

KBC executive director speaks to CRC members

By Christina L. Kern, office assistant

"This is obviously a much different seat on the bus, and every view is different from each seat," Dr. Paul Chitwood, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said at Campbellsville University's Church Relations Council fall meeting Aug. 4.

"Together we are the Kentucky Baptist Convention; together we are Kentucky Baptists," Chitwood said.

Chitwood started his new position in summer 2011.

Chitwood said he is envisioning what Kentucky Baptists could do over the next 10 years. "Christian culture is changing rapidly. Try to look around—how can we best position ourselves to advance the kingdom?"

Chitwood shared emphases of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, including Great Commission taskforce recommendations, relationships, church planting and institutions.

Chitwood said we must align ourselves and budget with the Great Commission task force recommendations. "We should be passionate about what God is doing around the world, reaching the unreached."

In telling a story about his grandfathers, he said one would vote straight Republican while the other would vote straight Democrat. "That loyalty doesn't exist anymore. The main question becomes, what can you do for me? And what that means is we are constantly proving what we can do."

There are partnerships that we serve and/or have loyalty to; Chitwood said "kingdom value must be communicated" in those partnerships. "We have to sell that."

Another emphasis was on church planting which has had a "tremendous tidal wave of interest."

"Southern Baptist churches are not planting enough churches to grow and

influence in ministry...we've got to get started and get excited about doing that."

In addition, Chitwood said the KBC is placing an emphasis on institutions, relationships with colleges and camps. "These ministries are changing lives, changing eternities. We must champion them (young people)—there is great potential out there."

Chitwood also mentioned an up-and-coming ministry approach in Southern Baptist churches—intergenerational ministry, or the family approach. He said, "There's a great move afoot to communicate this to churches."

In the family approach to ministry in churches, children would learn from their parents by participating in worship with them, and the retired could put more of an investment into their family at church.

"These models require an entire remake of church ministry—most churches aren't even thinking about it," he said.



New officers for Campbellsville University's Church Relations Council are from left: Front row—the Rev. Michael Caldwell, pastor of Pleasant Union Baptist Church in Campbellville, Ky., member at large; Grace Bristow of Owensboro, Ky., member at large; Helen Henderson of Campbellville, Ky., secretary; the Rev. Jay Hatfield, director of missions, Central Baptist Association, incoming chair; Anna Mary Byrdwell of Louisville, Ky., former chair; and the Rev. John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president at Campbellsville University, who heads the Church Relations Council. Second row—Dr. John Hurtgen, dean of the School of Theology at CU; the Rev. Wilburn Bonta of Greensburg, Ky., public relations committee chair; the Rev. Dennis Bickers of Madison, Ind., academic committee chair; the Rev. Mark Shelton, pastor of Burkesville Baptist Church, outgoing chair; the Rev. Steve Sholar, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville, Ky., member at large; the Rev. Matthew Smyzer, Baptist Fellowship Center, former chair; and Dr. Paul Chitwood, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, who served as the featured speaker for the Church Relations Council fall meeting. (CU Photo by Christina Kern)

KBC president speaks on leadership

By Tori Banks, student news writer

“Real leadership is not about how good you look or how popular you are,” Dr. Floyd Paris, president of Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland, Ky., said at a recent CU chapel service.

Paris utilized the book of 1 Samuel to display the qualities of leadership that all individuals should strive to possess. He compared the attributes of the biblical character of Saul and his son Jonathan to capture what being a true leader really looks like and what it means to Christians today.

Paris focused on the idea that leadership is based on more than outward appearance. He stated that Saul, in looks, epitomized the perfect leader. “He was the tallest man in Israel. He ruled by intimidation,” said Paris.

According to Paris, Saul’s son, Jonathan, was the true leader in this story. He described that while his father was encouraging the Israelite people to hide in caves from their Philistine enemies, Jonathan was putting his trust in the Lord.

Paris described that the Israelite people were highly outnumbered by their Philistine enemies. While this intimidated the Israelite’s chosen leader, Saul, Jonathan knew numbers meant nothing as long as he had the Lord on his side. “Confidence brings courage,” Paris said as he continued to explain how Jonathan, along with the help of his servant, singlehandedly took out 20 Philistine soldiers in his first conquest.



Paris shows a sword like Jonathan used in the Bible as he fought against the enemy. (CU Photo by Naraanchuluu Amarjanaa)

“Because of his faith in the Lord, Jonathan caused the entire Philistine army to retreat,” Paris said.

Jonathan may have not displayed the outward appearance of leadership like his father did, but it was by his efforts and his trust in the Heavenly Father that the Israelite people were spared.

Paris left the congregation with this challenge: “Don’t be a Saul; be a Jonathan.”

He encouraged all to display good character and to follow the Lord with consistency and commitment.

Paris said, “Jonathans can change the nation. Jonathans can change the world.”

Campbellsville University is in new category by Carnegie in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges Guide

By Dr. Michael V. Carter, president



Dr. Michael V. Carter

Campbellsville University’s university status and adherence to a new strategic plan and VISION 2025 has helped move the university to a reclassification into a new category of *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

Campbellsville University has moved into a classification with a much stronger set of peers. We are ranked in the “top 100,” which is very good compared to colleges in our previous ranking list.

CU has been ranked 71st in the 2012 Regional Universities in the South category, according to the new *U.S. News & World Report’s* “America’s Best Colleges” issue.

We are in good company with this ranking. The top of the regional universities includes schools such as Samford University, Belmont University, Bellarmine University, Mercer University, Marshall University, Northern Kentucky University, Murray State University, Western Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and Eastern Kentucky University, among others, and this is a very respectable ranking among strong schools that are much larger than we are.

CU also has been named as a Military Friendly School for 2012 and belongs to America’s Best Christian Colleges and NAIA Champions of Character.

May God bless you as you continue to pray for and support Campbellsville University.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Carter".

Michael V. Carter, president

Dr. James Jones travels across Kentucky to minister and represent CU

By Tori Banks, student news writer

Dr. James Jones, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Campbellsville, has been working with Campbellsville University in the Office of Church and External Relations to spread the word of God and encourage students to make CU their collegiate home.

Jones serves as an assistant to the Rev. John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president at CU. This position has allowed him to travel all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky speaking to congregations, pastors and prospective Campbellsville University students.

“I visit pastors and talk to them about students in their church who may want to come to CU,” Jones said.

This opportunity has given him the ability to represent the university and to spread the love of God to many in Kentucky. This position offers only a small glimpse of the several other ministries in which Jones is involved.

Outside his position at CU, Jones has served in the ministry for many years. He is in his eighth year as pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He also works in the community of Taylor County as a magistrate for the county and is a member of CU’s Board of Trustees and the Church Relations Council.



Dr. James Jones, a member of CU’s Board of Trustees and Church Relations Council, accepts the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at CU’s May undergraduate commencement. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

At commencement in May, Jones was presented the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

Jones offered this advice, “Be open to all areas of ministry. Ministry is more than church, so find ways to minister in all aspects of your life.”

Join us for the KBC dinner!

The Kentucky Baptist Convention annual Campbellsville Alumni and Friends Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Triple Crown Country Club, 1 Triple Crown Blvd., Union, Ky.

Please make plans to attend. Call 270-789-5211 to RSVP.

Also, be sure to stop by the Campbellsville University booth during the KBC at Florence First Baptist Church.

CU introduces new major, minor in Christian Missions

Campbellsville University has introduced a new major and minor in Christian Missions.

The Christian Missions major is a program of study and a set of experiences that cultivates knowledge of and praxis in Christian missions, the on-going biblical narrative of God the redeeming Father, the risen Son and the revealing Spirit.

The major is 39 hours for a bachelor of science or 51 hours for a bachelor of arts, which incorporates a language requirement. The major includes 21 hours of Christian Missions courses.

The Christian Mission minor is 27 hours, including nine hours of Christian Missions courses.

For more information, contact Dr. John Hurtgen, dean of the School of Theology, at jehurtgen@campbellsville.edu or 270-789-5077.

Dr. Twyla Hernandez hired as Christian missions professor

By Tori Banks, student news writer



Dr. Twyla K. Hernandez

Dr. Twyla K. Hernandez, an author and missionary, has been employed at Campbellsville University as an assistant professor of Christian missions.

Hernandez served as the director of Great Commission Ministries from 2000 to 2005, and has served as director of the Hispanic Baptist Bible Institute since 2005.

She was a Journeyman Missionary to Argentina from 1993 to 1996 and has participated in multiple other mission trips worldwide.

She has had several chapters on missions and church planting published.

Hernandez received her bachelor’s degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1993, after which she attended The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating in 1999 with a master of divinity degree. She also received her doctorate from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2005.

Three music groups available to perform at churches

Campbellsville University has three music groups available to perform at churches:

New Doxology—a mixed singing group with instrumentalists (bass, guitar, drums) . . .12 performers altogether, under the direction of Dr. Tony Cunha.

CU Sound – a men’s quartet under the direction of John Rausch.

Campbellsville Singers – a mixed a cappella ensemble consisting of eight voices, under the direction of Matt Hodge.

Churches interested in having any of these groups can contact Cunha for arrangements. However, the church may want to contact the directors individually. Cunha can be reached at 270-789-5340 or at aocunha@campbellsville.edu.

WLCU offers Christian broadcasting to CU

By Christina Kern, office assistant

Campbellsville University launched a new radio station, WLCU 88.7 FM, in March offering hands-on broadcasting academics for students.

“WLCU-FM radio is an exciting new venture for Campbellsville University and one that holds great promise for enhancing learning opportunities for CU students who are preparing for careers in broadcast media and for communication of the many exciting programs at the university,” Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, said.

Campbellsville University is the only private university in Kentucky with FCC-licensed TV and radio stations.

The Department of Mass Communication now offers a major and minor with an emphasis in broadcasting and digital media. The major, a 39-hour program, requires an internship to allow students to gain experience in the field.

Students learn the day-to-day process of running both a radio and television station, WLCU-TV.

The radio station is now offering “Unshackled!,” the longest-running radio drama, every Sunday evening with a Spanish translated version every Sunday morning.

For more information, contact Jimmie Wooley, director of broadcast services, at 270-789-5210 or jwooley@campbellsville.edu. To listen online, visit www.campbellsville.edu/wlcu.