

## Couple

was part of the Lions Club and Wright became President of the Lioness Club, but the two joined forces once the two entities combined.

Lions Club International, since its beginning in 1917, has made it its mission to be a place where individuals can join together and give their time and effort to improving their communities, and the world. Since its inception 104 years ago, the Lions Club has been about leading by example, building relationships, and improving the world through kindness.

The Lions Club has achieved a global presence with 48,000 clubs serving 1.4 million members in 260 countries.

At the heart of Lions clubs there is one constant: service. It's about serving one's community and making a positive impact.

And over their years of service, Rick and Cindy Wright have done just that.

The Upland Lions Club works with several different organizations, including Leader Dog, an organization dedicated to training seeing-eye dogs for those who are blind, and the Eye-Glasses Recycling Center across the street from their location, which recycles eyeglasses and provides other glasses-related treatment to those who need it.

But where the Wrights have really made their mark is through their backpack program and their senior citizen meal programs.

With the Backpack Weekend Meals program, the Upland Lion Clubs provides meals to children in need throughout the Upland area, making sure they are fed. The packages the children receive include two breakfasts, two dinners, and three snacks, which covers food needs over for the weekend when they are not in school.

Additionally, the Upland Lions Club serves the elderly community, hosting various activities every Wednesday while also providing dinner for those in atten-

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### Upland Lions Club to hold annual fish fry in mid-March

The Upland Lions Club will be hosting the Annual Fish & Tenderloin Fry - Carry-Out Only, Saturday, March 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Upland Lions Club, 328 Lake Ave., Upland.

Proceeds from the "Fry" will go to the Backpack Weekend Meals for the students at the Upland Elementary School.

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This year, the Upland Lions Club is serving 98 -100 students per week, with an average yearly cost of \$150 per student.

If you would like to donate toward this program, please make your check payable to:

Upland Lions Club.

P.O. Box 445

Upland, IN 46989.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Chairman, Lion Cindy Wright, at 765-667-3673.



### Wright's Distinguished Leadership Award

dance.

"It's a complete service organization," Wright said. "We really enjoy doing it. I have always been one [that likes] to help people. "It's a lot of fun," Wright said. "Anywhere you see me, you are going to see him. We know what the end is going to be, we know when we've hit [our goal,] and we know when we've accomplished it. To me, it's a reward. You make friends. You get to know people. I like to be a dependable person."

Even after winning the prestigious Disting-



### Upland Lions Club Banner

guished Leadership Award, Wright shows no signs of slowing down. As long as there is a need in the Upland area, she, and the Lions Club, will be there to assist.

"I'm very humbled and honored to be chosen for this award," Wright said. "I will continue to be of service to the Lions Club and to my community."

## Williams

realized quickly that Williams was even more on fire for God in the Holy Land. It was not just about going overseas and seeing a different country. Rather, it was about helping his students strengthen their faith, and in some cases, discover God in a whole new way.

"He took those trips and led those trips as a spiritual journey," Bernius said. "He was very intentional. You weren't just tourists. You weren't just there to see places. He really wanted you to encounter the truth of God and the living Christ by experiencing those places where Jesus walked."

While Williams is no longer gracing the halls of Indiana Wesleyan with his physical presence, his presence is still felt all over the university. The Williams' Prayer Chapel, a place for students to experience solitude with the Lord, is a tangible legacy left by Williams and his wife, Ardelia. His sincere interest in the lives of his students, as well

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Dr. Wilbur Williams

as his sincere love for the Lord, will forever resonate on IWU's campus and in the lives of those he touched.

"God was at the heart of Wilbur Williams," Vardaman said. "And God would come out no matter where you found him or talked to him. Whenever we tell students about Wilbur, we will talk about a guy who dressed up like Bible characters, made the Bible come alive...and [who] was interested in the souls of students. All of that

is his legacy."

"His influence and his character and his commitment as a professor changed our culture – the culture of the university," Alcock concluded. "He was such a powerful force that you wanted to be like. That is what was so influential. His presence shaped the culture of the university, the need to be true to Scripture and fight for the authenticity of what the Bible taught us. He taught Scripture, and he lived it."

## Deaths

### Donald L. Vyhnaelek 1935-2021

Funeral services were held at Harmony Christian Church, Elwood, on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 12 p.m.

### Terry Lee Timmons 1959-2021

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Marion, on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

### Keith D. Sheets 1958-2021

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Upland, on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Elizabethtown Cemetery.

### Steven Eugene Smith 1954-2021

Funeral services were held at Liberty Friends Church, Fairmount, on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. Burial followed at

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### Nettle Creek Cemetery, Hagerstown.

### Donna J. Clock 1922-2021

Private services will be held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

### Bonnie R. Bragg 1935-2021

Private graveside services will be held at Gardens of Memory, Marion.

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