2000 and up

Magon Wilson, 2008, is a fifth grade teacher at Laurens Elementary.

Megan Roose, 2008, will wed Casey Lee Reeves on April 4, 2009.

Sterling Kenny, 2008, is an internal coordinator for the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.


Leah Williams, 2008, and Landon Reynolds, 2008, were married June 14, 2008, at Calvary Baptist Church in Florence. The couple will be moving to Louisville, Ky., as Landon begins his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in fall 2008.


Laura Sams, 2007, is the office manager for Upstate AHEC.


Carlie Eastman, 2007, is a sales rep for SYNNEX Corporation in Greenville.


Michelle Aleshire, 2007, has been promoted to controller at Hill Electric Co. in Anderson.

Cristel Byrne, 2007, is the direct service coordinator for Foothills Alliance in Anderson.

Dawn Harbin, 2007, took a position as therapeutic assistant with Greenville Mental Health in February 2008.

Amanda Harris, 2007, wed Matthew Lewis Ellison on January 5, 2008, at Monaghan Baptist Church in Greenville.

Kristi Gilstrap, 2007, and Brandon Clements, 2007, married in October 2007. Kristi is a collegiate ministry group assistant with the South Carolina Baptist Convention; Brandon is community missions coordinator for Midtown Columbia Church.

Jon Harper, 2006, graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy in July 2007, receiving the J. P. Strom Award for highest overall academic average, the Distinguished Graduate Award for an academic average of 96% or higher, and the Challenge Run Award, for completion of a physical fitness test. Jon then received the Rookie Agent of the Year Award for Region Four at the 2007 annual awards from the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. More information about his award can be found at www.dppps.sc.gov/Informer/Informer%20WEB%2009-07.pdf.

Stephen Russ, 2006, has begun his graduate studies at Wake Forest Divinity School.

Erin Patterson Russ, 2006, is a history teacher at North Hills Christian School.

Julie Brewster, 2006, is a second grade teacher at Iva Elementary School.

Crystal Johnson Smith, 2006, is a nursing student at Spartanburg Regional Hospital.

Lindsey Bellenger, 2006, teaches eighth grade math at Starr-Iva Middle School.

Ivey Benenhaley Mom, 2006, teaches sixth grade math at Carrio Middle School.

Nick Bennett, 2006, and Allison Bailey, 2007, were married July 19, 2008.

Emory Cash, 2006, and Tara Iannarino, 2006, were married in June 2008.

Graham Culbertson, 2006, wed Andrea Lee Huguley on June 6, 2008, at Ocean View Baptist in Myrtle Beach. He is an associate youth minister at Anderson First Baptist.

Shane Thomas, 2006, and Julie Patterson, 2004, were married May 17, 2008. Shane is a security specialist for Tri-County Tech; Julie is employed at McCallum's Prescription Shop in Anderson while completing her Ph.D. from USC College of Pharmacy.

Ryan MacDonald, 2006, is assistant manager of Firehouse Subs of Anderson.


Megan McKenzie, 2005, is a school based mental health counselor with the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

Sarah Hicks, 2005, married BJ Wood on July 12, 2008, at the Wilhite House in Anderson. She is a teacher in the Early Reading Intervention program at Centerville Elementary.

Meredith Lanning, 2005, wed Reed Cole on June 14, 2008, at Northside UMC in Greenville. She is a teacher at Calhoun Academy in Anderson.


Jamie Daniels, 2005, wed Timothy Dean Bright on May 17, 2008, at McCormick First Baptist. She is employed with DHEC Babynet (Anderson) as a program assistant.

Kellie Whigham Huffman, 2005, is pursuing her nursing degree at USC.


Malcolm Kidd, 2004, will marry Morgan Ashley on June 27, 2009. He is minister of music at Austin Road Baptist Church in Honea Path.

Keri Evans, 2004, wed Daniel Marlar on April 26, 2008, on the Miramar Beach in Florida.

Lisa Embry-Franklin, 2004, is pursuing her master’s in mental health counseling through Webster University. She has three children.

Mark Best, 2004, wed Katie Laura Burns on March 22, 2008, at Temple Baptist Church in Simpsonville. Mark is a fifth grade teacher with Greenville County Schools.

Jonathan Tribble, 2004, is a graphic artist with Infinity Marketing in Greenville.

Kate Depew, 2004, wed Jason Wayne Massey in June 2008 at Cheraw First Baptist. She is a life enrichment coordinator at Agape Senior in West Columbia.

Maricary Maynard Hansen, 2004, is working towards her master’s degree in the Curriculum and Instruction: Integrating the Arts program offered through Lesley University in Boston, Mass. Her anticipated completion date is December 2009.


Shelly Sawyer, 2004, wed Robert Congdon on September 27, 2007, at Sleepy Hollow in Clemson. She is a graphic arts specialist for International Paper.


Megan Heath, 2003, is a fourth grade language arts teacher at Northwood Academy in Charleston.
Celia Boyd Myers, 2003, and husband Robert welcomed their first child, daughter Kate Elizabeth, on June 11, 2008.

Melissa Waller Nelson, 2003, is the financial secretary for First Baptist of Simpsonville.

Joel Zimmerman, 2003, wed Angela Cobos on April 26, 2008. Joel is the assistant men's basketball coach at Barton College.

Teresa Baxter, 2002, is the HR administrator for Generation Mortgage Co.

Annisa Looney Blackwell, 2002, is an assistant product manager for Pyrm Consumer USA.


Chad Wentzy, 2002, will wed Maggie Stricker on November 1, 2008, at Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church in Brevard, N.C. Chad is now a resident chaplain with Greenville Hospital System's University Medical Center. He completed a master's from North Greenville and was ordained August 2007.

Jaime Bouknight Surver, 2001, is the business office administrator for Carmax in Greenville.


Lavinia Bovain Anderson, 2001, was named Teacher of the Year at Varennes Elementary for 2008-09. She currently teaches fifth grade.

Brent Hance, 2001, is an EKG tech with RoperStFrancis healthcare.

Becki James Owens, 2001, is an official photographer with the Miss South Carolina organization.

Abigail Rockwell, 2001, began work as a hotel accountant for the inn on the Biltmore Estate in April 2008.


Maya Pepper Smith, 2000, accepted a position at Greenville Hospital System as a health educator in January 2008.
Jaime Craine Showers, 2000, and Joe Showers, 1999, have three children: Ciaira (born 4/18/01), Liberty (born 6/21/02), and Ayden (born 3/23/04). Jaime will complete her degree as a registered nurse in May 2009.

Brigette Taylor-White, 2000, is manager of regulatory compliance, quality assurance, protocol review and monitoring systems at the Medical University of South Carolina. Since her Anderson days, she received certification as a Clinical Research Professional in 2005 and her master's in counseling in 2006. Brigette and husband Isaac welcomed daughter Illana Victoria on April 23, 2008.

Amy McCoy Griffin, 2000, is corporate GL supervisor for MASCO Administrative Services in Florida, where she and husband Brian relocated in spring 2008.

Kristina Adair Valentine, 2000, and husband Jeff, 1999, welcomed daughter Ashlyn Adair on January 20, 2008. She joins older brothers Corban (2) and Zachary (1).

1990s

Richie Godfrey, 1999, has joined CapitalBank in Anderson as vice president/commercial lender. He and wife Amy have two children.

Joe Showers, 1999, and Jaime Craine Showers, 2000, have three children: Ciaira (born 4/18/01), Liberty (born 6/21/02), and Ayden (born 3/23/04).


Sandra Rocci Bay, 1999, and husband Andrew welcomed the arrival of daughter Chloe on May 30, 2008. She joins older siblings Cole (7) and Camryn (4).

Rodrigo da Silva, 1999, became the assistant men's tennis coach for the University of Louisville in August 2008.

Fran Kay Broome, 1997, is a case worker with Anderson County DSS. She and husband Tim have two children: Jackson Douglas "JD" (born 9-28-02) and Mattison Lee (born 5-8-06).

Darren Rambo, 1997, is a large format printer operator for The Print Machine in Greenville. He and wife Samantha live in Simpsonville with their 3 dogs: Dixie, Sierra, and Lola.


Melissa Tompkins-Kates, 1997, is a senior designer with GMK Associates in Columbia.
Jason Houston, 1996, and wife Katie have one daughter Malain (9/13/06).

Becky Pressley, 1996, is director of financial aid planning at AU. She and husband Wayne have two children, Karen and Jon, and they became grandparents in June 2008.

Shenea Perry Wiley, 1995, is a teacher with Fulton County Public Schools.


Tara Miller-Bristow, 1994, is a second grade teacher at Allgood Elementary in Douglasville, Ga. She was named to Who’s Who Among American Teachers in 2004-5 and 2005-6. She and husband Brian have two sons: Bennett (b. 10-7-05) and Carter (b. 6-17-07).

Donna Simpson Strickland, 1992, was promoted to academic advisor at Mount Olive College in Wilmington, N.C., in October 2007. She completed her BS in Management and Organizational Development at Mount Olive in December 2007.

**1980s**

Thomas Stewart, 1989, wed Angie Thompson on April 18, 2008, at the Cleveland Park Event Center in Spartanburg. He is owner of Stewart Transport Company.

Karen Van Brunt Rowell, 1988, and husband Marty have two children: daughter Ashley and son Vance. Karen is the manager of the Ben Silver Corporation.

Becky Campbell, 1987, joined the staff of the Johnson City Press newspaper in December 2007 as the police beat reporter. She was awarded first place for Criminal Justice Reporting in the 2007 SPJ Mountain Empire Chapter awards.

Sharon Lawrence, 1987, is an analyst with Northrop Grumman in Virginia.

Shannon Marshall Horn, 1984, is a dental hygienist with Dr. Mark Trombley in Rock Hill. She has two teenage daughters and recently married George Edward Horn, Jr.

Tim Gray, 1983, is the head women’s tennis coach at Auburn University.

Deedy Welborn Francis, 1982, was named the Daniel Endowed Chair of Music at AU for 2008-2011.

**1970s**
Anita West Cozart, 1979, is the manager of pharmacy services for Cancer Centers of the Carolinas.

Wayne Bonge, 1977, is a paint process engineer with Plastic Onium in Easley.

Edward Leon, 1975, is vice president for claims management for BB&T Burkey Risk Services.

Jacque White Davison, 1974, associate professor of mathematics at Anderson University, was awarded the SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual awards banquet in Columbia on April 15, 2008.

Linda Knox, 1971, recently took a trip to Lima, Peru, and Villa Maria de Truinfo. She taught a class in an elementary school while also visiting the local sights.

Gerald Hart, 1970, is sales manager with Rooms to Go.

Roger Smith, 1970, is director of Sumter County Family Court. He has two children: a son in Greenville and a daughter in Charleston.

1960s

Doug Felder, 1969, has his own business in Hurricane, Utah. He has five children (three boys and two girls) and six grandchildren (four boys and two girls.)

Betty Hughes Mitchell, 1961, has stayed busy since retiring as an administrative assistant from Honea Path First Baptist Church. She has two part-time jobs “just for fun”: a greeter with Pruitt Funeral Home and the dietician for her church. She and husband Chip have two grown children, Susan and Dan.

In Memoriam

Richard Alan Jones, 1991, died January 29, 2008. He worked for BASF in Charlotte and was the owner/operator of R.J.’s Lawn Service of Fort Mill. He was a member of Tega Cay Baptist Church.

Timothy Ray Shirley, 1980, died Oct. 21, 2007. Tim was formerly employed by Burnstein Industries Inc. and was a member of Keowee Baptist Church.

Paul Bell, 1976, died June 11, 2008. He was branch manager at H.M. Craig Metal Supply in Greenville and a member of Barkers Creek Baptist in Honea Path.
Permelia Mauldin Creamer, 1975, died January 10, 2008. She was a homemaker and pastor’s wife. She and her husband Randy Creamer 73 had spent the last six years in missions serving through the North American Mission Board, SBC, in Alpharetta, Ga.

Kay Brandenburg Bilton Hixon, 1969, died April 16, 2008. She was a member of Holly Hill First Baptist and the Agape Sunday School Class.

Cynthia Williams Wood, 1960, died April 26, 2008. She previously worked for the State of South Carolina, including her years as administrative assistant to the late Senator Verne Smith. She retired in 2006 with 43 years of service. Cynthia was a member of Lugoff First Baptist and Stu Ellington’s Sunday School Class. She is survived by her husband Warren Wood 74.

Jean Gambrell Blackwell, 1957, died June 16, 2008. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church for 35 years and a member of the New Dimensions Sunday School Class and the Blanche Greer Circle.

Mary Jo Patterson Montgomery, 1957, died May 25, 2008. She was retired from the Martinsville City School System, where she taught for 34 years, and was a member of Ridgeway United Methodist Church in Virginia.

Charles Pruitt, 1950, died July 13, 2008. He was retired from Abney Mills and a member of Pope Drive Baptist Church.

Benjamin Adam Cromer, Jr., 1950, died December 11, 2006 at Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home. He was a Paratrooper in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II and the Korean War, and was a Purple Heart Recipient. Ben was a retired textile engineer and a member of Asaville Baptist Church.

Dorothy Stanfield Graham, 1949, died September 30, 2007. She taught first grade at North LaFayette Elementary for 37 years. A member of LaFayette First Baptist Church, she was active in the LaFayette Woman’s Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Walker County Retired Educators Association and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Betty Woodall Chastain, 1949, died April 5, 2008. She had built a life for herself as a military wife, participating in various volunteer organizations and the officers wives’ club.

Harold Burden, 1949, died March 10, 2008. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was retired from Anderson School District Five, having taught in middle school and high school and later served as principal of Homeland Park Elementary School for 12 years. A former member of the Anderson University Alumni Board, he is survived by his wife Mitzi Kimpton Burden 48.
Ruby Clary Sutherland, 1949, died November 5, 2006. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking. For more than 50 years, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Anderson. She is survived by her husband Lawrence Sutherland 49.

Alice Baker, 1947, died May 6, 2008. She was a nurse for 37 years in the Florence area and a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church.

Annie Mae Edge Bashor, 1945, died January 14, 2008. She taught in Horry County Schools and retired from the Horry County Library. In addition, she and her husband Berl opened Bashor Woodcraft in 1950, which is still in business today.

Roberta Keaton Fox, 1945, died March 8, 2008. After working for the Department of Agriculture, helping to put her husband through college and a year in graduate school, she became an army wife as she accompanied her husband in active duty in several locations including Japan and Germany as well as several locations in the United States. Until recent years, Roberta was active in her church, teaching Sunday school and participating in overseas mission trips. She was also active in the Auxiliary of the Gideon’s International, holding several local and state offices.

Margaret Earle Arthur, 1945, died July 2, 2008. She was retired from the Reidsville City Schools, where she worked as a librarian at Williamsburg School for many years. Margaret was an active and faithful member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years, served as church librarian, and recorded the church services.

Martha Glenn Simrill Beal Samuel, 1944, died June 29, 2008. She was a legal secretary with the firm of Watkins and Prince in Anderson and later was the secretary to Samuel L. Prince, dean of the University of South Carolina School of Law. She was an active member of First Presbyterian on Hilton Head Island and served the senior pastor as secretary for 12 years before retiring.

Mildred Cobb Brockman, 1943, died July 1, 2008. During her teaching career she taught first, second and third grades. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church since 1967 and the Tribble Sunday School Class.

Sarah "Bootsy" Brown Richardson, 1943, died February 27, 2008. She was the owner of Bootsy Boutique in Seneca and a long-time member of St. Mark Methodist Church.

Laura Hilda Moody Oglesby, 1941, died January 15, 2008. She was retired from the Department of the Navy as a civil service employee. Hilda was a member and former Sunday school teacher at Allendale First Baptist Church.

Helen Smith High, 1941, died June 13, 2007. She was a former faculty member and trustee of Anderson College, and she taught in the public schools of South Carolina for more than 30 years. Upon retirement from teaching, she spent 15 years in voluntary
health care work with Trident Hospital. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Moncks Corner.

Carl Dean English, 1940, died June 18, 2008. Dr. English was a member of Boulevard Baptist Church. He was a Lt. Cdr. as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy during WWII. After his discharge from the Navy, he received his doctorate from Southern Baptist Seminary and was pastor at Liberty Baptist Church in Liberty, N.C., for a number of years. After his tenure at Liberty Baptist Church, he became a professor at Anderson College and retired there after 20 years of service.

Kathryn Mintz Caston, 1940, died July 30, 2008. She was retired from Southern Bell after 41 years of service and a member of its Pioneers. She was a member of Centennial ARP Church.

Mary McIntyre Hobson, 1939, died July 4, 2008. She was a retired pre-school teacher from Central Presbyterian Church in Anderson. She was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian, where she was church hostess for a number of years. Other civic activities included the DAR Hudson Berry Chapter, American Legion Auxiliary Post #14, Girl Scouts of America, Daughters of the Confederacy, Colonial Dames, the Anderson County Woman's Club and Anderson County Historical Society.

James Lamar Milford, 1939, died October 21, 2007. He was a retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve and served in World War II as a flight instructor at various bases in Texas. He retired as postmaster of the Townville Post Office and was a member and former deacon of Central Presbyterian Church.

Eva Blackwell Gilman, 1935, died October 15, 2007. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Spartanburg and a homemaker. Her artistic contributions include portraits of Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon in her home church as well as a commissioned portrait of Thomas Wolfe at The Thomas Wolfe Memorial in North Carolina.

Helen Bearden Edwards, 1935, died June 12, 2008. She had taught for 43 years in the Spartanburg County District One Schools before retiring in May 1982. She was a charter member of the Landrum Quilters and one of the creators of the South Carolina Quilt, which hangs in the Capital Building in Columbia. She was also a longtime member of Holly Springs Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher.


Christine Rodgers Thackston, 1935, died March 7, 2007. She was a member of Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church and a prior member of Fountain Inn First Baptist, where she served in the Cradle Roll Department.

Ellen Bowlan Cromer, 1935, died July 16, 2008. She was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church.
Thelma King Martin, 1931, died June 12, 2008. She was a homemaker, served as President of the North Fant School PTA, and was a member of the Progressive Book Club and the Evergreen Garden Club. She was also a member of First Baptist Church and the Gleaners Sunday School Class, and she had taught Sunday school for a number of years.

Mary Jane Gentry Vandiver, 1930, died June 4, 2008, at the age of 100. She previously taught in the public school systems in Abbeville and Anderson counties and was a member of Abbeville First Baptist.