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of Worship Leaders**

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We are working to maximize our eternal impact

I really love higher education and, specifically, Christian higher education. While I understand that attending a university is not for everyone, gaining an education not only changes that person's life, it can change the trajectory of an entire family. A degree from a faith-based school like KCU has an eternal impact! Again, not just for the person who received the education, but also for those around them. This is the value-added nature of earning an education at KCU. We graduate students who are highly trained to serve in their areas of calling, but they learn something more here. Here, each student is challenged to live out their faith in Jesus Christ and to serve Him faithfully. This piece has an eternal effect on the graduate, their family, and all those with whom they come in contact.

As we pursue that goal, I'm very pleased to announce that the faculty forwarded a recommendation to the trustees that students graduating from KCU have at least a minor in Biblical Studies. The trustees enthusiastically approved this change to the curriculum at our winter board meeting. We want students who are well trained in their fields to be prepared for service by having a strong biblical foundation. They may earn a living as a teacher, nurse, lawyer, or business leader, but they will also be equipped to faithfully serve Jesus as they fulfill those vocations.

I believe that we will continue to see the need for well-equipped, bi-vocational ministers. We are also seeing our business students accepting roles in the local church or being recruited to serve overseas. It is imperative that we prepare them to both excel in their fields and to be well grounded in the Scriptures.

When we combine these efforts with our passion for producing leaders specifically trained for service to the church through our Keeran School of Bible and Ministry, it is exciting to imagine the eternal impact of our graduates.

Terry Allcorn, PhD
President





THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORSHIP LEADERS

The next generation of Worship Leaders is being trained and developed right here at KCU, and from our view, the future looks bright. Under the leadership of KCU Worship Collective Director, Mike Cochran, the KCU Worship Collective has grown tremendously not only by number, but by substance and skill. This group of students leads KCU's campus in God-glorifying worship experiences and chapel services both on and off campus. "I believe God has big plans for the students at Kentucky Christian University to grow in their abilities and their faith! I am honored to play a small part in the process. We're planning and dreaming about what is next.

You can definitely expect to see and hear more from the KCU Worship Collective in 2024!" says Director Mike Cochran. The growth of this program has led to many exciting things happening with our campus community, one of those being the release of an original song co-written by KCU Senior Ali Jude, Mike Cochran, and KCU Junior Hope Whitt.

Produced on campus with Steve Hoffman in the Upper Level Recording Studio, the track entitled "Miracles" is a beautiful Gospel portrayal put to music. The song is written about the many miracles Jesus performed during His time on earth and that He didn't just do these things during His earthly ministry. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, He can also do miracles in your life right now.

Ali Jude said, "Miracles is a song that I'm very thankful God used me to help create. I wanted to write a song about the ministry of Jesus and His time on earth. I wanted to tell a story about His life, the miracles He performed, and the ultimate price He paid when He died on the cross and rose again three days later. I also wanted to show that God can do miracles for you and save you from whatever you are dealing with. My prayer is that God uses it in whatever way He sees fit and that it spreads the gospel to as many people as possible!"

The song released March 1 of this year on all major streaming platforms. The growing talent and passion at KCU to see the church praising God through worship arts is encouraging and inspiring. The current generation of students is seeking ways to connect to Christ through music and creativity and paving the way for generations to come. KCU has truly become a home to the next generation of Worship Leaders and the KCU Worship Collective is ready to provide them with the opportunity and training to go out and show the world what it means to praise the Lord.



Watch the music video here!



MY FIRST SEMESTER

*By Cooper Rolph,
Freshman Youth + Family Ministry Major*



My first semester at KCU exceeded all my expectations. From the moment I stepped onto campus, I was greeted by a warm, friendly staff who made moving into my dorm smooth and welcoming. As a member of the soccer team, I moved in early, which allowed me to connect with a supportive group of student-athletes before classes even started. Our coaches, particularly my head coach Jeremy Miller, not only guided us on the field but also played a pivotal role in shaping me into a better athlete and individual.

Academically, I had a fulfilling experience. Each of my professors was dedicated to providing assistance whenever needed, fostering personal connections, and ensuring that I felt valued and supported. This personalized approach made me feel like more than just a student ID number. KCU's academic support services and planning meetings with my advisors helped to keep me on track.

Attending a Christian university made the emphasis on spiritual growth evident in every aspect of campus life. As a ministry student, I found a lot of opportunities to serve and deepen my faith, whether through involvement in KCU Reach, the KCU Worship Collective, or our inspiring chapel services held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The weekly life groups, where we engage in fellowship and Bible study, have been particularly meaningful to me.

I am part of a group called PPP, which creatively is named for people, pizza nights and discussions based on the Bible books that start with "P".

In just a short amount of time my journey at KCU has been transformative. I've built incredible friendships, grown in my faith, and gained valuable knowledge. A year ago, I was uncertain about my future, but through the guidance of the Lord, I discovered my calling in ministry. I am immensely grateful for the sense of belonging and purpose that KCU has provided me, and I look forward to continuing this fulfilling journey as a Knight.



MAKING A CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION MORE ACHIEVABLE

Kentucky Christian University is excited to introduce the Commonwealth Commitment Grant (CCG). The Commonwealth Commitment Grant helps KCU fulfill its mission to make a Christ-centered education achievable for all Kentucky students, regardless of their financial circumstances. By removing financial obstacles, this initiative enables students who may have thought attending a four-year university was beyond their reach. The initial phase of the CCG will award fifty grants, making it an excellent opportunity for students aspiring to earn a degree at KCU.

It is easy to apply for the CCG. Students only need to complete our college application, a short scholarship application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the University's school code (001965).

If a student qualifies they will be notified as soon as the FAFSA is processed. The priority consideration deadline is May 1, 2024. The CCG combined with state and federal aid packages covers costs that would typically come out-of-pocket throughout the students' entire undergraduate journey at KCU,



spanning up to eight semesters, whether they choose to commute or reside on campus. As the priority consideration deadline approaches, eligible students are encouraged to apply for this transformative grant. KCU believes that this investment will not only benefit students and their families but will also have a positive impact on Kentucky and the communities we serve. In a time of national inflation where higher education costs can seem insurmountable, initiatives like the CCG play a vital role in providing assistance. The benefits of the CCG extend beyond financial support. By eliminating out-of-pocket expenses, students can fully focus on their academic endeavors.

Moreover, this grant aligns with KCU's commitment to supporting students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. Successful applicants must maintain standard academic progress requirements and Pell Grant eligibility to continue receiving the scholarship annually. The Commonwealth Commitment Grant is not just about aiding individual students; it's about investing in the future of Kentucky's communities by providing educated servant-leaders who can enact change in society and be the hands and feet of Christ in their profession. KCU is dedicated to providing a pathway to higher education for those facing economic challenges, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.



KCU is pleased to welcome Danny Stamper as our new Director of Development

Danny Stamper brings a wealth of experience in sales, leadership, and Christian service, making him an ideal candidate for this key position. His extensive background in relationship building, gained from his years in sales and account management at Lifetouch and his faithful service as a deacon at the Gregoryville Christian Church, aligns seamlessly with the values and goals of Kentucky Christian University. As Director of Development, Danny will report directly to the President and will be responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and implementing various components of the University's capital and annual funding initiatives. **Contact: dkstamper@kcu.edu (606-474-3282)**

FAITH & FOOTBALL

As a football coach, Jason Aubry has access to his players in a way that others in the ministry do not. He can show his players how to be family men and men of God while meeting them in an area they love and are comfortable with. He doesn't have to tell the players how to treat others; he demonstrates it to them. This concept is essential to Jason: "The world is loudly telling us what a man is, what an athlete is. How a football player should be." These ideas typically do not reflect the persona that Jason is trying to demonstrate. "We should all be on a mission to be the hands and feet of Christ."

This is the culture that Coach Aubry wants to instill in the KCU Campus. However, instead of calling it the team culture, it is referred to as the clarity of purpose and is evidenced at every team meeting. At 4:00 pm, the whistle blows, and the energy is amped up by the team clapping and cheering because positive energy is essential to the program. The battle cry "T.O.I." is yelled out, which stands for "Team Over Individual." This is the idea of putting the team first and yourself last. After the battle cry, Coach Aubry asks the players, "Who are we?". The response is F.A.M.I.L.Y., "Forget About Me, I Love You". "To serve others" is then echoed in response to the question of the team's mission. "The greatest leaders must be the greatest servants. Matthew 20:28 says, 'just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.'"

Making faith an integral part of their team meetings has been the main focus of the Spring semester. For the first eight weeks, the team has purposefully studied Ephesians 6:10-18 and what it looks like to have the whole armor of God, along with the principle that everything hangs on truth. This integration of faith has helped bring roughly twelve players to baptism. One such player, Juju Carrero, stated, "It may seem like sports and physical achievements are important, but in the end, it's about God. He's the only one there for you." President Allcorn said of Coach Aubry, "He reflects faith on and off the field. You cannot step into the field house without immediately knowing you are on a Christian campus and that there are high standards here."



Jason and Dana Aubry



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

In a heartwarming display of community service, members of the football and softball teams joined forces to honor the memory of our fallen heroes. Under the guidance of their coaches, the student-athletes volunteered their time to remove the Christmas wreaths from the graves at the Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery Northeast. The football and softball teams, comprising dedicated and compassionate individuals, approached the task with utmost respect and reverence. Working in unison, they meticulously removed each wreath, taking care not to disturb any other decorations or markers. Their commitment to preserving the dignity of the cemetery was evident throughout the day.



The collaboration between the football and softball teams not only exemplifies the spirit of teamwork but also highlights the values of respect, honor, and community engagement that KCU strives to instill in its students. By actively participating in events like these, the student-athletes learn the significance of service and develop a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. KCU extends its heartfelt appreciation to the football and softball teams for their invaluable contribution to this year's wreath removal. Their dedication and commitment to honoring our veterans are truly commendable.

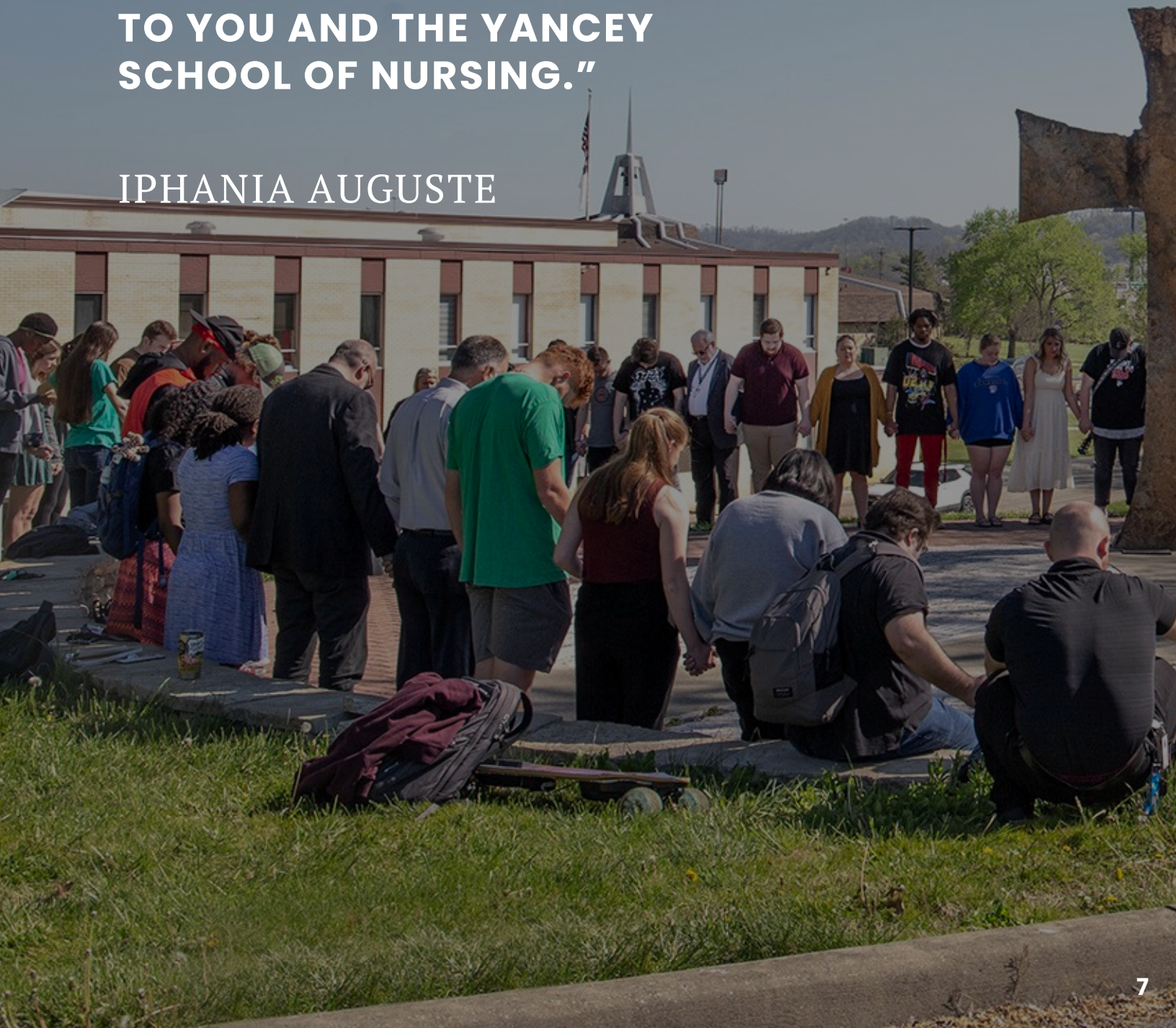
KNIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

- The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) recently announced the NAIA Leadoff All-Tournament team, recognizing outstanding performances during the tournament. Among the talented athletes named to the prestigious list is Sarah Leyba. Her remarkable performance throughout the tournament showcased her ability to excel under pressure and contribute significantly to the team's success.
- In another remarkable achievement, Kennadi Mayer triumphed in the Women's Barebow Division at the Indoor Mid-South Conference Championships, bringing home the gold medal. Mayer's exceptional talent and relentless pursuit of excellence have solidified her position as a force to be reckoned with in the archery world.
- On the football field, Jamari Wilson has been named the AAC Offensive Freshman of the Year. Wilson's exceptional skills, determination, and outstanding performance throughout the season have not gone unnoticed. This prestigious title is a testament to his hard work and dedication to the sport.
- In addition to their athletic achievements, several student-athletes have also excelled academically. The AAC All-Academic Team for Volleyball includes Emily Adkins, Becca Banks, Anna Cruser, Faith Fowler, Ashlyn Funk, Maggie Keeton, Madison Logan, Gwen Messer, Kira Osborn, Lyndi Starkey, and Alyssa Wolford. These individuals have demonstrated their commitment to both their studies and their sport, showcasing the true meaning of student-athlete.
- Emily Adkins and Daniel LaRue have been recognized for their outstanding character and sportsmanship, earning a spot on the NAIA Champions of Character Team. Their exemplary behavior both on and off the field serves as an inspiration to their teammates and fellow athletes.

Congratulations to all the athletes for their remarkable achievements and for representing our institution with pride and excellence. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to both their sport and academics are truly commendable.

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FOR POURING SO MUCH TIME,
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Future Faith

By Dr Rob O'Lynn

How do we develop a future-looking faith? When I was in college and graduate school, the late Robert Webber, the noted worship scholar at Northern Seminary, published a series of “Ancient-Future” volumes that looked at worship, evangelism, spiritual formation and the Christian year through the dual lens of ancient practice and contemporary expression. The first volume of that short-lived series was entitled *Ancient-Future Faith* and focused on how to live faithfully according to classical Christian practice in an increasingly postmodern context, a context that more and more resembles the very cultural context from which Christianity emerged.

The concern remains a real one today—how do we live faithfully according to the classical tradition of Christian teaching and practice. There are three ways to develop this kind of faith. First, Christian faith that moves into the future must be oriented to the Spirit. In the Old Testament, the Spirit (*ruach*) functions as God’s power in creating and sustaining the universe (Gen. 1:2, 2:7, 6:3; Ps. 104:29-30), as God’s power in special gifting (Gen. 41:38-39; Ex. 28:3, 35:31; Deut. 34:9; Judges 14:6; Micah 3:8), and as God’s power in special revelation (Ex. 31:1-5; Num. 24:2-3; Judg. 14:6; 1 Sam. 19:19-24). In the New Testament, Jesus promises that the Spirit (*pneuma*) will provide the disciples with the peace and presence of Christ (John 14:15-31), will empower the disciples’ witness (John 15:26-27), and will testify to the world about Christ and guide the disciples to truth (John 16:7-15). We see these promises first fulfilled in Acts 2 on that Pentecost Sunday when God poured out the Spirit on the first Christians (Acts 2:1).

The Spirit dwelt in that first gathering and blessed them with incredible ability to preach and proclaim the gospel to those who witnessed the event. Paul talks about how this beautifully divine gift is available to all Christians, saying that the indwelling of the Spirit is the “first payment” toward salvation (2 Cor. 1:22; cf., Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:13). One of the beautiful aspects of Peter’s Pentecost day sermon is that this gift is given to all people—men and women, young and old, rich and poor—a fulfillment of God’s own promise given through the prophet Joel (2:17-21; cf., Joel 2:28-32). A faith that moves into the future will discern the role the Spirit is playing in our lives and how the Spirit continues to guide us.

Second, Christian faith that moves into the future must be grounded in scripture. Here, we see the back-and-forth of “ancient-future” faith. To discern how the Spirit is guiding us, we must turn to scripture for guidance, instruction, correction, and comfort. When it comes to scripture, the Spirit has two additional functions. On one hand, the Spirit guided the composition of scripture to address what God needs us to know to live faithfully, what we call “inspiration” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). On the other hand, today, the Spirit guides the interpretation of scripture so that readers can become disciples, what we call “illumination” (2 Cor. 3:14-18; cf., Eph. 4:17-24; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 John 3:7-9; Rev. 21:1-5). Scripture is our guide to how God has interacted with humanity as well as our instructor on how to live in relationship with God. It is our standard in terms of ethics, doctrine and practice. In short, scripture is what guides us towards righteousness.

Third, Christian faith that moves into the future must be focused on mission. One of the hallmarks of the Stone-Campbell tradition is its adherence to the Great Commission.

At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gathers his trusted disciples and commissions them to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (28:19-20a, NRSVUE). He also reminds them that he will be with them forever, “to the end of the age” (28:20b), as a way of providing them with hope and peace. Both the commission and the promise remain true for us today. As disciples of Christ, we are called to go and make disciples of those who do not know God as their creator, Jesus as their savior, and the Spirit as their guide. However, as we see in scripture, we must be willing to follow the Spirit wherever the Spirit leads. As the Spirit called Paul to leave Asia Minor for Greece (Acts 16:6-10), we must not settle for tried-and-true models of ministry but discern where the Spirit is leading.

Micro-churches (what we used to call “house churches”), bi-vocational and volunteer ministers, embracing the arts and technology, and seeking partnerships with community agencies and programs are becoming more and more mainline missional approaches. This does not mean that traditional models are going away, only that we should not ignore the Spirit’s guidance just because something is new or different.

As has always been the case, a Christian faith that looks hopefully to the future will be oriented to the Spirit, grounded in scripture, and focused on mission.

Keeran School Of Bible & Ministry Seeks ABHE Accreditation

The Keeran School of Bible and Ministry is seeking programmatic accreditation with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). Together with Vicky Madden, Director of Institutional Assessment and Accreditation, and a whole team of others, Dr. Rob Shoaff, Dean of the KSBM has been working diligently in providing additional layers of Biblical Studies accountability and rigor for students at KCU, and specifically, within the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry. Programmatic accreditation with ABHE will not only provide deeper layers of accountability but will also seek to ensure that all KSBM students receive Biblical Studies and Ministry degrees that are “above standard” in terms of Biblical Higher Education. ABHE programmatic accreditation, in combination with KCU’s institutional accreditation through The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), will not only provide the necessary educational standards of accreditation, but specifically, ABHE accreditation will aid the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry’s desire to advance Biblical higher education for Kingdom impact.



At the time of this writing, the KSBM is one year into the process and has received Applicant status, is in the self-study phase of the process, is planning a campus site visit with ABHE representatives in the Fall of 2024, and has a projected decision date of February 2025. Both KCU’s Keeran School of Bible and Ministry and ABHE are unapologetically driven to serve Christ and the Church through the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Together with ABHE, the KSBM will continue to engage our students in transformational, experiential, and missional education that is grounded in the truth of God’s Word with the end goal being that our students will, “go and make disciples” and impact the world.

Kentucky Christian University has been, and continues to be, committed to fulfilling the

Great Commission. ABHE exists to promote, advance, and protect the ethos of Biblical higher education. Partnering together, ABHE will be focused on the KSBM’s ability to flourish in our goals for all of KCU’s students. This effort employs various means such as quality assurance through the Commission on Accreditation, networking, and leadership development opportunities. As the KSBM flourishes, we will continue to produce missional graduates. Missional graduates will go and make a difference for the cause of Jesus Christ all over the world. Again, this is incredible news!

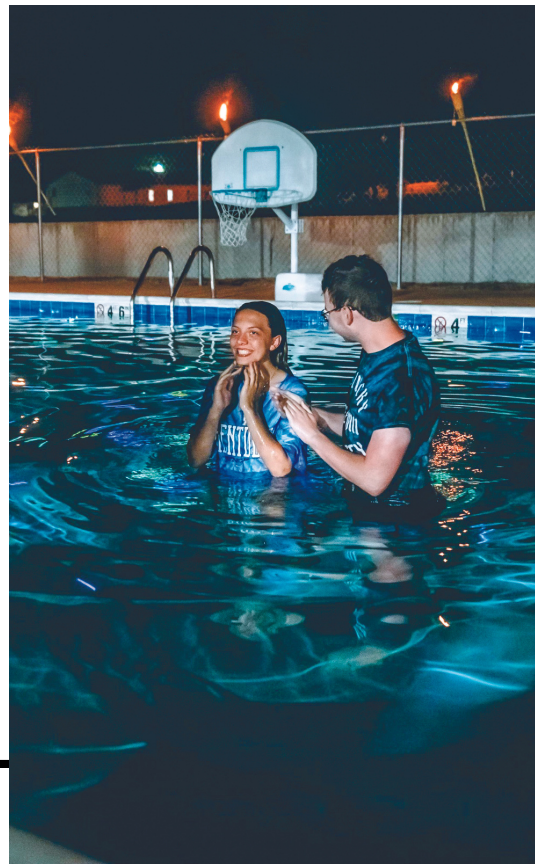
KCU REACH

After first launching in the spring semester of 2022, the KCU Reach program exists to develop partnerships between KCU students and local churches and camps. Reach allows us to serve our local churches while introducing students from around our region to what it means to be a student at KCU. Students are not only gaining first hand ministry experience, they are also building relationships with the churches involved. KCU student Brett Ferguson has most recently been serving as the leader of the KCU Reach team at Vanceburg Christian Church, Vanceburg, KY. There, the KCU Reach Team not only assists with Sunday services, but also with their children's ministry. Ferguson says the initiative of the KCU Reach Team is to "Serve the local church and learn by experience in ministry."

Local churches such as Highland Christian Church, Maysville, KY speak very highly of the KCU Reach Team and their impact in their church. Justin Butler said, "I feel this to be a great thing for our congregation, and our people really love it when the Reach Team leads. The Reach program is vital to our congregation. Our people love the connection we have to KCU and want it to continue for as long as the Lord wills. Reach is a program that has improved greatly from its founding and will only get better." The KCU Reach Team has served at Highland Christian Church for two years in various aspects, such as the tech team, Kidsland, and even leading worship for both of their morning services.

In addition to helping churches, the Reach Team also hosts on-campus events such as Tri-State Worship Night every spring where they invite several youth groups from local churches. On Tri-State Worship Night, the KCU Reach Team facilitates worship, fellowship, and a message. When asked what his favorite part of being on the KCU Reach Team is, Ferguson answered, "The people."

The KCU Reach Team strives to make connections within the local community, and some Reach teams serve in churches as far away as Louisville. The KCU Reach Team is not limited to Bible and Ministry majors. For more information about KCU Reach contact Jeremy Miller (jeremymiller@kcu.edu) or Jake Ratliff (jratliff@kcu.edu).





“GOOGLE, WHAT ARE THE CHURCHES NEAR ME?”

Search Engine Optimization for churches.

For help with local SEO please feel free to reach out to the marketing team here at Kentucky Christian University. We would be happy to help!

Imagine a new family moving to your town, seeking a church to call home. Picture a mother, overwhelmed by her young son's behavior, searching for guidance and support.

Envision a man battling addiction, yearning for a place of solace and transformation. In these moments of seeking, where do these individuals turn first? More often than not, it's not the Yellow Pages; it's Google, Alexa or Siri. With only 11% of adults still holding onto phone books and newspaper circulation plummeting by nearly two-thirds in the last two decades, having a robust digital presence has become imperative for churches. While having a welcoming church with a culture of outreach remains irreplaceable, the reality is that voice search, Google Maps, and business profiles have overtaken traditional means of church discovery. In today's digital landscape, local SEO emerges as a vital tool for churches to ensure they're visible and accessible to those seeking spiritual connection. By optimizing their online presence, congregations can effectively reach out

to individuals in their communities, guiding them to the doors of their sanctuary.

Embracing The Digital Bridge

New member outreach extends beyond the traditional methods. Clicks, taps, and voice commands are the methods people use to find out about all kinds of businesses and organizations, including your church. Local SEO serves as the bridge connecting these seekers to the local church by making it easy to find and connect with online.

Harnessing the Power of Voice Search

"Hey Alexa, find a Christian church nearby." As voice search continues to rise in popularity, churches must adapt their digital strategies to align with this trend. By optimizing their content for voice queries, churches can position themselves as readily accessible options for those seeking spiritual guidance.

Give Them Directions to Your Doors

Navigating the terrain of local search starts with an optimized Google business profile. Your profile is a snapshot of your Church's location, service times and contact information.

Jason Shields, Associate Minister at Unity Christian Church in Cynthiana KY, knows first hand about the effectiveness of local SEO. "SEO has helped my church receive more traffic to our website. More people visit our social media pages which has led to more people visiting our services in person."

Amplify Your Message

Along with SEO, churches must continue to create and post interesting content online. These include consistent social media posts, videos of sermons saved on your website as video blogs, reviews and testimonials from your members, and news stories about events happening in your congregation. This will lead to clicks, likes and comments which added together makes your church easier to find online.

Let KCU Help

Kentucky Christian University is here to help! "We can help your church's light shine a little brighter in a digital age." said Dr. Terry Allcorn, President of KCU. Online or in person, the great commission remains the same. With local SEO strategies, churches can amplify their message, extend their reach, and welcome in new visitors on Sunday.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to the marketing team here at Kentucky Christian University at jbpenrose@kcu.edu or call 606-474-3284

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We often say the sun never sets on alumni of Kentucky Christian University. Jim ('83) and Becky ('82) Newman are an example of that statement. For the past twenty years they have been serving the Lord in the "Land Down Under." An incredible need for New Testament Christianity in Australia led the Newmans to form Southern Cross Ministries. Before serving in Australia, the Newmans were missionaries in Grenada, West Indies for 11 years.

Jim shares how KCU prepared them for ministry. "I count my years at KCU as some of the fondest in my life. It was there I learned much from God's Word, developed friendships that have endured to this day, and met my wonderful wife of nearly 42 years.



KCU is proud to have the Newmans as alumni. If you would like to connect with them please reach out through email: jim@actministries.net

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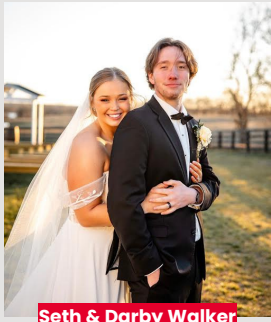
My life today would be dramatically different had I not been a student at KCU. I would not have been prepared for intercultural church planting and teaching without the foundation we received in our Bible classes from Dr. Nash and others and the challenge and encouragement we received to carry the Gospel across the globe from Mr. Gemeinhart. Our work in Australia is concentrating on planting churches that are biblically sound, locally led, and with a heart for the lost. We have primarily used a home church model, which has some distinct advantages in this country. This model is affordable, reproducible, and fosters accountability and fellowship. In 2008, we launched Australian Christian Training Ministries and the Southern Cross Bible Institute to provide training to Australian Christians. Our seminars and classes have been a mix of Biblical studies and training for service. Several KCU graduates have come to teach seminars for SCBI."

Becky recently retired from teaching after several years in the classroom. Teaching gave her the opportunity to impact her students with the love of Christ. Becky reflects on her KCU days fondly. "My years at KCC (KCU) gave me the education to know how to share the gospel with children. I truly appreciated the Christian Education classes taught by Dr. Gresham and others. As well as my education, the friendships that were begun there have lasted and continued no matter where we were living."





Emery Leann Neal



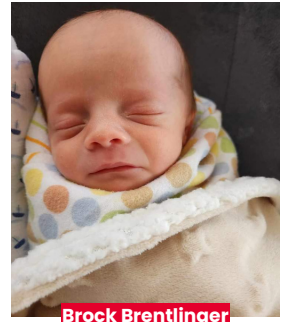
Seth & Darby Walker



Maverick Roman Dailey



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Brock Brentlinger

CLASS Notes

Knights Weddings

Peyton ('22) and Debby (Berardi) ('22) Baskins on September 23, 2023
Micah ('24) and Mandy (Langstaff) ('19) Adams on October 7, 2023
Brad ('08) and Lovely Sherly Exomme Milner on November 24, 2023
Kajika ('23) and Brianna (Powell) ('25) Sarvis on December 16, 2023
Seth ('22) and Darby (Flickinger) ('22) Walker on January 13, 2024

Knights We'll Miss

Joe Sholtis ('64), Bible, July 24, 2023
Neil Larimore ('89), Master of Ministry, September 5, 2023
Cheryl Risbeck Binegar ('01), Social Work, September 28, 2023
Marian Woodrum, Dorm Mom ('77-'81), November 4, 2023
Dwight Elam, Faculty ('81-'82), December 19, 2023
William (Bill) Hunt ('82 & '86), Bible & Ministry; Master of Ministry, January 20, 2024
Helen (Curtis) Barnett ('55), Women's Ministry, February 4, 2024



Lincoln Robert Eckert



Brad Milner & Lovely Sherly



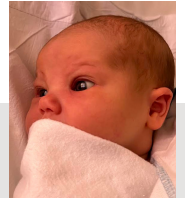
Micah & Mandy Adams

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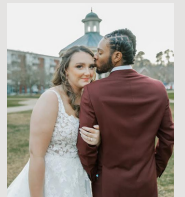
Norman "Chris" Ramp ('83) retired from Praxair Surface Technologies/Linde on September 29, 2023 after 35 years of service.
Michael Parker ('95) has recently moved from Fort Myers, FL and is now the Executive Pastor at North Field Church in Gallatin, TN.
Kevin Neal ('21) was ordained into the ministry on October 15, 2023 at Raceland Christian Church, Raceland, KY.
Todd Nischan ('15) joined the staff at Northeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY as an Outreach Associate.
Joshua Tinkler ('08) joined the staff of Christ's Church of the Valley, Peoria, AZ as the Lead Kid Pastor.
Jacob Stewart ('14) had an article featured in the Christian Standard titled "Gen Z is Giving us Hope!"
Andrea Stamper ('02) is now at Southwestern Community College, Sylva, NC as the Director of Institutional Research and Planning.
Penny (Frost) McGinnis ('79) has published a children's book titled "Betsy and Bailey, No One Will be Just Like You." This is her first bilingual book. It is illustrated by her daughter Hannah (Wickline) Ellis ('06).
William Hopkins ('17) is the new Senior Pastor at Shriner Church of Christ in Williamsburg, KY.
Halie Nichols ('18) has joined KDMS Ashland Center for Women's Health, Ashland, KY.
Cole Cordle ('22) was sworn in as an officer with the Grayson Police Department, Grayson, KY on January 10, 2024.
Aaron Butler, APRN ('18) has joined KDMC hospitalist team, Ashland, KY.

Future Knights

Maverick Roman, son of Beau ('12) and Magen (Daniel) ('15) Dailey on October 1, 2023
Ezra, son of Erich ('10) and Mallory Nischan on October 12, 2023
Lincoln Robert, son of Ethan ('23) and Cherish (Keyser) ('22) Eckert on October 26, 2023
John Lincoln, son of John Casey ('12) and Kendra Thomas on November 7, 2023
Mason Blaine, son of Matthew ('20) and Katie (Blevins) ('21) Miller on November 8, 2023
Easton Alexander, son of Colin ('15) and Breisa (Baker) ('15) Varney on December 8, 2023
Misirlou Lee, daughter of Chad ('08-'10) and Katie Serhal on December 28, 2023
Shawn Douglas, son of Patrick ('19) and Florence Nazziwa Kawooya on January 2, 2024
Cayden Allmond, son of Clay ('12) and Amber (Early) ('11 & '14) Parker on January 18, 2024
Meleah Lillian & Brock Isaiah, daughter & son of Clinton ('11) and Lauren (Brentlinger) ('12 & '17) Thompson on January 31, 2024
Sebastian Emanuel, son of Luis and Mel Jo (Morse) ('12) Barrios on February 9, 2024
Emery Leann, daughter of Kevin ('21) and Meredith ('21) Neal on February 12, 2024



Misirlou Lee Serhal



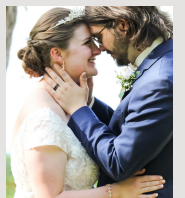
Kajika & Brianna Sarvis



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KCU Choir**

KCU Nash Chapel Grayson, Ky
7pm on April 9th

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Cornerstone Christian Church
Pikeville, Ky 6:30pm on April 21st

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**Tennessee Regional
Alumni Gathering**

Franklin Christian Church
Franklin, TN
12pm – 3pm
Register at www.kcu.edu

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MAY

Commencement

Lusby Center 10am

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JUN

Summer Music Series

KCU Nash Chapel Grayson, Ky
Jordan St. Cyr

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Summer Music Series

KCU Nash Chapel Grayson, Ky
The Isaacs

27-29

SEPT

Homecoming Weekend 24

09

NOV

A Knight to Remember Gala

Dinner followed by our
keynote speaker Alan
Robertson (Pastor and
member of the Duck Dynasty
Family). Music provided by
the KCU Worship Collective