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Spirit

A Newsletter for the Alumni and Friends
of Fletcher Academy, Inc.

WE TURN 100!
Fletcher Academy Celebrates its Centennial

AN UNBROKEN LINE

AFTER 100 YEARS, THE GUIDING HAND OF GOD CONTINUES TO WORK AT FLETCHER ACADEMY

Celebrating 100 years is a significant accomplishment. First and foremost, we recognize in the history of our school, the blessing and sustaining hand of God. Here, in our very own community we can see His divine leading and intervention as surely as we can in the stories in the Bible, and trace the unbroken line of God's hand in establishing and working for the welfare of His school.

Look back 100 years...just after the turn of the century. God brought together four people who became the nucleus for the beginning of our school; two men and two women, not related in any way. Three were members of the Asheville church, the other was an overnight guest passing through Asheville on the way to Washington D.C.

Professor Sidney Brownsberger was a university graduate who had been superintendent of a city school system and the first president of the first Adventist college in Battle Creek. A.W. Spaulding was a teacher and author who had come to the Asheville area to glean information to help promote work in the South. The third individual was Mrs. Martha Rumbough, a local wealthy woman of great generosity. And the fourth, the traveler passing through, was Mrs. Ellen G. White, just five years before her passing away.

During their visit in 1909, where Mrs. Rumbough and Mrs. White met for the first time, Mrs. Rumbough asked Mrs. White "What more can I do with my share of my family's wealth to further the cause of God locally?" The reply: "The Lord would be pleased if you would start a medical and educational work in the vicinity of Asheville."

And so, the spark was lit... Mrs. White would never see Mrs. Rumbough again. She would never see the school which her suggestion would create. But the Lord had arranged it all. And one day, while selling books near Hendersonville, Mr. Spaulding heard of an old rundown plantation for sale near Naples, 15 miles south of Asheville. . . Though it had little eye appeal, it reminded him of the mountains around Jerusalem. The land was purchased in early 1910 for \$5750. And what is now Fletcher Academy was born.

The history of our school is fascinating. L.E. Nestell, who served our school for a half a century as Dean of Boys, teacher, and Principal, before his death in 1992 compiled in "The Fletcher Story" the history of Fletcher Academy (as well as the Mountain Sanitarium and Fletcher Church) in a most unique way.*

Stories of the early years in "The Big House", with its scary cavernous basement, the building of the water system down the mountain, the continual struggle for sufficient student housing, the work of the male staff and students

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AS CENTURY

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Here are some of the good things happening at FA that we think you will find exciting:

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

Approximately twenty eight semester hours of college credit will be offered at FA next year. About half of these classes will be taught in our classrooms by our teachers and the remainder will taught online with credits for both being granted by Southern Adventist University. Students enrolled in these Dual Credit classes will receive transferable college credits as well as high school credits. For example, the Dual Credit class “Jesus and the Gospels” may be taken by Seniors in place of one semester of Bible IV. Under this program, motivated and superior students will be able to graduate from Fletcher Academy with up to 28 semester hours of college credits – enough to enroll in college as a sophomore. The tuition for these classes is about 90 percent less than normal tuition at Southern.

FINANCIAL AID

The most common barrier for parents in sending their child to an Adventist school is money. At Fletcher, we have taken the position that no student will be turned away because of finances. If the student is willing to do their fair-share by working during the school year and through the summer, if the parents are willing to do their fair-share based on household income and number in household, and if the student’s church is willing to do its fair-share in support, Fletcher Academy is committed to finding necessary funds to make it possible for that child to attend. This commitment is open to students that have a deep desire to learn to know and love Jesus and to develop a saving relationship with Him.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Our students are taught the concept of exchanging work for compensation, of being given a job description, quarterly performance reviews, and being financially rewarded for performing at a level that deserves extra compensation. From serving tables and doing housekeeping chores at the Fletcher Park Inn, to lifeguarding duties at the Lelia Patterson Fitness Center, to folding towels at the Fletcher Academy Laundry, to working on grounds, to grading papers – our students are learning the value and dignity of meaningful work. As has been the case for the past 100 years, our students are able to earn a significant portion of their academy expenses.



TWO BEGINS...

WITNESS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

At Fletcher Academy, "Educating for Eternity" includes no shortage of venues for students to gain practical experience in witnessing and community service. During the 2009-2010 school year students visited local county parks and rest areas where they shared literature, beverage and prayer. They also led out or aided in prison ministry at two local prisons. Others helped harvest 6000 pounds of apples for MANNA Food Bank to be shared with hundreds of impoverished area residents, or supplied the muscle for yard work and cleaning to disabled or needy neighbors.

The Mission/Music trip to Russia was a highlight for 52 students, who conducted a Week of Prayer and VBS at Zaoksky University (see separate article). Ongoing Bible studies are lead by both students and staff, and several students are currently taking baptismal studies. Christian Bunch, (2013) says of FA, "The number one difference is the opportunity to get involved in spiritual activities," and that these activities have "definitely made God a more real presence in my life."

UPGRADES IN TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Old file servers have been replaced along with a new fire wall and storage. Switches have been added to improve connectivity and speed. Fiber backbone to dorms, the Lelia Patterson Center, and Fletcher Park Inn are now Gigabit making them ten times faster than previously. The girls dorm has been rewired (the boys dorm having previously been done), and all dorm rooms can now have filtered internet access if needed. Each dorm is also set up with a computer lab area for up to six computers and a local printer.

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DORMS

Nestle Hall, the boys residence, has been updated with new individual HVAC units, and the bathrooms fully renovated in 2008. The lobby and recreation/worship room hand-me-down furniture has been newly replaced with matching couches and chairs, accessories, and new worship seating chairs. Major improvement to the girls dorm are detailed on page 8.



ACADEMY DAYS BRING WIDE ATTENDANCE

On Sunday and Monday, April 11 and 12, 81 prospective FA students visited our campus, checking out what our school has to offer. Guests from schools throughout the Carolina Conference, surrounding states, and as far away as Florida, plus public and home schooled students registered Sunday noon for a full agenda of activities. Each guest became a member of one of the "tribes of Israel", hosted by two FA student ambassadors. Throughout their two day stay, tribes competed for points as they toured the campus, visited classes, and participated in mixer games. Many students also auditioned for scholarships in music, athletics and academics.

While the students were busy with their program, parents were invited to an informational session with Dr. Twomley, FA Principal. An evening cookout on the ball field found guests, FA students and staff attacking burgers and picnic food provided by the FA Home and School, finished off with ice cream sundaes.

At the concluding assembly, prizes were awarded the winning tribes, and \$20,000 in FA Scholarships were awarded to recipients. Guests and FA students parted with Dr. Twomley's final words: "Your next appointment is to be back here on August 15."



A MISSION PROJECT WITH NO BRICKS

FA Musicians Build Faith In Russia

Most of the time, a mission trip brings to mind brick, mortar, and paint. On February 24, 2010, however, the Fletcher Academy Choir embarked on a different kind of mission outreach, this one using the building blocks of friendship and time to work for the youth of Russia in Zaoksky, in the Tula region .

On their ten day journey, 52 students immersed themselves with the people of Russian by preparing and conducting a Week of Prayer program for the academy and a VBS for the elementary school in Zaoksky, visiting local orphanages, and using their voices through song. They also shared living quarters with their young Russian counterparts during their stay at the school there.

The Adventist Church in Russia has only one secondary school in the entire country; an academy that is part of the Adventist Seminary of Zaoksky, located two hours south of Moscow. The commitment of the church there to Adventist education at the academy level has not been strong. After ministering to the youth at the school, however, our students believe they have made a difference in the lives of the people they met, especially the youth.

But this did not happen without challenge. Alyssia Dewey, (Class of '12) FA choir member, describes the difficulties our students met, and how the experience changed her personally:



"I originally saw the trip as a chance to go to another country and experience new things, but as the trip went on, I became drawn into the witnessing aspect of the trip.

When we first got to the Seminary in Zaoksky, the kids there helped us unload our suitcases and were extremely friendly while doing so. But as the week developed,

and we interacted with the people more and more, it became evident that they were more interested in learning about American than God. I believe that their lack of interest in spiritual things was our biggest obstacle to overcome.

The students in the Adventist Academy at the seminary do not have school worship. So maybe they didn't know not to be texting, listening to music, and watching sports on their iPhones during worship. During each of the Week of Prayer meetings that we held with the teens, our students were asked to mingle with the Russian kids and sit with them to get to know them better, as well as pray for their hearts to be open. Many of our choir members did their best to set a good example of a



worshipful attitude by paying close attention to the speaker, singing with all our heart, and being respectful toward God as we gave him the attention He deserves. And the academy students noticed, and by the end of the week, they were really paying attention to the messages, and I consider that a huge answer to prayer.

Their change of heart was a turning point in the trip for me, and it showed me that God does listen to us, and wants us to witness for Him. Before, the trip had been for fun, but then it changed into my first mission trip, where I was reaching to kids my age to point them to God along with my fellow students. And being a part of that experience has made all the difference in the way I view prayer and witnessing to others for God."

According to FA Choral Director Rob Knipple, "Through our students' actions, the staff and parents of the academy in Zaoksky have made a commitment to change their current program. They have seen what students from FA have, and they want the same for their students. There are no words for me, as their director, to describe how blessed I am to have been a part of this trip."



AG PROGRAM GOES “WAY BEYOND ORGANIC”



The fields of Fletcher Academy are astir with activity. Mr. Allan Kennedy of Green Life Innovations Inc. has been contracted by FA to manage the Fletcher Valley Farm. Along with his primary responsibility of the blackberry plantation, Kennedy (FA Class of '68) has big plans for Fletcher Valley.

According to Kennedy, “We are beginning our most productive years of the blackberry plantation and our priority is to maximize production to and beyond an average of 3,000 flats per acre, while maintaining our quality.” Minerals have already been applied to the U-Pick area and compost fertilization is to follow.

In addition, a new agricultural program is being formulated to grow fresh, nutrient dense, naturally grown, and “way beyond organic” produce, says Allan. Benefits of this system include continuous optimal growing conditions, 95+ percent germination, effective weed control, 25-50 percent of normal water consumption, with five to ten times traditional production.

Gardens are under preparation with mineralizing and liming of the soil. On the hill across Hutch Mountain Road one can identify a series of 75' and 100' beds, with a southern slope location augmenting the great growing climate of Western North Carolina. It is planned that on several of these beds, mobile high tunnel greenhouses with inner covers, and “hoop houses” will be built to enable year round production. The existing greenhouses will be utilized in food production.

As we draw near the end of time, we believe Ellen White’s counsel regarding the importance of students being involved in working the land should be carefully considered. To this end, it is planned that every student will have the opportunity to learn how to produce enough food to support a family on a small plot of land by planting, caring for, and harvesting from their own campus “grow box.”

Interested staff and community members will also be given opportunity to receive instruction in this integrated food production system. A “Live Food Production!” seminar on April 18th drew an audience of about 70 interested gardeners, and will be repeated in the near future. Also, a hands-on, learn-by-doing “Garden-a-thon” will be offered to the community the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Produce harvested from the farm will be designated first for the academy and Fletcher Park Inn kitchens, with excess to be sold at Fletcher Valley Natural Foods and through memberships in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

Since produce raised will be locally grown, nutrient dense, and verified through Brix testing, it is expected that demand will push production, presenting an ongoing vocational opportunity for FA students.

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digging at night (after a full day’s schedule) through solid rock with picks and shovels to lay the foundation of the chapel, and the continual need for funds testify that our founders and predecessors worked tirelessly to build our school, both plant and program. Only Divine Providence sustained them and the school many times.

Today, a full century after Mrs. White’s historical statement, Fletcher Academy graduates the Class of 2010, bringing the total number of FA graduates to over 2,200 students, plus graduates from the School of Nursing. And the future of Fletcher is so promising. The mighty right arm of God is active still, at work for His school.

Exciting things are happening here. You will read in this edition of Spirit about our new Dual Credit Curriculum, allowing

qualified students to acquire up to a full year of college credit upon graduation; our new agriculture program teaching students how to grow nutritionally rich produce in their own garden plot; as well as updates on the physical improvements on our campus and other plans for our school.

By looking back to our roots and our history, we are encouraged and rejuvenated to see the unbroken line of God’s leading in this, His school. Please pray for our administration, our staff, and our students. Our school prospers only through the ongoing blessing of God.

*The Fletcher Story by Lewis E. Nestell, is published by the College Press in Collegedale, Tennessee. The historical information in this article is drawn from his book.

FLETCHER ACADEMY CENTENNIAL ALUMNI OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1



12:00 pm:

Fourth Annual Alumni Golf Classic Tournament
Cummings Cove Country Club
Registration at 8:30 am., Shotgun start at 10:00 am.
Register Online at www.fletcheracademy.com

5:00 – 7:00 pm:

Registration and Reception, Lelia Patterson Center

7:30 pm:

Vespers: Class of 2000
John Neff ('63), Featured Speaker

SABBATH, OCTOBER 2

8:00 am:

Centennial Prayer Breakfast with Rita Hoshino as Ellen White
Enjoy breakfast fellowship and a time of lifting up our school for God's continued blessing. Devotional by Rita Hoshino, bringing to life one that was instrumental in the founding of Fletcher Academy and our church.

9:30 am:

Sabbath School: Class of 1985;
Musical Program with Mission Features.

10:45 am:

Divine Worship: Class of 1960;
Interview with Ellen White portrayed by Rita Hoshino;
Featured Speaker Elder Jay Gallimore, ('66).

12:30 pm:

Lunch on the lawn and in the Lelia Patterson Center

2:30 pm:

Campus Tours, Heritage Hall on Display, Historical FAI Video Viewing, Band Concert on the Lawn

6:30 pm:

Traditional Candlelight Vespers: Class of 1970

8:00 pm:

Alumni Basketball Games: Lelia Patterson Center

Rita Hoshino is a fourth generation Seventh-day Adventist who makes her home in Angwin, California. For many years she served as the Assistant Dean of Students at Pacific Union College and most recently as the Alumni/Development Director at Mountain View Academy.

While still a teenager, Rita was asked to play the part of a young Ellen White for a play at her father's place of employment, Pacific Press Publishing Association. Now, her portrayal of the beloved Ellen White takes her around the United States.

ALUMNI TURNS 100!!

ALUMNI WEEKEND

1-3, 2010

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am:

Alumni Brunch and Business Meeting: Lelia Patterson Center

Attendees gave rave reviews to last year's menu. Don't miss the weekend finale to chat, chow, and conduct alumni business. Register online; reservations required.

11:00 am:

Centennial Bicycle Ride

Enjoy a two-hour, scenic ride through the apple country of Edneyville, N.C. Meet at the Lelia Patterson Center. A \$50 fee will benefit the FA Student Aid fund. For more information contact Ron Holt at 828.606.8730 or e-mail him at ronholt@peoplepc.com.

11:00 am:

Centennial Motorcycle Rally

Bring your big-irons, rice burners, or mopeds for a 3-4 hour ride in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina, including a picnic lunch in a beautiful mountain setting. A \$50 fee benefit the FA Student Aid fund. For more information contact Bob Davis at 828.693.5419 or email him at myarsman@bellsouth.net



HOUSING

Two Mountain Inn and Suites locations have blocked rooms for our alumni weekend. The closer location is 1.5 miles from FA and is holding a block of 60 rooms. Their rates are \$89 per night for deluxe, \$99 per night for suites. Their phone number is 828.684.0040. The other Mountain Inn and Suites is located 10.5 miles from FA in Flat Rock, NC. Their rates are \$72 per night and the phone there is 828.692.7772. Make your reservation on the blocked rooms by September 1. Call the Mountain Inn and Suites directly to receive the FAI rate. Do not go through a booking agency.

Elder Jay Gallimore is currently the President of the Michigan Conference, where he previously served as Conference Secretary and Ministerial Director. He has served as Director of the Northwest Ministries Training Center for the North Pacific Union Conference and has pastored in North Carolina, Kansas and Washington states.

He is a proud alumnus of Fletcher Academy ('66), and a graduate of Southern Adventist University and Andrews University. He and his wife, Linda, have a married daughter, Alicia, and a son, Matthew.

ROUGHGARDEN HALL GETS MAJOR FACE-LIFT

What has happened inside the Girls Dorm over the past four months is close to amazing. After receiving considerable weather damage, the 30-year old roof has been replaced. Rain-soaked room carpets have been replaced with new, and hall carpets with ceramic tile. The bathroom sinks, vanities, commodes, partitions, and showers have been replaced and the floor is now ceramic tile as well. The mustard colored counter tops were given a proper burial after decades of attempted contact paper cover-up.

The worn built-in desks and dressers have been replaced with matching hardwood furniture, creating more work and storage space for the girls. The new beds can be configured as single beds on the floor, bunk beds or the bed as a loft with the desk and dresser underneath. The girls are using all three configurations and can change to another layout with little work. New mattresses have also been a noted improvement.

The most expensive improvement was the new HVAC system, with individual units for each room. Now the girls can enjoy their own air conditioning with the temperature set to their comfort. This system is highly efficient and its operation will cost about 1/10th of the old boiler/hot water system, even with the addition of AC.

Total cost for the renovation project is approximately \$540,000, one-half of which was given as a matching grant by a generous friend of Fletcher Academy. The Fletcher Academy Century 100 Club has donated \$70,000 and the Alumni Association contributed \$30,000 to the project. Other friends and alumni have donated an additional \$100,000, but we are still short of our share of the \$270,000 matching grant. Over the next few months we are hoping to raise the remaining \$70,000 so that we can finish remodeling the basement rooms, purchase lobby furniture, furnish the kitchenette and upstairs recreation room, and redecorate the worship room.



RENEWING FLETCHER BRICK CAMPAIGN

Leave your legacy at Fletcher Academy
One brick at a time...

Etch your name into Fletcher Academy's history. As we begin our next 100 years, we invite you to become a part of our Renewing Fletcher campaign by purchasing an engraved paver brick with your name on it – or the name of a friend you want to be remembered.

The engraved bricks will be used to construct a new sidewalk leading up to and away from the flag pole in front of the Administration Building. The new brick sidewalk will be constructed in segments as our friends and alumni purchase the engraved bricks. Each brick may have up to three lines with 18 characters per line. Show tribute to your class, a special friend, or think of a creative way to leave your mark on Fletcher Academy. Purchase as many bricks as you would like to...

Each engraved brick is \$100.00 and the proceeds will be used to help with capital improvements at Fletcher Academy. Use our convenient online form to purchase a brick today: fletcheracademy.com. Orders received by July 1 will assure that your brick will be in place when you come for Alumni Weekend.

Thank you for leaving your legacy at Fletcher... one brick at a time.



FLETCHER FAMILY



Ruth Neff Bradley (‘58) - “My husband of 48 years and I are enjoying our retirement. Our two children and spouses along with three beautiful grandchildren also bring us much joy. Gary and I are both home-bodies, having lived in this area most of our married years. Our lives have centered around Fletcher Church, Captain Gilmer School, and Fletcher Academy. We are so thankful for this privilege. God is good.



Sandra Grant Williams (‘75) - “We have lived in the Hendersonville area for the past 19 years and love it here in the mountains. Gary and I have been married for 35 years this August and are still enjoying life together. Gary owns a carpentry/construction business. We have two grown children; Brooke, 27, and Brian, 26, who both live in the area. We love our two grandkids; Caleb, two, and Hudson, one year. If I had known grandkids were so much fun I would have had them many years ago.

After 25 years as a stay-at-home-mom, I went back to school and got my horticulture/landscape design degree. I started my own business but at the present time I work at Lowe’s as the plant specialist. I am working with the Fletcher Alumni Association to make the 100 year celebration extra special. I hope you are making plans to come.”



Debra Livingston Brunken Green (‘73) - Debby will receive her MSN from the University of California San Francisco in June with a specialty as Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She has two children; Brittany Gale, who is married and living in California, and Brad, who will marry this fall.

Dan Kittle (‘76) - After receiving his Masters of Divinity from Andrews University in 1990, Dan has worked as Youth Director/Pastor in the Dakota and Central California Conferences, and is currently Principal of Fresno Adventist Academy. He is married to Vonda Lee (Harr). Their college age daughter, Whitney, will ride in the American Quarter Horse Youth World event this summer.



Lucretia Moore Pintacuda (‘74) - “I spent many years after graduating from college traveling and seeking new adventures in life before deciding to settle back down in my home area of Asheville. I am a nurse anesthetist, wife and mother of a 14 year old. I’m still traveling and looking for excitement - just doing it with a family, now.”

Robin Miller Whaley (‘76) - “I have been living in Hendersonville for six years. I have three children: Shanna, 28; Michael, 27; and Jack, 23. None are married, so not a grandma yet. I sing with Celestial Praise, traveling to sing one weekend per month. We will be singing twice this year at the Lake Junaluska Campmeeting. Fun! Fun!



I have worked for five years as Front Desk Receptionist/Administrative Assistant/Switchboard Operator/Mail Clerk at the Manual Woodworkers and Weavers. I have a psycho dog, Cleo, and a charming cat, Patra. We live in a little house on a hill with apple trees, a pear tree, and a grape arbor...with lots of little critters that come around and eat the fallen fruits of my labors.”



Bob Gustavsson (‘75) - “I have been working for the church in Sweden since 1988 when we moved here from Florida. Ingrid and I have three kids: Carl-Arne, 22, studying in Poland; Daniel, 20, taking a year off to work while applying to university; and Michelle, 17, studying here in Ekebylholm, our Adventist Academy. No one’s private life is too secret anymore since Facebook! Please keep in contact.”

Pamala Watkins Ponder (‘77) - “I have been married to this wonderful man Steve for almost two years. I am an oncology nurse at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. Steve is a Senior Captain for NetJets, a business jet company out of Columbus, Ohio.



We live in a small town outside of Tampa called Zephyrillis. We have two grandchildren; Ethan, six, and Connor, three, who are the loves of our lives.

We ride motorcycles, of which we have too many. Steve loves music and I still love to read. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you at the 100 year celebration. We will be bringing two of our bikes. All of you who ride, please bring your bikes too.”



Katie Calandra Sigsworth (‘75) - “After 30 years, I am back at Fletcher Academy where my hubby is teaching math. It was a little weird at first being back at Fletcher, but we just love it and hope to stay until the Lord comes. We have two married kids; no grandkids yet.

FLETCHER FAMILY



Paul Wauttke ('78) - Since graduating from Fletcher, Paul has opened his own natural foods store in Hendersonville, taught at Hartland College, and returned to working in natural foods in Sarasota, Florida, Asheville, NC, Richmond, VA, and Charleston, SC. He is currently back at Fletcher managing the FAI store.

He and wife Kathy have three children: Keith, 23, working and studying in Charleston, SC; Michael, 21, working and studying in Asheville; and Emma, 15, attending Fletcher Academy. Paul says, "I love to spend time with my lovely wife, play my guitar, grill, and rock hound. We love the mountains and enjoy visiting our friends at the beach in Charleston."



Bill Bass ('82) and Teresa Brockway Bass ('83) - Bill and Teresa both work at Fletcher Academy, Inc. Bill teaches Junior and Senior Bible, Auto and Home Repair at the academy, and Teresa is Registrar at Captain Gilmer School. They have two boys; Brian, who graduated from FA in 2009, and Christopher, who is currently a sophomore at FA. They are very excited to be involved and active not

only with our own boys, but with the young people of FA, helping them to experience God's love in their lives.



Jeanne Bradley Larrabee ('88) - "My husband and I have been married four years already! Our days are spent in 'toddlerland,' because our son David is turning two this May! After nine years of being Captain Gilmer School's Principal, it was time for a break from this challenging and rewarding job. Now, I love being a full time mom. David is such a special gift from God! Playing outside with my son on a warm spring day is like a little slice of heaven."



Todd ('89) and Norma Neff ('88) Collson - Norma Neff Collson is a second generation Fletcherite; both parents, John and Birgitta Neff are FA grads. Todd and Norma met during Norma's senior year and Todd's junior year at FA. They were married by Norma's father four years later in Collegedale, TN. They have lived in Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, and New Mexico before returning to North Carolina, where they currently reside. Norma is a teacher, and is currently the Principal of the Tryon, North Carolina, SDA School. Todd is a charge nurse in the

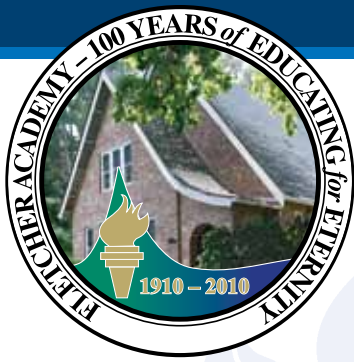
surgery department of a local hospital there. They have two children, who are both working on become third generation FA graduates Eric, class of 2013, and Sara, Class of 2014.



Jason McDonald ('96) - and Melissa (Miller) McDonald were married in 2002. Jason is currently working for Fletcher Academy as Assistant Director of Plant Services. Melissa is a full time mom, after teaching for four years in both the public school system and at Captain Gilmer School. Jason and Melissa have two children; Brandon, age two and one half years, and Matthew, age one year.

WANTED: CLASS AGENTS

Why not help your classmates keep up with you - other than on Face Book! Become a Class Agent for your graduating class. The most important part of your job is to help us keep the current address for your classmates. Contact Mr. Jon Smith at jsmith@fletcheracademy.com for more information.



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