The Voice of Kentucky Christian University
The Centrality of Chapel at Kentucky Christian University

Kentucky Christian University is an accredited comprehensive institution of higher learning. It was established in 1919 as a Christian Church/Church of Christ school and has remained largely a residential campus dedicated to the development of the whole person. Over the years and through two name changes the University has maintained its historical commitment to biblical principles. Among the many important expressions of its mission, the chapel experience is central. In a very real sense it defines the character of the University and provides a compass for those who seek to know its purpose and its soul.

Kentucky Christian University is first and foremost a community of faith and learning. Nowhere on our campus is this sense of community more obvious than in our chapel services. It is during these times of community worship, mutual encouragement, and edification that we are drawn close to God and to one another.

Chapel at KCU is an 87 year old tradition and the centerpiece of our campus culture. Services are scheduled for one hour every Tuesday and Friday morning and are required of all students. Why is chapel attendance mandatory? Required chapel prioritizes the importance of spiritual formation and presupposes a reaffirmation of the University’s mission to foster a biblical definition of life. Required chapel is only one of the ways that we underscore the distinctiveness of our mission, but it is a very important part of what makes KCU unique.

When a college abandons its chapel program, it usually does so gradually. First the frequency and length are reduced. Then required chapel attendance is replaced with voluntary attendance. These reductions are typically accompanied with elaborate and impressive sounding rationales.

As a Christian university whose mission is to educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church, it would be unconscionable and inconceivable for KCU to de-emphasize this important distinctive. Just as it is expected of those in positions of leadership within the church to be present when the community of faith assembles to worship, the same should be expected of those who are preparing for leadership. In reality, required chapel attendance is not at all an issue among those who understand its importance to the total mission of the University.

Still, regular required chapel attendance is no guarantee that the experience will be an effective contributor to the spiritual formation of the campus community. Careful attention must be given to content. In KCU’s chapel services, the expectation and responsibility of chapel is to guide the student to a fuller understanding of the Christian disciplines and teachings, especially as the implications of those disciplines and teachings are applied personally to the perplexing problems of the Twenty-first Century.

The integration of faith and knowledge requires a Christian university to evaluate knowledge in the light of biblical truth. While the classroom is expected to examine academic disciplines through the lens of a Christian world view, the chapel is a place where faculty and students come together as a community of believers in the light of God’s divine revelation.

They come together to celebrate God’s sovereignty and grace, to praise Him for His goodness, and to honor the Savior through whom salvation has come into the world. They come together to pray, to seek forgiveness and to forgive, to laugh and to cry, to confront personal sin and to rejoice in the power to overcome temptation.

Furthermore, chapel is a family gathering. It is the only time during the week when the entire campus community has opportunity to come together as one body. In that sense it is a congregation – even if it is not a church in the traditional sense. It is not unusual for hearts to be touched in transforming ways and for lives to be permanently changed. Perhaps this is the reason why alumni surveys consistently show that the chapel experience is regarded to be among the most influential.
Chapel provides an important forum for the advancement and promotion of service to the neglected, the forgotten, the disenfranchised, the destitute, and the lost. For many, chapel is the place where the connection is made between faith and practice. It is the place where “pure religion” is comprehended and the place where it is resolved to respond in faith to the call of God.

KCU’s chapel experience is not yet all that it can be. While it is difficult to assess the outcomes of chapel by quantitative measures (how do you measure spiritual growth and development), we are very much aware of the importance of this experience and we are committed to making quality improvements. We are constantly looking for ways to improve everything we do at KCU and your input is always welcome.

In his contemporary classic entitled The Thread That Runs So True (1949), Kentucky author Jesse Stuart described the challenges he faced as a schoolteacher in the mountains of central Appalachia. He encouraged his readers to support an educational system that reinforced the importance of literacy, public responsibility, and character education.

While society has changed a great deal since Mr. Stuart penned his cultural masterpiece in 1949, unique educational and social challenges remain as a thread that runs so true throughout central Appalachia. Arguably the poorest region in the United States, the citizenry of our target service area maintains a poverty rate (27%) that is more than double the national average (12%), a high school graduation rate (58%) that is significantly below the national norm (80%), and average per capita income ($12,506) that is drastically lower than the national standard ($21,587).

KCU exists to support the church in declaring the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to the citizens of Appalachia, as well as to the citizens of nations located in the far corners of the earth by utilizing the educational model that was given to Moses more than 3,500 years ago. The ancient educational formula, which is found in Exodus 18:20, is simple, yet profound: Teach them decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.

At KCU, the body of knowledge which forms the specific content of an academic discipline (comparable to Stuart’s literacy component) cannot be separated from application (Stuart’s public responsibility) or spiritual formation (Stuart’s character education). Our belief is that the skillful application of knowledge alone is inadequate. While all colleges attempt to prepare students for life with regard to knowledge, the KCU education goes further.

Our students learn through a curriculum that helps them develop a sense of moral responsibility by combining instruction with moral demonstration and spiritual example in a real life setting. All KCU faculty, staff, and administrative personnel are expected to display honesty, integrity, and spiritual credibility in order to show students “the way to live.”

Congratulations Graduates! Congratulations KCU Class of 2006 on your accomplishment! You are uniquely prepared to serve in the church and to be a great influence for Christ in every area of society. You join thousands of other KCU alumni who are effectively spreading the message of the Gospel. May God’s peace, which transcends all understanding, continue to keep your minds and hearts through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Primary Focus
This issue of The Voice primarily focuses on the consistent thread of spiritual emphasis that runs so true throughout the University. Through the centrality of our chapel services, the international and intercultural missions outreach of our faculty and students, the intentional integration of faith and learning in our academic programming, and the use of athletics as an evangelistic tool, every KCU sponsored initiative seeks to honor God by fostering an environment that promotes the spiritual development of our students.

Thank You
Thank you for supporting the educational ministry of KCU with your prayers, encouragement, and financial resources. You are the fuel for Kentucky Christian University’s mission, vision, and cause. Please pray for the University as we seek to glorify the Lord by educating students for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world.
After arriving in Nairobi, Kenya very late in the evening, I waited anxiously in line trying to convince Kenyan officials that the ten trunks that we were attempting to get cleared through customs were full of supplies for a Kenyan orphanage. One official seemed to think that we should be paying a very large amount of money to bring these needed medical supplies and clothing into the country. Very weary from our 18-hour trip, I peered beyond the airport officials to see a smiling Jennifer Phillips, a 1993 KCU Social Work graduate, waiting for me and four other women who had traveled to spend three weeks with her in South Kinangop, Kenya. After what seemed like an eternity and with many prayers being lifted up, we were allowed into Kenya with the precious supplies for Into Abba’s Arms Children’s Home (www.intoabbasarms.org).

After arriving at the orphanage, we became the adopted “Aunties” to 15 of the most precious children that God has ever placed on this earth. Each with her/his own tragic story of how she/he was orphaned, and each obviously very loved by the staff of Into Abba’s Arms (IAA). In addition to caring for these precious children, the IAA staff assists families in the surrounding community as well as other financially struggling orphanages.

During our three week visit, I was privileged to visit six other orphanages including a private orphanage that houses babies who have literally been thrown away, an orphanage that houses children who have AIDS, and a government run facility that houses children who have committed crimes in other orphanages.

At each orphanage, we had the privilege to bring supplies and share music with the children and staff. The children reciprocated by singing, dancing, and showing us his/her acrobatic feats. Like all children, these children need love and attention and we were overwhelmed by the need. As a result of our experience, we have learned to pray more diligently and seek ways to be God’s hands and feet to provide relief to Kenya’s orphans.

Jennifer thinks of herself as a missionary but recognizes the importance of her professional training in social work as a way to open doors for her internationally. Recently, after visiting a government orphanage and seeing the deplorable conditions, and particularly being drawn to a two-year old visually impaired child with behavior problems, she went to visit the Deputy of Children’s Services for the country of Kenya.

Jennifer shared her concern for the disabled child who was not getting appropriate care. She volunteered to work with the child, but she was told that only skilled volunteers could be approved for such an important role. When Jennifer shared that she had a bachelor’s degree in Social Work, she was not only invited to work with the one child, but she was invited to assist in providing appropriate services for other children in the government’s care as well. Since that time, the disabled child has been moved to a facility that is much better equipped to meet her needs.

Please pray for Jennifer and the other staff at Into Abba’s Arms as they carry out their mission of James 1:27, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans . . .”

For those interested in obtaining more information relating to the ministry of Into Abba’s Arms, Jennifer may be contacted at the following address:

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Soon after Jennifer Phillips graduated in 1993, she started International Treasure House Ministries (ITHM), a children’s home in Romania. Recently, after turning over the day-to-day operations of the Romanian orphanage to local staff, she began working into Abba’s Arms in South Kinangop, Kenya.
In the spring of 2005, Dr. Miguel Endara, a Christian professor in Quito, Ecuador, offered me an exciting opportunity to visit and teach in Ecuador. Dr. Endara, a philosopher, and I, a theologian, established a close relationship during our graduate studies at Saint Louis University.

Knowing that I had taught a KCU course on the topic “Ethics & Medicine,” Dr. Endara asked if I could come and offer a similar course to ministry students studying at a Christian higher-education institution in his home country.

In March 2006 the dream became reality, as I flew to Quito, Ecuador and had the privilege of spending several days teaching ministry students on the subject of bioethics. These students were drawn from several countries throughout Latin America.

Bioethics is the study of moral issues pertaining to scientific research, clinical medical practice, and the formulation of ethical guidelines related to such issues. Church leaders in every nation need to be able to address such issues intelligently as they preach, teach, and counsel Christian believers.

In cooperation with Dr. Endara as co-lecturer and translator, I lectured on such topics as the theology of life, embryonic stem-cell research, human cloning, abortion, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide. The Seminario Sudamericano, a highly reputable evangelical ministerial training institution in Latin America, hosted this course. Semisud, as the school is also known, offers courses by Christian scholars from around the world.

Together, Dr. Endara, a third colleague, Dr. Edwin Argotti and I, also offered a one-day seminar in a church setting, teaching laypersons about the basic debates in the field of bioethics. Abortion, stem-cell research, and human cloning were among the topics covered. We have also been asked to co-author a book in Spanish on the topic of bioethics, to be published by the press of Seminario Sudamericano and eventually distributed across Latin America.

This international trip has led to further opportunities. Dr. Endara and I have been asked to return to Central America in July 2006, to teach bioethics in the largest Christian hospital in Ecuador. This has a potential to reach more than 400 doctors and nurses. This teaching venture is expected to be a factor in shaping bioethics policy guidelines for hospitals across the whole nation of Ecuador.

Cross-cultural education is an amazing and rewarding field. Many KCU faculty and staff have experienced the blessing of working in other countries, and they bring this experience back to churches and missions ministries here in the USA. Thanks go out to all who have supported KCU’s faculty and staff in this important method of global outreach.

“During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.” (Acts 16:9-10 NIV)
Working in partnership with Journey Christian Church and Crossroads Mission, Professor Wendy West and I led a group of 40 KCU students to the Ninth Ward of New Orleans for Spring Break 2006.

We traveled to New Orleans to help prepare homes for reconstruction that were flooded during Hurricane Katrina. The impact this mission experience had on all of us who participated will last a lifetime.

From the moral despair of Bourbon Street to the economic despair of the Ninth Ward, we observed people whose minds and hearts seemed to be filled with hopelessness. In fact, while laboring with other groups from faith-based organizations, we were able to prepare more than 250 houses in the Ninth Ward for rebuilding during our one week stay!

Recent graduate Philip Cooper stated, “Our group learned three major lessons while working in New Orleans. First, we were reminded of the great blessings one receives when we reach out in service to others. Second, we were encouraged by the perseverance of the residents of the Ninth Ward. It was amazing to see how determined the people were to rebuild their lives and homes. Third, it was a blessing to work and serve with fellow students. This experience helped all of us grow closer together.”

Ninth Ward residents were very impressed with our students from KCU. Residents appreciated the fact that our students spent their Spring Break making a significant and positive impact on their lives. It was truly an emotional experience for all involved. We were amazed to see young and old residents weep as we worked on their homes and helped move their property toward reconstruction.

Most of the homes remain vacant. The entire east side of New Orleans, in many ways, seems deserted. We saw some houses, once valued at $250,000, dislocated from their original foundations and now sitting in the middle of the street. The group will always remember standing on a huge fishing boat that came to rest in the front yard of a home. It made a great impression on us because the boat was much larger than the house.

It was impossible to imagine that for a thirty-five minute drive in either direction of our headquarters there was no electricity, water, or air conditioning. At night, there was total darkness.

The messages of “HELP, PLEASE!” painted on the rooftops echoed the need of a lost society. When we observed holes in roofs, we were reminded of the importance of those who are willing to go and seek and save the lost.

We were blessed to worship with fellow Christians at Journey Christian Church. Rick Grover, who is the Senior Minister of this new church plant, and his ministerial staff are engaged in a tough ministry in a tough city. The unique ministry of the Journey Christian Church is influencing people for Christ from many different walks of life.
Dr. Jeff Metcalf, KCU’s Provost and Chief Academic Officer, has been selected to serve as a Reader for the Commission’s Committee on Compliance and Reports. In this capacity, Dr. Metcalf assists Commissioners in reviewing and analyzing accreditation issues that involve institutional members of the Commission on Colleges.

In addition to regional accreditation, KCU supports several academic units that maintain professional accreditation within their own academic discipline. These units include the Keeran School of Education which is accredited by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board, the School of Nursing which is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and the School of Social Work and Human Services which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Supporting professional accreditation throughout the institution helps make KCU truly unique and helps distinguish us from others. Prospective and current students are very aware of the benefits and advantages of professional accreditation and the educational quality that it promotes.

KCU is committed to adhering to standards of excellence which are promoted through the accreditation process. As we seek to serve God, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men* (Colossians 3:23). May the Lord be glorified through excellence in KCU’s educational ministry.
New Appointees

David Messer, MSW, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Social Work and Director of Student Practicums. Before coming to KCU, Mr. Messer served with the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers of Kentucky as a coordinator at the Olive Hill Family Resource Center. Mr. Messer received his Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Kentucky.

Matthew Pinder recently joined the Keenan School of Education as an Assistant Professor of Teacher Education. Mr. Pinder is completing his dissertation in fulfillment of the requirements necessary to earn his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. Prior to joining the KCU faculty, Mr. Pinder served as a teacher and an administrator at a private Christian school in Florida.

James Sapp, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology and will be joining the University’s faculty in the Fall of 2006. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and is a licensed professional counselor. Mr. Sapp earned his Master of Education degree with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Counseling from East Tennessee State University and is coming to KCU after serving as the director of a mental health facility in eastern Tennessee.

Erin Younkin has joined the Enrollment Services Team as an Enrollment Counselor. Erin is a 2005 graduate of Kentucky Christian University with degrees in Biblical Studies and History. Erin will primarily be working with prospective students from central Kentucky and Ohio.

Plan now to join us at next year’s conference. Enjoy favorite elements from the past and be welcomed into new and innovative programming.

Register now for the 2007 conference at the 2006 price. Register online at www.kcu.edu.

Registrations received by January 1, 2007 are guaranteed the 2006 price.
Across The Campus

KCU School of Social Work and Human Services Conducts Ethics Workshop


The seminar, which was approved by the State of Kentucky for continuing education units, was presented by Dr. Scott Sanders, a KCU Assistant Professor of Social Work.

Those in helping professions are committed to such ethical principles as doing what is best for a client, alleviating a client’s pain or suffering, and honoring a client’s right to make their own decisions. The workshop introduced participants to the role of moral theory and professional codes of ethics used in decision-making especially when the client and helping professional disagree on what is in the best interest of the client.

Friend of Many KCU Alumni, J.F. Lewis dies at 88

John F. “J.F.” Lewis, prominent owner of the J.F. Lewis and Company furniture store in Carter County (KY) recently passed away.

Many alumni remember J.F. as a friendly man who was quick to agree on a reasonable furniture deal. When asked about Mr. Lewis, President Keeran said, “J.F. helped many families from the KCU community furnish their homes. He loved the Lord with all of his heart and he leaves a legacy of kindness and generosity.”

KCU Congratulates New Bible College Presidents

• Dr. Ron Oakes (KCU 1974) has been appointed as President of Central Christian College of the Bible.
• Dr. D. Clay Perkins (former KCU Adjunct Professor) has assumed the role as Roanoke Bible College’s third President.
• Dr. Guthrie Veech (former KCU Assistant Professor) is the new President of St. Louis Christian College.

The Tradition Continues

We are fortunate each year to have a large representation of second and third generation students of KCU Alumni as a part of our campus community.

Row 1 (Left to Right): Mindi Boring, daughter of Wayne and Karen (Lear) Boring, Laura Eastman, daughter of Stan and Barb (Fagan) Eastman, Heather Rose, daughter of Tammy (Barrell) Rose and granddaughter of Larry and Anne (Parke) Barrell, Carey Bullock, daughter of Jeff and Pam (Vincent) Bullock, Rachel Hunt, daughter of Bill and Linda (Barber) Hunt, Emily Cluff, daughter of Dan Cluff and Julie (Ott) and granddaughter of Joseph Cluff and Stanley Ott.

Row 2 (Left to Right): Amy Girton, daughter of Mike and Kathy (Whitacre) Girton and granddaughter of Fred Whitacre, Hannah Wickline, daughter of Bob Wickline and Penny (Frost) McGinnis, Brian Haas, son of Phil and Bev (Hancock) Haas, Rebecca Greene, daughter of Jeff and Patty (Bendicksen) Greene, Elijah Derry, son of Eric and Michelle (McIntosh) Derry, Lauren Camp, daughter of Kaatje Jo (Speece) Camp and granddaughter of Dean and Iva (Boone) Speece, Brooke Allen, daughter of Steve and Carrie (Sanders) Allen and granddaughter of Don Allen.

Row 3 (Left to Right): Whitney Yankey, daughter of Terry and Helen (Eads) Yankey, Jimmy Rohrbacher, son of Tim and Jenny (Burwell) Rohrbacher, Jeremiah Stivers, son of Ed and Phyllis (Jache) Stivers, Mark Pickens, son of George and Debbie (Dawson) Pickens, Seth Amerine, son of Tony and Cheri (Kimnett) Amerine, Jordan Stanley, son of Jeff and Sherry (Lynch) Stanley.

Not Pictured: Ben Archibald, son of Matt and Donna (Williams) Archibald, Seth Baker, son of Tommy and Janet (Sharp) Baker, Jacob and Luke Dixon, sons of Bruce and Donna (Ramsey) Dixon, Cassie Evans, daughter of Elaine (Brannan) Evans, Vance Holbrook, son of Susan (Newman) Holbrook, Kelli Isaacs, daughter of Keith and Karen (Burbrink) Isaacs, Kristy and Tiffany Lindeman, daughter of Ron and Anita (Waite) Lindeman, David Matthews, son of Jim and Margaret (Cochran) Matthews, Kyle Martin, son of Phil and Kim (Sellers) Martin, Jennifer (Hall) Morrison, daughter of Betty (Watson) Hall Jones, Jamie Oliver, daughter of Mike Oliver, Lee Shanklin, son of David Shanklin, Ashley Thomas, daughter of Susan (Steven) Clarke, Amber Whitacre, daughter of Ron and Diane (Johnson) Whitacre, granddaughter of Fred and Marge Whitacre, Daniel White, son of Larry and Terry (Schlauch) White, and Josh Yankey, son of Terry and Helen (Eads) Yankey.
Life’s not always, or maybe not ever, simple. Take the story of a premature child on dialysis who needs a transplant to survive. The mother, already struggling to raise disabled children, wants to let nature take its course. The father wants the opposite. Nurses, grandparents, physicians, churches, and many others take one side or another. This real life scenario was discussed at the Bioethics and Faith Conference recently sponsored by the KCU School of Nursing.

“The intent of ethics is to suggest possible options and recommend possible solutions; to have some basic fundamental principles from which to work; then have all the various stakeholders look at key issues, look at what are the various values concerned, human values, integrity, benevolence – it all fits into analyzing the whole situation,” said Carole Kaucic who serves as the Vice President of Mission Effectiveness for a church-related hospital located in northeastern Kentucky.

Scores of students and health care workers from the region’s hospitals and social service organizations attended the inaugural conference that attracted speakers from across the country.

For four days, Christian leaders in the field of biomedical ethics discussed issues from abortion to cloning, from domestic violence to common morality – all coming at a time when medicine and biotechnology now routinely make the evening news.

Dr. Andrew Fergusson, President and CEO of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity in Bannockburn, Illinois and a physician from Great Britain, discussed the parable of the adulteress from the Gospel of John during one of his presentations.

The Pharisees brought the woman before Jesus as a test of sorts to see what He would do, because Levitical law called for her to be stoned to death. But Christ was preaching a message of peace and love. “They must have thought, either Jesus will condemn her and stir up trouble with the Romans, or He will break the law,” Fergusson said.

Eventually, after a period of silence, Jesus challenged those without sin to cast the first stone. One by one they walked away, leaving no one to condemn the woman. “He turned a no-win situation into a powerful moral message,” concluded Fergusson.

And, it’s a message that relates to today’s ethical dilemmas. “My main point is Jesus was caught between a rock and a hard place,” Fergusson reasoned. “Most bioethics questions come to us like that.”

A pregnant teen says, ‘Either I have an abortion or my dad will kill me;’ or, an activist says, ‘Either we legalize euthanasia or terminal cancer patients continue to die painful deaths;’ or, there’s ‘Either we do embryonic stem cell research or face incurable diseases.’

“Yet, there are more than just two alternatives,” Fergusson said. “For abortion, there’s crisis counseling, giving the teen space and information; for the terminally ill, there’s hospice care. You don’t have to kill the patient to kill the pain. And, all the benefits of research these days are coming from adult stem cells, not the embryonic side.”

Regardless of life’s difficulties, we are reminded that through Christ hope can be embraced even in the most desperate of circumstances. Disparaging situations can be transformed into an opportunity for positive change and spiritual renewal.

Adapted from a story by Allen Blair of the Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky.
Kentucky Christian University exists to support the church in fulfilling its divine mission of declaring the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. KCU does this by educating servant leaders who are committed to serving first – and then leading as a way of enhancing and expanding their service to others in every area of society. In this article, several May 2006 graduates reflect on the unique training they received at KCU and how their education has equipped them for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4:12). Every graduate’s academic program at KCU includes a major in Biblical Studies.

I chose to attend KCU because I wanted to attend a Christian school and play on a championship basketball team. During my first visit to the school, I was impressed by the friendly atmosphere and I felt very comfortable on campus. After praying about my college choice, it was clear that God wanted me to be at KCU.

I have been called to serve the Lord through ministry in the marketplace. I want to help people with special needs by bringing God’s saving message into the business arena. Whether they possess a special physical, financial, or spiritual need – I want to help people by providing them with an opportunity to grow and develop in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I was initially drawn to KCU because of its emphasis on the integration of faith and learning. Because I came to the University after serving many years as a civilian nuclear-test engineer for the U.S. military, I am aware of the great influence that Christians can have in the marketplace.

I respect so much those people who use their vocational skills to advance the Lord’s Kingdom. I feel called to encourage Christians who are representing Christ as ambassadors throughout society by helping them strengthen their faith through the local church.

I also believe that the Lord is calling me, through the ministry of the Connection Point Church, to be an advocate for children and their families. It seems that society often forgets about the needs of children. God has laid it upon my heart to find new ways to communicate the life-changing message of the Gospel to kids and to show them how to be secure in the Lord.

I appreciate the integrated approach KCU takes to children’s ministry. Through my Youth and Family Ministry classes, I have learned of the importance of serving the spiritual needs of the entire family. To the glory of God, I hope to help build spiritual connections and promote stronger communication between the different generations of believers within the local church.

I really felt called to come to KCU. I wanted to obtain a Christ-centered education that allowed me to prepare for a career in the medical field.

While at KCU, I learned how to most effectively demonstrate my faith through the Nursing profession. While I have been trained to help those who have physical needs, I am more importantly uniquely prepared to represent Christ as His ambassador in the medical marketplace. My education at the University has equipped me to go beyond physical healing and also focus on offering spiritual healing through
Jesus Christ to those who do not have a personal relationship with Him.

Through Bible and Nursing classes, as well as chapel services, I have been able to develop confidence in knowing what it means to have a true ministry in Nursing and I have learned how to effectively bring Christian and ethical perspectives to the profession.

I hope to one day serve on the medical mission field with my husband who is graduating from KCU in December with a degree in Youth and Family Ministry. We are looking forward to dedicating our lives to caring for those who possess special physical and spiritual needs.

After visiting KCU and meeting the faculty and students in the Social Work Program, I knew that God wanted me to attend the University. The Social Work Program is truly amazing and the Program’s professional accreditation was very important to me as well.

Just as Scripture describes David as a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), I want to be a woman after God’s own heart. I feel that the Lord is calling me to be the best Social Worker that I can possibly be as well as a true woman of God.

Through my educational experience at KCU I learned so much about integrating my Christian faith into professional Social Work practice. I am sure I will encounter many difficult circumstances while helping people overcome unique challenges in their lives. Regardless of the problem – whether it’s psychological, physical, biological, social, or spiritual – I want to be prepared to advance the Lord’s Kingdom by serving others in the name of Jesus Christ.

I chose to attend KCU because I knew several graduates and everyone was great who came out of this school. I knew I wanted to be a Youth Minister and all of my favorite Youth Ministers graduated from KCU.

God has called me to be a woman who exemplifies Him and serves the youth in the church. I think that Youth Ministry is one of the best and most exciting aspects of Kingdom service. While at KCU, my professors have encouraged and challenged me to consider new ways to reach out to young people in the name of Christ. I appreciate the personal relationships that I have been blessed to establish with several members of the KCU faculty. That is one of the most important reasons why I wanted to attend a small school.

As a ministry student, I was required to get involved in a local church and accumulate a great deal of practical experience by applying what I have learned in my Bible and ministry classes. I have learned the great importance that must be placed on relationships with other people. To be most effective in ministry, I realize that it is important to be prepared to share simply and communicate clearly what is taught in Scripture to other people. My years at KCU have led me to a deeper understanding of God’s love and His Word.

I was first introduced to KCU by my in-laws, Eric and Dee Duggins, who serve as missionaries to my home church. My wife, Holly, is also a graduate of the University and we are preparing to return to Mexico to plant a new church in Pachucha. I wanted to attend KCU in order to prepare for mission work and to learn how to present the Gospel in an effective, yet simple, manner.

God has called me to return to my home country as a missionary. I am already very familiar with the language and the culture. It’s an exciting time in Pachucha. The youth there are very open to receiving the Gospel. My wife and I are hoping to plant a church that includes an outreach center for youth and young adults next to a state university which supports an enrollment of more than 29,000 students.

During my time at KCU, I’ve learned a great deal about God and His Word. I am much more aware of how to reach people and how to be open to different views and ways of thinking. I am confident that I have been uniquely equipped to develop relationships with people from different cultures.

I was introduced to KCU through one of the University’s music outreach teams. I was incredibly impressed with the character of the people who came from this school. When looking for a college, I wanted a school that would allow me to engage in deep study of the Bible. I found that here at KCU.

My studies in Humanities at KCU have helped me realize that the church can do much more to take full advantage of using the arts in advancing God’s Kingdom. In addition to obtaining a great deal of knowledge through my degree program, I was
also equipped to comprehend and apply what I learned.

My years at KCU have helped me develop strong critical thinking and problem solving skills. Through the integration of faith and learning, I realize that there are many different connections between the arts and everyday life which help others realize how different aspects of life are connected and work together.

One of the highlights of my experience at KCU was participating in the American Studies Program through the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. It was an incredible experience to share with other Christians from throughout the United States. Studying in our nation’s capital significantly enhanced my awareness of why our troubled world so desperately needs Jesus Christ.

I knew I wanted to attend KCU after attending the University’s annual Feast of Christmas celebration. It was so amazing! I couldn’t believe the caliber of the music and I wanted very much to be a part of such a wonderful program. I am so privileged to have participated in musical outreach programs such as Concert Choir, Destiny, and Ars Nova during my KCU experience.

While I enjoy glorifying the Lord through music, I feel that the Lord’s primary purpose for my life is to teach elementary age children. Once I experienced one-on-one contact with school children, I was confident that God wanted me to be a teacher. I didn’t realize how effective teaching could be in the advancement of His Kingdom until I experienced the classroom environment.

My studies in the Keeran School of Education have helped to mold and shape me spiritually, academically, and socially. Because KCU cares about every aspect of life, I feel that my years at the University have helped me develop into a balanced and well-rounded person. I appreciate the encouragement and personal attention I received from the faculty and staff at KCU and I want to be a positive influence on the children I have the privilege to teach.

Before coming to KCU, we were both involved in the school’s Servants Tour, which is a traveling musical outreach program designed for high school seniors. Through Servants, we developed important friendships and we also developed a high level of confidence in the University’s Biblical training and music programs.

God has called us to be salt and light on the campus of Ball State University. Through campus ministry we are seeking to glorify God by developing Christian leaders who will represent Christ in key areas at Ball State. We are helping students learn the importance of integrating their faith with career preparation.

Our time at KCU really prepared us to help others realize that regardless of your chosen vocation, a Christian’s primary responsibility is to be an ambassador for Christ.

We were attracted to campus ministry because of the great challenge of sharing the message of Jesus in an environment that is “hardened” to receiving the message of the Gospel. We knew several campus ministers growing up, so when we heard the Ball State Campus Ministry had an opening we were excited about the opportunity of serving in this unique ministry. We liked the challenge.

At KCU we learned that Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of a servant leader. In Philippians 2:5-8 we are taught that Jesus humbled Himself and took on the very nature of a servant. As followers of Jesus, we want that same attitude to be found in us. As leaders, we want to exemplify His character, patience, gentleness, and love.

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

Start your KCU bachelor’s degree program as a first-time, full-time freshman, complete your degree at KCU 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 ’06, Spring ’07, and Fall ’07 semesters only. Continuous enrollment and a minimum GPA of 2.50 must be maintained.

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Kentucky Christian University Announces Varsity Football Program

For the first time in the school’s history, Kentucky Christian University plans to field a varsity football program in 2008. The Knights will compete as an independent while also continuing its longstanding association with the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). University President Dr. Keith P. Keeran made the announcement Friday, May 19th in a press conference held in the McKenzie Student Life Center.

“We are excited to see intercollegiate football come to our campus. All across America there is a serious decline in the number of male students who are enrolling and graduating from college. Football may help to correct that problem at KCU where the student population is 40% male,” stated Dr. Keeran.

Dr. Keeran continued, “Kentucky Christian University is unique when it comes to the focus of its athletic programs. Our first concern is with character development and scholastic achievement. We believe that if we place the emphasis on the development of life skills that the discipline learned through athletics will reinforce and enrich spiritual formation and academic instruction. We have seen this in our other intercollegiate sports programs and believe the same will be true of football.”

Along with the program announcement came the introduction of the first head football coach to be hired at Kentucky Christian. Dane Damron, an East Carter (KY) High School and Georgetown (KY) College football standout will assume the reins of the fledgling program.

“The success of a football program depends on the head coach and we know that Coach Dane Damron will first focus on developing the character and scholastic abilities of his athletes,” said Dr. Keeran.

Damron led Georgetown College to the NAIA National Championship in

Initially, I was against football here at KCU. But after a great deal of study and analysis, frankly, I changed my mind. I believe with all my heart that the addition of football at KCU will expand the Kingdom and our educational ministry.

– Ron Arnett, Lady Knights Basketball Coach
**Football**

**Q&A**

*What led to the decision to begin football?*
Although the possibility of adding football has been discussed throughout the years, no serious investigation into the topic had been completed. With a desire to become more of a viable option within this region to male students, President Keeran initiated a task force to research and discuss the possibility of adding football.

*Why target male students?*
The continual downturn in male college students is prevalent throughout our country. Kentucky Christian currently has a 40% male student population on campus. We aspire to have a more balanced student body.

*What other benefits could be realized?*
It is believed that KCU will benefit in a number of areas. 1) Diversity – We want to attract students from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. 2) Campus Culture – To provide another avenue of interaction and camaraderie for our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and constituents. 3) Financially – More students will allow the institution to provide additional services, needed faculty, and the upgrade of current facilities. The options are only limited by our imagination.

*What will football cost?*
The annual operating budget is estimated to be one-third of the revenue generated from recruited players. Obviously facilities, equipment, and personnel costs will have to be provided from the on-set of the program. Fund raising efforts will be instituted to diminish the burden within the University. The football program should be self-sustaining within three to five years.

*What facilities will be needed?*
Kentucky Christian will begin the development of a facility plan that will add practice fields, locker rooms, office facilities, weight rooms, and a playing facility before the beginning of the 2008-09 football season. The estimated cost of those facilities is estimated at $1.5 million – $2.0 million.

*What staff positions will be developed?*
The Head Coach will ultimately be in charge of the program and answer to the Athletic Director. The number of Assistant Coaches (both full-time and part-time) and support personnel will be developed with reference to the 100+ student-athletes in their charge. Other areas of need could be in the areas of athletic training, academic support, sports information, and operations.

*How many football players are expected?*
Most collegiate non-scholarship football programs range from 90-150 participants. KCU expects to ultimately draw an average of 100+ student-athletes to its football program each year.

*What other student programs could be affected?*
Opportunities for students with interests in marching band, athletic training, and cheer-leading could be created.

*When will KCU play its first game?*
The Knights football squad will begin varsity competition in the fall of 2008.

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1994 as their starting quarterback. After an extremely successful college career, Coach Damron began to experience similar success in coaching. Before returning to Kentucky to re-establish Boyd County as a consistent playoff contender, Damron successfully transformed two varsity football programs in Florida.

“I am extremely excited to begin our new football program with Dane Damron at the helm. He brings a wealth of coaching experience and a tremendous desire to accomplish greatness at a place that has meant so much to the Damron family,” added KCU Interim Athletic Director Bruce W. Dixon. “Dane’s father, former KCU basketball coach, always reminded his players to ‘remember who you are and WHO you stand for.’ I know Dane believes this as well and will lead his team with this same element of faith.”

Since KCU is a NCCA II member (non-scholarship), the Knights will seek competition against similar non-scholarship programs. The University plans to construct playing and practice facilities to accommodate its newly established football program as well as the school’s soccer teams.

“As you can imagine, this has been a very exciting time on our campus. There is something very special about the feeling you get at a college football game on Saturday afternoon,” said Dixon. “It is my opinion the impact that will be felt on campus, as well as within the community, simply cannot be over-estimated. Our level of excitement is through the roof.”
Three other new coaches will join the KCU Athletic Department during the 2006-2007 season. They include Will Shouse who has been appointed as Men’s Basketball Coach, David Messer who has been appointed as Men’s Soccer Coach, and Terry Yankey who has been appointed as Women’s Soccer Coach.

According to Coach Messer, soccer is more than a sport – it is a training ground for life. “Soccer teaches students the importance of applying discipline, hard work, and respect to every aspect of life,” said Messer. Coach Messer hopes to generate strong fan support from the University’s students and from the local region. “I’ve shared with the men on the team that our goal is to win a regional title within two years and win a national championship within five years.”

Before coming to KCU, Will Shouse served as an Assistant and Junior Varsity Coach at Asbury College where he enjoyed an outstanding collegiate career. As an assistant, Coach Shouse has been involved in every aspect of collegiate coaching. Bruce Dixon acknowledges the wealth of experience Shouse brings to the position, but highlights the “special” nature that is inherent with the men’s basketball program.

“Our basketball team, as with all of our athletic programs, is about preparing young people to be effective in life. We use athletics to teach life lessons, also, lessons that have eternal goals. That’s who we are. I am extremely happy that Will shares those same goals,” stated Dixon.

Coach Shouse is abundantly aware of the tradition that is associated with the Knights basketball program, “Anyone familiar with small college basketball in this state and nationally, knows about Kentucky Christian. It is very exciting coming to a program of such stature, especially for a young coach.”

As part of his administrative duties, Coach Shouse will also be directing student life center and intramural activities.

In addition to serving as an Assistant Professor of Social Work at KCU, David Messer has also been appointed as KCU’s Men’s Soccer Coach. Messer brings 26 years of soccer coaching experience and more than 370 career victories with him to the program.

Yankey teaches his players that the lessons learned on the soccer field can be applied to life as well. His philosophy for the sport is spelled out as follows: S – strategy; O – obligation; C – commitment; C – character; E – effort; and R – respect. His gametime soccer strategy emphasizes the importance of defense. “A strong defense gives you a stronger offense. We will attack the other team’s goal from a defensive standpoint when the ball is on the offensive end of the field,” said Yankey.

According to Dixon, “Terry brings us years of coaching experience at a time when we really need it in our women’s soccer program. Women’s soccer at KCU is a relatively new varsity program. Terry’s long-term association with the University gives us the opportunity to bring stability to a program that has been hampered by frequent coaching turnover.”

Kentucky Christian University is seeking to expand the Lord’s Kingdom by expanding our athletic programs. We have discovered that athletics helps bring people together by crossing the barriers of race, ethnicity, gender, beliefs, and personalities. In many cases, athletics can introduce us to a “person of peace” and provide a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with others.
2005-2006 Athletic Accomplishments

Men’s Basketball:
NCCAA II National Basketball Tournament At-Large Bid
Mideast Region Runner-Up
Record: 20-16
Phil Johnson – NCCAA II Honorable Mention All-American & NCCAA Scholar Athlete
Akeem Scott – NCCAA II 2nd Team All-American

Cross Country:
NCCAA National Cross Country Meet Participant

Men’s Soccer:
Mideast Region Semi-Finalist
Record: 4-11-3
Joey Klein – NCCAA Scholar Athlete

Women’s Soccer:
Record: 3-14

Women’s Volleyball:
Mideast Region Semi-Finalist
Record: 13-17
Tara Krieg – NCCAA II Honorable Mention All-American

Women’s Basketball:
NCCAA II National Basketball Tournament Runner-Up
Mideast Region Champions
Record: 30-7
Leah Campbell – NCCAA II 2nd Team All-American / National Tournament All-Tournament Selection
Lisa Gessford – NCCAA II 2nd Team All-American / National Tournament All-Tournament Selection / NCCAA Scholar Athlete
Sheena Murphy – NCCAA Scholar Athlete
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Alumni Banquet Draws Near Record Crowd

Pioneer Award

The Pioneer Award this year was given to the original members of Audio Adrenaline. Pictured here is David Stuart. Awards were also bestowed upon Barry Blair, Mark Stuart, William McGinniss, Bob Herdman, and Ronald Gibson.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Education
Preaching
Camp Ministry
Christian Journalism
Youth Ministry

Greta Casto / Kathy Bennett
John Edmonds
Kelly Brandenburg
Stuart Shepard
Phil Heller

Not Pictured: Craig Ott - Evangelism
Homecoming was very special this year. The retired jersey honorees were invited back to campus and were surprised to see a banner with their name, jersey number, and years played displayed in the gymnasium as a permanent honor for their exceptional accomplishments. The surprised expressions and tears of joy are precious memories that will last a lifetime.

During the Alumni Banquet, we honored our very own Audio Adrenaline with the Pioneer Award. David Stuart was here to accept the award for the band. The original members of the band were: David Stuart, Mark Stuart, Will McGinniss, Bob Herdman, Barry Blair, and Ron Gibson. The band won their second Grammy this year for Rock Gospel Album of the Year.

1970’s

Rich (77) and Janet (Kennedy) (attn: ‘72-’74) Anderson. Rich celebrated 25 years with Elizaville Christian Church in October 2005. Rich is also the Principal at Lewis County Central Elementary.

John D. Ater (74) is the minister at Dutch Fork Christian Church, Claysville, PA. John is also in his third year as a Chaplain in the Pastoral Care Dept. of Trinity Medical Center, Steubenville, OH. 1018 Gilcrest St., Brilliant, OH 43913.

Gary Double (77) is the General Manager of Auman Funeral Homes. 4A Alpine Ct., Reading, PA 19606. gumbyfd@aol.com.

Steve Hill (77) is the Minister of Involvement and Shepherding at the First Christian Church in Johnson City, TN. 807 Swadley Rd., Apt. 10, Johnson City, TN 37601. stevehillminister1@hotmail.com.

Betsy (Watson) (73) Hall and Barry Jones. Betty is an Instructor at University of Georgia. She has one daughter, Jenny (Hall) Morrison. Barry is retired. 300 Deertigrer Lndg., Athens, GA 30605. betjones@grady.uga.edu.

Shirley (Dawson) (71) and James Looney have three children, Jared, Brenda Indrakamhang, and Kevin. James works as a Maintenance Supervisor for TX Dept. of Health, and as a part-time preacher. They also announce the birth of their first grandchild, Adalia Rose, born on February 22, 2005. 2801 S. Tucker Rd., Harlingen, TX 78552. jhs@jhs.net.

James M. Owston (77 & 78) has been named Senior Academic Advisor for Instructional Technology at Mountain State University. He was also added to the faculty of MSU’s Spectrum-Health program where he is teaching composition, ethics, and communication. 211 Beaver Ave., Beckley, WV 25801. jowston@mountainstate.edu.

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Troy (attn: ‘85-’86) and Karen Brown have two children, Bailee Lynn (11) and Peyton Grace (9). Troy is an Industrial Time Study Engineer for Massey Energy. Karen is a Teacher. P.O. Box 713, Grundy, VA 24614. brown11792@aol.com.

Michael Childers (86) passed the Virginia Bar in July 2005, and was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He practices with the law firm of Pruitt & Childress in Grundy, VA. P.O. Box 1303, Grundy, VA 24614. mcchilders@aol.com.

Rich (86) and Lisa (Miracle) (86) DeWees have two children, Kyla (15) and Colter (10). Rich is the Senior Minister at Northside Christian Church in Macon, Georgia. Lisa is a Sales Director with Pampered Chef, 425 Ashville Dr., Macon, Georgia 31210. DeWees5@aol.com.

Beth (Kirk) (attn: ‘85-’86) Freholm is the Manager for ACS. 685 Morgan Hills Dr., Lexington, KY 40509. beth@freholm@acs-inc.com.

David (87) and Julia (Rash) (89) Hopkins have eight children, J.D., Chad, Sarah, Jenna, Felicia, Macy, Celia, and Christian. David is the Senior Minister with First Christian Church in North Vernon, IN. 3980 S. State Highway 7, North Vernon, IN 47265.

Sara (Barto) (attn: ‘80-’83) and Kurt Kleiner were married on July 2, 2005. She has a stepson, Alex (14). 1422 E. Third St., Dayton, OH 45403. baskkleiner@sbcglobal.net.

John Perry (88) was promoted to Senior Branch Office Administrator at Edward Jones Investments in July 2005. 6386 Astor Ave., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. johnwperry@yahoo.com.

Timothy (85) and Sheryll Powell have three children, Timothy Ryan (14), Megan Suzanne (12), Kristen Brooke (9). Tim is the Assistant Pastor at Steele Creek Church of Charlotte. 5372 Conant Cir., Fort Mill, SC 29708. tim@steelecreek.org.

David (89) and Debra Prentice have three children, Cassidy, Kaylin, and Jeana. Jack is the Showroom Manager for Mor Furniture. Debra is a Medical Office Manager. 507 Charlama Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308. thefunson@hotmail.com.

Tim (85) and Cindy Wall. After serving six years as the Director of Innovative Church Marketing, Tim recently accepted the Marketing Director position with Carson-Dellosa Publishing. Cindy is teaching 8th grade home school to Ethan and Blake (14). Tim and Cindy traveled to China to adopt their son Levi in March 2006. 130 Woodstaff Dr., Kernersville, NC 27284. tcwall@aol.com.

Steve (‘81) and Linda (Farning) (‘81) Whitmer have spent over twenty years in mission work in Zimbabwe. Steve completed his Ph.D in Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA in June 2005. Steve and Linda are both Professors of Inter-cultural Studies at Hope International University. 2500 E. Nutwood Ave.,Fullerton, CA 92831-3104. smithwiter@hiu.edu. lwhitmer@hiu.edu.

Daniel Lee Wimpelberg (attn: ‘88-’90, ‘94) is an interrogator for the U.S. Army. Daniel has served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is currently at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA. Daniel graduated in June 2006. 128 19th St., Apt 2, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. daniel.wimpelberg@us.army.mil.
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Plan to be here to help us get our campus ready for incoming students.

Alumni Soccer Games • August 26, 2006
Alumni women’s soccer team vs. the KCU Lady Knights soccer team at 10:30 a.m.
Alumni men’s soccer team vs. the KCU Knights soccer team at 12:00. Online registration

Alumni Reception Following Feast of Christmas • December 1, 2006
Reception in the upstairs lobby of Lusby Center.

Homecoming • February 2, 2007
Reception following the men’s game.

Alumni Banquet • May 11, 2007
6:00 p.m. in Lusby Center Auditorium

Commencement • May 12, 2007
10:00 a.m. in Lusby Center Auditorium

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. To access these features, visit us at www.kcu.edu and click on the alumni link.
1, 2006. He is joined by his brother, Lukas (2). Kevin is the Associate Pastor at Northwest Christian Church. 1995 Willow Ridge Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073. parido@mac.com.

Nina (Lauders) (attn: '91-'92) married Timothy Perry on November 26, 2005. Nina is self-employed as a Paramedical Examiner. Timothy is an Electrical Technician for the Navy. P.O. Box 327, Crane, IN 47522. nanijack@aol.com.

Karla (Rubino) (attn: ‘92-'94) and Mark Ricker announce the birth of Benjamin Jacob on December 20, 2005. He joins James Vincent (2). 11168 Braddock St. N.W., Canal Fulton, OH 44614. karlb1n181@yahoo.com.

Kelli (Van Meter) (’94) and Jeff Rowley have two children, Emily (7) and Ian (attn: ’96-'98) and Jennifer (attn: ’91-'92) married Mike (attn: ’91-'95) and Casey (attn: ’98) and Ben (attn: ’97) and Jennifer (attn: ’99) and Sarah (McNabb) (’00) and Brock Adkins are expecting a baby girl on July 5th. Kristen is an Elementary Music Teacher at Davidson County Schools. 1950 Morgan Trace Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27127. bkadkins23@earthlink.net.

Eric (’04) and Katie (Lowell) (attn: ’02) Aurigema. Eric is in the Infantry for the United States Army. 123-102 Koloko Ct, Wahiawa, HI 96786. ericaurigema@us.army.mil.

Albert (’00) and Jill (Muter) (’00) Bailey announce the birth of Elizabeth Nevaanne on April 24, 2005. She joins Aaron (2). Albert serves as the Minister at Coventry Crossing Church of Christ. Jill is a Teacher at the YMCA. 2119 Johns Rd., Clinton, OH 44216. albertjillbailey@yahoo.com.

Lyle (’04) and Holly (Bird) (’99) Baker announce the birth of Hailey Ann on July 6, 2005. She joins Chloe (2). 3008 Fairview St., Anderson, IN 46016.

Rachel Beheler (’01) is working as Director of Donor Relations at TCM International Institute. 5675 Buttercup

Retired Jersey Honorees

Retired jersey honorees were surprised at Homecoming 2006 with the presentation of plaques depicting their exceptional accomplishments. Banners were hung from the ceiling as a permanent reminder illustrating their name, number, and years played.


Leon Schrader
Jersey Retired 1964

Joe Blffen
Jersey Retired 1965

Aaron Mitchell
Jersey Retired 1979

Dewayne Taylor
Jersey Retired 1983

Rowetta Webb
Jersey Retired 1986

Eric Sudlow
Jersey Retired 1991

Ty Barnes
Jersey Retired 1995

Shelly Hegyi
Jersey Retired 1996

Tabby Hall
Jersey Retired 1997

Josh Piatt
Jersey Retired 1999

Bithannyn McKee
Jersey Retired 2001

Hannah Herrold
Jersey Retired 2005
Way, Indianapolis, IN 46254. bekiller00@hotmail.com.

Jason (‘04) and Brooke Grover
(‘00-‘04) Cain were married on July 30, 2005. Jason is the Youth Minister at Westmoreland Church of Christ in Huntington, WV. Brooke is a nursing student at Eastern Kentucky University. 1807 Woodmont Rd., Huntington, WV 25701. coolchristian2000@hotmail.com.

Rob (‘97) and Michelle (McNabb)
(‘97) Campbell announce the birth of Noah Jeffrey on July 20, 2005. He joins Hannah (2). Rob works as a LAN Administrator. 2544 Amanda Pl., Winterville, NC 28590. shellebelle98@yahoo.com.

Josh (‘02) Cleland is a Sales Agent for Western & Southern Financial Group. 1702 Lakeview Dr., Apt. 1, Newark, OH 43055. jcleland8@hotmail.com.

Habacuc (‘04) and Elizabeth Co- hoon (‘04) Diaz-Ramos have one child, Yael (2) and another one on the way. Habacuc and Elizabeth are both full time missionaries in Santiago Chile. 2070 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901. hdiazramos@mnms-intl.com.

Tricia (Thomas) (‘01) and Jason Dorsey were married on August 13, 2005. Jason is a Finance Manager with Miller Auto Group. Tricia works for BB&T as a Regional Credit Analyst. 127 Little River Dr., Winchester, VA 22602. tdorsey@bbandt.com.

Chris (‘03) and Marissa (Hooverman)
(‘05) Dove were married August 27, 2005. Chris is Children's Minister at East Paulding Christian Church in Hiram, GA. 235 Russell Dr., Hiram, GA 30141.

Amanda Frye (‘03) is a Youth Counselor for the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. She is engaged to David Harris and has a son Hunter Jayden (1). 8601 Tates Creek Rd. Apt. 6, Lexington, KY 40515. ladyam1981@aol.com.

Jessica (Sheroan) (‘02) and Donnie Frye announce the birth of Jacob Frye on October 5, 2005. Jessica is the Support Coordinator for Bluegrass Regional MH/MR Board. Donnie is a Bank Teller. 2020 Armstrong Mill Rd., Apt. 525, Lexington, KY 40515. msfrye@hotmail.com.

Sarah (Bondurant) (‘03) and Kourtney Funk announce the birth of Kaelyn Marie on July 15, 2005. She joins Noell Kathleen Grace (2) 309 N. West St., Hudson, IN 46748. noellismom@yahoo.com.

Brian (‘00) and Heather Klatka (‘00) Gover announce the birth of Matthew Stephen on March 31, 2006. Brian is a Middle School Math Teacher for Danville Schools. Heather is an Elementary Teacher. 105 Silvercreek Dr., Danville, KY 40422. briangover@adelphia.net.

Paul (‘01) Jamie Halstead are starting a new ministry in Jacksonville with Seacoast Christian Academy. They are expecting the arrival of their fourth child in April, 2006. The baby will join Rylan (6), Jaylen (4), Ethan (1). 8223 Provincial Cir. S., Jacksonville, FL 32277. teenworx@hotmail.com.

Aaron (‘04) and Jennifer (Smith)
(‘04) Johnson have moved. 2902 West Calvert St., South Bend, IN 46613. jen. johnson@nlcnet.org.

Travis (‘01) and Emilie (Dunham) (‘02) Jones announce the birth of Melilla Louise on April 25, 2005. They started a new ministry with Good Works, Inc. serving as House Managers of the Life in Transition Program. 7857 Luhrig Rd., Athens, OH 45701. melilla@mail.com.

Jason Kennedy (‘05) works as the Lead Photographer at Prestige by Lifetouch. 949 Clayridge Rd., Alexandria, KY 41001.

Krystal (Klendworth) (‘04) and Charlie (‘03) Klein announce the birth of Tressler Cash born on August 25, 2004. Dave is a Batchman for Shelby Materials. 212 N. 725 W., Rushville, IN 46173. jenndnorris@hotmail.com.

Ben (‘00) and Devon Chaney (attn: ‘99-‘01) Radant. Ben is the Children's Minister at Cicero Christian Church. Devon is a Teacher. 22445 Vos Hiatt Rd., Cicero, IN 46034. benradant@hotmail.com.

Danny (‘04) and Megan (Gregory)
(‘04) Reischel announce the birth of Noah Andrew born on September 17, 2005. Danny is the Associate Minister at Bux-Mont Christian Church in Ivyland, PA. Megan is now a stay at home mom. 8295 Purple Martin Ct., Warrington, PA 18976. reischel730@aol.com.

Kyle (‘03) and Theresa (Norris) (‘02) Russell announce the birth of Leah on December 16, 2005. They are teaching in the Russell Kentucky school system. 1230 Crestview Dr., Raceland, KY 41169. kyleandtheresa@yahoo.com.

Josh (‘03) and Trista (Shiver) (‘03) Todd. Josh was named permanent Registrar for the Buckeye Council in Canton, Ohio with Boy Scouts of America. Trista is the Marketing Coordinator at GBS Corp. 325 Lincoln Ave., Louisville, OH 44641. tristatodd@yahoo.com.

Carrie (Reitzel) (attn: ‘01-‘02) and Jason Smith. Carrie is an Administrative Assistant for JR Rentals. Jason is a Painter for the Indy Racing League. 6621 Dunsdin Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168. carriessimith@jrrentals.com.

Tara Stoops (‘03) is a Teacher at Bayshore Christian School. 6301 S. Westshore Blvd. Apt.303, Tampa, FL 33616. tarastoops@yahoo.com.

Jeff (‘00) and Mindy (Hargis) (attn: ‘95-‘96) Sutton announce the birth of Adia Taylor born on June 23, 2005. Jeff is Student Minister at Southwest Church. Mindy is an Occupational Therapy Assistant. 20 Blackpeeper Ct., Springboro, OH 45066. jeff@southwestchurch.org.

As always, the Alumni and Friends Reception following the Annual Feast of Christmas was a fun time for everyone.
**In Memoriam**

**John Roy Anderson** (’80) passed away on November 18, 2005 following a long battle with heart disease and diabetes. While a student here at KCU, John was a member of Concert Choir and The Master’s Touch. He had been employed as a Social Worker. He is survived by his wife, Leanna, and three daughters; Kendra (’03), Krista, and Kollette. John Mark was the son of **John** (’49) and **Marjorie Pemberton** (’49). The mission field of Zimbabwe, Africa has been the life work of the Pemberton family. Leanna Pemberton; 111 Paradise Hill, Grayson, KY 41143. Marjorie Pemberton; 212 College Hill, Grayson, KY 41413.

**Mabel (Johnston) Saffredo** passed away on April 14, 2006, at the age of 106. She was married to Charles N. Saffredo and they had three daughters, Kathleen Knight, Minnie (Mrs. Ova) Kimberlin, Mary Ellen Crace (deceased). Mrs. Saffredo graduated from Christian Normal Institute with a teaching certificate and attended Morehead State University. She taught school in the Carter County KY School System for 35 years. **Juanita (Conley) Sizemore** passed away on September 6, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Alva Sizemore (’39). **Doug** (’74) and **Vicki (Goff)** (attn: ’71-’74) Simpson lost their son Adam Edward (24) in a vehicle accident on February 5, 2006. Doug is the minister at Perry Christian Church in Canton, OH. 22708 Circle Dr., Minerva, OH 44657.

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**Andrew** (’01) and Carrie Walters announce the birth of Isaiah Ignatius born on March 23, 2006. He joins Elijah and Noah. 328 Watercrest Way, Indianapolis, IN 46123.

**Jason** (’00) and **Susan (Gossett)** (’00) Walters announce the birth of Adam Rees on September 7, 2005. Jason is Youth Minister of Jamestown Christian Church. Susan is a fourth grade Teacher at Russell County School. P.O. Box 41, Jamestown, KY 42629.

Charles and Dawn (Bates) (’01) Welton. Charles works for the USAF. 768 Dakota Dr, Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706.

**Dorothy Harris Hoven,** 96, widow of Dr. Ard E. Hoven, died Sun., Jan 15, 2006. While at Kentucky Christian University, as a college professor’s wife, she served the student body in a variety of roles and in particular mentored young women who would become active as minister’s wives and teachers. She is survived by her two daughters, Ardis Dee Hoven, M.D. and her husband Ronald L. Sanders, Ph. D., and Vicki Hoven. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ard Hoven Scholarship Fund at Kentucky Christian University, 100 Academic Parkway, KY 41413.

**Charles Lawhon** (’65) passed away in March, 2005. He was the minister of Paden Fork Chapel Christian Church. He is survived by his wife Judy (Pickering) (’65) Lawhon, son, Marty, daughter, Laura, and four grandchildren. 1930 Hebron Rd., St. Marys, WV 26170.

**Tim Miller** (’92) passed away on September 14, 2005. He was a teacher at Worthington Elementary School. He is survived by his parents William and Margaret Miller, 195 Kesling Dr., P.O. Box 177, Springboro, OH 45066.

**William H. Mills** (’60) passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2006. He is survived by his wife Wanda (Scott) (attn: ’57) Mills. 3650 E. Links Cir. Hilliard, OH 43026.

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