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MISSION STATEMENT
Lancaster Bible College exists to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

VISION
Lancaster Bible College will be a premier learning community that intentionally develops the head, heart, and hands of servant ministry leaders for global impact.

ACCREDITATION
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COVER: President Peter W. Teague and his Presidential Leadership Team comprised of Dr. Philip Dearborn (left of president moving clockwise) Mr. Josh Beers, Mr. John Zeswitz, and Mrs. Judy Heckaman, assistant to the president.
Seeing the Embodiment of LBC’s Preferred Future

Our Transformational Vision Leading to a Preferred Future was implemented by our Board of Trustees in May 2010. It is our long range blueprint for the future, strategically focused on 2010–15. The primary areas of our Preferred Future plan include:

1. Maintaining the core of our traditional undergraduate education
2. Expanding adult learner opportunities at all levels
3. Funding our future
4. Building strategic alliances with like-minded organizations
5. Growing online delivery of biblical higher education
6. Enhancing our financial strength
7. Establishing vertical (institutional) structure
8. Advancing technology

Although we thought this was an ambitious plan for 2010–15, God had even bigger plans for Lancaster Bible College. By God’s grace and through the hard work and prayer of our faculty, staff, Corporation, trustees, and friends, Lancaster Bible College has enjoyed an unprecedented period of blessing and growth. We now have seven locations in six states, the most recent being in Memphis through our new partnership with the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies. Our student body has grown from 800 in 2010 to nearly 2000 today.

The springboard for much of this geographic expansion was our 2013 acquisition of the academic engine of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham, Maryland. This acquisition led to the redesign of the seminary, launching Capital Seminary and Graduate School with several master’s degrees including an MDiv, and three doctoral degrees.

As part of our Preferred Future plan, our campus development continued at 901 Eden Road. Aging apartments were transformed into a new student residence named Weber Hall. The Teague Learning Commons was constructed, a beautiful facility that houses our Charles and Gloria Jones Library, Bennie’s Bistro, our Ally Center, media and computer labs, collaborative study spaces, and many other resources for our students.

Our undergraduate programs were expanded, adding majors in Communication and Business Administration. Co-curricular offerings were enriched to enhance the traditional residential student experience.

In the past five years our technological infrastructure has grown by leaps and bounds, empowering the growth of our online education delivery. We now offer an online supplemental site for every one of our 427 graduate and undergraduate courses, so every student has an online learning component. In addition, 35% of our courses are designed primarily for online delivery. Our first Massive Open Online Course (or MOOC) is offered this fall and our plan is to continue to develop and offer these free courses to a global audience interested in biblical education.

Twice in the last five years Lancaster Bible College was named one of the Best Christian Workplaces, speaking to the deep commitment of our faculty and staff. In 2013 Forbes Magazine ranked our financial health and stability in the top 25% of nonprofit colleges with a 500+ enrollment. We
have a balanced and well-managed organization supported by a strong team that continues to grow.

As we envisioned five years ago what LBC might look like by 2015, we could not have anticipated all that has happened, and we give God the glory for what He has done.

It is not easy to imagine what LBC will look like in the next five years. This is a season of rapid and profound change in higher education. Perhaps the most significant daily advances are in technology. Student expectations are putting ever-increasing pressure on delivery.

Political pressures are great as well, concerning matters as diverse as our basic institutional accreditation and how much financial aid our students can receive from the government. Government regulations continue to increase and impact biblical higher education. Cultural changes are a significant, too. The perceived value of a traditional four-year residential education continues to lessen, as does the perceived importance of faith-based education. The question of return on investment related to higher education has shifted student interest to professional programs. The net impact of all this is that the LBC of today will look quite different than the LBC of 2020!

That is why the value system that underlies the educational process is so critical to who we are and to what we will become. Our values based on biblical truth are shared as a community regardless of the programs we offer, the delivery system we use, or the buildings we build and inhabit.

We are followers of Christ, created to serve and glorify Him. By God’s grace and your continued support we will continue to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

Please keep in touch!

Peter W. Zeale

Letter to the Editor

In preparing to speak at a seminar recently, I came across the article by Professor Thomas Hudgins in your Fall 2014 issue of Echo. It was a blessing to read and see that he and I were on the same page about the issue of being filled with the Holy Spirit. I found Thomas’ illustration of the lawnmower to be very good, and I recommended his article to pastors and others. It was an encouraging “Biblical Thought” article; please include more of them in Echo. Thank you.

JAMES E. LAWSON III
Adjacent Professor, Capital Seminary and Graduate School

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- from long-time LBC Donors and Charitable Gift Annuitants

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The chart to the left provides a sampling of current CGA rates.

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Nichols Inauguration

Former LBC Research Professor of Christianity and Culture and frequent Echo contributor Dr. Steve Nichols was inaugurated September 19 as President of Reformation Bible College and chief academic officer of Ligonier Ministries in Sanford, Florida. He is pictured on the day of his inauguration with LBC’s Provost, Philip Dearborn, and President Peter W. Teague.

LBC@MCUTS

President Teague, trustee Charlie Kreider, and two faculty, Dr. Angie Ward and Rev. Derrick Seegars, participated in the August 12 dedication of the new LBC@MCUTS quarters housed in the Memphis Leadership Foundation facility. Classes began this fall under the leadership of MCUTS President Rob Thompson with 105 undergraduate students.

New Pastor at Large

Pastor at Large Dr. Daniel White joins the ranks of Dr. George Nichols and Rev. Bob Reid, retired pastors who are now associated with LBC as pastors at large. Dr. White is an alumnus of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN. He held pastorates in Virginia and Oregon, but most of his ministry career was devoted to the Grace Brethren Church of York, PA, where he pastored from 1986 until his retirement this year. He also served as a chaplain with the York City Police Department from 1992-2014.

Pastor Kenneth L. Barney (WBC ’87/CBS ’00) has been pastor of New Antioch Baptist Church of Randallstown in Maryland for the past 36 years. He initiated, promoted, and serves in New Antioch’s street evangelism, prison ministries, and men’s retreat, as well as ministering abroad. An author of two books, he is also an alumnus of the 2008 “Oxford Round Table” held at the University of Oxford, England, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity by the National Clergy Council. Pastor Barney is married to his high school sweetheart, Ellen, and they have 3 children and 12 grandchildren.

Dr. Ray A. Naugle retired in 2009 as LBC’s dean of graduate education, concluding a lifetime ministry career in biblical higher education. He taught at his alma mater, Philadelphia College of Bible, prior to coming to Lancaster Bible College in 1983 as the academic dean. Dr. Naugle held various leadership roles during his tenure at LBC and was among the architects of our degree completion program and our graduate school. He also served as an elder for many years at Calvary Church in Lancaster. Ray and his wife, Judy, have three children and four grandchildren.

Pictured below from left are MCUTS co-founder Howard Eddings, MCUTS co-founder Frank Jemison, Dr. Jeanne Jemison, MCUTS President Rob Thompson, President Peter W. Teague, MCUTS board member Dr. Larry Lloyd, LBC faculty Dr. Angie Ward, and Rev. Derrick Seegars’11.
• Athletic Director **Pete Beers** was named the 19th NCCAA Membership President in July after serving on their administrative committee since 2009. Pete's history with the organization both as student-athlete and coach will serve him well as he guides the association in using athletic competition for education, evangelism, and encouragement. Pete's heart is to help individuals to understand the value of using intercollegiate athletics to fulfill the Great Commission. We congratulate Pete on this appointment.

• **Dr. Dale Mort**, associate vice president for institutional effectiveness, was published in the September/October 2014 issue of *Assessment Update* published by Wiley Publishing. His article “Assessment Annotations: A Simple and (almost) Painless Way to Document Assessment of Student Learning” uses an assessment annotation from Professor **Mary Yager** in our Counseling & Social Work Department.

• Adjunct professor **Dr. Doug Bozung** published a critical review in *The Journal of Ministry and Theology* (Spring 2014, pgs. 120–130). Doug's review of *Four Views on the Historical Adam* (Matthew Barrett and Ardel B. Caneday, editors) features the perspectives of four evangelicals on the importance of a historical Adam to the Christian faith.

• In August the chair of the Health & Physical Education Department, **Thomas Randolph**, had his article on eating disorders published online with the United States Sports Academy. The goal of this article was to expose the concept that female athletes participating in certain sports (slender body sports, endurance sports, weight classification sports, and sports where clothing is revealing) are at a greater risk of developing eating disorders than athletes in other sports or even non-athletes. Strategies are highlighted to assist coaches and parents in recognizing the early signs and symptoms, and recommendations are offered to assist in healing and recovery from disordered eating.

• **Mark Farnham**, associate professor and coordinator of pastoral and pre-seminary majors, launched his apologetics ministry, training church members to defend their faith, at apologeticsforthechurch.org.

• Percussion instructor **Gabriel Staznik**’s latest work is *Drum Set Workbook: A Comprehensive Study* published by STRAJK Publications. This workbook is designed to provide students with many of the concepts and skills used in professional performing and recording situations. In addition to his workbook, selections from Gabriel’s *Nutcracker Suite* arrangement for percussion ensembles are available in sheet music through Honey Rock Publishing, honeyrock.net.

• **Dr. Mark Eckel**, professor of leadership, education, & discipleship at LBC Greenbelt site, has a new book released entitled *When the Lights Go Down: Movie Review as Christian Practice*. This book offers perspective on how Christians can engage with popular culture by viewing films from a biblical point of view.

• **Keith Kauffman**, adjunct faculty at LBC Greenbelt site, published a research paper in the April 1, 2014 issue of the *Journal of Immunology*. The paper presents his lab’s recent work on discovering and defining multiple subsets of CD4 T cells in the lung during Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection.
Recently, a student from Capital Seminary and Graduate School interviewed me about my call to ministry. While the interview implied that all ministers feel clearly called to ministry, my calling to ministry was not that clear. In my case, I simply had a heart to serve. God’s calling was gradual like a progressive revelation and it happened in three phases: from knowing that I was not worthy, to knowing that I should be available, to serving through His grace.

Not like a Minister
From the beginning, I knew I did not have the traditional qualifications of a minister. Even in my youth, my body was weaker than the average person. Born in China during World War II, I was fortunate to be alive. Yet without proper nutrition, I was sick often and needed enough sleep to function properly. Unlike my peers, I had difficulty studying or even staying up through the night in school. I managed preparation for my doctoral examinations in engineering by getting eight hours of sleep a night.

Some people did not understand this physical weakness and had the perspective that ministers should be physically strong, able to sleep little and rise up early. There are those who believe if someone comes to the pastor with needs, the minister should sacrifice sleep in order to care for him or her. An inability to sacrifice sleep was perceived to mean a lack of love for people. The impression was given that if you were not physically able to handle these types of requests, you should not consider being a minister.

The second reason I did not meet the traditional qualifications of a minister was that my voice is soft. When I preached at a church, people commented that I did not preach with a loud voice like other pastors.

Jars of Clay: Called to Serve

by Dr. Samuel To, CBS ’90  
Pastor of Chinese Bible Church of College Park, MD • CBS Board of Directors, 2002-13

In January 2013 Lancaster Bible College acquired the academic programs of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary (WBC/CBS) in Lanham, Maryland. It was the culmination of a four-year journey involving two trustee boards, three state departments of higher education, and two accrediting bodies.

As a member of the Board of Directors of WBC, Inc., Dr. Samuel To walked this journey with Lancaster Bible College to keep the light of biblical higher education shining in our nation’s capital. The candor and courage of Dr. To and trustees from both institutions helped make it possible.

In 2013 the students of Washington Bible College were assimilated into our LBC family and the seminary was given a fresh vision and a new name as the next step in this mission-driven journey. Capital Seminary and Graduate School was launched in January 2014 as a division of Lancaster Bible College, offering masters and doctoral programs.

Dr. Samuel To pastors the Chinese Bible Church of College Park, Maryland, with students and alumni of Capital Seminary and Graduate School among his congregation.
I knew I was not qualified in the traditional sense and so I did not dare to share my consideration to become a minister. I just prayed, “Lord, if You want me to, I am willing.”

Serving Already

When I was a student, I was involved in student ministries. In addition to reaching Chinese students through a Chinese Bible study group, I served as an action group leader reaching American students through Campus Crusade for Christ.

After graduation while working as an engineer, I coordinated Bible studies at work. And in my church, I actively served first as a deacon, then later as an elder.

Since I had been serving in many areas of my life, I questioned if I should go on to a ministry career. The answer was not that clear. I depended on the Lord’s guidance and whatever the case, as a lay leader, full-time or bi-vocational, I knew I would serve the Lord.

I Loved my Job

While working as an engineer, I enrolled in what was then Capital Bible Seminary (CBS). My primary purpose was to be equipped for service. Even as a lay leader I felt I should receive seminary training, and I thought it would be beneficial just in case the Lord called me into career ministry. If this was God’s plan, then I would be ready.

At CBS, I met a Virginian pastor who had been in ministry for many years. After discovering that I was considering leaving my engineering career to serve in full-time Christian ministry, he was taken by surprise. With a bewildered face, he asked, “Why? Don’t you like your job?”

In his mind, he could not understand why anyone would leave a secure and satisfying job in the federal government for a “less secure” job in ministry. I loved my engineering career. It was interesting. My work made a difference, and I even received awards for it. At that time, I was sure I could enjoy working as an engineer for another 20 years to qualify for retirement benefits—if I did not sense the call to a full-time career in ministry.

Fire in my Bones

Yet, my heart was like that of Jeremiah. He knew he was young and not qualified, and he said, “Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth” (Jeremiah 1:6).

Despite my lack of qualifications, I had a burden to share quite a few messages: upholding the authority of the Scripture, applying the Bible in light of our cultural diversity, multiplying coworkers for the next generation, promoting intergenerational youth ministry, etc.

Furthermore, as one of the few fourth-generation Christians, I felt the burden to help believers and churches foster long-term Christian legacies. Again, my heart was much like that of Jeremiah: “But if I say, ‘I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name,’ then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it” (Jeremiah 20:9).

Seeing the need of our church, especially for pastors who could preach in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese, I prayed for the Lord’s timing. After graduation from seminary, through the affirmation of church leaders and confirmation from the church, I resigned from my engineering job to serve as a full-time pastor.

Career Change

In a sense, my engineering career was “good to the last drop.” In my last week of work there were farewell luncheons every day. A few Christian colleagues even indicated they would prayerfully support my ministry. I was thankful for such a pleasant conclusion to this chapter of my life.

Because of my engineering background and quiet personality, some people found my career change intriguing. At a farewell party, the branch secretary commented, “I can’t believe that Samuel is going to be a hell-fire and brimstone preacher. He is too gentle for that.”
I thank God for microphones. For many years of preaching, yelling to be heard has not been necessary. I have found that validating truth does not depend on the loudness of one’s presentation.

Serving through Grace
God never promised the sky would always be blue. Likewise, ministry has not always been smooth. However, I have been blessed to experience the Lord’s unusual grace in ministry.

Even with my physical limitations, God’s grace has been enough. It is just like when Apostle Paul wrote “the Lord said to him, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

When we transitioned to full-time ministry, my wife had some concerns initially. She had seen how some churches mistreated pastors and how some churches had unrealistic expectations of the pastor’s wife. Thankfully, and because of God’s sufficient grace, my wife has been blessed with the gift of teaching children. In addition to participating in children’s ministries, she has served in church facility management over the years. Though not quite the stereotype for a pastor’s wife, she has been able to offer a great deal of tangible help to the church.

Throughout my pastoral ministry, I was thankful for opportunities to mentor younger coworkers, encouraging many church members to enroll in seminary. Quite a few received degrees from CBS, and I am thankful to witness their accomplishments. As I approach my retirement years, I feel blessed to pass the baton to younger and faithful ministers. Now I can step down and serve in other ministry roles.

Precious Lessons
Over the years, I have learned to serve with a willing heart, to acknowledge His Lordship and to let Him guide in His timing. I have also learned that God often uses unqualified people, even imperfect sinners, to do His work. We are simply jars of clay used “to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Our Lord Jesus called common people to be His disciples. From a human perspective, Peter and John were very common, uneducated people. Yet just as He used Peter and John, the Lord uses common people to show His amazing power. There is a truth to the saying, “God does not call the qualified, but He qualifies those He calls!”
This class has individuals from 21 states, reaching north to Alaska, south to Florida, and west to California (other states include: CO, CT, DE, GA, IA, IN, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WA, WI, WV). Five countries are represented: Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Netherlands, and Spain. Traveling the farthest are Rachel Willyerd from Eagle River, Alaska, and Ivan Correa from Recife, Brazil.

For some students, LBC is in their family roots. Rachel Kumher has a long legacy with LBC: her parents Cheryl ’88 and Kevin ’91 are alumni, her grandparents both worked at LBC, she has two uncles and an aunt who are alumni, plus two of her cousins are current students. In this class, 13 students are children of alumni and 12 students have an older sibling already attending LBC. In addition, one student is the granddaughter of a staff member.

Many of today’s students find it necessary to work while in college. In this year’s class, 75% of the students are currently working a job on or off campus. Nick Spotts is employed on campus in the Public Safety Department while Emily Cruz travels off campus to work at Chick-fil-A.
Knowing who we are and what we are trying to accomplish is crucial. Knowing who we are and what we are accomplishing also demands we ask questions of ourselves. Because Christ created us, knowing our identity in Him is crucial to accomplishing the tasks He has given us—the works Scripture tells us He planned long ago for us to do.

For us who serve at Lancaster Bible College|Capital Seminary and Graduate School, our task is to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society. That is our mission. That is our institutional identity.

Our Board of Trustees and I continue to dream about the Lancaster Bible College of tomorrow. The rapid growth of the last few years coupled with current opportunities seems to demand a new administrative approach better suited to the days ahead.

We are committed to our mission—our identity—but must be willing to adjust our model at times. How do we remain mission firm, model flexible?

“This is a season of change for Lancaster Bible College.”

In many areas we have already begun shifting our model, and the results have been dramatic. We now have a seminary added to our graduate school; our online offerings are meeting the needs of the adult learners; we are forming strategic alliances with other like-minded institutions; establishing and expanding PhD programs; and the list goes on.

It is time to further shift the model, adjusting our administrative structure to maximize effectiveness. With the approval of our trustees, I have formed a Presidential Leadership Team comprised of Mr. John Zeswitz, Dr. Philip Dearborn, and Mr. Josh Beers.

Mr. John Zeswitz was appointed executive vice president on July 1. A Lancaster native and graduate of Millersville University, Mr. Zeswitz was recruited in 1993 by my predecessor, Dr. Gilbert A. Peterson, to be LBC’s director of college relations. For the next 15 years, spanning the close of Dr. Peterson’s presidency and the beginning of my own, Mr. Zeswitz was part of the President’s Cabinet, eventually
promoted to vice president of administration. In 2007 he left LBC to serve as the executive director of ministries at Lives Changed By Christ (LCBC) Church in Manheim, continuing to maintain close ties with LBC including serving on our Corporation. He has been married to his wife, Chrissie, for 30 years and is the proud father of 3 daughters and grandfather of 2 grandchildren.

John possesses a beautiful combination of relational leadership and exceptional competence that endears him to ministry colleagues in any setting. I am thankful to have him fill the role of executive vice president and lift some of my administrative load.

**Dr. Philip Dearborn ’94**, previously vice president of academic affairs, assumes the newly created office of provost. In this inaugural role, Dr. Dearborn will continue ultimately to oversee all aspects of our educational enterprise at all levels, and at all locations. The establishment of the Office of Provost furthers the model of vertical integration and delivers a better service to our students and faculty. With 20 years of experience in biblical higher education, Dr. Dearborn is held in high regard as an innovator. He is married to Amy (Williams ’95) and they make their home in Marietta with their three children.

**Mr. Josh Beers**, previously vice president for enrollment management, will now take on the duties and title of senior vice president of student experience. Josh has been instrumental in LBC’s growth since joining our administration in 2006 and as senior vice president of student experience his responsibilities will encompass all students, both traditional and non-traditional, at any stage, at any location, from prospects through alumni—the entire student experience. Josh has spent the last 20 years investing his life in youth and college young adults in both the church and educational settings. He resides in Lancaster with his wife, Anna, and their four children.

This is a season of change for Lancaster Bible College. Our model has changed before and no doubt will someday change again. Mission firm and model flexible, we face changes with confidence in God’s leading and provision.
The Power Behind a Sticky Business

What do you do when an eighteen inch line of natural gas flows past your property? When you’re L&S Sweeteners you work out a way to make it work for you.

That’s the kind of resourcefulness Zook Molasses, subsidiary businesses L&S Sweeteners and Good Foods, founders Larry and Sally Martin, along with son-in-law general manager Shawn Sensenig bring to the table. That kind of vision has been a welcome resource shared with Lancaster Bible College via the Martins’ long involvement as Corporation members of LBC since 1989, and Sally’s 19-year tenure on the Board of Trustees.

L&S Sweeteners employs approximately 80 people; and processes, stores, ships, and sells sweeteners such as molasses and sugars, including organic and brown in bulk quantities. The 42-acre Leola facility has 80,000 square feet of warehouses and 90,000 square feet of manufacturing space. The Honeybrook-based company launched in 1980. “The first year was a little rough,” says Larry Martin, “but the next year we got it going.”
Yet in all of these endeavors the family is quick to give credit to God as the source of their forward momentum.

Figuring out a way to use this natural gas resource born of another natural process, the methane generated by the Chester County Lanchester landfill, is just good for business. The result is two gas-powered Caterpillar engines, each with capacity to generate 1.6 MW of electricity that supplies 80% of their Leola business’s power needs at a 15% discount. Granger then sells the excess capacity back to the grid. L&S takes it one step greener by recycling the 115 gallons of used oil from engine maintenance to heat their shop. It turns out good for the environment is also good for the bottom line.

“You could say we’re green energy, and we like that idea,” says Sensenig.

Two years in the planning and construction, the $5 million Zook Generating Station (Zook is Sally’s family name), in partnership with the Michigan-based Granger Energy Services, generates enough power to supply nearly 4,000 homes.

Why so much power for a sweetener plant? The enterprise then ships scores of truckloads and rail cars every day to various food and beverage companies like Turkey Hill, Quaker Oats, Pepperidge Farms and A-Treat beverages. Their shipments span south to Savannah, Georgia and west to Illinois, going as far north as Minnesota. “It takes four to five hours of heating an entire rail car in order for the sweetener mix to reach 120 degrees,” says Larry Martin, the temperature where it will flow freely enough to offload the cargo. In the winter that time increases to eight to ten hours. That’s a lot of energy to power the 800-watt boiler necessary as the heat source. Ever the visionaries, the L&S team is now looking into how to capture and convert the heat generated by the massive engines to use for that process. The largest consumer on the gas line is Dart Container. Tyson Foods, H.R. Ewell, York Building Products, and Case New Holland also use the line. The demand is so great that a second, slightly smaller line from a Morgantown landfill was added to the route.

Yet in all of these endeavors the family is quick to give credit to God as the source of their forward momentum. And their actions match their hearts. The Martins’ legacy of generosity runs deep with Lancaster Bible College, their church home Christian Fellowship in New Holland, and Greenview Bible Camp where Shawn’s daughter recently won the best-dressed title in the camp-hosted Hillbilly Roundup. He claims her overalls coupled with a live chicken on a leash put his daughter Brittany over the top. Looks like ingenuity runs in the family genes.
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...
There are unique intersections in the life of an academic institution that have the capacity to catapult it forward or stall momentum. A plateau typically leads to mediocrity, which in today’s culture of higher education is ultimately a sentence of institutional demise. The stories are painfully familiar.

As we survey the landscape of institutions that have proven this reality, we believe that Lancaster Bible College stands at yet another nexus of opportunity – another “such a time as this” moment. A moment, if realized, would catalytically propel us forward on mission to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

ON MISSION. ON-CAMPUS. ONLINE.
For 81 years, God has invited men and women of his choosing to accept the opportunity found in “such a time as this” moments. Men and women who gave sacrificially where others could not or would not, to ensure that LBC’s mission continued to move forward. And move forward it has. This fall LBC welcomed its largest incoming undergraduate class ever at its 901 Eden Road Lancaster location with Capital Seminary and Graduate School enrollments on the rise as well. On-campus. Online. We thank God for our forward momentum, which is not the norm in biblical higher education.

WHAT DO THOSE CHARTS MEAN?
More students means more – more beds, more faculty, more spaces to meet – more – which is not the norm in today’s college enrollments. There is another aspect to this which drives the “more.” More majors like Business Administration tallying 29 students on a track that could easily double and realize close to 100 students next year. The Communication major boasts similar enrollment in antiquated production space. Social Work is another major also on the rise. We have maxed out on-campus residence spaces this year.

New Residence Hall

For 81 years, God has invited men and women of his choosing to accept the opportunity found in “such a time as this” moments. Men and women who gave sacrificially where others could not or would not, to ensure that LBC’s mission continued to move forward. And move forward it has. This fall LBC welcomed its largest incoming undergraduate class ever at its 901 Eden Road Lancaster location with Capital Seminary and Graduate School enrollments on the rise as well. On-campus. Online. We thank God for our forward momentum, which is not the norm in biblical higher education.

What do those charts mean?
More students means more – more beds, more faculty, more spaces to meet – more – which is not the norm in today’s college enrollments. There is another aspect to this which drives the “more.” More majors like Business Administration tallying 29 students on a track that could easily double and realize close to 100 students next year. The Communication major boasts similar enrollment in antiquated production space. Social Work is another major also on the rise. We have maxed out on-campus residence spaces this year.
WHAT’S THE SOLUTION TO MORE?
A New Residence Hall

• Adds 110 new residence hall beds and two resident director apartments for on-campus housing. This fall we exhausted available beds for men on campus. Students are housed in off-campus apartments and area LBC-affiliated homes—all less than ideal for a student experience.

• Includes three levels totaling 31,756 square feet with double occupancy and common lounges.

• Anticipates the demolition of the code-dated, 34-bed energy-inefficient Brubaker Hall constructed in 1978.

• Ready for occupancy in fall 2015

ARE WE DONE?

In summary, a new residence hall is not a frill but a necessity. In formulating this phase of our Preferred Future campus development initiative we have wrestled with the question—are we done yet? Are we at our optimal capacity? We believe there is still much to do, and that there is a great need for biblical higher education, so we continue our mission of educating Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.
As a child I was privileged to grow up in a Christian home with loving, Christian parents who taught me the truths of Scripture. Through a Christian education, biblical teaching at my church, and the guidance of my parents I continued to grow in my relationship with the Lord. Switching to the public school system in high school opened my eyes to a new world and it was throughout those years that God fostered my love for people, especially young people. As I looked into colleges, I knew I wanted to go somewhere that could give me an education that would allow me to pursue this God-given passion. I ended up at LBC and all my expectations have been far surpassed in my experiences here.
I have had the privilege of being involved in many different areas at LBC, all of which have taught me a lot. Being on the soccer team has instilled in me the value of working together as a team; it has strengthened leadership qualities in me and I have learned the power of encouragement and humility. Being a RA on campus stretched me beyond my comfort zone. I had the opportunity to pour into the lives of the girls in my section while also realizing you don’t need a title to be able to do that. Being a part of Team Charger the past three summers has deepened my love for youth and has allowed me to experience several different styles of camp ministry while traveling to a different summer camp each week. And lastly, interacting with students, staff, and faculty has impacted my life far beyond what I thought it would. Building relationships with classmates, teammates, professors, and staff has been one of the biggest blessings of my time here.

As I prepare to graduate from LBC in the spring, I have no idea where God will take me. However, one thing I know for certain is that what I learned here at LBC and the relationships that were built will serve me well as I head into ministry. I will always look back on these years thankful for what God has allowed me to experience here. And as I move forward I hope to bless others the same way I was blessed at LBC.”

“i owe thanks to a lot of people — mentors who have poured into me, and brothers and sisters in Christ who have sharpened me. I would not be standing here without such a vast web of support.

How can this be? How can a once high-school dropout stand to receive such an award? How can a preacher’s kid who rebelled and ran off to waste his life on wild living, receive such a great celebration? How can a sinner who brought shame upon his mother and father, and most of all sinned against the great I AM, be seated in a place of such honor? The only answer is Jesus.

It is not a cliché. It was Jesus who put me in a godly home so I could learn about Him. It was Jesus who came to me and warned me of my rebellion. It was Jesus who kept me from being shot dead in those streets, just another dead young black male. It was the Spirit of Christ that brought back to remembrance of all that my mom and dad instilled in me while I was in Upper Marlboro Jail for the fourth time. It was Christ who pulled me out of the streets, got me my high school diploma, and put me in the lecture halls of Washington Bible College. And it was Christ who, when those lecture halls were closed, brought me from Lanham, Maryland, to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he introduced me to my fiancée. It is Jesus who is getting me through many late night studies. It is Jesus strengthening me when the pressures of this life feel too much to bear. It is Jesus convicting me when the lusts of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life war after my heart. It is Jesus, just Jesus.

Most of all, it is Jesus’ love that was demonstrated for me and the rest of us on the cross. There He rescued us who have trusted in Him from sin, Satan, and death. And it is His resurrection power that is keeping me running to the finish line. This award and this speech will be forgotten, but it is Christ who is eternal. I am a mere trophy of His Grace to point you back to His beautiful and glorious face.”
And yet 1 Peter 2:9-12 very clearly states that we are God’s possession. Our identity as children of God is firmly rooted through the pages of the Scriptures.

As Lancaster Bible College began our 2014–15 academic year, we established “identity” as our theme. Our chapel services, faculty meetings, employee gatherings, and classroom discussions circle back to the assurances and admonitions of 1 Peter 2:9-12 (NLT): “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when He judges the world.”

Knowing the context brings such significance to Peter’s words. We should find great encouragement and challenge through these verses even when we do not face difficult persecution. Peter says that we are chosen, we are royal priests, we are a holy nation, and we belong to God. Therefore, let us not give in to the worldly desires that wage war against us. Instead let us be the light of Christ to a lost and dying world.

Have you ever won a door prize or a radio contest? Do you remember that sense of pride and significance you felt when your name was called? That is a small illustration of the significance we have in being chosen by God. It is not an accident that we are identified with God. He purposefully and proactively chose us to be His. That is powerful!

Not only are we chosen by Him, Peter says we are royal priests. Every Christ follower has direct access to God. He himself has provided the one Mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ. Since we belong to Christ, we can come into His presence, into the very holy of holies. You and I are children of the King, and as such, are never out of God’s presence. What a sacred position — what a sacred privilege!

The nation of Israel was never holy in conduct, and the same can be said of the Church. Yet we are holy in our relationship with God because Christ is our righteousness. If you and I have any standing before God it is not in us, it is in Christ alone. Through His atoning death and victorious resurrection, we have been set free from sin, and His righteousness has been credited to us. We have been set apart to live for God, to glorify and enjoy Him forever.
Finally, we belong to God. Doesn’t it feel good to belong to something? When we belong to something we share a common identity in thought and purpose. When we belong to God, we draw on His strength as sons and daughters of the King. Our identity as Christ followers means that we all belong to the same family.

Knowing that we are chosen, that we are royal priests, that we are a holy nation, and that we belong to God is assuring. But that knowledge is limited unless that knowledge leads us to action. Because we are identified as children of God we should therefore not give into worldly desires that wage war against our souls.

What wages war against your soul? Peter chooses to use strong language here by employing the metaphor of war. The damage that comes from giving into worldly desires is a lot like the damage caused by war. It’s brutal. It’s ugly. It’s tragic. It changes lives. It kills. It destroys. It attacks. It hurts.

No rational person goes into battle without protection and a plan. Soldiers do not think about protection in the midst of battle. They do not make their battle plans while fighting. They spend time beforehand making sure they are protected and that they have a plan. How do you do that? You immerse yourself in the Word of God and you clothe yourself with the armor of God. Hebrews 4 reminds us that God’s Word is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword. Immersing ourselves in His Word provides the opportunity for the Holy Spirit to form plans for when the attacks come. Ephesians 6 gives us the armor we need to be protected from attack.

Peter makes a final point in this passage that all of this is for the purpose of being a witness to the world around us. What makes us different? Do the people we come in contact with notice something different about us? The way we live and the words we speak are directly linked to our identity as Christ followers. If we are giving in to worldly desires we are essentially rejecting our identity. Rejecting our identity severely limits our witness to the world.

Our students were challenged this semester not just to go through the motions of learning about God but to claim their identities as sons and daughters of God. What about you? Whose are you? Take a moment right now to acknowledge that you are a son or a daughter of God. He claims YOU! Therefore, go and make a difference for Christ!
Have you ever made an omelette for yourself?
To some, this would seem like a colossal waste of time. If you are hungry, why not just scramble some eggs, throw some cold cuts and shredded cheese on top and call it good?
It tastes basically the same and it will save you all of the hassle inherent with the pristine art of omelette-making.

Ah, but for some of us, the art is why we do it.

There is something in the soul of an artist that uniquely reflects the artistry of God (whether the artist attributes this to God or not). When God created the heavens and the Earth, he didn’t simply scramble the cosmos, fry it up in a pan and declare, “Good enough.” No!
He carefully crafted His creation, sculpting it with the very words of His mouth, “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good” Genesis 1:31 (ESV).

It was very good. Did you catch that? This is no country scramble; this is an omelette so perfect even Julia Childs would be impressed.
And, He did it for Himself…there were no other gods coming over for breakfast. God crafted this very good world, and everything in it, for His own enjoyment.

Sadly, the culture our students live in—we all live in—is a scrambled eggs culture. This is why we feel that the work we are doing at The Trust Performing Arts Center is so crucial. Our mission statement begins, “The Trust Performing Arts Center exists to honor God by encouraging excellence in the work of student and professional artists…” So, when we choose artists to be a part of our Trust Presents concert series, we seek those who are shaping the global stage in their genre. In the 2014-15 season alone, there are two Grammy-nominated ensembles and three international music competition winners. Some of them have a personal relationship with Christ, some of them do not. But all of them reflect the glory of God through their artistry. In a way, they are helping to restore (if only for an hour) that which was lost in the Garden of Eden— that which was very good. As we encourage excellence in their work by including them on our concert series, they in turn encourage excellence in the work of our students.

“Trust performances have provided opportunities for me to be exposed to excellent music performed by distinguished musicians,” says Music Pedagogy student, Rebekah Wimer (’15). As a violinist, Rebekah was most impressed by guest violinists Carla Leurs and Alexi Kenney, as well as the band Solas (which featured a Celtic fiddle...
player). “Their music was exquisite. I felt privileged to learn by watching such skilled musicians perform on my instrument (and) the opportunity to talk with these artists before/after their performances made these experiences deeply meaningful.”

Jonah Martin, a junior in the Worship Arts program, was also motivated by Solas’ performance at The Trust. “Solas’ desire to tell the stories of their families and heritage really inspires me to tell an honest story with each new song. They were just the medium needed to pull me out of a rut of writing “the common man’s worship tune.”

When a guest artist’s schedule allows, we invite him/her to campus to work directly with our students. These master classes are often among the most significant moments of a student’s education at LBC.

Katherine Snyder is a freshman pursuing the Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance. She was chosen to participate in a master class with a Trust guest artist, Ko-eun Yi. “After listening to her perform,” remarked Katherine, “I realized how much I still have to learn as a musician and how important it is to listen to artists more educated than I am so I have something to work towards. In working with Ko-eun, I improved my playing through the musical concepts we worked on as well as simply through the opportunity to perform for such an amazing pianist.”

The conclusion of the Trust’s mission statement, “…and by enriching our community through inspiring, challenging, and redemptive experiences,” further emphasizes the importance of our cultural omelette-making. Not so long ago, the Church used to be the driving force behind the arts. Regrettably, misguided Church leaders in the 20th century relegated us to Christian “artistic ghettos.” Thankfully, the 21st century Church is recapturing much of what was lost. The Trust is part of a larger movement that says, “We are artists, we are here, and we know what good is.”

This is evident not only in The Trust Presents concert series, but also in the partnerships we are building with other organizations. A perfect example of what can happen through strategic partnerships is the Square Halo Gallery. Located on the first floor of the Trust, the gallery is a joint venture between LBC and Square Halo Books, a Baltimore-based company that publishes books on faith and art. Featuring fine art by respected Christian artists, the gallery exhibit changes every two months and features a wide variety of genres. So far, this has included paintings, mixed-media, photography, and a 25-foot long sketch inspired by the Book of Romans.

The gallery’s most significant exhibit to date will be on display during the months of November and December. It will feature pages from The Four Holy Gospels, illuminated by New York painter Makoto Fujimura. “I am delighted to have these pieces on display,” remarked the gallery’s director, Ned Bustard. “They are the actual pages that Mako painted for this important publication (by Crossway). Illuminated Bibles have a long, rich history in the Church. It is an honor to host this exhibit. It is a beautiful contribution to both the history of art and the Church.”

Lancaster Bible College took a bold step in 2013 when it decided to invest in a performing arts center in the heart of downtown Lancaster’s thriving arts district. We have been crafting cultural omelettes ever since. Visit us online at lancastertrust.com and join us this season for an inspiring evening. Bon appétit!
1940s

Pastor Almos E. Shelly ’49 went home to be with the Lord July 19. Almos served as a missionary to India from 1951 to 1968 and received Lancaster Bible College’s PAUL AWARD for his missionary service. He was also a 75-year member and elder at Calvary Bible Church in Mount Joy, PA.

Elizabeth “Beth” Gehman ’42, was welcomed into the presence of God on September 10 at the age of 92. The wife of Wayne Gehman ’41, they treasured 68 years of married life together as their family grew from three children to four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Over the years they served in the Presbyterian Church (USA) where Wayne pastored throughout the Midwest, Tennessee, and Texas. At the time of her death Beth was a member of Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

1960s

H. Grayson McNeill, WBC ’60 passed into God’s presence August 13 in Dublin, VA after a two year battle with Parkinson’s disease. He preached his first sermon when he was 13 years of age and served churches in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Indiana.

1970s

Larry Sowers ’71 pastored for nearly 30 years with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

He teaches a Sunday School class, a Griefshare class, and ministers to men at Elim Home mission. He also volunteers 3 days each week repairing homes for the poor, disabled, and veterans.

Floyd Eyler ’75 went home to be with the Lord July 24. Floyd served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as an aviation radio technician. Later, he worked as an electrical engineer for Bendix Corp and Borg-Warner Corp. He was a longtime member of the Red Lion Bible Church in Red Lion, PA.

Beverly (Runde, WBC ’75) and Dean Kennedy, WBC ’75 relocated from Florida to Minerva, OH, to teach at Minerva Area Christian School where Beverly has accepted the position of head of school. Dean and Beverly are both taking active roles in the ministry of First Christian Church of Minerva.

Robert Arnold ’78 CBS retired as a SIM missionary in 2012 and since then has made three short-term teaching trips to Africa. He has been teaching as an adjunct professor at New Life Theological Seminary (now Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary).

1980s

Timothy George ’80 has been a hospice chaplain with Horizons Hospice of Camp Hill, PA since 2011. Tim ministers to those with terminal illnesses and provides bereavement care to their families. He also established BY GEORGE WEDDINGS fifteen years ago to provide traditional wedding planning and ceremonies for those who do not have a home church or pastoral affiliation. He performs 30 to 40 weddings per year.

James Braden ’81 has been endorsed as Chaplain to Veterans (BCC) and is establishing a new ministry entitled Michiana Veterans Ministries.

Marianne ’81 and Joe Matthews, BS ’85/MAM ’04. Joe is a lead staff chaplain at Brunswick, GA, leading truck drivers to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Marianne is an oncology nurse and is chemo certified in the hospital in Brunswick.

Robert Yost, CBS ’82 has been working virtually from Florida as research professor for Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary since July. Robert retired from the position of vice president of academic affairs in June from the college/seminary and was awarded the status of vice president of academic affairs emeritus.

Pastor Laurence “Larry” Bartholomew ’83 went home to be with the Lord August 1. Larry and his family served as missionaries in Brazil from 1992 until 2000, training national pastors and serving as a pastor at a local church. At the time of his passing, Larry was serving as pastor for Mt. Union Christian Church in Mench, PA.

1990s

Terri (Christian ’94) and Dave Fisher ’99 are planning to move to Chile. Dave has been working in the warehouse management field for many years, and Terri stays at home and homeschools three of their five children: Sebastian, 11th grade; Benjamin, 4th grade, and Nathaniel, 1st grade. Sophia, adopted from Taiwan in 2011, attends kindergarten/life skills in their local district. Jonathan, their oldest, is out of the house, seeking God’s will for his life. In July, Dave and Terri were appointed as missionaries to Chile with
Robert Achev ’96 is serving as the pastor at First Baptist Church in Clearfield, PA. This is his second church since graduating. God has placed them in a great community with a wonderful congregation. His wife, Eileen, is working as a school nurse in the Dubois School District. Robert also serves on the State Executive board for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Pennsylvania, and they both serve with CEF in their CYIA summer missionary training program. Robert is on the board of Little Mahoning Bible Camp in Smicksburg, PA.

Todd Carver ’97 released his first book entitled, We’ll Find a Way published by WestBow Press. The book is a heart-warming story of eight-year-old Todd and his seven-year-old sister Carrie, as they and their family experience country living for the first time. Todd and his wife, Holly (Greenleaf ’96) live in Lynchburg, VA.

Stephen Weaver ’97 was chosen to serve as sixth president of Sandy Cove Ministries, in North East, MD. Stephen has a long history with Sandy Cove, dating back to his childhood where his walk with Jesus began through the children’s camping ministry at Camp Sandy Hill. During his teen years, Stephen served on the summer staff and since 2008 he has held the position of program director. (Stephen and his wife, Beth, are active at Way of Life Community Church in Rising Sun, MD, where Stephen serves on the worship team and occasionally preaches.

John “Jack” Caron ’98 was installed as the pastor of Madawaska Gospel Church in Madawaska, ME in April. Previously, he served full-time on the faculty of New Brunswick Bible Institute in New Brunswick, Canada since 2007.

Nate Newell ’99 left his position as founding pastor of Oak Hill Fellowship Church of Quarryville, PA, in June to prepare to become the senior pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this January. It was last October at a conference held by Harvest Bible Fellowship in Illinois that Nate first felt God’s prompting after hearing about the Malaysian church’s need for a senior pastor. Six months of prayer and conversations with the elders at Oak Hill Fellowship followed. Nate is the son of missionary parents who served in Indonesia until he was 16 years old and is familiar with cross-cultural environments. His wife Marie (Good ’99), and their three children will accompany him to this heavily-Muslim populated country where he will serve a congregation of around 200 members.

2000s

Grant Helset ’02 and his wife, Stephanie, observed their 25th wedding anniversary on August 19. He pastors at Grace Fellowship Church in Williamsport, PA. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Brian Ross ’01 concluded ten years as church-planter/lead pastor of Koinos Church (Brethren in Christ) in Reading, PA. He is now serving as assistant professor of Pastoral Ministries at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, CA, the largest Anabaptist seminary in the world.

Marjorie (Dorman ’04) Boggess is a third grade teacher in the Carlisle School District.

Tim Zuck ’04 was pastor at Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church in Hellertown, PA, for the past five years. In July, he and his wife and their four children moved to Forks Township, PA, to plant Forks Community Church.

Dr. Mark Zook, who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from LBC in 2004, went home to be with the Lord on October 17 at the age of 66. He was known for his work in the Mouk tribe of Papua, New Guinea as portrayed in the video “EE-Taow!” Dr. Zook served among the Mouk people from 1984 to 1998, and...
later in New Tribes Mission’s missionary training, as well as consulted about church planting with a number of missions organizations.

Dr. Dennis C. Rittle ‘05 MAM is provost and executive vice president of learning at Ozarka College in north central Arkansas. Previously he served on the staff of the Kansas Board of Regents and in the administration of Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kansas.

Elizabeth (Halacy ‘07) LaRosa and her husband Timothy are both involved with the worship team and serve as youth leaders at North Uxbridge Baptist Church, MA. They married June 25, 2011 and are praising God for their first child due in January 2015.

Ben Miller ‘07, with the support of his wife Katy (Coldiron ‘07), took over the role of pastor-teacher at Oak Hill Fellowship in Quarryville, PA, in June. Ben started out as worship leader of Oak Hill Fellowship six years ago with founding pastor Nate Newell ‘99. Since then, his responsibilities have grown to include writing curriculum, preaching, and teaching adult classes. He began to discern a heart for pastoring about three years ago and has been mentored in light of that calling.

Katie (Yodkins ‘07) and Nathan Stein ‘08 are serving Breedtown Baptist Church in Titusville, PA, where Nathan is the pastor. They welcomed their daughter, Tessa Faith, in January of 2014.

Angell (Baxley ‘09) and Jonathan Stoeckle ‘10 were married July 26 in California, MD.

Josh Glacken ‘09 has been appointed director of development at Mount Calvary Christian School in Elizabethtown, PA.

Richard Hennett MAM ‘09 was named the new administrator at Sunbury Christian Academy, Northumberland, PA.

Melissa ‘10 and Sandy Holbert ‘09 are living in Reading, PA. They are members at Grace Bible Fellowship Church and Sandy serves in church-sponsored Springhouse Outreach to city youth. Melissa graduated from Neumann University in May of 2014 with a doctoral degree in physical therapy. She is currently practicing at Kutztown Manor.

Evelyn (McInnes ‘09) and David McCulloch, Jr. ‘09 after three years of ministry in Beijing, China, have recently relocated to the Orlando, FL, for Dave to attend Reformed Theological Seminary. Evelyn will be teaching at Park Maitland School.

Dave Anderson ‘10 was appointed pastor at Highspire First Church of God, Highspire PA.

Adam Surgue ‘10 is the director of women’s basketball operations at Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD.

David Burge ‘12 is the director of admissions at Lancaster Bible College.

Spencer Collier ‘12 has been appointed by Evangel Christian School as the athletic director, PE teacher, and high school Bible teacher. He and Mary Curtis will be married December 27.

Jeremy Davis ‘13 works as a medical transport for the Reading Hospital/Home, Reading, PA. He was featured on his local news channel for singing to his patients as he transports them. He uses music to quiet their anxious spirits as he moves them through the halls of the hospital. To see more on Jeremy’s story visit http://m.wfmz.com/orderly-hitting-the-right-notes-at-reading-hospital/27340072.

Brooke (Livezey ‘14) and William Fisher ‘14 graduated from Lancaster Bible College on May 10 and were married May 17.
Two alumni spoke in chapel for Heritage Week, September 23-24. **Jeff Batzer ’92** is the executive vice president of Transport for Christ International. Previously he was a pastor at Lancaster Evangelical Free Church (17 years) and a ministry director at a guest ranch in Jackson Hole, WY (2 years). He and his wife, Kellie, have been married for 26 years and have three children. Jeff reminded our students of the importance of setting healthy boundaries.

**Tom Brown ’04** is pastor of adult ministries at Central Manor Church in Washington Boro, PA. In 2009, he earned his master’s in Theological Studies from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary & Graduate School and will complete his MDiv at Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta, GA in 2015. Tom and his wife, **Holly (Harvey ’03)** live in Lancaster with their two daughters. Using anecdotes from his college days, Tom asked students how we can teach the Bible if we don’t read it daily or live what it says.

Jeff and Tom’s chapel messages, along with others from this semester, are available at lbc.edu/chapel.

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**Alumni Events**

For more information or questions contact the Alumni Office at 717.560.8206 or alumni@lbc.edu (unless another contact is listed in the event copy). Purchase tickets online at lbc.edu/events.

**Saturday, January 17, 2015**

**Alumni Basketball Reunion**

Calling all former LBC basketball players to join us for a men’s and women’s basketball reunion! The women’s team will play at 1 PM and the men at 3 PM, both taking on Morrisville State. The day will be filled with fun, food, freebies, and a “meet and greet” with players and coaches for all returning alumni!

**Sunday, March 1**

**LBC and the Hershey Bears**

Join LBC alumni and students for Faith & Family Night. The Bears will take on the Lehigh Valley Phantoms with the puck dropping at 5 PM! Price is $13 for adults and $10 for students.

**Saturday, March 28**

**Alumni Baseball Reunion**

Former LBC baseball players are invited to join us for a baseball reunion and picnic. A picnic “meet and greet” will take place at 11 AM. The baseball team will host Penn State York at 1 PM.

**Friday, June 5**

**“Joseph” at SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE**

Alumni are invited to Sight & Sound Theatres to see *Joseph* at 6:30 PM. Our special alumni rate is $30 per person (limited to alumni and immediate family only). There is a limited quantity of tickets, so sign up early.
Mildred Peters “led the way” by being a beautiful example of living in excellence her love and faith for God.

Every September, Lancaster Bible College welcomes alumni with a Homecoming celebration. This year a precious member of our alumni family was not among us. Mildred Peters ’36, though small in stature but mighty in her witness for Christ, had the “homecoming” she longed for on July 12, 2014. Her legacy inspires those of us who are the message of hope in Christ to the world.

Mildred Marian Landis Peters was a pioneer in the truest sense of the word, “one who is a foot soldier.” A graduate of Steven High School in 1930 and then two years at Osteopathic Hospital in Philadelphia, she was the second student to enroll at Lancaster School of the Bible (now Lancaster Bible College) when it was founded in 1933. During this time, God gave her a specific direction. In LBC’s 75th anniversary anthology Stones of Remembrance she remembered, “He spoke to my heart calling me to serve Him in Africa.” God also spoke to another student, Elvin Peters ’36, calling him to Africa. “One special night, Elvin was dealing with a man on one side, and I with another on the other side. Both accepted Christ. In our joy, Elvin and I looked at each other; at that moment, we knew God meant for us to be together. Both of us had been called by God to serve Him in Africa and were praying He would give us someone to go with us. This was His answer!” On September 12, 1936, Mildred Marian Landis married Elvin Peters.

In 1938, Belgian Congo became their home for 42 years. All five children: Pierre, Eunice, Phyllis, Kenneth, and Ronald were born there. “We taught the Africans just what we had been taught. The Holy Spirit used the Word of God to save souls for God’s glory. Men, women, and children asked Christ into their hearts. We give God the glory for what was accomplished.”

A pioneer is also one who “leads the way.” As a founding member of Grace Baptist Church and part of the first graduating class of LBC in 1936, Mildred Peters “led the way” by being a beautiful example of living in excellence her love and faith for God. Three times LBC had the privilege of honoring Mildred with the Mary and Martha, Alumnus, and Lydia Awards. “Elvin and I deeply appreciated the training we received at the school (LBC). Many times we thanked the Lord that He began the school and kept it going. We say that there are many small Bible schools in the Congo, lights shining, because we obeyed God’s call to take the gospel to the people. May God be praised, to Him be the glory, great things He has done!” (Stones of Remembrance)

Mildred Marian Landis Peters was a pioneer, a courageous “foot soldier who led the way.” Our inheritance from her life can be best taken from portions of a hymn by Sabine Baring-Gould, Onward, Christian Soldiers: “... Brothers (Sisters), lift your voices, loud your anthems raise... But the Church of Jesus, constant will remain, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. Onward, Christian Soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.”
These words so frequently found on the lips of Dr. John Arnold Sproule, the fourth president of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary, capture the essence of the man and his ministry. He lived Christ and proclaimed Him to countless seminary students, churches, and audiences around the world.

Dr. Sproule and his wife Virginia (affectionately called Ginny), of Calera, Alabama, who joined her husband in heaven on October 20, just 18 days from his homegoing, have two daughters: Susan, who went to heaven in 1962 at the age of 6, and Lynne, who lives in Calera. He is also survived by his sister, Jeannette Thomas of Knoxville, Tennessee.

After serving God and country with the military, Dr. Sproule graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1954. He worked for General Motors where he helped design and develop the T56 turbo-prop engine, a key component of C-130’s, which have served in every battle zone since 2004. Responding to God’s call to vocational ministry, Dr. Sproule earned his ThM degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1969 and his ThD from Grace Theological Seminary in 1981. He was a professor at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama (1970-76), Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana (1976-86), and Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham, Maryland (1986-94).

Dr. Sproule was also an outstanding preacher and teacher; his favorite books to teach were Romans and Hebrews. He was the main translator of Romans for the New King James Version of the Bible and wrote many theological journal articles and newsletters. His dynamism and passion for Christ inspired young and old alike.

Dr. Sproule served as president of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary from 1991-94 in a period of great uncertainty, bringing divine wisdom, uncompromising integrity, and excellent leadership ability as he led the institution through one of the most difficult times in its history.

Both John and his wife, Ginny, regularly went the extra mile for people. On a personal note, Dr. Sproule was waiting outside the door of the first seminary class I ever taught. He greeted me with a smile and a handshake and said, “Mark, I want you to know that I’ve been praying for you.”

While Dr. Sproule was a brilliant and creative classroom teacher, he was a demanding taskmaster, but he always exuded love, warmth, and humor. My wife, Karen and I had the blessing of taking first-year Greek from Dr. Sproule. After asking me to translate, he turned to my wife and said, “Karen, now translate better than Mark and then cook dinner for him when you get home.”

Speaking for his thousands of former students and colleagues, I can say that we loved and revered Dr. Sproule. His legacy as a proclaimer of Christ, devoted husband and father, lover of all his students, and skilled servant-leader of WBC/CBS will continue to be a blessing to his Christ and to all of us who miss him so dearly. That legacy helped lay a strong foundation for biblical higher education in the Capital Region. Upon that foundation, let us endeavor to serve with the same love, passion, and energy as Dr. Sproule.

Virginia Sproule entered into heaven on October 20. She was 84. Ginny worked at WBC/CBS from August 1986 until July 1994 in Student Personnel Services. She loved students and looked for opportunities to encourage them.

by Dr. Mark Meyer, senior associate dean, Capital Seminary and Graduate School
Homecoming 2014 was filled with memorable moments: naming Alumnus of the Year Kermit Kohl ‘67, being captivated by Joe Castillo’s incredible sand stories, and enjoying a grand fireworks display. Saturday’s perfect weather complemented our alumni soccer game, 5K run, men’s and women’s soccer games, class reunions for ‘64 -’67 alumni, and the great food sold at the street fair. But the best part was being among family — LBC students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff! Plan now to join us for our 2015 Homecoming Weekend, September 25 and 26.
Kermit’s years at LBC were instrumental to molding his leadership and lifestyle. It was at LBC where he learned the original biblical languages, developed tools to study the Word, and received a firm foundation in Scripture. The lessons he learned at LBC from his Bible courses and professors inspired and influenced him. When asked why LBC holds such a special place in his heart, he responded with a fondness in his voice, “Ron Gibson, former Greek professor, significantly impacted my life. He taught a very practical application of the Word and a common sense, practical approach to life.” It was because of Ron that Kermit desired to teach the Bible. And Kermit did just that, in the classroom of life.

After graduating from LBC in 1967, Kermit worked with Youth for Christ and then sold insurance. Kermit gained valuable human resource experience and knowledge that would serve him and others well as he joined the family business in the 1970s as personnel manager at Furmano Foods, Inc., a local producer of tomatoes and vegetables. JW Furman, Kermit’s grandfather and founder of Furmano Foods, established the company on biblical principles. In the fourth generation of ownership, the company is still guided by those same values. Kermit served there until his retirement two years ago, holding the position of vice president of human resources.

Kermit devoted his life to ministry of the Word through servant leadership and personal counseling in the workplace. His role in human resources provided him unrivaled opportunities to share a biblical worldview. Kohl particularly enjoyed counseling and praying with employees, some of whom faced marital or health crises. “I was able to share with employees (even unbelievers) the importance of knowing the Lord and how the Word applies to everyday life,” he reflects.

Even though Kermit was not teaching the Word formally in a classroom as he’d once hoped, he was teaching and touching lives at Furmano’s. “From the transformation of employees’ lives I could see that the biblical principles I talked about and lived out had made an impact and that many had chosen to follow the Lord.”

Passionate about Furmano’s, Kermit continues to serve the company in his retirement having earned his CDL to deliver product until well beyond twilight. The tomato doesn’t fall far from the vine; Kermit’s sacrificial giving is a representation of the company’s generosity as they donate 10% of their profits to the Lord’s work. Kermit has been heavily involved in his church, serving as elder for many years. He also is a member of LBC’s Corporation and previously served on the Board of Trustees.

“Kermit is deserving of this award; he is a dedicated LBC alumnus,” says alumni director Cameron Martin. “He exemplifies the qualities and character developed from an LBC education — an unwavering commitment to the Word and the Kingdom.” LBC also recognizes him as an active alumnus. “Kermit has been involved in our golf tournaments engaging many businessmen and lay church leaders to the cause of Christ at LBC,” says Cameron.
Upcoming Events
AT LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE

For more information contact the LBC events office at 717.560.8219 or events@lbc.edu (unless another contact is listed in the event copy). To register or purchase tickets for an event visit lbc.edu/events.

Friday, December 12
DECEMBER GRADUATION

Friday, December 12 through Sunday, January 18
CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday-Friday, January 5-16
WINTERIM CLASSES

Fridays & Saturdays, January 23, 24, 30, 31
MUSICAL THEATRE:
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Lancaster Bible College proudly presents the worldwide hit Fiddler on the Roof. Join us in the Good Shepherd Chapel as we follow Tevye and his five daughters in this Jerome Robbins and Harold Prince classic. Tickets are $15 for adults; $10 for students and $20 at the door. Performances are held Fridays at 12:45 and 7 PM and Saturdays at 2 and 7 PM. Processing fees are additional. If you do not have access to the internet, tickets may be purchased at the reception desk in Esbenshade Enrollment Management Center, Mondays through Fridays; 8 AM to 4 PM (cash or checks accepted).

Monday - Friday, February 9-13
MISSIONS CONFERENCE
We invite you to attend LBC’s 2015 Missions Conference, focusing on the persecuted Church. The keynoter is Evangelist Brother Phillip, influential mission leader in North Africa and the Middle East. The conference will feature over 50 mission agencies. This event is open to the public; no registration required. For more information, visit lbc.edu/events or contact Terrie Aites at 717.560.8221.

Wednesday-Friday, March 18-20
ACCESS CONFERENCE
Lancaster Bible College will host the annual ACCESS conference on campus. ACCESS is the Association for Christian Distance Education—the conference will highlight workshops and seminars in three tracks: Technology Tips, Proper Pedagogy, and Spiritual Formation. For more information visit accessed.org and click on the link for the annual conference. A local registration rate of $99 is available.

Saturday, March 21
VISION 15
Vision Conference is a student event that will extend the vision for how God is working around the world, challenge students to be participants in God’s plan to reach the world, enlist leaders to guide students as they develop a biblical worldview, and equip students
and leaders with biblical motivation and necessary resources. Sam Bhatt will be the guest speaker. The day will end with a concert featuring FLAME and Andy Mineo. The cost is $25 through Feb. 28, and $40 starting March 1. To register, go to visionconference.org.

Thursday, April 9

LANCASTER WORSHIPS

Combine a global heart for the lost with the energy of band-driven worship, and you’ll understand the passion of young adults raising their voices together in praise. Starting at 7 PM, select worship bands from Lancaster Bible College host an evening of worship with guest worship leaders. What an opportunity to be encouraged and challenged by a new generation’s passion for serving Christ! A donation will be taken for LBC’s global ministry teams. The concert is free and tickets are required.

Thursday-Friday, April 9-10

UNDERGRADUATE SPRING PREVIEW DAY

The Admissions Office invites prospective undergraduate students and their families to attend this remarkable day. Guests will catch a glimpse of what it is like to be challenged academically and spiritually as an LBC Charger as they participate in a variety of activities, including chapel, classes, and a campus tour. There is no cost to attend. For more information visit lbc.edu/chargerdays or contact Admissions at 866.522.4968 or admissions@lbc.edu.

Saturday, April 18

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Highlighting the theme of “Leading with Heart and Hands,” the conference will focus on the heart of children’s ministry leaders and volunteers. The main sessions will emphasize the spiritual life of adults who minister faithfully to children and breakout sessions will allow for interaction and discussion. Children’s ministry directors and pastors are encouraged to bring their volunteer teams for a morning of renewal, worship, and encouragement. The conference will be held from 8:30 AM–1 PM in the Good Shepherd Chapel. Cost for the event is $20 and includes lunch. The group rate for churches bringing 10 or more people is $15 per person. Contact Terrie Aites at taites@lbc.edu for more information.

Saturday - Sunday, April 25-26

STAINED GLASS SERIES

LBC’s Chorale and Chamber Singers are highlighted in the semi-annual Stained Glass series presented at The Trust Performing Arts Center. The performance invites the audience into a classical worship experience through the presentation of timeless choral masterpieces. The concert is free and tickets are required.

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**Saturday, May 2**

**SHADEY’S RUGGED RUN**

Shadey’s Rugged Run is entering its third year of operation to raise money for Charger Athletics and the Children’s Miracle Network at Penn State Hershey. Over the past two years, Shadey’s Rugged Run has raised over $15,000 for CMN and $35,000 for Charger Athletics! Under the direction of Amanda Dowhen, Health & Physical Education professor, and utilizing the skills of a senior class of sport management students, this group is already beginning preparations to host a bigger and better event. Shadey’s Rugged Run is a 3.5 mile mud/obstacle course featuring 17 obstacles designed to challenge participants as they run through mud, fire, water, walls, and much more. New this year is a timed wave dedicated to elite runners, another brand new “mystery” obstacle and more entertainment at the start and finish lines. Prices start at $65. Register online at shadeysruggedrun.com.

**Sunday, December 14**

**THE TRUST PRESENTS: New York Polyphony**

The Trust wraps up its 2014 concerts with yet another Grammy-nominated ensemble! Praised for a “rich, natural sound that’s larger and more complex than the sum of its parts,” (National Public Radio) NEW YORK POLYPHONY is regarded as one of the finest vocal chamber ensembles in the world. The four men “sing with intelligence, subtlety and consummate artistry,” (Richmond Times-Dispatch) applying a distinctly modern touch to a repertoire that ranges from austere medieval melodies to cutting-edge contemporary compositions. Imagine how amazing they will sound in the cathedral-like acoustics of The Trust’s Great Hall!

For tickets and more information, please visit lancastertrust.com/events or call 717.208.7835. Located at 37 North Market Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 Events begin at 7:30 PM.

**Thursday, January 8**

**TRUST CONVERSATION: AARON BELZ**

Aaron Belz’s poetry has been published in journals coast to coast, from Fence and Boston Review to Eleven Eleven and Zócalo Public Square, and he has given live readings in numerous venues ranging from literary salons and warm, inviting bookstores to
classrooms, improv workshops and comedy festivals. He’s released two chapbooks and three full-length books of poems, the most recent two from Persea Books. He’s the former editor of The Curator and a contributing editor to Capital Commentary. Come and enjoy Belz’s dry humor and sense of irony as he brings his own Glitterbomb to The Trust’s stage.

Friday, February 13
TRUST CONCERT: ROMANTIC TRIOS
Featuring various combinations of some of Lancaster’s most respected chamber musicians, Romantic Trios will make an impressive start to your Valentine’s weekend. The musicians – Kendra Bigley, piano; Christopher Brooks, violin; Anne Nye, French horn; Heidi Shannon, soprano; and Gary Troxell, clarinet – will perform trios by Brahms, Reinecke, and Schubert.

Thursday, March 26
TRUST CONVERSATION: GREGORY THORNBURY
Gregory Thornbury, President of The King’s College, makes a compelling juxtaposition in his book, Bigger on the Inside: Christianity and Dr. Who. He suggests that “many of the stories [from the Dr. Who series] work almost as parables, offering the viewer (who has eyes to see) insights into Christianity.” Join Thornbury, writer and speaker on philosophy, theology, education, spirituality, and public thought, as he shares some of these insights with audience members at his 2015 Book Release Party, exclusively at The Trust.

Wednesday, April 8
TRUST CONCERT: ALEXANDER KOBRIN
Internationally acclaimed pianist Alexander Kobrin is the winner of numerous international piano competitions—notably the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and is a winner of the renowned Busoni, Hamamatsu, and Glasgow International Piano Competitions. He has received numerous special awards for his brilliant technique, his musicality, and his emotional engagement with the audience through music. His appearances have featured recitals and performances in major halls worldwide, including performances in Paris, London, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, Milan, Kennedy Centre in Washington, Avery Fisher Hall in New York, and many others. Join Alexander as he adds The Trust Performing Arts Center to his list of prestigious engagements, bringing his handiwork to The Trust’s 9-foot grand Yamaha CFX in the beautiful Great Hall.
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