



# The Messenger

## Highlights from Alumni Weekend March 24-25, 2001

Reneé Skaggs Crowell, Class of 1981

### Inside this issue:

Alumni Weekend 2001 1, 2

Message from MA's  
New Principal 3

First Annual Alumni  
Golf Tournament 3

Message from the  
Alumni President 4

Alumni Officers 4

Alumni News 5

Missing Alumni  
Addresses 5

Alumni Weekend 2002 6

### Needs

- MA Alumni Assoc. would like to dedicate the chapel at the academy to Marie Jansen in March '02 and provide a commemorative plaque honoring Mrs. Jansen
- Music Department  
Piano  
CD/tape player
- Journalism/Yearbook  
2 digital cameras that meet Jostens specifications
- Religion Departments  
Funds to frame 12 pictures of Adventist pioneers
- English Department  
Paperbacks of American Classics  
Computer for English room  
Funds for more English video and audio tapes

For information on how you can help, call the school at 615/865-4055 and ask for George Carpenter.

For me, there were feelings of anxiety and apprehension as I awaited the arrival of old friends, people I hadn't seen in 20+ years. One by one they arrived and each time there was a new and exhilarating feeling of "Wow it truly is great to see you!" What a reunion! It was so great to see everyone, we reminisced of years gone by and told of our own families and the lives we live now.

Richard Stenbakken, General Conference Chaplain, had an awesome Sabbath school. He came dressed in his Roman soldier uniform and illustrated his teachings in 3-D. He really gets your emotions working as you go with him into his stories. It makes you



Richard Stenbakken

feel as if you are really there!

On Sabbath for church, the Class of '81 (over 30 of them) piled on

the front row in the gym, like little kids waiting to open Christmas presents, anxious for the moment, excited to be there, truly happy to reunite with friends from the past. There was hardly a sound in the gym as Randy Harr (the little Morford kid) gave a sermon that no one will soon forget. As tearful eyes lis-

tened to the meaningful words of one of MA's very own alumni, many realized why we had come . . . God was calling us BACK TO THE CROSS!

To cap off the weekend the alumni were victorious in the basketball game versus the students.



Randy Harr  
Class of 1981





**Class of '81**

**Back Row:** Randy Edwards, Randy Harr, Todd Gill, Jeanette Heyde Gist, Lynn Grundset Nichols, Martin Steiner, Bob Durocher, Curtis Forrester, Steve Osborn, John Hassencahl, Donna Sheffield Miller, Sheila Plank Rish

**Front Row:** Jonathan Reedus, Norman Rada, Suzanne Jeffus Earle, Reneé Skaggs Crowell, Joyce Waggoner Gibson, Dennis Licup, Kim Smalling Goodwin, Denise Detamore Bucy, Candace Pohle Harvey

Not Pictured: Karen Kendall Earp, Jeanie Holmes Amen

**Class of '86**

**Ricky Carter, Debbie Marsmaker Husky, Tracy Davis and Shellie Martz**



**Class of '91**

Warren Brown, Ryan Bergstrom, Stanley Fields, Jade Gaje, Cathy Smith Ross, Leslie Watson, Gabriel Coman, Stephanie Haynie Rufo, Cherri Johnson, Christi Durocher Rumsey, Stewart Glisson, Cynthia Biswas, Vonnie Sloan, Julie Boskind, Latonia Hansen Schmidt, Melissa Chandler Heinrich

**Class of '96**

**Kelly Jackson, Chris Bell, Bridget Chandler, Dannitta Graham, Nawla Rowley Williams, Katie Owen, Jimmy Pleasants**



## Message from Madison Academy's New Principal George M. Carpenter

Born to a family of educators in Dallas, Texas, I was raised in La Sierra, California, where my father was my principal until I reached the 8th grade. My earliest memories revolve around schools and teachers. Some of my favorite memories are of exploring the empty classrooms during summer breaks and the smell of copies being run through the "ditto" machine.



Having grown up in a home where education was so important, I guess it was only natural that I would end up here even though it wasn't until

a few years after I had graduated from college with a management degree that I even considered the possibility of being a teacher. In the fall of 1978 I returned to Loma Linda University where I took my education classes. At the end of that school year I married Debbie Cornell, who has been my partner now for 22 wonderful years.

Even after taking all those education classes, I still wasn't convinced this was the career for me, so I returned to work in the health-care industry until I received an invitation to come to Madison Academy in the spring of 1984. After much prayer and deliberation, Debbie and I, along with our newborn son, Christopher, packed up our things and moved to Nashville. Our family has since grown to include two more sons, Andrew

and James.

Since arriving here on campus, I have had the opportunity of being, at one time or another, treasurer, business manager, general manager of Madison Academy Linen Services, manager of Madison Academy's rental properties, teacher, class sponsor, bus driver, mission coordinator, vice principal, acting principal and now principal. I believe that my experiences make me uniquely qualified to handle the many challenges that come from being principal of Madison Academy.

While I have always enjoyed a variety of responsibilities, the part of my work that has always given me the most satisfaction is my interaction with the students. I am excited that I will have the opportunity to devote more of my time and energy to working with the greatest bunch of kids on earth!

## First Annual MA Alumni Golf Tournament March 22, 2002 Travis Stirewalt

We would like to encourage you to join us for our first annual Madison Academy Alumni Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will take place on Friday, March 22, 2002 at *Through The Green At Highland Rim Golf Course*. The Alumni Sabbath Service will be held

on the 23rd of March so plan on attending the tournament just a day before. The golf outing will be a shot-gun start at 9:00 am on Friday, March 22nd. We will be providing carts, drinks, and



lunch. There will be contests (longest drive, closest to pin and closest putt) and awards for the top places. This will be a foursome - best ball tournament and we already have some class foursomes

signed up. For those of you not familiar with this golf course, they are providing state-of-the-art golf carts with on-board GPS units that automatically calculate ball distance and provide accurate hole layouts. You will not want to miss this exciting event. For more information, please call the MA Alumni Golf Tournament organizer and MA Alumni Secretary, Travis Stirewalt, at 615-641-1026 or 615-641-7988 or contact via email at [stirewalt@edge.net](mailto:stirewalt@edge.net). We will be providing more information on this exciting event very

**"We will be providing carts, drinks, and lunch. There will be contests and awards for the top places."**



**Travis Stirewalt  
Class of 1990**

## Message from the Alumni President

Lynn Grundset Nichols

Recently I was involved in bringing my classmates together for our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion. The exhilaration and joy I felt at finding former classmates and the blessings we shared rekindling and strengthening friendships led me to accept the position of alumni president. It is an honor for me to serve as your alumni president because it affords me the opportunity to achieve the results experienced by the Class of '81 on a school-wide basis.

I attended Madison Academy for three and a half years after which I fell away from the church for almost ten years. The lessons I learned and friendships I made at Madison Academy drew me back to the church, back to Jesus and back to the cross. It is my goal and prayer that each of us that walked the halls at Madison Academy be reunited, not only on alumni weekend, but throughout the years to come and ultimately with our heavenly Father for eternity.

I would like to thank my family for their love and support. Without their encouragement and cooperation, I would never have been able to undertake this quest. My husband John and I have five children. My oldest son, Phil-

lip, is in the Marine Corps. My daughter, Christina, just graduated from Madison Campus Elementary (MCE). My youngest, Grant, will be in seventh grade at MCE. John's oldest, Robbie, will be in eighth grade and his youngest, Eric, will be in the sixth grade. Robbie and Eric live with their mother in Richmond, Virginia.

I support Madison Academy with my time, my finances and my spirit. Because I believe in its mission, I am entrusting Madison Academy with one of my greatest responsibilities, my daughter, Christina. We chose Madison Academy because we felt it to be the best choice to ensure her successful spiritual and academic training. As I watch her prepare for Madison Academy, I am reminded of my tenure at MA and of the importance of that training to me. I will forever be thankful to my parents for providing me with a Christian education.

For however long I am fortunate to serve as your alumni president, I would like to ensure that the Madison Academy Alumni Association is a vital part of the Madison Academy experience, both present and future. We want to ensure that you

know how special you are and how crucial you are to the continuing success of Madison Academy. The first task the alumni association officers have to accomplish is to create an accurate, up-to-date, directory containing pertinent information about each individual who has attended Madison Academy. The Internet alumni email directory located on the school's web site at [madisonacademy.com](http://madisonacademy.com) is a wonderful resource for keeping in touch with former friends and classmates. **Please help us to keep the information current by informing me personally of any changes you may have.** I can be reached at [tnangel@home.com](mailto:tnangel@home.com). If you are not included in the directory, I urge you to take a few moments and add yourself online.

I would love to hear from you and would like to get to know each of you better. Please contact me via email, telephone or mail. I welcome and need your suggestions and comments.

Lynn Grundset Nichols  
904 West Cynthia Trail  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
615/851-0044  
[tnangel@home.com](mailto:tnangel@home.com)



Lynn Grundset Nichols  
Class of 1981

"It is my goal and prayer that each of us that walked the halls at Madison Academy be reunited, not only on alumni weekend, but throughout the years to come and ultimately with our heavenly Father for eternity."

## Madison Academy Alumni Association Officers

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Class Representative 1904-1964  
Class Representative 1965-1982  
Class Representative 1983-2001

Lynn Grundset Nichols  
Reneé Skaggs Crowell  
Travis Stirewalt  
Rita Martz McGuffey  
Please apply for the job!  
Mike Waggoner

[tnangel@home.com](mailto:tnangel@home.com)  
[reneecrowell@hotmail.com](mailto:reneecrowell@hotmail.com)  
[stirewalt@edge.net](mailto:stirewalt@edge.net)  
[ritamcguffey@home.com](mailto:ritamcguffey@home.com)

[brw021071@aol.com](mailto:brw021071@aol.com)





## Alumni News WORK IN PROGRESS

Please send us your news so we can share with the class! It doesn't have to fall under the example headings—anything that's important to you is important to us.



### Weddings

D. J. McKenzie ('97) wed Windi Brownlee 5/20/01

### Births

Baby girl Madelyne born on 5/10/01 to Melissa Morazzi Sullivan ('88) and Kevin Sullivan ('83)

### Anniversaries

John Hassencahl ('81) and Kelley celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on 5/25/86

### Sleeping in Jesus

Lynn Grundset Nichols ('81) and John Nichols will celebrate 5th wedding anniversary on 9/21/01

## Missing Addresses

If you have contact information on any of the following alumni, please contact the academy (615/865-4055) or the alumni president directly (615/851-0044) so we may send them a newsletter.

1957 Jack Wood	1972 Stephen L. Heller	1977 Paul R. Morgan	1982 Tammy Roberts	1992 Wendy Owens
1967 Lynda L. Becker	1972 Pam Ihrig	1977 Wayne Morsette	1982 Donna Rogers	1992 Eddie Poole
1967 Buddy Burns	1972 Robert Ingram	1977 Donny Mudgett	1982 Gregg Saulter	1992 James Shachno
1967 Judy Clayton	1972 Gary Johnson	1977 Vernon Nelson	1982 Carrie Sloan	1992 Jason Stirewalt
1967 Bob Clements	1972 Wendell Moses	1977 William Patton	1982 Johnna Stinson	1992 Franklin Taylor
1967 Nita Clements	1972 Barbara Pitt	1977 John Pieroni	1982 Tessa Young	1992 Larissa Valendez
1967 Larry Daniels	1972 Kathy Ray	1977 Pamela Poe	1987 Craig Brooks	1992 Jennifer Vogt
1967 Raymond C. Davis	1972 Paula Starkey	1977 Barbara Sallee	1987 Stennett Brooks	1992 Gregg Whitsett
1967 Richard Doolittle	1972 Debrah Walden	1977 Roy Sinclair	1987 James R. Fields	1997 Lenora Ahiatsi
1967 Alyce June Dunn	1972 Karen Whittenburg	1977 Pamela Sloan	1987 Stuart Fields	1997 James Campbell
1967 Ellen Esberner	1972 John Wilkinson	1977 Roger Sullivan	1987 Kim Gee	1997 Wesley Campbell
1967 Bobby L. Glass	1972 Marla Winger	1977 Beverly Trevor	1987 Samantha Hall	1997 Shelly Chism
1967 Pamela S. Gullickson	1972 David E. Yost	1977 Viki Westcott	1987 Jacqueline Holt	1997 Stephanie Cox
1967 Betty James	1977 Becky Ackerman	1977 Tanya Williams	1987 Wendell Huffman	1997 Edwin Davis
1967 Beverley Jenkins	1977 Bret A. Britton	1982 Chrisi Bechthold	1987 Vaughn McRight	1997 Rob DuBose
1967 Judy Kessinger	1977 Judy Castleman	1982 Tammy Campbell	1987 K.W. Miller	1997 Rachel Gonzalez
1967 Dianne Layton	1977 Dawn Chafin	1982 Linda Cornelius	1987 Carla Pelote	1997 Jeff Harris
1967 Tom McAlexander	1977 Michele Chism	1982 Laura Eli	1987 Lorre Reagon	1997 Airean Jackson
1967 Alan Neal	1977 Ahnawake Clinch	1982 Ray Esparza	1987 Melba Reid	1997 Deion Johnson
1967 Rodney Pearman	1977 Tina Clinch	1982 Cynthia Frazee	1987 Tiffany Smotherman	1997 Stacy Mangrum
1967 Emma Jean Smith	1977 Trilla Dalton	1982 Tarry Gaines	1987 Gina Taylor	1997 John McGee
1967 Joyce Stout	1977 Rebecca Dewey	1982 Roger Gustafson	1987 Angel Warner	1997 Cassie Morazzi
1967 Janet Thompson	1977 Lynne Dixon	1982 Bobby Hanna	1987 Joy Williams	1997 Ronald Morris
1972 Jackie Bidwell	1977 Tina Edwards	1982 Mike Huffman	1992 Linda Adcock	1997 Robert Neal
1972 Vilma Bolarte	1977 LoAnn Gienger	1982 Victoria Joiner	1992 Shatina Barnes	1997 Lisa Saverus
1972 Austin Burgett	1977 Joel Gomez	1982 Shon Jones	1992 Deanna Davis	1997 Marcus Taylor
1972 Gene Carris	1977 Patty Gonzalez	1982 Chris Louden	1992 Julie Davis	1997 Josh Vogt
1972 John Casler	1977 Sue Hiner	1982 Steve Martin	1992 Matthew Dodd	
1972 Jerry Chaffee	1977 Tammy Holland	1982 David Maxwell	1992 Christine Haines	
1972 Linda Conway	1977 Robbie Hoyle	1982 Jackie Maye	1992 Stephanie Mangrum	
1972 David Counts	1977 Terri Hoyle	1982 Tammie Morrison	1992 Jeffrey Marshall	
1972 Douglas Dodd	1977 Joy Johnston	1982 M. Scott Nelson	1992 Gifford McIntyre	
1972 Vicky Eastep	1977 Barry King	1982 Ephraim Rada	1992 Sylvia McKissack	
1972 Evonne England	1977 William Lester	1982 Valorie Ragsdale	1992 Tonya Moutray	

## Alumni Weekend March 22-23, 2002 Start Planning Now!

Madison Academy and the Alumni Association would like to extend a special invitation to all of you to attend. The classes that will be honored during the 2002 Alumni Weekend at Madison Academy are:

1997 5th Anniversary  
1992 10th Anniversary  
1987 15th Anniversary  
1982 20th Anniversary  
1977 25th Anniversary  
1972 30th Anniversary  
1967 35th Anniversary  
1962 40th Anniversary  
1957 45th Anniversary

1952 50th Anniversary  
1947 55th Anniversary  
1942 60th Anniversary  
1937 65th Anniversary  
1932 70th Anniversary  
1927 75th Anniversary  
1922 80th Anniversary  
1917 85th Anniversary  
1912 90th Anniversary  
1907 95th Anniversary

While alumni weekend may seem far away, we encourage you to begin planning and contacting each other right away in

order to get as many classmates in attendance as possible. Please let us know how we can help you. We look forward to seeing each of you there. **As you “find” your classmates, please share with the alumni association.**



### MADISON ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 6257  
Madison, TN 37116  
Phone: 615-865-4055  
Email alumni president: [tnangel@home.com](mailto:tnangel@home.com)

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**  
**MADISONACADEMY.COM**

WE CARE ABOUT YOU—  
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF  
YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS  
NEEDS TO BE UPDATED.  
MANY THANKS.

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 134  
Madison, TN