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Dr. William (Bill) H. Jones
President

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Dear friend of CIU,

As CIU’s new president, it pleases me to present to you this latest edition of *Connection* magazine with the theme: “United in Spirit – Intent on One Purpose.” We took the phrase from Philippians 2:2 and made it the focus of CIU’s 2007-2008 school year.

The verse takes on greater meaning when we consider the context. The Philippians faced various pressures which distracted them from their priorities. Here at CIU we are not immune from similar pressures. Even though surrounded by other believers on a beautiful 400-acre campus, all of us (students, faculty and staff) face daily challenges that can subtly lure us away from our primary focus. Transition simply multiplies the temptation.

As CIU moves forward into the 21st century, we desire to build on our rich 84-year heritage that has made CIU a respected Christian institution of higher education. To move forward, however, we must stay united in spirit and intent on one purpose: *To serve Christ and His church by inspiring, developing, and equipping people for lifelong pursuit of God and servant leadership in His global cause.*

As you read our vision for the future and how former president George Murray strengthens our potential as our new chancellor, we pray that you will unite with us. Other articles expand on this theme. CIU Vice President for Corporate Planning Bob Kallgren articulates CIU’s current objectives in practical terms in his article on the “5x10 Plan” for the future. Bible knowledge and spiritual formation will forever remain at the heart of our student training at CIU, but the future calls for newer more culturally relevant approaches. Dean of Students Rick Swift shares from his heart on this issue. We also have updates on our Prison Initiative and the future Business and Organizational Leadership degree program, and an introduction to the new Lowrie Center — a repository and think-tank for Christian School Education.

Please make sure you read the great story from Alumni Ministries about a family with three generations represented at CIU. Frank Bedell from our Development Office offers several challenging thoughts on giving. Last and, in one sense of the term “least,” as in smallest, read the news about the grad student who gave birth on graduation day!

As you read through this *Connection*, please pray for CIU’s future and join us as we diligently grow “United in Spirit – Intent on One Purpose.”

Yours for His glory,

William H. Jones
President

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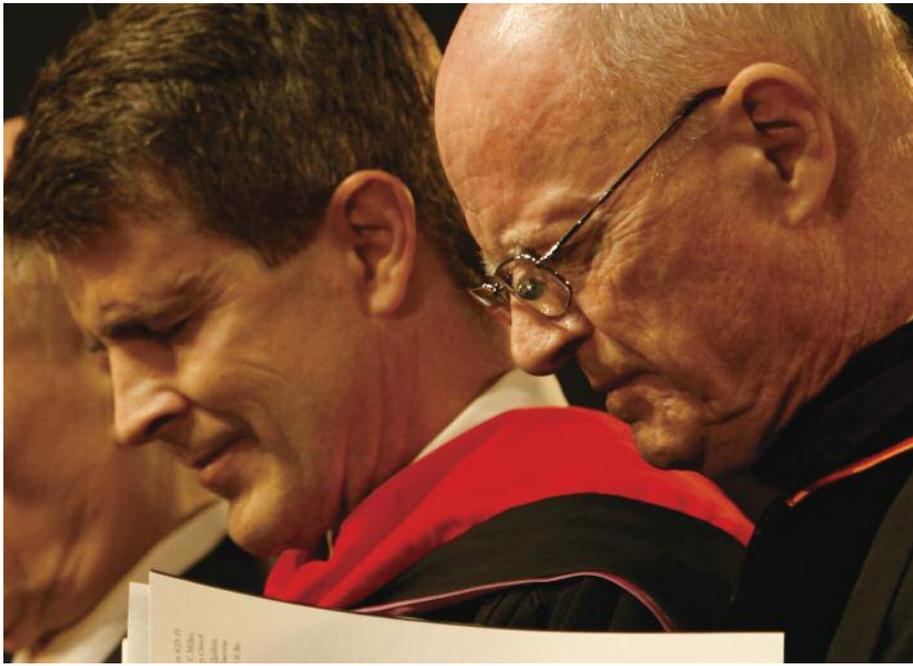
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Pictured above are four CIU presidents: Chancellor George Murray (fifth president), President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin (third president), current President Bill Jones, and fourth President Johnny Miller.



New CIU President Bill Jones (left) and President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin pray.

Dr. Bill Jones Inaugurated as CIU's Sixth President

The Importance of Prayer Emphasized at Ceremony

Dr. William H. "Bill" Jones has a specific prayer for the school he now leads. It's the same prayer he has had for the 17 years he has been a part of Columbia International University. During his Oct. 4 inauguration as the sixth president of CIU, Jones said he prays that God would bless the school "in such a way that He would powerfully and effectively educate people from a biblical worldview so that we might impact the nations with the message of Christ."

Jones, 52, was inaugurated in a ceremony that drew about 1,000 students, faculty, staff and guests to CIU's Shortess Chapel. Jones first came to CIU as a faculty member, and is a former provost and senior vice president. He continues to teach.

CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin, who has been a mentor to Jones, delivered the inaugural address that focused on prayer. "Like a rocket blasting off, Bill Jones has already launched an ambitious plan for changing directions, striving for excellence in educational innovation," McQuilkin said. "So go for it, Mr. President, but I charge you to bathe every proposal in prayer."

Jones was also saluted by representatives of government, academia, missions, the marketplace and the CIU community.

Jones said he was uncomfortable and humbled at the thought of becoming president because he is "just a very small part of an incredibly gifted team." Jones also vowed to uphold the heritage of CIU as he guides the school into the future.

"To hold with one hand all that we value as dear in CIU's past," Jones concluded. "And with the other, to reach out and grasp the glorious future that God has for us."

(For a profile of Dr. Bill Jones see page 10.)

Memorial Held for Prominent CIU Alumnus

A memorial service was held at Columbia International University on Oct. 6 for a prominent political strategist and CIU alumnus. Harry Dent passed away on Sept. 28 after a long bout with Alzheimer's disease. He was 77.

Dent was best known as an advisor to President Richard Nixon and South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond. He left the White House before the Watergate Scandal that led to President Nixon's resignation from office.

But it was Dent's life after politics that perhaps had the biggest impact on the Kingdom of God. In 1981, he enrolled at CIU and completed a one-year program of Bible study. Soon after, Dent and his wife Betty, who is a CIU trustee, founded a ministry called "Laity Alive and Serving." Much of the work of the ministry was in Romania. Harry Dent was honored as CIU Alumnus of the Year in 2001.

At the memorial service, CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin eulogized Dent by comparing him to the Old Testament prophet Daniel who also served in government. McQuilkin said Daniel and Dent were "cut from the same cloth" and both were men of integrity, men of prayer and men of "The Book." About 1,000 people, including two former South Carolina governors and a current congressman attended the service.

Memorials in Dent's honor may be sent to the Harry and Betty Dent Scholarship Fund, Columbia International University, P.O. Box 3122, Columbia, SC 29230.



Harry Dent

President of Prison Fellowship Visits CIU Student-Inmates

God is raising up leaders behind prison walls. That was the Oct. 9 chapel message from Mark Earley, president of Prison Fellowship to the 15 inmates studying in the CIU Prison Initiative at the Kirkland Correctional Institution in Columbia. The student-inmates responded with "amen" and "absolutely."

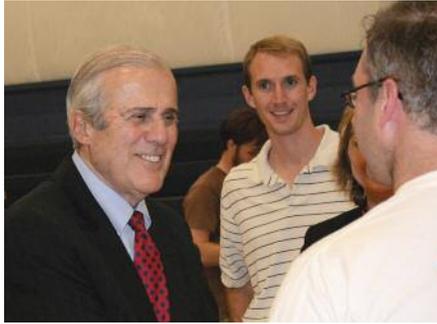
Prison Fellowship, founded by Watergate figure Chuck Colson, works with churches to disciple prisoners and minister to their families. The CIU Prison Initiative is training qualified South Carolina

inmates to minister to fellow prisoners while earning an Associate in Arts degree. (See page 20.)

Earley encouraged the inmates by drawing parallels between their lives and the lives of Moses and

Paul. He said the two did great things for God despite sin in their pasts. "God is looking among you and throughout the prisons in America for Moseses and Pauls and Rahabs for this generation," Earley said. "The question for you is, 'Do I believe that?'"

Earley also spoke to the chapel on CIU's main campus directly across the Broad River from the prison, addressed a luncheon, and answered questions in a class on cultures and worldviews.



Sam Moore (left) meets CIU students at the Moore Fitness Center

CIU Fitness Center Named after Publisher

Sam Moore is an Alumnus of CIU

The new fitness center at Columbia International University has been named after Sam Moore, the retired chairman of Thomas Nelson Publishers. Moore, an alumnus of CIU, was on hand for the dedication of the Moore Fitness Center on Oct. 5. It was held in the gym of the \$3.9 million facility. Moore made significant contributions to the funding of the center.

An immigrant from Beirut, Lebanon, Sam Moore earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina in 1954 and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia International University in 1956. Moore sold Bibles and reference books door-to-door to pay his way through college. In 1957 Moore started a door-to-door distributorship company called National Books. In 1969 he purchased Thomas Nelson, a British publisher established in 1798. Five years later Thomas Nelson was the world's largest publisher of Bibles and expanded to publish other Christian books.

"May this place be to the glory of God," Moore told a CIU assembly that included the school's board of trustees. "May His presence be an inspiration to you. May this be a place where you can strengthen

your bodies so you can be a better person to go out and serve Him and live for Him."

The Moore Fitness Center features basketball and volleyball courts, a weight room, aerobics equipment, and locker rooms. The center opens the potential for collegiate sports in the future at CIU. Also in the fitness center is a lounge area with a fireplace and snack bar.

A CIU Homecoming for Christian Author Philip Yancey

"I know you don't remember most of your chapel speakers, but maybe you'll remember the guy with the white afro and the neck brace." So began a two-day chapel series with acclaimed Christian author and journalist, Philip Yancey. An alumnus of Columbia International University, Yancey went on to work for *Campus Life* and *Christianity Today* magazines, before writing and co-authoring numerous books. Yancey was on a tour promoting his new book, *Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?*, when he became the victim of a near-fatal car accident that broke his neck. The experience fueled Yancey's chapel messages presented on April 3 and 4.

He said the auto accident stressed for him the importance of truly embracing the abundant life given by Christ through the healing power of love, grace, and forgiveness. His miraculous survival after the car crash was also a reminder of the importance of treasuring and redeeming every moment.



CIU alumnus Philip Yancey addresses CIU students after surviving a serious traffic accident in Colorado.

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Ben Lippen student Michelle Nations interviewed by a TV reporter after acing the ACT.

Student at Ben Lippen School Achieves Top ACT Score

Ben Lippen School senior Michelle Nations is the only college-bound student in South Carolina, and one of 30 in the United States to achieve a 36, the highest possible composite score on the February 2007 national test of the ACT. About 4,000 South Carolina students, and 304,000 from across the nation, completed the ACT college-entrance exam.

In a letter recognizing her achievement, ACT Chief Executive Officer Richard L. Ferguson pointed out that Michelle should have a choice of the widest possible range of future educational options.

Ben Lippen Headmaster Brian Modarelli, says he's awed and inspired by Michelle's achievement. "A great many doors have now been opened to her future, and we

will help Michelle with her goals, dreams and gifts."

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

"Survivor: China" Cast Includes New Life 91.9 Radio Personality

An on-air personality of a Columbia International University radio station is a cast member in the latest edition of the popular TV show *Survivor*. Leslie Nease is the midday announcer at New Life 91.9 WRCM in Charlotte, N.C.

Survivor: China opened the 15th season of the CBS reality show on Sept. 20.

To longtime listeners of New Life 91.9, Nease's appearance on *Survivor* is no surprise. Nease has been a fan of the show and has tried out for the cast numerous times.

"We are really excited for Leslie. She has an adventurous spirit and has wanted to be a part of this reality show for quite some time, so it seems like a natural thing for her to



Leslie Nease

finally be a part of the cast," said Joe Paulo, general manager of New Life 91.9. "Our staff and our listeners know Leslie has a heart passionate for both God and other people. It is going to be fun cheering her on as a lot of other people get to meet the Leslie we know and love."

Nease has been off of New Life 91.9's airwaves since leaving to film the reality show in China over the summer. She will be able to return once the season finale of *Survivor: China* has aired.

Nease has been a co-host of New Life 91.9's Family Friendly Morning Show and, most recently, the midday announcer since coming to the station in 2004. She was named Mrs. North Carolina in 2001 and is also the author of the book *Body Builders: Cross Training*.

CIU Grad Student Gives Birth on Graduation Day

Brenda Michael sends her apologies to CIU commencement speaker Crawford Loritts. She doesn't know what he said in his address to the class of 2007. She was a little distracted. Her contractions were five minutes apart.

Brenda woke up the day of the commencement for the CIU Graduate School and the CIU Seminary & School of Missions knowing it would be a special day. After all, she would be getting her Master of Arts in Teaching degree and it was her husband David's

89.7 WMHK has Birthday Bash

Thousands of 89.7 WMHK listeners converged on the campus of Columbia International University on June 15 for the CIU radio station's annual Birthday Bash. Relaxing on lawn chairs and blankets, the radio station's guests listened to a free concert, and enjoyed free popcorn, cotton candy and sodas. Kids had their faces painted, made crafts and had a dizzying time on the inflatable rides.





Top: Brenda, David and Halle Michael. Below: Keeley Reese Michael

birthday. But about an hour before the ceremonies, the contractions started.

"The people who were seated on either side of me (at commencement) knew I was obviously expecting," the 30-year-old Virginia Beach native said with a laugh. "I think I made them pretty nervous through most of the ceremony. Because every time I would look at my watch (to time the contractions) they would look at me with these nervous expressions to see what was going on."

But the Michaels, who have been married eight years, had a plan in case it was time for the baby to be born before the ceremony was over.

"We made the plan that if I took off my (graduation) cap, that David knew he needed to come down and take me to the back door or meet me at the back door," Brenda said. "He moved up to the balcony when he realized he couldn't get a good view of where I was at."

"I've never been so distracted in my whole life," David recalls. "I had to make sure I didn't move my head so I wouldn't lose her in the sea of (graduation) caps. I counted her aisle and the row. It was a little nerve-wracking."

Brenda says it was "entertaining" because some of her professors found out what the signal was.

"As we were coming in they saw me, and said, 'We're watching for your cap.' There may have been a few professors that weren't paying real good attention either because they were watching to see if I took off my cap."

When Brenda walked on stage to receive her diploma, she says a lot of people held their breath.

"When it was my turn, I looked at the girl next to me and I said, 'here's the moment of truth.' I made it across the stage without any events, which is very good because I was afraid of being truly embarrassed in front of everybody."

By 3:00 that afternoon, Brenda and David decided it was time to go to the hospital "to see what was going on" as Brenda puts it.

"When I got to the hospital they said, 'Hey you're going to have a baby today.'"

At 8:10 p.m. Keeley Reese was born. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 and one-half inches long. She joins her three-year-old sister Halle in the Michael family. The big question is, will Halle and Keeley follow in the family footsteps and graduate from CIU?

Their father David graduated from the CIU Graduate School in 2001. That's where he met Brenda. Brenda's father, Eric William Flintoff graduated from the CIU Seminary & School of Missions in 1976. As a matter of fact, Brenda's mother was pregnant with Brenda on her father's graduation day. Brenda's brother Eric Daniel Flintoff and his wife Amanda Gilreath Flintoff graduated from the CIU Undergraduate School in 2001.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am a former employee of CIU and a 1980 graduate of the CIU Seminary & School of Missions. The articles in the Spring 2007 edition of *Connection* magazine were so well written! Each was very interesting, not too long, very informative, and accompanied by appropriate photographs. I was blessed to work at CIU from 1983-2005, so I know most of the people in the stories and pictures. The prison article on the new CIU Prison Initiative made me appreciate my salvation and not making wrong choices that would have led to my imprisonment. CIU helping the inmates will be a great blessing to them.

- Lori Gochnauer
Columbia, SC

Dear Editor:

I am a 1969 graduate of the CIU Seminary & School of Missions. I found the latest issue of *Connection* to be a little unsettling.

When I was looking for a school to attend, I looked at several prospectuses. The clincher for me in deciding on CIU was not their theological position, but the tone of their literature. It plainly said, "This is what we are; this is what we offer. If you feel that this is what you are looking for, you will be very welcome." The other schools all in effect said, "You would be an idiot not to choose us!" The Spring 2007 edition of *Connection* took on that same tone of the other schools. Times, they have a-changed.

- Andrew Friend
Monrovia, Calif.

Letters to the Editor are welcome.

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- Bob Holmes
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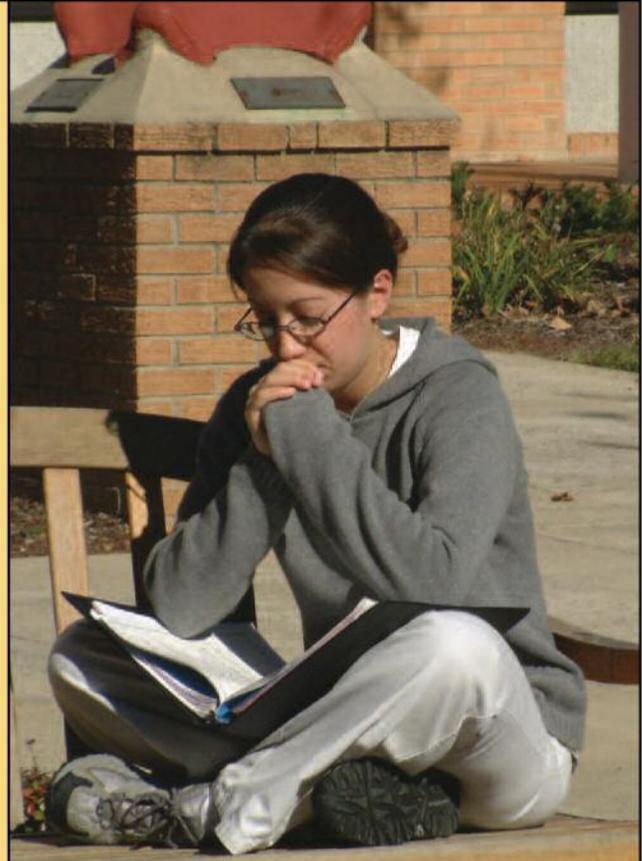
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A Message from the CIU Development Office: Quit Monkeying Around!

By Frank Bedell
Director of Development

Generosity
conflicts with
our fallen
nature.

*Alumni Children's
Scholarship Fund
recipients:*



Dawn Marie Fain



Kimberly Simmons

After all, "what is mine is mine and what is yours is mine!" One of the first words out of a child's mouth might be "mine" – immediately after saying mommy and daddy, of course. In stewardship we move from "mine" to "yours."

There is a story that describes a technique to catch monkeys. First, a coconut is hollowed out on one end and peanuts are placed inside. When a monkey discovers the coconut, he places his hand inside and makes a fist to grab the peanuts. Unwilling to let go of the peanuts and unable to draw his fist through the small opening – he's trapped. A string tied to the coconut is then pulled and the monkey is captured.

Stewardship is about the life of the open hand. When I hold tight to possessions I become ensnared – just like the monkey. When I release my grip and keep an open hand, I move from captivity to freedom. The "open handed" steward is not possessed by his possessions; he or she is free!

The Alumni Children's Scholarship Fund is an example of stewards with open hands. This fund with humble beginnings has grown to \$385,805. In the 2007-2008 school year, over \$19,000 will be awarded to two new recipients: Dawn Marie Fain and Kimberly Simmons. Dawn's parents minister with the missions agency Pioneers and they are both 1985 graduates of CIU. Kimberly's parents live in Chapin, S.C. and are CIU graduates as well – '76 and '78.

For more information on how you can support CIU's Alumni Children's Scholarship Fund, please call the Development Office at (800) 777-2227, ext. 5064. ■

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Meet Bill Jones

By Bob Holmes, *Connection* Editor

United in Spirit – Intent on One Purpose



New CIU president draws from the past as he unites the campus for the future

While the daughter of a CIU alumna rummaged through the belongings of her late mother, she came across something she thought might interest CIU. Soon to arrive in the mail was a well-preserved business card advertising a Tuesday Night Bible Class in downtown Columbia taught by the first president of Columbia Bible College (now CIU), Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, Jan. 9 through May 15, 1951.

Fast-forward 56 years. May 29, 2007. *The State* newspaper of Columbia, S.C. publishes a front-page profile of the new and sixth president of Columbia International

University, Dr. Bill Jones. The article says Jones has made a deliberate effort to enter the local marketplace through weekly Bible studies in downtown Columbia, “gatherings of men who immerse themselves in study.”

Community outreach is just one similarity between CIU’s first president and CIU’s new president. As Jones focuses the campus on a vision for the future, he is committed to building upon CIU’s rich heritage. And he has the endorsement of those who have gone before him.

“What a Visionary!”

Some time ago, CIU’s fifth president Dr. George Murray proposed to the CIU Board of Trustees that he could best serve the school by concentrating on ministering externally to CIU’s constituency. (See article on page 12.) He suggested that someone else be selected as president to focus on internal matters. After

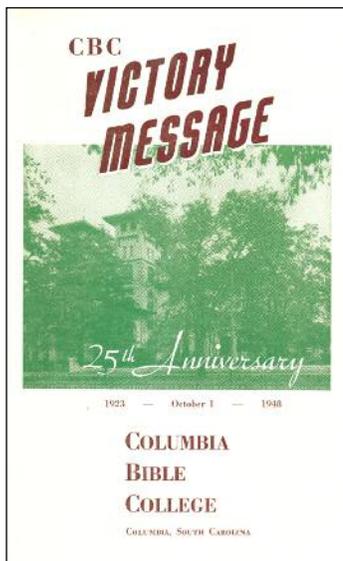
much prayer and discussion, in May of this year the board unanimously elected CIU’s provost, Dr. Bill Jones to succeed Murray, while appointing Murray to the new position of chancellor and chairman of the new CIU Educational Foundation. Murray says he is delighted with the decision.

“When I was president, I was already working closely with Dr. Jones as provost, and I look forward to working with him under this new administrative plan,” Murray said.

First coming to CIU as a student, Jones, 52, has served CIU for 17 years as a professor and became provost and senior vice president in February 2007. He graduated summa cum laude from Georgia Institute of

“Neither a Bible institute nor a liberal arts college, CBC offers a curriculum with the spiritual advantages of the former, cultural advantages of the latter.”

– From Columbia Bible College’s 25th Anniversary Victory Message



Technology and has doctorates from CIU's seminary and Gordon Conwell Seminary. He also serves as the co-founder and president of Crossover Communications International, a church-planting mission agency with its U.S. office located literally across the street from CIU. Jones has also authored several books, including the recently published *Putting Together the Puzzle of the Old Testament*. In announcing Jones as president, CIU Board of Trustees Chairman Harold F. Weaver said Jones "is especially gifted in vision casting and leadership skills, the combination of which can help accelerate the implementation of the direction in which the Lord desires to lead us during his tenure."

The board's move to divide up the internal and external roles is applauded by CIU's fourth president Dr. Johnny Miller.

"The demands of external representation and internal leadership are almost superhuman when combined," Miller said. "They certainly wore me out in my eight years as president. Dividing up the roles means multiplying the fruit!"

CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin, the son of the first president, says people around the country ask him what he thinks of the leadership change at CIU. His short answer? "I think it's great!"

"Basically I think each role is custom designed for the strengths of each man," McQuilkin said. "Murray's great strengths? People relations and preaching. So now he's free to concentrate on those. And Bill Jones? I've known him for two decades as a superb leader. He's anchored in CIU values, to be sure, but what a visionary!"

Back to the Future

Indeed, others refer to his management style as "vision focused, values driven." In an interview with *Connection*, Jones said he does tend "to think bigger rather than smaller, future rather than present."

CIU's future will center on a theme of "United in Spirit – Intent on One Purpose" taken from Philippians 2:2.

"CIU is about reaching the world with the message of Christ by educating people from a biblical worldview," Jones said. "We provide students not only with an excellent education, but add an emphasis on character transformation and the necessary ministry skills to make a difference for the name of Christ. That's our one purpose."

Part of Jones' "new" vision is a revival of the original vision of Robert C. McQuilkin. Jones quotes a 1948 publication celebrating the school's 25th anniversary in which

McQuilkin says "Neither a Bible institute nor a liberal arts college, CBC offers a curriculum with the **spiritual** advantages of the former, **cultural** advantages of the latter."

"We aim to grow and expand the liberal arts programs in the undergraduate school while continuing to strengthen our Bible and ministry program," Jones said.

He points to the proposed Business and Organizational Leadership program (see page 21) as an example.

"Our graduates often can't enter unreached countries on the strength of just our traditional Bible training. Business and other such skills will also more strategically position those not called overseas. CIU will equip marketplace ministers to enter corporations all over America and serve as representatives of Christ in post-Christian America."

Culturally Relevant

Jones says this direction does not depart from CIU's Bible-centered curriculum. Undergraduate students will still pursue a double major, one of those in Bible.

"We will always be CBC (Christ-centered, Biblically-based and Culturally-relevant)," Jones said. "Currently, we need to strengthen our cultural relevancy. We need to become experts of our own culture, not just other cultures. To produce the same high-impact graduates of the past requires different methods for the future."

Leading by Example

Jones wants to be sure CIU is not insular or isolated by creating its own Christian subculture on campus, but instead, "become salt and light to the greater culture."

"I believe God has used us in the past to impact the nations, as well as our own city, but I don't want us to rest on our laurels. I want us to reach out and grasp the great future that awaits us," Jones said.

And like the first president of CIU, Jones will lead by example. Despite his responsibilities as CIU president, Jones will continue classroom teaching and his community outreach.

He smiles as he describes how he recently met a young attorney for dinner and then led him to Christ as they stood in the busy plaza of a trendy Columbia neighborhood.

"How am I supposed to turn down requests like that? Tell him that I don't have time for him? Seeing people changed by the message of Christ represents everything the faculty, staff, students and alumni of CIU live for." ■



Family Life

Wife: Debby Jones

Homemaker, women's conference speaker

Master's degree in Christian Education from CIU 2007

Co-author of *Lady in Waiting*

Four grown children (David, Christen, Lauren, Stephen)

First three born Dec. 5, 6, 7 (different years, Bill is quick to point out)



Q & A with CIU'S New Chancellor George Murray

What exactly does “chancellor” mean in the CIU context?

At some schools “chancellor” is an honorary position. At other schools, “chancellor” means CEO. Neither is true of the role I will be filling at CIU. During the seven and a half years that I was president, I was CIU’s CEO. As chancellor, I will not be. That will be Dr. Jones’ responsibility and, as a proven leader, I know he will do that very well. In my new role, I will be ministering to the CIU external constituency, both publicly and personally. In doing so, I will be seeking to raise up a large number of new students, prayer partners and donors for CIU, as well as “networking” CIU with key Great Commission organizations around the world. As my schedule allows, I will also be ministering to the CIU on-campus family in chapel, in the classroom, etc.

CIU has never had a Chancellor before. How did this come about?

As president, I had two primary responsibilities: *internal* administrative oversight of the entire CIU operation, and *external* ministry to CIU’s constituency. About four years into my presidency, I realized that I was not doing either to the best of my ability, because I was trying to do both! So, I began talking to the leadership of the CIU Board of Trustees about this. After much prayer and

discussion, I proposed to them that I be released from my internal administrative leadership role so that I could concentrate on using my greatest strengths by ministering externally to CIU’s constituency. I suggested that someone else be selected as president and CEO, and

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was delighted when the board appointed Dr. Jones to that position. When I was president, I was already working closely with Dr. Jones as provost, and I now enjoy working with him under this new administrative plan.

At other universities, some chancellors have an administrative, decision-making role. Will you?

No, that will be Dr. Jones’ job, and I will be earnestly praying for him in that, because it is not easy. Of course, I will always be available for counsel and advice, but Dr. Jones will be the CEO.



Left: George & Annette Murray celebrate the opening of the Moore Fitness Center.

Does this mean you will be traveling more?

As president, I was "on the road" about 50 percent of the time. As chancellor, that percentage will doubtlessly increase. At the same time, Annette and I look forward to hosting new friends of CIU on campus.

Is it too blunt to say that your main job will now be fundraising?

Fundraising will certainly be a big part of my new role. I am humbled and amazed at how God has used me in that regard already as I look back and see how many millions of dollars the Lord has provided over the past seven and a half years. I really don't think of myself as a "fundraiser," but I *do* think of myself as a "friendraiser." And, one of the wonderful by-products of raising up new friends who catch the vision of what CIU is all about is that they invest in the school financially. On behalf of CIU I will really be concentrating on ministering to people spiritually, challenging them to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to appropriate all the resources we have been given through the indwelling Holy Spirit, and to get involved in God's worldwide plan of redemption. But, as one of my spiritual mentors said to me once, "if you feed the sheep, they'll give the wool." © And while we're talking about finances, let me say that I look forward to chairing the board of CIU's new Educational Foundation.

What is your fondest memory or greatest accomplishment as president of CIU?

You know, that's really hard to answer. Twenty years from now the answer to that question might be quite different than it would be today. Looking back 20 years

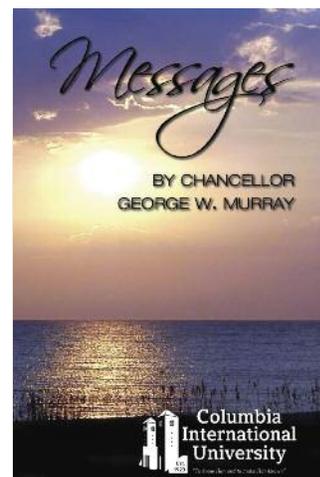
from now, I might say that one of my greatest accomplishments was a particular faculty member who was appointed during my tenure, or a certain academic program that was added, or an administrative policy that was put into place, or one of the four new buildings that we have added in the last couple years. But to answer that question today, I would have to say that the fondest memory and greatest accomplishment of my presidency is the students who have graduated and gone out into the world to serve the Lord in the marketplace, in the ministry, and on the mission field. I mean, bottom line, that's what CIU is all about! Since I became president in January of 2000, approximately 2,500 new workers for the harvest have graduated from CIU, not counting the more than 600 who have graduated from Ben Lippen High School.

Will you continue to live on campus?

Yes, at least for now. The house we are living in has been called "The President's House," and for now it will be called "The Chancellor's House."

What is Annette doing these days?

I thank God for my wonderful wife who has been a true partner-in-ministry for the past 38 years of our marriage, and who will continue to be as we move into this new role. As a licensed professional counselor, Annette continues to give godly counsel to families and individuals. She and Debby Jones, the wife of President Jones, are already planning the CIU Student Wives Fellowship meetings for this year. Annette loves to entertain friends of the school in our home, she will travel with me as her schedule allows, and she will be teaching an undergraduate course in the 2008 Spring semester. Together, during the 2007 CIU September Homecoming we enjoyed helping to host the 40th anniversary of my class of '67! ■



Dr. Murray's Messages Available

CIU Chancellor George W. Murray has put together a collection of over 100 messages he has delivered in CIU Chapels over the years. These expositional messages will help you in your personal walk with the Lord and in your ministry to others. They are available on CD and include topics such as *Not Ashamed of the Gospel, Is Jesus Christ Really The Only Way of Salvation?* and *Conflict Between Christians*. For a listing of the messages and order information visit www.ciu.edu/chancellor or call (800) 777-2227, ext. 5263.

Future Plans

By Bob Kallgren
CIU Vice President for Corporate Planning

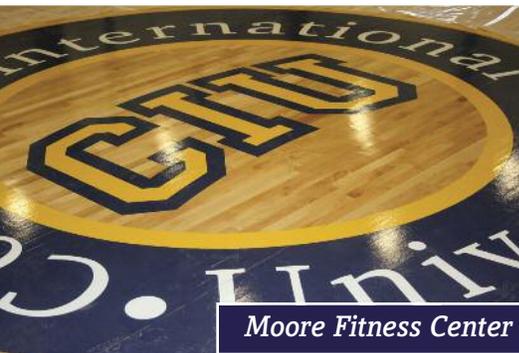
The 5x10 Plan Ten Objectives / Five Initiatives

The Future of CIU on the Drawing Board

■ When those of us involved with corporate planning at CIU started discussing a 5x10 Plan, all I could think about was 2x4s. I thought we might be headed to the hardware store for lumber and nails. But seriously, when you think about it, much of the 5x10 Plan comes down to just that. Lumber and nails. Some of it literal lumber and nails, and some of it is the lumber and nails of ideas. It's CIU on the drawing board. It's a

long realized that the more contact students have with the campus, the more they learn and the more satisfied they are with the experience.

The focus of this initiative is to foster the



Moore Fitness Center

blueprint for our future. Based on CIU's Strategic Plan, we've identified 10 key objectives, categorized into five initiatives which will be pursued for the next two years. Here are the "nuts and bolts" of the plan:



CIU Village

It's a blueprint for our future.

1) Enhance campus life for students

The campus facilities range from brand new (fitness center) to 47 years old. The ravages of time, changing tastes and elevated expectations call for major improvements. In years past, the vast majority of students lived in on-campus residences, including the CIU Village for married students. But lately, more students are choosing to live off campus. Higher education leaders have

utilization of campus housing by improving and/or replacing housing facilities and enhancing amenities on the campus (e.g. utilities infrastructure, IT capabilities, general appearance). In addition, CIU will pursue membership in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) for building an intercollegiate athletic program.

2) Clarify the spiritual formation program as applied to a variety of educational delivery systems

Many students are on campus only two weeks at a time, only on weekends, or study primarily at a distance through mediated educational packages. Our spiritual formation program, though adjusted regularly over the years, still has at its core the residential student. Over the next five years, the administration and faculty will be investing significant time and effort into designing spiritual formation programs that are relevant to every category of student. (See page 16.)



Seminary students chat with Professor Warren Larson.

3) Expand our academic offerings

CIU will continue to expand its selection of academic programs. Approvals have been recently received to offer an undergraduate Business and Organizational Leadership program (see page 21) and a Marriage and Family Therapy concentration in the Graduate School. Other programs will be developed and implemented which forward CIU's desire to equip Christian ministers and Christian professionals in service around the world.

We will develop the Lowrie Center for Christian Education as a means of advancing principles, networking with Christian school leaders, researching the Christian school movement, and advancing innova-

tive methods and programs for Christian education. (See page 19.) The combination of CIU's Graduate School, Ben Lippen School, and our close relationship with the Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI) are excellent resources for this effort.

4) Expand our delivery venues

CIU will add additional graduate online courses to provide access for practitioners who cannot engage in



Students celebrate the opening of the Moore Fitness Center.



Ben Lippen School

longer term residential study on the campus.

The Seminary & School of Missions will work toward the establishment of an Atlanta extension site structured to serve professionals in that community.

5) Reach and maintain optimum enrollment

CIU will work toward building enrollment to 1,000 on-campus students through regional recruitment, mobilizing alumni for student recruitment, linking with major Christian events, and developing strategic partnerships with like-minded ministries.

All of these objectives are well underway. It will take God's provision in energy and finances to make these come to pass. Please pray for CIU in these endeavors. ■

Spiritual Formation at CIU *Fostering a Climate of Change*

If you mention the word change to people today you will get the widest spectrum of responses. Some want it now! Others believe it will bring the end of all

things good. Regardless of the response, there is perhaps no other term that evokes emotions and high blood pressure like that word change. What is unfortunate, however, is that the emotions often come before we take the time to understand, “change what?” So when you hear that CIU is changing its approach to spiritual formation, please understand the nature of the change before emotions get the better of you.

Spiritual formation is one of today’s amorphous “buzzwords” appearing in Christian literature, churches, parachurch organizations and even in

Christian higher education institutions. You probably could come up with a very adequate working definition just from your knowledge of the term, but what does it mean at CIU? Together, a task force and the CIU faculty came to consensus on the following definition:

Spiritual formation is the divinely ordained transformational process by which the Holy Spirit leads believers to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ through the Word of God, and by that relationship become progressively more free from sin and more like Christ. The Spirit’s formative work occurs in the context of a vital engagement with a community of believers.

It is a mouthful, but one packed with meaning and implications from Scripture. Allow me to unpack what this means at CIU and I’ll explain what is changing at CIU and, what is not changing.

What is not changing is part and parcel with one of our core values—the authority of Scripture. The role of the Word of God is central to all that is CIU. The place of God’s Word in the daily lives of our students, faculty and staff will always be preeminent in all we do. Of equal importance is our unwavering confession that the work of spiritual formation is not the direct result of anything we could ever hope to do. We are purposefully in the hand of God so that He may orchestrate His will in our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit. As we rely, obey, trust and cling to God, He does His work in us. After careful consideration, we decided not to change this either (of course)!





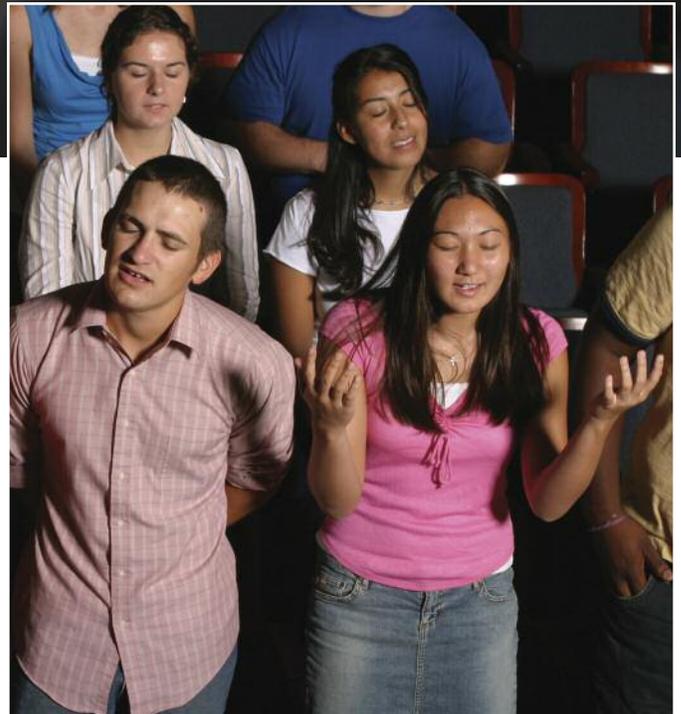
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Dean of Students Rick Swift counsels a student.

The change that is occurring is mentioned only in the very last part of the definition – *community*. The members of the CIU community are changing, not necessarily in their passion and commitment to Christ, but rather demographically. We have more students commuting, we have more students choosing to study from a distance, and we have new students joining CIU in study cohorts, coming to campus only for intensive courses in January and the summer. It is inevitable that CIU must also change how to meet the students where they are.

Residence halls still exist and the Village still provides an additional community for married students, but we need to foster a climate that nurtures spiritual formation so that no student is able to take a course without a spiritual investment on our part.

So how do we connect with all of our students in so many places? That is the challenge and the change that is ahead. CIU, as part of its recently adopted five initiatives and 10 objectives (*see page 14*), is taking a deep look at spiritual formation for all CIU students. Distance Education, the Graduate School, the Seminary & School of Missions, the Undergraduate Division of CIU, and Student Life are partnering together to examine what needs changing.

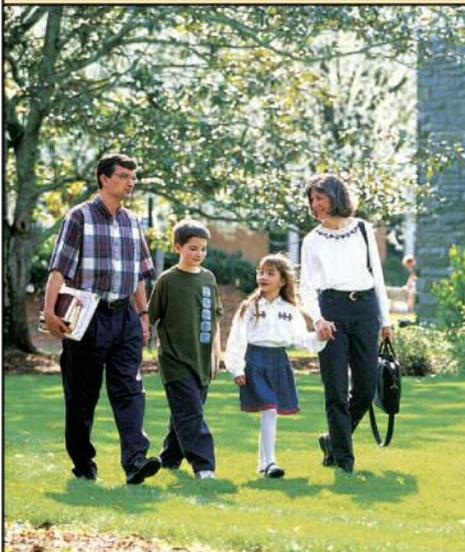
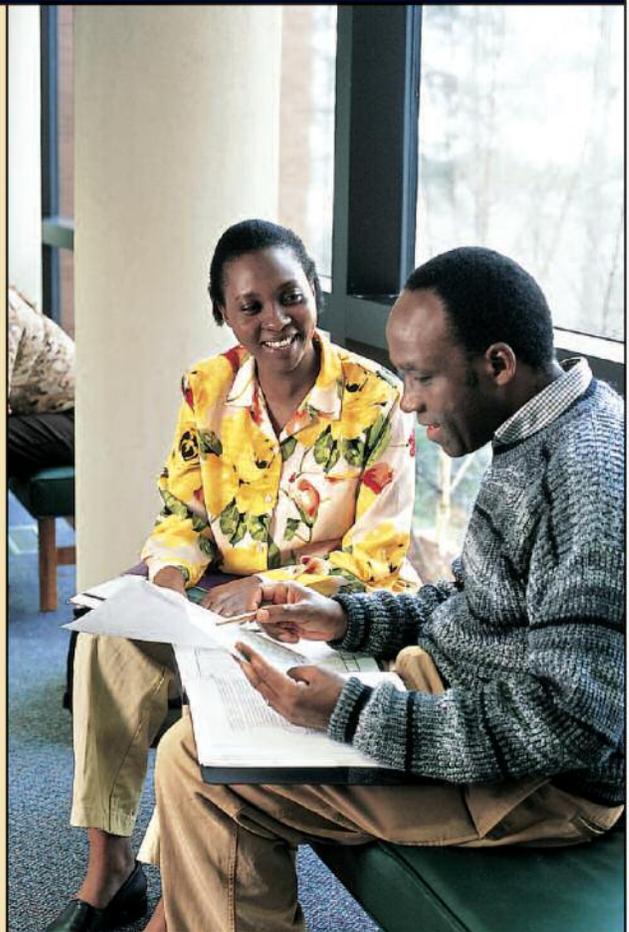


Change is coming. Change that will reinvigorate the long-standing commitment CIU has to spiritually invest in the lives of its students. On campus and off campus, we are committed to providing more of a pastoring, mentoring community where students understand that coming to CIU, however one comes, means both a commitment to the CIU community and accountability to the CIU community, in order that we may benefit from a CIU community rich in His presence. United in Spirit – Intent on One Purpose. ■

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Introducing the Lowrie Center for Christian School Education at CIU

A Center to Influence Christian School Education Worldwide

Imagine a place where Christian school educators around the world can find training and innovative solutions for the issues they face daily. A place where electronic journal “think-tank” meetings on Christian education are conducted and the archiving and indexing of classic presentations and research projects are housed. A place for Christian educators to share online information and research related

to Christian schools. That place is becoming reality at the new Lowrie Center for Christian School Education at Columbia International University.

The center is named for Roy Lowrie, one of the fathers of the Christian school movement in the United States, and the founding president of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

CIU Vice President for Christian School Education, Mickey Bowdon says the Lowrie Center will be a center to influence Christian education around the world by using the relationship between teacher education at CIU and Ben Lippen School, a K4-12 ministry of CIU.

“The Lowrie Center for Christian Education at CIU will facilitate networking, research, innovation, and the advancement of enduring ideas foundational to excellence in Christian schooling,” Bowdon told *Connection*. “The Lowrie Center will foster the

relationship between the professional education training programs at CIU and Ben Lippen School so that Ben Lippen teachers will be the best trained Kingdom educators in America. Ben Lippen will be a school to demonstrate what is being taught at CIU.”

The Lowrie Center concept has been reviewed, and is supported, by the professional education department at CIU, the administrative council at Ben Lippen School, and the CIU board, and has been approved by the Lowrie family. Strategic meetings and conferences in areas not presently being offered by ACSI or other agencies will be considered by the Lowrie Center as a means of advancing the agenda of Christian education.

Bowdon says it is appropriate to name the center for Lowrie. The Lowrie family connection to CIU runs deep. Roy Lowrie was responsible for bringing the annual meeting of the International Institute for Christian School Educators (IICSE) to CIU, drawing hundreds of educators to Columbia annually for a program that helps them develop professional tools and a biblical philosophy of education. His daughter, Ellen, and his son, Roy both taught at Ben Lippen School and as adjunct professors at CIU. Ellen has also served on the CIU Board of Trustees.

A task force of CIU and Ben Lippen School educators has been formed to develop the conceptual framework of the Lowrie Center. Training of Ben Lippen School faculty through the Lowrie Center begins this fall. ■



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- Mickey Bowdon,
CIU Vice President
for Christian School
Education

The Prison Initiative

By David Osterlund
Director, CIU Prison Initiative

An Update on the CIU Prison Initiative

Making Him Known – Within the Walls

Editor's Note: The CIU Prison Initiative is in its third semester. There are 15 inmates earning an A.A. Degree from CIU. The purpose of the Prison Initiative is to train inmates "to live in accordance with biblical principles and equip them for the unique ministry opportunities afforded by their incarceration." (See Connection Spring 2007.)

I was leading chapel with the men at the Kirkland Correctional Institution. I had them turn to the back of their hymnals and find the songs written by Andre Crouch. They selected *Soon and Very Soon*. * We sang "Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King"...and we sang "No more crying there;" and we sang "No more dying there..." then I asked the men for another "no more." Terry suggested "No more prisons there, we are going to see the King." And we all sang that — probably with more meaning and application than any other verse.

I asked for prayer requests and praises. Billy told me that his family comes about every other week. They sit in the large visiting room for one or two hours ... they get some food out of the canteen and pretend they are on a picnic ... a nice family outing ... and they do not talk about prison. Another Billy said he had a big praise, that his family was coming to visit this weekend ... the first time in a year! He was excited ... a large man in his 40s excited to see family — after a whole year.

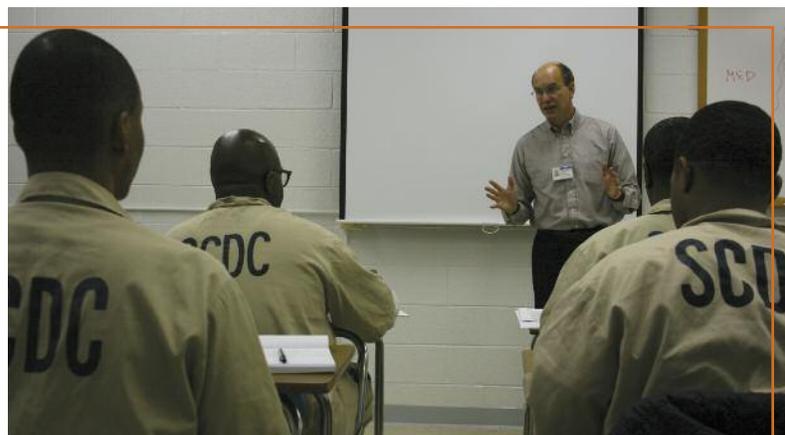
The men prayed for students and faculty on our main campus using 60 prayer request cards that students had filled out as a part of a CIU prayer day. I gave a stack of cards to each man and told them to pray for each student, and then when they felt they wanted another pile, to sign their name on the back and trade off for another pile. Now they are asking me to give them more prayer requests from the main campus.

The men have their ups and downs. They are in class every day — and always on time. But can you imagine living together as a 15-man cohort, 24 hours a day? The same dorm, the same cafeteria, the same classroom, the same seat. Stressful — for sure! Tensions erupt, and the strain shows — on Kent who has cancer, on Leon who wants his marriage to succeed, on others who are strong leaders who don't see eye to eye on everything. But they are there taking English Literature, Old Testament Survey, and Biblical Discipleship. They're reading the Bible together — and applying what they are learning to the daily challenges of learning, and living together, in a dark and weary land.

"No more prisons there ... we are going to see the King. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" ■

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"No more prisons there, we
are going to see the King."



Three Words that Represent a Plethora of Opportunities

Why CIU is making Plans for a Business Program

When I describe the new Business and Organizational Leadership program at CIU, I imagine some folks are thinking, "But I thought CIU is a Bible College?" Are you changing your mission?

To those folks my response is: We have not changed our mission, but we are refining the skills training that ministry (in all forms) needs! The Business and Organizational Leadership program provides believers with three sets of skills for church, mission, or marketplace ministry. These skills

are imbedded in the root words that describe the program.

Business

There are certain kinds of knowledge and competencies that anyone who works in our world needs to have. We call these business skills. A basic understanding of economics, real world finance including international monetary systems, accounting, human resource management, and production management is needed by those entering the working world. These skills are needed in ministry settings as well as marketplace settings. They are needed in the United States and in every other country on earth.

Organization

There are many styles and structures under which an organization can be operated. The challenge is developing structures and systems that fit the mission. For example, the organizational structure for a school is distinct from that of a church or hospital even though all are usually not-for-profit organizations. Even within churches, there are significant operational differences based on theology and size. A small entrepreneur operates differently from a large corporation no matter what part of the world they do business. The same is true with governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Each takes on an organizational structure that fits its culture and mission. The ability to understand organizational behavior and structure is critical in our world and our students will gain the necessary knowledge and competencies to interpret their setting and serve effectively.

Leadership

There is a huge emphasis in leadership development in all educational settings, including the college campus. CIU has been in the leadership development business for over 80 years. From

my perspective, every organization where people work needs leaders at all levels within the organization. Leaders who claim to be Christian need a biblical set of ethics grounded in a Christian worldview. They need a philosophy of leadership rooted in Jesus' servant-leadership model. And most importantly, they need to lead in such a way that God is glorified and the world sees the difference that Christ makes in life.

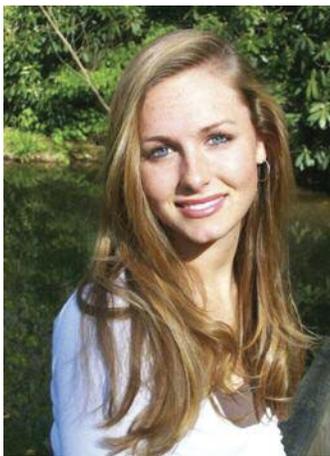
When we put together these three concepts into one program, we have a powerful educational strategy to reach our world. Entrepreneurs, small business owners, corporate executives, North American service agencies directors, international mission leaders, para-church organizational leaders, and pastors are all looking for people with these basic skills. Godly men and women who want to make a difference in their world for the cause of Christ is what the CIU Business program is all about! ■

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Generation after Generation

The Letchworth
Family
Represents
Alumni who
have made CIU
a part of their
Heritage



Julianna Paul

Julianna Paul is an incoming freshman at Columbia International University. She is also the third generation of her family to attend CIU. It all started when her grandfather, the Rev. Gary W. Letchworth, Sr. enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 1952. Gary attended CIU (then CBC – Columbia Bible College) for two and a half years, and transferred to Florida State University to care for his parents who contracted polio in an epidemic in Tallahassee. After graduating from FSU, Gary married Joyce Pou of Stuart, Fla., also a student at FSU. The two of them enrolled at CBC — she in the undergraduate school and he in the Graduate School of Missions. Gary finished in 1965, with a Master of Divinity. During those years, God gave them four children: Gary W. “Bill” Letchworth, Jr., Nancy, Jackie, and Joy. Julianna is the daughter of Joy.

Joy Letchworth, in her junior year of high school, traveled with her missionary parents to Pakistan in 1980. She enrolled in Murree Christian School in Murree, Pakistan, and after graduation she returned to the United States and enrolled at CBC and attended one year.

Bill Letchworth met Mae Lee Hill (class of 1985) at CBC, and after Bill’s graduation in 1986, they were married by CBC Professor Buck Hatch two months later. They have three children: Rebekah, Andrew and Thomas. Bill is an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, as is his father. He and Mae Lee are committed to missions and plan to serve the Lord on a mission field after Thomas finishes high school in a couple of years. Andrew is a rising senior in high school, and already committed to enroll at CIU in the fall of 2008 — another third generation student-to-be.

Gary and Joyce served 22 years in the pastorate in South Carolina and Mississippi, almost 10 years as missionaries in Pakistan, and were seconded (transferred) to Evangelism Explosion International for the next 17 years where Gary served as the Asia vice president. Gary and Joyce are now retired and living in Pakistan where they are serving as volunteer missionaries with World Witness.

Lessons and impressions learned at CBC:

Every member of the family agreed that the main lessons learned were: Bible knowledge, a biblical worldview, the victorious Christian life, and living by faith. Gary and Joyce praise God for godly professors who shared their knowledge, their lives and their hearts with the students, such as Frank Sells (Bible), Buck Hatch (Prophecy, Psychology, Progress of Doctrine), Dr. Fleece (Sanctification), and for the host of missionary speakers who came and ministered in Chapel and classroom. They also praise God for the “family” of alumni all over the world who have a kindred spirit as a result of CBC.

Bill Letchworth reported three things he learned at CBC: The Bible, how to live by faith by observing others (staff and students) living by faith, and living in Memorial Hall and daily seeing the plaques of alumni who gave their lives for Jesus’ sake.

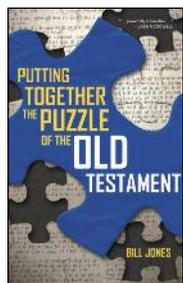
Mae Lee praises God for teaching that made the Bible come alive, for the love and concern for one another, and for being surrounded by people who equipped her to face circumstances from a biblical worldview. ■

New Books Authored by CIU Professors

For information on purchasing these books, contact the CIU Bookstore at (800) 777-2227, ext. 5263 or Bookstore@ciu.edu.

Putting Together the Puzzle of the Old Testament

By CIU President Bill Jones



Do you ever feel intimidated, overwhelmed or totally confused by the Old Testament?

With hundreds of pages of names like Melchizedek, Mephibosheth, Meshelemiah, and

Michmethath, who wouldn't? **CIU President Bill Jones** offers help in his new book, *Putting Together the Puzzle of the Old Testament*.

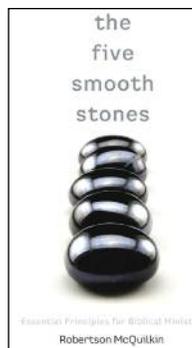
Jones compares the Old Testament to a jigsaw puzzle with chapters providing the puzzle's box cover, corners, and straight-edged pieces so you can understand the whole picture of what you are assembling. Armed with these advantages, when you read or study Old Testament stories, you will discover how the pieces fit together.

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The Five Smooth Stones

By CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin

The latest book by **Columbia International University President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin** draws from his 50-plus years of ministry as a missionary church planter, school administrator and university president. *The Five Smooth Stones* outlines enduring ministry principles in a day when ministry



methodologies constantly rise and fall.

The principles or “smooth stones” include the functional authority of the Bible; aligning church congregations with biblical principles; releasing the energizing power of the Spirit; the plan of redemption; and Jesus’ model of servant leadership.

McQuilkin invites the reader to join him in deep reflection, and courageous, honest evaluation of how each principle may be introduced into ministry.

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Greek is Good Grief

By CIU Professor Dr. John Harvey

The new book by **CIU Professor Dr. John Harvey** is designed with the new, but serious Greek student in mind. *Greek is Good Grief* is a textbook for teaching introductory Greek grammar and syntax featuring a graded database, practice sentences, and drills.

Each new grammatical concept is introduced by a discussion of English grammar, and each chapter begins with a “Grammar Grabber” which highlights an aspect of the chapter’s content by explaining how that aspect of grammar is important for understanding a portion of the Greek text of the New Testament.

Field tested in both face-to-face and distance learning course formats, *Greek is Good Grief* lays the foundation for a smooth

transition to the study of Greek exegesis and exposition.

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Called to Reach: Equipping Cross-Cultural Disciplers

By William R. Yount and CIU Professor Dr. Mike Barnett

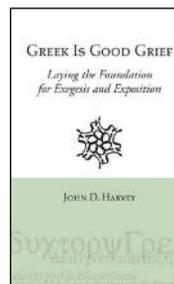
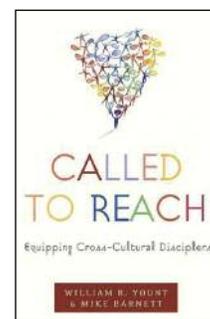
What's a cross-cultural discipler? It's someone who crosses distinct cultural barriers — whether at home or abroad

— to share the gospel

and develop other effective Christian disciples. Think of the apostle Paul who was born into a Jewish heritage but preached in Greece and Rome among other places, or modern day missionaries, both short-term and long-

term, who bravely go where God sends them despite the challenges of language and lifestyle differences when they get there.

Called to Reach is a much-needed book of encouragement and training for cross-cultural disciplers new and old. Based on the authors’ experiences, it defines seven characteristics that best enhance the effectiveness of disciplers in overcoming cultural barriers and emphasizes the importance of personally growing in spiritual maturity with every outreach opportunity. Throughout, Jesus is presented as the model cross-cultural discipler, for He left the culture of heaven to disciple us in our earthly culture.



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