

The VOICE

of Kentucky Christian University

World's changers

KCU Alumni Making a Difference for Christ



KCU alums Habacuc and Liz Ramos-Diaz
Reach Inner-City Youth Through
Skateboarding Ministry in Santiago, Chile
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President Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.

INVESTING IN WORLD CHANGERS

I tell people often that I have one of the most wonderful and privileged jobs in the world. I get to invest my efforts in truly meaningful work; to spend my days in a dynamic, exhilarating environment; to engage with thoughtful, dedicated, and gifted faculty and staff members at KCU; and, most importantly, to invest personally and professionally in students who will leave this campus and serve as Christian leaders in the Church and professions throughout the world. Make no mistake, the challenges are abundant and often intimidating. Sometimes the stress and pressures associated with leadership are nearly overwhelming. But it is during the times of greatest difficulty that I prescribe to myself an antidote, I leave my office and simply walk the beautiful campus of KCU.

Inspired by Walking Around
Dave Packard and Bill Hewlett (Hewlett Packard) popularized the phrase *Management by Walking Around*, emphasizing the need for leaders to interact with those they lead. My experience, however, has been more closely akin to *Inspiration by Walking Around!* While the inevitability of stress and hardship is as certain today as it was in Solomon's day, I can think of no greater antidote than to take a walk and engage with faculty, staff, and particularly students on the campus of KCU. Without fail, I return to my office energized and inspired, reminded of the importance of the educational ministry of KCU and thankful to be a part of it.

As I consider the former students featured in this issue of *The Voice* (Habacuc and Liz Diaz-Ramos, David Rinehart, Debbie O'Leary, Nate and Whitney Hutchison, Darrel Land, Crystal Brooks, Justin Remaklus, Scott Pugh) and the varied and unique ways in which they are impacting the world in the name of Jesus Christ, I am reminded that the

campus of KCU serves as an incubator where visions for ministry are nurtured by faculty and staff who serve as active Christian mentors. Undoubtedly, some of the students studying today in the *foothills of the bluegrass state* will be featured in future editions of this very publication!

The Centrality of Mentorship

So, how is it, exactly, that students are consistently challenged and equipped to leave KCU as world changers? While many, many ingredients factor into this recipe, none is more important than intentional Christian mentorship. Christian mentorship serves as one of the five Strategic

Initiatives of KCU, and is explicitly required of all KCU faculty and staff. KCU boasts an impressive faculty by any standard, exceptionally well-credentialed and professionally qualified men and women whose academic pedigree rivals or surpasses that of many other larger and more prestigious universities.

Still, every faculty member at KCU accepts a dual responsibility - to be an excellent professor and academician while also

serving as a Christian mentor to students. At KCU, faculty members serve as a *guide by the side*, not a *sage on the stage*! Academic rigor coupled with intentional personal Christian mentoring has been a longstanding hallmark of KCU and will continue to produce world changers for as long as this educational ministry exists.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Voice*, and that it provides an opportunity to learn more about or re-connect with one of the best Christian universities in the country. Perhaps you would like to visit campus one day soon and join me for a walk. You'll leave inspired. 🙏

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**CHRIST
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Prepare for a Career in

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine

Through a Biology Pre-professional Degree at KCU

Kentucky Christian University announces the initiation of a Biology/Pre-professional degree program, with students being admitted beginning in August 2011.

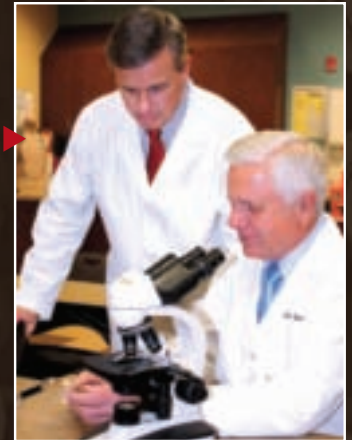
Do Your Dreams Include a Career in Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine?

Kentucky Christian University's Biology/Pre-professional program is for you!

The KCU Biology/Pre-professional program is designed to prepare students to gain entry to, and succeed in, highly competitive professional schools. Given the outstanding success KCU has experienced with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, the further extension of the curriculum into health sciences areas is a natural progression.

One of the true distinctions of a KCU degree is the relevant integration of faith and learning. To that end, the core curriculum at KCU includes a full major in Biblical studies; therefore, as with all other KCU programs, graduates of the Biology/Pre-professional Studies programs will also obtain a second major in Biblical Studies. With a KCU Biology/Pre-professional Studies undergraduate foundation, you will enter your career uniquely equipped to utilize vocation as a tool for Christian ministry. For information about the Biology/Pre-professional degree program, contact Dr. Mitch Marshall, Assoc. Vice President for Health Sciences, at 606-474-3232 or mitch@kcu.edu. †

Dr. Mitch Marshall and Dr. Stan Archer have created curricular emphases for students wishing to pursue medical, pharmacy, dental, and veterinary schools.



The success of the Yancey School of Nursing has proven to be an excellent foundation for KCU's expansion in health sciences. Dr. Mitch Marshall, Dr. Stan Archer, and YSN Dean Abby Beck are well positioned to provide educational excellence and clinical experience.



“SKATING” INTO THE HEARTS OF INNER-CITY YOUTH IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

by Larry Monroe, VP of Advancement

On a slab of concrete behind a Grayson, Kentucky church early in the year 2000 you could find the same handful of rag-tag teenagers hanging around each day. They came with sad histories, broken hearts and skateboards. For hours they would grind the short railing along a flight of stairs, carving up the small ramps they had fabricated and turning various styles of 360s. No one from the church ventured out to this makeshift skate park. So when Kentucky Christian University students Habacuc ('04) and Liz ('04) Diaz-Ramos and John Laffoon ('04) arrived and began skating, they entered into a culture in which few adults ever engage.

Habacuc and John had enjoyed skateboarding for years and soon they both

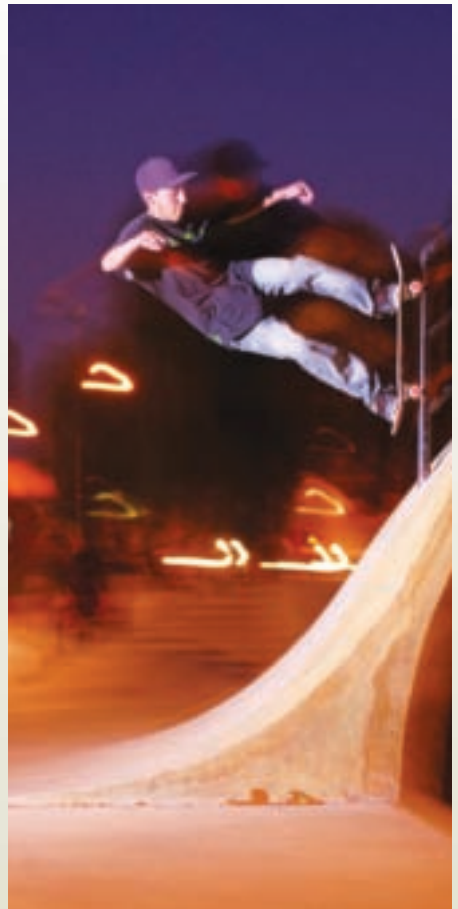


Habacuc and Liz Diaz-Ramos and children Yael, Matias, and Tomas

began perfecting their own skating styles impacted in large part by their new found skater friends. They also learned the new jargon of skateboarding and about the lives of their young, fellow skaters. Habacuc points out that one impediment to reaching these kids, is the way society often treats them. “Sadly, skaters get kicked out everywhere they go. They are viewed negatively and seen as a destructive menace. I understand this perception because skate boarding can cause damage to property. I think the key is to help these kids find a place where they can enjoy their passion.”

Habacuc soon obtained approval from another local Grayson church to build skate boarding ramps in their parking lot. It was not long until the number of skaters began to grow. During this time, God placed a clear calling on the hearts of Habacuc, Liz and John to befriend, love and disciple skater youth. In 2002, this calling eventually led to the establishment of Urban Action Ministries. After joining New Mission Systems International in 2006, the trio returned to Habacuc’s home country to minister to the skate boarding, inner-city youth of Santiago, Chile.

Santiago, Chile lies along the southern tip of South America. It has a geographic area of just 8.6 square miles and stands as the industrial and financial center of the country. Nearly seven million people live within the greater Santiago metropolitan area.



When asked about why he picked inner-city skaters as a mission field, Habacuc replied, “After Hip-Hop music, the skate boarding culture ranks #2 in terms of international popularity. To kids in this culture, it impacts nearly every element of their lives, from their clothes, to the style of their hair to the music they listen to.

Jesus went to the people. He was among the sick and dying. By infiltrating the culture of skate boarding, we are in a large sense following the example of Christ. In doing so, we can have a major impact on an inconceivable number of kids who for the most part are shunned by society in general.”

Habacuc is quick to point out the importance of the relational aspect of their ministry: “Urban Action Ministries has three overriding areas of focus: Relationships, Relevance, and, Hope. As we keep our mission directed toward these priorities,



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hearts are eventually opened to the message of Christ, which is the only true answer to the despair felt by so many of these young people.”

While a student at KCU, Habacuc demonstrated a heart for Christian service and felt God had led him into ministry, though at the time he was unsure exactly what form that ministry might take. “I wondered how God was going to use me. I thought about youth ministry because I had a true passion for kids. I also had an interest in church planting. I decided to simply trust that God would reveal His plan for my life.”

Dr. Guthrie Veech, President of St. Louis Christian College and former KCU professor saw great potential in Habacuc. “Church planting and evangelism was always the heartbeat of Habacuc’s life. As a professor all you had to do was encourage him and he was ready to learn and use the knowledge in his ministry.”

As a KCU student, Habacuc became a true ambassador to the Hispanic community in and around Carter County, KY. He began a ministry to migrant workers in Willard, KY that grew to fifteen families, assisted the Carter County Board of Education with their Migrant Worker Education Program, and was a translator for the Health Department and Court House.

When asked about the impact Urban Action Ministries is having on the youth of Santiago, Chile, a broad grin appears on Habacuc’s face. “Manuel is a skater. When we first met he was hesitant to open up relationally, which is not uncommon. In time Manuel started coming over to our house. We would drink coffee and talk. It was wonderful to see God starting to move in his life.

Manuel eventually became a Christian and one day I asked if he would share his testimony with a church where I was scheduled to speak. When that day came I was proud of Manuel as he shared, ‘I have gotten to experience some amazing and strange things since meeting Habacuc. I have slept on his couch and believe me, that’s a strange experience! But I must tell you, I have now finished my GED. Most importantly, I now know God and Jesus Christ. My life is changed and I am studying to be a professional chef with a grant from the Chilean government. I owe it all to God, Urban Action Ministries and my friend, Habacuc.’” With deep

emotion Habacuc continues, “If a kid will jump 12 flights of stairs and land a skate board on a rail, there is no limit to what that kid will do for Christ.”

Liz expresses her hope for the skaters to whom they minister. “Over time, our prayer is that these kids will become the ones sharing the gospel and sitting with other kids who have been looked down on or forgotten.”

Habacuc follows saying, “This can be a lonely ministry at times and most days it’s overwhelming because it requires so much patience. Building trust and relationships with kids who have never known such things doesn’t happen overnight. We continue to go outside our church walls, outside our personal comfort zones, to meet youth where they are. It is then we see them expressing their gifts when no one else does. It is there we stand the best chance of reaching them for Christ. It is there we must go.”

In May of 2011 John Laffoon will assume a newly created role for Urban Action Ministries that will focus on spiritual formation and helping young people impacted by the ministry to take their new-found faith to the next level. 





BRIDGES!

by Jeff Greene, Director of Church Relations

Bridges Christian Church! That name conjures up thoughts and feelings that are both positive and informative. According to Dictionary.com a bridge is a “structure spanning and providing passage over a river, chasm, road, or the like.” A bridge gets us *where we need to go*.

As a church involved in KCU’s Covenant Church program, Bridges Christian Church has insured that they are a “structure” that connects their students to a quality Christian education at KCU. However it doesn’t stop there, they keep on supporting their students as they take that education out into the world. They continue to create a spiritual bridge on a global scale. Bridges Christian Church is there to get their students *where they need to go*!

Lenny Lowe is one such student. Lenny grew up in Russell, KY. The BCC youth group takes short term mission trips. It was on one of those trips to Haiti that Lenny fell in love with the people and the possibility of returning for a lifetime of ministry. Through the help of his church, Lenny enrolled at KCU where in 2002 he received his bachelor’s degree in Advanced Biblical Studies. Lenny returned to Haiti to become the Director of Sonlight Bible College in Port-de-Paix, Haiti now 100 students strong.

Bridges Christian Church helped get Lenny where he needed to go! And that is what the Covenant Church program is all about. It is a bridge that connects the church to KCU so that students can get to where they need to go in Christian service.

BCC continues to keep their structure well-built and secure. They have this to say about their support of KCU. “Along with missions and new church work we also support the training of individuals to go into the world and make disciples through our support of Kentucky Christian University. Not only does KCU prepare individuals to work in local churches, but they train ‘missionaries’ to go into the workplace and show Jesus to the people they come in contact with each day.” We need more churches like Bridges!



If your church is a KCU Covenant Church, we want to thank you. We need you! You are vital to this ministry of Christian higher education, and we want to encourage you to keep that bridge strong for the sake of young people all across the world who may one day become students at KCU.

From time to time a bridge needs to be inspected. To our supporting churches, this is a good time to ask yourself if there is room for increase in your giving. As you give, you are making it possible for us to provide the very BEST in Christian Education. We need those bridges strong and sturdy.

If your church is not a part of the Covenant Church program, will you prayerfully investigate the advantages of this great program? Visit us on the web at www.kcu.edu/church-relations/covenant-church-program for more information or contact me at 606/474-3298 or jgreene@kcu.edu. I would love to talk to you about becoming a bridge for the next generation that will get them where they need to go. †

JEFF GREENE HEADS OFFICE OF CHURCH RELATIONS



KCU alum Jeffrey W. Greene has assumed the position of Director of Church Relations. Jeff received his undergraduate degree in 1979 and his MA in Christian Leadership in 2009.

Since graduating from KCU, Jeff has ministered to churches in West Virginia, Michigan and Florida as well as spending six years on the mission field where he helped plant six churches in Brazil.

Jeff and his wife Patty ('79), have three children, Joel, Jonathon and Rebecca ('09). We are pleased to welcome Jeff and Patty to the KCU family.

Jeff’s diverse background and experience, coupled with his personal connection to and affection for the KCU ministry of Christian higher education prepares him well to be a significant addition to the Advancement Team.

Jeff can be reached by phone at 606-474-3298 or by email at jgreene@kcu.edu. †

UNSELFISH DEVOTION MADE “CRYSTAL” CLEAR

You recognize them immediately, unsung heroes who go above and beyond in service to humanity. They walk the halls of hospitals, clinics, safe houses and wherever people are in need of compassion and a caring, helping hand. They are devoted and focused on the needs of others. They are people like KCU alum, Crystal Brooks.

Crystal is the Director of Social Services for ForestView Care and Rehabilitation Center in Dayton, Ohio, a 100-bed center serving mostly middle-aged adults with health conditions and/or a history of various levels of substance abuse. She coordinates care, housing and support services for all residents and connects them with critical resources for their recovery or other care needs.

“The most rewarding part about being a social worker is inspiring clients to do something they didn’t think they’d be able to - giving them all the tools to make a positive change in their lives,” Crystal said. “I love to help people realize that even though they may have made some poor choices in the past, there is still a lot of life to live and an opportunity to get back on their feet.”

Her advice to young, aspiring social workers is to remain open and always be teachable. “I took my first job out of college with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons knowing the kind of raw experience I could gain,” said Crystal. “There are so many different approaches to learn, and so many resources to take advantage of, so it’s essential to keep an open mind.”

Crystal shares these insights through free, monthly seminars she hosts at ForestView for local social workers and nurses. Events include seminars on ethics, dementia, motivational interviewing and discharge planning for patients with special medical needs.

Robin Zimmerman, former ForestView Facility Administrator, referred to Crystal as the “go-to person in the industry. She

always has the residents’ best interests in mind and is an advocate for them as well as their family members.” ForestView resident, Matthew Thomas, agrees. “Crystal has helped me through very hard times, and she shows a lot of love in what she does.” he said.

In a move to honor Social Work professionals and their advocacy for those in need, Crossroads Hospice of Dayton, OH created the “Caring More” award. Crystal

was recently recognized as the inaugural recipient of this award which included a cash prize. One half of this prize was paid to Crystal and the other half to a non-profit of her choice. The non-profit she chose was her home church’s Adopt-a-School program. Her donation provided holiday meals to several families of students at Arrowood Elementary in Xenia, OH.

Crystal is also a volunteer guardian for a 94-year-old woman with dementia whose family lives out of state. She visits her regularly with her nine-year-old son Garrett and considers her a “part of my family.” Crystal is a member of the praise and worship team and a volunteer teacher

for Vacation Bible School at First Church of Christ in Xenia. She also serves proudly as “Team Mom” for her son’s football team.

Crystal graduated from the KCU School of Social Work and Human Services in 1996. She and her husband Brian (’95), live in Xenia with their son Garrett.

Margaret McLaughlin, KCU’s Dean of Social Work and Human Services, noted that “Since I have known Crystal, she has always been a bubbly person. She shows the compassion of Christ in both her professional practice and her personal ministry. She lives the scripture: *The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).*”



Crystal Brooks with her award along with Peggy Richardson, Executive Director of Crossroads Hospice in Dayton, OH.



CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

LOOKING FOR LIFETIME INCOME AND A WAY TO SUPPORT KCU?


Some gifts can also provide you with lifetime income benefits. If you are considering alternatives to what has been historically low certificate of deposit income, or low-stock dividends, tools such as the charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust may be an attractive option. When properly planned, these tools can provide income for life, a charitable tax deduction, avoidance of capital gains tax, and the joy of supporting the Lord's work at KCU.

To learn more about these tools contact Larry Monroe at 606-474-3282, or via email at lmonroe@kcu.edu. You can also find information on the giving section of the KCU website at www.kcu.edu.

Charitable Gift Annuity compared to CD rates

CD rates are perhaps as low as they have ever been. In a recent *USA Today*, the rate for a one-year certificate was just .3%, a three-year was only .49%, and a five year was barely 1.5%. If you are trying to make ends meet on CD income you know it is pretty tough!

If you have a certificate of deposit coming due, perhaps you might consider replacing it with a Charitable Gift Annuity with KCU. The benefits include a fixed rate of income, a charitable tax deduction, favorable tax treatment on the interest earned, and the satisfaction of knowing your gift is also an investment in the students of Kentucky Christian University.

Contact Larry Monroe at 606-474-3282 or lmonroe@kcu.edu for more information. 

Sample Gift Annuity Rates

Single Life

Age	Rate
65.....	5.3%
70.....	5.7%
72.....	5.9%
75.....	6.3%
80.....	7.1%

Memorial, Honorary, Scholarship, & Estate Gifts

Gifts received
May 1, 2010 -
February 28, 2011

In Memory Of

Sam P. Jones

By: Arnold's Creek Christian Church, Middlebourne, WV

Charles Lawhon

By: Barbara M. Nilsen

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By: M/M Russell G. Webb

Mabel Malick

By: Elizabeth Boyd

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By: Barbara M. Nilsen

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By: Donna Griffith
Dr. & Mrs. Keith P. Keeran
Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Metcalf
Anne Stanley Worthington

L. Palmer & Elva Young to the L. Palmer Young Endowed Scholarship

By: M/M David Shuman

L. Palmer Young to the L. Palmer Young Endowed Scholarship

By: David and Susan Adkins

Beattyville Christian Church,
Beattyville, KY

Blue & Company, LLC,
Carmel, IN

M/M Larry Brandon
Margaret Camic
Molly Wolfel Caudill
Centerpointe Christian Church, Lexington, KY

M/M Roy Clark
William Clem
M/M Gene Cocanougher
Mary Ruth Cole
M/M Ricky G. Dye

Dr. & Mrs. Jack Dyer
M/M Ronald Fey
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund,
Cincinnati OH

M/M Raymond Griffith
M/M George Heaton
M/M Bruce Heller
M/M W. James Host

M/M Michael Jacoby
Dr. & Mrs. Keith P. Keeran
M/M Burton Kincheloe

M/M J. Stephen Lane
M/M Robert Littrell
Patrick Massie

M/M Frank McKinley
Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Metcalf
M/M David Nance

M/M David Nedros
Inez Newsome

M/M Jerry Provence
M/M Stephen Pruitt
M/M Ralph Reece

M/M Wallace Rendel
M/M David Rosenbaum

M/M John Samples
M/M Jack Simpson
M/M Lachlan Smith

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Tates Creek Christian Church,
Lexington, KY
The Carpenter's Christian Church, Harrodsburg, KY

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Michelle Waggoner
M/M Brad Walden
Elaine Wesley
M/M David Williams
M/M Charles Wooley
Estate of L. Palmer Young

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By: M/M Keith Jones

Dr. Jeffrey Metcalf

By: Clarksburg Church of Christ, Vanceburg, KY

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Lynn Bliffen Thomsen

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By: Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

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By: Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

John E. Eggleston Scholarship

By: M/M Paul Eggleston

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By: Moxham Christian Church, Johnstown, PA

Charles Gresham Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

Kindelberger Scholarship

By: Estate of William & Frances Kindelberger

Erby & Lorraine Messimer Scholarship

By: Wendell Messimer

William Peebles Scholarship

By: M/M William Peebles

Carol Phillips Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

Mary S. & Loretta C. Sanders Scholarship

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Mary Sue Babcock
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By: Mary Anna Marshall

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Fern Creek Christian Church, Louisville, KY
M/M Leon Harris
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Rose McCann
New Lisbon Christian Church, New Lisbon, IN
M/M Robert Sealock
Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY
Helen Stevenson
M/M Eli Wallace

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VELOCITY AT THE SPEED OF LOVE

by Larry Marshall,
Director of Alumni Services

Crowding into a living room in a Cleveland, Ohio neighborhood in April of 2009, a small group of fourteen people celebrated the first service of Velocity Church. Scott Pugh ('94) and staff member David Thorne had just culminated an 18-month season of seed planting, serving, and "being Jesus" to the city they were learning to love. Scott says of their approach, "I love the way Jesus put it: 'If you want to be first you have to be last and if you want to be great you have to serve people with no strings attached' (my translation). To me, Jesus' words meant that typical advertising and marketing campaigns wouldn't work for us. We needed some way to show the people of Cleveland who Jesus is so they wouldn't just write us off and ignore us."




Scott Pugh, Former Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell, and Velocity Staff Member David Thorne

Their strategy is working. The last 20 months have been a whirlwind of community involvement and transformational change that certainly lives up to the descriptive name of the church. Since the inaugural service of Velocity Church (velocitycleveland.org), 42 people have given their lives to Christ and been baptized, and the church is averaging 200 in attendance. Those numbers are great by themselves. However, God has uniquely positioned Velocity Church in the city of Cleveland in an influential way.

In August of 2009, the Mayor of Cleveland approached Scott with a proposition. Cleveland was doing a poor job of providing sustained programs for kids throughout the city. Mayor Campbell had seen firsthand the impact Velocity was having, and asked if they would consider creating and running some youth programs for the city. In response, Scott formed a non-profit organization called Love Cleveland (lovecleveland.org). The mission of Love Cleveland is to provide a variety of programs and activities

for at-risk students and young people who live below the federal poverty line.

Recently another opportunity has materialized. Ben Watson, wide receiver for the Cleveland Browns also heard about the impact Velocity was having in the city of Cleveland. He approached Scott with the idea of hosting a free football camp for kids during the summer. This coming July, Velocity will host its first football camp to reach out to inner-city kids.

God is opening doors for Velocity and Love Cleveland that no one imagined on that first night in Scott's living room: Doors of opportunity to build relationships, to give hope to the hopeless, and to show and tell others about the love of Jesus. Scott sums it up by saying, "The city's needs have become our interest and the welfare of schools and neighborhoods our concern. Our goal has been to extend extravagant love and kindness to people, especially to people who are wounded and skeptical." 



TAKING BUSINESS BEYOND THE BOTTOM LINE

In 2009 when Justin Remaklus landed his job at the Seattle, WA accounting firm of Moss Adams he could not have envisioned the journey on which God would take him. Not long after joining Moss Adams, Justin passed each of the four parts of the CPA exam on his first attempt and shortly thereafter earned a promotion to a senior staff position with the firm. He consults with both United States and Canadian clients, researches and prepares marketing proposals to gain new clients and prepares corporate tax returns. In spite of the fast paced, demanding work environment, Justin still finds time outside of the workplace to give of himself to his community.

In the fall of 2010, Justin and three other Moss Adams CPAs developed a plan to help local community groups and schools learn how to manage their finances. It all started with a conversation about the issues that led to the poor national economy. One issue the group identified was the lack of financial education in schools and in the community. They brainstormed ways they could help, and drafted a proposal for assistance for the owners of Moss Adams.

The group proposed the establishing of a grassroots organization called Financial Literacy Outreach (FLO) to provide free financial courses to local schools and nonprofits.

Moss Adams enthusiastically supported the proposal and paid for CPE (continuing professional education) training for the team members to help better equip them to provide financial literacy education. The managing partners of the firm were particularly pleased with the community outreach component of the team's proposal.

The FLO team also conducts financial literacy workshops

throughout the year for the residents of a women's shelter called Womencare. According to Justin, these sessions often lead to rather poignant and open dialogue among the women. "It is very moving to hear some of the financial hardships the women have gone through. We leave the shelter fulfilled knowing we had directly impacted their lives."




The FLO team also partnered with an area middle school's AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) program - a fourth through twelfth grade system which prepares students for college eligibility. The team presents to the students on a monthly basis on a variety of financial education topics.

Justin expresses appreciation to KCU and the role it played in his achievements. "I enjoyed the close contact with the professors at KCU and the support they gave me. The quality of preparation enabled me to succeed right away and I believe this is the reason I climbed the learning curve faster than I would have if I had chosen to go elsewhere for my education."

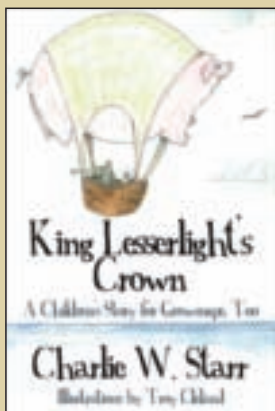
Justin and his wife Ursula met while both were KCU students. Ursula transferred from KCU to be closer to her

home in Washington State, and shortly thereafter Justin started researching employment opportunities in Seattle.

Justin graduated from the KCU School of Business in 2009 with a BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) degree. He intends to make Partner at Moss Adams by the time he turns 30.

Justin and Ursula are actively involved at Christ the King Church in Seattle, WA. 

KCU PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT: DR. CHARLIE W. STARR



King Lesserlight's Crown

KCU professor Charlie W. Starr has just published his fourth book, *King Lesserlight's Crown: A Children's Book for Grownups Too*. Charlie describes the book as *Narnia meets The Little Prince*. The cover and 17 illustrations in the book were drawn by KCU alumnus Troy Cleland ('00). A business major and All American on the '97 Knights Soccer team, Troy is quite an artist as well. *King Lesserlight* represents Troy's first foray into book illustration.

"Recollection"


"Recollection" is a five minute movie/music video paying homage to military families who have lost loved ones and was produced by the KCU Humanities 301 Film and American Culture. The song, "Recollection" was written for this project by Nate Fahl, stepson of KCU Humanities alumni, Jeff Kinder and is recorded by KCU junior Samantha Ransom who stars in the movie with her husband, KCU junior Todd Ransom. "Recollection" was recently accepted into the Garden State Film Festival. The movie was directed by former KCU student John S. Mann, produced by Dr. Starr and students in the 2010 film class. "Recollection" can be seen on YouTube by searching: Samantha Ransom's "Recollection."

Christian Scholars Review

The summer 2011 issue of *Christian Scholars Review*, a national, peer reviewed, scholarly journal will feature essays on the intersection between faith and film. Dr. Starr's essay, "Faith without Film is Dull: C. S. Lewis Corrects Evangelicals on Art, Movies and World View Analysis," will be the lead essay in the summer issue.

Light: C. S. Lewis's First and Final Short Story

C. S. Lewis is best known as a Christian apologist and author of the beloved Narnia books. But Lewis wrote so much more in his life time, more than even the forty plus books he published. Many of Lewis's unpublished works were preserved by Walter Hooper who writes in his introduction to *The Dark Tower and Other Stories* of saving many of Lewis's notebooks and manuscripts from being burned in a bonfire by Lewis's family. Thanks to Hooper, we have had a short story which he titled "The Man Born Blind" for decades. But this oldest of Lewis's short stories is not the version which Lewis intended to publish.

The book, *Light: C. S. Lewis's First and Final Short Story*, will rectify this problem by publishing the "Light" manuscript. The four page hand written "Light" manuscript was discovered over two decades ago and now resides in the Edwin Brown collection at the library of Taylor University in Indiana. Taylor has authorized Dr. Starr to write a book in which the manuscript will finally be published in the form and under the title Lewis intended. 

TROY ROUSH - NEW DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE




On Jan. 31, 2011 KCU Alum Troy Roush ('95) assumed leadership of the University's maintenance department.

Since graduating from KCU Troy

ministered to several congregations in North Carolina and Ohio and in recent years honed his skills in other areas of work experience earning him the leadership position in maintenance.


Interestingly, Troy worked in maintenance as a student at KCU under the leadership of Bill Leamon where he was a member of the grounds crew and worked with Larry Metcalf in the mechanic's garage.

Troy's unique mix of ministry and mechanical/engineering/construction work and management experience coupled with his personal connection to and affection for the KCU ministry of Christian higher education prepares him well to be a great addition to the maintenance team. Troy and his wife Michelle have three children, Justin (20), Elijah (14) and Abigail (13). 

KCU REGISTRAR SAYS GOODBYE

We say goodbye to Kim Turpin, who announced recently she will be leaving KCU the summer of 2011. Kim originally came to KCU in 2005 as the Administrative Assistant in the Academic Office. She has served as Registrar since 2008 and has also worked in institutional research. "Kim has been a vital part of



the KCU team, particularly during all the work for our accreditation reaffirmation," said Perry L. Stepp, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "She is leaving a void that will be difficult to fill." 

GOOD NEWS REGARDING ACCREDITATION

by Dr. Perry L. Stepp, VP of Academic Affairs

There's been no bigger story over the past couple of years than the reaffirmation of our accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC.) Accreditation carries huge implications for the institution.


Reaffirmation is a grueling process, involving well over two years of reports, visits, and consultations. KCU submitted four major documents to the Commission, describing everything from the kinds of Christian service opportunities we provide to our students to the topics covered in our graduate degrees.

In December, almost three years after the first reports were generated we received official word from the Commission. KCU has been reaccredited for ten years. Not only has our

accreditation been reaffirmed; we have been reaffirmed with no ongoing monitoring or supervision from SACS. This is a rare achievement; of nearly two-hundred institutions reviewed by the Commission in December, the vast majority were required to submit to monitoring or a series of follow-up reports.

Being reaffirmed, free and clear, is an incredibly positive result. We are thankful to God for guiding and blessing the months of hard work that went into the process.

Other Accreditation-Related News

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) is the national accrediting body for college-level programs in social work. In April 2010, KCU's Social Work program hosted Dr. Lillian Reddick, an on-site reviewer representing CSWE. In November 2010, the School of Social Work and Human Services received the final report from CSWE's Commission on Accreditation. The Commission has affirmed the accreditation of KCU's Social Work program through October 2018. Congratulations to our Social Work faculty (Margaret McLaughlin and David Messer, and their administrative assistant Mary Marshall), and thanks to them for all their hard work on behalf of the University. 

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Dr. Wes Golightly, 20 year KCU faculty member, has been appointed the new Dean of the School of Music.

Dr. Mark Deakins, former Dean of the School of Music continues to provide leadership with regard to KCU's acclaimed choral programs and serves as an esteemed member of the faculty of the School of Music.

Abby Beck, who has served for several years as the interim Dean of the Yancey School of Nursing, has been appointed Dean on a permanent basis.

Naulayne Enders has been appointed interim Director of Young Library. Ms. Enders served as assistant to Mr. Tom Scott, former Director of Young Library and is an indispensable part of our academic life.



Linda Justice



Tracy Schumann



Heidi Wineland

We welcome the following new faculty and staff members:

- Linda Justice, Clinical Instructor, Yancey School of Nursing; Linda is an experienced caregiver having worked at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland and at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, KY. She also taught nursing at Ashland Community & Technical College.
- Tracy Schumann, Associate Professor, School of Music; Tracy has ministered in Ohio and Kansas. He is directing our Worship/Church Music program.
- Heidi Wineland has assumed the role of Public Services Librarian. Ms. Wineland worked with the Cincinnati Public Library and has worked on special library projects at Cincinnati Christian University. 

RETHINKING CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

by Larry Marshall, Director of Alumni Services

At first glance, the city of Christchurch, New Zealand might not seem like an ideal destination for a church planting team. After all, it is called Christchurch. The name itself can lead to a number of conclusions about the spiritual condition of its people.

But when Nate and Whitney (Meaige) Hutchison (both KCU class of '02) began to understand what was really going on throughout New Zealand and Christchurch in particular, they found that the opposite was true. They quickly learned that the state of Christianity in New Zealand was nearing an historical low. Some studies confirm that only 5-10% of New Zealanders attend any sort of church. Much like western European nations, many people have traded their relationship with Jesus for a more secular lifestyle that has no interest in God.

During their time at KCU and through the early years of doing worship ministry in Indiana, Nate and Whitney spent a lot of time talking about missions and how they might someday serve cross-culturally. With Nate's strengths as a worship leader and Whitney's background in missions as an Intercultural Studies major, they were praying and listening for the right opportunity that could utilize both of their passions. When they were presented with a chance to be a part of a church planting movement in New Zealand (NZ), it became clear this was the opportunity for which God had uniquely equipped their family.

As they began to entertain the idea of church planting in New Zealand, their eyes were opened to a nation plagued with broken families, substance abuse, legalized prostitution, and one of the highest suicide rates in the world. The shortage of well-trained, biblically sound Christian ministers was a by-product of this culture of hopelessness. With that in mind, Nate and Whitney packed up in November of 2007 and, along with other

team members, moved to Auckland, NZ to work with Shore Community Church. Shortly thereafter they landed in Christchurch, serving under the umbrella of South Pacific Christian Fellowship. They immediately began laying the foundation for New Zealand's newest church, Rechurch. After a series of "preview" services in the fall of 2009, Rechurch officially launched in February 2010 and is currently meeting in a movie theater in a local mall. In those first few months the church celebrated four baptisms, a number of new babies, and they've become an active member of the Christchurch community. The clever name Rechurch is intended to communicate an intentional ministry approach centered on Re(thinking)church in hopes


of reaching people who may have abandoned past church methods and practices or who based on preconceived notions have never given church a chance in their personal lives. (www.rechurch.co.nz)



Nate and Whitney Hutchison with children Lane and Henry

One important area of service that wasn't part of their church planting strategy was the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways during the recent earthquakes that shook throughout their region. Some estimates say over 2,500 aftershocks were felt following the initial quake. The Rechurch team found themselves right in the middle of it all, finding

ways to show Jesus to their neighbors and new friends in Christchurch.

The big-picture strategy for Nate and Whitney actually involves much more than their work in Christchurch. Like their Australian neighbors, New Zealanders have a global reputation of equality, fairness, and peace. Because of this, they have access and influence in parts of the world that Americans do not, particularly in the Middle East and Northern Africa. Nate and Whitney have a vision that perhaps through their efforts in New Zealand, missionaries can be raised up for God's global Church who can in turn reach people for Christ who lie outside of their grasp. (n8andwhitney.com) 

A MINISTRY OF TEACHING IN NEW YORK CITY

Any given weekday will find Debbie O'Leary on a train and subway going to and from her home on Long Island in Holbrook, NY and her job in Brooklyn, NY. The three to four hour roundtrip commute is dreaded by many but a joy for this 1997 graduate of the Keeran School of Education. You see, Debbie is not commuting to just any job, it's a job that she says, "God has given me."

Debbie is in her tenth year at PS250 Grade School in Brooklyn where she taught 3rd grade for eight years and 2nd grade for the last two years. Most of her students are Hispanic and according to Debbie, being in a diverse area, the school celebrates many cultures. "I enjoy my job and working with the diversity that comes with inner-city students. We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Chinese New Year, and Black History Month. Being at the school for 10 years, I have had many siblings of former students, something that seems to please parents, which I find encouraging."

Debbie experiences great personal satisfaction in her job knowing she is making a real difference in the lives of her students and fellow faculty and staff. "My colleagues know I am a Christian, so are many of them. My Christianity makes the difference in the impact I can have on those with whom I come in contact on a daily basis. I plan on staying here until God reveals that He has other plans for me."

In the last ten years Debbie has completed her Master in Education/Special Education Degree Grades 1-6 and, as one who appreciates learning, has taken additional courses to help her be more effective in the classroom, including: "Differentiated Instruction", "Aiding Students with Learning Disabilities", "Teaching Diverse Learners", "Response to Intervention" and "Accelerating Student Achievement Across the Curriculum."

In the summer Debbie's family is active in the local Christian service camp. She is also involved in the Christian education programs of her church, is chairperson on the grounds committee and along with a group of other women works with a local women's shelter. She has the following to say about this meaningful experience.

"Our group met with the director of the shelter about what we could do to help. Our first project was creating personal toiletry bags for the women. Then we did personal bags for their children. Once a month we play Bingo where we really get to know the women personally. The shelter's backyard was a dirt lot so we raised funds to transform it into a nice lawn. We have done Thanksgiving cookies, Christmas crafts, summer yard toy donations and back to school supplies.

Although we cannot directly teach about Christ, the women know we are from a church and they are indirectly learning that we genuinely care about them because of our relationship with Christ. It is a true hands-on, fruitful ministry for which we give God the glory!"

Dr. Karen Ford, Interim Dean of the Keeran School of Education had this to say about Debbie: "Debbie was one of those students who radiated a love for teaching even in her early years of training. Her objective always was making a difference in the lives of her students. I am not at all surprised at her success in an inner-city school and loving every minute of it. She is God's emissary to the Brooklyn borough of New York City."

Debbie and her husband Pete (KCU '97) attend the Holbrook Christian Church where Pete is the Lead Minister. Debbie and Pete have three grown children and two granddaughters.



Debbie O'Leary demonstrates a game to children at a school "Field Day" in Brooklyn, NY



KCU NAMES FORMER NFL WIDE RECEIVER MIKE FURREY AS NEW FOOTBALL COACH

by Bruce W. Dixon, Athletic Director

At a recent press conference KCU announced the appointment of Washington Redskins wide-receiver Mike Furrey to the position of Head Football Coach for the Knights. Furrey played collegiately for Ohio State University and the University of Northern Iowa prior to a very successful seven-year career in the NFL. Mike also played for the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions.

KCU President, Dr. Jeffrey K. Metcalf expressed great excitement about the addition of Furrey saying, "Mike Furrey has, for many years, been a familiar presence on our campus. He has maintained a personal relationship with members of the campus community and when his name appeared as a potential coaching candidate, he was already known to be a man with a tremendous commitment to Christian



Coach Furrey meets with players following press conference



Former KCU Basketball Coach Loran Dace congratulates Coach Furrey

leadership and service... we are very excited to welcome Coach Furrey!"

Mike's passion for leading young men is very evident and as a result of his efforts and those of his staff, God's Kingdom will be furthered through the KCU football program.

In speaking of his appointment, Coach Furrey commented, "I am honored and humbled to be named the Head Football Coach at Kentucky Christian University. My entire family is extremely excited about this opportunity and we look forward to becoming a part of the Grayson, Kentucky community."

We welcome Mike and Koren, along with their three children; Makayla (6), Stone (3) and Kanon (3) to the KCU family. 🇺🇸

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS HAVE "BANNER" YEAR



The KU Lady Knights are no strangers to the winner's circle. This year's season culminated in an unprecedented 14th national championship (fifth in a row). We congratulate coaches Ron Arnett, Aimie Walker, and Kristin Clark for an amazing season. Tony Bowens was named to the All Tournament Team and was the Tournament MVP; Autumn Carter received 1st Team All American and All Tournament Team honors; and Tara Weddle was named to the All Tournament Team and received Honorable Mention as a 1st Team All American. †



Following their second straight NCCAA II Midwest Region title, the Lady Knights soccer team entered national tournament play as the 8th seed, but quickly proved that seeding was low. KU finished 6th nationally – the program's best overall finish. Kylie Blodgett and Jessica Proudfoot were named 1st Team All Americans. †



KU's volleyball team completed the best season in program history, achieving a fifth consecutive NCCAA II Midwest Region title; 30-6 record; and a national tournament semi-final appearance that resulted in the highest final season ranking and finished their season 3rd in the nation! April Hershauer and Madison Furman were named 1st Team All Americans. †

KNIGHTS BASKETBALL FINISH 7TH IN NATION

The KU Knights had a strong season under the leadership of new head Coach Ron Reed. Finishing the season with a 20-13 record, KU received an "at large" bid to the NCCAA II National Tournament where they finished 7th in the nation. Senior Casey Jones topped

off a stellar career as a KU Knight by being named the 2011 Regional Player of the Year and was named 1st Team All American at the National Tournament. According to Coach Reed, Casey ended his career as the second highest scorer in Knights recorded history. †

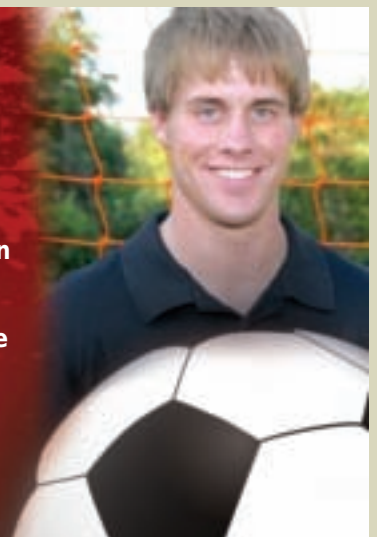
JOSHUA MILLER NAMED WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

Joshua Miller will lead the Lady Knights soccer program. The Martinsville, IN native is a 2007 graduate of Cincinnati Christian University where he helped the Golden Eagles win three NCCAA II Midwest Region titles and one national runner-up finish.

Miller holds a National USSF D license, and has coached both male and female teams at various age levels.

The Lady Knights are coming off their best season (National 6th place finish) in the program's brief history.

KU A.D. Bruce Dixon commented on the relative importance of this hire, "Our women's soccer program currently has tremendous momentum and Joshua has the knowledge and enthusiasm to make us a national contender." †



CHURCH PLANTING BACK HOME IN INDIANA

by Kent E. Fillinger, Pres. of 3:STRANDS Consulting and Assoc. Dir. of Projects and Partnerships with CMF International, Indianapolis, IN

Jasper, Indiana is not likely on your bucket list of places to visit. If you are like most, you need a GPS to even find it. And Jasper also isn't the kind of town a typical church planter or church planting organization would pinpoint for a new church.

But Darrel Land ('95) is not your typical church planter. At age 26, he was confident God was calling him to plant a church in this small, rural community of 14,000 in southern Indiana, just 30 minutes away from where he grew up in French Lick.

As a student at KCU, Darrel felt God was calling him to plant a church in Jasper because there were no Restoration Movement churches located in the town populated by German Catholics and other traditional mainline churches.

While serving in another Indiana congregation, Darrel asked spiritual mentors and friends to pray for him regarding his ministry calling, and they echoed God's call for him to plant a church in Jasper.

After resigning from the church he was serving, Darrel moved back to French Lick to live with his family and to plant a church in Jasper. He didn't have a coach. He had no support from a church planting organization, no previous church planting experience, and no staff. With only \$75 a week in financial support from his home church, he placed some ads in the Jasper newspaper, and the Christian Church of Jasper held its first service on May 21, 2000, at the Jasper Days Inn with 14 local members and 20 visitors from other churches.

First Growth

After experiencing some growth, the church moved to a local movie theater. In August 2001, a local warehouse was purchased. In February 2007, after six years of substantial growth, the church built and moved into a \$2 million, 15,000-square-foot facility.

Using a simple, informal, internal capital campaign, members were asked to make anonymous commitments to the new facility. Through the generosity and growth of the church, the entire \$2 million was received in one year!

Darrel confessed he "underestimated God." He thought the new building would provide enough space to grow for at least five years, but after only one year the church had outgrown the facility.

In late 2008, a new \$8.5 million, 45,000-square-foot expansion project was begun. Giving for the expansion has again exceeded expectations, enabling the church to reduce required debt. Throughout its growth, the church has continued to strive to keep its focus on Jesus (and not on new buildings and facilities).

Core Values


Darrel says the church lives by three core values: preaching Jesus and his Word; offering a worship style unlike any other area church; and "loving on people." The congregation also has been active in community outreach and leverages a quality website, Facebook, Twitter, and sermon podcasts to help set it apart from other area churches.

Darrel encourages other church planters to "be patient, because the growth doesn't happen overnight." He noted the Jasper church had minimal growth the first three to four years and that a lot of people came and went during that time. He said he would be interested in one day starting a group focused on planting churches in rural, small towns.



The church's latest facilities expansion should be finished by May 2011, but Darrel anticipates a 1,100-seat worship center will also be built someday. He and his staff have consulted larger Indiana churches for help in navigating the challenges of leading a fast-growing church. The church recently completed a ministry restructuring as it continues to adapt its infrastructure and communication to catch up to the growth.

The church also continues to explore church planting possibilities somewhere in the United States, including outlying rural areas. The church is committed to reaching people for Jesus and it is willing to do whatever it can to best accomplish that goal.

Darrel and his wife Holli have two children, Libia and Jace. 
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A CHAMPION OF WORSHIP VALUES

by Todd Bussey

David Rinehart came to Crossroads Christian Church, Evansville, IN as a 16-year old student who was immediately attracted to their high school worship ensemble. Coming from a line of artists and musicians, this brought alive in him a deep spiritual connection to God. In the years to come, David would not only embrace the musical opportunities at Crossroads, he would return as their Worship Minister and define a new level of what worship in the local church could be like.

Shortly after graduating from KCU in 1994, David returned to Crossroads and helped build their music and worship program. Through his 16-year history, he has grown the ministry to include over 450 regular volunteers. The 200 person choir sings every month in weekend worship, hosts three major worship events and is involved in regional and global outreaches.

The music and worship staff includes KCU alums Chris Hirsch ('07) and Aislin Arney Carter ('00). Together, they have built a ministry that seeks to create worshippers from the youngest to the oldest. The programs include a 70 instrument orchestra, a travelling jazz praise band, numerous young and senior adult choirs, and a ten team rotation of weekend worship leaders. Worship is a core value at Crossroads and while he has established a talented and dedicated team, it is the values that David champions that keeps this ministry vibrant and rooted.



Creating Worshippers from the Youngest to the Oldest

It is not uncommon to see elementary aged students leading worship with 80-year old "grandmas". David delights in bringing diversity to the stage and says, "Worship needs to reflect who we are. We are people of all ages and backgrounds." While promoting intergenerational worship participants the quality of worship is not compromised as the less experienced play together with the more proficient.

Worship that is Presented in Spirit and Truth

Since worship is the instrument used to connect with God's heart, David and team strive to provide music styles that span the ages of Christianity. "The focus is

on the truthfulness of the message and it's capacity to connect to our hearts" says David. It is not uncommon to hear a contemporary spin to a traditional hymn, or a traditional spin to a contemporary hit. This forces worshippers to focus, not on their personal preferences but on the truths being shared.


Because worship is so central to connecting people to God, rehearsals begin with prayer and times of devotion.

Worship as an Instrument to Train and Equip

Guests to the services have a hard time believing that the worship ministry participants in the church of 3,500 are volunteers. In a time when many churches hire professionals, David has resisted this approach. "This is not a performance ministry. Our volunteers and our church family must understand that." With this core value in mind, David identifies students in the ministry and shares the worship platform with them. Recently, two fifth grade boys read scripture and prayed while a third led worship. In any given week, this scene could be played out by a middle school leader or a senior adult. The message being shared is, "this is your ministry, too."

Keeping an Evangelistic Focus with Worship

David has developed a culture of outreach through music. A summer arts camp attracts over a 1,000 students in the city, the choir travels around the tri-state to perform at numerous venues. The music is just a fraction of the ministry the ensembles bring. They serve, share Christ and bring good news to the broken hearted and disconnected. These teams will also travel cross-culturally, presenting music in Arabic and Spanish. The level of connection is stunning because the choir took time to share the music in the native tongue.

David's journey at Crossroads began 24 years ago. He will be quick to say he is a product of a ministry that served him well. But those who have watched him through the years will say that this is a man who caught and lived faithfully to a vision, who lives humbly and is passionate to freely give what has been given to him. 

Todd Bussey ('84) is the Sr. Assoc. Minister at Crossroads Christian Church.



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NEWS & EVENTS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS

“It Feels Good to Come Home”

“The 2010 KCU homecoming event stirred my soul in ways that are difficult to express... We could have stayed there for days. We are very excited and looking forward to attending the 2011 KCU homecoming.” Dan Foss ('85)

Looking Back at 2010

What a great weekend! Many alumni and friends of KCU came together for a time of fellowship, celebration, and reconnecting with this wonderful school that means so much to so many.

There was a little something for everyone: Pete Kunkle ('79) delivered a tremendous banquet message. Matt Archibald ('84), Tom Alexander ('84) and friend Mark Barbee provided great special music. Mark Stuart ('91) and Will McGinnis ('06) of Audio Adrenaline led us in the evening concert and worship experience. Friday ended late with our traditional Homecoming bonfire.

Dorcas Hall Now Pifer Hall

Dorcas Hall was renamed Pifer Hall during a time of tribute to Dr. Lester Pifer.

Knight Riders & Tailgating

Saturday morning included the first ever KnightRider motorcycle ride, and an exciting tailgate party and double-overtime football game.



Looking Ahead to 2011

But most importantly, Homecoming was about one another. The connections that were made, both old and new, made it a terrific weekend. If you were here, we hope you are glad you came. If you were not able to join us in 2010, mark your



calendar for October 14-15, 2011. We had a tremendous turnout in 2010 and we hope you'll make plans to join us this year. Plans are underway for Fall Homecoming 2011 and we'll be announcing all of the specifics by late Spring so watch your email for details.

Time for a Reunion?

If this is a key anniversary year for your graduating class and you're interested in organizing a reunion during Homecoming weekend, we want to help! Contact us at alumni@kcu.edu or 606-474-3277 for more details regarding how to make your class reunion successful.

LUSBY DESCENDENT LELA JORDAN NAMED FALL HOMECOMING QUEEN

Lela Jordan ('12) was crowned Fall Homecoming Queen. Lela is the daughter of John and Martha (Lusby) Jordan.





Welcome To The Family

Homecoming Highlights



In addition to these photos check out the great Homecoming photos at www.kcuknightline.com.

- Todd** ('97) and **Heather (Sweeney)** ('97) **Calvert**, a son, Zachary, 6/8/10
- Stephen** ('07) and **Kimberly (Monroe)** ('06) **Cox**, a daughter, Eloise, 8/20/08
- Randy** ('05) and **Laura (Willmore)** ('05) **Diebel** a son, Andrew, 12/14/10
- Jason and **Tricia (Thomas) Dorsey** ('01), a daughter, Hayleigh, 12/27/10
- Stacey (Doss)** ('09) and **Andy Eding**, a son, Cody, 7/2/10
- Bryan** ('07) & **Shawna (Meurer)** ('08) **Edwards**, a son, Collin, 6/20/10
- Adam** ('08) and **Nicole (Shinault)** ('10) **Eggleston**, a son, Benjamin, 2/19/10
- Kourtney & **Sarah (Bondurant)** ('03) **Funk**, a daughter, Willow, 11/23/10
- Brent** ('99) and **Twila (Neyhart)** ('99) **Godsey**, a son, Hayden, 2/21/10
- Jeffrey and **Jesse (Ellis)** ('02) **Harden**, a son, Elliott, 4/8/10
- Steve** ('00) and **Sara (Campbell)** ('00) **Harley** adopted a daughter, Avery, born 7/18/10
- Josh** ('04) and **Melony (Smith)** ('02) **Harman**, a daughter, Adalynn, 8/4/10
- John** ('05) and **Rachel (Szalli)** ('05) **Harvey**, a son, Camden, 3/2/11
- Ryan** ('96) and **Lara (Daniels)** ('99) **Heck**, a son, Gavin, 9/1/09
- Phil and **Joy (Becker)** ('00) **Helbig**, a daughter, Grace, 6/10/10
- Nate** ('02) and **Whitney (Meaige)** ('02) **Hutchison**, a son, Henry, 6/25/10
- Rob** ('08) & **Robyn (Ragsdale)** ('05) **Lansdale**, a daughter, Kaelyn, 7/4/10
- David** ('06) and **Deborah (Bondurant)** ('06) **Markey**, a daughter, Selah, 2/3/11
- Kevin** ('03) & **Leah (Malernee)** ('02) **Miller**, a son, Ezra, 9/29/10
- Ryan** ('05) and **Allison (Meaige)** ('06) **Morrow**, a daughter, Penny, 8/9/10
- David** ('01) and **Jennifer (Harkless)** ('99) **Norris**, a son, Kannon, 12/10/10
- Joshua and **Elizabeth (Caldwell)** (att. '98-'99) **Preston**, a daughter, Kaitlyn, 9/16/10
- Braun** ('07) and **Emily (Stump)** ('06) **Ream**, a daughter, Leah, 10/29/10
- Joel** ('05) and **Randi (Goodwin)** ('05) **Reid**, a daughter, Eden, 10/31/10
- Alex** ('06) and **Jamie (Oliver)** ('06) **Robinson**, twin sons, Cole and Luke, 1/22/11
- Bryan** ('06) and **Hannah (Herrold)** ('05) **Shelley**, a daughter, Adelyn, 7/22/10
- Jordan** ('09) and **Melissa (Oliver)** (att '05-'07) **Stanley**, a daughter, Madeline, 11/8/10
- Chuck and **Tara (Cox)** ('01) **Stroup**, twin sons, Cole, and Jude, 9/10/10
- Steve** ('91) and **Martina Webster**, a daughter, Mallory, 3/28/09, and a son, Simon, 9/16/08
- Jonathan** ('00) and **Angela (Spaulding)** ('02) **Wells**, adopted Jeremiah, and Rachel, 2/16/10



NACC Reception

Join us in Cincinnati on Wednesday, July 6th from 8:30 to 10:30. We will be in Bronze Ballroom A of the Millennium Hotel (directly across from the Convention Center). Visit us at booth #905.

ALUM JOE ELLISON JOINS KCU BOARD

Joe Ellison ('69), President and CEO of the West Virginia Bankers Association (WVBA) has joined the KCU Board of Trustees.

In a banking career spanning 30 years, Joe has served as: President/CEO at several leading WV banks including First Bank of Charleston, Board Chair for the WVBA holding all of its officer positions, Board Member for the American Banker Association, as well as major economic development, trade association, community and charitable organizations throughout WV.



Joe also served as a member of the Board for the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University where he earned a graduate degree.

In 2005 Joe was recognized by a grateful industry as "West Virginia Banker of the Year."

Joe and his wife, Dianna reside in Greenville, WV.



NEXT GENERATION OF KCU ALUMNI

Row 1 (Left to Right) **Kaylee Hart**, daughter of Kevin and Brenda (McLaughlin) Hart; **Molly Metcalf**, daughter of Jeff and Debbie (Wolfe) Metcalf; **Emily Empson**, daughter of David and Sheree (Hunt) Empson; **Brianne Nation**, daughter of Randy and Lori (Settle) Nation; **Rebekah Ramsey**, daughter of Tim Ramsey; **Lela Jordan**, daughter of Martha Jordan, granddaughter of Lowell and Lela (Stone) Lusby, granddaughter of Mary Blanche Jungers and J.W. Jordan, great-granddaughter of J.W. Lusby; **Lauren Stuart**, daughter of David and Libby (Vance) Stuart.

Row 2 (Left to Right) **Taylor Mikles**, daughter of David and Peggy (Davis) Mikles; **Morgan Carter**, daughter of Sonny Carter and Ellen (Messer) Allen; **Rachel Lorenz**, daughter of Tim and Terri (Huffman) Lorenz; **Cleirinda Walker**, granddaughter of Violet Parrish Fannin; **Annie Holbert**, daughter of Jody Holbert; **Jessica Proudfoot**, daughter of Neil Proudfoot; **Randee Walz**, daughter of Chris (James) Wallace, granddaughter of Idella Wallace.

Row 3 (Left to Right) **Caleb Mitchell**, son of Doug & Gena (Varhola) Mitchell; **Trevor Ellington**, son of Jennifer (Vansant) Ellington; **Corbin Marshall**, son of Larry and Vicki (Bussey) Marshall; **Stephanie Pemberton**, daughter Robert and Nancy (Sweithelm) Pemberton, granddaughter of John and Marjorie (Richmond) Pemberton; **Elizabeth Serhal**, daughter of Al and Patty Serhal; **Ryker Hill**, son of Sheldon and Becky (Regis) Hill.

Row 4 (Left to Right) **Zach Onusic**, son of Tammy (Borris) Onusic; **Patrick Smith**, son of Michael and Lynn (Hudson) Smith; **Caleb Yankey**, son of Terry and Helen (Eads) Yankey; **Mark Pemberton**, son of Robert and Nancy (Sweithelm) Pemberton, grandson of John and Marjorie (Richmond) Pemberton; **Aaron Markey**, son of George and Pamela (Pemberton) Markey, grandson of John and Marjorie (Richmond) Pemberton; **Tiata Moore**, daughter of Russ Moore; **Hannah Martin**, daughter of Doug and Jill (Perkins) Martin.

Not Pictured (That we're aware of): **Whitney Yankey**, daughter of Terry and Helen (Eads) Yankey; **Isaiah Prater**, son of Glenda (Lucas) Prater; **Taylor Webb**, son of Terrell Webb, great-grandson of Violet Parrish Fannin; **Shawn Crawford**, son of Lynn (Robinson) Crawford; **Ethan Amerine**, son of Tony and Cheri (Kinnett) Amerine; **Ryan Cox**, son of Maxine (Wise) Cox, grandson of Alonzo Wise; **Robert Martin**, son of John and Anita Martin; **Sarah (Clark) Buchanan**, daughter of Tim and Sandy Clark; **Marissa Caudill**, daughter of Andrea (Brumley) Baldwin, granddaughter of Tom and Nancy Burbrink; **Alicia Myers**, daughter of Mark Myers and Carly (Mocsary) Myers; **Leigh Ann Taylor**, daughter of Sharon (Martin) Taylor, granddaughter of George and Elsie Martin; **Amber Puckett**, daughter of Cindy (Jarvis) Francis and Terry Puckett; **Andrew Rawlings**, grandson of Scott and Alice Rawlings.; **Jessica Bayne**, daughter of Kent and Lori (Langhome) Bayne; **Joshua Marshall**, son of Beverly (Wilburn) Marshall; **Autumn and Caitlin Carter**, daughter of Brian Carter; **Brandon Edison**, son of Shanna (Harris) Edison.

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In Loving Memory

Dr. Tambrey Delbert ('85) October 14, 2010
June Erickson ('57) November 30, 2010
Vera (Sanford) Faust ('54) December 8, 2010
Leonard Heckethorn (att. '62-'63), December 9, 2009
Jeff Miller ('75) October 14, 2010
Bob Pemberton ('82) November 21, 2010
Robert Pemberton (att. '74-'76) October 28, 2010

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Is KCU still a place where Spiritual transformation still takes place?

If you have ever asked this question, the resounding answer is, "YES!" Our mission is "to educate students for Christian leadership and service in the Church and in professions throughout the world." We believe that training happens both in the classroom and in real-life, get your hands dirty ministry! Our Faith Promise theme this year has been "Impact Your World." Campus Ministry partners with many organizations through our Faith Promise partnerships, campus-wide activities, and individual ministries. The following are just a few:

CAMPUS-WIDE MINISTRIES

Lifeline Christian Mission

This carefully crafted experience is used worldwide to help alleviate the hunger crisis around the globe. Our students, faculty, and staff joined arms to raise the funds and participate in a



food-packing project that will provide approximately 30,000 meals for families in Haiti.

10K Run

On 10.10.10, a group of KCU students participated in a 10K walk/run to provide funds for an organization called Active Water. This organization, founded by KCU alum Daren Wendell, helps provide clean water for developing countries, specifically Zambia. Students raised just under \$2,000 for this ministry.

National Missionary Convention

In November we were blessed to have the National Missionary Convention in our backyard in Lexington, Kentucky.

Even though our students were on fall break, about 100 still participated in the convention. Students connected with seasoned missionaries from all corners of the world. As a result, many will have opportunities to serve in internships.



KCU students take the charge of being "salt and light" in their communities and the world seriously. Here are just a few examples of the ministries our students have personally embraced...

STUDENT MINISTRIES

A New Kind of Prayer Walk

by Kate Stephens, Resident Assistant
One evening I was walking through a Prayer Walk at EvenSong (Wed. evening student led service) when suddenly I wondered what it would be like if instead of going from station to station praying about different topics I was met by different people at each station who prayed for me?

I was filled with a desire to organize such a prayer walk for the girls on my dorm floor. I asked a number of students and faculty to be involved. They were asked to pray for specific areas of the girls' lives, including their time at KCU, future husbands/families, guidance for the future, spiritual growth and that they would be vessels used by God. The girls went through the Walk alongside their roommate as some of KCU's spiritual leaders prayed for them.

Outreach to the Community

by Betty Mekonnen

On the third Thursday of every month, Carter County CARES, a local organization designed to provide basic human needs for socially at risk groups, organizes volunteers to distribute food to 150 - 200 families. Volunteers are used to help unload the truck and to be a personal shopper for those who need a little extra physical help. I had a wonderful time volunteering for Carter County CARES. I simply helped carry out a few boxes of food but seeing the grateful faces brought a joy to my heart. I didn't realize how such a simple act of kindness could bring such joy to someone. I saw a little part of what being a social worker is all about and it made me look forward to more. I am glad I chose Social Work as my major and this experience has been like a confirmation to me.

Ministry to Seniors in Assisted Living

by Olivia Dejong and Logan Stoner

Last semester a group of KCU students started going to the Friendship House (senior assisted living complex adjacent to KCU's campus) to minister and try to bridge a generation gap. Nobody knew what to expect, but everyone walked away wanting more. This became the beginnings of a new ministry at KCU.

Now a couple of hours a week are devoted to this ministry as we meet in the community building of the Friendship House where we share a devotion, sing songs, and fellowship with food. Often we go to the individual rooms of the people we have met. The residents love to share stories and we find ourselves listening and simply letting people know that they are loved and valued. We walk out feeling more blessed each week!

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KCU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HOLDS FIRST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

by Dean Brand, Assistant Professor

"The caliber of speakers was outstanding. The event was very organized, well-planned and professional. This was well done!" All comments shared by attendees of the NIS Business and Sport Leadership Conference held January 20, 2011. Over 100 businesspeople, KCU trustees, alumni, faculty and students enjoyed the day-long conference.

Speakers included business consultant Dr. Fred Johnson; NFL executives John Schneider, GM of the Seattle Seahawks and Reggie McKenzie, Dir. of Operations for the Green Bay Packers. KCU's Head Football Coach Mike Furrey also presented two breakout sessions.



The event was led by a core team of 11 KCU business students handling everything from soliciting sponsors, ticket sales, operations, and budgeting. "Few business students would be able to put this on a resume," said KCU senior and core team member, Clerrinda Walker. 



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Kentucky Christian University is excited to once again be a live satellite site for the Leadership Summit August 11-12, 2011. Over 100,000 leaders will assemble at sites all across North America for this annual leadership training event. Why not make a mini-retreat out of the weekend and join us with your spouse, coworkers, ministry friends, or your entire leadership team?

Presenters for this year's Summit will be announced soon, and we'll provide links and more information on our website at www.kcu.edu. If you would like to know more, or would like to see how we can accommodate your group for this tremendous time of training, encouragement and inspiration, please contact Larry Marshall at 606-474-3277 or lmarshall@kcu.edu. 