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a \$1.75M Campaign in Support of KCU Students

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President Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.

MOVING FORWARD

It is not uncommon during the course of conversations with friends to hear some variation of, "I could never have a job that requires me to ask people for money!" The implication is that somehow asking people for financial support is a dreaded prospect, and that I must be crazy to actually enjoy the fund-raising portion of my responsibilities as president of Kentucky Christian University.

While I, admittedly, find raising money progressively more difficult as the tentacles of the prolonged economic downturn continue to reach ever more menacingly into the lives of the families and churches who serve as KCU's primary supporters, fund raising is a terrific opportunity to engage with others who care deeply about the educational ministry of KCU. It is a unique and privileged experience to be a party to a decision by others to bless the University, often as an intentional act of gratitude for the blessings which God has poured into the life of the giver. Truly, the necessity to practice generosity is a theme which is woven throughout the fabric of both the Old and New Testaments and it is spiritually uplifting to work with the many, many fine people who choose to support the work of KCU.

The Way Forward

In this issue of *The Voice* you will find information related to our \$1.75M campaign, *The Way Forward*. You will notice a theme as you review information related to *The Way Forward* – students! This relatively modest capital campaign has been strategically designed to provide much needed investment in areas critical to students: technology upgrades to ensure that students are afforded the opportunity to study in a technology-rich environment; facilities upgrades to enhance the living and learning physical environment of KCU; and, scholarships which are desperately needed to make it possible for students and their families to make the choice to study at one of the finest Christian universities in the nation.

This is not a campaign to erect buildings, acquire property, or build endowments; rather, this campaign is intentionally designed to provide direct and immediate benefits to our students. Much work has been occurring behind the scenes in the "silent phase" of the campaign, and we are incredibly excited to now enter the "public phase" having already received gifts and pledges amounting to almost one-half of the \$1.75M total! I hope that you will decide to generously support this important campaign.

Moving Forward in Uncertain Times

As I mentioned previously, the financial environment of the past four years has been increasingly austere, likely the most pervasive and lengthy economic downturn since the Great Depression. So, how has KCU fared? Through the grace of God KCU has maintained fiscal stability. KCU has finished 19 of the last 20 years "in the black" (with the lone exception being 2008, attributable to the collapse of the stock market); has resisted the temptation to acquire unhealthy levels of debt; and has experienced a record number of students in the fall 2011 entering class.

Surely, God has been good to KCU! While the University has certainly not been immune to the negative effects of a weak economy, I am proud to say that the faculty and staff of KCU have done an incredible job of balancing the need to

be fiscally conservative with the drive to enhance the University's mission to *educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and professions throughout the world*. For instance, virtually every unit of the University has eliminated all "non-mandatory" expenses from their budgets; yet, the University continues to move forward with ambitious plans for a pre-professional degree program for students wishing to complete undergraduate preparation in advance of medical, dental, pharmacy, veterinary, physical therapy, or other professional schools (see page 6).

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It is a dedication on the part of the entire faculty and staff to the importance of the KCU mission, and realizing that sacrifice – both personal and professional – is sometimes necessary, that has helped KCU weather this economic storm. I praise God for the opportunity to work with unbelievably talented men and women who have devoted their life's work to raising generations of Christian leaders.

I hope you enjoy catching-up with KCU through this issue of *The Voice*. Thank you for your support of this most exciting and effective educational ministry. 

THE WAY FORWARD

a \$1.75M Campaign in Support of KCU Students

by Larry Monroe, Vice President of University Advancement

The Way Forward is a three-year, \$1.75 million campaign in support of KCU students which began a one year silent phase January 2011. Throughout 2011 the University has been seeking major donors in support of the campaign as well as establishing the levels of support for each member of the Board of Trustees. I am pleased to report that as we now enter the public phase of the campaign, we do so having raised nearly ONE HALF of our campaign goal.

The Way Forward encourages and stands behind the next generation of KCU students in three ways: overcoming financial barriers, upgrading facilities, and, obtaining up-to-date internet services.

Overcome Financial Barriers - Student Scholarships

Even though KCU is a leader among private colleges in our region with regard to affordability, we must do more. Need for student financial aid continues to increase and in order to make scholarships available to more deserving students the funds must be raised. **The Way Forward** provides an additional \$500,000 in student scholarships.

Enhance Student Experience - Upgrades to Facilities

Our facilities must do more than meet basic needs; they must be up-to-date, and inviting. Many of the buildings on our campus have not been renovated for decades. From dorm rooms, to areas of high student activity and traffic like the Lusby Center, the need for upgrading is evident. **The Way Forward** provides \$775,000 for facilities upgrades.

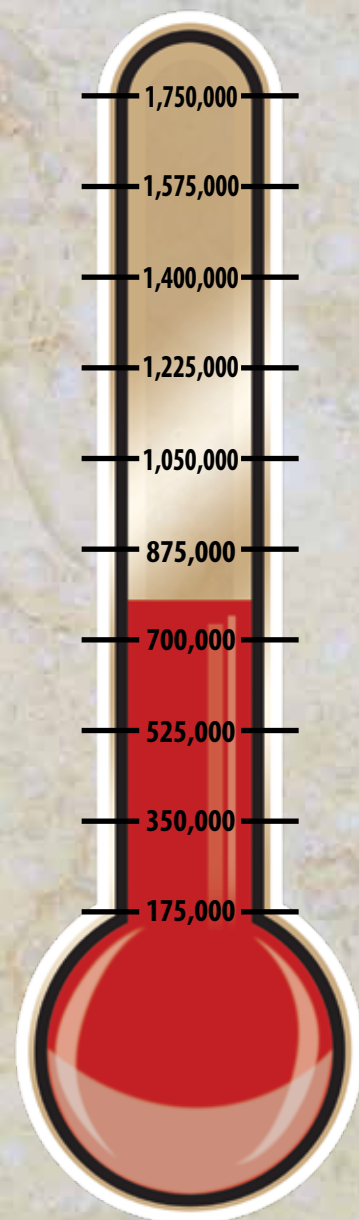
Enhance Learning - Internet Service and Technology Upgrades

On today's university campus there is a never ending demand for Internet technology and access. It's been said that Internet access is as essential as oxygen to today's college student. Maintaining an acceptable level of Internet service to students is costly. **The Way Forward** provides \$475,000 to enhance our level of Internet service to our students.



Watch your mail soon for more information about **The Way Forward** and how you and your church can support this important effort and help KCU accomplish its mission of *educating students for Christian leadership and service in the Church and in professions throughout the world.*

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



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR KCU ALUMNI



Jeff Greene

Director of Alumni
& Church Relations

Luc Aristhene ('99) wrote recently on our Facebook page: "I believe it is time to really get reconnected to my alma mater, the GREAT COMMISSION University! My years at KCU are unforgettable! I am very thankful for the education I got there which has equipped me to serve our Lord better and to minister to our people here in Haiti."

Like Luc there are hundreds of KCU alumni wanting to "get reconnected to their alma mater." As alumni, most of us were dependent on donors whose sacrificial gifts to the University provided us with scholarships. Their contributions helped us through school and launched us into ministries all around the world. Today's students are no different. It is up to all of us to continue the tradition of supporting our school through scholarships. Our new campaign does just that.

This is an excellent opportunity for new alumni donors. If you have never given a gift in support of KCU, now is your chance to make it count. A generous donor has agreed to match all two-year pledges from new alumni donors 100% up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$80,000. Give a new gift to KCU and double it in support of our campaign, **The Way Forward**.

Will you prayerfully consider a three-year commitment? No contribution is too small. By joining our campaign, you will be "reconnecting" with not only your school but with future generations that will impact the world for Christ. 



CHURCH PARTNERSHIP – ESSENTIAL TO OUR FUTURE

by Jeff Greene, Director of Alumni & Church Relations

Wayne Smith offers in his new book, *Treasures from My Basement*, the following illustration. James Brynes, Secretary of State in the Franklin Roosevelt Administration said the following: “Three words make the difference in the work place and in life: *and then some*.”

- *People that do what are expected of them...and then some.*
- *Individuals who are thoughtful and considerate...and then some.*
- *Those who meet their obligations and responsibilities fairly... and then some.*
- *They were good friends...and then some.*
- *People who can be counted on in an emergency...and then some.*

Many of our supporting churches are faithful to the ... *and then some* ... philosophy. Not only are they committed to the University financially, they are also committed to sending us students. As of this writing, 103 of our current students come from 51 Covenant Churches. A Covenant Church commits a minimum of \$2,400 annually. Every student a Covenant Church sends to the University receives a \$2,000 annual scholarship. During our 2011/12 school year we will be awarding just over \$200,000 in Covenant Church Scholarships.

The Way Forward provides an opportunity for all our churches, both big and small, to again show their ...*and then some* ...

philosophy by helping us continue to offer scholarships for our students. By making a three-year commitment to the campaign, churches will help us reach our goal of \$500,000 in student scholarships, making it possible for even more students to afford a KCU education.

We have set aside Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2012, as our Church Commitment Sunday. We can't think of a better day than the day that we celebrate the birth of the Church as our launch date. It was then that the Church came together and “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching”. KCU plays a significant role with our churches by passing on the Lord’s teaching to the next generation. We can’t exist without the support of our churches – through prayers, finances, and students. On May 27 we are asking our supporting churches not only to go beyond their regular gifts to KCU, but to recommit to sending us students and praying on our behalf over the next three years.

Please begin praying about your involvement in **The Way Forward** campaign. Also, continue to share with prospective students the great advantage of a KCU Christian college education. We know that come Pentecost Sunday we will again be amazed at our churches’ response because of their ... *and then some* ... mind-set.

If you have questions about **The Way Forward** campaign, please contact the Church Relations Office at 606/474-3298 or via email at jgreene@kcu.edu. With your help we can continue to make a difference in our world for Christ! 

KCU STUDENTS: TOMORROW'S CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Winnie Brutus ('12)

La Pointe, Haiti

Major: Bible, Counseling
Psychology

Kentucky Christian University has been a place where I have grown beyond imagination and where God has molded me into a person with a compassionate heart. I have gotten to know some wonderful people, some who

have become my closest friends. One person that has impacted my life the most is Dr. Leonard Knight. Through his classes, Dr. Knight (who by the way models what he teaches), has taught me not only how to be an effective and well-prepared counselor, but also how to nonjudgmentally love those different from me as a true Christian leader should.

My future plans include a graduate degree in clinical neuropsychology. I also plan to return to Haiti to help my father with his school and to work on a project that will enable disadvantaged children (and even adults) to go to school. We also would like to build a home for these children and provide food, clothing, medical care, etc. Above all, I want to share the Gospel and the love of Christ with them.

I will leave KCU confident and well prepared, knowing that I have learned from some of the best. 🏰

Andrew Bondurant ('11)

Grayson, Kentucky

Major: Bible and Ministry
(emphasis in Youth and Family
and Christian Leadership)

I did not want to come to KCU. With three sisters who are KCU grads and a father who works there, I wanted to do something different from the rest of my family. But I really wanted to play football

however, and KCU seemed to be my best shot. So, I guess you could say I originally came to KCU to play football. I played my freshman year and loved it but my focus soon became ministry, not football.

While at KCU God has transformed who I am. Two professors played a significant role in this; Dr. Brian Baldwin and Dr. Jim Girdwood. These men have impacted the way I view the world, scripture and who I am as a person. Through my relationship with these professors, as well as my friendship with an incredible group of KCU friends, God has developed my character in unimaginable ways.

I have also had the opportunity to be a part of beginning a student led Bible study simply called "God Talk" and have built some meaningful relationships with fellow students as we study Scripture on a weekly basis. It has been incredible to see God work in my own life and in the lives of other students through the study of His Word. 🏰

Winnie Brutus

Andrew Bondurant



"The chapel is central to campus life at KCU and the time had come for something to be done."



NASH CHAPEL REMODEL & REDEDICATION

by Jeff Greene, Director of Alumni & Church Relations

"This temple was in need of repair." These were among the descriptive words used by President Metcalf as he spoke about the condition of the Nash Chapel auditorium at a rededication ceremony during Fall Homecoming.

A good crowd of alumni and friends assembled in front of Nash Chapel as the newly remodeled and refurnished auditorium was rededicated, and renamed, the Ernie ('62) and Judy Miller Auditorium. Renovations were made possible as a result of a generous gift from the Miller's in support of the University's capital campaign, *The Way Forward*.

Bill Bondurant, Vice President of Business and Finance, who led the task force charged with the remodeling had this to say about the project, "The furniture was in terrible condition and in many areas the carpet was held together with duct tape. Also, lighting was poor and our audio/visual equipment was horribly out of date. The chapel is central to campus life at KCU and the time had come for something to be done. We had a tremendous desire to complete the project in the summer months because we wanted the students to return in the fall to a beautifully remodeled auditorium. Crews worked tirelessly in order to finish by the targeted completion date. It was precious to see the reaction of our students, faculty and staff."

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony attendees experienced an inspiring chapel service with worship music and message brought by KCU alums Jamie Coates ('91) and Todd Bussey ('84) respectively. 🏴



Ernie & Judy Miller and Francis Nash cut ribbon

KCU RECEIVES LARGEST GRANT IN ITS 93 YEAR HISTORY

by Larry Monroe, Vice President of University Advancement

KCU's new Biology/Pre-professional program received a significant boost in the form of a \$1,000,000 project in support of the program. The project is being funded with a \$500,000 grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville, Kentucky, which was matched by an anonymous, private donor. The grant, the largest in the history of KCU, was contingent upon this matching element.

The Biology/Pre-professional program is led by Dr. Mitch Marshall, Associate Vice President of Health Sciences. The project will allow for the renovation of Trinity Hall (former library, teacher education, and nursing building) for classroom, office, and laboratory space, as well as provide additional faculty and staff to support the program. The project also includes the razing of one uninhabitable dorm, Neal Hall, to provide much needed space for student parking.

Dr. Marshall states, "This program has been on the University's strategic plan for several years and I am happy to have the opportunity to provide leadership for it. The standard at KCU to demonstrate academic and professional excellence is set very high as we train nurses, educators, business leaders, ministers, social workers and other professionals. I am excited to work to instill aspirations of excellence in those undergraduate students who want to pursue further study in ultra-competitive professional schools." 



Trinity Hall



Neal Hall

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Prepare for a Career in

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine



Through a Biology/ Pre-Professional Degree at KCU

Kentucky Christian University students are now being admitted into the new Biology/Pre-professional degree program.

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY



STUDENTS PLAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

In May 2012 KCU students will again have an opportunity to experience a life changing event under the leadership of Dr. Ralph Hawkins, KCU Professor of Bible & Archaeological Studies. Dr. Hawkins and a team of students will return to the Jordan region of the Holy Land to participate in an archeological dig at Tall Jalul, a region thought to possibly be the site of Biblical Heshon, the Amorite capital of Sihon against which the Israelites fought in Numbers 21. While in the region the group will have an opportunity for sightseeing at several other Biblical and historical sites. 

KCU NURSING GRADUATES ATTAIN RARE ACHIEVEMENT



Yancey School of Nursing's 2011 graduates have achieved something very few schools of nursing across the country have achieved: a 100% first-time pass rate on the rigorous licensure examination, the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). 

NEW ACADEMIC HIRES



Rob O'Lynn
Asst. Prof. - Bible/Min.



Allison Jackson
Asst. Prof. - Psychology



Dr. Joseph Olson
Assoc. Prof. - Education



Dr. Ken Beck
Dir. of Assessment



Dr. Gail Wise
Professor - Nursing



Stephen Hoffman
Instructor - Audio



Beth Stepp
Dir. - Student Success Ctr.



Carol Brickey
Asst. Professor - Nursing

KCU AND ASHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SIGN AGREEMENT



Presidents Adkins and Metcalf sign articulation agreement

Kentucky Christian University and Ashland Community and Technical College signed a nursing articulation agreement Thursday, December 8, 2011. The agreement applies to ACTC students who are accepted into the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Program at KCU and establishes guidelines for transferring Arts and Science courses from ACTC to the Yancey School of Nursing.

President Jeff Metcalf states that, "KCU is extremely pleased to partner with ACTC in making it as seamless as possible for ACTC graduates to continue their education. ACTC and KCU share a passion for helping meet the educational needs of our community and our programs are complimentary, not competitive. We are natural partners." 



Each year US News and World Report issues its "Best Colleges" rankings, and we are pleased to announce that Kentucky Christian University has been ranked one of the "Best Regional Colleges" in the South!

President Metcalf shares this about the USN&WR ranking, "The faculty and staff of Kentucky Christian University place a tremendous emphasis on infusing quality in all we do. While we know intimately the quality and value of a KCU education, it is nice to receive validation from an external source as widely recognized and trusted as US News and World Report." 

GRANDPARENTS' DAY A SUCCESS

The Second Annual Grandparents' Day was held on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Cooler temperatures and rain prevailed for most of the day, but that couldn't dampen the smiles and hugs that were seen across campus. 95 Grandparents from 10 states, even from as far away as California, visited 56 students on a very special day.

Attendees David and Laura Jean Rittenhouse had this to say about the day: "Thank you for a wonderful day. It could not have been better! We were even met at our car by students with umbrellas. Everywhere we went, folks were friendly. We pray for the special ministry of KCU."

The 2012 date is set for September 13. 

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELVA YOUNG WELCOME CENTER

Who among those who knew Elva Young would not recall with fondness her warm, loving and hospitable nature? It therefore seemed fitting when administrative discussions focused around the need for a new and inviting KCU welcome center that it should be named, The Elva Young Welcome Center, in memory and honor of KCU's third first lady who gave so much of herself in support of the college.



Kimberly Robinette, KCU Manager of Advancement Operations led the task force assigned to the project and had this to say about its importance, "The Elva Young Welcome Center project is an exciting and needed change on KCU's campus. Our task force worked very hard to include within the renovation plans the many activities hosted in Lusby Center and how the lobby area welcome center will function for these events. We believe the re-design will meet these needs providing a warm, welcoming atmosphere

for our campus family and guests and are looking forward to the completion of the project."

The project, which is scheduled to be complete as students return to campus after Christmas break, includes the removal of the old "fish bowl" glass and counter, replacing the floor tile, wall décor and lobby lighting. New furnishings will grace the welcome center, presenting a warm, inviting area for our guests to be greeted and welcomed. 



DANIEL WHITE TO LEAD OUTREACH INITIATIVES



In an effort to support the outreach endeavors of the University and to work toward a more strategic approach with regard to outreach planning and execution, specifically in support of new student recruiting, the Advancement Department of KCU has appointed Daniel White ('08) to the position of Outreach Coordinator.

As a member of the Advancement Team, Daniel will be responsible for Outreach and Camp Team recruiting from among the KCU student body, will have some involvement in team training and will work closely with Jeff Greene, KCU's Director of Alumni and Church Relations, Sheree Greer, KCU's Director of Admissions and the KCU Music Department in the strategic planning of Outreach travel destinations. Daniel will also represent the Advancement Department with regard to planning Destiny travel as well as assist in the coordinating of Concert Choir tours.

To schedule a KCU Outreach, Camp Team or Destiny for an event at your church contact Daniel White at 606-474-3111 or dwhite@kcu.edu. 



KCU ASSISTS CHURCHES WITH THEIR FUNDRAISING

Kentucky Christian University, in tandem with the professionals at Financial Planning Ministry (FPM), partners with Churches and their memberships by offering estate planning seminars. These informative seminars will reveal sound, individual estate planning advice and well as provide fundraising opportunities for churches and other ministry partners.

Some benefits to you and your church?

- **Free:** There is no cost to our supporting churches or their members.

- **Avoid probate:** A revocable living trust effectively avoids probate.
- **Discover more funds for Kingdom work:** The average family will lose \$16,000 to \$60,000 in probate costs. Freeing up these costs creates opportunities for greater Kingdom impact at the local church level and on a broader basis.
- **Meet your needs:** Trusts aren't just for the wealthy - a common myth.
- **Successful results:** FPM has over 11,000 estate plans created and over \$500 million in total planned gifts to ministries such as the local church and other worthy mission organizations. 

To learn more about this opportunity and how a free Living Trust seminar will benefit you and your congregation contact Larry Monroe, Vice President of University Advancement at 606-474-3282 or lmunroe@kcu.edu.

MULTIPLY DONATIONS WITH MATCHING GIFTS

Did you know that with an employer sponsored Matching Gifts Program you can often double or sometimes even triple gifts to KCU?



Matching gifts are not only a great benefit to KCU and an encouragement to the individual donor to give, but these programs also give the sponsoring corporation the opportunity to be good public citizens in supporting worthy organizations like KCU.

Every KCU alum and friend who works for a corporation, commercial enterprise or other secular organization should check with their Human Resource Department to find out if they can take advantage of a Matching Gifts Program. This benefit is also often available to retired employees as well.



A list of companies offering this benefit can be found at the "Give to KCU" section of the KCU website at www.kcu.edu. For assistance completing the necessary matching gift forms provided by your employer contact the KCU Business Office at 606-474-3209.

To the left are a few corporations that have already provided matching gifts to KCU. 

Gifts In Memory of:

Alma Marie Blackburn Beller

By: Lucie Atkerson
M/M Henry Turner

Robert "Bob" Ellenberger

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M/M Phillip Neyhart
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M/M Daniel White
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Crawfordsville, IN
M/M Thomas Etherington
Kathy Girton & Family
M/M H. Randolph McKenzie
Steven Mechling

Gifts in Honor of:

Leo Beller

By: M/M Henry Turner

Designated Scholarship Gifts:

Andrea Damron Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Dr. Dick Damron Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY
First Christian Church,
Olive Hill, KY

Cheryl & Denny Deborde Mission Scholarship

By: Bridges Christian Church,
Russell, KY

John E. Eggleton Scholarship

By: M/M Paul Eggleton

David & Ruth Gray Scholarship

By: Moxham Christian Church,
Johnstown, PA

Dr. Charles Gresham Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Dr. Ard Hoven Scholarship

By: Vicki Hoven

International Scholarship Fund

By: Southeast Christian Church,
Louisville, KY

Frances Kindelberger Scholarship

By: Estate of William & Frances
Kindelberger

Trenton and Ellen Merrick Scholarship

By: Trenton Merrick

Ernie & Judy Miller Ministerial Scholarship

By: M/M William E. Miller

Erby & Lorraine Messimer Scholarship

By: M/M Robert Messimer
Mr. Wendell Messimer

Carol Phillips Memorial Scholarship

By: Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

Brian & Jennifer Spence Reid Memorial Scholarship

By: Dr. Leonard Knight

Mary S. & Loretta C. Sanders Scholarship

By: Estate of Mary Sanders

Social Work Scholarship

By: Geraldine Willis

Bethany Wray Taylor Scholarship

By: M/M Barry Taylor

Howard & Kathleen Taylor Scholarship

By: Mrs. Kathy Cool Taylor

Russell Glenn Webb Scholarship

By: Mary Webb
Kimberly Wolpert

Ralph and Jewell White Scholarship

By: Estate of Jewell White

L. Palmer Young Endowed Scholarship

By: The Carpenter's Christian Church,
Harrodsburg, KY
Patrick Massie
M/M Frank McKinley
M/M Jerry Provence

Other Gifts of Annuity & Scholarship:

By: Jennie Bender
M/M Leon Harris
M/M Marvin Henry
M/M Donald Jolly
Drs. Leonard & Fawn Knight
Rose McCann
New Lisbon Christian Church,
New Lisbon, IN
M/M Robert Sealock
M/M Albert Slikker
Helen Stevenson

WHY MY FAMILY SUPPORTS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AT KCU



Thad, Skye, Lynne, Barry, and Bethany Taylor

by Barry Taylor

Our churches and communities have been blessed for generations with leaders trained at Kentucky Christian University. Several made their way to LaBelle View Church of Christ in my home town of Steubenville, Ohio and, in return, LaBelle View sent some of its best to Grayson. Our family's relationship with KCU was strengthened with the arrival to our home (and church) of former KCU English Professor Kathy (Cool) Taylor, and then my later "settling down" in Huntington, West Virginia, not far from Grayson.

Twenty years ago my wife Lynne and I contemplated how we might honor our children in a concrete, long term way. My parents served as missionaries to New York City and this heritage, coupled with our attachment to KCU led us to establish a KCU preaching scholarship in the name of our first daughter, Skye. We hoped a permanent fund in her name would create for Skye a personal, life-long tie to KCU and prompt discussion in our family about the importance of charitable giving, college attendance, financial planning, reliance on others, and God's abundant provisions.

Lynne and I were fortunate to be raised in families which valued education. We both graduated college, placing us in the minority in Appalachia where most young people do not attend college, and significant numbers of those who do are the first generation in their family to do so. More will attend if the education is attractive and affordable. Skye's scholarship would help make the cost of attending college less of an obstacle for preaching students at KCU. What a blessing!

"Establishing endowed scholarships at KCU has been a great and continued blessing to our family."

Soon our second child Bethany arrived. Her nurturing spirit was obvious even as a toddler, and so when the KCU nursing program got underway we couldn't resist establishing a nursing scholarship in Bethany's name. In a few short years KCU's nursing program has established a strong, local reputation that is expanding. Employment opportunities abound for nursing graduates and the University has capacity to enroll *more* students in this program. It's a blessing to know Bethany's scholarship is helping KCU nursing students graduate!

Establishing endowed scholarships at KCU has been a great and continued blessing to our family. Skye and Bethany comprehend the importance of charitable giving and helping others they may *never* see. They have "a piece of the action" at KCU with their name attached. They feel important, and they should!

Some leaders may be born; we are persuaded that many more are trained. Christian education is necessary for successful leadership in our homes, churches, and communities, and our generation is responsible for playing a role in developing that leadership.

P.S. We do have a third child, a son named Thad, who we would be remiss not to mention. Larry Monroe has told us he would welcome another endowment. Hmm. . . . 

Editor's Note: Barry Taylor has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Kentucky Christian University. The Taylors attend Central Christian Church in Huntington, WV where Barry serves as an Elder.

TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

KCU Alums Join Board of Trustees



Jim Gibson ('77) grew up in Fleming County Kentucky and is a graduate of Fleming County High. While at KCU he was active in athletics as a member of both the Knights basketball and baseball teams. He regards his time at KCU as being foundational in several ways. "I came to KCU as a kid who had a difficult childhood and left as a young adult who knew Christ was the anchor of my life.

The entire staff gave me direction in those critical years. Professors taught me how to learn and encouraged me to make learning a lifelong endeavor. As a result, I was, with the strength of the Lord, able to achieve well beyond my own abilities."

After graduating from KCU Jim's vocational path included pastoral work as well as a career in banking. He currently serves as President and CEO of Integrity Bank in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, an institution he founded, which in just eight years has grown to a \$590 million asset bank.

Jim is involved in his community and serves on the Boards of several organizations, such as: The Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers, West Shore Chamber of Commerce, African American Chamber of Commerce and the Multiple Sclerosis Board of Directors. Jim and his wife Beverly, a real estate professional, reside in Lititz, Pennsylvania.



Over the past 26 years **Jon Glista** ('86) and his wife Cathy ('86) have worked alongside some truly transformational ministries and have made their lives about helping to build and equip the church, convinced that it is indeed the "hope of the world."

Upon graduation Jon served as a youth pastor at Orrville, Ohio until he and Cathy answered the call to join a church planting team starting Mountainview

Community Christian Church just south of Denver, Colorado. The past 16 years the Glistas have served in the Dayton, Ohio area with SouthBrook Christian Church, where Jon worked with the Small Group Ministry, Leadership Development and Worship Arts/Programming.

While having built one of the leading real estate businesses in Dayton, Jon's passion and energy continue to be focused on SouthBrook where he serves as a key member of the worship and weekend experience team and where Cathy serves as Director of Children's Ministries. Jon and Cathy have two children, Allison and Devyn.

Dr. Jerry Sanders Becomes Board Chair

At the September meeting of the KCU Board of Trustees, the Board named Dr. Jerry Sanders ('82) as its new Chair. Mr. Ken Perkins III, Chairman of the Board from 2008-2011, had this to say about Dr. Sanders' appointment, "Dr. Jerry Sanders has served as an exemplary member of the Board, having earned the trust and admiration of both his fellow Trustees and the faculty and staff of the University. While I have enjoyed serving as Chairman, I am thankful to be able to pass the baton to such a trusted and talented leader."



Dr. Sanders has had a long and successful career in educational leadership. He currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction in the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville, Indiana. Jerry and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Hannah, Joel, and Jared. In addition to serving as the Board Chairman, Dr. Sanders will also be a "KCU parent" as Hannah has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer for the KCU Lady Knights!

KCU president, Dr. Jeff Metcalf states, "We are fortunate to have had outstanding leadership from Chairman Perkins and it is comforting to know that Dr. Sanders will provide continuity in terms of leadership excellence. Dr. Sanders is a seasoned academician and educational leader and has a heart for educational ministry. I am eager to work with him as we look to a challenging and exciting future at KCU." 🏡

CONCERT CHOIR CONTINUES TRACK OF EXCELLENCE



Under the leadership of Dr. Mark Deakins, the KCU Concert Choir brought in the Christmas season with three on-campus performances of "Sing Gloria", and by invitation for the fourth time performed before thousands at the Gaither Homecoming Christmas Concert at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington, WV.

ATHLETIC POST SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



LADY KNIGHTS SOCCER WIN THIRD CONSECUTIVE REGIONAL TITLE

The Lady Knights Soccer team finished their season with a 6th place national finish and a 9-8-2 overall season record, a great first season under new Head Coach, Joshua Miller.

Coach Miller had the following to say about the season. "We had a very successful season. I enjoyed watching the team grow, learn and come together. There were some high and low points and we used those experiences to make us better as a team which, as a coach, is something I am always looking for." †



Coach Miller was voted 2011 Region Coach of The Year by the Mid-east Region coaches.

KCU reached the NCCAA II National Tournament by winning their third consecutive NCCAA II Mid-east Region crown and then receiving the #4 seed. The Lady Knights were awarded the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association Team Sportsmanship Award. Senior Jessica Proudfoot was named to the All-Tournament team for the second year in a row after collecting the Mid-east Region's MVP award. Her teammates Kayla Castleman and Kayla Blevins received 2nd team honors. †

KNIGHTS BASKETBALL VS. THE KENTUCKY ALL-STARS IN EXHIBITION GAME

On Tuesday, October 18th the KCU Knights basketball team opened the 2011-12 season with a rare opportunity to take on the Kentucky All-Stars in an exhibition game at Morehead State's Academic Athletic Center. The All-Stars features many past UK and current NBA players including Shelvin Mack, former Butler star from Lexington, KY, former Morehead stars Maze Stallworth and Kenneth "K-time" Faried and former UK stars Ravi Moss, DeAndre Liggins, Brandon Knight, DeMarcus Cousins, and Josh Harrellson.

The Knights traveled to the campus of Morehead State University to face the All-Stars in front of a crowd in excess of 6,000 at the Academic Athletic Center.

KCU hometown favorite Blandon Clemons talked about playing the Kentucky All Stars, "It was a lot fun playing in front of a large crowd again. I played in a packed AAC during a high school regional tournament and it was nice to play there again. KCU came out ready to play and have fun, but with a season to prepare for we couldn't just mess around the entire time. It was great playing against the All Stars and showing people what KCU could do. Hopefully our performance will result in the fans attending some of our games at KCU." †

LADY KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL WIN 6TH CONSECUTIVE REGION TITLE



The Lady Knights volleyball team completed a 31-11 season by ending 2011 with a 5th place national finish. KCU punched their ticket to the NCCAA II National tournament by defeating Johnson University in the Mideast Region Championship match in Knoxville, TN. This was the Lady Knights 6th consecutive region title!

Following the national tournament, Head Coach Bruce Dixon reflected on the season, "We had an exceptional year and when I look back on the experience it will be with a great amount of pride with regard to what the team accomplished. Seniors Ally Hall, April Hershauer, and Samantha Jarvis led us in so many ways, spiritually, emotionally and statistically. Our four-year seniors tallied 115 career wins. That's pretty special."

April Hershauer was named the Mideast Region MVP and went on to be named both a NCCAA II 1st Team All-American and AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) 1st Team All-American for the third, straight year. Also, Ally Hall experienced her first All-American team earning NCCAA / AVCA 1st Team honors. †

KNIGHTS FOOTBALL PLAYS ON CAMPUS

On October 1, 2011, for the first time in the 92 year history of Kentucky Christian University, an intercollegiate football game was played on campus. KCU took on Georgetown College, a perennial NAIA National Championship contender. The Knights played a great game for the crowd but when the final horn sounded, they lost to the #5 nationally ranked Tigers, 24-13. Just two weeks later the Knights won their first on-campus Homecoming game against West Virginia University Institute of Technology and ended the season with a 4-7 record.



Head Coach Furry had the following to say about his first season, "My primary goal for this season was to focus on respect; respect for each other, respect athletically and



President Metcalf receives first installment of a \$30K pledge in support of KCU football from Dennis Dorton, President/CEO of Citizen's Bank

respect on and off the field. While there is always room for improvement, I believe we made great strides in accomplishing that goal. I am proud of the guys and look forward to what the future holds for KCU football." †



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NEWS & EVENTS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS

NEW ADDITIONS TO ALUMNI OFFICE



Jeff Greene has accepted the position of Director of Alumni and Church Relations. Jeff received his undergraduate degree in 1979 and his MA in Christian Leadership in 2009. Since graduating from KCU,

Jeff has ministered to churches in West Virginia, Michigan and Florida. He also has served several years on the mission field as a church planter in Brazil.

Jeff and his wife Patty ('79) have three children and five grandchildren. Jeff follows Larry Marshall, former Director of Alumni Relations who is now serving as KCU's campus minister.

Clerrinda Walker Queen joined the Advancement staff in support of Alumni efforts after becoming an alum herself this past May. Clerrinda earned her degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management.



She is married to fellow alum Brad Queen ('11) who is the Defensive Line Coach for the KCU Knights football team. 🏈

"It Feels Good to Come Home"

Fall Homecoming a Great Experience for All

That was the sentiment felt by our alumni when they came back on campus for our 2011 Fall Homecoming. We saw alumni from as far back as 1962 returning for a special reunion, some for the first time in nearly 50 years.

We had a group of 45 alumni attend who were students during the first half of the 1980's. Dan Foss from this group put out a challenge, "Last year we brought 35, this year 45, next year our goal is 50. Are there any other groups that can match that?" We hope so!

Mark the date down – October 19-20 for Fall Homecoming 2012 and let's see if any other group can match Dan's. Check out the pictures of an unforgettable Fall Homecoming throughout this Insider section. 🏈



During the annual Alumni and Friends Banquet attendees were entertained by illusionist Danny Ray followed by a humorous and inspirational message by former Alumni Relations Director Ernie Perry ('79).

2010's

Tyler ('11) and **Laura Duncan** were married on October 22, 2011 and live in Lexington, KY. Tyler is Merchandise Manager/Offseason Sales for Lexington Legends Minor League Baseball. tduncan@lexingtonlegends.com.

Emily Empson ('11) lives in Clayton, IN and is the Special Events Coordinator for The International Conference on Missions. emily@theicom.org.

Michael ('10) and **Heather (Shields)** ('09) **Harris** live in Kernersville, NC. Michael is Assoc. Minister of Worship/Youth at Laurel Oak Christian Church. michael@laureloakchristian.org.

Heath Hauldren ('11) lives in Odessa, TX and is a Field Associate for Halliburton.

Josh Hazard ('11) is pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Sport Management at West Virginia University. He is also a Graduate Student SID Assistant at Fairmont State University. jhazard1@gmail.com.

Andrew ('11) and **Christina (Parish)** ('08) **Keeney** live in Halifax, VA. Andrew is the Family Life/Discipleship Minister at Willow Oak Christian Church. Christina is Admin. of Technology Advancement at Longwood University. keeney.andrew@gmail.com and keeney.christina@gmail.com

Katie Koester ('10) lives in Effingham, IL. Katie is the Program Coordinator for Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In January 2012 she launched her wedding planning business, "EVENTful Occasions". katie.s.koester@gmail.com.

Kudakwashe ('10) and **Oppah Mashindi** live in Louisville, KY. Kuda-

washe graduated with a MSW from Asbury in May 2011 and now works for Volunteers of America as a Medical Case Manager. nokudakwashe@hotmail.com.

Geoffrey and Rachel (Hunt) ('10)

Moore live in Orlando, FL. Rachel is a Merchantainment Cast Member for The Walt Disney Company. mrsrachel-lee.moore@gmail.com.

Brian Neyhart ('10) lives in Louisville, KY. Brian received a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Louisville in August 2011. bpn1987@hotmail.com.

Sean ('10) and **Amy (Carr)** ('10) **Plank** live in Grayson, KY. Sean is an Admissions Recruiter for KCU. Amy is a Family Preservation Program Specialist for KVC Behavioral Health. splank@kcu.edu and a.carr.88@hotmail.com.

Austin ('11) and **Meredith (Albery)** ('11) **Seevers** live in Washington Court House, OH. Austin is a Youth Minister. meredithseevers@gmail.com.

Heather Stacy ('10) is an Admissions Recruiter for Kentucky Christian University. heather_stacy@hotmail.com. Timothy and **Rebecca Nicole (Glancy)** ('10) **Vance** live in Grayson, KY. They have one child, Rebecca Addaline (1). Rebecca is a receptionist for Dr. Charles Howard. nicole.glancy@gmail.com.

Elizabeth White ('10) lives in Topeka, KS. She is the Children and Middle School Minister for Countryside Christian Church. christianrckchk@aol.com.

2000's

Scott ('02) and **Amber (Ulrich)** ('03) **Ancarrow** live in Arnold, MD. They



Eleven members of the 1962 class and friends gathered for a special reunion.

have two children, Emery (5) and Reese (2). Scott is a Church Planter and Amber is the Children's Ministry Coordinator for Revolution Annapolis. scott.ancarrow@gmail.com and amber-ancarrow@hotmail.com.

Richie ('05) and **Amanda (Fiensy)** ('03) **Binegar** live in Grayson, KY. They have two children, Addison (2) and Alexa (7 mos). Richie is the Youth Minister at First Church of Christ and Amanda is a Title I Teacher for Carter County Schools. snag1forjesus@yahoo.com and amanda.binegar@carter.kyschools.us.

Stephen ('03) and **Sophia Bishop** have 2 children, Linsey (20) and Abigail (14). Stephen serves as Senior Pastor at Main Street Christian Church in Russiaville, IN. sostbishop@hotmail.com.

Courtney Bowman ('07) lives in Ashland, KY. She is a Palliative Care Social Worker at King's Daughter's Medical Center. cbowman1384@hotmail.com.

Mitch ('04) and **Kendall (Neading)** ('04) **Caley** have one child, Jonah (1). Mitch is a High Technology Crime Examiner for The University of Akron and Kendall is a Speech Therapist. mitchcaley@hotmail.com and kcckendall@hotmail.com.

J. Chris Campbell ('09) lives in Eubank, KY. Chris is a RN and Backup House Supervisor for Ridge Behavioral Health Hospital. jchriscampbell09@gmail.com.

Rolgard and Erin (Tulenko) ('08) **Casimir** live in Georgetown, KY. Erin is a music teacher at Northside Elementary School. erininhaiti@gmail.com.

Emily Cluff ('08) lives in Lorain, OH where she is a Middle and High School

Bible Teacher at Open Door Christian Schools.

Justin ('06) and **Amber (Whitacre)** ('06) **Davis** have one child, Kerrington (2). Justin is a Children's Minister and Amber is a 1st Grade Teacher for the Washington County Department of Education. onesong12@hotmail.com and adavis61706@yahoo.com.

Chris ('03) and **Marissa (Hooverman)** ('05) **Dove** live in Frankfort, KY. Chris is the Children's Minister at Capital City Christian Church and Marissa is a Marketing Assistant for Wilson Nurseries. chris@capitalcitychristian.org and marissa.dove@gmail.com.

James ('05) and **Heather Gorman** live in Waco, TX. James is a Graduate Assistant and a Ph.D. Student at Baylor University. james.gorman1@gmail.com.

Zachary ('07) and **Joy (Misel)** ('08) **Gripenstroh** live in Evansville, IN and have one child, Nora. Zachary is the Music Minister at St. James West United Methodist Church and Joy is a Customer Service Representative. zgriep1200@yahoo.com and joyinthemorning3@hotmail.com.

Joe ('01) and **Lindsay Griffith** live in Plainfield, IN. They have three children, Samuel, Aria, and Levi. Joe is a Residential Service Technician II for Protection1. josephglover@protectionone.com.

Matt ('06) and **Emily (Gagle)** (attd: '03-'06) **Hafer** have three children, Gretchen (4), Marley (2) and Willow (2). They just launched a new church, Catalyst Church, in Morgantown, WV with Josh and **Amy (Carlson)** ('06) **Walker**. emily.hafer@gmail.com.

Brad ('04) and **Alejandra (Carrillo)** ('05) **Haggard** live in Lexington, KY. They have two children, Sofia (3) and Evy



The annual Homecoming bonfire was a big hit.

(9 mos). Brad is the Middle School Minister at Bates Creek Christian Church and Alejandra is a teacher. brad_haggard@hotmail.com.

Ben ('00) and **Holly (Fields)** ('00) **Hannum** live in Clinton, IN. They have four children, Elijah (6), Abigail (4), Micah (2) and Lydia (11 mos). Ben is a youth minister at State Line Christian Church. Holly is a stay-at-home mom and is a high school boys and girls assistant swimming coach. hollyhannum@hotmail.com and benhannum@hotmail.com.

yahoo.com.

Bill ('07) and **Sarah (Pulliam)** (attd: '95-'96) **Jenkins** live in Taylorsville, KY and have two children, Kason (12) and Abigail (9). Bill is a New Member Advisor for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and Sarah is a full time student. kasonabby@yahoo.com.

Sara Jerles ('04) lives in Colorado Springs, CO. Sara graduated with a Master's in Counseling from Lincoln Christian Seminary. She is currently working on an Interpreter's Degree and plans to work in counseling with

Pastor at Eastpointe Christian Church. chadwick@eastpointe.cc

Jeremy and **Kelli (Issacs)** ('08) **Keller** live in Eubank, KY. They are both medical students at Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Jeff ('03) and Melody **Kimberly** were married April 16, 2011 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Jeff began as Youth Pastor at Franklin Heights Christian Church in March, 2011. jeff@fhccvincennes.org.

Jeff ('03) and Lezlie **Kinder** were married in 2006 and have three children Lauren, Nathan, and Erin. Jeff released his first piano album "Moments" on November 1, 2011. jeff@jeffkinder.com.

Brian ('00) and Sarah **LaRue** live in Danielsville, GA. They have three children, Sadie (6), Hannah (4) and Isaac (1). Brian is Youth Minister at Galilee Christian Church. brianlarue@gmail.com.

Matthew ('07) and **Jenna (Reke)** ('08) **Laver** live in Fairfield, OH. Matthew is a Stewardship Tech and Jenna is a Nanny. theshallot@hotmail.com and jenna_ailen@hotmail.com.

Jessica Lewis ('08) is the Children's Minister at Orrville Christian Church.

David (attd: '02-'07) and **Deborah (Bondurant)** ('06) **Markey** are missionaries in Kyrgyzstan. They have been there for three years and have two children, Abigail (2) and Selah (1). davidmarkey@hotmail.com and echslr@hotmail.com.

Kyle ('08) and Caitlin **Martin**. Kyle works for Dallas Christian College as an adjunct Professor. kylejmartin@gmail.com.

Jeremy ('05) and **Carrie (Rhodes)** ('08) **Merritt** live in Winston-Salem, NC. They have one child, Charleigh (2). Jeremy is a drummer/ instructor and Carrie is a 7th grade math teacher at Winston Salem Forsyth County Schools. jeremymerritt@me.com and merritt.carrie@gmail.com.

Josh ('03) and **Myndee (Green)** ('02) **Miller** live in Pataskala, OH. They have two children, Jaya (4) and Jerynn (2). Josh is the Youth Minister at Tri-Village Christian Church. Myndee is a Social Worker/ Trainer at Buckeye Ranch. jskitch@hotmail.com and myndeebeth@hotmail.com.

Zac ('06) and Jackie **Miller** live in Howard, OH. Zac is a Deputy Sheriff for Knox County Sheriff's Office. zacmiller_59@hotmail.com.

Brian ('00) and **Amy (Love)** ('94) **Murphy** live in Carthage, NC. They have two children, Madeleine (13) and Mason (9). Brian is an Army Chaplain and Amy is a Rehabilitation Counselor for NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Wimbai ('09) and **Olena** ('02) **Mutonono** live in Slidell, LA. Wimbai is the Executive Director for Gulf South Leadership Institute. wmutonono@gulfsouthleadership.org.

Jacqueline Ober ('06) lives in Meadville, PA and is the Executive Housekeeper for Holiday Inn Express. jackiebob13@hotmail.com.

Bryce and **Susie (Holmes)** ('05) **Runyon** live in North Africa. They have three children, Maisy (2), Samuel (1), and Vera (1). susholmes@hotmail.com.

Matt and **Alicia (Hall)** ('01) **Sanders** live in Nicholasville, KY. They have two children, Will (6) and Nicholas (2). Alicia is a stay-at-home mom and is a counselor for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. ahsanders01@gmail.com.

Nathan ('07) and **Ashley (Henry)** ('07) **Shivers** live in Iowa City, Iowa. Nathan is a Vocal Music Director at West Liberty High School.

Matt and **Caitlyn (Brown)** ('09) **Smelser** live in Brownsburg, IN. They were recently married in October 2011. Caitlyn is the Kids Ministry Assistant for Kingsway Christian Church. cbhoops2911@yahoo.com.

Shawn Smith ('07) lives in Springfield, MO and is the Campus Minister for Christian Campus House at Missouri State University. shawn.g.smith7@gmail.com.

Michael ('03) and **Jennifer (Mer-edith)** ('05) **Thiele** live in Valparaiso, IN. Jennifer is an insurance agent for Pampalone Insurance Agency and Michael is a car salesman for Chevrolet. m.teamchew@gmail.com and Remembertyourjoy21@hotmail.com.

Tilma ('04) and **Julia (Martin)** ('05) **Togarepi** have one child, Tilma Jr. (2). Julia is a registered nurse.

Mark ('04) and Laura **Tonkery** live in Woodsfield, OH. Mark is an Evangelist for Laings Church of Christ and an



Saturday's events included the Lady Knights Alumni basketball game, the second annual "Knight-Rider" motorcycle ride, this year in memory of our own Paul Rice, and a brunch at the Yancey School of Nursing.

Josh ('03) and **Melony (Smith)** ('01) **Harman** live in Spring Hill, TN. They have three children, Anna (10), Andrew (5) and Adalynn (1). Josh is a Church Advisor for The Lampo Group Inc. joshthemicman@yahoo.com and melonyharman@yahoo.com. Andrew and **Kelly (Bontrager)** ('02) **Hullah** live in South Bend, IN. They were recently married in October 2011. Kelly is the Business Services Manager for Michiana Christian Service Camp. bontrager16@hotmail.com.

Jim and **Kari (Grindstaff)** ('08) **Hurley** live in Des Moines, IA. They have one child, Honora (4 mos). Kari is a Registered Nurse for Iowa Health Systems. kgrindstaff@yahoo.com.

Brandon ('03) and **Melissa (Little)** ('03) **Jackson** live in Kansas, Oklahoma. They have one child, Kaylee (2). They are Houseparents at Cookson Hills Christian Ministries. brandon-jackson.ls@gmail.com and [\[joyfuljules@gmail.com\]\(mailto:joyfuljules@gmail.com\).](mailto:mellyj711@</p>
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Jordan ('05) and **Sara (Wilds)** (attd: '03-'07) **Johnson** live in Louisville, KY. They have two children, Zane (3) and Addison (1). Jordan is a teacher for Jefferson County Public Schools and Sara is a Social Worker. jordan.johnson@jefferson.kyschools.us and sarajohnson5375@gmail.com. Kelly Ray and **Anne-Marie (Begley)** ('05) **Johnson** have one child, Bryan (3). Anne-Marie is a KY IMPACT Service Coordinator for Pathways, Inc. annebegley@yahoo.com.

Doug and **Melissa (Strata)** (attd: '98-'00) **Joseph** live in Defiance, OH and have three children, Isabella (9), Isaiah (8) and Jeremiah (6). Melissa is a Mortgage Processor for First Federal Bank. mcjoseph33@gmail.com.

Chadwick ('02) and **Nicole (Eblin)** (attd: '97-'98) **Kellenbarger** live in Blacklick, OH. They have one child, Grace (6). Chadwick is the Senior

adjunct Bible Professor at Ohio Valley University. preachertonk@juno.com.

Robert ('05) and **Elizabeth Tromm** live in Gasburg, VA. They have three children, Eva (5), Mia (3), and Carter (1). Robert is the Youth Minister at Pleasant Hill Christian Church. rob-tromm2004@yahoo.com.

John and **Jill (Erskine)** ('04) **Vasey** live in Westerville, OH where Jill is a kindergarten teacher. gigglesky@hotmail.com.

Rich ('03) and **Sarah (Trimmer)** ('03) **Vogt** live in Grove City, OH and have one child, Jonathan. Rich is a Tax Specialist for Whalen & Company CPA's and Sarah is a Child Care Provider. vogt_r@yahoo.com and prwoman-4life@yahoo.com.

Bradley ('09) and **Megan Walker** were married on October 1, 2011 and live in Olive Hill, KY. Bradley is an RTI Teacher at West Carter Middle School.

Tim ('02) and **Lori (Reed)** ('03) **Wells** live in Lawrenceburg, KY. They have two children, Abigail (3) and Molly (11 mos). They are both teachers for Anderson County Board of Education. tim.wells@anderson.kyschools.us and lori.wells@anderson.kyschools.us.

Christopher ('05) and **Susan (Levi)** ('05) **Welsh** live in Cincinnati, OH. They have two children, Isaiah (3) and Roman (18 mos). Christopher is an IT Engineer and Susan is a Junior High Assistant at Horizon Community

Church. welshielegos@gmail.com and mamabearwelsh@gmail.com.

Wendy West ('01) lives in Fort Myers, FL. Wendy is a Group Leader of Training and Development for New Mission Systems International. wwest@nmsi.org.

1990's

Daniel and **Dorothy (Wayt)** ('95) **Blue** live in Goshen, IN. Dorothy is a Community Wellness and Education Assistant for IU Health Goshen Hospital. dodyblue@hotmail.com.

Terry and **RoDonna (Cox)** (attd: '94-'95) **Carson** live in Frankfort, KY. They have four children, Madalyn (9), Elijah (8), Tyler (4), and Benjamin (3). carson-family_6@yahoo.com.

Kevin ('99) and **Amy (Hudspeath)** ('99) **Clark** live in Wauseon, OH. They have two children, Mayzie (8) and Ryan (4). Kevin is the Worship Pastor at Crossroads Evangelical Church and Amy is a Registered Lactation Consultant. kclark@crossroadswauseon.org.

Jason ('94) and **Kellie (Pelfrey)** ('93) **Dailey** live in Adairsville, GA. They have two children, Emma (15) and Grayson (11). Jason is a teacher and Kellie is the Children's Director at Northwest Christian Church. jdailey@bartow.k12.ga.us and kellie.dailey@nwcc.net.

Donald ('90) and **Rhonda (Caskey)** ('87) **Damron** live in Grayson, KY. They



HOMECOMING RECAP

An exciting tailgate party took place on campus prior to the Homecoming game where at half-time Kelsey Rumberg ('13) was crowned our Fall Homecoming Queen. Our Knights secured their first Homecoming game victory by defeating WVU-Tech 49-14.



have three children, Donald (15), Adriannah (13) and Donovan (9). Donald is District Director of Personnel for the Carter County Board of Education and Preaching Minister at Oak Grove Church of Christ. donald.damron@carter.kyschools.us.

Scott ('98) and **Karen (Morris)** ('99) **Douglas** live in Abilene, TX. They have two children, Brianna (11) and Dominique (8). Scott is a Fire Fighter and Karen is an Assistant Director of Counseling and Career Services for McMurry University. douglas.karen@mcm.edu.

David ('96) and **Becky (Myers)** ('96) **Fishback** live in Salem, OH. They have two children, Caleb (10) and Brooke (9). David is the Community and Discipleship Minister at Greenford Christian Church and Becky is a third grade Teacher. fishback4@att.net.

Don ('92) and **Angie (Nash)** ('92) **Gergely** have three children, Faith (17), Alex (15), and Vilma (15). Don is a Worship Pastor and Angie recently accepted a full-time position as a Corporate Event Planner for the Longaberger Company in Newark, OH. dgergely@wrcc.org and gergely.angie@gmail.com.

Edward ('95) and **Amy Gratton** live in Monroeville, PA. They have four children, Marisa (18), Jillian (16), Tara (14), and Aaron (9). Edward is the Pastor for Caring/ Recovery at Cornerstone Ministries. edgratton@verizon.net.

Joyce (Adkins) ('92) **Harden** lives in North Vernon, IN and has one child, Katie (12). She is the Care Coordinator for Centerstone. joyce.harden@centerstone.org.

Mark ('95) and **Shelly (Russell)** ('96) **Hegyi** live in Alexandria, KY. They are both teachers for Campbell County Schools and have three children, Cole (12), Brooke (10), and Dane (8). mark.hegyi@gmail.com and shelly.hegyi@gmail.com.

Sheldon ('90) and **Becky (Regis)** ('88) **Hill** live in Martins Ferry, OH where they serve First Christian Church in Martins Ferry. Their sons, Ryker and Tyler both attend KCU. They have two other children, Hunter (15) and Chloe (10). s.hill@univstainless.com and becky.hill@omeresanet.net.

Bill ('91) and **Lynne (Quisenberry)** (attd: '86) **Hobstetter** live in Cincinnati, OH. They have two children, Michal (15) and Audrey (10). Bill is the Program Manager for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northern Kentucky.

Homer ('97) and **Erin (Goodlin)** ('98) **Holsted** have three children, Claire (8), Kate (4), and Brynne (2). Erin recently completed master's level training and earned a licensure as a School Counselor by the Ohio Dept. of Education. Erin is a Clinical Social Worker for HealthSource of Ohio and Adams County Regional Medical Center. Homer is the Assoc. Minister at Bethlehem Church of Christ.

Donna Hounshell ('93) lives in Orleans, IN and is an Educational Interpreter for West Washington High School. dhounshell69@yahoo.com.

Robert (attd: '85-'90) and **Jana Huron** live in Chesapeake, OH. Robert is the Senior Minister at Westmoreland Church of Christ. bobhuron@westmorelandchurchofchrist.com.

Calvin ('94) and **Alesha Johnson** live in Owenton, KY. They have one



Welcome To The Family

Kraig and **Stacy (Covell)** ('07) **Bishop**, a son, Jackson Kraig, 8/8/11.

David ('93) and **Mary (Manges)** ('97) **Bondurant**, a son, Isaac William, 12/18/10.

Daniel ('06) and **Megan (Ross)** ('06) **Charlton**, a daughter, Kylie Ann, 8/16/11.

Kurt ('07 and '10) and **Kristine (Baldwin)** ('08) **Charlton**, a son, Kole, 11/14/11.

Scotty ('05) and **Heather (Miles)** ('06) **Daily**, a son, Linus, 11/22/11.

Greg ('89) and **Joy (Rackliff)** (attd: '88-'89) **Fashacht**, a son, Gabriel Kenneth James, 6/11/11.

Kit and **Becca (Greene)** ('09) **Gentis**, a daughter, Adelaide Rose, 9/24/11.

Aaron ('04) and **Jen (Smith)** ('03) **Johnson**, a daughter, Lucy, 7/18/11

Luke and **Karissa (Evans)** ('02) **Kimmel**, a son, Reese Daniel, 9/16/11.

Michael (attd: '98-'00) and **Elizabeth (Bondurant)** ('01) **Maxey**, a daughter, Addyston, 9/20/11.

Ben and **Jocelyn (Truesdell)** ('05) **Moore**, a daughter, Caroline Louise, 6/13/11.

Chris and **Jessica (Meding)** ('09) **Slone**, a son, Dawson Ryan, 8/20/11.

Tyler ('07) and **Rachel (Priest)** ('08) **Watson**, a son, Owen Nash, 3/31/11.



If you missed the fun of Homecoming, please check out the pictures on our Facebook page.

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child, Rachel Christine (7). Calvin is completing his 13th year as Assoc. Minister at Oakland Christian Church and is a Teacher for Owen County Public Schools. csjohnson220@gmail.com.

Bret ('99) and **Ginger (Nagle)** ('99) **Koontz** live in Aurora, IL. They have one child, Brynn (1). Bret is the Student Ministry Pastor at Community Christian Church and Ginger is a Director of Personnel. bretkoontz@gmail.com and gingerkoontz@gmail.com.

Darrel ('95) and **Holli Land** live in Jasper, IN. They have two children, Livia (8) and Jace (4). Darrel is the Senior Minister at Christian Church of Jasper. darrel@ccjasper.com.

Keith ('93) and **Jan** ('93) **Little** live in Jamestown, OH. They have two children, Melissa and Sarah. Keith is the Pastoral Minister at Jamestown Church of Christ. Jan is a Deputy Clerk. kjlittle57@att.net.

Chris ('99) and **Jill McClure** live in Snellville, GA. They have three children, Ryan (5), Evan (3), and Anna (1). Chris is the Assoc. Minister at Snellville Christian Church. chrismcclure11@gmail.com.

Jose Elmer ('95) and **Jenny Pacheco** live in Laurel, MD. Jose is an Evangelist for Silver Spring Church of Christ, where the Hispanic ministry has been growing since 2003. elmerpacheco@idsilverspring.org.

Daniel and **Dr. Talinn (Tiller)** ('99) **Phillips** live in Athens, OH. They have one child, Jack (8 mos). Talinn is an Asst. Professor of English at Ohio University.

Josh ('99) and **Julie (Barnard)** ('99) **Piatt** live in Smithville, OH. They have three children, Carter (6), Ethan (5), and Brennan (2). Josh works for Hartz Promin and Julie is a homemaker. thepiatts12@yahoo.com.

Willie ('92) and **Angie Purdee** live in South Point, OH. They have two

children, Bethany (17) and Jared (15). Willie is the Executive Director for KYOWVA Evangelistic Association. kyowva@sbcglobal.net.

Aaron ('90) and **Lora Roberts** live in Centerville, IN. Aaron is a Police Officer for Indiana University. He sings in solo concerts and with the Watchmen Reunion Tour. aaron8936@gmail.com.

Troy ('94) and **Michelle Roush** live in Grayson, KY. Troy is the Director of Maintenance at KCU. troush@kcu.edu.

Dr. Jason ('94) and **Heather Royle** live in Schaefferstown, PA. They have two children, Katelyn (5) and Nathaniel (2). Jason is the Pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. jasonroyle@yahoo.com.

Dr. Tyler ('92) and **Wendy Williams** **Sergeant** were married in June 2011. Tyler is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of General Studies, teaching History and Religion at Berea College. tyler_sergeant@berea.edu.

Joel ('94) and **Kristi (Jackson)** (attd: '92-'93) **Seymour** live in Lancaster, OH. They have three children, Jesse (11), Luke (9), and Emmie (6). Joel is Lead Pastor at Lancaster Vineyard Church. joel@lancastervineyard.org and kristiseymour@att.net.

John and **Cyndi (Owens)** ('92) **Shuman** live in Cross Lanes, WV. Cyndi is a 3rd Grade Teacher for Kanawha County Schools. wvcatlvr@care2.com.

Dan ('96) and **Shannon (Stone)** ('97) **Smith** live in Garfield Hgts., OH. They have three children, Zion (8), Azlan (6), and Journey (4). Dan is the Lead Minister and Shannon is the Small Groups Director at Momentum Christian Church. southpaw@whiteboyDJ.com and shannonkarnessa@yahoo.com.

Brian ('97) and **Elisha (Banks)** ('97) **Walker** live in Harrison, OH. They have one child, Henry (2). Brian is a School Teacher. emwalker22@hotmail.com. Bill and **Robin (Wright)** ('93) **White** live in Shelbyville, KY. They have two children, Ben (12) and Chloe

(10). Robin is a 5th Grade Teacher at Christian Academy of Louisville. rwhite@caschools.us.

Tara Woolard ('98) is the Recruiter and Director of Outdoor Adventure Course for Team Expansion. taratarheel@aol.com.

Orville and **Rebecca (Confrancesco)** (attd: '93-'97) **Zugg** live in Sardinia, OH. Rebecca is a Mental Health Specialist I for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. mrzugg@hotmail.com.

1980's

Lewis and **Audrey "Ellen" (Messer)**

('86) **Allen** live in Liberty, KY. Ellen is a 4th Grade Science/ Health Teacher at Casey County Elementary School. She recently received the Outstanding Educators Award through Campbellsville University. ellen.allen@casey.kyschools.us.

Denny (attd: '81-'84) and **Sara Bauer** live in Rochester, MN and have two children, Fallon (17) and Morgan (13). Denny is an Agency Manager for COUNTRY Financial. dlbauerchfc@yahoo.com.

Tim ('85) and **Roxanna Davis** live in Normal, IL. Tim is the Executive Development Director for Haitian Christian Ministries. t.davis1@me.com.

Denny ('89) and **Caroline (Anderson)** ('86) **Ferguson** live in Monroe, OH. They have two children, Jared (22) and Holt (19). Denny is a teacher and Caroline is the Coordinator of Gifted Services for Franklin City Schools. dcferguson@cinci.rr.com.

Tim ('82) and **Amy Florence** live in Stillwater, NJ. Tim is the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church. hopenpray@aol.com.

Ricky ('82) and **Jackie Gilbert** live in Peterstown, WV. Ricky is an Asst. Manager for Advance Auto Parts. rickyfanman@yahoo.com.

Rob (attd: '87-89) and **Lara (DeDario)**

(attd: '90-'91) **Harris** live in Spring Hill, TN. They have three children, Bailey (18), Emily (16), and Amanda (16). Rob is a songwriter, worship leader and music publisher in Nashville, TN. Lara works in Customer Service for Whole Foods Market. nashbat5@gmail.com.

Eddie and **Karen (Berry)** ('84) **Johnson** live in Lanesville, IN and have two children, Keegan (9) and Kaylee (7). karenberryjohnson@gmail.com.

Barbara King (attd: '84-86) lives in Joplin, MO and will graduate with an Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry from Ozark Christian College in May 2012. bk1stitch@juno.com.

Richard ('85) and **Diana Manns** live in Scottsburg, IN. Richard is the Principal of Scottsburg High School.

Charles and **Janelda (Gresham)** ('82) **Mitchell** live in Versailles, KY. Janelda is a Marketing Director for Farmers Capital Bank Corporation. ronand-janeldam@windstream.net.

Doug ('89) and **Jane (Anderkin)** ('89) **Piatt**. Doug is the Executive Minister at Broadway Christian Church and Jane is a teacher.

Dennis and **Tammy (Barrell)** ('85) **Rose** live in Richmond, KY. They have two children, Heather (26) and Alicia (16). Tammy has been a teacher for 26 years and currently teaches third Grade at Waco Elementary for Madison County Schools. dentam@snapp.net.

Dave ('88) and **Sue Shanklin** live in Crittenden, KY. They have three children, Annie (30), Lee (29), and Maryellen (18). Dave is the Senior Minister at Violet Ridge Church of Christ. shanklindave@yahoo.com.

Tim ('84) and **Beth Snyder** live in Belmont, OH where Tim has served at S. Main St. Church of Christ for 14 years, who recently changed their name to Bethesda Christian Church. nxbeanie@windstream.net.

In Loving Memory

V. Steven England ('73) June 13, 2011
Mike Girton ('76 and '88).....August 27, 2011
Betty L. McIlwain ('75) November 6, 2011
Fred Whitacre ('59)September 21, 2011

Vicky (Fella) ('81) **St. Clair** lives in Lawrence, IN and has two children, Patricia (25) and Jennifer (20). Vicky is the owner and seamstress of Annie's Alterations. vickyls@att.net.

Mark Townley (attd: '80-'83) lives in Bluefield, VA and is a Secretary for Mercer County Schools. bluefield2@comcast.net.

Terry ('83) and **Beverly True** have two children, Travis (21) and Samuel (16). Terry is in Skilled Trades with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky. true2337@bellsouth.net.

John Williams ('81) lives in Virginia Beach, VA. He is an Underwriter for Geico and serves as a part time Music Minister at Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church. jwill7419@msn.com.

Keith and **Deanna (Harlor)** ('84) **Yoshimura** live in Ewa Beach, HI where Deanna is Director of the After School Tutoring Program for Hawaii DOE. kdejeyoshi@yahoo.com.

1970's

Sam ('76) and **Pat (Riley)** (attd: '75-'76) **Bungard** live in Marietta, OH. Sam is a Safety Consultant for Stephen B. Ogle & Associates and the Senior Minister at Tabor Ridge Church of Christ. Pat is an Administrative Assistant at Ohio University. sbungard@sbcglobal.net and bungardp@hotmail.com.

Curtis and **Maxine (Wise)** ('74) **Cox** live in Nicholasville, KY where she is a part time High School Mathematics Teacher after retiring in 2009. She currently works for Asbury University's Athletic Department and for the local library. maxmusic@insightbb.com.

Randy ('76) and Sue Ann **Creamer** live in Waynesville, OH. Randy is the Pastor at South Brook Church. randy.creamer@southbrook.org.

Janece (Holt) ('73) **England** is currently serving in Hong Kong on a Missionary Relief Services assignment. vsengland1973@yahoo.com.

Steve ('77) and Dawn **Hill** live in Johnson City, TN where he celebrated his seventh anniversary in September as the Shepherd Minister at First Christian Church. stevehillminister1@hotmail.com.

Greg and **Jody (Tolbert)** ('79) **Holbert** have two children, Terry (24) and Annie (20) who is a student at KCU. Jody is a Fourth Grade Teacher for Trimble

Local Schools. reginaholbert@yahoo.com.

Mark and **Jennifer** (Meadows) (attd: '71-'72) **Honaker** have three children Andrew (28), Celeste (26), and Anne (21). Jennifer retired from the United States Courts, Southern District of West Virginia, in 2009 and opened her own travel agency, GalaxSea Cruises and Tours of Honaker. jennyhonaker@usa.net.

Steven ('79) and Peggy **Jerles** live in Belcamp, MD. Steven is a CECOM Command Chaplain for the U.S. Army. stevenjerles@me.com.

Gale Justice ('76) lives in Rock Creek, OH and is an In-Home Services Supervisor for Country Neighbor Program, Inc. gejust1216@yahoo.com.

Quintin ('73) and **Kathy (Smith)** (attd: '73-'77) **McNabb** live in Corinth, KY. Quintin is in his sixth year as the Minister at Corinth Christian Church and Kathy is a teacher. gmcnabb@hotmail.com and katnabb@hotmail.com.

Bob and **Dr. Becky** (attd: '73-'74) **Molnar** live in Greenfield, IN. Becky is an Organizational Development Specialist for Hancock Regional Hospital. beckymolnar@comcast.net.

Debra Reed ('78) lives in Epsom, NH. She is finishing her Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University and is involved with KAIROS Prison Ministry International. nhroade@gmail.com.

Larry (attd: '71-'73) and **Jane (Adams)** ('73) **Sims** live in Veedersburg, IN. Larry is a Field Services Manager for International Disaster Emergency Service and Jane is a Client Services Coordinator for West Central Regional Community Corrections. Isims@ides.org and wcrcc.jsims@gmail.com.

Larry ('79) and **Mary** (Bradley) (attd: '77-'79) **Stevens** live in Rapid City, SD where Larry is a principal and Mary owns her own Daycare/ Preschool. harpersnana@hotmail.com.

Robert Wickline ('76) has spent 38 years in ministry and is currently serving as the preacher at Saltair Church of Christ. bobwickline@yahoo.com.

Dr. Keith ('72) and **Sharon (Kourim)** ('71) **Wise** live in St. Louis, MI where Keith is transitioning from Senior Minister to Equipping Minister. He is also an adjunct Professor of Ancient History and Religion at Alma College.

1960's

Gail Day ('69) lives in Mystic, CT. She teaches the tribal youth on the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation. woodscene@juno.com.

Joyce Marlene Freese ('69) lives in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico and is a Secretary for Puerto Rico Christian School. joycem-freese@hotmail.com.

Leonard ('69) and Thelma **Tippie** live in Westerville, OH. Leonard is the Associate Minister at North Campus Fairfield Christian Church. ltippie@fairfieldcc.org.

1950's

Robert ('57) and **Nancy (Addis)** (attd: '55-'57) **Booth** live in Ormond Beach, FL and are retired.

Willard ('55) and **Evelyn (Agnor)** (attd: 52-55) **Delaney** live in Bucyrus, OH where they both serve in churches throughout the community, Willard is serving as preacher and Evelyn playing the piano. Willard also serves as Associate Minister at Westside Christian Church in Okeechobee, FL. willarddelaney@peoplepc.com.

Henry (attd: '51-'54) and Betty Lou **Pratt** live in Quincy, IL. In Henry's retirement he is the Lead Chaplain at Bickford Cottage for Marketplace Ministries. In 2009 he was nominated Chaplain of the Year and was among 50 finalists of 2500 Chaplains in the U.S. henrybpratt@sbcglobal.net.

Viola (Barnette) ('52) **Weible** lives in Florissant, MO and serves as the President of the Board of Trustees for Christian Care Home in Ferguson, MO.



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YOUNG ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Since graduating from KCU I earned my Masters of Humanities from the University of Dallas and now I'm busy working two jobs; part-time as an adjunct Professor at Dallas Christian College and full-time for an air conditioning company in Dallas, Texas.



Kyle Martin ('08)

Advanced Biblical Studies major/Humanities minor

At the air conditioning company many of my co-workers are non-Christians. Everyone knows I'm a Christian, and because of this, I occasionally have opportunities to field some tough questions about life, meaning, God, etc.

Recently a co-worker's father was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor and given a bleak prognosis. The co-worker, a non-Christian said to me, "Hey, you're religious. Everything happens for a reason, right?" Instead of not knowing what to say, or freezing for fear of saying the wrong thing, I was able to talk to him with real substance; something I believe was possible in large part because of the training and knowledge I gained at KCU, both in and out of the classrooms.

As an adjunct professor, the preparation I received at KCU is very evident. I teach Introduction to Philosophy, and one of my goals is to show students that philosophy, perceived by many as being antagonistic toward Christianity, is not simply the sum of intellectuals trying to do away with God, but is instead a way of thinking - a gift from God to be used for His glory. My KCU professors showed me that such an endeavor is not only possible, but necessary. They were true philosophers - lovers of wisdom - and I strive to emulate their servant hearts and minds as I follow in their footsteps.

When I arrived at KCU I was naïve and didn't think I had much "growing" to do. I soon found out how wrong I was. Building close relationships with young men from different walks of life broadened my perspective to the point that I can honestly say I gained just as much from the people of KCU as I did from my studies in the classroom." 

"At this time in my life I suppose one might consider me a professional student. I am focused, working towards becoming a Counseling Psychologist. After I graduated from Kentucky Christian University, I went on to earn my Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from Abilene Christian University in 2008. Now, I am in my fourth year at the University of Kentucky working towards a PhD. I think I am finally seeing the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel!

In the fall of 2011 I applied to sites nation-wide for my year-long capstone internship, and I will begin collecting data for my dissertation this coming spring. My academic goal is to complete my PhD program by December of 2013. My ultimate career goal is to enter into the world of academia as a tenure-track assistant professor of Counseling Psychology. I also hope to begin a private practice on the side working with adolescents and adults who have anxiety concerns, eating disorders, and relationship issues.

As I look back on my experience at Kentucky Christian University, I can clearly see that it prepared me for my career by providing both didactic training and experiential opportunities to grow in my knowledge of the counseling psychology field. As a part of my training I was also gaining experience working as a volunteer with clients in the surrounding community. Having professors encourage me to continue in my education and provide guidance on the process of applying to graduate school was helpful as well.

The mentors I was blessed to have at Kentucky Christian University (from professors, resident assistants, and job supervisors) further cultivated a passion in me to more authentically explore a deeper relationship with Jesus through their leadership and Christian example. Through Bible-based courses, on-campus devotional opportunities, and conversations with mentors, I grew in my spiritual journey sharing in the joy of true spiritual community with other brothers and sisters in Christ." 



Norah Chapman Slone ('06)

Psychology and Bible majors

The Alumni Office has established a goal of recognizing our younger alumni in the VOICE. This new section will be entitled, World Changers. The criterion for selection in this section will include: accomplishments since leaving KCU, ministry impact, exceptional community/world impact, extended education in pursuit of additional degrees or other types of advancement in career or study. Please contact Clerrinda Queen in the Alumni Office at cqueen@kcu.edu to nominate an alum that has a particularly inspiring, noteworthy story.

Sarah, Matthew, Ray, Kristina, Jody, Gretchen, Brittany, Asa, Izzy, Jessica



LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

ONE FAMILY'S ADOPTIVE STORY

Ray ('98) and Jody ('05) Jester entertained the idea of adoption for a long time. Ray likes how the Bible refers to us being adopted as sons of God. "It is a sober declaration of the reality that love, contrary to what Hollywood would tell us, is a decision and not an emotion." They had two biological children, but their strong feelings about adoption led them to much prayer and eventually to going through classes to get their foster license. They envisioned adopting an additional child or two, but God had other plans for them.

Soon the Jestes found out from a family in their church about a group of six children, all siblings who had gone into foster care. This family was caring for the three oldest and suggested that Ray and Jody look into getting the three younger children who were in separate homes. Eventually all three of these younger siblings would end up with the Jestes and almost overnight they went from parents of two to parents of five.

No sooner had they gotten settled with their three new children than thoughts about the three older siblings began to stir their hearts. The family who had the three older siblings asked if Ray and Jody might consider taking them as well. Ray said that his initial response was, "NO WAY!" But almost from the beginning his wife Jody was willing to do it. She developed a very close relationship with the oldest girl and that opened the "door in our hearts to all of them." Ray and Jody believe it's important to allow them to grow up together. "They say the sibling bond is stronger than the parent/child bond, because

siblings grow up together their entire lives through adulthood, when parents move away, or eventually pass away," says Jody. So on December 17 of 2010, the three older girls came to live with them. The children's ages range between four and 16 years old.

Ray recently wrote on his blog; "Jody and I love these kids now as if they were our own, really because they are. They have changed our lives in so many ways. We moved from the first house we ever purchased in order to accommodate a mega family. We have to take two vehicles wherever we go. We always have someone needing us for something. We always have laundry to do or something to clean up and at times it is overwhelming. We'll probably have to build a house because there just aren't any on the market that would be ideal for a family our size. Family has taken on a new meaning for both of us. I have one sibling and my wife has two so this is uncharted water for us. Our incredible friends, family and church family are all sacrificially generous and supportive of us. We potentially have six weddings to plan/pay for in our future, eight high school graduations, hopefully eight college graduations and more birthdays than I could hope to remember."

The adoption became official in May of 2011. The Jester family story of love, grace and redemption continues to impact a community more than anyone could have imagined. The Jestes attend Sarasota Christian Church, Sarasota, FL where Ray is the Worship Minister and Jody is the Director of Children's Ministry. 



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