

The VOICE

of Kentucky Christian University

2012 Graduates from
our Covenant Churches



Covenant Churches: Committed to Students

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President Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.

CONSISTENCY OF MISSION

One of the special privileges of serving as President of Kentucky Christian University is the opportunity to interact regularly with KCU alumni, men and women whose days within the “stately walls” of the college span many decades; yet, they share in common a deep interest in their alma mater. As we reflect and reminisce on the profound impact that the college has had on their lives and ministries, they very often want to know if today’s students are receiving the same Christ-centered education they received.

While much is different, I am always pleased to have the opportunity to talk about the consistency of our mission *to educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and professions throughout the world*, and how some of the ways we enact this precious mission are much like what they remember from their KCU (or KCC or even CNI) days.

Focus on Intentional Christian Mentoring

It was almost 30 years ago, August of 1983, but it seems like yesterday in my mind. I’ll never forget my first day as a Kentucky Christian University student. While there is much that has escaped my memory—surely I went through registration processes, bought books, moved into my dorm room, and received my class schedule, but I remember nothing about those activities—what remains crystal clear is spending my first evening in the home of Dick and Linda Damron.

Dr. Dick Damron, one of the most outstanding individuals ever to serve as a professor at KCU, and his wife, Linda, opened their home to a small group of incoming freshmen. Dick and Linda made us feel welcomed and communicated very clearly that their ministry to students extended well beyond the classroom. As my KCU years slipped by, I felt fortunate and privileged to have been the recipient of Christian mentoring by Dick and Linda Damron!

Whether teaching in the classroom, coaching on the court or field, supervising student workers, or fulfilling any other leadership role at KCU, faculty and staff take seriously the charge to capture opportunities to model for students the dynamic life of

a follower of Christ. Just as the Apostle Paul urged the young Corinthian believers to “follow my example as I follow Christ” (I Corinthians 11:1) faculty and staff actively engage in the lives of students in the name of Jesus Christ. We, as mature believers who love Christ and his Church, encourage students to follow us as we follow Christ.

Required Major in Biblical Studies


The word of God remains the absolute center of the KCU experience. While KCU has greatly expanded and diversified its curriculum over the years, every traditional student still completes a required major in Biblical Studies. Whether preparing to minister in the local church, the mission field, the marketplace, the hospital room, the classroom, or any other area, it is incumbent upon KCU graduates to serve as a “royal priesthood,” (I Peter 2:9) and KCU’s required biblical studies major is designed to help students effectively minister regardless of their profession.

Required Chapel

Another hallmark of a KCU education across the decades has been required twice-weekly chapel services. Just as it was in the earliest days of the college, students, faculty, and staff still gather twice each week for corporate praise and worship. Chapel services today are exceptionally dynamic and feature student-led praise and worship and preaching from outstanding leaders, both local and from across the country and world!

“Christian mentoring, the Word of God, and corporate praise and worship... never go out of style.”

One of the interesting phenomena we as leaders witness regularly is students’ deepening sense of appreciation for chapel during their KCU years. I have heard many students admit they somewhat dreaded “two more church services each week,” only to report during senior exit interviews that chapel would be one of the things they will miss most about KCU!

I hope that as you enjoy this special graduation issue of *The Voice*, whether or not you are a KCU alumnus, you will appreciate the timelessness of the central characteristics of the KCU experience: Christian mentoring, the Word of God, and corporate praise and worship. Some things never go out of style. 

THE WAY FORWARD BEGINS PUBLIC PHASE

by Larry Monroe, Vice President of University Advancement

January 1, 2012 began the public phase of **The Way Forward** campaign with the University having raised nearly one half of its \$1.75M goal. The campaign aims to fund institutional scholarships, upgrade facilities, and improve technology. The first-fruits of the project was renovation of Nash Chapel. Also receiving much-needed attention was the lobby and entryway of KCU's main academic building, Lusby Center, including future additions to the new Elva Young Welcome Center.

Donor Issues Matching Gift Challenge to KCU Alumni

Late in 2011 as the public phase of **The Way Forward** campaign was drawing near, a generous KCU donor emerged with a desire to see increasing numbers of alumni supporting their alma mater financially. This donor issued a tremendous challenge to our alumni: Give a first-time gift to KCU in the form of a gift or pledge in support of the campaign, and he will match the gift or pledge 100% up to a total of \$80,000. Many alumni have already taken advantage of this fantastic challenge. Below are just a few.

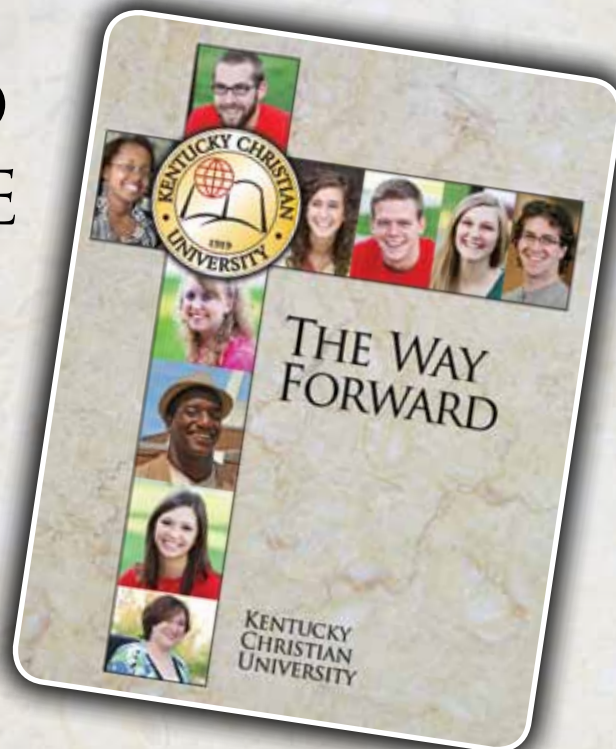


William Riffe ('54)

"Years ago while attending Kentucky Christian College, I had a friend Dr. Wells A. Daniels from Rhode Island. This man helped me financially through school. I have always felt if I were in a position to help a student I should do so. Supporting **The Way Forward** helps me support students and so much more, and the matching gift component is a true blessing!"

"Contributing to KCU through the Alumni matching gifts to **The Way Forward** was a way of doubling my contribution to the University. Also, it was given in memory of my parents, J. Lowell and Lela Lusby, because they have been such a critical part of KCU through the years. What they did in the past is still affecting the present and will continue to affect the future of KCU. I wanted to honor them and keep their memory alive."

– Nan Lusby Griffith ('63)



Charles Burd ('67)

"I recently visited Kentucky Christian University to see the campus and view the school. It had been many years since my last visit and I greatly enjoyed the tour Clerrinda Queen provided of the campus, classes and student programs. I was impressed with what I saw and when I received the information about the alumni matching gift to **The Way Forward**, I wanted to participate. I look forward to getting more involved in the support of KCU and its programs."

For more information about how you can join others in support of the campaign go to www.kcu.edu/thewayforward or contact Larry Monroe at 606-474-3282 or at lmmonroe@kcu.edu.



Scan this QR code with your smart phone for more about KCU's **The Way Forward** campaign.



New alumni gifts to **The Way Forward** will be matched 100%, and for those employed at companies with matching gift programs, **your gifts could be tripled!** (At left is a partial list of matching gift companies participating with KCU.) For instance, using the example of a \$100 gift:

• New alumni gift (or pledge)	\$100
• KCU Donor Match	\$100
• Employer Match	\$100
Total Gift to the Campaign	\$300



by Jeff Greene, Director of Alumni & Church Relations

Friday, March 2, 2012 is a day many in the Commonwealth will not soon forget. An EF4 tornado tore through Kentucky cutting a path of destruction up to 60 miles long and five miles wide in places. Early predictions had Grayson in the path of the storm, but miraculously, it seemed to split and move both north and south of KCU. Sadly, many other areas were not so fortunate.

West Liberty, 40 miles southeast of Grayson, was hit particularly hard. Damage surveys revealed that winds likely peaked around 150 mph. Most of downtown was reduced to rubble, yet officials stressed things could have been much worse. Four people died throughout Morgan County, one of those in West Liberty. While KCU escaped the physical damage of the storm, the University was nonetheless affected. KCU students had families in the impact zone and one of the University's supporting congregations was located in downtown West Liberty.

West Liberty Christian Church's (WLCC) 100-year old building was destroyed as minister Paul Casteel huddled in his home with his family during the storm. After surveying the damage of his church and town, Paul began praying for his flock, not knowing if there were injured or dead, and said, "Buildings can be replaced, but it was the people I was most concerned about." Six WLCC families lost their homes and another eight were displaced due to extensive damage. Thankfully, no one in the church was seriously hurt or killed.

A call went out to IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) and a plan was put together to send not only financial aid, but to start building storage sheds for people in and around the storm zone. KCU alumni Steven Treap ('75) (Treap Construction) and Jerry Bliffen ('76) led the construction of the IDES storage sheds. So far, of the 50 storage sheds committed, 37 have been built.



Members of KCU's Volleyball team assist at West Liberty

In Salyersville, KY, another community hit hard by the storm, Alumna Kathi Watters ('74) from Teen Mission USA helped coordinate relief efforts. They began rebuilding homes with the help of churches across the country. Teams of students, staff and faculty from KCU responded to assist where needed, cleaning up debris, helping to build storage sheds, and collecting and delivering supplies.

WLCC member and KCU student Hunter Fraley was home in West Liberty when the tornado hit. As soon as the storm passed and everyone in his family was confirmed safe, Hunter

went to work helping neighbors and church members. He spent his entire spring break clearing debris, manning the emergency shelter, and delivering food to people in need. Hunter's actions in response to the storm have been a true testimony about what it means to "love your neighbor."

I had the privilege to worship with WLCC a month after the storm at their temporary worship site at Index Community Church. They had spent the previous day trying to salvage anything they could




WAKE OF A STORM

from their historic downtown church building before the bulldozers leveled the site. Sadly, only the pulpit and some stained glass windows could be saved. Even a cherished pipe organ was lost. But the church remains steadfast. Soon they will be drawing up plans and rebuilding. In the meantime they continue to be a testimony of faithfulness.

WLCC has been a KCU supporting church at the Covenant Church level since the program's inception. Hunter Fraley has been receiving the Covenant Church scholarship (\$2,000 annually) as a result of his church's partnership with KCU. Realizing the challenges facing this congregation and anticipating that their resources would understandably need to be directed toward their own critical needs, KCU decided to continue Hunter's scholarship even if WLCC could not keep up with their financial commitment to the University. But West Liberty Christian had other ideas.

I could hardly believe my eyes when we received a check

representing the church's regular level of monthly support just two weeks after their world was turned upside down. It was one of those moments that occur from time to time in my role in Church Relations when I am deeply humbled by demonstrations of sacrificial giving on the part of our beloved partners. When asked about their gift, Paul just shrugged and said – "That's just who we are." West Liberty Christian Church continues to be a testimony of faith, hope and love in a place that desperately needs it and KCU is proud to have them as brothers and sisters in Christ, friends, and partners in equipping students for Christian service. 🇺🇸



**"Buildings can be replaced,
but it was the people I was
most concerned about."**

*Paul Casteel, Minister,
West Liberty Christian Church*



Front Row: Olivia Stoner, Kimberly Harris, Vicky Madden, Taylor Draper, Brooke Riffe, Kelsey Unger; **Middle Row:** Daniel Stewart, Deborah Jones, Brenda Coombe, Liz Serhal, Rebekah Bryant, Rachel Sanford; **Back Row:** Ezra Davis, Zach Cool, Drew Johnson, Clay Parker, Ryker Hill, Cameron Ford, Todd Ransom, Jake Ratliff, Andrew Bondurant; **Not Pictured:** Leann Dahlstein and Eric Ginn

COVENANT CHURCHES: COMMITTED TO STUDENTS

by Jeff Greene, Director of Alumni and Church Relations

I have the privilege of working with a number of KCU's supporting congregations that participate in our Covenant Church Program. I am elated when in addition to sending us their financial support, these congregations also send us their students. In the 2011-12 academic year, KCU awarded 107 scholarships totaling over \$200,000 to fulltime, traditional students who were members of Covenant Churches. Twenty-three of this number graduated in May and so far, 30 incoming freshman will receive the scholarship in August. Covenant Church students receive \$2,000 per year in scholarship assistance. It is thrilling to see the value these churches place on Christian higher education.

Just recently *Christian Standard* published an article by Darrel Rowland entitled "How Colleges are Coping." That article shares the thoughts of Presidents and Trustees from several of our Christian Universities and Colleges. The publication Editor, Mark Taylor points out, that sending students to our Christian schools must become a priority for our churches. "If our churches do not support our institutions and ministries, those ministries will look elsewhere. If we (the church) will not send our students to our schools, those colleges will recruit students from a broader population."

In this same article, KCU alum and Chairman of the KCU Board, Dr. Jerry Sanders ('82) put it this way, "I truly believe a reason for the growing percentage of non-Restoration Movement

students at our Christian schools is the result of minimal effort on behalf of many of our Christian Churches/Churches of Christ to inform students and their parents of the expanding educational opportunities at Christian universities. How many of the students attending your local church are aware that they can attend a fully accredited college in a Christian environment and earn a pre-med degree, a nursing degree, a degree in education, or a degree in business? What are we doing in our local churches to promote the expanding educational and career opportunities at schools, such as Kentucky Christian University? In my opinion, too many of our local church leaders have an outdated understanding that the only purpose for attending a Christian university is to become a minister or a missionary."

The good news is that our Covenant Churches do understand. They understand that Christian leaders of the 21st century are discovering that possessing a business, teaching or nursing degree will get them into places a traditional minister may not be able to go. Covenant Churches know that the best place to find tomorrow's world changers

is in the youth groups within their own churches. Churches can offer their students a path toward God's calling in their lives that starts with a solid Christian education at the university level.

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For more information about the Covenant Church Program go to www.kcu.edu/church-relations or contact Jeff Greene at 606-474-3298 or jgreene@kcu.edu.

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By: M/M Julian Stowers

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*1919 Society Gifts (pg. 19)

Designated Scholarship Gifts:

Andrea Damron Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

Dr. Dick Damron Memorial Scholarship

By: First Christian Church, Olive Hill, KY

Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

John E. Eggleton Scholarship

By: M/M Paul Eggleton

Essick Family Scholarship

By: Angela Dykes

Charles Gresham Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

International Scholarship Fund

By: Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY

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KCU INTRODUCES TWO NEW ONLINE PROGRAMS



Our
Ministry
Is **Nursing**

Kentucky Christian University
Yancey School of Nursing



Yancey School of Nursing Adds RN-BSN Track

by Carol Brickey, Program Director, RN-BSN

Beginning the fall of 2012, the Kentucky Christian University Yancey School of Nursing will launch an online RN-BSN degree completion track. The degree offering will provide RN's (registered nurses) possessing an Associate degree an opportunity to earn a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) degree from KCU.


The fully online degree is innovative, interactive, and designed for the working nurse to complete in 18 months. Much like the KCU pre-licensure program, the RN-BSN track seeks to instill the knowledge, Biblical understanding, and compassion necessary to prepare baccalaureate level nurses with a heart for ministry on a local and national level.

The program of study is designed in manageable modules utilizing the most up-to-date online teaching and learning strategies. The curriculum focuses on improving clinical

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judgment skills, enhancing communication with the patient, family, and inter-professional team, coordination of patient care, and building leadership skills encouraging nurses to act as formal and informal leaders within their profession.

The online courses will combine lecture with self-directed modules, discussion forums, blogs, student-developed presentations, podcasts, and various other tools to disseminate course content and evaluate student learning.

The desire of the Yancey School of Nursing faculty is for the RN-BSN students to feel as much a part of the KCU campus community as on-campus students and will incorporate learning activities such as simulation and video from on-campus classroom activities into the online courses. Delivery of the course content will be enhanced by the expertise of an instructional design specialist and technology support will be readily available for students. 



- ▶ RN-BSN TRACK
- ▶ MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION

Graduate School Launches Master of Arts in Religion Degree

by Dr. David Fiensy, Dean, KCU Graduate School

The KCU Graduate School of Bible and Ministry is pleased to announce a new venture into online graduate education. Beginning in 2013 we will offer the Masters of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.). This new degree will differ from the others in several ways:

- This degree is a generalist degree offering students exposure to a wide variety of classes and disciplines including Bible, ministry, archaeology, history, and theology.
- The M.A.R. will be taught entirely online. There will be no need to travel to the KCU campus to take any of the classes.
- Sessions will be conducted in cohorts; a group of students that starts and ends a degree program together. Each cohort will be capped at 15 students.
- There will be no electives or decisions about which major or class to take. Every class is prescribed.

Classes include:

Introduction to Research (3 hour class)

Ministerial Classes (9 hours)

- The Minister as Pastoral Care Leader
- Christian Education in the Local Congregation
- Contemporary Preaching

Biblical Studies (15 hours)

- 1 Corinthians
- New Testament World
- Gospel of Mark
- Archaeology and Biblical Interpretation
- Old Testament Theology

Theology (9 hours)


- Theology of C.S. Lewis
- Systematic Theology
- Apologetics



The M.A.R. is being offered with the same high quality and standards students have come to expect from the KCU Graduate School and will offer greater

flexibility and convenience for those who work long hours in ministries/jobs in the U.S. or live overseas and cannot make trips to our campus. To see the M.A.R. class schedule go to www.kcu.edu/graduate/new-programs. Space is limited; so, apply early.

In addition to the online M.A.R. degree, the Graduate School of Bible and Ministry also offers two other Master of Arts degrees: the M.A. in Christian Leadership and the M.A. in Biblical Studies. Each of these degrees allows for separate emphases or majors. The M.A. in Biblical Studies offers emphases in New Testament, Old Testament, and Biblical Backgrounds and the M.A. in Christian Leadership allows for Preaching, Theological Studies, Leadership Studies, Pastoral Care, and Christian Ministry. Both of these degrees encourage students to specialize in one area and require at least some time spent on the KCU campus.

To obtain information about any of KCU's Graduate School programs contact Jane Shick at jshick@kcu.edu. 

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KCU INDUCTS FIRST MEMBERS INTO TAK

On May 2, 2012 the Sack School of Bible and Ministry inducted six inaugural members into Theta Alpha Kappa (TAK), a national honor society recognizing academic achievements of religion and theology students.

In 1976, Professor Albert Clark established TAK at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. TAK has grown to more than two hundred chapters nationally in four-year educational institutions ranging from small church-related colleges to large public research institutions. It is the only national honor society dedicated to recognizing academic excellence in baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate students and in scholars in the fields of Religious Studies and Theology. Induction requires nomination by a local chapter and, to be eligible, students must have a 3.5 GPA in Religious Studies and/or Theology and a 3.0 GPA overall. Residency, class ranking, and unit requirements must also be met.

2012 inductees are: Scott Durbin, M.A. in Biblical Studies; Bethany Killian, History/Archaeology/Biblical Studies; Elisa McCaleb, Biblical Studies/Counseling Psychology; Todd Ransom, Advanced Biblical Studies; Jessica Ritter, Advanced Biblical Studies; Spencer Walters, Biblical Studies. 

KEERAN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AFFIRMED BY THE STATE


The state of Kentucky, through the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), approves all teacher education programs in the state. Programs are evaluated according to the National Association of Colleges of Teacher Education's standards, which guide teacher education programs toward proficiency in six areas: candidate knowledge, skills, and

professional dispositions; assessment system and unit evaluation; field experiences and clinical practice; diversity; faculty qualifications, performance, and development; and unit governance and resources.



During the Spring semester, the EPSB reviewed KCU's Keeran School of Education. The process

culminated on April 15, when the EPSB's Board of Examiners convened on campus to evaluate KCU's teacher education program. The team was on campus for three days reading reports, visiting with students, faculty, staff and administration, and visiting area schools. They were very complimentary of our students, our KCU family, and the area schools in which our students serve and teach. We are happy to announce that all six standards have been met.


EPSB requires annual reports and then accreditation visits which occur every 7-8 years. There is much preparation for each report and the onsite visits. Each program is required to prove its ability to produce qualified teachers. There are always areas where improvements can be made and we will always be working to make this program even better. We are proud of our students and their dedication to be qualified Christian teachers. 

KENTUCKY POET LAUREATE VISITS KCU CAMPUS



Kentucky Christian University welcomed Dr. Maureen Morehead, 2012 Poet Laureate of Kentucky to Young Library. Members of the Grayson community, KCU students, faculty and staff were in attendance to hear Dr. Morehead recite selections from some of her personal works of poetry.

Being named Poet Laureate of Kentucky is a very high achievement. Poets around Kentucky are nominated for the honor by members of the public. To be eligible, the nominees must be a resident of Kentucky and their works must reflect the history and culture of the state in some way. There have been just 24 Poet Laureates in Kentucky, each serving a two-year term.

Maureen Morehead graduated from Western Kentucky University and then received her Masters and Ph.D in English from the University of Louisville. She taught English for 30 years in Jefferson County Schools until her retirement. She is currently on the poetry faculty at Spalding University, where she continues to write and publish. 

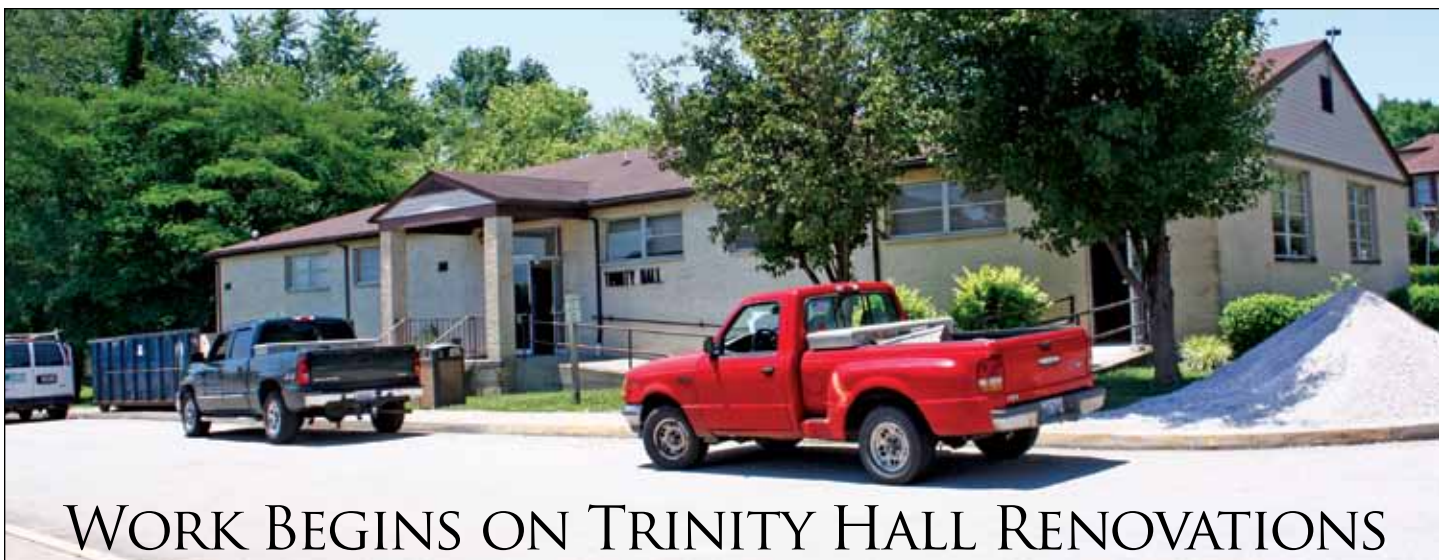


High School Juniors and Seniors...

You can experience a slice of college life at **KCU Sneak Preview!** This unique event is designed to provide you with an opportunity to attend classes, tour the campus, experience student life and much more! The next **KCU Sneak Preview** is scheduled for **November 5-6, 2012**. Call the Admissions Office at 800-522-3181 or visit www.kcu.edu to register or receive more information.




November 5-6, 2012



WORK BEGINS ON TRINITY HALL RENOVATIONS

In preparation for KCU's new Biology/Pre-Professional program, renovations have begun on Trinity Hall (former library, teacher education, and nursing building). Renovations include a reconfiguration of interior space, new restrooms, exterior windows and doors, roof, and HVAC. The remodeled building will become the home of new classroom, office, and laboratory space.

Building renovations and initial funding for faculty and staff is provided through a grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville, KY. Students with career tracks in Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine are being enrolled in the Biology/Pre-Professional program in the fall of 2012. 




Mr. Bob Young, son of Dr. L. Palmer and Elva Young addresses those gathered for the Welcome Center Dedication



Members of the Young family attending dedication ceremony

ELVA YOUNG WELCOME CENTER DEDICATED

On February 21, 2012 KCU students, faculty, staff and other guests gathered in the lobby of Lusby Center to celebrate the dedication of the Elva Young Welcome Center. President Metcalf's opening remarks were followed by the unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. Young and a dedication plaque. Bob Young, son of Palmer and Elva expressed thanks on behalf of the Young family and shared heartwarming memories of his beloved mother.

Located in the area of the Lusby Center lobby previously containing the "fish bowl", the Elva Young Welcome Center includes new furnishings and a plasma TV screen presenting a warm, inviting, and informative area for campus guests. Mrs. Young was KCU's third first lady and gave so much of herself in support of the University. 



KCU ALUM TO LEAD AUDIO TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM & RECORDING STUDIO

by Larry Monroe, Vice President of University Advancement



When KCU prays that God will send us men or women to fill a staffing need, He very often far exceeds our mortal expectations. Such was the case when KCU Alum Steve Hoffman applied for the sound production position at the University. Steve's story is remarkable and reminds us that God is often "upstream" from us, working to bring about a chain of events resulting in blessings beyond our wildest expectations.

Growing up in Ashland, KY, Steve and his family attended Old Orchard Christian Church. The minister at the time was KCU alum Art Marcum ('62) and the choir director was KCU alumna and Music Professor LaVern Karns ('54). Both had a huge influence on Steve's life and were instrumental in his decision to enroll as a student at KCU.

Steve played the guitar growing up and while at KCU he found many opportunities to use his talents in ministry. He was a part of a traveling singing group of five singers and two instrumentalists that was the forerunner of Destiny. He played bass guitar for the Watchmen Quartet and for nearly 15 years was a part of Operation Evangelize as their studio engineer. Steve also did sound for Summer In The Son for over 15 years. Soon it became apparent to him and those around him that sound engineering would become Steve's career niche and what would catapult his future in directions even he could not imagine.

As his skills as a sound tech developed, so did Steve's reputation. He was working with well known groups in Christian and country music, both in the recording studio and on the road. He did studio sessions

for Exile, Steven Curtis Chapman, First Call, and band members from Barbara Mandrell's band, Alabama, Whiteheart and many more. He has travelled the road doing live sound for a long list of artists such as Highway 101, Mark Lowery, Rich Mullins and John Conlee, just to name a few. He traveled for eight years for the country band Exile as their tour manager and sound technician.

Through it all, Steve had an aching in his heart to be working somewhere in the Lord's church, using his skills for Kingdom work. He recalls a specific conversation that took place in the late 90's with then KCU President, Keith Keeran. "I recall just casually talking to Dr. Keeran one day about the possibilities of me doing something at KCU, but opportunities just never developed. So, I just kept praying through the years that God would open a door."

In the fall of 2011 Steve received a text message from KCU Adjunct Faculty member Clancey Hatfield that simply said, "Call me." Not long after this, Jeff Greene, KCU Director of Alumni and Church Relations was at Bridges Christian Church in Russell, KY where Steve and his family attend. Jeff mentioned an open position at KCU and encouraged Steve to apply. "I thought," recalls Steve, "okay God, what are you trying to tell me here? Could this be it? Could this be what you want me to do at this time of my life?" Steve inquired about the opening at KCU and when he learned about the University's plans to add a recording studio to facilitate a new sound recording program, he was hooked!

Among his many duties as General Manager/Producer for the KCU School of Music, Steve will teach Audio Technology as an Adjunct Instructor, something he has been doing at Ohio University, Southern Campus (Ironton, OH) for the past 10 years.

And so, KCU welcomes home one of her own. The journey that brought him to us is amazing, but in some ways it is almost as if he never left. Steve Hoffman is a fantastic addition to the School of Music. His skills and abilities, his experiences and knowledge have all prepared him well for his new assignment. When asked if he thinks he will ever miss the travel, the lights and the road, Steve smiles and replies, "I am so happy doing what I am doing at KCU. And hey, my folks now breathe a sigh of relief because in their minds I finally have a 'real' job!" 🏠

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ATHLETICS


by Bruce Dixon, KCU Athletic Director

KCU TO ADD CHEERLEADING

Kentucky Christian University will sponsor a cheerleading squad for the 2012-13 school year. While KCU has had cheerleading squads in years past, this new edition will have a much different slant. It will be geared ultimately toward a competition team.

Former KCU cheerleader and current athletic trainer, Lauren (Hall) Curley has been hired to develop a team that will provide sideline support for both football and basketball, and ultimately pit their skills against other college squads in their own sanctioned competitions.

Coach Curley is a former national champion at Greenup County High School and was an alternate member to a title at Morehead State University. Both are tradition rich programs at their respective levels and have provided Curley with a wealth of cheerleading experience.

Please email Coach Curley (lcurely@kcu.edu) for further details. 



LADY KNIGHTS WIN SIXTH CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL TITLE; 15TH OVERALL


The Lady Knights entered the 2011-12 season in a very familiar position; they were the defending national champions (5-time consecutive) and had considerable experience returning to the team. This fact was not lost on the NCCAA women's basketball coaches as they voted KCU #1 in the pre-season poll.

As the season began, it was apparent their predictions for Kentucky Christian were spot-on. The Lady Knights ran off 20 consecutive victories to begin the season and established a new record for the program. Their first loss didn't occur until the end of January.

As the team approached the end of the regular season, it was clear that an opponent had to provide an exceptional effort in order to compete with KCU. In what can only be described as one of Coach Arnett's most talented teams, the Lady Knights positioned themselves for their tournament run.

In typical fashion, the Lady Knights ran rough-shod through the NCCAA Mideast region tournament. The women from Kentucky Christian defeated Free Will Baptist Bible College and Ohio Christian University by an average of 44 points and were poised to add title #15.

KCU opened national tournament play with a convincing 42-point win over the #8 seeded Grace University Royals (Omaha, NE). Clearwater Christian College (FL) next stood in the path of Kentucky Christian's bid for a sixth straight national championship and the Lady Knights would not be denied. A 72-54 victory sent the team to the national championship game.

A familiar foe awaited KCU as Maranatha Baptist Bible College (Watertown, WI) and their long-time coach Clayton Morrison stood in KCU's path. Following a tight first half, the Lady Knights pulled away for a 61-41 win and their sixth consecutive national championship. 





RON ARNETT INDUCTED INTO NCCAA HALL OF FAME

Long-time Lady Knights women's basketball coach, Ron Arnett, has been at the fore-front of his sport for over twenty years. He is the winningest coach (regardless of sport) in the storied history of Kentucky Christian University athletics and has accumulated numerous awards over the years. But now, he has officially joined the truly elite in coaching as Coach Arnett has been named to the NCCAA Hall of Fame.

Ron was honored during an awards dinner at the NCCAA National Convention on June 2 in Greenville, SC. He joins his long time friend and fellow coaching legend, Dick Damron, as the only two KCU recipients of this ultimate honor.

Arnett's on-the-court accomplishments are staggering, Wooden-esque in stature. His 21 years at the Lady Knights helm has produced the following:

Overall Record: 557-180 (1991-92: 1st season)
14 national titles / Last 6 consecutive
7X national coach of the year
25 1st Team All-Americans
24 Scholar Athletes
21 Consecutive National Tournament appearances

"Ron has been the model of excellence and consistency as a coach," said KCU Athletic Director and long time friend, Bruce Dixon, "but it has been his steadfast determination to have a Christ-centered, successful program that elevates him to the platform of all-time greats. I am absolutely thrilled for him." Congratulations Coach Arnett! †

JEREMY MILLER APPOINTED MEN'S SOCCER COACH



The Kentucky Christian University athletic department is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeremy Miller as the school's new men's soccer coach. A 2007 graduate of Cincinnati Christian University, Miller comes to KCU with college level coaching and recruiting experience.

While Jeremy fits the many needs of a head college coach, another facet to this hiring is his emphasis in the area of ministry/missions. He has led no fewer than ten mission trips, both in the US and abroad.

Miller also bears a striking resemblance to KCU women's soccer coach, Joshua Miller. As Joshua's twin brother, Jeremy had a full working appreciation of the role and mission of KCU's athletic department. Welcome Jeremy to the KCU family. †



WILLIS JOHNSON NAMED CROSS COUNTRY COACH

Veteran high school cross country and assistant KCU coach, Willis Johnson, has taken the helm of the Knights and Lady Knights cross country program. Johnson joined the staff in the 2004 season and has served the program since that time.

Coach Johnson will begin his first season leading the cross country program in the Fall of 2012 and plans to build on the foundation that is in place. KCU athletic director, Bruce Dixon commented, "Willis knows this program so well and we are pleased that it is in such capable hands. I am very happy to have this level of experience in our program and the future appears bright for KCU cross country." †

RETIREMENTS

The athletic department of Kentucky Christian University would like to thank former head coaches Darrell Coates (Cross Country) and David Messer (Men's Soccer) for their many years of service. They led their programs with the utmost pride and integrity. The service to their athletes will leave a legacy that has no end. †



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NEWS & EVENTS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS



Kimberly Cox/Worship Leader

Attention all alumni! If you have not yet attended a Fall Homecoming, this is the year to do so. Make plans now to take part in the exciting event, October 19-20. The featured alumni throughout the weekend are: Speaker Bruce Templeton ('77), Comedian John Branyan ('94), Worship Leader Kimberly (Monroe) Cox ('06) and the The Watchmen, which include alumni Aaron Roberts ('94), Scott Roberts ('87), Keith Shimfessel ('79) and Gary Thompson ('79).

Several of the University's schools will be hosting a brunch on Saturday morning. Join your former

classmates and the current students to socialize and get to know the future leaders in your profession.

The tailgate party will have some extra excitement this year with inflatables and a dunk tank, so bring your children to join in the fun. Proceeds from the dunk tank will support the Alumni Legacy Scholarship and Active Water, mission of alumnus Daren Wendell ('03). Learn more about Daren's story on page 21.

Full registration information and more details to come in your inbox and mailbox in August! 📧

John Branyan/Comedian



Bruce Templeton/Banquet Speaker

The Watchmen/Banquet Special Music



2010's

Whitney Hays ('10) lives in Lexington, KY. Whitney is pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Science at the University of Kentucky. whitters_88@hotmail.com.

Josh ('11) and **Amber (Puckett)** ('12) **Hazard** were married on June 4, 2012. Josh graduated in May 2012 with a Master of Science Degree in Sport Management from West Virginia University. Amber is the Children's Minister at Centerpointe Christian Church in Lexington, KY.

2000's

Julie (Bennett) ('05) and **Chris Gullett** were married June 16, 2012. Julie is a second grade teacher at Russell (KY) Primary School. She will conclude a second Master's degree in December 2012. scrappin_queen@yahoo.com.

Brandon ('06) and **Megan (Russell)** ('05) **Hatfield** live in Charleston, IL where Brandon is the Director of Discipleship at Salisbury Church. mnhatfield@hotmail.com.

William ('07) and **Sarah (Pulliam)** ('99) **Jenkins** live in Taylorsville, KY. William is a Program Advisor for The College Network and Sarah is obtaining her Master's in Occupational Therapy at Spalding University. They have two children Kason (12) and Abigail (10). kasonabby@yahoo.com.

Travis ('01) and **Emilie (Dunham)** ('02) **Jones** live in Chambersburg, PA. Travis is a minister at Cornerstone Church of Christ and Emilie is a homemaker. They have two children, Melilla (7) and Lydia (4 months). travis@cornerstonechambersburg.com

and emiliejones@inbox.com.

Tiffany (Lindeman) ('09) and **Garrett Kitchen** live in Grayson, KY. They have two children, Landon (2) and Izak (11 months).

Jessica (Lynn) ('08) and **Allen Robinson** live in Mechanicsville, VA. Jessica is a third grade teacher in King William County. She will graduate with a M. Ed. in Educational Technology from James Madison University in July 2012. jessicaerinlynn@yahoo.com.

Bryan ('06) and **Hannah (Herrold)** ('05) **Shelley** live in Bettendorf, IA. Bryan is a youth minister and Hannah is a math teacher for Davenport Community Schools. They have two children, Adelyn Mae (2) and Logan Patrick (1 month). Hannahshelley222@gmail.com.

Jon ('01) and **Laura (Lehman)** ('02) **Smith** live in Plainfield, IN. Jon is the Children's Pastor at East 91st Street Christian Church and graduated with a Masters in Family Ministry and Leadership from CCU. Jon is also the founder of a children's ministry website, www.minister2kids.com. Laura is a first grade teacher. They have two children, Hannah (8) and Hilary (6). jon@minister2kids.com and laura@minister2kids.com.

Daren ('03) and **Danielle Wendell** live in Portage, MI. Daren is the Executive Director of ActiveWater. daren@activewater.org.

Erin Whitacre ('05) lives in Bluff City, TN. Erin is a music teacher at Sullins Academy. erinsherree@gmail.com.

Catherine (Moran) ('09) and **Brian Yates** live in West Carrollton, OH. Catherine is a Registered Nurse at Kettering Memorial Hospital. catherinemoran134@gmail.com.



Thursday, October 18

6:00 pm **25th Reunion for the Class of 1987**

Friday, October 19

11:00 am **Chapel Service**

Speaker: Bruce Templeton ('77)
Worship: Kimberly (Monroe) Cox ('06)
assisted by various alumni

12:00 pm **Class of 1982- 30 Year Reunion**

6:00 pm **Homecoming Banquet**

Speaker: Bruce Templeton ('77)
Music: The Watchmen

6:00 pm **Your Knight** for High School Students

Calling all high school students. The KCU Admissions Office is planning something just for you while your parents are attending the Homecoming Banquet. Join us for a night of live music, food, and much more. You won't want to miss the tailgate party on Saturday. More details to come.

8:30 pm **Evening Event**

Comedian: John Branyan ('94)

9:30 pm **Homecoming Bonfire**

KCU Bookstore Hours: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 20

10:00 am **3rd Annual "Knight-Rider" Motorcycle Ride**

10:00 am **School Brunches**

- Sack School of Bible and Ministry
- School of Arts & Sciences-History Dept.
- School of Business
- School of Social Work and Human Services
- Yancey School of Nursing

11:00 am **Lady Knights Alumni Basketball Game**

11:30 am **Tailgate Party:** Inflatables and Dunk Tank
Food provided by Alumni Office

1:30 pm **KCU Football vs. Union College**
Crowning of Fall Homecoming Queen

KCU Bookstore Hours: 9:00 am to approximately 4:30 pm

Contact the Alumni Office, (606) 474-3184 or alumni@kcu.edu, if you are interested in organizing a Class/Group Reunion.

1990's

David ('93) and **Mary (Manges)** ('98) **Bondurant** live in Galena, OH. David is a Small Group/ Young Adult Minister and Mary is a eighth Grade Math Teacher at Ohio Virtual Academy. They have two children, Cara (6) and Isaac (19 months). dbondurant@columbus.rr.com and mbondurant@columbus.rr.com. **Sarah (Troyer)** ('99) and **Shawn DeCota** live in Rochester, NH. Sarah is a Zumba Instructor for the YMCA. They have two children, Xander Rush (5) and Phoenix EllaRayne (3). sarah31677@gmail.com.

Leslie (Arnold) ('98) and **Eric Menix** have three children, Grant (4), Haley (2) and Drew (1). **Mary (Steinman) Morris** ('99) lives in Port Angeles, WA. Mary is retired and volunteering for the Port Angeles Senior Center with SHEBA. mmorris47@hotmail.com.

James "Jim" ('93) and **Emma Petty** live in Evansville, IN. Jim earned his Doctor of Divinity Degree in February 2011 and is currently the Registrar with Master's International School of Divinity. drjim211@yahoo.com.

Corrie (Liverett) ('96) and **Brent Schneider** live in Canton, OH. Corrie is a first

grade teacher for Marlinton Local Schools. They have two children, Ryan (3) and Daniel (16 months). bcschneider@sbcglobal.net.

Al ('92) and **Patty** ('90) **Serhal** live in Fortson, GA where Al serves as the Senior Minister at Northside Christian Church. Patty is the Assistant to the VP of Administration/CFO at Point University. apserhal@juno.com. **Bryan** ('97) and **Wendy (Steh)** ('98) **Springvloed** live in Marion, IL. Bryan is the Vice President of Operations at Pepsi MidAmerica and Wendy is a first grade teacher. They have three children, Eli (6), Lela Kate (3) and Chapman (1). bryanspringvloed@msn.com.

1980's

Lisa (Waldridge) ('88) and **Steve Hardin** live in Greenwood, IN. Lisa is a consultant. They have three children, Victoria (11), Jacqueline (10) and Nathaniel (7). lisaghardin@yahoo.com.

Barbara King ('86) graduated in May 2012 with an Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry from Ozark Christian College. She works with a dressmaking ministry to North Haiti Christian Mission and with Quilter's Anonymous. Barbara was also named as National



Welcome To The Family

Jared ('00) and **Amanda (Munz)** ('00) **Ferguson**, a daughter, Aria, November 10, 2011.

Amy (Girton) ('07) and **Koli Gorenca**, a son, Adem Michael, April 10, 2012.

Rob ('08) and **Robyn (Ragsdale)** ('05) **Lansdale**, a daughter, Emma Claire, March 15, 2012.

Micah ('08) and **Rebecca (Neltner)** ('08) **Mead**, a daughter, Zoey Lynn, November 15, 2011.

Herbert ('01) and **Aimee (Blair)** ('00) **Miller**, a daughter, Savannah Irene, January 28, 2012.

Ashley ('05) **(Callahan)** and **Curtis Mullins**, a daughter, Isabelle Jane, May 22, 2012.

Donnie ('94) and **Davette Swiney**, a daughter, Jade Audrina, October 3, 2011.

Tim ('03) and **Lori (Reed)** ('04) **Wells**, a daughter, Molly Kate, March 16, 2011.

Seth and **Candace (Hart)** ('05) **Whitney**, a daughter Charlotte Kay, March 24, 2012.

Association of Professional Women VIP Woman of the Year.

1970's

Kathy (McIlwain) Bennett (attd '75-'76) retired in May 2012 from 16 years as a substitute teacher in the Russell (KY) Independent School System. She continues as Director of Preschool Ministries at Bridges Christian Church.

Sally (Wolfel) Blatt ('73) retired in January 2012 from Ohio State University. Sally currently works part-time at Beechwold

Christian Church and volunteers at Worthington Christian Village. **Robert** ('71) and **Claudia (Young)** ('71) **Jones** live in Waynesville, OH. Robert is a minister at Waynesville First Church of Christ. robert1jones7@woh.rr.com and cj5474@woh.rr.com.

1960's

Tony ('65) and **Neoma Reed** live in Princeton, WV. In December 2011 Tony retired from Maple View Church of Christ in Bluefield, WV after serving as Senior Minister for 41 years.



Lauren Witkowski, Alesha Furnish, Todd Ransom, Samantha Ransom, Vicky Madden, Bethany Killian, Danny Stewart

The 1919 Society, a newly implemented senior class giving program, was created to recognize the heritage of the year our institution was established, 1919.

Each school year the Society will fund a gift for a special project in a publicly used building on campus. Seniors may give their \$19.19 donation in honor of, or in memory of, a KCU faculty or staff member.

This year the Society raised \$454, which will go toward the purchase of equipment for the McKenzie Student Life Center. At left are a few members of the inaugural class of the 1919 Society.



ALUM RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS RECOGNITION



Dr. James M. Owston ('77) was accepted as a member into Mensa International in February 2012. Membership into this international high intelligence society is based upon scoring within the 98th percentile on a qualifying exam. Owston is the Dean of Distance Learning at Mountain State University, Beckley, WV.



KCU ALUMNI WIN ACF COLLEGE GOLF CHALLENGE

Each summer the Alexander Christian Foundation (ACF) of Greenfield, IN sponsors a golf tournament to raise funds for scholarships for students pursuing ministry by attending one of our Christian colleges. KCU was proud to be a supporter of this year's tournament by sending a foursome consisting of alumni and by sponsoring a hole. Pictured left to right are the 2012 College Golf Challenge 1st place winners: Brian Cook ('03), Jon Smith ('01), Dennis Spears ('02) and Brandon Mayo ('99).

In Loving Memory

David K. Axsom ('73)	March 20, 2012
Kevin Birchfield (Attd '92- '93)	May 13, 2012
Ralph Byers ('51)	January 18, 2012
Dr. Gene Louis Colborn ('57)	March 14, 2012
Dorma Finch ('81)	December 21, 2011
Lonnie Pacheco ('55)	May 11, 2012
Bob Wright ('70)	March 8, 2012



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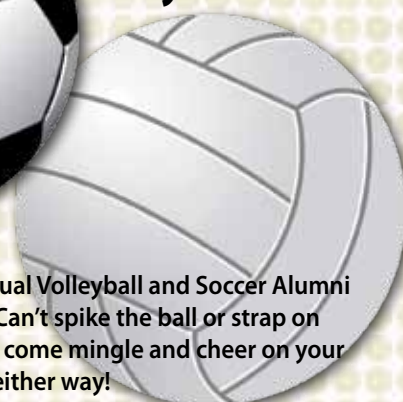


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YOUNG ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE

by Jeff Greene, Director of Alumni & Church Relations

With family and friends cheering him on, KCU alum Daren Wendell ('03) stepped into the cold water of Lake Michigan at Grand Beach on Friday morning, August 6, 2011. His destination - the Navy Pier in Chicago, a 42 mile swim that would take an estimated 30 hours to complete. It was a challenge of a lifetime. Why would anyone put themselves through such physical and mental torture?



Daren Wendell ('03)
Youth & Family Ministries Degree

At the age of 27, Daren made it his mission to raise awareness and funds for people around the planet without clean drinking water. In 2005, he embarked on a 74 day, 4,400 mile bike ride from Oregon to Virginia Beach. During this trip, Daren realized that the sense of adventure he was feeling could not be replaced by any other commonplace thing in his life. Somehow, against all human nature, despite exhaustion, sweating, missed reality TV shows and discomfort of a tent, sacrifice actually felt good. But in spite of this revelation, something essential was still missing.

Daren was living his dream, soaking in the earth's splendor, and was more physically fit and disciplined than he'd ever been... but he was doing it all without purpose. Looking back on past mission experiences in Haiti and Mexico he recalled what real "life to the fullest" was all about; living for others. He soon realized there was more to achieve, more to feel, more to love and a desire stirred within him to use his experiences for others in the world, rather than for his own enjoyment.

After research and prayer, Daren decided to do the unthinkable; sell everything he owned, pay off all of his debt, leave a wonderful career

and kick off an 18,000 mile walk around the world for clean water. The trip included 3,400 miles from southern California to Maine




Daren swims Lake Michigan

and Canada and 2,176 miles of the Appalachian Trail. After the completion of the first leg of this journey, The Earth Expedition was born. So far three other men have also contributed to the 18,000 mile journey.

Daren explains that, "The Earth Expedition is a peaceful revolution for social justice – a literal walk by a variety of people around the world to be a voice for the people of Africa. It's an athletic campaign for ActiveWater that has evolved into something much bigger than the original vision years ago. People run or walk the streets in great numbers for cancer, MS, diabetes, etc. I say let's walk the world for water, and tell everyone that there is absolutely no need for 6,000 people in Africa to die each day because they lack clean water. It's just not acceptable."

It took Daren 36 hours and 50.6 miles to swim Lake Michigan. He swam non-stop through five foot waves and wind without once touching a boat. Following the swim as he lay in a Chicago hospital where he was treated for hypoglycemia, hypothermia and dehydration, he focused on people in Zambia, Africa without clean water and on the two wells the \$13,000 he had raised would provide!

Daren Wendell is the founder of The Earth Expedition and co-founder and Executive Director of ActiveWater. For more information about ActiveWater visit their website at www.activewater.org. 

"I say let's walk the world for water, and tell everyone that there is absolutely no need for 6,000 people in Africa to die each day because they lack clean water."

ONE FAMILY'S AMAZING LEGACY

"There are a total of 17 KCU Alumni in the Whitacre Family and of their six children, five attended KCU."

by Larry Monroe, Vice President of University Advancement

While working the KCU booth at the Missionary Convention in October of 2011, I visited with an alum who had recently lost her husband, who was also an alum. She expressed a desire to provide a gift to the University from her husband's life insurance proceeds.



Whitacre Family in 1959

Deeply touched, I had a desire to learn more about her, her husband and her family. Her name is Kathy (Whitacre) Girton ('76) and the inspiring story she shared with me brought tears to my eyes. With her consent, I am pleased to share Kathy's story.

It was 1955 when Kathy Girton's parents, Fred ('59) and Marge (attd '55-'59) Whitacre, answered the Lord's calling into the preaching ministry. They sold their home, left the family farm in Indiana, and with three children in tow headed for a small Christian college in Eastern Kentucky. While a student at KCU (KCC) Fred ministered to the East Side Church of Christ in Grayson and the South Portsmouth (OH) Church of Christ.

After graduating in 1959, Fred began a preaching ministry spanning 50 years to churches in West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Kentucky and Indiana. After retirement Fred served in interim ministries and occasionally filled the pulpit at their home church in Russiaville, IN. Fred and Marge and their commitment to Christian service had a tremendous impact on their family. There are a total of 17 KCU alumni in the Whitacre family and of their six children, five attended KCU.

In the early 70's Kathy was a student at KCU. One day a young man arrived on campus by the name of Mike Girton ('76). Mike graduated high school with plans for a construction or law enforcement career. One night he attended an Operation Evangelize program which



Mike and Kathy Girton

included the Watchmen Quartet. As a result of the message that night, Mike felt God's calling for Christian service upon his heart and later committed to attending KCU for just one year.

As often happens at college, young people meet other young people and sometimes fall in

love. Mike and Kathy met, fell head over heels for each other and were married in 1974. While a student at KCU Mike began a student ministry near Flemingsburg, KY and also served in Pomeroy, OH until his graduation.



Mike Girton Preaching in Dominican Republic

Following ministries at Open Door Christian Ministries in Creswell, NC, Newark, OH, and Open Arms Christian Ministry in Switz, IN, the Girton's entered the mission field in the West Indies and the Dominican Republic where Mike helped establish multiple churches. While overseas Mike began to develop serious health problems. He endured triple by-pass surgery and contracted Dengue Fever at least three times; something physicians later suspected may have contributed to his non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver.

On August 27, 2011 while awaiting a liver transplant, after 37 years of marriage and ministry, Mike Girton passed away. Unbelievably, three weeks after Mike's funeral, Kathy lost her dad.

With tears in her eyes, Kathy shared, "While it saddens me deeply that neither Mike nor Dad are still with us, it makes me so proud to be able to share a gift in their honor and memory with the school they both loved so much. God bless the work of KCU."

Kathy and her family have chosen to use their gift to establish a scholarship fund for KCU students who are preacher's kids, missionary kids and/or married students. Through the years, countless students have attended KCU and churches have been influenced to financially support the university as a result of this devoted KCU family.



Whitacre's 60th Anniversary

The Whitacre legacy includes family members serving in:

Pulpit Ministry - 2 sons, 1 son-in-law;
Missions - 1 daughter and son-in-law;
Children's Ministry - 1 daughter-in-law and 1 grandson-in-law;
Music Ministry - 1 daughter and 1 granddaughter;
Christian Education - 1 granddaughter;
Christian Counseling - 1 daughter and 1 grandson.
 Others are elders, church secretaries, mission team leaders, social workers, etc. 



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Grandparent's Day September 13, 2012

Bruce Carnahan is the artist and creator of **12 Stages of Life**. He has developed an inspirational and motivational speech that is both entertaining and sobering and applies to all ages. Projecting and displaying his drawings, he details the subtle messages and connections that weave throughout the series. There's plenty of laughter along with thought provoking challenges to pursue the quality of life we were created to achieve.

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