A Message from the President

What do 14, 55, and 67 all have in common at LCU? Well, I have completed 14 years as president, turned 55 years old in May, and completed the 67th Commencement in LCU history. All of those figures add up to one word—“transition.” For some, that word is disturbing.

Take Isaac Asimov, the Russian born science fiction writer and biochemist, who wrote: “Life is pleasant, death is peaceful. It's transition that troubles me.”

Honestly, I have grown accustomed to “transitions.” I must confess, transitions have held a bit of intrigue for me. It's the leader’s imagination that something new is just around the corner. Or maybe it's the curiosity of “what could be” if we tweak this just a bit. Perhaps it's the leader’s sense that God is utterly sovereign, and not to go forward or not embrace a transition is equal to missing out on what God is about to do.

While curiosity and imagination speak to my heart and vision as a leader, it is this notion of a sovereign Lord that absolutely gives me a sense of thrill about the future.

I am equally mindful that there is a need to be grateful for the “mile markers” that all-at-once divulge the grandeur of what God has already done. You cannot help but take notice of those significant people and events that mark extraordinary “transition” in this Restorer issue. They, of course, include remarkable and stalwart servants that have made LCU what it is today. For them, we are grateful. To those that have recently turned their tassels at our 67th Commencement, we pray Godspeed for the journey ahead. Saying “goodbye” to these special people is what this issue is all about.

But, we also want to recognize the sovereign hand of God in our “transitions” to the future. We are eager to say “hello” to the servants of a new era, believing full well what has blessed our past will indeed bless our future. What is behind this remarkable legacy of the past and the promise of the future? Jesus Christ.

We repeat, with the writer of the Hebrew letter, these profound words about transitions: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever,” Hebrews 13:8.

Join me in applauding the sovereign hand of God for establishing our rich heritage, undergirding our recent graduating class, and providing the servant-leaders for the days and years ahead.

I can't wait to see what the Lord will do next!

With great expectations and by His grace,

Dr. Keith H. Ray, President
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## 2012 Undergraduate Degrees

### School of Undergraduate Studies

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**Notes:**
- * indicates the degree is offered in a minor discipline.
- Numbers after the city or state indicate the number of credits for the minor discipline.
WORSHIP MINISTRY
Spenser D. Carrell, Ramsey, IL
Jordan Matthew Cunningham, Warsaw, IN 12
Shannon Cane Miller, Danville, IL
Rode Pannell, Cuernavaca-Morelos, Mexico
Lauren Elizabeth Smith, Catlin, IL
Ethan Shane Tapscott, Galesburg, IL

YOUTH MINISTRY
Matthew Alt, Hoopeston, IL
Daniel James Arseneau, Cerro Gordo, IL 4
Clinton O’Neal Battles, Springfield, IL 13
Joshua D. Bennett, Pleasant Plains, IL 3
Josiah Brock (General Ministry), Brazil, IN
Caleb Eugene Douglass (General Ministry), St. Joseph, IL 13
Christopher Robert Earles, Cerro Gordo, IL
Daniel Jon Eberhard, Channahon, IL
Donald Dennis Gordon II, Chicago Heights, IL 13
Matthew D. Johnson, Trivoli, IL 12
J. D. McArthur III, Charleston, IL
Charles A. Waterman, Jr., Decatur, IL
Michelle Glenn Wayman, Longmont, CO

YOUTH and PREACHING MINISTRY
Spencer J. DeLong, Leo, IN
Garren Holt, Crawfordsville, IN
Drew Henry Kanzler, Indianapolis, IN
Jared G. Nassiff, Ankeny, IA

Bachelor of Science
BIBLE
Megan L. Callahan, Clinton, IL 3
Brandon Christopher Davis, Lincoln, IL
Stephen L. Gifford, Jr., Park Forest, IL 13
Lesley Renée Holloway, Evansville, IL 13
Emilie Joye Lowe, Lincoln, IL 3
Whitney Masters, Florissant, MO 1
Michelle Erin Sexton, Bloomington, IL 13
Natalie Marie Shay, Hudson, IL 1
Kristen Renee Strunga, Catlin, IL 13

1 In absentia
2 Degree awarded August 31, 2011
3 Degree awarded December 31, 2011
4 Degree to be completed August 31, 2012
* Also receiving BS in Elementary Education from Greenville College

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Certificates
SERVANT LEADERSHIP
Jon R. Langenbahn, Lincoln, IL 13

Associate of Arts
GENERAL STUDIES
Carissa Jewel Kutz, Lincoln, IL 1

BIBLICAL STUDIES
Christie M. Todd, Fairbury, IL 12

Bachelor of Arts
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
Blake Andrew Canterbury, Petersburg, IL 3
Robert D. Clapp, Oakland, IL
Stacey M. Durham, Decatur, IL
Sandra Kaye Gambrel, Clinton, IL
April Ooms Kinzinger, Normal, IL 3
Phillip R. Lake, Villa Grove, IL
Ian Thomas Oller, Normal, IL
Steven Alan Paulsen, Mazon, IL 1
Chelsea Morgan Russo, Las Vegas, NV
Jennifer Lee Waggoner, Newberry, IN
Aaron J. Zapata, Lovingston, NM

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY and LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT
Gordon L. Blankenship, Jr., Blandinsville, IL
Darrell Philip Stribling, Atlanta, IL

GENERAL MINISTRY
Ryan Martin Bordner, Lima, IL
Randall Scott Nichols, Berlin, IL 12
John “Skip” Roten II, Martinsville, IN 3

HUMAN SERVICES
Alice Faye Bower, Roanoke, IL
Lyle Seth Chastain, Carmi, IL
Christopher J. Coney, Plainville, IN
Joseph R. Cotner, Springfield, IL
Leah Segar Knaggs, Las Vegas, NV
Judy Ann Monroe, Springfield, IL
Lori Ann Reed, Tuscola, IL
Tabitha L. Sill, Oakland, IL
John C. Terrien, Waltonville, IL 4

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY
Katrina L. Strom, Searcy, AR

LEADERSHIP and MANAGEMENT
Larry Carnail Austin, Springfield, IL 3
James Kevin Childress IV, Chicago, IL 1
Diane E. Ham, Lincoln, IL
Dawn Marie Heath, LeRoy, IL 13
Jamie Jean Jackson, Peoria, IL
Derek Johnson, Oakland, CA
Janet A. Joslin, Bloomington, IL 3
John M. Kellerstrass, Morton, IL
Rodney John Kreier, Streator, IL
Jennifer Diane McCormick, Athens, IL
Catherine K. Sheley, Lincoln, IL
Timothy Lee Shinall, Franklin, IL
Kimberly A. Tackett, Atlanta, IL
2012 GRADUATE DEGREES

Hargrove School graduate degree recipients

Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies

Certificate in TESOL
Nancy Hubbs, Jacksonville, IL
Dolores Lynn Poling, Hong Kong
Anne C. Sporrer, Washington, IL

Master of Arts
BIBLE & THEOLOGY
Jacob Cheriath Joseph, Houston, TX

Karass Philip Paulraj,
Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Reed L. Adams, Columbus, OH
Danielle Nicole Boyter, Boone, NC
Blake Charles Clevenger, Amarillo, TX
Alexander C. Dayvolt, Lincoln, IL
Cherish A. Brandon Edwards,
Crown Point, IN
Matthew W. Fogle, Bloomington, IL
Melissa D. Kampen, Peoria, IL
Kyle Harris, Moline, IL
Farron Scott Mantz, Clarksville, TN
Lucas A. Motley, Plano, IL
Louie Anthony Murillo, Hurst, TX
Ernest Robert Overton, Sesser, IL
Nicholas Owen Parsons, Joplin, MO
Carl L. Perry, Greenville, NC
Lisa Feese Ramlow, Lincoln, IL
Tina Lynn Riedel, O’Fallon, MO

TESOL
Allan Dwayne Atteberry, Jeonju, South Korea
Deanna L. Cox, Concord, NC
Kelvin Darnell Gratron, Jr., Roanoke, VA
Harley Ann (Kuhlmann) Guillaume-Gentil, Auburn, WA
Amanda Jane Kira, Covington, IN

Seminary

Certificate in TESOL
Mary Susan Freeman, Waynesville, IL
BS, Illinois State Normal University, 1981
MRE, Lincoln Christian Seminary, 1991

Master of Arts
Contemporary Christian Theology
Michael G. Frost, St. Louis, MO
BA, Atlanta Christian College (GA), 2002
Worship Studies

Christian Apologetics
Robert William Croft III, Athens, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2010

Biblical Languages
Catlin Daye Donato, Richmond, TX
BS, Dallas Christian College (TX), 2010

Robert M. Eby, Lake Villa, IL
BA, Central Bible College (MO), 1996

General Ministry
Brandon Eugene Grant, Bloomington, IL

General Theology
Katie Alaine Hemmer, Rochester, MN
BS, Central Christian College of the Bible (MO), 2009

Worship Studies
Jill Kellerstrass, Morton, IL
BA, Moody Bible Institute (IL), 2007

Christian Education
Eric Wills Radecki, Belleville, IL
BA, BA, Lincoln Christian College, 1993
Worship Studies

New Testament
Nolan Ryan Recker, Mokena, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2008

Christian Education
Eric Daniel Roseberry, Lafayette, IN
BA, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2006

Christian Education
Jon Peter Stevens, Lincoln, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2009

Christian Education
Brian James Talty, Mount Zion, IL
BA, Milligan College (TN), 1999

Pastoral Care & Counseling
Errol Sylvester Wright, Ogallala, NE
BA, Summit Christian College (NE), 2005

Master of Religious Education
Larissa Michelle Jesina,
Marshalltown, IA
BA, University of Northern Iowa, 2009

Master of Arts in Counseling
Laura P. Amble, Hudson, IL
BS, Purdue University (IN), 1992
MS, University of Minnesota, 1995

Jacqueline Anne Clark, Zanesville, OH
BS, Milligan College (TN), 2003

Christian Education
Julia N. Gibson, Lexington, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2010

Heather Gramley, Avon, IN
BS, Kentucky Christian University, 2005

New Testament
Amanda K. Henry, Mt. Sterling, IL
BS, Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville, 2005

Christian Apologetics
Kelley K. Householder, Bremen, OH
BA, Hillsdale Freewill Baptist Bible College (OK), 2007

Christian Education
Autumn R. Huett, East Peoria, IL
BS, Bradley University (IL), 2008
Dorothy D. Jackson, Clinton, IL
BS, Illinois State University, 1987

Belinda Landry, Saybrook, IL
BA, Platte Valley Bible College (NE), 1990

Bruce L. Ludwick, Ottawa, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2009

Kathleen Louise Schackmann Lyons, Springfield, IL
BA, Judson University (IL), 1998

Heather LeAnn Mulvany, Louisville, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2008

Tammy Lynn Murrell, El Paso, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2005

William Douglas Portis, Chicago, IL
BS, Western Illinois University, 1995

Emily J. Rodenbeck, Lincoln, IL
BA, Anderson University (IN), 2002
MA, Lincoln Christian University, 2010

Steven Surratt, Mt. Sterling, IL
BA, Western Illinois University, 1995

Verzell Taylor, Decatur, IL
BS, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, 2005

Edward Paul Tibbits, Lincoln, IL
BS, Central Christian College of the Bible (MO), 2008

Rolaire Walsh, Chicago, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2000

Janet Elaine Warner, Clinton, IL
BS, St. Louis Christian College (MO), 2004

Master of Divinity

Justin John Anweiler, Lincoln, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2005
Pastoral Care & Counseling

Monte E. Bowers, Shelbyville, IL
BA, University of Missouri – Columbia, 1997

James Michael Clark, Zanesville, OH
BA, Milligan College (TN), 1999
Church History/Historical Theology

Ryan Douglas Dillon, Springfield, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2007
Philosophy

Doctor of Ministry

Nehkholal, Yangon, Myanmar
BTh, Zomi Theological College (Myanmar), 1998
MDiv, Trulock Theological Seminary (Myanmar), 2004
Church/Parachurch Leadership

Eric Allen Stevens, Moberly, MO
BA, Central Christian College (MO), 1984
MA, Cincinnati Bible Seminary (OH), 1996
MDiv, Cincinnati Bible Seminary (OH), 2001
Preaching

Casey Kenneth Tygrett, Tinley Park, IL
BA, Mount Vernon Nazarene University (OH), 2000
MDiv, Lincoln Christian Seminary, 2003
Spiritual Formation

Paul S. Williams, East Islip, NY
BA, Kentucky Christian College, 1973
MM, Kentucky Christian College, 1984
MA, Cincinnati Christian Seminary (OH), 1990
Pastor Care

1 In absentia
2 Degree awarded August 31, 2011
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Seminary degree recipients

Ryan Thomas Hemmer, Rochester, MN
BA, Central Christian College of the Bible (MO), 2009
General Theology

Christopher Lehr, Chatham, IL
BFA, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, 2007
Pastoral Care & Counseling

Joseph A. Mollet, Pana, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2000
Leadership Studies

John William Knox, Jr., Raymond, OH
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2006
General Ministry

Tyler Allen Stewart, Gilbert, AZ
BTh, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2008
New Testament

Samuel Paul Strange, Heyworth, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2005
New Testament

Gregory Keith Summers, Benton, IL
BS, University of Maryland University College, 2001
MA, University of Oklahoma, 2003
Pastoral Care & Counseling

David John Swihart, Springfield, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2002
Preaching Ministry

Elizabeth A. Wakeman, Park Forest, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2006
Christian Education
Each year LCU faculty choose to honor outstanding students from various fields of study. Criteria for selecting these honored graduates include academic excellence, personal maturity, spiritual depth, and ministry involvement. Since it could be argued that many of our graduates qualify for such an honor, we chose these students not only because they are well deserving of such recognition, but also because they represent the best of all their fellow classmates. May God’s blessing be on these and all our graduates as they continue to use their gifts to serve others to His glory.

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HARGROVE SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Leah S. Knaggs,
BA in Human Services
Leah began taking onsite courses at the Las Vegas extension site in the spring of 2010. Going back to school was a daunting challenge for the mother of three young children. That challenge grew when her husband, a Tech Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, was deployed overseas. After graduation, Leah plans to volunteer in her church’s ministry to hurting people and pursue graduate studies.

HARGROVE SCHOOL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Kyle Harris,
MA in Organizational Leadership
Kyle, his wife Kathy, and their two children moved to Papua New Guinea in 1985 to serve with Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). For more than 10 years they ministred to the Nend people, learning and analyzing their language and developing its first alphabet. In 2010, Kyle began his studies in the Organizational Leadership online degree program and became Area Director for PBT. Kyle and Kathy now live in Southeast Asia.
2012 HONORED STUDENTS

School of Undergraduate Studies

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY FIELD AWARD

Whitney Masters, **BS in Bible, Teacher Education Consortium Program (with Illinois State University in Elementary Education)**

Whitney graduated summa cum laude from LCU and magna cum laude from ISU. She has been instrumental in the Quest program at Lincoln Christian Church and an in-home therapist for two children with autism. After graduation, Whitney will be moving to New York City with her husband Mike to join a church plant in Northern Manhattan, using their new positions in the public school system to impact the community.

GENERAL EDUCATION FIELD AWARD

Michael Robinson, **BA in Philosophy**

As an LCU student, Michael clearly demonstrated extraordinary scholarship in every field. Michael won the undergraduate student paper competition at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in 2010. “It’s been incredibly satisfying to observe his development, not just academically, but spiritually,” says Dr. Rich Knopp, Michael’s Honors Program mentor. “He fuses high-level intellect with genuine love for God.”

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FIELD AWARD

Austin Gohn, **BA in Intercultural Studies (Bivocational Missions)**

Austin Gohn has been a leader by example and influence during his time at LCU. He has worked to improve the key aspects of his character and skills—taking his in-class material and applying it to his life and ministry. Austin was named student body president his senior year and has helped to lead the student body in many ways. In class and out, Austin is a great example of a servant-leader.

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY FIELD AWARD

Zachary Mazrim, **BA in General Studies**

Zachary Mazrim has made the Bible and Theology department his home, excelling in his biblical language courses as well as in his theology and ministry courses. One of the top students in his class, Zachary has demonstrated the intertwined nature of academic ministry and pastoral ministry. He will continue these emphases as he teaches English in China next year.

Seminary

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Tyler Stewart, **New Testament**

Tyler embodies the LCU Seminary’s commitment to balancing scholarship and servanthood. Tyler distinguished himself as a student and as a Teaching Assistant with Dr. Robert Lowery, while serving with his wife Margo as the High School Student Minister at First Christian Church (FCC) in Champaign, IL. Following graduation, Tyler will transition to working and helping direct the overall scope of FCC’s adult ministries.

MASTER OF ARTS

Jon Peter Stevens, **Christian Education**

While a Seminary student, he served as a teaching assistant, adjunct faculty member, and Community Group Ministry Assistant at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, IL. Peter says, “Getting a master's degree in Christian Education is one of the best decisions that I've made... I was able to dive deeper into the world of discipleship and spiritual formation. God has used LCU to prepare me for ministry and help me better understand my own faith.”

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Belinda L. Landry

Belinda has provided quality service in performance of her duties in the LCU Counseling Center and afforded innovative leadership in its continuing development. She is faithful in her service to Christ’s church, be it in the area of counseling or shared ministry with her husband. Belinda began her new role in LCU’s Student Development Office on June 1 as Associate Director of Student Success.

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pamela Roberson

While a full-time student, Pamela balanced her career as an inmate assessment specialist while serving at the Center for Hope Ministry in Bloomington, IL. She says, “The MRE program will help me to always look for ways to educate people about God's Word so that they can grow and fulfill the purpose that God has for them.” Pamela is fulfilling her passion for Christian education by establishing the Center for Hope Bible Institute at her church.
Dr. Lawson is Distinguished Professor of Christian Ministries, with special emphases in church administration and leadership, spiritual formation, and preaching at Emmanuel Christian Seminary in Johnson City, TN.

As International Consultant for Christian Missionary Fellowship International (CMFI), he speaks and writes on their behalf, advises churches regarding their outreach programs, represents them in national and international Christian leadership meetings, and regularly visits mission fields to conduct seminars and encourage missionaries.
We salute the class of 2012 as they leave the LCU campus to live their mission by serving and leading in the church and the world.

Purchase Commencement photos from Impressions...Photography by Cindy Smith at www.impressionsphotos.net (Click on “Client’s Corner then Galleries/Events/LCUGraduation2012”).
Lincoln Christian University has joined with Cincinnati Christian University, Emanuel Christian Seminary, Hope International University, Johnson University, Kentucky Christian University, Milligan College, and TCM International to develop doctoral level education for leaders serving around the world. This program was introduced in the summer of 2011 and focuses on the needs of people serving in international contexts and in cross-cultural ministry. LCU alumna Dr. Alicia Crumpton is excited to be heading up the Center for Global Studies (CGS) at Johnson University as director of the online PhD program in Leadership Studies.

“As I reflect upon my history and relationship with LCU it seems I have come full circle in my journey from student to colleague. More than 30 years ago, the importance of the Biblical perspective, worldview, cultural context, and respect for differences were emphasized in my educational experience and they remain core LCU values today. LCU adds degrees and adjusts delivery methods (face-to-face versus online), yet, LCU remains firmly committed to their mission to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead. I am excited about the future as LCU continues to educate individuals to lead within their sphere of influence.”

Alicia Crumpton, PhD
Center for Global Studies
Johnson University
Dr. Gary Hall and Dr. Paul Boatman have been awarded the esteemed rank of Professor Emeritus as they conclude their full-time faculty careers at LCU.

Professor Emeritus is an honorary rank granted at retirement by the LCU Board of Trustees only for faculty with an especially long and meritorious career at Lincoln Christian. This rank was granted by the Board of Trustees at the recommendation of President Keith H. Ray and Provost Clay Ham.

Dr. Hall began teaching Old Testament in the Lincoln Christian Seminary in 1986. A graduate of Milligan College (BA) and the Lincoln Christian Seminary (MDiv), Hall had been serving at Kentucky Christian College as Professor and Academic Dean before coming to Lincoln. He also has degrees from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (MTh) and Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PhD).

Dr. Hall has been the consummate Seminary Professor, encouraging a generation of students to pursue excellence in the study of Scripture. He has influenced them to serve faithfully in their ministries as preachers, teachers and counselors.

A model for his students, Dr. Hall has also served well in various ministries at Lincoln Christian Church where he continues to teach adult Sunday School and serve as an elder. Hall has written extensively for the Christian Standard and Stone-Campbell Journal. He is the author of two books published by College Press, and has reviewed more than a dozen books by other authors. Commenting on Dr. Hall’s accomplishments, Provost Ham states, “Dr. Hall has written more on the book of Deuteronomy than almost any other scholar in the Stone-Campbell tradition.”

“It has been a rich honor to have Drs. Hall and Boatman on our faculty for these many years. They will be sorely missed.”

– Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

In retirement, Gary plans to work with Brian Lowery, editing and preparing for print Dr. Robert Lowery’s commentary on Revelation. He also plans to do some traveling and continue to teach as an adjunct professor.

Dr. Paul Boatman has served with distinction on the faculty of Lincoln Christian University since he arrived in 1978. Prior to his arrival, he served as preacher, church planter, and counselor. In addition to being a highly-respected teacher, Dr. Boatman served as a significant leader in the Seminary through his role in the Academic Dean’s office. He served as Associate Dean from 2000 to 2006 and as Dean of the Seminary from 2006-2011. Dr. Boatman was instrumental in moving the Doctor of Ministry program forward at LCU.

Dr. Boatman is also credited for helping to build a thriving counseling program in the Lincoln Christian Seminary. He has trained a generation of counselors who are serving in contexts of ministry within and alongside the Church. His influence in ministry goes well beyond our campus.

As a member of the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission of the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, he has encouraged many Seminary students in their pursuit of chaplaincy.

Dr. Boatman’s missionary travels have taken him to destinations across the globe, including Austria, China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, and Ukraine.

Dr. Boatman is a graduate of St. Louis Christian College, Lincoln Christian Seminary, and earned a doctoral degree from Eden Theological Seminary.
SUMMER/FALL 2012

AUGUST
August 28
Convocation

OCTOBER
October 2-3
Strauss Worldview Lectureship

October 5
Athletic Department Golf Scramble

October 6-7
Family Weekend

October 22-23
Illinois State Ministers’ Retreat

NOVEMBER
November 17
International Conference on Missions
Indianapolis, IN

LCU Alumni Reception

November 29 – December 2
Christmas in the Chapel

Dr. Kevin Lawson is the Professor of Christian Education and the Director for the PhD and EdD programs in Educational Studies at Biola University’s Talbot School of Theology. Dr. Lawson teaches on the historical and theological foundations of Christian education, leadership issues, and educational research methods, and does ministry consultation. For 11 years, he served on church staffs as a minister of Christian education. He holds degrees in Christian education, Biblical studies, and educational administration, and carries out research on local church educational ministry, theological and historical foundations of Christian education, and other related topics.

His research and writing has been published in several periodicals, including Christian Education Journal, Evangelical Missions Quarterly, Religious Education, Journal of Youth Ministry, Growing Churches, The Journal for Case Teaching and two international journals. Dr. Lawson has authored numerous books. He serves as editor of the Christian Education Journal and “Christian Educators of the 20th century project” (christianeducators20.com) and on the Board of the Society for Children’s Spirituality: Christian Perspectives.

Session 1: Monday, October 1 (7 p.m.) with Hargrove School students – “Teaching the Bible for Deeper Impact”

Session 2: Tuesday, October 2 (9:30-10:30 a.m.) in Undergraduate Chapel – “Ministry Lesson From History: Creatively Teaching the Faith in the Medieval Church”

Session 3: Tuesday, October 2 (Noon) Brownbag Lunch – informal conversation with Undergraduate and Seminary students

Session 4: Tuesday, October 2 (7 p.m.) to students – “Teaching the Bible for Deeper Impact” (repeat of session 1)

Session 5: Wednesday, October 3 (9:30-10:30 a.m.) in Seminary Chapel – “Ministry Lesson from History: The Power of Community for Spiritual Formation Among the Puritans and Wesleyans”

You can find more information about LCU events, athletics, Alumni events, and Lincoln area events by selecting the “Events Calendar” quick link at www.LincolnChristian.edu.
President’s Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Donn and Joan Leach have had a long affiliation with Lincoln Christian University starting in 1946 when Donn enrolled in Lincoln Bible Institute. Donn holds Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees from Butler School of Religion and a Doctor of Theology degree from Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. Joan earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Atlanta Christian College and a Master of Arts from Lincoln Christian Seminary.

In 1959, Donn and Joan moved to Lincoln to teach in both the college and the seminary. During their years in Lincoln, they were involved in church planting in the Chicago area as well as teaching young adults at Lincoln Christian Church. They joined the faculty at Manhattan Christian College (MCC) in 1972. Dr. and Mrs. Leach spent 16 years in Manhattan, Kansas, teaching at MCC and serving in leadership and teaching positions at University Christian Church. They next spent nearly seven years in England teaching at Springdale College and working with Churches of Christ. Upon their return to the United States, Dr. and Mrs. Leach continued their desire to plant new churches, working with a new church in Richmond, Virginia and later a long-established church in Williamsburg, Virginia. They have authored books and articles on a variety of subjects.

In 1999, Donn and Joan moved to Manhattan to be nearer their children and grandchildren and to once more be a part of University Christian Church and Manhattan Christian College, where Donn still teaches part-time. Dr. and Mrs. Leach celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary this past November. They have two married sons, Dann and John, and five grandchildren.

Clearly, the Kingdom of God has been preeminent throughout their lives, and their longstanding relationship to Lincoln Christian University has been a blessing. The University is indebted to Dr. and Mrs. Leach for their contribution through education, writing, and church ministry. The generous support provided through their estate planning has enabled the University to establish an endowed scholarship benefiting Seminary students. We are pleased to honor Dr. Donn and Joan Leach with the 2012 President’s Distinguished Service Award.

LCU honors Dr. Green-Morrow with Community Leadership Award

Lincoln obstetrician, Dr. Kristen Green-Morrow knows a little bit about adding life to a community. Yet, her caring heart and generous spirit extend beyond the delivery room. To recognize all of her contributions, Lincoln Christian University (LCU) presented her the Community Leadership Award on Friday, May 11.

LCU President Dr. Keith H. Ray said, “Medical doctors are incredibly busy people. And babies, in particular, have a knack for not complying with anyone’s schedule. Those two factors alone make Kristen’s list of community involvement almost mind-boggling.”

Dr. Green-Morrow has served as a member and past president on the Boards of Directors for Main Street Lincoln and the Lincoln and Logan County Economic Development Partnership. She has served as president of Lincoln Pastoral Counseling Services and as a member of the Zonta Club of Lincoln. Dr. Green-Morrow is an active member of the Lincoln Rotary Club where she has served as the Director of International Service, been named a Paul Harris Fellow, and was named Lincoln’s 2010-11 Rotarian of the Year.

A faithful supporter of LCU’s annual “Run For Your Life,” Dr. Green-Morrow’s generosity has been felt on the LCU campus as well. She endowed the Dr. Thomas G. and Jan S. Ewald Scholarship and was the lead donor to the Henry and Ida Johnson Scholarship for the Promotion of Diversity in the Seminary.

Dr. Green-Morrow has two children and is a member of Jefferson Street Christian Church. She has taken two medical missionary trips to Thailand with a mission team from the Atlanta (IL) Christian Church. And, if you think all of that is not enough, she is a student at the Seminary and teaches in LCU’s School of Undergraduate Studies.
When Tom Tanner first set foot on the campus of Lincoln Christian College (LCC) as a freshman in the fall of 1969, he was not sure that he would stay for more than a year. He was following in the footsteps of a sister and a brother who came from Medaryville, IN, to study at LCC. Tom stayed. He not only graduated with his bachelor’s degree from the college, but also with the Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary.

Tom joined the Lincoln Christian faculty in 1979 as Assistant Librarian and a year later became Library Director. While serving here, Tom completed two master’s degrees and a PhD in Information Science at the University of Illinois. Since then, he has filled almost every academic position at LCU including instructor, interim Registrar, College Dean, Seminary Dean, and Vice President of Academics. In 2009, he became the first Dean of the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies, which has grown to a school of 500 students in three years. Tom also served as the University’s Director of Research, Assessment, and Accreditation, contributing to each of the institution’s self-study reports for accreditation. In fact, he compiled most of them. He also served on seven strategic planning task forces and chaired most of those teams.

Dr. Tanner engaged in the wider world of Christian higher education as a consultant-evaluator for the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) since 1984, visiting numerous sites across North America. He served on ABHE’s Commission on Accreditation, on their Board of Directors, and as editor of their Biblical Higher Education Journal. He has led workshops at conferences for ABHE, the Higher Learning Commission, and for the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS). In the last five years, Tom participated in 10 ATS accreditation visits, and led five self-study workshops at the ATS office in Pittsburgh, PA.

Tom’s commitment to Christian higher education provides the backdrop for the next transition in his ministry. He, along with his wife Debby and their 11-year old grandson Peyton, will be moving to Pittsburgh in July, where Tom has been called to serve as Director of Accreditation with ATS. Tom will have the unique opportunity to be the “voice” of evangelicals at their accreditation table. In ATS’s 75-year history, Tom is the first from the Restoration Movement to serve on their staff.

Although Dr. Tanner’s colleagues have expressed their personal sense of loss over this transition, they have affirmed repeatedly that no one is more gifted or uniquely qualified to serve the 260 ATS seminaries across the United States and Canada. No one has a better grasp of accreditation processes and can explain complex accreditation standards with greater clarity than Tom Tanner. Tom will continue to serve Lincoln Christian University as an external consultant and the Hargrove School as an adjunct faculty member, teaching in the online programs.

Although Tom was uncertain about his future plans when he first came to Lincoln as a student in 1969, there is no uncertainty about his commitment or his ultimate contribution. He wrote in his application for admission, “I hope with God’s help and my experience at LCC, I may be able to choose that future which will most benefit mankind and reveal God through me to my fellow man.”

We are grateful that Lincoln Christian University has been Dr. Tom Tanner’s platform for the past 33 years of Kingdom contribution, and we are confident that God has prepared him to set foot on an international stage through ATS. Serving as “Acting Deans of the Hargrove School” in the year ahead, are the very capable Dr. Don Green (Graduate Programs) and Steve Collins (Undergraduate Programs).

“Lincoln Christian owes much to Tom Tanner. The school is what it is today because Tom built it—it’s library, its programs, its faculty, its accreditation, its strategic plans, its presence in Las Vegas, Normal, and Peoria, and its reach through online programs to students living across both the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.” – Clay Ham, Provost
Beloved Friend and Distinguished Professor

DR. MARION HENDERSON
(December 22, 1922 — May 4, 2012)

May 4, 2012, Founders’ Day for Lincoln Christian University, was also a day of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Dr. Marion Henderson who was called to his eternal reward on that day. He passed away quietly in his sleep at his home on Campus View Drive. His wife Vera had preceded him in death.

Dr. Henderson embodied the Great Commission as a preaching teacher of the life of Christ and a legend in the history of Lincoln Christian University. Hundreds of friends, colleagues, and former students paid their respects at a visitation service held in LCU’s Henderson Hall on Sunday evening, May 6. His funeral service was held at Lincoln Christian Church on Monday, May 7, with Lynn Laughlin, David Upchurch, and Danny Clymer officiating. His daughter Jane spoke on behalf of the family. The Good Twins (Dwight and Dwayne Good) brought messages in music.

Coincidentally, it was 17 years ago on May 4, 1995, that Dr. Henderson was named Distinguished Professor of New Testament. For more than 15 years, he was the only one to hold that title at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary. Distinguished indeed...

Marion Henderson came to study at Lincoln Bible Institute as an army veteran in 1945, finishing in three years. He earned his doctorate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was first called to teach at Lincoln Bible Institute in 1951. As a member of the Lincoln faculty, he taught New Testament in both the college and the Seminary over the years. He also coached men’s and women’s basketball and baseball. Many generations of alumni fondly called him “Coach” or “Doc.”

In his book, “Verses and Voices” (2009), Dr. Tom Tanner wrote:

... he was perhaps best known at Lincoln for teaching the freshman Gospels class. Generations of students will remember him (fondly or not) for the Gospel maps he always assigned, or for his dreaded announcement just before a pop quiz: “now take out a half sheet of paper”...

Henderson’s Gethsemane lectures were legendary, as noted by Dr. Tanner:

Henderson himself recounted in a 2008 interview that one of his fondest lifetime memories was the first time he ever visited the Holy Land (which he did seven times). He said he and Vera were in a third-floor hotel room in Jerusalem, one block from Gethsemane, looking out over the city streets below in the predawn hours, when he heard a cock crow and then saw a solitary man walking slowly down the street. He could only think of Peter that day so long ago...and he wept.

Dr. Henderson served 45 years at what is now Lincoln Christian University, with a 10-year break to teach and serve as President of Florida Christian College. He influenced thousands of students with his knowledge of and love for God’s Word. He was a teacher, loved by students, and appreciated by all. On August 23, 2001, the institution paid tribute on campus by naming Henderson Hall in his honor. This will remain a building dignified with his life, his gifts, and his ministry—a place where he spent years coaching, lecturing, and worshiping.

Distinguished indeed.
After a year-long search, LCU is pleased to announce Dr. James R. Estep, Jr. has been called to the role of Academic Dean for the School of Undergraduate Studies, effective June 1, 2012. Jim has served in the Lincoln Christian Seminary for the past 10 years and has significant academic and professional experience. He holds two doctoral degrees, a DMin in Christian Education and a PhD in Educational Studies. Before coming to Lincoln Christian, Estep was Senior Vice President and Provost at Kentucky Christian University in Grayson, Kentucky. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, MI. Dr. Estep developed LCU’s Master of Religious Education (MRE) program and will continue to teach in that program. He served as the primary author for the Seminary's distance education petition for the MDiv, which was approved by ATS this spring. Dr. Estep “wrote the book” on the role of an academic dean with his dissertation entitled “The Academic Deanship in AABC Accredited Colleges” (AABC is now known by its newer name, ABHE). Recently, Jim was published in the *Christian Standard* (June 17, 2012) and co-edited and contributed to two new books, *Best Practices in Online Education* (Information Age Press), with Mark Maddix and Mary Lowe, and *Mapping Out the Curriculum in Your Church* (Broadman-Holman), with Karen Estep and Roger White. We express our appreciation to Dr. Neal Windham who stepped in to serve as Interim Academic Dean during the search process. Neal helped us through a challenging year in which the internship program was restructured, the core curriculum was redefined, and a set of minor programs were established.

Dr. Paul Kissling has been called to serve the Seminary as Professor of Old Testament. For the past two years, Paul has been VP of Academic Affairs at Dallas Christian College. Previously he worked as Professor of Old Testament and Research Director at the TCMI Institute and as VP of Academic Affairs and Professor at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, MI. He has held ministries in Michigan, Illinois, and England. Paul has experience teaching undergraduate and graduate students in traditional and non-traditional settings in the United States and in 20 foreign countries. He has published a two-volume commentary on Genesis in the College Press NIV Commentary Series (College Press, 2004 & 2009), a JSOT monograph, entitled *Reliable Characters in the Primary History: Profiles of Moses, Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1996), and several other essays, articles, and book reviews. A graduate of our Seminary (MDiv 1984), Paul also earned a BRel from Great Lakes Christian College, a ThM from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a PhD from the University of Sheffield. We know he will be a great asset to the Seminary, its students, and the mission of Lincoln Christian.
Tara C. Samples will join LCU as Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling on July 1, 2012. Her addition to our Seminary faculty will enable the pursuit of professional accreditation (CACREP) for the MA in Counseling program. Tara is finishing a pre-doctoral internship with the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC. Upon completion of the internship and her dissertation in late July, she will receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University. She also received an MA in Clinical Psychology from Fielding, an MS in Professional Counseling from Georgia State University, and a BS in Human Relations from Point University (formerly Atlanta Christian College). Tara has co-authored articles published in the Psychology Newsletter and Trauma Psychology Newsletter and in the volume, Grief after Suicide: Understanding the Consequences and Caring for the Survivors (Routledge). Additionally, Mrs. Samples has served on staff at Grady Memorial Hospital with Emory University School of Medicine, Forensic Psychological Associates, Riverwoods Psychiatric Center. She has been in private practice as a licensed professional counselor, served as a volunteer with Securus House Battered Women Center, worked with children and youth programs at First Christian Church, Jonesboro, GA, and taught as adjunct professor with Point University. Tara and her husband Matthew have two children.


Dr. Silas McCormick began his service to LCU as Director of Institutional Research, Accreditation, & Compliance on June 11, 2012. A 2001 graduate of Lincoln Christian University with a BA in Christian Education, Silas also holds an EdM and PhD in higher education and a JD from Ohio State University. As a student at the University of Illinois, Silas served as graduate assistant to President Emeritus, Stanley O. Ikenberry. For the past four years he has practiced law for two Springfield, IL firms. Prior to that, he worked for Millikin University as Director of Research and Assessment and for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. For the past two years, Silas has also taught as an adjunct in LCU's School of Adult & Graduate Studies. Silas and his wife Anna, an emergency room physician at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, have one daughter and attend West Side Christian Church in Springfield.

VP of Student Development, Brian Mills is excited to announce the filling of two Student Development positions. Associate Director of Student Success Belinda Landry brings experience, leadership and character to this role from a life of service. She has served on multiple ministry teams for nine years with the Saybrook Christian Church, where her husband is the minister. Belinda graduated from Lincoln Christian Seminary this year with an MA in Counseling. She has been a valuable partner for student support in the Student Counseling Center and as Dr. Dinelle Frankland's teaching assistant. Belinda's service will help our students to succeed through improved retention and placement services. Diane Ham will bring her professional expertise, vibrant personality, and strong sense of mission to her new position as Student Center Manager. Diane excelled as a small business owner in downtown Dallas for 19 years. Throughout that time she made a lasting impression for Christ on her executive and professional customers through quality customer service and on her young employees through deliberate mentoring and leadership. She has maintained active service in various Christian congregations over the years, usually working with youth. LCU is especially excited by Diane’s vision to collaborate with our Business and Intercultural Studies programs to develop a “learning lab” where our students can be trained with business skills for Christian mission.

Brandon Umphrey has been promoted from Admissions Counselor to Associate Director of Admission for the Undergraduate admission office. Brandon has proven to be a valuable asset in the recruiting and enrollment office and his job performance and dedication to LCU over the last two years has been very positive. Brandon has a great future ahead of him at LCU!

On June 1, 2012, Bob Monts officially began his new position as the Director of Admission for the Seminary. Bob earned his BA and MA at Lincoln Christian and is currently pursuing a DMin in our Seminary. He began at LCU as an adjunct professor in 1994 and was appointed to full-time faculty in 2000. He was the catalyst for starting the LineUp Program, which has enrolled more than 1,100 students since its first class in January 2001. Bob served as the LineUp Director from 2000-2009, when program evolved into the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. We are looking forward to his leadership, passion, and ideas as he transitions to recruiting new students to the Seminary.

Welcome Tim Bacus who came to LCU in March as a Financial Aid Counselor. Tim is a graduate of Ozark Christian College and has worked for the last two years at Illinois National Bank in Mt. Pulaski. He resides in Lincoln with his wife Shannon and son Eli. Tim also serves as the chairman of the missions committee at Mt. Pulaski (IL) Christian Church.

As Associate Director of LCU’s China Institute, Weilun Lee is hoping to recruit more Chinese students, transfer Christian values, and share the truth of the Gospel. Weilun is from Taiwan—a country with a special relationship to China. He feels God is calling him to influence a small group of people who could, in turn, influence more people in China. Lee and his family came to Lincoln to serve his mission. Previously, Lee attended Suffolk University in Boston where he received his MBA, a BS in Marine Engineering, and an MA in Mechanical Engineering. Weilun will be working with Gengxin (Renee) Zhu to match Chinese students with the China Institute programs on the LCU campus in Lincoln.

Sarah Farwell has transitioned from Seminary Admission to the role of Administrative Assistant to the Seminary Academic Dean. Sarah’s work will combine the appropriate skills and knowledge with her love for the Seminary and a desire to serve.

Mac Ingmire began work as the Coordinator of Athletics on June 1, 2012. Mac graduated in May with a B.A. in Business Administration from LCU. He has been involved with LCU Athletics in a variety of ways over the last four years, including being a 4-year Men’s Basketball student-athlete and serving as the Assistant Athletic Director since July of 2011. He will be marrying LCU alumna Jessica Lawson (LCU ‘11) in July and has plans to pursue a master’s in sports administration.
Campus Makeovers
This year, as many before, the LCU Facility Management team has a long list of campus improvement projects to complete during the summer months. This tradition of tearing apart and putting back together becomes increasingly difficult each year, as the Lincoln campus steadily sees more activities (and activity) scheduled when classes are not. Director of Facility Management Freddie Tedrick has a couple of big projects underway, with a number of smaller goals to complete on the side.
“‘What will occupy a lot of our time will be the ‘office shuffle’ we seem to have most every summer,” says Freddie. This includes new carpet in a couple of areas, remodeling and moving five people from Student Development to the Chapel, and then moving five other people into the offices that are vacated…and the domino effect continues. There are at least three office moves in Restoration Hall as well.

Chapel Boiler Replacement is Long Overdue

Though the Chapel boiler replacement may not sound very exciting, it will cost the institution about $81,000 and provide a “save on energy grant” from Ameren as a result. Freddie says, “I guess it depends on your perspective, but I think the Chapel boiler replacement is very exciting as it is something we have needed for quite some time. In fact, it gives me a very ‘warm’ sense of accomplishment.”

From Rooftop to Rooftop
Facilities Management has an ongoing mission to keep our buildings dry, here in the Midwest. Over the last three years, work has been done on the roofs of Restoration Hall, Timothy Center, the Charles E. Mills Administration Building, the Hargrove Chapel, and Henderson Hall. This year, we can add Alumni Hall and all four student apartment buildings.

Sprinkler System Installed for Resident Safety

In 2004, the state of Illinois passed a bill requiring dormitories and residence halls at all public and private colleges and universities to have fire sprinkler systems installed by 2013. Ruth Hall, completed in 2007, was built to comply with this state mandate. However, the pre-existing Titus and Alumni Residence Halls are without. To comply with state law and meet the installation deadline, LCU is installing a sprinkler system and a new comprehensive fire alarm system in Alumni Hall this summer. The project is estimated at $90,000, and is expected to take three weeks to complete. Thanks to the generous support of the Alumni Association and the free-will offerings from the Christian Women’s Conference, more than $55,000 was given to the University to assist in covering the costs. The work on Titus Hall will be postponed until the time that it reopens as a residence hall – postponing the need to address funding the installation in that building. The workers will install the system in Alumni Hall one wing at a time, so that the dorm may continue to be used throughout the summer for sports camps and China Institute training programs.

The Finishing Touches
There will be a lot of smaller projects going on like getting the dorms ready to go for another year, painting, and installing four new red benches around campus.
Ray Artrip, LCC ’69, and wife Jan (Winhold), LCC, ended a 22-year ministry with the Webster City Church of Christ in Webster City, IA, in June. They are retiring to the Indianapolis area to be close to their children and grandchildren.

Lyle Zumdahl, LCC, received a Doctor of Ministry degree from the University Theological Seminary in 2010 and became the leader of the Wisconsin Classis of the Reformed Church in America. He resides in Sheboygan, WI.

Michele Downen, LCC ’03, reports that she is the Director of Worship and Arts with Grace Community Church in Washingtonville, NY. This follows eight years serving with the Manchester (NH) Christian Church and one year of travel and mission work in Argentina and New Zealand. Michele resides in Goshen, NY.

Phoebe Rees, LCS ’94, has ended her mission service in South Africa and has moved to Joplin, MO, where she is serving as Administrative Assistant to Joe Garman, founder and president of ARM Prison Outreach.

Army Chaplain Derek, LCS ’06, and Becky, LCC ’98, Pottinger have been moved to White Sands Missile Range, NM, where Derek serves as Battalion Chaplain for the 2nd Engineers.

Don Osborn, LCC ’79, was recently elected to serve as the President for the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. He currently serves as Graduate School Director and Professor of Addictions and Executive Director of the Addiction Studies Center at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN.

John Sarno, LCC ’70, reports that after serving 13 years with the Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, MD, he has a new role as Resource Pastor in Worship Arts. John consults with other churches regarding worship ministry through teaching, coaching, worship study, and team building. Both John and his wife Pam, LCC ’70, teach for TCMI, where Pam teaches Research Methods and John teaches Theology and Practice of Worship courses.

Chaplain John Valentino, LCS ’76, has been appointed chair of the Eastern Region Accreditation committee. He is also a commissioner on the National Accreditation Commission of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), Inc, an organization that oversees the educational accreditation process of 44 CPE centers in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Eastern Pennsylvania. In November, 2011, John was named Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at the HealthCare Chaplaincy in New York City, one of the largest interfaith CPE programs in the U.S., enrolling nearly 200 theological seminary students each year.

Carol (Huggins) Nauman, LCC, reports a short-term mission trip she and her husband Mike took to northern India in February, 2012, where they worked with a school in Gangoh. They were able to spend time with the child, Happy Kumar, they have been supporting at that school. They also visited a school in Sidhauli, where they also worked and taught.

In April, John Cornell, LCC, began his fifth year as minister at the Parkeville Community Church in Rockville, IN. He also serves on the Board of Directors at the Parke Vermillion Crisis Pregnancy Center in Rockville.

Andrew Benjamin, LCC ’77, a specialist in WWII model aircraft, was recently asked to display one of his models at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum on the grounds of Dulles International Airport. He is the president of the Giant Scale Airmodelers Association. Andrew resides in Herndon, Virginia.

Michele (Wood) Dodds, LCC ’83, and husband Brian adopted 14-month old daughter, Olivia, from China in March, 2012. They reside in Fullerton, CA.

David Carnine, LBI ’58, has published his first book, What’s Planted in Your Field? The book is designed to bring out the best in people and will provoke discussion about one’s personal church and situations. It is available through eBook or printed book channels. Inquiries can be made by email at dcarnine@cinergytmetro.net or by calling 1-888-859-1657.

We congratulate the accomplishments of Kurt Johanson, LCC ’83, LCS, as he received his Doctor of Ministry degree, graduating first in his class, on May 12, 2012, from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN. His thesis title was: A Homiletic of Courage: Preaching with a Complete Absence of Fear – A Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Life, Ministry, and Sermons. Kurt and his wife Barbara reside in Dallas, TX, where Kurt is senior minister at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Peter Schmale, LCS ’94, reports he has accepted a new position as the Chief Web Developer of Hagie Manufacturing in Clarion, IA.
Annalyn Yemima Ohrenberg was born to Gregory, LCS '02, and Rondalyn, LCS '04, Ohrenberg on March 13, 2012. She was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. Her parents serve with Pioneer Bible Translators in the South Pacific.

Kyle, LCC '06, and wife Colleen ( Hedden) Gennicks, LCC '07, announce the birth of their first child, Seth Gennicks, born May 29, 2011. The Gennicks reside in Logansport, IN, where Kyle is lead pastor at Spring Creek Christian Church. After teaching for three years, Colleen is now a “stay at home mom.”

Word has been received of the death of Paul E. Ingram, LBI '52, who passed away on April 9, 2012. His wife Joan preceded him in death. He was living in Mexico, MO at the time of his death.

Dorinda Teaney, LCC, passed from this life in November, 2011. She was residing in Watseka, IL, at the time of her death.

Charles W. Swisher, LBI, passed away April 27, 2012, at the age of 95. He and his wife established a scholarship to honor the parents of Tom Tanner upon the occasion of Tom’s inauguration as Academic Dean in 1994. Last year, they endowed a second scholarship in their own name. Mable, his wife of 60 years, survives and resides at the Village in Crown Point, IN. Charles was our oldest living alumnus.

Betsy Mollette, 79, wife to Jim Mollette, LCS ’83, passed away on March 25, 2012, at their home in Claremore, OK. She and Jim served as missionaries in Hong Kong for 23 years following her retirement from Lincoln Developmental Center in Lincoln, IL. Upon their return to the States, they made their home in Claremore. Jim survives, as do their three children.

Corey Whitten, 19 year old son to alumni Eugene and Dana Whitten, both LCC ’03, was killed on March 20, 2012, in Indianapolis when he was struck by a car as he was walking along a highway near his home. His grandparents are Mark and Kay Sanders, both LCU, of Shelbyville, IL, where Mark is senior minister at the Shelby Christian Church.

Charles L. Lee, LBI ’56, LCS ’74, was called home on April 13, 2012 following a battle with cancer. He had served with the West Side Christian Church in Springfield, IL, as Associate Minister for 35 years, retiring in 1997, but continuing there part-time for another five years. His wife of 58 years Cleo, LBI, survives. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Jeffrey Green, LCC, of Springfield, IL, passed away on May 7, 2012, following a 10-year battle with cancer. His wife Charlene and three children survive, as well as Jeff’s parents Robert, LBI ’53, LCS ’74, and Jeanetta Green, LBI ’52, four brothers, and one sister. Jeff was recognized in the LCU Sports Hall of Fame for basketball. He was a self-employed painting contractor for 32 years.

Mary Ann Buche, LCC, beloved wife to Elwyn Buche, LBI ’56, LCS, passed away on April 11, 2012. A memorial service was held at Eastside Christian Church in Fullerton, CA, on April 27. They made their home in Placentia, CA. Her husband Elwyn survives, along with two sons and two daughters. Mary Ann and Elwyn spent many years in Lincoln where Elwyn served on our faculty and where they raised their children.

Helen Catherine Benson, wife to alumnus Prescott Scott Benson, LCS ’99, passed away on October 17, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ. Her many health struggles came following an unfortunate head trauma injury and subsequent dementia that lasted four years. She served with Scott, as a minister’s wife for more than 50 years. Scott survives, along with her two daughters, Debbie and Denise.

Carmen Gresham, LCC, passed from this life on February 20, 2011. She had been ill. Carmen was residing in Minier, IL, at the time of her death.

Roberta Summers, beloved wife to Theron Summers (former trustee and employee and recipient of the 2005 President’s Distinguished Service award), was called home to her eternal award on January 22, 2012. Roberta was faithful to attend many campus events over the years of their service with Lincoln Christian. She is survived by her husband Theron, their four daughters, and one son.

Harold L. Williamson, LCC ’05 (attended 1955-2005), passed away June 17, 2012, at his home in Lincoln. He was 77. He had very recently retired from the preaching ministry where he was serving with the First Christian Church in Arcola, Illinois. He had served over 50 years doing ministry in many central Illinois communities. He is survived by his wife Pat (Ward Cavenaile) and one adopted 14 year old daughter at home, plus four sons, two stepsons, and one stepdaughter. His first wife preceded him in death. Services were held at the Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln on June 21, with burial in Irvington, Illinois.

June Spencer passed away on June 30, 2012. Her husband, Melvin Spencer, served on the LCU Board of Trustees for 17 years and preceded her in death. June lived in Fairfield, IL, and was a member of Fairfield First Christian Church.
Commencement weekend was made even finer by the presence of the Class of 1962 who returned to celebrate their 50th anniversary year. This was the first class to graduate under the “new” school name of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary as a result of Lincoln Bible Institute being renamed in the fall of 1961. Thirteen class members and their spouses shared in a welcoming luncheon, campus and community tours, an afternoon garden party, evening banquet, and an after-glow fellowship party at the home of Tom and Janet Ewald (former classmates). Class members came from Minnesota, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Maryland. For several, this was their first time back on campus since their graduation.

(pictured left to right) first row – Linda Hargrove, Alice Baynes, Eleanor Daniels, Pat Sloniger, Martha North, James North; second row — Robert Hudson, Loren Deckard, Richard Baynes, Kenneth Whiles, Ron Bottens, Dennis Corley, Charles Elston

Leave a legacy for future Lincoln Leaders

It’s easier than you might think. If you have a desire to leave a gift to Lincoln Christian University at your death, you can do so in your Will or Trust by simply instructing your attorney to include the following language for your desired gift:

- **For a specific dollar amount, include this sentence:**
  “I give, devise and bequeath the cash sum of $_______ to Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Illinois or its successor institution.”

- **For a specific piece of property, include this sentence:**
  “I give, devise and bequeath the following described real estate and/or personal property to Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Illinois or its successor institution: (then describe the property).”

- **For a percentage of your net estate (after taxes and last bills), include this sentence:**
  “I give, devise and bequeath ____ percent of my net estate to Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Illinois or its successor institution.”

- **For the rest (called the “remainder”) of your estate after specific amounts are given to others, include the following sentence:**
  “I give, devise and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Illinois or its successor institution.”

These simple sentences will assure that your wishes are carried out. Rely upon your own legal advisor to make sure this wording works in your particular state.
2011-2012 Red Lions Recap

The Women’s Volleyball Team (21 – 14) earned a top four finish in the nation this year as they lost to the eventual national champion in a semi-final match in Kissimmee, FL. In the fall of 2012, they will be adding a Junior Varsity team.

The Men’s Soccer Team (5 – 12) took a step forward in their rebuilding process as they went 5 – 6 against NCCAA teams during the 2011 season.

The Women’s Soccer Team (1 – 7) showed positive steps this season as they beat an NCAA Division III opponent and contended well with #1 seeded Maranatha in the Regional Tournament opening game.

The Men’s Basketball Team (10 -15) season began with a rough start, but ended well with a record of 7 – 6 in the second semester.

The Women’s Basketball Team (5 – 18) increased their win total from the year before as they continue to build a solid foundation for the future.

The Men’s Baseball Team (4 – 18) competed well at the end of the season by winning their last two regular season games and losing in the semi-finals of their Regional Tournament to Maranatha in extra innings.

2012-2013 Red Lions Coaching Staff

Women’s Volleyball: Head Coach – Dave Donnelly, Assistant Coach – Marge Gehres (1st Season)
Men’s Basketball: Head Coach – Davis Hodam, Assistant Coach – Mac Ingmire
Women’s Basketball: Head Coach – Amanda Bowman, Assistant Coach – Donnie Bowman
Men’s Baseball: Head Coach – Chris Headrick, Assistant Coach – TBD

The Athletic Department is currently seeking coaching staff for the men’s and women’s soccer teams. If you are, or someone you know is, interested in coaching the LCU Red Lions, please contact Mac Ingmire at 217-732-3168.

2012 LCU Athletic Department Golf Scramble

Friday, October 5, 2012 • 10:00 a.m. • The Elks Club, Lincoln, IL

Register now for your opportunity to connect with the LCU sports teams through the Athletic Department’s second annual 4-person golf scramble. All proceeds go to the LCU Athletic Department.

$75 per person/ $300 per team
(includes 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, awards, and food)

Registration forms can be found online at LincolnChristian.edu/athletics.

Direct questions to Mac Ingmire, Coordinator of Athletics, by calling 217.732.3168 or via email at mingmire@lincolnchristian.edu.
Students, faculty, staff, alumni, special guests, and trustees celebrated Lincoln Christian University’s 68th Annual Founders’ Day (May 4, 1944) on May 1, 2012, at the Tuesday morning chapel service.

On this historic day, two campus facilities were given new names in honor of early founders and pioneers. The Administration Building, located in the center of campus, was re-named the Charles E. Mills Administration Building, and room R49 in Restoration Hall, was named the Dowling Auditorium for Enos E. Dowling.

Charles Mills came as the first Academic Dean for Lincoln Bible Institute from 1944 to 1956. He served as Vice President from 1958 to 1963 when the name was changed to Lincoln Christian College, and was Interim President from 1981 to 1984. He authored many early documents, including the purpose and policy statement and the school song. He also served as professor of Church History in both the College and the Seminary. If there was just one favorite memory, former students of Mr. Mills would testify to the first day in his class, when with his authoritative, strong, and eloquent voice, he began transparently showing his heart for Christ’s church by quoting from the well-known hymn, “I Love Thy Church, Oh Lord!” He was regarded nationwide as a statesman and churchman. He passed from this life on November 26, 1994.

Enos Dowling came to Lincoln in 1952 to become the Dean of the graduate school. He served in that role for 22 years. After retiring from his administrative duties, he continued to teach and research Restoration history and literature in both the College and the Seminary. He was named Dean and Professor Emeritus of Lincoln Christian Seminary in 1974. He possessed what was probably the greatest working knowledge of Restoration literature and had compiled the largest collection in the world of hymns written by Restoration Movement people. His most notable sermon, “Love is Like That,” is preserved and available for listening in the Jesse C. Eury Library. He passed from this life on March 25, 1997.

Lynn Laughlin delivered the Founders’ Day message and spoke about both of these honored men and the impact they had on many students because of their profound love for the church. The Mills and Dowling families were present as a part of the dedication celebration. President Keith Ray unveiled the plaques that were placed in both buildings. Dr. Tom Tanner recounted the life and contributions of Dean Emeritus Enos Dowling, and Dr. Don Green did the same for Professor Emeritus and former Interim President Charles Mills. The legacy of these two giants of the faith will continue to provide ample direction for future Lincoln Leaders.
Lynn R. Laughlin Scholarship
for Alumni Continuing Education

Classmate, coach, teacher, preacher, recruiter, and friend.

We could only be talking about Associate Vice President of Alumni Services and Special Assistant to the President, Lynn Laughlin.

What can you say about a life of service to Lincoln Christian University (LCU) that spans more than half a century?

You can start with “thanks.”

You can also make a financial gift to this new endowed scholarship — in Lynn’s honor — that will help future students attend the school to which Lynn has devoted his life.

The West Side Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois helped establish the Lynn R. Laughlin Scholarship for Alumni Continuing Education with a generous $50,000 commitment. We would like to see this endowed scholarship grow to $100,000 by the end of 2012. That’s less than $2,000 a year for every year Lynn has served Lincoln Christian University!

Most importantly, the scholarship will benefit students who previously attended any school of LCU and who have returned to finish their degree or attain a higher degree. That may someday be you or a loved one! And because this is a permanently endowed scholarship, it will benefit LCU alumni in perpetuity.

Would you consider a gift today—and give it as a way to honor Lynn? Every alumnus and alumna who contributes to this scholarship—regardless of the size of the gift—will be recognized later in the year.

Thank you for joining me in celebrating our cherished friend.

Gordon D. Venturella, CFRE
VP of University Advancement
ILLINOIS STATE MINISTERS’ RETREAT

“Ministry for the Long Haul”

October 22 – 23, 2012
3 p.m. Monday through 2 p.m. Tuesday • Restoration Hall Dowling Auditorium

Featured speaker:
Mike Baker, Senior Minister,
Eastview Christian Church, Normal, IL

With:
Dr. Dinelle Frankland, Worship Leader,
Lincoln Christian University
Steve Collins, Bible Exposition, Lincoln
Christian University

Tuesday Workshops:
“Maintaining Healthy Elder/Minister Relationships”
Dr. Don Green, Lincoln Christian University

“Dealing with Homosexuality”
Kent Paris, Urbana, Illinois

“Current On-Line Trends Among Teens”
Deputy Sheriff Eric Higgs, Marion County, Illinois

Additionally:
Surviving the Difficult Times
Q & A with Lynn Laughlin and Ben Merold

Closing Session with
Ben Merold

Registration Information:

Registration: check-in will be 3-4 p.m. on Monday, October 22 in Restoration Hall

Cost: $40 if received by October 8. After October 8 cost is $50 (includes Monday evening dinner and Tuesday lunch); Monday only: $25; Tuesday only $20. Spouses may attend for $25. Register with: Barry West, Sidney Christian Church, 305 E. Main St., Sidney, IL 61877 or call 217-688-2224.

Scholarships are available by contacting Rusty Courson, Brown Christian Church, Kinnundy, IL at brownchurch@effingham.net or 618-245-6506.