

Theology Connections

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UPCOMING THEOLOGY EVENTS

- **April 20 - Holy Week Chapel Service featuring Dr. John Hurtgen as speaker.**
- **May 13 - Graduate Commencement**
- **May 14 - Undergraduate Commencement**
- **May 16 – 19 - Contagious Church and Leader’s Conference: Louisville Extension Center**

Festival of Young Preachers

By Natasha Janes, student news writer



Campbellsville University, a founding member of the National Festival of Young Preachers, was recognized at the recent conference for having the most students attending from any college or university affiliated with the organization.

The CU students who participated in the 2011 National Festival of Young Preachers were (pictured left to right) Jamie Bennett of Horse Cave, Ky., Trask Murphy of Summersville, Ky., Curtis Clemons of Williamstown, Ky., Andre Morton of Vine Grove, Ky., Andrew McGinnis of Waynesburg, Ky. and Jesse Reese of Old Bridge, N.J.

During the festival, 130 young people from across the nation delivered a sermon based on the 10 Commandments. The Academy of Preachers is a trans-denominational organization whose mission is to Identify, Network, Inspire and Support young people who sense God’s leading into a vocation of enormous social significance—gospel preaching.

Bennett said one of the most interesting parts of the experience was being exposed to so many different traditions and backgrounds. He said, “Theologically, I think everybody heard a sermon or two that made them wince. That was the beauty of the experience; everybody had to stand back and think, ‘Okay, I don’t agree with that, but why don’t I agree with it? Is it because it isn’t biblical, or is it because I’ve made a few false assumptions about who God is and what the message of Christ means?’”

“At the Festival of Young Preachers, the preachers were from many different traditions and denominations. I feel more appreciation for certain traditions in my denomination as well as those in other denominations that may not be part of my specific tradition.”

Wigginton said one of his favorite memories of this year’s festival was watching CU’s students show up for each other and support each other every time a Campbellsville person would preach. Clemons said, “I was granted the opportunity not only to preach, but to hear classmates and fellow young preachers from across the continent.”

At the final assembly of the festival, all young preachers who participate are formally inducted into the Academy of Preachers, and thus eligible for both institutional scholarships and also for both the summer preaching camps, the Leadership Team and other programs of the Academy of Preachers.

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Druien Hall Receives Technology Facelift

Druien Hall, the longtime home of the Campbellsville University School of Theology, has undergone a major technological facelift over the last few months. During the recent fall and spring semesters, strategic technological and ascetic improvements have been added to spruce up the aging facility.

The idea for these enhancements began in Jerusalem during the 2010 Holy Land Tour. Dr. John Hurtgen, Dr. Ted Taylor, Dr. Scott Wigginton, and Dr. Shane Garrison began discussing how to share pictures and video of the Holy Land Tour with students not able to go. “We wanted to share the memories of our trip so our students would become interested the next time we traveled abroad,” Garrison commented. “Our goal was to get these amazing pictures and videos out to anyone who happened to be in Druien Hall.”



During what became known as the “Jerusalem Council,” the men devised a plan. First, they wanted to purchase flat panel TV monitors on both hallways. These monitors would show pictures and live footage from the trip. Secondly, they determined to print and hang large still photos and maps from the trip in classrooms and around the offices.

“Once we got thinking about the potential of the monitors, many other ideas starting coming to mind,” reported Dr. Ted Taylor. “I began thinking about showing testimonies of students sharing about their commitment to Christ. These could be put on the monitors as a way to reach unbelieving students in our General Education courses who happen to be waiting for a class or just sitting in the hallway.”

That idea prompted the team to create a digital production studio where students, faculty, alumni and friends could come to Druien Hall, share what God was doing in their lives and ministry, and then have that footage shown on the monitors and on the School of Theology website.



So Garrison and Taylor found a closet adjacent to the Druien Hall conference room where a small studio could be built. The renovation plan was set. With the skillful help of Mr. Todd Parish, president of ProServices and Kentucky Heartland Outreach, and the financial support of many donors and pastors, the renovation project became a reality.

Druien Hall now has live video on both hallways, a digital production studio, building-wide wi-fi access, projection technology in every classroom, and numerous student testimonies and alumni interviews playing through the day.

Druien Hall has never looked so good.

A New Race in Christ

By Shelby Lynn Cash, student news writer

Dr. Jarvis J. Williams, assistant professor of New Testament and Greek, [presented] the paper titled “A New Race in Christ: The Soteriological Foundation underneath Paul’s Theology of Racial Reconciliation,” [on Monday, February the 7th, 2011.] A full version of this paper will be published in a scholarly journal in the United Kingdom in June.



Dr. Jarvis Williams

Williams said his paper “will first define what ‘race’ meant from the perspective of ancient secular texts and from the perspective of religious texts, and it will discuss the differences between secular and Jewish texts and Paul’s words.”

“After I’ve defined what I mean by ‘race,’ I will then discuss the issue of ‘racial reconciliation’ from the perspective of the apostle Paul. My thesis that I will argue and defend from selected texts authored by the apostle Paul is as follows: ‘The foundation underneath Paul’s understanding of racial reconciliation is Jesus’ death for Jews and Gentiles; Jews and Gentiles who express faith in Jesus form a ‘new’ and ‘distinct’ race, and racial reconciliation is central to Paul’s gospel,” Williams said.

Williams received his Ph.D. in 2007 from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Williams also has a master of theology and a master of divinity from SBTS and a bachelor of science from the James P. Boyce College.

Williams has published two scholarly books and additional scholarly articles in his field. His publications have focused on atonement in Paul’s theology and salvation in Paul’s theology, but his second book specifically focuses on racial reconciliation and atonement in Paul’s theology.

Williams is writing his third, fourth and fifth books. Books three and four focus on atonement in Paul, and will be published in 2012 and 2013. Book five focuses on race and the Bible and will be published in 2015. Williams’ research interests focus on Paul’s letter to the Romans, Paul’s understanding of atonement and salvation in early Judaism, and ethnicity/race in the Bible.

Williams is a member of and is involved in the Evangelical Theological Society, the Institute for Biblical Research and the Society of Biblical Literature.



From the Basement:

By: Dr. John Hurtgen

Thank you for reading this issue of *Connections!* I am proud of and just love working with my Theology Team: Early, Garrison, Hatfield, Howell, Taylor, Wigginton, and Williams.

As you can easily tell, both professors *and* students have been busily, spiritually engaged. By the way, there is a little blurb located on the back page that tells of a book that the Theology Team is writing together, *Producing World Changers for Christ* (the working title). This is a book we will be using in every Spiritual Formation class, as well as putting in the hands of alumni and friends of CU Theology. It tells the story about what we are up to day by day, semester by semester, as we *produce world changers for Christ*: students who are passionately evangelical, rooted in the biblical story, church connected, servant leaders, spiritual entrepreneurs, and partners in an enduring fellowship.

What a story this is! Coming to a book store near you this fall!

Updates from the School of Theology Team



Dr. Jarvis Williams

Invited to participate in a panel discussion on race that will feature his book and two new scholarly works at 2011 Evangelical Theological Society, and hopes to present two papers at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, both in San Francisco. He is writing 3 books on race issues of atonement and salvation in Paul in the bible.



Dr. Ted Taylor

Dr. Taylor continues to serve as Transitional Pastor at Columbia Baptist Church in Adair County. Dr. Taylor is celebrating 40 years in Christian ministry.



Dr. Joe Early

Dr. Early is finishing up a new Christian History textbook that will be published by B&H Academic. He is also getting married June 18th in Williamsburg, KY.



Dr. Dwayne Howell

Dr. Howell continues to serve as pastor of Rolling Fork Baptist Church in Gleanings, KY. He has been active in presenting papers and organizing regional meetings for the Society of Biblical Literature.



Dr. Shane Garrison

Continues to serve as interim pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Louisville. He was the keynote speaker at the KBC Imagine Children's and Preschool Ministry Conference in February. Garrison led Winter Bible Studies at Salem Baptist Church and Good Hope Baptist.



Dr. Scott Wigginton

Dr. Wigginton has been on a writing sabbatical this spring semester. In addition to working on a book, he is traveling to Greece and Turkey in preview of the 2012 Footsteps of Paul study tour.



Dr. John Hurtgen

Taught January Bible Study in Paul's letter to the Galatians at: Saloma Baptist, Campbellsville, KY; Faith Baptist, Marion, IN; Campbellsville Baptist, Campbellsville, KY; Stewart's Creek Baptist, Marion Co., KY.

Beginning March 8 Dr. Hurtgen will teach CU's first class utilizing CU360 (new interactive TV media). Pastoral Letters, Pastoral Leadership--a graduate class that interprets 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus along with lessons in contemporary pastoral leadership--will be taught in Louisville with connections to students at sites in northern KY, Pineville KY, and Bowling Green KY. Guest presenters will feature Dr. Ted Taylor, Shane Garrison, Jeff Eaton, and Jim Woolums.

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