

The pursuit of faith and learning at Campbellsville University

In today's world, we can find some common observations that most people would agree on, no matter their age, ethnic heritage, political affiliation, chosen religion or spiritual commitment.

For example:

Most would agree that our world is changing very rapidly and that it is difficult for most to stay abreast of the social, cultural, and economic change we are now facing.

Secondly, most are concerned about how to steer this change so that "life is better" or improved not only for tomorrow, but for our children, grandchildren, and their children.

And thirdly, most see tremendous challenges in order to "improve life" or "make it better."

The Psalmist (Psalm 25:4-5) of long ago, wrote, "Show me thy ways, O Lord; Teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me." This scripture tells us that we must be open to know the "ways" of God and that we will learn them as they are "taught" to us.

The Apostle Paul shared in his writing to the Colossians (1:10), "Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Again, we see the emphasis on "learning" as noted in the phrase "increasing in the knowledge of God."

The very essence of Christian higher education, especially in the Baptist tradition, is in the degree that we allow the transformational teachings of the Christian faith to permeate the learning environment of the university. In recent years, Christian college and university trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and coaches have been engaged in numerous conversations via conferences, publications, and workshops to assist one another in the quest of how to be increasingly effective in view of our rapidly changing world.

This quest to examine and assess "how we do Christian higher education" is one of the foremost initiatives at Campbellsville University. In our daily work, in our five-year strategic plan, and in our blueprint for the future, *Vision 2025: Preparing Christian Servant Leaders*, we are dealing with the issues that directly affect us as Christians in a world where daily change is the norm.

We are asking the difficult questions and exploring the ethical dilemmas that face each of us who profess the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Some of these discussions are difficult as families and individuals face the challenges brought from living in this age (whether personal issues stemming from addictive behaviors or the economic challenges of ministering to the "least of these").

At Campbellsville University and other Baptist universities, we are sincerely trying to wrestle with these issues from a compassionate and Christian perspective.

This is why Baptist higher education is so important and why it is really a contemporary form of "missions!" Our mission is about excellence in the classroom, lab, or wherever the setting, but we are about so much more. We are also about the quest to bring our faith through our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, to the world in which we live.

Please pray for the work of the Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and



Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, talks with Lauren Vanmeter, a freshman from Campbellsville, Ky., and Dan Yin, a graduate of Yanbian University who is from China and studying English as a Second Language, at the open house for freshmen at the Betty Dobbins Heilman House. At far right is Dr. Keith Spears, vice president for regional and professional education. (CU Photo by Christina Miller)

coaches at Campbellsville University and similar universities – as we pursue the integration of our Christian faith and academic learning and as we work to help students of all ages to "Find Their Calling!"

Sincerely,

Michael V. Carter, *president*



The Rev. Fred Luter Jr., left, senior pastor, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., and Dr. Hershael W. York, senior pastor, Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., associate dean of ministry and proclamation, the School of Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, chair of the Kentucky Baptist Great Commission Task Force and former Kentucky Baptist Convention president, were the keynote speakers at the Pastors and Church Leaders Conference Sept. 23-24. (CU Photo by Bayarmagnai "Max" Nerqui)

Office of Church and External Relations

Schedule of Events for Spring 2011

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, senior pastor of St. Stephen Church and president of Simmons College of Kentucky in Louisville, Ky. Cosby has served as senior pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville, Ky. since 1979. During his ministry, the church has grown from 500 to approximately 10,000 members, and is recognized by *Outreach Magazine* as one of the top 100 largest churches in America and *Emerge Magazine* as one of the six super churches in the south.

7 p.m. EST, Ransdell Chapel

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011

"African-American History Month Celebration"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Joseph Owens, senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky. Owens is a member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, a Church Relations Council member and a 1977 graduate of Campbellsville College. He has served as senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church since 1999.

10 a.m. EST, Chapel Presentation, Ransdell Chapel

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011

"African-American History Month Celebration"

Featured Speaker: Sherre Miller Bishop, an award-winning dramatist, celebrated as an anointed and versatile performer and speaker, will be performing "From the Motherland to the Promised Land." This riveting performance brings to life the African-American worship experience from slavery to today.

7 p.m. EST, Ransdell Chapel

**Thursday, March 24 -
Friday, March 25, 2011**

"Church Relations Council Spring Meeting"

Registration begins on Thursday, March 24 at 2 p.m. with the meeting concluding at noon on Friday, March 25, 2011.

2 p.m. EST, Ransdell Chapel Classroom

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

"Baptist Heritage Series"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Walter B. Shurden, minister at large, Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Prior to retiring, Shurden was the founding executive director of the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University. He has written and edited 15 books and published numerous articles.

6:30 p.m. EST, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

An Update from Church and External Relations

By the Rev. John E. Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president



Rev. John Chowning

The summer and fall of 2010 have been busy and productive times for Campbellsville University with record enrollments in both summer school and fall semester.

The fall 2010 semester enrollment of around 3,250 represents our 21st consecutive semester of record enrollment. *U.S. News & World Report* placed CU in the top 25 colleges in the South for the fourth consecutive year and named CU third in the South in "Up-and-Coming Schools" – one of only 68 colleges and universities in the nation so designated. CU has been named a military friendly school for

two straight years and remains as one of America's Best Christian Colleges.

Vision 2025 – Preparing Christian Servant Leaders, our long-range planning blueprint, is in the first year of implementation with the goal of CU becoming one of the nation's premier Christian universities.

CU remains a "Great Commission" institution with hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and coaches involved in the work of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in "Jerusalem, in Samaria and Judea, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) In addition to preparing Christian pastors and others involved in church staff leadership roles, our mission is to prepare the next generation of Christian servant leaders who will go "to the ends of the earth" serving Christ and sharing the Gospel in their chosen professions.

It is also our commitment that these Christian servant leaders be practitioners of the "Great Commandment" by loving God with all their "soul, heart and mind" (Matthew 22:37) and "loving their neighbors as themselves" (Matthew 22:38).

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support. Please contact me at 270-789-5520, or via e-mail at jechowning@campbellsville.edu, if we may be of assistance or if you have any questions. Come and visit the Campbellsville University campus soon – you are always welcome!



Members of the 2011 Church Relations Council Executive Committee at Campbellsville University include from left: Front row – Anna Mary Byrdwell, former chair, Louisville, Ky.; the Rev. Shelby Reynolds, pastor of Eubank Baptist Church, Eubank, Ky.; Grace Bristow, member at large, Owensboro, Ky.; the Rev. Jay Hatfield, chair-elect, director of missions, Central Baptist Association, Willisburg, Ky.; the Rev. Michael Caldwell, pastor of Pleasant Union Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Ky., member at large; and Helen Henderson, secretary, Campbellsville, Ky. Back row – the Rev. Steve Sholar, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky., member at large; the Rev. Wilburn Bonta, director of missions, Russell Creek Baptist Association, Greensburg, Ky., chair, public relations; the Rev. Gerald Joiner, pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., chair, development, who received the university's second Kente Clothe recently; the Rev. Dennis Bickers, southeast area resource minister, American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, Madison, Ind., former chair; the Rev. Mark Shelton, chair, pastor of Burkeville Baptist Church, Burkeville, Ky.; the Rev. Matthew Smyzer, former chair, executive director, Baptist Fellowship Center, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University; and the Rev. John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president at Campbellsville University. Dr. Mike O'Neal, chair of the academic committee, and the Rev. Lincoln Bingham, member at large, were both absent. (CU Photo by Christina Miller)

KBC president speaks to Campbellsville University Church Relations Council

By Christina Miller, office assistant

"A vision without an action plan is merely a dream," Dr. Don Mathis, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said at Campbellsville University's fall Church Relations Council meeting Aug. 5.

"There are 4.2 million citizens in Kentucky; more than 2.6 million don't know Jesus," Mathis said. "It is our assignment to make sure they have an opportunity to know Jesus." Mathis is looking for an awakening in Kentucky.

Campbellsville University was a part of over 150 new decisions for Christ through summer camps held at the university, and there were 250 total rededications and students called into ministry, according to Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University.

Another 72 decisions, twelve by homeowners, for salvation were made through Kentucky Heartland Outreach (KHO), a non-profit organization started by Campbellsville University that helps families in need by repairing their homes.

Melissa Green, case manager with KHO, said, "Meeting a physical need also opens up a door for meeting a spiritual need."

Carter also said there is a "great opportunity" at Campbellsville University for ministry because there are students who aren't believers. "Ministry here is important," he said.

Ed Pavy, director of campus ministries, hopes to reach students through Baptist Campus Ministry, which also sends students out on several mission trips, domestic and international, throughout the school year.

Kyle Caven, head men's and women's tennis coach and a graduate of CU, shared his experience of a recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. There he taught children the game of tennis and was able to share the love of the Lord with them.

Members of the Church Relations Council also attended the January Bible Study Preview where they learned about the "Red Hot Letter of Paul to the Galatians" by studying all six chapters of Galatians. Dr. John Hurtgen, Dr. Ted Taylor and Dr. Shane Garrison, all theology professors at Campbellsville University, taught the Bible study.

The Church Relations Council is a primary constituency organization providing support for the Christian higher education mission of Campbellsville University. Comprised of pastors, other church staff and key lay leaders, the CRC serves in an advisory capacity to the president and administration in maintaining closer relations between CU and area churches.



Dr. Don Mathis, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, told the audience at the CRC meeting: "A vision without an action plan is merely a dream." (CU Photo by Christina Miller)

Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy (KHIPP) *Schedule of Events for Spring 2011*

Tuesday, Feb. 8 – Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011

"For the Health of the Nation: An Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Galen Carey, director of governmental affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals in Washington, D.C.

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Tuesday, Feb. 8 – 5 p.m. EST, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

"Creation Care"

Wednesday, Feb. 9 – 10 a.m. EST, Chapel presentation, Ransdell Chapel

Carey will be discussing "Creation Care," as referenced by the national evangelical movement.

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

"Women's History Celebration"

Featured Speaker: Ms. Eleanor Jordan is the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women in Frankfort, Ky. Jordan is the first African-American to be appointed to this post since the commission's initial creation in 1964.

5 p.m. EST, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

Tuesday, March 8 – Wednesday, March 9, 2011

"Human Rights Concerns"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Wayne Barnard, director of student ministries for International Justice Mission, will present "Human Trafficking and Slavery in the 21st Century."

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Tuesday, March 8 – 5 p.m. EST, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

"Human Rights Issues from a Biblical Perspective"

Wednesday, March 9 – 10 a.m. EST, Chapel presentation, Ransdell Chapel

Barnard will discuss "Human Rights Issues from a Biblical Perspective" at chapel.

Tuesday, April 5 – Wednesday, April 6, 2011

"International Religious Liberty Issues"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Joseph K. Grieboski, chairman and CEO for Just Consulting, a social justice consulting firm committed to the belief that people are more important than a profit, in Alexandria, Va.

"International Religious Liberty Issues"

Tuesday, April 5 – 5 p.m. EDT, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

Grieboski will discuss "International Religious Liberty Issues."

"The Persecuted Church"

Wednesday, April 6 – 10 a.m. EDT, Chapel presentation, Ransdell Chapel

Grieboski will discuss "The Persecuted Church" at chapel.

Coach Caven shares tennis, faith in Dominican Republic

By Phil Carlisle, student news writer

Kyle Caven, the men's and women's tennis coach at Campbellsville University, spent a week in the Dominican Republic this past summer using tennis as a tool for ministry.

Caven, along with other coaches from across the United States, spent each day sharing their knowledge of the game of tennis while also looking for opportunities to share the Gospel. It was Caven's first international mission trip which presented him with an exciting challenge.

"I think the biggest challenge for me was just stepping out and going," Caven said. "But I think that God really blessed that by letting me use a sport that I love and know a lot about. That definitely made the transition easier."

He admitted that getting to know the children there may have been his favorite part about the entire trip.

"The kids there are so accepting and open and willing to listen. You could tell that they really wanted to hear what we had to say and learn what we were teaching."

Caven made the trip with SCORE International, a ministry designed to expose people to short-term missions using sports, among other things, to bring mission-minded Christians together. While tennis is a relatively new mission tool in the Dominican, it certainly helped attract Caven to the opportunity.

"Athletics has always been such a big part of my life," Caven said. "Obviously we have these gifts and abilities for a reason and to be able to use something like tennis for ministry purposes was such a blessing for me."

Caven could not overstate the impact the trip had on him personally and said he would like to return to the Dominican Republic if he can.

"I'm definitely planning on going back, maybe even over Christmas break," he said. "Honestly I think God may have shown me more on that trip than I showed the kids. I feel like I grew a lot



Kyle Caven, men's and women's tennis coach, talks with people in the Dominican Republic during a mission trip this summer.

in such a short period of time and you just never know - maybe God has something bigger planned for me in the future."

Alumni and friends to meet in Lexington for KBC

A dinner for alumni and friends of Campbellsville University will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 during the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The dinner is at the Crowne Plaza Lexington-The Campbell House, 1375 South Broadway, Lexington. To RSVP, contact the Office of Development at 1-800-264-6014 ext. 5211 or e-mail alumni@campbellsville.edu.

The 2010 annual meeting is scheduled Nov. 16 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

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