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Historic Meeting Begins Healing a Century of Separation

For the first time in nearly 100 years, the presidents of several Church of Christ and Christian Church colleges and universities met to worship and pray for unity, reunion, and the restoration of Christian fellowship. It was a time of repentance and reconciliation for these leaders of Christian higher education.

The colleges and universities represented at the Dallas conference are part of a Christian unity movement that traces its origins through 19th Century reformers such as Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott, and "Raccoon" John Smith. The roots of the religious movement are historically linked to the founding principles and teachings of the Church in Jerusalem in A.D. 33.

The religious reformation of the 19th Century was an effort to restore the ancient order documented in the New Testament and displayed in the First Century church. These ardent believers embraced the Bible only as their rule for faith and practice.

Those who resolved to follow the teachings of Scripture over religious creeds and traditions were known as "Christians" only. Adhering to an identity that honored Christ alone, they broke down some of the division that kept believers apart.

The plea of this movement was compelling in its simplicity. Their ambitious goal was to unite the Christians in all the denominations based on a return to the clear and simple teachings of Christ and His apostles.

Motivated by the prayer of Jesus in John 17, the leaders of this movement were successful in gaining a welcome hearing in towns and villages all

across the American frontier. Though the efforts of the reformers were noble and for nearly a century (1809-1906) attracted hundreds of thousands of adherents, the movement to unite the Christians in all the Christian sects found itself in the midst of a bitter controversy that would divide brother against brother.

The presidents who attended the April 2005 conference in Dallas were there to gain a better awareness of one another and to dissolve the differences that have kept them apart for far too long.

A portion of their time was spent discussing strategies to bring about a more complete reconciliation of the disparate streams of thought which broke and divided their fellowship in 1906. While there were several factors that contributed to the breakdown of unity among these congregations and their colleges, the cause most often cited by historians was the introduction of instrumental music into the corporate worship of the church.

Prior to the Civil War nearly every congregation within the fellowship was a cappella (non-instrumental). In the year 1855, D.S. Burnet introduced the use of musical instruments in congregational worship at the Sixth Street Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Over the next few years other congregations adopted the practice and soon a controversy over the use of musical instruments was raging across the country. Officially the brotherhood was broken in two in 1906 when the U.S. Census Bureau recorded the existence of two groups rather than one united fellowship of believers. At the time of the division, the congregations that made up this religious movement were the fastest growing Christian fellowship in



President Keith P. Keeran, Ph.D.

the United States and the largest religious movement indigenous to American soil.

Several generations have passed since brethren on both sides of the issue debated questions over the use of instrumental music in worship. The debaters have now given way to a new generation that is more concerned about fulfilling the Great Commission mandate than they are in wrangling over tired arguments and senseless disputations.

Dr. Royce Money, President of Abilene Christian University said, "I still hope to see in my lifetime the abandonment of those terms that divide and separate brethren." His reference was to such expressions as *non-instrumental*, *a cappella*, *the independents*, *our two fellowships*, *the two segments of our movement* and others.

Dr. Mike O'Neal, President of Oklahoma Christian University, expressed his personal regret for the many years of exclusion and isolation that robbed the movement of opportunities to have a greater impact. He expressed the sentiments of all in the room when he said he would no longer be party to such division.


On a personal level I found myself doing a great deal of painful self-examination and reflection during the conference. By my own neglect, I have contributed to the separation between brethren.

While I have enjoyed the privilege of serving briefly among the Churches of Christ and learning from some of their most able and gifted scholars, I have done little to maintain and cultivate those relational ties. I carelessly let the

many important and precious relationships that I experienced in the welcoming environment of Abilene Christian University slip through my fingers.

I confessed to my colleagues that in the busyness of my own responsibilities and duties, I had failed to maintain those relationships. With tears I repented of this sad negligence and sought the forgiveness of my brothers. This personal and collective remorse emerges from a sense of embarrassment — the kind of embarrassment that comes when you know in your heart that you have disappointed the King of Glory.

Many others expressed their resolve to contribute in earnest to the effort to heal the breach in the Body of Christ and restore the unity for which Christ earnestly prayed, "Father, I pray that they may be one...."

Of all the conferences I have attended in my 18 years as the President of Kentucky Christian University, this was by far the most hopeful. I left Dallas fully persuaded that our unity will one day be restored. 



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Message from the Editor

John L. Dundon
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As a youth, I have special memories of my church youth group gathering around campfires. Something special always seemed to happen when our young and tender hearts were influenced by the powerful combination of soft firelight and a guitar. One of the songs we shared most frequently was a tune entitled *Pass It On*. Together, we sang...

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going....
 I want to pass it on.*

As Christians, we want to pass on the message of the Gospel in order to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19 NIV). At KCU, we are dedicated and committed to equipping the next generation of leaders who will be Christ's representatives in the church and in professions throughout the world. KCU is focused on the ministry of multiplication! Because of your encouragement and support, we are training hundreds of ambassadors to pass on the life-changing love of Jesus to hundreds of thousands of others.

During this fall semester, more than 600 students have traveled to our Grayson campus from 30 states and 10 foreign countries to prepare "for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12 NIV). KCU students recognize that our 30-semester credit hour Bible/Theology core combined with our strong Arts and Sciences core form one of the most distinctive Christian college experiences in the entire world.

Congratulations Graduates

We send our congratulations to the 111 servant-leaders who graduated


from KCU in May. You are members of the University's largest graduating class! Your KCU education has distinctively prepared you to pass on the Good News of Christ to others. You join thousands of other KCU alumni who are spreading the Light of the Gospel throughout a dark and troubled world.

About the Cover

The photographs presented on the cover celebrate the University's first Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduates. From its beginning just four short years ago, the KCU School of Nursing has already obtained professional accreditation from the prestigious Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and currently more than 100 students have declared Nursing as their major.

KCU's Nursing graduates are uniquely equipped to help people with physical problems, as well as those who are struggling with spiritual and physical wounds. Frequently, when people go through fears and uncertainties associated with a significant physical struggle they are more receptive to the message of Jesus Christ. In addition to preparing effective medical professionals, KCU is more importantly equipping its Nursing graduates to be effective ambassadors for Christ.

Thank You

Thank you for supporting KCU with your prayers, encouragement, and financial resources. You are an essential partner in this educational ministry. Please pray for the University's students, faculty, staff, and trustees as we are in the early stages of another exciting school year. We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Voice* and that you will be encouraged to pass on your faith to others after reading its contents. Remember ... it only takes a spark to get a fire going. 

KCU Alumnus: Friend to Firefighters

Jeffrey Bullock ('71) is Minister of Membership Care at the First Christian Church in Canton, Ohio. He also voluntarily serves as chaplain of the Canton Fire Department. Jeff, along with more than 2,700 other graduates of Kentucky Christian University, is dedicating his life to helping others transform their minds and hearts into Christ's likeness.

Jeffrey Bullock often jokes that he is the only person in Canton who can legally chase firetrucks. In his case, he would prefer not to find any customers when the sirens fall silent.

Bullock is the chaplain for the Canton Fire Department. His job is to counsel firefighters following high-stress situations. While the duty is voluntary, it is one he takes seriously, keeping a two-way radio with him at all times to follow the city's fire and paramedic calls and determine when he is needed.

"My primary concern is with the firefighters," Bullock said, adding that he does not usually get involved with the victims of the fire. "Any time

community resources can assist — Red Cross, church, family — I double back to the firefighters at the station or at the scene," he said.

A Lancaster, Ohio native, Bullock first got his feet wet as an assistant chaplain in Wichita, Kansas where he experienced his first fatal fire.

"I had to contact the victim's family in Texas. I had to deal with seeing a critically burned person for the first time. It was emotionally overwhelming. I couldn't eat," he said. "I was so young. It's one that stuck with me."

Later, when he lived in Maryland, a life-changing event reinforced his concern for others and brought

special significance for both Bullock and his wife of 33 years, Pamela.

Born just 1 pound, 1 ounce, at 24 weeks on Jan. 21, 1984, the couple were given no hope that their daughter, Carey, would survive. Her first two months were spent in the neonatal intensive care unit at John Hopkins Hospital. After life-saving surgery she slowly began to get stronger. Today she's healthy and is a student at Kentucky Christian University.

Bullock will never forget his daughter's precarious start. "It's the one thing that changed my perspective on the preciousness of life. Life is fragile. Life is special," Bullock said. "My concern for people in general comes from that."

When he came to Canton to interview with Greenwood Christian Church later that year, he met Duane Anderson (a firefighter now deceased) who mentioned that the Canton department was without a chaplain. So he volunteered. "The day I drove into Canton, I became chaplain of the fire department."

Bullock moved on to First Christian Church in Canton in 1990, where he serves as Minister of Membership Care. Among his many duties, he offers counseling and runs



Photos courtesy of *The Repository*, Canton, Ohio.

programs for singles and senior adults.

Twenty years and many, many calls later as fire chaplain, Bullock still feels an adrenaline rush when he's called upon. "There is an excitement about doing this. I look forward to helping people," he said. "A lot of times I'll stop at a fire scene, check to see if I can call someone— get someone to the hospital— anything I can do to give an extra set of hands."

He said the most difficult times for both him and the firefighters are the cases that involve children. "Anytime children are involved, it is stressful. Multiple fatalities are much more stressful," he said. "Things are graphic any time multiple senses are used. We see, we hear people crying, we smell it; all these things put together and the incident becomes more stressful."

Such was the case a few days before Christmas 2003, when four children and three adults died in a house fire in Canton. Bullock spent his Christmas Day visiting the several stations that had responded to that fire. Christmas was that shift's first day back to work since the deadly fire. Later, Bullock ministered to the firefighters who were traumatized by tragedy.

One of the firefighters in charge that day was Ray Harple. He considers Bullock both a friend and a colleague. "He's just a caring guy. He spent a lot of time following up on any psychological or emotional problems," Harple said. "He's a good guy to talk to. He just shows up a lot. Sometimes he just pops in on a Friday night. He's just there if a guy needs an ear."

While Bullock has his own turnout gear and helmet, he leaves the fire-fighting duties to the professionals. He remembers one time when a rookie asked, quite loudly, why he wasn't doing anything. He has, however, received quite an on-the-job education from his comrades.



Jeffrey Bullock chats with a firefighter and his family. "When I get called out, it is usually not a pleasant time. I'd rather meet firefighters on a pleasant basis," he said.

On one Christmas Eve, he recalls getting called to a fire at a downtown Canton business. "I was walking around and an electrical line snapped. I took a pretty good hit on the head. Fortunately I had on my helmet or it would have broken my neck," he said. It reminded him that no one is immune to the potential of injury or death.

He also recalls early in his career when a medic took off his boots and gave them to Bullock. A firefighter took him into the fire. He remembers crawling under a layer of ammonia floating in the air. "He was trying to give me a little orientation, I think," Bullock said.

And the firefighters look after him, as well. A couple of years ago, there was a murder-suicide. "The guy set a fire," Bullock recalled. "The guys said, 'You don't need to go in there.' I appreciated the guys trying to protect me. What good am I if I fall apart?"


Bullock found out last summer that the camaraderie he feels for the department is reciprocated by the firefighters. Following heart bypass surgery at Mercy Medical Center, he said he saw a "reversal of roles" with several members of the department. "The second day after the surgery, I

woke up to find five guys from the department. They came to check on me," he said. Several more followed as his stay progressed.

Later, at home, Mike Richmond, a firefighter stationed near Bullock's home, stopped over to walk with him. "He's one of the most dedicated people I've ever seen," said Richmond. "We couldn't get anybody better. He has a sincere love for the fire department."

Former Chief Joe Concatto echoed those sentiments. "If you wanted a model chaplain, it would be Jeff Bullock. He gets involved. He's not just there when you call," Concatto said.

Although his faith is an important part of his life and his work, Bullock said he does not force his faith on anyone. "There are times when we pray or have a silent prayer. People have different beliefs, and that's an issue. I'm cautious, but there are times when faith comes up," he said.

Bullock said if there is a message he can spread, it is this, "There's hope. Christ's resurrection offers hope beyond this life." 

Article adapted from a newspaper article written by Lisa Reicosky of The Canton Repository (Canton, Ohio).

The China Connection: Expanding KCU's Global Mission

by John Dundon

Kentucky Christian University's global mission has taken a giant leap forward with the addition of eight Chinese students who have traveled to our Grayson campus from various cities throughout the eastern half of China.

KCU's China Connection was first established in January 2003 when President Keeran visited Chinese and Taiwanese educators who were interested in establishing collaborative academic programs. Harold Moore, KCU's Church Relations Officer, also visited China in October 2004 with several members of the Shelby Christian Church in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

The addition of Wendy West (a KCU alumnae who established a successful personal ministry in China) to the School of Intercultural Studies and World Mission faculty in 2004 further strengthened the University's connection. During the past year, West has led KCU's effort to develop an English as a Second Language (ESL) program. This program is providing all of our international students with much needed support as they work to improve their language skills and prepare for additional coursework.

In June, Dr. Jeff Metcalf, Provost, and John Dundon, Executive Vice President, traveled to China to assist more than 20 Chinese students obtain their international travel visas. While unfortunately, not all of the students who wanted to enroll were successful in their quest for visas, we are hoping that the eight students who are currently attending KCU represent the first of many Chinese students who will eventually make the trip to Grayson.




KCU is working closely with prospective Chinese students in four primary locations throughout eastern China.

After meeting and working with the prospective Chinese students, Metcalf and Dundon reported they were impressed by the resolve displayed by the students to attend KCU. Metcalf explained, "The students possess a strong desire and determination to attend KCU. After meeting with U.S. Consulate officers, many of the students wept. Students who received visas shed tears of joy, while many students who were unsuccessful wept sorrowfully."

Many of the prospective Chinese students who were initially refused visas tried-and-again to obtain the necessary documents. According to Dundon, "The students worked very hard to receive permission to enroll at KCU. After first having their visa requests refused, several students enrolled in English language tutoring sessions and some even interviewed with U.S. Consular officials on four separate occasions."

Our hope and prayer is that after the Chinese students complete their educational programs, they will return to their home country as well-equipped ambassadors for Christ. The opportunities in China for followers of Jesus Christ to declare His Lordship are truly amazing!

While it is estimated that between 70 and 100 million Chinese Christians worship Jesus Christ as Savior, hundreds of millions of others in the world's most populated country of 1.3 billion people have yet to hear the redeeming message of the Gospel. Please join us in praying that our newly established China Connection will lead to the eventual return of dozens, perhaps hundreds or even thousands, of KCU-equipped Chinese ambassadors for Christ who will be able to spiritually enrich the lives of their people. 



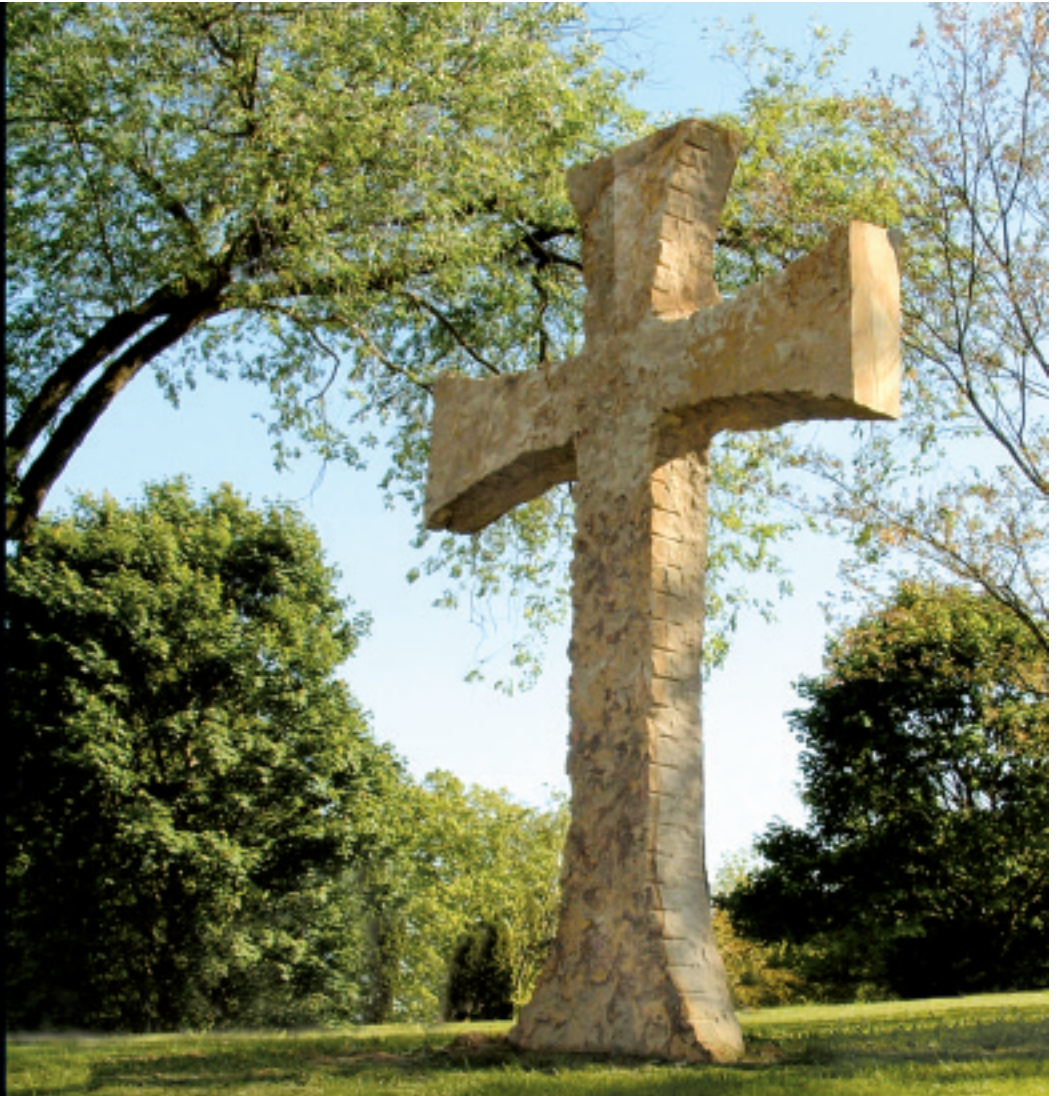
KCU representatives meet with several prospective Chinese students in Shenyang, China



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School of Nursing Celebrates First Pinning Ceremony

Dr. Gail Wise, Dean of the KCU School of Nursing, welcomed nearly 200 people to the School's first pinning ceremony, which was held during Commencement weekend on the University's campus. Family members, friends, administrators, faculty, staff, and representatives from various aspects of the northeast Kentucky medical community gathered to honor the first graduates of the School of Nursing.

President Keith P. Keeran offered a challenge and encouragement to the graduates reminding them that "nursing is a calling and an appropriate response to the Great Commission." President Keeran shared how the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, answered what she considered to be a divine calling as a nurse. Recalling for listeners the close partnership between KCU and the Commonwealth International University (formerly known as Crimean-American College) in Simferopol, Ukraine, he commented on Nightingale's pivotal role as a nurse during the Crimean War.

At the conclusion of his remarks, President Keeran paid tribute to the faculty and staff of the School of Nursing for diligently working to achieve Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation. CCNE accreditation provides School of Nursing graduates with an advantage in obtaining employment and gaining acceptance into graduate school.

This recognition of excellence followed a multi-year process of developing a

unique and vigorous curriculum that prepares KCU's graduates to be outstanding medical professionals, as well as effective ambassadors for Christ. Generous gifts from the Mary E. Ober Foundation, as well as "Doc" and Lucy Nowill were instrumental in providing the financial support needed for the many important initiatives that were required for the School of Nursing to achieve this historic milestone.

Building on President Keeran's remarks, Abigail Beck, a Clinical Faculty member, shared the history of the nurse pinning ceremony. Beck said, "In 1868, Florence Nightingale received a special pin from the Red Cross honoring her nursing service during the Crimean War. It was Nightingale," she continued, "who believed every nurse should receive special honor and passed on that tradition of the pinning ceremony to student nurses graduating from her program of nurse education – the first established school of nursing."


Traditionally nursing students mark their passage into the professional world of nursing at a special ceremony, at which time they receive a pin symbolizing the significance of their education. After receiving their pin, a student becomes, in essence, a representative of the university from which they graduate.

The five graduates of the KCU School of Nursing asked family members, which included parents, spouses, and grandchildren, to affix a KCU nursing pin to their collar. After receiving their pins,



Bethany Dyer, Nursing Instructor, and Ruth Huffman, Skills Laboratory Coordinator, presented each graduate with a single red rose, a symbol of the beauty of Christ's love and the blood He shed on our behalf.

Ashley Sergent was honored with the receipt of the KCU Spirit of Nursing Award. "Her personal standards and value system are consistent with Christian nursing philosophy. Her demeanor and outlook truly represent the spirit of nursing in a Christian context," said Carol Brickley, a Clinical Faculty member. Chris Scott, RN, CCN, a registered nurse from King's Daughters Medical Center, and a volunteer preceptor (or teacher), was recognized as the 2005 KCU Preceptor of the Year.

"In becoming the first graduates of the KCU School of Nursing, these students have accomplished quite a task," observed Dr. Wise. "They have paved the way for students who will follow and have stepped out into the world of nursing. These graduates take with them the prayers of faculty and staff of the School of Nursing and a challenge to carry out Christ's Great Commission to go into all the world teaching, baptizing, and caring." 



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KCU Graduates Uniquely Prepared to Serve as Christ's Ambassadors in Every Area of Society

Kentucky Christian University exists to support the church in fulfilling its divine mission of declaring the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. KCU does this by educating ambassadors for Christ who have been excellently prepared "for works of service, so the Body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12 NIV). In this article, several 2005 graduates were asked to reflect on the unique training they received at KCU and how their education has equipped them to serve as Christ's ambassador. Every graduate's academic program at KCU includes a major in Bible.

by David Braun

Julie Bennett

Most kids in elementary school have no idea what they want to do for a living — then there is Julie Bennett.



All the way back in first grade, she dreamed of becoming a teacher.

Julie grew up in Flatwoods, Kentucky and had always heard about Kentucky Christian

University through her family and her youth group at Russell Christian Church. But what attracted her to the teacher education department were the small teacher-student ratios and the wonderful reports she heard about the Keeran School of Education.

Dr. Rosalyn Ruffner and Dr. Karen Ford had a huge impact on Julie's education at KCU. Both of the professors built strong relationships with her and Julie is grateful for their help. "They were always willing to take time to answer any questions I had and I credit any success that I had in the classroom to their willingness to help me," reflected Julie.

Julie was very active during her years at KCU and was a Resident Assistant (RA) for two-and-a-half years. When asked what she will miss most about campus

life Julie replied, "I will miss hanging out with my friends in the dorms and going to chapel services twice a week."

Julie graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and Elementary Education and was hired by Russell Primary School in Russell, Kentucky. Fittingly, Julie now teaches first grade.

Bonnie Halstead

Originally from Griffith, Indiana, Bonnie Halstead came to Kentucky Christian University with music on her mind. The reputation of KCU's music program under the leadership of Dr. Mark Deakins had drawn her attention. "The main



reason I chose KCU was because it has the reputation of having a high caliber music program," said Bonnie.

During her time studying in the School of

Music, Bonnie came to appreciate the instruction of all the professors she studied under, especially the teaching of Dr. Wes Golightly. "He is so fun-loving," she remembers. "But he is also very knowledgeable and cares a lot about his students."

Bonnie was privileged to perform with the Concert Choir and she keeps the memories of the people she was able to meet and the places she was able to visit as keepsakes of her time at KCU. "I was blessed to perform at Carnegie Hall and travel to Cuba," she recalls. "But even better than that, I met many of my best friends at KCU."

This past May, Bonnie graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and Church Music. She looks forward to becoming active in a church setting but also has visions of pursuing a master's degree.

Matthew Jenkins

When trying to decide where to go to college, two factors weighed heavily on Matthew Jenkins' mind. "I knew that I wanted to stay close to home," Matthew recalled, and I had been looking at several Christian colleges." When he finally made his decision to attend Kentucky Christian University, he did not have to travel very far from his Hurricane,

West Virginia home.



The real draw for Matthew was the fact that KCU provides a thoroughly Christian environment. The campus afforded him the opportu-

nity to be around other people his own age who shared his values. When asked what he will remember the most from his years at the University, “all the camaraderie among the residents who lived on the third floor of Waters Hall,” Matthew replies.

Now that Matthew has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and Business with an emphasis in Marketing, he feels drawn to the music industry. “One day I want to run my own record company,” he shares. And the class time he spent in a Christian university not far from his West Virginia home will help him achieve his dream.

Krista Kehrer-Dulaney

In the summers of 2000 and 2001, Krista Kehrer-Dulaney came to the campus



of Kentucky Christian University with one thing on her mind – singing. While still in high school, Krista was afforded the opportunity to join with a group of students for

the University’s annual Servants tour. The tour’s participants travel to several different churches during the summer to minister through music. “The Servants tour is originally what brought me to KCU,” said Krista.

Once Krista finally made the commitment to enroll at KCU, she knew that she wanted to continue singing. One of her most memorable experiences came as a member of the Concert Choir when she traveled to Cuba.

Krista graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and Social Work this past May and is already hard at work applying the instruction that she learned. “I am working as a family advo-

cate at Hope’s Place in Ashland, Kentucky,” Krista elaborated. “I assist in the investigation of child sexual abuse cases and adult sexual assault cases.”

Because of the nature of her career, Krista is very thankful for the lessons she learned from Professor Margaret McLaughlin. “I am very thankful,” Krista explains, “that Professor McLaughlin took the time to explain the connection between social work, the Kingdom of God, and social justice.”

Shawn Maurer

Shawn Maurer knew that he wanted to go to a Christian college, he just was not sure of which one. He looked at information from a few other schools but eventually decided upon Kentucky Christian University because of the atmosphere and the chance to grow spiritually while on campus.

Life in the dorms was a real blessing for Shawn. He quickly developed lasting friendships with other students who roomed with him in Snodgrass Hall. He also kept himself busy working in various leadership groups on campus like the Worship Committee.



Shawn appreciates the opportunity he had to study and grow under the tutelage of Dr. Norm Brunelle. “I really appreciate the breadth of Dr.

Brunelle’s knowledge while inside the classroom,” Shawn comments, “but what makes him special is his concern for students individually.”

A Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and Youth and Family Ministry has prepared Shawn for ministry. He now works on the staff of Pinedale Christian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Ashley Sergent

Some students choose to come to Kentucky Christian University because they want to be a minister or a missionary. Some choose to attend KCU because of the fine reputation of the Keeran School of Education. Others choose KCU because they are attracted




to the music program or the opportunity to play collegiate sports.

But when it came time for Ashley Sergent to decide where she was going

to go to college, Ashley decided to follow a well established path in her family to the campus of KCU. Her grandfather, John Sergent, her father, Keith Sergent, and her aunt, Roni Sergent-Braun, have all attended Kentucky Christian University. So her choice of where to go to school was never in doubt.

Ashley became a part of the first group of students who enrolled in the School of Nursing. She explains that KCU has had a profound effect on her and her chosen career, “I have always wanted to be a nurse, but the Bible courses have helped prepare me to be a Christian nurse.”

Nursing classes kept Ashley extremely busy but she still found time to keep the scorebook for the men’s basketball team. “The time has flown by,” she comments, “but I am very excited and ready to begin my career in nursing.”

This past spring, Ashley was a member of the School of Nursing’s first graduating class. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and Nursing. She is now living in Canton, Ohio and planning for her wedding in October. 

KCU Gr Record



The

Bachelor of Social Work

Katherine Ann Aurigema
Ann Marie Begley
Chelsea Gaffey
Andrea Lynn Horsch
Krista Rae Kehrer
Kara S. Messmore

Bachelor of Science

Katie Jay Allen
Christopher Bany
Julie Elizabeth Bennett
Richard R. Binegar, Jr.
Stephen Paul Boring
Jamie Ann Bragg
G. Tyler Branham
Luke Edwin Brown
Robert J. Cairrell
Ashley Callahan
Stephen Paul Cornett
Scotty Harrison Daily
Andrea Davis
Randy Harold Diebel
Jason Doss
Gary L. Eavers, Jr.
Douglas Edison Elliott
Brook Lee Everett
Benjamin Craig Frazier
James L. Gorman
Alejandra Haggard
Bonnie Rose Hallsted
Ralph Ray Hance, III
James B. Harrington
Candace Hart
John Mark Harvey
Matthew Dean Hendrix
Hannah L. Herrold
Angela Rae Hodous
Marissa J. Hooverman
Matthew Charles Jenkins
Jody Ann Jester
Jordan Dwayne Johnson

Graduates Class!

Class of 2005

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Jason Kennedy
Matthew S. Kozlowski
Paul Michael Krieg
Matthew David Kuttler
Susan H. Levi
Jonathan H. List
Tommy John Lykins
Julia Ruth Martin
Melynda Mason
Shawn Christian Maurer
Robert Lee McGuire
Alysen Merrill
Erin Middleton
Joshua W. Miller
Megan Elizabeth Missler
John Ryan Morrow
Dana Marie Muller
Andrew J. Mullholand
Jennifer Lynn Neyhart
Jamie Dawn Perkins Olds
Rebecca Michele Oliver
Jennifer Sue Pohlman
Dorothy A. Qualls
Robyn Dee Ragsdale
Christopher Ryan Ratliff
Rebecca Pauline Ray
Joel Elliott Reid
Randi Marie Reid
Travis L. Roehm
Megan Nicole Russell
Ashley Michelle Sergent
Lindsey Rae Simon
Dustin Robert Stakely
Jody Paris Stamper
Timothy Russell Stapleton
Thomas Campbell Swart
Rachel Dawn Szallai
Christopher Thomas
Katherine Marie Thompson
Zachary Blaine Thompson

Robert A. Tromm, Jr.
Jocelyn Renee Truesdell
Michael W. Turner
Gregory A. Walden
Margaret Irene Walker
Colemon Harris Watford
Jason A. Watson
Erin Sherree Whitacre
Laura Kathleen Willmore
Sommer Suzanne Wisher
Erin Laree Yingst
Erin Young
Erin Michele Younkin

Bachelor of Arts

Brandon Joseph Dulaney
William P. Eshelman
Joel A. Harrison
Susannah Lea Holmes
William Anderson Kissick
Nathan D. Lawless
Zachary Ryan Lawless
Lindsey Erin Leach
Mark R. Messmore
Paul Delbert Potter
Christopher T. Welsh

Master of Appied Theology

Russ V. Moore
Nikki Lyn Thomas

Master of Arts in New Testament

Yelena Osipchuk

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership

R James Creamer
Daniel F. Nicksich
Nathan A. Robinson
David A. Wheeler



“The Wise Inherit Honor” - Proverbs 3:35

Drs. Kail and Rosalyn Ruffner Recognized at Their Retirement

by Sherry L. Curtis, Ph.D.

Drs. Kail and Rosalyn Ruffner received their inheritance of honor during the spring of 2005 on the campus of Kentucky Christian University. After more than two decades of service to KCU, the Ruffners retired from their positions in the Keeran School of Education.

Dr. Kail Ruffner began teaching at Kentucky Christian University in the fall of 1983 as the second full-time faculty member in the Keeran School of Education. A year later, after the resignation of other faculty, Dr. Ruffner became the Dean of the School. In addition, Dr. Rosalyn Ruffner was hired as a second full-time faculty member.

The Ruffners took KCU’s teacher preparation program from its birth to the mature program it is today. The Keeran School of Education has graduated 526 teachers under the Ruffners’ watch and the program is ranked one of the top programs in Kentucky.

Many graduates sent words of appreciation to the Ruffners. From the Class of 1985, Echo Briggs Young wrote, “I am proud to claim that I was one of the first students at KCU under the leadership and guidance of the Ruffners. You both came in with a fire for higher education and a love for your students. I always felt your respect for me as a student trying to follow in your footsteps as an educator. I cannot thank you enough for the inspiration and insight you shared with me.”

Another member of that first group of Teacher Education students was Deborah Mays Ogburn who is now principal of Fremont Stars Elementary School in Fremont, North Car-

olina, and in her own words, “It doesn’t seem possible it has been so long since I was a student at KCU! The dedication and time you put into the students who were going to be teachers was greatly appreciated. I remember the times we went to your house and just enjoyed each other’s company. Your guidance has helped me succeed as an educator.”

Jerrilyn Dyer, Class of 1989, also honored the Ruffners’ commitment in writing, “Your pioneering efforts in establishing the education program at KCU and your support, guidance and nurturing of your students will have a lasting impact for years and years to come.”

From the Class of 1996, Susan Clarke, thanked the Ruffners with these words, “I came to KCU in 1993, a single mom seeking a college education and feeling God’s nudge to be a teacher. I entered with fear and anxiety. But I was welcomed with open arms and encouraged to succeed. You both were so faithful to believe in

and challenge us all to stretch and become lifelong learners. Thank you for everything – your work, your devotion, your commitment to the program and to us, your students.”

And from the most recent graduating class, the Class of 2005, Julie Bennett expressed her gratitude to the Ruffners in these words: “The two of you have made such a difference here at KCU and your legacy will never die. I will never forget the impact you made in my life and the teacher that you have helped me to become. Thank you both so very much!”

The University honored the Ruffners during the annual Alumni Banquet by presenting them with the Knights Award, during Baccalaureate by presenting them with the Professor Emeriti Awards and during Commencement by presenting them with the University’s highest tribute, the Lusby Award.

Yes, the wise do inherit their honor. 




KCU Celebrates the Beginning of 86th Year

We have experienced an exciting beginning to KCU's 86th academic year! More than 600 students have enrolled to prepare for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world. Students from ten foreign countries, including China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Romania, Senegal, and Ukraine, as well as 30 states in the U.S. have traveled to study on our Grayson campus.

Congressman Geoff Davis, who serves Kentucky's fourth district, opened the school year by challenging students, faculty, and staff to persevere in their faith and to maintain hope even through times of adversity. Congressman Davis was complimentary of KCU's vision, which is to equip stu-


dents to be ambassadors for Christ in every area of society.

Please pray for KCU's students as they begin the 2005-2006 school year. This is a very important time on campus and the students are in need of the Lord's wisdom, endurance, and strength as they prepare themselves to declare the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth.

Also, pray for the University's faculty. KCU is blessed with excellent faculty members who are dedicated to equipping future Christian leaders to shine the Light of the Gospel throughout a dark and troubled world. Literally, KCU is training the hundreds that will reach hundreds of thousands with the message of Jesus Christ! 

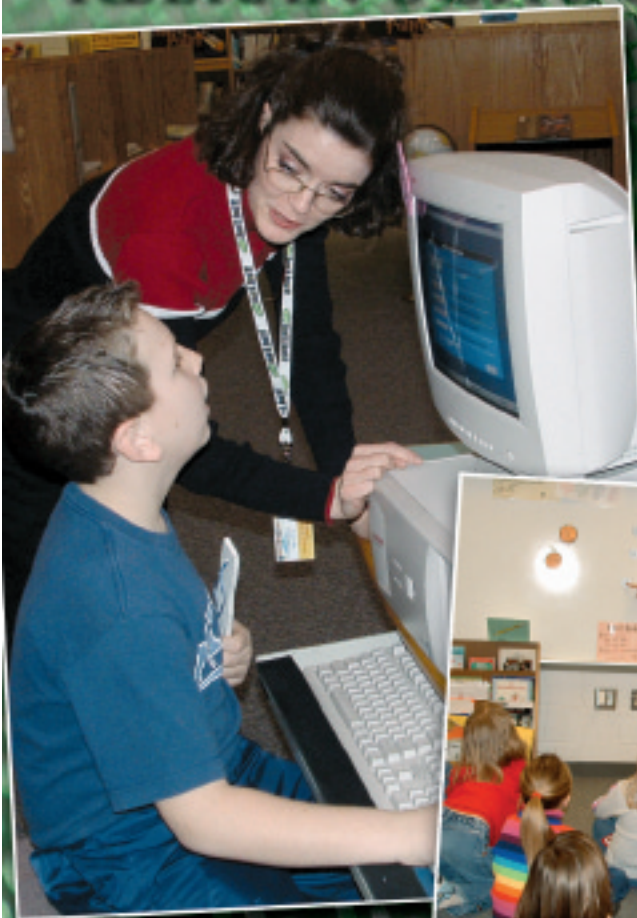
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Kentucky Christian University has a "new and improved" website. The new site offers a calendar of events, a schedule of classes offered, a list of chapel speakers, along with additional new features. Upcoming events are now listed on the home page. 

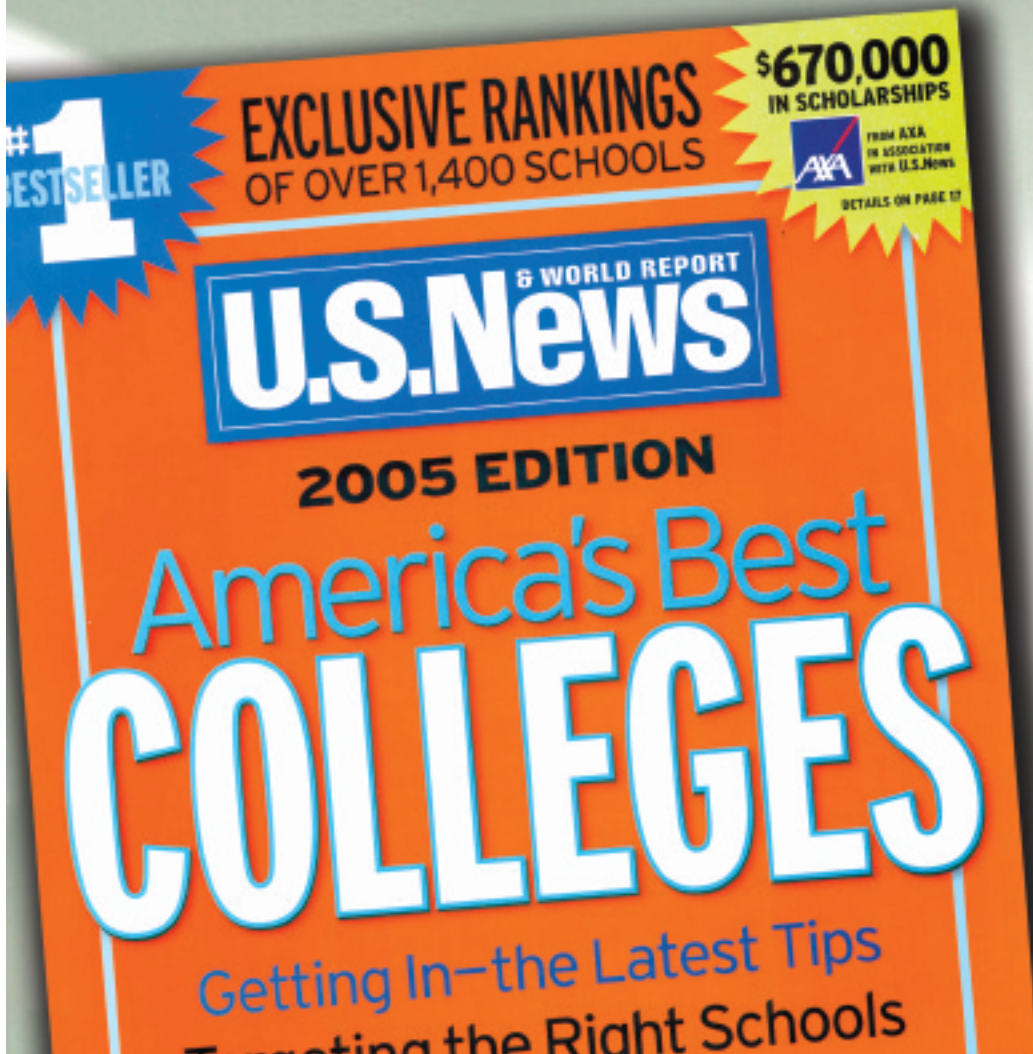
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- 98% of Teacher Ed graduates in the past five years passed the PRAXIS, the national certification test for teachers.
- For the past two years, the Keeran School of Education has been ranked third among all teacher preparation programs in the state of Kentucky.
- Graduates of the Keeran School of Education have received national recognition such as the Milken National Educator Award and the Sallie Mae First Year Teacher Award.

Teachers have a significant influence on their students. Why not come to KCU and learn from our proven programs of teacher preparation. Call 800-522-3181 and discuss the many advantages of the Keeran School of Education.



U.S. News has recognized Kentucky Christian University as one of the

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This annual event is provided for all High School students interested in attending KCU. This day-long event gives students the opportunity to experience KCU's campus, in its entirety. Students will attend classes, a chapel service, eat lunch in our cafeteria, and participate in a guided tour of campus.

Register Online
www.kcu.edu

Faculty & Staff Appointments Announced

by David Braun



Sherry L. Curtis, Ph.D., has been named Dean of the Keeran School of Education. Dr. Curtis replaces Dr. Kail Ruffner who retired

after 23 years of outstanding leadership and service.

When asked about her passion in life, Dr. Curtis quickly exclaims, "My passion is teaching! I was called to be a teacher and I want to help empower others who share that same call in their lives to be all that God wants them to be." Because of her passion for teaching and confidence in God's calling, it comes as no surprise to her friends and colleagues that Dr. Curtis is a logical choice to become Dean.

A 1976 graduate of the University, Dr. Curtis has served as both teacher and administrator in the middle school, high school, and adult education levels. In 1988 she was hired as an Associate Professor of Teacher Education. She then served the University as Vice President of Student Life before moving back into the Keeran School of Education in 2004.

Dr. Curtis inherits a School of Education that is recognized throughout the state of Kentucky for its excellence, ranking third among all teacher education programs over the past two years. But despite the success that the Keeran School of Education has recently enjoyed, challenges still exist. "KCU needs more regional recognition as a quality option in higher education," stated Dr. Curtis. "For that reason, the Keeran School of Education will have to be more intentional and aggressive in recruit-

ing students locally as well as the region."

The University foresees several goals for the Keeran School of Education over the next few years. Dr. Curtis comments, "We want to see numerical growth in the number of students in our programs in the immediate future, and we want to recruit more students from Eastern Kentucky to the program."

Despite future challenges, Dr. Curtis plans on leading the Keeran School of Education by personally serving those around her. "I value relationships and that is the way I lead," Dr. Curtis explains. "I want to personally know every student in our program, not just as a student, but as a member of the Keeran School of Education team."



Randall Tan, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies in the Sack School of Bible and Ministry.

As a freshman at the University of Kentucky, God began to move in his life. "I attribute my conversion to the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ and God opening my eyes as I read through the Bible from cover to cover for the first time," explains Dr. Tan.

Dr. Tan received a B.A. degree in Political Science and History from the University of Kentucky. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the spring of 1999. Continuing his education at Southern, he received his Ph.D. in New Testament in 2004.

When Dr. Tan and his wife, Kimberly, attended a marriage retreat sponsored by Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, God began opening doors in order for the Tan's to make their way to Grayson. "I first heard that there might be a possibility of a faculty opening from another KCU professor back in the summer of 2004," he recalls. "Kim and I are happy to be a part of the KCU family."


Dr. Tan is teaching Greek, Romans, Acts, New Testament, and Restoration Heritage. He likes to experiment with ways of helping students learn different skills and subject matters. Dr. Tan also likes to emphasize classroom participation as he explains, "I am persistent in trying to encourage students to become active learners and to participate more and more in discussions and group activities in class."

Having recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary, Dr. Tan and his wife feel blessed to be able to minister to others in Grayson. "We're excited about the vision and mission of KCU in preparing His people to be bright witnesses for Christ in all walks of life."



Brandon Dulaney has joined the Enrollment Services Team as an Enrollment Counselor.

Brandon is a 2005 cum

laude graduate of Kentucky Christian University with a degree in Advanced Biblical Studies. Brandon will primarily be working with prospective students from Kentucky and Tennessee. 

KCU's Authors in Residence

Kentucky Christian University's excellent faculty has recently produced many books in disciplines that comprise the core of Christian higher education. KCU is proud of its faculty and the major scholarly contributions they are making to advance the Great Commission.



Ancient Abila: An Archaeological History

by Dr. John Wineland

Children's Ministry Guide for Smaller Churches

by Rick Chromey

Christian Ethics

by Dr. David Fiensy, Dr. Larry Chouinard, Dr. George Pickens

Hebrews

by Dr. James Girdwood and Dr. Peter Verkruijse

Hebrews

by Dr. James Girdwood

Honest to God

by Dr. Charlie Starr

Leadership Succession in the World of the Pauline Circle

by Dr. Perry L. Stepp

Life in the Spirit

by Dr. Charlie Starr

Life Is Good - Rambling Memories Autobiography

by Dr. Donald A. Nash

New Testament Introduction

by Dr. David Fiensy

Practical Commentary on Acts

by Dr. Donald A. Nash

Solid Foundation Sermon Starters

by Dr. James Girdwood

The Message and Ministry of Jesus

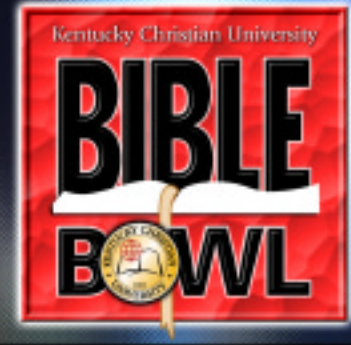
by Dr. David Fiensy

The Social History of Palestine in the Herodian Period

by Dr. David Fiensy

Youth Ministry in the Small Church

by Rick Chromey



June 2005 Tournament

(60 Teams Participating)

Round Robin

Upper - First Christian Church,
Kissimmee, FL

Lower - Indian Creek Christian
Church, Indianapolis, IN


Most Christ-Like Award

Upper - River Valley, Goshen, KY

Lower - Covenant Christian
Fellowship, Louisville, KY

KCU Plays Instrumental Role in 2005 National Bible Bowl Tournaments

Kentucky Christian University's Dr. Mark and Mrs. Sandra Deakins coordinated the evening worship services during the 41st National Bible Bowl and 6th National Beginner Bible Bowl Tournaments in Chicago, Illinois.

The KCU Praise Band led worship each evening. Members of the Praise Band included Leslie Arnold, Ray Jester, Jeremy Merritt, Paul Rice, and Chris Riddle. Paul and Cathy Rice provided technical and sound support. 

SITS/JHC Students Help Construct Nine Homes

It sounded more like a band concert, or a drum corps. But, instead, the bangs and booms heard under the big blue tent on the KCU campus during SITS and JHC were the sounds of new homes under construction.

“It’s good for the people who are homeless, because we’re helping out people less fortunate than us,” said Abby Griffiths, 13, of Canton, Ohio.

Griffiths was among nearly 2,400 junior high and high school students who participated in KCU’s summer programming. They were working with Crossroads Mission to build homes, one wall at a time. “We’ll frame the walls out, then we’ll transport it to nearby Floyd County, Kentucky,” said Rodney Harden of Cross-

roads. An organization there will finish it up on site for a low-income family. A total of nine homes were constructed on the KCU campus during the four-week period.

According to Joshua Hall, KCU’s Director of Special Events, “SITS and JHC participants benefited in two areas. First, they experienced growth through personal service. Second, because we had youth here from throughout the country, they learned how to work with others and improve their team building skills.”

KCU provided the timber that youth nailed together into sections of walls under the tent, “working like an ant colony,” as Hall put it.

“At first, the students were a little timid, but once they figured out how to hold a hammer, they’ve been having fun,” said Ashley Callahan of Flatwoods, a KCU graduate who was on summer staff. “It’s really rewarding in the end,” Callahan said. Just ask Griffiths. “It feels good to do this,” she said. 🏠



Article adapted from a newspaper article written by Allen Blair of The Daily Independent (Ashland, Kentucky).



2005 SITS/JHC Fast Facts

- Summer In The Sun**
 - Attendance 1500
 - Churches Represented 85
 - States Represented 14
 - Decisions Made 520
- Junior High Challenge**
 - Attendance 857
 - Churches Represented 51
 - States Represented 9
 - Decisions Made 160





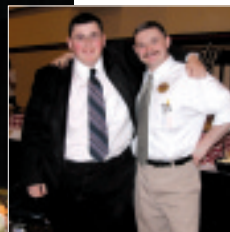
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NEWS & EVENTS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Alumni Banquet Draws Near Record Crowd



Many Attend NACC "Tailgate" Reception in Lexington, KY



Helen's Highlights



Helen Yankey
Alumni Relations

I really enjoyed seeing many of you during the weeks of Summer In The Son and Junior High Challenge. Nearly 2,400 campers were in attendance for these exciting youth programs.

The Regional North American Christian Convention was held at

Southland Christian Church, in Lexington, Kentucky. Our "tailgate" reception went well and the more than 150 in attendance were able to reminisce with friends. Please check out the pictures at left.

In this publication, you will also find pictures taken during our Alumni Banquet and receptions, as well as pictures of the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Contact Information

Please let me know of e-mail or mailing address changes.

If you want to receive our monthly e-mail updates, send your e-mail address to alumni@kcu.edu.

1960's

Joe ('69) and **Dianna Ellison**. Joe has been elected as the Chief Executive Officer of the West Virginia Bankers Association. He recently served as Chairman, President, and CEO of First Bank of Charleston, WV. In May 2005 he was named "West Virginia's Banker of the Year" at the annual Banker's Convention. 1119 Oakbridge Dr., Hurricane, WV 25526.

1970's

John ('74) and **Sybil (Steiner)** ('74) **Love** are employed by Lake James Christian Assembly. John is the Manager and Sybil is the Office Manager. They have three children, Jennifer, Matthew, and Jessica. 1880 W. 275 N., Angola, IN 46703. johnljca@verizon.net.
E. Merrill ('75) and **Deborah**

Mitchell. Merrill is employed by the 18th Judicial Family Court as an Administrator. Deborah is a Medical Assistant. 2994 Morgan-Berry Rd., Berry, KY 41003. MerrillMitchell@mail.aoc.state.ky.us.
James Owston ('77 & '78) recently achieved certification as a WebCT Senior Trainer at the WebCT conference in San Francisco. Jim joins a community of about 300 trainers worldwide with only 20% having attained senior level status. He is currently the Associate Vice President for Instructional Technology at Mountain State University. 211 Beaver Ave., Beckley, WV 25801.

1980's

Matt ('84) and **Donna (Williams)** ('84) **Archibald** have six children, Benjamin (18), Luke (14), Lydia (12), Miriam (10), Aaron (7), and Samuel (3). Matt

is the Music and Arts Pastor at Fairfield Christian Church. 8165 Otterbein Trl. N.W., Lancaster, OH 43130. marchibald@ohiohills.com.
Sharon (Briere) (attn: '83-'84) and **David Filegar** announce the birth of Jared Elias on February 3, 2005. He joins Jacob (13), John Thomas (10), and Josiah (6). Sharon is an RN at St. Mary's Hospital. David is a partner in ownership and works as Property Manager for Fidelity Management Group. 11034 Palmwood Cir., Mechanicsville, VA 23116. filegar@comcast.net.
Steven ('86) and **Kayleen (Waugh)** (attn: '84-'86) **Holbrook** have three children, Steven Cody (17), Lindsey Marie (16), and Sean Calder (13). Steve is currently working on a Masters in Special Education, Teaching Licensure, Reading Endorsement at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. Steve is employed by Hardin County Schools as a Substitute Teacher. Kayleen is employed as a Computer Operator by Preferred Memberships. 207 West St., P.O. Box 203, McGuffey, OH 45859. steven_holbrook@yahoo.com.
Stuart ('80) and **Stephanie (Freese)** ('93) **Shepard** announce the birth of Andrew Alan on April 7, 2005. Stuart finished a five and a half year position as Associate Producer of Family News in Focus and was promoted to Managing Editor of Focus on the Family's CitizenLink e-mail and web site. 4727 Spotted Horse Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. sscolorado@msn.com.
Frances (Fulton) ('84) and **Steve Spear** have two children, Zachary (16) and Chelsea (12). Frances is the Owner/Operator of a Private Tutoring Company. Steve is employed by Willow Creek Community Church as the Campus Pastor. 2881 Cadbury Cir., Lake in the Hills, IL 60156. cansucceed@comcast.net.
Tim ('89) and **Robin Waggoner** are both employed by Carter County Board of Education as teachers. They have four children, Andi Hackworth, Tabitha

Gaunce, Becky Clark, and Katie Wentz. 109 Spring Hill Dr., Grayson, KY 41143. rtwaggoner@carter.k12.ky.us.
Christopher (attn: '85) and **Susan Young** have one child, Jordan (7). Chris just completed 20 years of active duty in the Air Force and hopes to retire by the year 2007. He is a Firefighter Station Captain. christopher.young@knology.net.

1990's

Scott ('98) and **Stephanie (Cornwell)** (attn: '95-'98) **Asbury**. Scott is employed as the Youth Minister at Cadiz Christian Church. Stephanie is employed as an LPN. They have three children, Kyle (5), Lexi (4), and Makenna (11 months). 1448 N. Cadiz Pike, New Castle, IN 47362. scottasbury@hrtc.net.
Greg ('92) and **Stanya (DeVold)** ('93) **Campbell** announce the birth of Zachary Aidan Campbell on December 31, 2004. He joins Ethan (7). Greg is employed by Lakeshore Christian Church as Music/Fine Arts Minister. 703 Lou Gehrig Cir., La Vergne, TN 37086. gregc@lakeshorechristian.com.
Danielle Coe ('99). 323 W. Short St., Dunkirk, IN 47336. Smiley23_47393@yahoo.com.
Michael ('98) and **Angie (Thompson)** ('98) **DeSarro** have one child Johnathan Phillip born April 27, 2004. Angie is employed by Okeechobee County Schools as a 4th grade BASE Teacher and Michael is employed by the Cabarrus County Schools. P.O. Box 57, Harrisburg, NC 28075. mrsdesarro@yahoo.com.
Clarissa (Blevins) (attn: '91-'94) and **Brian Douin** have three children, Bradley Christopher (17), Rachele Juliette (15), and Jules Henri Christopher (3). Clarissa is employed by Anoka-Hennepin School District #11 as Program Coordinator. Brian is employed by the Local #292 as an Electrician. 2015 103rd Ave. N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55443.

Clarissa.Drouin@anoka.k12.mn.us. **Jennine (Brown)** (attn: '93-'97) and Jeff **Garner** announce the birth of Allen Michael-Thomas on April 26, 2005. 1267 Coburn Hollow Rd., Huddy, KY 41535. **Jason** ('95) and **Carie (Bryant)** (attn: '92-'95) **Garris** announce the birth of Cameron Taylor on March 5, 2005. She joins Lydia (7) and Bryant (4). P.O. Box 502767, Indianapolis, IN 46250. garris@pobox.com. **Kelly (Hood)** (attn: '95-'00) and Rick **Grayshock** announce the birth of Rachel on July 27, 2004. Kelly is employed by Team Nimbus, LLC, as an executive assistant. Rick is employed by Kempsville Church of Christ. 4725 Woods Edge Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462. kgrayshock@yahoo.com. **Meggan (Payne)** (attn: '96-'97) and Nate **Jacobus** have one child, Aiva (2). Meggan is employed by Westerville Christian Church. 3363 Green Cook Rd., Johnstown, OH 43031. meggan.jacobus@westerville-christian.org.

Mike (attn: '96) and **Lesley (Johnson)** ('98) **Kunze** announce the birth of Adam James on November 17, 2004. He joins Katherine Rebekah (3). Lesley is a Homemaker. Mike is employed as a Graphic/Web Designer at Belcan Engineering Group, Inc. 7647 Cloudstone Dr., Florence, KY 41042. lesley@mikekunze.com. **Edward** ('90) and **Beth (Pugh)** ('90) **Mack** announce the birth of twins Nathan Isaac and Noah Elijah born July 8, 2004. They join Joshua (7), Caleb (5), and Madison (3). Ed is employed by the State of Ohio as a Programmer Analyst and Beth is a homemaker/home school teacher. 2260 Troy Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. emack@acm.org. **Deanne (Dodds)** ('96) and Jeremy **Miller** announce the birth of Faith Elizabeth on April 19, 2005. Faith joins Madison (2). Deanne is employed as a Special Education Teacher for Fairfield Local Schools. Jeremy is a Lead Sorter at ABX Air. 11746

Monroe Rd., Leesburg, OH 45135. miller_d13@hotmail.com. **Robert** ('95) and Cathy **Slone**. Robert works for the Department of Social Services in Adult Protective Services. **Kari (Pendleton)** ('99) and Jeff **Stedje** were married on June 26, 2004. Jeff is serving as the Pastor of Mt. Zion UMC in Pleasant Lake, IN. Kari had been living and teaching in Knoxville, TN, for the three years prior to their marriage. 3401 S. Golden Lake Rd., Pleasant Lake, IN 46779. karistedje@yahoo.com. **Allison (Hall)** (attn: '90-'91) and David **Steineker** announce the birth of Micah William on March 18, 2005. He joins Madelyn (3) and Mason (1). 9909 Glenda Ct., Louisville, KY 40223. steinekerfamily@insightbb.com. **Kathy (Bogan)** ('93) and Gary **Trisel** announce the birth of Sadie Mae on April 12, 2005. She joins Seth (5), and Sarah (1). 63 W. Washington St., Jamestown, OH 45335. gtrisel@woh.rr.com. **Mark** ('96) and **Linette (Rich-**

ardson) ('98) **Verbeck** have two girls, C.J. (4) and Erin who was born September 18, 2004. Mark is teaching seventh grade Math at Grant County Middle School. Linette is teaching fourth grade at Dry Ridge Elementary. 118 Arrowhead Dr., Apt #3, Williamstown, KY 41097. theverbecks@yahoo.com. **Darren** ('95) and **Amanda (Blair)** ('98) **Walter** announce the birth of Caroline Hope on May 27, 2005. She joins Carson (1). Darren is the Senior Administrator at Southeast Christian Church. 803 Skylark Dr., Louisville, KY 40223. word2awalter@netzero.net. **Jerra (Seay)** ('91) and Michael **Wood** announce the birth of Daniel Ryan on June 18, 2005. 4054 Princeton Dr., Burlington, KY 41105. jerraseay@juno.com.

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Lyle ('04) and **Holly (Bird)** ('99) **Baker** announce the birth of Hailey Anne on July 6, 2005. She joins Chloe Kae (2). Lyle is the Worship and Youth Minister at Southern Heights Christian Church. Holly works part-time as a Counselor at Anderson University. 3008 Fairview St., Anderson, IN 46016. **Julie Bennett** ('05) is a First Grade Teacher at Russell Primary School. 1708 Turner St., Flatwoods, KY 41139. scrappin_queen@yahoo.com. **Daniel** (attn: '00-'01) and **Ali (Jones)** ('02) **Bodager**. Ali is a Real Estate Agent. Dan graduated in 2005 from UK with a Masters in High School English Education. He is employed by Bourbon County High School. 2062 Rainbow Rd., Lexington, KY 40503. alibodager@remax.net. **Kevin** ('00) and Heather **Cooper**. Kevin is employed as the Associate Minister at Wellington Church. Heather is a Wedding Consultant. 3600 Mossbridge Way, Lexington, KY 40514. spokn4@qx.net. **Paul** ('03) and **Jennifer (Brock)** (attn: '99-'01) **Donaldson** have two sons, David (2)

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CALENDAR

Alumni Basketball Games
October 15, 2005 Lady Knights at 1:00 p.m.
October 29, 2005 Knights at 8:00 p.m.
(Online registration for both events)

Alumni Reception Following Feast of Christmas • December 2, 2005
 Reception in the upstairs lobby of Lusby Center.

Homecoming • January 20, 2006
 KCU vs. CCU
 Reception following the men's game.

Alumni 3 on 3 Tournament
January 21, 2006
 Men and women, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
 Reception following *(Online registration)*

Alumni & Friends Reception @ CCU
January 31, 2006

Baccalaureate & Alumni Banquet
May 5, 2006

Commencement • May 6, 2006
 10:00 a.m. in Lusby Center

North American Christian Convention • June 27-30, 2006
 Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky

Alumni Service Week
July 24-28, 2006
 Contact the Alumni Office for more details.

For your convenience, many of the above events have online registration. Alumni, let us hear from you. We always want to know what you are doing and where God is using you. We will use this information in upcoming issues of the Insider. To access these features, visit us at www.kcu.edu and click on the alumni link.

and Matthew (9 months). Paul is the Youth Minister at Unity Christian Church in Cynthiana, KY. 5848 KY HWY 36 W., Cynthiana, KY 41031. pauldaldson6603@hotmail.com. **Tyrel** ('02) and **Molli (Meadows)** ('01) **Falgout**. Tyrel has opened his own Chem-Dry carpet cleaning franchise. Molli is teaching Kindergarten. She is also in graduate school working toward an MA in School Administration. They just built a house in Winston-Salem. 6046 Willomere Cir., Winston-Salem, NC 27107. mollifalgout@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam

Max E. Brandon ('49) died July 13, 2005. He had served for almost 60 years as a Minister in several Christian Churches in Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois. He was a College Professor at Rend Lake (IL) and Moberly (MO), as well as serving in the Development Department at Central Christian College (MO), Lincoln Christian College (IL), and St. Louis Christian College (MO). In addition to his wife, **Betty (Dyer)** (attn: '46-'49) **Brandon**, he is survived by four children, Denny, **Darrel** ('84), Donald, and Debra Kilgallin, and a foster daughter, Maurine Collett. 2011B Eagle Ridge Ct., Urbana, IL 61801.

Dorothy (Knipple) (attn: '47-'49) **Koontz** passed away February 23, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband **Victor Koontz** ('49).

Ronald O. Richardson ('49) passed away on May 27, 2005, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife **Beulah (Smith)** ('48) **Richardson** and their five children, **Sharon** ('71), Donna, Ronald Dean, Jeffrey, and John. Ron was a member of the first basketball team established at KCU during the 1946-47 school year. The name of the team was the KCC Rockets. 312 Mimosa Dr., Gaffney, SC 29341.

Distinguished Alumni

Each year at the Alumni Banquet we honor several who have made significant contributions in their respective fields. Listed below are the 2005 recipients.

CHAPLAINCY

A headline on the front page of the Canton newspaper recently read: "Where there's smoke... Canton firefighters know they have a friend."



Following the headline was a full-page article on the 20-year fire department chaplaincy of **Jeff Bullock**, a 1971 KCU alum-

nus.

Since moving to Canton in 1984, the entire community has benefited from Jeff's volunteer ministry as chaplain for the Canton Fire Department. He keeps his two-way radio with him at all times to determine when he is needed. Although he recommends help for the families involved, his primary work is with the firefighters.

Through his example and influence several firefighters now attend First Christian Church, where Jeff serves as the Minister of Membership Care. In the newspaper article one firefighter says, "He is just a caring guy. He spends lots of his time following up on psychological or emotional

problems. He is a good guy to talk to. He just shows up a lot. Sometimes he pops in on a Friday night. He's just there if a guy needs an ear." The former fire chief says, "If you wanted a model chaplain, it would be Jeff Bullock."

Jeff is married to Pam Vincent Bullock. They have one daughter, Carey, who is a senior at KCU this fall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kim Stephan Phipps is a 1978 graduate of KCU. She and her husband, Kelly, got their start in Christian Ministry in 1980 at Lakeview Church of Christ in Akron, OH. They



began a youth group that grew from 20 to over 100. Kim made herself avail-

able to the teenagers in that youth group as well as teaching at the local University. Many of those students attended Bible college and are leading Christian lives because of Kim's love and guidance.

Kim continued to reach young people as a positive role model as she served

in a variety of leadership roles at Malone College and again as she began working at Messiah College as Academic Dean in 1998. She served as Provost of the College from 2000-2004. In July of 2004, she was appointed Interim President of the College while a presidential search was underway. After several months of searching, the Board of Trustees voted to name Kim as the eighth president of Messiah College. Kim is the first woman president in the College's history.

Kim is married to Kelly Phipps, a 1980 graduate of KCU. Their daughter Brooke is 13 years old and in 8th grade.

MISSIONS

Michael R. Smith established International Christian Braille Mission, Inc., (ICBM) after graduating from KCU in 1975. ICBM



is a non-profit organization that produces and distributes New Testament

Christian literature in formats useable by blind and visually impaired individuals.

Within the Restoration Movement, ICBM is the largest distributor of Christian Braille literature for blind and visually impaired people. *We Would See Jesus* is an original periodical available by free subscription to Braille readers around the world. This publication includes articles on Christian living and is designed to build up believers in their daily walk.

The *Lookout* and *Christian Standard* are made available weekly to the blind through ICBM's audio cassettes. ICBM also provides a lending library with over 200 titles for use by Braille readers.

ICBM currently distributes material for evangelism and edification in approximately 20 countries worldwide.

Mike and his wife, Barbara, reside in South Charleston, WV.

PREACHING

Steve Ranson is a 1977 graduate of KCU. He just completed 25 years as the senior pastor at the Hazelwood Christian Church in Clay-



ton, IN.

Under Steve's leadership, Hazel-

wood has grown from a congregaton of 24 members to a current weekly average of over 740.

His long time service also includes his noted days with Operation Evangelize in the mid 70's. He still holds several revivals each year — leading singing for some and preaching for others.

Steve is also very active in other areas of service. He has served on two different mission boards, has taken many short term mission trips, volunteers as a chaplain at the local hospital, has served on several committees for the local school system and has served as President of the local minister's group. He is a great encourager, especially to those in the ministry.

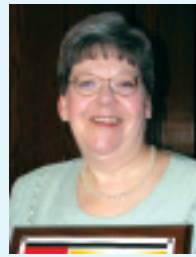
When honored for his 25 years of service, the most often heard compliments about Steve were about his kindness, humility, and approachable spirit.

Steve and his wife Kim, who is also a 1977 graduate of KCU, have two sons, Chad, and Aaron, and a daughter, Amber. Because of their father's example, Chad and Aaron are both serving in Youth Ministry today.

SOCIAL WORK

After graduating from KCU in 1990 with a degree in Education, **Mary Ellen Conley** began teaching fourth and fifth grades. Shortly after she began working at Wurtland Middle School as Youth Services Director helping young teens stay in school by providing items necessary for living.

After leaving the youth services program, Mary Ellen



became involved with Welfare to Work, a program dedicated to helping people

become self-sufficient. She was also coordinator of GearUP, which helps middle school students prepare for post-graduation life.

Mary Ellen is now working through Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital as coordinator of Community Faith in Action and the Meals on Wheels program. This program recruits volunteers to help elderly people in the community.

When Mary Ellen came to this program, it had twelve volunteers. Today, the numbers are well over 100. She has also been instrumental in creating other programs in South Shore and Grayson, Kentucky.

Mary Ellen is tireless in her efforts to see that every person who contacts Community Faith in Action is matched with a volunteer who is trained and able to help them in a caring way. Her Christ-like love and compassion is expressed in her service to her church, community, and family. She and her husband, Paul, have two daughters, Rae Ellen, and Abigail.

TEACHING

Dillard Dewayne Taylor, Jr. graduated from KCU with

the first class of teacher education students in 1984 and has been teaching at Millard Middle School in Pike County for 20 years. He has won numerous teacher awards over the years, including Who's Who among America's Teacher's in 1994.

He was only one of seven in eastern Kentucky to complete the Math Specialist Training in which he received honors. He has conducted numerous seminars across Eastern Kentucky in the field of



Math Specialist grades 5-8 and has been nominated twice by his stu-

dents for Kentucky Teacher of the Year. In 2003-2004, he was nominated by students and peers for Teacher of the Year in America.

He served as a Site Base Member of his Local School from 1997-2003 and was chairperson for three of those years. He has achieved incentive attendance awards for highest student attendance for nine years.

There are many other honors and achievements that Dewayne has received over the last 20 years, but he believes a letter he received from a former student illustrates his greatest teaching accomplishment. "Thanks for being a teacher that

I can trust and someone who makes learning fun, and for also being my friend." He also believes that teaching is a lifetime goal — to teach them you must reach them.

Dewayne has been married to Mary Donna for 20 years. They are blessed with two sons, Derek, and Brent.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Phil Martin is a 1985 graduate of KCU. He has



been in the ministry for 20 years, and during that time many of the students who have graduated from his youth ministry have gone into full-time ministry or in a ministry related career because of Phil's influence in their lives.

Phil has been working in his home church for the

past 13 years. The church's senior minister had this to say about Phil, "There is never any question about his faith, integrity, or loyalty to his wife and family. He is also loyal to his alma mater, to which he has introduced a host of young people many of whom have, or are attending there. He will be serving as President of the Southern Illinois Convention in 2007, which indicates what the area churches think of him. I know he could find another ministry where he

would be more in the spotlight and be better compensated, but I am glad he has chosen to put his roots down here to help us be the congregation the Lord desires us to be."

Phil is married to Kim (Sellars) Martin also a 1985 KCU graduate. They have two sons, Kyle (a sophomore at KCU) and Eric.

Do you know a distinguished-KCU alum? Please submit their name when nominations are accepted for the 2006 honors.

University Award for Exemplary Service

At the May 2005 Alumni Banquet the Leamon family was presented The University Award for Exemplary Service in honor of the memory of William D. "Bill" Leamon. Bill gave KCU 16 years of tireless devotion, outstanding service, and faithful leadership.

In addition to this award, at the Spring KCU Board Meeting, the Trustees unanimously voted to name the Maintenance complex the *William D. "Bill" Leamon Maintenance Complex*.



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