

Campbellville University – 15 years as a university

In the spring of 1996, the Campbellville University Board of Trustees made a historic announcement.

On April 11 of that year, the Board of Trustees had voted to change the name of the institution from Campbellville College to Campbellville University. Just a few days later, the formal announcement of advancing to Campbellville University was made in a public ceremony held on the campus. It was truly a historical and pivotal announcement, made in the institution's 90th year, that helped set the stage for the growth and momentum that we have enjoyed over the course of the past 15 years.

A little more than three years later on August 1, 1999, I became the new president of Campbellville University. As I shared with the CU Board of Trustees and senior administrators at that time, others of us in Baptist higher education had observed the announcement those few years before and commented on the significance of the move.

In retrospect, it is apparent that this move to university status by then President Dr. Ken Winters and the Board of Trustees, then chaired by John Chowning, was a significant step forward in laying the groundwork for what has been a decade and half of dramatic transformation of Campbellville University. This move helped set the stage and served as a momentum builder that enhanced the tremendous progress that we have made over the years.

There are different ways by which to measure progress, and the progress we have made is the result of being faithful to God's direction and the historic mission of the university. It also results from the cooperative work by a dedicated Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and coaches (as well as our alumni, various boards and councils, churches, and friends) who are working together to create a model community of learning and engagement for our students.

Our quest has been, and continues, to model Christian community, promote mutual respect and acceptance, create a dynamic learning environment, and to serve others as

Christ taught – these are threads that run deep at Campbellville University.

The traditional indices cited in higher education are further evidence of the results of remaining faithful to our mission and working together. In the fall 1995, total enrollment was 1,366 as compared to a fall 2010 total enrollment of 3,431. The total budget has increased from \$11.5 million in 1995-1996 to \$44 million in 2010-2011. In academic terms, we were offering a total of 35 undergraduate options and one master's degree in 1996 as compared to the 63 undergraduate options, 17 master's degrees, and five post-graduate programs in 2011. There was \$2,876,567 in donations in 1996 compared to \$6,050,581 at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2010.

Here are some of the major new and improved facilities put in place since spring 1996: Ransdell Chapel, Betty Dobbins Heilman House, Heilman Student Complex, Technology Training Center, School of Nursing, School of Education, Hawkins Athletic Complex, Gosser Gym, Indoor Practice Facility, The Joan White Howell Education Center and other Clay Hill Forest facilities and improvements, athletic field turf and lighting, The Gheens Recital Hall, Louisville Education Center with two buildings, Brockman Center in Hodgenville, new classroom buildings for art and social work, new art village that is being developed, and a series of additions to the Village Residence Halls.

Significant renovations have been completed on the following buildings: J.K. Powell Athletic Center, Gosser Fine Arts Center, University Theater, Montgomery Library, football and baseball stadiums, Badgett Academic Support Center (formerly Student Union Building), Tigers Den in the Student Activities Center, Broadway Hall, other residential halls (Stapp, North, South East, and South West), Shely Science Center, enhancement of Clay Hill facilities, and renovation of old cafeteria to new Banquet Hall and multipurpose space.

There have been numerous other improvements around the campus including landscaping, water features, and planting of



new trees, shrubbery and flowers. The main campus has more than doubled in size with the purchase of new properties. Technology has been installed in all classrooms with creation of a growing number of wireless areas around campus.

Campbellville University has been increasingly recognized by various organizations through the years. We have been named to the top 25 universities in the South for four consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report* and named to the "up and coming institutions" category for two consecutive years – this past year being named third in the South and one of only 68 in the nation. CU has been named to America's Best Christian Colleges for four consecutive years, and has been designated a "military friendly institution" for the past two years. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has named CU among the top Champions of Characters institutions in recent years.

In addition to our institutional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges [1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500], CU has national accredited units in the

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

Spring enrollment at Campbellsville University has brought good news with our 22nd consecutive semester of record enrollment! The number of students attending CU this spring is 3,074 – up 139 from spring 2010.

Another achievement is the celebration of the 15th anniversary of Campbellsville College becoming Campbellsville University in April 1996. Enrollment at that point was 1,366. We now have 2,065 more students than in 1996 – more than double the enrollment in 1996!

Becoming a university was a large and necessary, step for Campbellsville College. Some

of the accomplishments that led to the college becoming a university included: significant enhancement of library support; growth in enrollment of 106 percent in the eight years before 1996; nearing completion of negotiations for the Carver School of Social Work; major advances in percentage of faculty holding terminal degrees and recognition of the school as a Level III institution to award master's level graduate programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Campbellsville University has been a blessing to these students who have passed through our classrooms, gyms, library and faculty/staff homes.

As the years have unfolded, the Church Relations Council has evolved also. The meeting

on March 24-25, 2011 was the 34th annual meeting of the group that serves as an advisory committee to us at CU.

CU's unwavering devotion to teaching students to become Christian servant leaders has not changed in the over 100 years of our existence. We do not expect it to ever change.

With your leadership, your guidance for young students and your prayers, CU will continue to grow and accomplish great things for our Lord.

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

Focus on . . . Theology programs!

The family of ministry-equipping programs continues to grow in the School of Theology. At the undergraduate level there are six baccalaureate programs (Biblical Studies, Christian Missions, Educational Ministries, Pastoral Ministries, Sports Ministry, Worship Arts), an Associate in Christian Ministries (in-class or fully online!), and a Certificate in Christian Ministries (also in-class or fully online!).

At the graduate level, there is the 30-hour Master of Theology (fully online). Please visit us on our website, <http://www.campbellsville.edu/school-of-theology>, for information, news and—something brand new—testimonies and interviews of students, alumni and special guests.

You can also follow CUTheology on Facebook and Twitter.



Jim Tatum of Suits for Servants talks with the Rev. Tom Troth, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Frankfort, as he gets a suit ready for him. Tatum's ministry involves selling suits to those who are in ministry. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

Office of Church and External Relations

Schedule of Events for Fall 2011

Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011

"Church Relations Council Fall Meeting"

Registration at 9:45 a.m. ET, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

10 a.m. ET, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center

Noon – Lunch in the Winters Dining Hall

The School of Theology January Bible Study Preview will follow in the Banquet Hall with registration at 12:30 p.m. and the first session beginning at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011

"Chapel Presentation"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Jim Denison, founding president of the Center for Informed Faith.

Denison has done extensive work in apologetics, philosophy and cultural studies. His weekly Sunday school commentaries are used by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and

Baptistway Press as an online teaching tool. His daily devotional, "GodIssues: Today's news in spiritual perspective" is made available across the world to more than 18,000 readers.

10 a.m. ET in Ransdell Chapel

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011

"Dialogue on Race – Campus and Community Together"

Featured Speaker: Dr. Joseph Owens, senior pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky.

Owens, a 1977 graduate of Campbellsville College, serves as vice chair of the Board of Trustees at Campbellsville University. He also serves with Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass, Lexington, Ky.; Building A United Interfaith Lexington Through Direct Action; and moderator of Consolidated District Baptist Association. Owens is a 2009 recipient of the Campbellsville University Distinguished Alumni Award and former chair of the Church Relations Council.

10 a.m. ET in Ransdell Chapel

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following areas: School of Music, Carver School of Social Work, School of Education, and School of Business and Education.

CU's more than 10,000 alumni are assuming positions of leadership across the globe in a growing number of fields and professions. They are providing Christian servant leadership in a wide variety of fields and professions.

In sum, these indicators of progress are the tangible results of something deeper and more important. The people of Campbellville University, working together to create a dynamic Christian community where servant leadership is emphasized, are the true heart of what we are doing. No one individual is responsible for our progress. We have been truly blessed by God, we have worked very

hard with emphasis on others and the Christian mission of CU, and all of this is a foundation to build on as we move forward in our second century.

Campbellsville University's commitment to being a Christ-centered community of learning, in the Baptist tradition, has never been stronger. The university team is committed to our Christian heritage and to our mission of preparing Christian servant leaders.

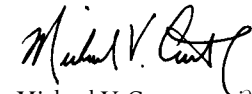
As we look to the future, we are thankful for the hard work of those who have gone before us over the past 105 years, and we pause to celebrate the successes of the past 15 years as a Christian university!

Our *Vision 2025 – Preparing Christian Servant Leaders* strategic blueprint for the future is predicated on CU remaining Christ-

centered, Baptist-affiliated, and becoming a premier national university.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and good word as we move toward a bright and promising future. Campbellsville University is needed now and in the future – more than ever before!

Sincerely,



Michael V. Carter, *president*



New members of the Church Relations Council were acknowledged at the March 24-25 meeting on campus. From left are: the Rev. John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president; Dr. Michael V. Carter, president; the Rev. Stephen Smith, pastor of Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Louisville; the Rev. Larry Rowell, pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Campbellville; and the Rev. William Dickerson, associate pastor at Little Flock Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville; with the Rev. Mark Shelton, chair of the CRC, and pastor of Burkeville Baptist Church, Burkeville. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)



Dr. Dan Yearly, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., urges guests at the Church Relations Council banquet to deny themselves, practice with discipline themselves and be devoted as they work with students – the next generation of Christian servant leaders. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy (KHIPP)

Schedule of Events for Fall 2011

Monday, Sept. 12, 2011

“9/11/01 – Ten Years Later”

Featured Speakers: Harry Mason, formerly with the CIA, and retired professor of Intelligence/National Security at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky; Brad Culp, senior intelligence analyst with the FBI in Louisville, Ky., and Max Wise, assistant professor of political science at Campbellsville University. The panel will focus on Homeland Security, terrorism, intelligence, and how the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 have changed America.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011

“Viability of the United Nations in 2011”

Featured Speaker: Dr. Bill Miller, founder of Miller and Associates Federal and International Relations Consultants.

Miller formerly worked with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission (LRC), which is the bipartisan staff for the Kentucky General Assembly. He served as a Federal/International Relations Specialist and Assistant Public Information Officer. He serves on the Kentucky United Nations Association Board of Directors. The event

will include discussion on the future of the United Nations and whether the organization remains viable in the 21st century.

5 p.m. ET, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center
Wednesday, Oct. 19- Chapel Presentation at 10 a.m. in Ransdell Chapel

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011

“Why We Should Be Involved in Creation Care”

Featured Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Merritt, a faith and culture writer has published over 200 articles in respected outlets such as *USA Today*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *BeliefNet*, *Christianity Today*, *The Huffington Post*, and *CNN.com*. He is author of *Green Like God: Unlocking the Divine Plan for Our Planet* (2010), which *Publisher's Weekly* called “a must-read for churchgoers,” and the editor for *QIdeas.org*. Dr. Merritt first entered the public eye when a classroom epiphany prompted him to organize a national coalition of Christian leaders who care about the creation, founding the Southern Baptist Environment and Climate Initiative.

5 p.m. ET, Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center
Wednesday, Nov. 2- Chapel Presentation at 10 a.m. in Ransdell Chapel “Earth Stewardship from a Biblical Perspective”

CU students travel all over during spring break mission trips

By Christina Miller, office assistant

"We were waiting in the dark, and then we saw flashlights coming from over the hills," Becca Saylor said about an experience on her spring break mission trip with Campbellsville University in Costa Rica.

"They were people coming to church in the dark and rain from hours away," the freshman from Lexington said.

Saylor went to Costa Rica during spring break with a group from Campbellsville University's Baptist Campus Ministry. While they were there during the "dry" season, she said, "it still rained every day."

The trip was the last of a partnership with local missionaries Bill and Linda Egbert, who are transferring to Colombia.

The team worked with the Ngabe people, teaching English in schools and going around to houses sharing testimonies.

In Dearborn, Mich., Seth Pierce, a senior from Bardstown, Ky., said, "This mission trip is not much like others because you don't see results; you don't see fruit."

In one of the largest Muslim communities in the United States, CU students met with people who "were not open to Christianity," Pierce said, "but they were open to friendships."

Pierce said members of the team will continue to pray for and stay in contact with



Kristina Wallace, second from left, a senior from Hopkinsville, Ky., and Ashley Boyd, far right, a 2010 alumna from Simpsonville, Ky., built friendships with Muslims in Dearborn, Mich. during their mission trip over spring break.

their new friends, hoping to "maybe break through to them in a few years."

Alan Haven, a senior from Shelbyville, Ky. and BCM president, went to Panama City Beach, Fla. expecting to be stretched in his relationship with God and allow God to use his weaknesses.

"The point is to be used by Christ," he said, "because God can use me in a number of ways for His kingdom."

The mission trip to Panama City, called Beach Reach, consists of 400 college students ministering to spring breakers. The CU team provided safe transportation and a pancake meal to revelers.

Anna Stepp, a freshman from Grayson, Ky. who also went to Beach Reach, said, "If you feel that God can't use you, just be willing and He will do it."

She said Hebrews 10:39 was her theme verse for the week because she didn't want to shrink back and didn't want to be afraid to share her faith.

"One guy who didn't accept our ride because he refused to throw away his alcohol was ministered to by other Beach Reach volunteers. He said, 'that's enough,' threw away his alcohol and rededicated his life to Jesus."