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# VOICE

The Magazine of Kentucky Christian University



*Making  
A Difference*



President  
Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.



# Making A Difference

Greetings from the campus of Kentucky Christian University where, for almost 100 years, students are equipped and trained to be world changers. The theme of this issue of *The Voice* is “difference makers” and I hope you enjoy a few vignettes from around campus that highlight how various faculty, staff, and students of KCU have dedicated themselves to being *world changers* and *difference makers* for the sake of Jesus Christ.

When we think of world changers it is often the famous and powerful that come to mind. Imagine the world today had childhood friends Bill Gates and Paul Allen not pursued their passion for electronics and founded Microsoft. Would personal computers and software have been developed without Gates and Allen? Almost certainly, but their work literally ushered in the era of personal computing and paved the way for technological advances—PCs, the Internet, cell phones, social media, etc.—that are manifest in the rhythm of life for most people in the world today.

As impressive as the accomplishments of Gates and Allen have been and continue to be, they will, as long as the world exists, face a slow inexorable decline resulting in their being but a footnote in history. Impressive? Absolutely! Eternal? Certainly not.

The mission of Kentucky Christian University is to *engage students in a transformational educational experience that equips them as effective Christian professionals providing servant leadership for the church and society*. The faculty and staff of KCU work to intentionally create an educational experience, both in and outside the classroom, that equips students to be world changers and difference makers

through work that is indelible, eternal. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount “do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

You will read in this issue of *The Voice* about those within the KCU community who have chosen to make investments—to lay up their treasure—in being the hands and feet of Jesus through a variety of means. You will read about KCU alumni who, in

response to the overwhelming needs left by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, saw more than daunting challenges—they saw opportunities to shine the light of Christ during a particularly dark time. You will also read about the first group of Family Nurse Practitioners to graduate from KCU’s excellent Yancey School of Nursing and get a glimpse into how these primary medical providers are equipped to utilize health care to attend not only to the physical needs of patients, but to their eternal spiritual needs as well.

You will also be introduced to a couple of exceptional world changers, the Honorable Harold Burks and recent KCU alumnus, Cody Sabol. Both of these men have chosen to honor God in unique and inspiring ways and I am proud that they help make up the KCU family.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Voice* and gain a deeper appreciation for the students who leave the beautiful campus of KCU to be *difference makers* and *world changers*!

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# Making A Difference THROUGH HURRICANE RELIEF

## SITS Students and

*by Jeff Greene, Director of Development*

We did not know where the sheds we were building with IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) during Summer In The Son 2017 would eventually end up. The youth groups attending SITS, who were building the forms for the shed walls, were assured that they would be used to help victims of a future disaster.

That disaster came in the form of two hurricanes two months later. Sheds from IDES would go to Texas and Florida to help the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Over 30 would go to Christ's Church, Fleming Island, Florida where Todd Bussey ('84) is the Campus Pastor. Our SITS students were making a difference.

KCU Trustee Tracy Hansen ('84) is the Senior Minister of New Hope Christian Church in Ft. Myers, FL. Hurricane Irma slammed into the west coast of Florida just 40 miles south of Ft. Myers. The church had more than \$60,000 in roof damage. Their insurance would cover just a little over half the cost of repairs. That didn't stop the church from ministering to their surrounding community first.

The church is a refurbished fire house that continues to be on the emergency power grid. They had power back in about 20 hours, when most in their area were without it for another one to two weeks.

With power restored, it was an easy decision to open the church to the community. Using their



## Alumni Lend a Hand

homeless ministry washers and dryers, they did over 600 loads of laundry over a 17 day period. Well over 1,000 showers were taken and three meals were served each day for those same 17 days.

Their men and some KCU alumni, Tony Stone ('81) and Steve Ferguson ('83), set out on a chain saw ministry, cutting and clearing trees for two weeks, helping people gain access back to homes and removing fallen trees from properties.

Clean-up was aided by the Vansant (VA) Church of Christ, headed up by alumnus Mike Rife ('82) who sent nine huge packages of gloves, Clorox wipes, bacterial cleaners, bug spray, sun screen, and other needed items. These supplies were handed out and helped over 50 families and two churches get back to some sort of norm. Their yard sale ministry helped to re-establish 11 families with free couches, chairs, tables, beds, and other similar items.

At Fall Homecoming 2017, our alumni raised over \$2,500 to help with the repairs to the church. The highlight was a silent auction headed up by Kim Waldrige ('84). We had dozens of items donated by a host of alumni.

It was wonderful to see so many step up and participate. Our alumni continue to make a difference in their churches, communities, and aid of fellow alumni.

# Campus Spotlight

## PERSONNEL UPDATES

**Dr. Dean Brand**, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, recently completed his doctoral program. We congratulate Dr. Brand on this milestone in his academic career.

**Dr. Carol Brickey** is the new Dean of the Yancey School of Nursing. Carol has a long history with our Nursing program having served in various capacities since 2003.

**Dr. Lisa Conn** has been appointed Interim Dean of the Keeran School of Education, having previously served for several years as an Assistant Professor.

**Pam Hamilton** is now the Administrative Assistant in the School of Social Work and Human Services. Pam initially was a part of the Yancey School of Nursing.

**Felicity LeFevre** has joined the Advancement Team as Coordinator of Alumni and Campus Events. Felicity is a 2016 KCU graduate.

**Kathy Smith** has replaced the retiring Marilyn Runyan as KCU's Controller and will manage the Business Office.

**Lauren Smitha** is a new addition to the Admissions team as an Enrollment Counselor. Lauren is a 2017 KCU graduate.



Brand



Brickey



Conn



Hamilton



LeFevre



Smith



Smitha





# WHAT IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP DOING THIS SUMMER?

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by Larry Marshall, SITS Director of Operations

## A Catalyst for Change

Since the early 1980's, Summer In The Son has been a catalyst for change in the lives of tens of thousands of students. Some come for the powerful experiential worship, others for the in-your-face teaching from some of the best communicators in the country. Add to that some tremendous youth group building experiences, service opportunities, and some of the best Christian artists, musicians and comedians around...let's just say it's a pretty special week for your students.

## Why SITS?

We have a proven track record, trusted by 100's of youth leaders. We're more affordable and a day longer than several popular summer youth conferences. The relationships we've developed over three decades with sought after teachers, worship leaders, ministry partners and Christian entertainers give us a huge programming advantage. Our commitment to ministry as an arm of KCU makes SITS a powerful and life changing experience for youth groups.



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Hold your spots – only \$50 deposit per participant! Go to [www.summerintheson.org](http://www.summerintheson.org) for more details.

# Campus Spotlight

## KCU'S YANCEY SCHOOL OF NURSING CELEBRATES ANOTHER MILESTONE

Twenty-eight students who formed the first class of Kentucky Christian University's Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN, FNP) program graduated in December 2017. The first program graduates received MSN medallions in a Celebration Ceremony on December 9, 2017, and will participate in commencement ceremonies along with all other 2017-18 graduates on May 12, 2018.

"We are so impressed with this group of students," stated Dr. Carol Brickey, Dean of the Yancey School of Nursing. "They will reflect excellently on KCU as front-line health care providers." As Family Nurse Practitioners, graduates of the program will serve the primary health care needs of patients. "One of the progressive ways Kentucky has helped meet

the shortage of medical providers is to support an expanded scope of practice for nurse practitioners," Brickey continued. "These students will not only fill a desperate need for health care providers, but will do so while offering a unique blend of holistic care that focuses on mind, body, and spirit."



*"Depending on the setting, these new nurse practitioners could have up to 10,000 patient encounters in their first year of practice. Imagine, 28 new nurse practitioners touching the lives of over a quarter of a million people with the love of Jesus."*

*– Dr. Carol Brickey, Dean, Yancey School of Nursing*

affirmative and longest period of accreditation speaks to the standard of excellence already in place," said Dr. Marvin Elliott, KCU's Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer. "The rigorous accreditation process, which involves both on and off-campus reviews, ensures students, employers, and other stakeholders of the quality of the program and we are delighted to have received such an exemplary outcome."

The graduate nursing program also advances the mission of KCU as the University approaches the milestone of 100 years of educational ministry. "As a Christ-centered university," noted KCU

President, Dr. Jeffrey Metcalf, "it is so very gratifying to know that we are not only teaching students to provide excellence in the science of patient care, but to do so in a manner that conveys the dignity, love, and compassion of Jesus."

In addition to the Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner program, KCU also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a fully online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program. For more information, please contact Dr. Carol Brickey at 606-474-3255 or [nursing@kcu.edu](mailto:nursing@kcu.edu).



*Molly Allen, KCU's first MSN, FNP graduate with Kristen Geyer, MSN Program Coordinator*

Importantly, the program also recently received accreditation from the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education. "The fact that the program received the most

## AWARDS

**Dean's Award**  
Susan McDavid

**MSN Servant Leadership Award**  
Melissa Bachoura

**Preceptor of the Year**  
Amy Sieweke

**Scholarly Excellence Capstone Group**  
Christie Phillips-Fearis  
Sherry Hopper  
Mary Jean Nolan



# FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST: THE BLESSINGS OF A COVENANT CHURCH PARTNERSHIP



*by Jeff Greene, Director of Development*

First Church of Christ of Grayson, KY has had a wonderful relationship with KCU since the beginning of the school. Through the years they have supported the school both financially and by sending students. There has always been a unique bond between the school and the church that continues to this day. Scott Ford ('92) is currently the Senior Minister and enjoys ministering to our students who attend First Church. Many KCU faculty and staff are active members as well. Our Campus Minister, Larry Marshall ('89), leads worship every week. The church excels in community outreach and small group mission trips. In fact, the church and KCU have partnered through the years in many mission endeavors.

During the development years of Christian Normal Institute, the first block building was destroyed by fire in 1915; First Church of Christ offered their facilities to J. W. Lusby for the use of the Grayson Normal School. When the church was likewise destroyed by fire, in 1919, Mr. Lusby offered his building for church services until the Church could be rebuilt. That commitment to each other has never wavered for over a century and we look forward to continuing our covenant relationship for the next hundred years.



The Covenant Church Program (CCP) is designed to benefit congregations that are supporting partners with Kentucky Christian University. Covenant Churches are important stakeholders who have a vested interest in Christian higher education. Through this program, students and full time staff at qualified churches are eligible for significant financial assistance when they enroll as full time students at Kentucky Christian University.

Covenant Churches support KCU at a minimum of \$2,400 annually. KCU is pleased to offer Covenant Churches the following benefits:

## **Student Scholarships**

Full time CCP members receive an annual, renewable \$2,000 scholarship. This scholarship is in addition to all other financial aid awarded to the student (not to exceed 100% tuition). Receiving Federal or State financial assistance based on financial need may reduce a portion of or eliminate the Covenant Church Scholarship in order to maintain the government assistance for which a student already qualifies.

## **Staff Scholarships**

Full time staff members of a CCP member church receive a 20 – 100% tuition scholarship in the Bible and Ministry Graduate Program.

## **Plus**

**Summer in the Son** – Two free registrations to Summer in the Son (\$500 value)

As your church generously supports the University with its prayers, students, and finances, KCU is pleased that we can be a valuable resource to your entire congregation.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION...**

To learn how your church can become a part of the Covenant Church Program, please go to [www.kcu.edu/church-relations](http://www.kcu.edu/church-relations) or contact Jeff Greene at 606-474-3298 or [jgreene@kcu.edu](mailto:jgreene@kcu.edu).

# “JUMP-STARTING” YOUR CAREER WITH KCU’S GRADUATE PROGRAMS

by Sheree Greer, Director of Admissions

In today’s competitive environment, post-graduate education can be the determining factor in enhancing or “jump-starting” your career. Kentucky Christian University stands ready to provide graduate degree programs to meet your career and ministry needs. We do this by offering:



• **Totally Online Classes:** As of Fall 2018, all of KCU’s graduate programs are totally online, giving more flexibility and accessibility to students currently in the workforce.

• **Affordable Cost:** KCU’s graduate programs offer competitive pricing with comparable programs both regionally and nationally:

- Graduate courses in Bible and Ministry – \$325 per credit hour
- Graduate courses in Education (Teacher Leader) – \$300 per credit hour
- Graduate courses in Nursing (MSN) – \$500 per credit hour



KCU accepts state and federal financial aid through FAFSA and works with employers with tuition reimbursement programs.



• **Christian Emphasis:** KCU’s mission statement states: “The mission of Kentucky Christian University is to engage students in a transformative educational experience that equips them as effective Christian professionals providing servant leadership for the church and society.” This mission pertains to all students, including our online students.



For more information on KCU’s Graduate Programs, contact Megan Rawlings, Graduate School Enrollment Counselor.

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- 800-522-3181



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Kentucky Christian University

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- Master of Arts in Biblical Studies
- Master of Arts in Religion



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Grayson, KY

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## Your Gifts Can Make a Difference

In order to achieve the mission of Kentucky Christian University, we rely on committed partners who invest in this educational ministry. Gifts can be made in the following ways:

**Cash Gifts:** KCU accepts cash gifts via credit card, check, or cash. You may make a one-time or recurring gift by credit card through our online donation form or by calling the KCU Business Office at 606-474-3265. To send a gift by check or money order, please mail it to the Office of Development at Kentucky Christian University.

**In-Kind Gifts:** Cars, trucks, and other vehicles can be easily converted to cash. Gifts of stock, property, and other non-cash items are excellent ways to help fund the mission and vision of KCU. To inquire about transfers of stock or gifts of other property, please contact the Office of Development.

**Estate Planning Gifts:** Leave a legacy! We can provide you with help from experts in the field with no cost to you.

**Matching Gifts:** Many companies encourage philanthropy by matching their employees' gifts to colleges and universities such as KCU. Most match the gift dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount. Participating companies may also recognize donations made by retirees and/or spouses. Check with your company today and ask them about matching gifts. It's a great way to increase your giving to KCU. To see if your employer will match your donation to KCU, contact your employer's Human Resources Department. If they do participate, all your employer will likely ask you to do is fill out a form and mail it to KCU with your donation. KCU and your employer will do the rest.

For more information on how you can become a friend of Kentucky Christian University through giving, please contact the Office of Development at 606-474-3298 or [jgreene@kcu.edu](mailto:jgreene@kcu.edu).

Thank you for your special interest in helping KCU flourish!



# Donor Spotlight

## THE HONORABLE HAROLD BURKS

As the son of a former Christian college president, the Honorable Harold Burks, retired Kentucky District Judge, knows the importance of financial support for small colleges.

His father, N. Wilson Burks, was the president of Southeastern Christian College in Winchester, KY where Harold attended for two years before finishing his baccalaureate degree at Eastern Kentucky University followed by law school at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. "I remember well the financial struggles my father encountered while running the college," notes Burks. "It was a good school and provided myself and others a good education but, ultimately, financial pressures led to it being closed. It was heartbreaking for my

father and for me since I went on to serve as a trustee of the school!"

Possessing a deep appreciation for Christian higher education, and being aware of KCU for

many years, he became interested in the campus when his daughter, Whitney, was on campus for a soccer match in the fall of 2011. Following the match, Harold happened upon KCU's Executive VP and Chief Financial Officer, Bill Bondurant, who was, as usual, working late in his office. "He kindly gave me a tour of the campus and told me much about the good work of the college" relates Burks.

The seed that was planted earlier in life was watered that fateful fall day and Harold indicated that he intended to become a regular supporter of the educational ministry of KCU. KCU's president, Dr. Jeffrey Metcalf, says, "I remember Mr. Bondurant visiting with me and telling me how delighted he was to meet Mr. Burks and of his on-the-spot commitment to begin regular monthly support. Not only is Mr. Burks generous in his support but, true to his word, that support is as regular as clockwork each month!"

"One of the real blessings," says Metcalf, "of serving as president of KCU is reviewing the daily donor report and seeing the gifts of friends like Judge Burks and many others. It is only through the generosity of folks like Judge Burks that we can do the work we do and educate generations of world changers!"



*Dr. Metcalf with Judge Burks*



*An avid water enthusiast, Judge Burks enjoying his favorite pastime.*





# ATHLETICS

## COACH DIXON RETIRES AS VOLLEYBALL COACH

After leading the KCU Volleyball program for 27 years, head coach Bruce Dixon has decided to hang up his whistle.

"It has been an amazing experience," said Coach Dixon. "When you've been as blessed as I've been coaching this team, it's not easy to let it go but I know in my heart it is time." Coach Dixon inherited a fledgling team in its third year of existence. Now, he leaves behind a well-respected small college volleyball program that is the envy of many.



Dixon's team and individual accomplishments include a NCCAA II National Championship, 13 consecutive National Tournament appearances (14 total), five Final Four berths, three National Coach of the Year Awards, and a 538-361 career record. In addition, Dixon has coached numerous Players of the Year, Scholar Athletes, and 1st and 2nd Team All-Americans.

But when asked about them, Dixon replied, "Simply put ... they are the result of having a bunch of great players and even better people that put the program first. My coaching staff and myself have had the pleasure of coaching an amazing group of athletes for a long time. What more can you ask?"

Coach Dixon currently serves as KCU's Assistant Athletic Director/ Sports Information Director.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW COACHES



Coach Jeff Huff



Coach Akeem Scott



Coach Lisa Conn

Coaching changes for the 2017-18 academic year have included Dr. Lisa Conn (WBB), Jeffrey Huff (VB) and Akeem Scott (MBB). The standard set by these three programs is staggering as they account for 23 NCCAA II National Championships. We wish you the best of luck in your efforts as you represent KCU Athletics.

## VOLLEYBALL & MEN'S SOCCER MAKE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

by Bruce W. Dixon, KCU Assistant Athletic Director

For the 12th consecutive season, KCU participated in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) II National Volleyball tournament and made it to the 2017 championship match where they came up just short to

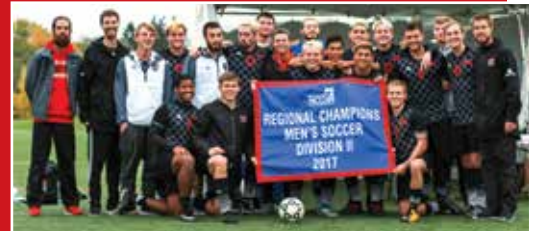


the two-time defending national champion, Maranatha Baptist University. Post-season honors were handed out and KCU was extremely

well represented as Reilly Hack (National POY) and Avery Crum were named NCCAA II 1st Team All-Americans. The national coach's panel also tabbed Kayla Booher with All-American Honorable Mention status. Hack and Kiahna Holmen were named to the All-Tournament team with Hack being further honored as the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

The men's soccer team returned to Nationals, following a brief hiatus in 2016, as the #2 seed only to be involved in the most uncertain tournament field in the sport's NCCAA II history. No higher seeded team won during the first two days of play, including our Knights as they dropped

two heart-breaking losses. KCU lost 2-3 to the eventual national champion,



Pensacola Christian on day one and then to Providence University College 1-2 on day two to notch a 5th place finish. Ryan Walker was named the Kyle Rote, Jr. Award winner as well as NCCAA/USC 1st Team All-American while running mates, Adan Alva and Jack Ham earned 2nd Team honors. Mike DeWald was named to the All-Tournament team.



# THE MINISTRY OF COACHING

by Corey Fipps, KCU Athletic Director

There are many faith based institutions that offer athletics; very few of these athletic programs model the mission of their university, which is to spread the gospel. I am a proud product of such an athletic program. Since being baptized as a student athlete in the fall of 2001 at Harding University, I knew that I wanted to coach for more than wins and losses. I knew, that for me, coaching was my ministry. When the position of head football coach came open here at Kentucky Christian University, I felt God calling me to apply. Once on campus, I found an athletic department with great young men and women, who deserved the best spiritual and athletic experience we could offer as a university. I found a campus community with a shared vision for what athletics could be at a Christian institution.

As the new Athletic Director, it is my goal to create an environment that honors God in all aspects of our athletic department. We want a department, which combined with the skills taught in the classroom, will create young men and women who have the ability and desire to serve our God in extraordinary ways. It has always been the mission of KCU to train young men and women in ministry and this will never change. We hope to strengthen and sharpen those who come to this campus knowing Christ. We also have a charge to lead the young people on our campus who may be searching for answers.



This fall, in a hotel swimming pool, the night before our football team played Cumberland University, Junior Bill Nixon was baptized for the remission of sins. Bill spent this past fall semester answering questions that led him to the plan of salvation. Those answers came from the Godly men and women who serve on the faculty and staff here at Kentucky

Christian University. Bill is just one of the many young people who are coming to know Christ on this campus.

Everyday there are victories happening in the residence halls, classrooms, and athletic fields of KCU; these wins are of the eternal nature. It is our hope that athletics are part of the larger mission of a university serving a God who seeks all of his children. When the dust settles on the championship banners and trophies, we hope to reflect in the victories on the field and in the hearts of the young men and women we serve here at Kentucky Christian University.



## REILLY HACK EARNS NCCAA II PLAYER OF THE YEAR

KCU junior setter, Reilly Hack, was named the 2017 DII Player of the Year. While this is the highest individual honor handed out to a volleyball player, she has also accumulated multiple other 2017 awards as well:

- NCCAA II Midwest Region MVP
- 1st Team All-Midwest Region
- NCCAA Scholar Athlete
- 1st Team NAIA A.I.I. All-Conference
- NAIA Scholar Athlete
- NAIA Champions of Character Award
- NCCAA II 1st Team All-American ('16, '17)
- Twice Named NCCAA II National Player of the Week



## FRESHMAN RUSHER HONORED BY MIDSOUTH

De'Anta Sipp was honored by the Mid-South Conference Bluegrass Division as Offensive Freshman of the Year. De'Anta rushed for 1,042 yards in the 2017 football season.

## GOLFER QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Elizabeth Henline was the school's first golfer (male or female) to qualify for the national championship that took place in Palm Coast, Florida.



HAYDEN DUNN REACHES 2000 POINT CLUB  
December 1, '17

FAITH CONN ECLIPSES 1000 POINTS  
December 18, '17



## ARCHERY HONORS

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Compound Bow



**Andrew Howell**  
Traditional Bow



**Nate Wilhelm**  
Compound Bow



# Insider

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Donald Damron ('90)



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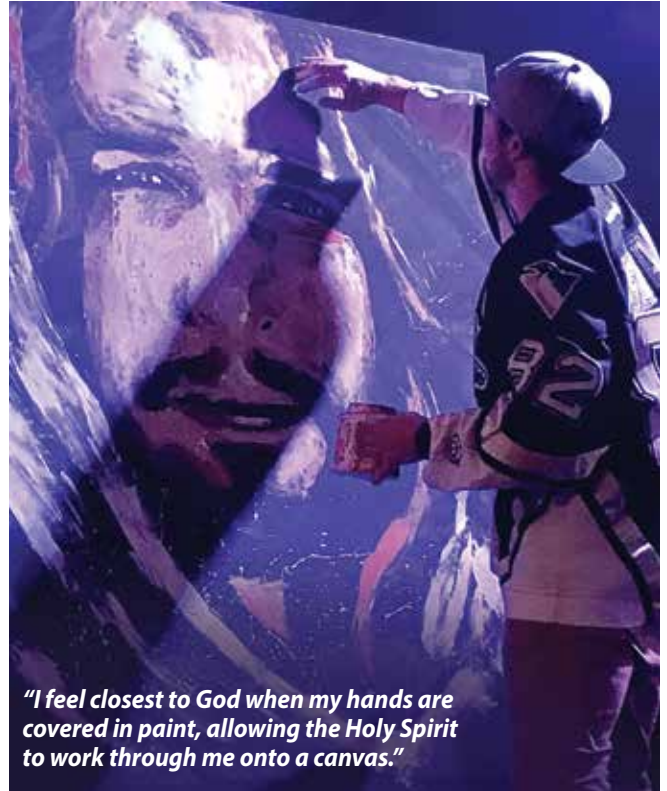


# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## CODY SABOL

by Felicity LeFevre, Coordinator of Alumni & Campus Events

Cody Sabol, a 2017 Preaching and Biblical Studies graduate and former member of the KCU football team, is the founder of Revelation 5:5 Ministries. Only five months after graduating from KCU, he had raised over \$55,000 for various charitable organizations throughout the country using his artistic talent. He now works as a youth pastor at The Bible Chapel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania while partnering with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation to share live performance art. About his time on campus, Cody reflects, "At KCU I found the people that God wanted me to meet, the culture God wanted me to explore, and the calling that God wanted me to find. Kentucky Christian University had not only prepared me for ministry, but allowed me to discover what God had created me to do."



*"I feel closest to God when my hands are covered in paint, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through me onto a canvas."*



During Cody's freshman year of college he began praying "God, how can I use art for you?" The Lord opened the floodgates. One of Cody's best friends in college asked him to paint during an event where he was performing, but Cody was adamant that he would not be performing with him. After a few weeks of convincing, and being bribed with Taco Bell, he changed his opinion and accepted the offer.



Even though the paintings didn't turn out as well as expected, Cody said he just knew "If there was ever a time where I felt God's presence the most, it was in the moments I was in front of everyone, throwing paint on a canvas." Since that time, God has opened the doors for Cody to grow as an artist and a pastor.



## A LASTING LEGACY

One of the blessings of Kentucky Christian University is the legacy of our alumni who are rooted in the study of the gospel and service in God's kingdom – intentionally making a difference throughout the world. From these hallowed halls, we send out Christ-followers who touch the lives of millions around the globe through the work of church ministry, missions, medical practices, education, social work, and businesses of all kinds. One such legacy is that of Richard and Nancy Hostetter ('57). Their love for church ministry and their service on the mission field was handed down to their children who continue to lead ministries of their own. Those who know Richard and Nancy saw first-hand their enduring faith as Nancy underwent the effects of Parkinson's Plus Syndrome.

Her dying request was to give of herself one last time, offering her body to be used for medical research. We are grateful for the life Nancy lived and the legacy she left with all those she touched. We're so thankful for all our alumni who once called this beautiful campus home and we are committed to shaping lives of young men and women who will leave their own legacy of love and service.

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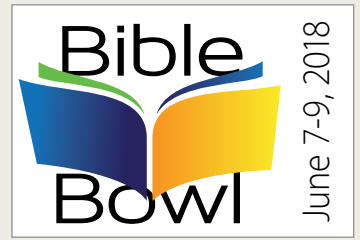
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