

ALUMNI NEWS

60's

WP President Emeritus **Jay A. Barber, Jr. '64** has accepted the role of interim teaching pastor at Sunset Presbyterian Church, in Portland, Ore. He was also recently elected to a four-year term on the city council of Seaside, Ore., where he and his wife, Jan, currently reside.

Rev. Watson Omulokoli, Ph.D. '66 has been appointed chancellor of Africa International University, in Nairobi, Kenya. He most recently served as a Church History and Theology professor at Kenyatta University, also in Nairobi.

Jean (Olson) Pyne '66 recently retired from 14 years in the student services office at Washington State University - Vancouver. She is looking forward to traveling with her husband, **Bill Pyne '66**, and spending more time with her five grandchildren.

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Louis Anderson '70 is the senior pastor of Longs Peak Street Church of God in Brighton, Colo. His wife is **Ilene Fay (Chatham) '73**. Their daughter is **Stephanie (Anderson) Marquez '07**.

Dalyn Hebling '74, who lives in Bastrop, La., was recently the evangelist for the Arkansas State Camp meeting in Hot Springs. He also preached at the North West Kansas Camp Meeting in 2006.

Dr. Chris Cottrell '78 is a certified church peacemaker, a professional court mediator, and a part-time chaplain in Delaware, Ohio. He earned his D.Min. from Ashland Theological Seminary, in Ashland, Ohio, in 1992.

Janet Isley Rice '79 received an Eli Lilly Sabbatical Grant. Beginning in August, she will travel on a Celtic pilgrimage to England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales for three weeks.

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Joel Fritzler '86 was sworn in as mayor of Carbondale, Ill. on May 3, 2011. Fritzler works in the Office of Research Development and Administration at Southern Illinois University. His mayoral position is part-time. Learn more on his 'Joel Fritzler' Facebook page.

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Shuji Nishimura '97 is an English teacher at Saga Kita (Saga North) Senior High School in Saga City, on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu. He is married with two boys, ages 2 and 1.

Holly (Fugere) Birman '99 and husband Kyle had their second child, Claire Angéle, on March 28, 2011. Their son Carter is two years old. Holly is a third grade teacher at Earl Boyles Elementary School, in Portland and just finished her 11th year teaching in the David Douglas District.

Elaine (George) '99 and **B. J. Kuykendall '04** welcomed twin boys, Joshua Courage and Josiah Christian on July 6, 2011. They join brothers Jared, 10, Jesse, 8, Justin, 5, John, 4, and Judson, 22-months. B.J. is senior pastor of Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Ore.

Wisdom From the Streets

Psychologist **Dr. Kedric Cecil '75** writes a candid memoir using his past as a runaway teen to help others heal.

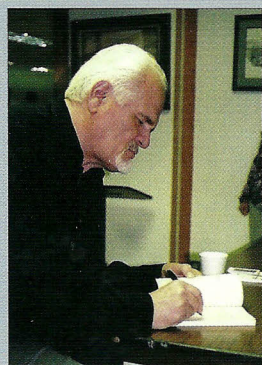
Even though **Dr. Kedric Cecil '75** has been a professional counselor for over twenty years, there is a part of him that still feels like a troubled street kid on the run. Decades before he earned his Ph.D. in Psychology and opened his private counseling practice in Montana, Cecil was a troubled runaway living on the streets of Seattle in the late 1950s.

In his 2010 memoir, "Wisdom from the Streets," Cecil examines some of the painful events of his early childhood – his parents' divorce, the move to a strange new city, and a physically abusive stepfather – that propelled him to life on the streets.

Throughout the book, Cecil presents a fictitious conversation between his grown-up therapist self and the cocky, street-smart teenager lurking beneath the surface to demonstrate the inner conflict that he so often feels.

"I finally got to a point in my life where I thought it was OK to be open enough to tell people [about] the internal process I go through," said Cecil, speaking by phone from his home near Havre, Mont., where he teaches psychology courses at Montana State University – Northern. "The work we do with helping people find Christ, they need emotional and deeper healing. The only way they can do that is by confronting [their past]."

After being in and out of juvenile detention and group homes as a teenager, Cecil eventually graduated high school, got married, and worked odd jobs until undergoing a radical conversion to Christianity at age 24. He then started working at a Christian-based organization in



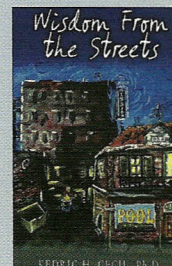
Dr. Kedric Cecil '75

Vancouver, Wash. that served troubled teens. At the same time, he enrolled at Warner Pacific to earn his bachelor's degree in psychology.

Cecil said professors like Dr. Wilma Perry and Charles Nielsen modeled an approach to education that emphasized open and honest dialogue, encouragement, and genuine learning. That made quite an impression on Cecil, who, as a former street kid, was terrified of being seen as a failure.

"I was one of those students that was always questioning everything," Cecil said. "People at Warner Pacific truly gave me the opportunity to see that you could be a Christian and not check your brain at the door - that you could look honestly at truth wherever it comes and still be challenged. You can still have mystery. It's all challenging and exciting."

Cecil is currently working on a follow-up book that will delve deeper into the issues addressed in "Wisdom From the Streets." For more information, visit Cecil's website www.wisdomfromthestreets.com.



Amy (Doty) Hanken '99 and husband Chris welcomed a baby girl, Sydney, on April 14, 2011.

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Katti (Grenz) '00 and **Rod Baney '99** gave birth to daughter Paeson Grace, on November 11, 2010 in Albany, Ore. Paeson Grace joins siblings Geoy, 13, Anni, 10, Jakey, 8, Jessi, 5, and Jaci, 2.

Carrie (LaVoie) '03 and **Jeff Dahlin '10** (MEd.) welcomed a new foster child, 11-month-old "K.S.," a boy. He joins foster sister Berty, 1, and the Dahlin's biological daughters Jenna, 4, and Aeva, 2.

Kathy Zimmerman '03 has recently become a licensed professional counselor in the state of

Oregon and will soon receive her mental health professional license in the state of Washington. She holds a master's degree in counseling from George Fox University.

Amber (Chapin) '04 and **Gabe Carter '04** welcomed the birth of son Micah on March 2, 2011.

Michelle (Hamilton) '04 and **Paul Eaton '02** had a baby girl, Adelyn Marie, on November 9, 2010.

Trenton "Scott" Harden '04, MMOL '09, was recently appointed to the Wood Village (Ore.) city council to fill the remainder of seat vacated by a previous council member. Harden was a unanimous choice of the mayor and the remain-

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