

MINISTRY NEWS

Eleanor Daniel (LCC '62, LCS '65) received a Distinguished Service Award at Cincinnati Christian University. The award, which is the highest award presented by the trustees, recognized her 13 years of service at CCU, citing specifically her work in developing a cooperative teacher education program, development of the professional counseling program in the seminary, and leadership of accreditation efforts that led to accreditation of the school in 1989.

Robert Taylor (LCC '79) and his wife **Kathy Lee** are serving at the Green Mountain Christian Church in Lakewood, Colorado, where Robert is currently Interim Minister.

Gary L. Wackler (LCC '87) is now ministering with the Draper Christian Church in Eden, NC, following a 7-year ministry with First Christian Church in Beaver, Pennsylvania.

David B. Manley (LCC '03) and his wife Patty have recently moved to Salineville, OH, where David is ministering with the Salineville Church of Christ.

Stephen Collins (LCC '72, LCS '89, '94, '95) marked the 40th anniversary of his ordination to Christian Ministry on February 14, 2011. Don Sharp preached the ordination sermon at Steve's home church, First Christian Church, in Sturgis, Kentucky. Following ministries in the local church, Steve came to serve LCU from 1986 – 1990 and returned in 2003, where he is currently the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the Hargrove School.

Floyd Stone (LCC '69) has recently been called to a new kind of ministry as Chaplain and head of the Pastoral Care Unit, serving at the Greene County General Hospital in Linton, IN. He and his wife Judy reside in Jasonville, IN.

MISCELLANEOUS

Linda (Wagner) Arnold (LCC '71) and husband Dan (LCC), celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 26. The Arnolds were one of the original families planting the York (PA) Christian Church. They have a son Matt and a daughter Rachel. They have had a musical ministry for 40 years as a piano and vocal duo. They continue to live in Pennsylvania.

Richard A. Sprague (LBI '61) was married on April 2, 2011, to Kathleen N. Lane, at the Mound Road Christian Church, Decatur, IL. Richard served as general manager of IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) in Kempton, IN for 27 years, prior to his retirement in 2001. They continue to reside in Kempton and are serving with the Eastside Christian Church in Frankfort, IN.

Jim and Eleanor Boyer (LBI) celebrated 70 years of marriage at an open house on December 12, 2010. They were married December 29, 1940 in Cedarville, IL. They have served in ministries at Summum, Raymond, Palmyra, Jerseyville, and Godfrey, IL. They also served as dorm parents at St. Louis Christian College from 1967-1970. They have two deceased children and one granddaughter.

Charles Elston (LCC '62, LCS '65) and wife Doris (LCC) celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 26, 2011, in Plainfield, IN. Most of their wedding party were able to be present for the celebration at the Center Community Church and resulted in a "mini LCC reunion." Chuck served the Center Community Church for 16 years, prior to retirement in 2006. Doris continues as

Office Manager. Both remain active in teaching and serving in several ministries in Plainfield.

Justin Bagby (LCC '02) and wife **Kelli (LCC '01)**, reside in Portland, OR, where Justin serves as pastor with the Evergreen Community Church. He completed his MDiv from Western Seminary in 2009. They have one child, Gram Keaton, born October 24, 2009.

William A. Palmer (LCC '68) is currently serving as interim executive director of the Parent-Child Development Corporation, headquartered in West Point, VA. In addition to childcare and preschool programs in West Point, the agency operates 12 Head Start centers that serve seven Virginia counties.

Dr. Neil R. Leroux (LCS '81), is the 2011 recipient of the UMN Faculty Distinguished Research Award. He has published two monographs, both of which focus on the rhetoric of Martin Luther: *Luther's Rhetoric: Strategies and Style from the Invocavit Sermons and Martin Luther as Comforter: Writings on Death*. He has been commissioned to follow up with a book-length critical edition of a Luther sermon. Dr. Leroux has emerged as a top Luther scholar who has been identified as "the single most important writer on the use of rhetoric and rhetorical style writing today."



Those alumni who served as the wedding party for Charles and Doris Elston 50 years ago are (left to right): Kay (Showen) Leukhart, Lois (Corbus) Davis, Dean Schrupf, Don Paine, Loren Deckard, Ken Whiles, Brenda (Downen) LeMieux, and Allan McMillan. Seated: Doris and Charles Elston

BIRTHS

Bill (LCU) and Lacy (LCU'01, '10)

Buss are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Oliver Liam, born December 2, 2010. He was welcomed by his big brother, Rowen James, age 6. The family resides in Lincoln, as Bill continues his education at the Hargrove School.

Nicholas (LCC '07) and Jessica (Musgraves) Hanson (LCC '07, LCU '11), welcome Kendon Paul Hanson, born April 8, 2011. Nick is a paramedic with the Lincoln/Logan County Paramedic Association, and Jessica is employed at LCU as Director of Admissions for the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies.

Alein Telcine (LCU '10) reports that he and his wife were blessed with a daughter, Lory Ellis-Aliane, born on March 2, 2011. The family resides in Peoria, IL.

DEATHS

Evelyn Taylor, a former LCU employee, passed away at the age of 90 following a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband Alan in 2000, also a long-time employee of Lincoln Christian University. She is survived by one son and two daughters. Through Alan and Evelyn's generous stewardship, many major items of maintenance equipment, a multi-purpose building, and a student scholarship fund have been provided. Memorials have been designated to the Taylor Scholarship fund at Lincoln Christian University or COPE.

E. Jane Longdon (LBI), wife of **Robert Longdon (LBI '57)**, passed from this life on March 26, 2011, following an extended illness. Together, she and Robert ministered to churches in Indianapolis and surrounding states for over 50 years. They had been married 52 years. She is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren, and one sister. Robert continues to reside in Indianapolis.

Cynthia Kelley (LCC '73), passed away suddenly at her home on March 20, 2011. Services and burial were in Michigan City. The family has designated the National Bible Bowl program located in Cincinnati to be the recipient of memorial gifts.

Margaret (Myers) Coonce (LBI) passed away on March 22, 2011, at the Washington (IL) Christian Village. She is survived by her husband **Charles Coonce (LBI '56)**, three children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Margaret served alongside her husband in ministries in Illinois and Indiana. She served on the board of the North Burma Christian Mission and was church secretary at Morton (IL) Christian Church for the last 10 years. Memorials have been designated to Lincoln Christian University, North Burma Christian Mission, or Morton Christian Church.

Kenneth Thompson of Indianapolis passed away on March 25, 2011, following a battle with Parkinson's and heart disease. Services were held at the East 96th St. Christian Church in Indianapolis on March 28. Kenneth served as one of LCU's trustees in the 1980s. His wife Nancy survives and resides in Indianapolis.

Francis Leigh Hargrave (LBI '47) entered heaven at the age of 90 on February 9, 2011, in Bristol, TN, following a short illness. Leigh's family sang and preached to Southern Illinois churches during the Depression. He ministered with many congregations over 60 years in Illinois, Tennessee, Virginia, Indiana, California, Kentucky, Alabama, and Florida. He is survived by his wife Mary, two daughters, three children, and three great-grandchildren. Mary continues to reside in Bristol.

Janice L. Burdick (LBI), of Blue Springs, MO, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2011. She is survived by her husband **Bruce (LBI '51, LCS)**. Together they shared nearly five decades of ministry with the local church.

2011 FALL EVENTS

AUGUST

August 18

Seminary Early Registration

August 20

New Student Move-in Day

August 30

Convocation

OCTOBER

October 3-12

Alumni Phonathon

October 5-6

Strauss Lectureship

October 10

Campus Visit Day

October 14-15

Alumni Homecoming

October 24-25

Illinois State Ministers' Retreat

NOVEMBER

November 12

Campus Visit Day

November 17-20

**National Missionary Convention
Atlanta, GA**

DECEMBER

December 1-4

Christmas in the Chapel

CLASS OF 1961

Celebrates 50th Year Anniversary

The tradition continues, as each year during Commencement weekend Lincoln Christian University's 50th year anniversary class returns to campus for reunion and fellowship.

This year LCU welcomed the Class of 1961, who represents the final class to graduate under the name of Lincoln Bible Institute. Thirty-one class members and spouses/guests shared in a welcoming luncheon, campus and community tours, an evening banquet, an after-glow fellowship party, and Commencement the following day. For some, this was their first return to campus since their own graduation in 1961.



Those attending the Class of '61 reunion were: (back row from left) Jim Correll, Tom Armour, Rondal Smith, Dale Hillard, Stuart Couve, Richard Sprague, Robert Scott, Jerry Williams, John Nawn, (front row from left) Gerald Denny, Ruth Denny, Mary Lu Throop, Carolyn Goins, Marilyn Haenig, Betty Siddens, and Robert Mallett.

Class members came from Illinois, Missouri, Arizona, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Texas and Virginia. Many are still actively engaged in ministry and continue to *live their missions* as LBI alumni.

HALL OF FAME 2011 *By Jack Getchel, Sports Information Director*

Kevin McCaster and Anne Sheets (LCC '95) were honored February 19, 2011, when they were inducted into Lincoln Christian University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Anne Sheets, Class of 1995, received her award from former women's basketball coach Nancy Siddens and was recognized for her achievements in both basketball and volleyball. Her basketball achievements from 1991-1994 included being named a NCCAA All-American, NCCAA All Mid-West Region Team, and five all tournament teams. Sheets was a starter all four years and Team Captain in her senior year. On the volleyball team from 1991-1993 she was named to the NCCAA All-Midwest Regional team, played in 284 games with 2,056 assists, 198 kills, 132 blocks, and 247 service aces.



Anne Sheets and Nancy Siddens



Lynn Laughlin and Kevin McCaster

Kevin McCaster played his first two years of college basketball at Lincoln College and then transferred to Lincoln Christian University where he played from 1983-1985. McCaster was presented his award by former coach and athletic director Lynn Laughlin. McCaster was a NCCAA All-American, named to the NCCAA All-Region Team, and on three All-Tournament teams.