

From the Alumni Director, Mark Koerner



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CCU Reception at NACC

THANK YOU to the Alumni Association for helping to fund the best reception ever at the North American Christian Convention in Indianapolis!

IMPACT! /and Reunions Event – November 4

Alumni Reunion gatherings will be in conjunction with our annual IMPACT! event scheduled this year for Thursday, November 4. Special gatherings are being planned for the classes of **2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1970, 1960, 1955 and 1950**. More specific information will be sent in a letter from someone in each class. Of course all alumni are urged to attend this day filled with worship, fellowship, food and fun. Each of the reunion classes will also be challenged to give a gift toward the renovation of Rine Hall.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Alumni Association honors alumni for their distinguished lifelong service to the kingdom and to their alma mater. The names and a brief biographical sketch are displayed permanently on plaques in President’s Hall.

The Distinguished Alumni for 2010 are:

H. Sherwood ('56, '58) and Ermalene Evans, Rosena Hagee ('54), and Ray ('58) and Judy ('56) Linn



Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Awards are the highest honors the Cincinnati Christian University Board of Trustees gives. The recipients for 2010 are:

John ('68) and Susan ('69) Russell and Dr. Joe S. Ellis



Alumni News

L. Nathan Black ('38) graduated to his eternal reward on February 15, 2010, having ministered more than 50 years to churches in Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. He met and married Doris Dusenberry in 1943. She passed away in 1990.

Ida (Nichols) Jines ('39) went to be with her Lord on February 18, 2010, at the age of 93. She had been a public school teacher for 25 years but her greatest passion was teaching the Bible, especially to women, both individually and in class settings.

June (Pfeiffer) Hunter ('44) has taken the time to write a paper she titled “70 Years of Memories — The Good Old Days at CBS.” She describes in detail life as a student in the early days of our institution. Particularly interesting is how the girls lived in three old houses on Chateau Avenue, meal time, the inspiring chapel services, classes in Old Main and the effect on campus of Pearl Harbor in 1941. *(Contact Mark Koerner if you would like to have a copy of her paper.)*

Reggie Thomas ('51) will complete 65 years of continuous preaching in December, 2010. He dedicated his life to Christian service at the age of 16 under the ministry of **Russell Martin ('40)**. Reggie preached his first sermon in 1945 and has never stopped. He served for 21 years in churches in Oklahoma, Ohio, Illinois, Georgia and Tennessee. In 1966, Reggie dedicated his life to overseas evangelism and has spent the last 43 years preaching and doing missionary work in 82 different nations. He founded White Fields Overseas Evangelism and has authored two books. He presently serves as an elder in the Villa Heights Christian Church in Joplin, MO, where he and Esther are members. Four of their children are in ministry and four grandchildren are preparing to be missionaries.



Herman Kelly ('54) has completed 60 years of ministry to churches in Kentucky and Mississippi. He was in Winchester, KY, for 11 years and then for 39 years in Newton, Smith County and at South Raleigh in Mississippi. Herman is presently doing supply preaching. He has also owned and managed eight radio stations.



June Franklin Dennis ('54, '55) passed away peacefully on December 26, 2010, at the age of 77. He was in ministry for 60 years for churches in Kentucky, Florida and Indiana having retired in 2003. Dennis received honorary Doctor degrees from Faith College in Alabama and Northern Indiana.

George C. Melton (Att'd '56-'59) went to see Jesus face to face and sing in the heavenly choir on May 15, 2010 at the age of 72. George's entire adult life was spent ministering through gospel music. He was a founding member of the Gospel Lads having also sung with the Ambassadors, the Claiborne Brothers and the Gospelaire quartets. George began singing with his family in 1972 and in 1987 went full time as the "Melton Family Singers." George met his wife Nedra on stage when she was singing in a ladies trio at the World's Fair in Seattle. They were married in 1961. In 2003, George was honored for his 50 years in gospel music by the North American Christian Convention.



Paul ('59) and Betty Johnson celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary January 9, 2010, with friends and family on a riverboat cruise on the Ohio River. Paul has helped establish five congregations in four states and has been a "tent maker" by selling life and health insurance. Paul dresses like George Washington for special appearances and programs and has been on Fox News and has spoken at Tea Parties saying, "I'm back for the 2nd American Revolution to restore our 'God given' rights."



Visit him at www.georgewashingtonisback.com

James "Ken" Fetters ('61) has passed from this life to his eternal reward on January 2, 2010 at the age of 77. He began his ministry at the Bismarck Church of Christ, IL, and continued for 22 years. Ken also ministered with the St. Joseph Children's Home for three years and the St. Joseph Church of Christ for ten years. He married Geraldine Combs who died in 1963. In 1966, Ken married Ruth (Tate) Hadley who survives along with three sons.

Bob Russell ('65) has written a new book entitled *Transition Plan* (available in August). It explains how to plan a transition strategy for church leadership. **Dave Stone ('93)** describes the book as "practical, relevant, honest and humorous," and says leaders will benefit from being granted a peek into the mind of Bob as well as a look behind the scenes at Southeast Christian Church.



Earl ('69) and Ruth Anne Haubner celebrated their 40th year of missionary service in Brazil at their home church, Georgetown (OH) Church of Christ last July.

Ken ('69, '75) and Ramona ('64) Goble have recently moved to Wabash, IN. Ken is serving as Minister to Senior Adults at the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. Ken completed 13 years as Professor of Counseling at Atlanta Christian College. During those same years, Ken and Ramona had a part-time counseling ministry and taught together on numerous short-term mission trips. Previously, Ken taught Psychology and Counseling at CCU for 31 years.

Randy Snyder (BA '72) has aired his weekly messages for the last 27 years on local radio stations in Columbus, Cincinnati, Dallas, Atlanta, and currently on a 50,000 watt FM station in the Dayton/Cincinnati area. Starting June 21, his new program called "CrossHope" will air weekdays on XM Satellite Radio in most of North America. For more information, call Crossview Christian Church, where Randy serves as senior minister at 937-885-7402. Randy also serves as secretary of CCU's Board of Trustees.



Jenna Lusby ('73, '75) is the author of a seven-book fiction series for "tweens" titled, *Elijah Creek and The Armor of God*, three mission devotional journals titled, *Called, Challenged, and Changed*, and a soon to be released practical book of ideas for dramas and skits, *Stage it Right*. She writes under the pen name of Lena Wood. Jenna traveled to Tibet last June with **Karis Pratt ('97)** to research Tibetan (Black Magic) Buddhism for an upcoming novel.

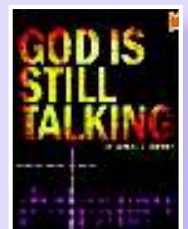
David Roberson ('76, '01) has accepted the call to minister at the Worthington Christian Church in Columbus, OH, after serving at White Oak Christian Church in Cincinnati for 30 years. David has also served as President of the CCU Alumni Association for the past years.

Randy Gariss (MA '91) was the featured speaker for the Men's Banquet at Central Christian College of the Bible. He has served as the preaching minister of the College Heights Christian Church in Joplin for 27 years.



Bart Rendel ('91) is the Lead in Strategic Planning for Church Solutions Group (www.churchsolutionsgroups.com). CSG partnered with Verve in Las Vegas to help locate and build Verve's ministry space, as well as refine their strategy. Bart is a 12 year resident of Las Vegas having served on the team at Central Christian Church for nearly 11 years.

Dr. James Hamer ('92) has written a new book titled, *God Is Still Talking*. James has worked in local ministry for 38 years having started two churches in Pennsylvania and served on a number of church-planting teams. He is also a Chaplain of Manor Care Nursing Homes, an educator, community activist, and an entrepreneur.



Sara (Friskney '92) and Jason ('93) Jones welcomed baby Chloe Ruth into their family born January 6, 2010. She was also welcomed by brother Jackson. The proud grandparents are **Tom ('51, '55) and Ruth ('68) Friskney.**



Richard Brown ('93) has worked at several of the finest restaurants, in Cincinnati. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force for four years and then came to CCU. As a student he worked in Buster T. Brown's, Zino's, Victoria Station, and Stouffer's hotel downtown. Richard went on to serve as maitre d' at both Pigall's and the Maisonette, two of Cincinnati's finest restaurants and is founder and presently the manager of Boca. Richard says, "Meeting people like Bill Blass, Phil Donahue, Marlo Thomas, Brenda Vaccarro, Henry Mancini, Carol Channing, Margaret Thatcher, and Presidents Bush and Clinton has been very exciting!"

John Raymond Green ('94) died November 19, 2009, at the age of 49. He had served churches in Iowa and Indiana and was senior minister at Clay Center Christian Church in Nebraska for the last 23 years. He is survived by his widow, Cheryl; daughter, Charity and son, Adam.

Vince Antonucci ('95) is the pastor of Verve in Las Vegas and author of the recently released *Guerrilla Lovers: Changing the World with Revolutionary Compassion*. For more information, go to VinceAntonucci.com and vivalaverve.org.

Randall Frye ('96) ran for the House of Representatives in Indiana. He is in his 20th year as a fire lieutenant with the City of Indianapolis Fire Department. Randall is also the owner of Blue River Technology. His career in telecommunications began with GTE in 1975, the same year he married Deborah Shell. They have two children and six grandchildren.



Dan and Robin (Wolfe) Been ('97) are missionaries working in Mozambique, Africa having been sent out by First Christian of Woodriver, IL. They work with Good News for Africa. Their ministry focuses on helping to train and disciple local church leaders. They also are involved in projects to help alleviate poverty. Dan is currently working on his Ph.D. through the University of Malawi – Mzuzu, and they have five children.

Emily Hill (Att'd 99-2000) has started an online boutique, Stop Traffick Fashion, combining her interest in fashion and her passion for fighting human trafficking. Stop Traffick Fashion exists to raise awareness of human trafficking, empower survivors and support organizations that are rescuing and providing rehabilitation for survivors. Visit www.stoptraffickfashion.com to find out more.

Danielle Presley ('99) was featured in a front-page story of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* about running the Toyota 10K and on

the same day running a 5K for the City Gospel Mission and MADD in Cincinnati. Danielle's husband, Jason, was killed in an accident with a drunk driver in 2004. Danielle teaches fourth grade at C.O. Harrison Elementary School in Cincinnati.



Larry Owen ('99) has been helping the Haitian people since 1979 at the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. He recently started a new mission, Waves of Mercy, in Port-de-Paix, a small city in the country's northwest region. After the earthquake, more have come to stay at the mission which has distributed over \$500,000 worth of food.



Josh ('02) and Kathy (Stokes '01) Gordon welcomed Jackson David, born April 9, 2009, into their family. He weighed 9 lbs.11 oz. and measured 22.5 inches. Jackson was welcomed also by big sister Avery. Josh and Kathy are both school teachers and live in Hillsboro, OH.



Chris Keith ('02) is an Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Lincoln Christian University. Dr. Keith earned B.S., M.A., and M.Div. degrees from Cincinnati Christian University and his Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is one of only 12 theologians to receive the 2010 John Templeton Award for Theological Promise. He received the award along with a \$20,000 cash award at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Go to www.fit.uni-heidelberg.de/award to learn more about the award.



Jon and Callie (Vaden '09) Botiller welcomed Lucy Grace into their family born April 30, 2010, at UK Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 20" long.



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