President Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.

An Interview with Dr. Jeff Metcalf

In an effort to familiarize our readers with Dr. Metcalf, the Editorial Staff of the VOICE shares the following informal interview with KCU’s fifth President in the University’s 90 year history:

Dr. Metcalf, you’ve been with KCU a number of years, tell us when your journey began with the University.

I came to KCU as a 17-year-old freshman having no real idea of what I wanted to do in life. The simple truth is, I came to KCU in order to appease my mother and my minister; I was going to attend for one year and then transfer to the University of Kentucky to begin my “real” college experience! It was in the KCU environment that I began to connect the dots and realize that the Lord was calling me to a life of service.

It sounds as if KCU has had a profound impact on your life.

My story is really not that much different than countless others – the KCU experience intentionally leads students to lives of service and ministry regardless of the discipline studied!

How does life at KCU today compare with the way it was when you were a student on campus?

I believe the campus of KCU to be the most exciting place in the world. There are those who equate conservative Christianity with soul-sucking rigidity and a monochrome existence. Ha! Those folks should spend even one week on the campus of KCU! Exciting, fresh, God-honoring, spiritually and academically challenging – God has truly established something special in the educational ministry of KCU and I couldn’t be prouder to be a part of it!

Tell us how KCU has impacted your family.

Debbie and I are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to have the KCU campus as a hub of our family’s life for the past 13 years. Our daughter Molly is a junior at KCU Majoring in Nursing. If the Lord wills, we hope this campus continues as a hub of our family’s life for generations to come.

As a 13-year employee of KCU, having previously served as the Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, and being active in the broader higher education community, you are intimately familiar with the institution and the challenges associated with Christian higher education. How do you see the future for KCU?

While these are indeed difficult days for Christian higher education, I am extremely optimistic about the future at KCU. This optimism is grounded in the knowledge that our faculty are outstanding and truly lead in creating an academic environment that is intentionally focused on Christ, Character, and Career. I know it may sound trite, but what happens between student and professor is the core of the University and I have great confidence in the knowledge that our faculty will serve as the foundation to KCU becoming a premier Christian university.

As President, Dr. Jeff Metcalf joins the following list of distinguished leaders dating all the way back to the institution’s beginning as Christian Normal Institute (CNI):

- J.W. Lusby (1919-1937)
- J. Lowell Lusby (1937-1977)
- Dr. L. Palmer Young (1977-1987)
- Dr. Keith P. Keeran (1987-2009)

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Dr. Jeff Metcalf
Inaugurated as
KCU’s Fifth President

by Dr. Keith P. Keeran, KCU Chancellor

Dr. Jeffery K. Metcalf was officially sworn in as the 5th president of Kentucky Christian University during an inauguration ceremony on August 26, 2009. Mr. Ken Perkins, III, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided and administered the oath of office.

The inauguration, which was only the fourth in KCU’s 90 year history, was attended by approximately 1,000 students, faculty, delegates, staff, trustees, and guests. The academic and presidential parties processed to Lusby Center auditorium in full academic regalia for this rare historical event.

Dr. Keith P. Keeran, Chancellor of the University, delivered the keynote address on the Symbols of the Presidential Office. Keeran served for 22 years as KCU’s fourth president and was a faculty member when Metcalf earned his bachelor’s degree at the University in 1987. The Chancellor based his remarks on the symbols engraved into the presidential medallion. Keeran said, “The presidential medallion is a symbolic representation of the soul of the University and its Christ-centered educational mission. As such, it is worn by the President as a solemn reminder of the responsibilities and privileges of the presidential office.”

Board Chair, Ken Perkins, III, delivered the presidential charge and administered the oath of office. In his remarks, Perkins cited Metcalf’s long history of leadership experience and then charged the new President to “Follow the Word of God wherever it leads.” The ceremony included an outstanding vocal performance by KCU’s own Daniel Bell. In addition Van Berry, accompanied by pianist Charles Little brought the audience to its feet with their rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

In his inaugural address President Metcalf developed the theme, For the Good of the Cause… the Next Chapter. He recognized the rich legacy provided by past presidents and clearly stated his complete devotion to the mission of the University and his personal commitment to Christ-centered, Bible-based higher education.
One of the first priorities of KCU’s new President, Dr. Metcalf, has been the establishment of student ambassador teams that are necessarily focused on outreach. KCU and the church, says Dr. Metcalf, are inextricably linked. We exist to train the next generation of church leaders and there is no better way for students to learn to lead than through service.

KCU now has five ambassador teams made up of four students each (two male and two female) who are eager to come to your church. Each team includes students who are equipped to preach, lead worship, present dramas and much, much more. These students are talented, enthusiastic and eager to minister in the following ways:

- Teach the high school Sunday school class
- Short drama presentations for your morning worship service
- Special music during the morning worship service
- Informal pizza get-togethers with the youth after church
- Music, drama and preaching for Sunday morning or Sunday night worship services
- Weekend youth retreats or lock-ins

There is no cost for these ambassador teams, however, a love offering or contribution to KCU to offset the travel cost of the program is appreciated. Housing accommodations and meals for the students is also appreciated.

Host a KCU student ambassador team for your church or youth event soon.

Call Vicki Marshall at 606-474-3127 or email her at vmarshall@kcu.edu to schedule your event today!
We have attended SITS for eight years. Every year I am amazed at how God uses this week to transform our students. Parents tell me their students come back different and have taken a deeper step in their faith. High school students have told me that it was at SITS that their faith in God became “real” for the first time.

This past year was the best year of them all. The staff raised the bar with powerful multisensory worship services that left a lasting impression on our students. They are still talking about their experience.

SITS has become a spiritual touchstone in the rhythm of our ministry, and it continues to deliver year after year.

Mark Notter
Junior High Youth Pastor
Kingsway Christian Church
Indianapolis, IN

by Larry Marshall
Director of Alumni Services

Hi. My name is Larry. And I was a Summer In The SON junkie.

For many years, I made my annual pilgrimage to the campus of KCU. Though I don’t know the total numbers, I do know that I brought a ton of kids to both SITS and JHC throughout the years, scrounged up a lot of money to help them come, and consumed a lot of Ale-8 once I arrived. If you asked me if I took kids cliff diving, I’ll deny it.

It would be an understatement to say that SITS was important to our group. In so many ways it served us as a sort of trampoline: It jump-started our yearly youth programming; the culture of worship at SITS was starting to trickle back home and began to affect the worship culture in our church; the nature of the week helped us get marginal kids deeply rooted in our group; the exposure to the school was terrific, and we had many students who considered attending KCU because of it. Though all of that was true and valuable, the life transformation we saw happen in the lives of kids was what made us keep coming back year after year.

This past summer, I was once again able to experience SITS. I stood and watched as kids worshipped their hearts out, and listened to their testimonies of how God had “shown up” during the week. It filled me with a sense of pride that this incredible program is still going strong changing the lives of many.

So why is SITS so important? Because the stakes are high. We partner with churches in the life transformation business, and SITS is a powerful environment for students where change can happen. SITS is not just about a good time. It’s a carefully and strategically crafted environment where students will consider making Jesus their Savior, and their Lord.

You can find more information as details are finalized at www.kcuspecialevents.com.

I have been bringing my students to SITS for several years now and always looked at it as a good convention....until last year. I now call it a GREAT convention!

Worship bands are engaging, speakers teach solid Bible, the facility is super, and everything has a touch of class and professionalism.

SITS has a way of making Jesus visible to my students like no other convention can. SITS, I’ll see you in the summer!

J.R. Horn
Student Minister
First Christian Church
Kenosha, WI
Bachelor of Social Work
Albert Bailey
Jessica Sammons
Danielle Stephenson

Bachelor of Science
Samantha Baker
Ashleigh Barnett
Nathaniel Began
Danette Blevins
Brittany Bradley
Miriam Brock
Caitlyn Brown
Christopher Campbell
Henry Clemons, Jr.
Allyson Cole
Zachary Combs
Daniel Cropper
Sarah Dahlstein
Christy Doss
Joshua Dowdy
Sarah Duncan
Shaunna Edwards
Brian Elkins
Kelley Elkins
Johnie Erwin
Ian Evans
Alex Felgenhauer
Roosevelt Fenelus
Brian Fields
Rebekah Ford
Matthew Fritz
Timothy Gardiner
Jared Graves
Rebecca Greene
Rebecca Haas
Matthew Hackenberg
Justin Hicks
Cassie Hitch
Deron Hitch
Vance Holbrook
John Jewell, Jr.
Samantha Keeton
Ariel Kellenbarger
Tiffany Kitchen
Tammy Klingensmith
Amber Ladrach
Kristina Lama
Matthew Lama
Jenn Lawhorn
Luis Ledesma
Anita Lindeman
Elise Looney
Sheri Lucas
Tabitha McNamara
Jessica Meding
Larry Metcalf
Catherine Morán
Matthia Nunley
Christopher Osborne
Christie Penick
Heather Perkins
Kyle Phillabaum
Evan Prather
Justin Remaklus
Ashley Reveling
Elizabeth Rice
Amber Roberts
Troy Roush
Jamica Scott
Melissa Scott
Heather Shields
Bethani Shonkwiler
Erika Simpson
Derek Sloan
Stephanie Smith
Jerry Staton, II
Brandon Stephenson
Whitney Stidham
Kelsie Thrasher
Aleena Tompkins
Rachel Trenary
Brett Unger
Keri Vanderhoof
Bradley Walker
Miranda Woolard
Alison Wyckoff
Abigail Yeazel

Ephraim Costilow
Jordan Duke
Ryan Duncan
Gerald Dyson
Misty Elliott
Amy Gorbandt
Kristian Jarrett
Lindsey Peterson
Nicholas Sims
Jordan Stanley
Danielle Whaley

Master of Arts
Andrew Bloemker
Jeffrey Greene
Wimbai Mutonono
Timothy Rohrbacher, Sr.
Robert Shoaff, Jr.
Dan Webb

Bachelor of Arts
Seth Amerine
Daniel Bartlett

The Voice
Now entering its third year, The Bridge will host some of the Country’s most distinguished leaders in church planting. Men like Paul Williams, Brian Jones and many more will preach in chapel and provide hands-on teaching and sharing with KCU ministry students. All sessions are open to the public. For more information call Jane Shick at 606-474-3253 or email us at thebridge@kcu.edu.
by Bruce W. Dixon, Athletic Director

When a university has a rich athletic tradition, often the immediate thought by those outside the school is that there may be shortcuts taken to reach that high level success. Nothing could be further from the truth at KCU.

Our athletic program is designed to promote character development, citizenship, scholastic achievement and most importantly, Christian values in the most dynamic of classrooms, the field of competition.

The student-athletes listed below are prime examples, but by no means are the only examples of the positive influence collegiate athletic programs have on a student’s life when done correctly.

KCU Athletics...More Than Just a Game

“God has given me the ability to play the great game of basketball. By giving me this ability He has provided me an opportunity to worship and praise Him both on and off the court. To be a Kentucky Christian Knight is an honor and one of my greatest achievements.”

Casey Jones (Basketball)

“I have learned many life lessons through my four years playing soccer at KCU. However, one lesson seems to prevail: “The greatest victories may not be victories on the field at all.”

Michael Johnson (Soccer)

“I have been involved in sports all my life, but KCU is the first place that made me realize that basketball and athletics is a gift from God. My participation in basketball is a ministry to everyone involved and I now realize that I need to act and play in a way that reflects that truth.”

Kristin Hecht (Basketball)

“I came to KCU to become a minister and to play football. Playing football at KCU I am not just another member of a team, I am part of a brotherhood and the things we all are learning on and off the field are about all the elements of life.”

Michael Johnson (Football)

“Being an athlete at KCU has been a wonderful opportunity for me. After high school I didn’t think I was going to ever get to play soccer again, but KCU has blessed me with the opportunity to continue my soccer career. Through this I have met many wonderful people and learned great life lessons. I’m so blessed to be an athlete on the KCU women’s soccer team. It has truly been a great life experience!”

Anna Saunders (Soccer)

“Being an athlete at KCU has been a growing experience for me because the atmosphere here is so different than my high school team. I have learned leadership abilities and have grown spiritually as a leader from participating in sports at KCU.”

Stephanie Wood (Cross Country)

“Robert Niese (Cross Country)

“In high school I ran miles upon miles, but I only had winning on my mind. When I came to KCU, things became different. I began to understand the close relation between our physical discipline and our spiritual disciplines. My running started to revolve around Hebrews 12. I’ve learned how to take physical endurance to build my spiritual perseverance. My eyes are not on the finish line, but rather “fixed on Jesus”. Enduring hot and humid or cold and muddy races has taught me to deal with the rough spots in life and stay focused on God’s will. Again, my eyes are on Jesus. He is the greatest prize of them all.”

Madison Furman (Volleyball)

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Shannon Keeran to Lead Stadium Construction

Earlier this year KCU President Jeff Metcalf announced the appointment of Shannon Keeran (’02 KCU Alum) in a key leadership position for the planning of and fund raising for Knight Stadium and to coordinate the construction of the facility.

President Metcalf had this to say about the appointment, “Now in its third year, KCU varsity football has become an exciting program supporting the core mission of the University. Young men are growing mentally, physically and spiritually as a result of joining our football team. A home field stadium will help to expand KCU football and support our players and coaching staff. The Knights need a home field and I am pleased that Shannon Keeran has stepped forward to provide focused leadership for this very important project.”

Shannon will be compiling estimates from vendors in order to complete a budget and proposal for what he envisions as a three phase approach to the completion of the stadium.

Phase one will consist of home side bleachers and press box, playing field, goal posts and score board, fencing and a blacktop walkway from the existing Field House to the new playing field. Phase two will include playing field enhancements, the addition of visiting side bleachers and stadium lights. In the final phase of the project the concession stand/restrooms will be added and the home side bleachers will be enclosed providing additional locker rooms and storage space.

Regarding the task before him, Shannon is eager to point out his priorities for the project. “To me, this is far more than building a stadium, it is about building a program that is transforming the lives of young men who attend KCU to play football”.

Shannon Keeran is the President/CEO of CAPP Resources, LLC. He lives in Ashland with his wife Shannon and his sons Brady and Justin. He is also the son of former KCU President Keith P. Keeran.

The Voice
Happy Birthday KCU
Announcing “$90 for 90”...
A Celebration of 90 Years of Excellence

There’s a party going on at Kentucky Christian University; we’re celebrating nine decades of Christian education, preparing thousands of students for Christian service throughout the world!

What began in 1919 as a Christian teacher training institute (CNI) is today a comprehensive, accredited Christian University offering seventeen majors through seven distinct schools.

Think of the souls added to the Kingdom because someone in the past 90 years who attended our institution shared the gospel, from a pulpit or in the workplace. Think of the many instructors and professors who labored in the Lord’s service, pouring their lives into the students in their classrooms and consider the countless administrators whose vision and leadership helped develop the transformational KCU experience still impacting students today.

Through our 90 years a host of stewardship partners believed in and financially supported Kentucky Christian University. As is the case in the local Church, the Ministry of KCU has always been dependent on the faithful giving of God’s people.

In his book *For the Good of the Cause*, J. Lowell Lusby, KCU’s second President, shares a few words written by his father, L.W. Lusby, KCU co-founder and first President which clearly demonstrate that when it comes to KCU’s dependence on God’s people, things have not changed through the years.

“I have often watched the mail for offerings when there was no meal in the barrel. More than once help has come when delay would have been detrimental...I am standing on His promises, but looking to His children as we prepare young people to preach the gospel.”

As in the past, our future is dependent upon a growing number of God’s people eagerly, faithfully supporting the ministry of KCU with their financial resources. Will you join us?

In celebration of our 90th birthday we are launching the “$90 for 90” campaign. That’s $90 for KCU’s 90 years of service in the Lord’s work.

In the weeks to come look for a special mailing regarding the details of “$90 for 90”. You can also obtain more information in the “Support KCU” section of the University website at www.kcu.edu.

By sharing financially in the Ministry of Kentucky Christian University you are demonstrating your support for Christian higher education and helping to secure the mission of KCU until the Lord returns.
Program Expands

Kentucky Christian University launched the Covenant Church program in 2007 and since that time over one hundred churches have become a part of this exciting initiative.

The Covenant Church program benefits supporting congregations who are important stakeholders in Christian higher education. Covenant Churches provide gifts to KCU at a minimum of $2,400 annually and in exchange receive many exciting benefits, including, but not limited to the following:

Student Scholarships
Student members of a Covenant Church who enroll at KCU as full-time students are eligible to receive a $2,000 annual scholarship*.

Staff Scholarships
Full-time staff members of a Covenant Church receive a 50% tuition scholarship at KCU’s Graduate School of Bible and Ministry.

Summer in the Son
Two free registrations to “SITS.” ($500 value)

Training Seminar Discount
40% discount off special training seminars designed to strengthen the ministry of the church in such areas as worship music, leadership, financial planning, and more.

To learn more about the Covenant Church program contact Al Serhal, Director of Church Relations at (606) 474-3298 or aserhal@kcu.edu.

*Receiving Federal or State financial assistance based on financial need may reduce a portion of or eliminate the Covenant Church Scholarship in order that the student may still qualify under federal/state regulations for the assistance provided by the government.

KCU Covenant Churches

Beech Street CC  Ashland, KY
Beechwood CC  Columbus, OH
Belmont CC  Christiansburg, VA
Blue Licks CC  Carlisle, KY
Bluff Creek CC  Greenwood, IN
Bridges CC  Russell, KY
Broadway CC  Lexington, KY
Buckeye CC  Grove City, OH
Campbellsville CC  Campbellsville, KY
Carrisle CC  Carlisle, KY
Carter City CC  Carter City, KY
Centerburg CC  Centerburg, OH
Central CC  Portsmouth, OH
Chapel Hill CC  Kokomo, IN
Chapel Rock CC  Indianapolis, IN
Cherry Ave. CC  Charlettesville, VA
Christ’s CC  Portsmouth, OH
Columbia CC  Columbia, KY
Community CC  London, KY
Community CC  Metropolis, IL
Crooked Creek CC  Louisville, KY
Cross Point CC  New Albany, OH
Crossroads CC  Newburgh, IN
Cumberland CC  Cumberland, IN
Delta CC  Delta, OH
Dover CC  Lebanon, IN
Dry Run CC  W. Portsmouth, OH
Earl Road CC  Michigan City, IN
Eastpointe CC  Blacklick, OH
Emmanuel CC  Stoneboro, PA
Fairmount CC  Mechanicsville, VA
First CC  Canton, OH
First CC  Columbus, IN
First CC  Dover, OH
First CC  Elizabethtown, KY
First CC  Kermersville, NC
First CC  Malvern, OH
First CC  Martins Ferry, OH
First CC  Monticello, KY
First CC  Salem, IL
First CC  Somerset, PA
First CC  Bluffton, IN
First CC  Grayson, KY
First CC  Painesville, OH
First CC  Wheelersburg, OH
First CC  Xenia, OH
Fortville CC  Fortville, IN
Fortville CC  Lebanon, OH
Gardenside CC  Lexington, KY
Gateway CC  St. Albans, WV
Georgetown CC  Georgetown, IN
Greenford CC  Greenford, OH
Greenwood CC  Canton, OH
Greenwood CC  Greenwood, IN
Greenwood CC  Capitol, KY
Heath CC  Heath, OH
Hill N Dale CC  Lexington, KY
Hillsboro C of C  Hillsboro, OH
Horizon CC  Jamestown CC
Jamestown CC  Jamestown, KY
Jefferson C of C  Jamestown, KY
Jesselmine CC  Rural Hall, NC
Lakeview CC  Nicholasville, KY
Lower Grassy C of C  Ft. Mitchell, KY
Macedonia CC  Grayson, KY
Maple View C of C  Williamson, NC
Marysville CC  Bluefield, WV
Miamisburg CC  Marysville, OH
Midview C of C  Miamisburg, OH
Middleport C of C  Middleport, OH
Millersburg CC  Millersburg, OH
Morristown CC  Morristown, IN
New Hope C of C  Maysville, KY
New Liberty C of C  New Lisbon, IN
New Point C of C  New Point, IN
North Terrace C of C  Zanesville, OH
Northside C of C  Georgetown, KY
Norwich CC  Wadsworth, OH
Oak Grove C of C  N. Huntington, PA
Old Orchard CC  Beckley, WV
Orville CC  Grayson, KY
Park CC  Ashland, KY
Parkview C of C  Orville, OH
Perk C of C  Dennison, OH
Perry CC  Findlay, OH
Pikeview C of C  Canton, OH
Pikeville, KY
Pinedale CC  Winston-Salem, NC
Quincy C of C  Quincy, KY
Raceland CC  Raceland, KY
Ringgold C of C  Hagerstown, MD
Ripley C of C  Big Prairie, OH
Russell Springs CC  Russell Springs, KY
Salem C of C  Salem, VA
Saltair C of C  Bethel, OH
Seventeenth St. CC  Corbin, KY
Shelby CC  Shelbyville, KY
Sherwood Oaks CC  Bloomington, IN
Southeast CC  Louisville, KY
Southern Aces CC  Lexington, KY
Southside CC  Washington C. H., OH
Southwest CC  Barberton, OH
Sunbury CC  Sunbury, OH
Tates Creek CC  Lexington, KY
The Church @ Mt. Gilead  Mooresville, IN
Tollesboro CC  Tollesboro, KY
Tri-Village CC  Pataskala, OH
Valley Mills CC  Indianapolis, IN
Vansant C of C  Vansant, VA
Walton Hills C of C  Walton Hills, OH
West Liberty CC  West Liberty, KY
Westerville CC  Westerville, OH
Williamstown CC  Williamstown, KY
Worthington CC  Worthington, OH

Jeff Faull - Sr. Minister
The Church at Mt. Gilead
Mooresville, IN

This list represents churches, which according to our records, are officially enrolled in the Covenant Church Program. Please inform us of discrepancies and accept our apology.
Looking Back....

Townsmen join J.W. Lusby to erect CNI Arch

A plaque marked a remote location where, after a hard climb up a ridge in search of trees for log cabin housing, J.W. Lusby fell to his death of an apparent heart attack.

Oxen deliver first steam boiler to Admin. Bldg.

The CNI Smokestack

Original Log Cabins

An Early CNI Baseball Team

Class of 1941

Original Neal Hall Dormitory

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Couples walking "The Circle"

...Celebrating 90 Years
As the daughters of President J. Lowell and Lela Lusby, we knew that the success and continuation of the College was the focus of our entire family, but it was of utmost importance to our “daddy,” Our parents shouldered most of the responsibilities of the struggling school which kept them both extremely busy.

Mother was bookkeeper for the school; she was in charge of the girl’s dormitory; she was over the dining room (cafeteria today), which included making menus for every meal and buying all the food. She worked on the bookkeeping at the office for awhile, but eventually she had to bring her work home. We remember papers spread all over our dining room table. It was during these times that we girls were responsible for the cooking and keeping the household in order while she worked. We often wondered, and still do, how they handled it all.

Our house was a friendly, busy, and happy home. It was one of confusion at times, but our parents always had the time to listen to us and to the problems of students and others. From them we learned the importance of listening more and talking less! We also learned not to gossip or tell what we knew about things that were confidential or confrontational. Our home was always open to everyone. Mother prepared many luncheons and dinners, and we had much company. We helped both of them often and soon learned the value of hard work.

Our lifestyle was not extravagant, but mother and daddy tried to provide for the students as well. It was not unusual for us to realize that students were wearing our clothing because mother helped them as needed, and we learned the importance of sharing.

Humor was important in our family. Both mother and daddy had a great sense of humor. Daddy had a very dry sense of humor which would come through at unexpected times. We can’t remember a harsh word being spoken in our home. Instead, we learned from example to look for the humor in a situation and to laugh about it rather than building up the worst.

Perhaps this sounds unimportant, but what difference laughter makes in a home!

We all three graduated from the College and all lived in the dorm, starting our freshman years under assumed names. We had found that when some students met us they were unsure of us since we were the President’s children. Nan and Sylvia went to school as Nan and Sylvia Smith. Martha started her freshman year with the name Martha Rose, Pete Rose’s cousin! Once the students realized we were regular people, we went back to our own names!

We have a great heritage in KCU and we will continue to pray for its continuing success. Our situation as we grew up was unusual, yet we never complained and accepted our position in this unique family with pride. We wouldn’t have had it any other way! 🙏
Giving God the Glory
An Inspirational Story of How God is Working in the Lives of one Very Special Couple

by Larry Monroe, VP of Advancement

When meeting Trenton (Trent) and Ellen Merricks for the first time it does not take long for one to get a sense for this couple’s love of the Lord and their passion for the spreading of the Gospel. A no nonsense kind of guy, Trent makes no bones about how he feels when it comes to the responsibility of the church to be about the business of winning souls to Christ.

Recently he had this to say about this sense of urgency, “I really don’t think it will be long before Christ returns and we may not have much more time to win people to Him. Our churches need to get busy and our preachers need to boldly preach the Gospel.”

Trent is retired from his own successful business and gives the credit for his accomplishments to the Lord. This generous couple is constantly about what they refer to as their “ministry” of encouraging people at times in their lives when they need it most; a single Mom and her kids struggling to make it through another day, a Church family member who has lost their job, a young person on the verge of being sucked up in the world, are all examples of those who have experienced a gentle hug, reassuring smile and a lunch or dinner out with the Merricks.

Recently a young man in their Church made known his desire to attend KCU and asked for prayer that somehow God would provide a way. The Merricks have helped support that young man with his educational costs and today he is a student at KCU.

A few years ago the Merricks put their passion for Ministry into action in the form of a significant gift to Kentucky Christian University to establish the Trenton and Ellen Merricks Scholarship for Ministry. This scholarship helps with the educational expenses of Ministry majors who demonstrate financial need. In addition to establishing a scholarship, the Merricks financially support the KCU Annual Fund and are silver level members of the KCU President’s Circle. The Annual Fund helps support the operating expenses of the University and also provides funding for a good portion of the general scholarships awarded to KCU students each year.

One of the most significant events in Trent’s life came in 1996 when he was diagnosed with cancer. The doctors told him if he had surgery he might live 10 years. The situation was serious and knowing what he was about to endure, Trent gave up his business and retired. Since that original diagnosis Trent’s cancer has reoccurred seven times. Each time Trent has prayed, “Okay Lord, whatever you want, I am yours.” And each time God has responded by giving Trent more time which he in turn uses in daily witnessing and testimony of the loving grace and faithfulness of his God.

In a recent testimony given before his Church congregation Trent described his cancer as the greatest thing that has ever happened in his life because it has given him so many opportunities to witness to people.

He shared one example of a neighbor, who knowing of Trent’s cancer and the fact that he gave God glory and praise through it all asked him if he was some kind of Jesus freak! Trent responded by saying, “Yes, I guess you can say I am” and then went on from that day forward witnessing to that man and his wife about the things God has done in his own life. As Trent shared his testimony that day he revealed to the congregation, without mentioning names that the couple to which he referred was seated in the audience.

Trent will tell you God’s not done with him just yet and he is taking advantage of every moment he is given on this earth to influence as many people as he can for Christ. What an amazing testimony and what an amazing, generous friend of Kentucky Christian University!

Trenton and Ellen Merricks live in Newark, Ohio and are members of Heath Church of Christ in Heath, Ohio. They have two sons, Trenton II who is a Doctor of Philosophy at University of Virginia and Bradley who also lives in Charlottesville, VA. Trent and Ellen also have a loving daughter-in-law Laura and three grandchildren: Emily (15) Conor (12) and William Trenton (9).
Church Gift Creates Legacy of Ministry

It has been said that when God closes a door, He opens a window. When Tyler Mountain Church of Christ, Cross Lanes, WV closed its doors after 40 years, the congregation opened a window of opportunity for ministry students at Kentucky Christian University. In a letter to KCU, Charlotte L. Finney, Charter Member of Tyler Mountain Church of Christ announced a generous gift of $75,000 to The University. “The congregation met to discuss the distribution of the proceeds from the sale of the Church’s assets. Prayerfully, we sought guidance in our decisions. One thing that became clear was that we wanted to invest in something that would perpetuate the ideals and values held by the membership. Thus, we elected to ‘cast our bread upon the water’ by donating to Christian missions such as Kentucky Christian University. Our desire is for our gift to be used for perpetual scholarship for ministry students in honor and memory of five of our Church’s Founders/Elders: William Seacrist, Paul Bucy, James Mays (KCU Alumnus ’63), David Sneed and Edward Bucy.”

Tyler Mountain Church of Christ was dedicated in 1965, the majority of its Charter Members coming from nearby Boulevard Church of Christ. June Seacrist, widow of William Seacrist has vivid memories of meetings taking place around a kitchen table in the home of Paul and Hester Bucy where a few folks gathered talking, dreaming and praying about the possibly of starting a congregation in Cross Lanes. June smiles as she points out, “My husband Bill managed the Church’s finances for years and he had a gift of taking a dollar and making it two!”

The men of the church worked to erect the building. Paul Bucy and his brother Ed, a carpenter by trade, were leaders in the construction project. Sadly, Paul died shortly after the church’s basement was completed. Ed would later become one the Elders of the church.

Through the years Tyler Mountain was an encouragement to KCU ministry interns and graduates who ministered there. Four such men where Rick and Jeff Ranson, Dick Poole and Danny Vanscoy.

By establishing an Endowed Scholarship at KCU, the Tyler Mountain Church of Christ has created an ongoing legacy of faithful ministry. This gift will help future generations of ministry students answer God’s call and prepare for a life of service to Jesus Christ.

“Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.”
Ecclesiastes 11:1
Plan for Your Future, Provide for Your Family’s Needs and Support KCU

Revocable Living Trust & Charitable Gift Annuity

Each of us, as stewards of God’s property, wants to be found faithful in planning for its distribution after we are gone.

Revocable Living Trust
A Revocable Living Trust is a modern estate planning tool that will help you avoid costly and time consuming probate and can provide management of property in case of mental or physical disability prior to death. This important estate planning tool could be one of the best gifts you could leave your survivors.

KCU is pleased to provide free Living Trust Seminars packed full of helpful, easy to understand estate planning information such as important differences between a traditional “Will” and a Revocable Living Trust. As a result of these seminars you will obtain access to expert advice on how a Revocable Living Trust can benefit your family. Learn what probate is and how being able to access your assets quickly and without costly fees can greatly benefit your survivors and help preserve the size of your estate. You’ll also discover how taking advantage of this valuable estate planning tool can provide opportunities for you to support KCU’s mission of Christian higher education.

Charitable Gift Annuity
A Charitable Gift Annuity is a living benefit providing you a quarterly annuity payment at a competitive rate of return for the rest of your or your spouse’s life. There are significant tax benefits associated with the Charitable Gift Annuity which also allows for the transferring of assets to KCU upon the death of the last surviving annuitant. This type of gift is ideal if you desire current income yet want to include the support of Kentucky Christian University’s mission of Christian higher education as a part of your estate planning.

Unlike some planned giving vehicles that pay a variable rate of return on donations, Charitable Gift Annuities provide guaranteed payouts for the life of the agreement!

Contact KCU’s Office of Advancement for more information about Charitable Gift Annuities or to schedule a free Living Trust Seminar for your Church, Bible or fellowship class, Bible study or discipleship group. There is no obligation to receive this life changing information.

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Mary Sanders financially supported KCU every month for nearly 40 years. Her regular gifts were not large, but they were systematic and she was faithful. Mary's example is an encouragement to anyone who would ask the question, "How could my meager gift make a difference?"

In addition to her sustained monthly giving to the college, Mary has included KCU in her last Will and Testament.

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Mary Sanders was a beloved friend who sincerely loved Kentucky Christian University. She demonstrated her commitment to the University in many ways; through faithful prayer, words of encouragement and faithful, long term financial support.

Mary's first exposure to KCU was when she served as one of the University's first music instructors in the early 1950s.

Talk to just about anyone in the KCU business office about Mary and they will tell you how this woman touched their lives in so many ways. Wanda Sisk worked in the business office for fourteen years, during which time she processed donor gifts. She has this to share about Mary Sanders:

"It was not unusual for me to have a large stack of envelopes on my desk from donors and as I briefly looked them over, if I saw one bearing Mary Sanders' return mailing label I would make a point of opening it first. Mary would almost always include a type-written note of encouragement with her check each and every month. They were a real highlight in my day. These notes generally would include praise of the Father, praise for the Ministry of KCU and the charge to all of us to carry on in our ministry of Christian higher education.

On occasion I spoke with Mary on the phone, which was a special treat. She was always cheery, even in the face of challenges that may be occurring in her own life. If I could get her to share any of those challenges, she would almost always conclude by praising God that all her needs were being met. I recall sending her one of KCU's concert choir CDs called "Wonderful." She had to find a CD player to play it, but once she did she often commented on how wonderful the choir sounded. This precious saint always brightened my day whenever I came in contact with her, by letter or by phone. I miss her and I know she is with the Father in heaven."

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Laura Dougherty

William R. Bondurant
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Keith Keenan

Charlotte Bell Burleson
By: Lyman Burleson

Andrea Damron
By: Linda Damron
Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson KY

Donald R "Dick" Damron
By: Linda Damron
Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson KY

Philip LeMaster
By: Patrick H. Sherman

Nancy Fleischman
By: J. Tom Burbink
Loran Dace

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By: Estate of David A. Gray
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By: Chaplin Christian Church

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By: Firma Irthum

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Louise Landman
By: Betty H. McCoy

Mike & Mary Jo Leavitt
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M/M Donald DeLong
Sean Downey
M/M James Estle
Jack Farley
M/M Richard Floyd
Harmony Christian Church,
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Cheryl Leavitt
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M/Terry Williams

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Myrna Mercer
By: M/M Lorin Dace
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By: Dr. & Mrs. Jim Messimer
Wendell Messimer

Alice Morgan
By: M/M Ronald Arthur
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M/M Lorin Dace
First Church of Christ,
Grayson KY
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M/M Jack W. Strother
M/M Mark D. Strother
Robert E. Wickline

Carole Phillips
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By: Theodore Adams

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Martha Quisenberry

Brian & Jennifer Spence Reid
By: Mary Sue Babcock
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Dr. Sherry L. Curtis
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Richard Jefferson
M/M Edon Kenworthy
M/M Randall A. Kenworthy
King’s Daughters Medical Center,
Ashtabula, OH
Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Knight
M/M Frank Malette
M/M Terry Marshall
Margaret McLaughlin
M/M Thomas Queen
M/M Randall Resh
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Dr. & Mrs. John Overton
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M/M Kevin Whitmore
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M/M Terry Marshall
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Margaret McLaughlin
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M/M Ronald R. Roberts
Dr. & Mrs. Kail Ruffner
M/M Jerry Sanders
M/M J. Lester Tedder

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By: Hilda Burrell
Georges P. Carillet
Greta Miller Casto
M/M Robert Graycraft
M/M Loran Dace

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M/M Kenneth Pickett
M/M Lloyd Schnabelrauch
M/M William C. Shafer
M/M Wayne B. Smith
Linda Stallings
M/M George Waggoner, III
Mary Ann Wallace
Sheryl Washburn
M/M Robert “Louie” Weber
M/M James M. Wellman
Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Widener
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Ruby Maggard
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Contributions are accepted online at www.kcu.edu
News From the Academic Community

by Perry L. Stepp, VP of Academic Affairs

Kentucky Christian University is pleased to welcome five new professors to our campus.

Dr. Stan Archer is teaching Science; he is a native of Texas, with degrees in Biology and Microbiology from Abilene Christian University and the University of Tennessee. He comes to us after a long and accomplished career in the medical industry, where he specialized in studying allergens.

Jesse Barnett is new to the Keeran School of Education. He has earned degrees in English Education, Educational Administration, and Teaching. Prior to joining KCU Jesse taught for twelve years at Shelby County (Kentucky) High School; there, he also served as an Assistant Athletic Director, and was very active in the ministry of Shelby Christian Church.

Dean Brand is teaching in the School of Business. He is a native of Nebraska, with degrees in Wellness and Sports Management. He graduated from Nebraska Christian College, a sister institution of KCU, in 1996. Dean has been very active in ministry, and has management experience in both hospitals and fitness clubs.

Lisa Conn is a professor in the Keeran School of Education. She has taught Mathematics for two Kentucky school systems; Rowan County and Nicholas County. Her degrees are from Morehead State University, and she has almost finished her Doctorate in Mathematics Education from the University of Louisville. In addition to her teaching experience, Lisa has also coached basketball.

Nathan Coleman began teaching History for KCU last year, but this Fall semester is his first in a full-time capacity. Nathan earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Kentucky, and has also earned degrees from Cumberland College and University of Louisville. Among his areas of special interest is early American history. Nathan is very active in research and publishing.

Kentucky Christian University has a long history of excellence in faculty with a high percentage of professors having earned terminal degrees. We welcome these additions to our faculty.

Yancey School of Nursing Recognized for Excellence

KCU’s Yancey School of Nursing is on an impressive roll. Positive momentum began to build with last May’s graduates achieving a collective 93% first-time passage rate on their NCLEX licensing examination (100% of the YSN graduates have passed their NCLEX licensing exam, with a small number requiring two attempts).

The program then received a terrific boost when it hosted a site visit by the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) in April. The KBN visit was extremely encouraging and the visiting team reaffirmed the strength of the Nursing program.

Most recently, and significantly, the YSN was evaluated by an on-site review team from the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the nursing program’s professional accreditor. In describing the positive outcome of this review, President Metcalf stated to the campus community:

“In the most positive and affirming exit conference of which I have ever been a part, the CCNE team communicated no compliance concerns! In fact, the team expressed only laudatory comments and was effusive in praise for the program, its faculty, staff, and students. The magnitude of this news and the long-term positive effect on the Yancey School of Nursing cannot be over-stated.”

Congratulations to Interim Dean, Abby Beck and the faculty and staff of the Yancey School of Nursing!
We know how important it is to communicate with our alumni family and to provide ways that you can stay in touch with each other. We’re continually looking for better, more efficient methods to keep everyone informed about life on campus and throughout the extended KCU family.

Of late we have been analyzing the effectiveness of the *Insider* updates we’ve all grown accustomed to seeing in each *Voice* publication. We have identified a number of issues that make us rethink this approach: As KCU has grown, the sheer volume of updates creates a space issue in each publication; skyrocketing costs of printing and mailing may keep the *Voice* from being produced as often and/or reduce the number of pages available for print; many updates are old news or no longer accurate by the time they are printed. Our desire is to provide the information you need and want in a timely, effective, and cost-efficient manner. While we continue to experiment and find the best way to provide you with important information, we’re asking that you help us in two very important ways.

First, keep sending us your updates. The easiest way for many is to use the update form on the alumni page at www.kcu.edu, but feel free to call us as well at 606-474-3277 or email us at alumni@kcu.edu with changes of address, occupation, family status, names, births, deaths, or anything else you would like to pass along. We love to hear from you about what you’re up to and how God is working in your life.

For those with access to the Internet, there are some terrific ways for you to stay in touch with KCU and with the alumni family at large.

The Alumni E-Insider is sent every 6-8 weeks to every email address we have in our system.

If you’re not receiving it, we don’t have your email address. You can get on that list simply by entering your information on the alumni page at kcu.edu. There you can also find an archive page with all previous issues.

*KCU Knightline* is our online gathering site designed only for KCU alumni. It’s a place where you can connect, keep up with classmates, and interact with fellow alum in a very user friendly forum. The password-protected site will also serve as sort of an online directory, though your information won’t be included unless you put it there! Join several hundred who have already signed up. Go to www.knightline.ning.com and follow the simple procedure. Once you’re approved, you’re in!

We’re also very active on other social media outlets for quick updates and news items that we think you might like to know. Check us out at any of these popular sites and join to get immediate news and information.

**Stay Tuned!**

We do realize that a growing number of our alumni base is online, there are many who are not. Certainly, you are not forgotten. We’re considering better ways to communicate with you as well. Stay tuned as more ideas develop!
Welcome To The Family

Chase David, 7/30/08.

Greg (’98) and Carrie (Gusky) (’97)
Brodnik a daughter, Isabella, 8/26/08.
Todd (’84) and Amanda Bussey a son, Noah, 10/9/07, a daughter, Micah, 9/1/09.
RoDonna (Cox) (att. ’94-’95) and Terry Carson, Jr. a son, Benjamin, 10/26/08.
Gregory (att. ’96-’97) and Rebecca (Sharp) (’97) Clark a son, Ethan James, 8/26/08.
Brian (’07) and Nicole (Perkins) (’06) Glasser a son, Caleb Matthew, 6/1/08.
Christine (Culp) (’93) and Robert Gonzales twins, Nicholas and Owen, 3/17/08.
Tabitha (Hannum) (’97) and Josh Hall a son, Eli, 10/22/08.
Christopher (’98) and Kristen (Votaw) (’98) Hampton a son, Matthew Preston, 12/9/08.
Nate (’02) and Whitney (Meaige) (’02) Hutchison a daughter, Lane, 6/8/08.
Anne-Marie (Begley) (’05) and Kelly Johnson a son, Bryan, 9/18/08.
Rebekah (Scott) (’04) and Dale Jolly a son, Ross, 11/23/08.
Tiffany (Lindeman) (’09) and Garrett Kitchen a son, Landon James, 11/4/09.
Tara (Kendrick) (’00) and Curtis Marsh a daughter, Chloe Renee, 5/6/09.

Brandon (’05) and Kelly McGaughey a son, Aiden Grey, 9/1/08.
Herbie (’01) and Aimee (Blair) (’01) Miller a daughter Sidney, 11/13/08.
Aubrey (Ransom) (’01) and Chad Morris a daughter, Jenna, 11/7/08.
Kevin (’99) and Sarah Beth (Clark) (att. ’98-’00) Parido a son, Landon James, 10/15/08.
Heath (’03) and Kelly (Jean) (’03) Penewit a son, Micah, 9/30/08.
Christopher (’05) and Sarah Radliff a daughter, Will, in early 2009.
Alicia (Hall) (’01) and Matt Sanders a son, Nicholas, 11/11/08.
Lindsey (Leach) (’05) and Gary Simpkins a son, Gavin Lucas, 12/8/08.
Amy (Tyson) (’00) and Nick Snyder a son, Owen, 9/30/08.
Mark (’96) and Linette (Richardson) (’98) Verbeek a daughter, Taylor Alexis, 1/12/09.
Shawn (’01) and Angela (Emerson) (’03) White a daughter, Clara Mae, 5/30/09.
Thom (’95) and Cara Wimpleberg a son, Chase David, 7/30/08.
Robin (’01) and Lori (Underwood) (’01) Zimmerman a daughter, Olivia, 12/30/08.

The longer I serve in ministry, the more I appreciate my education at Kentucky Christian University. What better way to express my heartfelt thanks than by assuring future generations the same blessings I received “in the foothills of the Bluegrass State.”

Please join me in being a part of KCU Alumni Patron Knights program. Together we can help KCU have a vibrant and healthy future.

Patron Knights – New Stewardship Program for Alumni Announced

Announcing Patron Knights, a new stewardship program for alumni designed to connect you with and become a vested partner in your alma mater’s ministry of Christian higher education.

We understand that meeting life’s obligations can be tough, especially during these difficult economic times. As a result, we continually hear alumni almost apologizing for the fact they cannot give more to KCU. “I can’t afford to give much to KCU and besides, how could my meager gift possibly help”, is something we often hear.

If you have felt this way in the past, take a look at the Mary Sanders tribute on page 16 of this Voice publication. Mary’s example demonstrates that sustained gifts, regardless of size, given over time availeth much! Your sustained gifts to KCU, regardless of the amount, can make a very big difference in the lives of KCU students. Experience the joy of becoming an active financial partner with KCU.

Members of Patron Knights pledge with God’s help to support KCU at $25 per month and will receive a special gift package designed just for them.

Join Paul Williams by becoming a Patron Knight online in the Alumni section of the KCU website at www.kcu.edu.

The Voice 20
After a special Saturday morning chapel, we enjoyed an afternoon of football preceded by our annual Homecoming Tailgate Party. Rachel Lorenz ('11), daughter of Tim ('85) and Terri ('82) (Huffman) Lorenz, became the first ever KCU Fall Homecoming Queen.

All in all, it was a terrific Fall weekend in beautiful Northeastern Kentucky. Homecoming 2010 dates will be announced soon, and we hope that more of our alumni will make plans to join us!

The class of '79 enjoyed a time of reminiscing following the banquet. Their visit ended with a walking tour of the campus to see how it has changed.

The Alumni & Friends Homecoming Banquet featured our amazing Concert Choir with special guest alumni soloists Terin Corn ('09), Andrea Clemens ('00), and Mike Parker ('95).

One of the highlights of the evening was a special Happy Birthday KCU video prepared by current student Bryan Starr ('10). (If you would like to see the video, it can be found at www.knightline.ning.com or at our alumni facebook page…it features a few very special guests and one legendary KCU housekeeper!)

Here’s an opportunity to become a partner with KCU in the training of future Christian leaders. The KCU Alumni Student Referral Voucher is a simple way to encourage a perspective student to more seriously consider enrolling at KCU. Simply give the voucher to any perspective student, and encourage them to attach it to their application to KCU. Completed, qualified vouchers are good for an additional $500 scholarship on their first full-time semester at KCU. Vouchers must contain the alumni information requested on the form to be valid. Qualifying students must be:

• Enrolled full time  • New students only  • Undergraduate only  • Non-Alumni related student*

Only one $500 voucher can be submitted per applicant. You can download, print and distribute as many vouchers as you like by visiting the Alumni page at www.kcu.edu.

*Children of Alumni have their own scholarship program.

We hope you’ll partner with us by passing this valuable tool on to students as you encourage them to consider KCU and Christian higher education.

We’re thrilled to finally have our new KCU promo video. This DVD is a beautifully produced 10-minute overview of all KCU has to offer. You can view the segments on the Kentucky Christian University Alumni page on Facebook. Interested in a DVD to show to a missions team, church, or prospective student? Contact the Alumni office at alumni@kcu.edu and we’ll get one into your hands!
Danielle Conley, daughter of Don and Dana (Chambers) Conley, granddaughter of Dan and Nancy Chambers; Randee Walz, daughter of Chris Wallace, granddaughter of Idella Wallace; Clerrinda Walker, granddaughter of Violet Parrish Fannin; Julie Lawson, daughter of Tom and Joyce (Szemore) Lawson, granddaughter of Denver Szemore; Leigh Ann Taylor, daughter of Sharon (Martin) Taylor, granddaughter of George and Elsie Martin; Rachel Lorenz, daughter of Tim and Terri (Huffman) Lorenz; Amber Puckett, daughter of Cindy (Jarvis) Francis and Terry Puckett; Rachel Morris, daughter of Dianna (Brooks) Morris; Lela Jordan, daughter of Martha (Lusby) Jordan, granddaughter of Lowell and Lela (Stone) Lusby, granddaughter of Mary Blanche Jungers and J.W. Jordan, great-granddaughter of J.W. Lusby; Andrew Rawlings, grandson of Scott and Alice Rawlings.

Lizzie White, daughter of Renee Smith; Trevor Ellington, son of Jennifer Ellington; Emily Empson, daughter of David and Sheree (Hunt) Empson; Whitney Yankey, daughter of Terry and Helen (Eads) Yankey; Hannah Huron, daughter of Robert Huron; Jessica Phelps, daughter of Brian and Anita (Brown) Phelps; Jessica Proudfoot, daughter of Neil Proudfoot; Elizabeth Serhal, daughter of Al and Patty Serhal; Jodi Thomas, daughter of the late Jonathan Thomas, granddaughter of Sheldon and Betty (Bliffen) Thomas; John Davis, son of Theresa (Giovak) Davis.

Chad Serhal, son of Al and Patty Serhal; Ryker Hill, son of Sheldon and Becky (Regis) Hill; Taylor Webb, son of Terrell Webb, great-grandson of Violet Parrish Fannin; Hannah Martin, daughter of Doug and Jill (Perkins) Martin; Shawn Crawford, son of Lynn (Robinson) Crawford; Ethan Amerine, son of Tony and Cheri (Kinnett) Amerine.

Isaiah Prater, son of Glenda (Lucas) Prater; Zach Onusic, son of Tammy (Borris) Onusic; Mark Pemberton, son of Robert and Nancy Pemberton, grandson of John and Marjorie Pemberton; Caleb Spencer, son of Ivan and Mary Spencer; Chris Sinnett, son of Valerie (Porter) Sinnett.

Molly Metcalf, daughter of Jeff and Debbie (Wolfe) Metcalf; Ryan Cox, son of Maxine (Wise) Cox, grandson of Alonzo Wise; Robert Martin, son of John and Anita Martin; Sarah (Clark) Buchanan, daughter of Tim and Sandy Clark; Luke Dixon, son of Bruce and Donna (Ramsey) Dixon; Marissa Caudill, daughter of Andrea (Brumley) Baldwin, granddaughter of Tom and Nancy Burbick; Ashley Baldwin, daughter of Andrea (Brumley) Burbick; Alicia Myers, daughter of Mark Myers and Carla (Mocsary) Myers.

KCU Alumni Scholarships

We’re thrilled to offer two scholarships to students of our Alumni family. The Alumni Dependent Scholarships are given to both new and returning students. Scholarship amounts are $750 for students whose parents attended KCU, or $1,000 for students whose parents are KCU graduates. A limited number of these scholarships are available, and application details are available for download on the Alumni page at www.kcu.edu.

Please Note: Deadline to apply is March 1, 2010
Will our young people keep their faith in the public university? Are they strong enough?

Statistics show that young people raised in the church who drift away from God are most likely to do so while at the public university. Each year the Higher Education Research Institute conducts surveys administered by over 700 public colleges and universities tracking an average of over 400,000 students from their freshman to senior year.

Comparing the responses of freshman who checked “born again” as their religious commitment with the answer they gave four years later as seniors, a recent survey showed that 59% no longer describe themselves as “born again.” That’s a 60% fallout rate!

Right Start is a one year academic program designed specifically to reverse the disturbing trend of Christian young people abandoning their faith during their college years in the public university. The program, primarily for freshman college students, consists of a combination of liberal arts undergraduate studies typically required by most universities, and Bible courses designed to strengthen faith and Biblical knowledge.

Not every Christian young person plans to attend a Christian University. But every young person will benefit from spending one year enrolled in KCU’s Right Start.

For more information about Right Start contact the KCU Office of Admissions at 800-522-3181 or sgreer@kcu.edu.