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A young man with short brown hair is seated in a recording studio, playing an acoustic guitar. He is wearing a dark hoodie with a patterned shoulder and blue jeans. He is positioned in front of a professional microphone on a boom stand, which is equipped with a pop filter. The studio is dimly lit, with two red stage lights visible in the background. A music stand with sheet music is positioned to the left of the man. The overall atmosphere is focused and creative.

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# The President Speaks

BY PETER W. TEAGUE, Ed.D  
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It truly is challenging to put into words. Awe. Humbled. Faith-focused.

Our spring semester has been filled with many God-induced moments of awe. Two decennial accreditation visits in April from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Five commencements including one in Kampala, Uganda totaling 492 graduates this academic year! I have logged 60,000 miles traveling on behalf of the college.

Commencement was a momentous occasion to recognize the sacrifice and hard work of the 19 pastors who graduated in Uganda, completing their two-year journey. The highlight of our time in this African country was hearing the personal stories. One of our outstanding graduates was Joseph Musaalo who was chosen to receive the Bishop Henry Luke Orombi Award, given to the graduate who best exemplified the humility, leadership, and outstanding witness modeled by this champion of the African church. During the ceremony, we had the privilege of hearing from Bishop Orombi, who served as the Archbishop of the Anglican church in Uganda and the Bishop of Kampala and witnessed the atrocities of the tyrannical and self-declared president of Uganda, Idi Amin.

Musaalo is a man who lives out his faith in Christ. He and his wife have nine biological children and nine adopted children. "As an elder in my church, psychologist and a servant leader in different places, I felt a strong calling on my life to improve on my traditional Bible knowledge so as to serve God's people effectively," said Musaalo, reflecting on his experience in program. "The Master of Arts in Ministry program has given me an in-depth understanding of God's Word and further improved my personal knowledge with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit." Musaalo said the program filled a missing link in his life and transformed him and his family.

Musaalo is deeply concerned about the training needs of pastors in Uganda, quoting Hosea 6:4a, "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge." He said, "My heart is filled with joy having such a training in our country; we have many brothers and sisters who desire transformation and training."

Upon my return from Africa and a gathering of Association for Biblical Higher Education college presidents in North Carolina, I boarded a plane to Colorado Springs for a full day of meetings. I was joined by a small contingent of LBC | Capital team members to attend the dinner in conjunction with the board meeting of Compassion International. Key leaders gathered to discuss our developing partnership with Compassion and the Pastors

## The President Speaks *(continued)*

Discipleship Network in Kampala, Uganda educating pastors in overseas contexts. We have been at this for nearly six years and to see the momentum that is building is beyond encouraging. It is as only God could accomplish. Over time. In His way.

We visited Summit Ministries in nearby Manitou Springs, Colorado. Several of our team's family or themselves have attended this bibliocentric worldview academy led by thought leader and author Jeff Myers. During my tenure at the Christian school of York, we used Summit's "Understanding The Times" curriculum as the senior capstone course. Nearly 2,500 young adults enroll every summer. We met with their vice president of programming to discuss Summit coming to our Lancaster site to host their two-week experiences for young adults on our campus.

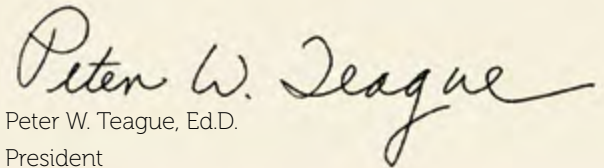
Later that evening over dinner with Compassion International's board of directors, my primary conversation companion was Dr. Judy Golz. You may know her name from Wheaton College or Trinity Evangelical Divinity School where she serves as an adjunct faculty member. You may also recognize her parents, faithful ministry icons Stuart and Jill Briscoe. Golz was fascinated by what is happening at LBC | Capital and our many developing fronts of ministry, and has agreed to come to the college for a three-day chapel series, January 23 through 25. The room that evening was filled with such luminaries. And in the midst of it all

was this little band from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. As Compassion President/CEO Santiago Jimmy Mellado spoke to the 56 people gathered, it was as though he was speaking directly to the future paths LBC | Capital is navigating. More on that in the months to come. I was reminded afresh of just how deeply a faith-focused enterprise we are as we seek to serve the Kingdom in our portion of the garden. The echo of LBC | Capital is increasingly heard around the world!

As I was reading Oswald Chambers recently, I was struck by his challenge; whether or not I have let God assure me and believed Him when He says, "I will in no wise fail thee." I love that encouragement. It is not a pass on the angst of how He will fulfill His promise, but He has promised and for this I am grateful. It is true for our present, and for our future.

To God be the glory, great things He hath done and is doing as our vision to develop servant ministry leaders for global impact comes alive – in Lancaster, in Philadelphia, in Greenbelt, in Memphis, in Boca Raton and in Uganda. I am so grateful for each of you - please keep in touch!

Cordially in Christ,



Peter W. Teague, Ed.D.  
President



*COVER: Student David Superdock ('17) performs an original song in the Charles Frey Academic Center.*



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# The End as a Beginning

By Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Chair of the  
Worship & Performing Arts Department

**A**s Christians, we often joyfully remember and celebrate our conversion experience; that moment when Christ became fully real to us and we entered into a new relationship with Him as adopted sons and daughters. Even though that experience was now years ago for me, I remember it vividly. As significant as that moment that was, I have come to realize as a maturing believer that my conversion was really a culmination, or the “end” of a faith journey, nurtured through the discipleship of my parents, grandparents and other believers. And, that “end” became a whole new beginning – the beginning of a life of faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Worship & Performing Arts department this year experienced one of those “ends” when we were granted accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music. About six years ago, the faculty in our department set out with trepidation and determination to begin what became an arduous journey with our professional accrediting body. November 18, 2016 was a day

of great emotional release, celebration and thanksgiving – that was the day when I received the letter of notice delivered to my hotel room at the NASM national conference in Dallas, Texas.

How exciting though that this joyful “end” is only the beginning! We have a new spring in our step as we realize that this “end” is opening opportunities to “press on” and begin running with full speed ahead. This fall, our department is preparing to welcome one of our largest classes of freshmen! Students and faculty have a renewed level of confidence and trust in our programs as we continue to innovate and develop our curriculum and train new artistic leaders to influence culture with grace and truth. And, we have the opportunity to do this within a college committed to seeking excellence in all things, unabashedly living, working, performing and studying under the authority of God’s word. Please pray that we continue steadfastly, running the race set before us, looking only unto Jesus, as onward we go!



# A Big Deal

## Professor & Student Duo Star in Fulton Theatre's Production of "Big"

**T**his was certainly a first for LBC|Capital – a professor and student took the stage together in "Big: The Musical" at the Fulton Theatre, a historic playhouse located in downtown Lancaster. The musical tells the tale of a young boy named Josh who comes across a magical fortune telling machine, makes a wish to be big, and wakes up as a 30-year-old man the next day.

Starring in the show were two of LBC's own: Dr. Robert Bigley, our director of choral and vocal studies, and Samantha Ingram, a student in our musical theatre program who you might recognize from last year's production of "Hello, Dolly!" where she played the title character as a freshman. Bigley played a number of roles, including George Macmillan, the owner of Macmillan Toy Company and various other characters, while Ingram was a member of

the teenage ensemble. The two were in rehearsals for the show when we spoke to them, and they both said they had a great time together on stage.

When we asked Bigley what it's like to perform alongside of his student he said, "It is absolutely delightful. The first day of rehearsal with any theater company is often compared to the first day of school. "Will I know anyone there? Will I make friends? Who will I sit with in the lunch room?" It is a huge relief to walk in and see a familiar face. It's even more fun when that familiar face is one of your students!"

Ingram said that her time as a student at the college has helped to prepare her for the role. "My voice teacher at the college helped me pick songs for the auditions, and my acting teacher, Mr. David Felty, helped me pick a monologue and practice it." she said.

"I couldn't have done it without them." When we asked her why she chose to study musical theatre at LBC, she said simply, "The Christian atmosphere was definitely a big part - the community is amazing and everyone really, really cares about you!"

As for Bigley, he said this is exactly the kind of thing he hopes that his music students go on to do – and it's exactly what the college prepares them to do. "LBC is unique in that our students develop a mission beyond their art," he explained. "Yes, they must become outstanding artists in order to succeed, but if they pursue art as the end all, they will end up jaded or burned out. Enabling them to study the Word while they study their craft expands their thinking and, hopefully, causes them to pursue their art as a means to a greater end."

For more information on our musical theatre major, visit [lbc.edu/theatre](http://lbc.edu/theatre)

# The Importance of LBC's Involvement in Performing Arts

By Ryan Shenk ('97), Program Coordinator for Worship Arts & Live Production

**H**uman creativity comes in a myriad of forms and is perhaps the strongest evidence of the image of God in each of us. From our appreciation of the intricate beauty of a flower to the final flourish of a symphonic work, the sense of wonder that takes our breath away is yet another clue pointing us back to the source of everything: our divine Creator.

In our consumeristic and utilitarian society, artists struggle to justify the worth of their work, and beauty is seen as novelty rather than a gift from God to help us remember what is most valuable. But Jesus asks in Matthew 6:25, "Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?"

The arts help us ask and answer questions of meaning with a broader vocabulary than our written and spoken languages can supply. Performing arts are unique because they are momentary, occupying finite space and time. Audio and video recording technologies are wonderful things, but nothing can fully replace the immediacy and intimacy of a live performance – thus the reason that so many will spend so much on concert experiences. In a similar way, performing arts bring a unique quality to corporate worship. The unity of heart, mind and voice that Christians experience when singing to God envisions the unity to which God calls us.





It is common to encounter protests that worship and performance are diametrically opposed, but in LBC's Worship & Performing Arts department, we operate from a more integrated perspective. We have embraced the mission to develop highly skilled artists who influence culture with grace and truth. Every use of music and dance in a corporate setting is, by its very nature, a performance designed to focus people's attention and facilitate collective participation. Additionally, every performance given by a follower of Jesus is an offering of worship to God, regardless of the context. We know from the biblical narratives of Cain and Abel, the widow's mite, and Ananias and Sapphira that the orientation of the worshiper's heart supersedes the substance of the offering. Building on this reality, we train our students to be excellent in performance, engaging in interaction and servant-minded in approach in every context through which they journey.

The church sanctuary, concert hall, and theater are equal platforms for artists to offer their work as worship to God and service to the people gathered.

Some students earn roles performing with local theater organizations or at Lancaster's Fulton Theatre. Others perform their original songs on various downtown stages. Still others will fill lead and supporting roles in church worship ministries of all sizes. Working together in LBC ensembles, students will provide music for swing dancing on one night and collaborate with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra on another. World-class guest performers at LBC and the Trust Performing Arts Center demonstrate their passion and excellence and share their challenges in navigating work, travel, creativity, soul care and faith in their own lives. Each experience informs the others and they collectively build a practiced philosophy

of worship and performing arts that views Sunday morning and every other hour of the week as ripe with potential to creatively serve and worship our God.

The reason that LBC invests in and contributes to the performing arts is the same reason for investment and contribution in any sphere of society – because God calls His people to embody Jesus there. Artist Makoto Fujimura helps us understand the redemptive potential of beauty as it “points beyond itself, beyond survival to satisfaction.” The faculty of our Worship & Performing Arts department are not only called to develop artists for work and mission, but also to contribute personally in these fields. Together with the students journeying alongside us, we want to employ the performing arts in service to God and love to the world.

To learn more about our worship arts program, visit [lbc.edu/worship](http://lbc.edu/worship)



# Anthony Evans



**A**nthony Evans, a season two contestant of NBC's "The Voice," held a masterclass for LBC students and performed a concert on the college's Lancaster campus this past April. Evans, who rose to fame during "The Voice," and whose career began in 2000 when he sang backup vocals for Kirk Franklin, is the son of

# Performs at LBC



popular Christian evangelist Dr. Tony Evans and brother to Priscilla Shirer, star of the 2015 film, "War Room." As a former worship leader, Evans' music takes on a tone that is reflective of his upbringing in the church, incorporating elements of classic gospel music with contemporary Christian music. Evans' gave LBC students one-on-one instruction and critiques during the masterclass, offering his

insights and doling out advice on everything from pitch and stage presence to the art of storytelling through song. LBC students from the college's chapel guild choir had the opportunity to interact with the star again during his concert, along with students from J.P. McCaskey High School's gospel choir, when they joined Evans on stage for several songs. "It was such a thrill to have a talent

like Anthony Evans come to LBC," said Dr. Paul Thorlakson, chair of LBC's Worship & Performing Arts department, "And it's certainly an impressive piece of information for our music students to add to their résumés!"

# West Point Band Performs Composition Written By LBC Graduate



Right: Scott Rodeheaver ('14)



**E**ver since Scott Rodeheaver graduated from Lancaster Bible College in 2014 with his degree in music composition, he's been entering his original works of music into competitions. But when his piece entitled "Generations" was selected as one of the winning pieces to be performed by the famous West Point Band on the Celebration of Armed Forces Day on May 21, he was thrilled. "I was extremely blessed and overwhelmed when I found out I had been chosen as one of three winners to have their pieces chosen to make a world premiere at West Point's concert!" he said.

The renowned military band has a long legacy that is intertwined with our nation's history, with roots that stretch back the days of George Washington. The band – which turned 200 years old this June – claims the title of longest continuously serving band in the Army.

Rodeheaver's patriotic winning piece was written to honor the memory of Army PV2 Jonah Sovik, a family friend who passed away in 2014. "I felt that by writing this piece in his memory and for Jonah's family, I could express something beyond words

and provide them with a timeless gift that was in his honor," he explained.

According to the LBC alumnus, the education he received under the tutelage of his professors at the college helped him to become the musician he is today. "Through the relationships I had with my professors and classmates, I have learned the importance of pursuing excellence in your craft because that is your act of worship," said Rodeheaver, "And that being a highly skilled musician who lives their faith in the 'secular' music industry is just as valuable as those who minister in the church. There are many more life lessons, biblical principles and music theory practices of which I learned from LBC that are ever affecting my life on a consistent basis."

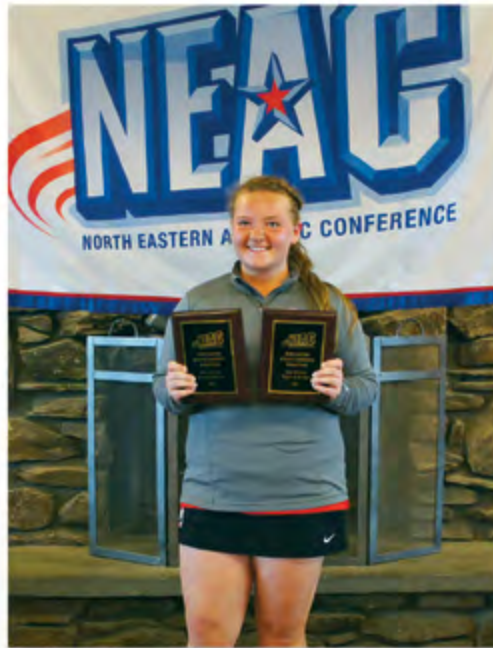
To watch the West Point Band perform Rodeheaver's piece, visit [bit.ly/wstpntlbc](http://bit.ly/wstpntlbc)

If you want to learn more our music composition program, visit [lbc.edu/composition](http://lbc.edu/composition)



# Star Athletes

By Zachary Freeman, Director of Athletic Communications



Greta Strunk ('20)

Courtney Goyak ('21)



Nate Burns ('18)



Will Welsh ('19)



Alyssa Wesner ('17)



Here's a look at some of our stand out student athletes from the 2016-17 season.

**Strunk is a Star:** Freshman Greta Strunk won the program's first-ever North Eastern Athletic Conference No. 1 Singles Tennis Championship – a first in school history – on April 30. Strunk defeated Penn State Abington's Honora Hegarty, 6-1, 6-2 in the NEAC Final and was named NEAC Player of the Year and the NEAC Rookie of the Year. Strunk finished with 11 singles victories this season, including a perfect 8-0 mark in NEAC action, while she also recorded nine doubles victories with doubles partner Lynndath Thelemaque.

**Goyak the Great:** Sophomore Courtney Goyak propelled the women's basketball team to another 20-win this season as the Chargers finished 20-9 and won the NEAC South Division title for the fifth straight season. Goyak finished with 18.1 points and 21.3 rebounds per game this season and her 617 total rebounds were the most in NCAA Division III women's basketball history. Goyak was named to the NEAC All-Conference First Team and also landed on the D3hoops.com All-East Region Second Team, becoming just the second player in program history to be honored by D3hoops.com.

**Burns' Arm, Welsh's Bat Lead Chargers:** The baseball team posted a winning record (19-12-1) for the second straight season, marking just the second time in program history the Chargers posted back-to-back winning years (1980-81). Leading the way this season were senior Nate Burns and sophomore Will Welsh. Burns, a pitcher, posted a 6-3 record this season with a 3.30 earned run average. He struck out 43 batters and opposing batters hit just .239 against him this season. His six victories and four complete games led the NEAC and Burns finished his LBC career with 13 wins.

Welsh, a right-fielder, hit .367 this season and smashed a NEAC-leading 11 home runs. He drove in 35 runs and was tied for second on the team with 44 hits. Welsh scored 37 runs and led the NEAC in slugging percentage at .733. His 88 total bases were the second-most in the NEAC and his 35 RBI were the fourth-most in the conference.

Both Burns and Welsh were named to the NEAC All-Conference First Team, while Burns was also named NEAC Pitcher of the Year. Welsh was honored by D3baseball.com as he earned a spot on the Mid-Atlantic Region Third Team.

**Wonderful Wesner:** Senior lacrosse player Alyssa Wesner capped her collegiate career with not only her finest season, but the best individual season performance in program history, as she scored a school-record 91 goals and posted 98 points. Wesner's 91 goals were the second-most in NCAA Division III this season and her 5.69 goals per game were the third-most in the country. Wesner was named to the NEAC All-Conference First Team and finished her career with 231 goals and 262 points.

To stay up-to-date with the Chargers, visit [lbcchargers.com](http://lbcchargers.com)

# Spring 2017 Commencement Ceremonies

**E**ach year, we celebrate the graduation of hundreds of our students – and 2017 was no exception. Here are the testimonies of just a few of our outstanding graduates.

**DR. WAYNE CORDEIRO ('17)** was the first person ever to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree from the college. A prolific author known for his popular titles like "Leading on Empty," and "The Divine Mentor," and the founding pastor of Hawaiian megachurch New Hope Oahu, he was also the key note speaker for the Lancaster ceremony. His advice for the newly-minted graduates? "Work harder on yourself than on your ministry," he said.



*Brenda Ulman ('17)*

**BRENDA ULMAN ('17)** graduated from our Greenbelt site with her Master of Arts in Ministry with a concentration in leadership studies. During the commencement ceremony, she was invited to share with the crowd gathered there. "Think of that one professor who stretched you," she said. "And let's thank the faculty members here for pouring into our lives. Remember to learn from and pour into each person God places in your journey – just like our professors have done for us."

**GERALD ROVIS MASINDE ('17)** overcame many obstacles to earn his Master of Arts in Ministry degree from LBC | Capital's partnership with the Pastors Discipleship Network in Uganda. A former Compassion child from Uganda, he overcame poverty and hardships to follow God's call on his life – to preach the



*Wayne Cordeiro ('17)*



Gerald Rovis Masinde ('17) with his Compassion sponsor family.



gospel to those who need it most. To make the day even more significant, Masinde's Compassion sponsor family, Dan and Sharylee Zachary, came all the way from North Carolina to celebrate his special day. "Many pastors in Uganda do not have theological training," he said, "And I was one of those - until today! I am privileged and honored to be among the first group of graduates to get an education from a Bible college like this one."

**TERRY MATTHEWS ('17)** didn't know if he would ever graduate from college. He wrestled with addictions and found himself at a low point in his life – checked into a rehab facility. Still, he knew that he felt God calling him to something more, and so, after many years of resisting, he enrolled at the Philadelphia site of LBC | Capital. "I never dreamed that I would finish school anywhere," he said. "Going to school has been truly a blessing. I'm walking out of here with good foundation that's based on the Word of God."



Ugandan graduates with staff and faculty members of LBC | Capital.

**JANELLE KOONTZ ('17)** was named the valedictorian for the class of 2017 at the Lancaster commencement ceremony. Koontz, who earned her Bachelor's degree in women in Christian ministry, had this to say about her time at LBC | Capital: "My perspective about life, people, the world and my relationship with Jesus have been transformed over the past four years," she said, "As I've experienced how the word and the spirit truly cut to the center of every aspect of my life – the good and the bad."



Terry Matthews ('17)



Janelle Koontz ('17)

# Faculty & Staff Updates

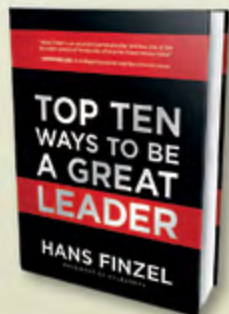
**Dr. James Ayers**, a professor in our Church & Ministry Leadership department, launched a website called ChurchWorks to promote resources and services to assist individuals and churches in pursuing spiritual health and growth. Visit it at [jamesayers.org](http://jamesayers.org)



**Dr. Douglas Bozung**, an adjunct professor in our Bible & Theology department, had his first book, "Making Sense of God's Plan for Humanity: An Easy-to-Understand Guide to Dispensationalism," published in March 2017 by Dispensational Publishing House.

**Aaron Brown**, the director of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Program, was recently promoted to Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies for the Church & Ministry Leadership department. In this new position, he will provide additional support to our undergraduate CML majors as the department continues to expand its programming within Capital Seminary & Graduate School. For the academic year 2017-2018, he will continue to co-direct the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Program with Dr. Ron Belsterling.

**Melinda Clark** joined our Student Life Department as Director of Community Life. She comes to us with a great deal of education, training and related experience, making her well-suited for the position.



**Dr. Hans Finzel**, an adjunct professor in our Church & Ministry Leadership department, has just released his tenth book entitled, "The Top Ten Ways to Be a Great Leader," published by David C. Cook.

**Bruno R. Giamba**, an adjunct professor in the Bible & Theology department, wrote his first book entitled, "Living Beyond the Grave: Discovering the Empowered Life God Intended for You," published by Westbow Press (a division of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan) and released in January 2017.



**Dr. William Glass**, an adjunct professor in the Bible & Theology department, earned

his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Clarks Summit University with an emphasis in New Testament and New Testament Greek.

**Dr. Krystal Folkestad Grant**, an assistant professor in the college's Worship & Performing Arts department, performed her piano solo composition, "Burning Bush Variations," at the Music by Women Festival in Columbus, Miss. on March 3, 2017, and at the Women Composers' Festival of Hartford in Hartford, Conn. on April 1, 2017. Both events featured performances of music by competitively selected composers from throughout North America.



**Dr. Stephen Grusendorf ('16)**, an adjunct professor in our Church & Ministry Leadership department published "Preserving the Ultimate: Using Maslow's Hierarchy to Apply Bonhoeffer's Ethics" in the spring 2017 issue of the Journal of Sociology and Christianity.

**Justin Harbin**, an assistant professor in our Office of Digital Learning, was invited by Schoology, to participate in a webinar that highlighted LBC's successes in serving its faculty using the learning management system.



**Dr. Thomas Hudgins**, an assistant professor in our Bible & Theology department, earned his second doctorate, a Ph.D. in Greek Philology from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, in October of 2016. He also published several works, including: "Getting into the Text: A Festschrift in Honor of David Alan Black" with Daniel L. Akin; "Those Footnotes in Your New Testament: A Textual Criticism Primer for Everyone;" "The Hidden Life of Jesus" along with Antonio Piñero; and "Siete Marcas de Una Iglesia Neotestamentaria" with David Alan Black and Yadin Rodríguez.

**Vince Johnson**, vice president of information systems, was honored on behalf of the college by Campus Management Corporation, one of the nation's top providers of student information systems for higher education.

LBC | Capital was recognized by Campus Management and received the annual award for Operational Efficiency in 2016. Jim Milton, the president of Campus Management asked Vince Johnson to present at the corporation's annual sales meeting. The presentation was published in a whitepaper featuring LBC | Capital titled, "Driving Transformational Change in Higher Education."

**Wade Mullen ('14)** is now serving as the program director for our Master of Arts in Ministry program. Prior to accepting this position, Mullen served as an adjunct faculty member, teaching Leadership Style Analysis for the Master of Arts in Leadership program.

**Dr. Barry Packard**, a professor emeritus of LBC | Capital, was inducted into the Tecumseh Alumni Association Wall of Fame in May of 2016. The Wall of Fame is located in Tecumseh High School in Tecumseh, Mich., Packard's alma mater.

**Dr. Ed Scheuerman**, a professor in our Church & Ministry Leadership department, had a book review published in the January 2017 edition of Evangelical Mission Quarterly.

**Dr. Michael Shafran**, an adjunct professor in our Bible & Theology department, received his Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Dr. John Soden**, a professor in our Bible & Theology department, had five articles ("Death," "Eden," "Ronald Numbers," "Concordism," "Cosmology, Biblical"), published in the new Dictionary of Christianity and Science, published by Zondervan 2017.

**Dr. Greg Stephens**, an adjunct professor in our Arts & Sciences department, spent the fall of 2016 serving, studying and traveling in Israel. He also spent time in the spring and summer working at an archaeological dig near the Solomonic Gate at Tel Gezer, and then at the Gezerr Water System.



## REMEMBERING Benjamin Olewine III

October 3, 1921 - May 27, 2017

Benjamin Olewine III was a respected and beloved entrepreneur, veteran, civic leader and friend of Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School. His wife of 61 years, Gloria, died in 2003. Their children, Benjamin Olewine IV and Kristen Olewine Milke, wife of Dr. Denis Milke, carry on the spirit of generosity taught to them by their parents. Reflecting on his life, Olewine said, "I am very proud of everything I have done and happy that I have been able to do it. I always said I'd give back if I was ever able to do so." At his funeral, his son shared that his father always said how fortunate he was to be in a position to give. Olewine truly understood that it is "more blessed to give than receive" and lived his life with that in mind. Olewine generously funded many organizations, projects and young people seeking an education in Central Pennsylvania and around the world. LBC | Capital was one of the beneficiaries of his largesse. The Olewine Dining Commons, on our Lancaster campus, is named in honor of the Olewine family. Bennee's Bistro, located on the first floor of the Teague Learning Commons, stands as yet another testimony to Olewine's involvement with the college and his desire to help young people with their educational pursuits. In addition, he was a regular supporter of the Scholarship Fund at LBC. Olewine will be missed but not forgotten – and his impact on LBC | Capital will continue for generations to come.



# LBC | Capital Passes the Test

By Dawn Brandt, Office for Institutional Effectiveness

Over three years of planning, researching and reporting went into preparing LBC | Capital for the recent evaluation visits by our two accreditors, the Association for Biblical Higher Education and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The process began with a self-study conducted by our faculty and staff. In April, two evaluation teams comprised of members from ABHE and MSCHE institutions examined our self-study documents and visited LBC's campuses to have conversations with administrators, faculty, staff, students and trustees.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM THE PROCESS AND FROM OUR EVALUATORS?

### 1. They (and we) think we're doing pretty well.

The teams commended LBC | Capital for our adherence to mission, culture of leadership, investment in technology and intentional incorporation of practical experiences in our academic programs. They appreciated the warm welcome they received, and admired our beautiful buildings and grounds. And they were clearly impressed by their conversations with students who expressed great appreciation for the faculty.

### 2. They (and we) want us to keep improving.

During the self-study process, our study groups identified several areas where the college can do better. The evaluation teams concurred that most of these areas are the "growing pains" associated with LBC's

rapidly growing student body and multiple locations. The two teams came up with just three recommendations each. All six were drawn from recommendations we made for ourselves in our self-study document. The final recommendations from both accreditors will be confirmed in the coming months as their commissions on accreditation meet. The necessary changes will make LBC | Capital more effective in serving our students and in carrying out our mission.

Accreditation is the stamp of approval on an institution's performance and goals. We are confident that both ABHE and MSCHE will reaffirm the college's accreditation. We can take a deep breath now that we have cleared these two hurdles, but there's really no time to rest. Self-study must be an ongoing process, and our next reaffirmation of accreditation visit is only eight years away!



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# A Heart for Students

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**D**r. Peter W. Teague, president of Lancaster Bible College for the past 18 years, is an avid reader. One of the writers dearest to him is the beloved Christian scholar and author C.S. Lewis. In his book *The Problem of Pain*, Lewis wrote: "When pain is to be born, a little courage helps more than much knowledge, a little human sympathy more than much courage, and the least tincture of the love of God more than all."

Peter knows this sentiment well. One of the defining moments in his life happened 35 years ago when his third daughter, Jessica, was born. Peter's wife, Paulette, became concerned with Jessica's muscle tone early on, so when she was 18 months old they took her to Johns Hopkins University for testing.

After three days, they met with a team of doctors and a social worker in a sterile 8x12-ft. room and learned their daughter was - in the terminology in use at that time - profoundly mentally retarded. When the team leader suggested they medicate and institutionalize Jessica, the social worker immediately chimed in that eight out of 10 marriages end in divorce when there's such a child in the home.

"We honestly don't know how we got our car back from Baltimore to York," Peter says. "It was devastating." Yet Peter and Paulette share a strong faith. Both grew up in homes where Christ was the center and believed in the sovereignty of God. But this was quite a test. He says they cried out to God and asked "Why us?" But they didn't put their fist in God's face and demand - they simply asked why.

Peter grew up in the 1960s in a stable, loving environment in an idyllic little town in Iowa, where his father was a pastor. He then attended a small Christian liberal arts college in Kansas where he met his wife - and where the different threads of his life began to be woven into the consistent fabric of an established worldview.

After he and Paulette married, they intended to go into the mission field to be cross-cultural missionaries, but the agency they applied to said they first needed to work off their school debt. While they were living in Denver, CO, Peter's father was pastoring a church in Pittsburgh, where he heard there was a man in York who needed an assistant for his youth ministry. Peter applied and got

the job, and he and Paulette crossed the country to York as newlyweds. Now, 43 years later, Peter has had two assignments: as superintendent of The Christian School of York, and as president of Lancaster Bible College. It was in York that they started looking for a group home where Jessica could go and live with others in a faith-based environment, but they weren't satisfied with what they found.

"So eighteen years ago," Peter says, "we brought a group of twelve friends into our living room and shared our hearts, our burden, and our vision." That night the Jessica and Friends Community was born, and it has grown to employ more than 100 people and serve 136 clients seven days a week.

Peter says he's old enough now that he looks at every student through the lens of his own children and grandchildren. He believes you respond differently when you see people that way. "I think you look through a different lens when you have a special daughter too," he adds. "Your heart is so much more sensitive and tender to people who struggle."

"I'm a blessed man," Peter continues. "I just always wanted to have a heart for students."

Peter has a heart for students because he's a student himself - a lifelong student of God and of life. He's lived the prescription found in C.S. Lewis's *The Problem of Pain*. He found the courage to trust God's will, even when it's not always discernable. He's accumulated enough knowledge to know the difference between problems that can be solved and tensions that must be abided in the field of education. He's cultivated the seed of empathy, passed onto him by his father, that lets him pay attention to those who are down and out, hurting, and marginalized - and has accordingly expanded the footprint of Lancaster Bible College into areas where people who historically haven't been able to take advantage of such an education can now do so.


And, finally, he's enjoyed the fruit of a ripened love of God and family. In short, Peter has let his life be the lesson plan.

"I often say to my wife Paulette," Peter says, "that nobody has taught me more about the deep lessons of life than my daughter Jessica - even though she's never uttered a word."

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# 5 WAYS THE CHURCH CAN HELP THE POOR



By Zachary Ritvalsky, Dean & Site Director of LBC | Capital — Philadelphia

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In addition to Zachary Ritvalsky's leadership of LBC | Capital's Philadelphia location, he's had many years of experience in ministry and community outreach. While serving as the pastor of Sweet Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia for over a decade, he was instrumental in helping to form *Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, & Rebuild*, a social justice ecumenical organization that is comprised of more than 40 faith communities. Ritvalsky also oversaw the opening of the *Carroll Park Center for Hope, Help, and Healing* which provides legal, housing, and job placement services to residents of West Philadelphia. In short: caring for the poor is an issue that Ritvalsky holds close to his heart. Here, he shares his thoughts and hopes for how the church can care for the poor in deeper, more meaningful ways.



## How we love the poor is a clear indicator of how we understand God's love for us.

My community includes people who are both materially poor and "poor in spirit." However, what exactly does it mean to say that people are "poor in spirit"? To be "poor in spirit" is not the same as being economically poor, yet both kinds of poverty matter, and the church must address both. In his commentary on Matthew, John Nolland interpreted the phrase like this: "The poor in spirit would be those who sense the burden of their present (impoverished) state and see it in terms of the absence of God; who patiently bear that state, but long for God to act on their behalf and decisively claim them as his people."

Nolland understands the poor to be the impoverished who are looking for God to rescue them from their poverty. This means the church, as God's representative here on earth, has the responsibility to do the same. Therefore, one of the first ways we can serve the poor is by genuinely loving them. I know this sounds like an overly simplistic cliché, but we need to love the poor as much for them as for ourselves (Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19). Pastor Jim Cymbala, in his book, "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire," shares the story of a homeless man who came to his church on Easter. The day had been long, and, after the final service, the man, bearing the proof of his homeless condition, approached Pastor Cymbala, who responded to his presence as many of us probably would have. He reached into his pocket to give the man a few dollars to which the man replied, "I don't want your money preacher, tell me about this Jesus you preach." At that moment, Jim Cymbala said, "The smell of the street became the aroma of a garden."

How we love the poor is a clear indicator of how we understand God's love for us. Too often, in misunderstanding God's love we make the poor the object of our charity, the front cover of our programs, the focus of our grant requests, or the target audience to fill our seats. We make them listen to sermons before we feed them, ask them to join the church before we clothe them. We use them as objects instead of people loved through us. God is love, and by being endowed in his image, as they are, we ought to love them for who they are in God's kingdom here on earth. It is important to do this because Jesus loved them enough to die on the cross for them.

Through what sort of actions does this love express itself? After all, don't believe for a moment that anyone poor wants to be poor.

**1** **First**, we need to educate the poor about the Bible's storyline - and I don't mean through the sound bites and video clips that all too often characterize Sunday morning. We must help them understand the metanarrative of scripture, what Vaughan Roberts calls, "God's Big Picture." This sense of the Bible's storyline informs the poor that when everything is said and done, they win because Christ won the victory over sin, death and the grave. The "not yet" of the kingdom in the Bible's story speaks about foundations made of precious stones, gates of pearls, and streets of gold as the new Jerusalem comes from heaven to earth. The poor need to know that poverty is not forever when you're in Christ.

**2** **Second**, we need to educate the poor and our youth in preparation for the current and future job market. We need to advocate for better education, including vocational skills training in step with the market. This means we need vocational high schools that link students to sponsors who will provide on-the-job training so students can graduate from high schools with life skills, trades, and, hopefully, jobs. Not everyone is going to college, and this means an increase in education funding. The church should be working in the public square to make this happen.

**3** **Third**, we the church can also serve the poor by making our facilities accessible to them. In most cases, the biggest asset a church has is its facilities, and often they are underutilized. Therefore, it is important to consider using our buildings to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Often, the people we don't reach on Sunday mornings have needs starting on Monday. They may need computer lab access to develop resumes and apply for jobs. Students may need a place to complete homework assignments or just to play computer games. Local community development organizations that link with a church's vision may need a space to host meetings or deliver their services.

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**4** **Fourth**, the church needs to serve the poor by offering educational opportunities that enable them to secure a GED and receive personal finance training. Our church provided such training through partnerships with other organizations. It was amazing to see the many community residents who came looking for instruction. This training is critical, as nobody needs personal financial education more than someone whose resources are limited, stretched to the breaking point each month. I’ve even seen Muslims from the community, who normally won’t enter a church, attend the program. We held twelve-week training sessions and 150 community members participated. Citizen’s Bank did the training using the Money Smart curriculum offered by the FDIC. Fidelity did our retirement and investment training, while our legal clinic partners provided instruction on wills and taxes. Meeting the needs of the community is a wonderful way to bear witness to the kingdom of God.

**Fifth**, the church must serve the poor by availing financial resources to them in times of crisis. Our church doesn’t focus on relief efforts, but life happens, and, occasionally, people need financial assistance. Rent money is short, babies need coats, utilities get shutoff,

**5** and food is in short supply. This can easily happen when take-home pay barely meets expenses or survival depends on a welfare or Social Security supplement check. The Bible is replete with passages on this topic regarding the poor (Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 26:12; Isaiah 58:7, 10; Matthew 5:42, 19:21; Luke 3:11). This doesn’t mean we just hand out benevolence, though in some circumstances that’s okay. Instead, the church can serve the poor in times of financial crisis by becoming their temporary employer. We can provide opportunities for them to earn what they need by working around the church. The worker is worthy of his wages and, in many cases, the work provides them with a sense of dignity because an economic exchange is taking place as two people meet each other’s needs. In my book, that’s not charity. Overall, the work of our church is about providing development opportunities as opposed to relief and rehabilitation. Relief and rehabilitation efforts are important in a crisis, they’re just not what we do given the prevailing conditions among the poor in my community.

The ways our church serves and loves the poor are not exhaustive. There is one gospel of Jesus Christ, but there is no one way to love our neighbors. Only through the gospel’s understanding can people learn contentment in states of plenty or want. Only through the gospel can people rightly form hope. The gospel is about transformation – positive, progressive, life-altering change that produces good fruit. Let the church of Jesus Christ be the catalyst for facilitating this change by loving, advocating for, educating, and sharing with the poor of this world.

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# The Power of Prayer & the Miracle of a Marble

By Shelby Geraci (15), Director of the Writing Center

**W**hen students graduate from LBC | Capital, they take many things with them. Some take fond memories of sports teams, dorm life, classes and friends. Others accidentally (or purposely) take pieces of their roommate's wardrobe home with them. All take away knowledge, experience and growth. But one graduate took away something entirely different: a marble.

In the Good Shepherd Chapel on our Lancaster campus, you'll find a small space called the prayer room. Inside this room, you'll find a table with two bowls filled with marbles, stones and other small tokens. Visitors can take a stone or marble to represent a particular prayer request from the first bowl. Then, they're encouraged to hold on to that token until God answers their prayer, at which point, they can return the stone to the other bowl – now symbolically overflowing with answered prayers.

In 2004, one student\* found herself in the prayer room, crying out to God

after she received word that her mother had been diagnosed with cancer. In the midst of her prayers, she picked up a prayer marble, put it in her pocket and carried it away with her – not knowing then just how long that marble would be with her.

Each time she visited her mother and saw the pain she was experiencing, it broke her heart. But instead of becoming overwhelmed, she reached down in her pocket and felt the little marble there, reminding her to surrender everything to the Lord. Her mother's health was inconsistent; this meant that the family would experience hope of recovery during peaks of dramatic improvement, but these times were quickly followed by upsetting periods of plummeting health. This cycle repeated itself many times, and as it began to wear on the student more and more, she became tempted to give up on her faith. But every day, she kept her prayer marble in her pocket and didn't stop praying.

For thirteen years now, she has carried that marble in her pocket. The student confidently tells others that she still carries the marble today because God hasn't yet healed her mother. In the student's reflection on the situation, she commented that our faith in God needs to be strong through all parts of the journey - not just when God answers our prayers, meets our expectations and life is going well. This student learned firsthand how to utilize prayer as a demonstration of our faith in God.

*\*Names omitted at the request of the subject.*



# An Audience of One

By Dr. Daniel Spanjer, Chair of Arts & Sciences Department

Our culture is changing at a pace and with a force that threatens to strip Western Christians of their convictions. Skepticism and rebellion, to which our younger generations are increasingly inclined, find willing encouragement among larger non-Christian groups. Whereas people once trusted leaders to validate their beliefs, peer audiences now confirm each person's biases and predilections. As a result, traditional beliefs have fallen out of fashion so that the general public now considers counter-Christian lifestyles to be socially acceptable while it ridicules biblical norms. There are many reasons why this is occurring in the West - one of those reasons may be a crisis of audience.

The rise of the teen culture in the 1960s and the expansion of social media in the new millennium have inserted a novel dynamic into human society and culture. We live in a time of unprecedented democratization of audience. "Likes" and "views" give us cues not only about what behaviors people approve but also about who we

should be. Local, intimate communities once held us accountable to certain standards, which balanced our own tendencies by providing critical feedback. Now we have access to audiences that confirm our choices, reinforce our biases, shape our identity, and even define success and failure.

The truth is that audiences play a profound role in determining all performances. It is true that people looking to laugh go into comedy clubs, but it is just as true that comics looking to confirm their career choice and their own sense of humor go to those same comedy clubs. Audiences have the power to teach us to talk and act in certain ways by signaling with confirmation and rejection. We are sensitive to the clapping and the grins, the supportive grunts and the critical huffs. These indicators teach us how to behave and think, even when we profess indifference. Audience applause has the power to nominate politicians, inspire athletes to feats of surpassing accomplishment, and move authors to flights of creativity. How many musicians choose their craft

after experiencing the positive feedback from families and friends at a recital? The truth is the audience we choose will direct the choices we make in our lives.

Christians must locate their audience with great care. In fact, Christians should not be identified merely by how often they read their Bibles, attend church services, how they watch their language, or tithe. Christians should be marked by the audience they choose. While people in our present culture seek to widen their audiences so that popularity can confirm their worth, the Christian looks to narrow her audience to just one: Christ. His joy and pleasure, his values and holiness guide a Christian's actions. The Church has been out of place in every age of human history because it chooses an audience which reigns above this world. A Christian in any culture is like a person at a concert who seems to be listening to a different song, distracted from the main stage as he faces the wrong direction and moves against the crowds. He seems to look around the people and past the stage because he is listening for a different voice, that of his Lord.

One of the implications of making Christ our most important audience is that we no longer measure our faith by the world. Christians can easily be drawn into the trap of doing what is popular. Our culture prizes tolerance so we interpret scripture to reveal a tolerant God. God cannot be meaner than our culture which is kind enough to respect people's sexual choices. Our contemporary audiences have tremendous potential to influence the way we understand our faith, leading some to abandon the truths of God's Word rather than disappoint contemporary sensibilities. Most people would rather agree with the music they love and the inspiring actors who say the same things as secular academics, statistical data and scientific research. Could an audience this complex, this popularly acclaimed, be wrong?

But Christians often make the equal and opposite error as well when they equate true and right with whatever alienates secular culture. The boos and hisses can encourage Christians to become combative. They may even decide that they are speaking truth if social media turns on them. Rather than look to scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit

to guide us in our behaviors, we work the Bible over until it becomes the bane of our culture. Christians sometimes seem to be more concerned with avoiding the world's approval than with seeking Christ's.

But for those who follow Christ, the world cannot serve as an audience. Its feedback has no real value for Christ's people. Gauging our beliefs and behavior by the approval or disapproval of the world would be like a comedian who relies on the attendees at a funeral for advice about what is funny. Our culture is not our audience – Christ alone is. We care only what He has to say; we care only about what He tells us is excellent. More than that, it is when we learn to listen to Christ as our audience that we truly understand who we are supposed to be.

Attending to Christ as our only audience teaches us first how to live lives of love. When the world is our audience we easily confuse love with whatever draws the approbation of man. In the 18th century, the application of corporal punishment was considered a loving way to raise children. In the 21st century that "expression of love" is now considered child

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abuse. Paul says that when we seek the approval of our age, we become like a man who, unable to make up his mind, is tossed by the waves of his culture. But looking to Christ frees us from the fetters of our selfishness and from the tyranny of this world. We can love freely without waiting for the praise of man. We are satisfied when we love as Christ has loved even if the one for whom we care does not love us in return. Jesus makes this clear when he begins the greatest commandment with a prescription to love the Lord God with all the heart, mind, soul, and strength. Loving God as we ought enables us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Not only do we understand love when we make Christ our audience, we also learn how to measure success. As Christians listen to the world's approval, they apply its metric to their work, describing their own work as important or significant if it accomplishes that which the world acclaims. When the world recognizes a speaker or philanthropist, then we herald him as an effective preacher or successful leader. In truth, ability and accomplishment should merit universal praise. But aside from recognizing the usefulness of talent and effort, the world, our peers, and our social media friends are not capable of recognizing what a Christian would label success. By all appearances and public acclaim, David was a nobody, Paul persecuted the Church of Christ, and Jesus was a poor boy born out of wedlock – but God acclaimed two of these as architects of our faith and the third as the object of our faith.

When Christ becomes our audience, we learn to define excellence and success far differently. The father who sacrifices for his children, the mother who works tirelessly for her family, the worker who treats her monotonous

job like worship to God, the preacher who prays in his study for hours when nobody is watching – these are the champions, the heroes and the superstars of our faith. Christ calls these blessed. When the world is our audience we can work for the very things that destroy our joy, corrupt our character and harm our relationships. Massive secular audiences idolize our rock stars and actors but ignore the missionary, the faithful spouse and self-sacrificial worker. Christ teaches us to celebrate the true marks of excellence and success: honesty, integrity, self-sacrifice, love, peace, patience and wisdom, all in service to our King.

Regardless of language, culture, ethnicity or social class, Christians will always orient themselves toward the same Christ. While everyone else looks to each other, carefully charting their lives by signals of approval and ridicule, we navigate the landscape of this world with eyes fixed on our Messiah. While following Christ, we may walk in step with this world. Seeking to serve the poor, we may join secularists who seek equality. And yet, when our culture advocates for the autonomy of the self we must be willing to look ridiculous as we submit ourselves as bondservants and slaves to Christ. Maybe more than any other group of people, Christians understand the power of an audience. It nudges us to redefine our faith and repurpose our convictions. Now more than at any other time and place, then, we must remember that we live and die for an audience of one - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who alone has the words of life. His praise is worth all the ridicule and unpopularity we may experience. When He says, "well done, my good and faithful servant," He will drown out all the praise and recrimination of this world from all of time.



# Think About It:

## A Call to Engage with our Culture through Thoughtful Evaluation

By Dr. Doug Finkbeiner, Program Director of the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

**A**ppropriate engagement with culture has always been a challenge for the church, as it wrestles with being in the world without being of the world. Like a pendulum, the church has often struggled to be balanced, as it is pulled toward the polarized extremes of uncritical assimilation or reactive isolation. I have personally seen some of these extremes while living in Lancaster County over the last few years. On the one hand, I have talked with young people whose primary criterion for engaging media is whether a particular movie is entertaining. On the other hand, I have seen the isolated approach of the Amish to the surrounding culture. This ongoing tension is not unique to Christianity. For instance, Jewish groups in first century Palestine responded to the Greco-Roman world in very polarized ways. While the Sadducees gravitated to assimilation, the Essenes gravitated toward isolation. So we should not be surprised that Paul discussed this tension in the New Testament with the churches he planted. While we could explore a variety of texts, I want to just focus on the contribution of Philippians 4:8 to the discussion: “Furthermore, brothers, whatever things

are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are right, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are admirable; if anything is excellent and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things.” Our focus will include an exploration of the context, content and implications of this passage to the larger issue of engaging with our culture.

Let’s begin by looking at the immediate context of Philippians 4:8. This passage is part of a series of more rapid fire commands found in Philippians 4:4-9. While in verses 4-7, Paul encourages the Philippians to rest in the God who brings perspective to the difficulties of life brought on by others, in verses 8-9 Paul exhorts the Philippians to live wisely. There are clear structural similarities between verses 8-9. Both begin with a series of categories, to which Paul then exhorts the Philippians to respond (“whatever things . . . think about,” “what things . . . practice”). However, there is one clear structural difference. While in verse nine Paul gives no qualification to the list of items to be practiced by the Philippians from his own life and teaching, in verse eight he does qualify the use of the list of items in the beginning of verse 8 (“if

anything is excellent and if anything is praiseworthy”).

At a time in which non-Christians in the Roman colony of Philippi are persecuting faithful believers (1:27-30; cf. 2:15-16; 4:4-7), and in which Paul argues that believers are more importantly part of a colony of heaven (3:20; cf. 1:27), one might expect Paul to encourage believers to discard the beliefs and practices of the surrounding culture. However, in Philippians 4:8 Paul commands believers to directly engage with the philosophical beliefs and practices of the Greco-Roman culture. Out of the six virtuous qualities listed at the beginning of Philippians 4:8, the first four are used elsewhere in Paul’s writings (true, noble, right, pure), but the last two are found nowhere else in Paul’s writings or in the N.T. (lovely, admirable). Greco-Roman philosophers also employed virtuous terminology such as this, so that by using it, Paul encourages believers to engage with values and practices deemed virtuous by the larger culture. Of course, Paul is not encouraging believers to mindlessly endorse the values of the surrounding culture. Rather, all such values and practices are to be funneled through the sieve of a Christian worldview (“if



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anything is excellent and if anything is praiseworthy”). For Paul, the Gospel of Christ and the cruciform life must be the filter through which everything in the culture is evaluated. Unlike verse 8, verse 9 has no qualifications, because Paul’s teaching and his cruciform lifestyle are the natural outworking of the gospel. Therefore, Paul utilizes select Greco-Roman philosophical categories so as to encourage the Philippians not to outright reject but to rather evaluate the values of the surrounding culture based upon a Christian worldview, which is saturated by the gospel.

Several implications are relevant for our own day. First, we should not reject all values and practices within the culture solely because they originate from the culture. This insight protects us from reactionary isolation. Second, we should discerningly evaluate all values and practices within the culture from a Christian worldview shaped by the gospel of Christ and the glory of God. This insight protects us from a mindless assimilation and helps us properly adapt the practices and values of our culture. Third, after “spoiling the Egyptians,” we should rejoice over God’s pervasive common grace, which can be found in any culture. Fourth, we should remember that God is with us as we seek to evaluate our world Christianly and live our lives Christianly (4:9b “And the God of peace will be with you.”). Rather than responding to our culture with either mindless assimilation or reactive isolation, author Gordon Fee suggests “that one approach the marketplace, the arts, the media, the university, looking for what is ‘true’ and ‘uplifting’ and ‘admirable’; but that one do so with a discriminating eye and heart, for which the Crucified One serves as the template.”

# Impacting the Church & Society

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## We take a look at where some of our Church & Ministry Leadership department graduates are now, how God is using them and how their education influenced their work and ministry.

LBC graduate **Rachel (Norris) Marks** is the children's ministry resource director for the Bible Fellowship Church denomination and has served in children's ministry since 2006 at her home church, Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. But like most people in ministry will tell you, she notes that the work, though rewarding, can be challenging at times. "Children's ministry, like any ministry, is hard!" she stated, but explained how her Christ-centered education at LBC helped to establish her work in ministry. "LBC laid a strong, solid foundation for serving in full-time ministry," she said. "My Bible classes built upon what I learned growing up while attending church and a Christian school and also grew my love for studying God's Word. My studies helped me learn what to look for in a healthy church and developed my desire to serve the Lord in full-time ministry at a local church."

Of course, working in ministry can be difficult and even draining at times. "And being in ministry doesn't exempt you from your own hardships in life," she added, a truth she knows quite well. After she and her husband experienced the tragic loss of a baby boy during pregnancy and a potential adoption that fell through after a two and half year wait, ministry – particularly children's ministry – was especially tough. But in the midst of it all, Marks said, "You can rely on the same truths that you were taught years ago, whether as a child or a LBC student. You can rest in the same promises that you teach to others – because God is faithful. He sovereignly leads and works as He has planned, even when it doesn't make sense this side of Heaven. And He alone gives you the strength to go on and continue serving Him and His children." For Marks, children's ministry is about much more than rehashing the same "kid-friendly" Bible stories over and over again - it's about making an eternal impact. "He gives me hope – and the peace that someday the work done here in ministry to other children will impact my own children someday – and will also make an impact for eternity."

For more information on our children's ministry program, visit [lbc.edu/children-family](http://lbc.edu/children-family)

For **Charles Hirschy**, LBC made all the difference in his spiritual and professional life. A graduate of our youth and young adult ministry program, he explained to us that he always appreciated the college's relationship-first approach to implementing practical ministry. "My education at LBC focused a lot on relationships and discipleship," he said. "And now I'm using many of the things I learned in my classes at LBC to disciple and shepherd the people God has given me!"

Hirschy serves as the coordinator of student ministries and community outreach at Grace Church at Willow Valley, meaning he works with people – a lot. According to him, that's not much of a problem. "I love people," he explained. "And I love hearing stories of God's redeeming work - and getting to know people on a deeper level than just the normal, 'Hey, how are you?'"

According to Hirschy, LBC has impacted the way he does ministry. "I loved that we studied God's word in depth," he expressed. "I am learning just how important it is to make God's Word be the foundation of ministry and LBC gave me that!"

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Today, **Drew Leaver** is the lead pastor of Northeast Bible Church in Garden Ridge, Texas. But like many of those who felt called to ministry, he knew he needed to invest in an education that would equip him with the knowledge and appropriate skill set for the job. "My education at LBC was incredibly instrumental in preparing me for ministry," he said. "It gave me a foundation for understanding the Scriptures, the tools for digging in and unpacking the Word for God's people and it gave me the practical leadership skills that I needed for all of the ministry that happens Monday to Friday."

But his time at LBC did more than just grant him a college degree to list on his résumé. According to Leaver, "Far more than just the 'content' of study, my time at LBC profoundly shaped my character as a result of the men and women who God placed in my life while there. At the end of the day, ministry comes down to character – not what you know about the Bible, but rather if you know the God of the Bible in a deeply personal way. LBC not only shaped my passion for God, but it surrounded me with people and professors who modeled a fierce commitment to Christ, giving me the opportunity to see what it takes to pursue God in that very personal way."

Though pastoral ministry can be challenging, Leaver's focus on God's work through the church drives him daily. "Don't get me wrong: church work is tough and trying, but it is also one of the most rewarding places to serve in the Kingdom!" he explained. "The local church is ground zero for God's activity on earth. Think about it - the local church is THE thing Christ established through His disciples, so in a very real way there's no better place to be than serving in the local church! Week in and week out, I get to see God on the move in families, marriages, addictions and suffering."

For more information on our pastoral ministry program, visit [lbc.edu/pastoral](http://lbc.edu/pastoral)

# Leading on Empty

By Dr. Wayne Cordeiro ('17),  
Lead Mentor of the Master  
of Arts in Formational  
Leadership

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It came to a head while I was out on a run one evening during a trip to California. One minute I was jogging along on the sidewalk, and the next minute I was sitting on the curb, sobbing uncontrollably, and I didn't have a clue what was happening to me. Leading on empty will drain more than your energy. It will drain your soul.

Somehow, I made it through the speaking engagement I had that night and limped home to Hawaii. Back home again, my situation seemed to go from bad to worse. I began developing physical symptoms: erratic heartbeats, difficulty breathing, insomnia.

New fears began to mushroom. Remembering that my father had passed away from heart disease and high blood pressure, I began wondering if that was to be my fate as well.

It's a weariness, a fatigue that stalks you from a distance, and like a mountain lion, it pounces on you when you least expect it. Burnout. No, it didn't happen because of sin or any violation of the basic principles of health. It happened because I'm passionate and because I'm human.

But, coming to grips with the fact that we are not bulletproof anymore can be an eye-opening discovery. Leadership confidence, which was once a badge of honor, now must be filtered by honest evaluation, age and humility.

After experiencing a season of burnout, and an even longer season of recuperation, I find I'm profoundly different now. I wish I could have been able to discern the early warning signs, but I didn't. Leaders seldom do. They, who were once mobilized by a vision, are now captured by it. What once propelled them, now, will not let them go. But I learned some profound lessons along the way.

## FATIGUE PARAMETERS

I have the same amount of energy as I did before, but I don't have the same longevity as I did. I used to be able to go a year or more without a break before I fatigued. My error was not that I fatigued at three months ... but that I'd keep running for another two before I took a break. I had violated an invisible parameter of fatigue. For two months, I would run on empty. I look back on the decisions made during those two months, and the choice of words, and the options I had taken were less than acceptable. I gave quick answers but not insightful ones. I would be present but not necessarily engaged.

## RECHARGE DAILY

Solomon wrote, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life" (Proverbs 4:23, NAS). The springs of life! The headwaters of the soul. You can't refresh those springs from the outside in. Only God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, can release those vital energies from deep within the human spirit. There He evaluates, renews and recharges. It must begin at the headwaters of our souls.

Each morning I intentionally make time to do my devotions. It is an hour where I sit at His feet, read a certain amount of passages and journal. It is a time where God refreshes my soul and recalibrates anything that is out of kilter. No, it is not a time where I study the Bible. It is a time where I let it study me—a time to scrub my heart, my motives and my soul.

## PLAN RESTS FIRST

Composers know the importance of scoring appropriate rests into each piece. The long notes make an otherwise rough piece of music, smooth. In Jacob the Baker, Noah benShea writes, "It's the space between the notes that makes the music."

I have learned the importance of this truth in my life song. I must write in the rests before the conductor collapses from the continuous staccatos, detached notes incessantly fired in rapid succession. I need longer notes. I needed more legatos...with feeling. But finding those legatos doesn't always come easily.

I used to wait until there was a break in the action to take a break. Not anymore. I sit with my calendar and plan first, not last, the breaks I will need.

I remember training for a long distance race. My coach instructed me to hydrate at certain time intervals. "Every 15 minutes," he told me, "you drink six ounces of water. Keep an eye on your watch so you don't violate your hydration limits."

"But, coach, what if I'm not thirsty?" "Listen to me," he said with a firmer tone. "If you wait to take a drink until you're thirsty, it's too late. Your body is already into dehydration. You can't afford that."

Schedule rests in before your calendar fills up. Rest is not an afterthought—it has to be a primary responsibility. It brings a rhythm back to life and a cadence that makes life sustainable. If you are tired, your soul gets weary. And if your soul gets weary, you've depleted more than you can afford.

Leading on empty will drain more than your energy. It will drain your soul. But with a few changes, you won't find yourself crying on the curb in the middle of nowhere. Instead, you will find a symphony of new discoveries, intersected with long legatos, which makes for beautiful music.

For more information on our Master of Arts in Formational Leadership where Cordeiro serves as the lead mentor, visit [lbc.edu/formational-leadership](http://lbc.edu/formational-leadership)



## 1960s

**Dr. Donald ('62), WBC/CBS ('64) and Joanne (Strain '63) Alban** are both delighted to be back in Lancaster County after a total of 54 years of serving the Lord in Brazil, Tennessee, Missouri, West Virginia and Virginia. The pair met in 1961 while they were both students at Lancaster School of the Bible.

## 1980s



**Robert Evaul, WBC ('88)** has been serving as a Zone 7 Consultant for the Illinois Baptist State Association and as a pastor of Oconee Baptist

Church in Oconee, Ill. and his wife, Carol, is currently teaching and involved in volunteer ministries. They both served as missionaries in Bolivia for 20 years.

## 1990s



**Barbara (Coldren '92) Leaman** recently moved to Lititz from Dillsburg to live with her son and daughter-in-law. She continues to enjoy getting

together with friends and family, church activities, music and reading.

## 2000s

**Dr. Paul Hollinger ('07)** was named the recipient of the 2017 William Ward Ayer Award for Distinguished Service by the National Religious Broadcasters. The award was presented March 2 at the NRB Christian Media Convention.

**Rich Landosky ('04)** now serves as the associate pastor of ministry development at New Life Church in Toms River, N.J. after serving for 22½ years as the pastor of student ministries at Aldan Union Church in Aldan, Pa.

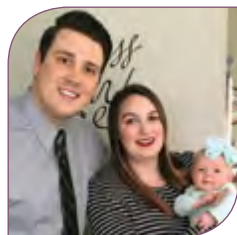
## 2010s



**Kara (Campbell '12) Geib** and husband, Jeremy, welcomed their son, Cameron, into the world on March 17, 2017.

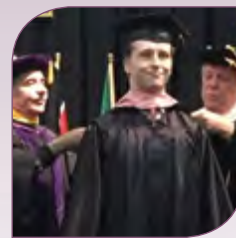
**Timothy Koller ('12)** has accepted a position at Denver Seminary and is moving to Denver, Colorado with his family.

**Katrina Pecht ('12)** and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their precious little girl, Savannah Rose, into the world on August 24, 2016. They currently live near State College, Pa.



**Rich Dugan ('14)** and his wife, Kaitlyn Farrow Dugan, welcomed their beautiful daughter, Kyah Elizabeth, into the world on

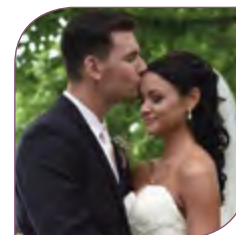
February 2. Rich is also one of many pastors serving at Zarephath Christian Church in Somerset, N.J.



**Brenten Megee ('15)** graduated from West Chester University with a master's degree in vocal performance in May 2017.

**Marissa Hardy ('15)** has been teaching English in South Korea since September 2016 and will be continuing into the fall of 2017 with 600 students total. She has started taking graduate courses to earn her Master of Social Work degree.

**Corey Leonard ('15) and Kate (Webster '16)** Leonard now live in Mount Airy, Md. Kate serves at Mount Airy Christian Academy as the director of student life and Corey works at Hope Builders as manager of deliveries. They are happily married and are enjoying life. Both Corey and Kate miss their LBC family, but are so thankful for their time at the college.



**Trevor Marsh ('15)** married the love of his life, Suzy Galvin, in Lancaster, Pa. on May 21.

**John Martinez ('15)** is the pastor of Saint John's Evangelical Congregational Church in Allentown, Pa. and a proud grandfather.

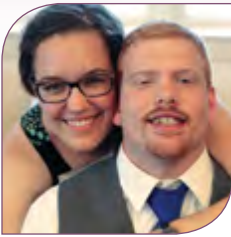


**Whitney (Longacre '15) Reynard** and her husband, **Jon Reynard ('16)**, welcomed their son, Clark Richard, into the world on March 9, 2017.



**Joshua McFalls ('16) and Beth (Kerstetter '16) Mcfalls** were married on April 22, 2017 in Watsontown, Pa.

**Christina McLaughlin ('16)** has accepted the position of director of children's ministry at Providence Church in New Providence, Pa.



**Kyle Crist ('17) and his wife, Jess (Kelly '15)** Crist moved to Le Mars, Ia. where Kyle serves as the director of care at Rejoice Community Church.

## RESTING IN HIS PRESENCE

**Kenneth Milton Jury ('55)**  
1923 – 2017

Jury, a 1955 graduate of the college, entered into the presence of the Lord on April 21, 2017. He was 93 years old and is survived by his loving wife Shirley Barlow and their two children. Jury was a proud Navy veteran who served during World War II, beloved husband, community member and prominent figure in his local church. He served for many years as an elder at West Grove Presbyterian Church, and also as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and teacher. He will be remembered for his love of others and his fondness for gardening.

**Glenn Dale Davidson ('75)**  
1933 – 2017

Davidson entered into eternal rest on April 26, 2017. He was 83 years old and is survived by Amy Fasnacht Davidson, his wife of 62 years, along with his four children. Davidson was an Army veteran and proudly served our country during the Korean War, along with additional service in the Army Reserve. He also worked for many years before and after his military service at the Wilbur Chocolate Company in research and public relations. After he graduated from LBC in 1975, he and his wife spent many years doing missions work around the country with Village Missions.

### LBC | Capital Announces Alumni Referral Program

## EACH ONE REACH ONE

By Rev. Rodney Carter Jr. ('15), Director of Alumni



As a graduate of Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School, you represent the caliber of student we strive to equip, train and empower. There is no one who understands what it is that we do here more than you! That's why we want your help to find and recruit the right kind of students – students like you. The Each One Reach One program empowers you, our alumni, to identify mission fit LBC | Capital students and bless them with a scholarship\* to the college! When you refer students to LBC | Capital who are then accepted as students, they'll receive a scholarship\* in your name and a waived application fee. Want to learn more? Visit [lbc.edu/refer](http://lbc.edu/refer)

*\*Scholarship amount varies based upon academic level*

ALUMNI

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## SPOTLIGHT

By Rev. Rodney Carter Jr. ('15), Director of Alumni

Like many other 18-year-olds in Lancaster County, Ben Foley headed off to college in the fall of 2005. It was a pivotal time in his life; he had just finished high school, realized that his dream of playing professional baseball might not come true, and most importantly, that summer, he and his best friend Dave Neff had rededicated their lives to the Lord. During his very first semester as a college freshman, he began to feel the Lord leading him in a different direction – back to Lancaster to study at LBC.

During one of his first weeks at our Lancaster campus, Foley participated in the college's annual Missions Conference. That year, the keynote speaker's focus was "Eternal Perspective." The concept resonated with him deeply, and afterwards, he often found himself wandering through the library grabbing books on the topic. "I was so enthralled with the reality of eternity," said Foley. "It wasn't just another topic, but a matter of how do I practically and intentionally live in light of eternity?"

Little did he know that just a few months later the concept of eternity would become a reality. At 5:29 p.m., his pastor's wife called him in tears and told him that Neff had been killed in a motorcycle accident. And while the loss of his best friend was immense, Foley saw God working through the testimony of Neff's life. A Bible study that the pair started together began to grow, giving Foley more opportunities to share the gospel. It was in this setting that he began to recognize his budding gifts in preaching, teaching and ministry. "People began to encourage me that there was a gift there," explained Foley. "I was simply hungry to know God more and make him known to as many as possible."

Foley changed his major to pastoral ministry and doors began opening for him to share his story in churches and even in other countries.

Now, many years later, God is still using those gifts. Today, Foley works as the president of ServeNow. This Christian organization addresses the needs of marginalized people all around the world, and currently partners with 1,000 churches in India, Nepal, Uganda, Ukraine and Sweden, with hopes to expand into the Middle East. The organization takes a unique approach to their ministry – they ask the national leaders and pastors of each country that they partner with to tell them where their greatest needs are. Because of this, ServeNow offers many types of aid, including pastoral training programs in remote areas, Bible and Christian literature distributions, anti-trafficking skill training programs, providing winter coverings and mosquito nets, disaster relief and other forms of humanitarian aid. And as if that wasn't enough, ServeNow also champions the welfare and education of women, children, orphans, refugees and at-risk youth worldwide.

After just four years of operation, ServeNow has helped over one million people in both spiritual and practical ways. "It's amazing to be part of a movement where so much can be accomplished through so little," said Foley, speaking of the organization's important work. "The key is partnering with natives in each location who have the passion and vision to make changes, but need people to come alongside them to equip and enable them. Together, we can make a long-lasting impact in their church, communities and country."

According to Foley, his education at LBC helped to lay the foundation for the work he does today. "I took it for granted at the time," said Foley about his time at the college, "But looking back, LBC prepared me and laid the foundation for a life and ministry rooted and grounded in God's eternal, unchanging, but always culturally relevant Word."

A portrait of Ben Foley, a young man with short brown hair and a light beard, smiling warmly. He is wearing a bright blue button-down shirt. The background is a plain, light color.

# Ben Foley '06



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# HOMECOMING & Family Weekend 2017

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# Upcoming Events

AT LBC | CAPITAL & THE TRUST PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

For more information regarding these events or to purchase tickets, visit [lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events)  
To contact the LBC Box Office, call 717.560.8241 or email [events@lbc.edu](mailto:events@lbc.edu)

Sunday, August 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. – Barbra Streisand

## PORTRAIT OF A LADY: A REJI WOODS PRODUCTION

The Trust Performing Arts Center

This inspirational live cabaret will be held in the intimate setting of the Trust Performing Arts Center's Black Box Theater. This eight week series features the music of four legendary divas, including the music of Carole King, Christina Aguilera, Tina Turner and Barbra Streisand.

Adults: \$20

Students with ID: \$15

[lancastertrust.com](http://lancastertrust.com)

Saturday, August 26

## EXPERIENCE DAY

LBC | Capital - Greenbelt

Want to experience what it's like to be a student at our Greenbelt, Maryland location? Now you can! Join us to preview classes, chat with professors and get more information on LBC | Capital's accelerated undergraduate, graduate and seminary programs.

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Friday, September 1 at 6 p.m.

## SEASON PREVIEW AT THE TRUST

The Trust Performing Arts Center

Join us for our annual season preview where you'll get the chance to hear about all the amazing artists that will perform at The Trust this year.

Admission is Free

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Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.

## CHALACA

The Trust Performing Arts Center

Internationally acclaimed clarinetist Benito Meza, harpist Bridget Kibbey and percussionist Samuel Torres come together for an evening celebrating the verve of Nuevo Latino Culture.

General Admission: \$20

Seniors and Veterans: \$16

Students with ID: \$10

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Friday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 23 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

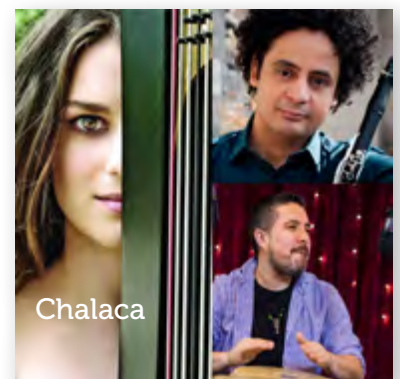
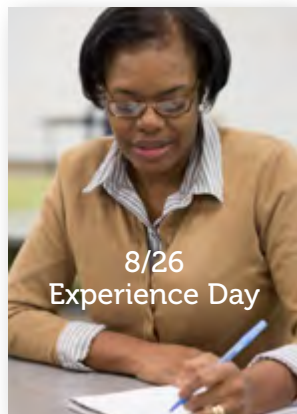
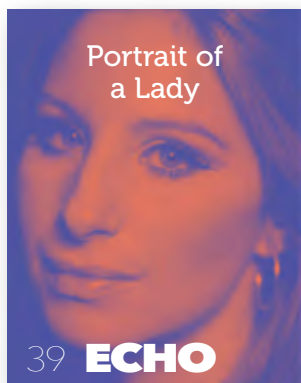
Friday, September 29 at 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

## FALL PLAY: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

Pride and Prejudice remains one of the most beloved English novels of all time, with characters such as the witty Elizabeth, sweet Jane, wealthy Mr. Darcy, dashing Lieutenant Wickham, match-making Mrs. Bennet and amiable Mr. Bingley. Elizabeth Bennet, while not desiring a





husband, meets Mr. Darcy, the richest man in the county, and begins a humorous and prejudiced friendship that tries her good sense and makes her realize that first impressions are not always trustworthy.

[lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events)

**Saturday, September 23**

### OPEN HOUSE

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

If you're ready to earn your associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, join us at our open houses for LBC's accelerated undergraduate, graduate and seminary programs. When you attend, you'll learn about our flexible course schedules, online and on-campus degree options and much more.

[lbc.edu/openhouse](http://lbc.edu/openhouse)

**Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6**

### CHARGER DAYS

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

Charger Days at LBC | Capital give prospective undergraduate students the chance to get a taste of student life on our Lancaster campus! Guests can choose to stay overnight in our dormitories, interact with current students and faculty, worship in chapel, tour the campus, learn more about our undergraduate programs and participate in other fun activities.

[lbc.edu/chargerday](http://lbc.edu/chargerday)

**Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m.**

### CHAMBER SINGERS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

Join us for an evening of acapella masterpieces as we

celebrate this milestone together, exactly 10 years from the date of the Chamber Singers' first concert. The program will feature this year's ensemble performing favorite repertoire from the past decade as chosen by Chamber Singers alumni. The concert will end with a rousing finale performed by Chamber Singers, both past and present.

[lancastertrust.com](http://lancastertrust.com)

**Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4 at 7 p.m.**

### A MIGHTY FORTRESS: A Concert Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

As part of LBC's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, The Worship & Performing Arts department proudly presents Felix Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony, featuring a festival orchestra of LBC students, faculty and regional professionals; the Reformation cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach featuring the LBC chorale and guest soloists; and Beethoven's Choral Fantasy with department chair, Dr. Paul Thorlakson on piano with combined forces of the festival orchestra, LBC chorale and several local high school choirs.

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**Friday, December 1 at 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

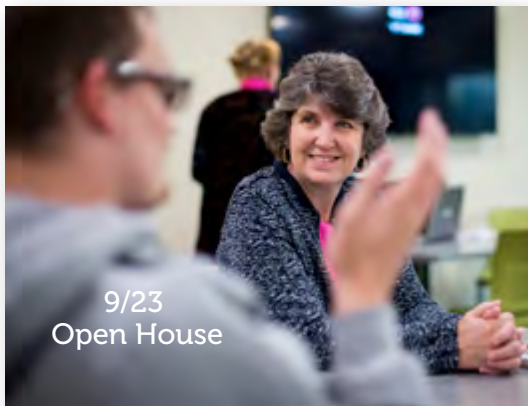
### AN OLDE WORLDE CHRISTMAS

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

The Worship & Performing Arts department will take you on a nostalgic Christmas journey, highlighting the classic stories and familiar carols of yore.

Admission is free, but tickets are required to attend.

[lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events)



# Upcoming Events

Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.

## VOCES8

The Trust Performing Arts Center

This Beloved British a cappella ensemble has been called "The slickest of the lot... fans of a cappella ought to hear this." by BBC Radio 3. Now, you can hear them performing live at The Trust!

General Admission: \$35  
Seniors and Veterans: \$28  
Students with ID: \$17.50

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Friday, January 19 at 12:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, January 26 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 27 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## WINTER MUSICAL: MARY POPPINS

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

Everyone's favorite practically perfect nanny, Mary Poppins, comes to LBC's stage in this supercalifragilisticexpialidocious musical adventure. Reserve your tickets for this Disney show soon - they're sure to go fast!

[lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events)

Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m.

## THE TRUST COLLECTIVE

The Trust Performing Arts Center

Enjoy a potpourri of chamber music featuring the region's most respected classical musicians.

General Admission: \$20  
Seniors and Veterans: \$16  
Students with ID: \$10

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Thursday, April 19

## BALLET MAGNIFICAT!

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

America's premiere Christian ballet company takes the stage in the Good Shepherd Chapel in their Lancaster debut. Made possible by the Melva S. McIlwaine concert and masterclass endowment.

General Admission \$15  
Seniors and Veterans \$12  
Students with ID \$7.50

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Saturday, May 5

## SHADEY'S RUGGED RUN

LBC | Capital - Lancaster Campus

3.5 miles worth of mud, sludge and lots of fun! All proceeds raised from the race will be donated to LBC Athletics and Penn State Hershey Children's Miracle Network.

[shadeysruggedrun.com](http://shadeysruggedrun.com)

Monday, June 8

## CHARGER CHALLENGE

Unlike most tournaments, final scores don't determine the winner here. Whether you win or lose the Charger Challenge Golf Tournament, you're helping to raise funds for LBC's athletic programs and scholarship program. Now that's a win-win.

[lbc.edu/golf](http://lbc.edu/golf)

# A Brook & A Vision

## Where Our Church & Ministry Leadership Department is Headed

By Dr. Rick Rhoads ('97), Chair of the Church & Ministry Leadership Department

**A**s a young boy, one of my favorite stories in scripture was the tale of David and Goliath. I remember hearing the story often and being inspired by the faith, courage and vision that the young shepherd displayed. Throughout the years, this real life engagement between a warrior soldier and a small boy has taught me many lessons. A few years ago, while teaching in Israel, I had the opportunity to travel to the Valley of Elah and stand in the very brook where David and Goliath met many years ago. It was surreal to say the least!

As I reflected in that space, I was struck by how David's vision and response intentionally addressed a problem within the culture (which was literally a big problem – Goliath the giant). Well, thousands of years later, the issues surrounding culture and our broken world are not much different. In a similar way to David's time, spiritual and physical expressions of God's grand mission are needed tangibly as local and global influencers to produce change. As we find ourselves immersed in the digital age, the church and its 2000-year-old mission are needed now more than ever. To engage this grand mission will take strength, fortitude, resilience and wisdom to understand and study our heritage in order to chart the vision for the future.

### Looking Back in Order to Move Forward

**OUR HISTORY THEN:** 84 years ago, Henry Heydt founded Lancaster School of the Bible in downtown Lancaster as an answer to a growing problem in central Pennsylvania - a lack of well-equipped men and women in ministry work. His solution was simple: create an environment where men and women could be equipped for the missional engagement of community and church in the Great Depression era world of the 1930s.



**OUR VISION TODAY:** Our vision is simple. We, the Church & Ministry Leadership Department of LBC | Capital, exist to cultivate disciples and craft spiritually formed ministry leaders for engagement and influence in a digitally interconnected world. This vision is accomplished by developing and equipping leaders through inspired teaching, life on life discipleship and participation in both the local and global church. Ministry leaders are equipped at various stages of spiritual development, capturing everything

- from the young millennials entering ministry seeking a bachelor's degree to the fulltime ministry or corporate leader seeking a PhD in leadership or Doctor of Ministry.

### OUR GUIDING VALUES:

Our vision is guided and accomplished by living out eight core values, which in turn, each CML team member commits to live and teach in community. Our core values consist of disciple making, spiritual health, conflict resolution, being globally minded, truth telling, leading out of family, team partnership and being reflective practitioners.

As the Church & Ministry Leadership department lives out its vision in 2017, my prayer is that we would have the heart of David, preparing men and women who would seek to answer the difficult questions and problems of our time; becoming an embodied solution as a representation of the gospel in all areas of church and society. As I left the brook that day in the Valley of Elah, I sensed God teaching me another lesson. A lesson that I pray is imparted to the men and women who become missional culture shapers for the cause of Christ. For more information on our graduate and seminary programs, visit [lbc.edu/capital](http://lbc.edu/capital)

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