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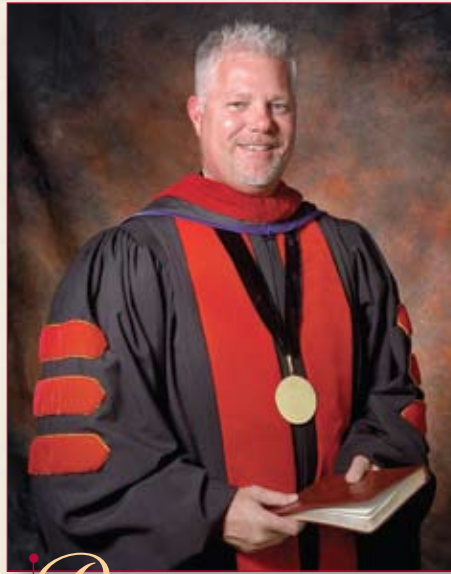
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The President's Perspective



Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

For more than 2,000 years one organization has stood the test of time. Only one has prompted unparalleled compassion and vision for the human scene. Only one has carried an unchanging sacred mission. Only one has born the name that is above every name. Only one will endure the furor of hell's torment – that organization is the Church of Jesus Christ.

From its inception in 1944, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary has engaged and championed the mission of the church. This, yet another Commencement, celebrates the collaborative efforts we share with the invincibility of Christ's church. We not only celebrate another graduating class, we also commend you for your partnership in this

endeavor. The graduates have been blessed by our collective investment in their preparation. Thank you for joining us in this grand adventure.

Os Guinness describes the calling of leaders like our graduates: “a discernment of the times, courage to repudiate powerful interests and fashion, perseverance in the face of daunting odds, seasoned wisdom... and a note of authority in their message born of its transcendent source (the Bible). . .” (*Prophetic Untimeliness*, p.85).

May this be true of the class of 2008.

Dr. Keith H. Ray
President

About the Cover

President Ray presents the Bachelor of Arts degree to Philip Draughan of Cantrall, Illinois. Philip graduated with honors, majoring in Biblical Exposition. He will be entering Lincoln Christian Seminary in the fall for graduate studies in the field of Christian Education and Contemporary Theology.



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President's *Distinguished Service Award*



Elsie and Jerry Martin

Elsie and Jerry Martin of Indianapolis, Indiana, were first introduced to Lincoln Christian College and Seminary when their daughter Debbie attended in 1973.

One of Elsie's "loves" is reading. She opened Romar Christian Bookstore in Indianapolis in 1974, which grew to three stores before selling them in 1983. Elsie also "loves" meeting people, so she opened a Hallmark Store in Greenwood, which she sold to go into "retirement." Because of Elsie's "love" for the Word, she has been involved in Bible Study Fellowship and is very active in Sunday school and church at Indian Creek Christian Church. Elsie also "loves" the Indianapolis Children's Museum, sponsoring families who are in need, and her 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Developing projects is one of Jerry's "loves." Jerry started Jerry Martin Construction and developed various commercial and residential projects in Indianapolis. Because Jerry "loves" developing and building, he has been a part of church planting and building and has shared his expertise on building and his financial

resources with several churches. He has traveled on mission trips, been active in Sunday school and church, and has served as a trustee at the University of Indianapolis.

Throughout their lives, Jerry and Elsie have had many "loves." The one "love" that is most prevalent is that of God's Word. Elsie and Jerry have provided scholarships to various Christian colleges, built buildings on college campuses, and have seen the impact that a Christian education can have on individuals.

They have demonstrated these "loves" with their family, church, and community by using their gifts of leadership, generosity, compassion, mercy, and faith. The 2008 President's Distinguished Service Award is presented with appreciation to Jerry and Elsie Martin for their vision for and generosity to Lincoln Christian College and Seminary.

College *Commencement Speaker*

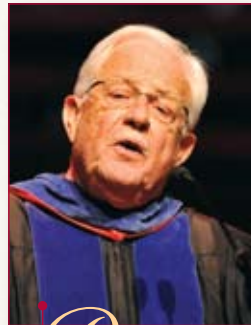


Dr. John L. Derry

A native of Illinois and a 1972 graduate of Lincoln Christian College and a 1978 graduate of Lincoln Christian Seminary, Dr. John L. Derry served as the Commencement speaker for Lincoln Christian College on May 10, 2008. Dr. Derry also received the M.S. in education from Western Illinois University and an Ed.D. in educational leadership from East Tennessee State University.

Dr. Derry was ordained to the ministry in 1978, held preaching ministries in several locations in Illinois, and established a campus ministry at Western Illinois University, where he served from 1973 to 1985. In 1985 he became Vice President for Student Development at Milligan College in Tennessee, where he served until 1998 when he accepted a call to become president of Dallas Christian College. In August of 2003, Dr. Derry became the sixth president of Hope International University in Fullerton, California. He was the recipient of the 2004 Restoration Award for distinguished service in Christian Higher Education from Lincoln Christian College and Seminary. Dr. Derry also received an honorary Doctorate of Theology degree from Seoul Christian University in Korea. John and his wife Jane have two children and five grandchildren.

Seminary *Commencement Speaker*



Dr. Wayne E. Shaw

With this being the first year for two Commencement services on our campus (one for the College and one for the Seminary) Dr. Wayne E. Shaw was honored as the first Lincoln Christian Seminary Commencement speaker. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Lincoln Christian College in 1954, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary in 1960, the Master of Science degree from Butler University in Christian Ministries in 1963, and the Ph.D. degree from Indiana University in 1969.

In 1966 he was called to the Department of Preaching of Lincoln Christian Seminary and in August 1974 became the Academic Dean of the Seminary. He was appointed Dean Emeritus May 12, 2000.

For several years Dr. Shaw served as a commissioner on the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ and as an officer and president of the Academy of Homiletics. He has served on several committees of the National Missionary Convention and the North American Christian Convention and was NACC President in 1999.

Dr. Shaw has preached, taught, and observed the work in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Zaire, Rwanda, Zambia, Ghana, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Mexico, India, Indonesia, Austria, Eastern Europe, and Canada. He and his wife Janet are the parents of four sons, Haydn, Scott, Barton, and Errett (deceased).

College Graduates *of 2008!*



CERTIFICATES

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Tara Lee Davis, Belleville, IN
Amanda K. Gray, Tremont, IL
Lisa Johnson, Lincoln, IL

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

BIBLE

Megan Elizabeth Johnson, Mulberry Grove, IL
Amy Nicolle Kief, Pekin, IL
Joseph Jae Long, Chatham, IL
Tiffany May Oliver, Streator, IL

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY

Richard Bryan Blansett, Sweet Valley, PA
Michelle Ann Hagenbuch, Chestnut, IL

GENERAL MINISTRY

Tiffany Christine Brown, South Pekin, IL

OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Chelsea Anne Jones, Lincoln, IL

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BIBLICAL EXPOSITION

Philip Ray Draughan, Cantrall, IL
Michelle Elizabeth Knight, Normal, IL

BIBLE/THEOLOGY

Chelsea Anne Jones, Lincoln, IL *
Thomas Michael Armstrong King, Secor, IL *

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Anthony E. Chandler, Fairview Heights, IL
Melinda Mari Dragonuk, Monticello, IL
Tabitha Marie Eichelberger, Paxton, IL
Joshua Michael Harvey, Nottingham, PA
Allyson Quinn Leesman, Lincoln, IL
Kari McFadden, Lincoln, IL
Chad S. Nelson, Newaygo, MI

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Richard Bryan Blansett, Sweet Valley, PA

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Elisabeth Lorena Hebert, Woodinville, WA
Robert L. Ketcherside, Westville, IL
Kevin T. Shepherd, Catlin, IL

COMMUNITY AND CARE MINISTRIES

Amber Michelle Carver, Homer, IL
Courtney Beth McCaslin, Wood River, IL
Stephanie Marie Staker, Aledo, IL

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Rachel E. Glueck, Morton, IL

GENERAL MINISTRY

Angela Christine DeVilder, Mt. Carmel, IL
Jeannette M. Haight, Rockford, IL

GENERAL MINISTRY – LINCUP

Charles Ray Cherry, Springfield, IL
Kevin Erickson, Mt. Pulaski, IL
John Leslie Freshour, Bloomington, IL
David W. Gessaman, Buffalo, IL
McKinsey Ann Rice, Springfield, IL
Robin David Roth, Petersburg, IL
Brian David Siltman, Atlanta, IL
Morgan Susanne Williams, Champaign, IL
Katherine Anne Young, Bloomington, IL

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Ryan Cole Mitchell, Moweaqua, IL

(Bivocational Missions)

John W. Carver, Loveland, CO
Janelle Christine Clark, Hammond, IN
Tara Lee Davis, Belleville, IN



Andrea Michelle Dye, Atlanta, IL
 Joshua W. Essman, Bloomington, IL
 Melissa D. Essman, Crown Point, IN
 Jenna Renee Gleason, Lincoln, IL
 Amanda K. Gray, Tremont, IL
 Mindy Jackson, Tinley Park, IL
 Levi Allen Marti, Gibson City, IL
 Courtney Elisabeth Miller, Carmel, IN
 Zachariah C. Reynolds, Painesville, OH
 Joy Elizabeth Roth, St. Peters, MO
 Heidi Elise Sandifer, Greenville, IL
 Heather Anne Torhan, Columbiana, OH
 Grant A. Wade, Springfield, IL
 Danielle Elise Wiseman, Greenville, IL

***LEADERSHIP AND
 MANAGEMENT - LINCUP***

Rachel Shannon Bunner, Lincoln, IL
 Ivan M. Crawford, Villa Grove, IL
 Jacqueline Rena Curry, Lincoln, IL
 Michelle Ann Hagenbuch, Chestnut, IL
 Randall B. Hagenbuch, Chestnut, IL
 Mitchell Keith Halsey, Sherman, IL
 Mark Wayne Heppner, Erie, IL
 Candis Elaine Katzberg, Amboy, IL
 F. LaVerne Landers, Lincoln, IL
 Katelyn Elizabeth Lemme, Lincoln, IL
 Rebecca Creed Nimrod, Lincoln, IL
 Patricia A. Palmer, Peoria, IL
 Todd W. Payton, Brazil, IN
 Edwin E. Taylor III, Washington, IL

MUSIC MINISTRY

Curtis William Franklin, Toulon, IL
 Kyle Tyler Wood, Springfield, IL

PREACHING MINISTRY

Matthew M. Allman, Bloomington, IL *
 Blake Chenoweth, Colchester, IL
 Kyle Joseph DeHoff, Shorewood, IL
 Bryan Ellis Green, Chatham, IL
 Waylon Lawrence, Assumption, IL *
 Robert Thomas McKinney, Mt. Sterling, IL
 Neil Austin Miller, Newburgh, IN
 Ryan Michael Post, Eagle, ID
 Kevin Daniel Wildman, Williamsport, IN

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Michael Lewis Hadady, Wauconda, IL
 Kenyon Eugene Knight, Waukegan, IL

***YOUTH AND PREACHING
 MINISTRY***

Timothy Caleb Barbee, Merrillville, IN
 Joshua Ryan Miller, Kokomo, IN

YOUTH MINISTRY

Kyle Wesley Alt, Hoopston, IL
 Casey Ryan Blakley, Springfield, IL
 Kendahl Logan Brown, Springfield, IL *
 Abigail R. Cassida, Villa Grove, IL *

Bethany A. Collins Crostreet, Catlin, IL *
 Evie Elizabeth Doss, Vincennes, IN *
 Corbin Lee Franklin, Janesville, WI *
 Lucas Paul Goodman, Hannibal, MO *
 Ryne Wiley Isaac, Clinton, IL
 Daniel J. Janssen, Springfield, IL
 Linzi Ann Miller, Viroqua, WI *
 Robert E. Street III, Philadelphia, PA *
 Ry Lee Torhan, Whiting, IN *
 Caleb A. Trapp, Brownsburg, IN
 Paul Ryan Webster, Streator, IL
 Angela Marie Wikoff, So. Pekin, IL *
 Britany Woodrum, Catlin, IL *

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIBLE

Amanda Eve Bollinger, Winthrop Harbor, IL
 Rachel M. Clark, Washington, IL
 Brittany Lynn Shaw, Lincoln, IL
 Tyler Davidson Smith, Crawfordsville, IN
 Bethany J. Tiarney, Waukesha, WI

* Indicates a General Ministry degree with specialization

Seminary Graduates *of 2008!*



MASTER OF ARTS

Darrin Glen Akin, Yuma, AZ
 Darryl C. Ammon, Salisbury, MO
 Titus James Benton, Florissant, MO
 Larry Dean Blevins, Hillsboro, IL
 Donnie Case, Lancaster, KY
 James E. Coonce, Jacksonville, IL
 Gary Allen Davey, Peoria, IL
 Leah Rose DeLaughter, Barnhart, MO
 Robert Eric Denning, Gahanna, OH
 Jerry Dusenberry, Wilmington, IL
 Mark Alan Fishel, Minier, IL
 John Andrew Glass, Delphi, IN
 Jason L. Gordon, Lafayette, IN
 Jason A. Hanson, Rochester, MN
 Jonathan D. Hughes, Carterville, IL
 Angela Marie Kelly, Austin, MN
 David Allen McGee, Catlin, IL
 Aaron J. Monts, Mt. Zion, IL
 Russell Morgan, Loves Park, IL
 Ryan Karlton Nelson, Albuquerque, NM
 Rondalyn Ohrenberg
 Austin Gabriel Parker, Normal, IL
 Danny W. Royer, Bainbridge, IN
 Danley Gene Sewell, New Lenox, IL
 Haydn Shaw, Frankfort, IL
 Daniel Shelton, Springfield, IL
 Andrew Keith Smith, Dufur, OR
 Joseph Michael Willis, LeRoy, IL
 Shane J. Wood, Wentzville, MO

MAC GRADUATES

Britain James Dunaway, East Peoria, IL
 Patti Ecker, Brookfield, IL
 Lora Lee Erickson, Mt. Pulaski, IL
 R. Karla Grigsby, Springfield, IL
 Jon Hamilton, San Jose, IL
 Patti L. Hutton, McVeytown, PA
 Sara Christine Jerles, Quincy, IL

Michael John Krippel, Normal, IL
 Franklin D. Mathis, Decatur, IL
 Curtis L. Meiss, Morton, IL
 Y. Edwin H. Payne, Buchanan, Liberia
 Pamela Sue Samara, Tolono, IL
 Michael B. Sellers, Hillsboro, IL

MDIV GRADUATES

Thomas Curt Byford, Marion, IL
 Aaron Scott Cantrell, Mancelona, MI
 Phillip Richard Carmicheal, Jr., Brazil, IN
 Samuel E. Draper, Dallas, TX
 Candi Evans, Waynesville, IL
 Linda H. Gessaman, Buffalo, IL
 Jerome A. Hayward Jr., Kenosha, WI
 Christopher C. McGhee, Bloomington, IL
 Dennis Guy Petty, Springfield, IL
 Vance W. Russell, Lincoln, IL
 Jonathan Dean Todd, Elkhart, IL
 Douglas Edward Welk, Rochester, IL
 Shane J. Wood, Wentzville, MO

The following certificates and degrees were awarded in August of 2007:

Thomas Lee Daniels, Springfield, IL
 B.A., General Ministry (LincUp)
 Jeremy John Dotson, Nampa, ID
 M.A., Church History/Historical Theology
 Lisa René Mehrens Fraizer, Fort Collins, CO
 B.A., General Ministry
 Shawn Michael Grant, Tallahassee, FL
 M.A., Church History/Historical Theology
 Terrance Ned Henry, Liberty, IL
 M.A., Pastoral Care and Counseling
 Andrew I. Ingram, Decatur, IL
 M.Div., General Ministry

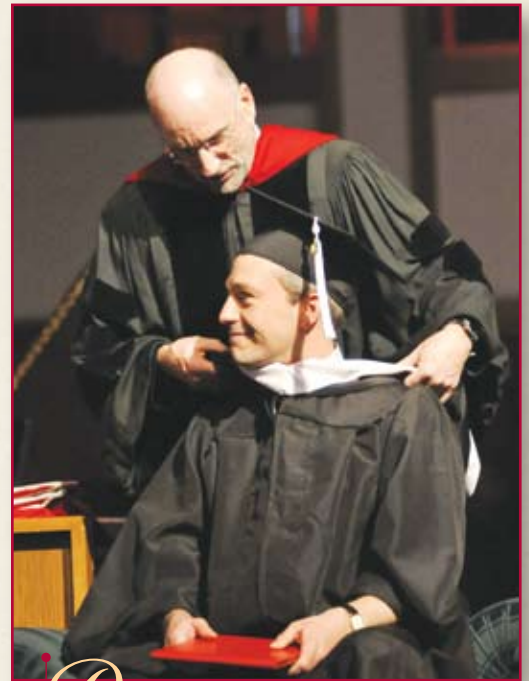
Teresa Michelle Lea, Decatur, IL
 B.A., General Ministry (LincUp)
 Bennie J. Manley, Springfield, IL
 M.A.C
 Rebecca E. Rhodes, Petersburg, IL
 B.A., Family Life Ministry
 Emily E. Sudlow, Catlin, IL
 Certificate in Ministry
 Eileen Macdonald Tanner, Charlottetown,
 PE, Canada
 M.A., Christian Education

The following degrees were awarded in December of 2007:

Missy A. Blanchett, Delavan, IL
 B.A., Intercultural Studies
 Melinda Crawford, Lincoln, IL
 B.A., Business Administration
 Jessica Michelle Fender, Louisville, IL
 B.A., Community & Care Ministry
 Colleen Rae Gennicks, Athens, IL
 B.S., Bible
 Gary Lee Hinegardner, Downs, IL
 M.A., Leadership Studies
 Elizabeth Joy Ingram, Mahomet, IL
 M.A., Contemporary Christian Theology
 Cassandra J. Taylor, Goodfield, IL
 B.A., Business Administration
 Cathy Wallace, Kenney, IL
 B.A., Leadership and Management
 (LincUp)
 Corry Martin Welch, Tolono, IL
 B.A., Christian Spiritual Formation



M.Div. graduates watch as their peers receive their diplomas



Dr. Paul Boatman places M.A.C. hood on honored graduate Curt Meiss.



Ozark Christian College graduates Vance Russell and Shane Wood celebrate receiving their M.Div. degrees from Lincoln Christian Seminary.



Faculty member Tom Sowers celebrates with long-time friend Darrin Akin upon Darrin's graduation from Lincoln Christian Seminary.



Honor students Heidi Sandifer and Danielle Wiseman share a great "friend" moment.



Chad Nelson demonstrates his delight with a big hug for Jordan Lalama (Student Council president) and Kari McFadden.



Honors abound with this group of five graduates, left to right: Janelle Clark, Melinda Dragonuk, Rob McKinney, Kyle Alt, and Abigail Cassida.

Special Honored College Graduates

Each year the College faculty chooses outstanding students who represent the four academic fields of Bible/Theology, General Education, Christian Ministries, and Christian Education Ministries, as well as LincUp (our adult degree completion program). Criteria for selection include academic excellence, personal maturity, spiritual depth, and ministry involvement. The following graduates were recognized for special honors:



M
Michelle Knight

***Bible and Theology Honored Student
Michelle Knight, Normal, IL
Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Exposition***

“The Bible and Theology Field helps students acquire a working knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, a reasonable confidence in their ability to interpret and apply the message of Scripture, and a genuine desire to use this knowledge and ability to grow personally, worship corporately, and witness globally. Michelle is our honored student. She exemplifies what we desire for every student: a deep desire to study God’s Word well, an enthusiasm to share God’s Word in God’s world, and a genuine longing to apply God’s Word to her life.” – Professor Fred Johnson. Michelle plans to continue serving at Manchester Christian Church in Manchester, NH, and will pursue an M.Div. degree with an emphasis in Biblical Studies.



S
Stephanie Staker

***Christian Education Ministries Honored Student
Stephanie Staker, Aledo, IL
Bachelor of Arts in Community and Care Ministries***

“The Christian Education Ministries Field helps students develop the character and skills necessary for servant leadership in educational or care-based settings. Stephanie Staker is an example of such a servant leader in the educational

arena. She brings a contagious attitude of energy and enthusiasm to all that she undertakes, whether in the classroom or in a ministry setting. Her work consistently measures up to the highest standard of excellence, usually exceeding all expectations.” - Dr. Karen Estep. Stephanie is employed as a Case Assistant with Catholic Charities in Lincoln, IL.

***Christian Ministries Honored Student
Chelsea Jones, Lincoln, IL
Bachelor of Arts in General Ministry (Bible/Theology)***



C
Chelsea Jones

“The Christian Ministries Field helps students develop the character and skills necessary for leadership ministry. The field is comprised of business, missions, youth ministry, mass communications, worship ministry and preaching majors.

This year’s nominee happens to be my youngest child. I abstained from voting and simply state that Chelsea personifies the best of what we prayerfully desire in all of our students. Chelsea’s desire to imitate Jesus in life and service led the Christian Ministries Field to choose her as our honored student. Her mother and I could not be prouder!” - Dr. J. K. Jones. Chelsea is weighing future ministry opportunities and greatly anticipates where the Lord will lead her next.



B
Bethany Tiarney

***General Education Honored Student
Bethany Tiarney, Waukesha, WI
Bachelor of Science in Bible***

“The General Education Field is proud to honor Bethany Tiarney as a student who is committed to learning everything and analyzing it in the context of a biblical worldview. Bethany distinguished herself in a wide range of General Education courses and demonstrated a

keen intellect, a desire to excel and a rich curiosity about her world. Bethany’s clear zeal to worship God through the enrichment of her mind represents exactly the kind of student whom we seek to develop at Lincoln Christian College and within the General Education Program.” - Dr. Brian Messner. Bethany will start teaching mathematics in August at Joliet Central High School.

***LincUp Honored Student
Mark Heppner, Erie, IL
Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Management***



M
Mark Heppner

“Mark Heppner typifies a servant leader. Mark has been a friend to his classmates and a leader in the classroom. Mark demonstrates the ability to integrate what he reads and what he hears in class into his daily life. He is the kind of student who knows God’s Word, engages

God’s world, and pursues God’s will for his life.” – Professor Robert Monts. Mark plans to use his education ministering with those he works with as he continues in his current occupational position in the manufacturing field and with his home church in Erie, Illinois.

Special Honored *Seminary Graduates*

Each year the Seminary faculty chooses outstanding students to honor who are representative of various academic areas. These outstanding students represent the three degree programs: Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Counseling, and Master of Divinity. Criteria for selecting these honored graduates include academic excellence, personal maturity, spiritual depth, and ministry involvement. The following graduates were recognized for special honors:



Daniel Shelton

***Master of Arts Honored Student
Daniel Shelton, Springfield, IL
Specialization: Worship Studies***

“Daniel is an excellent example of a student who takes seriously both education and ministry. He is a careful thinker, a skilled practitioner, and a caring pastor who seeks to be led by spirit and truth in all areas of life. Because he has been my friend and student for many years I have watched him grow in many ways, but he has always been dedicated to God’s work. His many talents are balanced by his servant heart. I am grateful that he and his wife Emily have been a part of my life and anticipate that they will continue to make significant contributions to the Kingdom.” - Dr. Dinelle Frankland. Daniel serves as the Worship Minister at South Side Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois, and will continue in that ministry.



Curtis L. Meiss

***Master of Arts in Counseling Honored Student
Curtis L. Meiss, Morton, IL
Specialization: Counseling***

“Curt Meiss is the kind of person for whom the Master of Arts in Counseling was designed. In equipping people for professional-level counseling as Christian Ministry, the students need to be personally sensitive to human needs and theologically astute. Curt entered this program as a father with a career as a Systems Analyst Team Leader at State Farm and a strong churchman. He has maintained balance throughout his program, taking leadership in developing Christian Counseling ministry within his body of churches. His 3.98 GPA indicates that he is committed to excellence in every area of the academic program.” - Dr. Paul Boatman. Curt plans to put the skills he has learned to use as a full-time counselor at Apostolic Christian Counseling and Family Services in Morton, Illinois.



Shane J. Wood

***Master of Divinity Honored Student
Shane J. Wood, Wentzville, MO
Specialization: New Testament***

“Passionate, bright, articulate, thorough, generous, inquisitive, gracious, helpful, disciplined, teachable, and humble. These are the words that come to mind when I reflect on Shane Wood’s journey through our seminary. He has balanced well the demands of being a husband, father, church leader, research assistant, and student. In more than thirty years of teaching, I have not had a finer student of Scripture. He is not satisfied until he has found the answer to a question concerning a passage in Scripture, and he desires to show how questions and answers speak to today’s disciples. In the midst of his studies, Shane has not forgotten to minister to Christ’s church locally and globally while loving family, friends, and fellow students. He is a model for showing that scholarship and faith should belong together. His heart’s desire is to make Christ famous.”- Dr. Robert Lowery. Shane commented that God has commissioned him first to be a good father and husband to his family. In addition, he recently accepted the role as the Associate Director for the Institute for Christian Resources where he will be helping in producing and developing high-quality, free resources to distribute via the internet while also nurturing, planting, and lecturing at ICR’s international libraries that are strategically placed around the world. Shane will also be attending Wales University beginning in September 2008 to pursue Ph.D. studies in the Politics of John in the book of Revelation.

Graduate Highlights

The graduating students listed below represent a diversity of ministries across our country and around the world. By linking each graduate to a world map, we can see clearly how widespread the ministries of these newly minted alumni really are. Of the 17 graduates listed below, 10 are serving in the U.S. (from New Mexico to New England) and 7 are serving overseas—from Romania to Cambodia, and from Afghanistan to the South Pacific.

Among our 165 graduates, 57 (35%) will be on a church staff, 22 (13%) will be serving cross-culturally, 20 (12%) will be in serving in the business world, 14 (9%) will be chaplains/counselors, 13 (8%) will be teaching/ working with children, 12 (7%) will be in volunteer ministry, 7 (4%) will be in social work, 7 (4%) haven't decided yet where to serve, and another 13 will be in graduate school (actually 40 or 24% will be, if you include those also working).

SEMINARY:



■ **Donnie Case** is continuing as Senior Minister at the Maple Avenue Christian Church in Macomb, IL, and has been accepted into a Ph.D. program in leadership at Capella University.



■ **Samuel Draper** will serve as College Pastor with a new church plant in Laramie, WY.



■ **Leah DeLaughter** is serving with her husband as a missionary in Tanzania, Africa, with ACM International.

■ **Ryan Nelson** continues as minister of worship at First Christian Church in Albuquerque, NM. He will be writing for publication to encourage and equip those serving in worship ministry.

■ **Mark Fishel** served as missionary-in-residence at Lincoln Christian College this spring and will serve in a discipleship ministry in Cambodia with New Mission Systems International.



■ **Rondalyn Ohrenberg** and her husband are missionaries with Pioneer Bible Translators and will serve as New Field Facilitators in Vanuatu, South Pacific.



■ **Andrew Smith** graduated in absentia because he and his wife are serving on the mission field with Shepherd's Heart International Ministry in Uganda.



■ **Jonathan Todd** is an army chaplain, deployed to Afghanistan in June, 2008.

COLLEGE:

■ **Blake Chenoweth** serves as Preaching Minister with the New Hartford Christian Church in Pittsfield, IL.



■ **Michelle Knight** completed LCC's honor program in Biblical Exposition and will be serving with her husband **Kenyon**, another 2008 graduate, at the Manchester (NH) Christian Church. He will be entering the Marine Corps in October.

■ **Robert Ketcherside** majored in children's ministry and received the *Christian Standard* Publishing Award. He is serving as youth minister at Cayuga (IN) Christian Church.



■ **Ryan Mitchell** is an Intercultural Studies graduate who will serve as a missionary in Kenya, working with New Mission Systems International.

■ **Tara Davis** is an Intercultural Studies graduate who also completed a Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She will work with House of Faith Ministries in San Angelo, TX.

■ **Joshua and Melissa Essman** will complete their degrees this summer, while working cross-culturally with Heart to Heart International Ministries in Romania.

■ **Todd Payton** and his family are moving to North Carolina this summer to begin a student ministry with Jefferson Church of Christ in Rural Hall.

■ **Ryan Post** will be serving as Student Ministries Worship Leader at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY.



■ **Bethany Tiearney** graduated with highest honors and completed LCC's honors program in teacher education. She will teach high school math in Joliet, IL.

Encountered, Exposed, *and Engaged*

By Candra Landers
Director of Service Learning

Alex is a Down Syndrome child living under the care of Forget Me Not Ministries, a haven for Romanian orphans started by Lincoln Christian College graduate Rachel Ross. A team of LCC students on Week of E3 this spring met Alex there. Staff member Mandy Liptak told Alex's story when she returned from the trip:

"Alex is 2-1/2 years old, but he appears to be about nine months old. Because of neglect, he spent the first two years of his life laying in a stroller . . . [Since] Alex first came to the center, . . . he has started chattering, following things with his eyes, eating food, and sitting up on his own. He was really mad each evening when our group would leave and there wasn't someone to hold him constantly. . . . He is really getting used to being loved on!"

Week of E3 has been a Lincoln Christian College tradition since 1984. Originally called "Week of Evangelism," these short-term mission trips were an opportunity for LCC students to take Christ's message into the world, serving alongside faculty and staff. Today that mission has been expanded to encompass a total of three "E"s. Week of E3 gives LCC students a chance to encounter God, be exposed to where He is at work, and to engage in that work. The manner in which every Week of E3 project accomplishes these goals is as diverse as the people they impact.

This year, Week of E3 teams went into underprivileged areas to serve people in need. One group of students traveled to Uganda to work with Invisible Children and H.E.A.L.S. to bring art therapy and play to children rescued from forced service as child soldiers. In Honduras, students labored to complete construction projects in an orphanage, while growing to love the children who live there. These projects take Christ's love to people who might not otherwise know His name.

Inner cities are teeming with people in need. Two teams returned to Katrina-ravaged New Orleans to contribute to ongoing clean-up efforts. In Montreal, students staffed a youth center by cleaning and making repairs during the day, then spending time at night with teenagers at risk for drug and alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy. Some teams take the students and the people they are serving out of their normal element, as in the Montana trip to Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch. These students met children struggling with family and behavior issues and worked next to them in the daily labor associated with a cattle farm while modeling Christ's example.

Not all teams traveled far from home. Many teams dispatched students into local and area ministries, including the Lincoln area YMCA, Lincoln area nursing homes, Home Sweet Home Mission, Chillicothe Christian Church, and Little Galilee Christian Assembly (camp).

Several trips assisted churches in their preparations for Easter services. Six teams traveled to New England to work with churches affiliated with Restoration House Ministries. LCC's talented Chorale traveled through the midwest, sharing their beautiful music with churches all along their path.

Other teams took a scholarly approach to engaging in God's work in the world. In a Chicago monastery, students gained an inside look at life immersed in daily worship and service. Faculty member Chris Simpson led students to The Kierkegaard Library in Minnesota to study Kierkegaard's life and works. In the U.K., students taught religious education classes for junior and senior high school students. A Puerto Rico team served inside a Christian day school in San Juan.

Being immersed in Christian service for one intense week is a powerful formative experience for our students. While these projects are short-term, often the fruits of their labor taste sweet long after their departure. Sending out over five hundred workers means that many organizations are able to enjoy the finished product of projects they didn't have the time or manpower to complete on their own, and they benefit from the encouragement and energy that LCC students bring. In 2009, students will return to many of these destinations and build on the work begun by students in the past. Other teams will travel to new locations and begin a new work. In all cases, teams will devote their efforts to covering all the "E"s and the world will wait to see what God brings to fruition through Week of E3.

To view pictures from this year's Week of E3 projects, go to: <http://www.lccs.edu/woe>



Junior Nick Sheetz reunites with Honduran boy he has supported since his last trip to Ocotillo.

Christian Education at Lincoln: *A Legacy of a Lifetime – and of a Life*

By Dr. Tom Tanner, Vice President of Academics

“Following Jesus is the best choice one can make.” That sentence by Dr. Gary Bussmann summarizes the Christian Education program at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary. It is not about the teaching; it’s about the Teacher. It is not about the methods; it’s about the Master. Christian Education is first about making “Jesus followers.” That emphasis in Christian Education has had a long and strong history at Lincoln, with Christ always at the center. In fact, Lincoln’s founding purpose from 1944 was to prepare “preachers, Christian teachers, and other Christian workers who will know the Christ and be able to present the Christ to their generation.”



Gary Bussmann in 1968

Beginning with one program and one professor back in 1955, Lincoln’s emphasis in Christian Education has evolved over the last half century to encompass everything from teacher education to spiritual formation. Here are just a few of the milestones on this 50+ year journey:

Christian Education Timeline

1955 Gerald Fargusson becomes Lincoln’s first full-time professor of Christian Education

1969 Robert Wilson hired to oversee graduate program in Christian Education

1974 Eleanor Daniel called as first female professor of Christian Education among our schools

2002 Two new professors in Christian Education called: Dr. James Estep and Dr. Karen Estep

1988 Consortial programs in Teacher Education begun with Illinois State University

2004 Teacher Education programs accredited by Association of Christian Schools International

2006 Seminary develops Master of Religious Education degree, accredited in 2007

1989 New program in Children’s Ministry offered under Christian Education department

1966 Gary Bussmann called to expand Christian Education program

1982 Consortial program in Teacher Education offered with Sangamon State University (now UIS)

1997 Barbara Messner called as full-time coordinator of consortial Teacher Education program

2008 Gary Bussmann retires as head of College CE program after 42 years

1976 Lincoln launches new Christian Education program in Church and Family Life

1995 Christian Education program initiates Small Groups major

1996 First full-time professor of Family Life called, Phillip Foster

2007 Partnership program in Elementary Education with Greenville College announced



Gary Bussmann

Lincoln’s legacy in Christian Education over the last half century, however, is not measured in statistics but in students. Upon his retirement this spring, Dr. Gary Bussmann, Lincoln’s longest serving CE professor, put it this way: “My legacy is my students.” And there have been literally thousands of

students majoring in CE and CE-related programs at Lincoln. For many years, in fact, CE was Lincoln’s largest major with more than 150 students enrolled each year. While missions and youth ministry are now the most popular programs in the College, CE-related areas in the College and Seminary still enroll well over

a hundred students. Lincoln’s CE graduates continue to serve in a myriad of ministries, from the local church to the foreign mission field, from Illinois public schools to international Christian schools. They are our living legacy in Christian Education.

The Christian Education emphasis at Lincoln really is a legacy of a lifetime. We celebrate and honor those who have given their lives to this effort at Lincoln over the years, but more importantly we celebrate and honor the One Life who gives us all “the abundant life.” That’s a legacy of a lifetime—and of a Life.

Welcome New College Faculty for 2008-09 Academic Year



Dr. Mariana Hwang

Dr. Mariana Hwang is called to direct the Christian Education program here in both Children's Ministry and Spiritual Formation upon the retirement of Dr. Gary Bussmann. She is an experienced professional in Christian Education/Spiritual Formation. She has served in the local church and academia, currently teaching at Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Philippines. Dr. Hwang brings international experience and global passion. She is broadly and deeply qualified, holding a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Family Life Education and a Ph.D. in Educational Studies from Talbot Theological Seminary. The Christian Education Field is to be commended for their diligent work in calling Dr. Hwang.

Dr. Clay Ham is known to many of us here at LCCS. Dr. Ham holds a B.A. in Preaching from Lincoln Christian College and an M.Div. in New Testament from Lincoln Christian Seminary. He continued his education at Southwestern Seminary receiving his Ph.D in New Testament in 2003. Dr. Ham currently serves at Dallas Christian College as professor in New Testament and Preaching and as Vice President of Academic Affairs. He is a deep scholar and committed church servant, rich in classroom experience having served 20 years at DCC. He brings a deep love for global ministry, serving as adjunct professor at Lakeview Christian Seminary, Chennai, India. Dr. Ham is called to fill the New Testament position left vacant last spring when Mr. Harold Merritt left us to begin a new ministry with St. Louis Christian College. We are grateful to the Bible Theology Field for their discerning work in selecting Dr. Ham.



Dr. Clay Ham



Dr. Chris Keith

We are pleased to announce the calling of Dr. Chris Keith as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins. He just completed his Ph.D at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. He is a 2005 graduate of Cincinnati Christian University with an M.Div. and M.A. in New Testament, having graduated Summa Cum Laude. He also received the B.S. in Biblical Studies, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Among his most recent contributions is "Writing and Book Production in the Hellenistic and Roman Period," co-authored with Dr. Larry W. Hurtado, which will appear in *The New Cambridge History of the Bible: From the Beginnings to 600*, by Cambridge University Press. His article based on his Ph.D. work, "A Performance of the Text: The Adulteress' Entrance into John's Gospel," will be published, Spring 2009, in the European Studies on Christian Origins Series, T & T Clark. Dr. Keith is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature.

European Study Tour

Reflections by LCC Senior Emma Hanford



Emma Hanford poses at the ruins of Pompeii with Mt. Vesuvius in the background.

It would be difficult to choose a single aspect of the 2007 European Study tour to highlight, because it affected me in so many areas. I could talk about experiencing the

incredible acoustics and amplification of the ancient Greek theatre at Epidaurus. Or I could attempt to describe the beauty of watching the sun set from a bridge in Florence. Perhaps it was the way I was reminded of the immense value of understanding history or how I was able to see the connections in my education in a more real way because of having been to the locations and seeing the artifacts.

But in terms of long-term impact, it was my appreciation of art which was most affected. It was fascinating to see how understanding the context in which a piece of art was created and spending time contemplating the actual piece (not just a representation of it in a book) together formed a dynamic partnership. It was not until

then that art became alive and significant for me ... so much so that spending four hours in the Uffizi gallery was a treasured experience, not just another class assignment.

What makes this trip work is the organization. The detailed itinerary fits in an astonishing number of sites, and the guides are invaluable in pointing out their history and significance.

**Sign up now for the 2009 European Study Tour
May 27-June 10, 2009**

Join us for our 6th tour as we visit Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Pompeii, Corinth, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Delphi and Athens. Stand where Paul stood in Corinth and Athens! Fabulous art, ancient sites, medieval cities! Expert faculty guides!

Complete information at www.lccs.edu/IDS
Questions? Contact Dr. Brian Messner
messner@lccs.edu or 217-732-3168 ext. 2350

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ILLINOIS STATE MINISTERS' RETREAT

*Hosted by Lincoln Christian College and Seminary
Henderson Hall*

"PUT ME IN, COACH!"

October 27 – 28, 2008

(4:00 p.m. Monday to 2:15 p.m. Tuesday)

Featured Speakers:

David Clark - Lead Pastor, Central Christian Church, Beloit, WI

Worship led by Dr. Dinelle Frankland, Lincoln Christian Seminary

Bible Exposition by Fred Hansen, Lincoln Christian Seminary, faculty in Bible and Theology

Women's session - "Working with Volunteers" led by Marcia Wells, Lincoln Christian Church

Registration Information: Non-refundable registration fee of \$15 should be sent to Darrell Hinkle c/o First Christian Church, 701 N. Sycamore St., Villa Grove, IL 61596

Cost: \$40 (\$50 after October 13), Monday only \$25, Tuesday only \$20; Spouses only \$25; LCC/LCS students not in full-time ministry are free (meals are \$15); scholarships are available. Registration includes Monday night supper and Tuesday lunch.

Housing: Holiday Inn Express rooms are \$71.04 (up to four adults)

Contact person for registration: Brent Zastrow (815)889-4474
Milford Christian Church, Milford, IL
e-mail: milfordcc@hotmail.com



Class of 1958

(back row, left to right): Dwayne Good, Gene Beavers, John Nelson, Richard Bosecker, Phil Lockhart, Dwight Good, John Leinbaugh, Billy Chambers, Herb Buche, Charles Embree, Robert Wilson, Larry Doggett, Vaughn Beeman, and Edward Hughes. Front row (left to right): Doris Keller, Joann Strobel, Lois Putnam, Sandra Leinbaugh, Patricia Hetrick, Lois Lash, Phyllis Sanders, and Sara Lockhart.

Class of '58 *Celebrates 50th Anniversary*

The Class of 1958 met one another again, for some 50 years later, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation date from Lincoln Bible Institute (now Lincoln Christian College and Seminary). Twenty-two graduates along with their spouses and guests spent Commencement weekend on campus, as the Alumni Office hosted them with a very busy schedule of noon luncheon with the Good Twins singing, campus and community tours, evening banquet, and fellowshiping. Pictured are

Alumni Association *Gets Ready for a New Fiscal Year*

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Council was held on Friday, May 9, wherein they carried out their governance responsibilities as dictated by the Association's By Laws.

Those elected to serve on the Alumni Association's Executive Cabinet from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 are:

- Brad Neal**, Lincoln, IL, LCS '88 – *President*
- Henry Johnson**, Lincoln, IL, LCC '72, LCS '79 – *Vice President*
- Robert Twist**, Elkhart, IL, LCC '81, LCS – *Past President*
- Brandon Boyd**, Lincoln, IL, LCC '98, LCS '01, '07 – *Secretary*
- Marge Iden**, Lincoln, IL, LCC '64 – *Delegate*
- Annie Sheets**, Bloomington, IL, LCC '95 – *Delegate*

Those elected to serve four-year terms on the Alumni Council from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2012 are:

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| Alyssa Ewing, Minier, IL | Robert Phillips, Champaign, IL |
| Michael Farar, Crown Point, IN | Ken Rutledge, Clinton, IL |
| LaVerne Landers, Lincoln, IL | Mark Sanders, Shelbyville, IL |
| Chris Lawler, Waynetown, IN | Kim Smith, Normal, IL |
| David Miller, Springfield, IL | Andrea Thomason, Mt. Pulaski, IL |
| Bruce Parmenter, Lincoln, IL | |

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GIFT REVENUE BUDGET 2008-09

The total budget, which was increased from \$180,000 to \$190,000, was unanimously approved by the Alumni Council for the 2008-09 academic year is as follows:

General Fund	22.9%	\$ 43,500
Special project – Timothy Hall Renovation	10.3%	19,500
Library Books/Equipment	13.4%	25,500
Scholarships:		
College	5.10%	9,700
Seminary	5.10%	9,700
Student Development	5.80%	11,100
Special Needs	5.30%	10,000
Vice President of Alumni Development	27.4%	52,000
Association Expenses/Alumni Gatherings	4.7%	9,000
TOTAL	100%	\$190,000

Due to space limitations, the Alumni News section now appears on our website (www.lccs.edu) under the Alumni link. Please visit this site often.

Lincoln Alumni Reunion at NACC in Cincinnati

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (following closing session)

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Regency Ballroom ABC

No reservations required. No cost.

The reunion includes a sit-down reception with hors d'oeuvres and program, including presentation of the 2008 Restoration Award.

Also stop by Lincoln's exhibit booth during your NACC visit.

"Small Church – Big Potential"

Hosted by Lincoln Christian College and Seminary

Saturday, September 6, 2008

Registration Cost: \$49;
after August 29: \$59;
Student registration: \$10

Register by going to
www.escnetwork.org/conferences
or call (800) 543-1353

Keynote Speaker:

Paul Williams, President of Orchard Group, Inc., a church planting organization in New York and the Northeast, and Editor-at-Large of *Christian Standard*.

Conference Schedule:

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 – 10:20 a.m. Main Session –
Keynote Speaker
10:30 – 11:20 a.m. Workshops
11:30 – 12:20 p.m. Workshops
12:30 – 1:50 p.m. Luncheon –
Keynote Speaker
2:00 – 2:50 p.m. Workshops
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Closing:
Take-Away Session

Workshops:

- Reaching Out:** Creative ways to spread the Gospel in your community
- Sharing the Workload:** Recruiting, equipping, and nurturing ministry volunteers
- Worshipping Together:** Biblical guidelines and practical suggestions for meaningful worship
- Working with Leaders:** Building unity and harmony among decision-makers
- Discipling Youth:** Ideas and opportunities for ministry to children and teens
- Managing Finances:** Biblical guidelines and practical solutions for church budgets, pay packages, and personal finances

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