Busy alumnus nabs $588K for postgrad degrees at VU
by Brittany Skelton

Matthew Bullington, a 20-year-old recent MTSU grad, has been awarded a full scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University, where he will simultaneously earn a doctorate and a law degree.

In addition to being one of only three students enrolled in the program, he also has been awarded $80,000 per year to cover tuition and fees and an $18,000 annual stipend.

“I have been very blessed,” said Bullington.

Bullington, a Murfreesboro resident of 10 years, graduated from MTSU in December 2006 with an honors degree in economics. He received offers from both the law and graduate schools at other universities, including the University of Tennessee and George Mason University in Virginia. The program at Vanderbilt, however, will allow him to complete both a Ph.D. in economics and a law degree in only six years.

Bullington earned his bachelor’s degree in 3 1/2 years. He also completed more than 30 additional credit hours and was actively involved on campus.

“I’ve taken two years of Mandarin just for fun,” said Bullington. “I have really pursued my education wholeheartedly.”

In his spare time, Bullington was a Student Government Association senator, served on the SGA traffic court and was actively involved in three honor societies and also worked as a tutor for Disabled Student Services and the MTSU athletic department.

Bullington says he plans to stay in the Nashville area to pursue a career and eventually wants to teach at the college level. He also is among an elite group of five MTSU students to receive an award from the Phi Kappa Phi honor society for his academic excellence.

Bullington was the only Tennessee resident to receive $5,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year.
Saudia conference is chance for ‘conversation’

by Dr. Sanjay Asthana

The first week of the new year, I was pleasantly surprised to receive an invitation from the office of the King of Saudi Arabia to make a presentation and conduct a workshop at the First International Media Education Conference in Riyadh.

This invitation was extended based on my UNESCO book, Innovative Practices of Youth Participation in Media. The conference, scheduled March 3-9, came at a very opportune time—during the midsemester spring break—with all expenses paid by the Saudi government. Invites included around 15 leading policy-makers, governmental officials and researchers from the European Union, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Middle East. EU organized the event with financial support and the blessings of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Most invites were from Europe and the Middle East. I was from the United States, along with other educators and administrators working as the director of the Modern American School in Cairo, Egypt.

Participating in the presentation, I planned to explore how media could foster learning and enable active participation among young people. With religion being quite central to people’s lives in Saudi Arabia, I realized that it would be difficult to elaborate secular ideas of citizenship, civic consciousness and democratic engagement. In many postcolonial societies—and, perhaps, even in Western countries—it has indeed become a challenge to bring secular principles and religious practices in some sort of a dialogue. But, as I headed for the cross-cultural experience, I was reminded of the phrase that the late Anthony Appiah’s plea that “we need to develop habits of coexistence: conver- sation in its older meaning, of living together... across boundaries of identity—whether national, regional or cultural.”

The planning of the event began with a controversy. As the program schedule was being drafted, the Saudi government insisted that their religious and cultural sensibilities not permit men and women to share space on the same panels and so changed the program schedule. The EU and UNESCO were not happy about segregation based on gender. EU threatened to pull out, as this would interfere with its explicit policy of nondiscrimination.

The issue was sorted out after some discussions with the EU headquarters in Belgium; the EU backed down and agreed that it would follow the Islamic law of Saudi Arabia. The female participants had to wear an abaya (the long black cloak, mandatory for women). Male participants would sit in a massive auditorium equipped with a public address system and large television monitors. Women were seated in separate halls, where they could watch all television monitors and hear them via the public address system. Men would not be able to see the women but could hear them.

Arrangement was quite an experience for all of us. We were amused as well as shocked at this turn of events. How would we, thought, promote ideas of civic consciousness, citizenship and democracy among teachers and intellectuals in a situation like this?

Still, we received a red-carpet welcome with the sort of grace and protocol typically reserved for heads of states. Our presentations in Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese and English were translated into Arabic, and our Saudi hosts were very gracious. We were taken on a tour of Riyadh and the historic Al-Masmak castle and fortress, the place where the Al Saud tribe had successfully defended the holy city of Two Mosques against foreign incursions. The capital city, Riyadh, is beautiful, combining a modernist aesthetic style with classical Arabic architecture.

Our dinner meeting with King Abdullah’s son, Prince Khaled, under the tents in the clay and mud fortress, was the highlight of the trip.

My presentations on media education and young people generated excitement among fellow participants (college students, teachers and scholars) as they began to talk, for instance, about how new media forms like blogging enabled them to freely express their ideas. What intrigued me most was a comment made by a Saudi woman participant. On my prodding about her views on media education, she asked if I wanted her to respond as a citizen or a Muslim woman. I indicated both. Her ponderous explanation left me a bit puzzled, but I quickly realized that we might have begun a fruitful conversation in the sense of what the philosopher Appiah had advocated.

Dr. Sanjay Asthana is an assistant professor of journalism in the College of Mass Communication.

Who’s Who ‘07 includes 9 MTSU student leaders

The 2007 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges includes nine MTSU students who have been selected as outstanding national campus leaders, said Dr. Deana Raffo, director of leadership development.

The Who’s Who ‘07 listing includes seven Tennessee students: Melissa Ann Castellaw of Bell’s, Ada Egbuti and Michelle Allyn McCravy of Nashville, Katherine Evridge and Crystal Angel Griffeys of Knoxville, Derek M. Pace of Columbia and Nicole Payne of Bon Aqua.

The other two students making Who’s Who are Jennifer Lynn McKinley of Fort Myers, Fla., and Josh McKenzie of Athens, Ala.

Students, faculty and staff who need to make a quick trip to the Public Square, keep a doctor’s appointment or do a little shopping can keep their campus time—during the mid-semester spring break—at a minimum and spend less money on gas by using the city’s downtown, including the MTSU campus, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Cost to ride is $1 per trip and exact change is required. All six routes originate at Rover’s Burton Street hub (near the Rutherford County health and motor vehicle departments) and make their rounds every 30 minutes.

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Rover’s Highland and Mercury routes serve MTSU directly.

All MTSU alumni, friends and family can enjoy a fun-filled day during MTSU Alumni Day at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere Saturday, May 19, said Paul Wydra, assistant director in the Office of Alumni Relations.

The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere is located at 3777 Nolensville Road in Nashville. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission will be $6 per person for all MTSU alumni, friends and family. That’s more than 50 percent off the regular rate and includes a free lunch, compliments of the alumni relations office. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For other questions or to RSVP, please contact the alumni office at 615-898-2922 or 800-533-MTSU (6878).
Cannes dusts off carpet for 'Wallace'

by Gina K. Logue

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MTSU’s Karg Boys join ‘Prairie Home’ talent show

from Staff Reports

Recent MTSU graduates Rich and Andy Karg outperformed 500 other entries to reach the stage of “A Prairie Home Companion,” gaining praise from host Garrison Keillor during the National Public Radio show’s “People In (their) Twenties Talent Show.”

The Nashville duo competed April 21 against five finalists from around the country in a live broadcast heard locally on WPLN 90.3 FM, performing their songs “That Was Us” and “Sweetie” and chatting with Keillor, who seemed surprised at the Kargs’ recording industry degrees.

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“Oh, we got our general education as well,” Andy Karg, 23, reassured the humorist as brother Rich, 26, chuckled. “We got to play in studios and sit in classes and learn about popular music, too.”

“Gosh,” said Keillor. “Some people’s upbringings are just so different from mine.”

The Kargs’ “brother-based harmonies” went up against Big Rapids, Mich., acoustic duo Daisy May Erlewine and Seth Bernard; country-blues artist Jaryd Lane from Kaplan, La.; Chris O’Brien, a singer-songwriter from Somerville, Mass.; The Powder Kegs, an old-time string band from Burlington, Vt; and the Brooklyn-based honky-tonk group Sweetback Sister.

The Karg Boys received the show’s coveted “Ray Marklund Award,” a black tool box that Keillor said honored a Prairie Home stage electrician and was “presented by a vote of our stage crew and our staff to the best-behaved, easiest performers to work with.”

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“They are among the most talented students I’ve ever had,” Hutchison said. “With a retro sound reminiscent of The Everly Brothers, the Kargs were the perfect musical act the contest..." The studio audience and listeners at home voted during the show, with Keillor announcing the winner at the end of the broadcast. At least 11,000 votes were cast during the two-hour show, giving top honors to The Powder Kegs.

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The brothers, who credit their father, Nashville songwriter Dick Karg, as their biggest influence, have been writing, singing and performing together professionally since 2002.

Rich graduated in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in music business, followed by Andy in 2006.

In 2005, the Karg Boys signed an exclusive worldwide publishing and artist development deal with Universal Music Publishing Group Nashville. Since signing with UMPG, Rich and Andy have collaborated with some of Nashville’s top songwriters and producers.

To listen to the performance, visit www.prairiehome.org and click on the “More about the Talent Show” link.

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Building some ‘star’ power—Dr. Eric Klumpe, far left, associate professor of physics and astronomy, joins his colleagues in celebrating the long-awaited groundbreaking for the second phase of MTSU’s new observatory, which will house the university’s telescope to work in tandem with the popular Naked Eye Observatory, or uranidrome. The building will be located between Smith Hall and the Wiser-Patten Science Building, across Old Main Circle from the uranidrome. Joining in the celebration with Klumpe are, from left, Dr. Thomas Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences; Dick Tracy, director of project management for the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Office of Facilities Development; Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, Kent Syler of Congressman Bart Gordon’s office; and Dr. Robert Carlson, chairman of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. The $700,000 project is targeted for completion in early spring 2008 and will be a state-of-the-art teaching facility that utilizes a computer-controlled telescope in conjunction with the latest in digital-camera technology.”

Carlson said the observatory complex will serve nearly 1,000 MTSU students annually in general studies astronomy courses, as well as schoolchildren and community residents, and provide Internet viewing of images captured by the telescope.

photo by J. Intintoli

UP IN LIGHTS—Andy Karg, center, accepts the “Prairie Home Companion” radio show’s “Ray Marklund Award” from host Garrison Keillor while Rich Karg, left, crosses the stage to join his brother. The Karg Boys performed for an international radio audience April 21 during the PHC “People In (their) Twenties Talent Show.”
Science prodigy earns Goldwater recognition

by Doug Williams

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aylor A. Barnes, a 16-year-old science prodigy at MTSU, has been named as a Goldwater Scholarship recipient, a national award considered one of the top academic awards for students studying mathematics, science and engineering.

Home-schooled through high school in Jackson, Miss., Barnes is an Honors College student with a double major in Chemistry and physics. He was one of 317 students recognized nationwide and one of only four students from his home state who received the Goldwater recognition.

Barnes credits the mentoring by his honors professors and the assistance of Michelle Arnold, coordinator in the new Honors College Undergraduate Fellowship Office, with bringing his work to the attention of the Goldwater Foundation. Recent recipients have earned Rhodes Scholarships and others have received Marshall Awards.

Barnes said his parents always encouraged his interest in science, and as a consequence he always enjoyed learning scientific principles and trying to relate them to the material world. Like another well-known prodigy, Albert Einstein, Taylor often performed “thought experiments” where he tried to imagine what the effects of the various principles from biology, chemistry, physics and earth science.

Now a serious scientist conducting his own research, Barnes’ current passion is studying physical chemistry and quantum mechanics. In late March, a research effort with MacDougall, “Coulombic Model of the Anomalous Conformations of the Chlorinated Acetates,” was submitted as a poster presentation for the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Chicago.

“The trip was great, and Chicago is a fun city to drive around, even though we got lost a couple of times,” Barnes said. “I like the fact that so many people came by to see our research. I found it interesting, because the class of chemicals we studied behaves in a way that is opposite to what would be predicted from the information provided in organic chemistry textbooks.”

Barnes said strong programs in physics and chemistry were factors in his choosing MTSU to continue his education, but he also has several family ties to the university. Taylor was born in Murfreesboro and lived there for five years before moving to Mississippi. His grandfather, David Arnold, helped establish the Speech and Hearing Division and Clinic in the Speech and Theatre Department more than three decades ago. Six people in Taylor’s family have attended MTSU.

“When I was little, I spent hours in a kitchen lab completing a variety of chemistry laboratory experiments with my mother,” Barnes said. “When I turned 13, I had completed all my studies for high school and went to Hinds Community College (near Jackson), where a professor gave a pretest to all of his students. I made the highest grade by a wide margin. Two semesters later, I decided to enroll at MTSU.”

Congress established the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program in 1986 to honor the Arizona senator, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate. The Foundation provides a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to students who intend to pursue those careers.

May ‘MT Record’ celebrates scholars of all stripes

from Staff Reports

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ay is graduation season, and in this month’s edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” students in the performing arts, radio, TV and movies share their wisdom and broaden our understanding of what it means to be a scholar.

The show includes Seth Alder’s discussions with winners of this year’s Student Film Festival, WMTS Manager Jan McCloud’s inside look at what it takes to keep a student radio station running smoothly, and Alli Scott and Skyye Medley honing their on-air talents at WMOT.

The dance program at MTSU is in its infancy, but director Kim Neal Johnson from the June Anderson Center for Dance and Fine Arts discusses the importance of the Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night.

Finally, In the Know Zone looks to scholars on and off the planet as the observatory ground-breaking, the Niell-Sandler scholar- ship winners and more.

“Middle Tennessee Record” airs on NewsChannel 5, Murfreesboro cable channel 9 and 11 other regional cable outlets. For airtimes and specific channels, go to www.mtstnews.com and click on “Middle Tennessee Record.”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE—Jessica Watson, a senior music-industry major and member of the Stones River String Band, plays mandolin and sings “Angeline the Baker” in a performance included in the May edition of “Middle Tennessee Record.”

photo by News & Public Affairs

Center to direct statewide math/science project

from Staff Reports

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he Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center at MTSU has received a $2.5 million grant from the Tennessee Department of Education for three years to direct a statewide Math/Science Partnership Project.

“The grant will provide high-quality professional development opportunities to high-school teachers of mathematics, science and technology, which are coherent with Gov. Phil Bredesen’s vision for mathematics and science learning,” project director Dr. Ray Phillips said.

The center, which is called TMSTEC, will develop and deliver the program in collaboration with the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the University of Memphis, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education.

The most motivated teachers from across the state will compete for the opportunity to work with exceptions from TMSTEC, UT Knoxville and the University of Memphis, as well as master teachers from across the state, program officials said.

The program will help teachers develop enhanced skills, content knowledge and innovative approaches to teach upper-level advancement mathematics and science courses. The ultimate impact will be school districts in a better position to provide enhanced opportunities for students to complete rigorous mathematics and science courses, exposing students to the possibilities of careers in science and technology.

Starting this summer with a four-day workshop in Oak Ridge, teachers will work with scientists, mathematicians and engineers, who will introduce them to the most current discoveries and give them tools to use that knowledge to educate their students.

“Teachers will be able to integrate the latest scientific discoveries into their classrooms’ curriculum,” said Sheila Webster, director of the UT Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment’s technology research and development program.

Recruiting for the program is underway. Tennessee’s 95 counties may request applications through jcarter@mtsu.edu or call 615-904-8573.
Museum group honors project

by Lisa L. Rollins

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he Tennessee Association of Museums has recognized a group of MTSU students with an Award of Excellence for their class project, which is now a permanent exhibit at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna.

Dr. Brenden Martin, MTSU history professor, said graduate students in his Museum Management Seminar class spent last semester planning and constructing the exhibit, “Recovering Their Story: African-Americans on the Davis Plantation, 1830-1925.”

“Interpreting artifacts uncovered in a 2004 archaeological dig, the exhibit tells the story of free and enslaved African-Americans who lived on the plantation,” said Martin, who—along with teaching assistant Brian Hackett—assigned specific jobs to each of the 10 students in the class.

“The idea behind this experiential learning project was for students to receive hands-on training in developing a professional work product,” Martin explained. “From design to publicity, students got a crash course in exhibit development and created a final product that reflects the complex lifestyles of an often-overlooked group of people.”

Martin and his students—all of whom are master’s and Ph.D. candidates in MTSU’s public history program—received the award during the 2007 TAM Annual Conference in March. The students also led a presentation on the project at the conference.

Nissan North America Inc., the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the MTSU Public Service Committee sponsored the exhibit.

MSU goes to Washington

AT THE CAPITOL—U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, third from right, poses with MSU students participating in the Interface program during their recent trip to Washington, D.C. Interpreters and students with host families help the newcomers acclimate to the United States for their college experience. Enjoying the visit were, from left, Interface organizer Aaron Hanks, MTSU alumnus; English doctoral student Yumiko Shiraga of Kyoto, Japan; sophomore inter disciplinary studies major from Humboldt; senior inter disciplinary studies major from Humboldt; and theatre and public relations major from Kingsport, Tenn., Dr. Jim Burton, dean of MTSU’s College of Business; Dr. Tim Graeff, professor of marketing; and professor emeritus of management and marketing.

Vaughan Scholarship awarded

by Cristo Camacho

Lindsay Dianna Shaw, a graduate of Coffee County High, is the latest recipient of MTSU’s Christine Vaughan Scholarship.

“I am very excited and grateful to have been chosen for this scholarship, said Shaw. “This came at the perfect time, because I have just registered for my summer classes and greatly need the funds.”

English professor Dr. Bené Cox, chair of the Christine Vaughan Scholarship Committee, presented the award at the College of Liberal Arts Award Reception April 25. The Christine Vaughan Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1999 to an MTSU undergraduate student from Coffee County who is establishing an excellent academic record while pursuing a major in English and minoring in education.

“We usually have eight to 10 English majors who qualify for the $1,000 scholarship,” said Cox. As a lifelong resident of Manchester, Tenn., Vaughan taught in the public schools as well as MTSU’s English department. She also was an officer in various state and national educational organizations. Vaughan’s colleagues and friends established the award to honor her life and work and to continue her practice of encouraging and supporting students who desire to become English teachers.

“When I graduate from MTSU, I hope to become an English teacher at Coffee County Middle School,” said Shaw. “I have been substitute-teaching in Coffee County since August of last year and absolutely love being able to work with so many wonderful students.”

Holly Denise Bush, the 2001-02 recipient, also is currently teaching in Manchester City Schools.

Scholarship donors may contact the MTSU Development Office at 615-888-2302 or devco@mtsu.edu. For more information about applying for the scholarship, contact Cox at bcox@mtsu.edu.

10 students await participation in new LeaderShape Tennessee

by Randy Weiler

Ten MTSU students will be part of a national leadership development program coming to Tennessee for the first time.

Nearly 10 Tennessee colleges and universities and 50 to 60 students altogether will participate May 15-20 in the first LeaderShape Tennessee, said Deana Raffo, director of MTSU Leadership Development.

LeaderShape Tennessee will be held at New Frontiers challenge course in Dowelltown, Tenn.

MTSU and Vanderbilt and Belmont universities are co-hosting the event and have been serving on the planning committee, Raffo said.

“LeaderShape is a nationally recognized program, and I had the privilege to serve as a facilitator at the national session in Illinois in 2004,” Raffo said. “It truly will be a life-changing experience for the students.”

MTSU will be represented by Jameel Braddock, a junior political science major from Humboldt; Felisha Cross, a senior psychology and theatre and public relations major from Westmoreland; Erin Dycus, a senior communication studies major from Shelbyville; Crystal Griffe, a senior communication disorders major from Nashville; Chassen Haynes, a senior finance major from Goodlettsville; Edgard Izaguirre, a sophomore finance major from Hollywood, Fla.; Quinton Ladd, a junior business administration major from Kingsport; Chris Smoak, a senior mathematics major from Paris; Cassie Venable, a junior interdisciplinary studies major from Humboldt; and Barry Westbrook, a junior organizational communications major from Shelbyville.

For more information about LeaderShape, visit its Web site at www.leadershape.org.

Roy is 2nd master marketing prof

by Tom Tozer

Dr. Don Roy, associate professor of management and marketing, recently received the Master Marketing Teacher award, presented by the Marketing Management Association at the organization’s spring conference in Chicago. This was the group’s fifth Master Teacher Competition, sponsored by Hormel Foods.

Nominated by Dr. Jim Burton, dean of the Jones College of Business, Roy was required to submit materials that documented his teaching effectiveness to make a formal presentation. He was selected on the quality of that presentation and the uniqueness of the teaching activity.

“This is a very distinct honor,” Burton said. “Dr. Roy’s reputation as a teacher in the Jones College is outstanding, and that reputation was put to the ultimate test in this competition. His reputation as a great teacher is well-earned and now has been nationally validated.” Roy follows Dr. Tim Graeff, professor of management and marketing, who previously received the honor.

Roy thanked his peers for their support and his students for being so accepting of his experiential learning approach and related activities.

“I am also grateful for MMA’s promotion of teaching effectiveness as well as Hormel Foods’ support of marketing education,” he said.

The desire to provide students with meaningful and enjoyable learning experiences motivates me to strive to improve as a teacher.”

LeaderShape, visit its Web site at www.leadershape.org.
‘Miss Mary’ shares joy, time with others

by Samantha Buttrey

A warm greeting and a smile can turn someone’s whole day around, Mary Glass, probably best known to most as “Miss Mary,” has been a staff member at MTSU for 30 years, and she’s accustomed to brightening the days of others.

On the MTSU campus, Miss Mary is an account clerk I in the university’s Business Office. However, she’s much more to many and especially well known for the wonderful smile she always wears.

“She’s outgoing and keeps things lively around here,” co-worker Karen Moser, an account clerk III in MTSU’s Business Office, said, “and is very interested in everyone and always thoughtful.”

Another co-worker, Sherry Justice, agreed Miss Mary is a joy, day in and day out. “She’s a lot of fun, she keeps us entertained, and she loves working with the students,” Justice said. Glass said the secret to her smile and welcoming nature is simple.

“Get a Scripture and hold on to it,” she said. “Psalms 18:1 is the one I hold onto—keep God in your life and pray without ceasing. And be grateful for the good times as well as the bad times.”

Also, she added, “Smile a lot, joke a lot and play.”

Born to Esther and Carl Barnes in 1945 in Rockvale, Tenn., Glass was the youngest of four children. Along with older sister Evelyn Haynes and twin brothers Leon and Leny, Miss Mary, by her own admission, “had a great childhood. My parents were older when I was born, and I was the baby, so they spoiled me.”

From a young age, Glass said she grasped an understanding of the power of God. Over the years, the Bible is what got her through all of the good and the bad times, she observed, and since then, she said she has relied on the power of the Lord to lead her in the right direction.

“I know I am where the Lord wants me to be,” she confirmed.

A longtime volunteer, Glass has tirelessly devoted her free time and energy to a variety of causes and community organizations, serving as a former president and current member of the Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees, chairwoman of MTSU’s annual Gospel Extravaganza, founder of the Gospel Music Connections in Rutherford as well as surrounding counties, minister of music for Cherry Grove Baptist Church No.1 Choir, an assistant musician for Cherry Grove Baptist Church Mass Choir and as a Sunday School teacher at Cherry Grove.

As a resident of Murfreesboro, she also dedicates much of her volunteer time to children because she loves young people. Among her many child-centered contributions, Glass serves as president of Operation Kids, an intercommunity visual and performing arts program for children ages 7 to 17, as well as volunteering time as a youth adviser and a member of the board of directors for Wee Care Day Care Center in Murfreesboro.

“The teachers over there go beyond the call of duty,” observed Glass, referring to the day-care staff. “They do more than what they are paid for and anything I can do to help I do. I had grandchildren that went to that school and they did so much for them.”

In addition to her many volunteer endeavors, Glass also may be heard spreading positive messages via her radio program, “To God Be the Glory,” every Sunday from 6 to 7 a.m. on AM radio station WGNR-1450, FM stations 100.5 and 101.9 and on Murfreesboro’s cable TV Channel 11. During the broadcasts, Glass encourages listeners and viewers to call her with their prayer requests, words of thanks, dedications and anniversaries.

Although the majority of Glass’s work on behalf of others goes without financial reward, she’s not one about to count pennies.

“I don’t have much money, but I feel rich,” she confirmed with a beaming smile.

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