

CU Theology Connections

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the generous supporters of the Druien Hall Renovation Project.

CHURCHES

CAMPBELLSVILLE BC
SKIP ALEXANDER, PSTR
COLUMBIA BC
TED TAYLOR, PSTR
FAIRVIEW BC
RICK MANN, PSTR
HILLVUE BC
STEVE AYERS, PSTR
HOPE COMMUNITY
JEFF EATON, PSTR
PLEASANT HILL BC
JAMES JONES, PSTR
SALOMA BC
JOHN CHOWNING, PSTR
VALLEY VIEW BC
JOEL CARWILE, PSTR

INDIVIDUALS

DR. & MRS. MICHAEL
CARTER
REV. & MRS. JOHN
CHOWNING
DR. & MRS. SHANE
GARRISON
DR. & MRS. JOHN
HURTGEN
MR. & MRS. DONALD
MCKINNEY
DR. & MRS. TED TAYLOR

CORPORATE

PRO SERVICES, INC.
MR. TODD PARISH,

Druien Hall Renovations Continue



Top: New entry way to basement level with double staircase and widened hallway passage; Left: Dedication & Core Values plaque on both floors; Bottom Left: New bathrooms on Theology office level; Below: Seminar Room newly painted, carpeted, and displaying Israel photography and maps.



campbellsville.edu/school-of-theology
facebook.com/cutheology
twitter.com/cutheology

The School of Theology's Mission is to Produce World Changers for Christ

who are

Passionately Evangelical ~ Rooted in the Biblical Story ~ Church Connected
Servant Leaders ~ Spiritual Entrepreneurs ~ Partners in Enduring Fellowship

Basketball Outreach

By: Chris Megginson, Sports Info. Dir.



Camp time around Campbellsville University is about to hit full swing. But before campers from across the Commonwealth and Southeast come to campus for Christian camps or sports camps, one class has combined the two elements in a recent project.

Dr. Ted Taylor's Christian coaching class hosted a one-day basketball clinic. Returning adult student Mike Smith, 54, is in charge of recreation at a boys' detention center, Lincoln Village, in Hardin County, Ky. Smith decided to bring some of his boys to a Campbellsville basketball game in February. After Taylor learned of Smith's position, the two joined together with the idea of the clinic.

The boys are wards of the state in a program for good behavior that can last as short as 17 weeks, if all goes well, though some

have been there much, much longer. Ford is one those long-term residents. After more than six months at Lincoln Village, he decided it was time he went home. Smith's option for the chance to play some ball with good behavior, helped motivate Ford and the other boys.

"I want to go home now," Ford said. "They said I could go (to the clinic), so I kept making my weeks so I can go." The clinic was focused on basketball for two reasons. One was the resource of talented teachers, as former CU Lady Tiger Kristi Ensminger is a graduate assistant for Taylor and a natural choice to lead the clinic. She was able to recruit fellow Lady Tigers Courtney Danis and Whitney Ballinger to help teach skills as well as former Tiger junior varsity player Logan Hazelwood. The other had a little to do with location. "The boys love basketball. After all they're in the state of Kentucky," Smith said.



"Our motto is encouraging teamwork and self respect. I think it's big for the guys to be able to see teams out here, and knowing that some of these guys in class here may have come from rough backgrounds, but now they're a college athlete," Ensminger said.

The rough background was something at least one of Smith's classmates could relate to. CU senior football player Jeffrey Demary of Columbia, S.C. was in full coach mode with the boys. While he enjoyed the chance to coach and have fun with the boys, it was the opportunity to share and motivate them that matters the most.

"I can relate to some of these kids," Demary said. "Growing up, I had been through some of the stuff they've been through ... The difference between me and them is, that some of the bad things that I did in my life, I didn't get caught. By talking with them, it shows them where I am today and where they can be at."

Between the skill session and tournament play, the boys were presented the gospel over lunch. Hazelwood, a senior pastoral ministries major from Harrodsburg, Ky., gave the lunchtime message.

"It's cool to be able to see how the skills God gave me opens up so much to build relationships and advance the gospel," Hazelwood said. "That's what's so cool about a day like this, is to be able to come in and hang out and show them it's not just a pastor, preacher or Bible thumper. It's just a normal guy who plays ball."

In the weeks since the event, Smith said the boys' behavior continues to be on track. "We made a difference in some of the boys just to get down here, and that was the significant part of it. Now we're maintaining day-to-day," Smith said. He and Taylor both hope the event is something that can become a regular part of the Christian coaching class.

"It was great for us. If the university is good with it, we'd come back," Smith said. "I've been here a year and a half now and (the university's) been really good to me." "It's a win-win for us and them, and it fits within our mission of what we're doing here at Campbellsville University," Taylor said.

Shurden Speaks on Baptist Theology

Dr. Walter B. Shurden, Minister at Large at Mercer University, told students and faculty what it means to be a Baptist Christian at a recent presentation as part of a Baptist Heritage Lecture Series.

“There are three key components of being a Baptist as I have known it,” Shurden said, “Giving in to being loved, giving in to the demands of love and giving back because of love.”

Throughout the presentation, Shurden emphasized the need for love and freedom in living out the Christian faith.

“There is no such thing as forced love,” Shurden said. “In fact, the highest form of love is a totally free choice.”

According to Shurden, the Baptist denomination has not lacked its critics and for good reason.

“Baptist spirituality has taken a beating over the years,” Shurden said. “Often times, we Baptists spend too much time being saved and not enough time being spent. Most of the work we do for Christ is not done in church on Sunday morning, but rather it’s done where God’s people work during the day.”

Shurden also says that Baptists today do great harm trying to standardize religious experiences.

“No two religious experiences are exactly the same and we do a great injustice by trying to make them so,” Shurden said. “My religious experience is different from yours and yours is different than the person’s sitting next to you. However, many people begin their Christian walk by realizing it’s not about I love, it’s about I am loved.”

In closing his presentation, Shurden claimed that no single person can know everything there is to know about being Baptist, but says that all Baptists must become familiar with this concept of love.

“We must learn to live out our faith at all times because second-hand faith is no faith at all,” Shurden said. “The Baptist faith is about letting go, reaching out, giving back and loving back.”



Updates from the School of Theology Team

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Sherry Bowen as our new School of Theology Administrative Asst. She began June 6.

Sherry has recently been serving at the Campbellsville Christian Church Center for Education as a preschool teacher's aide. Previously she worked at Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Hospital (Green Co.) as accounts payable/payroll/administrative assistant. She studied business at Lindsey Wilson College. Her husband is Larry Bowen, a financial advisor in town and who is also on the CU Advancement Board. Sherry & Larry have one daughter, Amelia, and are members at Campbellsville Baptist Church.



If you would like to welcome her with an email, you can send it to slbowen@campbellsville.edu. We are thrilled to have Sherry join our team.

We are equally thrilled to welcome our newest faculty member to the School of Theology team. Dr. Twyla Hernandez has joined us as our new assistant professor of Christian Missions and will begin in August.

Dr. Hernandez is a native of TN. She completed her undergraduate studies in English and Spanish at Middle TN State University. She holds a Master of Divinity in Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth from Southern Seminary and a Ph.D. in Evangelism and Church Growth from SBTS.

She has served as an adjunct instructor for CU at the Louisville Center for several years and is the administrator for the Hispanic Baptist Bible Institute, which trains Spanish-speaking pastors and lay leaders from all over the US and Cuba. Dr. Hernandez and her husband, Clemente, planted a Spanish-speaking church 5 years ago in Georgetown, KY. They are committed to planting more churches in KY as they relocate to Campbellsville.



You can email her a warm welcome at tkhernandez@campbellsville.edu.



Dr. Jarvis Williams

His third book on atonement in Paul's theology will be completed by Aug. 31 and will be published by Paternoster and released in 2012. He'll be traveling around the country, giving lectures and preaching sermons on the topic of race. Also, he will present a paper on 2 and 4 Maccabees' influence on Bishop Ignatius's martyr complex at the Society of Biblical Literature.



Dr. Scott Wigginton

Dr. Wigginton is excited to have his proposal accepted to the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference. He went on a trip to Greece and Turkey to trace the journeys of Paul and visit the churches to which John wrote in Revelation. This trip will serve to help build our School of Theology trip next May (2012).

Footsteps of Paul Study Tour : May 2012

Greece, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Churches of the Revelation
Any Theology alumni, students, friends of CU welcome to travel with us.