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# Alumni News

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## A LETTER FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is a chilly day in East Tennessee, have even had some snow recently. But right now the sun is shining and it is a beautiful winter day. Thanksgiving is here and gone now. What a great time to remember all the things that we are thankful for.

And speaking of thanks, I want to especially thank all the people who helped make this last LCA Alumni Weekend a great success. It was so nice to see friends. So many people really put some thought and work into making the weekend happen. We had some testimonies, good singing, terrific music and fellowship with each other. I think

that Jon has updated you on the "surprise" of the weekend.

Things are already being planned for next year. We are planning Alumni Weekend **October 19 & 20, 2001**. **Greg Scott '76** has agreed to be our speaker for the Sabbath sermon. If you are in the classes that graduated in the years ending in "1" or "6" this will be your honor year. Hope that many of you will start making plans to attend!

Love, Becky

Becky Cote, 379 Buckingham Road, Gray, TN 37615  
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Cynthia Straw Mitchell '81, Christina Tait, Sheena Tait, Amanda Mitchell, Deborah Straw Tait '77, Dallas Mitchell, Stanford Straw '55, Janet Straw.  
Taken August 2000

Dear Creekers,

The first Thanksgiving of the new millennium has come and gone.

Christmas with its trees and tinsel is just around the corner. Christmas across the country will lament the crass materialism that has taken over the holiday season, but will still probably flock to the stores for gifts in such profusion that they can scarcely be appreciated.

Age seems to alter one's perspective, at least a bit. Ms. Alice and I tend more and more to thank the Lord for each new day that we can share together. We are also truly thankful for the many young people the Lord sent our way, and for the privilege of encouraging them to trust in the LORD FOR GUIDANCE. The greatest Christmas gifts we receive are the reports of the contributions our alumni make to the spreading of the gospel message of hope around the world.

Too often we tend to think of those whose names appear in the news as the most appreciated, but we also need to recognize that the mother who faithfully stays at home to care for the family is fully as important in the sight of heaven. The farmer, colporteurs, grade school teacher, mechanic - all are important for the Lord seeth not as man seeth.

How we cherish the messages and visits from you alumni. We wish each one the Lord's special Christmas Blessing this year.

*Alma Straw Leland Straw*

### Friday Evening Vespers October 6, 2000 7:30 P.M.

Song Leader	Kent Williams '77
Pianist	Sarah Ann McNeilus '43
Prayer and Welcome	Becky Cote '87
Alumni Association President	
Welcomes	Little Creek
	Ann Goodge '62
Vocal Solo	Joann Malmade France
Reminiscing	Becky Cote '87
Phyllis Keller Wrale '55, Rose Holverstott Coolidge '60, Francis Keller Shaver '60	
Marimba Solo	Ron Woolsey '67
Prayer	Grant Goodge '61

### Sabbath School October 22, 1999 10:00 A.M.

The Sabbath School program	Bruce Myers '85
Offering	Deacons
Lesson Study	Leland Straw

Children's Sabbath School in Girls' Dormitory  
Ages 1-6 with Malinda Boyd Haley '80  
Ages 6 and up with Virginia Gustin

Children's Church with Brent & Mindy Amos '83.  
Ages 1 thru 4th Grade.

The flowers are in memory of our deceased Alumni

### Worship Service October 7, 2000 11:45 A.M.

Organ Prelude	Michelle Kurzynske Chase '80
Introit	"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Welcome & Class Recognition	Becky Cote '87
Alumni Association President	
Musical Selection	Sonya Gulley Neil '85 & Family
Hymn of Praise	"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" No. 88
Invocation	Bill Coolidge '60
Vocal Duet	Kathy VeraCruz '80 & Malinda Boyd Haley '80
Offering Call & Prayer	Jeff Hill '85
Offertory	Michelle Kurzynske Chase '80 & Sonya Gulley Neil '85
Doxology	No. 695
Scripture	Malcolm Schmehl '65
Vocal Solo	Warren Ruf '70
Sermon	J. Mark McKinney '80

"Purpose"

Closing Hymn	"We Have this Hope" No. 214
Benediction	Stanford Straw '55
Recessional	Organ

NOTE: Anyone willing to take part in the Vespers musical program contact Sonya Gulley Neil '85

### Sabbath Evening Vespers October 7, 2000 6:00 P.M.

Closing Prayer	Becky Cote '87
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BUSINESS MEETING TO FOLLOW!

## The Gift by Jon Larrabee '80

It all started at last year's reunion. After Sabbath lunch, we were sitting in the cafeteria talking with Mike Boyd '79. It was the first time we had seen him since his unfortunate construction fall four years before that left him a quadriplegic (with limited use of his arms and hands). While we admired his spirit, we couldn't help but feel sad that someone who loved exploring the outdoors as much as Mike did was now confined to a chair and dependent on others for everything.

However, when he mentioned that he had successfully passed an assessment for driving a hand-controlled van, his eyes lit up. If only he could figure how to pay for the van (since he didn't have insurance), he would have increased mobility and decreased dependence on his parents to drive him wherever he needed to go. His dream sparked my interest. Were there others who would be willing to contribute towards Mike's dream? Could we pull this off without him knowing anything about it?

Before these questions could be answered, we needed to know how much money was needed. The more we checked, the more apparent it was that we needed a current assessment of Mike's physical capabilities and measurements before we could decide what features the van needed, and thus the price of the van. Getting this information, especially without Mike knowing it, was a task that seemed overwhelming. Maybe the project was unrealistic. Maybe we had bitten off more than we could chew. I'm confident the project would have died except for the repeated divine intervention that took place. For example:

First, there was Nancy, a handicapped driving assessment specialist who just "happened" to contact Mike about a project she was working on. Through subsequent discussions with Mike's parents, she became aware of our idea and provided us with every measurement and specification that was needed- without him knowing it. She even found a dealer in California who was willing to sell us a specially modified van (at his cost) and fly to Cookeville, TN (Mike's home) to install the final equipment necessary for Mike to operate it.

Then there was raising the \$60,000 necessary to fund this project, which had increased to include a hand-propelled bicycle and an elevator to allow Mike to transition from one floor of his home to the other. Through some generous donors, we received two matching grants, which meant that we only had to raise \$20,000 in additional donations to reach our goal. The one condition was that every member of Mike's class had to donate- and they have!

At this year's homecoming got closer and closer, we decided to proceed on faith with the purchase of the van, even though not all the money had been raised. It was with great excitement that we picked out the van, a green Dodge Sport Caravan. Laury Weitzel and Albert Heidinger flew up to the van modification factory in Indiana and picked it up. Three Cookeville insurance agencies (normally competing for the same business) teamed together to find the best coverage possible. And, on alumni weekend, we presented Mike with money for his handcycle and then invited him to roll outside to see his new van. Not only was he completely surprised; he was speechless (which is hard for Mike). It was an exciting time for all of us, knowing that collectively we were able to assist a fellow Creeker regain some of the mobility he so tragically lost.

In response to the several inquiries I've received, we still do need to raise approximately \$4,000 to complete this project. If you'd like to be part of this gift, please send your contribution, made payable to Little Creek School, To Ann Goodge, 1810 Little Creek Lane,

Knoxville, TN 37922. I'd like to see the remaining funds in place by the end of the year. To those who have contributed, thanks for validating my faith.

You can look forward to Mike's version of events, and the story's continuation in future newsletters.

**Mike Boyd '79 overcome with joy, sitting in his new van**

*I talked to Mike yesterday - he is gratefully enjoying his Van. Thanks and Happy Holidays, Ann*



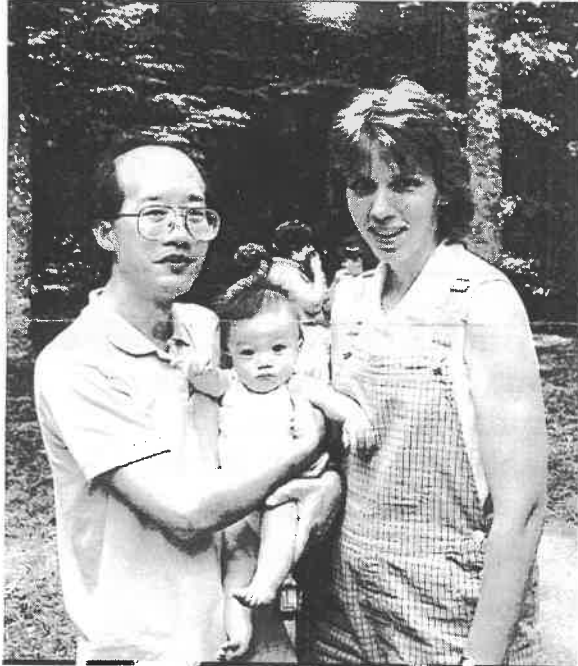
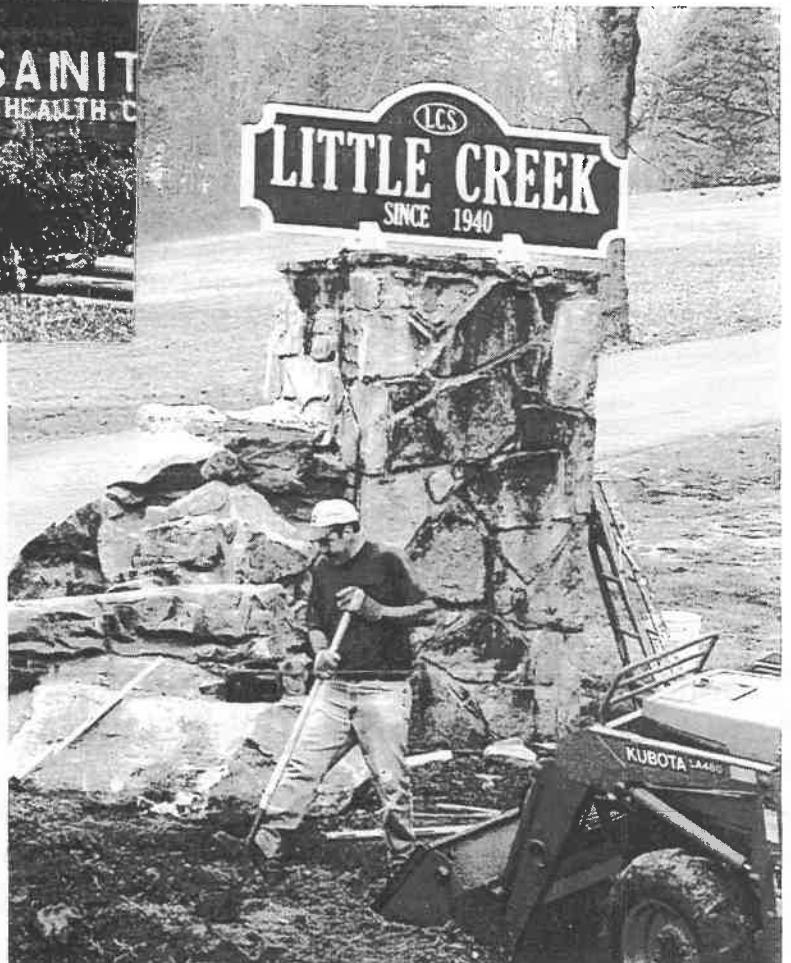
**Malinda Boyd Haley '80, Mike Boyd '78, Jon Larrabee '80, Nancy**





John Robertson, Little Creek Campus Manager Installing our new sign at the entrance.

Creating a waterfall, which will enhance our entrance.



J.T. '80, Bonnie and Adam Shim



Class of 1980 (I just came across this one!)

It stands apart  
In darkness,  
No fancy lights to decorate  
It's form.

Roughly hewn;  
Stripped of all it's boughs.  
Solid wood,  
Stained with the blood  
Of an innocent man.  
Scarred by the nail prints  
It bore.

It's only ornament,  
God's gift to man.  
Priceless love,  
Gifted upon the first Christman;  
Hung upon  
The first Christmas tree.

by Michelle L. Maxson '85



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## ALUMNI NEWS

### NEWCOMERS

Owen Kristopher Kaleb 6 lbs. 14oz. born December 6, 1999 to David & Robin(Criddle)'94 Lesko.  
Sean Nicholas 6 lbs. 14 oz. born July 14, 2000 to Jason & Jolene(Portor)'94 Strack.  
David William 8 lbs.10oz. born August 24, 2000 to Jeff'88 & Darla(Boyd)'87 Wolf.  
Alexis Paige 7 lbs 11oz born September 7, 2000 to Doug'85 & Jennifer Dewey.  
Devon James 8 lbs, 1oz. born September 19, 2000 to James '83 & Trenise Gulley.

**Tim Leffew '78** has been elected publishing and public affairs and religious liberty director of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1982 with a B.A. in theology. Tim met his wife Jane while attending Newbold College in England. The Leffews have two children, Nathan eight and Elizabeth six.

**Notice to all: LITTLE CREEK SERVE LIST — Joylynn Michals '82 has accepted the responsibility of maintaining and updating the list of e-mails of Creekers and etc. Please send any updates to Joylynn at Internet:jmichals@southern.edu. Many thanks to J.T. Shim for the many years he has maintained and updated this list for us.**

#### Attendees who signed our guest book

Stella & Bob Sutherland, Timothy'90, Joy'92 (Freeman) Lee & Benjy, Christopher Blake'90, Steven Karst'90, Carol (Trivett) Williams'72, Irma & J.C. Trivett, Joann (Malmede) France 59&60, Herb & Phyllis (Keller)'55 Wrate, Bruce'85 & Judy Myers, Ron'67 & Claudia(Sutherland)'68 Woolsey, Zachary & Natalie, Grant'61 & Yolanda Goodge, Bill'60 & Rose(Holverstott)'60 Coolidge, Elwyn Sievers'47, Violet Larrabee,Gary'73 & Jan(Williams)'72 Carlson, Doug'85 & Jennifer Dewey, Marshall & Melody(Woolsey)'70 Schmehl, Merrick Schmehl, Kathi VeraCruz'80, Carroll'76 & Carol Wheeler, Jonathan, Christopher, Jennifer, Brian & Cynthia(Straw)'81 Mitchell, Amanda & Dallas, J.T. Shim'80, Mark'82 & Mitzi(Acosta)'82 Bame, Robert'55 & Linda Peel, Keli(France)'91 Forbeck, Michael & Ashley,Bruce'58 & Barbara Vogt, Aubrey & Loretta Boyd, Eric Gunderson'80, Brent'83 & Mindy Amos, Mike Boyd'79, Dr.James & Phyllis McKinney, Bill Cote'89, Becky Cote'87, Glenn Zollinger'45, Bill & Rubye Sue, Marvin & Kay Frey, Alvin'53 & Kathy Ringer,Albert Heindinger'79, Craig & Carole Williams, Warren'70 & Jane Ruf, Laury Weitzel'79, Kent Williams'77, Coley Sellars'80, Bob & Mary(Peek)'55 Kurzynske, Carl Sellars'83, Leon Peek'64, Elaine Post'55, Reeta Jones, Darrell Jones'45, Joel & Sonya(Gulley)'85 Neil,Carolyn & Clayton, David Walls'70, Michael Courtney'82, Joe Rudd'70, Lynn Phibbs'73, Ervin & Karen(McKinney)'87 Brown, Burton Goodge'59, Ancil Jones'48, Kenneth Straw'57, Dia(McKee) Huggins'79, Michael Hills, Kent'79& Joan VanArsdell, Gene & Virginia(Davidson)'52 Sellars, Steve Edney'75, Galen & Anne(Davidson)'55 Pettey, Freddie(Swinson) Burns'53, Louise Lester, Eleanor (King) Phillips'58, John Laswell'87, David Hamilton'86, Bert'61 & Carolyn (Williams)'61 Coolidge,Alton & Faye(Melendy)'66 Steen, Jon Larrabee'80, Kathy Hernandez,Bruce & Angela(Vogt)'91 Donohoo, Brent Goodge'91,Steve Connor'87 & Carson, Elaine(Stewart) Greene'63, Shirley(Ward) Ennis'62, Malcolm'65 & Janet Schmehl, Don Enevoldson'90, Anjil Mitchell, MaryLou(Mitchell)'79 & Larry Wilson, Donna(Hill) Davis'87, Stanley Jones, Darron'91 & Ruth Boyd, Aubrey & Andrew, Mark'80 & Barbara(Chase)'79 McKinney, Joshua & Caleb, Carlyle'57 & Kathy Manous, Travis & Debbi(Frey)'92 Crowson, Jason Hills, Bonnie(Block)'49 & Bob Evans, Ron & Cecilia(Holiman)'65 Vincent, Stanford'55 & Janet Straw,Jon Gearhart'86, wife 7 children, Kimberly(France) Sexton'84, Charles & Lynette Downing, Larry'76,Anita& Lauren Ringer.