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KCU WELCOMES
DR. TERRY ALLCORN
AS SIXTH PRESIDENT



KCU WELCOMES TERRY AND JACQUI ALLCORN

by Kevin Pickett, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Serving on the Board of Trustees of your Alma Mater is both rewarding and challenging. As a board member, one of the most critical tasks you may be called to perform is the selection of a new leader. Upon Dr. Metcalf's announcement of his intention to resign at the end of his contract in August, the Board embarked on a search for a new President and CEO of the University.

A search committee was formed by the Board and was chaired by Mrs. Diane Mansfield ('87). The committee reviewed candidates from across the United States and around the world.

The goal of the committee was to select a new leader who would guide the University into the second century of her educational ministry. The necessary qualifications included:

- A love for the mission and values of the University
- A passion for the Restoration Movement and its principals
- Necessary academic preparation
- Significant leadership experience in Christian higher education
- An affinity for the training of students in the church and in professions across the globe
- An appreciation for our heritage, and the ability to discern and cast a vision to prepare the next generation to be people of impact and influence for the cause of Christ.

The entire process was bathed in prayer and the committee sought and received counsel from current and former university presidents, faculty and staff, churches, donors, and alumni. The committee was grateful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and wise counsel of others.

We celebrate the selection of Dr. Terry Allcorn as the sixth president of Kentucky Christian University and give thanks to our Creator for His guidance. Dr. Allcorn and his wife, Jacqui, are both alums of the University. Dr. Allcorn's resume includes an extensive educational background, time on the foreign mission field, experience in local ministry and church planting, leadership in Christian higher education, a clear passion for KCU, and a strong calling to this position.

Please join me in welcoming the Allcorns to campus. I ask you to provide your generous personal, financial, and prayer support as he begins his ministry at KCU. Now, more than ever, the world needs KCU to deliver on its 100-year-old mission.

I hope you will consider joining the Board of Trustees at the Inauguration of Dr. Allcorn on Tuesday, December 3 and the reception following the service.

A WORD FROM DR. ALLCORN

Christ, Character, Career. The order of these guiding words, visible all around the KCU campus, is very purposeful. Christian is not only our middle name, it is our highest priority. The message of Christ must saturate all of our classes, chapel, activities, and programs. Because of this saturation, we are able to excel in molding the character of our students. A person recently told me that a hand shake used to mean something, but that it does not mean anything today. If we really are Christlike, our yes must be yes and our no must mean no. Building a strong character on the foundation of Christ allows our students to enter a career with an understanding that all that we do must be as unto the Lord. Colossians 3:23 really serves as our model here. A Christ-filled individual of Character will approach any Career as a calling.

Yet presenting Christ, Character, and Career must have a more profound effect on some. This environment must create fertile soil for the Spirit to call men and women to a life of ministry. While we are all indeed ministers, the best equipped among us must also be sensitive to a calling to a life of ministry service. Our classes, chapel, small groups, and campus environment must be fertile ground for both being called to and prepared for the highest calling, a life of ministry.

GET TO KNOW DR. ALLCORN

What interested you in becoming the President of KCU?

I owe a lot to the men and women who invested in me when I was a student at then KCC. This is the place that made me. While all education has at least some value, a Christ-centered education has the highest value of all. While I am more than grateful for my previous leadership opportunities, a mentor of mine said, "Dr. Allcorn, get back to doing something that counts for eternity." I firmly believe the work of KCU will count for eternity.

What were your first impressions of KCU when you returned on campus?

It was amazing to sit in a sports stadium and watch football and soccer. For those of us who go way back, the trailers had been replaced by apartments. What had not changed is how hard everyone works to keep the campus in beautiful shape. The grounds look great and the buildings are well maintained.

What is the best advice you have ever been given about attending a university?

Ernie Perry pulled me aside at a youth event in Canton, Ohio sometime in early 1981. He had heard I was going to then KCC. Even though he did not know me at all, he took the time to give me some advice I have never forgotten. He told me that KCC would really be what I made it. While I have received a lot of good advice over the years, his words were an important part of my success at KCC. I came to school with a low high school GPA and no one in my family had any experience with higher education. People like Ernie helped me to be successful. I'm feeling led at this point in my life to serve KCU so that others can have the same opportunities that I had.

How did your experience in Puerto Rico shape your career?

Our time in Puerto Rico really has had a profound effect on who we are and how we see life. God used the mission emphasis on campus to get us interested in mission service. The three and a half years we spent in Puerto Rico shaped how we view life and opened our eyes to the beauty contained in other cultures. I am a better person when I learn to appreciate other cultures. KCU played a large role in developing that appreciation.

What gifts do you bring to the Presidency?

I walked by the pictures of previous presidents in Lusby Center a few minutes prior to one of my interviews. I've had the privilege to know every president of KCU except the first President Lusby. Dr. Lusby was a professor of mine when I was a student. Dr. L. Palmer Young

was President when I was a student. Dr. Keeran has been a mentor of mine in one form or another since I was 18 years old. I went to school with Dr. Metcalf and have worked with him professionally in a couple of settings. Each of these men are, in their own ways, larger than life to me. I really am honored to follow them in this special role.

It is somewhat overwhelming to me to think about the responsibility that I have been entrusted with. Yet, I think I do bring some gifts to the role. I have some experience in both Christian higher education and in the broader world of higher education. I'm hopeful that God can use that experience for His purposes at KCU. Beyond education and experience, I hope to bring a pastoral heart to the role. I want to see the University be deeply connected to both the churches and the local community.

I have some experience at forming partnerships with businesses and with other institutions. I believe I have a skillset that will allow God to use me to create these connections.

Jacqui and I have helped plant two churches and have served several others in varying capacities. I believe those experiences will help me as I partner with local churches. I was raised by parents who were born into a depression and lived through WWII. They have given me the wonderful gift of tenacity. While I will never pretend to be as courageous as my father, his unwavering commitment to get whatever task in front of him done has had a profound influence on me.

What will be an initial area of emphasis as you begin your role at KCU?

I came back to lead KCU because I believe in the mission of the institution. I have seen the life changing effect that an education can have on an individual and his or her entire family. Most education has value for a lifetime. A Christ-centered education has value for eternity. I believe that the helping professions such as nursing, medical work, and social work are an environment ripe for ministry. Of course, our education programs prepare teachers and administrators for the ministry of education. I have seen first-hand the effect that Christ can have in a business setting and believe that business can and should be a ministry. Most of all, I believe in the ministry of ministry. KCU will continue to emphasize the equipping and training of the next generation of leaders for our churches. We will continue to prepare servants who can give voice to the simplicity and clarity of the Restoration plea as leaders in our churches and cross-cultural outreaches both here and abroad.

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SPIRITUAL AWAKENING ON CAMPUS

by Jacob Shockey, Campus Minister

How can one ever adequately articulate the alive and active work of God in a community? It is such a beautiful and tantalizing thing to witness that one almost has to see it in person to truly understand it. Even then, it is difficult to describe because you know words can never truly explain what is taking place. This is exactly how I feel about attempting to explain the way God is moving through our campus family here at KCU. However, I will do my best to do it justice.

As I moved into this new position with KCU I had no idea what to expect. With prayerful consideration, God seemed to indicate that the best way to begin this ministry was to return to the roots of the church. What was the one overarching attribute that the early church seemed to display that, dare I say it, the modern church has lost sight of? Unity.



Jesus prayed for it in John 17. The Psalmist rejoices in it in Psalm 133. The church was known for it in Acts 2. Paul pleads for it in 1 Corinthians. Peter commands it in 1 Peter 3. We challenged our campus family with it this school year. Our chapel theme for this year is "Unified." At the beginning of this semester we challenged our family to come together and be a part of something bigger than themselves.



I could not be more proud when I say that they have taken this challenge and run with it! I am overjoyed to report that we have had six baptisms this semester and several more scheduled. Students are supporting one another through prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. Faculty and staff are lovingly engaging the students. God is at

work. It is a blessing to be a part of the KCU family, and more importantly, the family of God which He is adding to every day here in Grayson.

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

The Yancey School of Nursing has recently been recognized at the state and national levels. God is using this educational ministry in BIG ways.



The online MSN program is ranked #9 out of 189 programs in the nation.



The RNBSN program is ranked in the top 10 in Kentucky!

Several of our recent graduates have attained notable success in their post undergraduate education.

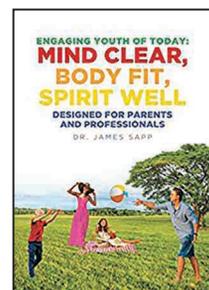
Brianna (Missler) Brown ('16) is the first Yancey School of Nursing graduate to complete a DNP degree.

Alexander McDaniels ('19), a BSN graduate of our Yancey School of Nursing, has been hired by the Cleveland Clinic.

Three graduates from the School of Biological Sciences class of 2019 have been admitted to their first choice post-graduate professional programs:

- **Conner Gauze** - University of Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Michael Williams** - The University of Kentucky Physical Therapy Doctoral Program.
- **Jenna Heller** - Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

The School of Biological Sciences continues to maintain a post-graduate acceptance rate for graduates of over 90%.



Dr. James Sapp, Associate Professor and Counseling Psychology Program Director in the School of Social Work and Behavioral Health, has recently written a book titled *Engaging Youth of Today: Mind Clear, Body Fit, Spirit Well.*

Dr. Sapp has extensive education and experience working with youth and their families; from home-based services, to outpatient mental health, and inpatient psychiatric care.

THEY SAID “YES”

KCU GRADS ACCEPT CALL TO NEW CHURCH PLANT

Jonathan Grabhorn ('19) and Hannah Feger ('20) met at KCU in August 2016. From the very beginning of their relationship, Jonathan and Hannah agreed to say yes to God wherever He called them. So, in the summer of 2018, Kyle Davies ('13) reached out to Jonathan in regards to a potential position as Engagement Pastor at a church plant he and his wife, Ruth (Bondurant) Davies, were starting.

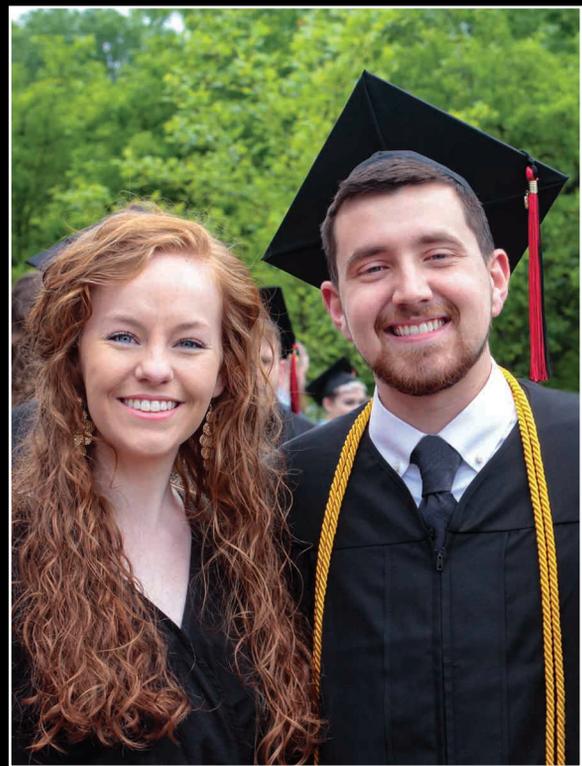
The passion for church planting was something that had been growing in Jonathan for years and was brought to the surface during his time at KCU. For Hannah, church planting was a new concept. She had heard of it before, but didn't know all the details that went into starting a church. Quickly the passion for church planting grew in her as well. After many conversations, prayers, and a quick trip to Washington, Jonathan and Hannah said yes to God and yes to Generations Church.

Jonathan and Hannah agree that their time at KCU has helped prepare them for this ministry. "There have been countless professors, staff, and fellow students who have poured into both of us, helped us develop skills, encouraged us, gave us guidance, and prayed for us. All these things have been pivotal in the formation of our ministry together, and built our confidence to take this leap of faith" say Hannah and Jonathan.



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One of the aspects of being a church plant is that in the beginning you are building your congregation, so there isn't the normal tithing or giving like you would see in many other churches. This is why Jonathan is fund raising his salary. KCU has supported Jonathan and Hannah with prayers and encouragement, and beginning in September, Jonathan and Hannah became the mission for chapel for this year! Every Tuesday and Thursday, students and faculty have the opportunity to give to their mission of bringing the Gospel to the people in Vancouver, Washington.

Why Vancouver? Oregon and Washington are two of the top ten least religious states in the United States. To put that into perspective, over 90% of people in Washington do not attend church. In our target area of Clark County alone, there are only five Bible believing churches for every 10,000 people. The national average is 24 Bible believing churches for every 10,000 people. The Portland metro is the least religious city in the United States. One of the statistics that was most shocking was that communist China has a higher percentage of believers than the Pacific Northwest. This is why they are planting a church in Vancouver. There simply aren't any churches.

"We are so overflowing with gratitude to KCU for their support both financially and prayerfully. By this support, we are able to do this Kingdom work in Washington," say Jonathan and Hannah.

For more information about this new ministry endeavor for Jon and Hannah, contact jon@mygenerations.church.

Scholarship Gifts

Andrea Damron Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Carole Phillips Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Dr. Charles R. Gresham Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Dr. Donald "Dick" Damron Scholarship

First Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY
Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Dr. Lewis Snyder Scholarship

Victoria Snyder Bradford

Eggleton Scholarship

M/M Paul Eggleton

Erby & Lorraine Messimer Scholarship

Wendell Messimer

KCU Alumni Endowed Scholarship

Anonymous Donor
Dr. & Mrs. Terry Allcorn
M/M John M. Studebaker

KCU Scholarships – Undesignated

AIKCU Foundation

Austin Archey
M/M Robert A. Sealock
Southeast Christian Church,
Louisville, KY

Dr. L. Palmer Young Scholarship

M/M Patrick Massie
David Rosenbaum

Majel Lusby Kelley Memorial Scholarship for Education Majors

M/M Harry Gill

Skye Taylor Scholarship

M/M Barry M. Taylor

Gifts In Honor

Dr. Jeff Metcalf

M/M Guthrie Veech

"The Voice"

M/M J. Maynard Bragg

Gifts In Memory

Ronald Albert Briggs

Lenora D. Briggs

Thomas Gemeinhart

M/M Francis Nash

Dr. Ard & Dorothy Hoven

Vicki L. Hoven

Lela Lusby

M/M J. Maynard Bragg

James McKenzie

Gary Salyer

Dr. Donald Nash

M/M Francis Nash

Estate Gifts

Estate of William &
Frances Kindelberger

Martha Jordan Prayer Garden Gifts

M/M J. Maynard Bragg

Please Note: We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. Should you discover an error, please accept our sincere apology and bring it to our attention so that we can correct our records.

KCU ALUMNI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Jeff Greene, Director of Development, Alumni, and Church Relations

The couple sat across from President Allcorn and me sharing their memories and love for the school. They have had a full life serving Christ in various places and wanted to share a gift with the school that has touched them throughout their lives. They came up with the idea of starting an endowed scholarship that would be open for contributions from other alumni and friends of the University.

There would be no limit to how large this scholarship could become. Their only condition was that it go to strong ministerial students with financial needs who are Juniors and Seniors. They also did not want any personal recognition; just a shout out to all fellow alumni about the joy of giving a gift to their alma mater that will continue to provide funds for students for years to come.



I recently read a *Voice* column from June 1967 by Dr. Lester Pifer who was the Director of Development. He wrote "Bible colleges are endowed, and they must

continue to be endowed. I know of no Bible College, or any college, for that matter, which can subsist solely upon student income and revenues, and therefore must look dependently upon its' endowments."

He would go on to say that "At Kentucky Christian, the word ENDOWMENT is synonymous with friendship and living

concern on the part of brethren everywhere who continue to strengthen our program of training Christian leadership, without whom, in their generosity, we could not live." This sentiment is still relevant and true today for Kentucky Christian University.

If you would like to contribute to the KCU Alumni Endowed Scholarship please contact Jeff Greene at 606-225-1260

or jgreene@kcu.edu or you may write a check made out to KCU with KCU Alumni Scholarship in the memo.

JOIN THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

IMPACT THE WORLD



Kentucky Christian University has a long history of providing a transformational education that integrates academic achievement, character development, and spiritual formation. We could not accomplish this important endeavor without a team of dedicated partners who are committed to helping make the dream of a Christian education a reality for so many students. Throughout the years the University has been blessed to have a number of men and women demonstrate their commitment in extraordinary ways.

The President's Circle is the core support system of people who value Christ-centered education and recognize the unique ministry that Kentucky Christian University provides. Through their contributions, each President's Circle member plays a critical role in helping equip students for successful careers while training them to function as personal ambassadors of God's Kingdom. As a result, the whole world is impacted through graduates that touch thousands of lives in our local businesses, schools, and churches.

President's Circle Members Make the Following Commitments:

- Provide consistent, generous donations of at least \$600 per year to the KCU Annual Fund. Through these funds, the President's Circle helps ensure the availability of resources in the General Scholarship Fund, which directly provides financial assistance to more than 70 percent of the current student body, and allows the University to best steward its resources.
- Promote Kentucky Christian University by encouraging family, friends, and associates within their churches and communities to explore the University and the opportunities it offers, and partner with us in providing Christ-centered education.
- Pray for God to do His work in and through the lives of KCU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners. This is vital to insure that KCU remains always in alignment with God's direction and purpose.

Some Of the Benefits That President's Circle Members Receive Include:

- Beautifully crafted KCU President's Circle pin:
 - Bronze (\$600 – \$899 annual gifts, \$50 min. per month)
 - Silver (\$900 – \$1,199 annual gifts, \$75 min. per month)
 - Gold (\$1,200 – \$1,499 annual gifts, \$100 min. per month)
 - Diamond (\$1,500 + annual gifts, \$125 min. per month)
- Special invitation to the annual Alumni Homecoming Banquet in the fall
- Invitations to other special concerts, receptions, and events.
- Tax deduction for each generous gift.

Please partner with all of us at Kentucky Christian University by joining the President's Circle. Together we can help today's students receive the Christ-centered, biblically based education they need to be tomorrow's Christian leaders.

2018-19 Members

Diamond (\$1,500 or more annually)

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| Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth L. Aulen | Mrs. Ann K. Mattick |
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| Dr. & Mrs. Keith P. Keeran | |

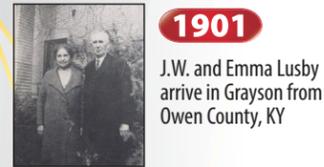
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Celebrating 100 Years



1901

J.W. and Emma Lusby arrive in Grayson from Owen County, KY



1907

Grayson High School founded, creating a need for qualified teachers. Lusby founded Christian Normal Institute to prepare teachers to pass the County Examination.



1919

J.O. Snodgrass partnered with Lusby to form Christian Normal Institute, providing education from grade school to college level. CNI Bulletin first published.



1920

First semester began with registration on September 6.

The "Blue Goose" is used for daily transportation by local students who live off campus.



1923

Neal Hall constructed as a girls' dorm costing \$50,000 accommodating 60.



1925

Administration Building completed containing an auditorium, offices, library, classrooms, and laboratories. First graduating class.



1933

Students required to work 10 hours per week on the college farm as their work study.

Log cabins constructed for student housing by student labor at a cost of \$100 each.



1936



1937

Founder J.W. Lusby dies of a heart attack and is succeeded as president by his son, J. Lowell Lusby.



Factoid

1934



1940

Because of war rations students remained on campus during Thanksgiving and started playing the annual football game between the Utopians and Phi Deltas Literary Societies.



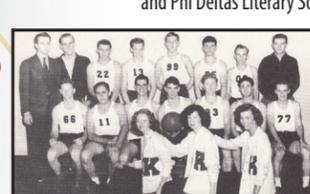
1941



1944

Name changed from Christian Normal Institute to Kentucky Christian College.

KCC formed a men's basketball team under coach William Nash.



1946



1947

Jones Hall completed, named in honor of Trustee John Willie Jones.

1947
Enrollment exceeds 100 for the first time.

100



1954

Married students rent cabins on campus for \$19.95 per mo.



1959

KCC Celebrates 40 years.



1961

First library building constructed (now housing School of Biological Sciences).



1962



1962

New men's dorm (Snodgrass Hall) built.



1962

Faith Promise program initiated.



1972

Lusby Center completed.



1973

Dale Hall dormitory construction completed.



1977

Dr. J. Lowell Lusby retires as President and is succeeded by Dr. L. Palmer Young.



1977

Chapel construction began and Dorcas (now Pifer) Hall completed.



1981

Young Library completed.



1985

Waters Hall dedicated.

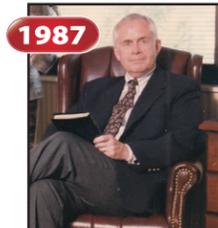


100
students in a single class.



1986

Grammy and dove award-winning band Audio Adrenaline formed on campus as A-180.



1987

Dr. L. Palmer Young retires as President and is succeeded by Dr. Keith P. Keeran.



1988

KCC accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.



1989

Men's basketball team wins national championship.



1989

Women's basketball team wins national championship.



1993

KCC Concert Choir performs at Carnegie Hall.



1995

DUAL NATIONAL CHAMPS
Basketball teams again win dual national championships.



1998



McKenzie Student Life Center completed.

1999



Graduate School accredited for Master's degrees in Applied Theology, Christian Leadership, and New Testament.



2000

Smith Center completed.



2000

Kentucky Christian University Yancey School of Nursing

KCC partners with King's Daughters Medical Center to create Nursing Program.



KCC changes name to Kentucky Christian University.

2004



2007

Construction completed on joint KDMC-Yancey School of Nursing building. RN-BSN program announced.



2009

Dr. Keith Keeran retires, Dr. Jeff Metcalf becomes KCU's fifth President.



2012

Knight Stadium constructed.



2014

Volleyball wins National Championship.



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Missions Building constructed.



Dr. Terry Allcorn follows Dr. Jeff Metcalf as President.



2016

Campus beautification project completed.



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On September 10, 2004, Kentucky Christian College became Kentucky Christian University. Dr. Keeran wrote in the 2004 issue of *The Voice* that the Board of Trustees along with the administration took over six painstaking years to arrive at the decision. KCU was and still is classified as a “comprehensive” higher education institution, thus making its distinction from a liberal arts institution. The emphasis of a “comprehensive” institution is on diverse professional preparations, whereas a liberal arts institution emphasizes to a much greater extent the arts, sciences, and the humanities.

“The distinguishing characteristic of Kentucky Christian University is that it is first and foremost “Christian” in its worldview and every academic program and degree offering, carefully integrates faith and scholarship. KCU is firmly committed to the biblical concept of the “priesthood of all believers” and to the preparation of all of God’s people, regardless of their career calling, to engage the world for Christ.” Since then, the University has diversified into several schools that center around the discipline that is taught in each school. Today you will find the Keeran School of Education, Yancey School of Nursing, School of Business, Keeran School of Bible and Ministry, School of Biological Science, School of Distance and General Education, and School of Social Work and Behavioral Health.

Dr. Keith Keeran’s Presidency (cont. from last issue):

The year following the announcement of our new name (May 2005), we saw our first class from the School of Nursing graduate.

In 2006 the announcement was made that KCU would be adding intercollegiate football by 2008. Dr. Keeran wrote in the Summer edition of *The Voice*, “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.” Today that number is above 50%.

In June of 2007, we lost one of our most beloved Professors and Coaches, Dr. Dick Damron.

In 2008, the School of Nursing was named the Robert and Nina M. Yancey School of Nursing. Nina gave a generous gift of \$500,000 in honor of her husband, the former President of Ashland Petroleum, who had passed away in 2006. This would open the door for a joint venture with King’s Daughters Hospital and the construction



Baseball Field



Yancey School of Nursing



New Campus Entryway

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AN UNIVERSITY YEARS



Remodel of Nash Chapel

of the KDMC/YSN building which was finished in 2007. During 2008, the board of trustees began their search for the next President. Dr. Keeran would officially retire in 2009 becoming the Chancellor of the University.

Dr. Jeff Metcalf's Presidency (2009-2019)

Dr. Jeff Metcalf would be chosen to follow Dr. Keeran as the fifth President of the University. Dr. Metcalf was a 1987 graduate of the school and returned, after furthering his education, to eventually serve as the University's Provost and VP of Academic Affairs. Dr. Metcalf was committed to making sure students would have a safe and productive environment where they would grow their faith in Christ, develop strong Character, and be prepared adequately for an excellent Career.



Prayer Garden

Under his leadership we saw an increase in Graduate school programs with the addition of the Master of Arts in Religion (MAR), Master of Arts in Education (MAE); and Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP).

Campus facility additions and improvements included remodeling of Nash Chapel (2011), Knights Stadium (2012), Upper Level Recording Studio (2013), Trinity Hall refurbishing for a new Biology degree program (2014), a new entryway in front of Lusby Center, Nash Chapel and Young Library (2015); baseball field (2018), Campus coffee shop (2018), the renovation of the upstairs of the Ruth Administration Building (2018), the new Martha Lusby Jordan Memorial Prayer Garden (2019), and the construction of the New Mission Office building (2019).



Trinity Hall

Several sports (Women's Softball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Archery, Golf,

Men's Baseball and Bass Fishing) were also added to give students opportunity to play at the collegiate level. In August 2019, Dr. Metcalf stepped down from the office of President and passed the baton to the sixth president in 100 years, Dr. Terry Allcorn.

Through the years, under the leadership of Dr. J. W. Lusby (1919-1937), and his successors in the presidency, Dr. J. Lowell Lusby (1937-1977), Dr. L. Palmer Young (1977-1987), Dr. Keith P. Keeran (1987-2009), Dr. Jeff Metcalf (2009-2019) and now Dr. Terry Allcorn (2019-), Kentucky Christian University has educated some of the most outstanding Christian leaders, both in the church and in other professions throughout the world.

Kentucky Christian University remains committed to providing a strong biblical foundation for each of her students. This foundation, then, becomes a source of beliefs, which will influence the way students conduct themselves within a chosen vocation. The belief that a Bible core and vocational preparation should coexist is distinctive at Kentucky Christian University and President Terry Allcorn, along with the faculty and staff, are committed to the task of seeing that this purpose remains central as the University's programs expand to prepare Christian workers for the future.



Knights Stadium

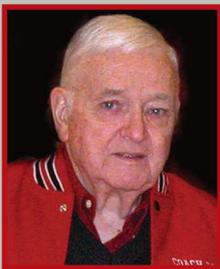


Athletics



The Kentucky Christian University Athletic Department is proud to announce the first Hall of Fame class in its illustrious sports history. The 2019 Class is comprised of six distinguished members of the KCU athletic family. This amazing group was recognized at the Hall of Fame Luncheon on October 26.

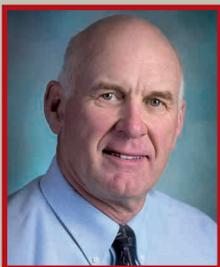
This Hall of Fame has been established to pay tribute, to give deserved recognition, and to enhance school tradition by honoring former athletes and/or coaches who have shown distinctive, unique, or exceptional ability while at Kentucky Christian University or following graduation. Congratulations to our inaugural class:



Loran Dace (Significant Contributor)

Dace is widely considered the first collegiate coach in school history. The outstanding male and female student-athlete of the year is presented the "Dace Award" named after Coach Dace, who not only showed dedication to the athletic program while at the University but has shown continued support far beyond his retirement and is

being enshrined as a significant contributor to the legacy of KCU athletics.



Dr. Donald R. "Dick" Damron

(Coach) The Grayson native, Dick Damron, attended and served the university in many facets. A well-regarded professor of history, Kentucky Christian campus minister, and for good measure, a second generation minister of the Oak Grove Church of Christ Coach "D" also led the Knights basketball program for 20 years.

During that time, he won four National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II national championships (1991, 95, 97, 99) and put together a career record of 400-204 during his basketball tenure. While most would associate Coach with only basketball, he also started and led the Knights fledgling baseball program, a sport near and dear to his heart. Damron was a 2007 enshrinee of the NCCAA Hall of Fame and while he was a champion in the eyes of all who knew him, it is comforting to know his place is secure in God's Hall of Fame.



Lauren Dunn-McClarnon (Volleyball)

Lauren is the most decorated volleyball player in the history of the program. While playing setter for the Knights, she produced program highs in assists (4,538) and assists/set (9.37), while her .949 serve percentage ranks third in program history. Her leadership helped secure three NCCAA II Mideast Region titles and the 2014

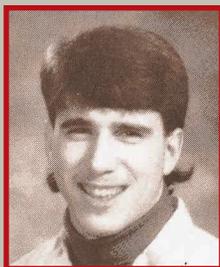
NCCAA II Women's Volleyball National Championship. Individually, Dunn-McClarnon was honored as a four-time All-Region selection while achieving 1st Team honors three times and was twice named the Mideast Region's MVP. Nationally, Lauren was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and NCCAA II 1st Team All-American (2012-14). For her exceptional play during her senior season, she was named the 2014 National Player of the Year and National Tournament MVP. As if that wasn't enough, she was also a two-time NAIA/NCCAA Scholar-Athlete.



Tabitha Hannum-Hall (Basketball)

No athletic tradition runs deeper at Kentucky Christian than the women's basketball program. The program had claimed its first national championship by the time Tabby arrived on campus but her abilities certainly helped raise the program to a totally different level. She is still the only Knights basketball player, male or female, to produce 2,000+ points; 1,000+ rebounds; 800+ assists and 600+ steals.

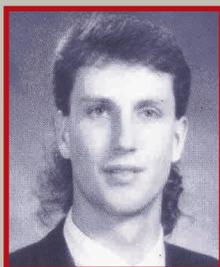
Hannum-Hall helped led her team to four consecutive national title games and came away with championships in 1995, 96, and 97. For her efforts, she was named a four-time NCCAA II 1st team All-American, a four-time All-Tournament team selection, the National Tournament MVP on three occasions (95, 96, 97) and the 1997 NCCAA National Player of the Year. As a two-time NCCAA Scholar-Athlete, she was as much at home in the classroom as she was on the court.



Sean Ries (Soccer)

With the growth of soccer in the United States and how it has woven itself into the fabric of sports, it is difficult to remember a time when soccer was in its small-college infancy. However, that was the case when Sean Ries entered Kentucky Christian. Soccer had just recently risen from club to varsity status and game

opportunities against similar small Christian colleges were very limited. The Knights took on all comers and played a hodge-podge schedule. The NCCAA II barely had five years under its belt with the sport. Post-season opportunities were at a premium. Sean helped raise the visibility of the sport on campus and thus, in the eyes of the current NCCAA soccer hierarchy. During his playing days, he scored an astounding 96 goals which are still the KCU record for a career. Along the way he was twice named an NCCAA II All-American-2nd Team (91); Honorable Mention (93). For what he meant to the sport on the Kentucky Christian campus, we acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of Sean Ries.



Eric Sudlow (Basketball)

In today's vernacular, Eric Sudlow was "position-less". At 6-7, he could and did play all five positions during his career so as to create match-up problems for the opposing coaching staff. Following his transfer to Kentucky Christian, Sudlow became the focal point of every defense the Knights faced ... and with good

reason. In just three seasons, he produced 1,500+ points, 1,000+ rebounds, and over 500 assists. His outstanding contributions as a player helped produce three final four appearances and two NCCAA II National Championships. He was a three-time NCCAA II 1st Team All-American and All-Tournament selection while taking the tournament MVP award in 1991. Sudlow was also honored as the 1991 Maravich Award recipient which was given to the National Player of the Year. For most people, this would be enough athletic accomplishment for a lifetime but not so for Mr. Sudlow as he was destined to coach the Knights for one season ... a season that ended with a National Championship and "Coach" Sudlow being named the All-Tournament coach. Two titles as a player and one as the head coach, not bad!

MEN'S BASKETBALL MINISTERS TO PRISONERS

by Akeem Scott, Men's Basketball Head Coach

When I was a student in 2005, our head coach took us to a nearby prison facility to minister to the prisoners. It made a real impact on me and my fellow players. We would pray with the inmates and share our testimonies. They would often share their testimonies with us. That type of one-on-one ministry is something that I wanted to bring back when I returned to KCU as Head Coach. So, for the past three years we have brought that tradition back.



God has given us an opportunity to play the game that we love but being able to utilize that as a tool to further grow his kingdom is impactful. During our time at the prison, we typically play a short scrimmage game and then share testimonies as well as pray with the prisoners. They are really appreciative that we come. Many of the prisoners are careful to be on their best behavior prior to our coming because they look forward to Kentucky Christian University coming in and participating with them.

We spoke to one inmate who is the most feared inmate in the state of Kentucky. His journey to find Christ was outside of prison but he failed to walk the walk. It was a humbling moment when he asked to pray with us that we may have a safer journey walking with Christ. At the end of the day, as we walked out of the prison, I asked the guys to reflect on the experience. Each story is different as it impacted them in different ways.

I'm super proud of my team and their courage and willingness to go inside a prison and share their hearts.



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2019 HOMECOMING: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

The theme was “For the Good of the Cause” and we reflected throughout the weekend on how God has blessed KCU and her alumni through 100 years. Here are the highlights that folks are still talking about:

64 to Grayson (Zack Shelton '13 & Craig Cunningham '13) led our chapel with an awesome time of worship and ended the day with a special concert following the banquet. Cody Sabol '17 painted a beautiful picture of Jesus during the worship time.

Sylvia Lusby Giese '70 spoke for our historical lecture series in the library and at our banquet Friday night. She shared her experiences growing up in the Lusby family, insights to her dad and mom’s heart for service, and her time as a student. Her sister **Nan Lusby Griffith '63** was set to join her but had to bow out due to a sudden illness. So Sylvia shared her sister’s memories as well as her own.

Mission Building Open House – **Mike '75** and Barb **Smith** hosted the open house at the new Mission Office Building. The building will be the home of International Christian Braille Mission along with future mission groups wanting office space on our campus. The Smith’s also presented the school with a copy of *For the Good of the Cause* by Dr. J. Lowell Lusby translated into braille.



Our banquet speakers were **Megan Rawlings '19**, **Sylvia Lusby Giese '70**, **President Terry Allcorn '85** and **Ernie Perry '79**. Megan spoke about “The Bold Movement” that empowers women with tools to be faithful witnesses for Christ. Sylvia shared her family’s legacy. Dr. Allcorn gave greetings of appreciation and challenged the alumni and friends to contribute to the new KCU Alumni Endowed Scholarship fund. Finally Ernie shared with us the stories and reflections at what makes this place so special. Cody Sabol painted a picture during the banquet that celebrated the 100 years of KCU.

The Tailgate & Silent Auction saw over 400 people pass through the serving lines with over \$2,500 dollars raised to support students and alumni projects.

Our Sunday morning service had close to 100 alumni, students, faculty and staff worshipping together. **Faith Gergely Barnett '16** led us in worship. **Dr. Tim Nischan** shared our communion meditation and **President Terry Allcorn** provided the morning message on Christian leadership.

The classes of 1979 and 2009 gathered during the weekend to celebrate milestones. Everyone enjoyed their time together.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

STEVE & KIM RANSON

Steve and Kim Ranson, 1977 graduates, recently retired from Hazelwood Christian Church in Clayton, Indiana. KCU presented Steve and Kim with the President's Servants Award after 40 years of faithful service at Hazelwood Christian Church.

Give us a bit of history of when you came to Hazelwood and what things were like in the beginning.

Kim and I came to the Hazelwood Christian Church in 1979 after graduating from KCC and then singing with the Watchmen Quartet for several years. It was a typical rural congregation in central Indiana with about 70 people attending on an average Sunday. Throughout the church's history to that point, 31 ministers had served here with an average tenure of 2.2 years. Hazelwood was my first church to serve as "the preacher", and as it turned out forty years later, it would be my only vocational church.

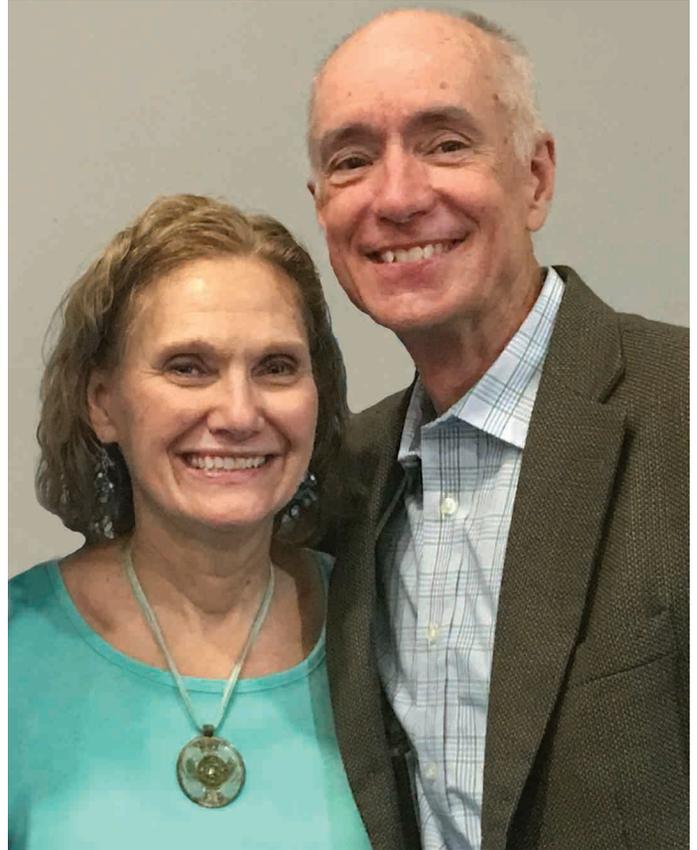
Obviously we didn't know in those early days that we would serve here for all of those years- things weren't exactly trending that way historically. But gradually things began to move from being in transition for the next minister to come, to building momentum with purpose and long range planning.

That occurred in small steps by simply loving these good people and determining from day one that we would try to build natural, genuine friendships with the congregation and the community as a whole. That was very important in our small town where people were and are involved in so many areas of the country culture.

Gradually, we added staff members on the pastoral side as well as the support team. Most of them served here for over ten years (including 17, 19, 25 and 30 years). I would joke that when we hire a staff member at HCC that we didn't even put their name on the church stationery until after five years. These team members were a huge part of growth and health of our congregation through the years.

What do you think were your greatest strengths as you ministered at Hazelwood?

One of the keys for Kim and me has been that of perseverance- just deciding in advance that we were not going to quit or throw in the towel when going through challenging seasons in ministry. I Corinthians 15: 58 has been a foundational verse for us through the highs and lows of ministry. There have been far more joys, but



we learned more about ourselves and of God's grace through the times of difficulty. He has always been faithful. We just agreed that until the Lord made it undeniably clear that we needed to move elsewhere, we were going to stay put and love and serve with the people here.

Share a time or two where you saw God working in your ministry.

Looking back I guess it is natural to think about building programs and capital campaigns; expanding staff and mission trips, and increasing attendance over the years (In our case we grew to well over 700 people in attendance). And those are important things! But for me personally, the greater joy has been in quieter ways like being able to encourage our young Timothys, helping families with adoptions, doing a wedding, and then 25 years later doing their children's wedding, and being a part of a life group. I've seen God move through authentic relationships.

Can you share anything from your time at KCC that you kept referring to throughout your ministry?

Don't try to change things too fast. Most people are really doing the best they can and usually have a reason for the things they do. Be yourself. God gifts people in unique ways to achieve His purposes. Don't be jealous or envious of another person's abilities. And don't look for the dramatic; every day belongs to the Lord and most often He will speak through His still, small voice.

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PRAYER

Since prayer is of such extreme importance in the Christian life, it would be well to consider the various words used in the New Testament to refer to this blessing of communication with God, which He has given to man. Surely these words will shed light on the place and purpose of prayer for the Christian.

The chief word for prayer would indicate that it is addressed to and devoted to God. He is the object of all prayer. Prayer is the privilege of communicating with the Creator. This is proseuche. Another word is specifically petition. It is prayer that asks of God. He is the source of all good. He is all-powerful. He is our heavenly Father. So, any request made to Him in faith will surely be answered by Him for our best interests. This is deesis. A third word is eucharistia, thanksgiving. It pictures the receiving of a free gift of grace in a proper way. The only legitimate way to accept God's gifts is with thanks. This is the word used in regard to Jesus giving thanks when He blessed the bread in establishing the Lord's Supper. Hence, some groups call the Lord's Supper the eucharist. We do give thanks for Christ at

the communion meditation, but the Lord's Supper is more than just a thanksgiving. It is a true mark of spirituality to give thanks for past mercies rather than constantly seeking new blessings. The word which is translated prayer in James 5:15, euche, means basically a vow. It would indicate that prayers should include resolutions to serve God and do His will.

A word which occurs only twice, in 1 Timothy 2:1 and 4:5 is enteuchsis, which is translated intercession. It pictures prayer as boldly falling in step with God in terms of intimacy and asking for some great blessing.

A final word, hiketeria, has an interesting word picture behind it. It came from the word that pictured an army taking an olive branch and wrapping it with white wool to wave before the enemy as they sued for peace. This was the forerunner of our white flag of truce. So, it would picture the one praying as suppliant, humble, pleading for mercy; hence this word is generally translated supplication. These words can now be cataloged into outline form by indicating that they show the:

- I. Nature of Prayer; it is:
 - A. Devotion addressed to God (proseuche)
 - B. Petition (deesis)
- II. The Basis of Prayer; it is grounded in:
 - A. Christian confidence and boldness in approaching the throne of grace (enteuchsis)
 - B. And paradoxically, humility (hiketeria); the confidence is in God and the humility of self;
- III. Subject matter of prayer; it is:
 - A. Thanksgiving
 - B. Resolution