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Who Will Send Them?

BY PRESIDENT TERRY ALLCORN

Each generation has been rightly concerned about passing along their faith to the next generation. David referenced the generation-to-generation process in Psalm 145. Mary sang of how the mercy of the Savior would extend to all generations in Luke 1. Paul proclaimed that God would be glorified through the church and in Jesus “throughout all generations” in Ephesians 3.

Preachers and preaching play a central role in spreading the gospel globally and generationally. As more preachers proclaim salvation through the blood of Jesus, the broader the message spreads cross-culturally and the longer the message extends cross-generationally. This underscores the key role all schools associated with the Restoration Movement need to play in training ministers and preachers.

Many of us are concerned about the declining number of graduates called to ministry from our Restoration Movement schools. Some have theorized that adding other majors, seeking regional accreditation, and increasing the number of sports programs have had a negative effect on the number of students majoring in ministry. I’m not convinced of that.

Adding majors that fit within the broader mission of the colleges and universities provides options for those students who want to live and learn in a Christ-centered environment, but who do not feel called to ministry. It also has provided trained workers for professions where Christians are desperately needed.

Accrediting organizations are not hindrances; they primarily ask schools to prove they are fulfilling their mission in every area of the institution.

Concerning athletics, many of the more effective ministers I know selected a school based on the fact they could continue to enjoy their favorite sport while training for ministry. Further, as I look at the ethnic makeup of many university-level athletic teams, I am hopeful that athletic programs can serve as a pathway to sharing the beauty of the Restoration Movement to a broader range of ethnic groups.

Whether or not one agrees that the above shifts have had an effect on the number of ministry graduates, it would seem there must be other causes. If not, then schools that offer only ministry degrees,

avoid accreditation, and offer no athletics would not be experiencing a similar decline in ministry graduates. There must be additional factors.

The Church-College Partnership

From my perspective, the conversation needs to shift to the rhetorical question posed by Paul, “How can anyone preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:15). As we seek to raise up more preachers in the Restoration Movement, the solution must involve an enhanced partnership involving the entire movement. This partnership must include senders, trainers, and receivers.

Senders

My personal experience has influenced my views a great deal. I was one among several from my home church who went to a Christian college or university aligned with this movement to train for ministry. My preacher regularly lifted up the call of ministry. My youth minister invested in me even when I didn’t

exactly look like a sound investment! The elders allowed me to occasionally preach or teach. Those same elders helped pay for my ministry training and ordained me at the end of it. They serve as wonderful examples of senders. Currently, they are enjoying the fruits of that sending because they have called a Timothy of the church to serve as minister.

If there is a trained minister preaching from your pulpit, and if there are other ministers, teachers, deacons, and elders in your congregation, please understand that they quite possibly were sent out by another congregation. I encourage each church to send out three times the number of ministers who are serving on their staff during each decade.

The decreasing numbers of preaching majors who are graduating from our schools can be solved only by increasing the number of students sent to Christian colleges and universities for ministry training.

Camps and other youth-focused parachurch entities can supplement the local church in calling and motivating our best to consider a life of ministry. However, these groups do not cover all

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of those called to ministry. Many of the most effective preachers have come to the pulpit as a second or third career calling. The local church needs to be attentive to those who may be good ministry candidates after they have served careers in the military or some other setting.

Trainers

Of course, Christian colleges and universities also have a strong role to play in ensuring we continue to produce well-prepared preachers and ministers. Since reengaging with Christian higher education through my role at Kentucky Christian University, two things have become abundantly clear to me.

First, as Christian educators, we must increasingly emphasize the importance of ministry, and specifically, preaching.

Second, we must recognize that the needs of the local church are changing. For example, churches dearly need ministers who have heavy preparation in the fields of business and human resources to fill roles that are emerging in the larger churches. I'm also seeing a growing need for dual-career preachers to serve smaller churches. While many dual-career ministers have migrated to education as a supplemental source of income, there are also dual-career ministers working in business, counseling, medical fields, and others.



Picture the futility of colleges and universities trying to accomplish this task alone. I was recruited for ministry from my local church (as were many

of you), and I was encouraged to consider a Christian university long before my name ever appeared on a college's recruitment list. That, in itself, points to the important role the local church plays in the success of our Restoration Movement schools.

On behalf of all ministry training schools, from single-purpose minister training schools to Christian universities with multiple majors—including preaching—we all need the help of every church. We all need students who are grounded in their faith and who have a call to ministry.

Receivers

While I am the first to call for more preachers with degrees in preaching, we have graduates with a variety of degrees who are serving in full-time support ministries in local churches. It's common that they spend their early years of service in youth and associate ministries before being called to preach weekly.



This is where the third piece of the church-college partnership comes into focus. The local church plays a key role in mentoring the newly graduated leader for a lifetime of service. The local church must play both a retentive and development role in the leadership life cycle. Colleges and universities also have a role in retaining and retooling ministers by providing encouragement and training to ministers in the field.

Most institutions are still exploring this part of our mission, and it will likely be accomplished in partnership with other parachurch organizations.

The Need to Innovate

All that said, Christian colleges and universities need to seek innovative ways of attracting and training ministers. Here's some biblical advice I received from Jim Book, senior minister at Kissimmee (Florida) Christian Church: "Cast the nets on the other side of the boat." In other words, be willing to try something different.

To achieve this, I believe we need to learn lessons from the successful outreach programs of local churches and Christian camps. Both have used a myriad of tools to bring people to a setting where they can learn about the gospel. Camps tout fun activities and the peacefulness of the outdoors. Growing churches use everything from midnight basketball to programs that target preschool moms. We don't need to copy those innovations, of course, but we need to learn from them.

As we expand our degrees, we need to continue holding up the high calling of vocational ministry to all students. As we expand our athletic offerings, we must hire coaches who will inspire the student-athletes to consider a life of vocational ministry as much as they inspire athletic achievement. If we are launching programs to accommodate second-career ministry candidates, the programs should be edifying and inspiring, and not just a means to an end.

It is up to all of us to inspire the next generation of Christian leaders by teaching the clear and timeless truths of the inspired Word of God. May God bless us all as we join together to send, train, and retain the next generation of preachers and ministers.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY TAKES ON NEW LOOK DURING PANDEMIC

By Jacob Shockey, Campus Minister

In the midst of a global pandemic, I am thankful for the sacred truth and assurance the author of Hebrews gives Christ-followers. In a world that is full of ebbs and flows, hills and valleys, highs and lows, we serve a Savior who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

“...our goal of worshipping the Lord through our fellowship, studies, and praise has not been thwarted.”

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has ushered in a plethora of changes to the way in which we do ministry here at Kentucky Christian University, our goal of worshipping the Lord through our fellowship, studies, and praise has not been thwarted.

Like many ministers six months ago, I was enveloped with worries and concerns about how to

carry out ministry in the midst of a global pandemic. As He always is, the Lord in His mercy and grace is faithful and has helped us in our ministerial endeavors.

We have made a few changes to our ministry approach that I am excited to share with you.

Chapel Services

We were able to modify our chapel services so that we may continue to gather together and worship the Lord. We have split the residential students into five groups who attend in-person services on a rotating schedule.

Spiritual Formation Opportunities

When not in chapel, students have the opportunity to gain chapel credit through both virtual means and Spiritual Formation Opportunities (SFOs) led by students, faculty, and staff across campus. In doing this, we have been able to continue offering praise to God through the leadership



Jeff Vines speaking at bonfire event

of Dr. Jamie Coates and the Worship Collective, as well as having great speakers present us with the Word such as Jeff Vines, this year's President of the International Conference on Missions.

New Ministry Opportunities

Alongside our chapel modifications, I am excited to announce that we have added two new ministry opportunities. The first being a monthly communion service on campus called Christ's Church on Campus. The second being a campus ministry podcast entitled "Chapel Chatter", in which we discuss several topics related to the faith with both chapel speakers and the KCU family.

Baptisms

It is with great joy that I report, we have had four baptisms in the midst of this crazy season, performed by our Athletic Director, Corey Fipps and Head Men's Basketball Coach, Akeem Scott.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

*Coach Akeem Scott baptizing
basketball player Connor Maddox*



"...it is with great joy that I report we have had four baptisms in the midst of this crazy season."

*Coach Corey Fipps baptizing
football player Tanner Robinson*



It cannot go without saying that the impact of their ministry is producing fruit amongst the KCU family. I could not be more thankful for what everyone does to mentor and

love the students who come to our campus or participate online. Please join me in my constant prayer that God would work in and through our family.



Local minister John Brown leading Wednesday Night Church

KEEPERS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

By Vicky Madden, Director of Alumni Relations

For over 100 years, Kentucky Christian University has been teaching and training others to go into the world and shine their light for Christ. This is an important task for the faculty and staff of the University. Yet, it is not something that can be done without assistance from others, namely our churches and alumni.

Phil Martin ('85) recorded a video for homecoming. He spoke of our alumni being the keepers of the lighthouse. Alumni are keepers of this institution. How? By honoring the faculty and staff from the past they remember those whose common purpose was to keep the lighthouse shining bright. By encouraging the current keepers of the light and cheering them on as they continue to train others they perpetuate that light.

Phil stated, "From 1919 to today, the lighthouse has changed but her light has not." The physical appearance of campus has changed. We've gone from log cabins and army barracks to the dorms we have today. We've expanded from training only teachers as Christian Normal Institute to training students to be ministers, social workers, nurses, businessmen, and more. However, the mission remains the same. The lighthouse is shining bright.

To continue doing what we do, we need our alumni and churches. First Christian Church (FCC) in Salem, IL, where Phil Martin is the Senior Minister, understands this. The church leaders decided to follow the example of the Apostle Paul who, after meeting a young man named Timothy during his second missionary journey, took him along and later sent him out as a minister of the gospel.

In addition to offering financial support to Christian universities, these church leaders resolved to send out "Timothys" from within their



Phil Martin next to the "Wall of Timothys" sent out by his congregation.

own congregation and help make it possible for them to attend a Restoration Movement college by providing tuition assistance. Students from their congregation can receive up to \$6,400 per year when they choose to attend a Christian college.

FCC's commitment goes far beyond their financial support. Members also encourage young people to consider a Christian vocation. There are currently 18 "Timothys" from FCC serving in ministry. Phil speaks to this encouragement and how it impacted him personally by saying, "I can recall as a young person having adults encourage me to enter Bible College and become a preacher. I think that too often the focus is on our kids getting a degree that will lead to the most lucrative career. The words of encouragement I received so many years ago helped persuade me to enroll at Kentucky Christian University. I am pleased to say that this kind of encouragement continues in this church today."

How can you as an alumnus or as a congregation, help support the mission of Kentucky Christian University? Pray. Send. Give. Pray for us and our students. Send the young people in your life to us by encouraging them to attend. Give financially to help make it possible for these young people to receive the training they need to go into the world and shine their light for Christ.

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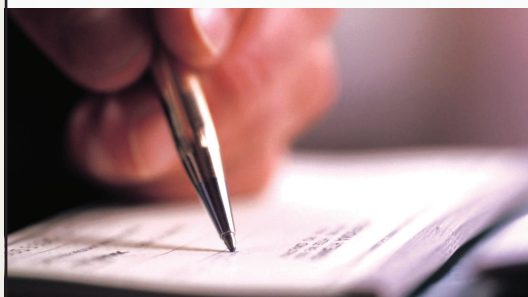
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December 1, 2020



Kentucky Christian University was founded on December 1, 1919. Since then, it has been our priority to train Kingdom leaders for the Restoration Movement and the churches associated with that movement.

This year, our Founder's Day also falls on Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving and unity. In this month of gratitude and thanksgiving, we are thankful for those who generously give and support the mission of the University.

We ask you to join us in this work of training Kingdom workers. You can participate by going to www.kcu.edu/give and make a secure donation to the University or by sending a check payable to Kentucky Christian University to 100 Academic Parkway, Grayson, KY 41143.

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A LOOK AT OUR STRATEGIC



By President Terry Allcorn

Many conversations at every level of the University have led to the current strategic plan. These conversations produced several streams of information that have ultimately flowed into the broad areas that have become the themes of the strategic path forward.

Culture of Planning and Innovation

I believe that the key to KCU's success is an institution-wide culture of "coming to work every day looking for a better way." Each person at the institution should become experts in their fields of service. Innovation must be encouraged and rewarded.

My leadership will be based on four key areas. Integrity, mission-driven, tenacity, and faithful stewardship, are values that will position KCU to complete its mission. The University needs to be a good steward of at least five areas. We must be good stewards of:

OUR LEGACY KCU will be part of the answer to the question, "Where will the next leaders for the local church come from?" It is both our past and our future.

This includes our roots in the Restoration Movement and the churches associated with that movement. KCU has two, inter-related, areas of intent. The first area is to contribute to the preservation of faith in the next generation. To accomplish this, we stand alongside many organizations including the local church. KCU is a place where those interested in an education saturated by faith may come to be trained and mentored.

However, our roots and mission push us to go deeper. The training of ministers for the local church must be our highest calling and priority. Thus, the University is a Preserver of the Faith in this generation and a Provider of Kingdom workers.

OUR TEAM Those who serve here are important. Many have dedicated their lives to serving at KCU. Regardless of the time served here, each team member's wellbeing is important.

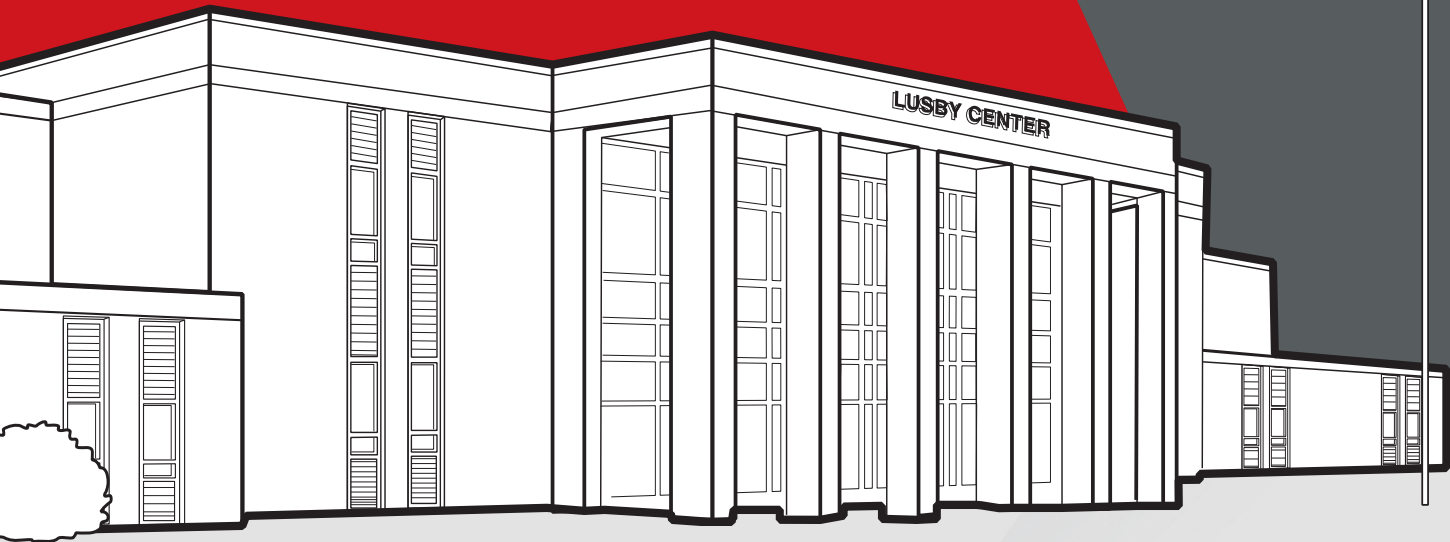
OUR STUDENTS Learning is more than the transfer of information as dining in a fine restaurant is more than ingesting food. KCU will work even harder to be "student ready."

OUR FACILITIES Each of us, faculty, staff, student, all play a role in the stewardship of the campus.

God has placed the University in a wonderful location on a fantastic campus. KCU is within easy driving distance to multiple population centers and to multiple examples of successful ministries within the Restoration Movement. Further, KCU will seek ways to serve the needs of this community even beyond that which is already occurring.

OUR FINANCES KCU will continue to unashamedly practice meticulous stewardship of the institution's resources. It is that frugality that has kept institutional debt low and our endowment intact and growing. The University will invite all whom God has blessed with the

C PATH FORWARD



resources to help by stepping forward and supporting this important work. An education has value for a lifetime. A Christ-centered education at KCU has value for eternity.

The challenge is, of course, being a good steward of all five areas. The University, with God's help, will strike a balance between all of these.

KEY AREAS OF EMPHASIS ON THE STRATEGIC PATH FORWARD

Based on the broad input from all categories of interested parties, the historical values of the institution, a review of the previous strategic plan, and on the culture of strategic stewardship, the following key areas of emphasis have surfaced.

- 1. Bold reconnection with our heritage**
"How can we better attract those who wish to be trained for a life of service to the church?"
- 2. Student Learning and Success**
"How can we best position students for learning and success?"
- 3. Institutional Innovation**
"What are the better ways to serve our students and our external constituents?"
- 4. External Partnerships**
"Who can we partner with to better fulfill the mission of the University?"
- 5. Institutional Infrastructure**
"What infrastructure do we need to better serve our students and external constituents?"

The full strategic plan document is available on the KCU website.



Across The Campus

KCU SPONSORS ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Always wanting to be a great neighbor to the community of Grayson, KCU recently helped sponsor the annual Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast.

Shadow Skaggs, a 2010 graduate of the Yancey School of Nursing, now serves as the current president of the Grayson Rotary Club. He states, "I'm thrilled to see the involvement of KCU in our community. Dr. Allcorn and the school have made great efforts to connect Grayson and the school. We now have KCU staff members on city and county organizations and boards - furthering the connection of the two. Also, KCU's sponsorship of our Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast is another of the many recent integrations into the community.



Also, as a KCU alum, I am thankful for KCU. KCU's nursing program helped me grow from a staff RN, to a director, and now to a small business owner. I will forever be grateful for the knowledge and experiences I have gained from KCU. The career and character growth from KCU has allowed me to be a positive change for my hometown—KCU's hometown."



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On October 15, KCU offered its 8th annual Preaching Roundtable, our one-day event that offers practical instruction about an area of immediate concern in ministry. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's roundtable was offered virtually. Arron Chambers presented four new presentations on preaching to non-churched persons. Arron specially tailored the first video to speak to concerns related to the pandemic. His second video focused on God's concern for the non-churched. The third video offered practical ideas from 1 Corinthians. The final video gave suggestions for reaching non-churched persons right now. Given the nature of the topic, these videos will remain available on KCU's website. We invite you to watch and share them!

ENJOYING GOD'S INCREDIBLE CREATION THROUGH THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FELLOWSHIP



KCU's Outdoor Adventure Fellowship is all about enjoying God's incredible creation. We focus on rock climbing, caving, backpacking, and day hiking. This group of faculty, staff, and students believe that outdoor adventures can be a great addition to the KCU life.

Outdoor adventures help students lower stress, gain confidence and skills, and build friendships that can last a lifetime. We offer easy introduction events like day hikes and more technical trips like backpacking and rock climbing. Eastern Kentucky has fantastic access to beautiful outdoor opportunities like Red River Gorge, Carter Caves, and a number of day trails and caves to explore.





Across The Campus



NEW PROTOCOLS, SAME POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

The KCU student body returned to campus the week of August 10. While lined up in their vehicles on Academic Parkway, our students were immediately aware that life on campus for this semester would be different as temperatures were taken and 14-day self-monitoring forms were collected. Students were greeted with masked, yet smiling faces of the student service team members and KCU RAs. As students arrived each day by their assigned groups, KCU t-shirts, campus maps, and dormitory assignments were distributed. The move-in process was incredibly smooth. Student events have certainly been a challenge; however, we have been active while adjusting to the new protocols. The student body has enjoyed two evenings of games and activities under the stadium lights known as "KNIGHT Games." A bonfire, complete with a devotion and s'mores, was held at the life center and our first annual 'Campus Cornhole Clash' was a great success. This is a unique semester, but KCU student services is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable Christian university experience during these concerning times.

THE CROSS BEFORE ME

Plan to join us November 20-21 in Indianapolis for the International Conference on Missions.

Find us at booth 416

NEW TRUSTEES ADDED



Tommy Baker



James Gibson



Diane Mansfield



Phil Martin

We are always pleased to have alumni join our Board of Trustees. We welcome back three who have previously served as a trustee. **Tommy Baker** ('81) is the Executive Pastor at First Church of Christ, Burlington, KY. **James Gibson** ('77) is the retired President of Integrity Bank, Camp Hill, PA. **Diane Mansfield** ('87) is a former Children's Pastor at Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY and is now self-employed, working with her husband, Vince, in their renovation company.

We also welcome **Phil Martin** ('85) as a new trustee. Phil is the lead minister at First Christian Church, Salem, IL. We are grateful for the willingness of these and others who choose to volunteer their time, energy, and expertise while giving back to their alma mater.



DIXON RETURNS TO COACHING RANKS

Appointed as New Golf Coach

Just when long-time athletic department staff member and coach, Bruce Dixon, had thought his coaching days were concluded, he threw his hat in the ring for the vacated head men's and women's golf positions. With Steve and Missy Kennedy, the program's original and only coaches moving on, Dixon decided to submit his name to fill the vacancy ... but not immediately.

"During the course of trying to fill the positions," Dixon commented, "Coach Fipps and I would discuss possibilities for those positions but I truly do not remember a time that he wouldn't look at me and say 'but I know someone who could'. After a couple of times, I found myself lying awake at night thinking about practice plans. The rest they say ... is history."

With decades of golfing and coaching experience, the decision was simple and with the current circumstances, it's good to have that level of experience leading the teams. Good luck to the team and Coach Dixon.



ATHLETES ENJOY "MEET & EAT" WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Continuing an ongoing series of meals and hospitality for local law enforcement officers, the owners of Grayson's Tint Wizard extended the invitation to members of the Kentucky Christian University football team in early September.

"We wanted to give them a chance to mingle and mix with the police ... get to know them a little bit better," said John Fleming, who owns and operates Tint Wizard along with his wife, Michelle.

KCU Coach Corey Fipps said nine of the football team members, who also serve on the team's leadership council, participated in Saturday's "meet and eat" at Tint Wizard.

"We have nine students from eight states here tonight," Fipps said, prior to a somewhat in-depth analysis of the evening's tamales.

Officers from the Grayson Police Department and Carter County Sheriff's Office made a point to greet the student athletes individually as they enjoyed the evening's meal.

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ADJUSTING DURING THE PANDEMIC

A college athletic department feels like a three-ring circus under normal circumstances with all the moving parts and logistics, but then you add in a global pandemic and nothing is normal, period! Simple things like practices have to be reconfigured because of number restrictions and facility availability. As with all aspects of society, we've all had to adjust on the fly. There are no user manuals for this!

Social distancing, masks, and a greater emphasis on personal cleanliness has become the mantra of athletic departments across

the country and the Kentucky Christian University campus is no different. The athletic department staff has been exemplary in their efforts to provide strong leadership during this time while delivering a quality athletic experience under the most challenging conditions we have experienced in decades, maybe ever.

From Chapel experiences to cafeteria needs, tutorial services to housekeeping, the faculty and staff have made it a priority to give the student body what they need daily, as well as anticipating future needs and issues. While we do not know what the future holds, we can truly see God's hands at work. He has placed these students, staff, and faculty here, at this time, for His work. God is in control and we can trust His plan!



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encouragement to keep our light shining bright from Phil Martin ('85). Pictures through the decades helped recall stories and memories we all hold dear. We also held our first virtual scavenger hunt, hosted by Young Library. Congratulations to Brad Gemeinhart on winning the contest.

We always enjoy the chance to gather alumni in one place and reminisce about the good ol' days. Homecoming looked a little different this year as we gathered on Facebook instead of in person. Yet, together, we enjoyed worship by Lance Horsley (son of Chuck Horsley – '82), a great chapel message by Scott Pugh ('94), and an

SERVING WITH STABILITY

Rick Miller ('76) has been in ministry for over 40 years. His current passion lies in the community of Martinsville, IN. He's the Senior Minister at Eastview Christian Church and the founder of Stability First. Rick felt the desire to help alleviate the pressures of poverty in the community. Stability First provides service to the people of Martinsville through three main components. Foundations is an outreach program that offers spiritual mentoring and life coaching to men who are homeless or living in unstable circumstances. The Lynay Community Resource Center is a multi-purpose facility housing a variety of services to bring stability to the lives of the under-resourced. The Magdalene House is a shelter for single women.

The Martinsville Chamber of Commerce recognized the impact Rick and Stability First are making in the community. They presented him with the Ruth Rusie Spirit of Service Award. Rick was quick to not take the credit for himself but acknowledged the work of those around him. "I'm just blessed to be a part of this community. It's been good to us and my family. We just want to do what we can to make a good and safe place, a healthy place, and a place where the love of God is."

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

One of the greatest joys of alumni is being able to share the KCU tradition with their children. One example of this is three generations of the Robinson family; all graduates of KCC/KCU.

- Joseph Joshua Robinson Sr. – Bible - 1966
- Joseph Joshua Robinson Jr. – Bible - 1979
- Joseph Joshua Robinson III – Master of Arts in Religion - 2020



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We want to start giving alumni updates again. If you have information you would like to share (births, deaths, marriage, accomplishments, job changes, etc) for possible inclusion in a future Voice, please send them to vmadden@kcu.edu Accompanying high resolution pictures are welcomed too.



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youth ministry CRASH

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KCU's Youth Ministry Crash is a whole day devoted to recreating that moment when youth workers get together and process what is working in the ministry, what needs help, and what the future might look like. Recognizing that youth workers are experts in their own context, we ask questions like "How does that work for you?" and "What would you change?" When you bring youth workers from a variety of places (big church, small church, "just like your" church) you're bound to have helpful perspectives!

This year, the Crash is on Thursday, February 25. In the current COVID-19 response environment, we're working right now to see what that might look like. What we do know is that we'll continue to provide a vibrant day of energizing discussion, innovative problem-solving, and empowering connection and support. Come join us!

