Zendra Bossard Danforth '03** “Married Brian K. Danforth on March 21, 2009. They now live in San Antonio, Texas.”

**Stephena Giannetti-Bello '06** “and her husband reside in Smyrna, Tenn. with their two beautiful boys, Samuel (14 months) and Lucas (4 months)... She also has a step daughter Avery (6 years) who resides in Charlotte, N.C...Stephena is a stay at home mom and her husband is a police officer in Smyrna. Stephena enjoys spending time with her family and loves going to the beach and taking pictures.”

**Sarah M. Booth King '04** writes “married, living in London, England. Welcomed our first daughter, Amberley Rose, on April 6, 2009, our second child.”

**Staci Spring '03** writes, “After graduating from Brevard, I attended graduate school at The Florida State University and earned two masters degrees in Bassoon Performance and Historical Musicology. I got married in May 2008 to Keith Lloyd. We are currently living in Abilene, Texas where Keith is the Percussion professor at McMurry University and principal percussionist for the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra. I am teaching applied bassoon and Music Appreciation at McMurry, as well as teaching Music History courses at Abilene Christian University and playing with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra. We are getting some great experience out here in West Texas, but would love to get back east to the mountains!”