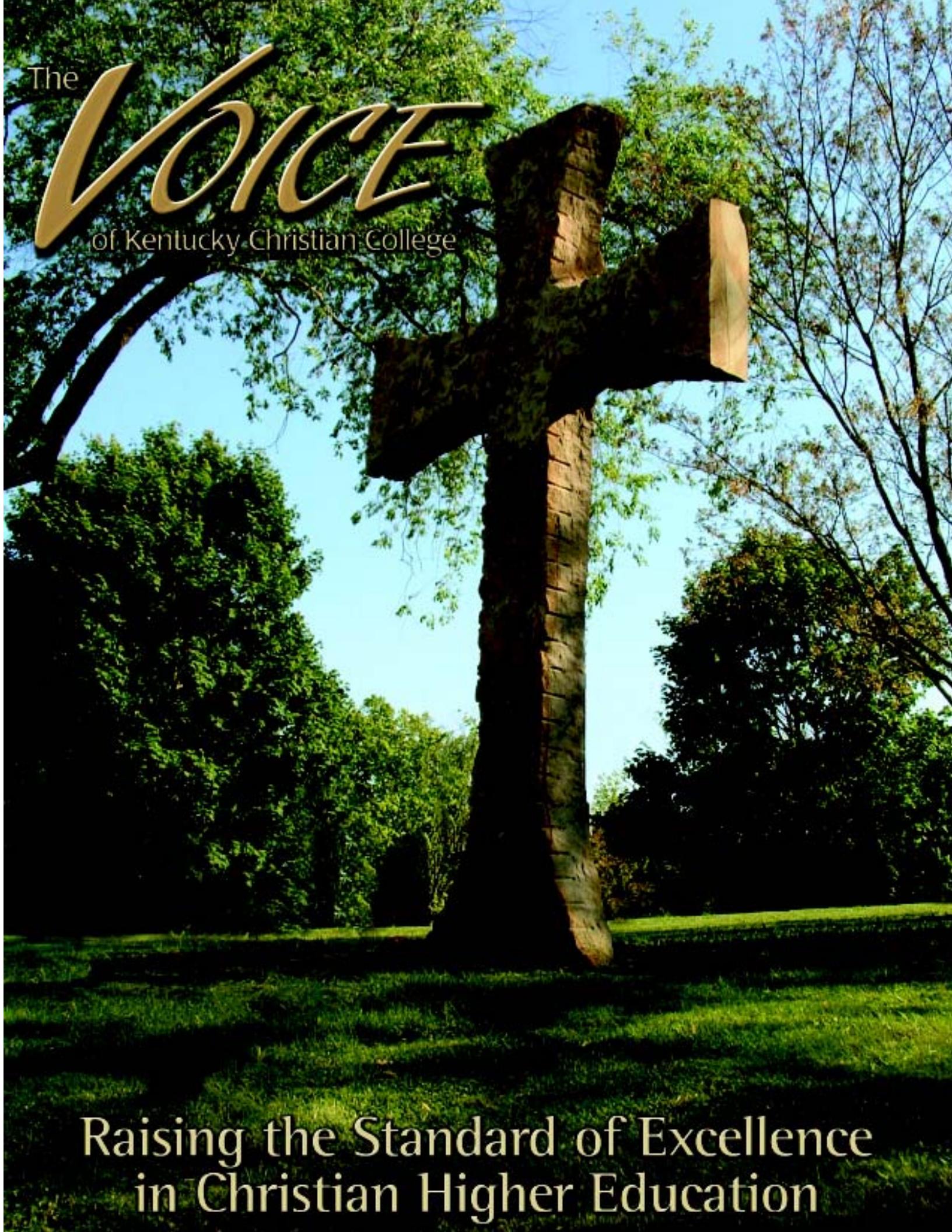


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# Much More Than Academic Excellence

This issue of *The Voice* carries the theme "Academic Excellence." As you read through this magazine you will note several indicators that KCC is doing very well in the academic arena. Of course it is not at all uncommon for colleges and universities across America to tout with pride their academic, scholarly, and professional accomplishments. KCC is one of more than 4,500 colleges and universities in the U.S. and all of these institutions compete aggressively for students and dollars based on quality assurance.

For the past several years Kentucky Christian College has been included among an exclusive list of 1,500 institutions ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* in its annual issue of *America's Best Colleges*. These college rankings are often used as evidence of excellence, but what do they really mean?

To be quite honest, most college presidents are skeptical about the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. The conclusions reflected in this annual survey are based primarily on statistical data and the perceived reputation that these colleges enjoy among their peer institutions.

Every year I am asked to rank other institutions based on my knowledge of their reputation. Frankly, while I am knowledgeable about many of the colleges and universities in the group, I know little in the way of specifics about their actual effectiveness.

My skepticism is further fueled by my personal awareness of institutions that are on probation with their regional accreditor, but who enjoy higher rankings than some of those that have never had such a blemish against their record. This is a critical piece of missing information since a major factor in accrediting decisions concerns the ability of a college or university to document its effectiveness as an institution of higher learning. I am pleased to report that KCC is accredited by three accrediting agencies and has never had a blemish of any kind.

While there are some excellent reasons to be excited about the accomplishments highlighted in this issue of *The Voice*, it is

important to keep in mind that academic excellence is only one component in the total effectiveness equation. Your perception of KCC's effectiveness is based on criteria that you as a reader apply to the College's performance.

Over the years, I have discovered that our readers differ greatly on performance criteria and expectations. For me personally, it comes down to one important question, "What difference are we making in the world?" This is a good question for any Christian organization or church to ask itself.

Here are a few comments from a cross-section of our constituents in their own words.

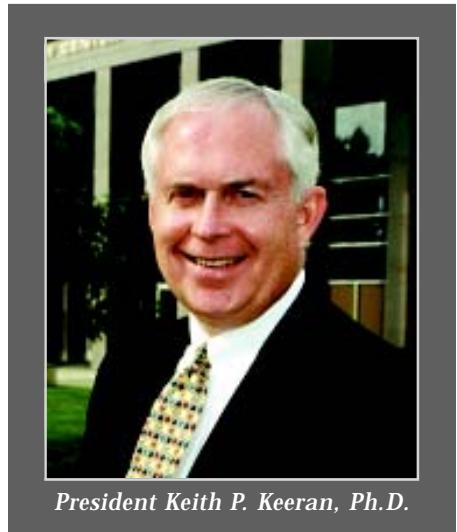
From a church member in Ohio where KCC alumni have served: *"After reading your latest issue of The Voice, I wanted to share some of my thoughts with you. First of all, the topic 'Servant Leadership' seemed so fitting because that's what Hayes and I always said about the ministers from KCC. They always possessed that important quality of a servant and leader."*

— **Phyllis Martin Disbrow**

From education leaders in Tennessee who have provided an endowed scholarship: *"We are so pleased to be able to realize our dream of helping students in their pursuit of a degree in Christian Education from KCC. We are continuously amazed at the consistent progress KCC makes in every area. We have always loved Kentucky Christian College and what she represents! We have enthusiastically promoted it and certainly will continue to do so."*

— **Drs. W. Edward and Billye Joyce Fine**

From the principal of an elementary school in Kentucky: *"The faculty and staff of Star Elementary would like to take a moment to recognize several of your education students from Pi Chi Delta. These students went above and beyond the call of duty in preparing lessons for our students. They were professional, well prepared, enthusiastic, and had obviously put a significant amount of time into their presentations. . . . We value your partnership with our school and community and appreciate the fine young men and*



**President Keith P. Keeran, Ph.D.**

women that are willing to come and work with us. We commend them for their hard work and look forward to more visits from your students." — **Charles Baker**

From one of our fellowship's most admired Kentucky preachers: *"Thank you for all you have meant to my life and to others around the world." — **Wayne B. Smith***

From an alumnus who serves as the senior minister of a mega church in Ohio: *"You have made a big impact on my life and on the lives of people you will never know you have touched. Your willingness to simply be used by Him in whatever way He leads has sent a strong message to the hearts of many leaders in the church today." — **Jeffery E. Hugus***

From a Missouri CEO and the President of Students in Free Enterprise regarding KCC faculty: *"Your faculty mentored their students in the development and implementation of educational outreach programs for individuals on campus and in the community. . . . They exemplify the teaching philosophy, 'Tell me and I will forget, show me and I might remember, involve me and I will understand.' Through their mentorship, they engaged their students in a very unique learning experience—to actually become teachers themselves and educate others about the very subjects they are studying. Not only does this provide a tremendous addition to their classroom experiences, it also helps them to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills far superior to those of most young people." — **Alvin Rohrs***

From an Ohio friend and a music lover: *"I heard your choir in concert about six months ago and vowed to hear every concert I could reasonably get to. . . . I have a music degree and had just about given up the possibility of*



# Message from the Editor

**John L. Dundon**  
Executive  
Vice President

For decades my family has gathered for a family reunion on the Fourth of July. One particular reunion, which occurred more than 30 years ago, stands out in my mind. It began raining the night before the picnic and continued through mid-day. Undeterred by the dampness, family members traveled on to our traditional picnic location on my grandfather's farm.

Because of the wet weather, we decided to gather in a barn until it stopped raining. The shelter provided by the barn proved to be adequate for a few hours. However, as the rain continued and the children became increasingly bored, outside activities such as building a campfire and passing softball were brought near or inside the barn. I never realized that eating fried chicken and potato salad in a barn filled with smoke from a nearby campfire and flying softballs could be so exciting (or hazardous)!

The lesson I learned from that picnic was that some activities are meant to be conducted inside and others outside! Healthy churches are filled with activities and it is important to differentiate between those

activities that should be conducted inside and those that should be pursued outside the walls of the local church.

Luke 9 and 10 can help us improve our understanding of this important lesson. In Luke 9, Jesus discouragingly responded to attitudes of selfishness and intolerance displayed by His apostles. In Luke 10, however, Christ was "full of joy" (v. 21) after hearing the good reports of seventy-two other disciples He had sent out to share the Good News.

In Luke 9, the Twelve apostles, on more than one occasion, tried to keep the Lord all to themselves and isolated from "sinners." They had little patience for the crowds seeking Jesus and for those whom they considered religiously and ethnically different.

Christ's disappointment, however, was replaced by joy in Luke 10 after the seventy-two effectively shared His message with others. The Bible records that the Lord was joyful after seeing "Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (v. 18) after the seventy-two declared "the Kingdom of God is near" (v. 9) to those who lived in nearby towns and villages.

The Lord's positive reaction to the ministry of the seventy-two seems to be twofold. First, Christ was pleased with those who chose to reject the isolationist tendencies of the Twelve apostles displayed in Luke 9. Second, Jesus was

pleased by their willingness to go and unashamedly share the Gospel message with others in Luke 10.

## Congratulations Graduates!

At Kentucky Christian College we are equipping the next generation of servant-leaders to shine the Light of the gospel throughout every area of society. The 2004 graduates of KCC have been equipped to serve within the church, as well as to be an ambassador for Christ to those outside the church who do not know Him as Savior.

To the KCC Class of 2004: Congratulations on your accomplishment! You are uniquely prepared to serve in the church and to be a great influence for Christ in the marketplace. May the Lord continue to bless your work and witness for His Kingdom!

## This Issue's Focus

This issue of *The Voice* focuses on the excellence of KCC's academic programs, faculty, and students. We could not be an institution of excellence without your partnership and participation in this educational ministry. Thank you for continuing to support the College with your prayers, encouragement, and financial resources. We will continue to focus on educating servant-leaders who will follow the good example of those disciples who pleased the Lord in the tenth chapter of Luke. 

*ever hearing a grand performance again. . . . When I heard your choir perform the first time, my heart started beating faster and the old excitement came back. I was amazed. . . .* — **Nell Stuart**

From KCC's newest strategic partner institution, Ghana Christian University (Africa): "We are looking for a college or university to work with us to make some kind of arrangement that would satisfy the National Accrediting Board [of Ghana]. . . . I thought you might be interested in pursuing something like this with us in view of your great interest in theological education in the underdeveloped world." — **Dr. Ronald D. Rife**

From a Ukrainian student who recently completed an M.A. in New Testament: "I will forever be indebted to KCC for providing me with the education I could never get in my own country. Because you cared about me and were willing to take me as a graduate

student, I am now back in Simferopol and teaching at Crimean-American College. Every day I work with students in my country who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives, and I have exactly what they need. Thank you KCC." — **Tanya Bridko**

The preceding comments provide several snapshots of how various KCC constituents perceive "excellence." These and many other similar reflections provide important anecdotal evidence that at Kentucky Christian College institutional effectiveness is more than professional credentials, scholarly achievement, and skillful academic performance in the classroom. While these are important, it is often that which happens beyond the walls of the classroom that tells the real story, and provides clear evidence of the fulfillment of our mission to educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world. 

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# The Hallmarks of Academic Excellence at Kentucky Christian College

by Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D., Provost

"What is excellence?" I began to turn the idea over in my mind.

"What does it mean to be an excellent academic institution?"

"What are the hallmarks of excellence at Kentucky Christian College?"

After much thought and attention, I was drawn to the central idea that excellence starts and ends with people dedicated to accomplishing a common mission. I could go on and on about our excellent facilities. I could devote much of this article to talking about our stellar programs or our athletic championships. In the end, however, it is the unwavering commitment of the men and women of KCC to accomplish the institution's mission to *educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world* that truly defines excellence on this campus.

With that thought in mind I would like to discuss three dimensions of excellence in which the faculty and staff seek to instill within each KCC student: inclusion, engagement, and achievement.

## **Excellence Through Inclusion**

At Kentucky Christian College, we feel that students must be stretched by interacting with people from various racial and ethnic backgrounds; with people from different socioeconomic backgrounds; and with people from diverse locations. Higher learning is about confronting the stifling myths of intellectual self-sufficiency and self-absorbed independence and working to expand students' sense of community. It is important that inclusion be a core value of the institution.

Each year KCC holds a baccalaureate service—a corporate worship service in

which graduating students wear their graduation gowns and faculty wear their full academic regalia. It is a beautiful ceremony steeped with symbolism and brimming with emotion.

Each year as I look out at the audience I am struck by the palpable irony that exists in the way the two featured groups—faculty and graduating students—view each other. Students can't wait to get through graduation ceremonies, take off their gowns and get on with life!

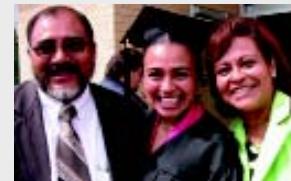
They have invested four, five, and even six years and a small fortune in their education and now it's time to get out and *do* what they have been preparing for!

Faculty, on the other hand, look at the graduating students and, without exception, remember the sweet time of life that the students are entering. Faculty members have been out there in the real world, they have climbed ladders and been personal and professional achievers. Yet, deep within, most would admit some degree of well-intentioned jealousy as they survey the students getting ready to start their journey.

At this year's baccalaureate service, I asked graduating students who came from families in which neither their mother nor father were college graduates to stand. Remarkably, over half of the graduating students rose to their feet to receive thunderous applause from the audience. Those first-generation graduates received a loud and clear message from the campus community: "Way to go!"

KCC is proud of its work toward inclusion. Inclusion can take on as many forms as there are people describing it but the fact remains that KCC is providing opportunities for college education to students of varying backgrounds and levels of ability. Witnessing the pride in

the first-generation college graduates was a wonderful, exhilarating experience.



Susy Flores came to KCC as a freshman from near Mexico

City, Mexico in the fall of 1998. With a broad smile and effervescent personality, Susy hit the campus of KCC like a dynamo and her presence enriched the lives of countless individuals. While KCC worked to make a U.S. education affordable and attainable to Susy, her presence made KCC a better place. "Mexico wasn't just a different country anymore" said a classmate, "it was Susy's home and when I had the opportunity to visit Mexico I felt like I already shared a special connection through Susy." Susy graduated from KCC in 2004 with majors in Bible and Teacher Education and now lives in Mexico with her husband, Vitalik (a KCC graduate from Ukraine) where she is a teacher.

## **Excellence Through Engagement**

Just as KCC works to develop and maintain a diverse campus community, the College also works to ensure that students are deeply engaged in the learning experience. Engagement is learning through exposure. Exposure to new and different ideas; exposure to diverse peoples; exposure to different places; and exposure to truth. It would be difficult for a student to attend KCC for four years without being actively engaged in life-changing experiences outside of the classroom.

Returning to the baccalaureate service discussed above, this element of engagement was poignantly expressed as I asked graduating seniors to raise their hand if they had been in the home of a faculty member. Every student raised their hand. I then asked graduating seniors to raise their hand if they had a close personal relationship with one or more faculty members during the course of their KCC education. Again, every student raised

their hand. Finally, I asked graduating seniors to raise their hand if their life had been significantly impacted by a close relationship with one or more faculty members. Again, from the mass of black graduation gowns every hand raised high in the air!

Dr. HeeKap Lee became KCC's first non-U.S.-born faculty member in 2003. Dr. Lee and his wife, Yun, and children, Isaac and Sharon have provided a living lesson in how to engage students.

Within months of his arrival, Dr. Lee began offering Korean language classes in his home. His home, in close proximity to the KCC campus, quickly became a haven for students where they hold regular Bible study sessions and enjoy fellowship.

Dr. Lee works to model for students what it means to effectively share the saving story of Christ as he has



developed ministries that serve Hispanics and eastern Europeans (most of whom are in the

United States on temporary work visas). Imagine, a Korean reaching out to Mexicans and Europeans right here in the tiny, rural, 98.6% white town of Grayson, Kentucky!

Not only is Dr. Lee proving himself a valuable and capable Kingdom worker; he is actively engaging the next generation of Christian leaders in his work through a dedicated effort to engage students outside the classroom.

## **Excellence Through Achievement**

There is a lot of truth contained in the old adage, "the proof's in the pudding." Effort alone does not insure that we will produce an excellent product. Well-intentioned goals, including those of inclusion and engagement, do not offer assurance of accomplishment. It is only through the final product that we may begin to see the fruits of our efforts.

At Kentucky Christian College, the quality of our product is indeed measured by the achievement of our students.

One of the most exciting and satisfying aspects of working in an educational ministry is the opportunity to witness the achievements of students and to know that whether we are a faculty member, bus driver, cook, counselor, or administrator, we have played a part in preparing the next generation of Christian leaders.

These young men and women will leave Kentucky Christian College and enter a world that has become increasingly disinterested in all things Christian. They are entering a world in which "spirituality" is cool and intriguing, yet absolute truth and acceptance of Lordship are spurned.

The entertainer Madonna has turned the red bracelet that represents her devotion to the nebulous ancient Judaic practice of Kabala into a must-have fashion accessory in Hollywood, yet recognition that no person will enter Heaven except through Jesus Christ (John 14:6) is never fashionable.

One of the defining characteristics of the postmodern generation is a belief that "if it's okay with you and doesn't hurt me, it's okay!" Certainly we live in a culture that does not embrace the reality of absolute truth and undeniable consequences of sin (Romans 6:23).

It is into this environment that students exit Kentucky Christian College. The exciting thing is, they are ready to achieve great things in the name of God. The knowledge, skills, and values they have acquired during the course of their KCC education will serve them well as they leave the "stately walls" of KCC and begin their professional careers.

They will be public school teachers, but no curriculum committee will remove the powerful influence of their passion for Christ. They will be ministers grounded in God's Word and equipped to effectively shepherd their flocks. They will be social workers who are prepared to minister to the spiritual needs of their clients as well as the physical. They will be nurses, ready to attend not only to the physical distress and disease of their patients, but to show them kindness and love in the example of Christ.

So, in the end, "excellence" is defined by a much different standard at Kentucky Christian College. While other colleges and universities may aspire to embracing inclusion, to fostering engagement, and to catapulting students toward achievement, these hallmarks of excellence at KCC can never be removed from an overarching goal of true excellence—to be His hands and His feet in His service.

Wendy West entered Kentucky Christian College in the fall of 1996 and graduated with majors in Bible and Intercultural Studies and minors in Music and English in 2001. Wendy wasted no time

in applying the knowledge, skills and values gained during her KCC experience.



She immediately accepted

the call to teach English in China. Recipients of her "West meets East" newsletter, however, realize that much more than English was being taught to Chinese students. Wendy was using her skills as an English teacher to open doors that would be otherwise closed and establish a successful personal ministry in mainland China.

As if that was not enough, Wendy also completed a Master of Science degree in Intercultural Studies and Teaching English as a Second Language from Wheaton College in 2002. In fact, Wendy's record of achievement was so impressive that she was invited to join the faculty of KCC in January of 2004.

Wendy is now a member of the Intercultural Studies department and is working to develop a minor in Teaching English as a Second Language so that future KCC graduates may be even better equipped to use teaching English as a second language to gain access to areas traditionally difficult to penetrate with the Gospel. ♦

# 2004 Academic Leadership Awards

Kentucky Christian College's brand of academic excellence is marked by world-class and student-centered faculty members who have dedicated their lives to equipping future generations of servant-leaders to shine the light of the Gospel throughout every area of society. When it comes to faculty excellence, KCC leads the way. More than 75% of the College's faculty have earned a terminal degree in their teaching discipline.

During the 2003-2004 year, special academic accomplishments were recognized, acknowledged, and celebrated by the entire Institution. We rejoice that Kentucky Christian College is a place where excellent Christian scholarship and sacrificial service come together to form one of America's most distinctive institutions of Christian higher education. Through the offering of a wide variety of academic programs, all of which require 30 semester credit hours of Bible, students are being provided with a unique opportunity to learn how to more effectively declare the sovereignty of Christ, study in an environment that fosters the development of Godly character, and prepare to enter a meaningful and rewarding career.



Row 1 (L-R) Dr . Karen Ford, Dr. Sherry Curtis  
Row 2 (L-R) Dr . Kail Ruffner, Dr. Rosalyn Ruffner, Dr.Kyle Brown, Dr. HeeKap Lee

## Outstanding Achievement in Program Quality

**Keeran School of Education (Program in Teacher Education)**

The program's "excellent" rating and third place ranking among the State's 29 colleges and universities demonstrates the Keeran School's commitment to program quality. This significant recognition not only characterizes the School's academic effectiveness, it epitomizes the mark for which we strive as a Christian higher education institution. This exclusive and distinctive honor by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board recognizes the Program for achieving a level of excellence to which all Teacher Education Programs in the State of Kentucky aspire, but which few attain.

## Outstanding Achievement in Program Accreditation

**Department of Behavioral Sciences (Program in Social Work)**

Program accreditation by a specialized or professional accrediting agency is not only indicative of a program's commitment to excellence; it is an assurance of quality to students preparing for work and service as credentialed professionals. Professional accreditation requires a program to be well led and administered. The standards that must be met are demanding and comprehensive. This is especially true of Social Work programs accredited by the Council of Social Work Education. The achievement of the Social Work Program in successfully completing reaffirmation of its accreditation by CSWE is especially significant in the State of Kentucky where only two independent colleges have achieved professional accreditation.



(L-R) Dr. Leonard Knight, Margaret McLaughlin, Scott Sanders, Dr. David Dowd



(L-R) Dr. Mitch Marshall, Dr. Darrell Coates, Dr. Charlie Starr,  
Dr. Donald Damron, Dr. John Wineland, Connie Wineland

## Outstanding Achievement in Program Service-Learning Integration Department of Arts and Sciences (Program in Humanities)

The litmus test for the legitimacy of any program at Kentucky Christian College is its success in integrating faith, service and learning. The integration of these three vital components often requires creativity and innovation. The Humanities Program has demonstrated unusual creativity in integrating these essential components. The Humanities Program launched "Book Mark" a reading initiative with inmates at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex at West Liberty, Kentucky. This program, which involved students and faculty, was not only a response to the biblical model of service and ministry recorded in Matthew 25, "I was in prison and you came to visit me," but the program also reached into the homes of these inmates, touching scores of innocent lives wounded and scarred by the consequences of lawlessness.



Row 1 (L-R) Dr. Rob Ford, Rick Chromey, Dr. Larry Chouinard, Dr. David Fiensy, Ronnie Sisk  
Row 2 (L-R) Dr. Dennis Durst, Dr. James Girdwood, Dr. Guthrie Veech, Dr. Perry Stepp

## Outstanding Achievement in Program Outreach (International) Sack School of Bible and Ministry (Program in Preaching)

The International Conference on Biblical Preaching was conceived on the campus of Kentucky Christian College in 2001. The conference which is held annually on the campus of the University College of Christianville in Gressier, Haiti attracts more than 150 Haitian ministers and students. In 2003, the Conference was placed under the oversight of the Sack School of Bible and Ministries' Preaching Program to provide leadership and program coordination for the annual event. Fourteen students, two members of the Sack School faculty, the President, and one member of the KCC Board of Trustees participated in the 2003 Conference. This initiative by KCC's Preaching Program represents the first significant international outreach involving undergraduate and graduate students and faculty together as program presenters and workshop leaders.



(L-R) Bethany Dyer, Dr. Gail Wise, Nikole Hicks, Carol Brickey, Abby Beck

## Outstanding Achievement in Program Enrollment School of Nursing (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

The establishment of the Nursing Program in 2002 was a response to both a nationwide nursing shortage and the College's desire to expand its service, ministry, and leadership opportunities for students through a critical health care profession. This response to the biblical service model in Matthew 25, "I was sick and you looked after me," has been met with enthusiasm. Combined with excellent leadership and an aggressive program of student recruitment initiated by the School of Nursing, the program has experienced significant growth in enrollment and declared student intent during the past year, making it the fastest growing program on campus during 2003.

## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS



(L-R) Dr. Mitch Marshall, Dr. Darrell Coates, Dr. Charlie Starr,  
Dr. Donald Damron, Dr. John Wineland, Connie Wineland

### Outstanding Achievement in Intercollegiate Collaboration in an Academic Program Department of Arts and Sciences (Program in History)

Interdisciplinary and intercollegiate collaboration in academic programs can enrich the educational experience of both students and faculty. In 2003, academic leadership within the KCC History Program worked successfully to establish the Turkey Study Seminar. This two-week interdisciplinary seminar, which will be conducted entirely on-site in Turkey, has been funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Berger Foundation through the Appalachian College Association. The collaboration includes history, biblical studies, and humanities faculty and students from five colleges: Kentucky Christian College, Lee University, Carson-Newman College, Mars Hill College, and Ohio Valley College. This interdisciplinary study-abroad seminar includes study in New Testament History, Church History, Islamic History, and Modern History.



(L-R) Dr. Mark Deakins, Dr. Wes Golightly, Dr. Kyle Brown, Dr. Norm Brunelle

### Academic Leadership Award for Outstanding Achievement in Program Outreach (National) Department of Music (Concert Choir)

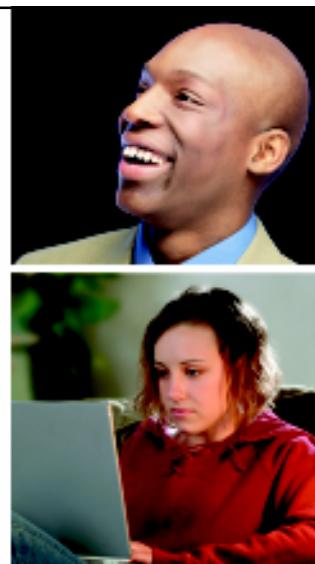
KCC's premiere academic ensemble, the Concert Choir, maintained its reputation for excellence and quality with a fifth performance at New York City's Carnegie Hall, and by sold-out performances at the College's annual Feast of Christmas. The choir's twelfth musical album, *A Christmas to Remember*, was selected by the Mary E. Ober Foundation of Indianapolis, Indiana for international distribution to U.S. military personnel stationed in Iraq. In 2003 the Concert Choir was invited by the Cuban Ministry of Culture to present Christian choral music in a series of five concerts in Havana performed in April 2004. The Choir also accepted an invitation to perform a special concert for the Yamaha Corporation during the Texas Music Educator's Association Conference in February 2004. ♪



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# Haiti: A Country of Hope Because of Jesus

by Dr. Guthrie Veech

The church in Haiti loves preaching. The preachers of Haiti are about as committed to preaching as any group of preachers I have ever met.

The Third International Conference on Biblical Preaching brought between 150-200 preachers to learn the importance of preaching from the prophetic books of the Old Testament. We took 18 from Kentucky Christian College to share in the experience.

One of the central messages of the conference presented Jesus as the Lord of the masses. That is good news to this country suffering more from poverty than any other country in the west. Reports suggest that the population of Haiti is seven million and the median age is 17. Less than 275,000 of the seven million reach age 65. Churches and communities are filled with children and young adults.



The graying population is gone. The national religion of Haiti is voodoo. When you step foot on their soil you enter a country committed from its inception to worshipping the devil. Occult activity and political disruptions have escalated as the



*Preachers at the Third Annual International Conference on Biblical Preaching*

country celebrates its 200th birthday. On any given night you can hear the sounds of voodoo drums and the wailing cries of people in pain.

The most common smell in Haiti is decay and burning garbage. These are people living every day on the edge of apocalypse. When you enter churched communities life is somewhat different. People have clothing, shelter, food, medical treatment, and education. When these needs are met people are much more interested in learning about Jesus.

I talked to one man who became a Christian 25 years ago during the birth of a mission in his community. Now he is a leader in that mission. Incidentally, his two sons are medical students and his daughter is a law student at the university.



*Haitian and American conference attendees involved in small group sermon writing sessions*

It is not hard to see that Jesus is the only answer for the radical change that needs to happen in Haiti. He certainly changed my life and the lives of our KCC crew who went there to minister. We could feel and see the signs of anarchy throughout the country. It was no surprise that very soon after our return President Aristide was overthrown. It is my prayer that someday a Christian will become president of the country. When you consider the influence of the church on the educational system and the lives of youth in Haiti that is very probable at some point in the future.

One thing is certain in this country with such abject poverty. Jesus is the only answer. KCC is committed to doing her part in sharing Jesus with as many Haitians as possible. ♣



*KCC student Wimbai Mutonono preaches at the International Preaching Conference*

# KCC Concert Choir Tour to Cuba Changes Lives



by Dr. Mark Deakins

On April 21 the KCC Concert Choir left Louisville, Kentucky for a 23-hour journey that would ultimately take us to Havana, Cuba. Four of the thirty-six choir members had never flown before this trip and most had never been out of the United States. We were apprehensive about the trip to say the least. Communication between the United States and Cuba is difficult at best even with , but we knew little about the events that were to take place at CorHabana, the Cuban International Choral Festival. Not knowing if we would be accepted was my greatest fear.

When we arrived in Havana (very late at night) we were ushered through the city on the way to our hotel. Even at night one could see the decaying city as street after street of unrestored buildings unfolded before our eyes. The architecture is beautiful—classical Roman and Palladian architecture of buildings built in the 1940's and 1950's. The Cubans talk much about restoration but it would take billions of dollars to restore the city.

Our first day led us to the Teatro Amadeo Roldan—a beautifully restored concert hall in which the Cuban choirs were performing for their guests. When we arrived we were ushered to the front and center of



the auditorium—obviously a prominent place. They were glad we were there and for good reason. Even though the Ministry of Culture had sent us the invitation the government as a whole was not excited about a Christian college choir performing on the program. But, because we were coming and our name would be put in the program it gave the Cuban choirs an opportunity to perform more sacred music. In fact, most of the program contained sacred music!

Our first morning performance was at the Amadeo Roldan, a high school for the arts. Three choirs sang for us and then we performed for them. Our four songs soon turned into six and then seven. The students at the school loved the choir and did not want us to leave.

They loved the gospel music in Spanish and were quite amazed at the use of our CD soundtracks (which many asked if they could keep after CorHabana was completed). Cuban choirs sing mostly a cappella but occasionally sing with piano or with orchestra. We remained at the school and conversed as best we could and then their students brought in some taped music and they began to teach our students how to salsa (a dance). The interaction between the choirs was great (photo 1). We had literally struck a chord with the high school students as we would see many of them at each place we performed throughout the remainder of the week.

That evening we performed in public for the first time in Old Havana at the Inglesia de San Francisco de Asis (photo 2), a basilica turned into a concert hall. At this concert we were sandwiched in between two of Cuba's finest professional choirs. We performed classical and Gospel music (in Spanish) and completed our portion of

the concert with *For Every Mountain*, a signature piece of the Concert Choir. The applause and standing ovation were tremendous. And again, we would sing an encore. Following this concert we would perform last on every program to give us plenty of time to sing as many encores as the crowd requested.

The next day we performed at the University for the Arts joining several choirs from the university as well as a Guatemalan choir. The concert was held outdoors on a veranda with swaying palm trees in the background. This concert was



strictly classical and very well received by the university singers and professors. The Cubans loved our full, rich sound and the selections of music as we received the only standing ovation that morning.

That evening we were scheduled to perform two concerts. Our first concert was at the Inglesia de San Francisco de Paula (photos 3 and 4), another church turned into a concert hall. There were many choirs singing that evening and many were going over their allotted time. It was getting very warm in the concert hall and I sent the choir outside to get cooled down before our time to sing. At the same time many of the audience also began to leave. I was afraid by the time we performed there wouldn't be anyone left in the audience! When I went to the door to motion for the choir to enter I noticed that all of the people who had left the auditorium (and more!) were standing

outside. They quickly rushed back in and filled the auditorium to standing room only. Because the concert was running long we performed a shortened program hoping to get out soon to go to our next concert. We performed two additional encores and as we were leaving the stage they kept shouting for more. The crowd even blocked the aisle as we were leaving! What a great night. They loved our music, especially the gospel music, and by this time many who had heard us before wanted to hear *For Every Mountain* every time we sang.

When we finally got through the crowd we headed to a house church in Alamar (photo 5). The new congregation of Christians meets in a building that has no roof. It costs \$5,000.00 to start a new church in Cuba. That doesn't sound like much until you understand that the average Cuban makes \$8.00 a month. This church received permission to begin and started building their new auditorium but the government shut the building project down. So, they meet outside. They are a joyous people and they loved our music. We performed all our gospel songs in Spanish and then the church treated us to cake (food is rationed in Cuba so this was



a great treat). Soon after eating the cake, the music began and so did the dancing. Cubans love to dance. The older gentlemen took our ladies by the hand and the older women took our men by the hand and within a matter of moments everyone was dancing. It was a great time with the church!

The next day was the closing ceremony of CorHabana which was held at the Teatro Amadeo Roldan (photos 6 and 7). Once again we performed last on the program and did two encores to close out the ceremonies. It was a wonderful time. By this concert they were singing *For Every*



*Mountain with us. What a glorious thing it is to see people from different countries praising the Lord together.*

Each evening the choir would meet on the front balcony of the hotel where we would share in devotions led by Ron Arnett, head coach of the KCC women's basketball team. The time was spent in the Word and in sharing our reflections on the events and the people we had encountered that day. On several occasions members of the other choirs, who our students had invited, would join us in our devotions. On the evening of the closing ceremony some of our students had encountered some people from Venezuela at a restaurant and invited them to join us for devotions that evening. At the devotions, Raphael, one of the guests, spoke English very well and introduced himself to me and said, "We have come from God, spirit to spirit." I welcomed them and we began our devotions. One of our students asked our guests if they would like to teach us some of the songs they sing in Venezuela.

Raphael stood and said he was not a singer but that he wanted to give a testimony. As he spoke he talked about people giving praise to God. He said, "God loves it when His people praise him (he started dancing), even when it seems like

we make a fool of ourselves. Even when you praise God with CD's (ed. note: He had no idea we sang with CD tracks) He still receives the praise. We have been praying for you to come for such a long time." I and everyone else had cold chills! Not only had we been accepted by the Cubans, but here were messengers from God confirming to us that we had done exactly what He wanted us to do.

This was the trip of a lifetime! The Concert Choir has performed in Carnegie Hall five times, as special guests with orchestras, performed for national musical organizations, recorded in Nashville multiple times, but this one trip, was more rewarding than all of these combined! God took our apprehension and turned it into amazement at what He can do with people who are willing and available to do as He chooses.



# KCC Board of Trustees to Assist and Advise Ghana Christian University

In a December 27, 2003 letter from Dr. Ronald D. Rife of Ghana Christian University, the request was made for Ghana Christian University to come under the control of Kentucky Christian College.

This unusual request was driven by a mandate from the National Accrediting Board of Ghana (West Africa). Though GCU is accredited by the National Accrediting Board, the agency requires the University to be under the control of a more mature and regionally accredited institution for a four year monitoring period. GCU officials approached KCC with confidence, already knowing of the College's commitment to mission and the globalization of the educational experience on the Kentucky campus.

KCC has been regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the past twenty years. This is a valued relationship. Not only has it brought improvements in programs and services, accreditation has been a tremendous benefit to the College's many graduates in terms of advanced degrees and employment opportunities. For this reason, KCC approached the request from Ghana Christian University with caution. A review of the policies of the Commission on Colleges made it clear



*Ghanian children without shoes, but not without hope thanks to GCU*

that to place GCU under the control of Kentucky Christian College would not be in the best interest of either institution.

The issue of concern was not about a collegial relationship or even about support, but about "control." Control would mean that Ghana Christian University would actually become an off-campus site of Kentucky Christian College and would require the African institution to be in full compliance with the policies and Standards for Accreditation required by the Commission on Colleges.

Such a strategy would be complicated, requiring KCC to petition for "substantive change" in order to extend its accredited status to a degree granting campus site in Ghana. While GCU is a quality institution and is performing a critical educational service for the church, like all emerging

institutions in developing countries, it has weaknesses in some important areas of compliance when it comes to meeting accreditation criteria.

These are not insurmountable problems and though they are being addressed, they are serious enough that a relationship of "control" is not the appropriate solution to meeting the immediate need. Even if these weaknesses were not present, a relationship of control would be unadvisable.

A relationship of control is contrary to sound mission strategy. Clearly, such a relationship would be bad for GCU.



*President Christian Adjei and representatives of the GCU Board of Governors*

Currently, Ghana Christian University has a governing board dominated by capable



*New Classroom and Faculty Office Building at Ghana Christian University*

national leadership and each of the University's administrative positions, from the President on down, is occupied by a capable Ghanaian national. To impose white faced Western leadership over these competent and able African leaders would be a travesty and would violate the vision and purpose of the founders.

Ghanaians will always be more effective in leading Ghanaians than will Americans. Americans can help support the educational operations with needed resources and we can and should help fund Ghanaian evangelists, but if qualified and competent African leadership is available as it is at Ghana Christian University, Americans need to get out of the way and let them do the work to which God has called them in Christ Jesus.

Nonetheless, it is our spirit at KCC to serve and to provide assistance when such requests come our way from Christian colleagues. We wanted to help Ghana Christian University. We responded to GCU's request with the suggestion that the University enter into an accountability relationship with the Kentucky Christian College Board of Trustees. While such a relationship allows for monitoring as mandated by the National Accrediting Board of Ghana, it falls short of actual control.

A *Memorandum of Understanding* was drafted and the terms and conditions of the relationship were defined. In keeping with this agreement the GCU Board of Governors will regularly submit meeting minutes, financial statements, planning documents and proposed policy and curricular revisions to the KCC Board for review and advice. These documents will be reviewed by the Committee on International Outreach, a committee of the KCC Board of Trustees.

Under the terms of this relationship, Ghana Christian University and its Board of Governors remains completely autonomous. The role of the KCC Board of Trustees is only advisory in nature.

In keeping with the terms of this relationship, KCC President Dr. Keith P. Keeran conducted an on-site review of Ghana Christian University from May 13-21, 2004. He interviewed President Christian Adjei and his administrative team and met



New Administration and Library Building at Ghana Christian University



GCU President Christian Adjei signs Memorandum of Understanding as President Keeran looks on

in separate meetings with the GCU Board of Governors and with faculty and students. The University provided access to all of its internal records, financial statements, planning documents, and policy manuals.

After conducting his evaluation, President Keeran said, "One can not help but be impressed with the quality of this institution. They are getting everything they can out of all they have. I was especially impressed with the national leadership. They are both competent and enthusiastic about their mission to train leaders for African indigenous churches and to train those who will become teachers of others also. This is a great place. These people have blessed my life in ways that far exceeded my expectation." ♣



President Christian Adjei (sitting) and representatives of the GCU faculty

# KCC Graduates Excellently Prepared to Serve as Christ's Ambassadors in Every Area of Society

Kentucky Christian College exists to support the church in fulfilling its divine mission of declaring the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. KCC does this by educating ambassadors for Christ who have been excellently prepared "for works of service, so the Body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12). In this article, several 2004 graduates reflect on the unique training they received at KCC and how their education has equipped them to serve as Christ's ambassador. Every graduate's academic program at KCC includes a major in Bible.

## Holly Alvarado

Holly, who grew up while serving with her family on the mission field in Mexico, was attracted to KCC because of the College's emphasis on personal spiritual development and academic excellence. She liked the way the College's small group devotional program promoted personal spiritual maturity while allowing students to develop close personal relationships with their peers, as well as with faculty and staff.

Holly and her husband, Sergio, are working to share the Gospel with Grayson's rapidly growing Hispanic community. Their plan is to serve the Lord on the mission field in Mexico after Sergio's graduation from KCC. Holly hopes to obtain a master's degree in counseling and establish a counseling center in Mexico. The center will serve as an outreach of the local church by providing counseling services to the area.



Holly earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Bible and Counseling Psychology. She is planning to serve as a missionary in Mexico.

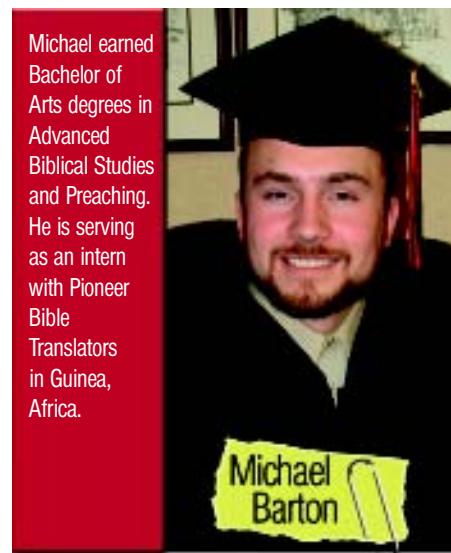
Through her academic preparation at KCC, Holly noted that "very practical and hands on classes" equipped her to help others work through crisis situations. Moreover, Holly stated that her classroom experiences equipped her to more effectively share the Good News of Jesus with others.

According to Holly, "KCC was good for me. I thank God for being around people who loved and understood me."

## Michael Barton

According to Michael, "God is asking me to serve and love others by sharing the Good News of the Gospel with them, and by helping them meet their fundamental needs. Bible translation ministry fits perfectly with my calling."

After completing degrees in Advanced Biblical Studies and Preaching, Michael is



Michael earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Advanced Biblical Studies and Preaching. He is serving as an intern with Pioneer Bible Translators in Guinea, Africa.

serving as an intern with Pioneer Bible Translators in Guinea, Africa. His ministry will focus on providing Bibles to people groups who do not currently have access to Scripture in their native languages.

Taking the Gospel to unreached people groups can sometimes be a risky venture. Michael is aware of the challenges associated with sharing the Gospel with those who have never been introduced to the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Michael stated with extraordinary conviction, "If someday my death glorifies Christ more than my living, I know that He will take care of me."

Michael noted that his studies in the Biblical languages of Greek and Hebrew particularly helped him prepare to serve others in response to his calling from the Lord. He also learned a great deal from professors at KCC and their many examples of love and service.



Noelle earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Bible and Elementary Education. She is serving as a teacher at the Kingsway Christian School in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Holly  
Alvarado

Michael  
Barton

Noelle  
Bucy

During his time at the College, Michael was a leader on campus. He served as a Resident Assistant for three years and led a small devotional group. Michael also preached at a rural congregation in the area for more than two years.

Michael stated that his KCC experience "helped him understand his own faith and salvation. Jesus has changed my life and I want to lead others to Christ as well."

### Noelle Bucy

Noelle attended KCC because she was drawn to the College's learning environment, which included "community and fellowship with other believers in the everyday educational experience."

Noelle stated, "While at KCC, the pieces of life's puzzle all came together for me." It was during her educational experience at the College she realized that God was calling her to "reach out and positively touch the lives of children in every manner possible."

Specifically, Noelle noted that the College's favorable faculty to student ratio gave her the opportunity to get to know her professors well. It was particularly meaningful for her "to see the spiritual, as well as the professional aspect of my professors' lives."

The KCC experience, according to Noelle, instilled in her "the passion to do whatever I can to serve others."

### Krystal Klendworth

According to Krystal, "I always knew I wanted a higher education experience that allowed me to learn in a Christian setting." She attended

KCC because she liked the College's environment and strong academic reputation.

Krystal stated that God is calling her "to serve and be open to learning and growing through the experiences of everyday life." While growing in the knowledge of Scripture through her Bible classes at KCC, Krystal also appreciated the emphasis that was placed on the development of personal spiritual disciplines. This important aspect of her training has better prepared her to declare the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to others.

Her KCC experience is proving to be of great benefit as she serves the residents of Mason Christian Village. Krystal noted that her training is helping her to better love and serve the people with whom she is working. "I appreciate my KCC education very much because it taught me the importance of listening to others in order to better understand their unique circumstances in life," she said.

Krystal enthusiastically endorses KCC. "I highly recommend it," she said. "It's a wonderful school with great people. I loved it. It would be an amazing experience for anyone."

### Robin Markey

The College's strong music department attracted Robin to KCC. "I want to take my knowledge of music to the mission field in Ukraine. I feel the Lord is calling me to use my love for music as a tool to bring people to Him," she said.

Robin shared that KCC's professors prepared her to share the Gospel through music by

"bringing a perspective of ministry into the classroom." Through her studies in the classroom and the relationships she developed with faculty-mentors, Robin indicated that she had developed confidence in her musical skills. Robin, who is prepared to "perform music in a professional manner," eagerly seeks opportunities to share her love of music with others in order to spread the Good News of Christ.

Robin found her Music internship in Ukraine to be particularly rewarding. According to Robin, "There is so much opportunity in Ukraine to share the Gospel with others. It's like taking food to hungry people." While in Ukraine, she served in local congregations, formed and organized choirs, taught piano and voice lessons, and led worship and Bible studies in Kiev.

### Wimbai Mutonono

Wimbai was attracted to KCC because of the College's focus on the Great Commission. He feels that God is calling Him "to be a tool for His Kingdom."

Through his KCC experience, Wimbai's view of ministry was broadened significantly. Wimbai said, "Ministry is not just centered on my own environment or community, but rather it has a global focus. I am called to go to every place that the Gospel has not been preached and to make a difference in those places. We are challenged in Scripture to study (II Tim. 3:15) and KCC has helped me in meeting that challenge."

According to Wimbai, being surrounded by fellow Christians and believers made it easier to develop the attributes of a Godly

Krystal earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Bible and Humanities. She is currently serving with the Mason Christian Village in Mason, Ohio.



Krystal  
Klendworth

Robin earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Bible and Church Music. She is preparing to serve as a missionary in Ukraine.



Robin  
Markey

Wimbai earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Ministerial Bible and Youth and Family Ministry with a minor in Preaching. After completing graduate school, he plans on returning to his home country of Zimbabwe.



Wimbai  
Mutonono

character. "I don't think that I will ever go to another school where the faculty are so focused on serving the Lord and care so much about the students," he said.

Wimbai continued, "KCC is here to prepare students for practical ministry and service and throughout the time that I have been here, I have been able to experience KCC's emphasis on preparing students for ministry. Because of KCC, I am prepared for ministry."

### **Jason Owney**

Jason, who was first introduced to KCC by his brother, Aaron ('03), initially intended to transfer to another institution after his first semester at KCC. However, after his arrival on campus, he "immediately fell in love with the school and the music program."

While Jason's degree is in Business Administration, he has a great appreciation and love for music. In fact, during his sophomore and junior years, he was a member of *Destiny*, which is one of KCC's traveling music groups. Jason stated that his two-year experience with *Destiny* helped him "grow tremendously" as a Christian.

Through the College's Business Administration program, Jason learned how to run a business in the world, while at the same time representing Christ as a minister in the marketplace. After completing graduate school, Jason is planning on being Christ's ambassador in the interior design industry. In addition, he hopes to use his talents to advance the Lord's Kingdom through his voluntary participation in design service projects.

Jason earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Bible and Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. After completing graduate school, he is planning to participate in ministry in the marketplace.



**Jason  
Owney**

### **Bethany Searle**

When Bethany arrived on the KCC campus at the beginning of her freshman year, she was seeking a new environment, but more importantly, she was seeking God. According to Bethany, "KCC seemed to be the kind of place where I could find Him."

Bethany describes herself as a "totally different person now than when I first came to KCC." Once speaking few words, she adds with a smile, "my professors now ask me to quiet down."

"When I first arrived on campus, I was very silent, sheltered, and living in my own little world. It was all about me. I was angry about how I had been treated by my friends at church and school. I tried everything in my own power to be accepted," Bethany said. The ultimate transformation in her life occurred at the end of her freshman year when she was baptized into Christ.

Her educational experience at KCC has equipped her to serve with conviction and passion. Perhaps the highlight of Bethany's academic experience was the opportunity to serve as an intern at the Southland Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

At Southland, Bethany worked with Jr. High youth and individuals who have special needs. Bethany described her experience at Southland as "amazing." She believes that "God created (her) to serve in these unique areas of ministry."

Bethany earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Ministerial Bible and Youth and Family Ministry. She is currently serving in a Youth and Family Ministry position at the First Christian Church in Sierra Vista, Arizona.



**Bethany  
Searle**

Bethany encourages her students to be involved in ministry and service by teaching them to "use what you've got—with all you've got—for the One you got it from."

### **Nick Skinner**

Nick attended Purdue University for one year before transferring to KCC. "I tried to make myself fit into an academic major at Purdue, but nothing worked," Nick said. After praying for the Lord's guidance, Nick remembered that his Youth Minister had once told him that he "had the heart of a minister."

Following the Lord's leading, he enrolled at KCC. According to Nick, "I've grown spiritually since I've been at KCC. I have a better grasp now of what people are dealing with and the different types of challenges people are confronting in their daily lives."

Nick has enjoyed the opportunity to learn from experienced ministry practitioners in the classroom. "I've been able to get advice from people who have been in the ministry for a considerable amount of time. It's been a blessing to learn from their experiences," he said.

Nick continued, "KCC has given me lots of opportunities and experiences that I wouldn't have had at other places. The College has been home for me during these last four years. I really appreciate all of those here at KCC who have had an impact on my life and on my ministry. I'm really happy God brought me here." ♦

Nick earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Ministerial Bible and Preaching. Nick is serving as the Preaching Minister of the Northside Christian Church in Greenfield, Indiana.



**Nick  
Skinner**

# Gregg Dedrick, President of KFC—Minister in the Marketplace, Addresses Graduates

Kentucky Christian College's 84<sup>th</sup> Commencement speaker, Mr. Gregg Dedrick, President and Chief Concept Officer of Kentucky Fried Chicken, began his address with a provoking inquiry directed toward the College's graduates: "All of you who are equipped for ministry, please stand up."

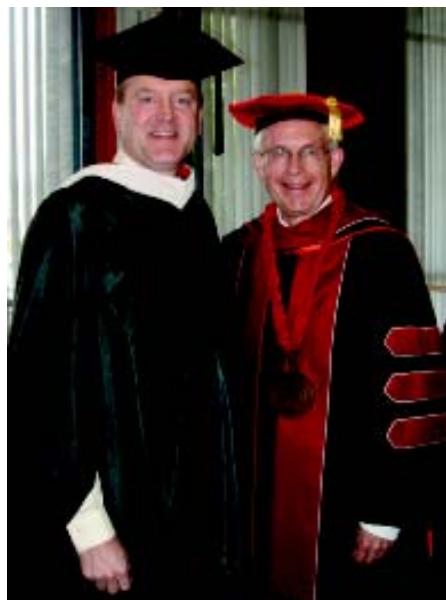
The reaction of the graduates may have been predictable. Initially, the 40% of the College's graduates who received degrees from the KCC Sack School of Bible and Ministry stood in response to his request. Mr. Dedrick, who is familiar with KCC's mission of equipping Christian leaders to serve as ambassadors for Christ in local congregations, as well as in the marketplace, was keenly aware that 40% of the College's graduates earn degrees that enable them to serve full-time in church or mission settings.

In response, Mr. Dedrick challenged the graduates to consider ministry as a way of life regardless of their chosen vocation. Too often, he cautioned, we limit ministry to what is done for the Lord within the formal operating structure of the local church. Instead, Christians should be prepared to connect and extend their ministry to their vocation in order to transform the marketplace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Dedrick is uniquely qualified to issue such a challenge. He has served the Lord effectively in the marketplace as a senior executive among America's largest companies, as well as in the local church.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Dedrick a graduate of Cornell University, has used his spiritual gifts of leadership and administration to create positive and encouraging workplace environments through the implementation of sound managerial practices that are based on biblical values.

In fact, Mr. Dedrick is credited as being one of the original and primary architects of Yum! Brands, Inc., an extremely successful company that owns the world's largest number of restaurants – 33,000 – and employs more than 840,000 people. As a leader, he has earned the reputation of caring greatly about people and emphasizing the



*Mr. Gregg Dedrick with President Keeran*

importance of continued professional and personal development. At Yum! Brands, Mr. Dedrick stated that he partnered with the company's Chairman and CEO, Mr. David Novak, "to build a work environment with high integrity and servant leadership—the kind of leadership modeled by Jesus Christ. We wanted to create a culture that would honor God," he said.

Mr. Dedrick's gifts of leadership and administration have also proven very beneficial in his service to the Lord through Southeast Christian Church—a 22,000-member congregation located in Louisville, Kentucky. During 2001-2003 he served Southeast as the church's senior administrator and supervised the daily operations of the congregation, which employs a staff of more than 320 people.

During the three years Mr. Dedrick served as senior administrator at Southeast, the congregation entered into its \$30 million *Making Room for More* campaign to construct two new buildings—a Ministry Support Center and a Family Activity Center. After the construction of these structures is completed, the church's property will include facilities that contain more than 1 million square feet under roof. The campaign ended with celebration as more than \$35 million

was collected in support of the project.

During his Commencement address, Mr. Dedrick shared several instances where he has had the opportunity, particularly in the marketplace, to introduce different people to Jesus Christ. According to Mr. Dedrick, being an ambassador for Christ in businesses, schools, and the halls of government represents "the frontline of ministry."

The model of lifestyle ministry Mr. Dedrick challenged KCC graduates to embrace is similar to the approach the Christians of the first century used. Jesus recruited the Twelve disciples from the marketplace, and in turn, the marketplace was the central focus of their ministry. As they conducted their business, it was natural for them to share the Gospel with their customers and fellow associates.

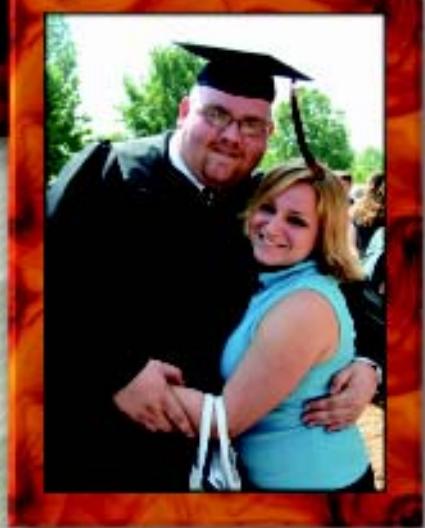
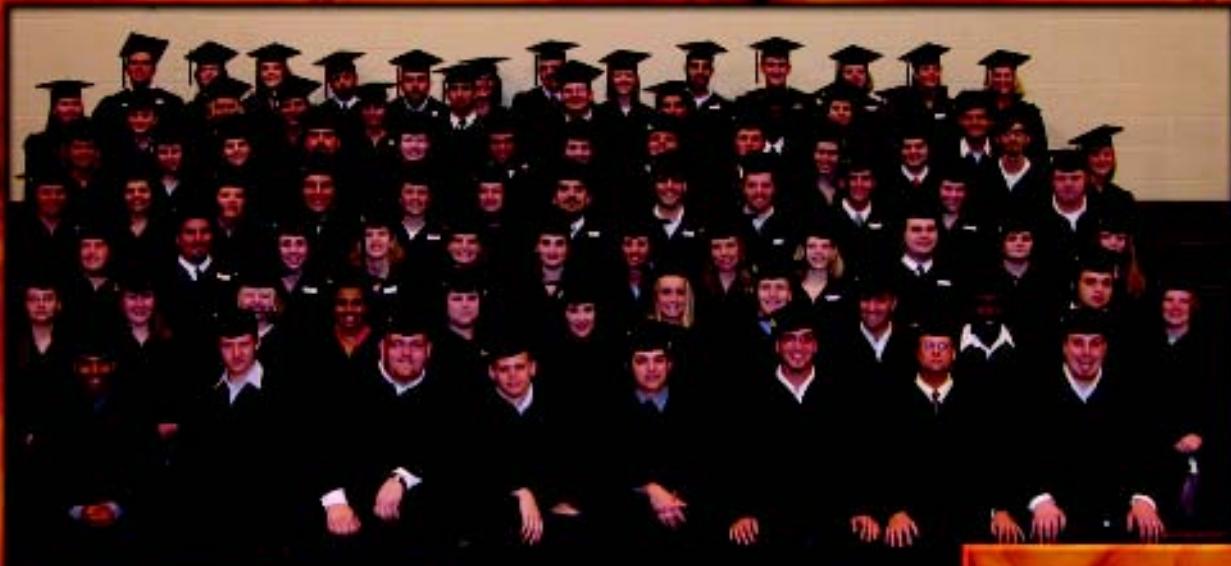
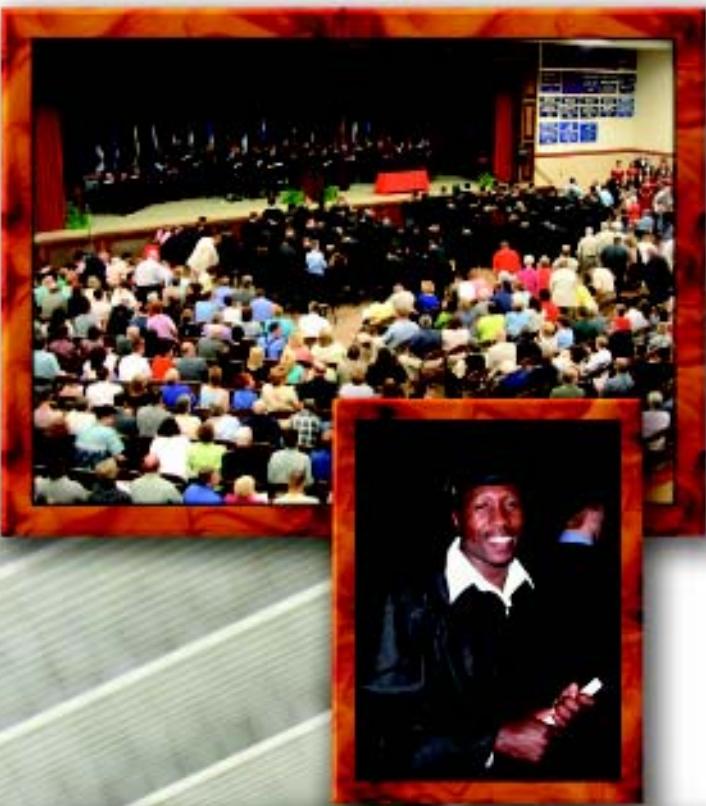
In the city of Athens, the Apostle Paul shared the Good News of Christ with Jews and God-fearing Greeks in the synagogue, "as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there" (Acts 17:17 NIV). Paul's twofold ministry connected him to the religious community through his teaching in the local house of worship and to the public through his tent-making venture.

Clearly, Christ intends for all of us to engage in ministry regardless of our vocation. Mr. Dedrick understands this important principle and lives his life accordingly. His dual ministry enables him to be an ambassador for Christ in the church through his involvement at Southeast and in the professional arena through his leadership role at KFC.

Mr. Dedrick was kind and gracious to the members of the graduating Class of 2004. After issuing the challenge for the graduates to live a lifestyle of ministry, he repeated his inquiry: "All of you who are equipped for ministry, please stand up." This time, 100% of the class responded by standing.

Yes, even during Commencement, important lessons in life were being learned by the College's graduates. Thank you Mr. Dedrick for reminding all of us that Christians are to be engaged in ministry and service for the Lord regardless of our vocational choice. ▀

# Class of





### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Bethany Marie Brown  
Melissa Ann Cable  
Rebekah Lynne Scott  
Tilma Tineyi Togarepi

### **Bachelor of Science**

Kourtney Nicole Abele  
Darrell Rylan Allen  
Tara Delynn Allen  
Holly Ann Alvarado  
Jonathan David Anderson  
Sherry L. Anthony  
Eric Charles Aurigema  
Peter Bailey  
Lyle Douglas Baker  
Todd Allen Barnett  
Daniel Gerald Bell  
Rebecca L. Bender  
Joy Lynn Broussard  
Noelle Joy Bucy  
Jason R. Cain  
Mitchell Adam Caley  
Sarah Jeanne Cannon  
Patrick Newcomb Cannon  
Tiffany Suzanne Clark  
Jaime Marie Corsar  
Timothy Leo Ernest Crowe  
Daniel J. Davis  
Joshua Todd Davis  
Christopher Kethel Deering  
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Elizabeth Ann Doss  
James David Downs  
Jill Marie Erskine  
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Megan Georgiana Gregory  
Kerri Ann Hall  
Michael R. Hall  
Joshua Harman  
Seth Adam Heller  
Melissa Sue Jackson  
Sara Christine Jerles  
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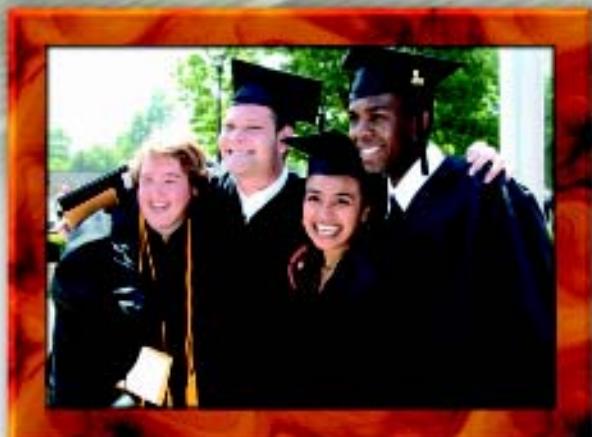
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Heather Anne Updegrove  
Sara Cathleen Walters  
Maggie Irene Warner  
Jacinda Raye Wetzel  
Sarah Beth Whitt  
Christina J. Wynkoop

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Michael Douglas Barton  
Amy Elizabeth Franke  
Bradley James Haggard  
Brandon Lee Jackson  
Ryan Kasler  
Kourtney Lynn Klendworth  
Rhonda Kay Reynolds  
Eric Edward Schaefer  
Nicholas Alan Skinner  
Travis A. Wilson

### **Master of Arts**

Joseph M. Bedy  
Marvin Lee Elliott  
Ann Michelle Hilvety  
Mark Thomas Tonkery



## Dr. Gail Wise Appointed to Kentucky Board of Nursing



Dr. Gail Wise, Dean of the Kentucky Christian College School of Nursing, was honored recently when Kentucky Governor, Ernie Fletcher, appointed her to the Kentucky Board of Nursing. "It is quite an honor," states Wise. "I am very pleased to receive such an appointment, especially since we will graduate our first class of Bachelor of Science in Nursing students next spring."

The appointment is for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2004. The Kentucky Board of Nursing is charged with protecting the public's health and welfare through the development and enforcement of state laws governing the safe practice of nursing.

Dr. Wise joins fellow KCC faculty member Dr. Leonard Knight as holding governor-appointed seats on important state educational boards. Dr. Knight was appointed by Governor Paul Patton to serve on the Kentucky Marriage and Family Counselors Licensure Board.

## Nursing Input Solicited

In preparation for the on-site evaluation of the Kentucky Christian College School of Nursing by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an invitation is being extended to students, alumni, faculty, and members of the community to provide written input to the evaluation team.

The School of Nursing welcomes any and all comments relating to the KCC School of Nursing program, faculty, students, etc. Comments must be written and contain your signature. CCNE will accept written comments at the address below until 30 days prior to the on-site visit November 1, 2004.

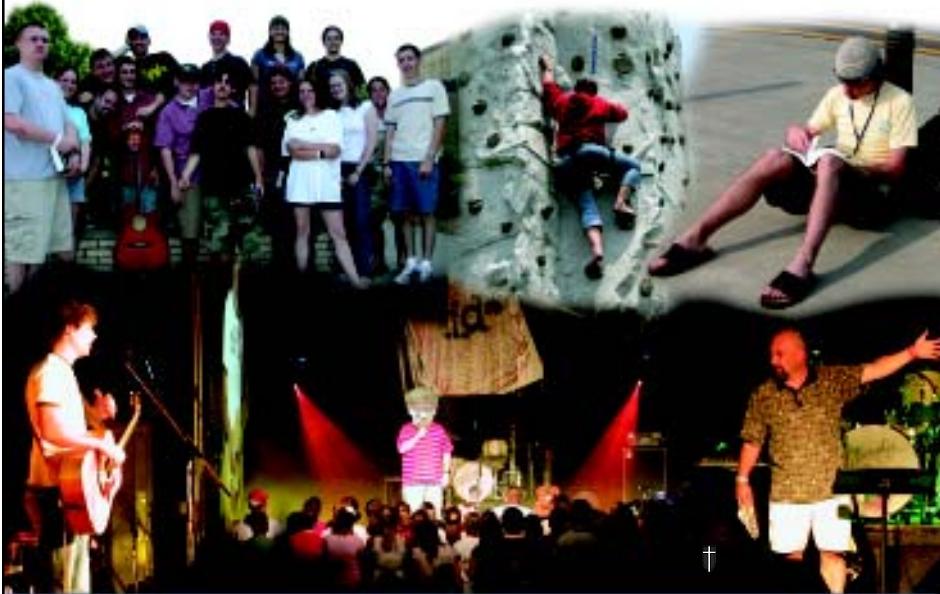
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Members of the Kentucky Christian College School of Nursing faculty and staff value your opinions and encourage you to participate in this important part of our professional accreditation process. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

During the summer months, KCC offered three weeks of intense worship and learning opportunities for Senior High youth and their sponsors. Summer In The Son (SITS) gives high school students the opportunity to leave their world behind and follow the Son.

The theme of this year's program was "i.d." Each participant was challenged to identify different elements that help strengthen their daily walk with the Lord.

More than 1,400 people attended SITS. More than 400 decisions were made for Christ during the three-week session, including 100 baptisms.



## Summer In The Son and Junior High Challenge Minister to More Than 2,200 Youth

The theme of the Jr. High Challenge was "The Awakening." The 812 teens who participated in this exciting week focused on the Lord's great love for us and were reminded that God, "Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions" (Ephesians 4:4, 5 NIV). Hundreds of decisions for Christ were made during this life-changing week.

KCC's summer youth programming has influenced literally tens of thousands of teens for Jesus Christ during its twenty-one years of existence.



# Bible Bowl Participants Develop Closer Relationship with Jesus Christ Through the Study of Scripture



Each year, Kentucky Christian College hosts two exciting Bible Bowl tournaments that have a reputation as being among the most competitive contests in the nation. KCC's tournament events consistently draw Bible Bowl teams that include the nation's elite.

KCC is committed to providing a strong Bible Bowl program that encourages participants to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of Scripture. Through Bible Bowl's enjoyable and effective system of learning, students grow in their knowledge and appreciation of the Word of God. Moreover, program participants are encouraged to apply the Christian principles learned through the study of God's Word in their daily lives.

Because life's priorities are usually determined during one's youth, the knowledge of Scripture derived through Bible Bowl preparation helps participants form a strong foundation on which to build Christian faith and character throughout their lives. By creating a forum for young Bible students to grow in the knowledge of the Lord, the program helps to equip participants for

Christian service, which in turn helps strengthen the church both now and in the future.

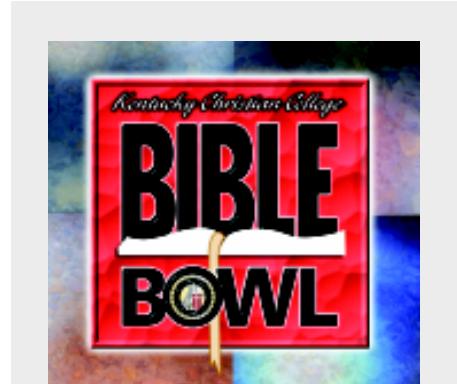
The College's program is designed in cooperation with The National Bible Bowl Program, which is based in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Bret Talley, the National Bible Bowl Director, has voluntarily served as a leader and coordinator of KCC's competitions for 16 years. KCC is very appreciative of Mr. Talley's dedication and commitment to advancing the Lord's Kingdom through the ministry of Bible Bowl.

The College will host tournaments on February 11-13, 2005 and June 9-11, 2005 in Grayson. Should your church be interested in learning more about KCC's Bible Bowl (grades 6-12) or Beginner Bowl (grades 3-5) competitions, please contact Leslie Arnold by telephone at (606) 474-3284 or e-mail at larnold@kcc.edu. ¶

## KCC Plays Instrumental Role in 2004 National Bible Bowl Tournaments

Kentucky Christian College's Dr. Mark and Mrs. Sandra Deakins coordinated the evening worship services during the 40<sup>th</sup> National Bible Bowl and 5<sup>th</sup> National Beginner Bible Bowl Tournaments in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The KCC Praise Band led worship each evening. Members of the Praise Band included Leslie Arnold, Mark Berggren, Ray Jester, Sean McIntosh, Alex Robinson, and Brad Wallace. Paul and Cathy Rice provided technical sound support. ¶



## February 2004 Tournament

(46 Teams)

### Winner Double Elimination Round:

**Upper** – Franklin Christian Church, Franklin, TN  
**Lower** – Southeast Christian Church – Team I, Louisville, KY

### Winner of Round Robin:

**Upper** – First Church of Christ, Xenia, OH  
**Lower** – First Christian Church, Kissimmee, FL

### Most Christ-Like Award:

**Upper** – First Church of Christ, Owosso, MI  
**Lower** – Mudfork Church of Christ, Bluefield, VA

## June 2004 Tournament

(57 Teams)

### Winner Double Elimination Round:

**Upper** – Franklin Christian Church, Franklin, TN  
**Lower** – Southeast Christian Church – Team I, Louisville, KY  
**Beginner Bowl** – Southeast Christian Church – Team I, Louisville, KY

### Winner of Round Robin:

**Upper** – Ripley Church of Christ, Big Prairie, OH  
**Lower** – Southeast Christian Church – Team I, Louisville, KY  
**Beginner Bowl** – Indian Creek Christian Church – Team I, Cynthiana, KY

### Most Christ-Like Award:

**Upper** – River Valley, Goshen, KY  
**Lower** – Mt. View Church of Christ, N. Tazewell, VA

## KCC Music Graduates Participate in Opera Workshops

KCC was well represented this summer in two prestigious opera workshops conducted throughout the region. Kristee Smith, a 2004 graduate who earned a degree in Music Performance, was selected to sing in the highly competitive *Opera in the Ozarks*.

This training program is recognized as one of the world's top summer opera festivals and limited to 50 participants who are chosen by audition.

Daniel Bell, a 2004 graduate who earned a degree in Vocal Performance, and Erin Owney, a senior Music Education major, were accepted to Opera workshops presented by the Lexington Opera Society and the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre.

The intense workshop included classes in the basic skills required to perform opera. Individual coaching sessions and classes were taught by opera masters. ♦

## New Cross Adorns Campus



A new sandstone cross, donated by Mr. David Metcalf in memory of his mother Mrs. Allene Metcalf, was placed on the south side of Lusby Center in February 2004. The cross is located in a prominent location and will provide a permanent reminder to future generations of the College's purpose, which is to equip students to declare the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. ♦

## Faculty and Staff Appointments Announced



Sherry L. Curtis, Ph.D., has been appointed Professor in the Keeran School of Education. After admirably serving the College for 10 years as Vice President of Student Life, Dr. Curtis, a 1976 graduate of KCC, is returning to a full-time faculty appointment where she will be focusing on the development of new Teacher Education degree offerings.



Brendan C. Hainey, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry and will be joining the College's faculty in the Fall of 2004. Dr. Hainey earned his doctorate in Analytical Chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University and is coming to KCC from Rowan University.



Joshua Hall will be joining the staff of Kentucky Christian College as Director of Campus Events. Primary responsibilities will include Summer In The Son, Junior High Challenge programming on campus. Joshua and his wife Tabitha (Hannum) Hall will be moving to Grayson in late August.



Rebekah E. Hannum has been appointed Director of Resident Services. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Ministry with an emphasis in World Evangelism from KCC in 1999. Before returning to KCC, Rebekah served as a missionary in Venezuela.



Jason R. Kennedy serves the College as an Enrollment Counselor. He is an alumnus of Kentucky Christian College and concentrated his studies in the area of Youth and Family Ministry. Jason works with prospective students from the western United States, as well as prospective international students.



Todd Barnett has been appointed to work with the Enrollment Services team as an Enrollment Counselor. He is a 2004 graduate of Kentucky Christian College with a degree in Ministerial Bible and Youth & Family Ministry. Todd will primarily be working with prospective students from Kentucky and Tennessee. ♦

**The Spirit of Christmas**  
Around the World

**KCC's Annual Feast of Christmas will be held December 1-4, Tickets will go on sale October 1. More information is available on our website at [www.kcc.edu/campus/feast/index.htm](http://www.kcc.edu/campus/feast/index.htm).**

## Dormitory Construction Nears Completion



Two new dormitories are nearing completion on the southwest corner of campus. They will be ready to house 96 female students in the fall.



## Homecoming Highlights

Alejandra Carrillo was crowned Queen and Brad Haggard, King during KCC's 2004 Basketball Homecoming festivities.

The Knights defeated the Cincinnati Bible College Eagles and the Lady Knights defeated Cincinnati's women's team in exciting contests.

Following the games, hundreds of alumni and friends shared in a time of food and fellowship in the Waters Cafeteria. Men and women's alumni basketball tournaments were held the next morning. Please be watching for information relating to 2005's alumni basketball activities.

## Ladies' Days: Walking Life's Path with God



Ladies' Days always provides for an exciting time on the KCC campus! This year's program continued the annual event's tradition of excellence. More than 470 women from nine states enjoyed praise and worship, a prayer walk, timely workshops, and an inspiring message from Joanie Grimm around the theme *Set My Feet On Your Path*.



Plans are already being made for next year's Ladies' Days program, which is scheduled for April 8 and 9, 2005. *Soul Real*, a nationally known trio of recording



artists from Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, will perform a concert on Friday night, as well as present the program and special music on Saturday. Dan Smith, from Centreville, Virginia, will be the featured storyteller for Friday night's Coffee House gathering. In addition, a wide variety of workshops will be available.

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Receive a full-tuition graduate scholarship for KCC's Master of Arts in Christian Leadership or Master of Arts in New Testament

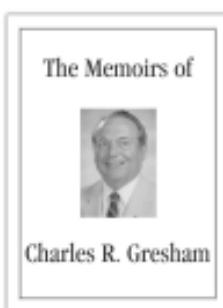


Start your KCC bachelor's degree program as a first-time, full-time freshman, complete your degree at KCC and receive a full-tuition graduate scholarship for the above mentioned programs. Students must begin their graduate degree during the first semester following the completion of their undergraduate work. Special scholarship arrangements may be made for transfer students.

This offer applies to students enrolling for Fall '04, Spring '05, Fall '05, and Spring '06 semesters only. Continuous enrollment and a minimum GPA of 2.50 must be maintained.

For more information contact:  
KCC Enrollment Services  
at 800-522-3181 or  
[knights@kcc.edu](mailto:kcc@kcc.edu)

## Dr. Charles R. Gresham Memoirs Available



Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact the bookstore at 606-474-3239 or [bookstore@kcc.edu](mailto:bookstore@kcc.edu). ▀

## New Preaching Ministry Scholarship Created by Coffey Family

A generous gift from the Estate of Givens and Thelma Coffey has been used to establish the *Givens and Thelma Coffey Memorial Scholarship Fund*. The Scholarship will financially support the education of students who are preparing for the preaching ministry.

Kentucky Christian College is honored to have been included in the Coffey's estate plan. While glorifying the Lord, their endowment gift enhances the educational ministry of KCC and provides much needed scholarship assistance to future generations of Christian leaders. This gift further establishes the Coffey's legacy as committed Christians who sought to serve the Lord and advance His Kingdom. ▀

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## Dr. W. Edward Fine and Dr. Billye Joyce Fine Christian Education Endowed Scholarship Established

In appreciation of KCC's educational ministry, Drs. W. Edward and Billye Joyce Fine have established the *Dr. W. Edward Fine and Dr. Billye Joyce Fine Christian Education Endowed Scholarship Fund*. Co-authors of the book *Teachers are Made, Not Born*, the Fine's continue to dedicate their lives to advancing the Lord's Kingdom through the church and institutions of Christian education.



Drs. Billye Joyce and Eddie Fine

congregation's approach to delivering Christian education.

Billye Joyce served as the Principal of the Central Christian School in St. Petersburg for nearly 30 years. She currently serves as the Director of Teacher Education at Milligan College and continues to serve other Christian education institutions as a board member and adjunct professor.

Kentucky Christian College has recognized the distinguished service of Eddie and Billye Joyce by presenting both of them with special awards and honors throughout

their years of service. KCC wishes to express our appreciation to the Fine's for establishing an endowment fund, which glorifies the Lord and promotes the development of future Christian educators. ▀



KCC wishes to express our appreciation to the members of the Middleport (OH) Church of Christ for initiating the *Middleport Church of Christ Missions Scholarship*. The congregation, whose Senior Minister is KCC alumnus Al Hartson ('77), established the fund to financially assist students who are preparing to serve on the international mission field.

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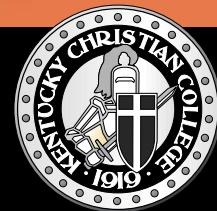


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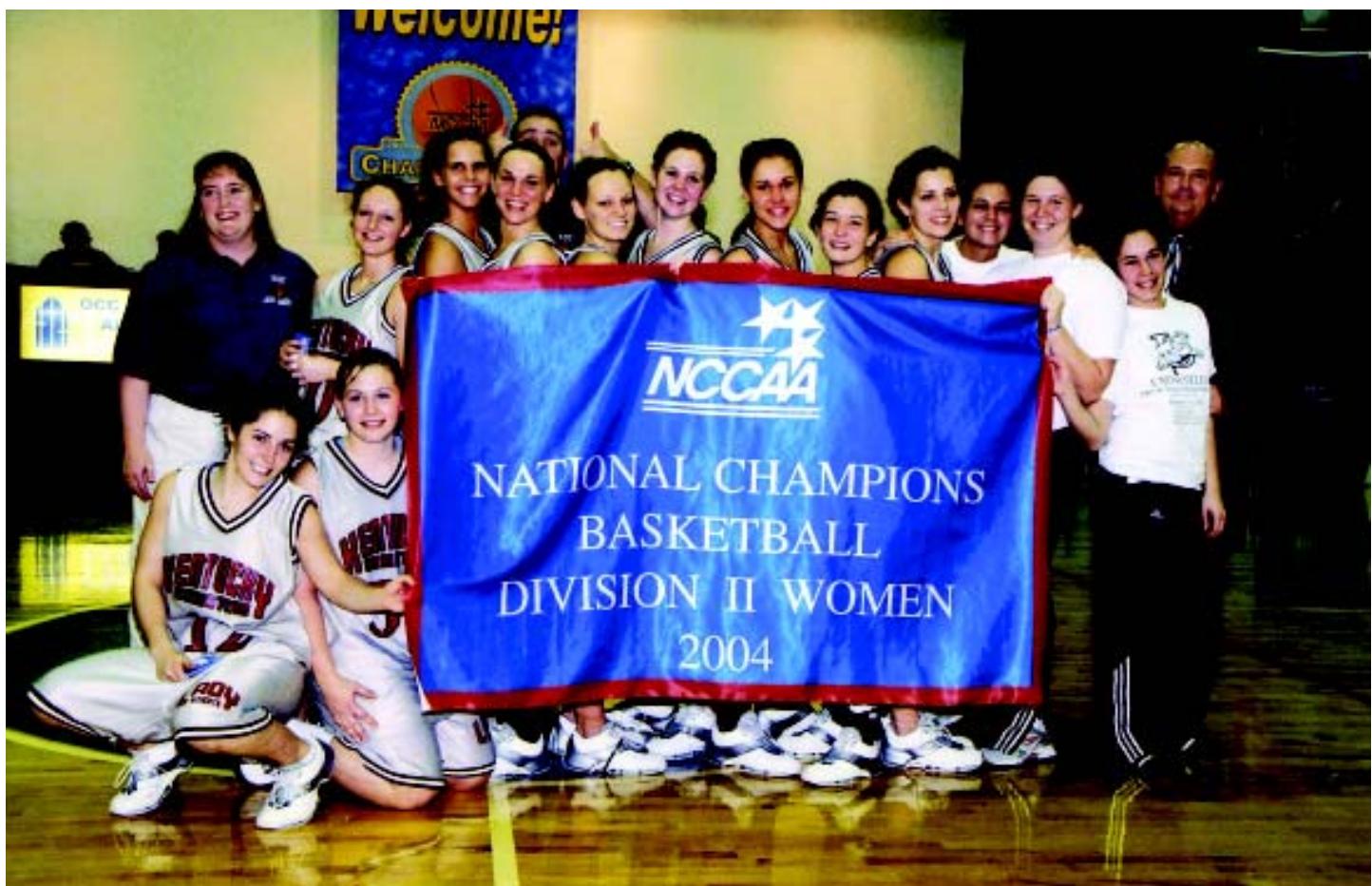
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# Lady Knights Repeat as National Champions in 20th Consecutive National Tournament Appearance

*Athletic Articles by Bruce W. Dixon, Athletic Director*

The Kentucky Christian College Lady Knights (35-3) have won their eighth National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II women's basketball national championship.

With this victory over the Manhattan Christian College Lady Crusaders (31-5), KCC not only placed an exclamation point on their most successful season ever, but put the finishing touches on their second back-to-back championship set.

Since 1989, KCC has won eight NCCAA II national championships and has two

runner-up finishes. Including this season, the Lady Knights have a string of 20 consecutive national tournament appearances.

When asked about this championship, Head Coach

Ron Arnett said, "It's a team thing. I know this is said all the time, but in this case it's true. We had eight players that averaged from 8.5 to 14 points per game and no significant individual statistical leaders."

Individual statistical leaders just can't be found within this group, it is their team accomplishments that highlight the squad's greatness. KCC was in the top five in virtually every team offensive and defensive statistical category. This is a testimony to their pursuit of excellence as a team.

## Accomplishments

### Jody Jester

NCCAA II 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American  
NCCAA II National Player of the Year  
NCCAA Scholar Athlete

### Hannah Herrold

1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region  
NCCAA II 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region

### Leah Campbell

All-American 2<sup>nd</sup> Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region

### Deborah Bondurant

NCCAA Scholar Athlete

With all of the accolades received, Coach Arnett was more pleased with the leadership in other areas, "our seniors led us in every way possible, with the most important being the way we represent our Lord. Jesus was first." 



## Knights Soccer Finishes 7th in Nation

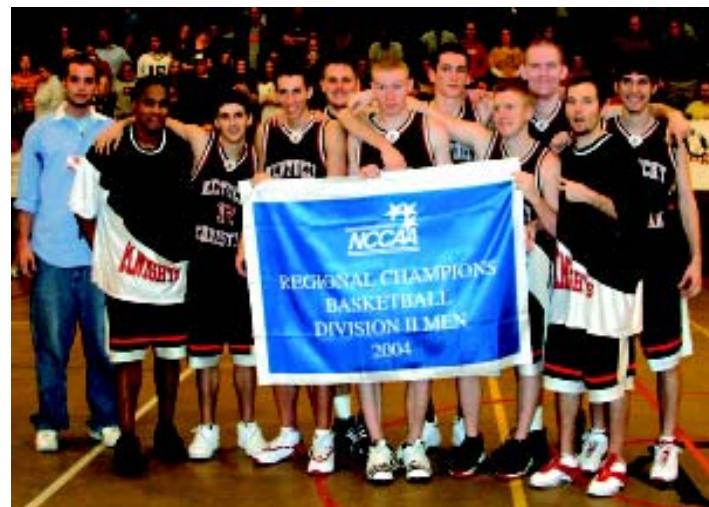
Head Coach Charlie Starr found himself in unfamiliar territory this season. He entered the season with no proven scorer, having lost seven seniors from the previous year's squad. The prospects for a region title run were very thin. With a 5-13-1 record entering the region tournament, it appeared the other region schools really didn't have to worry about the Knights for a change. Were they ever wrong!

On day two of the regional tournament, the Knights defeated tournament host Appalachian Bible College 3-1 in the finale and secured their sixth Mideast Region championship. KCC finished the season in 7<sup>th</sup> Place nationally and were awarded the NISOA Game

Referee Team Sportsmanship Certificate.

This season was a tribute to perseverance. Coach Starr said, "this team played the best 'team-ball' of any squad I have ever coached. They had to if they were going to win. Playing with discipline and intelligence, even when confronting opponents with superior talent, was the key."

Coach Starr was especially proud of the spiritual tone of this team. "Team captains (Jason Kennedy and Ryan Morrow) determined that the focus of this season would be Christ. They set and met goals of accountability, prayer, team devotions, and their witness." ¶



## Knights Basketball Finishes 6th in National Tournament

The pre-season outlook for Kentucky Christian College was one of extreme optimism. The squad returned four of five starters from the previous year's NCCAA II Mideast Region championship team.

With a good recruiting class secured, Head Coach Chad Leach felt very confident in his team's chance of representing the region at the NCCAA II National Tournament.

Unfortunately, by December, the starting line-up had lost two members for the remainder of the season and what seemed to be a bright future, began to dim. Though the team had to endure some tough adjustments, they never allowed circumstances to dictate their desire for excellence.

At season's end, the Knights had earned a 6<sup>th</sup> place national tournament finish, a NCCAA II Mideast Region Tournament championship, and a 26-13 record. Coach Leach said, "I have never been more proud of a team. Their development, both physically and spiritually, has truly amazed me."

The team lost five seniors, four who were starters. However, a large incoming recruiting class is certain to fill the void left by the graduating players. The 2004-2005 squad promises to be an athletic and exciting young team to watch and support.

In only his third year, Coach Leach appears to have the Knights' basketball program on the verge of another championship run. ¶

### Accomplishments

<b>Sean McIntosh</b>	Hon. Mention NCCAA II All-American 1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
<b>Ryan Morrow</b>	Hon. Mention NCCAA II All-American 1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
<b>Bart Bryant</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
<b>Jason Kennedy</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
<b>Cody Clark</b>	Hon. Mention All-Mideast Region
<b>Cody Smith</b>	Hon. Mention All-Mideast Region
<b>Charlie Starr</b>	Mideast Region Coach of the Year

### Accomplishments

<b>Darnell Chatman</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region 1 <sup>st</sup> Team NCCAA II All-American Finalist for Pete Maravich Award (Given annually to the outstanding male basketball player in the nation.)
<b>T. J. Lykins</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
<b>Dustin Stakely</b>	Hon. Mention NCCAA II All-American 1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region Hon. Mention NCCAA II All-American

## Lady Knights Volleyball



been a very different season," said Head Coach Bruce Dixon, "if the ball falls in a different direction, just a few times, we could have had a very special season."

The Kentucky Christian College volleyball team ended their season with a 13-11 record and a semi-final loss in the NCCAA Mideast Region tournament. Hidden within that record were five match losses that went the full five games and were lost by a total of 11 points. "It could have

Although things didn't turn out as well as anticipated, Coach Dixon was very pleased with the team's overall season, "This team made considerable progress throughout the entire season and the spiritual tenor of the girls was outstanding. They were an absolute blast to work with." 

### Accomplishments

Kelly Mitchell	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
Tara Snow	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Mideast Region
Candace Hart	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Marissa Hooverman	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Julie Martin	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Kelly Mitchell	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
	Hon. Mention NCCAA II All-American

## Lady Knights Soccer



4-15-1, success is not a word that is usually thrown around, but really does fit this team's 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mideast Region finish.

Coach Arnold said,

"I was really proud of the girls' effort and growth this season. Their hard work led to the most successful season in this program's brief history."

Coach Arnold was equally proud of the "tremendous spiritual growth" her team achieved this year. 

### Accomplishments

Susie Holmes	Christian Athlete Award
Jocelyn Truesdell	Coach's Awards
Sarah Nelson	Most Improved Athlete
	Most Outstanding Player

## Knights and Lady Knights Cross Country

The 2003-2004 Knights and Lady Knights Cross Country teams continued to show consistent improvement. Head Coach Darrell Coates commented, "the lack of teams at our level coupled with the strength of the teams with which we must compete makes success even more difficult. If we are to successfully compete, we need to train more effectively and year round."

Some of this season's highlights included a men's 5<sup>th</sup> Place finish and a women's 4<sup>th</sup> Place finish at the NCCAA National Cross Country Meet among Division II schools.



### Accomplishments

Jamie Bragg	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Randy Dieble	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Elizabeth Doss	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Nic Skinner	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete
Maggie Warner	NCCAA II Scholar Athlete

Also, three runners moved into the "KCC Top Ten" times list during the season. Chris Deering moved into eighth place among the men's career best times. Laura Wilmore and Joy Kemp are now placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively as a result of their efforts this season.

While team successes came and went, Coach Coates was extremely pleased with the spiritual tone of this year's squads. "I have never been around a better group of young people. The spiritual atmosphere was fantastic," Coach Coates stated. 

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## Alumni Banquet & Class Reunions



The Class of 1984



The Class of 1979



The Class of 1949 was honored during the Alumni Banquet. Class members present were: (front row:) Joe Thompson, J.W. Jordan. (back row:) Dennis Pruett, Bill Sleasman, A.J. Grimmet.



# Helen's Highlights

**Helen Yankey**  
Alumni Relations Officer



## Alumni Banquet

The Alumni Banquet was such a sweet walk down memory lane. This has definitely been *A Year to Remember*. I especially enjoyed surprising the class of 1949 with a special video tribute in celebration of their 55th reunion. Check out the pictures at left of their class as well as the 1979 and 1984 special reunion groups.

I want to thank everyone who helped make the banquet this year a success. We were able to surprise most of the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. This is very difficult to do, but the rewards of seeing the surprised looks on

their faces is well worth the extra effort.

## Alumni Directory

Our Alumni Directory is well underway and is scheduled to be sent out in December of this year. Harris Publishing will be calling to see if you want to reserve a copy for your home. This will be the only opportunity to purchase a copy of the Directory. I will not have extra copies in the alumni office and there will not be another printing.

## Upcoming Events

August 28, 2004 will be our alumni games. Please check the calendar on page 31 for the schedule. Remember to register online for the special events.

For those of you that have sent birth announcements and received baby shirts from the alumni office, please send a picture of your child wearing the shirt. I will place these on the bulletin board in the alumni welcome center.

Please stop by the alumni office when you get a chance, and as always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Asheville, NC 28805.  
aacbennett@aol.com.

# 1970's

**Tracy Bauer** (attn: '78-'80) is a Product Engineer for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. 818 W. 27th St., San Pedro, CA 90731. bauer2@cox.net.

**Jack W. Bowman** ('77) has resigned from the position of Associate Director of the Herko Family Mission of Jamaica, West Indies to assume the position of Senior Minister at the Unity Christian Church, in Cynthiana, KY. 105 Mason Springs Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356. jackbowman@hotmail.com.

**Tom** (attn: '72-'74) and **Nancy (Stanley)** (attn: '72-'74)

**Burbrink** have three children, Joe, Susan, and Karen. Tom owns Burbrink Financial Services which serves church treasurers and ministers with payroll and income tax related matters. 801 Grassy Lick Rd., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. jtburbrink@hotmail.com.

**Debra Czap** (attn: '74-'75) is the Lead Medical Technologist at the Ohio State University Medical Center. 1327 Cobblestone Ave., Westerville, OH 43081. czap-1@medctr.osu.edu.

**Danny** ('70) and **Delite (Foy)**

('71) **Dodds** have begun their 14th year of ministry at their home church, the South Side Church of Christ in Washington Court House, Ohio. P.O. Box 582, Washington C.H., OH 43160. proudgrandpa@hotmail.com.

**David** ('74) and **Sharon**

**(Thomas)** (attn: '68-'74) **Ellis**. David was invited to preach at Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal) in downtown Louisville, KY, on October 19, 2003. Christ Church is the oldest house of worship in Louisville, and has been used continuously since 1822. 223 El Conquistador Pl., Louisville, KY 40220. ellisdavid@bellsouth.net.

**Linda (Smith)** ('79) and **Ken Gurganus**.

Linda has been teaching math at UNCW since the Fall of 2002 (previously at Berea College) Ken is also a Math Professor at UNCW. 601 John D Barry Dr., Wilmington, NC 28412. linda\_smith\_gurganus@yahoo.com.

**Steven** ('71) and **Sharon Liming**.

Steven is the Sr. Minister for the Defiance Christian Church. 1650 Meadoway St., Defiance, OH 43512. steveliming@wcoil.com.

**Cindy (Mitchell)** ('77) and **Pat McMurray**.

Pat works at Southeast Christian Church in Orlando as the Building Manager. Cindy is the Media Clerk at Deerwood Elementary School in Orlando. Their oldest son, Jeremy, graduated from Florida Christian College in April 2004. He will continue to serve at River Run Christian Church in Oviedo, FL. Their youngest son, Jacob, recently received a Superior Rating at the Florida Bandmasters Association's Solo and Ensemble Festival. 8623 El Prado Ave., Orlando, FL 32825. cindynpat1@adelphia.net.

**Kimberly (McBride)** ('77)

**Page** is a Program Coordinator for University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. She has two children: Seth (21) and Jordan (17). 2108 Cypress Dr., Lexington, KY 40504. kim.page@uky.edu.

**Marie (Treap)** (attn: '75-'77)

and **Thomas White**. Marie has recently opened the Christopher David Art Gallery & Studio in Millersburg, OH. She contributes a portion of her profits to Haitian Christian Outreach. Thomas is a Judge. They have two children: Christopher (25) and David (23). 209 N. Washington St., Millersburg, OH 44654. firstlady57@earthlink.net.

# 1930's

**Nena (Hale)** ('39) and **Kelly Hash** are very well and busy with church, fraternal organizations, family, and community activities. Nena is a retired Guidance Counselor. 160 Water Wheel Rd., Galax, VA 24333-1612.

# 1940's

**J.W.** ('49) and **Vivian Jordan** are now retired. They have six children: Art, Carla, John, James, Anita and Lisa. 1800 Huette Rd., Bunker Hill, IL 62014. souldr@frontiernet.net

# 1950's

**E. Paul** ('55) and **Lucille Perry**. E. Paul was the first KCC Summa Cum Laude graduate. After 53 years in the ministry, he retired on May 23, 2004. 320 Meriwether Dr., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342.

# 1960's

**Anna (Arnold)** ('64) and **Charles Bennett**. Anna has been working in preschool education for 26 years. Currently, she is an assistant teacher with Head Start at Black Mountain, NC. Charles is retired. 1314 Tunnel Rd. #99,

# 1980's

**Julie (Knick)** (attn: '87-'89)

and **Matt Brown**. Julie is a Teacher for Treca Digital Academy and Matt works for GSW, Inc. They have one child: Madeline (1). 536 Curve Rd.,

Delaware, OH 43015.

kayek8769@yahoo.com.

**Kimberly (Brooks)** ('89) and Melvin **Bynes** were married on January 1, 2004. Kimberly graduated from Xavier University in May 2004 with a M. Ed. in Human Resource Development.

**Chris** ('89) and Marisa **Bennett**. Chris is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of the Greater Cleveland area. They have two children: Mackenzie (20) and Carling (19). 16293 Glynn Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44112. cbenn@adelphia.net.

**David** ('87) and **Julia (Rash)** ('89) **Hopkins** adopted four children on December 9, 2003: Chad (11), Sarah (9), Felicia (5), and Celia (4). They joined JD (13), Jenna (8), and Macy (4). Julia homeschools the children and David is in his seventh year of ministry as the Senior Minister of Trenton Christian Church. 4571 Trenton Oxford Rd., Hamilton, OH 45011.

dhopkins@infonet.com.

**Blake** ('85) and Christine **Kotur** have been ministering in Florida since 1986. Blake is the Discipleship Minister at Ft. Caroline Christian Church. Christine works for Bank of America. They have two children: Carol (8) and Bethany (4). 12503 Blue Eagle Way, Jacksonville, FL 32225. pastor Blake@comcast.net.

**Ric** ('85) and Diana **Manns**. Ric is a Social Studies Teacher and was recently elected as the Vice President of the local teachers association. Diana is a Travel Agent for Aegon Corporation. They have one daughter, Michelle Morton (21). 241 Greenway Dr., Scottsburg, IN 47170. ricmanns@c3bb.com.

**Larry** ('81) and **Jolene (Daniel)** ('80) **Miller**. Larry is self-employed with Larry's Home Improvements. He is available for speaking engagements emphasizing Church Leadership, Teamwork, and Gospel Preach-

ing. Jolene works in adult education administration. They have two children: Ben (22) and Josh (20). 3419 Coventry Ln., Lafayette, IN 47909. ljmlhi@hotmail.com.

**Debbie (Mays)** ('85) and Kevin **Ogburn** have two children: Shane (16) and Mayson (9). Debbie is the Principal at Fremont Stars Elementary. Kevin is a Claims Adjuster at Nationwide Insurance. 113 Clay Brook Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530. debbie.ogburn@wcpss.org

**Brian** (attn: '82-'86) and **Anita (Brown)** (attn: '84-'86) **Phelps**. Brian works in Accounting for the University of Kentucky. Anita is employed by Saint Joseph Hospital. They have three children: Jessica (16), Samantha (14), and Bryan (11). 106 Parkwood Dr., Wilmore, KY 40390. aphelpsk@aol.com.

**Jeff** ('86) and **Peggy (Settle)** (attn: '83-'86) **Sagstetter**. After completing his Master's degree at

KCC, Jeff is now teaching Youth Ministry at Manhattan Christian College. Peggy works with a traveling nurse agency. 6000 Tumbleweed Ter., Manhattan, KS 66502. jsagstetter@mccks.edu.

## 1990's

**Lyle** ('04) and **Holly (Bird)**

('99) **Baker** announce the birth of Chloe Kae, born September 17, 2003. Lyle is involved in Music Ministry with *fishHook*, and is also a part-time Youth Minister at Chesapeake Christian Church. Holly is the Coordinator of Student Counseling Services at KCC. KCC Box 751, 100 Academic Pkwy, Grayson, KY 41143. hbaker@kcc.edu.

**Tracie Janel (Spencer)** (attn: '97-'99) and Greg **Barker**. Greg is a Sergeant with the U.S. Army and has been on Homeland Security for the past two years. Janel is a stay-at-home mom and does home childcare. They have one daughter: Zoie Danielle (3). P.O. Box 896, Grayson, KY 41143.

zoiesmom@faithmail.com.

**Susan (Sutphin)** ('90) and Ken **Bradsher**. Susan is an active member of Pleasant Grove

Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC. She has assisted in the development of a morning children's church service (5 yrs. to 4th grade), and is also an active member of the Women on Missions (WOM II) ladies group at her church. Ken is a Licensed Gas Piping and Appliance Business owner. They have two children: Dalton (8) and Walker (6). P.O. Box 116, Butner, NC 27509. ksbradsher@earthlink.net.

**Shannon (Ferguson)** (attn: '95-'97) and Gregory **Cramer**. Shannon is the Day Habilitation Coordinator for The Resource Center in Fredonia, NY. Gregory works for Culligan Water. 9867 Farel Rd., Fredonia, NY 14063.

**Glenn Crawford** ('94) is now residing in Ross County, Ohio and is employed with the Southeastern Local School District. 663 Hanna Ln.,

# Alumni

## 2004-2005 CALENDAR

### Alumni Games\*

**August 28, 2004**

Alumni men vs. KCC Knights soccer team at 11:00 a.m. Alumni women vs. KCC Lady Knights soccer team following men's game.

Alumni women will compete with the Lady Knights volleyball team at 2:00 in the gym.

### Alumni Basketball Games\*

**October 16, 2004**

Beginning at 11:00 a.m.

### Alumni Night at Feast of Christmas

**December 3, 2004**

A reception will follow the performance.

### KCC vs. CBC Basketball Game & Reception

**January 14, 2005** at CBC

An Alumni & Friends reception will be held between games (approx. 7:00 p.m.)

\*Register Online.

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

### Homecoming

**February 11, 2005**

KCC vs. CBC. Don't miss our pizza and stromboli reception following the men's game.

### Alumni "3 on 3" Tournament\*

**February 12, 2005 • 10:00 a.m.**

Tournament for both men and women. Lunch provided following games.

### Alumni Banquet

**May 6, 2005 • 6:00 p.m.**

Reception for classes ending in "5" and "0" following the banquet in the McKenzie Student Life Center.

### Commencement

**May 7, 2005 • 10:00 a.m.**



## Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

(L-R) **Bev Haas**, Teaching (accepted by son Brian); **Vernon Oakley**, Missions; **John & Sandra Brooks**, Business; **Jim Thompson**, Christian Education; **Debbie Ogburn**, Education; **Mark Vice**, Preaching; **Bill Collins**, Church Growth; **Doug Henderson**, Arts & Humanities.

Londonderry, OH 45647.  
topazkid@hotmail.com.

**Danielle Daniels** ('94) has two children: Kaile Rumer (8) and Sadie Rumer (5). 1002 Wheather Vane Way, Plain City, OH 43064. **Trista (Todd)** ('97) and Gary **Davis** were married on May 10, 2003. Trista is working as an Advertising Sales Representative for the News-Dispatch, in Michigan City, IN. Gary is the Youth Minister at Countryside Christian Church. 404 Fox St., Apt. 423, La Porte, IN 46350. tristodd@hotmail.com.

**Chris Duncan** ('91) is the Youth Pastor for Canyon Ridge Christian Church in Las Vegas. 5220 Zebra Ct., North Las Vegas, NV 89031. Cduncan@canyonridge.org.

**Carla (Teagarden)** ('98) and Ray **Dyer** announce the birth of their daughter Rebekah Morgan, in December 2003. She joins big brother, Ethan (1). 255 S. Geyers Chapel Rd. Lot #2, Wooster, OH 44691. dyers@sssnet.com.

**Misty (Bear) (98) and Brian** ('98) **Gorman** announce the birth of their son Elijah Asher on April 15, 2004. Brian is the Senior Minister at Robinson Christian Church. Misty is a graduate student. 1845 Colby

Rd., Cynthiana, KY 41031.  
robinsoncc@kih.net.

**Tabitha (Hannum)** ('97) and Josh **Hall** announce the birth of their son Isaac Thomas on March 30, 2004. Josh has accepted the position of Director of Special Events at KCC. 100 Academic Parkway, Grayson, KY 41143. **Scott** ('94) and Gale **Johnson** announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Christine on April 24, 2004. 2783 Cedar Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601. sjohnson@owen.k12.ky.us.

**Julianne (Talbot)** ('99) and Robert **Jackson** announce the birth of Brendan Robert Jackson on March 22, 2004. Julianne is the Music/Choral Director for Clark Middle School, and Robert works for Harshaw Trane. 3592 Stamper Dr., Winchester, KY 40391. rjackson00@yahoo.com.

**Chris** ('91) and **Angie (Tyra) Kiger** celebrated their 10th Anniversary at First Christian Church in Elizabethtown. Chris is the Youth Minister there, while Angie homeschools their two oldest sons. They have four children: Sam (7), David (5), Joseph (3), and Benjamin (1). 303 Derek Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. ackiger@cs.com.

**Wes** (attn: '96-'97) and **Cathy**

**(Meldrim)** (attn: '95-'98)

**Luzadder** have a new addition to their family, Arielle Colleen born on November 14, 2003. Wes works as a Desktop Support Technician at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY. Cathy is working on a Master's degree in School Psychology at Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Edward** ('90) and **Beth (Pugh) Mack** have three children, Joshua Isaac (6), Caleb Elijah

(3), and Madison Kaela (2). Beth is homeschooling the children, and Edward is an Analyst for the Ohio Department of Insurance. 2260 Troy Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. emack@acm.org.

**Roy** ('90) and **Diane (Ault) Moulden**. Roy is the Minister at King's Highway Christian Church in Eden, NC. Diane is a Bookkeeper. They have three children: Travis, Ryan, and Joseph. 512 Carolyn Ct., Apt. B,



Jewel Burchett Hillman, a member of the Class of 1930, shares a few memories of her days at KCC (formerly Christian Normal Institute) with President Keeran during his visit to her Melbourne, Florida home. Mrs. Hillman, 93, taught school for 33 years.

**Inset:** Mrs. Hillman proudly displays her CNI class ring.

Eden, NC 27288.

ramshorna@earthlink.net,  
edencourt@earthlink.net.

**Tammy Murphy** ('96) married Michael Frye, Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force, on April 3, 2004. They will reside in Alexandria, VA until September 2004 when they will move to Germany. 761 Plymouth St., Apt. 24, Stephens City, VA 22655. tmurph89@hotmail.com.

**Patricia (Elliot)** (attn: '92-'93) and John **Niehaus**. After working nearly six years as an Architectural Designer, Patricia is now a stay-at-home mom and has a home-based business, which helps other mothers stay at home. 1133 Morford Rd., Foster, KY 41043.

trish.imoms@iglide.net.

**David** ('01) and **Jennifer** (attn: '92-'93) **Norris** announce the opening of "The Filling Station," a coffeehouse with live music and a Christian atmosphere for local teens. They are expecting their first child in August. 117 E. 6th St., Rushville, IN 46173. jenndnorris@hotmail.com.

**John** ('93) and Angelia **Parsons**. John will be deployed to Kuwait in September 2004, and will be assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Group. He is a traditional reservist with the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. Angelia is a Family Counselor. They have two sons: Jonathan (6) and Benjamin (1). 421 Ontario Ave., Bellefontaine, OH 43311. japa@bright.net.

**Talinn (Tiller)** ('99) and Daniel **Phillips** were married in Athens, Ohio on November 29, 2003. Talinn is currently working towards a Ph.D. in Composition & Rhetoric at Ohio University. Daniel is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at O.U.

**Tyler** ('92) and Sara **Sargent** have moved to St. Albans, WV. Tyler is the Professor of Religious Studies at Marshall University in Huntington, WV. They have one daughter Summer (7).

**Michael** (attn: '91-'95) and Casey **Teagarden** announce the birth of Carrie Susannah on



### Pioneer Award

The Alumni Association honored Aaron Mitchell (class of '79) for being the first KCC Basketball Player named as an All-American (1977-1978).



### Knights Award

E. Paul and Mary Lucille Perry were presented The Knights Award by The KCC Alumni Association in Recognition for Outstanding Christian Service.

February 4, 2004. She joins big sister, Sydney Lucille (3).

Michael is an IT for Black McCuskey-ACN. 1740 Oberlin Ct. N.W., Canton, OH 44703. gwmichael@juno.com.

**Bradley** ('98) and Jennifer **Thompson** announce the birth of their first child, Isabella Marie, born on March 24, 2004. 4910 Church St. Box 63, Amo, IN 46103. bradleythompson@rocketmail.com.

**Valerie (Perry)** (attn: '96) and Tracy **Yonka** have one son, Elijah Thomas (2). 272 Briarwood Dr., Johnstown, OH 43031. jesuslovesyou@columbus.rr.com.

## 2000's

**Rodney** ('00) and **Kari Jo** (attn: '98-'01) **Booe**. Rodney is the Youth Minister at Campbellsville Christian Church, and Kari Jo is a middle school teacher. 207 Misty Dr., Campbellsville, KY 42718. rbooe@msn.com.

**Diane Bushnell** ('03) is a Quality Assurance agent for Avery Dennison. 3270 Townline Rd., Perry, OH 44081. freeatlast\_44@yahoo.com.

**Heather Hill** ('01) has recently finished her first year as a 7th grade Civics Teacher and Volleyball Coach in Fredericksburg, VA. She will be

moving back home to St. Louis, MO and will participate in a house church ministry.

**Sara Jerles** ('04) will be attending Lincoln Christian Seminary in the Fall of 2004 to earn a Master of Arts in Counseling. 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656. gigglin4jesus@yahoo.com.

**Joey** ('03) and **Lacy (Haynes)** ('04) **Lewis**. Joey was ordained into the ministry on January 18, 2004. He is the Youth Minister at Indian Creek Christian Church. 123 N. Elmarch Ave., Cynthiana, KY 41031. thecreekyouth@hotmail.com.

**Brandon** ('00) and Kelly **McGaughey**. Brandon has returned home after spending a year in Iraq. He is now stationed at home with the 101st Airborne Division, serving in the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. Kelly is a Radiologic Technician for Gateway Medical Center. 2190 Memorial Dr., Apt. M 196, Clarksville, TN 37043. brandon.mcgaughey@us.army.mil.

**Zac** ('02) and Kim **Parsons**. Zac has accepted the position of Associate Minister at Gilbert Christian Church. They are expecting their first child, a boy, in August. 2322 E. Smoke Tree Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85296. zaparsons@hotmail.com.

**Chris** ('02) and Andrea **Tanner**.

Chris completed his first year of ministry on March 17, 2004 at Georgetown Christian Church as the Children's and Youth Minister. Andrea is a School Nurse for the New Albany-Floyd Co. School Corporation. 481 Yenowine Ln., Georgetown, IN 47122.

canner@georgetownchristian.org. **Dawn (Bates)** ('01) and Charles **Welton** have recently moved to Incirlik AB, Turkey. They will be living there for two years.

## In Memoriam

**Allen Reeves** ('85) died suddenly on May 8, 2004. He was the Minister at South Bethany Christian Church in Nashville, IN. He is survived by his wife **Sue** ('85) and children, Mindy, Troy and Angie. 446 Mt. Liberty Rd., Nashville, IN 47448.

**Hazel (Womack) Sizemore** (attn: '34-'38) passed away in April 2004. She was preceeded in death by her husband, **Foster** ('37). She is survived by her children, Alvalee, Altajean, **Anna Rae** ('76), and **Jerry** ('79).

**Lewis Smith** ('52) passed away on February 16, 2004 after a long illness. He was 79 years old. Lewis ministered to several churches in Kentucky, including the Pleasant Grove Christian Church and Hebron Christian Church. He is survived by his wife Ann. 451 Cardinal Ln., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

**Wendy Williamson** (attn: '00-'01) passed away on March 14, 2004. 10787 Murdock-Goshen Rd., Goshen, OH 45122.

**James Arthur Prince** (attn: '52-'53) of Albany, Kentucky passed away in February 2004. He was 75 years of age. Mr. Prince was a minister of Christian churches for nearly 57 years in Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi. He is survived by his loving wife Cressie, his children Jim, Barbara Prince Young, and Dan, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

# Alumni Spotlight

## Profiles of Distinctive Alumni

by Ninie Hammon, Executive Editor, *The Southeast Outlook*

When Bob Russell, Senior Minister of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, announced at a staff meeting in March 2004 the name of the church's new senior administrator, more than 300 people leaped to their feet in a standing ovation.

That's because Darren Walter, the man selected to serve as Southeast's new chief administrative officer, was one of the best-liked and most-respected members of the church's leadership team. Mr. Russell said that Darren is "a good organizer, a people person." And he said it is evident to everyone who knows him that Darren "walks with God."

The popular 31-year-old didn't go looking for the job; God came looking for him. "We interviewed candidates from across the U.S. for five months," said Preaching Associate Dave Stone. "We had great candidates with lots of business expertise. But we were concerned that they couldn't understand our culture, the inner workings of a mega church. And all the time we were thinking about Darren."

Darren first set his sights on the ministry after a youth convention at Southeast showed him "the bigness of God in a tangible way. I



**Darren Walter**

remember sitting on one of the pews in the sanctuary and thinking to myself. . . I wonder what it would be like to work in a church like this. That day, I was impacted by the power of God and how far His church could go. I remember resolving to follow what I thought was God's leading into ministry."

Darren won the preacher boy contest held during the Kentucky Teens for Christ Convention held at Southeast's facility in 1987. His win earned him college scholarship offers and he chose to attend Kentucky Christian College where he earned a degree in Bible and Ministry in 1995.

"I wanted to preach because the prospect of communicating an idea is very powerful to me," he said. "And communicating the Gospel, the most powerful message in history, is awesome. When I see the light bulb come on for people, it's pay day."

Undoubtedly, one of the most important things that happened to Darren during his years at KCC was meeting Amanda, the woman who eventually became his wife. Amanda, a 1998 graduate of KCC, is a skilled musician and dramatist with a beautiful voice. She was Darren's biggest fan throughout Southeast's senior administrator search process.

Amanda said, "I see the Darren nobody else sees. I see how humble he really is, how much he wants only to do what God wants him to do. I am honored to be his wife. He is a godly man who seeks the heart of God every day. I see him 24-7. He's the real deal."

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New?  Yes  No

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Employer/Place of Business \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_ or year(s) attended KCC \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's graduation year \_\_\_\_\_ or year(s) spouse attended KCC \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation/Position \_\_\_\_\_

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