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70 YEARS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHURCHES



President's Perspective

It is an honor to be serving as the seventh President of Lincoln Christian University during this our 70th year of service to the Kingdom of God. There is much to celebrate, but nothing is more fulfilling to me personally than for LCU to faithfully fulfill its mission to serve the local church. The mission of LCU is to *nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world*. In numerous informal gatherings and opportunities for students and in our formal academic programs at LCU, we embrace this “both/and” mission. In a previous issue of the *Restorer* we underscored the impact of *Lincoln Leaders* serving in the world. This issue is devoted to demonstrating how we live out our mission in partnership with churches.

Since the school's inception, LCU has enjoyed an inseparable partnership with the local church. Our founding President Earl C Hargrove continued to serve as the preacher of the Lincoln Christian Church for the first seven years of his presidency. In the early days, professors and students filled the pulpits of churches through Illinois. Many of us can still remember where we were when co-founder and church history professor Charles Mills bellowed the words of “I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” and offered his impassioned declaration, “I love the Church with every fiber of my being,

with my every strength and every ability, and with every dedication of my soul.” That love for the Church is still alive at LCU and is being instilled in the next generation of Kingdom leaders.

In the following pages you will see some of the ways that LCU faculty, staff and students are engaged with churches. From rural and small town churches in Illinois to megachurches in Illinois, Indianapolis, and Phoenix, LCU students are serving the church and learning in the context of congregational life. Through their teaching and preaching, pulpit supply and interim ministries, through special events, seminars and stewardship campaigns, LCU faculty and staff are serving the Church.

I trust you will appreciate this issue of the *Restorer* as a demonstration of what Lincoln Christian University and hundreds of churches, alumni and friends can accomplish when together we partner with God in His mission.

To the end that the whole Church will take the whole Gospel to the whole world for the glory of God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Green".

Don Green, DMin

President

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About the cover:

LCU's newly named President, Don Green, met recently with several undergraduate students by the fireplace in the Warehouse Student Center. Don's long history of service to LCU gives him a special understanding of student goals and concerns. Read his recent good news about traditional undergraduate tuition on page 9.



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Discovering your place in His narrative.

Every character has a story. Every story has a purpose and matters to God.



*Drew Peterson,
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at West Side
Christian Church,
Springfield, IL*



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Christian Women's Conference Wednesday, April 29, 2015



-Ellie Lofaro's -

message is a wonderful blend of plainspoken truth, common sense practicality and disarming humor. Drawing from the context of real life,

she deftly handles the Word of God and steadily directs her audiences to consider what concerns them in light of God's timeless truths. With her trademark quick wit and convincing demeanor, she pairs Biblical principles with life's deeper questions. The result? An audience who willingly joins Ellie in the journey toward better understanding and applying God's grace and truth to their lives.

Earl C Hargrove Chapel

Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration in Chapel Foyer
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Session 1: "The Clothesline" - Part 1 with Michele Pillar
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Session 2: "Being an Overcomer" with Ellie Lofaro
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch in Laughlin Center
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Session 3: "The Clothesline" - Part 2 with Michele Pillar
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Session 4: "From Battle Scars to Beauty Marks" with Ellie Lofaro
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Closing

3-time Grammy
Award Nominated
singer,

- Michele Pillar -

has once again tackled uncharted waters in the world of ministry with her latest book, *UNTANGLED* and her live event, "The Clothesline." *Untangled* is said to be the most honest book ever written by a female author, many times over. Her honesty, humor and music on stage break through the fear of "getting real" in areas people may not know how to access.



REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, ARE \$35.

REGISTRATIONS AFTER THAT DATE ARE \$40.

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Live your mission.

Live you

It's not just a "tagline" or "position statement." It's a way of living – a way of learning – a way of growing.

In 1944, Lincoln Bible Institute was established to train up preachers and Christian workers to minister to the congregations of local churches in need. Through the years, Lincoln Christian students have moved to Lincoln to gain the skills necessary to equip them for Kingdom service. Many are able to apply their classroom lessons on a weekly basis as they serve in churches throughout central Illinois.

The following profiles are just a few examples of current LCU students who also hold paid staff positions in local churches.

Joseph Mangano

Seven months ago, an email message went out across the LCU campus. Middletown (IL) Presbyterian Church was looking for a pastor. Joseph called, and one month later he had the job.

Joseph graduated from LCU just two months ago with a BA in Biblical Studies (Biblical Exposition), so as he prepares his sermons every week, he is able to draw on his LCU education. "It provides me with an excellent outlet for everything I have learned from LCU and a venue to fulfill my dream of spreading the Gospel," said Joseph.

He further explained, "The Bible is the most important text in the world and it needs to be taught more than anything else. This year I have a yearlong sermon plan to go through the entire Bible, and then in our Sunday school class we



will dive even deeper into the text that we just preached on." Joseph has applied to the Seminary for admission in the fall.

Logan Phillips

In January 2014, LCU alumnus Alex Dayvolt was serving as an interim worship minister at Mount Pulaski Christian Church. Alex was also helping with the Worship Ministry program at LCU. It was Alex who suggested to Logan that he would be a good fit and should apply for the permanent position.

Now, Logan is learning how to lead a ministry in a church setting, while going to school to learn to do this. When asked if he has been able to apply any of his LCU education to his ministry, Logan responded, "Absolutely! Everything I am learning (EVERYTHING) can be put into immediate use. All the worship ministry classes, theory, 'tech' classes, etc., are always being put into immediate use. I can help my volunteers improve on musical skills, as well as grow spiritually. I am getting constant affirmation that this is definitely God's will for my life."

Mark Weber, Senior Pastor at Mt. Pulaski, reported, "Logan has been a delight to work with and has shown a maturity beyond his years. He brings a youthful, refreshing enthusiasm to our worship ministry along with a desire to honor God – and our people love him! He has received quality training from both LCU and his home church in Salem,



IL, and we are the beneficiaries of his development. We consider our relationship with Logan to be a win-win: He is allowed to develop his skills through 'on-the-job' experience, while we benefit from a quality worship service that is well-thought out and well-executed. We could not be happier with Logan as our worship minister."

Professor of Worship Ministry Sue Jones added, "Logan Phillips is the third student sent by LCU alumnus David Jarrett, who has another student coming in the fall to study Worship Ministry. I think that's amazing." Thank you, David.

Samuel Nassiff

Samuel is one of three LCU students who are currently serving on the staff of nearby Eminence Christian Church. Eminence is the oldest church congregation in Logan County (established in 1838) and has the distinction of being visited in 1844 by Alexander Campbell, one of the leaders of the Restoration Movement.

Nearly every minister of the Eminence congregation since 1946 has in some way been connected with Lincoln Christian University, and all of the church's youth ministers since 1973 have been students at LCU.

It was by way of one of those former youth ministers that Samuel became the Eminence Christian Church Youth Minister 10 months ago. As Samuel's predecessor was



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nearing his graduation date, he introduced Samuel to the senior minister at Eminence. With church board approval, Samuel was hired and transitioned into his new position during the summer of 2014. When he started, Samuel thought the biggest benefit would be the experience he gained working with elementary and junior high school students. Now, he says the greater benefit is the impact he is having on his students. "The junior high students that I get the privilege of teaching have grown not only on their own spiritual levels, but as a group, as well. I love being able to teach these students all about the Word of God."

Before taking the Creative Communication for Ministry class at LCU, Samuel thought he already knew how to write lessons and how to teach effectively. But after taking the class, Samuel said, "I have realized that there is a lot more preparation and creativity than I expected. I now write my lessons using what I learned in class."

Chelsie Lee

Originally from Clay City, IL, Chelsie Lee is currently serving at Eminence as the nursery coordinator and the Children's Minister for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. At LCU, she is majoring in Children and Family Studies with a minor in psychology.

In a familiar turn of events, Chelsie learned of the position



at Eminence via an email sharing the church's search for help. Her enthusiastic response to the call resulted in the blessings of being part of a wonderful church family and being able to invest in their kids through Christ.

"Without learning what I have from LCU, I would be lost," confesses Chelsie. "The classes that I have taken here at LCU have taught me all that I need to know about children's ministry. For example, I needed to think what the ministry goals of the children's ministry should be or how to deal with a child acting up. My classes have really helped me understand a better way of getting to know a child."

Samuel Turpin

The third LCU student staffer at Eminence is Preaching Ministry major, Samuel Turpin. Sam (to make it easier to tell which young man is being referred to) hails from Albion, IL, and was hired by the Eminence Church Board five months ago.



In his position as Worship Associate, Sam's primary job is to help the volunteer worship team enhance the service through special music, new song introductions and occasionally leading the congregation in singing.

One of the things students learn at LCU is to make plans and goals for the church that can hopefully follow a schedule for implementation. Sam has learned

that leaders can only be effective when they plan, and he reported, "I have absolutely loved seeing how this technique has enabled and advanced the church."

He added, "I thought I knew how the Church operated prior to this ministry, but I have learned that I knew nothing about how to engage with people. With the help of some mentors at the church, I have been able to learn things that will travel with me as I do other ministries."

Eminence Church Board Chair Bill Thomas wrote, "Over the years, we have turned to LCU for support in filling our pulpit, enlivening our worship service with the musical talents of LCU students, and for assistance when working to meet the various challenges all churches face from time to time. The congregation at Eminence enjoys welcoming LCU students like Chelsie, Samuel and Sam to the family. The spirit, musical talents, and vitality they bring with them add a delightful dynamic to our worship."



Making Room for Those Who Doubt

By Mark Mittelberg

“Doubt isn’t a negative, that’s what faith is and where it comes in. It doesn’t matter what your background is, everyone’s got it.”

-Aaron Bird

Even Biblical characters doubted. People like Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Gideon, David, John the Baptist, and yes, Doubting Thomas. Yet they are all heroes of our faith.

The problem is that in some churches today, doubt is treated like a disease – a sign of weakness rather than a natural occurrence in the journey of faith. As a result, many people – especially students – end up leaving those churches. In fact, the Barna.org article, “Six Reasons Young Christians Leave Church,” drawing from David Kinnaman’s book *You Lost Me*, shows that at least half of their reasons stem from intellectual doubt.



That’s why I, along with my colleague Garry Poole, am so excited to partner with Lincoln Christian University and the Loftis Foundation in launching the *Room For Doubt* campaign.

In this 6-week series we’ll be examining the nature and source of our doubts and answering some of the most common questions that plague people.

I’ve shaped the sermons (along with ministry partner, Lee Strobel), and Garry Poole is working their content into a downloadable 6-week small group series (adult and student versions) so entire

congregations can discuss and process the messages they’ll be hearing each week from the pulpit.

We’re also working on some exciting video components (hearing authentic questions raised by real people with real doubts), a live, open-mic Q & A *Room For Doubt* evening event in each church in which we’ll address any spiritual doubts or questions people want to raise, an inexpensive customized gift book that we can give out to provide answers to questions (along with the Gospel), and an ever-expanding website with written and soon-to-be-posted video answers to tough questions (www.roomfordoubt.com).

The bottom line message

The church is the best place to bring our doubts. And the *Room For Doubt* series is a safe place for all “doubters” to be heard, to be respected and to search – in community with fellow truth-seekers – for answers that will satisfy our hearts and our minds.

The rollout? Rick Grover and his team at East 91st Street Church in Indianapolis will be our “pilot of pilots”

this spring – launching the series on Easter Sunday. Then we’ll make any adjustments needed and roll out the campaign with a few other churches this fall, and eventually make the series available to churches everywhere in 2016 and beyond.

In addition, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Apologetics Dr. Richard Knopp and his department at LCU are shaping classes and new published resources to help those whose passion for truth and apologetics is ignited during the series, so they can learn and grow further – perhaps even move into full-time ministry helping others with doubts.

We’re excited – and hope you are too! More than that, we hope you’ll pray for us as we continue to shape this important campaign.

“And have mercy on those who doubt.”
– Jude 1:22 (ESV)

Mark Mittelberg is an international speaker and the bestselling author of The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (With Answers), Confident Faith, and The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense. He is also the primary author of the celebrated Becoming a Contagious Christian training course (with Lee Strobel and Bill Hybels), which has been translated into more than 20

languages and helped more than 1,500,000 people around the world learn to share their faith in natural ways. Mark was the original outreach director at Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago, where he served for many years.



When Honor is Due . . .

Four faculty members, will be honored in a chapel service on April 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., as we continue to develop the weekly chapel theme, "The Story."

It was the 70th anniversary of LCU that prompted Dean Steve Collins to share much of our history with our students this semester, as we remember again the pilgrimage of Lincoln Bible Institute, Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln Christian Seminary and Lincoln Christian University.

Each speaker has shared a significant story from scripture, while also

sharing their own stories. This rich testimony of God's blessings and of lives well lived have combined to shape the legacy of Lincoln Christian University.

April 28 will be another of those days, when James Allison, Dr. Gary Bussmann, Janet Shaw and Dr. Robert Wilson will be recognized for their teaching contributions as they are awarded the honorary title of Professor Emeritus. Each of these have a story that includes 35 years or more of academic service in our classrooms, representing more than half of LCU's 70-year history.

Dr. Tom Ewald, retired Dean and faculty member, and one who himself has left a deep-rooted story of service here and who knows better than most the history and pilgrimage of Lincoln Christian University, will be our chapel speaker that day.



Dr. Tom Ewald

You are invited, as alumni and friends of LCU, to attend this special chapel service as we honor those to whom honor is due.



James Allison
1975 – 2011
(36 years);
adjunct 2011-present



Dr. Gary Bussmann
1959 – 2000
(41 years); part time/
adjunct 2001-present



Janet Shaw
1966 – 2006
(40 years)



Dr. Robert Wilson
1969 – 2004
(35 years);
adjunct 2004–2009

"Professor Emeritus is an honorary rank, which may be granted at retirement by the Board of Trustees only for those faculty who have had an especially long and meritorious career at Lincoln Christian. This rank is granted only by the Board of Trustees."

– LCU Faculty Covenant

LCU makes college more affordable, lowers tuition

At a time when students are most worried about what it costs to get a college degree, LCU has lowered its traditional undergraduate tuition rate – dramatically.

Here's how the numbers break down:

- Currently, it costs \$527 per credit hour to take an on-campus undergraduate-level course at LCU, and that doesn't include the \$8/credit hour technology fee. Traditional undergraduate students registering for Fall 2015 will now pay just \$430 per credit hour with no added technology fee. This represents a total **decrease of more than \$100 dollars per credit hour.**
- In 2014-15 the average LCU traditional undergraduate student taking 15 credit hours per semester would expect to pay \$23,500 (tuition plus room-and-board). **With this tuition decrease, that number will decrease to \$20,300.**

- This means that LCU has improved upon its already competitive standing as one of the most affordable private universities in Illinois, to **one of the most affordable four-year universities anywhere.**

Our goal with this decrease is to make LCU an even more viable option for students who want to use their college education to grow intellectually, personally and spiritually.

We invite you to help us spread this news to any potential LCU students you know! LCU is, and will always be, a unique college education experience that couples academic rigor and real-world experience with a Christian worldview. Help us continue this important work for years to come!

Visit www.LincolnChristian.edu/spreadtheder to refer a student.

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Grades 5-8: July 8-11
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SHARING THE "A-PLenty"

By Sue Rogers, Office of Alumni Services



Sue Rogers, LCC '66, has served LCU for 29 years and currently serves as Administrative Assistant to the Associate VP of Alumni Services

A familiar memory recalls a neighbor and good friend handing out produce from her garden, especially bushels of red tomatoes, green beans, green peppers and zucchini. Folks gratefully received her garden bounty with thanks; and she would say, "We've got a-plenty."

Lincoln Christian University recently heard those words from someone who called to say (paraphrased), "We've got a-plenty, and we'd like to share some of it with you." Those are words not terribly characteristic of our current economic times. Yet in an unexpected phone call, an elder from the Fairfield (Illinois) Christian Church called to say, "We held a Faith Promise Rally with the goal of receiving \$262,000 in gift commitments. We received a total of \$333,000 in gifts . . . and we want to share \$30,000 of this excess with Lincoln Christian University."

In a follow-up phone conversation, the elder explained that we were selected because of the connection that Fairfield Christian Church has had with Lincoln Bible Institute, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, and Lincoln Christian University since her founding in 1944. He explained they had a senior minister who served with them for 33 years, now retired, who was one of our graduates from the Class of 1955. He said they had sent out more than 30 "Timothys," the majority of whom had attended Lincoln Christian, with three of those Timothys becoming Christian college presidents (one here and two at sister schools). Two of their elders are graduates. Additionally, he said LCU had been very helpful to them when they needed assistance on their end. We've shared a rich partnership.

As is the case with all gifts received, we carefully examine our budget and our needs to evaluate how these gifts, especially those of this size, can best serve the ministry here. With Fairfield's blessing, it was determined the gift would be used to fund a much-needed renovation

of several of our classrooms that are outdated and lacking in the tools that help provide the best kind of teaching environment for today's students. But Fairfield's gift not only provided one-third of the funds needed for the \$100,000 project, it also was the "seed money" needed for approaching a foundation for funds that would provide another \$50,000 to help bring the funding to 80% of the needed resources.

Quite remarkably, this Fairfield congregation of about 400 people support 38 missions (both American and foreign), many of our Bible colleges, and a Christian retirement and nursing home organization. He offered, "We were able to help others with a special gift also. But, this time we concluded LCU especially needed our help."





To Serve and Lead in the Church

Lincoln Christian University's partnership with ministry in the local church has been evident from its birth in 1944. Establishing program extension sites is one of the ways LCU continues to affirm the strong relationship between college and congregation, between the academic discipline of spiritual formation and the practice of the disciplines, individually and communally in the church. LCU changed the way Kingdom workers could earn a degree years ago when they first offered undergraduate degrees at churches in Danville, IL, and Las Vegas, NV. Those partnerships continue

We are committed to creating a partnership with churches so that through our mutual efforts we will raise up the next generation of Christian leaders.

– Don Green, DMin,
LCU President

today in the graduate degrees offered at churches in Normal, IL, and McCordsville, IN.

Getting to Normal

Eastview Christian Church, Normal, IL has a longstanding partnership with Lincoln Christian University. This shared ministry, since 2010, has included a 36-hour Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation degree offered on Eastview's church campus. The program will graduate its fiftieth student this summer.

There are currently 22 students enrolled in the Adult & Graduate Studies program that combines courses that are classroom-based and offered in an intensive weekend format with courses that are completed through a practicum, an independent study, a major research project and a capstone retreat. Students can complete this 12-course program

in two years by taking two courses each fall, spring and summer, with each course offered one at a time, one after the other. The program is cohort-based, with cohorts of 10-15 students beginning each fall. While most of the students live in central Illinois, others come to classes from as far away as Florida.

The composition of each cohort is as varied as God's Kingdom: men and women, black and white, young and old, and those serving the church vocationally or those serving the Kingdom through business or home. The students have been comprised of school teachers, a physician, stay home parents, a judge, State Farm employees, pastors/preachers of various kinds, the self-employed and real estate agents.

LCU Professor-at-Large of Spiritual Formation Dr. J.K. Jones said, "I have experienced immense joy in directing the



Dr. J.K. Jones

program. These students have taught me far more than I have taught them. The abiding satisfaction of the program includes partnering with friends and colleagues like Drs. Chuck Sackett, Craig Smith, Neal Windham, Rob Maupin, Mark Scott, Les Hardin and Casey Tygrett, as well as superb teachers like Jim Probst and April Kinzinger.”

J.K. adds, “I can’t wait to see what God has in store for us as we journey together.”

Seminary crosses state lines

In August 2013, LCU opened a Seminary extension site at Outlook Christian Church in northeast suburban Indianapolis and began offering a new degree, an MA in Ministry. This ATS-accredited program is designed for current church staff members who are ready

to build upon their experience by earning their seminary degree, and for mid-career professionals who sense a call to vocational ministry.

Greg Coval is one of those mid-career professionals. He shared this testimony, “I had been looking for a way to formally study the Bible and possibly go into the ministry. For anyone looking to answer God’s call on their lives this is a great opportunity. I didn’t have to quit my career or even interrupt my busy family life. I am being challenged to grow, and this program will equip me to serve Him and make a Kingdom difference.”

The Indianapolis classes are flexibly scheduled without cohorts or pre-requisites. The instruction is committed to remaining imminently practical, equipping and advancing students in the practice of ministry, both personally and professionally. Earning the 36-hour degree means completing

just 12 courses: eight foundation courses, three focus courses and one capstone field experience.

Program Director Rob McCord likes to point out, “With the potent combination of focus courses and field experiences, half of the degree’s courses are chosen—and sometimes designed—by the student.”



Rob McCord

Eight students are currently enjoying the program, and recruitment for more is ongoing. The tuition for the Indianapolis program is competitively priced to make it the most affordable Seminary degree offered by LCU. Interested in learning more? Go to LincolnChristian.edu/Indy.

Five-Star Church Partnership Promises #5



By Gordon D. Venturella, CFRE

Gordon serves as LCU VP of University Advancement. His rich background includes working with a variety of nonprofits, higher education, mega-churches and international relief organizations.

Promise #5:

We promise to help churches be better stewards. We provide estate planning seminars and capital campaign readiness evaluations.

One of the ways Lincoln Christian University helps partner churches be better stewards is through helping them raise capital for their ministry visions.

For the last eight years, I have been consulting with churches — raising millions of dollars for capital improvements, deferred maintenance and debt reduction.

The engagement typically takes about six months — with ongoing counsel during the giving period. Churches make a gift to LCU as an expression of their support. Their return on investment ends up being high.

The campaign may be:

- A three-year “over and above” campaign or
- A two-year “one-fund” campaign. In this case the church projects two years of annual fund needs plus the priorities they would like to accomplish in two years, but couldn’t without the campaign emphasis. This results in one number for a commitment period of two years. Many churches can raise three years of revenue in two.

I most recently consulted with the Greenville (IL) First Christian Church, where LCU alumnus Darryl Bolen is the Senior Minister. We conducted a two-year, one-fund campaign — their first. They had two-year commitments for over \$2 million and a *First In* (one Sunday offering) of \$259,076.19.

Here’s what Darryl had to say about our partnership:

Several months ago we were considering a capital gifts campaign to take care of some facility needs, eliminate existing debt and expand our outreach.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Don Green, we secured the services of Gordon Venturella. We could not be more pleased with the outcome.

He has and continues to provide us with wonderful leadership and guidance that has us well on our way to accomplishing our goals. This is an incredible service offered by Gordon through LCU.

Greenville is an example of a long-term mutual partnership. The church has supported LCU for many years and regularly employs LCU alumni on its staff. LCU in return is privileged to assist in the worthy causes this campaign will make possible.

You can read about LCU’s four other church partnership promises online at www.LincolnChristian.edu/churches.

Additional churches with whom we have partnered in the ministry of fundraising:

Richwoods Christian Church
Peoria, IL

Central Christian Church
Mt. Vernon, IL

Lakeside Christian Church
Springfield, IL (twice)

LeClaire Christian Church
Edwardsville, IL

Colonial Point Christian Church
Hartford, CT

Twin Oaks Christian Church
Detroit, MI (area)

Pleasant Hills Christian Church
Raymond, IL

Deer Creek Christian Church
University Park, IL

West Brook Christian Church
Bolingbrook, IL

Southside Christian Church
Springfield, IL

Lincoln Christian Church
Lincoln, IL

Macomb Christian Church
Detroit, MI (area)

Central Christian Church
Henderson, NV

Hope Church
Springfield, IL

Greenville First Christian Church
Greenville, IL

Riverside Community Church
Rockford, IL (current)



Your Church's Biggest Untapped Potential

Estate planning is something we all need to do, but something most of us find easy to put off. To make that first step easier, Lincoln Christian University offers an estate planning ministry to local churches. The centerpiece of the ministry is a two-hour estate planning seminar hosted by supporting partner congregations.

Why do local churches host LCU Estate Planning Seminars?

Support ministries to families

The comment that we most often hear from participants goes like this: “We have wanted to do this for so long. We really appreciate the opportunity to get this done.” That appreciation comes from those who are advanced in life as well as from families with young children who now know those children are provided for in the event a tragedy occurs.

Teach good stewardship principles

Estate planning is part of our total stewardship. Our management of God’s gifts involves not only what we do with what we have while we’re living, but how those things are distributed and managed after we’re gone. LCU’s estate planning services don’t stop at financial planning and legal mechanics, but emphasize Christian stewardship.

Reach out to your community

When we begin to work with one family, it is quite common for them to share the information with extended family members (parents, children, siblings, etc.) or with co-workers. They’ll ask, “Can I have _____ call you and set up an appointment? I was telling them what

we’re doing and they’re interested, too.” Many times, that family member or co-worker has no connection with the church, but will come to your facility for their appointments. In addition, some congregations encourage their members to bring unchurched friends to the seminar as an outreach tool.

Unlock the generosity of your congregation

Although no church does it for strictly financial reasons, estate planning seminars financially bless the congregations that sponsor them. Why? Because estate planning is ultimately about relationships — people include individuals and organizations they care about and want to provide for when creating their estate plans. Their home congregations fall into both categories.

Over the past 10 years, LCU has held Estate Planning Seminars in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin and planned well over 600 estates. The biggest benefactor of that planning ministry is the sponsoring local church. Estate gifts are often the largest gift a member will make to his or her church since such gifts are made from assets, not income.

For more information about LCU’s estate planning ministry or to explore scheduling an estate planning seminar for your church, contact Keith Snyder at 217.732.3168 or ksnyder@LincolnChristian.edu.



LCU Hosts Annual Christian Teen Convention

On November 7 and 8, 2014, Lincoln Christian University (LCU) was the host for the Illinois Christian Teen Convention (ICTC). This was the first time in many years that the convention was not held in Springfield, IL. LCU welcomed 590 students, youth ministers and youth sponsors onto campus for the two-day event. The 590 attendees represented 50 different churches from across the state of Illinois.

The annual ICTC event gathers high school students – freshmen through seniors — in an effort to challenge and encourage them in their Christian faith. Many individuals have committed their lives to Christ and sometimes to church ministry as a result of attending this event. These young Christians attend three “main sessions” and multiple workshops throughout the weekend.

The 2014 featured speaker was Jared Herd. Jared serves as Creative Director of XP3, a nationally respected student ministry curriculum for Christian churches. Jared is also the Teaching Pastor at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, TX.

ICTC will return to the LCU campus on October 16 and 17, 2015. When ICTC President Paul Webster was asked why they moved the conference to LCU’s campus, he said, “By doing this, it further strengthens the relationship between LCU and ICTC, allowing two organizations to come together for the common goal of challenging and building up young Christian leaders.”

“Our partnership with ICTC is extremely important to us,” says LCU Director of Enrollment Mac Ingmire. “ICTC’s and LCU’s missions line up similarly in that we both want to grow the Kingdom and build up Christian leaders in this world. I believe that great things will happen for the conference as a result of our organizations coming together for one extremely important purpose.”

To learn more about ICTC visit www.ictcinfo.org.

2014 RESTORATION AWARDS

Two Lincoln Christian University alumni were awarded the 2014 Restoration Award and recognized for their contributions to Kingdom work at the Alumni Reception held in conjunction with the North American Christian Convention (NACC) in Indianapolis on July 9, 2014. This award represents the highest alumni honor presented on behalf of Lincoln Christian University and our alumni to recipients selected through their nomination process.

Patsy (Jarret) Wilson, LBI '57, was presented the 2014 Restoration Award as alumni from across the country and family members applauded her life's service in several facets of Kingdom work. First noted, was her ministry to the church and as a preacher's wife



following her marriage to Dr. Bob Wilson in 1957 and for the next 12 years. From 1970 to 2001, Patsy worked with Lincoln Christian's radio station, followed by 28 years serving in the Admissions Department as Director of Recruitment and later as Assistant Director of Admissions. During this time, she helped recruit thousands of students for Lincoln Christian College and Seminary. One of her hallmark contributions was heading up the Lincolnland Bible Bowl Tournament on our campus, making it one of the very best in the country.

As Patsy's gift for speaking emerged, she became a very popular speaker for women's events, conferences, workshops, and marriage enrichment seminars, teaming up with her husband Bob. She has written for *Christian Standard*, *Key Magazine*, and other periodicals. She and Bob have been popular workshop leaders for the North American Christian Convention (NACC).

And now, in an era of new challenge and opportunity for a message of hope, strength and courage, Patsy's message is still, "Here I am...use me," as she has battled the disease of cancer for the last nine years, living out what seems to correspond to the words of Moses:

"And now . . . what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord your God and to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

– Deuteronomy 10:12

Down through the decades, the Restoration Award has been presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves as faithful, God-honoring servants, excelling in their labors and humble in heart. It was our privilege, on behalf of Lincoln Christian University administrators, faculty, staff and alumni, to present the 2014 Restoration Award to Patsy Jarret Wilson in the Field of Kingdom Service.



Dr. Paul E. Boatman, LCS '74, was selected to receive the 2014 Restoration Award because of his influence as an educator, minister, counselor and writer that has had impact both stateside and around the globe. Paul was called to

serve as Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Lincoln Christian Seminary from 1978 to 2011, where he was named Assistant Dean from 1982 to 2000 and Dean from 2000 to 2011. He is a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and is a charter member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. He has also served on the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission and several other agency boards. He has written a dozen periodical articles for *Christian Standard*, plus conducted book reviews for *Christian Standard*, the *Stone-Campbell Journal*, and *American Journal of Pastoral Counselors*.

Paul led numerous workshops for the National Missionary Convention on mission and cultural issues, and psychological health, and for the NACC on diverse topics. He has led workshops on grief, divorce, parenting and marriage, and has served churches by leading interventions in conflict situations. Paul's cross-cultural teaching in Bible colleges, seminaries, universities and schools of evangelism has been vast, with trips

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The Harold H. and Lois A. Huck Scholarship – a legacy established by their family.

Harold and Lois' daughter June Johnston is thankful for this opportunity to share and invite others to add to the scholarship her family established. "Our father was a Sunday School teacher and youth sponsor all our growing up years. He also served as elder for 50 years at First Christian Church in Wood River. When he retired from his teaching and administrator position, he worked with the Gideons until his death. My mother worked along with him in the church and Gideons. She served as the nursery teacher for 25 years. The scholarship is set up to honor their service to the Lord and His church. My two sisters and I all graduated from Lincoln Christian University and we would like to help others who want to preach the Word be able to get the knowledge and training they need to continue the spreading of God's Word to our world."

Daughter Ruth McCarty adds, "Some of my father's last words were, 'How can they hear without a preacher and how can they preach unless they are sent?' My mother and father loved ministers and their families, and showered them with gifts and encouragement. We want to keep sending and encouraging preachers for years to come with this scholarship in their names."



Harold with his children: (Front LtoR) Ruth, Harold and Louis. (Back LtoR) June and Becky.

Restoration Awards Continued...

reaching into Thailand, India, St. Vincent, Philippines, Kenya, Nigeria, Indonesia and Haiti.

Most recently Paul became the director of Safe Haven Hospice located out of Lincoln, IL. He is now translating his lifetime of teaching others the skills necessary to minister to the hurting, the failing and the dying, to apply the oil of healing and to administer goodness by personally stepping into this role himself. He carries

on the work of teaching others the pastoral skills needed to minister to those in hospice care and their families.

Paul has lived his life in the full circle of that which is consistent with what he has taught his entire life and what is in accordance with Christ's example . . . living out all that he holds true about love and compassion. For this reason and at what seemed to be the pinnacle of appropriate timing, Dr. Paul Boatman was presented the 2014 Restoration Award in the Field of Pastoral Care.

Alumni News

MINISTRY

Letitia Benjamin, LCC '97, of Leesburg, VA, is beginning her seventeenth year with the National Church Growth Research Center in Washington, D.C. In addition to her responsibility as Minister of Visitation with the Center, she also coordinates the Safety Net Program, a national ministry to help hurting and discouraged ministers. More information can be found online at www.ncgrc.org.

In February 2014, **Carol Huggins Nauman, LCC**, went to Saharanpur, Gangoh, India for the fourth year. She and a group of 16 others from Venture Christian Church (VCC) of Los Gatos, CA, spent a week in Gangoh working at the school the church built eight years ago for Hindu and Muslim children of the Dalit caste, one of the poorest in India. The group ministered to the kids through games and sports, a character building class, a Christian Health Evangelism class, and served approximately 600 kids at a catered all-you-can-eat lunch. During this trip, the new wing of the school was dedicated and a plaque was installed on the building thanking VCC for funding the wing. The group also visited a YoungLife girl's home in New Delhi.

David A. Hatfield, LCC '78, LCS '89, is serving as Executive Director of Polish Christian Ministries, headquartered out of Bel Air, MD, an organization that has partnered with Polish believers for 60 years. It is their mission to "assist Polish Christians in becoming healthy, growing, self-supporting and reproducing congregations." David can be reached at dave.hatfield@sbcglobal.net.

Ray Jewell, LCC '01, reports that he is currently serving as part-time pastor of Hilltop Community Church in Albany, WI. He is joined in this ministry by his

wife **Annette, LCC '76**. They reside in Janesville, WI.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sky Allen (LCC '76, LCS '86) was conferred the degree of PhD in Community Psychology from National Louis University in Chicago, IL, following final approval of his dissertation, "Strengths and Challenges of Client Outcomes in Substance Abuse Treatment: The What and Why of Effective Therapy." While at National Louis University, he won the prestigious John Jeffry Louis III Award for academic excellence, and recently presented his research findings at the 10th Annual Total Clinical Outcomes Management Conference in Chicago. In 1994, he completed a second MA in Social Psychology at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Dr. Allen is a licensed therapist at Regional Mental Health Center in East Chicago, IN.

Merrill, LCC '69, and Rebecca (Mabie), LCC, Davis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the Truman Church of Christ, Truman, MN. They were married on May 16, 1964, at Calvary Church of Christ in Rockford, IL.

John D. Landrum, LCC '66, was honored on May 3, 2014, 25 years after his passing (February 15, 1989), with the retirement of his badge #103 and by having Route 150 from Paris, IL, to the Indiana state line named "Deputy Sheriff John D. Landrum Memorial Highway." John was the father of alumni **John W. Landrum, LCC, Cheryl Landrum-Gale, LCC**, and grandfather to **Cliff Gale II, LCC**, and **Cody Gale, LCC '07**.

Ruth Ann (Benjamin) Hieronymus, LBI, was honored by Lincoln Mayor Keith Snyder, as he proclaimed April 1,

2014, as Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Services, whereupon Ruth Ann was recognized for volunteering nine years in the Foster Grandparent program, sponsored by Community Action of Central Illinois. Ruth Ann is remembered by our alumni as the wife of former faculty member Dr. Lynn Hieronymus who passed from this life in 1989. He was a beloved friend of students.

In the summer and fall of 2014, **Michael (LCS '97) and Suzanne (LCS '11) Gowin** were featured in two venues as they shared their story of adoption. They were first interviewed while in Ethiopia by a videographer from the Dave Ramsey show for a feature that aired in August. You can view the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKiaEN3OWPU. Then in September, they were asked to speak on a dinner cruise in Chicago for an adoption grant organization. The video that Michael put together for the occasion can be viewed on the Internet at www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBXPZOn_36w.

BIRTHS

Jason, LCS '13, and Catlin, LCS '12, Donato announce the birth of Adler Middleton Donato, born August 10, 2014. The Donato family resides in Alumni Hall where Jason and Catlin serve as dorm parents. Catlin is also an Administrative Assistant in Academic Services.

John, LCU '11, and Jodie (Latham), LCU '14, Merritt celebrated the 2015 New Year with the arrival of their first child, Aera Lynn, born New Year's Day at 11:27 a.m. Both John and Jodie are employed on LCU's campus, John as Environmental Services Specialist and Men's Soccer Head Coach, and Jodie as the manager of our student apartments.

DEATHS

Lowell E. Paulson, LCC '62, was called home on October 10, 2014. He was living in Taylor, TX, at the time of his death. He was pre-deceased by his wife Ruth on August 5, 2012, and was married to Arvie Potter Paulson, who survives, along with one son, David, and one daughter, Shannon. His two sisters, **Diane (Paulson) Hudson (LCC '66)** and **Charmaine (Paulson) Grubb (LCC '65)**, also survive. He was blessed to have seven grandchildren.

Ralph Garrett Smith, LBI '52, passed away in his home in Piney Flats, TN, on December 31, 2013, at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn, seven children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Ralph was a Navy veteran of WWII. He had been a long-time resident of Columbus, OH. He served as associate minister at Indianola Church of Christ and senior minister at West Hill Church of Christ. He also taught in the public school system as a music teacher and as a guidance counselor until his retirement in 1988.

Wendell (Gene) Fox, LBI, went to be with his heavenly Father on July 14, 2014, at the age of 77 at the Herrin (IL) Hospital. His home was in West Frankfort, IL, where he resided with his wife of 57 years, Mary Alice. She survives, along with one son, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Gene pastored throughout his life at many churches, including First Christian Church in West Frankfort. He was a song evangelist, school teacher, and coach. Services were at West Frankfort's First Christian Church, with interment at Mt. Vernon Memorial Gardens, Woodlawn, IL.

Herbert E. "Herb" Buche, Jr., LBI '58, passed away on January 13, 2014, at the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. His home was in Eldorado, IL. He had pastored several churches in Illinois including: Oak Grove Christian Church, Lamoine; Bell Ridge Christian in Paris; First Christian Church of Hurst; First Christian Church of Eldorado; First Christian Church of Harrisburg; First Christian Church of McLeansboro; and Dale Christian Church where he served for over 25 years. He also was the CILA Mental Health Director at Egyptian

Health Department for 18 years and was associated with Northwestern Mutual Insurance and Country Companies Insurance. He taught Jewish history, psychology, and insurance classes at Southern Illinois University and served on the Vienna Correctional Center Credit Union Board. Herb was married to **Shirley Rae (Smith), LBI**, for 58 years. Shirley survives along with a daughter, Michelle McAnally, and three grandchildren.

Travis Lee Weir, LCU '09, passed away in Marshall, IL, on September 30, 2014, after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. He was born in Berlin, Germany, and also lived in Martinsville, IL. Following his graduation from LCU, he attended the University of Hamburg in Germany, working on his MA in Politics, Economics, and Philosophy. He spent much of the last four years traveling throughout Europe where he enjoyed meeting new people, learning new cultures and seeing historical sites. He is survived by his parents Terry and Silvia Weir of Marshall, his sisters Nicole and Mary, and special friend Julie Krauniski of Berlin Germany. Also surviving are his grandmothers, uncles, aunts and cousins

Joe E. Parish, Jr. LCS '76, passed away in his sleep on August 9, 2014, at the age of 73. He was residing in Newport News, VA, at the time of his death. A preacher for 46 years, he served with churches in Illinois, Georgia and Virginia. Due to health issues, he retired from full-time ministry six years ago, but continued serving as Sunday school teacher and elder at the Seaford (VA) Church of Christ until his death. For more than 25 years, he taught a weekly Bible school session to residents at Riverside Warwick Forest Convalescent Center and served on the pastoral care committee of that facility. Joe is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sharon, three sons and four grandchildren.

Abraham Varughese, LCC '77, passed from this life on June, 2, 2014. He and his wife Pennamma were residing in Lake Worth, TX, at the time of his death. He was 64 years old.

Thelma Marie Coleman, LCC '64, passed from this life on May 27, 2014 in Blythe, CA. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Kaye Coleman, and one sister, Margurite. She was preceded

in death by her parents, one brother, one sister and one nephew. They had no children. Services were held at the Blythe Church of Christ on June 14, 2014. Memorial gifts are directed to the Blythe Cancer Resource Center, P.O. Box 1266, Blythe, CA 92226.

Emma Diana Cantrell, LCC '71, of Indianapolis passed away November 18, 2013. She was a teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools. She was a member of Traders Point Christian Church, Psi Iota Xi sorority, Chapter Iota Tau and a number of local history organizations. She is survived by one sister, one brother, nieces and nephews.

Morris E. Burkett, LBI '59, passed from this life on May 19, 2014, at the age of 77. He had been a Christian Church minister for 50 years in central and southern Illinois. He was also an instructor at Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, IL, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1953 to 1955. He is survived by his wife Maxine, his mother LaVera Moore, three sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Fred J. Green, LBI '50, went to be with his Lord on August 30, 2014, passing away suddenly from cardiac arrest as he was preparing for his day. Fred attended Purdue University before being called to Christian ministry. He married Dorothy Wright (who preceded him in death) in 1961. He then married Janice Weber to whom he was married for 52 years. He preached the Gospel in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Alaska for more than 60 years. He is survived by his wife Janice, his brothers **Robert Green, LBI '52, '53, LCS '65, '74**, and Allen Green, plus nine children, 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Fred was a 1975 recipient of our highest alumni award, the Restoration Award, in the Field of Preaching.

Warren D. Rogers, LCC, husband of 44 years to **Sue (Tesmer) Rogers, LCC '66**, passed from this life on June 20, 2014, as a result of a fall in January, 2014, causing traumatic injuries. Warren had been an Illinois State Policeman while attending Lincoln Christian College. He later retired from police work to own and direct a church building construction company from 1986 to 2008 and built 21 Christian

churches using a self-help volunteer program. Services were held June 25 at the Elkhart (IL) Christian Church with Dr. Paul Boatman and Dr. Robert Rea officiating. Memorial gifts may be directed to Lincoln Christian University.

Connie L. (Warner) Drake, LCC '71, claimed her place at Heaven's banquet table on March 30, 2014, after a long and hard-fought battle against cancer. She was married to **Mike Drake, LCC '72**, of Elkhart, IL. They had three sons, Jody (Jay), **David, LCC '98**, and foster son John Massey. Connie and Mike partnered in the local church ministry for their entire married lives, serving in churches in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois. Connie served LCU in the Jessie C. Eury Library for 17 years, purchasing nearly 42,000 books and handling every issue of every journal at least once. Her quiet but immense contribution during those years gave innumerable LCU students and Kingdom workers ample resources for their work and ministries, and will do so for generations to come. LCU President Dr. Don Green officiated at her memorial service at the Jefferson Street Christian Church, Lincoln, IL, on April 7, 2014. She was a member for years of the Sweet Adelines chorus, who performed at her service with the song "For Good," a tribute to her life.

Laura Jean (Herried) Thomas, LBI '61, was taken to Heaven on August 25, 2012. She is survived by her husband Merritt Thomas and one son, Mike. She and Merritt met at the McKinley Indian Mission in 1960. Services were held at Community Christian Church in Apache Junction, AZ, on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

Valeta (Metcalf) Wright, LBI '53, claimed Heaven's reward on August 5, 2012, in Phoenix, AZ, where she was residing at the time of her death. She was married to Bob Wright in 1956. He preceded her in death after 49 years of marriage. She was an educator on several levels that included teaching, an ordained minister to children, and an administrator. She is survived by two daughters, Leta and Kris, and five grandchildren. Services were held on September 8, 2012, at the Lincoln Heights Christian Church in Phoenix.

Donna L. (Kreggar) Webster, LCC '65, completed her earthly life and met her Lord face to face on April 22, 2013. She married Bruce Webster in 1974, and he survives as do her sons Douglas and Phillip. Donna served as a missionary nurse for three years in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). She returned to Indiana and worked as an RN for various hospitals for 35 years, retiring in 2010. Services were held at East 91st St. Christian Church in Indianapolis on April 25, 2013.

Dr. Lloyd Ludwick, LCS '87, '88, passed away at his home on Christmas Day, 2014, at the age of 58 following a brief battle with cancer. He was the pastor of the Southside Christian Church in Ottawa, IL, at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife **Pamela (Holt), LCC '91**, three children, his stepmother, one brother and three sisters. Services were held at Central Church of Christ in Streator, IL, with Dr. Chuck Richardson officiating.

Frances (Heath) James, LBI, passed away December 28, 2014, at the age of 81 at the Christian Village in Lincoln, IL. Fran faithfully served with her husband **Roger James, LBI '56**, in ministry in Indiana and Illinois for over 59 years, with the last 18 years at Sweetwater Christian Church in Greenview, IL. She is survived

by her husband Roger, four children, 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Services were held January 2, 2015, with Dr. Wayne Shaw, Ryan Edgecomb and grandson Steven Potts officiating.

Theresa Rhode, LCC '78, died unexpectedly at her home in Lafayette on January 7, 2015, at the age of 58. Theresa had an online ministry called "Comfort Ministries." She enjoyed ministering to people in need, loved music and floral arranging, and especially loved spending time with her family. Theresa leaves behind her husband **Randy, LCC '79**, three children and seven grandchildren.

Richard Hurley, LBI '55, passed away on September 19, 2014, after a brief battle with pneumonia. Following his graduation from Lincoln Bible Institute, he received a bachelor's degree in education and a master of arts degree from Truman University. He was a school teacher and principal, giving 30 years of his teaching in Lincoln, IL. He owned a real estate business for over 50 years, served on the county board, and was an elder at Lincoln Christian Church. He married Carole Holderman in 1954, and she currently resides in Georgia.



Remembering R. Verlin Parker, LBI '57, 1925 - 2014

"Do you want to talk to the one in charge or to the one who really knows what's going on?" We've all heard that humorous "one liner," but usually somewhere a little deeper into the story there is a quantity of truth. Verlin Parker's relationship with and love of LBI, LCC, LCS, and LCU was 55 years long. Of those 55 years, he was on staff for 43. No wonder he most always knew "what's going on." His first appointment was with LBI as a Greek instructor . . . a position he held from 1959 to 1965. But

in 1963, he also assumed the full-time position of Business Manager and Treasurer and held that title until 1977, at which time he was named Assistant Director of Business Affairs (later to be Assistant Director of Fiscal Services) until his retirement in 2002. In recognition of his expertise, absolute integrity and dedicated Christian service, Verlin received the Restoration Award in the field of Christian Higher Education in 1975, and upon his retirement in 2003 the "President's Distinguished Service Award."

Verlin and his wife and

beloved companion, Zelma, retired to finish their years at their home in Lincoln, IL, and finally as residents together at the Christian Village in Lincoln. Verlin was called into the presence of his Lord on February 17, 2014, and only eight short months later, on October 21, 2014, Zelma also joined Verlin in their new home . . . the place of their heart's desire, with the One to whom they had devoted their lives in faithful service.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

— John 6:47

LCU Graduates are Lifelong Learners



Left to right: Ashlan Rose, Josh Ludwig, Jordan Bauer and Karisa McInnis.

ministry
training

LCU 2014 graduates Ashlan Rose, Josh Ludwig, Jordan Bauer and Karisa McInnis are in the midst of a unique 9-month leadership training program at Christ's Church of the Valley (CCV) in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. The LCU alumni are four of the 36 residents from all across the U.S. in CCV's Leadership Institute Residency Program that trains competent church leaders for longevity in ministry through practical ministry training and leadership development.

Leadership Institute Pastor Steve Gross said, "Students who come to the Residency Program from LCU have been well prepared. Entering the program with skills such as a strong foundation in the Word, solid work ethic, ability to think critically and a desire to be stretched allows them to operate in ministry training at the highest level."

Ashlan, Josh, Jordan and Karisa have been able to apply what they learned at LCU, while being involved hands-on

in ministry at CCV. They are working alongside some of the best church leaders in the country at one of the largest and fastest growing churches in America.

Josh Ludwig said "LCU helped prepare me most for CCV by instilling strong leadership values and teaching me how to think as opposed to what to think."

Karisa McInnis pointed out that she gained more from LCU than simply classroom knowledge. "I was blessed by professors who recognized my potential, challenged me to grow as a leader and disciple of Jesus, and as a result of that, I have a solid foundation that has helped me to be successful at CCV."

The Residency is adding another layer of preparation as LCU graduates continue to train for a lifetime of ministry. Kyle Brown, LCU '14, also graduated from the Leadership Institute and is currently a Neighborhood Pastor at CCV.

Faculty/Staff News

On December 17, 2014, the Lincoln Christian University (LCU) Board of Trustees announced the unanimous selection of **Dr. Don Green** as



LCU's seventh president. Board Chair Dr. Gene Harker said, "After conducting a national search, it is

clear that Dr. Green is the best fit for our university. He is a trusted visionary with a servant's heart, and he brings many years of higher-education experience and successful leadership to the office. We now stand ready to walk shoulder-to-shoulder with Dr. Green as he pursues our vision and executes our mission." Don graduated from LCU's college and seminary, and earned his DMin from the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Trinity International University. He has been an integral part of the Lincoln Christian community for 47 years. He previously served in the roles of Trustee, Administrative Assistant to the President, Director of Development, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Church Development and Transitional President.



Dr. Tara Samples will be presenting a one-day workshop on treating trauma-spectrum disorders for the

Illinois Psychology Association (IPA) in Bloomington, IL, on April 24, 2015. Dr. Samples is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling at LCU, where she teaches classes for the Seminary (including traumatology), provides supervision of graduate students in field placement and internship, and is a clinical supervisor for Student Counseling and Consultation Centers at LCU and nearby Lincoln College. Before coming to teach at LCU, Dr. Samples worked in inpatient services and in a counseling practice in Atlanta, GA. She completed her pre-doctoral training at Grady Memorial through the Emory University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in Atlanta, and her pre-doctoral internship at the Asheville, NC, VA Medical Center. Dr. Samples completed an MA and PhD in clinical psychology at Fielding University and her MA in Professional Counseling from Georgia State University.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS



Larry Roberts has been promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology effective June 1, 2015. Larry

became an employee of LCU in January, 2000, as a tutor in the Academic Resource Center

working with at-risk students. He began teaching as an interim professor in the General Education field, and later as interim professor in the psychology department. Larry was hired as an Assistant Professor with faculty status in 2010. He continues to teach both undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology and counseling at LCU. Larry also serves as the Director of the Psychology program in the School of Undergraduate Studies. He has proven to be a valued mentor, advisor, and leader. Larry was recently nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for Heart to Heart Support Services (a not-for-profit organization counseling with a Christian worldview) and was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for The Friendship Center (a senior center in Clinton, IL).



Michael Gowin has been promoted to the rank of Professor of Business Administration at Lincoln Christian

University. He became an employee of LCU in 1997 and has progressively contributed to his field of study and to LCU since that time. Michael is an entrepreneur, consultant and small business owner. His depth of experience shows in the classes he teaches. Michael is active in the community and currently serves as a board member of the Logan County Alliance. He and his wife, Suzanne, have adopted

six children from Ethiopia since 2010, bringing the total number of children they are raising to nine.



Eric Teoro has been promoted to Professor of Business Administration effective June 1, 2015. Eric was employed

as an adjunct professor in the Business Administration program in 1997 and was engaged as a full-time faculty member in 2001 when he became Program Director. In 2014, he became the editor for an annually published business ethics textbook, *Annual Editions: Business Ethics*, published by McGraw-Hill. He is an active member of the Christian Business Faculty Association and has served on the Academic Advisory Boards for several published textbooks. Eric is looking forward to completing his dissertation for his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business from Northcentral University in the near future. Current students told us, “He conducts himself in a right matter and truly cares for his students because he is continually cultivating a Godly character. Eric never lets us lose sight of who we are as believers in Christ. He models for us how our professional life is an extension of our faith.”



Dr. Christopher Ben Simpson has been promoted to Professor status for both undergraduate and Seminary programs at LCU. He became

a full-time faculty member in 2005 in the field of Philosophical Theology. He earned a PhD in Theology from the University of Nottingham in 2008. From 2009 to the present, he has published four books, written several essays, and edited three volumes of collected essays. Dr. Simpson is active in presenting papers at academic conferences in his field of study. He is currently the editor of an international journal (*Radical Orthodoxy: Theology, Philosophy, Politics*) and an editor in the *Kalos* and *Veritas* book series. He is a professor who is respected and sought after by students who report that he “encourages critical thought, creativity and the freedom to explore areas of personal interest within the boundaries of a given class, creating a space that allows for students to thoroughly and fruitfully grapple with their own questions. He is personally invested in the well-being of his students and is rigorously committed to the values of lifelong learning. In all of his work, he models wholehearted devotion to God; seeing it not as something he is simply expected to do, but as his particular calling as a disciple of Christ.”



Dr. C. Nolan Thomas has been promoted to Associate Professor effective June 1, 2015. When Dr. Thomas came to LCU in 2010,

he came with over 30 years of ministry experience and 18 years of experience in community and school counseling. Along with work as a pastoral counselor, he also functioned as a school psychologist. He has two earned doctorates, the first is a PhD from Liberty University in Professional Counseling and the second is a DMin from Phillips Graduate Seminary. Dr. Thomas was instrumental in obtaining Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Accreditation for the Master of Arts in Counseling (MAC) in the Seminary of Lincoln Christian University in 2014. As the Director of the MAC program and Assistant Dean in the Seminary, Dr. Thomas continues to improve the counseling program along with the other MAC faculty. As a result of obtaining CACREP Accreditation, Lincoln Christian University has been listed as one of the best master’s in counseling programs on the college planning website, BestColleges.com. His hobby is “helping others,” and it truly permeates his daily life at LCU.

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as the Seventh President of the University

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
AT 9:30 A.M.
EARL C HARGROVE CHAPEL
LINCOLN, IL

Alumni luncheon to follow
Please RSVP for luncheon (only) online to:
Alumni@lincolnchristian.edu
or by toll-free call to: 1-888-522-5228,
by April 28, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- EASTER HOLIDAY (offices closed)
April 3-5
- THE VINE CONFERENCE
April 10-11
- INTENTIONAL CHURCH
CONFERENCE
(First Christian Church, Decatur, IL)
April 18
- HONOR TO WHOM HONOR
IS DUE
April 28
- CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE
April 29
- FOUNDERS' DAY/
PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION
AND ALUMNI LUNCHEON
May 5
- COMMENCEMENT
May 16
- SUMMER INTENSIVE WEEK
May 26-30
- LINCOLNLAND CLASSIC
BIBLE BOWL
June 15-17
- SPORTS CAMPS
June 17 – July 15
- NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN
CONVENTION (Cincinnati, OH)
June 23-26