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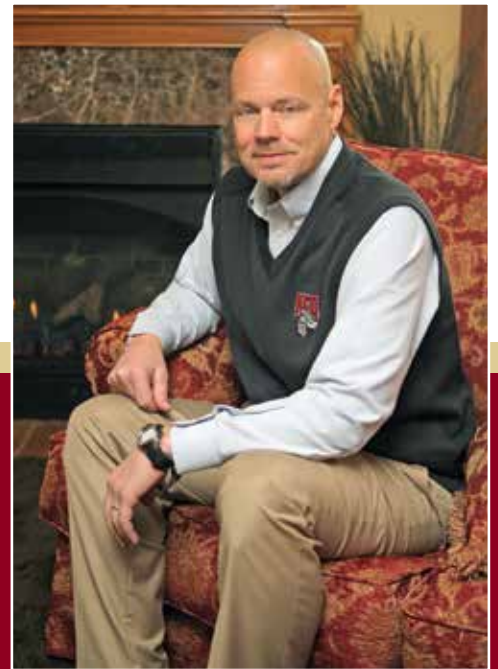
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Christmas Blessings



President
Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.



A KCU EDUCATION: TIMELESS AMIDST CHANGE?

Greetings from the campus of Kentucky Christian University. At the time of this writing students are deep into the fall semester, with Thanksgiving just around the corner and the welcome relief of Christmas break within sight! While time marches inexorably forward and the pace of change seems to quicken with every generation of students, I am thankful for the frequent opportunities I enjoy to be reminded of how much students sitting in classes today (or even in online classes) have in common with the students who preceded them over the past ninety-four years.

Students past and present

I enjoy helping teach our College 101 class, an introductory course required of all new KCU students. During the class I display a photograph from the 1942 Christian Normal Institute (KCU's original name) yearbook that features an annual Thanksgiving football game held on the campus. While the students in the class, particularly the student athletes on KCU's current 6-year-old football team, get a chuckle out of seeing black-and-white images of KCU football teams from the "leather helmet" days, I enjoy pointing out to them a couple of the players in the pictures, Andy Dale and Lester Pifer. It is then that a connection is made as students realize that they and their friends reside in dormitories named after these great men of the Christian faith! Although Andy Dale and Lester Pifer went on to be KCU legends, they were probably more similar than dissimilar to the students being educated on these sacred acres over seventy years later. Who knows but that the very faces I see in class today might just be the very heroes of the faith and legends of KCU that students will be studying seventy years from now?

The environment is exponentially more challenging

Although students share much in common with those who have preceded them, the challenge of equipping students to lead and serve in the name of Christ in a society that is often characterized as "post-Christian" has become dramatically more difficult. Our students are navigating their way through a world that actively and systematically marginalizes the Christian faith. And the result has been profound. Recent authors suggest that as many as two-thirds of born-again Christians believe that a saving relationship with Jesus is not necessary for one to go to heaven. This is only one example, but highlights the degree to which KCU, which in times past may have enjoyed a greater sense of helping accomplish a generally agreed-upon common good, is now in the position of being increasingly counter-cultural in providing to students an intentionally Christ-centered education.

The mission is timeless

Times change. Societal opinions change. But, as the Apostle Peter wrote, the word of the Lord endures forever. The timeless truths that guide the work of KCU remain and I hope you will join me in prayerfully and generously supporting the educational ministry of KCU as we develop leaders and servants for the church and society.

Debbie and I wish you the richest of God's blessings during this holiday season! 🙏



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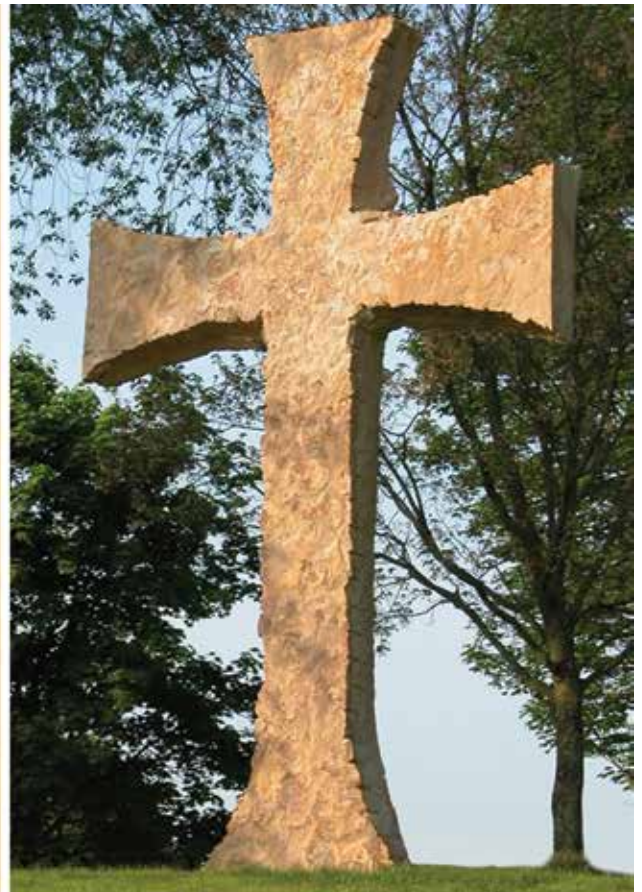
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Share your stories with us at alumni@kcu.edu or mail to Alumni Office,
Kentucky Christian University, Box 2002, 100 Academic Parkway, Grayson, Kentucky 41143.



WOMEN LEGACY LEADERS: KEY TO UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

THIS ARTICLE IS THE FIRST IN A COMING SERIES OF LEGACY LEADER ARTICLES PUBLISHED BY KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Looking through the University Archives, the history books and aged volumes of "The Mountain Call," "The Bulletin" and "The Grayson Journal" it is easy to trace the phenomenal accomplishments of J.W. Lusby; lawyer, newspaper publisher, founder of the Carter County Fair, founder and head of Carter County's first high school and college. It is also easy to trace the career of J. Lowell who was an evangelist, world traveler and only 22 when he was appointed the youngest College president in US history. How did these two men manage all this while also running a farm and building an isolated school into a full-fledged multi-discipline Christian University?

EMMA VEA LUSBY SERVED AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE IN 1937 FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND AND LED THE COLLEGE THROUGH A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION.

As we approach the centennial (2019) of Kentucky Christian University (KCU), it is important to honor two dedicated women and unsung heroes that made the very existence of KCU possible: Emma Vea (Threlkeld) Lusby and Lela (Stone) Lusby. Very little is written about them in the published records of the school, town and county, but for a combined 80 years they served as the backbone of the school supervising housing, meals, financial records and routine administration while also teaching, raising children of their own and acting as surrogate parents to the many young people who traveled from over the mountains to prepare for careers in ministry and education.

Emma Vea Lusby (known as Vea), the daughter of a minister was from Owen County Kentucky. She married J.W. Lusby on October 7, 1899. She taught in the rural schools of Owen County before moving with her husband to Grayson in May of 1901. She was instrumental in the establishment of Christian Normal Institute in 1919. She took on many duties over the years including teacher, dietician, cook, gardener, canning supervisor, purchasing agent, chaperone, counselor, Dean of Women, and after the unexpected death of her husband President ad interim. She raised three children Willia, Majel who be-

by John (Ph.D.) and Heidi (MLS) Wineland

Kentucky Christian University has been blessed throughout our 93 year history to have men and women of faith serve in this ministry and who have left an enduring legacy in ministry, missions and Christian higher education. The University hopes you are inspired and motivated to focus on your own personal legacy as the stories of great leaders in our history unfold in coming issues of *The Voice*.

Everyone familiar with at least the rough outlines of KCU history knows that J W Lusby started a small school in Eastern, KY to address the local shortage of preachers and teachers. Christian Normal Institute grew into a full undergraduate college becoming Kentucky Christian College under the guidance of J W's son Lowell Lusby and later expanding into Kentucky Christian University. What many do not know however is that upon J W's sudden death in 1937 his wife Emma Vea Lusby took the helm and led the school through an uncertain transition period as Interim President, and spent the rest of her life managing support operations for the next President, her son J Lowell. Crucial to the transition period was J.W.'s secretary Lela Stone, who stayed on with the school after graduation, soon married J. Lowell and spent the rest of her life juggling the responsibilities of wife, mother, community leader and College administrator just as her mother-in-law before her.

came a Professor at Kentucky Christian College and J. Lowell Lusby who served as president of the college for forty years. She was also “mother” to many of the students of CNI and KCC, in fact the students lovingly called her “Ma Lusby.”

Lela (Stone) Lusby was from North Middletown, Kentucky. She had a strong desire to be a schoolteacher. After she became a student at CNI in 1933 she became the secretary to President J.W. Lusby. Here she learned the day-to-day activities of the college. After she graduated on May 27th, 1937, she returned home to become a schoolteacher. However the untimely death of J.W. Lusby caused her to return to help her alma mater for the summer.

The summer commitment turned into a semester and then that became a lifetime dedicated to CNI and KCC now Kentucky Christian University. She wore many hats while serving the school. She was a teacher, bookkeeper, secretary, registrar, Dean of Women, nurse, and food supervisor. Of course she was also the mother of three children, Alice Nan, Sylvia Ann, and Martha Rose.

LELA (STONE) LUSBY GUIDED THE COLLEGE THROUGH A PERILOUS TRANSITION DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND ROSE TO BECOME DEAN OF WOMEN, REGISTRAR, AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

These women served the college for many years including a critical time in the history of the institution during the Great Depression. JW Lusby died suddenly at the age of 65 on Sunday afternoon June 27th, 1937. He collapsed after climbing a hill on the CNI farm about three miles from campus. The trustees of the college had an emergency meeting immediately after his funeral on Wednesday, June 30 at which time Emma Vea Lusby was named the interim President of Christian Normal Institute. Lela Stone who had served as J.W. Lusby's secretary for four years while she was a student at CNI was brought back to campus about month after she graduated to help set the office and paperwork in order. She knew more than anyone else about the day-to-day activity of CNI. These two women guided CNI through a perilous transition during the Great Depression.

Vea Lusby, interim President and Lela Stone as special assistant to the interim President set to work in CNI office the day after the burial of J.W. Lusby on Thursday July 1, 1937. They created the first bookkeeping system that the school ever had. Under this system receipts and expenditures were shown in detail. They also had to answer correspondence, wrote promotional material, recruited students, hired teachers and made plans for the upcoming school year. In addition to all of this they continued to can food all summer to use in the school cafeteria. These were tough times because many people halted their gifts to school. Adopting a “wait and see attitude”, they did not want to give their money until they were sure that the school would not fold.

Meanwhile con artists attempted to take advantage of the situation by sending false bills to college. One example of this was a bill from an

address in New York City for a white linen suit and linen handkerchiefs. This invoice stated that J.W. Lusby had ordered these items, but the women knew this bill was false because JW Lusby only wore dark suits. They never paid this bill and in fact turned the matter over to the Post Office Department for investigation.

THESE TWO WOMEN LED, MANAGED, INSPIRED AND LOVED THEIR SCHOOL AND EXTENDED FAMILIES IN WAYS THAT CANNOT BE COUNTED, BUT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED IN THEIR ENDURING LEGACY.



Lela wrote of her experiences at that time:

“There were few funds. I was to teach Shorthand and Typing for Mrs., Majel Lusby Kelly, who was on maternity leave. My salary was \$10 per month. I was given room and board by the college, and allowed to work off campus a few times to make money for clothes by serving as the Secretary to an Attorney, and also to help in the bank. I knew there was no more money and lots of work to do at CNI.

Churches (and individuals) seemed to be waiting to see what would happen to CNI!! I never told the amount of my salary, for people would not have believed I could live on that amount, but I did!”

When J. Lowell took over the presidential reins in August 7, 1937, Mrs. Lusby and Miss Stone shifted their roles to a lower profile, yet no less crucial responsibilities. Lela and J. Lowell married in 1939. Lela writes of her roles as bookkeeper, secretary, teacher, registrar, Dean of Women, nurse and food supervisor. The extended family lived together in the President's house until the early fifties. When the younger Lusbys moved to their own house Vea continued her matriarchal role as students and faculty continued to be housed in her home.

Until their deaths (Vea Lusby in 1963 and Lela Lusby in 1981) both women continued to lead, manage, inspire and love their school and their extended families in ways that cannot be counted, but should be remembered. Although little is written about them in the “official” publications, their crucial contributions are forever recorded in the continuing growth and success of the institution they nurtured, and the many students and faculty whose success they also fostered. 🇺🇸



KCU'S ECONOMIC IMPACT ON REGION

by William S. Bondurant

For 25 years of our 94 year history at KCU, I've marveled repeatedly at the eternal impact of our graduates on this world. I recently attended an economic summit of school administrators and was reminded of the important economic benefit that KCU brings to our local community and Appalachia. The sports industry is one that frequently makes claims that it enriches communities. But a university can most definitely point to how many jobs they create locally and how much a city or county benefits from their presence in terms of purchasing power or revenues. Based on one economic-impact studies generated by a professional association, it has been conservatively estimated that KCU brings between \$15M to \$20M in annual economic impact value to the regional citizenry. Policymakers view KCU as an important engine of growth for our regional economy as we help to raise the skills of the area workforce and increase the regional demand for human capital by attracting new business growth and expansion. Not to mention, there are thousands of visitors to sporting events and our student body spends their money in local businesses. Regional business leaders consider our students for part-time employment while in school and many of our students are hired full-time upon graduation.

KCU and our talented Board of Trustees understand the value and vibrancy of collaboration and partnership in new ways. With a renewed focus on regional relationships with area high schools, businesses, governments, community college articulations, foundations, and economic development groups, KCU can assist with the economic impact of:

- Students, families, visiting alumni as retail consumers
- National visibility for collegiate sporting events
- Conference, seminar and professional development attendees traveling from beyond our city and state for education services
- University-related businesses that add jobs and attract investment
- The lure that a strong university has in attracting companies to locate offices here
- Educational partnership with private donors, for profit businesses, and non-profit organizations of the Tri-State region
- Volunteer services provided by our students and academic communities estimated in the thousands of hours per year



William S. Bondurant
Sr. Vice President
of Operations and
Chief Financial Officer

I am proud that KCU has come to be such an important cog in the economic vibrancy of our region, and I am certain we must continue to make it a priority to minister in our city and society as we have done for nearly 100 years. 🏛️


SERVANT-HEARTED STUDENT PROJECTS



Our Campus Ministry coordinates many on-campus servant-hearted projects. One project is Lifeline Mission which helps bag thousands of shelf-stable meals which are distributed around the globe to needy families through churches and schools. Pictured is KCU's Lifeline food packing event in Grayson, followed by the actual distribution of Lifeline food in Costa Rica through KCU students and staff. KCU coordinates our Lifeline projects through Greg Murphy-Dillow, KCU alumni, B.S. Christian Ministry & Bible, '86. 🏛️



KNIGHT PRIDE: COMMENCEMENT AND BACCALAUREATE

KCU welcomed 96 new graduates into the alumni fold at commencement ceremonies held in the Lusby Center - Donald R. Damron Hall of Champions. In addition to awarding diplomas, the university enjoyed the remarks from Dr. Jerry Sanders, Chair of the KCU Board of Trustees, and the music provided by the KCU Concert Choir. The Commencement address by Dr. Jeffrey Metcalf, President of KCU, challenged the graduates to grow as responsible young leaders and to achieve and serve in their personal, spiritual, and professional lives. Pastor Doug Mitchell of First Christian Church in Elizabethtown, KY, shared a heartfelt sermon during Baccalureate. 



COMMENCEMENT 2013



SUMMER in the SON

Summer in the Son has been a staple in our youth ministry for 15+ years. So many life-changing decisions, both public and private. Our new students hear the stories and experiences from years past, and they can't wait to go!

*-Brandon Craig, Youth Minister,
Belmont Christian Church, Christiansburg, VA*

Every year, SITS raises the bar for impactful ministry to students and youth workers. SITS is the first thing we put on our yearly calendar!

*-Stephen Cox, Youth Minister,
East Win Christian Church, Memphis TN*

SITS STILL TRANSFORMS LIVES!

by Larry Marshall

It was June of 1984. I sat in the Chapel at Kentucky Christian College for my first encounter with Summer in the Son as a 17 year old High School junior. I remember the energy and excitement of that gathering of 300 or so students as we came together to worship and learn. That week was unlike anything I had previously experienced. God was working on me. My faith was becoming real. I was different. The week culminated with a group of virtual strangers holding hands and singing "Friends are Friends Forever" for the first time with Michael W. Smith himself at the mic.

Fast forward to June of 1994. Greg had been attending our youth ministry for a few months and we managed to convince him to join us for SITS. Two days into the conference and God was obviously working on Greg. He managed to get a cassette tape of the Tuesday night sermon and stayed up all night, transcribing the words of that sermon. He was changed. I had the privilege of baptizing him a few days later. The efforts to convince Greg and others to come to SITS with our group were well worth it. These types of stories could fill a series of journals over the better part of two decades for our ministry.

Jump ahead to the summer of 2013. My cell phone rings. It's a youth pastor who is here for SITS, and he has several kids who want to be baptized. Because of the thunder & lightning going on outside, the outdoor baptistry we set up wasn't a good idea. I met him and his group at a local church and sat in the back, watching a

number of students encounter God in a whole new way, their youth leaders clapping, crying, and hugging their kids.

That's what I get to do a lot of these days. During Summer in the Son, I tend to stay in the background. I do a lot of watching as God continues, over and over, to encounter students in new ways. I listen to the stories that come from youth leaders of how God worked powerfully through a certain message, worship song, or program element. I love to hear how youth groups come alive during their evening group times, using the events of the day as a springboard for discussion and transformation.

Worship

The focal point of the typical SITS week are the morning and evening celebration services. Great effort goes into planning these worship events. Theme development, powerful worship leaders and speakers, and hands-on experiential elements all work together to create an uplifting and challenging environment for students and adults. Time and again youth leaders tell us how these worship and teaching times have set the table for tremendous small group times later in the evenings. We've had tremendous folks around to help lead these times of worship in the past few years – people like Charlie Hall, Wayne Kerr Band, Matt Maher, Aaron Pelsue Band, The Royal Royal, and many more. Our lineup of speakers is a who's who of great communicators, including Danny Curry, Jeff Walling, Mike Breaux, Steve Fitzhugh, Arron Chambers, and a host of others. One youth leader wrote on his evaluation that we are "knocking it out of the park"... and frankly, we tend to agree!

Service

The past few years we have begun to develop a service component of SITS. Two years ago, we re-established our relationship with Crossroads Missions (www.crossroadsmissions.com) and built the walls for three houses during the weeks of SITS. Those walls were sent by truck to be used by IDES as they worked in tornado ravaged small towns in the Midwest.


In 2013, we partnered with Lifeline Christian Mission (www.lifeline.org) and packed meals each afternoon. Student offerings contributed \$9,714 for this effort and packed 51,192 meals that will be sent to missions organizations in Haiti! In addition, we also partnered with Sole Hope (www.solehope.com) an organization which provides shoe materials for women in Uganda who make the shoes and distribute to needy kids. Students at SITS were asked to bring an old pair of jeans, and patterns were cut, organized, and sent off to eventually be-

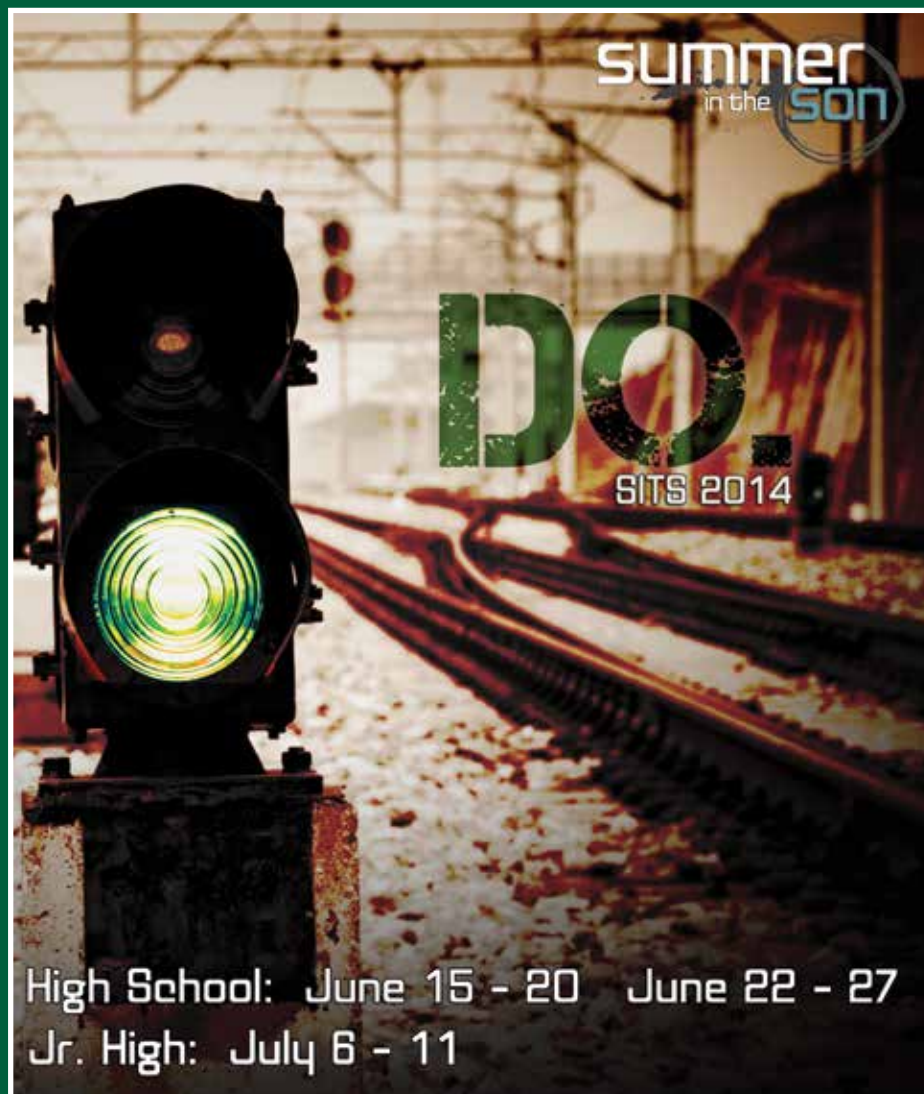
For the past thirteen years, Kingsway Christian Church has participated in Summer in the Son. Why do we keep going back? It's simple. . . Life Transformation. Every year, our students come back with stories of how the experience of SITS changed their life. Many of them talk of how their faith in Jesus Christ became real for the first time, while others share how their faith was completely renewed. Parents have told me that SITS was a defining moment where their son/daughter turned a corner of spiritual maturity in their life. This doesn't happen by accident! It is for that reason that we have attended SITS for thirteen years, and it will be that reason that we continue to return. I highly recommend SITS to you and your student ministry!

Mark Notter, Youth Minister
Kingsway Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN

come shoes. Through three weeks of SITS, we provided enough material for 1,095 pairs of shoes!

Energy

Put a few hundred high school students in a room together and they tend to create their own energy. At Summer in the Son, we've always managed to crank that up a notch through creative programming and tremendous special guests. We've always been known for our concert environment, and that is still true. The past couple of summers we have hosted bands like Gungor, Crowder, The Royal Tailor, The Digital Age and Propaganda, along with specialty artists like Jared Hall, 3-2-1 Improv, Danny Ray, Taylor Mason, Bob Smiley and others. These guests are carefully selected to match the interest of the students we hope will attend, along with the theme we are developing for that year. 



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SITS 2014

High School: June 15 - 20 June 22 - 27
Jr. High: July 6 - 11

Summer 2014 – “DO”

We're very excited about the plans that are beginning to fall into place for 2014, and our hope would be that your church would join us for a week. We know your group will have a tremendous experience – the groups who come regularly tell us that it's the best week of the year for their ministry.

We have two High School weeks, June 15-20 and June 22-27 (weeks are mostly identical, but concerts might be slightly different), and one Junior High week (July 6-11). Costs vary depending on the date a group registers, but we have worked to keep the price as low as possible. We can proudly say we're one of the most affordable summer conference options available.

We'll be unpacking the SITS lineup at www.summerintheson.org in the next few weeks, and all registration info and FAQ's can be found there. We do hope you'll join us in 2014, and that you'll consider being an ambassador for SITS to your church and to other youth ministries in your area. For specific questions about SITS, feel free to contact me at Imarshall@kcu.edu.

summerintheson.org

PRESIDENT MAKES RECRUITING TRIP TO CHINA



President Metcalf recently traveled to China with CASA and attended several student recruitment events where he spoke to many Chinese students and their families about the benefits of a college education at KCU. Pictured with Dr. Metcalf and wearing their new KCU t-shirts are Robert and Ava (their chosen English names) from the city of Taiyuan in northeastern China. 🇺🇸

PROPHETIC PREACHING CONFERENCE



KCU hosted a one-day Prophetic Preaching seminar themed around "how to reach those who don't seem to listen." Area ministers, alumni, and current students benefited from the insights provided by university friend and noted author, Dr. David Fleer, Professor of Preaching at Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN. 🇺🇸

ANNOUNCING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

The University welcomed Congressman Hal Rogers to campus for the announcement of KCU being the first university in Kentucky to partner with the US Congressional Award, a program designed to recognize and promote service, initiative, and achievement among America's youth. The goal of The Congressional Award is an ideal match with KCU's guiding principles which focus on equipping students for servant leadership, developing personal character, and training students for excellence within their chosen vocation. Congressman Rogers encouraged our students to become engaged in our community and become strong civic leaders for our nation. Students who earn a prestigious Gold Medal will earn up to \$2250 in tuition scholarships from KCU and be invited to travel to the US Capitol to be recognized by Congress during an annual awards ceremony.

President Metcalf commented, "We look forward to fostering a well-organized national program that helps mentor and guide students through the challenging process of attaining the Congressional Award, and celebrating their success by taking students to Washington DC to be recognized by the United States Congress as outstanding young Americans equipped to lead and serve in their professional, personal, and civic lives." 🇺🇸




Congressman Hal Rogers at Chapel Service making Congressional Award announcement



President Metcalf with student officers of The Congressional Award Society

PHIL AND TERESA LEMASTER


In the fall of 1968, Phil LeMaster and a friend were both juniors when they noticed two freshmen in front of Lusby Center. Phil and his friend approached and invited the girls to church. Both girls declined. Fast forward 15 months and Phil married that young lady, Teresa Messer, on December 19, 1969.

Phil and Teresa are pictured here from the 1969 yearbook. Phil and Teresa have two daughters and have been married for 43 years. He is the senior minister at Central Christian Church in Ironton, OH, and is a Trustee at KCU. 

KCU MAKES TOP 10 ON FACEBOOK

"nearly one-third of all married people on Facebook attended the same college"

Some have often wondered, but now it's been somewhat proven. The number crunchers on Facebook's data science team discovered recently that 28% of US couples over the age of 21 who classify themselves as "married" also attended the same college. According to the results, Kentucky Christian University ranked in the Top 10 and showed that smaller, more conservative religious affiliates colleges tended to have a higher likelihood of married graduates. As with any study, there are a few caveats but the "count is a rough proxy for the chance of finding a spouse at the college," wrote the Facebook data scientists who conducted the research and wrote about their finding on a Facebook page entitled, "From Classmates to Soulmates."

The stories on this page are part of our campus dialogue around this fun article that has sparked some interesting conversation. To see the original article go to [buzzfeed.com](http://www.buzzfeed.com/peterlauria/nearly-one-third-of-all-married-people-on-facebook-attended) and type "married people on facebook" in the search box. 

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CAMERON CARTER AND BRIANNE NATION

Cameron Carter did a campus visit to KCU his senior year of high school where he was class president, valedictorian and lettered in a few sports. He is now a senior nursing major and lives at the Grayson Fire Department where he and his twin brother, Brandon, are firefighters and certified EMTs.



Brianne Nation is a junior social work major and recently returned from her second mission trip to Cambodia where she ministered to the sex trafficking victims at Rapha House. Her parents, Randy ('83) and Lori ('83)(Settle) Nation also met and married at KCU.

Cameron is pictured on a GFD fire engine. Brianne is pictured with one of the young girls playing hand games and building her trust so she can share the good news of Jesus. Cameron proposed to Brianne on campus during a "staged fire drill" complete with lights and sirens. They are engaged to be married on May 17, 2014. 



Christmas Wishes

A Gift List for Kentucky Christian University

Please take time to review our "Wish List" and consider how you, your family, or your group can help make these wishes come true. Merry Christmas!

Jeff Metcalf, President

Textbooks

To educate ministers, teachers, nurses, missionaries and others.

- #1 \$250 (25 needed)
- #2 \$500 (10 needed)

Library Subscriptions

Hardcopy/electronic access to leading journals and periodicals

- #3 \$100 (15 needed)

Athletic Trip Meals

Team away games to compete and represent KCU

- #4 \$500 (20 needed)

Science Lab Supplies

Biology/chemistry supplies for nursing and pre-med

- #5 \$300 (15 needed)

Projectors

Classroom instruction

- #6 \$1000 (5 needed)

Gas Cards

Admissions counselors and institutional travel to high schools and college fairs

- #7 \$50 (15 needed)
- #8 \$100 (10 needed)
- #9 \$250 (10 needed)

Vehicles

Car and Van for admissions counselors to travel to high schools and college fairs

- #10 \$20,000 (3 needed)

Academic Memberships

Programmatic and accreditation memberships

- #12 \$3,000 (9 needed)

Sports Affiliation Memberships

Conference memberships for athletics

- #11 \$2,500 (8 needed)

Scholarships

Academic, athletic, ministry and community service award - The Great Commission Fund

- #13 \$250 (20 needed)
- #14 \$500 (5 needed)
- #15 \$1000 (10 needed)

Meals

Feed a student for a week - outreach, choir tours, and camp teams

- #16 \$140 (50 needed)

Paper

Boxes of paper for library, copiers and printers

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

VERNON ('54) AND KATHRYN OAKLEY

After serving in the United States Navy, Vernon was ordained to the ministry in 1959 by the First Christian Church in Winslow, AZ, and graduated from KCU in 1962. During his fifty-five year ministry, he served churches in KY, IN, IL and MO. One highlight from their years of service was from 1967 – 1970 where he and Kathryn served as missionaries in Zambia, Africa.

Vernon has conducted numerous revivals, seminars, leadership conferences and served on various regional and national committees. He is a Kentucky Colonel and received the 2004 "Distinguished Alumni Award". He is a member of the President's Circle at KCU and holds a Bachelor's, a Master of Divinity and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

How long have you been married and where did you meet? We met in high school and Vernon went to the U.S. Navy right after graduation in 1954. We were married the same year and recently celebrated our 59th anniversary.

What is your "secret" of a lasting marriage? Faith, Hope, Love.... Surrender, Commitment and Service; all wrapped in WE DO! We believe a strong marriage is an essential part of our witness.

You have an amazing family legacy. Tell us about your family and how it came to be. Kathryn worked as a secretary while Vernon served our country. He was discharged just two weeks before our first daughter was born. He waited until the next September to begin school at Kentucky Christian. Our second daughter was born in March of his freshman year at KCC. Vernon worked two or three jobs every summer to pay his school bill, so he could begin the next

year. Vernon preached on weekends during his time at KCU and graduated in 1964.

"We think living in Africa was a great influence on our own children when it came time for them to decide to adopt." Our daughter, Cheri Oakley, has two African American children. Our daughter, Cynthia, and husband Craig Smith, were the first to adopt from Paraguay, Russia, and Guatemala. Our son, Douglas, and wife Elizabeth, adopted two boys from Korea. "We have a wonderful time with all these precious children God has given us and turn a lot of heads when we are all together in a restaurant. We are so happy that all our children are still active in their churches and are raising their children to love the Lord."

What are some of your highlights in ministry? "In Georgetown, IN, we built a new sanctuary and classroom space. We remember fondly serving with Zambia Christian Mission. We are thankful for a 24 year ministry with Heyworth Christian Church, where Vernon is the current interim minister. "Our entire ministry has been a team effort with God leading and directing", says Kathryn.

We know that you have an amazing fondness for KCU. Can you share with us what KCU means to you? Our years at KCU were not only edifying, but some of the best fellowship we have experienced. Lasting friendships were made that have been a real joy all these years. We have watched the growth and commitment to God's plan both in leadership and students. We have especially enjoyed visiting campus at Christmas and supporting KCU not only with gifts, but constant prayer. 🏰



Back Row (L-R) Cheri Lynn, Derlani Ann, Vernon, Kathryn, Doug Smith, Craig Smith, Cindy Smith, Doug Oakley, Liz Oakley
Front Row (L-R) Dennis Smith, Nathaniel Oakley, Griffn Oakley, David Smith, Mitchell Oakley

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When donors are considering a life insurance policy to benefit KCU, the donor will often use an existing, paid up policy to create a life insurance gift. It may be a policy from childhood, or a policy to cover college expenses for the kids, or to protect a developing business interest. It may simply be a policy that is no longer needed due to evolving family circumstances. In other cases, a donor may create a new policy designed to meet philanthropic and financial planning goals and make premium payments on the policy.

Yet another option for using life insurance is to name the University on a policy from an employer or a group life situation. The University may remain named on the policy as long as the policy is in force.

In general, life insurance may be given as an outright or a deferred gift. As an outright gift, the policy owner names KCU owner of the policy, and then KCU cashes-in the policy and uses the proceeds as the donor stipulates. As a deferred gift, the owner names KCU owner and/or beneficiary and the policy remains in force until the insured's death, at which time the death benefit passes to KCU for use as documented by the donor. Sometimes a donor prefers a life insurance gift because the proceeds from the policy will pass outside of the probate process directly from the insurance company to KCU. 

Process to Create

While every gift situation is unique, there are several steps that may clarify the process.

You decide. Philanthropy is a lifelong process and you may wish to express your thanks to KCU and help ensure a KCU education for future generations.

We talk. Speak with the gift planning office to make sure that your wishes can be accomplished at KCU.

You talk. Meet with your financial and legal advisors to discuss options and determine if a gift of life insurance is right for you.

You sign. Do a final review and sign the appropriate documents for your gift plan.

You relax. Set your legacy in motion and continue the good work of those who came before you at KCU.

For more information, contact Jim Patton at jpatton@kcu.edu or 606-474-3282.



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Cheerleaders (L-R):
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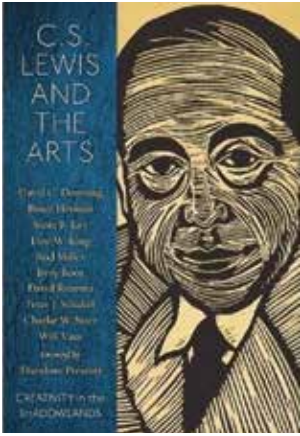
The KCU Knights play on a state-of-the art \$1.1 million athletic field and host many sporting events on a local and regional level.


Utopians (Standing L-R): Palmer Patton (Cpt.), John Mostoller, Lawrence Bain, David Williams, Orval Morgan, Russell Houston; **(Seated L-R):** Ernest Adams, Tom Bledsoe, Kenneth Davidson.
Cheerleaders (L-R): Cleo Miller, Arline Dwight, Loraine Hargraves

Phi Deltas (L-R): Lester Pifer, Walter Klages, Gerald Gearhart (Cpt.), Henry Koch, Haven Platt, Glen Bailey, Thomas Dale. **Cheerleaders (L-R):** Mary Frances McEver, Louise Bain, Wanda Walton


Boys of Homecoming 1943
The Thanksgiving Day crowd from campus and town were hushed and silent as the teams met midfield for prayer. At the "amen" the cheerleaders waved their green, white, and blue streamers and shouted cheers for their football teams – the Utopian "Mountaineers" and the Phi Delta "Blue Wave". Beginning in 1939 the teams competed for bragging rights and a coveted red wheelbarrow trophy donated by Professor Ray Kelley (History and Greek).
The teams competed on an open pasture and a dinner was held in the dining hall with food furnished by two Christian Churches: Grange City and Fairview. The final score was Utopians 38 and Phi Deltas 19.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS




Dr. Charlie Starr – Professor of English and Humanities – is one of the writers of *C.S. Lewis and the Arts: Creativity in the Shadowlands*. He is a noted expert on the works and life of C.S. Lewis and the new book explores how Christians should engage “the Arts” and what do we mean by “the Arts”? The book is a collection of essays edited by Dr. Rod Miller and is now available in stores. 




Dr. Juliana Akinsete joined our faculty this fall as a Visiting Professor teaching courses in Biology and Genetics. In 2011, she earned her Ph.D. in Biomedical Science from Marshall University in Huntington, WV. 



Congratulations to **Dr. Lisa Conn** for recently earning her Ph.D. degree from the University of Louisville. She is an Assistant Professor for KCU's Keeran School of Education and enjoys research and instructing in the areas of math, technology and assessment. 




NEW RECORDING STUDIO UNVEILED

The University recently unveiled the new Upper Level Recording Studio to support our specialization in Audio Technology. This new state-of-the-art facility has a 900 square foot main tracking room as well as a secondary isolation room. The control room is supported by ProTools HD recording software and the Avid C24 control surface. The studio is managed by Steve Hoffman who is an instructor and professional audio engineer with over 30 years of experience – including an Emmy Award for music production for the film documentary, *Ashes to Glory*. Studio rental is available to the public by contacting shoffman@kcu.edu or 606-474-3214. 




GETTING THE WORD OUT

As part of KCU's new branding initiative, the message of affordability and accessibility is a theme carried in a new advertising program that appears throughout the region including Pepsi trucks, car signage, radio ads, billboards and electronic marketing campaign. This program helps strengthen our additional promotion of KCU's guiding principles of Christ, Character, and Career. 



THANK YOU TO BRIDGES AND RACELAND CHRISTIAN CHURCHES


Bridges Christian Church of Russell, KY, and Raceland Christian Church of Raceland, KY, helped immensely with the renovation of the Student Lounge in the McKenzie Student Life Center. Trustees, students, parents of students, and new donors all participated in making this gathering place a wonderful space for study, concerts, movie nights, and receptions. 

NEW LEAP SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition-free Bachelor's degree for qualified Kentucky high school seniors.

The University recently launched LEAP, designed to provide a tuition-free Bachelor's degree for qualified Kentucky high school seniors.


Lead & Enhance Appalachia Program (LEAP) supports our continued efforts to make a college degree both affordable and accessible. The scholarship offers full-time college students a unique tuition funding program.

The LEAP Scholarship places a distinct emphasis on both financial need and academic accomplishment in order to better position Kentucky's youth for academic and professional success. 

To see if you qualify, contact the KCU Admissions team at 800-522-3181 or visit www.kcu.edu/leap.

GLIMA HALL- VALUED TRUSTEE

The University wishes to express our gratitude to Glima Hall who is rotating off the Board of Trustees for KCU. She is highly dedicated, energetic and represents the best of our institutional interests.

As a donor and advocate for students, faculty, staff and alumni, her valued voice will continue to benefit the University for years. Mrs. Hall is pictured as a KCU cheerleader in 1968 and as KCU Trustee. 





ATHLETICS

by Bruce Dixon, KCU Athletic Director

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

2014 marks the 25th Anniversary of the 1989 Men's and Women's Basketball National Championships! KCU will recognize both championship teams during this year's Winter Homecoming festivities as we celebrate the programs accomplishments and pass the torch to the next generation of athletes. Join us in the Dick Damron Hall of Champions February 21 to celebrate this historical university moment and further promote KCU's strong commitment to a legacy of excellence and success both on and off the court. 🏆

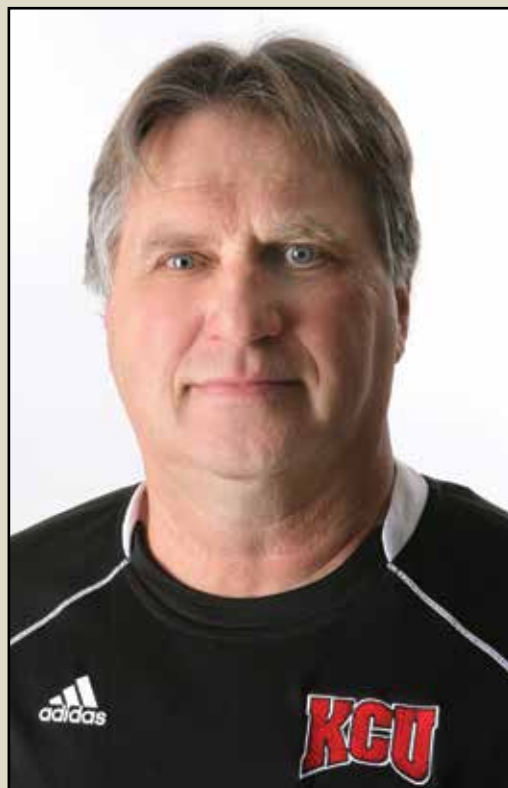
WOMEN'S SOCCER REGIONAL RUNNER-UP

The Lady Knights Soccer team (2-13) finished the year as the Regional Runner-Up and is looking forward to a strong recruiting season for 2014 with Head Coach, Joshua Miller, who was recently elected NCCAA Division II National Chair. 🏆



MEN'S SOCCER REGIONAL RUNNER-UP; COACH MILLER – MIDEAST REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

KCU's Men's Soccer team (8-11) experienced one of the best records in the programs recent history under the leadership of Head Coach, Jeremy Miller. Jeremy was named Mideast Regional Coach of the Year. Jeremy has brought a new energetic direction to the program with a top recruiting class. Jeremy said, "*the program is on the rise*" as he builds additional recruiting and skill development into his soccer program. In addition to being named Coach of the Year, Jeremy Miller was elected to Mideast Regional Chair for Men's Soccer in 2014. 🏆



NEW FOOTBALL COACH NAMED

Gene Peterson was named head football coach of the KCU Knights football program this year after serving as an assistant football coach at Kentucky Christian University for the past two years. Coach Peterson has been an integral part of a coaching staff that has developed the Knights program to the point of receiving regional and national recognition.

Coach Peterson, a native of Marion County, KY, has over 30 years of coaching experience, and enjoyed a 26-year coaching career at Fleming County High School. During his tenure, his teams earned Eastern KY Conference Championships (01, 04, 06, and 09), district champions (01), and ranked in the top 10 teams in the state (01, 03, 04, 05, 06, and 09). Coach Peterson was Eastern KY Conference Coach of the Year in 2001, 2004, and 2009.

"I am very excited to become the head football coach at Kentucky Christian University, and proud to lead a football team that helps promote the University's values of Christ, Character, and Career," states Coach Peterson. "With great student-athletes who are working hard for next season, we have the opportunity to build on previous success and develop a premier program. I am very blessed to be surrounded with a great staff, supportive administration, and fantastic student-athletes. We have high expectations from our players and they know through Christian faith, hard work, and perseverance anything can be accomplished." 🏆



KCU's first 3 softball recruits – McKenzie Vanover, Kelsee Hammonds, and Kately Miller - are pictured with coaches and family at a signing ceremony on campus.


UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES COLLEGIATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL IN 2014

Kentucky Christian University is excited to announce the addition of Women's Fast-Pitch softball to the university's athletic programs in 2014. The program will be led by head coach, Dave Miller, an Ashland, KY native known for his success as head softball coach at Paul Blazer High School in Ashland, KY.

President Jeff Metcalf, said, "The opportunity to launch a fast pitch softball program with a head coach of Dave Miller's stature is truly exciting. As President, whenever I consider a coaching prospect I first look to ensure that the person's character and values align with the Christ-centered mission of KCU; following that assessment, I then want to know that the coach is passionate about using athletics as a tool to develop young people. I'm happy to say that Mr. Miller is exceptional on both fronts."



Coach Dave Miller

The KCU Lady Knights will compete on their home field at the Championship Fast-Pitch Complex, the tri-states #1 fast pitch softball facility which includes indoor training facilities. KCU Athletic Director, Bruce Dixon anticipates a highly-competitive softball program and shared, "With the addition of women's fast pitch softball, the KCU athletic department is returning to the spring sports season and we believe the community will see a strong, competitive team in the near future." 

BRUCE DIXON SELECTED AS VOLLEYBALL COACH OF THE YEAR




After securing his 400th win, Volleyball Head Coach, Bruce Dixon, was named Mideast Region and National Coach of the Year.

Coach Dixon was able to lead the Lady Knights to yet another Regional Championship this year and finished fifth in the nation, making this his sixth consecutive season with 20 or more wins. 



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL CHAMPION AND #1 SEED AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Lady Knights Volleyball team recently finished their sixth consecutive 20+ win season, bringing home another Mideast Region Championship title and going on to finish fifth in the nation. Lauren Dunn and Magen Daniels provided leadership for the team throughout the season and were both named NCCAA/AVCA 1st Team All-Americans. Jenna Kelley displayed a great deal of talent as well and was named a NCCAA 2nd Team All-American. Dunn, Kelley and Stephanie Poelker were also honored as NCCAA Scholar-Athletes. 



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NEWS & EVENTS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS

HOMECOMING 2013



"It's my favorite place with my favorite people!" That was the sentiment of Dee Yoshimura who lives in Hawaii and attended this year's Homecoming through the ingenuity of her friends and classmates from the '80's. They called her Flat Dee (A large picture of her head attached to baby clothes) and she went everywhere her friends went.



Flat Dee and over 100 alumni took in Friday's special chapel service. We were led in worship by Bradon Shinault ('08) accompanied by an all alumni band followed by a wonderful sermon by Mike Rife ('82). A special luncheon was held for those in and around the class of 1962.



Our banquet Friday night had over 200 in attendance featuring the quartet Soul'd Out with KCU Alumnus Dusty Barrett ('03). Austin Seevers ('11) gave a special testimony about how KCU Football influenced his life. Dr. Jeff Metcalf brought us up to date on the state of the University. Jeff Greene, Director of Alumni and Church Relations introduced the new uKnight Alumni Association and revealed K.C. Winsalot, KCU's new Knight Mascot.

Shara Allen (Attd: '69-'70) posted on Facebook: *"A really good evening. I got to see many friends (brothers and sisters in Christ) and hated for the evening to end. I am already looking forward to next year."*

The bonfire that followed the banquet brought out both alumni and current students. The marching band played and got us in the football spirit.

A highlight of the evening was the marriage of Jeff Connor ('80) to Rhonda Miracle (attd: '79-'81). A private ceremony was conducted in front of Nash Chapel by Chuck Horsley ('82). Imagine everyone's surprise when they made the announcement in the McKenzie Student Life Center.

Saturday's morning fog didn't put a damper on the annual Knight-Rider Paul Rice Memorial Motorcycle Ride and all arrived back in time for our largest tailgate experience yet. Every school of the University set up a booth. Food was provided by Pioneer College Caterers along with our annual gator fry headed up by Tracey Hansen ('84). Throughout the entire morning we were blessed with the sounds of "Beulah Land Boogie Band" that included band members Rick Robinette ('95/'00) and Chuck Clark ('01).

During our Homecoming game against Georgetown College, Sharonda Jones was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen.



Mark your calendars for next year's Homecoming, October 10-11, 2014.

ENJOY MORE HOMECOMING PIX

1950's

Dean Speece ('53) is retired and lives in Kansas, IL. Throughout his ministry he was able to leave churches in good financial standing and ready to go into building programs.

1960's

Clifford ('65) and **Carolyn Sue (Deal)** (attd: 62-65) **Beck** live in Killbuck, OH. Clifford is the Pastoral Care Minister at Majora Lane Nursing Home. Their grandson Caleb Beck is a ministry major and the third generation of Becks to attend KCU. csbeck2@gmail.com

Jackie Brant ('62) continues to mentor students at KCU, keeps up with mission news and information and works with prison ministry and women's prayer breakfast. brant.jackie@yahoo.com

Loran Dace, former coach and faculty member in the 1960's lives in Veedersburg, IN and recently has been guest speaking, holding revivals and coaching high school girls' varsity basketball. cchcke64@gmail.com

Linda Damron ('65) continues to split her time living in Grayson, KY and Fort Lauderdale, FL. She is an active grandmother of 8. wgnana@hotmail.com

Tom Hensley ('69) published, *The Evolution of a Eulogist*, a practical

guide to conducting funeral services available in the KCU bookstore.

Willard Johnson ('62) lives in Olympia, KY and has been in ministry for 56 years, preaching since July 1957 on a regular basis. He was ordained in August 1964 and has preached on the radio for 32 years.

Warren "Ray" ('67) and **Shirley (Hylton)** ('63) **Kelly** live in Inverness, FL where Ray is Pastor of First Christian Church of Inverness, and Shirley is Music Director. pastorray@tampabay.rr.com, skelly@tampabay.rr.com

Gordon ('62) and **Connie** ('62) (**Campbell**) **Lunsford** live in Lillian, AL. Gordon recently published a book, *Calvinism – Is it Biblical? Two Sides to the Issue*. Available in the KCU bookstore for \$12.95, Gordon will donate 60% of the proceeds back to the KCU Alumni Fund from the books sold through our bookstore.

Connie operates a food ministry called "Seasoned with Love" that prepares meals for elderly and disabled. pianoman@gulftel.com

Eleanor Otake ('62) retired on June 30, 2012, after 52 years with Sunset Beach Christian School. After serving as school Secretary, Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal during those years, she will be moving to Mililani and will continue ministry with the

Haula Church of Christ. sbcseo@hotmail.com

Harry ('66) and **Sharon (Gire)** ('66) **Rowe** live in East Liverpool, OH. Sharon retired in 2001 after teaching Special Education for 27 years in West Virginia. harryrowe@live.com
Hillary ('62) and **Sue (Amburgey)** ('76) **Underwood** live in Tollesboro, KY. Hillary recently celebrated 55 years of full time ministry this year. He has served located ministries in OH, KY, VA and WV as well as speaking in revivals, leadership seminars, clinics, family camps, bible colleges and God and Country rallies in 31 States. underwoods55@yahoo.com

1970's

Hoyt ('72) and **Shara (Moffett)** (attd: '69-'72) **Allen** live in Ironton, OH. Hoyt retired from KYOWVA Evangelistic Association and recently published his book, *Exciting Life in the Ministry*. hoytallenjr@yahoo.com, Sharalallen@yahoo.com

Jeff ('80) and **Janet (Brown)** ('78) **Wente** live in Grayson, KY. Janet became the Director of Student Academic Support Services (SASS) at KCU in July, 2013 after working in the Boyd County (KY) School system for 34 years. jeffrey@millenianetworks.com, janetwente@kcu.edu

Larry (attd: '76-'78) **Terry (Schlauch)** ('78) **White** live in Big Prairie, OH

where Terry is the Women's Ministry Director at Parkview Christian Church in Wooster, OH. Ltwhite79@yahoo.com

1980's

Mary (Taylor) Brewer ('89) married Gary Brewer on September 14, 2013 and lives in Blacksburg, VA. taylor@vt.edu
Bobbi Florence ('82) earned Wisconsin's Infant/Toddler Professional Credential in June, 2011. Bobbi operates an in-home childcare center in Monroe, WI. bobbiberta@charter.net
Sheldon ('90) and **Becky (Regis)** ('88) **Hill** live in Martins Ferry, OH. Becky graduated from KCU with her Masters in Christian Leadership in May, 2013. becky.hil.mfcs@gmail.com

Ron ('84) and **Anita (Waite)** ('84/'09) **Lindeman** established Borders and Beyond Ministries. Anita is the Office Manager for KCU Maintenance Department. Both daughters, Kristina and Tiffany, also graduated from KCU. ronlindeman@hotmail.com, lindeman@kcu.edu
Vince ('86) and **Diane (Miller)** ('87) **Mansfield** live in Louisville, KY where Vince is a Police Officer. Diane just completed 20 years of Ministry as Children's Pastor at Southeast Christian Church. vldmmd@junocom, dmansfield@secc.org



Keith (attd: '82-'83) **Tricia (Tyree)** (attd: '78-'80/'83) **Morris** live in Lexington KY. Tricia has been teaching for 33 years, and both are blessed with two granddaughters. braveskirk@aol.com, triciatmorris@windstream.net

Amy (Damron) (attd: '84-'88) **Nesmith** is a Reading Specialist at Broward County Florida Board of Education.

Debbie (Mays) ('85) and Kevin **Ogburn** live in Goldsboro, NC where Debbie recently received a promotion to the Director of Federal Programs after serving as a principal for 12 years and a teacher for 15. debbieogburn@weeps.org

Steve Petty ('81) planted a church plant in Poitiers, France. He currently lives in Westerville, OH serving as the Senior Minister at North Park Church of Christ, Columbus, OH. selectsteve@yahoo.com

Wes ('86) and **Marlena Sewell** concluded a 13 year ministry at Legacy Christian Church in Lakeland, FL in June. Wes is now Senior Minister of Centerville Christian Church in Centerville, IN. wes@centervillechurch.com

Lynn (Cole) ('84) and **Shawn Springer** live in Indianapolis, IN. Lynn celebrated 26 years in prison ministry in May 2013 and her husband Shawn, is enrolled in Cincinnati Christian University's CALL program and has joined her in ministry. LColeSpringer@aol.com

Walt ('80) and **Christine Staude** are now ministering at Damascus Church of Christ, Damascus Va.

1990's

Healey Apted ('97) resides in Clinton, MO and has retired from the position of Principal in formal education. She is currently working as a Home School Teacher and Nanny. h_apted@yahoo.com

John ('95) and **Lori (Ahern)** ('91) **Branyan** live in Kokomo, IN. They have four children and two grandchildren. John continues to travel performing comedy for churches, businesses, and cruises. Lori is the Children's Ministry Coordinator at the Kokomo Rescue Mission. john@johnbranyan.com, lori@johnbranyan.com

Dane Damron (attd: '93) is the Offensive Coordinator of Football at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY.

Donald ('90) and **Rhonda (Caskey)** ('87) **Damron** live in Grayson, KY where Donald is the Director of Personnel for Carter County (KY) Board of Education and Minister of Oak Grove Church of Christ. donald.damron@carter.kyschools.us

Robert ('97) and **Amanda Hinton** recently moved with their four children from Houston back home to Parkersburg, WV. amandashusband1219@yahoo.com

Scott ('94) and **Gale Johnson** live in Owenton, KY with thier daughter, Rachel. Scott is in his 20th year of teaching and currently at Maurice Bowling Middle School. He has been an Associate Minister at Oakland Christian Church in Stamping Ground, KY for 14 years. Gale is an Aide for the preschool at Owen County Lower Elementary School. She serves as organist at Oakland Christian and also sings with *The Sensations* from Lexington, KY. cscottj220@gmail.com

Sadock ('95) and **Rudo Mashindi** work with the College of Scriptures preparing men and women to preach in the inner city. They are also preparing to be in Zimbabwe to work with Mashindi Medical Mission. smashindi@hotmail.com

Traver ('99) and **Jennier (Trout)** ('00) **Pierce** live in Kathleen, GA and have four children; Zachary (10), Josiah (7), Levi (6), Bethany (3). Traver is the Lead Sales Rep for Blue Springs Hatchery. tjpierce@comsouth.net

Rob ('96) and **Cindy (Mitchell)** ('96) **Shoaff** are now serving in Port-de-Paix, Haiti with Sonlight Ministries along with their four children.

2000's

Jenn (Gardner) ('05) and **Matthew Dickerson** live in Memphis, TN and have two children, Kannon (3), and Juniper (7 mos.) jennjg@gmail.com

Kyle ('07) and **Jodi Dickerson** will soon be moving from Hillsboro, OH to the Bethel OH area. They have two children, Ray (17 mos.), and McKenna (2 mos.). kyle_02_rev@yahoo.com

Tyrel ('02) and **Molli (Meadows)** ('01) **Falgout** live in Winston Salem, NC and are proud adoptive parents of Patton who was born on 9/26/13. tyrelfalgout@yahoo.com, mollifalgout@yahoo.com

Kimberly (Graves) ('08) married **Edward Hagedorn** June 29, 2013. They reside in Carrolton, KY. ktrach1st@gmail.com

Paul ('01) and **Jamie Halstead** live in Jacksonville, FL and joined the staff at Creekside Christian Church in St. John's, FL in August 2013. They recently welcomed their seventh child, Grayson. paul@creeksidechristian.com

Benjamin (attd: '97-'01) and **Anna Hiller** now live in San Antonio, TX and recently concluded 10 years of service with the Army. benhiller@hotmail.com

Brandon ('03) and **Melissa (Little)** ('03) **Jackson** reside in Kansas, OK where they are house parents at Cookson Hills Christian

Ministry with their daughter **Kaylee**. mellyj711@yahoo.com
Jeff ('07) and **Melody Kimberly** live in Walterboro, NC and have a daughter **Cayleigh** (1). Jeff became the new Pastor at Northside Christian Church at Walterboro, SC in March 2013. jmckimberly@gmail.com

Dave ('01) and **Jenn (Harkless)** ('99) **Norris** live in Rushville, IN and welcomed the birth of their third son, **Kiptyn**, born on May 25, 2012. dlnorris13@gmail.com, jennndnorris@hotmail.com

Braun ('07) and **Emily (Stump)** ('05) **Ream** live in Ashland, KY and are enjoying working at the same school in ministry together and have two children, **Benjamin** (4) and **Leah** (3). braun.ream@lawrence.kyschools.us, emily.ream@lawrence.kyschools.us

Lindsey (Leach) ('05) and **Gary Simpkins** celebrate the arrival of **Mackenzie**, on August 1st 2013. She joins big brother, **Garvin** (4). They recently moved to Nashville, TN for Lindsey to take a position as Senior Instructional Designer with Asurion. lindseykins25@yahoo.com

Rich ('03) and **Sarah (Trimmer)** ('03) **Vogt** live in Grove City, OH. Rich and Sarah have recently joined Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). They will be serving with a team in Africa. Rich will be helping in the area of finance and Sarah will be filling in a supportive role while homeschooling their son **Jonathan** (6). Sarah.vogt@pbti.org, rich.vogt@pbti.org

2010's

Chris ('11) and **Stephanie (Prather)** ('11) **Belcher** live in Murfreesboro, TN where Chris is a BMI Account Executive. Stephanie is Fourth Grade Teacher at Lighthouse Christian School. cbelcher0324@gmail.com, sbelcher0513@gmail.com
Kenneth (attd: '11) and **Jessica Martin** ('11) live in Grayson, KY. They have two sons, **Landon** (1) and **Logan**. jessicamartin2009@gmail.com

In Loving Memory

Cokie DaceWife of Coach Loran Dace	August 18, 2012
Norman Gendt ('59)	January 23, 2013
Lavern KarnesProfessor of Music (1954-1989).....	June 3, 2013
Jim McKenzieKCU Executive VP (1969-1992).....	January 5, 2013
Elizabeth Nash ..('58).....Wife of Dr. Donald A. Nash	July 21, 2013
Ruth Stone Pifer ('40).....Wife of Dr. Lester E. Pifer	January 19, 2013
Gary Robinson ('77)	October 24, 2013
Jeff Spradlin ('86)	November 8, 2013
Maxine VanCuren	Secretary to KCU Presidents Lusby and Young (1969-1980).....
	April 27, 2013

The alumni office represents some of the finest people on the planet. I get to hear stories, meet old and new friends and see the best KCU has to offer. We have alumni representing hundreds of different professions, ministries and missions around the globe. From Hawaii to New York to countries like Haiti, England, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, Chile, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Ukraine and even in Siberia. It is completely true, "the sun never sets on our alumni." And God is doing amazing things through each one.

Because of these great distances and our busy schedules that make it hard to stay linked to KCU. The purpose of uKnight Alumni Association is to help relieve some of that disconnection and provide a platform for our Alumni to unite to each other, current students, faculty and staff.

Let me share with you three ways uKnight will be unique:

Unique in the way we share in the Mission of KCU: through uKnight, we will support KCU's three guiding principles – Christ, Character and Career. We will do this through your service on uKnight committees and sharing of your time, talent and gifts to the University.

Unique in the way we advance the university: Two special alumni committees will be established. The Alumni Council will provide a voice to the university. The chair of the Council will have the opportunity to be recommended for membership on the Board of Trustees providing a direct link to the decision makers of KCU. The Alumni Ambassadors will be tasked with the responsibility to reach out to alumni regionally – through phone calls, cards, visits and helping us with regional Alumni and Friends gatherings.



Unique in the way we connect to alumni: Our goal is to be a missional movement that looks to embrace not only the university but also the alumni she produces. As we begin our first two years with uKnight, we have elected to support Daren Wendell, class of '03, director of Active Water and his run across America in 2015. The money from our support will go to build water wells within the communities in Zambia.

We will also be encouraging our alumni to sign-up to run with Daren on one of his daily marathons during January-April of 2015. It will be so awesome to see a well dug in Zambia because of the support of uKnight. I can also envision us sending representatives to Zambia to assist with the actual well dig.

There is no place I'd rather be than at the helm of this great challenge of uniting our alumni. When I walk around campus I always sense the presence of those who made this place great.

Dr. Lowell Lusby was an incredible inspiration to us and embodied the slogan – "for the good of the cause". He and so many who worked with him through the years set an incredible example of perseverance, dedication and faithfulness that was unsurpassed. They took great pride in promoting this institution as a Great Commission School, a tradition that continues to this day. This school and the alumni who come out of her will continue to do incredible things for the Kingdom of Christ until he comes again. Will you prayerfully consider joining uKnight Alumni Association and begin making an impact today?

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