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CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH WITH LEXINGTON PASTOR

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CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. – Campbellsville University will be celebrating African American History Month with a chapel service led by Dr. Joseph Owens, senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Lexington, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Ransdell Chapel.

Owens is vice chair of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees. He graduated from Campbellsville College in 1977 with a bachelor of arts in Christian studies. He has since won the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award during Campbellsville University's Homecoming celebration.

Owens, a native of Lebanon, Ky., became licensed to preach in 1975 at First Baptist Church in Campbellsville, Ky., and became ordained in 1980 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky.

He graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980 with a master of divinity and a master of religious education. In 2000, he graduated from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio with a doctor of ministry.

Owens served as pastor at Second Baptist Church in Vincennes, Ind. for seven years, and Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Midway, Ky. for 11 years. He is serving in his tenth year as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky.

He serves as chairman for the Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass in Lexington, Ky. He is a member of several boards including Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action, Direct Action Research Training (DART) and North

Lexington Branch YMCA. He also serves as a moderator of the Consolidated District Baptist Association.

Owens has been married to his wife, Elizabeth, also a 1977 graduate of CU, for 35 years. She is employed with the Fayette County School System as a child guidance specialist. The couple has two children, Charisa Jené and John Mark.

Chapel is designed to provide opportunities for corporate worship and exposure through of a variety of informative speakers and presentations.

All chapels are open to the public free of charge and are televised live on WLCU-TV-4 (Comcast Cable channel 10) and are streamed live on the Internet. Go to www.campbellsville.edu, click on the media tab, select WLCU-TV and follow the prompts to Live Video Streaming.

For information, call the Office of Campus Ministries at 270-789-5227.

For more information about chapel, contact Ed Pavy, director of campus ministries, at 270-789-5227.

Campbellsville University is a private, comprehensive institution located in South Central Kentucky. Founded in 1906, Campbellsville University is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and has an enrollment of 3,006 students who represent 97 Kentucky counties, 30 states and 37 foreign nations. Listed in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2010 "America's Best Colleges," CU is ranked 23rd in "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the South, tied for fifth in "most international students" and fourth in "up-and-coming" schools in baccalaureate colleges in the South. CU has been ranked 17 consecutive years with *U.S. News & World Report*. The university has also been named to America's Best Christian Colleges® and to *G.I. Jobs* magazine as a Military Friendly

School. Campbellsville University is located 82 miles southwest of Lexington, Ky., and 80 miles southeast of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Michael V. Carter is in his 11th year as president.