

Baptist Higher Education: Missions in Action

Campbellsville University was established in 1906 as a result of the commitment of a group of Baptist visionaries who realized the great need for higher education, in the Baptist tradition, in south central Kentucky. The founders of Campbellsville University gave sacrificially of themselves and their resources in what they considered to be part of the fulfillment of the Great Commission. They approached this daunting task as “missions in action.”

Campbellsville University, now in her 103rd year, continues in that same tradition of approaching Christian higher education as a means of missions. *Vision 2025 – Preparing Christian Servant Leaders* is a bold blueprint for the next 15 years and outlines strategies for growth of enrollment, expansion of the institution’s footprint, initiation of new academic and student life programs, and implementation of a series of capital fundraising campaigns to provide the financial support required. *Vision 2025* calls for all Campbellsville University constituency groups to become even more engaged in servant leadership, missions and outreach, and ministries in the community and world. We firmly believe that Baptist higher education is missions in action!

Vision 2025 speaks specifically of our commitment to the “integration of faith and learning as a Christ-centered higher education

institution in the Baptist tradition and committed to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) and the ‘whosoever will gospel’ (John 3:16).” A commitment to servant evangelism and service learning is also explicitly outlined in *Vision 2025*.

Throughout Campbellsville University’s history, we have been producing world changers – pastors and youth ministers, music and worship ministers, career missionaries, bivocational pastors, denominational leaders at all levels of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Christian leaders in many other professions (doctors, lawyers, teachers, business people, etc.) who have served and honored Jesus Christ in their respective fields.

“Missions in action” is in reality the legacy of Campbellsville University for 103 years. “Missions in action” is the commitment of the future as stated in *Vision 2025 – Preparing Christian Servant Leaders*. “Missions in action” is what we are doing in 2010 at Campbellsville University as we provide quality Christian higher education for the 3,000 students who are enrolled – it is what we are doing as our students, faculty, staff, and administration engage in missional activity in the local community, around Kentucky and the nation, and literally around the globe. It is “missions in action” as we host the largest number of international students (around 240




Dr. Michael V. Carter gives a university update to the Church Relations Council. (CU Photo by Bayarmagnai “Max” Nerqui)

at any point in time from more than 30 nations) among Kentucky’s private institutions. It is “missions in action” as we implement our Servant Leaders Program which engages all CU students in missions and ministries during their first two years here.

Come and visit us at Campbellsville University! We welcome the opportunity to share with you the amazing ways in which God is moving in our midst. Thank you for your support of “missions in action” at Campbellsville University.

Sincerely,


Michael V. Carter, *president*

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 spring 2010 semester has been a very busy and productive time at Campbellsville University.

We have enjoyed our 20th consecutive semester of record enrollment with more than 2,800 students.

Vision 2025 – Preparing Christian Servant Leaders is serving as a blueprint for the next 15 years and is receiving very positive feedback from our constituency groups. CU students are excelling in the classroom, serving in local

churches throughout Kentucky, providing thousands of hours of community service to a variety of community and faith-based organizations, sending money and food items to Haiti following the tragic earthquake, competing in a variety of intercollegiate and intramural athletics, and going on mission trips literally around the globe.

We are blessed to have a wonderful faculty of talented Christian scholars and dedicated staff and coaches who consider serving at Campbellsville University to be the fulfillment of the call that God has placed upon their lives.

All of us at CU are dedicated to the premise that Baptist higher education is an important component of fulfilling the Great Commission – we are literally bringing people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, making disciples and teaching them, and carrying the Gospel to all the world.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Call me at 270-789-5520, or e-mail me at jechowning@campbellsville.edu, if you have any questions. Come and visit us soon.

Office of Church and External Relations

Schedule of Events for Fall 2010

Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010

"Church Relations Council Fall Meeting"

Registration Thursday, Aug. 5 at 9:45 a.m. ET in the Ransdell Chapel foyer.

10 a.m. ET Ransdell Chapel Classroom

Noon – Lunch in the Ransdell Chapel Foyer.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010

"Dialogue on Race –

Campus and Community Together"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Eric A. Johnson, senior pastor, Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. Johnson is the Moderator of the Central District Baptist Association. He is the president of the City-Wide Revival and an instructor for the National Baptist Convention of America. Johnson holds a Ph.D. in Theology.

10 a.m. ET Ransdell Chapel

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010

"Chapel Presentation"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Don Mathis, President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Dr. Mathis is the first two-time president of the KBC in 48 years. From 1985 to 1986, he was elected president while pastor of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky. At the 2009 convention meeting, he was elected for the 2009-2010 term as the first vocational evangelist ever elected as KBC president.

10 a.m. ET Ransdell Chapel

Pastors and Church Leaders Conference is Sept. 23-24

"Characteristics of Effective Church Leaders" is the theme for the 2010 Pastors and Church Leaders Conference Sept. 23-24 in the Ransdell Chapel.

Dr. Hershael W. York, senior pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., and the Rev. Fred Luter Jr., senior pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, will be the principal speakers.

There will be breakout sessions that will focus on the theme with emphasis on family, integrity, transparency and loving the people. The conference is designed for lay persons as well as pastors and other church staff. The cost is \$30.

To register and for more information, contact the Office of Church and External Relations at 270-789-5520 or e-mail sddouglas@campbellsville.edu.

Owens speaks of serving at CRC banquet

By Joan C. McKinney, news and publications coordinator

Dr. Joe Owens, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Lexington, and vice chair of the Board of Trustees, spoke on being "called to serve" at the Church Relations Council Banquet March 25. "Called to serve" was the theme of the 33rd annual Church Relations Council meeting March 25-26.

He said there are three ways of serving, with the first being a call to humility. He said he used to think less of himself, but we

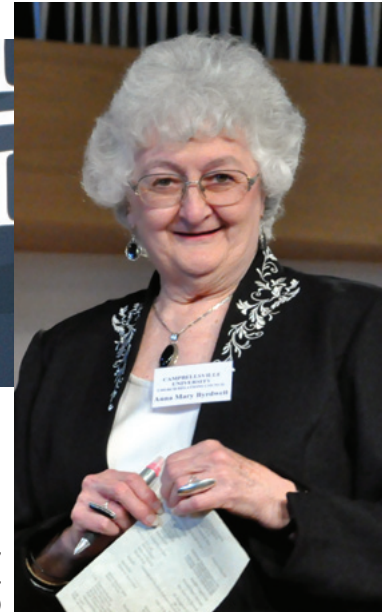
need to think of self less. "It's more about people serving others."

He said we receive a call through compassion. He said compassion isn't feeling sorry for people, but it's "I care enough to do something and get involved in others' lives."

He also said we should have a call to faithfulness – even until death. He urged us to use humility, compassion and faithfulness in our everyday lives.



Dr. Joe Owens, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Lexington, and vice chair of the CU Board of Trustees, talked about service at the CRC banquet. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)



Anna Mary Byrdwell, chair of the Church Relations Council, was congratulated for her service at the CRC meeting. (CU Photo by Bayarmagnai "Max" Nergui)



The Rev. Gerald Joiner, a 1975 graduate who is on the CRC, talks with the Rev. Preston Siler, a 1976 graduate also on the CRC, at the banquet. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

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New members who attended the CRC banquet include from left in center the Rev. J.R. Sams, David Cozart and Dr. Ray England. From left are: Dr. Joe Owens, Dr. Michael V. Carter, Anna Mary Byrdwell and the Rev. John Chowning. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

New members selected for CRC

New members of the Church Relations Council who were announced at the dinner include Dr. Paul Strahan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.; the Rev. Will Zik, minister of youth and education, Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.; The Rev. Kenny Rager, pastor, Living Faith Baptist Church, Hartford, Ky.; Dr. Ray England, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Ky.; the Rev. J.R. Sams, executive vice president, Simmons College of Kentucky, Louisville.

The Rev. Greg Curtis, pastor, Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff, Ky.; the Rev. Mike Rogers, pastor, Hodgenville Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Ky.; the Rev. Chip Pendelton, senior pastor, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; and David Cozart, administrator of development, Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County, Lexington, Ky.

Alumni and friends reception planned during Southern Baptist Convention

A reception for alumni and friends will be held during the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla. from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. June 15.

All alumni and friends attending the convention are invited, as well as alumni and friends living in the Orlando area.

The event will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Salon 5 on Level Two.

To RSVP, contact the Office of Development at 1-800-264-6014 ext. 5211 or e-mail alumni@campbellsville.edu.

CWJC receives national award

Campbellsville University Christian Women's Job Corps won the Site Grant Award from national Women's Missionary Union. A check and trophy were presented to Debbie Carter and Edwina Rowell, site coordinator, at the November Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting.

Rowell completed Level 2 training for site coordinators in North Carolina in September and the group will provide trained mentors to two additional women this spring.

Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy (KHIPP)

Schedule of Events for Fall 2010

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010

"The State of the United Nations: The Relevancy of its Role in Today's World"

Featured Speaker: Dr. John D. Stempel, senior professor of International Relations at the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. Stempel served 23 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, including postings in Guinea, Burundi, Zambia, and Iran, plus a three-year tour as U.S. Consul General in Madras, India.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010

"The Holocaust"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Robert M. Ehrenreich, Director of University Programs at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Prior to joining the Museum, Ehrenreich was a postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institution; a research associate at the University of Illinois, Urbana; a senior staff scientist at The National Academies; and an associate research professor at George Washington University.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010

"Election 2010"

Featured Speakers: Mr. Al Cross is director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Cross served as a reporter at *The Courier-Journal* for more than 26 years, the last 15 1/2 as the Louisville newspaper's chief political writer. **Mr. Lowell Reese** is founder of the Kentucky Roll Call Inc., a Frankfort-based governmental affairs publishing company. His first publication was an insiders' newsletter on Kentucky politics, government and business. **Mr. Ronnie Ellis** is a Frankfort Bureau Reporter for the CNHI News Service. Ellis covers state government, the General Assembly, politics for Kentucky papers and produces a weekly column.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010

"Earth Stewardship Forum"

Featured Speakers: Dr. Ben Lowe is author of *Green Revolution: Coming Together to Care for Creation* (IVP 2009) and a contributor to *Christians, the Care of Creation, and Global Climate Change* (Pickwick Publications, 2008). He formerly served as the Outreach Director for A Rocha USA, an international Christian conservation organization, before coming on staff with Renewal in 2009. **Terry Cook** is state director for The Nature Conservancy in Kentucky, which gives him an outlet to express his passionate commitment to conservation.

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

'Things don't always work out, but God works it out': Campbellsville University students spend spring break on mission

By Christina Miller, student news writer

Campbellsville University students shared testimonies of their spring break mission trips during Oasis, the weekly Baptist Campus Ministry meeting at Campbellsville University March 22. Missions to Costa Rica, Florida, Michigan, a road trip around Kentucky, and a road trip around the South, came down to one theme, "Things don't always work out, but God works it out."

A team of men hiked through Costa Rica to reach the "unreachable" villages and witness to the people there.

Logan Hazelwood, a junior from Salvisa, Ky., said, "It took us a long time to hike to the villages. Getting there was a gift from God... to see the smiles on kids' faces."

Campbellsville University football players and coaches visited six maximum security prison facilities in Florida and the Youth Challenge Center of Florida, a last step camp for drug offenders.

Jim Hardy, assistant football coach, led the team and said, "The trip is always a blessing to me because I get to watch the football players bring a blessing to the inmates they minister to."

The team played softball with the inmates and shared their testimonies and the gospel message in between games.

Another team traveled to Dearborn, Mich. where their goal was to reach Muslims living in the area. Dearborn has the highest population of Muslims and the biggest mosque in North America.

Kristina Wallace of Hopkinsville, Ky. explained, "Islam focuses on family... they do everything together. If one of the family were to convert to Christianity, it's basically decided they are no longer a part of the family."

The team spent their time in churches ministering to the needs of those people who have been thrown out of families and ministering to their Muslim families.

Another team went on GPS, a road trip across Kentucky sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. CU students didn't know in advance their travel agenda, but followed GPS coordinates which revealed their next stop.

Tomohiro Suko, a freshman from Japan, said he felt he grew up spiritually over the course of the trip. "I feel different in who I was

before spring break. Now I am more enthusiastic to share the word of Jesus and share my faith."

A group of five men went on a road trip around the South - what they called "Man Trip 2010." This team traveled to Atlanta, Ga., Charleston, S.C., and Gainesville, Fla.

Kenton Hallinan, a junior from Louisville, said, "From the moment we set foot in Atlanta, even when everything else didn't work out, God still had a plan. We ministered where we didn't expect to."

In Charleston, the team worked in a food bank sorting through thousands of cans. The team's work equaled 1,500 meals.

In Gainesville the team served meals to the homeless and helped put together medical care packages for Haiti.

Alan Haven, a junior from Shelbyville, Ky., said, "Maybe what we did didn't equal much, but God will make it fruitful and He will move."