



# The VOICE

The Magazine of Kentucky Christian University



## KEERAN SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY

The Keeran School of Bible and Ministry is named in honor of Dr. Keith P. and Topsy Keeran. Dr. Keeran, aided greatly by Topsy's support, involvement, and contributions, served as President of Kentucky Christian University from 1987 until his retirement in 2009. As both professor and President, Dr. Keeran labored to advance the Kingdom of Christ through the training of preachers and world changers.

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KEITH & TOPSY KEERAN HONORED WITH NAMING OF  
KEERAN SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY





President  
Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.



# TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP

As noted separately by Chairwoman Mansfield, I have announced my intention to not renew my contract as President of KCU after it expires in August 2019. After a long season of dedicated prayer and contemplation, I am convinced that God is, even now, raising up His person to lead the college into the 2020s and, though my love and passion for the educational ministry of KCU remains as steadfast as ever, the time is right for new leadership. It is true that the college is doing well by most any standard – our finances are in order, debt is manageable and has been substantially reduced, enrollment is stable, professional and regional accreditations remain without sanction.

So, why now? Because it is when things are going well that a deliberate, methodical, and coordinated approach may be taken by the Board of Trustees in selecting and transitioning to KCU's sixth president. While I will be communicating more concerning my transition in the months to come, it is fitting to make this brief announcement for the sake of readers who might not have received this news via other sources.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

*It is with great reluctance that the KCU Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Dr. Jeff Metcalf as President and CEO of the University effective August 26, 2019, concurrent with the end of his current contract.*

*We deeply appreciate Dr. Metcalf for his 22 years of service to the University and nine as President and CEO. His commitment to furthering the mission of KCU and his leadership during a challenging period in the life of the University have strongly positioned KCU for the future. We respect his decision and appreciate his humility and thoughtfulness in allowing the Board ample time to conduct a careful and deliberate search for his successor.*

*The Board has begun the Presidential search process with a season of prayer and reflection. We ask you, our alumni, churches and supporters to join us in petitioning for God's leading and guidance throughout the process of selecting the sixth president of the University.*

# KEERANS HONORED

The KCU Board of Trustees recently honored the lasting impact of its fourth president, Dr. Keith P. Keeran, through the naming of the Dr. Keith P. and Topsy Keeran School of Bible and Ministry.

Dr. Keith P. Keeran served as president of Kentucky Christian University for twenty-two years, from 1987-2009. Under Dr. Keeran's leadership, KCU experienced the greatest physical campus expansion in its history and moved from college to university status. While an expanded set of academic offerings and impressive building programs were overseen by Dr.



President Metcalf with Topsy and Keith Keeran at naming presentation

Keeran, perhaps his most lasting legacy is that of stamping the institution with academic legitimacy. He has noted that when he was appointed president there were three Ph.D.'s on the faculty; at the time of his retirement, almost 75% of the faculty held the Ph.D. or other terminal equivalent!

Also, Dr. Keeran guided impressive advances in positioning KCU to gain the stamps of approval of both regional and professional accreditors. One of his first major accomplishments was gaining regional accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Further

accreditations—similarly arduous but focused on specific academic programs—were gained in the areas of nursing, social work and teacher education. In addition to significant academic expansion at the undergraduate level, Dr. Keeran guided the establishment of the University's first graduate programs in 2002, offering masters degrees in Bible and Ministry.

Dr. Keeran, who holds a Ph.D. in communication, history, and religious studies from Michigan State University, served as an exemplary leader in the greater landscape of national and international higher education. He served as one of 77 commissioners, or board members, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the body that oversees and makes accreditation decisions regarding around 850 colleges and universities in the southeast. In 1993, he was appointed to a three-year term as one of seven commissioners with the Washington D.C. based Commission on Recognition of Post-secondary Accreditation (CORPA), the forerunner to the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) which reviews and gives recognition to regional, national, and professional accrediting agencies in the U.S. He also served for three years as President of the Association for Biblical Higher Education a national accrediting agency for faith based colleges. He is one of the most distinguished accreditation peer evaluators, having been awarded both the Meritorious Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award by SACSCOC.

A true hallmark of Dr. Keeran's presidency is that of pioneering educational work in post-Soviet Ukraine. In 1992, following the recent collapse of the Soviet Union, Dr. Keeran set out to establish an independent college in the Crimean city of Simferopol. What would eventually become Commonwealth International University grew to enroll over 200 Russian speaking students who majored in philology (the study of language) and theology and was at the time the only Christian higher education institution in Ukraine accredited by Ukraine's Ministry of Education. In addition to training students in Ukraine, scores of Ukrainian students have studied on the

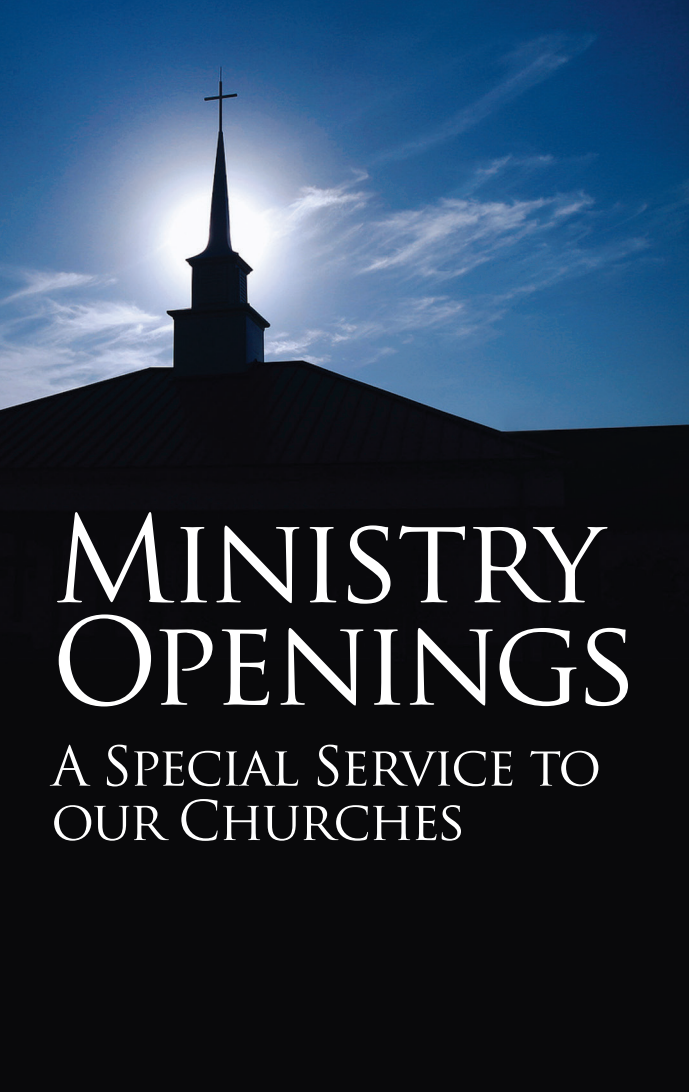


campus of KCU and many KCU faculty, staff, students, and trustees visited, taught, and studied on the campus in Simferopol.

Perhaps, though, Dr. Keeran's greatest lasting contribution to the educational ministry of KCU is that he was committed first and foremost to advancing the Kingdom of Christ through higher education at KCU. Through change, growth, and development, his steady hand and deliberate insistence helped preserve KCU's essential identity - preparing workers for the harvest.

I'm fortunate to follow in the footsteps of an educator, leader, and Christian minister like Dr. Keeran and am so very proud to be a part of honoring the legacy of my friend and mentor. There is no greater honor bestowed by an institution of higher learning than the naming of an academic school and it is fitting that ministry students at KCU will develop the art, craft, scholarship, and calling of ministry in the Keith P. and Topsy Keeran School of Bible and Ministry!





# MINISTRY OPENINGS

## A SPECIAL SERVICE TO OUR CHURCHES

For decades, the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ have partnered with colleges around the country for various needs. We're at a time in our world when now, more than ever, we need cohesiveness between our schools and churches. KCU values the long and faithful relationships we have had and continues to be proactive in providing services and support for our churches.

One of the services we provide is our Ministry Openings page. Every church that has a ministry need can place a free advertisement about the position on our page where it will stay up for three months (or more upon request). This page averages 7,000 views per month with churches filling their need within 3-5 months. It is a resource that we provide to our churches to connect them with potential ministry staff and it helps us stay connected with each other.

This service is also valuable to the potential ministry candidate. At any time, a ministry candidate can review all the job descriptions of various church needs across the United States and abroad. Every listing provides contact information for the candidate to begin a dialogue with and send their resumes to the potential church.

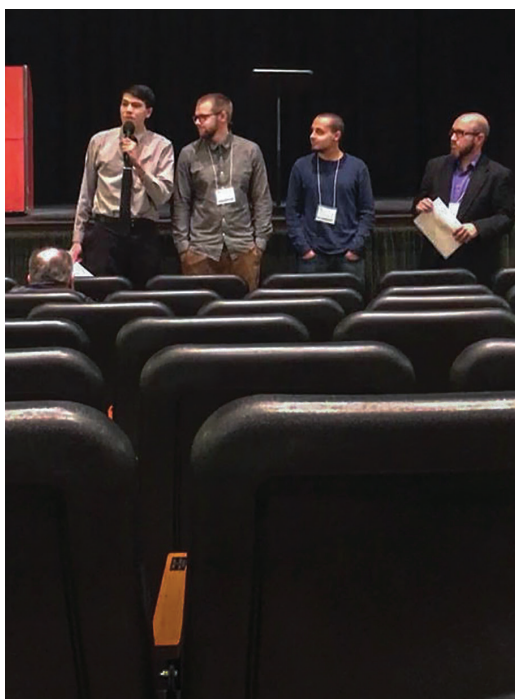
Through this resource and prayer, we are seeing churches connect with their future ministers and staff candidates. Please take a moment and view our ministry page at [www.kcu.edu/ministryopenings](http://www.kcu.edu/ministryopenings) or to learn more contact Jeff Greene at [jgreene@kcu.edu](mailto:jgreene@kcu.edu).

## KCU STUDENT FIRST UNDERGRADUATE TO BE PUBLISHED IN STONE-CAMPBELL JOURNAL

This past April, Advanced Biblical Studies major Samuel Guy joined several KCU professors in attending the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference at Milligan College, TN. He presented an academic essay for the annual SCJ Undergraduate Paper Competition.

At the competition, Samuel presented an essay on the function of the Greek word *politeuma* (citizenship) in Philipians 3:20 to a panel of biblical scholars. The next day, it was announced that Samuel had won the paper competition.

As the winner of the competition, Samuel received a \$2,500 scholarship to various partner seminaries in the Stone-Campbell Movement along with a stack of valuable biblical resources.



A few months after winning the competition, William Baker, the Stone-Campbell Journal editor, contacted Samuel informing him that his undergraduate paper had been accepted for publication in the Stone-Campbell Journal. This will be the first time in its history that the Stone-Campbell Journal has published an undergraduate paper.

Samuel says he is grateful God has given him such a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the church's understanding of the Scriptures.

He also wants to thank Dr. Scott Caulley for guiding him through the process of writing a high-quality scholarly essay. Samuel's essay will appear in the Spring 2019 edition of the Stone-Campbell Journal.



# WHO'S GONNA FILL THEIR Shoes?

There is an old George Jones song entitled, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes" with these lyrics:

*Who's gonna fill their shoes?  
Who's gonna stand that tall?  
Who's gonna play the Opry  
And the Wabash Cannonball?  
Who's gonna give their heart and soul  
To get to me and you?  
Lord I wonder, who's gonna fill their shoes?*

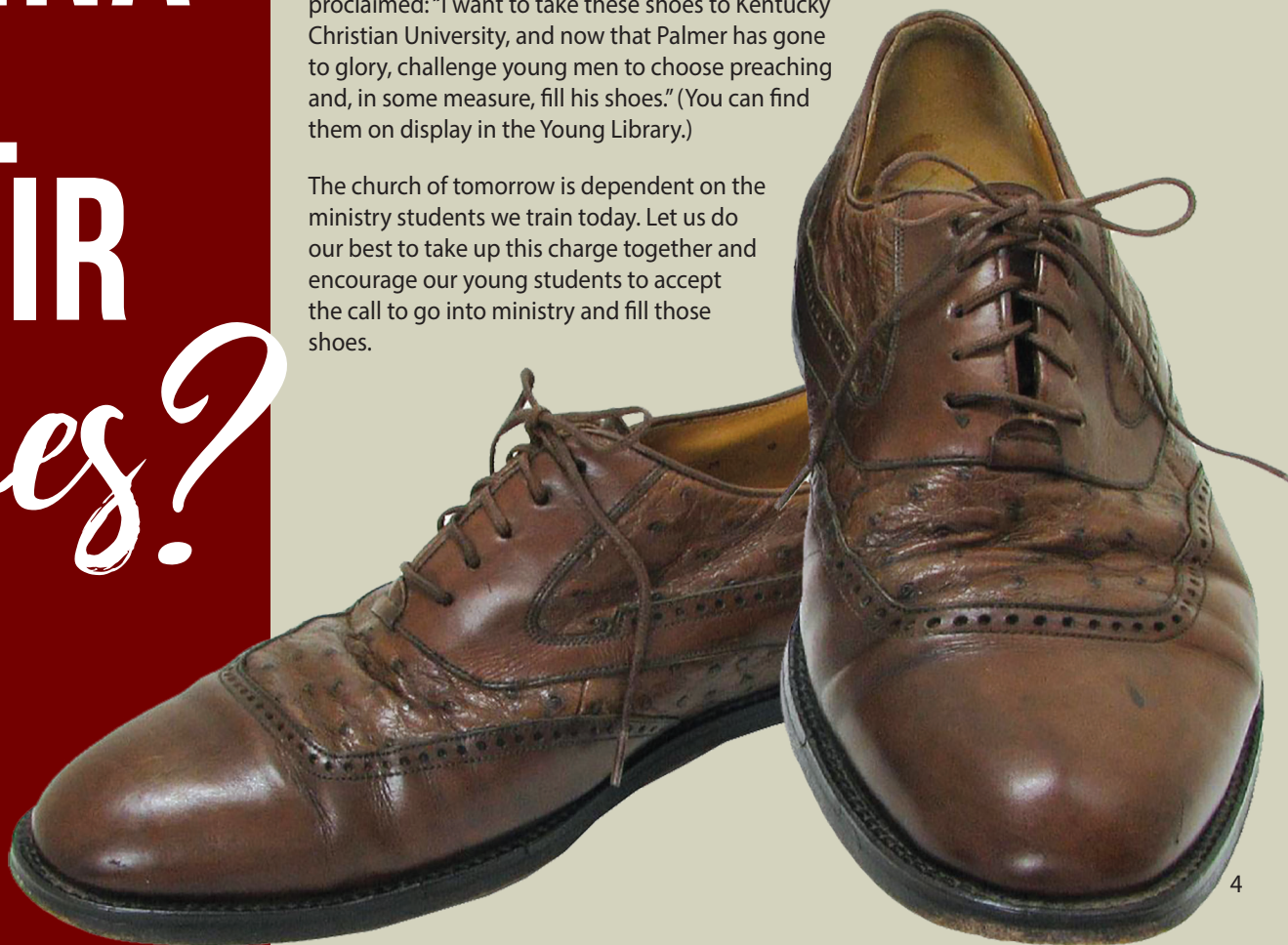
While the Ministry Openings page has a proven track record of connecting churches with potential staff members, it doesn't answer the question of who we are raising up to be the next generation of ministers and missionaries. In many cases, when one church's need is met another church vacancy opens as ministers move from one ministry to the next. Many ministers who went to school in the 70s are beginning to retire. Who will replace them? **Who's gonna fill their shoes?**

In recent years our Restoration Schools have been experiencing a decline of students entering vocational ministry. There are various reasons for this. The culture has changed, traditional family values have changed, church demographics have changed with church youth groups putting an emphasis on the "priesthood of all believers" (No matter your occupation, you can be a servant of Christ. I Peter 2:9) While that is true, there still needs to be an emphasis on recruiting students for vocational ministry. There is no better place to find those young people than in our churches.

So, if you know someone who you think would make a good preacher, youth minister, children's minister, worship minister or missionary, encourage them to enter into ministry. Pray for them and even offer to help pay their way through school.

Former KCU President, Dr. L. Palmer Young was a preacher first. He loved preaching, Restoration churches and preachers. At his funeral, Wally Rendel asked the family for a pair of shoes that President Young wore when preaching. During his message Wally proclaimed: "I want to take these shoes to Kentucky Christian University, and now that Palmer has gone to glory, challenge young men to choose preaching and, in some measure, fill his shoes." (You can find them on display in the Young Library.)

The church of tomorrow is dependent on the ministry students we train today. Let us do our best to take up this charge together and encourage our young students to accept the call to go into ministry and fill those shoes.





# Flagpole Dedication

at Knights Stadium Honoring the Late Sr. Vice President and CFO Bill Bondurant



On Saturday, September 29, at this year's Fall Homecoming football game, a special presentation honoring Bill Bondurant was made by dedicating the newly erected flagpole in his honor. President Jeff Metcalf spoke about Bill's servant leadership at KCU from 1988 until his passing in August 2014. He pointed out that the flag used during the ceremony flew over the nation's Capital in honor of Bill Bondurant and was sent to us by Senator Mitch McConnell.



Bill's wife, Donnette Bondurant, also shared her heart and love for Bill stating that Bill loved God, loved his family and loved KCU. He worked long hours and made sacrifices throughout his years here. Part of his passion was seeing the stadium built, complete with a flagpole to fly both the American and Christian flags.

Donnette wanted everyone to know that this wasn't a memorial flagpole to remember Bill, but a flagpole that honors him and his faith in Jesus Christ. Because of his faith, Bill is more alive now with Jesus in Heaven. Donette was surrounded by several members of her family including many of her children and their spouses, grandchildren, Bill's brothers and several friends. Jonathan Bondurant prayed a beautiful prayer of dedication followed by KCU Sophomore, Kennedy Meredith, singing the National Anthem. The flagpole was totally funded through gifts given this past summer (*see list below*).

## FLAGPOLE GIFTS IN HONOR OF BILL BONDURANT

Dr. Juliana Akinsete  
M/M Jake Allen  
M/M William B. Baumgardner, Jr.  
M/M David R. Bondurant  
Donnette Bondurant  
M/M Jonathan Bondurant  
Marilyn Bondurant  
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M/M Kevin Gillenwater  
M/M Jeff Greene  
Glima Hall  
John T. Hannum  
M/M Jeffrey Hill  
JMK Electric  
M/M Hayden Johnson  
M/M Brian Justus  
Dr. & Mrs. Keith P. Keeran  
Willis Kelley  
Jeffrey D. Kinney  
M/M Kris Langstaff

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Miller Insurance Agency  
M/M Jeremy Miller  
M/M Francis Nash  
Oak Grove Church of Christ,  
Grayson, KY  
M/M Kenneth E. Perkins, III

M/M Sam Perry  
M/M Kevin Pickett  
M/M Marc Ruckel  
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Mary South  
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Jason "Bucky" Walters  
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Westerville Christian Church,  
Westerville, OH  
M/M Tyrone Young



# TEACHER LEADER

## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION



Kentucky Christian University was established on December 1, 1919 as "Christian Normal Institute." In the early days, an emphasis was placed on the preparation of public school teachers, as indicated by the word "Normal." At the entrance of our campus, you'll find the words **Never Underestimate the Power of a Teacher.** Teachers influence their students in ways that go far beyond the classroom. Some students are so greatly impacted in their early years that decades later they look for ways to honor their childhood teachers, whether that be through a career choice, service project, or a donation given in their honor.

Teacher Education students may never be rich through the eyes of the world, but they can richly impact generations of students – and what can be more rewarding than that? KCU is still preparing teachers who will impact generations to come. Our new Teacher Leader Master of Arts in Education program allows for teachers to advance their training and empowers them to become educational leaders in their schools and districts. Competitively

priced at only \$300/credit hour, the Teacher Leader Program provides individualized leadership development with support through participation in a cohort of colleagues and other support personnel. The course content, learning activities, clinical field-based experiences, and reflections will provide leadership growth which teachers will use in their classrooms.

Stephanie Belcher completed her undergraduate studies at Kentucky Christian University in 2011. Now teaching at an elementary school in Smyrna, TN, she returned to her alma mater when it was time to advance her degree. *"I have found that the Teacher Leader Master of Arts in Education program at KCU is perfectly designed for teachers like me who are working full-time and are ready to advance their education. With KCU's program, I get the convenience of a fully online program with the personal connections and class sizes of a smaller school. I am so thankful KCU is committed to raising up influential teacher leaders in schools through this program!"*

**\$300**  
Credit  
Hour

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 6-8 Week Courses
- Transfer in up to 9 Credit Hours
- Degree Completion in 21 Months
- Leadership Development
- Personal Attention
- Intentional Alignment to P-12
- Individual Assignments
- Classroom-Based Research
- Possible Salary Increase
- A \$1,000 scholarship is available for KCU alumni



Learn more about the program at [www.kcu.edu/teacherleader](http://www.kcu.edu/teacherleader) or by contacting Dr. Joe Olson, Program Coordinator, at [jolson@kcu.edu](mailto:jolson@kcu.edu) or 606-474-3267.





University Coffee opened in the lobby of the McKenzie Student Life Center in late August after a quick 9-week renovation of the lobby space. The coffee shop serves a full menu of Starbucks coffee and a rich environment with a look and feel customers of the iconic brand will immediately recognize."

This space provides a great location for students looking for a quiet place to study. The project was fully funded through a generous gift from the University's food service provider, Pioneer College Caterers. The coffee shop is open Monday through Friday to the campus community as well as the general public.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

KCU is looking for individuals/groups who are interested in volunteering on campus. Bring your youth group, a group of your friends, or someone who has a specific trade or skill they can bring to the table. We have various projects available and would love to talk to you about scheduling a time for your group. Contact Felicity LeFevre at 606-474-3282 or [flefevre@kcu.edu](mailto:flefevre@kcu.edu) for further information.



## New Testament *Word Studies* with Dr. Donald A. Nash

Excerpted from Dr. Nash's *New Testament Word Studies* book

### ICHTHUS

The word *ichthus* means *fish* and was written on a simple outline of a fish that has become popular among evangelical Christians today for pins, emblems, plaques, necklaces, bumper stickers and tattoos. However, many using the emblem are unaware of the significance and purpose of the Christian symbol of the fish. This was brought to my attention when showing Holy Land slides in which I presented the emblem as found in the catacombs of Rome and explained its meaning. Many told me they had never known this or realized its importance. Many using the emblem think the fish became a symbol of early Christianity because the disciples were fishermen and Jesus had told them to become fishers of men. This may have been a contributing factor toward early Christians using the term as a secret symbol but is not a full explanation of it.

The fish symbol which was used by Christians in the second century as a secret sign of their faith to identify themselves to other Christians is really an acrostic of the actual creed of the church. Each letter of the Greek word for fish is the first letter of the statement accepted and held by all true Christians: Jesus Christ, God's Son and Savior. The acrostic can be illustrated this way:

I.....IESOUS.....JESUS  
CH.....CHRISTOS.....CHRIST  
TH.....THEOU.....OF GOD  
U.....UIOS.....SON  
S.....SOTER.....SAVIOR

Some religious writers do say that the acrostic significance allowed

the original use of the word for other reasons. One explanation is that fish live in water and the Christian finds his life in the waters of baptism. Another that Jesus fed the multitude with the fish and so it is a symbol of the way He feeds us spiritually.

The symbol can be found inscribed on the walls of the ancient catacombs dating back to the earliest years of the Christian faith.







# JOIN THE NEW WORSHIP LEADING TEAM AT KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The KCU Worship Collective is a group of student servant leaders who lead the campus in God-glorifying worship during twice-weekly chapel services and special events. This auditioned group of singers and instrumentalists meets together regularly for prayer, Bible study, and musical rehearsals as they prepare to honor the Lord and serve their campus community through worship leadership.

**Scholarships are available for qualified students who participate in the Worship Collective, regardless of the student's major.**

KCU Worship Collective members are able to choose from a wide variety of degree programs, including Bible and Ministry, Advanced Biblical Studies, Business Administration, Teacher Education, Biology/Pre-Professional, Counseling Psychology, History/Pre-Law, Social Work, and Nursing. In keeping with the KCU guiding principles of "Christ, Character, and Career," each program of study seeks to develop Christian leaders for the workplace in their chosen field.



# CENTENNIAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## KCU Approaches 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Plans are now underway for a tremendous birthday party—KCU's 100<sup>th</sup>!—and we hope you'll take this opportunity to engage in some of the activities being planned. You'll hear more in the near future about special meetings, forums, presentations, and other activities planned throughout the "academic birthday year" of 2019-2020.



One important aspect of our centennial celebration is a capital campaign designed to raise funds for student scholarships, facilities improvements, and academic programs/technology. Current and former KCU Board of Trustees members have already begun making gifts and pledges during the "silent phase" of the campaign and more opportunities to join in the campaign will be communicated in the near future.

At this point, we hope you'll consider a birthday gift of \$100 in honor of someone from KCU who made a difference in your life. We invite you to complete the form below (or online at [www.kcu.edu/100](http://www.kcu.edu/100)) and add your story to our Centennial Memory Book!



### Happy Birthday KCU – Here is my gift to you

Name \_\_\_\_\_

KCU Alumni? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Gift amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Why was this person a memorable part of your KCU experience? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Kentucky Christian University and mail to 100 Academic Pkwy., Grayson, KY 41143



## Gifts In Honor

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**Leo Beller**  
Pleasant Hill Christian Church,  
Jasper, GA

**Clarence & Pat Mansfield**  
Dr. & Mrs. Keith Wise

## Gifts In Memory

**Martha Jordan**  
M/M Raymond A. Griffith

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M/M Raymond A. Griffith

**Bill Moore**  
Marshall Thomas

**Dean Speece**  
Eric Winkleblack

## Scholarship Gifts

**Andrea Damron Scholarship**  
Oak Grove Church of Christ,  
Grayson, KY

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Grayson, KY  
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Grayson, KY

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AICCU Foundation  
M/M Kevin Gillenwater  
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Anthony McCord

**Scholarship – International Student**  
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## Martha Jordan Prayer Garden Gifts

**Myrl Hole**  
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M/M Brian Giese

**Mabel Malick**  
Elizabeth Boyd

Please Note: We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. Should you discover an error, please accept our sincere apology and bring it to our attention so that we can correct our records.



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# HEATHER STACY

## Donor Spotlight

*You get the most out of that in which you invest the most in* is a basic principle that is true across many areas of life, and certainly higher education! Of the thousands of students to complete a degree at KCU, it is almost always those who invested the most during their time at KCU who leave feeling they gained the most. While many default to dollars and cents when thinking about the "cost" of higher education, the greatest return is ensured by students' investment of time and effort throughout their KCU experience. Heather Stacy ('10) took advantage of every opportunity available to her during her time within the stately walls and now, as a young professional, generously supports KCU on a monthly basis in order that future KCU students might have the same life-changing educational experience she had.

Heather was a dynamic student who excelled in the classroom and on the basketball court. As a Lady Knight, she is one of the few student



*"As a Lady Knight, she is one of the few student athletes in the nation—at any level—who can say they never lost their final game of a season."*

athletes in the nation—at any level—who can say they never lost their final game of a season. That is, all four Lady Knights teams, coached by Ron Arnett, that Heather was on won the NCCAA national championship! (In a nod to that achievement, Heather's monthly gift to KCU includes a "4" for her four national championships and a "14" for her jersey number.)

Heather now serves as a Campus Administrator at the Southwest Campus of Southeast Christian Church, in Louisville, KY – one of the largest and most rapidly growing churches in America. While reflecting on her time at KCU, Heather notes that it was at KCU that "my faith became my own. The faculty and staff poured into me and I felt all along the way that they approached serving me as a student as their chosen ministries. Having been both a student and employee of KCU, I know the place inside and out and am happy to provide financial support."





# THE JOY OF GIVING BY INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Students at Kentucky Christian University come from all walks of life – diverse backgrounds, limited economic means, various spiritual upbringings, and many times challenging family dynamics. However, they all have two things in common: they want an education and they are searching for God’s plan for their lives.

A private school education can be expensive even with the variety of financial aid options available. So, when individuals make the decision to donate funds for student scholarships, it is truly more than a simple donation, it is an investment in the Kingdom.

An example of this is the investment made by the James Gibson Family.

“I am so thankful for the many people who helped me get the college education I needed but could not afford,” explained Mr. Gibson. “If it hadn’t been for the support of my church, lay leaders, and individual members of my congregation, a college education would only have been an unfulfilled dream. Some gave just a few dollars while others gave more, but the investment they made enabled me to have an excellent career, provide for my family, help advance Christian causes, and experience many successes. The gifts those people made towards my education changed my life and has empowered me now as a donor to experience the joy of helping college students realize their dreams.”

One such student is Owens Crawford from Augusta, Kentucky. Owens is a junior at KCU with a 3.3 grade point average majoring in Business Administration with

an emphasis in Sports Management. He is also a KCU varsity men’s basketball player. “I don’t know how I would have been able to attend KCU without the Gibson family’s help,” explained Owens. “I never take for granted the investment they have made in me. And, I hope to use this education not only to become a successful leader and coach, but also to continue working for the Lord and bring others to Him.”

There are currently seven KCU students who are benefiting from the scholarships provided by the James Gibson family, and all are thankful for the “investment” they are making. “When I lay my head on my pillow at night, I have the assurance that by donating from the funds the Lord has provided me, I am helping to advance His work and His Kingdom,” said Gibson. “I am indeed thankful for those who invested in me many years ago and encourage others to invest in the lives of these students.”

## HOW DO I ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP?

Bill (‘62) and Jackie (‘57) Brant met at the Kenmore Church of Christ in Akron, OH in 1958. Bill had served in the army in Okinawa. It was there that he got his first taste of missions by accompanying a missionary who took a boat from island to island handing out Bibles. He came to Kentucky Christian in the fall of 1958 and married Jackie in December of that year. While attending school, they were recruited by John Pemberton to serve in Africa. For 31 years they served in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) and Malawi. Then they moved to Spain to work with the people of Northern Africa. It was there that Bill had a tragic motorcycle accident in April 1999. Jackie wanted to honor her husband for his service as a missionary. With the help of George Pickens, she set up an endowed scholarship which she named the William “Bill” Brant Memorial Scholarship. It is a scholarship set up for mission and ministry students.

Endowed Named Scholarships are permanently restricted scholarships which are specially named and disbursed according to a donor’s wishes. They may be established at any time and when a scholarship fund reaches \$10,000 or more it may be “named” and funds generated dispersed to students according to the donor’s wishes. A gift to a scholarship fund at KCU is permanent; that is, the college invests the gift and uses only earnings in awarding scholarships. A gift to a scholarship fund literally lives in perpetuity! If you are interested in establishing a scholarship please contact Jeff Greene at [jgreene@kcu.edu](mailto:jgreene@kcu.edu).





Amy Greene

## INTRODUCING COACHES GREENE AND WHITT

The KCU athletic department welcomed two new coaches for the 2018-19 academic year as Amy Greene and Mark Whitt joined our ranks. While the name Amy Greene may not resonate immediately, her familiarity with KCU certainly does. The daughter of Dick and Linda Damron, legends on campus, has returned to take the reins of the Cheerleading program once led by her mother.



Mark Whitt

Archery is a relatively new athletic program at KCU and under the guidance of David Messer had witnessed tremendous success. With Coach Messer stepping down, the University turned to Mark Whitt. Coach Whitt, who owns Extreme Archery Products, has stepped in to lead the team into the future. With his knowledge, this young program is in great hands.

## GIVING BACK



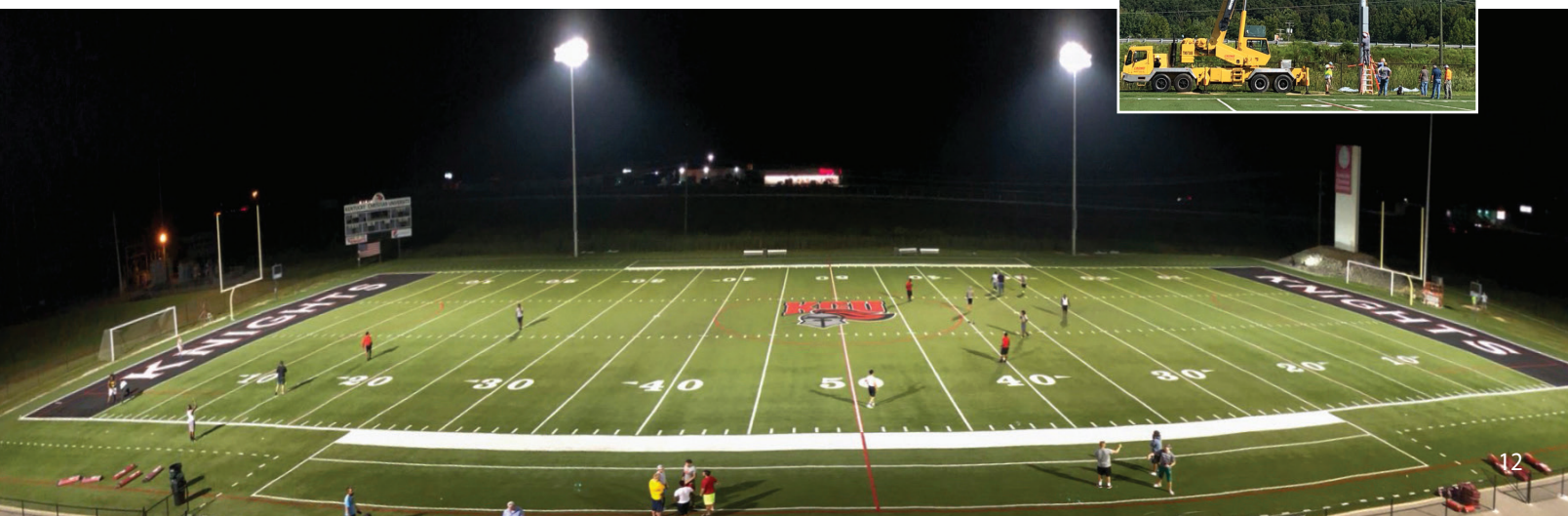
*Our softball players spent their first day of fall break lending a hand at The Neighborhood in Ashland, KY, a non profit organization helping those who are in need. They sorted clothes and helped serve meals. Then off to practice after a busy morning!*

### NEW Athletic Website Now Offers More

*You can now experience an all-new KCU athletic website. You still have all the features you have been accustomed to with some new additions that will bring you closer to our athletic programs. Go to [www.kcuknights.com](http://www.kcuknights.com) to see what all the excitement is about.*

## LET THERE BE LIGHT(S)

It was a huge day on the KCU campus and within the athletic department as four large MUSCO light standards were lifted into place. Under the direction of KCU Director of Business, Daniel White and Director of Maintenance, John Seagraves, the process went smoothly as they worked with KCU sponsor JMK Electric to put the final touches on the next phase of the comprehensive outdoor athletic facilities plan. KCU Athletic Director Corey Fipps stated, "This new facet of the department's growth will allow greater flexibility for scheduling practices and games. It will also allow KCU to be a greater influence within the community. This is truly a win for the Grayson area."







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News and Information for Alumni & Friends of Kentucky Christian University

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## Kentucky Christian University 2018 Homecoming



### HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Excitement was in the air as alumni of multiple generations descended on the campus for *A Knight To Remember* at Homecoming 2018.

Fella Wilson ('84) brought a challenging chapel message, and former President Keith P. Keeran shared at the annual Alumni Banquet.

Hunter Scott was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2019, (September 27-29) complete with special events and activities centered around our centennial celebration.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## FRANCIS NASH - DECADES OF DEDICATION

On September 30, Sugar Grove Christian Church in Owingsville, Kentucky honored Francis Nash ('71) for his 50 years of service as Minister. He began preaching at Sugar Grove, about 60 miles



from Grayson, while still a student at KCC. Nash is the son of the long-time professor of New Testament and Greek, Dr. Donald A. Nash. Francis married Pam (Treap) in 1968 and together they have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Throughout their 50 years at Sugar Grove Christian Church, Francis has been more than just a part-time preacher. While asking only for

travel expenses in the way of salary, his service to the congregation has gone far beyond preaching on Sunday mornings. He has coordinated countless special events, made hospital and shut-in visits, and often spends the whole weekend meeting needs. His dedication has not gone unnoticed. During the two and a half hour anniversary celebration, tributes poured in from members who clearly consider the Nashes a part of their extended family and realize the rarity of a ministry that spans decades.

After graduating from KCC, Francis attained three advanced degrees. Many alumni will remember him as a part-time associate professor teaching Broadcasting and 20th Century History from 1975 to 1988 and the general manager of the campus radio station WKCC. His full time position at Carter County Broadcasting (WGOH & WUGO) spanned 50 years where he served as disc jockey, sportscaster, and general manager. As a local advocate for "Go Radio" he became involved with the Kentucky Broadcasters Association where he served on the board and later was inducted into the Kentucky Broadcasters

Hall of Fame. He also authored books on broadcasting, eastern Kentucky sports, and local history.

In the early 1990s the Nashes and Sugar Grove became heavily involved in short-term missions which led to the eventual formation of Workers for Mexico Mission in 1995. The goal was to add more churches, ministers, medical clinics, Christian schools, and programs to serve the underprivileged in Mexico. Today Workers for Mexico takes in over \$500,000 annually from nearly 200 contributors to supply salaries for ministers, help with medical insurance, and finance major construction projects all over Mexico. Currently, they provide support for 45 ministers in 23 cities, with more being planted every year. The organization has little overhead as neither Francis, as director, nor Pam, as treasurer take salaries for their work for the mission.

While Sugar Grove, a relatively small country church, has experienced growth through building programs throughout the years, its most significant achievement would undoubtedly be in contributing to the growth of other churches around the world. Under Nash's leadership, Sugar Grove designates 40 percent of its budget to missions and outreach and ninety-four different members of the congregation have visited the mission field at least once. The motto of Sugar Grove has always been "Centered on Christ - Focused on Winning the World."

FRANCIS &  
PAM NASH  
IMPACTING  
THE  
KINGDOM  
THROUGH  
FAITHFUL  
SERVICE



While 50 years of service is a milestone to be celebrated, this is not retirement for Francis and Pam Nash. They will continue striving to win the world while leading and serving at Sugar Grove Christian Church as long as the Lord allows.



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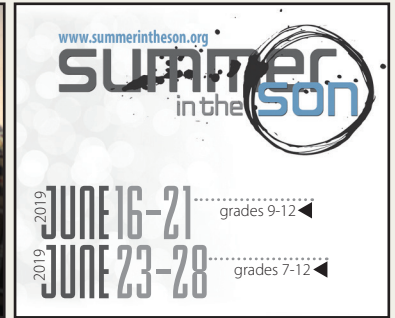
**UPCOMING  
KCU EVENTS**



**Bible Bowl**  
Kentucky Christian University  
February 8-10, 2019



February 28, 2019  
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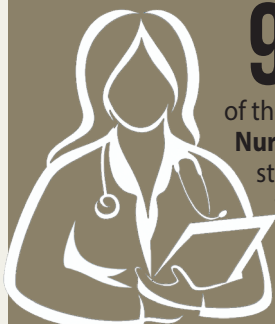
**NCLEX**

**100%**  
of our 2018 BSN graduates passed their NCLEX certification exam.

**90%**  
Currently over 90% of our graduates from the **Biology/ Pre Professional program**, who apply, have achieved entrance to medical school, dental school, pharmacy school, or other professional school of choice.

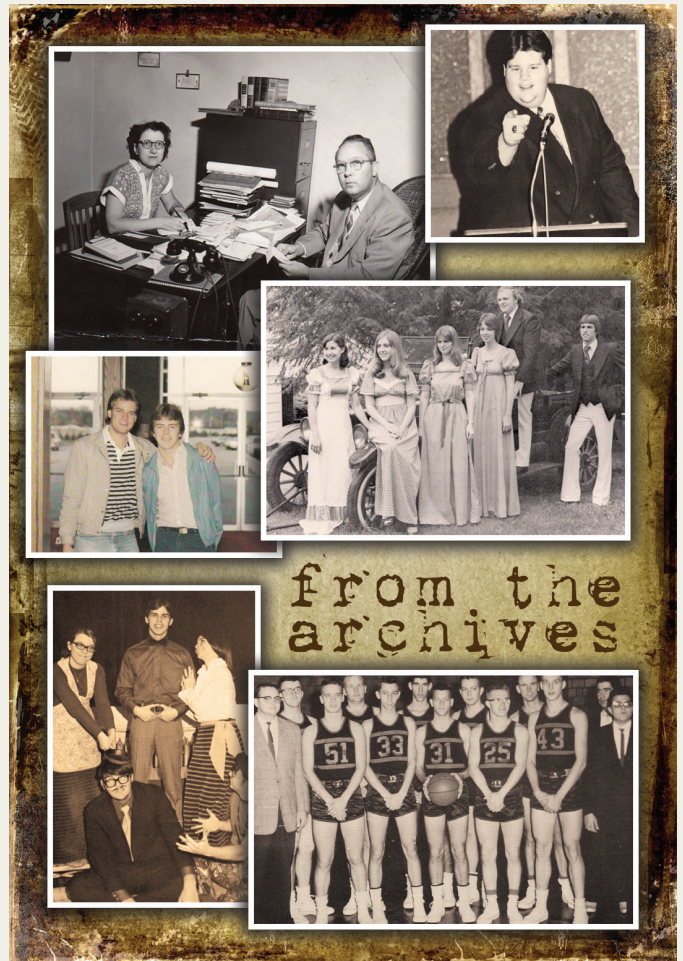
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DID YOU KNOW?



**96%**  
of the KCU **Family Nurse Practitioner** students passed their national licensing exam on the first attempt.

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