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Class of 1977

Dale Howard, 55, entered the Iowa Summer Games in the rowing competition in August 2007. His team won the Gold Medal in the Men's Open/Master 4, the Gold Medal in the Men's Open/Master 8 and the Silver Medal in the Mixed Master/Open 8. Howard leads Bible studies, home groups and serves on the local Board of Administration at Heritage Wesleyan Church in Rock Island, Ill. Howard's wife, Marie Newman Howard ('06) is a prayer warrior in Deliverance Ministry. The couple, who live in Rock Island, has two grandchildren; their son-in-law works as worship pastor at Heritage Wesleyan and both of their daughters and their families live in the same city.



Randy and Lori (Barclay) DeVaul

Class of 1980

Randy and Lori (Barclay, '81) **DeVaul** provide an international hospitality ministry with their two children through their Brick House Bed & Breakfast (www.brickhousebnb.com) in Westfield, N.Y. In two years of operation, their guests have come from nine foreign countries and 34 states, including members of the Christian group, NewSong. At church, Randy teaches the Pastor's Adult Sunday School Class and directs the PrimeTimers seniors group. Lori works with the children's programs. Randy serves as a board member with the local chamber of commerce and is an internationally published writer/author/consultant in workplace and home/family safety.

Class of 1982

Robert Holter, Jr., who attended LU on a cross country scholarship from 1978 to 1982, has been elected for induction into the 35th Annual Hall of Fame for track/cross country on March 21, 2009, by the Board of Directors of the Corning-Painted Post, New York Sports Hall of Fame. This recognition is granted due to breaking several records held at Corning East High School. Holter graduated from LU with a degree in Accounting and resides in Harrisonburg, Va., with his wife, Charlotte P. Holter, a special needs educator.

Class of 1990

Rabbi James Petersen attended LU from 1985 – 1990. He graduated in 1989 with an A.A. in Bible and Religion and in 1990 with a B.A. in Communication (Modern Language and Linguistics). He went on to be ordained as a Messianic Jewish rabbi and received his B.A. in Theology from Shema Israel Messianic Jewish Theological Seminary. Petersen and his wife, Judith, have six grown children: Adam, David, Eva, Sarah, Carlos and Sandra. The couple also has five granddaughters. Petersen is an ESL instructor at Houston Community College and works with special needs students in the Fort Bend Independent School District. His ministry includes being an associate rabbi at Beth Yeshua HaMashiach Messianic Synagogue in Houston, Texas, where he teaches basic Hebrew and a Messianic discipleship study course. Petersen is also part of an outreach ministry to the Sephardic (Hispanic) community and to the inmates of a correctional facility in Rosharon, Texas. He is also part of the online ministry Truth Media.

Class of 1992



B.J. Hathaway

B.J. Hathaway, owner of Augusta Golf Instruction in Augusta, Ga., is also the Director of Instruction for Wedges and Woods Driving Range in Augusta. He has recently joined the Medicus Golf Institute and is a Medicus Certified Instructor. He is also one of only 98 instructors in the world to hold the degree of Bachelor of Golf Stroke Engineering and is an authorized instructor for The Golfing Machine. Hathaway received a B.S. Degree in Business Management and played on the Liberty golf team for two seasons. www.augustagolfinstruction.com.

Class of 1994

Dr. T. Andrew Elliott has co-authored and published his first book, “Instead of Chocolate,” which was chosen as a book of the week through Publishamerica.com.

Paul and Whitney Atkinson are presently serving in student mobilization with Association of Baptists for World Evangelization (ABWE) in the home office in Harrisburg, Pa. Recently, they went to India on a trip to survey church planting possibilities among the Dalit (untouchables). Paul completed his M.A. in Intercultural Studies at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. To read about their recent trip and ministry, go to <http://atkinsonanomalies.blogspot.com>.

Class of 1995

Mike Bluem joined the Denver Broncos staff in 1995, and he is in his fourth year as the club’s director of football administration. Bluem negotiates player contracts, manages the salary cap, — including forecast analysis of future years as well as compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and NFL Player Personnel rules — and assists in other areas of player personnel. Bluem, 35, who earned a B.A. in Sport Management, previously held a position with the LU baseball team. Bluem and his wife, Shelley, along with their twins, Zackary and Kylie, live in Highlands Ranch, Colo.



Michael Bahn

Class of 2001

Michael Bahn is a singer/songwriter who has served as the worship pastor at River Valley Community Church in Grants Pass, Ore., for almost seven years. Supported by his wife and three

children, Bahn also travels and leads worship abroad to encourage and shepherd the body of Christ. Bahn writes for Front Yard Worship magazine and loves opportunities to help worshipers, songwriters and musicians navigate through issues facing them in the post-modern church. He has recorded two worship projects for his church and released his first personal worship project in November 2007. Bahn recently finished the recording of his newest worship CD entitled "PURE" which is releasing nationwide by Tent Creative Group and Word Music May 19. For more information visit www.michaelbahn.com or www.tentcreativegroup.com.



Dr. Philip Ayers

Class of 2005

Dr. Philip Ayers recently published his second book, "A Proverb a Day Keeps the Devil Away." Ayers graduated in 1991 with a Master of Arts in Counseling and in 2005 with a Doctor of Ministry. He is serving in his 25th year as pastor of Glade Creek Baptist Church and is the chaplain for the Roanoke Valley chapter of CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association). He teaches Philosophy and Golf at Virginia Western Community College. He is also an adjunct teacher with Liberty Home Bible Institute (LHBI).