



ALUMNI FOOTPRINTS

KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

KMBC'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 1, 2021

On May 1, the KMBC Alumni Association will be celebrating KMBC's 90th birthday. KMBC, then KMBI, was founded in 1931 by Miss Lela G. McConnell and Miss Martha Archer. They began with three students in an old abandoned coal commissary building located near where Hwy 15 and 205 intersect, which is about three miles from our present campus. There was also a small house which became the men's dorm and home of the men's dorm parents. KMBI was started because a number of the Mt. Carmel students were getting called to ministry and needed some Bible college training.

Since this is a big anniversary for the college, we want to celebrate in a big way. We plan to have our regular hymn sing and testimony time, plus have KMBC singing groups from the past come and sing. We are going all out to make the meal extra good this year. Following the meal will be the Stars vs the Stiffs basketball game between the KMBC students and the alumni. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your classmates to come for this extra special occasion!



Mark Your Calendars:

Plan to attend Homecoming (Alumni Day) on May 2, 2020!

Reunion Classes:

1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016.

Reunion Class Officers:

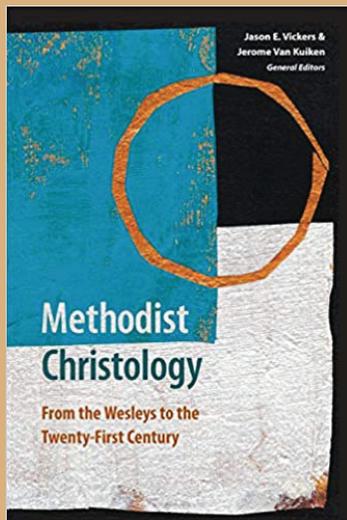
Please help us contact your reunion classes! If you need your classmates' contact information, please email us at kmbcalumni@gmail.com, or write for it at Alumni Secretary, 855 Hwy 541, Jackson, KY 41339.

DR. JOHN NEIHOF SCHOLARSHIP FUND



At the time of Dr. John's death, friends spontaneously gave \$5,958.00 to establish an endowed scholarship fund in his memory. Two months later, at our annual meeting, the KMBC Alumni Association voted to make last year's project to raise funds for his scholarship. The Alumni Association has raised an additional \$9,556.93, making the total amount for the John Neihof Scholarship \$15,517.93. To all who gave we say a big thank you!!

NEW BOOK



Jerome Van Kuiken ('96) and Jason E. Vickers recently published a book called *Methodist Christology: From the Wesleys to the Twenty-first Century*. An international group of Pan-Wesleyan scholars address this question posed by Jaroslav Pelikan: What happened to Methodist Christology after Wesley?

2021 ALUMNI PROJECT

The special alumni project for this year is to buy new kitchen equipment, in honor of Miss Mary Ellen Mowery. Miss Mowery was very hard working and committed to KMBC. She graduated from KMBI in 1961 and worked as a dietitian until 2019, a total of 58 years! She grew up in the small town of Putneyville, Pennsylvania, in the western part of the state. She had worked in a factory for nine years prior to coming to KMBC. With her earnings she had bought a pink convertible. This car made her popular with the lady students, since there were very few cars on campus. On her day off she was often busy hauling the female students to town. In those days it took 45 minutes just to drive the old way to Jackson. Now it takes about 7 minutes.

We feel that it is most fitting to honor Miss Mowery for her exemplary service to KMBC. She has been an extraordinary cook. She has a gift for seasoning the food to make it taste home cooked. Miss Mowery also knew how to cook with what was available. If the college

received lots of cabbage or apples, she knew how to make lots of tasty dishes with those ingredients. She was very frugal and saved the college a lot of money. Because Miss Mowery was so frugal, she seldom asked for new equipment – she chose to do the best with what she had. This means that our stoves are old and need to be replaced.

The newest conventional stove is 25 years old. The project plan is to buy a double wall natural gas convection oven for \$6,324 and a six burner gas range with griddle/broiler and two standard ovens for \$4,836, for a grand total of \$11,160.

What better way to honor our retired dietitian

than to give money to retrofit the kitchen, where she worked for 58 years, in her honor.

Just send your gift to KMBC, marked for the Alumni Project.



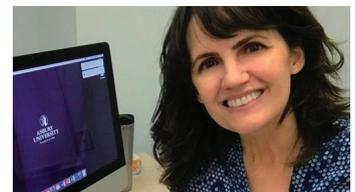
FOOTPRINTS HERE & THERE

Randy Waller ('67) has served with the Free Methodist for 38 years. For the last 16 years, he has been serving as chaplain at the Hearthstone Senior Center in Woodstock, Illinois, and this year he is retiring.



Wesley Biblical Seminary honored the memory of Dr. John Neihof, by dedicating the new campus building in his memory. He served as President of Wesley Biblical Seminary from 2013-2019.

Barry Shaffer ('79) is Resident Chaplain at Central Lynchburg General Hospital. He is also Minister of Music at Sedalia Baptist Church in Big Island, Virginia.



Debbie Cundiff Merrill ('85) is serving as an adjunct professor at Asbury Seminary this year, teaching Social Studies methods for elementary education majors. She is also a supervisor for student teachers.

Dan Lorimer ('09) was recently selected as one of five recipients of the Breathitt County Outstanding Citizen Award for 2020. Dan has made a significant impact upon Breathitt County through his leadership of Mountain Gospel Radio.

DJ (FS) and Sarah (Schick, '17) Hoff are dorm parents at Mount Carmel High School.

FREE KMBC REFRESHER COURSE

This coming spring semester KMBC is making a special offer to all who graduated from KMBI with an associates degree or from KMBC with a bachelors degree. If you are in one of these categories, you may take a refresher course from KMBC, free of charge for your own personal enrichment. KMBC wants to partner with its alumni and help them enjoy the invigorating experience of lifelong learning. To take advantage of this great opportunity contact David Lorimer at 800-TRY-KMBC x 130, kmbc@kmbc.edu, or visit kmbc.edu/apply. A few great courses being offered include *Isaiah* with Dr. John Oswalt, *Theology and Practice of Prayer* with Rev. Jim Nelson, and *Adult Discipleship* with Dr. Becky Luman.

WEDDINGS



Lori Detweiler ('89) married Ken Phillips on September 5, 2020. Rev. Robert Cundiff officiated.



Andrea Willis ('18) married Daniel Segool on September 19, 2020.

NURSERY



Clarissa Eleanor Litchfield was born to Jacob and Naomi Litchfield on November 1st, 2020. She joins a brother and 3 sisters. They are missionaries in Thailand.



Charlotte Grace Robinson was born to Sarah (Fortner '13) and William Robinson on October 25, 2020. She joins two sisters.



Lucy Elizabeth Wright was born to E.J. ('20) and Sarah Wright on October 20, 2020.



Sarah ('17) and DJ (FS) Hoff adopted Ricardo David Thomas Hoff on July 31, 2020. His paternal grandparents are Richard ('67) and Paula Settles. D.J. and Sarah have recently become boys' Dorm parents at Mount Carmel High School.



Caycie Lynn Killingsworth was born on July 24, 2020 to Cody (FS) and Ciarra Killingsworth (FS).



Silas David Cooper was born to David ('03) and Trisha ('06) Cooper on July 7. He joins 6 brothers and sisters. David & Trisha pastor Deford Community Church in Deford MI.



Mack Taylor Stephenson was born to Gareth and Courtney Stephenson on June 11, 2020. He joins a brother and a sister. Gareth and Courtney pastor Parkway House of Prayer in Roanoke, Virginia.



Natali Ferrera was born to Mariela (Contreras '13) and Jose Ferrera on May 21, 2020. She is their firstborn.



Henry and Louis Nurge were born to Megan (Mullins) ('08) and Calvin Nurge on May 10. Their maternal grandparents are Bill ('07) & Beth ('15) Ryan.

ANNIVERSARIES

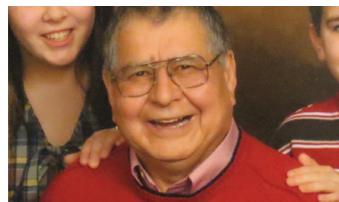


Richard ('67) and Paula Settles celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 3.

IN HEAVEN



Mary Fisher ('61) passed away on July 28. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Harold Davis. She is survived by her husband Sam, son Nathan, daughter Charla, and her sisters Ruth Cundiff ('57) and Katheryn Bowden ('64). She had a purpose to honor Jesus and help people as she worked as a nurse, trained nurses, and did church work. She loved to travel and loved others. Her life was one of Praise and Joy.



Dan Gandera (FS) passed away on August 30, 2020. He is survived by his wife Margo ('62) and son Shane Gandera ('88)



Darel Fruth ('56) passed away in August. After graduating from KMBI, he went on to receive a ministerial degree, a teaching certification, and a masters degree in Education Administration. He served as teacher and principal in various schools and as a pastor in Wesleyan churches in Ohio and Indiana. He and his family then moved to Arizona where he continued his education career. He loved working with his students, both as teacher and administrator, until he retired in 1998. He beat cancer three different times. He is survived by his wife Gerrie ('56), his brother David Fruth ('62), 5 children, and 8 grandchildren.



Robert Jean Cottle ('59) passed away on Oct. 22. He was the husband of Ruth Mary (Bongard, '59) Cottle. They shared 60 years of marriage together. He held ordination credentials with the Central Michigan Evangelistic Association, the Sanctified Church of Christ, and the Church of the Nazarene. He pastored in four different denominations, was the founder of the West Branch Community Church, and served on various boards of faith-based organizations. After retirement, he continued to serve God by pastoring two churches, serving as an associate pastor, and was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Lenoir City, TN.

He loved evangelism and was passionate about leading people to his Savior, Jesus Christ. He is survived by Ruth Mary (Bongard, '59) Cottle, children; Elizabeth ('82) (Brian) Carr, Rebecca (Dan '78) Miller, Samuel (LeAnn) Cottle, Esther (Melvin) Rigsby, Joseph (Ann) Cottle, Mary (Eric) Cobb, Andrew (Candy) Cottle; Forty-Three grandchildren; Thirty great-grandchildren.

KMBC CLASS OF 2020

The KMBC Class of 2020 were Laura Eash, BA in Biblical & Theological Studies; Jacob Elliott, BA in Biblical & Theological Studies; Andrea Miller, BA in Christian Ministries; Velda Miller, BA in Christian Ministries; Bill Scott, BA in Pastoral Ministries; Luke Williamson, BA in Christian Ministries; EJ Wright, BA in Missional Christianity; Katie Elliott, AA; Gage Forte, AA; Samantha Golden, AA; and Zach Sparks, AA. Here are a few highlights on where God is leading these KMBC graduates:



Recent Graduate Bill Scott ('20) and his wife Tabitha are making some waves in Houston, Texas! Bill is a campus missionary with Ratio Christi at Houston Baptist University, where he reaches skeptics, Muslims, and everything in between on their campus. Ratio Christi is an apologetics organization that seeks to reach our nation's youth with the gospel and answers the skepticism that has been caused by the secular influence in our county. Bill has been studying with a well-known Muslim leader and Imam and has also joined a local house church movement that focuses on evangelizing immigrants. Though they are non-denominational, their leadership is formerly from the Church of the Nazarene. Bill is also pursuing a masters of arts in Christian Apologetics at Houston Baptist University. Bill said that he is very thankful for the preparation that he received at Kentucky Mountain Bible College that has helped him tremendously in his master's work.

God has got some big things in store for Bill and Tabitha. Please keep them in prayer as they continue to take back some ground for Jesus in Houston, Texas and beyond!

If you would be interested in Bill coming to speak for your ministry, please contact him at billscott@ratiochristi.org or call him at (606) 272-3387.



Jacob Elliott ('20) is pursuing his Masters of Arts in Apologetics at Houston Baptist University.



Andrea Miller ('20) serves as Head Cook at KMBC. Her husband Nate Miller ('19) is also on staff at KMBC.



Velda Miller ('20) works at "Mission to Amish People". She helps the young women who leave the Amish to start a new life, and she mentors and discipless them.



Luke Williamson ('20) is serving as assistant pastor at Springfield Methodist Protestant Church in Thomasville, Alabama, where he works with the youth, and leads music.

FOOTPRINTS TO GRADUATION & ORDINATION



David Bagby ('15) graduated at the top of his class this May from Wesley Biblical Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree. David says: "My experience at WBS has greatly shaped me personally as a follower of Jesus and has greatly shaped the ministries that God has called me to do. As an assistant pastor and teacher, I have taken the Biblical and Theological content from my WBS classes and have applied that content right into

the pulpit and classroom. WBS has been crucial in preparing me for a lifetime of preaching and teaching." David continues to teach for KMBC while currently working on a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Freddie Finley ('05) received his Iowa preachers' license in the Church of the Nazarene, on July 10.



Tyrel Carter ('19) received his Iowa preachers license in the

Church of the Nazarene on July 10.



Brandy Brooks ('14) recently graduated Cum Laude with a bachelors of science in, Instructional Design from Asbury University.

Yechan Son ('18) graduated with a B.A. in Worship Arts and Church Music from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is now pursuing a Master of Arts in Worship Arts and Music Ministry at Wesley Seminary.