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# R | from the president



It's been an eventful year at LCU! We have dedicated the Christa Dobbs Center for Business, the beautiful new home of the School of Business, celebrated with the Lady Chaps as they advanced once again deep in the basketball playoffs, and marked a significant transition in leadership on the Board of Trustees as Jerry Harris concluded his tenure as chair after twenty extraordinary years of servant leadership.

In December of 2018, we received official word from the university's regional accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), that we had successfully completed our regular, ten-year accreditation review without any follow-up required on LCU's part. That is the best result possible, and it is a wonderful tribute to the dedicated men

and women who serve and teach at LCU.

The great news of LCU's re-affirmation came less than two months after the unexpected passing in October of our colleague and friend, Randy Sellers. We continue to pray for Jean and the entire Sellers family as they mourn this loss.

Randy served as LCU's assistant vice president for institutional effectiveness and played the leading role in the university's preparation for the accreditation review. The excellent result we achieved would not have been possible without Randy's extraordinary efforts. He was known and appreciated for his unflagging commitment to excellence, his legendary attention to detail, and his practical wisdom. Randy is truly one of the university's unsung heroes and at Homecoming 2019 the university recognized him, posthumously, as the recipient of the FW Mattox Award for his outstanding service to LCU. We are all indebted to Randy Sellers and so many other unsung LCU heroes who quietly and capably invest their time and expertise to ensure the university's growth and success.

I hope that you find encouragement and inspiration in this issue of Reflections. We love getting to share these stories about LCU people and the difference they are making all around the world, including in East Africa. Thank you for all the ways you support LCU with your prayers, your time and energy, and your resources. May God bless you in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "L. T. Perrin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "P".

**L. Timothy Perrin**, President  
Class of 1984

around campus





Over 800 high school and middle school students gather for Encounter LE, a weekend spiritual retreat in November, hosted by LCU Summer Camps. Taking place in the middle of the school year, Encounter LE aims to help students bring their focus to God.

# Christa Dobbs

## HONORED AT DEDICATION OF NEW CENTER FOR BUSINESS

A

host of alumni from the LCU School of Business, along with special guests and community business leaders, gathered for the Christa Dobbs Center for Business dedication on September 11, 2018. It was only one year earlier that everything but the outer walls of the Mabee Science Center was demolished, marking the first step in implementing the university's vision for the new home of the LCU School of Business. Classes began meeting in the new facility at the start of the semester in August, and the dedication day of September 11 was specifically chosen because it also happens to be the birthday of the building's namesake, Dr. Christa Dobbs.

Standing in this new, state-of-the-art facility, former students of Dr. Christa Dobbs must surely have experienced a flashback or two during the dedication ceremony. As Dr. Dobbs smartly walked to the podium for her remarks, the audience could see the familiar sparkle in her eyes, and they could hear once more the quick wit and keen sense of humor that were so often a part of her teaching, woven effortlessly throughout her comments.

Her statement was filled with humility and gratitude for the honor bestowed upon her. In true Christa Dobbs fashion, she acknowledged all of her former colleagues who worked together through the years to build a successful department over her twenty-nine year tenure as department chair. Her thoughtful reflections were punctuated with gracious humor and poignant notes of wisdom. Those crowded into the City Bank Commons and Conference Center right in the heart of the new facility could certainly understand why the anonymous alumni donor who gave the lead gift for the project insisted that the new home for LCU's School for Business be named for this very special lady.

LCU School of Business Dean Tracy Mack and President Tim Perrin welcomed an overflow crowd to the dedication, while LCU Trustee Melisa Roberts ('84) shared memories of her time as a student of Dr. Dobbs and LCU Board of Trustee Chair Terry Creech ('81) prayed blessings on the facility and all present and future School of Business students and faculty.

Dean Mack and Dr. Caren Fullerton, Associate Professor of Business Administration and Management, oversaw the project for the university. However, the entire business faculty collaborated on the vision for the building, which included several components that make the space exceptionally functional and distinctive.

The dedicated School of Business faculty has been positively influencing students for many years... the LCU School of Business is the largest undergraduate program of the University.



*A beautiful and quiet sun rise is the perfect back drop to the new Christa Dobbs Center for Business.*



*Christa Dobb's family gathers at the dedication for the new building.*



*Former business and economics professor, Pat Maddox, and Christa Dobbs celebrate the opening of the Center for Business.*



*Guests enjoy the new United Family Atrium in the Christa Dobbs Center for Business.*

The striking front entrance sets the tone for the whole building. “We really wanted an impressive atrium, with a lot of glass and natural light. We were also determined to include a stock ticker, a large commons area, and a large lecture hall. Ultimately, [generous donors helped to make] these ideas become a reality and are now known as the United Family Atrium, The City Bank Commons and Conference Center, and the Thomas and Virginia Rhodes Lecture Hall.”

The dedicated School of Business faculty has been positively influencing students for many years. Even with limited physical resources and facilities, the LCU School of Business is the largest undergraduate program of the University, offering academic programs in Accounting, Finance, Economics, Business Administration, Information Systems, and Digital Media Arts.

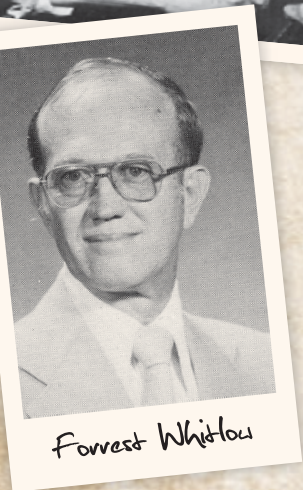
The reputation of the LCU School of business is strong, but Dean Mack hopes that the building will continue to enhance recruiting. “There’s definitely that ‘wow’ factor when we give tours to prospective students,” he said of the new building. “The word I always get is that it’s impressive, and that, in my mind, is the biggest compliment.”

The Dobbs Center for Business is the latest signal that LCU is experiencing significant momentum. Mack continued, “From the beginning of the project we felt that this facility should build on the previous success of the Ling Science Center and the Talkington Center for Nursing Education and make one more impressive step in the improvement of campus facilities. Now, if you walk by the building, particularly at night, it’s an impressive visual—it’s a beautiful building, with beautiful lighting, right in the center of the campus.”



Forrest builds relationships with students in the bookstore.

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Forrest Whitlow



LaLani Carter

# The Chaps

## MORE THAN B

*Bookstores have been a fixture on college campuses across the nation for over a century. LCU is no exception, having housed a bookstore on campus for nearly the entirety of its 62 years of existence.*

**From the beginning until 1981, the campus bookstore was blessed to have many different individuals step in to manage the operation, many of them often having other campus responsibilities as well. For the past 37 years, though, three individuals have managed the bookstore, each helping shape the on-campus experience for our students and impacting their lives in unique and powerful ways: Forrest Whitlow, LaLani Carter, and Denise McNeill.**

Forrest Whitlow ('88) came to campus as a student in 1977, after retiring as a Colonel from the United States Air Force. He was on the GI bill and enrolled in various classes that were of interest to him. The opportunity to serve as the bookstore manager was presented to him several times, but he was really enjoying being a student. After three repeated requests from LCU's business manager, he finally agreed to be the bookstore manager in early 1981. Whitlow assumed the responsibility with very little knowledge of the bookstore. His only previous business experience was during his youth and high school years, as he helped his father run the family's small grocery store in Kress, TX.

Through enterprising dedication, tenacity, and an innate desire to learn new things, Whitlow quickly acclimated to managing the bookstore. He purchased an IBM 500 computer and spent many Saturdays learning the

computer and developing an electronic inventory for the bookstore. He also converted the university's post office operation to a computerized system after he was given responsibility for the entire SUB, which included the post office, the game room, and the bowling alley. Each of these areas required supervising and mentoring numerous student workers.

Whitlow reflected, "It's been a while back, so it's hard for me to remember every single name, but I fondly remember that lots of students from all walks of life would somehow make their way into my office and we'd begin to talk about their life – their struggles and their dreams. One of my walls was full of air craft and Air Force photos, and I think they served as conversation starters. Those were very special times for me."





# Store Story:

## BOOKS AND T-SHIRTS



*Lalani Carter, Forrest Whitlow, and Denise McNeill gather in the Chap Store.*



*Denise McNeill*

LaLani Carter ('88) began working with Whitlow in June of 1988, becoming the manager in 1995 and serving in that role for 13 years. "Forrest quickly became much more than my "boss." Over the years, he was a wonderful mentor and is now a great friend. I was blessed to work with many wonderful people, staff and students alike, many of whom I am still in contact with."

Carter's career with the bookstore saw many changes. "We actually moved the Bookstore during my time as manager [into what was the former bowling alley]. Also, during my time in the Bookstore, we became "automated" and went from individually pricing textbooks to using barcodes, which was a huge time-saving factor. I loved my time in the Bookstore and cherish the many memories made in those 20 years," she shared.

The current manager of the newly rebranded ChapStore, Denise (Whitlow) McNeill ('82), is actually Forrest Whitlow's daughter. Following in her father's footsteps, she was hired to run the enterprise in 2008 when LaLani Carter, who had just earned her M.S. in Counseling, began teaching in the Psychology and Counseling Department.

When asked about her role as manager, McNeill said, "It doesn't seem possible that I have been doing this for ten years now, because I have been having so much fun interacting with students. I remember my dad [Forrest

Whitlow] would always have students in the office who would have just stopped in to see him. He is easy to talk to and students seemed to always seek his advice about life. And, I've been able to experience some of the same. I really see this as a ministry opportunity, to be able to sit and visit with our students as they live life on our campus. Sometimes, they ask my advice, and I sort of feel like this "bookstore thing" has come full circle – just like when my dad used to be the manager."

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Prompted by changes in the textbook industry that made online purchasing simpler and more affordable, the store discontinued carrying a physical inventory of textbooks just after McNeill started in the role. While the ChapStore staff does continue to facilitate and assist with the on-line purchase of textbooks for students, the retail store is predominantly selling LCU-branded items, thus the name change. Through a generous donation from an alumnus, the store front was moved back to its original location in the SUB, with a complete remodel. The ChapStore also has an on-line presence for those who do not live in the area: <https://shop.lcuchapstore.com>.

The next time you are on campus, stop by the ChapStore to see some fashionable and exciting LCU-branded merchandise, and step into the manager's office for a friendly smile and conversation.



# CHAP STORE

## 1 LCU POCKET KNIFE \$170

This knife is hand-made by our own Dr. Shawn Hughes. It is crafted from 440c stainless steel and the blade length is 3.5 to 4 inches long.

## 2 CUSTOM LCU BOOTS \$329

These custom Anderson Bean square toe boots are made of smooth ostrich with dark blue shaft custom embroidered with the interlocking LCU.

## 3 LCU DRINKWARE \$5-24

Keep your hot drinks hot and your cold drinks cold in LCU style. Select from a variety of designs and sizes.

## 4 SILVER LCU CHARMS \$55 EACH

These custom sterling silver charms make a great keepsake for any Chap and are crafted by Jeep Collins.



\*Not all items pictured are available online. Call (806) 720-7526 to special order.

## 5 SHERPA BLANKETS \$40

Chase away the chills when you wrap up in one of these cozy LCU blankets. Available in blue or natural.

## 6 HAPPY CHAP PLUSH \$18

Every Chapling needs a Chap to hold or play with. This 10" plush doll is a great gift for future Chaps, graduates, or for anyone who loves LCU.

## 7 LCU WATCHES \$175

These men's and women's watches are high quality analog watches designed by alum Kyle Bullock ('13). They come housed in a lovely jewelry box.

COME BY THE CHAP STORE OR VISIT [LCUCHAPSTORE.COM](http://LCUCHAPSTORE.COM)\* TO SEE THESE ITEMS AND OTHER GREAT LCU GEAR!



## STEP RIGHT UP FOR LCU THEATRE'S LATEST AND GREATEST SHOW!

LCU's fall musical, *Barnum*, ran to great reception over the weekend of Oct. 5-6, featuring bumbling clowns, stunning musical numbers, and show-stopping staging. Directed by Dr. Don "Doc" Williams, with musical direction by Dr. Laurie Doyle, the musical depicted a creative non-fiction rendition of the life of P.T. Barnum, famed showman.

"Barnum gave the students an opportunity to showcase the special skills required to create the circus atmosphere and at the same time create thoughtful moments of emotion for their character," said Williams.

LCU theater performed a production of *Barnum* in the early 90s, so Williams and Doyle invited alumni who were part of the show then to attend the 2018 production. Several alumni from the 90s production attended, including Ken Garner ('91), who played P.T. Barnum.

"Six or seven of us from the original production all went together," Garner said. "We'd quietly hum along as we remembered the songs. It was quite enjoyable, and it was very different – it was in the big auditorium!"

Attending the production was Garner's first time back to LCU campus since his brother graduated in '94. Garner was a business major, but he had the opportunity to perform in theater because of many opportunities provided to all LCU students – and it seemed fitting

that twenty-plus years ago he played the character of an imaginative business entrepreneur.

"To have these alumni come and meet the current cast and visit with us was a real serendipity," Williams said.

*Barnum* starred students Clayton Hendrikson (P.T. Barnum), Abby Langford (Charity Barnum), Jay Lokey (Ringmaster), and Hannah Flournoy (Jenny Lind), along with a chorus of entertaining clowns.

Hendrikson and Langford performed powerfully musically, but they also portrayed facets of complicated characters throughout decades in history – 1835 to 1880. Flournoy's soprano immediately endeared the audience to her character. Lokey led the parade, the circus, and the show with pomp every step of the way.

The clown chorus bumbled around, bringing props and set pieces on stage. They fulfilled roles for comic relief and chorus vocals, as well as being the primary technical crew for the stage.

Each character acted as a puzzle piece of the show, adding depth and dimension to each of them. This great show of characters, vocals, staging, and a touch of Barnum's famed "humbug," created a masterful performance.

# Moser Ministry Conference

2018



Over the past eleven years, LCU has hosted the Moser Ministry Conference, an event devoted to different aspects of ministry and featuring many distinguished speakers and leaders in the Christian community. The 2018 Moser Ministry Conference featured Randy Harris, Dr. David Frazee, Jeremy Smith, and Dr. Barry Stephens with the theme, “Young Adult Faith and a Secular Age.” Ministers from across the region, as well as LCU undergraduate and graduate students, shared insightful presentations and in-depth dialogue about ministry in an evolving culture.

Zach Badon, senior Youth and Family Ministry major, was presented with the K.C. Moser Student Ministry Award for exhibiting ministry beyond the LCU classroom. Presenting the award in the photo to the right, is Dr. Brandon Fredenburg, Assistant Dean, Alfred and Patricia Smith College of Biblical Studies, Associate Professor Biblical Studies. The Charles Siburt Christian Character Award was also presented at the conference and awarded to Josiah Knowles, a junior, missions major.

The sessions from the 2018 Moser Ministry Conference can be seen and heard [on LCU.edu/Moser](http://on.LCU.edu/Moser).





# BETENBOUGH LECTURES

## ON YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND INTERN JOB FAIR

Dozens of youth and children ministries, para-church ministries, and mental health organizations recently gathered in the Baker Conference Center to interview LCU Bible and Ministry majors for summer and semester-long internship opportunities. This annual fall event is significant in that it offers students an opportunity to complete field education requirements and add to their ministry experience portfolio. Students are expected to dress professionally and come prepared with a resume in hand and a willingness to engage with participating interviewers. The feedback from this year's Intern Job Fair was very positive.

"I was waiting for a 'dud' to come through, but none were found. LCU has some wonderful, aspiring ministers."

"The process of registering for the event, the organization on the day of the event, and the hospitality of LCU were incredible!"

"We will definitely be coming back to interview your students in the future. Job well done."

These were a few of the statements heard from participating ministries and organizations. We are always looking for ways to improve this experience for both student and interviewing organizations. Next year's Intern Job Fair will be even better, as we look for ways to expand and enhance opportunities.

The capstone of the day was the first sessions of the Betenbough Lectures on Youth Ministry, an event that is intentionally paired with the Intern Job Fair so that youth and children ministers do not have to make two trips to campus. Made possible by a generous donation from the Betenbough Foundation, the Youth Ministry Program features leading, world-renowned voices in Youth and Children's Ministry for ministry professionals and LCU students. This year was no exception to our tradition of excellent keynote speakers, as we were joined by Dr. Duffy Robbins, whose work has influenced the world of youth ministry for decades. Dr. Robbins has the ability to take deep theological and psychosocial truths, make practical application, and wrap it all up in wonderful humor. All those who attended received great insight from his teaching and practical steps for immediate implementation in their home ministry context.

The LCU Youth Ministry Program enjoys some wonderful ministry partnerships with the Fuller Youth Institute, Youth Specialties, and Download Youth Ministry (DYM). This year, all registered participants received a special gift from DYM, a FREE six-month Gold Membership to all of the exceptional and practical, on-line resources of DYM.

The Intern Job Fair and Betenbough Lectures on Youth Ministry was a great success. Look for next year's event to feature an expanded job fair and other fun and exciting opportunities.

scholarship



LCU soccer players work together on the field and in the lab.



**THINKING CRITICALLY ABOUT**

# CIVIL DISCOURSE

LCU began an initiative tied to its Quality Enhancement Program called the Thinking Critically Initiative, in fall 2011. The program was designed to focus the attention of the entire student body each year on developing critical thinking skills and focusing those thoughts on a particularly impactful subject.

The inaugural topic was “Thinking Critically about Poverty.” Continued annually since that year, other topics have included “Thinking Critically about Success,” “Thinking Critically about Justice,” and “Thinking Critically about Popular Culture.” Each of the initiatives was intended to challenge our students to evaluate critically their personal biases, thought processes, and unexamined beliefs.

This year’s theme is Thinking Critically about Civil Discourse. In an age of political and social divisiveness and a prevailing attitude of “us vs. them,” this theme seeks to enable students to find ways to have deep discussions on important issues of the day in a respectful, productive way. This discussion is important not only in political and

philosophical contexts, but also in day-to-day life. The ability to recognize that others’ views can be equally valid and the capacity to agree to disagree are quickly becoming lost in our modern cultural climate.

The inaugural event for this year was a chapel program in which Dr. Susan Blassingame, Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education, introduced the topic and outlined some of the events planned for the rest of the semester. The plenary speaker for Thinking Critically about Civil Discourse was Dr. David Roach, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Communication at Texas Tech University. Dr. Roach discussed the different kinds of “uncivil discourse” that



permeate our political and cultural climate, and then discussed the ways in which critical thinkers can work to move towards more civil discourse in our arguments and conversations using what he termed the “Jesus Frame.”

Other events included split chapel sessions featuring two tag-team discussions. The first featured Dr. Amanda (Ellis) Boston ('06) and Dr. Kirt Martin ('75), whose talk was titled “Faith and Science,” while the second presentation was made by Dr. Ronna (Coffey) Privett ('83) and Dr. Shawn Hughes ('90), titled “Fake News and Cognitive Dissonance.” Each discussion highlighted somewhat controversial and relevant topics, examining the issues critically and working towards a better understanding of civil discourse within those contexts. Another chapel program featured a presentation by Dr. Carlos Perez ('05), titled, “We’re just talking...”



*Dr. David Roach spoke about “uncivil discourse” at a plenary session during the event.*



*Faculty, staff, and students engage in conversation during one of the break-out events.*

Amid the often-uncivil political environment in which Americans find themselves, it is increasingly important that LCU students learn how to engage with their peers, colleagues, and even strangers in ways that promote productive discussions and healthy relationships.

Other events this fall included a panel discussion entitled, “Raise Your Argument, Not Your Voice,” featuring Dr. Matt Byars ('00) and Dr. Carol Carroll, two colleagues in the English Department. The two used their close relationship to discuss how, despite their often-differing political beliefs, civil discourse has enabled them to remain fast friends, even if the best option has been to agree to disagree on certain subjects. They shared tips for maintaining civil discussions, and fielded questions from the audience.

The initiative has also featured two screenings of pertinent films—Mr. Smith Goes to Washington and Won't You Be My Neighbor. Each film screening concluded with a panel discussion, examining the themes shown within the films and exploring lessons learned about civil discourse gleaned from each.

Amid the often-uncivil political environment in which Americans find themselves, it is increasingly important that LCU students learn how to engage with their peers, colleagues, and even strangers in ways that promote productive discussions and healthy relationships. This initiative will be considered successful if students gain an understanding of the importance of civil discourse and if they have been equipped to engage others in positive and constructive conversation.



# FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

**The work that faculty members do outside of the lecture halls, seminar rooms, and laboratories on campus is fundamental to the mission of Lubbock Christian University: “to transform the hearts, minds, and hands of students for lives of purpose and service.”**

LCU Faculty have a well-deserved reputation for how they mentor students in and out of the classroom. By remaining active in academic life at the local, national, and international levels, our faculty are better equipped for their lives of service here on campus. Their dedication to scholarly projects enhances the student experience at LCU, advancing greater knowledge and inspiring further research.



## Dr. Mark Sneed

*Professor of Bible*

“Methods, Muddles, and Modes of Literature: The Question of Influence Between Wisdom and Prophecy.” Pages 30-44 in *Riddles and Revelations: Explorations into the Relationship between Wisdom and Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 634. Edited by Mark J. Boda, Russell L. Meek,

and Rusty Osborne. London: T&T Clark, 2018.

This article attempts to demonstrate that the notion of two different streams of tradition, one prophetic, the other sapiential, is inaccurate. Most biblical scholars maintain that the Prophetic Literature in the Old Testament was authored by prophets who had their own particular view of the world distinct from the sages who composed the Wisdom Literature. They assume that these two modes of literature reflect this professional distinction. I argue that there is only one professional group responsible for the composition of both the Prophetic and Wisdom Literature. These were Israelite scribes who were trained to compose in various modes of literature: legal, historical, prophetic, hymnic, erotic, and sapiential, etc. So the question of an influence between the two groups becomes moot.



## Dr. JoAnn Long

*Professor of Nursing and Director of Research Development*

Long, J. D., Silva, S. and Boswell, C. (2020). Qualitative and Mixed Methods in *Introduction to Nursing Research: Incorporating Evidence-Based Practice* (5<sup>th</sup> Ed.) (Boswell & Cannon, Ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning : Burlington: MA. ISBN-13: 9781284149791.

The expansion of nursing knowledge based on scientific findings is vital to advance and promote health, prevent disease, and enhance the quality of life as lifespans expand. Nursing knowledge is generated from research and serves as the foundation for evidence-based practice. An integrated understanding of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research is essential for nurses charged with implementing clinical decisions based on the best evidence available. This chapter presents a brief history of qualitative research in nursing comparison of quantitative and qualitative research paradigms, followed by an overview of the most commonly used qualitative designs in nursing research, sampling, data collection, data analysis, and quality measures for both qualitative and mixed methods research—guiding the reader in the application of these concepts to nursing practice.



### Dr. Michael Martin

Associate Professor of the New Testament

Michael Wade Martin and Jason A. Whitlark, *Inventing Hebrews: Design and Purpose in Ancient Rhetoric*, Cambridge U P, 2018.

Inventing Hebrews examines a perennial topic in the study of the Letter to the Hebrews, its structure and purpose.

Michael Wade Martin and Jason A. Whitlark undertake a thorough synthesis of the ancient theory of invention and arrangement, providing a new account of Hebrews' design. The key to the speech's outline, the authors argue, is in its use of 'disjointed' arrangement, a template ubiquitous in antiquity but little discussed in modern biblical studies. The 'letter' may be seen as a conventional speech arranged according to the expectations of ancient rhetoric. Resolving a long-standing conundrum, this volume offers a hermeneutical tool necessary for interpreting Hebrews, as well as countless other speeches from Greco-Roman antiquity.



### Dr. Doug Swartz

Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences

Zoghbi, M. E., Mok, L., Swartz, D.J., Singh, A., Fendley, G.A., Urbatsch, I.L., Altenberg, G.A. (2017) Substrate-induced conformational changes in the nucleotide-binding domains of lipid bilayer-associated P-glycoprotein during ATP hydrolysis, *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 292:50 20412-20424.

P-glycoprotein is a membrane protein that functions as a multidrug pump in humans and many other organisms. It uses the energy from ATP to pump pharmaceuticals out of cells, which can influence disease treatments and contribute to multidrug resistant cancers. This article is a step in our long-term goal of using biochemical and biophysical techniques to understand how changes in the protein's shape allows it to transport drugs. In this work, molecular probes were attached to specific sites in the protein. Then, the distances between these probes tracked how the protein changed when various drug and ATP combinations were added. These results contribute to the overall understanding of P-glycoprotein, which will aid in designing more effective disease treatments in the future.

# WISDOM OF THE AGES

An Exhibit of Manuscripts and Rare Books  
Lubbock Christian University Library

HOLD HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS at this exhibit featuring a world-class collection of manuscripts and early printings of significant texts in Western culture. On loan from The Remnant Trust through June 7, 2019, this exhibit provides the rare opportunity to hold, examine, and contemplate classic literary works and foundational cultural documents. The following are just five of the forty-five documents that are available for perusal.

- Abraham Lincoln *Emancipation Proclamation, 1st ed., 1862*
- Calvin *Institutes, 1st Octavo, 1578*
- Aesop's *Fables 1st ed., 1692*
- Frederick Douglas *Equality of All Men Before the Law, 1st ed., 1865*
- Aquinas *Incunable, 1475, Summa Theologiae*



LANIER LECTURE SEEKS THE HISTORICAL

# King David

For the past seven years, LCU and the Lanier Theological Library have jointly hosted the Lanier Theological Library Lectures, a series of high-profile discussions featuring scholars and a wide range of topics in the fields of history, theology, and archaeology. Recent guest presenters include Dr. Peter J. Williams of Cambridge University, Dr. Tremper Longman III, a key translator on several editions of the Bible and renowned scholar, and Mr. Melvin Tinker, internationally renowned Christian author and speaker. In 2012, LCU curated an exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls and featured Dr. Westin Fields, who is renowned for his studies of the texts.

This year's lecture featured Dr. Yosef Garfinkel, noted archaeologist and professor at the Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Garfinkel's discussion on "Searching for the Historical King David" focused on recent discoveries in archaeology that have finally shed some light historically on King David from the biblical text.

Until recent years, the only source of information on King David was the biblical account—and the significant absence of external evidence was concerning for biblical scholars, not only for modern knowledge of the account, but also for any evaluation of the historical accuracy of the biblical text. Then,

in 1993, a royal Aramaic inscription mentioned the "house" or "dynasty" of David, which was the first historical, extra-textual evidence that David actually existed. Then, in 2007, Dr. Garfinkel began excavating a site that had been known in Israel for over one hundred years at Khirbet Qeiyafa, which had remained undisturbed because it had been assumed to be from a much later period.

The find was significant because it helped bolster the biblical account's historical accuracy by affirming the dates when urbanization had begun in ancient Judah. Many scholars who doubted the biblical accuracy suggested that the process of that society turning from an agrarian-

based culture to a city-centered culture occurred much later than is suggested by the biblical account. Carbon-dated artifacts from the archaeological site confirmed, though, that the process began much earlier than those scholars had posited, affirming the accuracy of the biblical narrative—Dr. Garfinkel described the find as “revolutionary.” This evidence was reported in publications such as the *New York Times*, *National Geographic*, the BBC, among others.

The legitimacy of the implications came under fire by skeptics, who argued that the city was not actually Judean, and therefore its excavation did not support the biblical timeline, as Dr. Garfinkel has posited. The archaeologist then examined six different aspects of the city to determine the nationality of the inhabitants: urban planning, cooking habits, administration, writing, geopolitical location, and the cult. Each of these pointed towards Khirbet Qeiyafa being a Judean establishment.

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**DR. GARFINKEL'S  
DISCUSSION ON  
"SEARCHING FOR  
THE HISTORICAL  
KING DAVID"  
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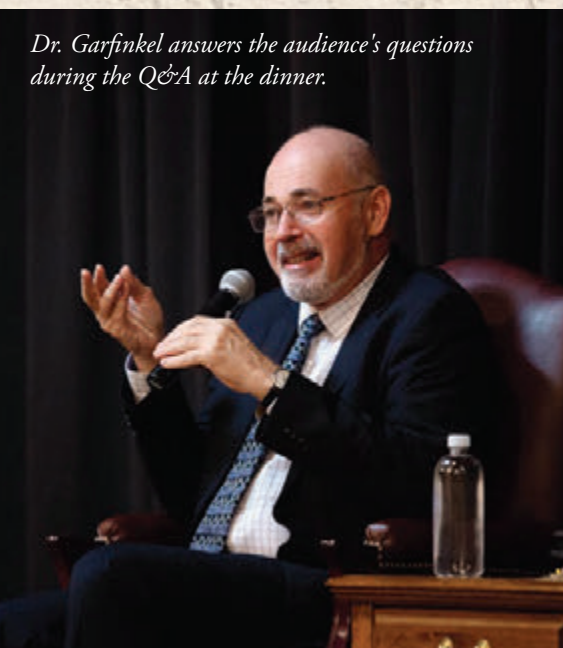
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The same archaeological team in a different region found similar findings later, in the form of an ancient village called Khirbet al-Ra'i. While the site reflected a richer history as far as different cultures and occupants over a period, the artifacts and remnants that Dr. Garfinkel's team found there helped support the findings at the first site, showing consistencies in dating, cultural findings, and implications.

The findings of Dr. Garfinkel's teams in both Khirbet Qeiyafa and Khirbet al-Ra'i helped show the advanced urbanization of the pre-planned cities, especially in the materials related to administration and writing. This data helped solidify the legitimacy of the biblical accounts and the accuracy of those texts.

Video of Dr. Garfinkel's presentation, as well as previous lectures, can be found at [LCU.edu/Lanier](http://LCU.edu/Lanier).

*Dr. Garfinkel answers the audience's questions during the Q&A at the dinner.*



*The Lubbock community, staff, faculty, students, and friends gather to hear about Dr. Garfinkel's excavations.*





## PROGRAM OPENS NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE LCU STUDENTS

The quality of LCU's academic programs and the depth of instruction provided across many disciplines are evident in the success of students who graduate each year. Alumni are making a significant difference around the globe through a variety of industries and fields, and those successes speak to the effectiveness of the university's programs, faculty, and staff. In an effort to transform even more hearts, minds, and hands for lives of purpose and service, the university is seeking ways to make it easier for potential students to invest in themselves with a college degree. It is from that commitment that the university is offering LCU Advantage to incoming freshmen beginning in the fall of 2019.

One of the biggest concerns with higher education across the nation is affordability and the accumulation of student debt—and this concern is often exaggerated when considering a private university. "In my conversations with students and parents, I've found that many—if not all—are concerned about the costs associated with higher education," shared Chris Hayes, LCU's Director of Recruiting. The total cost of attending LCU is actually often comparable with many public universities as far as total cost after scholarships and grants are applied. LCU is constantly looking for ways to enhance access to an LCU education, and that is why the new LCU Advantage is being introduced for all incoming freshman students.

"In my 19 years in Higher Education, I have never seen the fear of debt increasing so rapidly," explained Dr. Mondy Brewer,

Vice President of Enrollment Management at LCU. "The opportunity to take that fear away made our decision to offer LCU Advantage an easy one. Students can now choose Lubbock Christian University and relax, knowing that student loans will not be a concern when they graduate."

While LCU Advantage is not insurance, it functions much as an insurance policy would for student loans. Essentially, LCU pays into the program each year for participants who elect to participate—eliminating any additional cost for the student—and when these students graduate from LCU, if they are working more than 30 hours per week and making less than \$43,000 annually, the program will help cover a portion of their monthly student loan payments. The exact percentage depends on the graduate's salary, but the program can potentially cover up to the entirety of the payment depending on the student's annual income. The best part? LCU is the only university in Texas to offer this program to all incoming freshmen students, beginning in the fall of 2019—no matter what, if a student is accepted to LCU, he or she is eligible for this program at no additional cost.

LCU Advantage is already creating a buzz among prospective students. One future Chap explained how much relief the program has given to his college decision: "It helps take the pressure off of me, knowing that this program will help until I can get established at my dream job. It's encouraging to know LCU will continue to help me beyond my actual schooling."

Another explained that without the program, she may not have been able to consider LCU as her college at all. "This has opened up a new opportunity that may not have been possible without the LCU Advantage!" When considering the benefits of this program, along with the fact that the average student debt for LCU graduates is actually below the national average—thanks to the extensive financial assistance packages that are available to students—the LCU experience is an option that prospective students cannot afford to pass up.

Aside from the obvious benefits for incoming students, the program also demonstrates the confidence LCU has in its programs and its graduates. "We believe that this program makes a strong statement about how much we believe in the

product that we're offering, in the quality of the education," said LCU President Tim Perrin. "It also makes a strong statement about our graduates. We want them to be able to follow their calling, follow their passions, and not be led by concerns about student debt."

The program works in concert with student loans, so it kicks in at whatever point the graduate is required to begin making payments. This means that it is hassle-free when dealing with graduate schools, because it still allows eligible students to defer payment while pursuing further degrees. The program lasts for the life of the loan, or until the graduate's income exceeds the target threshold.

LCU Advantage seeks to make a tangible difference in the financial dimension of the LCU student experience. It affirms the university's confidence in the education being provided, and it invests in the future that our students will shape for themselves and for our world beyond their time at LCU.



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*Lissa Lockhart (far left) and Samantha Woodall (third from left) spend time with friends during their summer internship in Malindi, Kenya.*

GO INTO  
ALL THE  
WORLD





*preach the good news  
to all of creation.*

Mark 16:15

*Jessica Steensma ('14) spends time with children while on a mission trip.*



*Women villagers participate in educational activity.*

Since our founding, sharing the  
*good news of Jesus far and wide*  
and understanding the blessings that come through faith  
in him have been integral to an LCU education.

At the very core of Lubbock Christian University's purpose is the goal of broadening our students' awareness of a world beyond the South Plains of Texas—a world in need of Jesus.

While there were certainly a large number of students who were from the South Plains region in those early years, founding president Dr. F.W. Mattox also recruited Toyoko Suzuki ('59) from Otaku, Toyoko, Japan. Suzuki was the first foreign student and a member of the first graduating class of LCU, bringing a global perspective on culture and mission to the school.

According to the 1959 yearbook, the Missions Studies student organization was established “to learn more about all phases of mission work. At the meetings, the progress of missionaries in foreign countries is traced, possibilities for service are discussed, and reports are given by visiting missionaries.”

Additionally, the Acappella and Meistersinger choruses began traveling by bus sharing the good news through song to churches and schools, at first in the region and then in bordering states, and later internationally. Our students soon took the initiative to form The Montana Mission Group, spending the summer of 1962 in Montana, while another group of students organized a trip to Bayshore, New York, in the summer of 1963.

Since those early years, many other spots on the globe received the good news either directly or indirectly because of LCU students and others associated with the university. Many of the articles in this issue help reveal how God's hand has providentially drawn people from across the world into His ongoing story of the Kingdom of God in Africa. What follows are very brief stories introducing some of these people who have a connection to LCU and how God has woven their lives together into a beautiful tapestry.



Current LCU students, Aubrey Wilson and Katrina Brown (far left and right) gather after lunch with two women who work with the Caris Foundation, a non-profit organization in Malindi, Kenya.



Lissa Lockhart enjoys a bible study with two women.

“Many of the articles in this issue help reveal how God’s hand has providentially drawn people from across the world into His ongoing story of the Kingdom of God in Africa.”

### LCU PRESIDENT INTRODUCES TARBETS INTO MISSION WORK

Gaston Tarbet ('59), co-class president of LCU's first graduating class, finished his bachelor's degree and became a campus minister in Albuquerque. While doing this ministry, he and his wife, Janet, were making plans to serve in Singapore for ten years as missionaries to train national church leaders there. The Singapore opportunity closed up, and soon after, Dr. F.W. Mattox was a guest speaker in spring of 1966 at their Albuquerque church. Dr. Mattox told Gaston about how his daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Rees Bryant, had just lost a team member in Nigeria, and "you are just the right man to take his place."

The Tarbets, who had never considered a life in Nigeria, Africa, felt called and began preparing themselves. Their initial mentor for the work was Jim Massey, a former teammate of the Bryants who had recently come back to Lubbock and was teaching at LCU.

The Tarbets arrived in Nigeria in September 1966, and in 1967 civil war broke out in the country. Rees and Patti Bryant came back to LCU and taught in the Bible department for the next ten years. The Tarbets relocated to Cameroon, Africa, for a period and then later served in western Kenya, and eventually Uganda.

In 1977, Larry ('72) and Diane (Clutter, '72) Stephens began their work in Kisumu, Kenya, taking over the work begun by the Tarbets. Larry and Diane Stephens labored in Kenya for over a decade, and were rejoined by the Tarbets on two occasions, first in '79-'80 and again in '88-'89.

### KENYAN STUDENT INFLUENCES LCU CROSS COUNTRY



Willie Sang left Kenya to attend LCU in 1975 to run cross-country for Hugh Rhodes, and was named an All American in 1977. While a student at LCU, James Johnson befriended him in the residence hall, and Sang became close to the Quaker Avenue congregation, where the Johnson family attended. Sang eventually went back to Kenya. He never ran track for Darrell Price, but he did assist Coach Price in coordinating mission trips to Kenya over the years. Sang later received his PhD and currently serves as Director of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI).

(See related story on pg. 38)

## TYLER AND HAYS FAMILIES FORM A TEAM IN KITALE



*Shawn Tyler stands at the foundation of Livingstone International University as the footing is poured.*



*Jim Gasb, current chancellor at Livingston International University (LIU), presents Shawn Tyler an award for his service as Chancellor from 2008-2017. Looking on is Dr. Richard Trull current Vice Chancellor of LIU.*

In the summer of 1980, Shawn Tyler was attending a retreat for church ministers. Tom Langford, a long-time elder of the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ, was announcing an opportunity for mission work in Kenya: "We've had a couple drop out, and we are now looking for someone else; someone young, someone married, and preferably someone presently without children." Tyler looked around the room and noticed he was the only person in that room that fit all of these criteria. He felt the hair raise up on his neck and felt led to consider the opportunity. After reviewing a number of candidates, the Quaker Avenue church ultimately chose Shawn and Linda for this work.

As he looks back, Tyler credits Gaston Tarbet as a significant mentor during his preparation. After arriving in Kitale, Kenya, Shawn was introduced to Larry Stephens ('72), a mentor who was also in the field, serving about 100 miles away from Kitale. Stephens made himself available to missionaries new to the field, teaching them how to organize themselves, how to mature churches, and how to help organize local elderships for life after their field missionary leaves.

In the summer of 1984, Kirk ('83) and Susan Hayes joined Shawn and Linda Tyler in Kitale, Kenya, which happened to be near the hometown of former LCU student, Willie Sang. Hayes discovered his calling to serve as a missionary in Africa in 1979 when he was a 19-year-old senior in Welch High School. That year, he made a trip to Malawi to visit his aunts and uncles, Roland and Wanda Hayes and B. and Ruth Shelburne, who had started a missionary work there in 1962. Kirk graduated from LCU in 1983, married his wife Susan, and they went to Fuller Seminary for more missionary training, before joining the Tylers in 1984.

### A NEW CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN KENYA

After so many years of mission efforts in southeast Africa, there were approximately 500 churches in mostly rural settings. It seemed obvious to some that there needed to be a way to educate these new Christians in their own country in order to help provide church leadership.

Shawn Tyler and others began the dream of starting a Christian university in southeast Africa, and a grass roots effort began. Using the influence of many individuals and groups in both Kenya and the U.S., Livingstone International University first began having classes in 2012. Former LCU President Ken Jones and former LCU Provost, Dr. Rod Blackwood were heavily involved in providing expertise and in making it possible for Kenyans to attend LCU to obtain their credentials for becoming faculty at the new university, and Shawn Tyler served as the Livingstone International University's first chancellor from 2008 until 2017.

One of Tyler's duties at LCU also includes being the faculty coordinator for MissionLink. This organization offers resources to LCU students and to off-campus entities and organizations who are interested or are already involved in missions.

## CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDED IN UGANDA

"LivingStone International University (LIU) is a capstone for decades of mission work," said Shawn Tyler, director of LCU's MissionLink professor at LCU and former chancellor and chair of the board of directors for LIU. He currently serves as a member of the Livingstone board of directors.

In the mid-2000s, Tyler and a group of other organizers recognized a need in Africa for Christ-centered higher education. The concept began in discussions at a summit in 2006; a full proposal was approved for a provisional accreditation license in 2008; construction began in 2011; and LIU officially opened in 2012. The process of beginning the university was a journey spanning years, but it has grown now into a 45-acre campus with 300 students in Mbale, Uganda.

In Uganda, approximately 100,000 students who graduate each year from secondary school are qualified to attend a university. However, the country's university system can only accommodate 67,000 – leaving one third of those students who are qualified for higher education without an option for pursuing such a goal.

"There's a tremendous need and a tremendous desire, and we have the potential to grow and fulfill that need," said Tyler.

Both former LCU President Ken Jones and former provost Rod Blackwood were strategic in supporting the planting of a Christian university in Uganda. LCU has collaborated with LIU by providing student development opportunities and scholarships for LIU students to further their educations at LCU. Diana Eid ('12) earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and then earned a master's, while Patrick Chebet ('12) finished one master's degree in education and another in educational leadership. Both have returned to teach at LivingStone. Manna Eid is currently working on a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and is planning to return to LivingStone to serve as a university fundraiser. Each of these native Africans has been working toward contributing to the sustainability of LivingStone. Ty Hayes ('09) was born in Kenya while his parents served as missionaries in Kitale, and he recently returned to teach English and Literature at LivingStone.

LIU currently offers degrees in business administration, Christian ministry, media technology, internet communications, and education.

The young university is growing and is already making a difference in Uganda and southeast Africa with its 300-strong student body. The third prominent building is under construction, and the addition of future-planned facilities will allow the university to continue growing. LIU hopes to offer more degrees in the near future and eventually sustain a student body of 4,000 from various countries in Africa.



“ For students who have a real calling for vocational mission work, our Mission Link: Center for Global Engagement promotes and facilitates mission studies and training. ”



## MISSION LINK TO HOST CONFERENCE APRIL 2019

LCU strives to cultivate a campus culture of living and sharing our faith in Christ—a high calling for every discipline and for every endeavor of the university. Students are encouraged to be missional in their daily lives and routines, but they also have the opportunity to engage in specific mission efforts and service projects around the world.

For students who have a real calling for vocational mission work, our Mission Link: Center for Global Engagement promotes and facilitates mission studies and training that greatly increases opportunities for students to share the Word of Christ, both locally and abroad. This institute focuses on preparing students for missions through research, training, and discipleship.

Mission Link became a campus organization in 2013, offering resources to LCU students and to off-campus entities and organizations who are interested in or already involved in missions.

Mission Link is a resource for all LCU students, no matter their chosen academic discipline. One of the opportunities available through the organization is the placement in internships at non-profits or non-government organizations for students in locations like Kenya, Nicaragua, Uganda, or even here in the United States.

Another dimension of Mission Link's work is offering a variety of resources for churches who are already involved in missions or who are looking to expand their opportunities for global service.

Mission Link will be hosting its missions conference on the LCU campus, April 5-6, 2019, making such resources more widely available. Plans for a full schedule of events are underway, and registration will open early in 2019. Check the LCU website for more details and for registration information.

## KENYAN RUNNERS' POSITIVE IMPACT

Darrell Price began coaching cross-country track in 1990, inheriting from Coach Hugh Rhodes a team on which there were a few Kenyan runners. In subsequent years, Price would take mission trips to the African hometowns of some of his team members in order to meet their families and to introduce them to Jesus. Willie Sang proved instrumental to Price, as he helped arrange several trips to the area. These athletes were certainly influenced by Price, many of them becoming Christians who went back to their native countries after graduating. The LCU community was also influenced in a positive way as these foreign athletes took their rightful place among a diverse student body. Price was careful to recruit young people who could contribute to campus life as well as on the track. LCU won eleven NAIA National Championships in cross-country or track in the 1990's.

*(See related story on pg. 38)*

## MISSION CHANGES COURSE

Tim ('79) and Rebecca (Henderson, '79) Tally each had their own individual journeys and exposure to mission work before LCU. Rebecca grew up in Thailand, as her parents, Parker and Donna Henderson, served as missionaries there from 1958 -1978. As the youngest in his family, Tim had experienced his older siblings leaving for short-term mission work throughout his childhood.

When they arrived at LCU, Tim and Rebecca became acquainted with each other and with Drs. Dan and Joyce Hardin, who had spent years in Korea as missionaries before becoming LCU faculty members. The Hardins served as mentors to Tim and Rebecca, and they each took missions classes from Dan Hardin.

Tim and Rebecca married in 1979 and immediately began working with the Broadway Church of Christ as they prepared for a mission effort in Thailand. Having learned from their time at LCU to be as fully prepared as possible before beginning any mission work, they attended a workshop on missions, where they happened to run into a large group of missionaries home on furlough from their work in Africa. That interaction changed the course of their lives as they began considering the work in Africa. Jim and Phyllis Beck were paired with the Tallys, and Dan and Joyce Hardin mentored all of them as a team for a two-year period of extensive preparation, which included team dynamics and linguistics training. Dan Hardin accompanied Tim on a discovery trip to Uganda, making plans for their team to move there.

Ten days before they were to leave, civil war broke out in Uganda, and they went to plan B, an alternate work on the coast of Kenya. The events surrounding their departure made it even more "faith-filled" because they left without a concrete plan in place, as far as location. They joined Jim and Phyllis Beck in Malindi, Kenya in July 1985, serving there for 12 years, and then in Mbasa for seven years.



*Seventh grade class at the Mahenzo Mission School in a village outside of Malindi, Kenya.*

## DAN AND JOYCE HARDIN INFLUENCE MISSIONS AT LCU

The Tallys introduced Jim and Phyllis Beck to Dan and Joyce Hardin, as the Broadway Church of Christ began to consider a work in east Africa. Because civil war broke out in Uganda ten days before they left on their mission, they arrived in Malindi, Kenya without a clear direction for their work. They eventually chose to serve the remotely located Gariama tribe because they were so isolated from others and no one had really reached out to them.

The Becks and the Tallys worked together until 1996, when the Becks returned to the states, and the Tallys continued their work in Mbasa. Just after the Becks return, Dan Hardin was appointed LCU's provost, which left open his position of teaching missions in the Bible department. While it took some convincing, Beck became the full-time missionary in residence teaching missions classes at LCU. At the same time, he felt a calling to start Carpenters Church as a domestic missions effort. His experience in international missions and his domestic missions work at Carpenters Church overlapped to create a very rich missions program for LCU students.

## BECK AND TYLER LEAD MISSION EFFORTS AT LCU



In 2011, Beck approached the LCU administration about having Shawn Tyler join the faculty as an additional missionary-in-residence, essentially creating two part-time positions. In doing so, Beck is able to serve on the faculty at LCU as a Missionary in Residence teaching a variety of missions classes for five months of the year, and he has stepped back into east African missions for the other seven months of the year. This arrangement provides significant opportunity to take students (both missions majors and non-majors) into the field as interns on a regular basis. Beck's and Tyler's continuing work in the field provides current students the opportunity engage in formative experiences and in energetic dialogue, all within the context of current, real-world missions.

Since 2011, approximately 50 LCU students who are pursuing a variety of academic disciplines have been able to participate as summer interns in Malindi, Kenya. The significance of this is that these interns aren't so much making a difference as that they are being changed themselves. Beck added, "We perceive these internships not so much as a mission, but more of a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is about being changed. This type of experience will bring about an internal change that will make a difference no matter where the student ends up and no matter their vocation."

## KENYAN WIDOWS AND ORPHANS MINISTRY



Through their church in Midland, Texas, Cherie ('79) and Terry ('81) Creech became involved in a ministry serving Kenya widows and orphans. Over time, the ministry became known as Kenya Widows and Orphans (KWO), and the Creeches began integrating LCU students, faculty, and staff into various facets of this ministry. KWO houses and feeds thousands of orphans across Kenya and provides meaningful work for many widows.



# demonstrating God's love to orphans and widows

## ALUMNI HEARTS STIRRED BY KENYAN CHURCHES



Over a number of years, new Christians in Kenya who became believers through the World Bible School correspondence courses became the church in rural Kenya. As these new Christians began to deepen their faith and their understanding of the Bible, they began to take very seriously the gospel call to care for widows and orphans, even though they had very scarce resources themselves.

On the other side of the globe, a small group of Christians in a different church heard about what the Kenyan brothers and sisters were doing, and a partnership began that bridged the thousands of miles in between. Seeing how these new Kenyan Christians were actively demonstrating God's love to widows and orphans, even with so little resources, this church secured funds from American Christians to meet the daily needs of the growing number of orphans who were coming to them in need, as well as to build new infrastructure to house them.

Eventually, the non-profit Kenya Widows and Orphans (KWO) became the conduit through which resources met needs.

Cherie Creech ('79), a KWO board member, along with her husband, Terry ('81) became involved with this work before KWO even existed because they were moved by the selfless love and the deep faith of these new Christians in Kenya.

"We fell in love with the story of how God used two different groups of Christians who didn't initially know about each other, and He invited us to join Him in his mission. We saw the church in Kenya giving all that they had of their scarce resources, and we loved their heart for widows and orphans. You could tell that this small church made up of new Christians was fully invested in their call of caring for others, and we wanted to be part of it," said Cherie.

Eventually more orphanages were built by KWO, each in coordination with existing churches in Kenya. KWO focuses on several varieties of ministry: housing, feeding capacity, and evangelism. Monthly monetary commitments to KWO provide for the feeding and providing basic care for widows and orphans. Other gifts fund improvement projects in infrastructure, organization, and education. True to its origins



*President Tim Perrin and Lucy, at the entrance of an orphanage in Kenya, a ministry supported by the Kenya Widows and Orphans Ministry.*



*Cherie Creech spends time with the women at KWO.*

in the WBS ministry, KWO prioritizes relationships and partnerships with Kenya church communities.

As Cherie's passion for the widows and orphans of Kenya has grown, it has also spread as she has begun to involve other LCU alumni, including her close college friend, Robyn (Baker) Rhodes ('79). Rhodes joined Cherie on a recent trip, along with LCU professors Dr. Beth Robinson and Shauna Frisbie, as they worked with the director of Kenya Medial Research Institute and former LCU med student, Dr. Willie Sang, to help determine ways to decrease the effects of trauma in the lives of the Kenyan orphans.

Over the past decade, Cherie has helped connect LCU with KWO. Many members of the LCU community have served on trips to Kenya because of the connection fostered with them. Kenyan representatives have also traveled to LCU to share their story with the campus and to participate in student events like the "Katwalk for Kenya Fashion Show," a student-led fundraising effort for KWO.

KWO also has sponsored "Camp 53" for six years, utilizing LCU students as teachers and counselors to create an uplifting and unifying experience for Kenyan youth as they graduate from high school. Because of tribal backgrounds and traditions, it is often difficult for young people to gain skills and knowledge that help them in a more global world beyond their village.

LCU students conduct classes that teach the importance of unity, the value of women, what it is to be a Godly man, and that God has called them for a purpose. Peers teaching peers has proven to be a very effective educational model for Kenyan youth.

Students who have recently been integral to Camp 53 are Kaitlyn Creel ('17), Amanda (Stephens) Masterson ('15), Dylan Whitcher ('16), Brian Brunson (senior YFM major), Mitchell Cochran (sophomore psychology and biblical text and preaching double major), and Daniel Lockhart ('18).

In response to why KWO has involved so many LCU students and has had a routine presence on campus, Cherie said, "We're trying to educate these young people to instill a passion in order to create adults who can make a difference in the future of Kenya spiritually and financially."

Because of Cherie's experiences in Kenya, she is passionate about encouraging students to make a difference through their own mission work. Becoming involved on campus and in mission trips to Kenya may inspire students to seek out opportunities in the future.

To learn more about KWO's care ministries and how to help, visit [kwoministries.org](http://kwoministries.org).

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*Ariel Kirkland ('17), Dr. Beth Robinson, Dr. Shauna Frisbie, Dr. Willie Sang ('78), Shelly Durham Weeks ('15), Kim Ruthhardt ('14), and Robyn (Baker '79) Rhodes gather while conducting research on the effects of trauma on widows and orphans in Kenya.*

## LCU PROFESSORS SEEK TREATMENT FOR KENYAN ORPHANS

Drs. Beth Robinson and Shauna Frisbee, LCU professors of psychology and counseling, knew that the physical needs of these Kenyan orphans were being met, so they were determined to see how they might help with emotional healing. What they found in the Kikitemo orphanage was that traditional treatment options were not a fit for the Kenyan culture. While their initial involvement did not begin as a research study, they solicited the help of Dr. Willie Sang, former LCU cross-country All American and Director of Kenya Medical Research Institute. Together, they are using salivary cortisol levels in the orphans to gauge the effectiveness of an innovative treatment plan.

## LCU PROFESSORS SEEK WAYS TO LESSEN TRAUMA FOR KENYAN ORPHANS

A few years ago, Dr. Beth Robinson and Dr. Shauna Frisbee, both LCU professors of psychology and counseling, began working with children in an orphanage in Ecuador, with their on-site efforts in that country coming in response to a calling to help improve the mental and social health for children in those orphanages.

The two then heard about what Kenya Widows and Orphans (KWO) were doing during a presentation at LCU, when Cherie Creech ('81) brought several Kenyan guests with her to campus for a visit. One of the guests was Grace, the director at the one of the KWO orphanages. The information they gathered through subsequent meetings with Grace seemed to offer a prime opportunity to set up in Kenya something similar to their work in Ecuador.

Dr. Robinson and Dr. Frisbee soon planned a trip to Kenya. "KWO is doing a great job meeting the physical needs of the kids, so we asked, what we could do to meet emotional and mental health needs?" said Robinson.

"This didn't start as a research project," explained Frisbee. "It was initially about going to Kenya to help children at the Kikitemo orphanage heal from trauma. When we got there . . . we weren't certain that trauma treatments developed in the States would be effective in the Kenyan culture."

They met up with Dr. Willie Sang, who was a former All-American in cross-country and a pre-med student at Lubbock Christian University from 1975 to 1978. Sang, who holds a very high-ranking position in Kenya as the Director of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), partnered with Drs. Robinson and Frisbee. They set up a study last spring that would include Patrice Penney, a trainer for Theraplay interventions, to study the effectiveness of Theraplay on trauma symptoms of abused and neglected children in Kenya. LCU graduate student Shelly Durham Weeks ('15) also joined the team to conduct the research.

Theraplay intervention frames caregiving interactions to replicate healthy parent-child relationships – teaching caretakers to be direct, engaging, and playful with children to foster attachment and communication. The researchers will be training caretakers to utilize Theraplay in their interactions with the children. Dr. Sang will oversee the analysis and measurement of salivary cortisol samples in relation to the intervention, and the other team members will work together to determine the effectiveness of Therapy in Kenyan culture. An increase in cortisol levels in the samples would indicate a positive impact of Theraplay.

There are 60 orphans housed at Kikitemo, with 16 widows serving as caretakers. For the study, all volunteers who meet the study criteria will participate. Saliva samples will be regularly obtained and processed at KEMRI. The children will frequently be assessed on their perceived level of care to help ensure their safety throughout the study.

The full project is expected to take a year and a half, with a final report potentially available in November of 2019. If the interventions are successful, this study could be the catalyst for implementing Theraplay in orphanages all across Kenya. God's call to LCU's professors now involves multiple LCU alumni from different generations, working together to meet the needs of the hurting world.



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## African Missionary *legacies*

Many of the families already mentioned in this article have family members who are continuing the work begun by their parents.

- Gaston and Janet Tarbet have two daughters and their families who have served as missionaries in Uganda.
- All three sons of Kirk and Susan Hayes are currently in Africa, Ben and Rebecca (Evans) Hayes and Ryan and Justine Hayes serving as missionaries in Malawi, Kenya, and Ty Hayes who serves as a faculty member at Livingstone International University.
- Tim and Rebecca Tally's daughter, Elizabeth Harrison, currently works with her husband, Brian, with Pioneer Bible Translators in North Africa, after having served in Kenya and Uganda.
- Jim and Phyllis Beck have a son and daughter-in-law, Caleb and Jenny Beck, who are now serving in Rwanda.
- Ian ('87) and Danetta (Hawley) Shelburne ('88) (nephew of Kirk Hayes and son of B. and Ruth Shelburne) worked in Malawi for two years and for over a decade in Uganda with the Tylers.
- Courtney and Landon Shuman interned with Jim and Phyllis Beck and are now serving as missionaries in Dar Salaam, Tanzania.

While including many of these stories and people, we run the risk of inadvertently not acknowledging the selfless and sacrificial work of many others. This brief reflection is only a small slice of a much larger picture that illustrates how God intended for his people to work together in spreading his good news. The story of each of these lives are woven together in God's perfect timing for his ultimate glory and honor.

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UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC  
HALL OF HONOR



The 2008 Lady Chap Softball Team was inducted into the LCU Hall of Honor this August. The team finished their season with a 60-10 record and the NAIA National Championship in their inaugural season.

# KENYAN RUNNERS'

# COACH PRICE AND LCU

Darrell Price never dreamed he would be coaching cross-country at LCU, but his willingness to take a step in faith helped guide the program not only to a dynasty of national championships, but also to one of spiritual transformation and character.

Price had lived in Lubbock helping coach basketball at LCU for seven years, working his way up to head coach at the age of 26. After nearly a decade of different jobs that led Price as far away as Houston, LCU athletic director and head basketball coach John Copeland gave Darrell a call, asking him to go in a new direction.

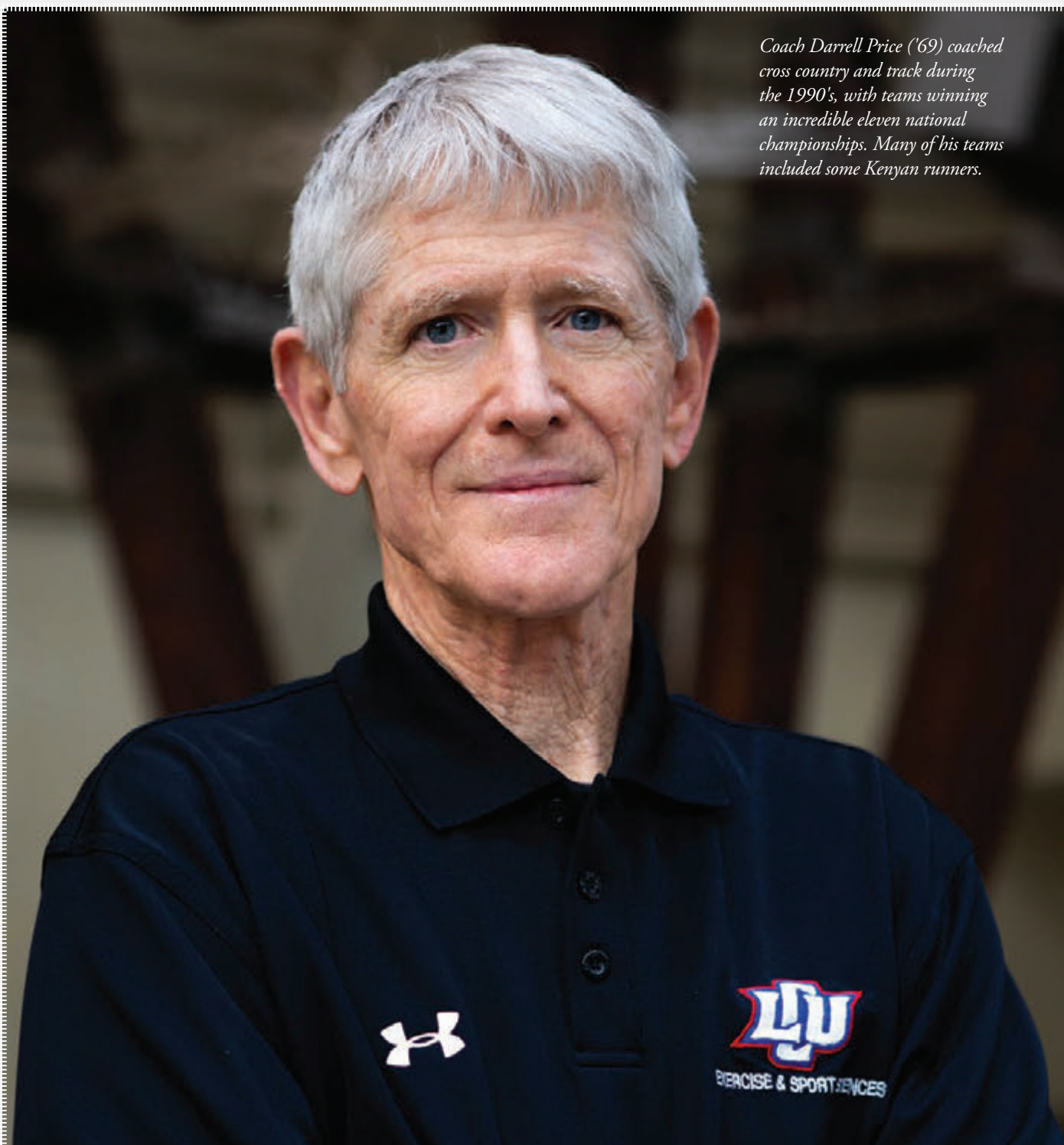
“They’d had a coaching change in the track and cross-country area—one in which I’d had no experience—but he had worked with me, we knew each other,” Price shared. “I think he was more interested in finding someone who knew what LCU was all about. Coaching is coaching.” After prayer and deliberation, he decided to take the job.

Early on, Price had the help of a mentor from South Plains College. “James Morris was a Christian guy, a lot older than me, who had been the head coach over there for a long time. He helped me overcome a pretty great learning curve,” he recalled. “Thankfully, you can become an expert in just about anything in a couple of years if you just apply yourself.” Coming to the sport with fresh eyes also helped Price develop his coaching style. “I was able to form my own philosophy. I didn’t have a lot of background in the sport, but that ended up being a positive. I’d seen a lot of ways of doing things, and I just took those and adapted it to what we needed for LCU.”



# IMPACT ON

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*Coach Darrell Price ('69) coached cross country and track during the 1990's, with teams winning an incredible eleven national championships. Many of his teams included some Kenyan runners.*

# GOD'S PROVIDENCE

HE SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME WHEN HE FINALLY GOT HERE, AND I HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE WOULD WANT TO TALK ABOUT. AS IT TURNED OUT, HE ASKED ME FOR SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT, SITTING RIGHT ACROSS FROM ME.



*Darrell Price and Peter Biwott in Nakuru, Kenya.*

When Price took over the program, there were two Kenyans on the team—one was the son of Kip Keino, two-time Olympic gold medalist for distance running. The other, Peter Biwott, started the semester late, Price recalled. “He scheduled an appointment with me when he finally got here, and I had no idea what he would want to talk about. As it turned out, he asked me for spiritual encouragement, sitting right across from me.” Price was genuinely surprised. “It was amazing—that was the beginning of a story that I could never have made up or dreamed of the part that I’d play. There was so much of God’s providence in that year.” After some weeks of Bible study, Price baptized Peter, and they shared a close relationship.

Peter was from the Kalenjin tribe in Kenya, famous for producing many elite runners—a fact that was completely unknown to Price at that time. Through the first two years that he coached, his teams performed at an average level, he recalled. In that third year, Peter brought his coach to Albuquerque to meet some influential individuals from his home country. “It turned out that some of them had run for Division I schools like Washington state, and Peter wanted to help bring some athletes to our program. I was in a room that, if you were from that running sub-culture, either in the states or worldwide, you probably would have been in awe of who was there and what they had accomplished.”

Price shared that there was a young man there who was a brother to Ibrahim Hussein, who had won the Boston

Marathon three times in 1988, 1991, and 1992, who was running at South Plains College, just down the road from LCU. Mbarak Hussein was being recruited by many high-ranking Division I running programs, but Ibrahim was in that room with Price in Albuquerque, and after talking to Peter about the atmosphere and environment at LCU, decided that his brother needed to continue his education there.

“It was simply because of the environment. He had been at New Mexico State, which is a good school, but in those programs, the coaches didn’t have much of a relationship with their kids. It simply wasn’t as important as winning. Nobody believed that Hussein would come over here,” Price added, “but he did—in that third year he showed up.”

During that same summer, Peter decided to bring Price to Kenya, as well—but this trip had nothing to do with running. “Peter wanted to preach in Kenya,” Price explained. “So I took him to a preaching school there.”

“I never went to Kenya to recruit,” he added. “I had a file full of names, but many of the athletes there couldn’t do the academic work. They were very talented, but they were desperate to get out and get to the States. I needed to have a person with character, who was also a good student and a good athlete. If you took one of those out, it wouldn’t be what was best for them or for the program.”

To Price’s surprise, when he and Peter arrived in the parking lot of the preaching school in Nairobi, he was met

by five families, all a part of a mission team, who had heard that he was coming with an LCU graduate. “I didn’t even know anyone would know that I was there, and they had driven over mountain ranges to find me.” The mission team told him that they wanted to start a Christian boarding school there in the middle of the part of Kenya that Peter was from, and they needed someone with an education to be the headmaster. “It was absolutely providential,” Price said. “Peter became the headmaster there for the next five or six years.”

While Price was in the country, those families introduced him to a young man who wanted to run at LCU, named James Bungei, whom they believed would be a good fit at LCU. Price heeded their recommendation, and that fall Bungei joined Mbarak Hussein and Derek Kite—a runner from California who had been one of the top high school distance runners in the country—as the new additions to the team, alongside program veterans David Kogo and Paul Rotich.

“I didn’t know how good they were going to be,” Price recalled, “but we didn’t lose a race that year.” That team traveled all over the country, including a victorious meet at the University of Arkansas, the team that would go on to win the Division I national championship. They won every meet on the way to the NAIA national championship, in which they defeated seven-time defending champions

saw. “I baptized 17 runners over those years,” he recalled. Some were Kenyan, some were American, but Price reflected humbly on the impact that he had on those lives. “I think a lot of changes were taking place in me, as far as seeing what Christ wanted me to do through my life... It’s really all about relationships, talking about what matters.

It takes a lot of pressure off,” Price explained, “when winning isn’t part of your identity. When you know who



*1990's Men's and Women's Cross Country Team.*

you are, what your purpose is, and you see things in a more eternal perspective—you can enjoy whatever you’re a part of. You can be blessed by those things, instead of serving them.”

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**“WHEN WINNING ISN’T PART OF YOUR IDENTITY. WHEN YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOUR PURPOSE IS, AND YOU SEE THINGS IN A MORE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE—YOU CAN ENJOY WHATEVER YOU’RE A PART OF. YOU CAN BE BLESSED BY THOSE THINGS, INSTEAD OF SERVING THEM.”**

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Adams State College as an unranked team. The experience was made even more exceptional when James Bungei won the individual championship—the first of four consecutive that he would achieve during his time at LCU.

That season sparked a run of eight consecutive years that LCU won the cross-country national championship, including Bungei’s four individual titles, followed by two more by runner Simeon Sawe. Hussein and Bungei both graduated as Academic All-Americans, Price noted proudly.

Even more important than the titles, as far as Price is concerned, were the spiritual successes that the program

Dr. Willie Sang, a longtime friend of LCU and high-ranking medical professional in Kenya, ran cross-country at LCU under Coach Hugh Rhodes prior to Price’s tenure, but ended up forging a strong friendship with Price, helping connect him with continuing work in Kenya throughout his life.

“LCU’s environment was really powerful for that,” Price added. “We had a lot of people on campus, who, as they do for any student, took an interest in their lives, especially in their spiritual lives.” He is still good friends with many of those runners—a testament to the powerful relationship they share that goes far beyond the running and the titles—rooted in what truly matters.

Dr. Willie Sang, Director of Kenya Medical Research Institute, is currently a high-ranking medical professional in Kenya who is also helping connect current mission efforts and assisting with research being done by LCU professors Dr. Beth Robinson and Dr. Shauna Frisbee. (See related story page 31, “Assessing the Effectiveness of Therapy Interventions in a Kenyan Orphanage.”)



*The Maddox family and friends gather around the prayer stone on the campus of LCU.*

# CAMPUS MONUMENT



## POINTS TO

# Prayer

On November 4, 2018, Malori (Maddox) Rogers ('17) returned to campus to speak in chapel and with her family to dedicate a monument acknowledging the power of prayer. The dedication ceremony was almost three years to the day since her life took a difficult turn, as she was rushed to a Wichita Falls hospital to combat a life-threatening brain bleed on November 10, 2015.

When word of Malori's condition spread that night, her fellow students, faculty, and staff met at the Fountains on the Mall and knelt in prayer, petitioning God on her behalf. It was an unforgettable night for the LCU community and for the Maddox family – a night full of God's providence at every turn.

Malori spoke in chapel before the dedication of the prayer stone, along with her parents – Sarah and Marray, sister – Macy, brother, Peyton, and former coach from her years on the LCU volleyball team – Jennifer Lawrence.

## Prayer drastically impacted Malori's life over the past three years – both by the power in prayers from others and the peace found in her own prayers.

Lawrence introduced Malori to the student body, emphasizing her spiritual sense of purpose. “I really want you to know who Malori is... Malori is servant-hearted and spirit-led,” she said. “She influences others by reflecting the love of Christ. She continues following the Lord in the unknown. She will never understand the influence she has had on me and many others because of the way she’s allowed the Lord to use her.”

Malori began her chapel presentation with a show of gratitude to LCU – to the professors, to the students, and the community:

“Everyone here is incredible, and this is such a special place,” Malori said. “LCU just keeps getting better and better, just like President Perrin’s arms keep getting longer and longer. LCU is awesome!”

Malori calls herself an “introvert who was #exposed,” but she wants to share the struggles for others who may be able to relate or be able to learn. As Lawrence said, Malori places her story in God’s hands so that He might use it to influence those who witness it.

“No matter what’s happening – if your brain doesn’t work, if you can’t do anything right – it’s okay; tap into the Spirit inside of you,” Malori said. “As amazing as it is to have a miracle happen to you, I have walked in the valleys of anxiety and turmoil trying to understand it, trying to pay God back, trying to pay people back, and other such foolishness.”

Her experiences since that day have drastically changed Malori’s way of thinking. For all the joyful moments, there have also been difficult struggles – through therapy,



*Peyton Maddox and family members pray at site of stone.*

physical struggles, and mental obstacles. She strives to give God the glory in all things. She finds herself grateful for small moments. She tries to find peace in living her life. Malori explained, “I used to think that to be anything significant, I needed to be doing; or making money; or something that I could label as productive. I’m learning how to just be. After all, we are human beings, not human doings. Now I’m finding joy in dreaming small.”

Prayer drastically impacted Malori’s life over the past three years – both by the power in prayers from others and the peace found in her own prayers.

The prayer stone, inscribed with Matthew 19:26, was placed by the Fountains on the Mall at LCU, where many members of the LCU and local community had once met to pray for Malori as soon as they heard about her brain bleed. The stone serves as a reminder that prayer is powerful, especially when people gather in community in the name of the Lord.

The inscription on the stone includes a message from the Maddox family, Pete and Sharon Hanks (Malori’s grandparents), and LCU Volleyball:

“Lubbock Christian University is forever deep in our hearts, overflowing with love and gratitude. Thank you for every single prayer for Malori Maddox, which started here at this fountain on November 10, 2015. God is good all the time!” The last line has been a long-time mantra for the Maddox family, and it has only become more meaningful as they have journeyed through storms, trials, and healing of Malori’s journey.

To read more about Malori’s incredible story, visit [lcu.edu/faith/malori](http://lcu.edu/faith/malori) to read “In God’s Hands,” an 8-part narrative covering Malori’s hospitalization and recovery.



*Malori (Maddox) Rogers ('17) hugs family friend after stone dedication ceremony.*

# community

The LCU community gathers for the annual lighting of the Chap at LCU's Big Blue Christmas.





# JERRY HARRIS RETIRES

## AS CHAIR OF THE LCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*Former LCU Board Chair, Jerry Harris, is presented with a board resolution of commendation during the board meeting in February 2019. Pictured here are President Tim Perrin, current chair - Terry Creech, board member and former chair - Jerry Harris, and former LCU President - Dr. Steve Lemley.*

By L. Timothy Perrin

In the course of LCU's first sixty years, the university's board of trustees has been blessed by the faithful service of only four chairmen—Paul Sherrod, the founding chair who served for eight years, followed by Lennis Baker (1964-78), Gene Hancock (1978-98) and Jerry Harris (1998-2018). At the board's regular meeting in September of 2018, Mr. Harris announced that the time was right for him to step aside while continuing his service as a member of the Board.

I was privileged to serve as president for more than six years under Jerry's leadership and to witness up close his devotion to Lubbock Christian University and his Christ-centered servant leadership. Jerry often repeated the John Maxwell quote that everything rises and falls

with leadership and LCU was lifted up because of his extraordinary and transformative service to the university. He believed in the power of prayer and LCU board meetings consisted of lots of time in prayer offered on behalf of the university and all those who were part of the LCU family.

"My prayer for the university has always been for us to recruit and train students to be educated in such a way that they are successful, not as the world defines success, but as God defines success," said Jerry Harris.

Jerry's professional life revolves around the cotton industry as the owner of King Mesa Cotton Gin in Lamesa, Texas.



He is respected by all for his deep experience in the world of agriculture and is a leader in West Texas and beyond. His advice and counsel are sought by elected officials and agricultural experts alike. He is defined by his faith and he and Nelda are active members of the Lamesa Church of Christ.

Dr. L. Ken Jones who served as LCU's president under Jerry for fourteen years describes his former chair as a person of humility and faith. He says: "Jerry's greatest strengths are his humility, faith, and willingness to serve as many as possible. God blesses those types of leaders and those they lead. Thus, God has wonderfully blessed LCU because of the leadership of Jerry Harris."

Jerry's impact on the university is difficult to measure. He led the board through a time of significant growth and expansion for the university. He shepherded the board through several significant transitions, including the selection of a president to succeed Dr. L. Ken Jones. Among many other noteworthy contributions, Jerry's most significant was likely his leadership of the university through the successful sale of the Hancock Land Application and Water facility to the City of Lubbock. Dr. Jones, who was president at the time, recalls: "The negotiation was difficult and long. Jerry used his political connections, deep knowledge of agricultural land, and his skill as a deal maker to bring a great conclusion to the sale. The result came at a critical time to place LCU on a track to a much better and sustainable financial picture."

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Harris commented, "I believe we have experienced some great momentum over the years, but the credit for all those successes goes to our God who provides every good thing and to the great women and men who serve as the faculty and staff of the university. It has been my great honor to serve the board of trustees as chair, and I look forward to working as an active member for the future."

Jerry and his wife Nelda have given so generously and freely of their time, their resources, and their wisdom to the LCU community. They have three granddaughters who are current students at LCU. Jerry has participated in dozens of graduations, employee appreciation dinners, board meetings and other LCU events. He has done it all with a smile and a word of wisdom. He leaves a wonderful example for all to follow.

## TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

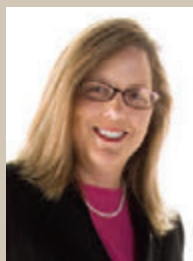


At its September 2018 meeting, the board of trustees selected Terry Creech to serve as the fifth chair of the LCU Board of Trustees. Terry ('81) and his wife Cherie ('79) are both LCU alumni and Terry is the first alumnus to hold the position of chair. Terry and Cherie live in

Midland, Texas, and they are active members at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Terry graduated from LCU in 1981 with a degree in accounting. He and Cherie have two children — Kristin Moyer [and husband Mike], and Katelyn Creech, and two grandchildren — Preston and Emma.



George Lamberth ('68) serves as the vice chair of the board of trustees. Lamberth has been a member of the LCU board since 1991, and he serves as an elder of the Legacy Church of Christ in North Richland Hills, TX. He is married to Sharri and resides in Colleyville.



Melisa Roberts ('84) is the secretary/treasurer of the board. Melisa is part of the senior leadership team at Lone Star State Bank and worships at South Plains Church of Christ. She is married to Steve and resides in Lubbock.

# LCU STUDENTS

HONORED FOR

## *Volunteerism and Service*

### THE LCU *Department of Nursing*



SPFB throughout this past year, leading to the nomination of the department as a Hunger Hero. Several students joined Dr. Wilkinson and Susan Dossey, adjunct professor of nursing, attending the luncheon where the LCU Department of Nursing was honored.

was honored as a “Doug Carlson Hunger Hero of the Year” at the annual Mayor’s Hunger Hero Luncheon, in recognition of its involvement with the South Plains Food Bank (SPFB). The award is named in honor of a long-time advocate and volunteer of the SPFB.

The luncheon was the 27th annual event to honor volunteers who have given numerous service hours and who have made extraordinary efforts to provide for food-insecure families in the city of Lubbock and in the surrounding nine-county area.

Dr. Mark Wilkinson, professor of nursing, encouraged his students to participate at the

### THE LCU *Veterans of Faith Student Group*



kitchen, assisting local veterans with various home improvement projects, and for setting up flags at LCU Community Partner locations around Lubbock on important dates throughout the year.

The Veterans of Faith strive to be advocates especially for student veterans who attend LCU, offering information, resources, and guidance to aid them in their university experience.

was honored at the 22nd Annual Cornucopia Luncheon, hosted by the Lubbock Volunteer Center. This large, community-wide luncheon, held at the Lubbock Civic Center celebrates the impact of volunteer work and the culture of service in the city of Lubbock and the surrounding area.

The LCU Veterans of Faith is a student organization composed of LCU students who are also veterans of the U.S. Armed Services. The group received the “College Group Get Involved Award” at the luncheon on November 6, along with 12 other awardees for community service and volunteerism. Our LCU student veterans were recognized for routinely volunteering at the Lubbock Impact soup

# LEAVING A LEGACY



## THE TRUE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO PLANT TREES, UNDER WHOSE SHADE YOU DO NOT EXPECT TO SIT.

-Nelson Henderson



B. R. "Rip" Griffin became a member of the Lubbock Christian University Board of Trustees in 1975, serving the university with dedication and distinction for 42 years. He provided leadership and counsel to the board, as well as five LCU presidents.

Dr. Ken Jones, fifth president of LCU, considered Griffin a dear friend. "Rip Griffin was a courageous, strong, and generous man with a tender heart," said Jones. "It is more than fitting that 'The Rip Griffin Center' bears his name as a tribute to his life contribution to our university." The Griffin family has a long history of generosity toward the university, which includes an estate gift.

"He has been a key part of the university's growth and development and his legacy will live on at LCU for many generations to come," said LCU President Tim Perrin. "We give thanks for the Rip Griffin Center that bears his name and for all the ways, large and small, known and unknown, that he provided vital support and leadership to the university."

Leave a legacy through your estate at Lubbock Christian University. Contact Raymond Richardson, Vice President of University Advancement.

806.720.7230 [Raymond.Richardson@LCU.edu](mailto:Raymond.Richardson@LCU.edu)

HIS LEGACY WILL LIVE ON AT LCU FOR MANY GENERATIONS TO COME.



# Chap Notes

Send updates on your career, location, & family. Contact us at Alumni@LCU.edu or 806-720-7218

## '60s Decade

**H.K. ('69)** and Jan Ballard live in Temple, TX. H.K. is the minister at Troy Church of Christ, and Jan is the attendance secretary for Jefferson Elementary in Temple.

## '70s Decade

**Susan (Thompson '75)** and Michael Tucker live in Jordan, UT. Susan is an RN at Lone Peak Surgical Center, and Michael is a chaplain at Jordan Valley Hospital.

**Bob ('77)** and Krisan Buckel live in Azle, TX. After a lifetime in the community newspaper business as a reporter, editor, and publisher, Bob recently published his first novel, *The Winning Streak*. Krisan is a multilevel bilingual teacher at Cross Timbers Elementary.

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Patti Patterson, MD, ('78)** of Lubbock, is the recipient of the TPS Charles W. Daeschner, Jr., MD Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest award of the Texas Pediatric Society. The TPS recognizes her for outstanding lifetime contributions in public and global health initiatives and for her dedication to the health and welfare of the children of Texas. Dr. Patterson serves as the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Lubbock Christian University Board of Trustees.

## LYNN AND PERRY MASON SCHOLARSHIP

**Lynn ('79)** and **Perry Mason** live in Lubbock, TX. The Masons both taught at LCU for over forty years in the sciences and business administration. In 2017, the Masons established a scholarship to support LCU students who are in good standing, majoring in Information Systems and Technology, Digital Media Arts, or the Chemistry/Biochemistry departments and who need financial assistance. In 2018, the scholarship reached endowment status. If you'd like to honor the Masons and benefit an LCU student, please consider donating to the Mason Scholarship by contacting Raymond Richardson at 806-720-7230 or Raymond.Richardson@LCU.edu.



Perry Mason ('79)



Lynn Mason ('79)

## '80s Decade

**Teri (White '81)** and **Bret McCormick ('82)** live in Vernon, TX.



James Thaddeus was born on February 22, 2018 to Matthew and Jessica Dowell. Proud grandparents are **Sherry (Butler '83)** and Geoff Casella.

## '90s Decade

**Eric ('90)** and Linda Matthews live in Burleson, TX. Eric is the CFO/VP of Matthews Insurance Group, Inc.

**Traci (McWatters '90)** and Charles McKee live in Friendswood, TX. Traci is an epic systems analyst at Harris Health System, and Charles is the senior project manager at Riconomics, LLC.

**Brad ('92)** and Emily Hill live in Kingwood, TX. Brad is a teacher and coach for the Humble Independent School District. Emily is an infection control supervisor at Kingwood/Humble Endoscopy.

**Courtney (Evitt '97)** and Mike Mosely live in Midland, TX. Courtney is a GIS analyst at Pioneer Natural Resources, and Mike works at First Christian Church.

## '00s Decad



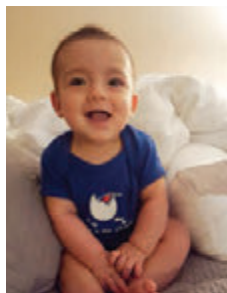
**Jenna (Roberts '03)** and husband David Sprott, along with big siblings, Brynleigh (9 years)

and Holden (7 years), are proud to announce the birth of Colin Joseph, born February 25, 2018. They live in Abilene where David practices law and Jenna stays home with the children while running a side business, Product of Her Hands.

**Carla (Rodney '04)** and **Jerek Brown ('04)** live in Fort Worth. Carla is a kindergarten teacher, and Jerek is the lead examiner for firearms and tool-marks in the Crime Lab at the Fort Worth Police Department.

**Lauren (Williams '05)** and **Joshua Ford ('07)** live in San Antonio, TX. Joshua works as a compliance analyst at USAA. They are the parents of Future Chaps, Aria and Fiona.

Durango, "Rango," was born almost two months early on January 4, 2018, to parents **Lacy (Puckett '05)** and Juan Garcia. After a 39 day stay in the NICU, Rango is thriving and is meeting all of his milestones.



**Ryan ('05)** and **Deminy Highley** live in Lubbock with Future Chaps: Rhett, Deacon, and Addilyn. Ryan is the founder/director at Destiny Sports Mission, Inc., and Deminy is a 3rd-grade teacher at Lubbock Cooper North Elementary.

**Shenai (Alonge '05)** and Kevin Moore live in Lubbock with Future Chaps, Adia and Xavier. Shenai is an assistant professor of English at LCU.



Laynie Hazel was born on December 12, 2017, to **Lauren (Joiner '05)** and Taylor Rea.

**Allison Rose ('06)** lives in Glendale, CO, and is the senior director of clinical operations at the HCA Continental Division of HealthONE.



Mia Belle was born April 10, 2018, to **Brenna (Bundy '06)** and Josh Wilson, and proud big brother Knox (3 years.)

**Teresa (Spence '07)** and Matt Brightbill live in Abernathy, TX. Teresa is a sophomore and senior English teacher and a yearbook advisor at Olton High School, and Matt is a police officer.

**Emmanuel Ramirez ('07)** works for Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest, Inc. He was named to the 2018 Lubbock Forty Under Forty list.

**Matthew Wilson ('07)** lives in Lewes, DE, and is an assistant professor of English as a Second Language at Wilmington University. He recently graduated with his Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership and Innovation.

## '10s Decade

**Albert Gillispie ('10)** works at Osteogenics Biomedical in Lubbock, TX. He was named to the 2018 Lubbock Forty Under Forty list.

**Garrett ('10) and Stacey (Corley '09) Kaldenberg** live in Wilson, TX, with Future Chaps, Corley and Reagan. Garrett is a firefighter with Lubbock Fire Rescue, and Stacey is a kindergarten teacher with Frenship ISD.



Milo Russell was born on May 22, 2018, to **Tanis (Garrett '10)** and Rusty Lemons, and older brother Gavin (2 years.)

Ezra Jesse was born on June 6, 2018, to **Alison (Maxfield '11) and Matt Hale ('12)** in Alexandria, VA.



**Becky (Bland '11) and Aaron Stroman ('07)** live in Lubbock with Future Chaps, Linden and Ethan. Becky is an academic coordinator at LCU, and Aaron is a professional engineer.

**Antonina (Frady '11)** and Billy Waddle live in Odessa, TX. Antonina is the office manager at Gray Television - KOSA/CBS 7.

**Twyla (Jackson '11)** and Evan Williams are house parents at Texas Boys Ranch.

Jaycee Brynn was born August 7, 2018, to parents **Breana (Maxfield '12)** and **Barrett Dickson ('12)**.



**Brenna (Postell '12)** and Kelby Clinton live in Stanton, TX, with Future Chap, Haisley. Brenna is a 3rd-grade math teacher at Greenwood Elementary, and Kelby is an assistant production foreman at Birch Resources.

**Kylie (Lewis '12)** and Johnny Trevino live in Amarillo, TX. Kylie is a physical therapist assistant at BSA Hospital.

**Taylor Hyde ('13)** works at Chesapeake Energy in Oklahoma City, OK.

**Tony Stock ('13)** played soccer for Chemnitzer FC in Chemnitz, Germany, after graduation. He now lives in Gattendorf and works for a telecommunications company called Thüga SmartService GmbH in nearby Naila as a project manager.

**April (Jimenez '14)** and Shawn Bottoms live in Robert, MO. April is the lead behavioral therapist at Alpine Autism Center, and Shawn is an engineer captain for the United States Army.

**Jonathan Edwards ('14)** has published his first novel, *Those Who Lived by the Sword*. He is currently working on a Young Adult Fantasy/Crime novel hybrid.



Breckyn Cole was born on March 29, 2018, to **Becca (Biard '14)** and **Nathan Webb ('17)**. The Webbs live in Seminole, where Becca is a teacher at Seminole High School, and Nathan is a teacher and coach at Seminole Junior High.

**Micaela (Counts '15) and Robert Brown ('15)** live in Lubbock. Micaela teaches chemistry at Lubbock Cooper, and Robert is the resident services coordinator at the Legacy at South Plains Senior Living. They are the parents of Future Chap, Roland.

**Kim (Diaz '15)** and James Creighton live in Lubbock. Kim works at McWhorter Elementary School, where she is a dual language 5th grade teacher.

**Amanda Raymundo ('15)** is a staff nurse at Bailey Square Surgery Center in Austin, TX.

**Caleb ('15) and Alyssa (Carter '17) Stewart** were married in August of 2017. They currently live in Lubbock.



**Chase Stewart ('15)** graduated from the University of North Texas Law School in May of 2018. He accepted a position with the Lubbock DA's office and began work there in August of 2018.

**Johnathan ('16)** and Stephanie Anchondo live in Lubbock. John and Stephanie both work at South Plains College. John is a financial aid advisor, and Stephanie is a network technician.

**Aaron ('16)** and **Elizabeth (Patterson '17) Peralez** live in Lubbock. Aaron works at Abernathy High School where he teaches senior English, is a UIL Speech Coach, and a Junior class sponsor. Elizabeth is the director of education at Sylvan Learning Center.



Lillianna Greigh was born on May 10, 2018, to **Nick ('16)** and current student, **Connir Simmons**.

**Allison (Garcia '17)** and Jason Dowdy live in Santa Fe, NM, where Allison is a 7th-grade life science teacher at Pojoaque Middle School.

**Abbey McCrady ('17)** lives in Dallas, TX, and is a marketing coordinator at CP&Y.

**Destiny (Perez '17)** and **Kyle Pace ('18)** were married on July 15, 2018. They are both teachers in Ft. Stockton, TX.

**Mallory Arguello ('18)** lives in Slaton, TX, and is a sales administrator at Labatt Food Service.

**Alicia Arnold ('18)** is a staff nurse for Covenant Medical Center.

**Alyssa (Davis '18)** and Todd Borland live in Levelland, TX. Alyssa is an animal caretaker at the Science Spectrum and Todd farms in Levelland.

**Alexis (Graham '18)** and **Brady Bybee ('17)** live in Lubbock, where Alexis teaches 5th grade at Oak Ridge Elementary, and Brady teaches math at Frenship High School.

**Frank ('18)** and Kayla Corolla live in Waller, TX, with Future Chaps, Karley and Kinley. Frank is an IEFS technician at AT&T.

**Tim ('18)** and Sauda Haywood live in Amarillo, TX. Tim is a physical education teacher for Amarillo ISD, and Sauda is a microbiologist for Tyson Foods.

**Sherida Hibbard ('18)** is a contract review specialist in the Office of Research Services at Texas Tech University.

**Jose Martinez ('18)** is a marketing assistant at Chick-Fil-A Franchise.

**Erica Matthews ('18)** lives in Baton Rouge, LA, and is an intern at Live Oak United Methodist Church.

**Taylor Newman ('18)** is a graduate student at Mississippi State University.

**Adriana Zamora ('18)** is a teacher for Lubbock ISD.

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# In Memoriam

## '50s & '60s DECADE

**Barbara (Tucker) Huguley** passed from this life Sunday, Sept. 23, in Amarillo. She graduated from Meadow High School and attended Lubbock Christian College. Those left to cherish her memory are three daughters: Laurinda Tate, Tracy Crow, Diana Huffine, and their families; and four brothers and their families.

**Alton Herring Peak ('59)** passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018, in Warrensburg, Missouri. He graduated from Monterey High School in 1957 and attended Lubbock Christian College before graduating from West Texas State University in Canyon Texas in 1964 with a BS in Education and Sociology. Alton was a member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, TX, where he served as a deacon. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Peak; daughter, Janice Johnson and her husband Edward; and son, Jeffery Peak. He was proud to be called Papa by five grandchildren and to be known as Great-Papa to six great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Anne Young ('59)** passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Anne was in the first class to attend Lubbock Christian College in 1957, where she met the love of her life, Delton Young. Anne and Delton were active members of the Wellman Church of Christ and later the Brownfield Church of Christ. She and Delton moved to Lubbock in January of 2018 to be near her family. Survivors include her husband, Delton W. Young; two sons, Allen Young and wife, Karri; and Douglas Young and wife, Shauna; daughter, Sharon Cox and husband, Ed; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**James Allen Sikes ('60)** went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas. Jimmy studied at Lubbock Christian and Tarleton State before returning to Slaton to work alongside his father and brothers before becoming co-owner of Sikes machine shop. Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife, Ronda Earlene Sikes; sons, Chad, and wife Laurie Sikes, and Darin and wife Maya Hair; daughters, Jill, and husband Tim Perdue, and LaDonda Cunningham; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

**Velma ('61 Howell) Parker** was called to her eternal resting place on August 5, 2018. She attended elementary through high school in the Idalou school system where she graduated

with the class of 1960. Velma attended Lubbock Christian College and worked for 3rd and Dwight Church of Christ as the secretary for 12 years. She was married to Jack Parker in Idalou, Texas. She is survived by her daughter Debbie Wood and husband, Chad; grandsons, Haesten and Heath Wood; granddaughter, Hannah Wood, and eight nieces and nephews.

**Donald Roy Gover ('62)** passed away Sept. 5, 2018. He was born March 14, 1941, in Tipton, OK, and grew up at Earth, TX, the son of the late Roy and Ruby Mildred Gover. He graduated from Spring Lake Earth High School in 1959 and went two years to Lubbock Christian College. He married Linda Sue Wilson in 1961. He farmed as a young man as he re-entered college. He worked as a technician for Circle N and went to work at Owens Corning in the early 70's in Amarillo, Texas. He transferred to Owens Corning in Jackson in 1996 and continued to work there until he retired. He was a member of the Henderson Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Linda Sue Wilson Gover; a son, Brett (Johanna) Gover; a daughter, Staci (Steve) McMillan; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donna Ruth Whitson.

**Gary William Hess ('63)** went to his heavenly home on November 2, 2018. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, son-in-law, brother, grandfather, and friend to all that knew and loved him. Gary was born on January 2, 1943, in Phillips, Texas to Thurman and Loraine Hess and spent the entirety of his childhood living in the family home with brother Eddie and sister Thurmelda. After graduating from high school, Gary attended Lubbock Christian University where he met his bride and the love of his life, Evelyn Thomas Hess, to whom he was married for 55 years before his death. Gary was a life-long fisherman, especially enjoying his hobby when the lines were tight and his son, Todd, was by his side. Gary is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hess; daughter, Shelli Mangum; son, Todd Hess [Lynn]; sister, Thurmelda Moore (Ladin); brother, Eddy Hess (Cyndy); grandsons, Cody Mangum, Caiden Mangum, grandson; Tyler Hess; great-grandson, Tripp Hess; mother-in-law, Louise Thomas; brother-in-laws, Patrick Thomas and Jerry Thomas (Ronda); and numerous nephews, nieces and grand nephews and nieces.



**Linda (Henson '66) Myers** died on August 9, 2018 in Batesville, AR. She was born July 7, 1946 in Clayton, New Mexico to Floyd and Chloe Henson. She was a Christian and of the Church of Christ faith. She liked water-color, painting, sewing, and spending time with her grandchildren whom she loved very much. She is survived by her husband, Edward P. Myers; three daughters, Candice Darlene Siklosi, Christine Deanna Worley, Carolyn Dylan Brooks; two sisters, Janelle Charmichael-Midler and Gretta Sanders; 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

**Dr. Martin Brillhart ('68)** passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Martin graduated from Spearman High School in 1966 and attended Lubbock Christian College for two years before enrolling in A&M University where he received both his Bachelor of Science and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Brillhart, Doc to many, was known and respected throughout the veterinarian community beyond the Lubbock area. Doc built the clinic and boarding facilities that the Slaton and surrounding communities have grown to respect and depend on for their pets and livestock from the ground up. Doc is survived by his daughter, Melissa Searcy and husband Josh; his sidekick Toddy, his French bulldog; along with his veterinary clinic family.

## '70s DECADE

**Rector Gene Jones ('71)** of Elizabeth, AR passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at his residence. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Rector is survived by his wife, Jana Jones; four children, Douglas Jones and wife, Araceli, David Wayne Love, Jr, Darin Lee Love and his wife, Kasey, and Jay Dustin Love and his wife, Lindsey; thirteen grandchildren; his twin brother, Roy Jones and his wife, Kathy, and three sisters, Ellen Perry and her husband, George, Shelia Jones, and Deb Urquidez and her husband, Kenneth. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Paula Kay Jones.

**James Anthony "Tony" Loper ('72)** died Friday, September 7, 2018, in Deltona, FL. He graduated from Abernathy High School and attended Lubbock Christian College. Tony moved to Florida in 2002 and was employed with the Seminole County Clerk of Courts for 15 years as the head of computer operations. Tony married Paulette Koogler, October 11, 2003, in Deltona, FL. He was the song leader at the Deltona Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by a son, Cory Dale Loper; his Mother, Tijauna Loper; and his Father-in-law, Gale Koogler. He is survived by his wife, Paulette Loper; his father, Mayo Loper; 2 sons, Damon

## RANDY SELLERS



**Randy Sellers** was born May 7, 1953, in Stamford, TX, and married Jean Fowler in August 1972. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Abilene Christian University, a Master of Science degree from Golden Gate University, and another Master of Science degree from Troy University.

Randy served in the United States Air Force from 1974 – 1982. He graduated from his flight training class in 1980 where he was awarded the Commanders trophy for graduating top of his class, and then worked as a defense contractor where he was a flight instructor from 1982 – 1997. When Reese Air Force Base closed in 1997, Randy decided to forgo a proposed transfer and remained in Lubbock where he then started his 21-year career at Lubbock Christian University. While on campus, Randy became a key member of the community who was instrumental in a number of massive successes for the university, including his oversight of the accreditation process.

A devoted member of the Church of Christ, Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Norris & Dorothy Sellers; a brother, Richard Sellers; and a granddaughter, Faith Thomas.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a daughter, Jennifer Thomas and her husband Bill of Urdorf, Switzerland; a son, Justin and his wife Malavika of Austin; a sister, Stephanie Fagan and her husband Russell of Denton; a granddaughter, Addie Sellers; and a grandson, Luke Thomas.

Loper and wife Laura, and Dax Loper and fiancée Latesha; 2 step-children, Carey Borocz and husband Keith, and Ryan Switzer and wife Christine; a sister, Judy Gunter; 2 brothers, David Loper and wife Judy, and Douglas Loper; and 7 grandchildren.

**Gloria (Welborn '72)** Simmons entered eternal life on February 28, 2018. Gloria was born to Ed Welborn and Earlene Welborn in Wichita Falls, Texas on May 24, 1950. She attended schools in the area and graduated from Vernon High School in 1968. After high school, she attended Lubbock Christian University and graduated in 1972. Gloria married Fred Simmons on June 24, 1972. Gloria taught at Reagan Elementary, then attended Liberty University to earn her master's in counseling. She served as a licensed professional counselor and center manager working for Helen Farabee Centers. Gloria's life was most marked by her love for Jesus Christ. She loved with His love. Gloria is survived by her beloved husband, Fred; children, Jeremy and Nicole Simmons, Chad and Elizabeth Simmons, and Jen and Terry Butler. She has 5 grandchildren, Kara, Casey, Zachary, Eva, and Jonathan.

**Jenny (Gamble) Welch** passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Jenny was a resident of Pampa, Texas at the time of passing. She was a 1971 Pampa High School graduate and attended two years at Lubbock Christian College.

**Mary Beth Mahon** passed away on April 21, 2018. Mary graduated from Jessie H. Jones High School in Houston, TX, in 1972. She then attended Lubbock Christian College before going to nursing school where she obtained her LVN license. She worked for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and private duty care during her career and she always had a passion for the profession and loved being a nurse and caring for others. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Myron; her parents and her siblings; David Riggins, Judith Barker, and Janice Riggins. She is survived by her children, Kaylea Andrews, and John Mahon; a host of nephews and nieces; and her four-legged child, Freebie.

**Robert Quintanilla ('75)** went to be with our Lord on June 7, 2018, surrounded by his family. Robert grew up in Sinton and spent the majority of his life in Willis, TX, where he built a home for his family. Driven by his passion for woodworking and construction, Robert would go on to start, own, and operate a successful real-estate inspection company for over 23 years. Robert leaves behind his wife of 39 years, Evelyn Quintanilla; eldest son Jeremy Quintanilla and his wife Kathrina; daughter Megan Pawalowski and husband Jesse, their children; and youngest son Ryan Quintanilla. Robert also leaves behind a large family of seven brothers and four sisters: Jessica, Estella, Esther, John, Oralia, Ruben, Roy,

Ramiro, Rene, David, and Rudy, along with their respective spouses and children.

**Gary Lee Moore** of Sun City, Arizona, passed away on March 21, 2018. Gary graduated from Camelback High School in Phoenix and entered the military. He married Rita Williams on March 17, 1972. He attended Maricopa Technical College and Lubbock Christian College. Gary worked as a civil draftsman for over forty years and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served in the United States Navy for four years aboard the USS Ticonderoga. Survivors include his wife, Rita; daughter Julie Uthe; sons Jeff Moore, Ryan Moore; sister Joyce Weems; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Tim Henderson** passed away on November 2, 2018. Tim spent his early life in multiple towns loving life with his family and excelling in youth sports. He was a college pitcher at Lubbock Christian University and Concordia University before becoming an umpire. Henderson completed a Bachelor of Business Administration at Texas A&M University in 1980. Tim began his own investment company, Logic Financial LLC, and was very humble and quiet in his philanthropy. He also worked many conference championships, regionals, super regionals and twice at Omaha in the College World Series. Tim is survived by parents C. Eugene and Patricia Henderson; sister Kathy Kramer and her husband, Kenneth; and brother Bruce Dickey. He also leaves his nieces and nephews and many other family members and friends.

**Daniel "Dan" Joe Felton ('78)** passed away November 5, 2018, at Oklahoma City, OK. After high school, Dan furthered his education at York College and Lubbock Christian University. He participated on the soccer team at York College and was the intramural director at Lubbock Christian University. Dan graduated with a degree in Agriculture Engineering in 1978. Dan had a strong work ethic and worked for BJ Hughes, Dowell, and Schlumberger where he remained for 25 years until retiring in 2015. He is survived by his wife, Vernetta (Taylor '79); 2 children, Von Felton and wife, Sara, and Corbin Miller and husband, Cole; 1 granddaughter, Camdyn Miller; his parents, Bob and Jo Ann Felton; 1 sister, Vee Ann Fields and husband, Gerry; 1 nephew, Mitchell Armstrong, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## '80s DECADE

**Robert Edward Nottebart ('80)** passed away on October 16, 2018, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Boling, Texas. He graduated from Westbury High School

in 1976 where he played both basketball and baseball. His love and talent for baseball led him to Lubbock Christian College where he played. He ultimately completed a master's degree in History at the University of Houston and began a distinguished teaching and coaching career at Strake Jesuit High School. He moved on to the head baseball coaching position at Wharton County Jr. College, where he also taught History for several years. Bob is survived by his mother, Joanne Nottebart; his wife, Peggy Fitt; his daughter Daniell Davis (husband Bryan); his sons, Wesley Nottebart (wife Ashton) and Samuel Nottebart (wife Sharzad); as well as former spouse and mother of his children, Beth Harmon Holmgren. He leaves six grandchildren.

**Charles Anthony Taylor ('81)** went home to be with God on September 10, 2018, after a brave struggle with heart disease. His family relocated to Lubbock and Charles attended Lubbock Christian College. While a student at LCC, Charles met and married Janita Tabor, his wife of 38 years. His career was very diverse and included restaurant management, retail management, pre-school teaching, high school football, and baseball coaching and baseball umpiring. Charles was a dedicated volunteer at the Ramona Senior Center in his later years. He is survived by his wife, Janita; three children, Tabitha, Charles Jr. and Katrina; five grandchildren; his parents, Dempsey and Annie; two brothers, Stevie and Dempsey Jr.; sister, Kathy; and a large extended family, multitude of friends, and extensive Christian family. He was predeceased by a son, and his brother and sister.

**Tina (Gossett '84)** Sarratt passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in Lubbock. After graduating from Anton High School in 1979, Tina attended LCU and graduated in 1984 with her teaching degree. She taught school in Smyer, Frenship and most recently, Littlefield School Districts. She retired in 2017 after 32 years of teaching. Tina also spent countless hours as the Student Council sponsor and taught in leadership workshops for 23 years. Tina married John Capogna on November 14, 2015, in Las Vegas, NV. Tina is survived by her husband, John Capogna; a son, Joe Graves; two grandchildren; five stepchildren; parents, Buck and Joyce Gossett; a brother, Bucky and Sherri Gossett; niece and nephew; a great-nephew; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

**Vance William Stroebel ('87)** departed from this life on November 9, 2018. He was born 1962 to Catherine and Andrew Stroebel and raised in Olton, Texas. He graduated from Olton High School in 1980, where he was a talented athlete and member of the school band. After high school, he went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in finance from Lubbock

Christian University in 1987. In his spare time, Vance enjoyed fishing, golfing, going to Texas Rangers baseball games, and watching his favorite football team - the Texas Tech Red Raiders. He was a devoted and supportive father to his two children and was head over heels for his new granddaughter. Vance was able to combine his love for family, fishing, and the outdoors at the annual family trip to Red River, where he looked forward all year long to competing with his brothers to catch the biggest fish. He is survived by his children, Aarika Stroebel, and Dillon Stroebel; granddaughter, Teagen Robuck; brother, Stan Stroebel and wife Misty; sister-in-law, Jo Karen Stroebel; and many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

## '90s DECADE

**Maria Angela Rodriguez ('93)** passed away on September 10, 2018. Angela was a resident of Grace, TX at the time of passing. Angela graduated Cum Laude from Lubbock Christian University then went on to teach for the Lubbock ISD for twenty years. Those left to cherish her memory are her siblings, Lupe Serna (Fermin), Ole Jr. (Maggie), Ricky, Ortencia Garcia (Hector), Robert (Blanca), Ruben (Priscilla), Roger (Kayla), and Bertha Rodriguez; Step-Mother, Julieta Rodriguez; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved Chihuahuas, Monte and Zuma.

**Jeffrey Tyler Muehring ('94)** was received into Heaven Saturday, October 27, 2018. Jeff took part in the Adventures in Missions training program in Lubbock and spent 27 months as a missionary in Yugoslavia. He received a Liberal Arts degree from LCU and Computer Science MD from TTU. He joined RiskMetrics in 2000 where he and his wife, Trina, found their dream jobs working together on the frontiers of technology. After the company sold in 2010, Jeff and Ken Parker left to co-found NextThought, LLC, in 2011. Jeff loved his wife and son fiercely and always found time to dedicate to them. His deep and profound faith and belief in God was unshakable throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Trina, and his son, Jasper; his father, Gene Muehring and wife Karel; his sister, Deanna; mother-in-law, Dot Stewart; brother-in-law, Kevin Stewart and wife Monica; brother-in-law, Brent Stewart and wife Patti; sister-in-law, Cherie Sherwood and husband Ron; ten nephews and nieces; and many wonderful aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**Victor M Rodriguez Jr. ('95)** passed away Thursday, August 16, 2018, in Lubbock. After obtaining his GED, Victor went on to receive his undergraduate degree from Lubbock Christian University and worked as a Spanish teacher for LISD for many years. He umpired for over thirty years and was a man with a big heart that extended greatly for his love

of God. He is survived by his wife, Rita Ortiz; his mother, Josefa Rodriguez; a son, Rodrigo Manuel Rodriguez and wife Ester; three daughters, Era Boswell & husband George, Francesca Anastasia Rodriguez, and Adrianna Rodriguez & wife Jennifer; two brothers, Fernando Rodriguez, and Jose Cruz; one sister, Rosa Garcia & husband Rolando; and ten grandchildren.

## '00s DECADE

**Alan Scott ('05)** passed into the arms of the Lord on 20 November 2018, in Lubbock Texas. Alan was born April 14, 1965 to Colonel James H. and Angelyn Scott. He graduated from O'Fallon High School in O'Fallon, Illinois in 1983. After high school, Alan moved to Lubbock to attend university and begin his career. He attended Texas Tech University and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lubbock Christian University where he received his bachelor's degree in Organizational Management. Alan earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University, and a 2nd master's degree in Counseling, also from Wayland Baptist University. He obtained professional certifications as a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, and certifications in Marriage and Family therapy, and in Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence. Alan served on the Board of Directors for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center. Most recently, Alan was in private practice as a counselor, and worked as a counselor (mental health assessor) at University Medical Center. Alan leaves to mourn his loving wife, Tammy Scott; his beloved mother-in-law, Catherine Brisco; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

**Clay Smith ('07)** passed away Saturday, June 16, 2018. Clay earned an undergraduate degree in Organizational Management from Lubbock Christian University. He is survived by his wife, Susan Smith; four children, Skylar Mahan and husband Chase and their children, Tayler Smith and her children, Bailey Smith and son, and Dalton Smith; father, Jay Smith; brothers, Eric Smith and children, Joel and wife Kim Smith and children; sister, Shelley and husband Eddy Hollums and children; and sister-in-law, Jeanna Smith.

**Christina Tafoya ('08)** of Levelland passed away May 16, 2017. Survivors include sons, Jason Tafoya, Matthew Tafoya, and Phillip Tafoya; daughter, Jessica Tafoya; two grandchildren; brother, Sylvester Cantu; and three sisters, Maria Linda Rangel, Patricia Cantu, Beatrice Steck.

## '10s DECADE

**Jo Carol Brazell ('16)** passed away on May 22, 2018. She grew up in Norwalk, CA, moved to Texas in her late 20's, and eventually settled in Lubbock. Jo earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Lubbock Christian University at the age of 55. She obtained a Master of Science in Leadership five years later. Jo is survived by her daughter, Jo Lynn Brazell; granddaughter, Jacquelynn Brazell; sister, Patricia Brazell; two aunts; one uncle; her California and Texas cousins; and numerous extended family members.

**Kimberly Elyse Dalby ('16)** passed away Sunday, May 13, 2018. Kim graduated from Midland High School in 1995 and received an undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in general studies in 2000. Following graduation, she was a manager at Joe's Crab Shack in Lubbock while she attended Covenant School of Nursing where she earned her RN in 2003. In January 2004, Kim began her 14-year nursing career at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock as a staff RN. On December 10, 2016, Kim earned her BSN from Lubbock Christian University. On April 5, 2018, Kim was the first nurse manager to be awarded the coveted Daisy Award by Covenant Medical Center for her excellence and expertise in nursing. Kim is survived by her husband, Michael Paul Dalby; daughter, Ava Dalby; son, Andrew Dalby; mother, Carolyn Sebastian; father, Hank Sebastian, and wife, Aesuk; sister, Meredith Edwards and husband, Jarrod; one niece; one nephew; mother-in-law; and extended family and friends.

## Former LCU Trustee

**James Cruce** was a farmer, auctioneer, cattleman, and real estate broker. He loved music and led singing for many years at Kress Church of Christ and served on the Lubbock Christian University Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1982. James served his country in the Navy from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean War. He is survived by his daughter, Keila Cruce; son; James G. Cruce, Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

# DR. B. WAYNE HINDS



**Dr. B. Wayne Hinds**, founding faculty member who served Lubbock Christian University for more than 40 years, passed away Oct. 16, 2018.

Dr. Hinds joined the university in the role of music department chairman in 1957. He founded the A Cappella Chorus in 1957 and directed the chorus for over forty years until he retired in 1998. He also founded the Royal Blue Band; Meistersingers Chorus, which he directed until 1960; and formed the Music Masters, which performed and produced Master Follies until that responsibility shifted to the Inter-Club Council.

Dr. Hinds's legacy extends beyond his influences in the music department and with performing groups. Together in 1957, he and his wife, Yvonne, composed the university alma mater – he wrote the music, and she wrote the lyrics.

The Hinds spent hours in and out of the classroom during his 41 years of service to the university: preparing for concerts in daily rehearsals, showcasing students and choruses by traveling the United States, and orchestrating more than twenty-five choral mission trips abroad. He and Yvonne, known affectionately as “Mama Hinds,” made a significant impact on the students and university to which they dedicated their lives.

“Dr. Hinds was highly instrumental in making sure music served at the core of the university identity,” said Dr. Laurie Doyle, professor of fine arts. “His years of travel with the chorus recruited for and advertised the new college in a tremendous way. He worked with hundreds of students over the years and inspired their love of music, their dedication to the university, and their faithful belief in the power of Christian fellowship.”

In 2017, the Hinds received the 60th Anniversary Enduring Legacy Award for leading by Christian example, an example that lives on at the university. The alma mater remains unchanged since its composition, still including the original lyrics about “modern pioneers,” the university’s original mascot. Additionally, many of the choral traditions created by Dr. Hinds continue in the musical programs led by Dr. Philip Camp, professor of music and director of choirs.

“Dr. Wayne Hinds was a tremendous inspiration to thousands of students and alumni during the early history of Lubbock Christian College and continued to inspire many beyond his retirement in 1997 through the Hallelujah Chorus and through the various alumni chorus gatherings and concerts,” said Camp. “With Mama Hinds by his side throughout their experiences, they truly exemplified Christ in their marriage.”

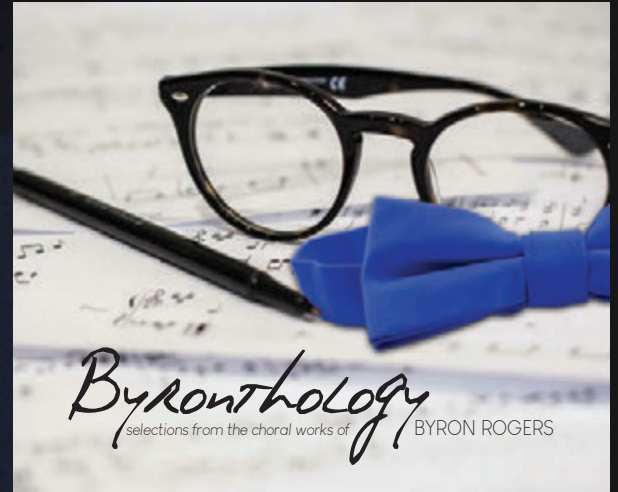
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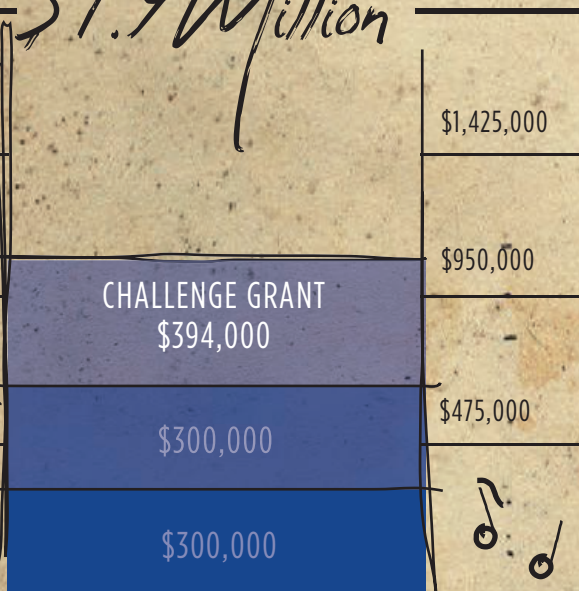
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