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How do we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of Lancaster Bible College? In my short lifetime I have not had much practice. Is there anything such an occasion requires?

When I first came to LBC 15 years ago, I always looked forward to the special chapels when students, faculty, and staff gathered for our communion services. These are especially meaningful times centered around the Lord’s Table. Each time, my heart is drawn back to my home church, which observed communion every Sunday of the year.

The Apostle Paul’s instructions in 1 Corinthians 11 for correctly celebrating the Lord’s Table emphasize the utmost importance of Christ-honoring behavior that reflects properly prepared hearts and minds. Paul’s instructions might be the starting point for our thinking as we begin our 80th year of educating Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

First there is commemoration. Jesus said, “This do in remembrance of me.” A milestone anniversary of a college dedicated so fully to Jesus Christ would do well to remember Him in all things. Like the people of Israel who were commanded to remember Passover and the other official feasts, Christ followers are instructed to be good “rememberers.”

Recalling God’s faithfulness to LBC over the past 80 years is surely a key ingredient of our celebration should include. LBC is the story of how the Lord raised up a tiny, seemingly insignificant seedling of a Bible institute planted by Dr. Henry Heydt—struggling for its very life in the midst of the Great Depression—and grew it into a sturdy oak that has stood strong for generations, now offering 45 programs, 6 undergraduate degrees, 8 masters level degrees, and a PhD program! Our history and God’s hand of blessing cry out to be remembered and celebrated.

We acknowledge growth has taken place because a host of faculty and staff have worked diligently, donors have given generously, friends have encouraged and prayed faithfully, and trustees have given wise and prudent guidance for all of these happenings.

Secondly in 1 Corinthians 11, there is the matter of proclamation. “As often as you do this, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” Our 2013-14 school year provides a marvelous opportunity to proclaim the cross of Christ to a skeptical but watching world. Jesus warned His followers there would be a price paid for identifying ourselves too closely with Him. But our 80th anniversary year provides us an opportune occasion to say again as confidently as we can that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the best possible good news—news this generation of students needs to hear from us and see lived out among us.

Finally in 1 Corinthians 11, there is the duty of examination. Just as the observance of communion is a time for self-scrutiny, so also is an occasion such as our 80th anniversary. Just as it is possible to hold the elements at the Lord’s Table unworthily, I suppose it is also possible to hold the legacy of LBC unworthily. As our generation of leaders, students, and stakeholders looks to the future, we must be worthy of our past. I pray we will be faithful to the stewardship the Lord has entrusted to us in our sphere of responsibility. Those who have gone before us have set a high standard. We strive to not only be worthy of our Lord’s confidence but of their sacrifice.

Commemoration, proclamation, and examination, all centered on the person of Christ. While many of us will never see the next such milestone in LBC’s history, may we celebrate this one well! Please join me in offering thanksgiving for our heritage as I offer gratitude to you for your support for this college that we love.
Letter to the Editor

We invite our readers to submit letters to the editor, comments, or suggestions to the President’s Office by email at president@lbc.edu or by mail to 901 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601-5036.

President Teague and Echo editors,

Thank-you for your “From the President” remarks in the summer edition of Echo. I was especially appreciative of the paragraph that talked about “so many voices that claim truth”...with the deception of their “truths” over the truth of the Bible.” This is so true in our cultural battles for the hearts of people including Christian people that sometimes don’t know how to discern the truth of the Scriptures.

I am a tent-making pastor of a small church in Wilmington, DE. My daughter Katie Jones Oakley graduated in 2008 and I have been receiving the Echo magazine since. Thanks for all you do for the cause of Christ and Christian education. We are in an increasingly hostile society, and we must teach the unwavering truth of God’s Word to God’s people. One of our retired missionaries wrote this several years ago, “God give me wisdom for these changing times.” I have never forgotten that, and I trust and pray you will continue to hold fast to the unchanging Word of God.

God Bless You all in all you do for His glory.

Bob Jones
Shellburne Bible Church & Morningstar Property Group, LLC

Employees Honored for Years of Service

Several individuals were honored in May for their faithful service of 10 or more years to LBC. Recognized by President Teague were: (from left back) Renee Crowe (10 years), events & conference director; Tim Suloff (10 years), director of planned giving; Gail Alexander (10 years), administrative assistant; Dr. John Soden (15 years), professor, Bible & theology; Lonnie Martin (15 years), controller; Karen Fox (15 years), director of financial aid; Dr. Jim Ayers (20 years), professor at large; Dr. Gerald Lincoln (20 years), assistant professor/library technology director; Judy Heckaman (20 years), assistant to the President; and Dr. Penny Clawson, (30 years), professor and faculty consultant. Not Pictured: Dziem Nguyen (10 years), associate director of financial aid.
LBC ANNOUNCES RECENT CORPORATION MEMBERSHIPS

- **Donald R. Geiter** is a partner in the Lancaster law firm of Barley Snyder LLP. Don was a 2010 recipient of the Central Penn Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” award. He and his wife, Laura, enjoy parenting their three elementary-age children. Their family attends the Christian & Missionary Alliance church in Lancaster.

- **Dr. Thomas “Tommy” L. Kiedis** is the senior pastor of Spanish River Church in Boca Raton, FL. Spanish River Church has planted over 250 churches in the U.S. and around the world. Since 2002 Tommy has also had a teaching role in higher education. He has been married for 33 years to his wife, Shannan, and they have six children and seven grandchildren.

- As an admissions counselor at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster and with her MEd in school counseling, **Cathy E. Rintz** has her finger on pulse on the higher education world. She and her husband, Carl, have twin sons who graduated this year from the United States Naval Academy. They are 27-year members of Manor Church in Columbia, PA.

- **Dr. James N. Smock** has had a 26-year tenure as the school administrator of West-Mont Christian Academy in Pottstown, PA, and serves as the president of the Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association and a district representative for the Association of Christian Schools International. Jim and his wife, Cheryl, attend Christ’s Church of the Valley in Limerick. They are the parents of five children, the youngest a 2013 graduate from Lancaster Bible College.

- A financial advisor with Ron Blue & Co. in Hunt Valley, MD, **Thomas E. Talbott** makes his home in Lancaster where he was formerly executive vice president for Ambassador Advisors. Thomas is married to Cindy, and their family includes five children, two sons-in-law, and one grandchild. They help with the student ministries at Calvary Church in Lancaster.

- **Dr. William W. Welte** has been president and CEO of America’s Keswick in Whiting, New Jersey since 1996. Previously he spent six years with Sandy Cove Ministries in Maryland where he became well known for his musical ministry. In December 2013 he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Lancaster Bible College. He and his wife, Jan, have four children and ten grandchildren.

- A 1981 graduate of Lancaster Bible College, **Steven Wolgemuth** is principal owner of YDOP Internet Marketing, Lancaster. He and his wife, Lori, are equestrians and enjoy spending time with their three sons. They attend LCBC in Manheim where Steve is a 20-something counselor. He also serves on the board of Manheim Christian Day School.

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**Putting Israel Into Its Scriptural Context**

**TravelLearn Tour • June 20-July 15**

*Led by Drs. John Soden and Gordon Gregory, Bible & Theology Professors*

Our tour took the group to Amman, Jordan, Galilee, Jezreel Valley, Jordan Valley, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, and a dig at Tel Gezer. The key word for the month of travel was “context.” We learned the significance of historical, geographical, cultural and biblical context for our understanding of Scripture. Two weeks of digging provided a whole new “depth” of context for the team to begin to understand archaeology and the significance of the various sites and finds.

See trip details at [LBC Israel TravelLearn](#)
Old Library Furniture Finds A New Home

During the summer of 2012, Lancaster Bible College was completing the move of its library to the new Charles & Gloria Jones Library in the Teague Learning Commons. The Jones Library was being beautifully furnished with all-new tables and chairs that would serve today’s students. But that left the college administration wondering what to do with the 25-to-35-year-old furniture from the old library that still had some life in it.

While administration pondered this question, God was already at work in the heart of one LBC employee, Mrs. Sandy Hill (Executive Assistant to the VP Academic Affairs), who thought of an orphanage in Nicaragua that she had known over the years through the support work of her parents. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in this hemisphere with the average worker earning only $2 a day. Children must have the required uniform and shoes in order to attend school, and it is an expense few parents can afford, so many children go without any kind of education.

Over 30 years ago, CICRIN was founded as a Protestant non-denominational children’s home that serves the children of the island of Ometepe, Nicaragua. The orphanage was founded by American missionaries who purchased the land, established a vision, and took in the neediest of the island children. It was closed during the Sandinista revolution when the Sandinistas co-opted the facility to use as a training base, but was returned to CICRIN at the close of the revolution. CICRIN is supported by individuals who, setting aside denominational differences, work together to make a real difference in the lives of these children.

Today, the orphanage cares for 29 children aged 3 through 17

What an enhancement to learning to have chairs and tables for the children.

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Budget Goals Met

Join LBC in celebrating the provision of God through the hands of 929 alumni, friends, businesses and churches who supported the Scholarshare Fund through the 2012-13 fiscal year. Gifts totaled $1,684,571 with all monies used to provide scholarships to LBC students. Total giving (Scholarshare, Journey Teams, capital campaign, endowment gifts) from over 2,500 donors for the same period was $5,439,939 - a 93% increase over the previous year. Praise God for willing investors in Kingdom work at LBC.

LBC Musicians Invited to State Percussion Event

Congratulations go to Jake Ritchey ’15 (top) and Stephen Betz ’15 (bottom) who represented LBC at the Pennsylvania Percussive Arts Society’s 2013 Day of Percussion. Invited were 26 of “the most elite percussionists from the region’s universities” with representatives from schools such as Penn State University, Temple University, West Chester University, and Millersville University. This is a first for LBC. We also congratulate Gabriel Staznik, LBC’s adjunct professor of percussion who nominated the men and prepared the students for the event.

Faculty Book Released

Dr. Steve Nichols, research professor of Christianity and culture, has written a new book, Bonhoeffer on the Christian Life: From the Cross for the World, published by Crossway. New York Times best-selling author for Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, Eric Metaxas says of this book, “How I rejoice to see thinkers of Stephen Nichols’s caliber applying their fine minds to the life and thought of the inimitable Dietrich Bonhoeffer. There’s so much yet to be written about this great man. A hungry readership awaits!”

years. The orphanage is managed by Helen Vindas, an exceptional, godly woman from Costa Rica, who visited, saw a need, and had her heart touched to remain there and care for the children. With the exception of Helen, the facility is staffed entirely by Nicaraguans.

Helen had a vision several years ago to start a Christian school within the 3.5 acres of land owned by the orphanage. Short-term mission teams who visited the orphanage built two classrooms to provide instruction to 20 students from the orphanage. Today, the school has received donations and aid to build four classrooms and provides instruction to 90 children. Most children come from very poor families. Bible classes and English are taught as part of the general elementary curriculum.

The LBC administration saw this as a good match for the furniture. So Sandy contacted her parents, Robert and Stella Reed, who worked alongside Christian Aid Ministries of Ephrata, PA, to raise the $5,000 needed to ship and deliver the container filled with these pieces.

“Gracias, LBC!” was shouted loudly by the children of CICRIN’s Christian school with great appreciation for the library tables and chairs they now enjoy. Before receiving the furniture, many of the children sat on the floor. The Reeds said that Helen and the children continue to voice their thanks, saying, “It is as if this furniture was made of gold!” We praise God that the impact of LBC continues even to remote parts of the hemisphere.

If you are interested in learning more about the work, contact the Friends of CICRIN at 413 University Ave, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 or visit www.cicrinus.org.
LBC Journey teams travel to the furthest corners of the world to live out the Gospel message by bringing hope to the hopeless.
This summer, eight Journey teams—comprised of 81 LBC students and 17 leaders—set out to eight different countries for one purpose—to serve. Whether working at an orphanage in Haiti, helping to build a church in Jamaica, teaching English in Germany or VBS in Macedonia, encouraging and relieving missionaries in Zimbabwe, or doing sports camps in the Philippines, music camps in Spain, or street evangelism in Thailand, the service of these teams will leave a lasting impact on the places they visit and a lasting mark on the heart of every team member.
On March 8, my wife Paulette and I, along with 15 LBC Chamber Singers, Dr. Philip Dearborn, Dr. Rob Bigley, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hollingsworth set off on a trip to China. On March 18, the Chamber Singers and others returned home while Mrs. Teague and I extended our trip three weeks to stay with our hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Liu. When all was said and done, we would speak to close to 3,000 people in colleges, universities, high schools, and business leader forums.

We traveled over 20,000 miles, visited seven cities (Beijing, Yantai, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Kumming, Shundau, and Xuan Wei), slept in seven different beds, and flew on eight airplanes. Through it all, the Lord provided safety in travel, good health, and countless opportunities to share the gospel. We are so grateful God gave us this time to be World Christians for His glory.

We are all called to be World Christians. Just as God loves me and has a plan for my life, God loves the world and has a fantastic plan of redemption: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).
World Christian sees Christianity from a global perspective, but unfortunately, many Christians have a small concept of God. A World Christian is personally involved, open to go, mobilizing the Church, open to visit the field, committed to giving and praying. This is the very spirit we seek to put forth at Lancaster Bible College and why we send so many Journey teams each year. It is the very spirit evidenced by two young women who share their impressions of China on these pages.

A World Christian is willing to step out of his personal comfort zone and trust God. Speaking to foreign educators and business leaders through an interpreter in a Communist country was definitely outside my comfort zone. But God is faithful to do that which He calls us to do. For example, I was asked to speak to business leaders in Yunnan province, which is bordered by Tibet, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. In the backdrop of globalization, this area has become such an important window of China’s southwestern region. I was reminded of 1 Corinthians 16: 9. “For a wide door for effective service has opened to me.” By God’s grace, He miraculously led us to Yunnan and opened a wonderful door for us to conduct an important financial forum. The main topic of this forum was: “The Economy of America under the Background of Economic Globalization and Developing Opportunities of Yunnan.” I shared the podium with Dr. Clifford Liu, president of American International Cultural Exchange Institute, and Dr. Wang, president of Yunnan University of Finance and Economics. What an amazing opportunity!

At first, we were puzzled as to why such a senior governmental institution would invite me to be the main speaker. God’s plan is often “what we never see, nor anything we could imagine.” The participants were either experienced economists or leaders in their respective business fields. Yunnan has become a window of the southwestern region, a strategic location for culture, economic development, and politics. In this very place under this unique situation, God opened the door for us to have such a platform. During a question and answer time afterward, many critical and difficult questions were asked, but God gave me wisdom to answer each one, and I was invited back next year to speak to them again. Indeed, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

Many World Christians have gone before us, making modern missionary outreach possible in China. One of them was Eric Liddell, the son of Scottish missionaries, born in China in 1902. When Eric entered the University of Edinburgh, he broke one record after another in sporting events. His sister wrote their parents in China saying, “Every week he brings home prizes. We’ve nowhere to put them all.” By the time he arrived at the 1924 Paris Summer Olympics, Eric, dubbed “The Flying Scotsman,” was known worldwide as a powerful athlete and as an outspoken Christian who, despite refusing to race on Sundays, could win the gold. (You may recall this story from the movie “Chariots of Fire.”)

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Dr. Teague made a presentation on education in the USA to a group of 150 people at the China Development Institute.
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The first person she led to the Lord was the elderly man, who turned out to be my great grandfather. If it hadn’t been for Miss Silver, who opened the door of his heart, he would surely have lived and died like the billions of other common Chinese. Yet Miss Silver changed the course of his life. Together with some friends, he built a chapel with his hard-earned money. What’s more, at the last moment of his life, he saw an angel flying over him. He looked so peaceful in that final breath.

As you know, China has gone through a so-called Cultural Revolution. The Word of God has been slighted and Christianity has been trampled. But believe it or not, the chapel built by my great grandfather still stands today. Miraculously, it has not been destroyed. Like a monument, it reminds me of my great grandfather and of the American lady who dedicated herself to spreading God’s truth in China.

Eric Liddell in China. In a camp outside Beijing. Conditions were horrible. Eric ministered day-by-day, praying with the sick, coaching the children, witnessing to the lost. At times, though, his head throbbed. He began visibly weakening, and on February 21, 1945, he died. An autopsy revealed a massive brain tumor. A camp survivor was asked the reason for Liddell’s influence at the camp. She replied that every morning at 6:00 he would rise and light the peanut-oil lantern on the little dormitory table just enough to illumine his Bible and notebook. There he would silently meet God at the start of each new day. It was the flying Scotsman’s lifelong habit, she said, and the secret of his power.

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God, Country, and Mission
Wendy Moy

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But fame didn’t stop him from following his parents to China. He arrived there as a missionary in 1925. When the Japanese invaded in 1937, he remained; and in 1943 he found himself interned in a camp outside Beijing. Conditions were horrible. Eric ministered day-by-day, praying with the sick, coaching the children, witnessing to the lost. At times, though, his head throbbed. He began visibly weakening, and on February 21, 1945, he died. An autopsy revealed a massive brain tumor. A camp survivor was asked the reason for Liddell’s influence at the camp. She replied that every morning at 6:00 he would rise and light the peanut-oil lantern on the little dormitory table just enough to illumine his Bible and notebook. There he would silently meet God at the start of each new day. It was the flying Scotsman’s lifelong habit, she said, and the secret of his power.

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In the 1930s, my grandfather went to America with the help of his friends, His Excellency Steward Leighton, the U.S. Ambassador to China at that time. He received a PhD in sociology, religion, and philosophy at Harvard. He could have found a good job in the States, yet he returned to China as a pastor to save the souls of the Chinese with the teachings of Christ. Years later he told me, “If there is a chance, you should go to the United States. It is a land God has blessed, and it is where you will find truth, freedom, and equality.”

My life at that time was in Shanghai, and under the guidance of the Lord, I met my husband, Patrick F. Moy. Thus I was able to go to America and become a citizen of this great country. In 1993, I was naturalized in Philadelphia and selected to give the immigration speech, in which I said, “My American dream is going beyond the Garden of Eden, that is God’s mission in China.”

May God bless this mission, and may God bless the United States of America.

Editor’s Note: Wendy Moy hosted the Chamber Singers when they were in Shanghai. Last year she was named one of the Top Ten Most Influential People in Shanghai and one of its Top Ten Most Successful Entrepreneurs.
My experience in China this past March with the Chamber Singers was completely indescribable. There were many things that happened while we were there that were so obviously works of God, it is almost overwhelming to think about! At first we were a little unsure why we were going or how our presence there could be of any help, but throughout the trip God provided glimpses of His will.

One instance was when we were flying from Beijing to Yantai and our translator’s wife sat down next to a man, and after only a few minutes she had led him to the Lord. That man was one of at least three people who came to know the Lord as a result of our trip. Many more heard the gospel. We encountered several fellow believers and were able to encourage their faith. They don’t often have opportunities for fellowship with other Christians, and the fellowship was incredible to me.

I was impressed by how seriously Chinese Christians take their faith. Here in America, there are no real repercussions for being a Christian, and it is easy to become complacent and lose our drive to spread the gospel. Our translator’s wife, fully aware of the risks, started sharing her faith with complete strangers on more than one occasion. God honored herboldness and several people came to the Lord.

This trip was eye-opening for me. Yes, I had a good time with some of my best friends, and yes, I saw incredible sights, but to me the most impactful part was seeing the Chinese push for spreading the gospel and imputing that into my own attitude and life. I wouldn’t trade the memories or impact that China made on my heart for anything in the world.

Sissy Dinkle ’16,
Music Performance: Instrumental Major

From my journal: Saturday, May 11, 2013

I’m so thankful to have participated in our trip to China. It was a life-changing cross-cultural opportunity, one I know others may never have.

On a performance tour like this, everybody breaks down at some point. You’re tired, you’re a little scared, and you’re feeling the pressure to “get it right.” And in such a rare opportunity as this, you become deeply aware of how fleeting life is. These moments will never come again. When you’re already overloaded, it’s easy to withdraw or become selfish. You think, I have enough on my plate; I don’t have it in me to worry about someone else’s problems. In China, under the stress of traveling and trying to make a good impression, the work of the Spirit became evident. The Lord brought unity to our fellowship when we couldn’t come together ourselves, and we were able to “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

I was speechless for the first month or so after we came back. People wanted to know, “What did you think of China?” How could I begin to tell them? I heard, smelled, and tasted life in a way I had never experienced before. I met real people who found me just as new and interesting as I found them. I tried squatty potties and fish cheeks and foreign movies without subtitles. As strange as it all was, I also remembered how human we all are. I thought often of the wisdom of one of my professors who taught me that “cultures are never empty.” Everyone has opinions, needs, wants, and temptations. We have family and history and tragedy and hope. My role as light-bearer is to shine the gospel on all these things. The gospel changes how I talk to my Chamber Singers brothers and sisters, and how I respond to fishball soup. It also changes how I value the locals I meet. That’s a biblical worldview. The good news lived out always makes a difference—even when we can’t—because it is the good news concerning Christ Jesus.

I am grateful to the Lord and those He raised up to accomplish this trip. I enjoyed every minute of it. I love China, and I want to go back. I’m studying TESOL, and I hope to someday minister in China. Lord willing, the classes I’m taking now will prepare me for a lifetime of ministry and learning. Whatever happens, I know God is at work here, at LBC, and across the world in China.

Eloise Kappen ’16,
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Major
The Horst Athletic Center looked and sounded slightly different than usual on Friday mornings this spring. Loud thuds, cheers, and squeals, and the pounding of many little feet echoed throughout the building. The gym became a sea of red Charger PE 4 ME tee shirts and happy, sweaty faces. The Health & Physical Education (HPE) Department at Lancaster Bible College began a cooperative physical education program with the Lancaster area homeschool community. The HPE “teachers in training” benefitted from this unique, hands-on opportunity to experience what being a teacher involves. The homeschool parents enjoyed an hour as spectators rather than teachers, while their children engaged in heart-pounding, creative, and professional physical education.

All of the current HPE students participated to make the program a success. Senior and junior students were responsible to plan and teach the weekly lessons, which included creating lesson plans, choosing equipment, and making accommodations for location and weather. They had to incorporate four different age groups. “Charger PE 4 ME has provided a phenomenal opportunity for me to learn about developing age appropriate activities for a wide range of students,” commented senior Dwight Shelly. Sophomore and freshman students assisted their peers with class management, set up, one-on-one teaching, and bringing lots of enthusiasm. Freshman Britany Stout stated, “It allowed me to work with fellow HPE majors at different levels and learn from the way they handled things.”

Looking back on the experience, junior Joel Cutting commented, “I realize that I enjoy teaching and working with younger children in addition to my existing passion for educating secondary students.”

Upbeat, Christian music played as the homeschool students arrived and greeted each other and their teachers. The hour began with a warm-up lesson taught to the entire group. Next the students broke into four groups by age and rotated to different stations.
The teachers were very creative in their lessons and kept the students moving for the entire hour. Week to week, one would expect to see parachutes, bowling pins, beach and cage balls, as well as lots of poly spots, sports balls, and an obstacle course. The lessons always taught a specific skill or fitness activity, but were fun and entertaining at the same time. It was evident that the homeschool students loved having college students as their teachers. Freshman Jeremy Ginder reflected, “My personal highlight was getting to play the games with the kids and develop a small bond with the [homeschool] students.” Junior Brooklyn Wilson said, “From the moment the children walked into the gym until the moment they left, they were nurtured and appreciated by LBC students. It was our responsibility as professionals to take a personal interest in each and every one of the children we came in contact with.” A parent commented, “The college students who ran the program did an excellent job making sure all the children were included. They encouraged those who were lagging behind and made sure that all the students had fun!” The passion and professionalism with which the LBC students served as teachers was evident.

From the instructional perspective, Tom Randolph provided oversight to the teachers. He reviewed the lesson plans, was on site as a supervisor, and spent time debriefing the teachers afterwards. Junior Kristy Rhodes wrote, “Charger PE 4 ME provided a chance for us to grow as students as well as servants.” Lancaster Bible College’s HPE majors have tremendous classroom instruction from both the Education and Health & Physical Education Departments. Charger PE 4 ME has provided a venue for them to put that instruction into practice. Senior Dan Karl expressed these thoughts: “I know that all of us were grateful to be able to teach the kids on our own and have the freedom to do the activities and lessons we wanted, while running our stations in a way that reflected our own personal teaching philosophies.” Each of LBC’s future teachers is uniquely created by God and gifted with personality traits that are evident in the way they communicate instruction and relate to their students. This was displayed during Charger PE 4 ME through the students’ varied teaching styles.

Inviting homeschool families to campus allowed LBC to come alongside them in the education of their children. Physical education is a required component in homeschool curriculum in Pennsylvania, and the LBC HPE students were able to provide a portion of that component. More importantly, they served as examples of Christian young people fulfilling their calling in both a profession and ministry. Senior JD Krodel said, “This was a great opportunity for us to impact the community. I was homeschooled my entire life and thrived on participating in organizations like Charger PE 4 ME. It’s a great way for students to experience a school-like setting and to enjoy the community that comes with it.” Both parents and children had the opportunity to enjoy being with friends at Charger PE 4 ME. One family wrote, “PE 4 ME has been a highlight for our boys this spring. They love the instructors and the fun activities... We are new to homeschooling, so it was wonderful to find a PE program and a place for our boys to meet some other homeschooled students.”

Even more important than the physical activity the homeschool children received, were the spiritual lessons that were learned through athletics. One mother wrote, “My sons enjoyed learning new exercises and fun games to stay active, especially the team building games. What was most important to them is that the leader always related everything back to how God leads and protects us in life, in a way they could easily grasp and understand. What impacted my 7 year old was when they went under the parachute, and the teacher gave the analogy that we are under God’s shield and He protects us. I know that these moments will be lasting memories in their hearts.”

This pilot program was a huge success for all those involved, and the HPE Department looks forward to offering it again in the fall 2013 semester.

BY KRISTIN DZURIK
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NOTE: If you homeschool in the Lancaster area and would be interested in learning more about Charger PE 4 ME, email kdzurik@lbc.edu.
A milestone in the history of Lancaster Bible College was reached in the spring of 2013. For the first time, LBC presided over three Commencement ceremonies (Lancaster, Capital Region, and Philadelphia) for a total of 271 graduates who received certificates, undergraduate degrees, or master’s degrees. Each graduate who walked across the stage represented a unique story of God’s love, redemption, guidance, and provision. Faculty and staff are privileged to hear some of those stories in the process of life-on-life learning. Other stories are shared as joyous graduation testimonials. The following pages provide a glimpse into the Class of 2013—graduates from diverse backgrounds and all walks of life, united by their commitment to serve Christ.
LBC's commencement ceremony in the capital region.

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Graduates

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Keeping LBC in the Family

One of the most powerful endorsements a college can receive is an alumnus entrusting a son or daughter to their alma mater. Many LBC alumni have brought their children to LBC; for some, the 80-year history of Lancaster Bible College encompasses multiple generations of family history.

Such is the case for the Funk family, who gathered at the May 2013 Commencement in Lancaster to celebrate Brianna’s graduation. She is pictured here with President Teague, her father, Greg ’80, and her grandfather, Don ’62.

Several years after graduating from Lancaster School of the Bible in 1962, Don Funk founded DH Funk & Sons, a family excavating company that eventually included three of his four sons. As the business grew, Don maintained his connection to Lancaster Bible College. He has been a member of the LBC Corporation for 22 years and often helped with the college’s physical expansion.

The son who did not go into the family excavating business was Greg. With his father’s blessing he pursued pastoral studies at Lancaster Bible College, following God’s call into fulltime ministry and serving since 1994 as the pastor of Manheim Brethren in Christ Church. Like his father, he did not forget his alma mater over the years, participating in the President Teague’s Pastors Advisory Council and entrusting his youngest daughter to LBC as a student.

Brianna ’13 is a gifted violinist whose music reflects her love for the Lord as she plays for His glory. During her student years she was part of a travel worship team and served as concertmaster for several Worship & Performing Arts events. An accomplished artist, she now uses her Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Bachelor of Music to teach others.

Don Funk’s desire to become better grounded in the Word of God over 50 years ago rippled across generations to affect the lives of his son and granddaughter. Whether working in the business world, preaching in the pulpit, or playing a violin, the Funks proclaim Christ by serving Him.

Brianna Funk ’13

“My father and grandfather are the most generous people I have ever met. I look up to them a great deal, so when it came to choosing a college, the college they both attended was my number one pick. Their LBC experience has helped shape who they are in Christ, and I wanted a part of that as well.”
**The Power of God Restores Life**

Marko Hamlin (Waldorf, MD) graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lancaster Bible College’s capital region campus on May 18. Marko was one of 78 capital region graduates, including those from Capital Bible Seminary. His story is one of God’s power demonstrated through Marko’s weakness.

“The Word of God tells us in John 10:10 that Satan comes only to steal, kill and to destroy. Thirty-one years ago, Satan tried to destroy me while still in my mother’s womb. My father tried to convince her to have an abortion, and when she declined, he abandoned us.

Many nights my mother had to leave us unattended or in the care of evil people, and at the age of 4 I was severely abused. Eventually my siblings and I were separated and placed into the foster care system. For me, the abuse continued for years until my mother was able to regain custody of her children. The trauma of abuse led to low self-esteem and depression, and eventually to drugs, alcoholism, and a promiscuous lifestyle.

After graduating high school I joined the army. During my enlistment I was hit by a drunk driver and witnessed the horrific death of two people. This became the lowest point of my life, but also a turning point as I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

After leaving the military I decided to go to college and pursue my dream of becoming a professional basketball player. I got caught up in the perks that came with the life of a promising collegiate athlete. I had everything I wanted, yet I had no peace. In spite of my spiritual rebellion, God had a plan for my life.

There is power in forgiveness. God softened my heart and helped me to forgive my father and those who harmed me as a young child. God(123,649),(874,931)

Marko Hamlin ’13

“’We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.’ I am a living testimony of what God can do.”
The Source of Joy

Daniel DeLeon has every reason to be cynical, but he exudes the joy of the Lord rather than the bitterness of his past. As a local married student, Daniel commuted to Lancaster Bible College for four years. Majoring in Pre-Seminary, he graduated in May with high honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree. He shared his story at Commencement.

“I was born and raised on the streets of Lancaster City. I came from a dysfunctional family – a mother who would lash out in frequent psychotic outbursts, a father who would discipline his children by pretending to be the devil, a sister who was diagnosed with multiple personalities, and a brother who made a name for himself for the animalistic brutality that he dished out on rival gang members. This was my family, so it should come as no surprise that by age 11 I started drinking alcohol and experimenting with drugs. At 12, I was placed on probation for shooting a girl in the face with a pellet gun. At 14, I was locked up for almost beating a man to death. By 16, I was locked up once again for armed robbery. And from that point forward, I was in and out of detention centers and prisons for the majority of my adolescent and adult life.

As a result of my chronic addiction to drugs and alcohol, I became homeless at the age of 25. With an alcohol and drug habit to feed, I made a living by robbing others. Eventually, this kind of lifestyle led to the demise of all meaningful relationships in my life. All alone, sleeping in a back alley in the middle of November, I found myself bracing for death. It was at this point that I began to ask the big questions: Why am I here? Where am I going? Why can’t I change? At various times in my life, I believed I’d had encounters with God. For that reason, I believed Him to be real, but up until that point, I was just not willing to surrender the only life I knew.

It was shortly after this, on December 7, 2007, that a series of events and influential people persuaded me to enter the Christian Life Development Program at what was then called the Water Street Rescue Mission. From the outset of this process I knew God was involved in directing my life, and my new motivation was to live to the fullest for Christ. From the very beginning, a thought was implanted into my heart that I was not at the mission to get my life back; rather, I was there to give it up.

Since coming to Lancaster Bible College in 2009 [through the influence of an LBC alum at Water Street], I feel as though I have grown in my understanding of who God is and what He wants me to do. I have a passion for learning, and the college has fed that hunger by continually stretching me to think. I believe that my understanding of scripture has drastically increased as a result. Not only did the professors at LBC encourage my growth intellectually, they also challenged me to grow spiritually by teaching me, through word and action, to be a man of integrity and upstanding character.

There are two things, besides my family and relationship with God, that bring me great joy. The first is when I can spend time with God in His Word, and a light turns on in my mind as I see Him revealed through the pages of Scripture. The second is sharing the Word with others. I believe God has called me to be a pastor, but can I also see myself teaching in an academic setting. I hope to pursue a master’s degree in theological studies.”

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Knowledge Can’t Save You

To meet Jazelle Plummer is to meet a very gifted, articulate, and committed lady. She balanced being a wife, mother, daughter, bank supervisor, and active church member in order to complete her Master of Arts in Ministry degree with a concentration in Leadership Studies, graduating with high honors. Jazelle took all her courses in Philadelphia through “LBC at CUTS” (Center for Urban Theological Studies). Her father, Dr. Wilbert Richardson, is president of CUTS.

Jazelle’s story is one of growing up in a Christian home and making a profession of faith as a young child.

“During childhood I grew really smart in the Word, received great grades in school, and was an effective witness for Christ, but I needed to learn to live ‘not by power, and not by might, but by my Spirit says the Lord!’ (Zech 4:6) I would come to learn that it would only be because of God’s great grace and mercy that I would achieve complete fulfillment and true satisfaction in life. Knowledge in and of itself is wonderful, but knowledge can’t save you, and knowledge certainly can’t change you.

It wasn’t until I was married, having taken my biblical foundation for granted, that I came to know Christ in a more personal way. I was consumed with the expectations tied to building a life and home for my family, and I believed in my heart I was doing the right things. Each role in my life brought a level of stress that became extremely hectic and chaotic for me. I was making my own decisions, calling on everyone else except the Lord. Situations that should have been a breeze became insurmountable mountains.

In my emptiness and lack of fulfillment the Lord spoke peace to me. He said, ‘I want your whole heart, mind, and spirit. Just like the woman at the well, I was craving the things in life that could never satisfy me and I didn’t realize it, but then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘draw from my well, I’ve got a well that never shall run dry’ (John 4:7-29). The Lord began to speak to my emptiness; He began to lovingly remind me of what I had known for years—only He could fill the voids in my life.

A few years later I felt the call to ministry. My goals are to combine the leadership skills acquired through my degree along with my managerial skill set and utilize them bi-vocationally in the workplace. I believe my master’s degree from LBC augments my leadership skills, provides solid biblical concepts to broaden my knowledge base of God’s Word, integrates the appropriate practical skills needed to communicate with people, and equips me for both the public and private sectors. These are the tools that are necessary to thrive in urban ministry.

It’s not enough to gain knowledge; you must apply what you have learned to your life. The lessons are given from the Lord for me to learn and grow, and also to share. Only after I have grasped them and modeled them myself can I become effective in ministry. To God be the glory for all of the great and mighty things He’s doing in and through me.”
Delon Ali ’13

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God Raised Me Up
Delon Ali received an Advanced Continuing Education Certificate, earned by taking LBC’s Biblical Enrichment courses from New York School of the Bible. This is his story, in his own words:

“I was born in Trinidad and Tobago and moved to New York City in 1995. I worked for a retail company on Fifth Avenue and was very successful, selling over a million dollars’ worth of merchandise for that company. However, I started going to the bars and using crack cocaine. I finally reached the point where I lost my job, apartment, girlfriend, and became homeless for four years. I lived on subway trains and showered at McDonalds.

A friend told me about a place called the Bowery Mission and I decided to go. Now five years later, God has raised me up to be a chef at the Bowery where we prepare 1,100 meals a day for the homeless.

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Through NYSB, I have discovered God’s calling on my life. God has used NYSB to help me to grow in the grace and knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Valedictorians

Carol Williams ’13
The 2013 Lancaster Campus valedictorian was Carol Williams. Carol started her undergraduate educational studies in the fall of 1995 in the teacher education program. After two years, she and her husband found out they were having their first child. Family took precedence in the following years, but Carol had promised Dr. Clawson she would be back to finish her degree. In 2010, Carol returned to finish her elementary education teacher training. Not only did Carol keep her promise to finish but she graduated it at the top of her class.

Julia Haywood ’13
The 2013 Capital Campus valedictorian was Julia Haywood, who earned her Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in counseling. In Capital Bible Seminary’s history there have been very few women to earn this honor.
The Wesley K. Stafford Leadership Development Scholarship

Named in honor of Dr. Wess Stafford, president of Compassion International, the Wesley K. Stafford Leadership Development Scholarship will support a student who has matriculated through the Compassion International Leadership Development Program, and desires to earn a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership from Lancaster Bible College. Appropriately, this scholarship, focused on servant leadership development, aligns with the mission and vision of Lancaster Bible College.

Understanding that recipients of the Wesley K. Stafford Leadership Development Scholarship are citizens of third-world countries and have lived in abject poverty as children, this scholarship will support the full cost of attending LBC to include tuition, books, and expenses, enabling the student to attend on-campus, intensive seminars twice each year.

To be qualified to receive this scholarship, the applicant must have been a sponsored child through the Compassion International Child Sponsorship Program, and must be a graduate of the Leadership Development Program. The applicant must have a recommendation from Compassion International to receive this prestigious scholarship. The applicant must articulate a clear Christian commitment and a clear plan to be a Christian leader in his or her home country following the philosophy of biblical servant leadership.

Upon completing college, Richmond was overwhelmed with a burning desire to see the spiritual state of his country change. That led him to study at Moody where he received his master’s degree.

A year after he began his master’s studies, Richmond conceived the idea of free monthly theological training for pastors in Uganda, along with the provision of study resources and mentorship programs. This further developed into the idea of mentorship and accountability relationships between pastors in the West and in Africa. Today, the Pastor’s Discipleship Network, founded by Richmond Wandera, has spread rapidly through enthusiastic partners to more than 300 pastors in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. Through the Pastor’s Discipleship Network, Richmond is developing leaders for the churches in these African nations.

Lancaster Bible College is pleased to continue in the development of this leader among leaders by announcing Richmond Wandera as the first recipient of the Wesley K. Stafford Leadership Development Scholarship for Doctoral Studies.

Wesley K. Stafford Leadership Development Scholarship recipient, Pastor Richmond Wandera

Development Program. Through this program, students receive their bachelor’s degrees and some even go on for master’s studies. Lancaster Bible College believes that another opportunity should be afforded to those individuals who show outstanding promise as national leaders. To benefit those students, LBC has established this opportunity to gain a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership degree.

In honor of Dr. Wesley K. Stafford, Lancaster Bible College is pleased to announce its first Wesley K. Stafford Leadership Development Scholarship recipient, Pastor Richmond Wandera.

Richmond grew up in extreme poverty in Kampala, Uganda. At age eight, he was accepted into the Compassion International child sponsorship program. After excelling in school, he was chosen to enter Compassion’s Leadership Development Program, which provided him the opportunity to earn a university degree.

Dr. Wess Stafford was awarded an honorary doctorate by President Teague at Commencement.
Employees Honored At Graduation

**Mort Feder Retires**
Fifteen years ago when Dr. Peter W. Teague became the dean of undergraduate education at Lancaster Bible College, he went to Morton C. Feder, Jr. who had been the chairman of the Board at the Christian School of York, PA, for many years when Dr. Teague was superintendent, and asked if Mort would consider teaching a few math courses at LBC. Mort is a CPA with a stellar professional career, and taught simply for the sheer pleasure of it. For 15 years he has commuted weekly to LBC’s campus from York, refusing any form of compensation. Countless students have benefited from his carefully constructed course design. He has been incredibly generous with his time, on numerous occasions meeting one on one with students outside of class to help them navigate their course work. He always has a word of greeting (often accompanied by humor) for anyone who crosses his path. On the occasion of Mort Feder’s retirement, President Teague was pleased to honor his friend and colleague at Commencement on May 11, presenting him with a plaque commemorating 15 years of teaching at LBC.

**Dr. Harton Honored for Service**
President Peter W. Teague honored Dr. George Harton with a plaque commemorating 30 years of ministry at Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary.

**Ellen Coyle ’13 & Stefanie Pappas ’13**
May 18 graduation in the Capital region was a mother/daughter event for Eileen Coyle, (left) and her daughter, Stefanie Pappas (right). Eileen Coyle graduated with high honors earning a bachelors in Business Administration /General Studies. Stefanie Pappas also graduated with high honors receiving her Master of Arts in Christian Counseling and Discipleship. In 2011, Stefanie graduated with her bachelors from Washington Bible College and was expecting her first child. Now in 2013, she graduates with her master’s and is expecting her second child.
Across America, for the class of 2011, the average graduate of a four-year college carries a student debt-load of $26,500 when they leave their alma mater. That is the national average. At Lancaster Bible College, the average student debt-load for the class of 2011 was $20,668.

For a graduate who wants to enter full-time Christian ministry—be it as a worship leader in a local congregation, as a teacher or a school counselor in a Christian school, as a student preparing to enter seminary, or as someone entering the phase of raising support to enter the mission field, $20,668 of debt, can be crippling. At best, it makes starting ministry difficult. In many cases it prevents a graduate from entering their field of ministry until the debt has been resolved.

To give perspective, a full-time resident student at Lancaster Bible College faces tuition, room, board, and fees of just over $26,000 for this coming academic year. To assist them on their journey, LBC is on track to give out over $3 million in scholarship assistance. These scholarships are made possible through three channels.

First, there are dollars budgeted in operations to assist those with critical financial need. Secondly, there are dollars raised each year for our Scholarshare Fund. In the 2013-14 academic year, we will again seek to raise $1,650,000 to be used for school awarded scholarships. Some of those will be merit based, some will be academic based, but most are financial need based. Since its inception in 1987, the LBC Scholarshare Fund has awarded more than $32 million in scholarships. And then, finally, there are endowed scholarships.

LBC has, by college standards, a small scholarship-generating endowment—about $9 million. In an endowed scholarship, only the income generated from the fund can be used to provide scholarship aid. These scholarships are managed according the individual policy created when the gift was given. Some endowed scholarships are awarded based upon the area of study such as Pastoral Ministry, Intercultural Studies, or Education. Other endowed scholarships are awarded based upon financial need and still others upon academic performance.

If you would like to assist LBC in establishing an endowed scholarship, we would love the opportunity to talk to you. Together we can design the name, the purpose, the requirements, and the procedures for a fund that would create a scholarship in perpetuity. An investment minimum of $20,000 would fund a scholarship that, based on historical performance, would generate $1,000 per year for a student at LBC who is preparing to serve the world as a ministry leader, making a global impact for God’s Kingdom.

If you would like more information about establishing your endowed scholarship, please call the Advancement Office at 717.560.8211 or email theitz@lbc.edu.

BY TIM HEITZ
Vice President for Advancement
No one in their right mind would start a school in 1933. The stock market crash was all too fresh in people’s minds, and the downward spiral continued its pull on the American and global economy. By 1933, everything had hit bottom. Recovery seemed an infinite distance away. So why would Henry J. Heydt open a school in the former Convention Hall at West Orange and Pine Streets in Lancaster, Pennsylvania?
A product of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA, Heydt took his first full-time pastoral call at the Lancaster Moravian Church. And it would be his last church Moravian church, that is. His church—which had raised him, trained him, ordained him, and provided a place for his ministerial service—no longer reflected the foundational commitments to and beliefs in biblical, orthodox Christianity. Heydt did not give up on his church. His church gave up on him.

One-time professional baseball player and fiery evangelist Billy Sunday used to say, "Turn hell upside down and what’s stamped on the bottom? MADE IN GERMANY!" Of course, he said this during the late 1910s, while the world was at war with Germany, so there is an (un)healthy dose of nationalism coming through here. But if we look below the surface, we see what Mr. Sunday was telling us. Higher Criticism, which questioned the historicity and authority of the Bible and which had originated in Germany, had washed up on American shores and had found a home in American seminaries. It spread through the denominations, into the pulpits, and on to the pews. Historians call it the fundamentalist controversy. Liberalism was on the rise. Churches were jettisoning their legacy, their tradition, their commitment to God’s Word, and historic Christianity.

In 1923, Harry Emerson Fosdick, the most popular preacher in America in his day, said that you can deny the inerrancy and authority of Scripture, the virgin birth of Christ, the deity of Christ, the substitutionary atonement, and the second coming of Christ. Then he said, you can deny all these things and still be a Christian. These were strange times, times of upheaval not just economically, but theologically and ecclesiastically.

And so we can begin to answer the question of why Henry Heydt would start a Bible school. This story was not isolated to Lancaster and to Henry Heydt. Throughout the fundamentalist/modernist controversy, this story repeated itself again and again. The denominations fell like dominoes. The Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Lutherans, the Mennonites—they all became battlegrounds over the question of modernism. Modernism rejected miracles, rejected that an ancient book would have the answer for the sophisticated inhabitants of the twentieth century. And one by one the denominations reached for the brass ring of cultural approval. If American culture was moving towards embracing modernism, the churches would accommodate.

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The churches would simply align biblical understanding and theological beliefs to cultural predilections. And that cultural alignment started in the seminaries.

So where were the theological conservatives to turn to train the next generation of church leaders? They could not trust the seminaries. They had to start their own, regardless of the less than ideal economic circumstances of the 1920s and 1930s. Lewis Sperry Chafer had founded Evangelical Theological College, later becoming Dallas Theological College, in 1924. J. Gresham Machen founded Westminster Theological Seminary in 1929. From the 1910s through the 1930s, Bible schools and institutes opened their doors all across America and Canada. Liberalism had captured their former colleges and seminaries, so they set out to dig new wells.

Henry Heydt had told his wife that if he had 12 students, he could start a school.

When the door opened for that first day on September 25, 1933, Heydt looked out over seven faces. The last names were familiar to those from Lancaster County. Byler, Martin, Landis, Unruh, King—these would be the first of an 80-years-and-counting tradition of biblical higher education centered in Lancaster County. Heydt was not in any way discouraged by his troop of 7. In no time at all, that 7 became 12. Then the 12 became many, many more.

While the school was in Lancaster, all along the intent was for global impact. In those first years, Spanish was added to the curriculum of Bible courses and the original languages of the Bible, Greek, and Hebrew. One of those early summers, students accompanied the Spanish instructor on a missions trip. The emphasis on global impact was not lost on Mildred Peters. She is the last surviving member of the original class, earning her the title of LBC’s oldest alumni. And as LBC’s oldest alumni, she gave her life to missionary service. Her life spanned the twentieth century and now has reached well into the twenty-first. Hers is but one of the many stories of Heydt’s once and future students. Heydt founded his school on the twin pillars of being “biblically grounded and scholastically efficient.” He had been put through the paces at Moravian as an undergraduate and as a graduate student of divinity. He knew the best answer to the modernism of culture and the liberalism of the church was a solid, rigorous defense and presentation of biblical and orthodox Christianity. These would be serious students studying serious things. Funds were not available for a library—they didn’t even have a budget for faculty salaries in those days. Heydt, consequently, put his own voluminous library at his student’s disposal. One thing those students surely enjoyed in that first decade: no tuition, no fees!
Before they had even finished the first academic year, the school had outgrown its quarters at West Orange and Pine Streets, so they moved to North Duke Street. The school now had multiple class rooms, but still there were no dormitories. Dorms would come later. In fact much more would come later. The school incorporated officially in 1939. It would add a fourth year, later become a college, later add programs and majors, later add athletic programs, and eventually add a graduate school.

In that moment, the church was losing its moorings, being blown about by the prevailing winds. In that moment, Heydt trusted in God and in His Word. He had confidence in the promise-keeping God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of the ages, even of the modern age. And that was more than enough reason to start a school.

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BY DR. STEPHEN J. NICHOLS
Research Professor of Christianity and Culture

By the second year, the school relocated to this two-story building on North Duke Street. On the second floor Heydt had designated one room the prayer room. It was used often. Stories are told of how Heydt would gather the students together there and earnestly pray for the immediate needs of the school at that time; for example, coal for the furnace during winter. His philosophy was patterned after George Mueller and he taught the students that way.

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While pastoring and serving as the school’s president, Heydt also found the time to write. He wrote poetry. He wrote hymns. In 1944, Zondervan published his first book, The Gospel in Galatians. More books followed, one in 1951, two years before he moved on from The Lancaster School of the Bible and School of Theology—the college’s name at the time. In the opening words of Studies in Jewish Evangelism, Heydt gives us some insight into how he could start a school and a church in the throes of the depression, and how he could nurse both along on a shoe string. He writes, “We have ever been impressed with the dignity of the promises of God. They are grounded in his eternal purpose, governed by his sovereign grace, and guaranteed in his immutable character.”

He may have started Lancaster School of the Bible on the proverbial wing and a prayer, but he saw a need. More so, he saw an urgency in the moment. In that moment culture was overreaching, vainly attempting to bring God down to size.

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Jeremiah 36 records a rather curious series of events. The Word of the Lord came to the prophet Jeremiah. A scribe, Baruch, wrote on a scroll the dictation of Jeremiah, the words Jeremiah had received directly from the Lord (Jeremiah 36:4). And then Baruch entered the Temple and read the scroll. So far, not much unusual is occurring as this happened throughout the days of the Prophets. And then the not so usual moment occurs as the king, King Jehoiakim, burned the scroll.

This event did not come at a high point in the spiritual life of Israel. Having repeatedly broken God’s covenant, the nation teetered on the brink of destruction, captivity, occupation, and exile—all the curses attending the breaking of the covenant. Israel, as it had done many times before, had forgotten God’s Word. They ignored God’s clear direction and charted their own course. And so the scribe-turned-preacher, Baruch, boldly proclaimed the contents of the scroll, the clear directives of God Himself.

We don’t know what the scroll contained. We do know what the contents aimed to accomplish. The intended impact of these words was to bring about Israel’s repentance. So Jeremiah 36 explains, “It may be that their plea for mercy will come before the Lord” (Jeremiah 36:7). And repentance may stem the soon to be poured out wrath of God. If they would listen and repent, then God would restore them to life under the covenant.

The people did go to hear the message. A fast was proclaimed and they gathered at Jerusalem. And stood, silenced, before the Word of God (Jeremiah 36:9-10).

All of this sent the powers to be, the King’s top officials, scurrying. They convened at the palace, closed ranks, and devised a strategy. First up, they ordered Baruch to appear before them. They put a direct question to him: “Tell us, please, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?” (Jeremiah 36:17). Why this question?

Well, herein lies the rub. These counselors were not, as they say “Greenies.” Or, to put it another way, they had indeed been to a few rodeos. They knew. And they knew enough that when God spoke, Israel must listen. If these words were the words of Baruch, they would be fascinating, intriguing, worthy of debate. But what if they were the words of God’s chosen prophet? What if they were the words of God Himself? So the question of the origin of these words means everything.

And when the counselors heard the answer, they had but one option. This message must reach the king, no matter the cost and no matter the consequence. They made arrangements for Baruch and Jeremiah’s protection (Jeremiah 36:19, 26), then sent the scroll to the king.

The text informs us that the winter moths had settled on Jerusalem. King Jehoiakim heard the scroll sitting by the fire. He could only take it in small doses. Every three or four columns, Jehoiakim cut off the words Baruch had put on the scroll—the words dictated by Jeremiah, the very words of God—and threw them into the fire. Some of his advisors “urged” him to listen to the words, not to burn them. Jehoiakim paid them no attention. Jehoiakim did not rant; he did not go ballistic. He calculatedly cut and burned.

Chilling to think of it, to picture it: The king of God’s chosen nation showing utter contempt for God, grabbing the scroll in one hand, slicing it with a knife held in the other, and then tossing it to the flames.

Jeremiah 36 notes, “Yet neither the king not any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments” (Jeremiah 36:24). It’s the “yet,” that should catch us. The counselors knew these words were not the product
of a scribe. They were not the product of a prophet. Those were mere conduits for the true source of these words. These words were God's words. Everyone around the King's chamber and the one who sat on the King's throne knew where these words had come from. They knew what these words declared. So many times in the prophetic books and messages, God had spelled out the case:

I am your God. I have kept covenant. I have been faithful. You have broken my covenant. You have been faithless. Now, repent; return to Me. I will be merciful. I will restore you.

And Jehoiakim, and the counselors, couldn't care less.

But Jehoiakim does not get the last word. That belongs to God. Mercy, forgiveness, and restoration become judgment, punishment, and disaster for Jehoiakim and for the nation he led (Jeremiah 36:30-31). Jehoiakim goes down in disgrace. His legacy? Just another wicked king in a long and twisted line of wicked kings who had run God's chosen nation right into captivity. Twenty years later judgment barreled down on Israel.

Could we imagine a more incorrect response to God's Word than that displayed by Jehoiakim and his counselors? Could we find a more blatant demonstration of hubris? I suggest in no way Jehoiakim is worthy of sympathy. But, what he did makes sense on one level. If you don't want to hear a message, why not simply get rid of the message?

Derek Kidner shows the futility of Jehoiakim's act of attempting to get rid of God's words. Kidner writes, "What Jehoiakim could not reach with knife and fire was, of course, their Author." In fact, Jehoiakim could not even get rid of the words. God ordered Jeremiah and Baruch to take another scroll and rewrite the words.

Jehoiakim wasn't the last to try to get rid of God's Word. The Puritan Thomas Watson once wrote:

"We may know the Scripture to be the Word of God by its miraculous preservation in all ages. The holy Scriptures are the richest jewel that Christ has left us; and the church of God has so kept these public records of heaven, that they have not been lost. The Word of God has never wanted enemies to oppose, and, if possible, to extirpate it. They have given out a law concerning Scripture, as Pharaoh did the midwives, concerning the Hebrew women's children, to strangle it in the birth; but God has preserved this blessed Book inviolable to this day. The devil and his agents have been blowing at Scripture light, but could never blow it out; a clear sign that it was lighted from heaven."

One of those attempts occurred in Watson's England in the 1520s. William Tyndale had completed the first English translation of the Greek New Testament. And just off the banks of the Thames, outside of St. Paul's Cathedral, Cardinal Wolsey had a bonfire, fueled by copies of the "illegal Bible." A merchant friend of Tyndale's surreptitiously arranged for Wolsey to buy up all of the stock of Tyndale's Bible. This was welcomed by William Tyndale. He was unhappy with the first edition and was eager to make corrections. Also, the first edition had plunged him into debt. So, with Wolsey's money, Tyndale got out of debt, set to work on a second edition, and sent it through the press. The ironies of providence are marvelous.

In addition to these overt ways, people have also tried more subtle ways to get rid of God's word. I remember visiting a liberal church on one occasion. The service began with a rather impressive procession, led by an acolyte carrying a large Bible with arms held high for all the congregation to see. He completed the ceremonial march down the center aisle, reverently placed the Bible on the communion table before the pulpit and carefully opened it. Then the service went on without a single reference to the Bible. Not in the prayers, not in the sermon, not once. Not one passage was read, referred to, or preached. The open Bible sat there, but played absolutely no role. At least Jehoiakim was honest concerning his feelings for God's Word. There is more than one way to incorrectly respond to God's Word. There is more than one way to demonstrate our own hubris.

But before we congratulate ourselves for being so far better than wicked kings, conniving Cardinals, and liberal churches, we should pause. When was the last time we trembled before God's Word? When was the last time we asked for repentance for having charted our own way and having ignored God's crystal clear commands? When was the last time we paid lip-service to the authoritative, inerrant, and eternal Word of the living God?

We should take comfort in the eternal, abiding Word. God's Word will remain. Kings come and go. Cardinals come and go. Those who vainly repudiate God's Word also come and go. But God's Word remains. We can trust it. We can little afford to take this Word lightly. We must accept it with fear and trembling as it stands over us and corrects us. We must also accept it with joy and gratitude as the Word restores us and renews us. Any other response simply won't do.

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Share your update by emailing alumni@lbc.edu or online under alumni/contact/update. Photos are encouraged. Minimum resolution of 800 x 600 pixels at 72 dpi. We want to hear from you!

1940s

Lorraine (Sigman) Herr ’46 went home to be with the Lord on January 5.

1960s

Katherine (Madara ’65) Williams and her husband retired and are now involved in many volunteer activities. They enjoy visiting their grandchildren most.

Ruth (Brittain ’69) Angert is attending Hershey Evangelical Free Church and is involved in choir, mentoring, deaf ministry (interpreting church services), teaching deaf Bible study, and small group leadership. She is also a member of the hospitality team for Tuesday morning women’s Bible study.

Karen (Wyatt ’69) and William Davis, ’69/MA ’98. William is the pastor at Brigantine Bible Church, Brigantine Island, NJ. He and Karen were married at LBC (then LSB) in 1968. They have 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

1970s

Boxley Boggs ’71 has served with Crossworld as a missionary to Haiti (1973-87), as a USA campus rep (1988-93), as one of Crossworld’s international directors (1993-2005), and as Crossworld Minister-at-Large (since 2005). She writes, “The challenge and joy of discipling others and being disciplined by others is ‘exceedingly abundantly more than all we could have asked or thought’ thanks to God’s truly marvelous grace.

Bonnie (Spencer ’77) Arnone earned her doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University. She serves as an adjunct professor at Liberty University. She also directs the Exceptional Student Education Department at Jupiter Christian School in Jupiter, FL.

1980s

David Shutes ’81 is teaching in two different Bible schools—one in Switzerland and one in Madagascar—where he trains church leaders from a number of French-speaking countries in Europe and Africa.

David Horst ’82 has served on the pastoral staff at Christian Fellowship Church in New Holland, PA, since June 1986. His wife, Cheryl, has been an administrative assistant at New Holland Elementary School since June 2008.

John David Lindsey ’84 returned to New York after 28 years in Jacksonville, FL. He and his wife will be moving into a home which they have dreamed of for so long.

Dawn (Lashley ’85) and Kevin Newman ’83 live in Flagstaff, AZ, where Kevin is the new academic dean at Indian Bible College.

Timothy Shea ’88 was appointed as director of global education and partnerships at Millersville University in Millersville, PA. During his first international trip he visited MU’s partner universities in China.

1990s

Tina ’02 and Lee Nunemaker ’94 are excited that God has called their family into full-time service in Haiti, serving with Reciprocal Ministries International. They are currently doing deputation and waiting for God to raise the support partners they need. Lee will serve as director of their Sister Church Partnerships and Leadership Development. They are grateful for the education and experiences they had while at LBC and even more so for the lasting relationships and friendships that developed during those years.
Lori (Herr ‘97) Bradley lost her husband, Scott, unexpectedly on August 10, 2012. The months since then have been difficult and challenging with huge changes. God has given her strength and provided a unique outreach to share what God has done. She is blogging about her grief journey (lorisrambling.blogspot.com). She is employed with Lebanon County Mental Health Services in Lebanon, PA, where she provides intensive case management services to children and adolescents with mental health issues.

Kathi (Arnold ’97) Noll and her husband, Ken, are actively involved with their church, Lake View Bible Church in Manheim, PA, and their children’s school, Manheim Christian Day School. Ken is a full-time dad and also works full time at Pin Oak Service Center as an automotive technician in Manheim. Kathi is full-time mom and also works at the Mennonite Home Communities in Lancaster.

Jenny (Shepperson ’98) Summers and her husband, Todd, live in Mingoville, PA, with their five children, Andrew, Austin, Araelia, Anthony, and Asher. Jenny is the executive director of Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College, PA. Todd is a second grade teacher in Pleasant Gap, PA. They helped plant Centre Church in State College and are actively involved in the community by helping couples on the brink of divorce rediscover their commitment to each other and their families. They are expecting their sixth baby in November. She writes, “Help us pick another ‘A’ name!”

Amy Schmid ’00 lives in Lancaster and works for a local accounting firm as a member of the administration team. Amy is very involved in missions at her local church.

Joe Kirkland, MA ’04 was named interim president of Montreat College in January. Joe had been vice president for advancement for the last six years. Prior to joining Montreat, Joe spent seven years as the associate vice president of advancement at LBC.

Regina Baum ’05 is employed part-time by Disability Empowerment Center as a peer mentor since September 2011. She has led a Bible study at Water Street Ministries in Lancaster for several years. Regina is a member of Baltimore Adaptive Recreational Sports (BARS) where she participates in canoeing, sailing, and snow skiing.

Danielle (Reider ’05) Tipton met her husband on a mission trip to Jamaica 5 years ago. They got married in 2009. The couple resides in Tennessee. Danielle teaches sixth grade at Cedar View Christian School. Her husband works as an engineer for A.O. Smith. Together they teach a junior high Sunday school class and are involved in short-term missions.

Ben Miller ’07 is celebrating five years of service at Oak Hill Fellowship Church in Quarryville, PA, where he is the part-time worship leader. Ben and his wife, Katy, have one son, Levi, born in February 2012. He also works full-time at Conestoga View Nursing and Rehabilitation.

©2000s

Chandra (Shoop ’00) Burkholder and her husband, Chad, welcomed Maria Ana Lee to their family on October 18. Maria joins siblings, Olivia and Blake. Blake will start kindergarten this fall at Northern Dauphin Christian School. Chandra will teach a library class at the school as part of her parental commitment. Olivia will attend pre-school.

Distinguished Alumni Award Presented to Gary (’83) and Pearl (’93) Auker

During May’s Lancaster graduation ceremony, the Alumni Office and the President’s Office, bestowed the highest honor given to an alumnus: The Distinguished Alumni Award, to Gary and Pearl Auker. That day marked the exact 30-year anniversary of the day when, in 1983, Gary walked across the stage in what is now the Horst Athletic Center to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Bible. (In the days before LBC had Good Shepherd Chapel, commencement services were always held in the gymnasium.) Exactly ten years later, in 1993, Gary’s wife, Pearl, graduated from LBC. For 30 years they served in ministry side by side until Gary’s death, October 16, 2012. Gary and Pearl were married at age 17 and came to Christ a few years later. When they felt the Lord leading them to attend Bible college, they gave up a spacious home to live in married student housing on campus while Gary was a full-time student. Those were very lean days for them—having to pray even for food—but, during their 43 years of marriage they often shared that the Lord supplied their every need.

Gary’s pastoral ministry spanned two churches, both of which faithfully supported Lancaster Bible College. He pastored the Grace Baptist Church of York, PA for 26 years until his unexpected death in October. His greatest joy was sharing the Gospel. In fact, even as he lay on his deathbed, his family was able to share the plan of salvation with his doctors and nurses and at his funeral six people came to know the Lord! In honoring Gary’s life and legacy and the work that continues with Pearl, LBC was honored to present them with the Distinguished Alumni Award.
A new season for Changer athletics is about to begin. Get the latest on the players, schedules, and statistics at www.lbcchargers.com. Become part of the Charger Nation fan club.

Bradley Gibbs ’09 wrote his first book, Dashed Upon His Glory. He believes these are important days for the body of Christ in America to seek the face of God and pray that He would do something fresh in our midst for His glory. The book is, “An exhortation to value the triune God, humility, and prayer.” Bradley lives in Lancaster County with his wife and two children.

2010s
Kelsey Scott ’11 is living in Vietnam where she is teaching English and building relationships. In her spare time she meets with students and volunteers at a restaurant staffed by the deaf. Kelsey enjoys working with the staff and learning Vietnamese sign language. She will return to the states in August.

Kevin Dobbs ’12 is a chaplain in Lebanon County Correctional Facility and SCI Mahanoy (State Correctional Facility) in Frackville, PA.

Keith Keltner ’13 has been named the pastoral resident intern at Grace Church in their college and career ministry.

1960s
David E. Smith ’62, went home to be with the Lord on June 17.

1970s
Diane (Ragsdale ’70) Davison’s husband, William, went to be with the Lord on May 17. He was 72.

2000s
Julie Coleman CBS ’08 recently published her book, Unexpected Love: God’s Heart Revealed in Jesus’ Conversations with Women. More information on Julie can be found at www.unexpectedgod.com.

Ken Burge ’95/MDiv ’02 has been the senior pastor of Colmar Manor Bible Church for over 20 years. He recently published Preaching with F.I.R.E.’S E.T.A.-Preparing and Delivering Sermons with God’s Holy Fire.

Congratulations to the following WBC alumni who graduated in May with their master’s degree from Capital Bible Seminary:

- Benjamin Gray
- Albert Mensah
- Roderick Montgomery
- Stefanie Pappas

Washington Bible College/Capital Bible Seminary Alumni

As part of the acquisition of WBC/CBS academic programs, Lancaster Bible College is committed to serving their alumni. The LBC alumni office would like to welcome WBC/CBS alumni to submit their updates to alumni@lbc.edu or online at www.lbc.edu/alumni (follow link to “Contact”) for publication in the Echo magazine.

www.lbcchargers.com
My journey to LBC began nine years ago, and it was during this season of my life I discovered I was not called into a career of traditional full-time ministry. Instead, God led me to complete the one-year Bible Certificate and used that time to give me a clearer, deeper understanding of Him that has holistically benefitted my life. Looking back, the spiritual enrichment I received at LBC is what prepared me to better serve Christ’s Kingdom in less expected but equally significant ways.

After my time at LBC, I discovered my gift in photography—a gift that has allowed me to create my own business. My photographic work serves as an opportunity to bring awareness to social issues with the hope of creating a positive change for those without a voice. Through my business, I am able to provide a window into parts of the world that many would never see.

One such opportunity came in the spring of 2012, when I spent a few weeks capturing the story of Lancaster’s Rafiki Africa Foundation in Alendu, Kenya. That work helped spread awareness and create change for a community deeply affected by HIV/AIDS, extreme poverty, malaria, and other preventable deprivations.

For me, witnessing the hardships that exist globally outside our comfortable borders was one thing; returning to a culture of consumerism, earthly comforts, and instant gratification was another. My biblical foundation, faith, spiritual family, and the Holy Spirit’s leadings were critical in finding a balance between the dysfunction of our fallen world and the ability to continue to do the work God has set before me.

Balancing multiple aspects of a business geared to do both commercial and spiritual work while balancing personal obligations can be trying, but I know all are rooted in faith. God is the center of my life, and my faith is a measure of our relationship that has been strengthened by His Word and developed by my education at LBC. It was not until I faced the world, especially the “developing world,” that the seed nurtured during my time at LBC truly began to bear fruit. To this very day, I draw from specific teachings I received at LBC and use them in how I live out my life.

There are no set paths in what I do, in how my business operates, or even in the steps God challenges me to take. The road is often far more difficult than I know how to handle. I have learned that God’s Word is always there if I take the time to pour myself into life fully and allow Him to use me in His Kingdom. His Word is alive, spirit-breathed, true, and a holy compass in all things. I am grateful that LBC gave me a passion to pursue Christ through Scripture. That passion enables me to love others in all avenues of my life and walk closer to the Lord.
For more information or questions contact the alumni office at 717.560.8206 or alumi@lbc.edu. Purchase tickets online at www.lbc.edu/events.

Saturday, September 7

LBC FAMILY DAY AT VILLAGE GREENS MINI GOLF COURSE

You and your family are invited to join us at Village Greens Mini Golf Course, Strasburg, PA between, 5-9 PM for LBC family night where we will be playing their orange course. The cost is $5 per person and will include free ice cream and soda following your round! RSVP to the Alumni Office by August 12.

Tuesday, October 15

BUSHKILL FALLS & POCONO FALL FOLIAGE

Bob Neff Tours is inviting LBC alumni to travel with them to take in the rich colors of the fall foliage and the beauty of the water falls. Tour and view the exquisite craftsmanship at Martin Guitar. Walk paths of Bushkill Falls to the leaves. There will be a shopping stop at American Candle. Noon meal is included. Dinner is en route home and is on your own. Cost is $92. Bus pickups in Lancaster and Ephrata. Leave at 7 AM and arrive at 9:30 PM. RSVP by September 1.

November 2

CRAYOLA EXPERIENCE TOUR

Bring your family and join us for a tour of the Crayola Factory in downtown Easton, PA, from 10 AM -6 PM. This is a one-of-a-kind attraction where color, chemistry, and technology magically combine to create a colorful adventure for a child’s imagination (www.crayolaexperience.com). The cost is $15 per person includes a lunch and an LBC gift bag. RSVP by October 1.

Tuesday, December 3

BRANDYWINE CHRISTMAS

Discover the phenomenal collection of three generations of Wyeths on this guided Bob Neff bus tour of the Brandywine River Museum. Also featured will be an extensive holiday toy train display and doll collection and a tour of Winterthur, Henry duPont’s lavish estate, all decked out in holiday finery. The cost is $112 per person which also includes lunch. Bus pickups in Lancaster, Ephrata, and Gap. Leaves at 8 AM and arrives at 5:30 PM. RSVP by October 14.

Friday, December 13

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS AT SIGHT & SOUND

Alumni are invited to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster at 7:30 PM to see Miracle of Christmas. Our special alumni rate is $30 per person (limited to alumni and immediate family only). Visit www.lbc.edu/events to order your tickets. There is a limited quantity of tickets, so sign up early. For any questions, please contact the Alumni Office.

CALLING ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

The Alumni Office is looking to host a Steel Toe Tour of the Harley Factory in York, PA, sometime in either January or February. During the Steel Toe Tour you will have the opportunity to experience Harley-Davidson’s history and get up-close and personal with the Softail®, Touring, Trike, and CVO™ model families. The tour goes through the manufacturing of fuel tanks, frames, and fenders, plus many ‘employee only’ areas in paint and polish. Many areas on the tour have not previously been seen by the public. In order for us to book this tour, we need to have a confirmed number of at least 16 people. The cost is $32 per person with a number of free items included. If interested in joining us, please contact the Alumni Office.

The Alumni Office is looking for future event ideas in the Maryland, Washington DC, and Virginia areas. If you have a suggestion for an alumni event contact alumi@lbc.edu or call 717.560.8206.
The founding mission of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary paralleled that of Lancaster Bible College. Both institutions were established to train and equip young men and women to move into society and make an impact in God’s Kingdom. As we recognize students who faithfully carry out that mission, we want to honor them by presenting earthly awards that will ring true in eternity.

The WBC/CBS Alumnus of the Year Award is one such honor. We are pleased to present this award to John (WBC ’79, CBS ’82) and Beth (WBC ’79) Hostetter. John and Beth were college sweethearts. They married in 1979 and have faithfully served the Lord in the pastorate for the past 34 years. They currently minister at Lampeter Church of the Brethren in Lampeter, PA. Before coming to Lampeter, John served as a senior pastor in Hagerstown, MD, and as president of the board of Pottstown Cluster of Churches Social Organization in Pottstown, PA. Prior to attending college and going into ministry, John worked at a machine shop for a year and spent a year in volunteer service. He holds a BA degree from Washington Bible College and earned a Master of Theology degree from Capital Bible Seminary. John and Beth have two sons and four daughters; three are married and three live at home.

When asked, “What is the biggest lesson you have learned through ministry?” John shared that his biggest lesson has to do with reality. He explained, “The gospel is truly transformational, but that transformation for most Christians is a slow, steady process that is realized throughout a person’s lifetime. This understanding has helped me to be patient with those with whom and to whom I minister. It deeply motivates me to be persistent in pursuing the objective of 2 Corinthians 3:18 for myself and in my ministry to others.”

When asked what advice he would give to young alums about to go into ministry, he openly answered, “Guard your heart against any attitude that would move you away from absolute dependency on God in your personal life and ministry. If we fail to be in touch with our weaknesses and failures… our own need for ‘grace upon grace,’ (John 1:16) a dichotomy develops… we give out a message that we expect to change others while we ourselves are not being changed by it. To guard against this, I think it is important to maintain the discipline of letting the Word of God speak into your own life. We want to fight against the subtle arrogance that comes from thinking we know more or are better equipped because we are trained. The greatest proclamation of the gospel is when people to whom I minister can see the power of the gospel at work in my life changing me.”

John’s fondest memory from WBC/CBS are the connections most precious to him. “While at WBC/CBS, I developed some great friendships. Several of those friendships have been maintained throughout my ministry. Those relationships have been a constant blessing to me. There were also several professors who God used to significantly shape my understanding of discipleship. When I went to WBC/CBS I didn’t realize how biblically illiterate I was until I started classes. The biblical knowledge and the biblical exegetical tools that I received through my studies have been invaluable gifts to me in the various contexts of ministry in which I have been called to serve.”

We are thankful for the impact John and Beth have had in their ministry and are honored to recognize them as the 2013 WBC/CBS Alumnus of the Year.

The LBC Alumnus of the Year will be announced at Homecoming 2013 on September 27, with a full bio coming in the next edition of Echo.
Thursday, August 22
NEW STUDENTS ARRIVAL & PRESIDENT’S DINNER
We welcome our new undergraduate students to campus and invite them to settle into their dorm rooms on this day. New students and their parents are invited to the President’s Dinner to enjoy a special meal and meet the President, faculty, and other students.

Thursday–Sunday, August 22–25
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
This special time of orientation is provided for new undergraduate students to help them transition into college life.

Saturday, August 24
LIFE STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR
Are you ready to manage your life stewardship in order to maximize your kingdom potential? This seminar is designed to help you do just that. Speaker Michael V. Novak, CFP, has served over 25 years in the financial field. He will guide you through using your heartfelt values and priorities to build a life-plan, show how to use a life-plan to map out goals and a timeline, teach strategies for living intentionally, and encourage monitoring your life-stage to ensure that you stay true to your course. Seminar will be held in the Teague Learning Commons from 8 AM to 1 PM. The cost is $30 per person. Registration requested.

Monday, August 26
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Monday, September 2
LABOR DAY
No classes and offices closed.

Friday, September 6
FIRST FRIDAY AT THE TRUST PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
As you stroll through downtown Lancaster as part of monthly “First Friday” events, visit The Trust Performing Arts Center at 37 N. Market Street, Lancaster, and enjoy a coffee and music by young LBC artists. Each month throughout the year will feature different musical styles, from jazz to pop, and contemporary Christian.

Tuesdays, September 1–November 12
WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY
Each Tuesday from 9–11 AM, women of all ages are invited to meet in the Private Dining Room of the Olewine Dining Commons for an in-depth study of the Word of God. This year’s study will be in the book of Philippians. Although it is a familiar book, we will look at both the theology described by Paul in this book, and the ways to apply its truths to our everyday living. There is no cost to attend or registration needed.

Saturday, September 21
MINISTRY AND LAW: AVOIDING LEGAL RISK IN MINISTRY SEMINAR
Bruce Walter, adjunct professor and long-time attorney, gives vital information to church leadership regarding ministry legalities. As societal and governmental pressures on the free exercise of religion increase, it becomes increasingly important to recognize and manage the legal risks you will encounter. This seminar will help pastors, church leaders, school administrators and key volunteers avoid wasting time and resources that should be devoted to ministry. Walter will look at the practical needs of ministry and the guarantees of the U.S. constitution which may not be as broad as you think. This will be held in Teague Learning Commons from 8 AM to 1 PM. The cost is $30 per person. Registration requested.

Friday, September 27
PARENTS DAY
Enjoy a day with your son or daughter at LBC. Parents and grandparents are invited to experience college life with their student.

Friday & Saturday, September 27–28
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
See back cover for details.

Saturday, September 21
BIBLE STUDY TECHNIQUES: MAKING THE RIGHT OBSERVATIONS, INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATIONS
From the new believer to the biblical scholar, we all can benefit greatly from clear understanding of Bible study techniques. Dr. Richard Yates, professor at LBC’s Capital Bible Seminary, will encourage and challenge us to implement sound biblical observation, interpretation, and application for both individual study and teaching preparation. Dr. Yates will give a clear and practical presentation as well as give opportunity for workshop participants to implement what is learned. This will be held at Heritage Fellowship Church at 2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston, VA from 8 AM to 12 NOON. The cost is $30 per person. Registration requested.

Friday, October 4
FIRST FRIDAY – TRUST PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Stop by The Trust Performing Arts Center in downtown Lancaster as part of monthly “First Friday” events.
Monday, October 7
BUSINESS PARTNERS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Golfers, join us for the 28th annual Business Golf Tournament. This year we will be playing on the beautiful Hershey West Course at the Hershey Country Club. Register early since space is limited to 30 teams. A 12 noon shotgun start will be followed by a banquet and presentation of awards and prizes. Lunch will be provided. All proceeds will benefit the LBC Scholarshare Fund. Please contact Tim Suloff at tsuloff@lbc.edu or 717.560.8211 for more details.

Thursday–Friday, October 17–18
FALL BREAK – NO CLASSES

Thursday, October 24
FACULTY AND FRIENDS RECITAL
Select faculty from LBC’s Worship & Performing Arts Department take center stage with a variety of musical selections from classical to sacred, original compositions, and even some jazz. Located at The Trust Performing Arts Center in downtown Lancaster.

Friday–Saturday, October 25 & 26
INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
Local, regional, and international musicians will be performing jazz master classes, workshops and concerts. Located at The Trust Performing Arts Center in downtown Lancaster.

Thursday, October 31
FALL PREACHING WORKSHOP
Dr. Randy Pelton, LBC adjunct professor and pastor, brings incredible experience, wisdom, and insight into a practical and “hands-on” workshop. This workshop titled “Grappling with the Gospels: Interpreting and Applying Various Genres Found in the Gospels” is designed to give pastors and adult Sunday school teachers who often teach without curriculum the exposure to some of the major hurdles expositors face when preaching through the Gospels. The focus will be on applying the heavy moralistic teachings of Jesus (such as the Sermon on the Mount), preaching Christ from seemingly man-centered narratives, and the parables. Workshop format is designed to be light on lecture and heavy on participant interaction in the Scriptures. Held in the Teague Learning Commons from 1-5 PM. The cost is $30 per person. Registration requested.

Friday, November 1
FIRST FRIDAY-INTERCOLLEGIATE ART FESTIVAL
The Trust Performing Arts Center will host an intercollegiate art festival during this month’s “First Friday” in downtown Lancaster.

Saturday–Sunday, November 2–3
STAINED GLASS SERIES
The LBC Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Rob Bigley, visits area churches to bring glory to God through choral masterworks. Performances are free and open to the public. A donation will be received.

Monday, November 18
THANKSGIVING PRAISE CONCERT
An evening of joyful music as a prelude to the Thanksgiving season features LBC’s symphonic winds, strings and percussion. The program promises to create an atmosphere of praise to God for His goodness.

Thursday, November 21
CHAMBER PRAISE CONCERT
LBC’s Worship & Performing Arts Department proudly presents an evening of outstanding student performances, highlighting honored soloists and several small ensembles.

Wednesday–Sunday, November 27–December 1
THANKSGIVING BREAK
Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Friday–Saturday, December 6–7
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Join the LBC community for an evening of family Christmas joy led by various ensembles. This annual celebration features the finest of ensembles guiding the audience down a path of Christmas praise and worship. Tickets are required for this event.

Friday, December 13
DECEMBER GRADUATION

Friday, December 13–Monday, January 13
CHRISTMAS VACATION

Tuesday–Friday, January 2–10
WINTERIM CLASSES

Fridays & Saturdays, January 17, 18, 24, 25
MUSICAL THEATRE: H.M.S. PINAFORE
LBC’s annual musical theatre production features Gilbert and Sullivan’s first international sensation, H.M.S. Pinafore, a comic opera that set the standard for musical theatre productions for more than a century. You’ll laugh, and laugh, and laugh some more! Tickets are required for this event.
Join us for our 80th Anniversary as we start it off with a bang!

Friday, September 27

- Comedian Michael Jr. in Concert (ticketed event) 7:30 PM
- Pep Rally & Fireworks 9 PM (Rain date Saturday night)

Saturday, September 28

Food booths, children's play area, classic car show, WJTL Kids Cookie Break, hay wagon rides

- Breakfast with President Teague, “The LBC of Tomorrow” 9 AM
- Logos (Bible study software) Seminar 9 AM–12 NOON
- 5k Walk/Run 9 AM (Registration required)
- Alumni Soccer Game 10 AM
- Women’s Volleyball vs. Eastern Mennonite 11 AM
- Women’s Soccer vs. College of St. Elizabeth 1 PM
- Men’s Soccer vs. Widener 3 PM

Michael Jr. is hailed as one of today’s most gifted comedians. He has performed on TV, comedy clubs, major universities, and churches. His wholesome style of comedy will leave you laughing. Check out http://michaeljr.com to find out more. Order your ticket(s) today.

For questions: Alumni Office 717.560.8211 | email alumni@lbc.edu

Make plans to attend this fun-filled event for the whole family! Lancaster Campus