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## A Note from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni Association Members,

Over the past year, the news from around the state has been disturbing: acts of questionable integrity in our state government, our highway patrol, and even in our schools may have us skeptical about our future; however, let me share some good news! The future looks bright. I am blessed with the opportunity to see the faces of the future everyday in my classroom, during club activities, and on our athletic fields as the students of today strive to become the adults of tomorrow. During the past year I have witnessed Forrest students working in the classroom to gain the educational tools which will enable them to become successful adults; I was impressed that the students collected enough canned foods to fill a small office and help feed the hungry people of Marshall County; after the devastating hurricanes and tornadoes, students held bake sales to send aid money to the Red Cross, and gathered enough cleaning supplies for New Orleans to pack the school van to the top. I have watched as 700 plus students sat in the gym, still as stones, just to watch and support one of their own sign his name on the dotted line and become Forrest High School's first athlete to receive an athletic scholarship to an SEC school. I never cease to be amazed at the number of students who are able to juggle academic work while participating in athletic, band, or drama practices after school, plus hold weekend jobs. Most of the time these same students are active in their churches and in community work. For these examples and many others, I feel confident that the future will be in good hands.

This is my second and final newsletter as the alumni president. Actually, the past two years have flown by. Although I was hesitant to accept the responsibility of the presidency, I had not realized that as president, I would have the opportunity to enjoy working with old friends and to become better acquainted other association members. I certainly have a deeper appreciation for the past officers who built the foundation for this association.

Katie Harris has agreed to fill the position of president for the next two years. She has been the association secretary since its charter and probably knows more about the work of the association than any other member. If you know Katie, you know that, in addition to her teaching duties, she is active in her church, serves as her United Methodist Women president, and was recently chosen as chief negotiator for the Marshall County Education Association. Busy people know how to get things done-- Katie will be an excellent president!

J.T. Whitehead has been supportive in his office of vice-president, but he will be stepping down after this year. Johnny Rickman has agreed to accept that office which means that he will become president in two years. John Edd Walker has been a terrific treasurer, but he too is asking to be replaced for the coming year. If you have entertained the thought that you might enjoy getting involved in the work of the association, there's no time like the present.

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- The next executive meeting will be at 3:15 in the Forrest School Library on July 29.

As I serve out my final weeks as president, I want to thank all of you who have helped me in anyway: held an office, served on a committee, or given me an encouraging pat on the back. I have appreciated it all. The plans for the banquet are underway. Ann Winningham and Kathy Orr are once again in charge of decorations, Marilyn Vaughn will be our caterer, and Johnny Rickman has an entertaining program for us to enjoy. So mark July 29 on your calendar. The doors at Forrest School will open at 4:00 P.M. for fellowship and refreshments. The meal will be served at 6:00 and I look forward to seeing you there!

Best Wishes!

*Brenda*

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## CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Brenda Brown .....	931-364-7688
Vice President: J. T. Whitehead.....	615-794-7098
Recording Secretary: Katie Harris .....	931-364-7330
Treasurer: John Edd Walker.....	615-824-9576
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Etta Pratt.....	615-794-8335
Historian: Beth Chunn .....	931-364-2604
Scholarship Chairman: Joe Allen.....	615-883-8244
Scholarship Treasurer: Ralph Osteen .....	615-370-0917
Correspondence Secretary for Scholarship Fund: Eddie Kilpatrick .....	931-359-5653
Entertainment Chairman: John Rickman .....	931-857-3649
Webmaster: Jason Curtis .....	931-364-2243
Trophy Case Committee Chair: Marion Joyce.....	931-364-2212
Social Committee Chair: Ann Winningham .....	931-364-7788
Service Chair: Tammi Pruitt.....	931-364-3031

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### A Note from the Treasurer:

"Being Treasurer"

The treasurer is important to any group, organization, or company. An aptitude for working with figures is beneficial, while honesty and integrity are absolutely essential! Keeping your records on the computer is also much advised. (Dues, fees, and lifetime members) Because of the opportunity for theft, fraud or abuse, most large groups, organizations, churches, and companies have their financial officers bonded. I'm church treasurer, too.

As treasurer of the Alumni Association, nearly all dues paid and fees such as for the alumni supper are mailed to me at home. All forms that accompany the checks for dues and fees are kept from year to year in alphabetical order.

Ken Whitsett's wife "Boots" helped greatly stream line the process of the check-in desk by creating pre-printed nametags. In order to get the full benefit and keep the incoming line moving, however, it is very important for the name of every person who will be at the supper to be mailed in with the appropriate slip and fee, if due, **AHEAD OF TIME**.

We want every person to come and participate who will do so, and in the process to help make thing move as orderly and smoothly as possible for everyone by being sure to register early.

As of the annual alumni meeting, I will have completed four years as treasurer.

### **A Note from the Secretary**

A Birthday Wish.....

Sunday, May 7, became the day Coach Tom Wigington had his birthday wish come true. The only thing the former FHS basketball coach wanted for his 80th birthday was to see as many of "his girls" as possible. A steady stream of former "Rockettes" gathered in the Forrest cafeteria from 2 to 5 p.m. Many lingered and shared fond memories of their basketball days at Forrest. I think we all paid our respects to the 2006 state championship trophy----sharing some pride in having been a part of the program that has reached such a plateau. Congrats to the 2006 Lady Rockets from all of us "veterans." And....Thanks to Coach Wigington for bringing us together once again. Happy 80th birthday "Coach"!

*Katie Harris---Class of 1972*

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### **A Note from the Scholarship Treasurer**

Rachel Ring Stevens has donated her paintings and art items that were in her home to the scholarship committee. These items will be present at the annual meeting and will be available as a silent auction. Come prepared to make your bids for some special items that will help fund scholarships for Forrest graduates.

*Ralph Osteen*

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### **A Note from the Scholarship Committee**

The Forrest Alumni Association Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the scholarship winners for 2006. Thanks to the families of Mrs. Mable Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hill, we have two additional \$1000 scholarships for F.H.S. graduates.

**Ashley Morgan Johns** is the recipient of an Alumni Scholarship. She plans to attend Belmont University and major in nursing. Ashley is the daughter of Chris and Michelle Johns.

**Jessica Lin Brinkley**, the daughter of Debra Peterson, also has been awarded an Alumni Scholarship. She is attending East Tennessee State University to enter their pre-pharmacy program.

**Benjamin R. Grimwood** will receive the \$1000 Earl and Sarah Barnes' Scholarship. He plans to attend Vanderbilt University as a pre-med student. Ben is the son of Derek and Jane Grimwood.

**Felicia Marie Brown** is the recipient of the Shaw Scholarship. She plans to attend M.T.S.U. where she will major in science. Felicia is the daughter of Betty and Hunter Brown.

**Jessica Nicole Curtis** has been awarded the Hill Scholarship. She will attend Martin Methodist College to major in elementary education. Nicole is the daughter of David and Cindy Curtis.

Congratulations to all these seniors! The scholarships were announced at Senior Awards Night, but the money will be awarded at the annual alumni banquet on July 29.

*Joe Allen*

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## A Note from the Webmaster

Hello, current and potential website viewers! The Forrest Alumni website was initiated about a year ago and has already undergone several renovations, additions, and other small changes. If you have never logged on to the website, check it out at <http://www.forrestalumni.com>. The site hosts a variety of items that are of benefit to you and future Forrest Alumni members, such as membership request forms, the association bylaws, current officer pictures, a newsletter link, a scholarship donation form, and links to Forrest School's website. By making these tools available, we hope that they will be of help to you if ever you should need them. There has been a slight setback to the website recently due to personal computer failure difficulties, but, rest assured, these issues will soon be resolved, and an updated copy of the Forrest Alumni website will be posted online. If anyone has suggestions for other items to place on the website or something that could be posted online, please contact me at [jasoncurtis@forrestalumni.com](mailto:jasoncurtis@forrestalumni.com).

*Jason Curtis*

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## A Note from the Program Chairman

I'm happy to announce:

Kenny Wrinn will be sharing his music as entertainment for the banquet. He was a Nashville musician and songwriter, but currently lives in Tullahoma.

Also, Sharon Puckett, well-known television personality, will speak. Sharon lives in Triune and is now freelancing as a TV journalist and commercial spokes person. Sharon graduated from College Grove High School.

Sincerely,

*Johnny Rickman*

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Spotlight on our Schools

## Forrest High School and Middle School

Beginning in June 2006, Forrest will undergo a 6.5 million dollar expansion. Included in that expansion will be a 20 room, middle school wing. This addition will be located behind Chapel Hill United Methodist Church beside Unionville Road. Also located on that side will be a separate band room. A new football complex will be built on the east side of the "new" gym. In addition to the above, the cafeteria and kitchen areas will be expanded to accommodate our ever-growing population.

Since I became principal in 2001, our student population has grown from 600 students to a current enrollment of 760. We anticipate with the continued housing boom in our area, that the student population will continue to increase. We currently have 43 teachers who teach full time at Forrest.

In closing, as most of you know, our Forrest Lady Rocket basketball team won the TSSAA A State Championship. This is the first ever state championship in any sport at Forrest. We are all very proud of them, and they continue to be recognized both locally and state wide.

*Mike Bishop*  
*Principal, Forrest School*

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### **Chapel Hill Elementary School**

If you haven't visited Chapel Hill lately, you probably wouldn't recognize it with all the signs of growth around the town, new businesses and houses. Along with the new houses and businesses, we welcome several new families into our town and new students into our schools. Chapel Hill Elementary is growing by leaps and bounds. In 1996, Chapel Hill Elementary School opened its doors to 475 students serving Kindergarten through fifth grade students. Today, Chapel Hill Elementary School has 668 students and employs 66 faculty and staff members. This year our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will graduate approximately 112 students, and the Kindergarten class will graduate approximately 114 students. This fast-paced growth will continue through the 2006-2007 school year. After the spring Kindergarten registration, 93 Kindergarten students have already enrolled to begin their education at CHES. In addition to the K-5, we are adding sixth grade to our school for 2006-2007. The fifth grade students will be returning to CHES for their sixth grade year and will be accommodated in 6 portable classrooms on the south end of the building. Additional faculty will also be added to educate these students. Although our small school is growing, it still maintains its special hometown character.

As we all know, Chapel Hill is a wonderful town to grow up, live in, and attend school. I am sure each of us has very fond memories of our days at Forrest School. As for our Forrest alumni, several remain in Chapel Hill after graduation while many others move away in pursuit of their dreams. However, many of them return home from their various colleges, vocational schools, to live, work, and begin raising their families. What school in the state of Tennessee has over 42% of the faculty and staff that are alumni of the local high school? I only know of one personally. Chapel Hill Elementary School employs 66 faculty and staff member and 28 are graduates of Forrest School. An additional 8 employees are spouses of Forrest graduates increasing the percentage to 54.5 % of Forrest alumni associated with Chapel Hill Elementary School. This speaks a lot for the community and for the schools. Forty-two percent returned to a school that not only educated, challenged, but inspired them. Who are the Forrest alumni that are now helping to educate our future at CHES?

### **Chapel Hill Elementary Faculty** (Forrest Alumni)

- Mrs. Betsy Johns Bishop is a 1978 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is married to Mr. Mike Bishop, Principal of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Shannon Carlton Brown is a 1990 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade and is married to Scott Brown. Scott is a 1988 graduate of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Alice Pyles Coble is a 1974 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade and is married to Dennis Coble who is a 1968 graduate of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Jessica Daugherty Coleman is a 1995 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches Kindergarten, and she is married to Brian Coleman, a 1994 Forrest graduate.
- Mrs. Lori Harber Curtis is a 1990 Forrest graduate. She teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is married to Shannon Curtis, a 1991 graduate of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Becky Scott Delk is a 1966 graduate of Forrest School. She is the librarian and is married to Mr. Dean Delk, Principal of Chapel Hill Elementary School.
- Mrs. Sharon Piper Elmore is a 1978 Forrest graduate. She teaches Physical Education and is married to Kenneth Elmore who is also a 1978 Forrest graduate.

- Mrs. Tanya Lamb Garvin is a 1986 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches Kindergarten and is married to 1980 graduate Bobby Garvin.
- Ms. Katie Harris is a 1972 graduate of Forrest School and teaches Physical Education.
- Mrs. Kris Ezell Holton is a 1968 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to 1965 graduate Murrey Holton and teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Mrs. Dawn Jones Kirksey is a 1993 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to 1991 graduate Chuck Kirksey and teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Mrs. Jennifer Henson Lynch is a 1992 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and is married to Chris Lynch.
- Mrs. Melissa Daughrity McClaran is a 1994 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is married to Davey McClaran, the Forrest Men's Basketball Coach.
- Mrs. Tammi Chrisman Pruitt is a 1987 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches Kindergarten and is married to Doug Pruitt.
- Mrs. Tara Copeland Stacey is a 1995 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade and is married to Lyn Stacey.
- Mrs. Sherry Harber Strasser is a 1985 graduate of Forrest School. She teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade and is married to 1985 Forrest graduate Leo Strasser.
- Mrs. Cindy Gabard teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade and is married to Joseph Gabard, a 1971 Forrest graduate.
- Mrs. Michelle Curtis teaches Transition and is married to Mark Curtis. Mark is a 1991 Forrest graduate.
- Mrs. Jenefer Pate teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and is married to Sammy Pate, a 1994 graduate of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Mitzi Whaley teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is married to Calvin Whaley. Calvin is a 1977 graduate of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Teresa Wilson teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and is married to Phillip Wilson. Phillip is a 1970 graduate of Forrest School.

#### CHES Support Staff

- Mrs. Marlene McElhaney Blalock is a 1970 graduate of Forrest School, and is married to Mr. Danny Blalock at 1966 Forrest graduate.
- Mrs. Sheila Ghee Harber is a 1966 graduate of Forrest School, and is married to Mr. Eddie Harber, a 1961 Forrest graduate.
- Mrs. Mary Margaret McCormack Henson is a 1957 graduate of Forrest School, and is married to Mr. Norman Henson.
- Mrs. Maxine Floyd Johns is a 1967 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to Billy Johns, a 1965 Forrest graduate.
- Mrs. Brenda Phifer is a 1988 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to Mr. Roger Phifer.
- Mrs. Karen Wells is a 1978 Forrest graduate. She is married to Mr. Larry Wells.
- Mrs. Kim Harber is married to 1985 Forrest graduate Jeff Harber.
- Mrs. Tammy Holder is married to Travis Holder. Travis is a 1988 graduate of Forrest School.

#### Cafeteria Staff

- Mrs. Linda Daughrity Jones is a 1967 graduate of Forrest School.
- Mrs. Angela Bradford Lamb is a 1981 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to 1978 graduate Ken Lamb.
- Mrs. Janice Hickman Walls is a 1961 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to 1960 Forrest graduate Pat Walls.

- Mrs. Louise Leonard Young is a 1960 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to Mr. Bill Young.

Custodians

- Mrs. Betty Jo Randolph Pigg is a 1993 graduate of Forrest School. She is married to Mr. Jerry Pigg.
- Mrs. Sue Randolph is married to Neil Randolph. Mr. Randolph is a 1971 graduate of Forrest School.

Although Chapel Hill Elementary School is growing and changing, one thing remains the same. Forrest alumni are always welcome! The faculty and staff of Chapel Hill Elementary School would like to cordially invite each of you to stop in for a visit, drop us a note, or visit us online. The Chapel Hill Elementary School web site features grade level, school menus, a calendar of events, a message from our principal, and links to various web sites including Forrest School. Our web site address is [www.chapel-hill-es.marshall.k12.tn.us/](http://www.chapel-hill-es.marshall.k12.tn.us/). If you have extra time and would like to volunteer at our school, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for guest readers and Page Pals. Mrs. Beth Chunn, a 1964 Forrest graduate and retired teacher, volunteers her time to update our CHES web page. Mrs. Chunn was awarded the MCEA Community Service Award for all her hard work at CHES. Mrs. Chunn is married to Mr. Johnny Chunn, a 1964 graduate. If you are interested in volunteering your time and services at CHES, please contact our school at (931) 364-3435. We look forward to seeing you!

*Dawn Jones Kirksey*

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**Known Forrest Alumni Deaths Since August 2005**

Kevin Grubbs	Joe Buckingham	Robert Arnold
Doug Harris (2004)	Jimmy Rozelle	Craig Zeller
Dennis Gagner	Bill Orr	Lawrence Haynes
Robert Blackwell		

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**Just a Reminder:** *The fellowship time will be set up again in the hallway so that everyone can enjoy looking at the composite pictures on the walls, browsing through old scrapbooks and memorabilia, and sharing those favorite stories once again while catching up on more recent events. Please bring any scrapbooks, annuals, pictures, etc. that you can share with everyone else. Refreshments will be served during this time.*

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The Guests of Honor at the Forrest Alumni Association Banquet will be the members of the Class of 1956 and the Class of 1981.



Spotlight on the Class of 1956

President/ Valedictorian... Mary Jane Warden  
 Vice-president.....Oscar Neill  
 Secretary.....Ray Cooper  
 Treasurer/Salutatorian.....Joe Earl Crosslin

Bachelor of Ugliness...Joe Earl Crosslin  
 Miss Forrest ..... Mary Emma Harrison  
 Sr. Attendant.....Mary Jane Warden  
 Sr. Cheerleaders.....Betty Ray Cooper,

Reporters....Peggy Rogers and Mary Emma Harrison  
Sergeants-at-Arms.....Carl Fagan & Eugene Perryman  
D.A.R. Representative.....Doris Ezell

Mary Emma Harrison, Peggy Rogers,  
& Ann Phillips

Class of 1956 Senior Football Team: Carl Fagan, Harold Woosley, David Trout, Sewell Griffy,  
Howard Vaughn, Joe Earl Crosslin, Donald Daughrity,  
Buddy Whaley, Bill Bell, and Oscar Neill

Senior Basketball Team: Doris Ezell, Joe Earl Crosslin, Donald Daughrity,  
Oscar Neill, and Ann Phillips

Deceased Class Members: Janice Farlow, Bessie Mealer, Peggy Rogers, Martha Watkins,  
Charlotte Wilson, Betty Jo Sarvis, Bill Bell and Eugene Perryman.

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### **Spotlight on the Class of 1981**

President/Valedictorian.....Tony Fagan  
Vice-president.....Mark Wright  
Secretary.....Angela Bradford  
Treasurer..... Stephanie Ellis  
Salutatorian..... Cindy Moore  
Homecoming Queen.....Lori Walls  
Senior Attendant.....Lynette Neely  
Miss Forrest.....Cheryl Lamb  
Bachelor of Ugliness.....David Daniels  
Class Favorites.....Lori Walls  
and Scottie Dean

Senior Cheerleaders.....Lori Walls  
Kim Griffy  
Senior Basketball.....Cheryl Lamb  
Kim Crutcher  
Darlene Kincaid  
David Daniels  
Mark Wright  
Kenny Riggs  
Bill Hartley  
Tony Fagan

The football team completed the first perfect season in twelve years. Senior players included David Daniels, Mark Wright, Jimmy Curtis, Bill Hartly, Tommy Brown, Chris Penick, Scott Leonard, Tony Gentry, and Kenny Riggs.