A Message from the President…

What should a very committed and talented campus be busy doing on behalf of Jesus Christ in the 21st century? Certainly, carrying out God’s three-fold commissioning from Scripture. For us, that entails the following:

- pursue the “cultural mandate” from Genesis… to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over all creation.
- pursue the “relational mandate” by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, as well as our neighbors as ourselves.
- pursue the missional mandate to “go into all the world and make disciples.”

As you read this issue of the *Restorer*, you will find no reluctance on the part of our campus in pursuing those facets of God’s mission. The vision of the Board of Trustees is to address the entire spectrum of God’s very complex world. From student to scholar, pew to professor, and graduate to globe, LCU is purposefully engaging this vast continuum of opportunity before us. I am grateful our faculty and staff serve this continuum.

History has demonstrated the unparalleled impact when the church and academy attempt God’s mission together. One example of that partnership is the birthing of our remarkable nation. We have also witnessed in recent decades the unfortunate impact when the church and academy go their separate ways.

We at LCU intend to go into the future with an intentionality that speaks to both the church and academy. We need no less today. We pray you will enjoy reading this issue as much as I enjoy leading this university. With Jesus Christ as Lord over our every endeavor, we applaud your partnership and plead your ongoing vision for the splendid journey ahead in 2012 and beyond.

In submission,

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About the cover:
LCU senior Hannah McIntosh was baptized on December 7 during Focus. This night was the climax of a movement for reconciliation that spread throughout the campus during the fall semester. Photo by Brooklyn Morgan, sophomore majoring in Intercultural Studies.

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A Faculty of Scholars

By Dr. Clay Ham

Yearly, faculty members affirm the mission and core values of Lincoln Christian University (LCU). One of these values relates to our “Restoration” heritage’s emphases on Biblical authority, Christian unity, and global ministry. LCU owes its founding to churches in this “Restoration Movement,” which still comprise its primary church constituency. This heritage is often called the Stone-Campbell Movement for its two most prominent pioneers.

The first was Barton Stone (1772-1844), known for his preaching at the 1801 revival meeting at Cane Ridge, Kentucky. The second was Alexander Campbell (1788-1866), whose legacy lives on through his work as a publisher and academic. He founded Bethany College, a four-year liberal arts college, and served for 20 years as its first president. Campbell published a translation of the New Testament from the original Greek and several theological works, including The Christian System. He was editor of two serial publications, The Christian Baptist and The Millennial Harbinger.

At LCU, we value a heritage that claims both Stone and Campbell, not one or the other. The University strives to be a “both-and” school, mindful of our desire to serve the church and of our efforts to educate students. Therefore, these two men—one a preacher-revivalist, the other an author-educator—provide historical precedents for the breadth of church and academic involvement in which our current faculty participate.

In Scholarship Reconsidered (Jossey-Bass, 1997), Ernest Boyer offers a classic treatment on the place of scholarship in the work of a faculty member. He describes a scholar-teacher in a way that avoids a dichotomy between research and instruction. Scholarship means that professors engage in both learning and research in ways that connect their “scholarship” with their students’ “study.”

Boyer argues that a faculty member’s scholarly work occurs within four functions. First, “discovery” pursues knowledge for its own sake and excites the intellectual spirit of a university. Second, “integration” interprets original research and shows how ideas connect with other ideas or disciplines. Third, “application” shows how knowledge can solve problems and provides opportunity for one’s “scholarship” to be used in the “service” of others. Fourth, “teaching” what the philosopher Aristotle called “the highest form of understanding,” encourages students to be thinkers and engage in active learning for themselves and for others.

My office records faculty publications. The current list is more than 350 lines deep on a multi-tab chart. Without question, the breadth of these publications gives evidence of our faculty’s engagement in all four kinds of scholarship. You will find some exceptional examples on page 6 of this issue of the Restorer.

Christians are a people of the Word—God’s Word written in Scripture and God’s Word incarnate in Jesus Christ. How can we expect anything less from our Lincoln Christian faculty than to do their academic ministry through words spoken in the classroom and printed on the pages of books, essays, and articles?

Dr. Clay Ham serves as Provost at LCU and is author of The Coming King and the Rejected Shepherd: Matthew’s Reading of Zechariah’s Messianic Hope (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2005).

Lincoln Christian University was born with the ‘soul’ of the church. Earl C Hargrove founded this school with an imperative to open and enliven the local church. That vision and commitment lives on today through our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. As president, I cannot think or act otherwise.

– Dr. Keith H. Ray, LCU President
Service to the Church

By Gordon Venturella, CFRE

LCU has always cherished and valued its historic relationship with the church. You likely have been profoundly influenced by a Lincoln Leader serving in some capacity with your church.

LCU faculty, staff, and student service
- Lincoln Christian University filled church pulpits more than 138 times in 2011.
- The church ministries department served and consulted 39 churches last year in the areas of assessment and strategic planning, staff transitions, leadership training, and conflict management.
- As Vice President of University Advancement, I consult with churches to help them raise capital funds for their ministry needs. Over the last two years I have worked with six Illinois churches, and am currently working with Macomb Christian Church in Shelby Township, MI.
- LCU serves the Church with estate planning services through professional counsel from LCU attorney, Rick Hobler (JD) and Associate Vice President of Development Keith Snyder (MBA). Every year, this results in new financial resources for churches.
- LCU faculty and staff continue to serve in churches across the country. In expressing our commitment to global mission, LCU faculty also visit different countries of the world each year (see page 8 for details).
- During the fall 2011 semester, 362 under-graduate students reported “service learning hours.”
- The undergraduate intern program continues to match students with field mentors across the country and around the world.

There are 41 “Restoration Week” (formerly known as “Week of E3”) trips scheduled this spring. Turn to page 8 for a summary report on destinations and participation by both faculty and students.

To keep this ongoing relationship relevant and vibrant, LCU has expanded its services, articulated its promises, and added valuable staff. We proactively and intentionally seek out partner churches to learn how we might continue to improve our service in the years ahead.

LCU has established Five Star Church Partnership Promises to help you live your mission:
☆ We promise to assist the church in searching for staff positions.
☆ We promise an annual visit to every supporting church – as requested – to serve in the best way possible.
☆ We promise to help your leaders be lifelong learners by providing one free audit class per year for the person of your choosing.
☆ We promise an annual President’s accountability report on the state of the University.
☆ We promise to assist the church be a better steward through estate planning seminars and capital campaign readiness evaluations.

On-campus education and inspiration
Every year LCU provides multiple opportunities to inspire and educate leaders and members of the local church. Some of our largest annual on-campus events include:
- Christmas in the Chapel has become an annual tradition for thousands. Last December approximately 6,000 attended this event over four days.
- Each February, the Elders’ and Church Leaders’ Conference provides valuable continuing education for church leaders.
- The Christian Women’s Conference continues to inspire nearly 1,000 women from all over the region.

The vision and partnership between LCU and the church continues in 2012!
Scholarship of Discovery

Christopher Simpson, *The Truth is the Way: Kierkegaard’s Theologia Viatorum* (Cascade Press, 2011), presents a comprehensive reading of the Danish philosopher’s works as “a theology to guide one on life’s way.”

Chris Keith’s *The Pericope Adulterae, the Gospel of John, and the Literacy of Jesus* (Brill, 2009), provides the definitive treatment of the textual history of John 7:53-8:11 and of the meaning of the unique word “write.”

Scholarship of Integration

In *Christian Formation: Integrating Theology and Human Development* (Broadman & Holman, 2010), James Estep (with Jonathan Kim) combines a study of human development and Christian theology to provide an important foundation for education within the church.

John Castelein, “Bless the Lord O My Brain?! Has Neuroscience Eliminated the Soul?” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 10 (2007): 37-61, argues that the Bible and neuroscience support the Christian conviction that the human spirit transcends the human brain.


Scholarship of Application

Barney Wells (with Martin Guise and Ron Klassen), *Leading Through Change: Shepherding the Town and Country Church in a New Era* (ChurchSmart Resources, 2005), explores how ministers can assist rural congregations through challenging cultural changes.

Two faculty have contributed to the *What the Bible Says* series: Dinelle Frankland, *His Story, Our Response: What the Bible Says About Worship* (College Press, 2008), and Mitch Simpson, *What the Bible Says about Prayer* (College Press, 1987).


Scholarship of Teaching

Neal Windham, “Hospitable Teaching, Redemptive Formation, and Learning Mobility: A Spirituality of Teaching Based upon the Writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen,” Biblical Higher Education Journal 5 (2010): 91-103, presents an educational model in which professors provide a learning context to assist contemporary students in following their calling from God.

Servant Leadership

Mike Nichols, Professor and Program Director of Intercultural Studies, has spent 17 years heavily involved in various leadership positions at Mount Pulaski Christian Church. He teaches men’s adult Sunday school and serves as a substitute preacher when needed. In addition to teaching and preaching, Nichols serves as an elder and enjoys the trust and fellowship he and the other elders share along with the senior pastor. Mount Pulaski is working hard on their men’s ministry, hosting monthly breakfasts along with a Sunday school class dedicated to men and men’s events throughout the year. He says the goal for the men’s ministry is “encouraging them and equipping them to step up as leaders in the home, church, and world.” He enjoys preparing his students for a life of ministry, and thinks much of the groundwork must be done here. “Additionally, I am concerned with real disciples being made in the local church rather than just ‘church members.’”

LC Sutton, Associate Professor of Christian Ministries, is the senior pastor of Eminence Christian Church in Atlanta, Illinois. Originally from Joliet, IL, LC and his family have found a unique place in this small rural church located less than 15 miles from campus. Over the next 18 months, he will lead this congregation toward their 175th anniversary celebration of continuous worship. Eminence is the oldest congregation in Illinois’ Logan County and has been ministered to by a number of LCU faculty and graduates over the years. LC sees the greatest need in today’s church as one of leadership, “From the nursery to the pulpit and everywhere in between.” LC has also served other congregations, like Athens Christian Church (Athens, IL), where he led worship for a three-day revival series in 2011. LC mentors a number of LCU students in the areas of preaching, leadership, and worship.

Walt Zorn, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages, notes that “Preachers and leaders in our churches need to teach the Word more deeply and broadly. We are not producing Biblically literate people in our churches, and therefore we are reaping the result in all kinds of difficulties due to ignorance and cultural norms that destroy the mission of the church. Leadership must equip the people to do the work of the ministry.” Dr. Zorn is an adult leadership instructor, substitute preacher, and active member of Jefferson St. Christian Church in Lincoln, IL.

Steve Collins, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs in the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies, is involved in an interim ministry at Prairieland Christian Church in Hartsburg, IL. He has been working for, and with, the members of Prairieland since August of 2011, preaching sermons and teaching classes. He says that his goal when teaching or preaching is to “bring good, Biblically based messages that will help people understand that they are the People of God, which brings both the blessings of salvation and a call to service.” The greatest need of the church today is for her members to live holy lives and invite others to do the same. At LCU, he also teaches various undergraduate courses including Acts and the Essentials of Christian Theology.
This spring, five international trips will be led by LCU faculty and staff: Mike Nichols (Canada), Scott Jones (England), Steve Collins (Haiti), Wayne Shaw (Mexico), and Ryan Harty (Poland). Additionally, there are three alternative trips scheduled to be taken by Kyle Brown (Italy), Abdulai Bayoh (Sierra Leone), and Samantha Griner (Haiti).

Domestic cross-cultural trips will be led by: Chris Rupprechet (Cleveland, OH), Kathy and Fred Johnson (San Juan, PR), Paul DelValley (Indianapolis), Rondel Ramsey (Chicagoland), Neal and Miriam Windham (San Angelo, TX), Lynn Wilson (Waubun, MN), Tena Raglin (Chicago Public Schools), and Brian Mills (Las Vegas, NV).

2009-11 Faculty Cross-Cultural Trips

Kim Baldwin – Painsville, KY, Appalachian area (July 2011), leading a service trip for a group of teens to help with construction work and VBS

Paul Boatman – Mexico City and Cholula Puebla Mexico, March 21-28, 2011 to speak at the “Missionary Reunion” – a conference for missionaries

Steve Collins – Haiti (springs 2010 and 2011), helping with earthquake relief efforts through Haitian Christian Outreach

Steve Cone – Krakow, Poland (June 2011), presenting for a theological conference

Karen Estep – Wenzhou, Ruian, Nanjing, Beijing & Shanghai, China (Summer 2010), visiting elementary schools, building partnerships, and providing teacher training programs and parent education programs

Dinelle Frankland – TCM International Institute (June 2009), teaching class on Philosophy & Practice of Worship

Mariana Hwang – Wenzhou, Ruian, Nanjing, Beijing & Shanghai, China (Summer 2010), visiting elementary schools, building partnerships, and providing teacher training programs and parent education programs

Rich Knopp – Turkey and Greece (May 2010) with his wife and college students. The trip offered direct exposure to cultures and locations like the Islamic culture in Turkey, ancient Ephesus, and key Greek locations like Athens and Delphi. Venice, Florence, and Rome (July 2010), traveling with other adults to Italy to experience the history and culture

Fred and Kathy Johnson – Puerto Rico (March 2011), leading students on a Week of E3 trip

Nancy Olson – TCM International Institute (September 2011 and April 2010), teaching class on research methods

Bob Rea – Dominican Republic (October 2009), teaching pastors through GO Ministries

Chris Simpson – Krakow, Poland (June 2011), presenting at an international conference

Neal Windham – TCM International Institute (July 2011), teaching a class in New Testament Greek

Mike Nichols - Democratic Republic of Congo (July 2011), with daughter Samantha, to help lead youth conference and hold healing seminar for rape victims.
Lincoln Christian University is pleased to announce that David Upchurch joined the University Advancement team on January 1 as Director of Church Ministries. David fills the position left vacant when Dr. Don Green transitioned to full-time faculty in the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. As Director of Church Ministries, Upchurch brings with him more than 30 years of experience in local church leadership, and will be a valuable resource to all our churches.

David is an alumnus of Lincoln Christian University (BA ’80) and Kentucky Christian University (Master of Ministry). He was also recognized in 2010 with the LCU Alumni Association Restoration Award for Outstanding Service in Preaching Ministry.

For the last 13 years Upchurch has been Lead Minister of Rochester Christian Church in Rochester, IL. During his tenure there, attendance more than doubled and offerings nearly tripled. Previously, David served in ministries in Plano, IL, Havana, IL, and Harrodsburg, KY. David’s wife of 31 years, Cindy, is a fourth grade teacher in Rochester, IL. They have three adult children: Krista (LCU ’05) married to Josh Weber (LCU ’03, ’06), Matt, and Jake. They also have one grandchild.

You may contact David at dlupchurch@lincolnchristian.edu or by calling 888.522.5228, ext. 2369.
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A Feast of Faith, Hope, and Love

Served by Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro
CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Earl C Hargrove Chapel • Lincoln Christian University

SCHEDULE:

8-9 a.m. Registration in Chapel Foyer
9–10:15 a.m. Meet Kathy and Ellie
               Session One with Ellie Lofaro
10:15–10:35 a.m. Break
10:35–11:30 a.m. Session Two with Kathy Troccoli
11:30–12:55 p.m. Lunch
12:55–1 p.m. Slideshow (and giveaways)
1–1:25 p.m. “Banter” with Kathy and Ellie
1:25–2:15 p.m. Kathy Troccoli Concert
2:15–2:35 p.m. Break
2:35–3:35 p.m. Session Three with Ellie Lofaro
3:35–4 p.m. Closing Thoughts, Prayers, and Worship led by Kathy and Ellie

LUNCH AND NOON HOUR SESSION – LAUGHLIN CENTER:

Take a break and a short walk to the Laughlin Center for lunch. Have fun with our “strolling minstrels” and serenades.

Coffee Shop – Check out the amazing treats on campus at the Warehouse Coffee Shop, serving Starbucks coffee and other coffee shop specialities.

Book Tables – Our guest speakers will come with their own books and products. You may want to select a number of these items to take home.

SPECIAL OFFERING GOAL:
The offering goal of $20,000 (for the second year in a row) will be used to assist in the funding of one of the biggest needs facing LCU this year…that of installing a state-mandated sprinkler system in our men’s residence hall. Our offering will help provide a piece of the overall cost of an estimated $250,000.

REGISTRATION:
Registrations received by Wednesday, April 18, are $30. Registrations after that date are $35. Sorry, no refunds.

Registrations may be made:
By mail Send checks to Christian Women's Conference, Lincoln Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656
By phone Please call 217.732.3168
Online Visit at www.lincolnchristian.edu/cwc to register and pay via PayPal
Solomon wondered out loud in Ecclesiastes, what would happen when the next generation assumed responsibility for the city and nation he was building. He expressed the timeless human concern for how the world changes from one generation to the next. At LCU, we think that adults who manage this anxiety by “hovering” over students actually delay the development of critical autonomy and initiative in the younger generation. But, leaders who only get “out of their way” may stunt maturity just as significantly.

In Student Development we work hard to get “in their way.” By that, we mean to find every way possible to engage our students as they use their gifts, express their passion and pursue their sense of calling. It seems as if students are telling us they don’t want us to interfere too much. But they also don’t want us to abandon them. The delicate balance between the two is challenging to achieve. So we serve with them, pray with them, think with them, and dream with them. We get “in their way” as much as we can, not to be obstacles, but to be guides and companions as we follow Christ together.

This year, it seems that the balance is just right. We’re enjoying a fresh wind and renewed fire among our students. We’re sensing that God is very involved in our community...and he has bigger plans on the horizon. I’m certain the Holy Spirit has generated the energy we’re experiencing. I’m confident that God is moving among our student leaders. And I’m hopeful that you and many others will be blessed by the stirring we’re witnessing this year.

Specifically, we see four parts to this movement:
1. Students are praying for the lost
2. Students are serving the church and community
3. Students are compelled to generously help the poor
4. Students are convicted to deep humility and holiness

Because I know you pray for this like we do, please enjoy reading the accounts of this transformation from the perspective of a few of our student leaders. I think you’ll hear clearly that they are ready. They are willing. They are following the call of Christ for the future. And they’re doing it “in their way.”
and call, and wasted no time in seeing it come to fruition. That night, each student was encouraged and challenged to begin praying for one person in his or her life who needed the hope of the Gospel—one person who needed to be reconciled with their Creator. Hundreds of names were lifted up that night and each was written on a note card. Those note cards now hang in a prayer room on campus where they are prayed over several times a week by both faculty and students.

With hearts burning, the student body has been the hands and feet of this vision for the last several months. For every letter in “The Vision” LCU students committed to seeing one person brought to a new or restored relationship with Christ—49 letters, 49 people. Students have reached out in the name of Jesus through prayer, intentional interactions, phone calls, letters and genuine love, and the results have been humbling. To celebrate the movement of the gospel as it spread, a mural depicting a tree with outstretched branches (Mark 4:30-34) was painted and hung in the Warehouse student center. The 49 letters of the campus’ vision surround the tree and each is filled in as another neighbor, friend, or family member is reconciled to Christ. At the end of January, 17 letters were filled-in.

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STUDENT PROFILE

Jordan Mishoe, a native of Florida, once dreamed of country music stardom; now, the second year seminarian has a very different vision for his life, a vision inspired by God’s providence.

Jordan didn’t begin to pursue his passion for music until he was 15. He quickly found his niche on worship teams and in church choirs. Jordan attended Florida Christian College to study Worship Ministry. In his own words, “I thought worship was just music.” He quickly reconsidered his evaluation. “Worship is so much more than just music,” explains Jordan. His thirst for knowledge led him to the Seminary at Lincoln Christian University.

At LCU Jordan has learned the theology of worship, the Bible’s teaching on worship, and a cultural sensitivity to a congregation’s worship needs. Jordan has gained both theoretical knowledge and practical, applicable skills. He serves at Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, where he aids with both a traditional and contemporary service every Sunday. This opportunity takes the theory of class work and applies it to the real world scenarios. Where God leads, Jordan is prepared to follow.
Under the canopy of the vision, Focus (a student led worship service held every other Wednesday night) was redesigned as a place for students to be challenged and newcomers to receive the gospel. There were times in the fall semester when the scheduled hour and fifteen minute gathering turned into three hours of public confession, testimony, and prayer. As the end of the semester approached, the Focus leadership team was challenged through prayer to offer a call to baptism. Beginning on December 6, more than 100 students gave of themselves in a 35-hour prayer vigil leading up to the baptisms that Wednesday night. After a powerful message of redemption from Professor Rob Maupin, the campus celebrated as three hearts were reconciled to Christ. Two LCU students were baptized that night as well as a local eighth-grade student from Lincoln.

The passion and generosity of the students at LCU has been displayed over and over again through the giving of time, service, and resources. Students helped wash windows at the Christian Village Retirement Home in early October. In November, they participated in the annual Thanksgiving “Rakesgiving,” where they raked leaves both on campus and around town. The fall campus offering, branded as Flow, set out to raise $7,500 in order to pay for the drilling of three wells in India.

Central to the passion and movement on campus, is the prayer room that has been established in the Timothy lounge. Work began on the space in the spring semester of 2011 and has since been used as the foundation of the spiritual growth on campus. The walls have been covered by the writings, requests, and visual outpouring of students longing for God to move. The room is open from 6 a.m. to

Chelsea Bushong is pursuing an MA in Counseling through the Lincoln Christian Seminary. She enjoys the University’s close-knit community that ties the three schools together and creates unique ministry opportunities. As a Seminary student, Chelsea leads a Spiritual Formation Group for undergraduate girls. Chelsea enjoys the opportunity to fellowship and mentor them in their walk with Jesus. “The girls have not only brought me so much joy, but their desire to dig into the Word, and to grow, is inspiring and encouraging.”

Chelsea is relying on LCU to equip her to become a distinctly Christian counselor. “My dream job would be to work within a church and either be a counselor for the church or help run a discipleship program with a spiritual formation aspect. I know that whether I work within a counseling firm or within the church, all of these skills I am learning will be utilized in all aspects of life, with friends, family, and clients.”
On behalf of the Generosity Team and the student cabinet, I am overjoyed to let you all know that our campus-wide goal for Flow offering has been exceeded! As a campus encompassing the undergrad, staff and faculty, as well as the Seminary – we have raised over $7,500 to build three very real wells that will impact three communities in India for 150 years. The wells will be built and run by missionaries with Central India Christian Mission, and they will create a platform to share the Gospel message with those who have never heard it before. My heart is very full, friends. God has done some incredible things on our campus this semester, and it has been a true joy to watch this offering unfold before my eyes. I speak for my team when I say that we will hold these memories special for a long time. We pray that you were blessed through the commitments and gifts you made to India, and we continue to pray that you will be blessed for your extreme outpouring of generosity. May His story spread and His Gospel change lives forever, amen.


Joe Slavich, Generosity Team Leader

Joshua Medlin is pursuing a degree in Youth Ministry and Preaching in the School of Undergraduate Studies. In Josh’s words, “One great thing about LCU is that while here we are encouraged to be active in churches through service learning.” These service learning opportunities allow Josh to use his education in very practical ways. “I have gained so much from my youth ministry classes and have been using my knowledge to lead a youth group of 30-40 middle school students. This year, we have seen eight students give their lives to Christ.”

Christopher White is a Seminary student at Lincoln Christian University pursuing a Master of Religious Education. He works as a part-time youth minister in Rossville, Illinois. His ministry is already benefiting from his education. According to Chris, “LCU had the biggest impact on me when material I learned in the classroom began to change the lives of students in my church.” Following graduation, Chris intends to continue serving in the local church as a youth minister.

STUDENT PROFILES
It was summer, in Japan, when the Holy Spirit began to sketch in my heart and mind the vision for our campus: *that this community will be a catalyst for reconciliation.*

Now, I reflect on how God has been faithful in our pursuit of this vision. He has done things that we could never have done by our own strength.

In four and a half months, God has healed broken students, reconciled lost people to Himself, provoked unforeseen generosity, cultivated new student leaders, and created on our campus a prayerful zeal to be obediently responsive to the will of God. In fact, abiding in Christ through prayer has become central to the pursuit of the vision God has revealed to us.

Abiding in Christ has strengthened our community of students. We have seen the reality of Jesus’ promise to produce good fruit through those who abide in Him. We have seen three wells in India funded by the students and faculty. We have seen non-Christians from outside LCU attending our student-led worship services. We have seen three baptisms on campus, the salvation of at least 15 of our friends and family, public confession of painful struggles, and increasing eagerness to share the Gospel.

In all of this, student leaders have naturally faded to background in their humility and willingness to attribute success to the work of the Holy Spirit. *He must become greater, I must become less* has been engrafted into their hearts. Each leader has empowered more leaders as they are learning to lead by looking to Christ as their prototype. Every week I am astounded by what students are doing on this campus because they want to imitate Christ.

If I have learned one thing from this community, it has been to never make prayer an afterthought. The prioritization of prayer has helped us to fuse together hearing and doing (Js. 1:22) in the pursuit of those who have yet to be transformed by the Gospel of Christ. Abiding in Christ has unleashed true Gospel effectiveness.

Obedient response to the will of God does not come easy, but we are trying our best. We are being obedient in the small tasks, and God is challenging us to be obedient in more ways with every new week. With the remaining five months of school, we hope to bury ourselves even deeper within the nutrient-filled leaves of the Vine, absorb the life-giving inflow of the Holy Spirit, and experience God continuing to transform this community into a catalyst for reconciliation.

*Austin Gohn, undergraduate Student Body President*
April 13, 2012, 4 p.m., LCU Laughlin Center

Registration – through April 10
$10 LCU students, employees, and alumni
$15 Non-LCU participants (All race fees are non-refundable)
(Late Registration: LCU Students, Employees, and Alumni – $15, Non-LCU participants – $22)

Participants receive:
- T-shirt
- Finishers’ medal
- Post-race picnic and awards
- Goodie bag of items
Opportunity to win hundreds of dollars worth of door prizes and drawings… and possibly a trophy!

For More Information
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Dr. Bruce Shields is the Russell F. and Marian J. Blowers Professor of Christian Ministries at Emmanuel, Emeritus. He began teaching there in 1983, after graduating from Milligan College and having ministered with two churches in the area.

At Emmanuel, he combines his interest and education in the areas of preaching, worship, and Biblical studies to help students to exegate New Testament and Old Testament texts, to develop sermons based solidly on those texts, and to express those sermons effectively to their hearers in the context of Christian worship.

While a student in Germany, he served for five years as German-speaking minister of the Christliche Gemeinde (Christian Congregation) in Tübingen. He also ministered for 12 years with churches in Pennsylvania and taught speech at Eastern Christian College and New Testament at the Lincoln Christian Seminary.

Dr. Shields is a member of the Academy of Homiletics and often makes presentations to the annual meetings of the academy and reviews German works on homiletics for its journal, *Homiletic*. He is also a member of Societas Homiletica, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Frederick B. Neumann Symposium on Theological Interpretation of Scripture.
Assistant to the Registrar Jennifer Ramsey is a new face in the Registrar’s office this year. Her primary duties include servicing students in the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. Jennifer is a graduate of Johnson Bible College (BS in Bible and Christian Education) and Lincoln Christian University (BA in Worship Ministry). Most recently she has served as a worship associate at Lincoln Christian Church. For the past four years, she has also served as a section leader for IDS 101. Her husband Rondel is Associate Professor of Youth Ministry here at LCU. They have two children, Zach (LCU ’11), and Abbie.

Dr. Richard Knopp, Professor of Philosophy & Christian Apologetics, participated this fall in a lectureship at Azusa Pacific University, Los Angeles, California, in their Center for Research in Science (CRIS) series of “Science, Faith, and Culture Lectures.” Knopp’s presentation, “Lessons from the Philosophy of Science on the Perceptions and Practice of Science,” was delivered on Tuesday, November 29. Knopp was one of a group of lecturers that included Steven Wilkens, Ian Hutchinson, Roy Clouser, Karl Giberson and Peter Enns. Knopp was appointed to LCU faculty in 1983. He received degrees from the University of Illinois (PhD in Philosophy), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (MA in Philosophy), Lincoln Christian University (MDiv in Philosophy), and St. Louis Christian College (BA in Christian Ministries). Dr. Knopp teaches courses in LCU’s School of Undergraduate Studies, Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies, and the Seminary. His personal and academic achievements include a number of papers, special lectures, convention presentations, youth and youth leader conferences, multimedia presentations, and publications.

LCU is pleased to announce that Dr. Chuck Sackett is partnering with the Seminary as Professor of Preaching as of January 1, 2012. Dr. Sackett also serves as the preaching minister for Madison Park Christian Church in Quincy, IL. Under his leadership, students will be able to study preaching from a well-known, widely respected preacher and teacher who brings practical experience to the classroom. While he and his wife Gail will continue to live and serve full-time in Quincy, he will spend part of his time teaching classes in intensive week and monthly block formats, planning for the future of the preaching program, and recruiting and mentoring students. This unique approach will allow students to study preaching while continuing to serve in their local church settings. Dr. Mark Scott and Dr. Jeff Snell will continue to be a part of the teaching rotation as well. We are grateful to Madison Park for their partnership in the mission of LCU and excited about the future of the preaching program.
Dr. Rochelle Cathecart, joined the faculty at LCU on January 1, 2012, as Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies. Cathcart will teach intercultural studies courses in the Seminary, in addition to developing and directing a new online MA in Intercultural Studies for the School of Adult & Graduate Studies. Cathcart served four years as an associate pastor in Salt Lake City with a cross-cultural new church plant among Mormons. She has also had a number of short-term missions experiences in Thailand, Cambodia, inner city Los Angeles and a reservation in Arizona. Her doctoral dissertation project has allowed her to do extensive research in a variety of cultural settings, from small town to inner city, from immigrant populations to African-American communities. Dr. Robert Priest, one of the world’s foremost missiologists and her doctoral advisor at Trinity International University, writes, “She is one of the most academically gifted students we have had in our PhD program… Her dissertation work is pioneering a new area of missiology…, and I have every confidence that her work will shape the field of missiology for years to come.”

LCU Las Vegas Site Moves to New Location

Since 2005, Lincoln Christian University (LCU) has offered classes at Central Christian Church in Henderson, NV, but that all changed in November when LCU moved to a new facility in Las Vegas. “Healthy things grow,” says Las Vegas Director Paul Trainor, “and we are doing just that.” This move allows the University to expand into more classrooms and accommodate more students. “We have increased the size of our library from approximately 1,300 volumes to around 8,300 volumes due to a gracious donation. Students will have more resources and greater access to the library.” LCU’s School of Adult & Graduate Studies offers two associate (AA) degrees and three bachelor (BA) degrees at their Las Vegas extension site. The degrees include an AA in General Studies, an AA in Biblical Studies, a BA in Leadership and Management, a BA in Human Services, and a BA in Christian Ministry. The Las Vegas site can be contacted by phone Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (PST) at 702-898-3000. Visitors may stop by their new location at 8965 S. Eastern Ave. Ste 150, La Vegas, NV 89123.
Faculty Promotions take effect June 1, 2012

Steve Collins has been promoted to Associate Professor of Ministry and Bible. Steve was appointed to the faculty in 2004, after serving in several located ministries in Illinois and as the Executive Director of Haitian Christian Outreach (one of his long-time ministry passions that has included 53 trips to Haiti). He holds the distinction of having earned four Lincoln Christian degrees (a BA and three master’s degrees). Steve has worked with our adult education programs over the past seven years, teaching almost two-dozen different courses in four different locations, as well as online. He has attended numerous professional conferences, including ETS, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU), and the Bible lectures at Union University. To many LCU students and alumni (he is former Alumni Director at LCU), Steve is counselor, pastor, and mentor.

Rob Maupin has been promoted to Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies. Rob was appointed to the faculty in 2007, after serving five years as the director of Mission Mexico City. Since coming to LCU, Rob has taught 17 different courses. He earned a BA from Ozark Christian College and an MA from Wheaton College. He is currently working toward a Doctor of Missiology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Rob is an active and innovative student recruiter, assists with our Spiritual Formation Group leader training, has published “La Viva Profunda: Contextualizing Spiritual Formation” in Evangelical Missions Quarterly this fall, read a paper at the American Society of Missiology Conference in June 2011, and desires to visit China, Mozambique, and Bangkok in the near future.

Dr. Barney Wells has been promoted to Associate Professor of Bible and Ministry. Barney serves as Director of the Doctor of Ministry program and as adjunct faculty with Denver Seminary and Bethel Seminary. He was appointed to the faculty at LCU in 2010, after working with the Church Ministries office and after serving 25 years as the preaching minister at Walnut Grove Christian Church in Arcola, IL. He holds a BA and an MDiv from LCU and a DMin from Bethel Seminary. Barney is the creator and director of the Town and Country Training (TACT) program, which provides specialized and accredited graduate courses for students entering into small town ministries. He has presented at 22 national and regional conferences in eight states on rural ministry, including keynote presentations for EQUIP, Rural Home Missionary Association, and Encouraging the Smaller Church conferences. He is the author of Leading Through Change: Shepherding the Town and Country Church in a New Era and “Conflict Management: Maintaining Unity through Prevention, Intervention, and Resolution” in Releasing the Power of the Small Church.
The 2012 Lincoln Christian University Conference

Lincoln Christian University will be hosting a conference October 4-5, 2012, that gathers the very best biblical scholars from America, England, and Germany.

Nothing is more central to Christian faith than an understanding of Jesus, His earthly ministry, and the significance of His resurrection. However, for several generations, historians (both inside and outside the Church) have attempted to reconstruct a more “authentic” Jesus. Within historical Jesus research, the term “authenticity” has become a codeword for the non-Biblical Jesus. For more than a century, overly critical scholarship has created an alternative Jesus, one who was different from the Biblical portraits of Him. For far too long, the Church has had very little to contribute to this discussion and the general public has suffered through a confused array of non-religious Jesuses.

Within this framework, Lincoln Christian University has created a unique and exciting opportunity to reshape historical Jesus research. In the past five years a renaissance has developed among professional historians. From several corners of academia and from all over the globe, the best and the brightest historians have called for an end of this notion of “authenticity” and a return to the conical Gospels in order to understand Jesus’ identity. New Testament Professors Chris Keith and Anthony Le Donne have brought together the cutting edge of Biblical scholarship to contribute to the first book of its kind—one that provides clarity for a discipline confused by a secular quest.

Jesus, Criteria, and the Demise of Authenticity: The 2012 Lincoln Christian University Conference

T&T Clark (London/New York) will publish this book in 2012, and it will include chapters written by Dale C. Allison Jr. (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), Mark Goodacre (Duke University), Scot McKnight (North Park University), Loren T. Stuckenbruck (Princeton Theological Seminary), Jens Schroeter (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Dagmar Winter (Newcastle Diocese, UK), Rafael Rodriguez (Johnson University), and our own Chris Keith and Anthony Le Donne. This book will serve as the basis for the conference to be held on our campus in Lincoln, IL. We anticipate that this conference will speak to the core issues of philosophy, history, and theology and do so at the most sophisticated level of scholarship.

This book and conference is strategic to the future positioning of LCU as a leader in Christian Higher Education. LCU will be at the forefront of Biblical scholarship, leading the way in this conversation with participants from institutions like Cambridge, Duke, and Princeton. This is an opportunity to attract incoming seminary students and open doors for LCU students advancing to PhD-level work. There is no currency better than reputation in the realm of higher education.

The cost to attend this event is $75. To learn more about the authors, the book, or to register, visit www.LincolnChristian.edu/JesusConference.
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Fall Homecoming Surprises Restoration Award Recipients

Campus Homecoming, in the fall of 2011, was an Alumni highlight of the year. Nearly 300 alumni gathered to enjoy the Master’s Men Reunion Choir directed by Shockley Flick (LCC ’73) and the reunion of Lincoln Christian’s Evangels from the era of 1968 to 1986. Featured speakers were George Ross (LCC ’76) and Dr. Keith H. Ray (LCC ’80, LCS ’95).

Each Homecoming comes with suspense and anticipation about who has been chosen as the current year’s Restoration Award recipient(s). Nominations were submitted from alumni around the country, all with convincing affirmation of alumni who have served at exemplary levels. The difficult challenge to narrow these nominations was the task of the Alumni Executive Cabinet.

Dr. Charles R. Richardson (LCC ’69, LCS ’72) for exemplary service in the field of Preaching Ministry. Following the degrees earned at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Chuck went on to receive his Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has completed 46 years of preaching and pastoral ministry, with 40 of those years at Morris (Illinois) First Christian Church. Under his leadership, the church averages 750 in worship attendance, has given $3.2 million to missions, completed five building programs, sent out 15 “Timothys,” and planted the Village Christian Church in Minooka, Illinois, which now averages 325 in attendance. Chuck has labored in the community of Morris by serving on the Morris Community Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Hospital Ethics Committee, the hospital chaplaincy program, the high school advisory board, the Coalition for Responsible Parenting, the Mobil Food Pantry programs, and the Chicago District Evangelizing Association (recently renamed “Ignite”). He is a past president of the LCU Alumni Association, a trustee of Lake Region Christian Assembly, and has served with the Joliet Ministerial Association and the Illinois State Ministers’ Retreat Committee.

He is married to Janice (Garren, LCC ’68), his life partner who emerged out of a ministry-oriented family in her early years. They have two children, Melissa and Michelle, and five grandchildren. Chuck will be retiring from his role as lead minister this year.
George W. Ross (LCC ’76) for exemplary service in the field of Preaching Ministry. George’s early ministries were at First Christian Church in Scottsburg, Indiana, Second Church of Christ in Danville, Illinois, and Central Christian Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. He transitioned to Northside Christian Church in New Albany, Indiana, as senior minister in 1999. When he arrived there, the congregation numbered 1,200 with a staff of seven. Today, Northside averages 5,200 and George leads a staff of 60. In 2009, Northside launched a second campus called “Northside on Oak,” located in the downtown area of New Albany. One of George’s most exciting days in his ministerial career took place three years ago when he baptized 119 people. As a very popular preacher, George has preached in many settings, including the North American Christian Convention. He serves on the boards of Blessing Ranch in Livermore, Colorado, and Forget Me Not Missions in Oradea, Romania.

George is married to Sue Linn and they have two children, Rachel and Nathan, and one granddaughter, a beautiful Romanian girl, abandoned as an infant and adopted by Rachel. George’s compassion for the people of Romania and the desire for them to know Jesus Christ, rises out of his daughter Rachel’s mission ministry in Oradea. He travels regularly to Romania.

Dr. Walter Zorn (LCS ’69) for exemplary service in the field of Christian Higher Education. Following his undergraduate work at Atlanta Christian College in 1965, Walt was encouraged to attend Lincoln Christian Seminary (LCS) so that he could meet and be influenced by churchmen such as Earl Hargrove, Charles Mills, Enos Dowling, Ed Tesh, and many others. He did so, graduating from LCS in 1969 with a Master of Divinity in Semitic Language and Literature. He furthered his education by receiving a PhD in History, Religion, and Philosophy from Michigan State University. He taught at Great Lakes Christian College for 12 years before being called in 1988 to serve as the Academic Dean of Lincoln Christian College, a position he held for five years. In 1993 he returned to the classroom, where he continues to teach Hebrew, Greek, Septuagint, and Aramaic in our Seminary and Old Testament in the School of Undergraduate Studies. During his 23 years here, he has also held numerous interim ministries in Illinois and Indiana. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Bethel Series, a Bible study program he has taught for over 30 years. Dr. Zorn has taught at Springdale College in Birmingham, England, at the Seminary to the Nations in India, and at the International Christian College of Manila in the Philippines. He has published a two-volume commentary of the Psalms, Chapters on Psalms, Job, and Song of Solomon in the Introduction to Old Testament Commentary. He regularly writes for the Standard Uniform Lessons and has published articles in the Stone-Campbell Journal.

Dr. Zorn is married to Carolyn (Cunningham, LCS). They have two children, Scott and Angela, who are deeply embedded in ministry with their spouses. Walt and Carolyn have six grandchildren.
Alan W. Kline (LCC ’67, LCS ’73) for exemplary service in the field of Christian Higher Education. Alan’s relationship with LCU began in 1963, when he entered Lincoln Christian College as a freshman. He graduated with honors in 1967 and was named to Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society. He pursued post-graduate studies in English at the University of Illinois, and returned to campus in 1969 to teach Written Communication. One of Alan’s most historical contributions is the door he opened in 1968 for the volunteer student organization called the “Evangels,” a ministry of student teams traveling to churches and into countries such as Puerto Rico, Barbados, Antigua, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. His 18-year leadership of this organization served as a prelude to what became “Week of Evangelism.” He was named Registrar in 1978, following the retirement of Geneva McFadden. He held that position until 2007, when he downsized to the role of Assistant Registrar. On three different occasions, Alan served as Interim Academic Dean. He also served on the steering committee for North Central Accreditation and several sub-committees, including editor of the self-study in the mid-to-late 1980s.

Alan retired from Lincoln Christian University in May, 2011. He now volunteers many hours at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. He has been married to his hometown childhood sweetheart, Barbara (LCC ’00), for 44 years. Their daughter Carrie, and son-in-law Curt Schleich, have delighted Alan and Barb with two grandsons.

LCU Alumni Association Vice President Jeff Hills leads alumni in dedicatory prayer at the site of the new Alumni Brick Courtyard.
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On September 24, 2011, Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT) dedicated a new building in Dallas, Texas, as a tool to disciple the Bible-less peoples of the world. The facility was named after alumni Dr. Rondal B. Smith (LBI '61) and Janice (Wilhoit) Smith (LBI '59) to honor them for their more than 36 years of faithful leadership with PBT. They still lead new efforts for PBT by ministering to families and starting new works in Europe and North Eurasia.

Nathan Soice (LCC) led a worship ministry seminar at the First Christian Church in Monticello, Illinois, as part of a requirement for earning a Doctor of Worship Studies degree at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in Orange Park, Florida. Ten area worship ministers participated in the seminar which focused on the role of the worship leader in the local church. Prior to the seminar, Nathan conducted surveys of 100 central Illinois churches to analyze worship trends. Nathan plans for a June 2012 graduation.

Michael (LCS '06) and Megan (Wolfe) Barton (LCC '07) report they are currently serving as translators with Pioneer Bible Translators in Tanzania. They are expecting their first child in June, 2012. Their stateside residence is in Angola, Indiana.

David S. Roberts (LCS) reports that his new book, Our Dual Citizenship, is now available on Amazon.com for Kindle, PC, iPad, iPod, and Android. His book explores the Christian’s citizenship in God’s Kingdoms of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and in America.

Chris A. Urton (LCC ’94), and wife Lori (LCC), returned to Papua New Guinea (PNG) in October, 2011, following a furlough. Chris is a Bible translator with Pioneer Bible Translators and is working with the Sob people. The Urton’s have worked in PNG since 1998.

CH (CPT) Jeremy Rhoades (LCU ’10) and his family were reassigned in the summer of 2011 to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. Jerry serves as Army chaplain for 2-1 Infantry Regiment (STRYKER) and deploys to Afghanistan in 2012.

Dr. Joe Harvey (LCU ’10) recently joined the staff of Florida Christian College as the Director of Student Success. Dr. Harvey will also serve as an adjunct faculty member in the Ministry Department.

Jacob P. Breeze (LCU ’11) served for more than two years at St. Luke’s Houston as Adult Discipleship Groups Director. He and his wife Meghan (Foster) Breeze (LCC ’04) and their three daughters recently moved to North Carolina where Jacob is pursuing an MDiv at the Divinity School of Duke University.

Lyle Gregory Lott (LCC ’79, LCS) reports that he received his MDiv, graduating magna cum laude from Liberty University in May, 2011. He and his wife Debbie (LCC ’78) reside in Portland, Oregon.

Mark Berrier (LCC ’66, LCS ’70, ’71) and wife Paula (Nardoni, LCC ’67), just completed 40 years of ministry at Dallas Christian College (DCC). Mark taught in the areas of Bible and languages. He was honored at graduation and given a Doctor of Divinity degree by the faculty of the school. Mark and Paula have been called to the ministry of Central Christian Church in Sherman, Texas. He will continue to teach two classes at DCC one day a week.

David B. Steele (LCC ’71) and wife Donna (Vine, LCC) began a preaching ministry at Woodland Church of Christ in Oxford, Connecticut on June 1, 2011.

Glen Crouse (LCC ’71, LCS ’74) has written a booklet entitled “Jesus, Your Very Best Friend,” as a study guide and workbook for children in preparation for accepting Jesus as their Savior. It is designed for parents/teachers to guide children through this learning experience. Crosslink Publishers in Rapid City, South Dakota, is the publisher, and the booklet is available through them or the Amazon or Barnes and Noble websites.

Jim Boudouris (LCC ’71, LCS ’79) and wife LaVonne (Cowan, LCC) celebrated 40 years of marriage and ministry to the local church in June, 2011. They enjoyed a celebration with family and friends, including many members from churches where they have served over the last 40 years. They currently serve at the Christian Church of Allen Park, Michigan.

Arthur Roemer (LCC ’74, LCS ’77) and his wife Ella May (Quarton, LCC ’74) report they are in their 28th year of ministry at the First Christian Church in Gillespie, Illinois. Art also reports that he received his DMin in May, 2011, from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis.
Tyler W. Escoubas (LCC ’02, LCU ’10) began a new ministry on May 1, 2011, as Minister to Youth, Young Adults, and Families at Eastern Heights Christian Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He reports that he, his wife Hilary, and their 10-month old son Trevor enjoy serving the Lord in Oklahoma.

John I. Ross (LBI ’58) reports he and his wife Nancy own and operate Morning Star Wedding Chapel and Counseling Services in Plainfield, Indiana. Visit them at www.morningstarchapel.com. Their business is now for sale.

BIRTHS

Drs. Mike (LCS ’96, LCU ’10) and Kari (LCS ’02, LCU ’10) MacKenzie announce the birth of their first child, Dylan, born January 4, 2012. The family resides in Firestone, Colorado. Mike and Kari serve with Marble Retreat in Marble, Colorado, as professional counselors. Mike and Kari were members of LCU’s first doctoral graduating class in 2010.

Michelle (Jenkins) Fredrickson (LCC ’92) and husband Troy announce the birth of Zadok Micah, born November 2, 2011. Micah joins five brothers, Barak, Boaz, Ezekiel, Azariah, and Ezra. The family resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Elizabeth (DeVilder) Morgan (LCC) reports she was married to Bryan Morgan on April 10, 2010. They were blessed with the birth of daughter Anneliese Noelle on January 27, 2011. The family resides in Columbia, Missouri.

Donnie (LCC ’00) and Amanda (Siddens) Bowman (LCC ’99) announce the birth of their fifth child, Colby Lee, born November 22, 2011. Colby joins siblings Karissa, Drew, Jenna, and Myah. The family resides in Lincoln, Illinois, where Amanda serves in the LCU Financial Aid Department. Donnie is a history teacher at Illini Central High School in Mason City, Illinois.

Brandon (LCC ’05) and Stephanie (Urton) Umphrey (LCC ’03) welcomed their first child, Westin Lynn, born October 4, 2011. Both Brandon and Stephanie are admission counselors at LCU, Brandon for the School of Undergraduate Studies, and Stephanie for the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies.

Holly (Kurka) Zehr (LCC ’98, ’00) and husband Randy announce the birth of their daughter, Adalyn, on October 28, 2011. The family resides in Bloomington, Illinois. Holly served on LCU’s faculty from 2000 to 2006.

Laura (Crawford) Wilson (LCC ’97) and husband Dan celebrate the arrival of their son, Bryant Daniel, on August 12, 2011. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Dan serves with New Hope International. Laura, who worked in Christian schooling for 12 years, now enjoys her new role as a mother.

Davis Hodam (LCS ’07) and wife Stephanie (LCC ’07) announce the birth of their second child, Canaan Garth, born on July 12, 2011. He joins older sister Jael (age 2). Davis serves LCU as Head Resident of Alumni Hall and Head Men’s Basketball Coach.

Esther K. Prosise-Curry (LCC ’89, LCS ’92) and husband Michael announce the adoption of a daughter, Abigail Sheldon Maryjean, born October 1, 2009. The adoption was finalized June 16, 2010. Esther graduated on May 13, 2011, from the University of Missouri (Columbia) with an MA in Library and Informational Science. The family resides in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
DEATHS

Ruth M. Burberry, wife of alumnus Clyde “Mac” Burberry (LCC ’76, LCS ’89, ’04) passed from this life on November 26, 2011, following a valiant fight with complications related to cancer. She and Mac were residing in Mahomet, Illinois, at the time of her death. Mac serves as Director of Haitian Christian Outreach as well as adjunct faculty at Lincoln Christian University.

James A. Cook, Sr. (LCC) passed from this life on January 4, 2012, in Jacksonville, Illinois. He attended LCC from 1950 to 1970 and also served six years with the Illinois National Guard. He served in many locations as preaching minister, with his last being in Portland, Missouri. His wife Lola survives, along with two sons and one daughter.

Keith Crowe (LCC) was called home on October 3, 2011, as a result of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Nancy (Thompson, LCC ’72). Keith and Nancy worked together for many years doing evangelistic work in the U.S. and served as evangelists to Haiti where they trained Haitian ministers. Nancy resides in Taylorville, Illinois.

John Eaton (LCC ’64) passed away on April 16, 2011. His wife Pat (McLain, LCC ’65) survives and is residing in Sellersburg, Indiana.

Leo Gossett, Jr. (LBI ’54, LCS ’99) was called home on June 29, 2011, following a lengthy illness. Leo was married to Barbara (Deeter) Gossett (LBI ’54) and she resides in Danville, Illinois. Leo can be affectionately remembered for his loyal service to the Alumni Association and his many years of serving on our Alumni Council, as well as his service to many churches, even following his retirement.

Carolyn (Frieburg) Graham (LCC) has informed us of the death of her husband Charles “Ricky” Graham on August 28, 2010. He had been disabled since 1992 following an automobile accident. Carolyn resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, and works in the social service profession there.

Esther Kellhofer (LBI ’55) passed from this life on October 29, 2011, at the age of 79. She was residing in Millersville, Maryland, at the time of her death.

Norma Ruth Knichel (former LCC employee) passed from this life on November 11, 2011, following several months of health difficulties. She is survived by two daughters, Linda Ferguson and Mary Amberger. Norma is remembered lovingly by our alumni as the student apartment manager beginning in July 1985 and continuing through July 2001. She endeared herself through her sweet spirit to our alumni residents as she looked to the needs and comforts of those who made the apartments their homes.

Violet Twist Krause (LCC ’66) passed away on August 5, 2011, at the age of 88. She is remembered by many as the valiant widowed lady who came to school in 1961 at the age of 38 while raising three young sons. She went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State University. Her sons, Matthew, Milo, and Robert, survive. Services were conducted by alumni Stuart Couve and Ryan Edgecombe. She was a resident of Christian Homes at the time of her death. Many young men who were students in the 1960s were the beneficiaries of her “motherly care and concern,” and several honored her by serving as pallbearers: Tony Bledsoe, Steve Buche, Harry Bycroft, Alan Kline, Todd Parmenter, Harold Merritt, and Merrill Davis.

Gerald Rupert (LCC ’62) went to his eternal reward on June 6, 2011, following a lengthy battle with cancer. His wife Mary (Terpstra, LBI) survives and resides in Roswell, Georgia. Gerald and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2010.

Derrick Simmons (LCC ’02) passed away suddenly on November 23, 2011, in Springfield, Illinois. He was 37 years old. Derrick is fondly remembered for his grand appearance as one of the “three kings” in a Christmas in the Chapel program. Derrick managed the St. Louis Christian College cafeteria for several years. His mother Jamesetta Johnson survives.

Samuel Taylor (LCC ’69, LCS) was called to his eternal reward on December 30, 2011, after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Mary (LCC) and two children, Tim Taylor (LCC ’95) and Tammy Mashaw (LCC). Sam and Mary were residing in Windsor, Illinois, at the time of his death. In addition to holding several local ministries, Sam and Mary gave many years of service to Cookson Hills Children’s Home.
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