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LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

2013 Commencement Issue

A Message from the President...

For more than a year now we have been publishing what we affectionately refer to as “Good News stories.” We have chosen to tell these stories because we believe they illustrate our mission in the best of all ways. We could, of course, report numbers, statistics, and countless other reports that convey a sense of mission. While these matter, it is the life behind the numbers that is most enthralling. The stories we love to tell come out in full living color each year at our commencement exercises. Sure, we pass out diplomas and celebrate academic achievement as do all colleges and universities. However, I have received countless compliments over the years when it comes to our commencement services. Two comments ring with familiarity: “We love the worship that accompanies your ceremony;” and “We appreciate hearing the plans of each graduate as they march across the stage.” Clearly, God has gifted our students with a vast array of abilities and passions for Christian service. Our graduates are serving all around the world in every conceivable capacity to honor the Lord with their lives. For this we are thankful and have a great sense of satisfaction. Your part in all of this is of great significance; consequently we are compelled to celebrate the Class of 2013.

This is our celebratory issue. It is when we all say together... “mission accomplished.” As I said, this is more than a statistical report of our year. What you will read about in this issue will be a reflection of lives that matter in the Kingdom of God. Rejoice with us. Enjoy the partnership you have had in the education of these students. And, pray that our God will continue to multiply the workers in His service.

Allow me to thank those churches that send students, support us with their dollars, and partner with us in the larger Kingdom enterprise. It gives great joy to see how this relationship has been enhanced through our most recent hire in church development. David Upchurch has made enormous strides in engaging, encouraging, and enabling our church constituents. I hope you will be enlightened by reading the interview I recently conducted with David. I think you will agree his heart and wisdom for local churches are a great match for the future of LCU.

May Christ’s church and LCU graduates find a common pathway for generations to come.


Dr. Keith H. Ray, President



A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

IN ACADEMICS:

Three schools: Undergraduate Studies, Adult & Graduate Studies, and Seminary

- LCU offers degrees ranging from associate to doctorate in more than 30 disciplines
- The Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies offers 12 degrees completely online
- The China Institute engages students and church leaders in Lincoln, IL, and in China
- Over 160 students enrolled in graduate degrees offered online
- Degree programs offered at extension sites in Las Vegas, NV, Normal, IL, Peoria, IL, and pursuing site in Indianapolis, IN
- Undergraduate Studies agreements with University of Illinois-Springfield, Greenville College, Johnson University, and OSF School of Nursing
- In 2011, the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory results ranked LCU higher than its US and ABHE peers in instruction effectiveness, academic support, academic advising, and registration
- LCU participated in the Chronicles 2010 Great Colleges to Work For survey, receiving recognition in the areas of pride and supervisors/department chairs
- Interdisciplinary worldview based curriculum
- Library holdings of more than 90,000 print volumes, 46,000 electronic book titles, 10,000 full-text electronic journals, and more than 45 online research databases.
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and by the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education
- The Seminary is additionally accredited by the Association of Theological Schools

IN FACULTY:

- 65% of faculty have earned doctorate degrees with 6 current faculty enrolled in doctorate programs (their completion will raise percentage to 75%)
- More than 80% of faculty with crosscultural/international teaching or ministry experiences in the last decade
- Over 40 articles, essays, and books published by faculty during the previous academic year

IN TECHNOLOGY:

- Campus-wide WIFI accessibility
- Campus Technology (CT) answers over 10,000 questions and support requests from faculty, staff, and students each year
- Classrooms are equipped with the latest teaching technologies

IN FINANCIAL STABILITY:

- LCU has finished “in the black” for more than 15 consecutive fiscal years
- LCU’s current endowment totals more than \$8 million
- Endowed scholarships have grown 20% over the last three years
- LCU is blessed by consistent gift income

IN ALUMNI:

- More than 16,000 students have studied at Lincoln Christian University since its founding in 1944
- Alumni serve and lead in all 50 United States
- LCU alumni have reached more than 160 countries comprising 95% of the world’s population
- LCU alumni are serving as president in eight Bible colleges and universities
- Over 100 LCU alumni are serving as faculty and staff in Bible colleges and universities

IN COMMUNITY AND CONSTITUENT EVENTS:

- Elders’ and Church Leaders’ Conference averages over 600 attendees annually
- Christian Women’s Conference attendees average over 800 annually
- Christmas in the Chapel attendance averages 6,000-7,000 annually
- More than 400 students participate in summer athletic camps at LCU
- LCU hosts special lectureships and conferences throughout the year
- LCU is host to a variety of Lincoln/Logan County events each year

IN CHURCH ENGAGEMENT:

- LCU’s Church Ministries office fills approximately 250 ministry staff positions each year through website assistance and faculty/staff recommendations
- Faculty/Staff connect with hundreds of past students, ministers, missionaries, church leaders, etc. through visits, emails, and phone calls to give advice and encouragement each year
- More than 250 students volunteer in churches each semester as a part of their service learning requirements
- LCU sends camp teams to 40 weeks of church camps and Christ in Youth (CIY) conferences each summer
- In the last 5 years, the University Advancement estate planning team has prepared 165 estate plans which have designated over \$2.5 million dollars to churches (average of 33 plans per year – over \$500,000 per year designated for churches)
- Capital campaign consulting over the last six years has raised over \$10 million for capital needs of 13 partner churches.

Completed Joy

“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”

Philippians 2: 1, ff



Featured speakers:

- Dr. J. K. Jones
- Dr. Keith H. Ray

Spotlighting:

- Members of the Gloria Choir, 1965 – 1984 (who will be performing at two Homecoming worship services)
- All recipients of the Restoration Award from its beginning through 2012

Plus:

- Presentation of 2013 Restoration Award(s)

Schedule:

Friday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. – Worship service featuring Dr. J. K. Jones and the Gloria Reunion Choir

Friday, October 11, 8:30 p.m. – Alumni Reception and Fellowship

Saturday, October 12, 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast honoring LBI, LCC, and LCU Restoration Award Recipients

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. – Worship service featuring Dr. Keith H. Ray and Gloria Reunion Choir

Saturday, October 12, 12:00 noon – Homecoming Banquet

Registration and Costs:

We ask everyone to register for the various activities and events they plan to attend. The only Homecoming cost is for the Saturday Noon Banquet of \$10 per person. Please place this event on your calendar and watch for more upcoming information. Register online at www.LincolnChristian.edu/homecoming or by mail today!



Alumni Homecoming

On the Campus of Lincoln Christian University

October 11 and 12, 2013



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About the cover:



Internationally known violinist (and pastor) Chang Guo performed "Amazing Grace" at Lincoln Christian University's 2013 Commencement services.



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2013

School of Undergraduate Studies

Certificates

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Jill Jasmine Hancock, Milford, IL

Associate of Arts

BIBLE

Britney Danae Flora, Heyworth, IL
Gabriel Thomas Langseth,
Stewartville, MN¹

Samantha Joy Nichols, Mt. Pulaski, IL¹
Annie Marie Pickett, Rochester, IL¹

EDUCATION

Danielle M. Barth, Effingham, IL⁵
Jill Jasmine Hancock, Milford, IL⁵
Kiersten Janelle Murbarger, Albion, IL⁵

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Jacqueline Holt, Minooka, IL

Associate of Science

PRE-NURSING

Britney Danae Flora, Heyworth, IL
Paige Ann Hout, Flora, IL¹
Nathaniel C. Libotte, Washington, IL¹

Bachelor of Arts

BIBLICAL EXPOSITION

Danielle de Jesus Cerqueira, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil¹
Jasmine Alyss' Howe, Amarillo, TX
Andrew Patrick Lewis, Las Vegas, NV

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jonathan David Cox, Lincoln, IL
Jason K. DeVillez, Pine Village, IN
Benjamin Harrison, Fisher, IL
Jamie Renee McFadden, Lincoln, IL³
Ashley Lynne-Adams Ried,
Fort Myers, FL¹

Barton Robert Mark Shaw, Frankfort, IL³
Joseph S. Ward, Warrensburg, IL

CHILDREN AND FAMILY STUDIES

Alicia Renée Cater, Alton, IL
Jacqueline Holt, Minooka, IL³
Andreia Barbosa Teixeira Rodrigues, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Jessica Faith Sutton, Lincoln, IL

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Jamie Patricia Hagan, Decatur, IL⁴
Samantha Lee Holley, Marion, IA¹
Daniel Joseph Mayhill,
New Port Richey, FL⁴
Matthew Perkins, Avon, IN¹
Jenna Randell Reed, Cedarville, IL
Luciano de Paula Rodrigues, Brasilia, Distrito Federal, Brazil³
Kyle James Wedel, Wichita, KS
Rachel Ann Wright, Troy, IL
(Bivocational Missions)
Breanna Rae Alley, Rockford, IL
Cody A. Craig, Louisville, KY
Brandi Elizabeth Eaton, Tuscola, IL
Emily Kay Jankauski, Athens, IL²
Aaron Kraft, Decatur, IL
Laura Perkins, East Peoria, IL¹
Rachel Williams, Champaign, IL

PHILOSOPHY

Nicholas John Chambers,
Bloomington, IL²
Nicholas Scott Walters, Heyworth, IL

PREACHING MINISTRY

Isaac Bell, Villa Grove, IL
Jacob D. Butcher, Scottville, IL¹
Aaron C. Marion, Danville, IL³
Barton Robert Mark Shaw, Frankfort, IL³

PSYCHOLOGY

Kathleen M. Cation, Springfield, IL
Katherine Suzanne Doscher,
Colchester, IL
Ashlen Gayle King, Herscher, IL^{1 3}
Miranda Raye Mayhill, Springfield, IL
Hannah Marie McIntosh, Dwight, IL³
Hannah Ross, Springfield, IL¹
Ashley Nicole Schrock, Washington, IL

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MINISTRY

Anna Eileen DeVillez, Pine Village, IN³
Christine Yik Yu Lee, Hooksett, NH
Elizabeth Marie Nelson, Bloomington, IL

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Logan P. Butts, Auburn, IL
Joshua M. Corbin, Galesburg, IL³
Kristopher K. Hageman, Beardstown, IL³
Jordan LaRae Scott, Rantoul, IL
Meghan Virginia Marie Todd, Derry, NH

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jake Jantzen Morgan, Dallas, TX

YOUTH AND PREACHING MINISTRY

Jeff Henry DeVries, Dyer, IN³

Michael Godley, Danville, IL³

Justin Daniel Hagan, Washington, IL⁴

Chad J. Koke, Lincoln, IL³

R. Joel Miller, Springfield, IL

Samuel E. Wake, Rockville, IN

YOUTH MINISTRY

Andrew Phillip Arseneau, Cerro Gordo, IL

Amanda Kristyn Berry, Las Vegas, NV³

Jaisi Michelle Bishop, Gibson City, IL

Zachary Ray Doscher, Colchester, IL

David Josiah Harris, Calumet City, IL³

Gregory Franklin Jenkins, Washington, IL³

Troy D. Martina, Cerro Gordo, IL³

Nicholas Tyler Mayberry, Decatur, IL³

Christopher Lawrence Nelson,

St. Charles, MO

Brandon Kyle Simeon, Bolingbrook, IL¹

Daniel R. Thompson, Springfield, IL³

Andrew Douglas Wingo, Galesburg, IL³

Bachelor of Science

BIBLE

Sylvia R. King, Monticello, IL²

Robert Christopher Ruley, Lowell, IN

¹ *In absentia*

² *Degree awarded August 31, 2012*

³ *Degree awarded December 31, 2012*

⁴ *Degree to be awarded August 31, 2013*

⁵ *Also receiving BS in Elementary Education from Greenville College*

The following degrees were awarded December 31, 2012:

Kyle Austin Brown, Galesburg, IL

AA, Bible

Matthew Egbert, Grayslake, IL

BA, Psychology

Craig Bryant Hoskins, Heyworth, IL

BA, General Studies

Kaila T. Long, Chatham, IL

BS, Bible

Brittany Michels, Olney, IL

BA, Youth Ministry

Hannah Nordmeyer, Brooklyn, IA

BA, Youth Ministry

Krystine Elizabeth Schnautz,

Clay City, IL

Certificate in TESOL

BA, Intercultural Studies

English Language Academy

The first six students completed LCU's China Institute English Language Academy this spring. The English Language Academy is a college preparatory program for Chinese students with little English language skills who plan to matriculate into a four-year degree in a U.S. college or university. These students have plans to enroll in LCU's School of Undergraduate Studies or Seminary this fall.

Lujia Luke Chen, *Hangzhou, China*

Jianan Canaan Dai, *Nanyang, China*

Yiping Ellen Ju, *Shenyang, China*

Luyao Ivy Zhang, *Beijing, China*

Shiyun Rebecca Zhang, *Shenyang, China*

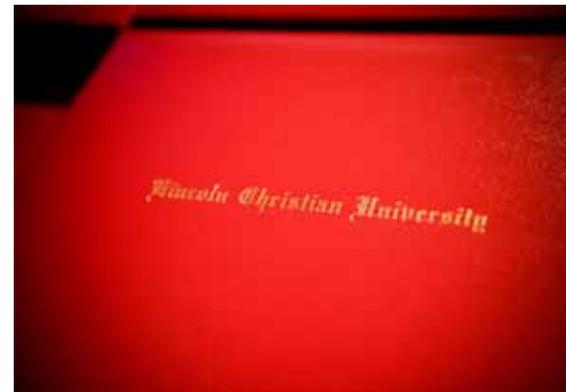
Yi David Zhang, *Guangzhou, China*



Delta Epsilon Chi



Members of Delta Epsilon Chi, the honor society of the Association of Biblical Higher Education, are: (clockwise from top left) Andreia Rodriques, Luciano Rodriques, Christine Lee, Kate Doscher, (not pictured) Samantha Holley, and Krystine Schnautz.



Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies



URBAN MINISTRY

Sharon Ann Beeney, Morton, IL
 Robin Yvette Gathers, Peoria, IL
 Anthony Johnson, Peoria, IL
 Fred Ricco Young, Jr., Peoria, IL*

¹ *In absentia*

² *Degree awarded August 31, 2012*

³ *Degree awarded December 31, 2012*

⁴ *Degree to be awarded August 31, 2013*

Alpha Sigma Lambda

Identified by () in graduate listing



Associate of Arts

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Jase Michael Green, Woodlawn, IL¹

GENERAL STUDIES

Lee Ann Maas, Germantown Hills, IL²

Bachelor of Arts

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Lauren Elaine Baker, Dwight, IL

Muriel Elaine Bolen, Peoria, IL

John H. Denton, Jr., Las Vegas, NV¹

Shaun C. Elias, Toluca, IL^{2*}

Jay R. Hild, Mt. Pulaski, IL³

Kristina Hinton, Lincoln, IL²

Christopher Jacob Hoblitzel,
 Indianapolis, IN

Rebekah Joy Jackson, Cedar Lake, IN

Matthew Shaun Kowalski,

Henderson, NV*

Michael James McComb II,

Henderson, NV¹

Stephanie A. McCullough, Delavan, IL

Gregory S. Potratz, Monmouth, IL

Michael Todd St. Louis, Taylorville, IL

Richard R. Treach,

Colorado Springs, CO

Christopher S. Wright, Wheaton, IL¹

GENERAL MINISTRY

Robert Orlando Timms, Springfield, IL³

HUMAN SERVICES

Charissa Barbee, Merrillville, IN

Gwendalyn Harmony Breazeale,
 Athens, IL

William J. Buss, Lincoln, IL^{1*}

Theresa Marie Curtis, Danville, IL³

Carey Louise Gave, Williamsville, IL^{2*}

Shane A. Jackson, Danville, IL^{3*}

Amy R. Johnson, Lincoln, IL

Donna M. Lomelino, Springfield, IL

Adrienne Elizabeth McCaherty,
 Athens, IL*

Angela Marie Mendoza, Peoria, IL²

Charles Adam Waldorf, Las Vegas, NV

Kimberly Dawn Wood, Palatine, IL

HUMAN SERVICES and LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Rosie Andrea Archer, Bloomington, IL

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Pamela L. Jones, Danville, IL¹

Peggy Kelly, Schertz, TX*

Heather Nicole Koke, Waynesville, IL³

James Edward Lawson, Davenport, IA

Melissa J. Marang, Springfield, IL⁴

Melanie A. Siddens, Danville, IL^{1*}



Master of Arts

BIBLE & THEOLOGY

DeMarquis Re'Chard Battle,
Lansing, MI¹
Benjamin E. VanHyning, Xenia, IL³

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Brett Alan Baker, Louisville, KY
Joseph W. Banker, Joplin, MO
Jeffrey L. Blackford, Marion, IA¹
Todd Wayne Byers, Raleigh, NC¹
Brent Duffy, York, PA¹
Therese M. Galvan, Mokena, IL
James Lyle Hatcher, Bakersfield, CA
Jason D. Hoffmann, Taylorville, IL
Wayne Lyle Hume, Rockford, IL
Chad D. Ijams, Downs, IL
Jerry L. Johnson, Springfield, IL
Ronald Octavius Kirk, Las Vegas, NV
Tara L. Lindsay, Peoria, IL
Julia Elizabeth Markese, Carlinville, IL¹
Caleb Lee Miller, Grapevine, TX¹
Ernest Asiedu Odei, Larteh Akwapim,
Ghana
Jason Allen Sleight, Mattawan, MI¹
David Charles Smith, New Haven, MO²
Pamela Dyanne White, Lincoln, IL
Justin Wilderman, Covington, IN



TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Amanda Louise Brundidge,
Beachwood, OH³
Martha Marie Paro Lane,
Old Orchard Beach, ME¹
Patty J. Pa, St. Louis, MO¹

Rebecca Lauren Riley, Graniteville, SC¹
Lindsay A. Slack, Guthrie, KY¹
Mary Parrish Smith, Milford, IL
Eileen Macdonald Tanner,
Charlottetown, PEI, Canada
Chena Loraine Underhill, Lincoln, IL

*The following degrees were awarded
August 31, 2012:*

Michael Robert Baker, Normal, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Amy Elizabeth Bekins, Greeley, CO
MA, Bible & Theology
Anthony Thomas Calabrese,
Bloomington, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Timothy Lynn Coverstone, Morton, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
John Crozier, Zakosciele, Poland
MA, TESOL
Barbara L. Dorsey, Brooklyn, WI
Certificate in TESOL
Charles R. Draper, Lincoln, IL
BA, Human Services
Leslie R. Evans, Lincoln, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Jason Curtis Farr, Lincoln, IL
MA, Organizational Leadership
Jesse Curtis Frame, Newcastle,
New South Wales, Australia
MA, Organizational Leadership
Sharon Ann Graham, Greeley, CO
MA, TESOL
Tyler Jordan Hari, Bloomington, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Shannon Annette Hughes, Lincoln, IL
MA, Organizational Leadership
Chelsea Anne Jones, Normal, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Joshua Francis LaGrange, Essex, IL
BA, General Ministry
Eric Joseph Mauldin, Peoria, AZ
MA, Organizational Leadership
Andrew Timothy Moore, Las Vegas, NV
MA, Spiritual Formation
Lytle C. Murray, Danville, IL
BA, Christian Ministry
Jitendra Nath Panda, Jajpur, Odisha,
India
MA, Organizational Leadership

Christopher C. Pannell, Grand Rapids,
MI
MA, Spiritual Formation
James John Probst, Normal, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Ronald Paul Riley, Logan, IA
MA, Organizational Leadership
Dawn L. Shay, Pontiac, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Wesley Ray Shriver, Normal, IL
BA, Christian Ministry
David Benjamin Stewart, Jeonju,
South Korea
MA, TESOL
Brittany Lee Teeuwe,
Colorado Springs, CO
MA, TESOL
Randy Thomas Trujillo, Taos, NM
MA, Organizational Leadership
Theresa Ann Tucker, Bloomington, IL
MA, Organizational Leadership
Matthew Lloyd Vagle, Elk River, MN
MA, Spiritual Formation
Charles W. Welke, III, Normal, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation
Run Hua Xiao, Tian Jin, China
MA, Organizational Leadership

*The following degrees were awarded
December 31, 2012:*

Miguel Alban Canales, San Antonio, TX
MA, TESOL
Lisandra Caneda, Orlando, FL
MA, Organizational Leadership
Jeffrey W. Fleeman, Yuma, AZ
BA, Christian Ministry
Jeff Kiwanuka, Canton, OH
BA, General Ministry
Helen Mary Scott, Richmond, VA
MA, TESOL
Lisa J. Stamatelos, Yorktown Heights,
NY
Certificate in TESOL
Cedric Williams, Bloomington, IL
MA, Spiritual Formation



2013

Seminary

Master of Arts

Bonnie Marie Atkins, Muncie, IN
Intercultural Studies

Timothy C. Barbee, Merrillville, IN
New Testament

Jeffery Joe Brinkman, Barry, IL¹
Leadership Studies

Dale Robert Clifton, Flora, IL
General Ministry

Larry A. Crawford, Atlanta, IL
Contemporary Christian Theology

Steven M. Cullum, Salem, NH
General Ministry

Yvette A. Cullum, Salem, NH
General Ministry

Laura J. Dingman, Indianapolis, IN
Worship Studies

Jason Lee Donato, Colorado Springs, CO
Philosophy

Erica Garrett Hargrave, Augusta, MI
Christian Education

Larissa Michelle Jesina, Marshalltown, IA
Pastoral Care & Counseling

Jodi Lammiman, Calgary, Alberta, Canada¹
Leadership Studies

William Keith Martin, Madison, WI¹
New Testament

Luke Aaron McCoy, Marion, IA
Worship Studies

Jordan Bryan Mishoe, Crestview, FL
Worship Studies

Heidi J. Morrill, Independence, KS
New Testament

Joel D. Noble, Bartonville, IL³
Leadership Studies

Steven Eugene Richie, Springfield, IL
Christian Education

Vangie McLane Rodenbeck, Cumming, GA
Contemporary Christian Theology

Justin Aaron Schwartz, O'Fallon, MO
General Theology

Jeffrey Scott Simpson, Jr., Lincoln, IL
Worship Studies

Mark Ryan Stewart, Belleville, IN²
Contemporary Christian Theology

Susan A. Taulbee, Normal, IL¹
Leadership Studies

Verzell Taylor, Decatur, IL
General Ministry

Carmen B. Trenton, Bloomington, IL
Pastoral Care & Counseling

Matthew Zane Welch, Steubenville, OH
General Theology

Jonathan Bryan Wells, Monmouth, OR¹
Leadership Studies

Cory Brian Yeager, Charleston, IL¹
Contemporary Christian Theology

Gengxin Zhu, Changsha, Hunan, China
Leadership Studies

Master of Religious Education

Amanda Mae Ashby, Osco, IL

Donald R. Sanders, Jr., St. Charles, MO³

Lindy Elizabeth Wilson, Springfield, IL

Master of Arts in Counseling

Sabrina Lynn Barnett, Springfield, IL

Sandra K. Beecher, Wapella, IL

Andréa Nykole Burns, Decatur, IL

Rebekah Joy Cotner, Springfield, IL

Henry Ryan Craft, Springfield, IL³

Rachel E. Glueck, Morton, IL

Davis Garth Hodam, Lansing, KS

Lana May Laughhunn, Sherman, IL³

Rachel M. Mollet, Pana, IL

Jamie M. Neuenschwander, Clinton, IL

Joy Ann Olson, Lincoln, IL

Denise Michelle Phelps, Bloomington, IL

Ashley Lynn Reynolds, Normal, IL

Judyta Sobczak, Krakow, Poland
 Amanda Marie Stidham,
 Winthrop Harbor, IL
 Chelsea Rae Termeer, Normal, IL
 Karla Renee (Sanner) Thornton,
 Oreana, IL
 Heather K. Vagle, Isanti, MN
 Ann Marie Wilder, Decatur, IL

Master of Divinity

Christopher John Bivens, Plano, IL
 Anthony Michael Cole, Boise, ID
Contemporary Christian Theology
 Brian E. Harmon, Lincoln, IL
 John Douglas Johnson, Chatham, IL
Worship Studies
 Daniel Robert Lepper, Ashland, IL
Preaching Ministry
 Michael Peter Mikulski, Algonquin, IL
Pastoral Care & Counseling
 Joseph William Mueller, Florissant, MO
New Testament
 Walter M. Neuenschwander, Clinton, IL³
Christian Education
 Anthony J. Nichols, Champaign, IL
Christian Education
 Michael Lionel Sloan, Normal, IL
Preaching Ministry
 Daniel James Swihart, Havana, IL
 Matthew Leigh Worstell, Quincy, IL
Leadership Studies



Doctor of Ministry (pictured above)

Rory Eugene Christensen,
 Moberly, MO²
Church/Parachurch Leadership
 Robert L. Idell, Toluca, IL
Church/Parachurch Leadership
 Edwin Nitunga Misigaro, Ngara, Tanzania
Pastor Care
 Patricia Rae Thomas, Newburgh, IN
Spiritual Formation
 M. Ben Williams, Moberly, MO
Church/Parachurch Leadership

¹ In absentia

² Degree awarded August 31, 2012

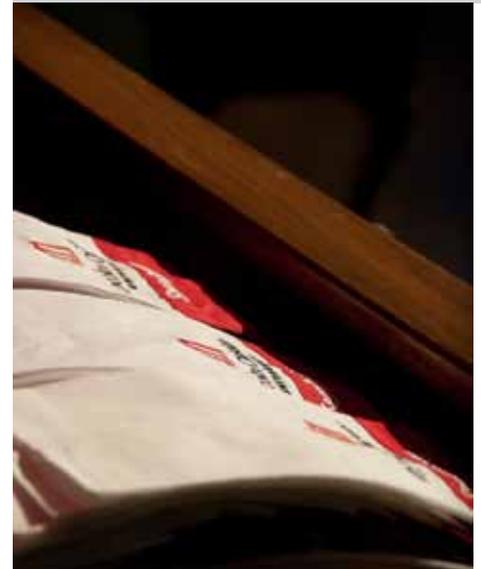
³ Degree awarded December 31, 2012

The following degrees were awarded August 31, 2012:

Michael D. Cahill, Papillion, NE
MA, Church History/Historical Theology
 Brett Arthur Seybold, Meadville, PA
MA, Contemporary Christian Theology

The following degrees were awarded December 31, 2012:

Anthony J. Ochoa, Chicago, IL
MA, Leadership Studies
 Nikomas Perez, St. Charles, MO
MA, Christian Education
 Douglas A. Phillips, Mount Vernon, IL
MA, Old Testament
 Matthew G. Searby, Pinckneyville, IL
MAC
 Cody Brett Smith, Emden, IL
MDiv, Leadership Studies



2013 HONORED GRADUATES

School of Undergraduate Studies

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY FIELD



Zachary Doscher

BA, Youth Ministry

Zachary Doscher embodies Lincoln Christian University's commitment to balancing scholarship and servanthood. He distinguished himself as a very hard working and capable student, excelling in his Biblical studies classes.

Zachary served as a teaching assistant, helping other students succeed in the classroom. He regularly encouraged academic excellence in others while caring for their souls. His honors program capstone project capably advanced the discussion of how Christians in the 21st century should interpret and apply the Scriptures. "Zach and I had many challenging conversations about the nature and goal of interpreting the Bible," says Dr. Fred Johnson, his honors program advisor. Zachary plans to continue his education by attending Lincoln Christian Seminary. The Bible and Theology field is proud to honor Zachary for his accomplishments and pray God's richest blessing on his life and ministry.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FIELD

Krystine Schnautz

*Certificate in TESOL
BA, Intercultural Studies
(Bivocational Missions)*

The Christian Ministries field selected Krystine Schnautz as the honored graduate. Krystine did an outstanding job capitalizing on her years at LCU. She was deeply involved in a broad array of activities on campus, including athletics, camp teams, internship, chorale, Restoration Week trips, and local ministry service. She completed a large variety of electives that show her to be fully committed to the idea that all work and giftedness is an offering to God. The breadth and quality of work that she did in class, along with her involvement outside the classroom, made her the clear choice for this year's award. We are confident that her future work will always be an extension of God's Kingdom. (Unavailable for photo.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FIELD

Andreia Rodrigues

BA, Children and Family Studies



Andreia Rodrigues is a Children and Family Studies major and is committed to use her education to help children experience the love of God. She comes from Belo Horizonte, Brazil and has been married to Luciano Rodrigues for 14 years. They have two children, Gabby (13) and Junior(10), who she claims are "the wealth of my life." After serving in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa for five years, Andreia felt called by God to go back to school to be better equipped to serve His Kingdom. Along with this calling, she desired further training. The leader of their mission suggested coming to Lincoln Christian University as "one of the best" to equip her for the work she has been called to do. She arrived in the United States with no previous knowledge of the English language. Now, "By God's grace, we are graduating!" With their education goals completed, Andreia and Luciano are returning to Guinea-Bissau to establish a Christian school and Bible Institute as a way to evangelize and plant churches.



GENERAL EDUCATION FIELD

Jill Hancock

*Certificate in TESOL
AA, Education*

Jill Hancock did exceptional work in all of her General Education classes and excelled in classes as diverse as history, geography, biology, and interdisciplinary studies. Jill possesses a keen mind, outstanding writing abilities, and a solid work ethic. All will serve her well as she graduates from LCU and pursues a teaching career. Her commitment to excellence and lifelong learning, combined with a quiet and humble spirit, make her exactly the kind of student the General Education field wishes to educate. Dr. Brian Messner noted, "Jill is always looking to improve her already high quality work, to work with excellence, and to honor God in her papers, exams, and discussions. She was a model student in my class." The General Education Field prays for God's blessings on Jill as she begins the next chapter in her life. We eagerly look forward to seeing how God will use her for His Kingdom.

Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



Matthew S. Kowalski
BA, Christian Ministry

Five years ago, at age 30, Matt Kowalski began his spiritual journey by devoting his life to Jesus Christ. Up to that point in his life, Matt describes himself as a selfish, empty, unfulfilling person chasing the world and looking to fulfill his own needs and desires.

After coming to Christ and working through some personal hurts, he felt the call to ministry, especially as he read Jesus' words in Matthew 4:19, "to come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." He did not know what it meant or how it would look, but he began taking little steps in faith, and God has revealed His calling along the way. One of those steps was enrolling at LCU's Las Vegas extension site. He knew very little about the Bible and God's Word, not having grown up in a Christian home. As a student in the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies, Matt has flourished and is now working full-time in Christian ministry as the Director of Celebrate Recovery at Central Christian Church in Las Vegas. Matt plans to enroll in Seminary in the near future. We celebrate Matt's accomplishment with his wife, Amy, and their three children, Jordan, Ethan, and Ellie.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Eileen Tanner
MA, TESOL

A graduate of LCU's Undergraduate School and Seminary, Eileen Tanner is now one of the few students who have graduated from all three LCU schools. An excellent student, Eileen is also a servant leader with a passion for teaching and for all people. She is a faculty member at Maritime Christian College (MCC) in Prince Edward Island, Canada, where she teaches Christian Education full-time and is a volunteer teacher of English to second-language speakers. She has made numerous trips to Poland, on her own and leading groups of MCC students, to teach English with Graceland Ministries. In her application to the MA TESOL, Eileen stated that she wished to "be ready for opportunities God may send." She is ready.



Lincoln Christian Seminary

MA HONORED GRADUATE

Heidi Morrill
New Testament Concentration



Heidi Morrill is an emerging researcher and scholar promoting Restoration Movement distinctives. She is a careful exegete of Scripture. Her work shows attentiveness to ancient linguistic, cultural, and religious contexts, acumen in discerning contours of Biblical theology, and sensitivity to contemporary theology and mission. Her academic work integrates vibrant personal piety, sensitive Biblical scholarship, and a vision for impacting the academy, church, and world. She applies herself wholly to the text and applies the text wholly to herself—a model for us all. Heidi has also blessed the Seminary as an academic coach, aiding many students in their own pursuit of excellence.

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Don Sanders



Don Sanders exemplifies the Master of Religious Education at LCU. While completing his degree, he continued serving on the staff at Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles, MO, first as the adult discipleship pastor and later as the pastor at their satellite campus in Troy, MO. Before working on his MRE, he completed an MA in Old Testament. Don was able to integrate his academic studies with his ministry, creating a dynamic synergy in both the classroom and his congregation. He did all this while also being a husband to Stephanie and a father. In addition to graduating with his MRE, Don is receiving the 2013 North American Professors of Christian Education Student Award, given to only one graduate from Lincoln Christian Seminary. It is a personal and professional privilege for the faculty members of LCU to have had Don Sanders in the classroom and to call him a friend and co-laborer in Christ.

Honored Students, cont'd.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING
Chelsea Termeer



Chelsea Termeer has demonstrated both scholarship and professionalism during her academic career. Her “get it

done” spirit and enthusiasm has been and will be an asset to those who work with her. Chelsea has provided quality service in performance of her duties in the LCU Counseling Center and has been a source of tremendous support in her work as a TA for the MAC program director. Chelsea will be remaining in the Lincoln area after graduation as her husband Matt completes his MDiv degree.

MASTER OF DIVINITY
Joe Mueller

New Testament Concentration

Joe Mueller is a model of the many fine students who have completed the MDiv program at LCU. As a Bible college graduate called to a ministry in Florissant, MO, he has maintained a balance between ministry and studies. He excels at both. A devoted student of the Bible, Joe is always concerned with ways to integrate his studies with ministry. Joe has been a well prepared student who made significant contributions to class discussions. The Seminary faculty is confident that the Lord will continue to use Joe to build up the Kingdom.



Our special guests at Commencement demonstrate LCU's growing relationship with China. (L to R) Chang Guo, Yin Shi, President Ray, Boli Zhang, Jain Zhu and wife, Haofang Chuang with her husband, Weilun Lee, and daughter.



Not Your Typical LCU Commencement

There are certain things we've grown to expect on Commencement Day at Lincoln Christian University. We expect the Hargrove Chapel Auditorium to be packed with family and friends. We expect group photos of the graduating classes. We expect to see old friends and fellowship together. We expect a feast in Laughlin Center. We rejoice in hearing the plans of our graduates as they move to the next step in their service to the Kingdom. And, we expect beautiful worship through music and a guest speaker. The 2013 Commencement on May 18 had all those things...with a twist. To honor our growing relationship with China, LCU was blessed with the talents of three amazing Chinese musicians and the message of an inspirational Chinese preacher who was introduced by former Congressman Bill Redmond (LCC '79, LCS '88) and interpreted by China Institute Director Jian Zhu.

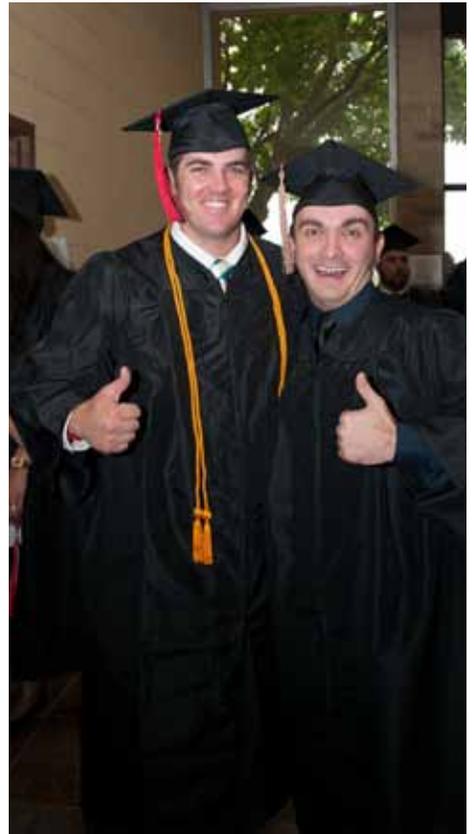
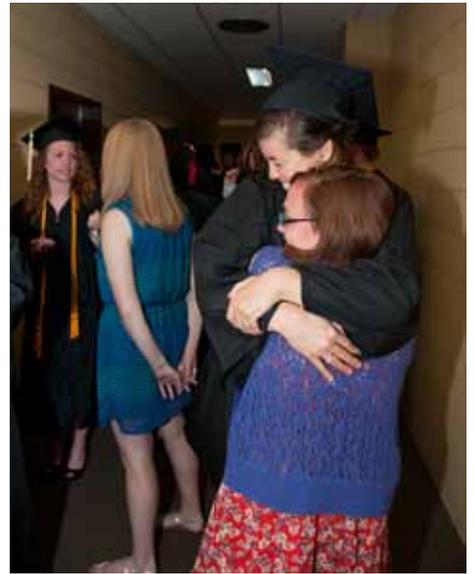
Virtuoso violinist Chang Guo was born in Nanjing, China, and won his first international violin competition at age 14, going on to perform around the world and win many more international awards. Mr. Guo became a Christian in 1995 and co-founded Proclaim Evangelistic Music Ministry in 2000.

Haofang Chuang has won several nationwide awards and scholarships for her singing. Her voice affects the audience with great expression as she sings art and sacred songs. Haofang was raised in a Christian family in Taiwan, confirmed her faith in Christ in 2000 and has devoted her voice to God since then. She is married to LCU Assistant Director of the China Institute Weilun Lee.

Yin Shi accompanied Chang and Haofang on piano. He is also internationally known through awards won through many international competitions. He has appeared in concerts throughout the U. S., China, Japan, Brazil, and Germany. A native of China, Yin is also a Christian.

Speaking through his interpreter, Boli Zhang told his amazing life's story. He began college at Beijing University where he became involved in the Tiananmen Square student protest movement in 1989. Having survived the crack down, he found himself on the run. This is when he first heard the Jesus message from a peasant woman. He escaped to Russia, where he was arrested and imprisoned by the Russian KGB. After a time, they sent him back to China, where he hid in a remote frozen forest. Eventually, he came to the U.S. and was accepted to Princeton University. While a student, he was diagnosed with terminal kidney cancer. Boli told the audience that he prayed to God for healing for four years when he was miraculously healed. In 1996, he dedicated his life to the Lord in response to God's healing. He finally graduated from Logos Evangelical Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 2000 and has since gone on to earn his PhD at Singapore Seminary. He told the graduates that life has taught him to be humble and patient. He went from a life of "no faith to real faith... from pursuing things of earth to pursuing heavenly dreams."

It is estimated that today there are about 80 million Christians in China, but still many are in difficult situations. Boli feels called to take the message of Jesus to China. Speaking from experience, Boli told this year's LCU graduates that they will "face a world of uncertainty, with challenges ahead, but don't be afraid. God will use your circumstances to give you strength to accomplish your goals. I pray God will bless you with good days ahead."



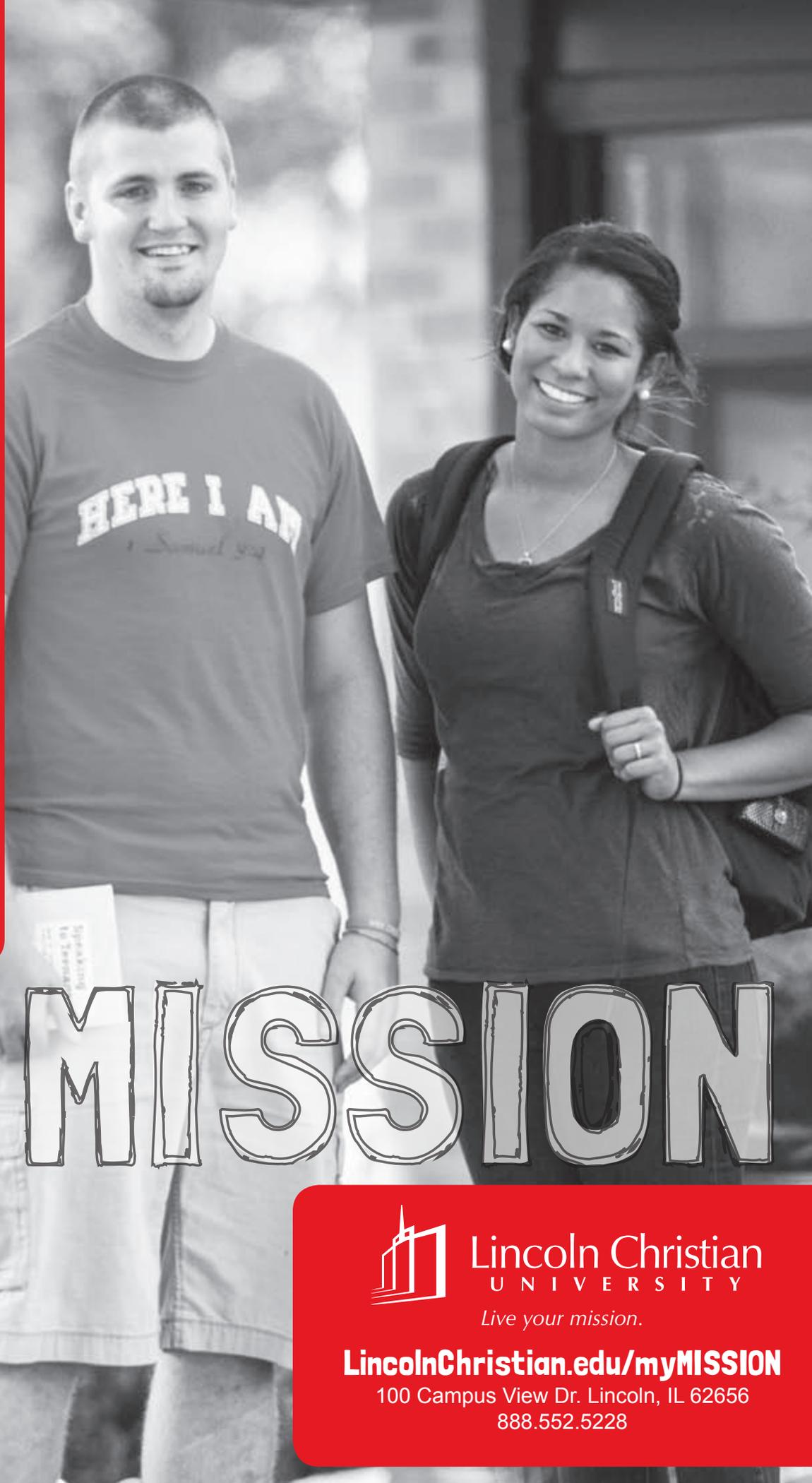
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Christian Ministry
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General Studies
Human Services
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Leadership & Management
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Pictured here are 13 of the 15 participants. **Back row, left to right:** Robert Otken, William Vandervoort, Ronald Collins, Ben Faulkner, Oral Staman, James Correll, and James Reed. **Front row, left to right:** Robert Tinsky, Cynthia (Shank) Roundtree, Lois (Hetzler) Lee, Barbara (Dilley) Lowe, Charles Kelley, and Lowell Tate. **Not pictured:** Kent Hickerson and Norma (Dunn) Harrold

50th Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1963



This annual event continues to be a delight to those returning to campus, some for the first time in 50 years, to join their classmates and dear friends in a 50-year reunion. This year was no exception as fifteen members of the Class of 1963 spent the weekend enjoying old memories and learning about the pilgrimages of their former classmates. The group shared a Friday noon welcoming luncheon, a campus and community tour, an evening banquet as the honored guests of our trustees, administrators, and faculty and staff, an afterglow time of fellowship, and finally Commencement services and the President's Reception on Saturday morning. Class members came from Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Michigan.



Zorn Honored at Retirement

Lincoln Christian University (LCU) granted Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages Dr. Walt Zorn the title of Professor Emeritus on Friday, May 3, 2013, among family, friends, and coworkers who had gathered to celebrate Zorn's retirement after 25 years of service at LCU.

This esteemed distinction is awarded to members of the faculty who have had an especially long and meritorious career at Lincoln Christian University. Dr. Walter Zorn has served with distinction on the LCU faculty since he arrived in 1988 and as the Undergraduate Academic Dean from 1988 to 1993, having served previously on the faculty at Great Lakes Christian College.

A graduate of Atlanta Christian College and Lincoln Christian Seminary, Dr. Zorn also earned an interdisciplinary PhD from Michigan State University.

As a teacher, Dr. Zorn has consistently strived to connect the classroom and the church. His teaching in the Old Testament, in all of the biblical

languages, and in history encourages students to learn so they might grow as believers, and in turn help others to grow. Dr. Zorn's classes on the Psalms were among students favorites of the entire course book over the years.

As a model, Dr. Zorn has served numerous churches as their preacher, challenging them to become mature Christians.

As a writer, Dr. Zorn has sought to encourage believers in their faith through his commentary on the Psalms and his innumerable Christian Standard adult Sunday School lessons, which have made his deep wisdom and knowledge available for a wide audience.



President Ray presented the award to Dr. Zorn in recognition of his "significant contribution to the University."



LCU President Recognizes Leadership of Woods Foundation

Each year, Lincoln Christian University (LCU) President Dr. Keith H. Ray, recognizes outstanding leadership in the Lincoln community. The 2013 recipient of LCU's Lincoln Community Leadership Award is the Woods Foundation.

The Woods Foundation was established in 1998 following the death of Robert J. Woods. Mr. Woods was born in Carlinville, IL, but grew up in Lincoln, graduating from Lincoln Community High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1942 and served three years as a map reader at the end of World War II. He earned his law degree from the University of Illinois in 1949. With that law degree in hand, Mr. Woods returned to Lincoln to establish a practice with his father, focusing on real estate matters, estate planning, wills, and trusts.

Mr. Woods married Joan Jarrett in 1951. They were married for 47 years until Mr. Woods' death in February 1998. Mrs. Woods passed away in December 2006.

The purpose of the Woods Foundation is to provide benefits for charitable, educational, and other pursuits through grants to non-profit and governmental organizations, primarily those located in Logan County. Today, the Foundation is run by a four-member Board of Directors.

The organizations supported through various grants and gifts provided by the Woods Foundations read like a who's who of non-profit and philanthropic services in Lincoln and Logan County. A partial list of the local organizations that have been blessed by the Woods Foundation includes Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Oasis Senior Center, Christian Homes, St. Clara's Manor, Habitat for Humanity, Community Action, Lincoln/Logan County Food Pantry, and Together for Lincoln.

2013 President's Distinguished Service Award

Established in 1901 as one of nearly 6,000 U.S. Independent Christian Churches, West Side Christian Church of Springfield, Illinois, embraces the heritage of the Restoration Movement. West Side's leadership team demonstrates a model found in New Testament Scriptures. It is the relationship of their leadership team to Lincoln Christian University that has formed an extraordinary partnership which began with LCU's founding in 1944, when West Side's preaching minister, Reuben Anderson, joined the school's first Board of Trustees. From that point forward, Lincoln Christian's Board of Trustees has regularly been blessed with West Side leadership through men such as Ernest Laughlin, Judge Charles McBrian, Floyd Strater, Bill Taylor, David Gates, Eddie Lowen, and Steve Theivagt.

An important part of LCU's legacy was influenced by Ernest Laughlin, who served on LCU's board from 1946 to 1963. He was the very first Commencement speaker in 1946 and holds the honor of being the only person in the University's history to speak three times for Commencement, returning in 1947 and 1964. It was the lingering influence of West Side's Laughlin family that led to the naming of the new athletic facility built in 2002 as the Laughlin Center.

West Side's missions ministry supports ministries, mission efforts, and church planting around the world. In that realm, Lincoln Christian University has had a place in their financial planning from 1944 through today. Whether as a part of

A significant focus of the Foundation is education. For each of the past two years, the Woods Foundation has given over \$300,000 to Logan County schools for technology improvements. LCU has been a regular benefactor over the last 15 years, receiving grants for the Hargrove auditorium exterior renovation, the Jessie C. Eury Library renovation, three cash gifts for technology and miscellaneous needs, and most recently a matching grant for our new minibus.

"There is no doubt in my mind that LCU and the community have received an enormous blessing in the vision and generosity of the Woods family and the astute management by Bill Bates and the Board that oversees the operation of this foundation," said President Ray as he presented the award earlier this month, "It is this type of organization that deserves recognition for LCU's annual Lincoln Community Leadership Award. Join me in applauding their work here in Lincoln and the entirety of Logan County."



President Ray and representatives from West Side Christian Church.

their monthly commitment or in response to a special need, West Side Christian has cumulative contributions to Lincoln Christian University of nearly three quarters of a million dollars.

We estimate that West Side has sent more than 100 students to LCU to prepare for Christian service. We are pleased that many Lincoln Christian alumni have met their staffing needs. Today, Lincoln Christian alumni fill approximately 10 of their staff positions. More than 100 LCU alumni consider West Side their church home, where they worship and serve in volunteer ministries.

With high regard, deep affection, and gratitude for the treasured partnership West Side and LCU share, this year's President's Distinguished Service Award is presented to the fellowship of believers that make up the West Side Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Representatives of the Woods Foundation receive their award from President Ray.





Summer/Fall Events

JULY

July 15: Undergraduate New Student Registration Day

AUGUST

August 2: Undergraduate New Student Registration Day

August 8: Seminary New Student Registration Day

August 27: Convocation

OCTOBER

October 1-2: Strauss Lectureship

October 4: Third Annual Athletic Department Golf Scramble at The Elks in Lincoln, IL

October 4-5: Family Weekend

October 5: Michael Jr. Comedy Tour

October 8: Fall Preview Day/Athletic Preview Day

October 11-12: Alumni Homecoming

October 21-22: Illinois State Ministers' Retreat

NOVEMBER

November 1-2: LCU Hosts the 2013 NCCAA Women's Soccer Midwest Regional Tournament

November 14-16: LCU Hosts the 2013 NCCAA Division II National Volleyball Tournament

November 14-17: LCU at ICOM

DECEMBER

December 5-8: Christmas in the Chapel

December 7: Winter Preview Day



**2013 James D. Strauss
Worldview Lectureship
October 1 & 2, 2013**

*Kingdom,
Cross, or Both?
Sorting Out What
the Gospel Is*

Featuring:

Dr. Darrell L. Bock
Dallas Theological Seminary

BA, University of Texas
ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary
PhD, University of Aberdeen
Postdoctoral Studies, Tubingen University

Dr. Bock is internationally recognized as a Humboldt Scholar for his work in Luke-Acts, historical Jesus study, Biblical theology, and with messianic Jewish ministries. He was the 2000-2001 president of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS), serves as editor-at-large for *Christianity Today*, and is on the board of Chosen People Ministries and Wheaton College. He has authored more than 30 books on Biblical topics. Some of his articles have appeared in leading journals and periodicals, including many secular publications. He has worked with a variety of media, including ABC, CNN, Day of Discovery, and John Ankerberg shows. He has blogged on culture and Scripture for over seven years and has been a part of the weekly Texas Faith blog at the Dallas Morning News since its inception. He has been a New York Times best-selling author in nonfiction, and is Elder Emeritus at Trinity Fellowship Church in Dallas.

Endowment Campaign EXCEEDS GOAL

By Gordon D. Venturella, CFRE

Coming out of the economic recession a few years ago, it was clear that current and future *Lincoln Leaders* needed more scholarship assistance to afford a Lincoln Christian University (LCU) education.

At the time, our endowed scholarships were just over \$4 million. We wondered—could we increase this 10% over the three years ending May 31, 2013? The economy was slow in recovering but the need was great—so we challenged LCU alumni, friends, and churches to increase the endowed scholarship \$400,000 by May 31, 2013.

Generous donors who believe in the mission and ministry of LCU responded overwhelmingly. We surpassed the \$400,000 goal in 18 months and were encouraged to raise the goal to \$600,000.

By May 31, 2013, we had received \$624,125.71 in new endowed scholarship dollars with an additional \$53,000 promised. This number does not include the commitment of a married couple who made arrangements in their estate to fund \$200,000 in new endowed scholarships.

We believe the need for scholarships by *Lincoln Leaders* will only increase in the future. It is not too late for you to join the 658 couples, individuals, and churches who contributed to scholarships during the last 36 months.

Why are endowed scholarships so important?

Many students who want to prepare at LCU for a life of Kingdom service simply could not afford it without scholarship assistance. The more financial aid we can give to students, the less debt they have when they graduate—a subject everyone is concerned with today.

Why should you start an endowed scholarship?

There might be a number of factors motivating you. Whether it is “in honor of” or “in memory of,” the following suggestions are a way to make a lasting tribute to those you care about:

- In memory of/honor a family member and/or name
- A named scholarship in memory/honor of your minister
- Add to an existing scholarship in memory/honor of a former LCU professor, or create one if none exists

Who does the scholarship benefit?

Your endowed scholarship benefits the kind of student you are most passionate about. You may choose to benefit a student in any one of our three schools: Undergraduate Studies, Seminary, and School of Adult & Graduate Studies.

When you set up your scholarship, an agreement that indicates your preferences for the scholarship will be signed.

A few of the many options include:

- Which of the three schools you would prefer
- Need based
- Major of the student
- Where the recipient is coming from
- Vocational goals of the recipient

What happens to the principal amount I gift?

Typically, the principal amount is invested and only the gains are awarded for scholarships each year. This way it becomes a gift in perpetuity. LCU invests in very conservative and diversified funds to protect your investment and ensure future students will benefit from the endowment.



How do I fund an endowed scholarship?

The minimum amount required to establish a named scholarship is \$10,000.

There are several ways to fund this if you cannot make this size gift at once.

Options include:

- Estate planning—create a scholarship agreement now and include the scholarship in your will or trust. This option costs you nothing while you are alive.
- Over time—the \$10,000 may be funded with gifts given over five years.
- Stock gift—which may have specific tax benefits for you.

For smaller gifts, you may contribute any amount to an existing named scholarship at any time.

Who do I contact?

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AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVID UPCHURCH

Relationships



President Keith H. Ray recently sat down to talk with Director of Church Ministries, David Upchurch, to catch up on how things have been going since he joined the LCU staff in January of 2012. Here is some of their conversation.

President Ray: David, you recently transitioned from church to university, but have been one of those long term servants in the church. Tell us about your service in the church.

I developed a heart for ministry my sophomore year here at Lincoln Christian University. One day, Tom Ewald called me into his office and asked if I would meet with a group of leaders from a church in Plano, Illinois, who were looking for a youth minister. Up to that point, church ministry was not really on my radar. But I did end up becoming the weekend youth minister and spent about four years in youth ministry before transitioning to preaching ministry for the next 30 years. So I spent 34 years in located church ministry in three congregations in Illinois and one church in Kentucky.

President Ray: What have you learned about yourself and LCU that convinces you of the vitality of this relationship between church and University?

It was easy when I was in church ministry to get so focused on “my ministry” that I would not always see the bigger picture and scope of the Kingdom. I tended to think of the University as a part of my life back in my college days. I was thankful for LCU, but I didn’t always see how LCU could be a vital part of my ministry in the church. Today, as I meet with ministers and church leaders, it makes me wish I would have taken advantage of what LCU offered to ministers and churches when I was preaching. There have always been dedicated faculty and staff who are excellent resources for church leaders; but all too often, church leaders don’t utilize them. LCU has so much to offer the local church.

At the same time, what happens off-campus in the local church is very important to what happens on campus. We must always keep our finger on the pulse of the church so we can effectively educate and train our students to face the challenges of today and tomorrow instead of the

“Relationships are vital and my goal is to do everything I can to help build healthy relationships between the University and our partner churches.”

challenges of 10 years ago. Being out of everyday church ministry for 17 months has allowed me to see how fast our culture changes and how vital it is for LCU to not only be aware of those changes, but to be prepared to meet those challenges.

President Ray: What is your vision for your role as Director of Church Ministries?

I believe that everything rises and falls on relationships. Our partnership with churches must be more than the church sending a check and the University sending a thank you letter. Relationships are vital, and my goal is to do everything I can to help build healthy relationships between the University and our partner churches.

As far as how that takes place...I don’t believe the old saying, “Absence makes the heart grow fonder.” I will do everything I can to facilitate a greater connection between LCU and our churches. Since January 2012, I have been able to connect with well over 200 churches by attending ministers’ meetings, having coffee with ministers, meeting with leadership and mission teams, speaking at churches on Sunday mornings and at men’s fellowships and retreats, and giving LCU updates in churches. I visit with ministers and church leaders by phone on a weekly basis as well. We have a good number of faculty and staff who do the same types of things on a regular basis. In addition, starting last fall we have been praying for some of our partner churches every week on campus as a way of staying connected with them. My plans are to develop more opportunities to get our faculty, staff, and students into our churches...and to provide more opportunities for our churches to come to campus.

President Ray: You have made a significant impact through your work over the last 17 months. How has your reception been and what have learned about what is going on in the local church?

There is no doubt that getting out and spending time with ministers, church leaders, and people in our partner churches is my favorite part of the job. Ministers are busy ... so to ask them to carve out some time to sit down over a cup of coffee or lunch is really asking them to add one more item to their full calendar. But most have been very gracious to do so, and seem to appreciate that the visit is not to "get anything from them." The purpose of the visit is to connect with them ... to see how the church is doing ... and to see what we can do to help. When I am able to give an LCU update at a church, there are always positive responses and a common statement is, "We had no idea that LCU is doing all of that!"

I have visited with churches that are struggling due to the economy, shrinking populations, changing neighborhoods, etc. And, I have visited churches that are growing and making a huge impact in their communities and around the world. Ministry and leadership definitely have rewards, but it is hard work and is not without heartaches and disappointments. I've learned that it means a lot to a church leader to show that we care about them, that we appreciate them, and that they are not alone because we want to do anything we can to partner with them.

President Ray: Do you think the 5 Star Church Promises encourage the relationship between the church and LCU?

The *5 Star Church Promises* were in place before I assumed my position, but it has been a very effective tool for us to use as we focus on relationships with churches. Any partnership should include agreements and expectations. Most churches have agreements with their mission partners such as: We will pray for you; we will financially support you; we will send people to visit you; we will minister to you in difficult times; etc. Churches want their relationship with missionaries and



As Assistant Baseball Coach, David Upchurch helped connect LCU players with churches in Florida during Restoration Week.

Promises tell our partner churches what they can expect from us because we want the relationship to be a "two way street."

President Ray: What are some of the best stories that go untold from your travels and experiences?

Oh my...there are so many good things going on in our churches! I love hearing about baptisms, and there are several churches that have amazing stories of big days or weeks where people chose to be baptized. North Point Community Christian Church in Winthrop Harbor, IL (a church averaging about 500 in attendance), had a day last year when they invited people to be baptized. Eighty people responded spontaneously. Westside Christian Church in Springfield, IL (2,800 average attendance), did the same type of thing a few months ago and saw 129 people choose to be baptized one Sunday. Suncrest Christian Church in St. John, IN (1,500 average attendance), had 102 people baptized this past Easter Sunday. And the Edinburg Christian Church in Edinburg, IL, had eight baptisms last July, which is amazing for a church averaging 40 for their Sunday morning attendance.

Then there's the Ingraham Christian Church in Ingraham, IL, where Ron Payne retired after 47 years of ministry there. He began preaching in Ingraham when he was an 18-year-old freshman at LCU and never left! What he and the church accomplished during those 47 years is truly remarkable.



David Upchurch (right) is pictured here with LCU alumnus and senior minister, Danny Schaffner and one of his church leaders.

And there are small churches such as the Berlin (IL) Christian Church that have grown, built new buildings, and are effectively ministering to a growing number of people. But what I love about the church in Berlin is how the elders love Warren Brosi, their preacher...and the unity the leadership shares. I hear stories like that and get to see evidence of healthy churches “up close and personal” on a regular basis.

President Ray: What would you like to say to our constituent churches that reflects the heart and soul of LCU and your crucial role here?

The church is and always has been the heartbeat of LCU. Our mission statement clearly declares that we exist to equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and in the world. I am committed to doing everything I possibly can to help the University and church always stay closely connected. Our world is rapidly changing and many of the changes are taking us in a direction that leads away from God. But Jesus is still the only way to heaven...and the church is the hope of the world...and LCU is preparing students to engage an ever changing world with a never changing God. The stakes are high, and we all have to be in this together for the sake of the Kingdom.

We have a great faculty and staff, and I would encourage parents and churches to do everything they can to persuade their young people to attend LCU for at least a year. While they are here, God might tap them on the shoulder and call them into a vocation of ministry. God might affirm using their gifts in education, business, the medical field, etc. But I guarantee they will encounter God on campus and be better prepared to live their mission in the church and world.

President Ray: What do you believe the emerging generation is passionate about, as it relates to serving the Lord through the local church?

Whenever I give an LCU update at a church, I close the presentation by saying, “Let me tell you about our students.” The word “passion” is a great word to describe them. They are passionate about reaching lost people. Last year, the students began to intentionally be aware of people who needed to surrender to Jesus. They built relationships in various places throughout Lincoln, they bought a water tank...and a few times throughout the year, baptized people during the Wednesday night student-led chapel service. They are passionate about people who are hurting throughout the world. Last year, they raised money to provide three wells in India. This year, they provided 500 Bibles for a village in Kenya. They have started a prison ministry here in Lincoln. They are passionate about ministry. More than 250 students volunteer in churches each semester as a part of their service learning requirements. They are passionate about prayer. I don’t know if I have ever been around a group of people who are more

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- **LCU Faculty and Staff fill pulpits approximately 450 times each year**
- **Faculty and Staff consult with churches on an average of 30 times per year in areas such as church leadership, strategic planning, staff development and transitions, conflict resolution, etc.**
- **LCU’s Church Ministries office fills approximately 250 ministry staff positions each year through website assistance and faculty/staff recommendations**
- **Each year, faculty/staff connect with hundreds of past students, ministers, missionaries, church leaders, etc. through visits, emails and phone calls to give advice and encouragement**
- **More than 250 students volunteer in churches each semester as a part of their service learning requirements**



Undergraduate Studies student Blake Saathoff serves as Youth Minister at nearby Eminence Christian Church

- **LCU sends camp teams to 40 weeks of church camps and Christ in Youth (CIY) conferences each summer**
- **LCU Faculty/Staff are involved in service in their “home” churches:**
 - **Over 60 teach or preach on a regular basis**
 - **Over 30 are involved in the worship ministry**
 - **Over 30 report being involved in various other ministries, including nursery, greeters, communion preparation and meditations, committees, etc.**



David Upchurch joined the Lincoln Christian University staff on January 1, 2012, as Director of Church Ministries. David has more than 30 years of experience in located church ministry and is excited to be able to partner with and serve churches and ministers on behalf of LCU.

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

holds a degree from Kentucky Christian University (Master of Ministry).

Prior to being hired by LCU, David spent 13 years as Lead Minister of Rochester Christian Church in Rochester, IL. During his tenure there, attendance more than doubled and offerings nearly tripled. Before that, David served in ministries in Plano, IL, Havana, IL, and in Harrodsburg, KY.

David's wife of 32 years, Cindy, is a fourth grade teacher

in Rochester, IL. They have three adult children: Krista (LCU '05) married to Josh Weber (LCU '03, LCS '06), Matt, and Jake. They also have one grandchild.

As Director of Church Ministries, David is always looking for new and better ways for LCU to enhance its partnership with churches around the world. So far, his favorite part of his new position are the days when he can preach, teach, and spend time with people in the church.

Relationships, cont'd.

committed to prayer. When I walk across campus, it is not unusual to see students sitting together and praying for each other. I have had students pray for me following a visit and cup of coffee. The students pray for our partner churches every week.

Our students do not want to simply go through the motions and put on a "ministry mask." They want to be real ... they are committed to making a difference for Christ throughout the world. Sometimes I hear more seasoned church members ask, "What's going to happen to the church?" When I look at our students, I believe the church is in good hands and can't wait to see how they will turn the world upside down for Christ.

President Ray: LCU is finalizing a strategic plan that will address the next several years. Part of that plan calls for a greater collaboration between all departments (advancement, enrollment, alumni, etc.). Tell us what excites you most about these plans.

For the most part, I think the various departments enjoy a good working relationship on campus. We all have specific and unique ways we contribute to the health and success of

the University. But what really flips my switch is looking at how we can all work together to contribute to the health and success of the church. As we mentioned earlier, the church has always been the heartbeat of the University, so it just makes sense that healthy churches will contribute to the health of LCU.

As we move forward, our goal is to move together, working side-by-side on campus and with our partner churches. The church ought to be a part of the focus of every LCU department. We all have different responsibilities, but we all need to be connected to the church. So it just makes sense that we will be developing new and better ways to communicate with each other concerning how we can best serve the church, as well as looking for new ways to partner with each other as we go off campus to the churches.

This may not be the smartest thing I could say to the President of the University, but my long range goal as Director of Church Ministries is to work myself out of a job ... as church ministries become the DNA of every department on campus and not simply one of the departments.

LCU Alumni Reception at NACC
Wednesday • July 10, 2013 - 8:30 p.m.
Marriott Hotel – Kentucky Ballroom E (connecting hotel next to Convention Center)
No reservations needed.

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NEW FACES

LCU Provost Clay Ham, has announced the hire of **Dr. M. Shane Wood** as Academic Dean of the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. Dr. Wood comes to the position as an accomplished online instructor and someone passionate in his support of LCU's mission. He brings a unique balance of enthusiasm, forward-thinking, and collaborative leadership. Since 2010, Dr. Wood served as an Associate Professor of Organizational Leadership at Florida Christian College. Before that, he served Nebraska Christian College as the Chief Academic Officer (2003-2010) and as an Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry (2000-2003). Dr. Wood has taught as an LCU adjunct professor in the MA in Organizational Leadership program and the Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program for several years. He is a graduate of Ozark Christian College (BBL and BTh), Lincoln Christian Seminary (MDiv), and Regent University (PhD in Organizational Leadership). Dr. Wood is published in the *International Journal of Leadership Studies* and the *Baltic Journal of Management*. He is an active member of the International Leadership Association and the Academy of Management. He also has full-time ministry experience (youth, administration, and preaching) in Illinois and Iowa, and served in interim ministries in Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri.



Lincoln Christian University is pleased to announce the hire of **Frank Dicken** as Assistant Professor of New Testament, effective July 1, 2013. Frank is a graduate of LCU's School of Undergraduate Studies (BA in Preaching) and Seminary (MDiv). Frank also holds a Certificate in Biblical Studies from St. Mary's Seminary and is currently completing a PhD in New Testament at the University of Edinburgh, writing a dissertation on Luke's presentation of the Herods in Luke and Acts. Frank served as Preaching Minister at Creswell Christian Church, Bel Air, MD, has worked with the Central India Christian Mission (Madhya Pradesh, India), and has taught adjunct courses for Hope International University, Mid-Atlantic Christian University, and LCU. He has written an essay, entitled "The Author and Date of Luke-Acts" in *Issues in Luke-Acts*, edited by Sean Adams & Michael Pahl (Gorgias Press, 2012), and several articles in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, a project of Logos Research Systems for their Logos Bible Software (a required



software program for our Seminary students). Originally from Maryland, Frank has been married to Jill (Sackett) for 12 years.

Lincoln Christian University is also pleased to announce the hire of **Nick Zola** as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, effective July 1, 2013. Nick is completing a PhD in New Testament from Baylor University, working on a new translation of Tatian's *Diatessaron* (a second-century harmony of the four Gospels). He earned an MA in New Testament from Abilene Christian University and a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Olin College of Engineering (Needham, MA). Nick has been actively engaged with the Robinson Church of Christ (Robinson, TX), serving as adult Sunday school teacher, substitute preacher, children's ministry volunteer, and small group coordinator. While living in Germany, he worked with two German-speaking churches, teaching lessons and helping them merge into a single church family, the Gemeinde-Christi in Hamburg. He has written an article, "Why Are There Verses Missing from My Bible? The Emergence of Verse Numbers in the New Testament" (*Restoration Quarterly* [54 (2012: 233-45)]) and translated multiple Greek passages from several early Church Fathers in D.H. William, *Matthew: Interpreted by Early Christian Commentators* (Eerdmans, forthcoming). Nick is married to Joy (originally from Bloomington, IL); their son Luke James is now eight months old.



The LCU Athletic Board has announced the hiring of **John Merritt** as the Men's Soccer Head Coach. Over the last six years, John has been an integral part in the men's soccer program, assuming various roles, both as a player and an assistant coach. John played for the team all four years while earning a BA from LCU. For the last two years, John has served as an assistant coach for the team, aiding in the transitioning process of two different head coaches. Along with his coaching duties at LCU, John has also been involved with the FC Lincoln U-9 Soccer Program as an assistant coach under Tim Stuckey.



FACULTY and STAFF PROMOTIONS

Dr. Steven Cone has been promoted to Associate Professor of Bible and Theology. Steve was appointed to the faculty at LCU in 2007, having returned to the United States after co-leading and ministering with Impact Ministries International in the Czech Republic and serving as an independent missionary in Prague from 2004 to 2007. He has two MA degrees (one in Church History/Historical Theology and one in Contemporary Christian Theology) from Lincoln Christian Seminary and a PhD from Boston College (Systematic Theology). In the early 1990s, Steve spent significant time teaching for Youth With a Mission in Ireland, Manila, and the Philippines. Since 2007, Steve has taught in the Seminary, Adult & Graduate Studies, Undergraduate Studies, and the China Institute’s English Language Academy in the areas of philosophy, theology, hermeneutics, and worldviews. He serves as the Chair in the undergraduate field of Bible and Theology. Steve has a number of forthcoming publications and has presented professional papers/responses at Nottingham University, Boston College, and the ETS national conference. Since coming to LCU, he has been actively involved in the life of the students at LCU, the community, and Jefferson Street Christian Church.



Dr. LC Sutton has been promoted to Full Professor of Preaching and Christian Ministries. LC was appointed to our faculty in 2007. He graduated from LCU with a BA in preaching and an MDiv, before earning a DMin from Emmanuel School of Religion. Prior to joining our faculty, LC served as a professor and the Dean at Winston Salem Bible College in North Carolina. While in North Carolina, he was the preaching minister at NorthPointe Christian Church in Statesville, NC. He is currently the Senior Minister at Eminence Christian Church in Atlanta, IL, and has a very active ministry to the inmates at Logan County Correctional Center. LC teaches preaching, ministry, and leadership courses in the School of Undergraduate Studies, Adult & Graduate Studies, and in the Seminary. He is frequently sought after as a speaker at preaching conferences. A student said of LC, “Dr. Sutton’s classes are one of the joys of my day because of what he teaches and how he teaches. He is an amazing man of God, and I am blessed to be a part of his preaching program.”



Appointed to the faculty at LCU in 2006, **Dr. Njeri Bere** has been promoted to Full Professor of General Education in the field of Social Science. Dr. Bere received her BA and MA in Social Work and Sociology from the University of Nairobi in Kenya and earned a PhD in Sociology from Indiana University. She has published several highly competitive peer-reviewed forums. Some of her publications include: “Factors Inhibiting Educated Mothers in Kenya from Giving Meaningful Ex-education to their Daughters” in the Social Science & Medicine journal, and a book chapter “Why the ABC Model for Prevention of Sexual Transmission of HIV Infection Has Been Opposed by Sub-Saharan Africans for Decades” in *Strong Women, Dangerous Times: Gender and HIV/AIDS in Africa*. She has presented numerous papers at international, national, and local conferences and symposiums. She is very active in the life of the students at LCU, both as a mentor and friend. Dr. Bere lives her mission as evidenced by her strong commitment to the Lord in the classroom and in her personal life, and to the students as she desires that they live their mission and be the best they can be.

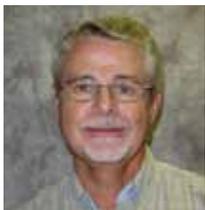


Dr. Karen Estep has been promoted to Full Professor of Teacher Education. She was appointed to the faculty in 2002 and is currently the LCU Director of Teacher Education. She holds a BMed from Northeast Missouri State University, a MM in Church Music and a MA in Theological Studies from Cincinnati Christian University, and a PhD in K-12 Educational Administration from Michigan State University. Dr. Estep has served as the administrator in Christian schools in Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. More recently, she negotiated and attained partnerships for LCU in the area of teacher education in 8 local schools in Illinois. She supervises college internships in six churches in Illinois and Indiana and maintains the partnership relationship between LCU and six local churches. Dr. Estep is actively involved in LCU’s China Institute and has led seminars both stateside and in China to train Chinese representatives in education and character building. She has been involved in numerous writing projects, presentations, and professional conferences and has been asked to serve as the guest editor for the fall 2015 Special Edition of the *Christian Education Journal*, the focus of which will be “Current Issues in Christian Education.”



After a long and rigorous process with numerous candidates,

Lindsay Tedrick has accepted the position of Vice President of Finance to lead the University in the area of finance and budget management. Lindsay holds an MBA from American Public University with a focus on strategic management, decision making, finance, and Cost accounting. She completed her BA in accounting at the University of Illinois at Springfield, and is currently well on her way to completing her CPA certification. She is not new to LCU, having served in the Fiscal Services Office for over 10 years. She has steadily made a progression from accounting to her most recent position as Controller. She served with former VP of Finance Andrea Short for the last six years, gaining a level of mentoring that has served her and the University very well. Lindsay has demonstrated excellent skills in financial management and the often arduous budget process. Lindsay is the mother of Allie and serves on the finance committee at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, IL.



Larry Woolard has been named LCU's new Director of Campus Technology. Larry has worked in the area of technology at LCU for more than 30 years, providing him an unmatched historical perspective on almost every technological initiative and advancement accomplished at the University.

PRESENTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Rich Knopp, LCU Professor of Philosophy and Christian Apologetics, delivered the Commencement



address for St. Louis Christian College (SLCC) on May 4, 2013. When he was a St. Louis Christian College junior, Knopp heard a chapel sermon on Acts 17 delivered by the visiting Dr. James Strauss, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Theology at Lincoln Christian Seminary. In Dr. Knopp's

address, he described how that experience was a key turning point in leading him to major under Dr. Strauss and complete a Master of Divinity in Philosophy and Theology in 1979. Dr. Knopp, who also holds MA and PhD degrees in philosophy from Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois, has taught at Lincoln Christian University since 1983. Dr. Knopp was granted the Wolford Award from SLCC in 2007, which honors alumni "who exhibit Christian character and have made significant impact on SLCC athletics and in ministry," and he received a "Distinguished Alumni Award" in 2010. This coming

November, he will be inducted into the inaugural class of the SLCC Athletic Hall of Fame. He was the all-time leading scorer in basketball for about 20 years and still ranks second in that category.



Look for articles written by Professor of Preaching **Dr. Chuck Sackett** published this spring and summer in the *Christian Standard* and the *Lookout*.

Authentic Cosmopolitanism: Love, Sin, and Grace in the Christian University (Wipf and Stock, 2013) is a new book co-authored by **Dr. Steven D. Cone** and Dr. R. J. Snell and released earlier this year. Available at Amazon.com.

Dr. Christopher Ben Simpson received the Lincoln



Christian University Outstanding Faculty Research Award in May for his work on *Deleuze and Theology* (T&T Clark, 2012). Thanks to the generosity of LCU alumni, Drs. Dale and Janet Chitwood of Miami, FL, the Issachar Institute has been able to promote faculty writing through this monetary

award created from the Chitwood endowment in 2009. This annual award is presented to a full-time faculty member whose recently-published journal article or book has been judged to be the "best of the best" of academically-substantive writings produced by the LCU community.

A very specific set of criteria is used to make this determination, and the Review Board is made up of very capable scholars and writers, themselves: Dr. Dale Chitwood (Miami Univ.--FL), Dr. Rondal Smith (Pioneer Bible Translators), Dr. Paul McAlister (Pioneer Bible Translators), and Dr. William Baker (Hope International University, Editor of the *Stone-Campbell Journal*).

At the 2013 annual meeting of the Association for Doctor of



Ministry Education (ADME), **Dr. Barney Wells** was elected by the membership to a three-year term on their Executive Board. Additionally, he was asked by the president of ADME to serve on the task force that will shape the discussion to

advise the ATS regarding the future purpose and process of the DMin degree.

MINISTRY NEWS

Aaron (LCC '84) and Rhonda (LCC) McCombs concluded a six-year ministry with the Pleasant Hill (IL) Christian Church in October, 2012 and began serving the Kewanna (IN) Church of Christ on October 14, 2012.

Bob Stacy (LCS '61) has transitioned into the role of Minister to Seniors at the Spring Hill Church of Christ in Middletown, OH, following a 13-year ministry as their senior minister.

Andrew Pierce (LCC '02) is serving his sixth year in the Solomon Islands with Wycliffe Bible Translators and is nearing the completion of the New Testament. He and his wife Julie have two children.

The Board of Directors of Marble Retreat, Marble, CO, announced the appointments of **Dr. Mike MacKenzie (LCS '96, '10)** as Clinical Director and **Dr. Kari MacKenzie (LCS '02, '10)** as Executive Director, effective May 1, 2013. Marbel Retreat is a pastoral retreat center that cares for hurting clergy. The MacKenzies have served with Marbel Retreat for over 12 years. They have one son, Dylan.

Del Donaldson (LCC '72, LCS '76) received the title of Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy Emeritus during the 155th commencement service of Sioux Falls Seminary on May 25, 2013. This award was made in recognition of Dr. Donaldson's years of meritorious service as a full professor before his retirement, as well as his contributions as director of the seminary counseling and family therapy programs. Dr. Donaldson continues to serve the Christian community through his private therapy practice described at www.deldonaldson.com.

Allan Elder (LCC '96) reports that he is serving as a volunteer with the chaplain staff at Mountain Home VA Hospital. He resides in Elizabethton, TN.

BIRTHS

Timothy (LCU) and Shannon (LCC '07) Bacus announce the birth of Madeline Virginia Bacus, born March 7, 2013. Tim is a financial aid counselor for the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. The Bacus family resides in Lincoln, IL.

Wesley Wilson (LCC '00) and wife Amanda announce the birth of their first son, Palmer, born January 17, 2013. Wes is currently a "part-time" stay-at-home dad while he and Amanda continue to partner with Uganda-based Juna Amagara Ministries. He also leads a young married couples small group.

Kyle (LCC '06) and Colleen (LCC '07) Gennicks announce the birth of their second son, Luke, born January 22, 2013. He was welcomed home by big brother Seth. Kyle and Colleen serve at Spring Creek Christian Church in Logansport, IN.

Jonathan Cox (LCU '13) and wife Nicole (LCU) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Reese, born March 29, 2013. Jon serves in LCU Campus Technology and Nicole is employed as Catering Coordination and Unit Clerk for Sodexo, LCU's food service organization.

Alex (LCU '12) and Erin (LCU '11) Dayvolt announce the birth of Emmalyn Kate, born May 10, 2013. Alex serves LCU as Worship Ministry & Outreach Administrative Assistant.

DEATHS

Tara Sue Sennett (LCS '79) passed from this life to eternal life on April 15, 2013, following a brief illness. Tara was an employee of Lincoln Christian University from 2003-2007 as a special instructor. She was residing in Lincoln, IL, at the time of her death.

Ruth Trippel, who served as dorm parent with her husband Harvey in Titus Hall from 1985-1986, passed from this life at the age of 99. She was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by her daughter **Deborah Gunning** and son-in-law **Chuck Gunning**, along with two granddaughters, **Cara** and **Cassie**, all of whom are alumni of LCU. She is also survived by one son and other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

James Gave, husband to **Carey Gave (LCU '13)** died suddenly at his home in Williamsville, IL, on February 1, 2013. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War from 1971-1975. He was a deacon at the Elkhart (IL) Christian Church. He is survived by his wife Carey and five children. Burial was in Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL.

Merle Melton (LBI '52) of Mt. Vernon, IL, passed away on Friday, February 1, 2013, at his winter home in Tucson, AZ. He is survived by his wife Martha. They had been married 57 years. They have three sons and five grandchildren. He served in the ministry for 48 years, with his final ministry ending in 1993 at Community Christian Church, Coralville, IA.

Marjorie "Trudy" Copeland (LCC '93), daughter of former faculty member Gerald Fergusson, passed away March 9, 2013, following a stroke. She was 65.

Janetta (Hawkins) Lane (LCC '80) of Sturgis, KY, ended her battle with cancer and went to her heavenly home on February 28, 2013. She is survived by her husband **Jim (LCC '80)**, who ministers with the Rosiclare (IL) Christian Church.

Pennie (McCubbin) Sheets (LCC '75), wife of **Gary Sheets (LCC '04)**, joined the saints of Heaven on March 5, 2013, following a lengthy illness that also included nursing home care. Services were held at Westside Christian Church in Springfield, IL. Gary continues to reside in Springfield.

Don Ray (LCC '62) passed away on January 14, 2013, from a massive stroke. He held several ministries including his final ministry as senior minister of the First Congregational Church in Otsego, MI (2004-2011). He was the owner of Financial Review Services and was recognized by *Money Magazine* as one of the top 200 financial planners in the U.S. At the time of his death, he was serving as Director of Development for the Palmer Home for Children in Jackson, MS. He is survived by his wife Jeannie, five children, and nine grandchildren. Jeannie continues to reside in Jackson.

Wilma J. Williams (LBI), died in her home on April 14, 2013, in Dodge City, KS. She attended Lincoln Bible Institute from 1957 to 1961. She served in many capacities at the side of her husband **Larry Williams (LCC '62)** as they served churches in Illinois before moving to Dodge City in 1984. She is survived by Larry, five children, and 19 grandchildren. She and Larry had been married for 53 years.

Col. Gerald E. Martin, Ret. (LCS '71) passed from this life on March 8, 2013. Gerald was especially known for his many years of service as Executive Director of the Christian Church/Church of Christ Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission. He is survived by his wife Sandy of Camanche, IA.

Jean (Garrin) Loltrello (LCC) died on March 15, 2013, in an automobile accident in Rockmart, GA, where she lived. She attended LCC from 1960-1962.

Don Paine, age 89, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2013. He served our campus for many years as head of Facilities Management. He is survived by two daughters, Judy (John) Webb and Carole (Ed) Myers. He was preceded in death by his wife Florine, in 2012. She also served many years working in the LCU business office. The family has directed memorial gifts to Lincoln Christian University.

Billy Chambers (LBI '58, LCS '63) died May 29, 2013, at home in Kissimmee, FL. He was born in Chattanooga, TN, and joined the U.S. Army in 1941, becoming a cadet in the Army Air Corps and earning his wings at the age of 21. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1983. He also established a missionary aviation program at Lincoln from 1958 to 1963. He served as minister at Eminence Christian Church from 1954-1967. While living in Lincoln, he was employed by the Illinois Department of Mental Health and the Logan Correctional Center, until his retirement as Lieutenant in 1986. He was preceded in death by his first wife Roberta who served on our music faculty for 34 years, from 1953-1987. He is survived by his second wife Jane, a son Dr. Michael (Pamela) Chambers of St. Louis, MO, a daughter Linda (Randal) Storm of Concord, MI, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Ken Smyth (LCS '79) passed way suddenly in the Philippines on the morning of April 9, 2013. Ken attended Platt Valley Bible College prior to enrolling in and graduating from Lincoln Christian Seminary. After completing his studies, Ken and wife Linda went to Hong Kong as missionaries, where they served all these years. They also did mission work in the

South Pacific and Asia. He was in the Philippines at the time of his death, and it was his wish to be buried wherever he was serving. Ken's wife Linda survives. Further inquiry can be made by emailing jasland@msn.com.

David L. Watkins (LCS '01) passed away May 17, 2013, as a result of a motorcycle accident in Virginia, IL. His wife Amy survives, along with three sons, Gabriel, Isaiah, and Jacob, all at home. His last pastorate was with the Sangamon Valley Presbyterian Church near Chandlerville, IL. He was also a Cub Scout den leader and served as Community Spiritual Director for Promiseland Chrysalis. Services and interment were in Rushville, IL. Memorials are suggested to an education fund for his sons.

FOUNDERS' DAY

LCU welcomed Dick Wamsley, Senior Minister at Taylorville (IL) Christian Church, as our featured guest speaker. In celebrating LCU's 69th year providing Christian higher education, Wamsley's message was entitled "The Best is Yet to Be."



Wamsley earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees at Lincoln Christian University and holds a Master of Science from Eastern Illinois University. Since 1990, he has served in a number of Illinois churches and on various Boards of Directors (including the LCU Board of Trustees as Chairman 1997-99 and the LCU Alumni Association as President in 1992). Wamsley also served for some time at Nebraska Christian College, Papillion, NE, as professor, dean of students, and president.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

ILLINOIS STATE MINISTERS' RETREAT
"Serving with our Whole Heart"
OCTOBER 21 – 22, 2013

3 p.m. Monday through 2 p.m. Tuesday • Restoration Hall–Dowling Auditorium



Featured speaker:
Ken Idleman
Crossroads Christian Church
Evansville, Indiana



With:
Dr. Dinelle Frankland,
Worship Leader
Lincoln Christian University



Gordon Venturella
Bible Exposition
Lincoln Christian University

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS:

"Serving All Cultures"
Mike Nichols

"Serving Under Fire"
Chip Ewald

"Serving Servants"
Jim Powell

Additionally:
"Serving Caesar"
Todd Zastrow

"Healthcare and How it Will Affect the Church"
J. K. Stevens

Q & A Session – *Ken Idleman*

Registration Information:

Registration/check in from 3-4 p.m.
Monday, October 21 – Restoration Hall/
Dowling Auditorium

Cost: \$40 if received by October 14.
After October 14, cost is \$50. Includes
Monday evening dinner and Tuesday
lunch. Monday only - \$25; Tuesday
only \$20. Spouses may attend for \$25.

Scholarships available by contacting
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