



NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Summer 2011

DEDICATION CELEBRATION OCTOBER 14TH & 15TH

Come Join Us &
Help Us Celebrate!

Mark your calendars! This will be a weekend at NCC you don't want to miss! We will be dedicating our new **Sapp Brothers Memorial Ministry Equipping Center** along with various alumni events, free concerts and awesome times of worship for the entire family!

- **Alumni Events**
- **Main Event Featuring:** Avalon, Darrell Evans leading worship, the NCC Gospel Choir & Keynote Speaker David Faust
- **Concerts:** Avalon, The Allen Family Singers, Jordan Howerton Band
- **KidZone:** Free event for children



JORDAN HOWERTON BAND



DAVID FAUST



NCC GOSPEL CHOIR

See next page for more details.



ALLEN FAMILY SINGERS



DARRELL EVANS



AVALON

"Dixie and I are looking forward to seeing many of our NCC alumni friends and former students at the Dedication Celebration. Hope to see you there!" - Lowell Burkum

FINISHING TOUCHES

DEDICATION CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

FREE EVENT

Friday, October 14

10:00 am

- Darrell Evans worship seminar
www.darrellevans.com

4:00 pm

- Ribbon Cutting

5:00 pm

- Barbecue

6:30 pm

- Alumni Event

8:00 pm

- The Allen Family Singers in concert
www.allenministries.com

Saturday, October 15

There will be a KidZone children's event during the day featuring Angela Naeve, a dynamic children's music leader & songwriter.

9:00 am

- Remembering NCC's Legacy

1:00 pm

- Dedication Celebration Main Event featuring:
 - Keynote Speaker David Faust
 - Avalon
www.avalonlive.com
21 chart topping singles, 6 Dove Awards, 3 Grammy nominations and an American Music Award
 - Darrell Evans leading worship
 - NCC Gospel Choir
 - Celebration Offering

4:00 pm

- Avalon Concert

6:30 pm

- Jordan Howerton Band Concert

“Wow! It looks kind of like an ant farm out here,” commented a recent visitor. They were referring to the flurry of activity going on at the construction site for our new Sapp Brothers Memorial Ministry Equipping Center. The basic structure is up, the concrete road is poured, and the inside is really taking shape. We have been assured that construction of the building will be completed by the middle of August. Things will then need a good dusting, a generous dose of decorating, lots of furniture, technology and...students. This whole project is about our students. This building should help recruit even more students and help us do an even better job of equipping them for ministry.

You can see by the pictures that the majority of the exterior work is complete and the interior is now receiving much of the attention. Our students will soon be receiving the benefits of the spacious chapel, the designated classroom spaces, the coffee lounge in the reception area and the outdoor courtyard. This is an exciting time on our campus as we anticipate the completion of this building, the arrival of new students and the return of current students for another year of outstanding ministry training.

Since our last newsletter there has been good progress toward reaching our \$3 million goal for the purchase of this important building. We feel blessed that to date close to 80% of the funds have been raised toward the goal, however, we are still in need of just over \$600,000. We continue to meet with friends of the college to ask for their support of this project, and many are saying, “yes!” to this unique and progressive opportunity to help advance the Kingdom of God. So many have given and are now praying for success.



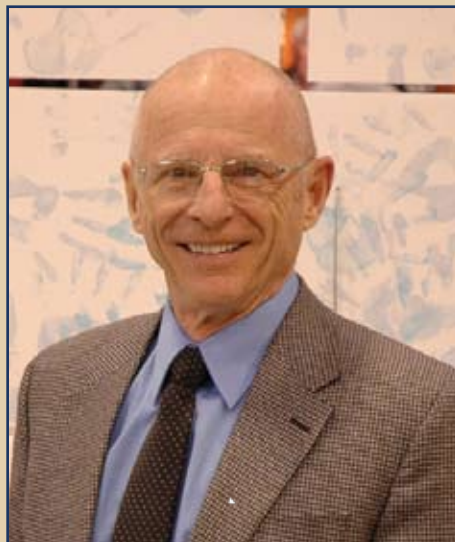
If you have not yet had an opportunity to invest in The Next Chapter campaign through a pledge, please contact us today with your three-year pledge. Our Dedication Celebration service on October 15th will be so much sweeter if we are able to announce, “the goal has been reached!” There will be a Celebration Offering taken during the main session of the Dedication Celebration and we ask that you please be praying in advance about how you can get involved in equipping the next generation of Christian leaders through this offering.

Please make plans to join us for a weekend of celebration for all ages! This will be a free event. Reservations are not required to attend. As a courtesy, if you plan on attending any of the events, please go to www.goingtoNCC.com and let us know you are coming so we can plan accordingly. This site will also have the latest details about the Dedication Celebration.

THE DUNNING LECTURES

SEPT. 28-30

Dr. LeRoy Lawson is a well known speaker and consultant and has served as senior pastor, college president, English professor and more throughout his life. Lectures will be delivered on campus from 11 a.m. to noon each day.



December 9, 2011

Nebraska Christian College
presents the fourth annual

Colors of Christmas



denvermho.com



Featuring:

Denver and the
Mile High Orchestra
&
NCC Gospel Choir

EMPLOY YOUR GIFTS

Employed!

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NASB)

The Apostle Peter is moved by the Holy Spirit to challenge God's people in his generation to steward well- "fully employ" the gifts they have received. I wonder how different the Church today might be if these verses were heard and obeyed fully in our generation. What I imagine is a throng of newly enthused volunteers, who are diversely equipped, producing a crescendo of praise. It has happened before. Consider this story from the pages of Nebraska Church history.

Engaged!

Just before the difficult years of the Great Depression, a young man's life was transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ. Though many things in his life changed completely, some elements simply merged into his new life in Christ. This young man employed his ability to make beautiful music with his new found love for the gospel of Jesus Christ. What resulted was a wave of Church planting and revival through Nebraska. He and his violin, along with his wife and her harp, drew the attention of people in each community that they visited because of their compelling spirit and beautiful music.

Each evening a revival service would be held. It would begin with beautiful music performed with inspiring skill and end with a convicting gospel message with a call to surrender to Christ. Most often a series of such meetings within a specific community would result in the starting of a new church or the resurrection of a stagnate congregation.

In this manner G. B. Dunning and his wife, Anna, left an imprint across the Great Plains.

The pattern of Worship and Witness seemed to be a match made in heaven. It birthed spiritual renewal and revival that is still felt today across the upper Midwest. It prompted the organization of gospel teams of youth from many of these new churches, who would travel around the state singing and preaching. It also stirred a compelling vision in a group of young men in inspiring numbers, to give themselves to preaching the gospel. This God-blessed partnership of unique talent and preaching sparked the passion to start Nebraska Christian College in the fall of 1945.

DNA – "faithfully administering God grace in its various forms..."

"The acorn doesn't fall too far from the tree" so says the plains proverb. The partnership of Gift and the Gospel is seen once again with the fall 2011 opening of Nebraska Christian College's Ministry Equipping Center. This facility will house a Chapel and dedicated classroom space for two core programs – Preaching and Worship Arts. For the first time in just over forty years, the NCC campus will have a dedicated chapel space to host services that glorify God and call people to salvation and service. Praise the Lord!

This new facility acknowledges a reality that has been seen over and over again in NCC's story. Names of people like Lowell and Dave Burkum, William C. Miller, Robert Hansen, Margaret Schultz and Dr. Richard Brown stir the memories of Nebraska Christian College friends and alumni who can recall great music and preaching/teaching that produced motivation to follow God. Programs like Gospel Teams, Enthusiastics, New Way Singers, Choraleers, Legacy, Joy Unlimited, Sonshine Company, the current Gospel Choir, and other groups all provide testimony that God used Talent and Preaching at NCC to change the lives of hearers and participants.

Nebraska Christian College experiences its best success when every graduate of NCC, in every program, demonstrates the willingness and ability to use their gifts in God's name (worship) and an eagerness to communicate with clarity the Gospel message (witness).

A Vision of 100% Employment!

"So that in all things God may be glorified..."

The challenge for us today is not unlike it was 70 years ago for Guy B. and Anna Dunning. When they, by faith, obeyed the gospel invitation they also yielded their lives, their gifts, their talents, their relationships, their time, their dreams and their strength to Know Christ ... and ... Make Him Known. We may still see a similar revival and growth for God's Church in the Midwest and around the world in our generation, if we, too, will give our gifts to open the way for a clear communication of the Gospel. Employ 100% of your gift!

~ Richard D. Milliken, Col. 1:28, 29



GRADUATION 2011



The sixty-fourth commencement of Nebraska Christian College was held on May 14, 2011 at Calvary Christian Church in Bellevue, NE. About five hundred people were in attendance to see twenty-four students walk across the stage and receive diplomas from President Richard Milliken and Chair of the Board of Trustees Steve Smith. The audience also enjoyed a rousing performance from the NCC Worship Choir, led by Ron Leach for the last time. Award winners are listed below:



Laura Graves
Dean's Cup (Valedictorian)
Delta Epsilon Chi Honor
Society



Brianna Erickson
Delta Epsilon Chi Honor
Society



Seth Chapman
Merit Award



Daniel Haynes
Progress Award



Nathan Walter
Service Award

The following students received degrees at the May 14th commencement ceremony.

BA – Biblical Interpretation

- Benjamin Thomas Johnson
- Isaiah Benjamin Jones
- Stephen A. Mizell
- Diana Michelle Walton

BA - Christian Thought and Humanities

- Seth A. Chapman
- Laura Ruth Graves

BA – Family Life and Counseling

- Robert Wesley Aitcheson
- Travis Chandler
- Daniel L. Haynes
- Chelsea Raine Hudalla
(Also BA in Worship Arts)*
- Josh Laughlin
- Kelsey Rae Schlotfeldt
- Laura Elizabeth Skillstad
- Spencer Ray Smalley

BA – Preaching Ministry

- Benjamin Norvig

BA – Student Ministry

- Jeffrey L. Bierbrodt
- Michaela Brehm
- Jay Joseph Graves
- Monte Heemeyer

BA – Worship Arts

- Brianna L. Erickson
- Chelsea Raine Hudalla
(Also BA in Family Life and
Counseling)*

AA – Christian Ministry

- Gary Allen Conrad

AA – General Education

- Michael Apple
- Amber Jones

AA – Christian Education

- Justin Bennett

NEW FACES



dave
hook



stefanie
rowe



the
huttons

Nebraska Christian College is excited to welcome several new faculty members to our team. As announced in the last issue, Mike Cahill will be joining us as Assistant Professor of Ministry: Biblical Communications & Youth Culture. Mike and his family have purchased a home not far from the college and arrived on site in July. We also welcome **James David Hook (Dave)** as Associate Professor of Worship Arts. Dave comes from thirty years of experience as a worship minister in churches. He is leaving a music teacher position at a Christian high school in San Jose, CA to make the trek to Omaha. Dave and his wife, Luanne, have already purchased a home near the college. They are joined by his son, Aaron, who will be enrolling as a student at NCC. Dave has a master's degree in choral conducting from UCLA.

We also welcome three other new faculty members. **Stefanie Rowe** will be teaching on a half-time basis in the Family Life and Counseling concentration. Stefanie is well qualified, having a B.S. degree in Family Life Studies from the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) and an M.S. in Counseling from the University of Nebraska (Omaha). Stefanie will be advising some of the students in this program. She comes from private practice in counseling, and is highly respected in this area. We have two new adjunct professors to add to our faculty lineup. Bill Thornton will be teaching Expository Preaching on Thursday nights. Bill is the Senior/Preaching Minister at the Capitol City Christian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Manhattan Christian College and has a master's degree from Creighton University. Brent Welsch will be teaching American Sign Language on Monday nights for students in the NCC Deaf Ministry program.

We are pleased to welcome **Rowlie and Suzette Hutton** as dorm parents. The Huttons moved to NCC from Montana "where there are more cowboy hats than ties." They both attended Dakota Bible College, where according to Rowlie, "the best thing that happened to me was that I met and married the little lady from Burwell, Nebraska." They wanted a small family, so they stopped with five children: Heidi, Caleb (married to the former Marsha Lewis), Levi, Isaac (married to the former Annie Lang) and Rebecca.

The Huttons worked in churches in North and South Dakota before returning to Montana fourteen years ago. In addition to preaching in Havre, they travelled to Turner (the motherland) on Sunday evenings and preached at Rowlie's home congregation.

Rowlie, Suzie and their family are committed to seeing the Kingdom of God advance because eternity is at stake. They enjoy laughing with friends over a stout cup of coffee or tea, reading good books and spending free time NOT watching television.

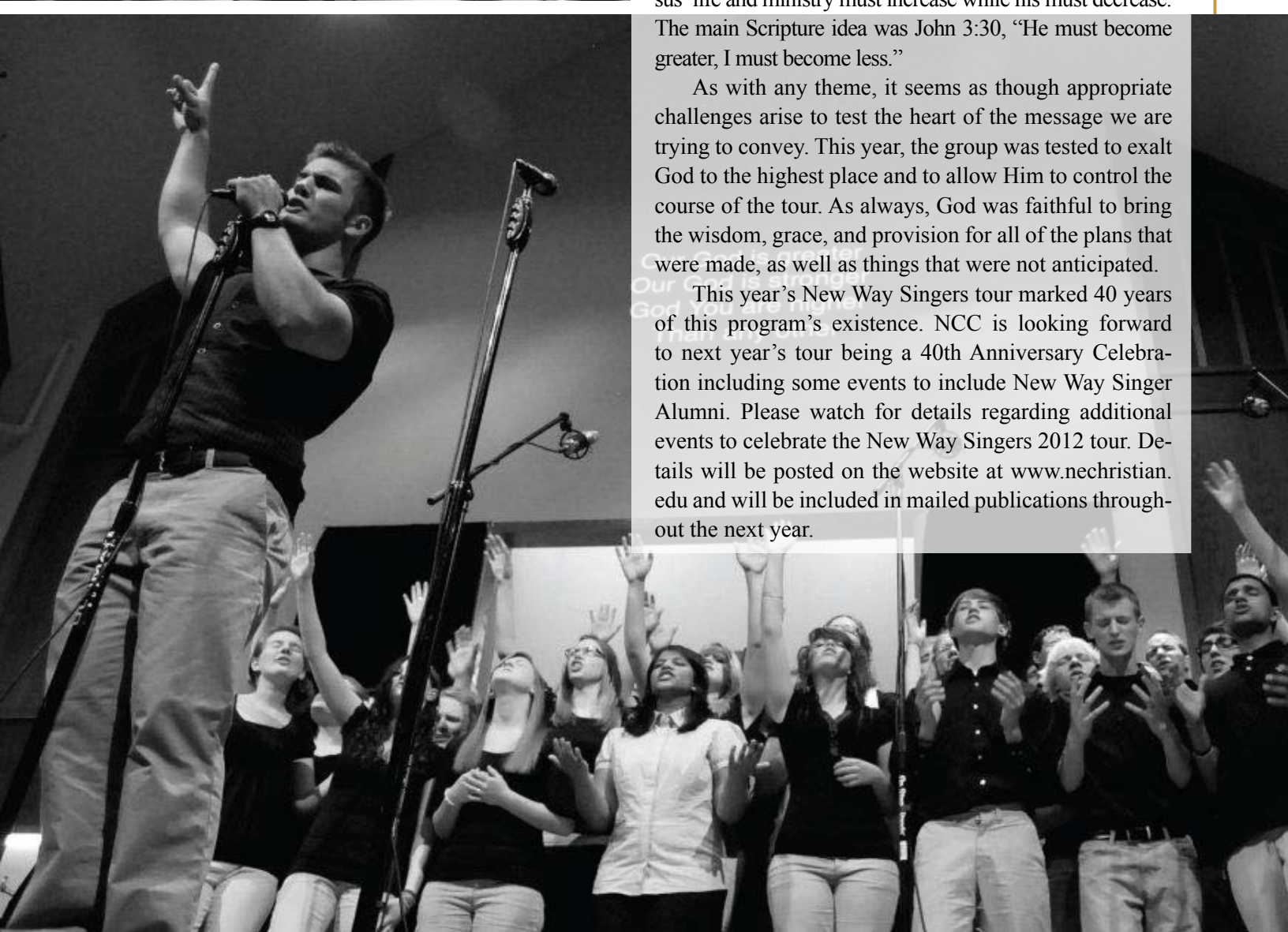
NEW WAY SINGERS



New Way Singers 2011 was all about our Great God. The theme of “>” (greater than) was incorporated in many ways throughout the two weeks the New Way Singers were on the Nebraska Christian College campus and on tour through South Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. This idea that God is greatest and needs to be exalted as such in our lives was a very powerful message that the 70 students and 17 sponsors learned through devotional time, rehearsals, bus rides, concerts, host families and many other opportunities on the tour. As is often the case in the reordering of priorities, it can be a painful process. However, all involved dug in and sought answers to the question, “Am I allowing God to be the greatest thing in my life?” The theme revolved around the time John the Baptist was proclaiming that Jesus’ life and ministry must increase while his must decrease. The main Scripture idea was John 3:30, “He must become greater, I must become less.”

As with any theme, it seems as though appropriate challenges arise to test the heart of the message we are trying to convey. This year, the group was tested to exalt God to the highest place and to allow Him to control the course of the tour. As always, God was faithful to bring the wisdom, grace, and provision for all of the plans that were made, as well as things that were not anticipated.

This year’s New Way Singers tour marked 40 years of this program’s existence. NCC is looking forward to next year’s tour being a 40th Anniversary Celebration including some events to include New Way Singer Alumni. Please watch for details regarding additional events to celebrate the New Way Singers 2012 tour. Details will be posted on the website at www.nchristian.edu and will be included in mailed publications throughout the next year.





NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

12550 South 114th Street
Papillion, NE 68046
402.935.9400

www.nechristian.edu

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

EVENTS

- 9.28-30 – Dunning Lectures
- 10.12-14 – Mid-term exams
- 10.14 – Worship and Encouragement Seminar with Darrell Evans
- 10.14-15 – Ministry Equipping Center Dedication
- 10.17-21 – Intensive class week
- 11.4-5 – Turning Point
- 11.23-25 – Thanksgiving Break
- 12.9 – Colors of Christmas
- 12.15 – Semester ends

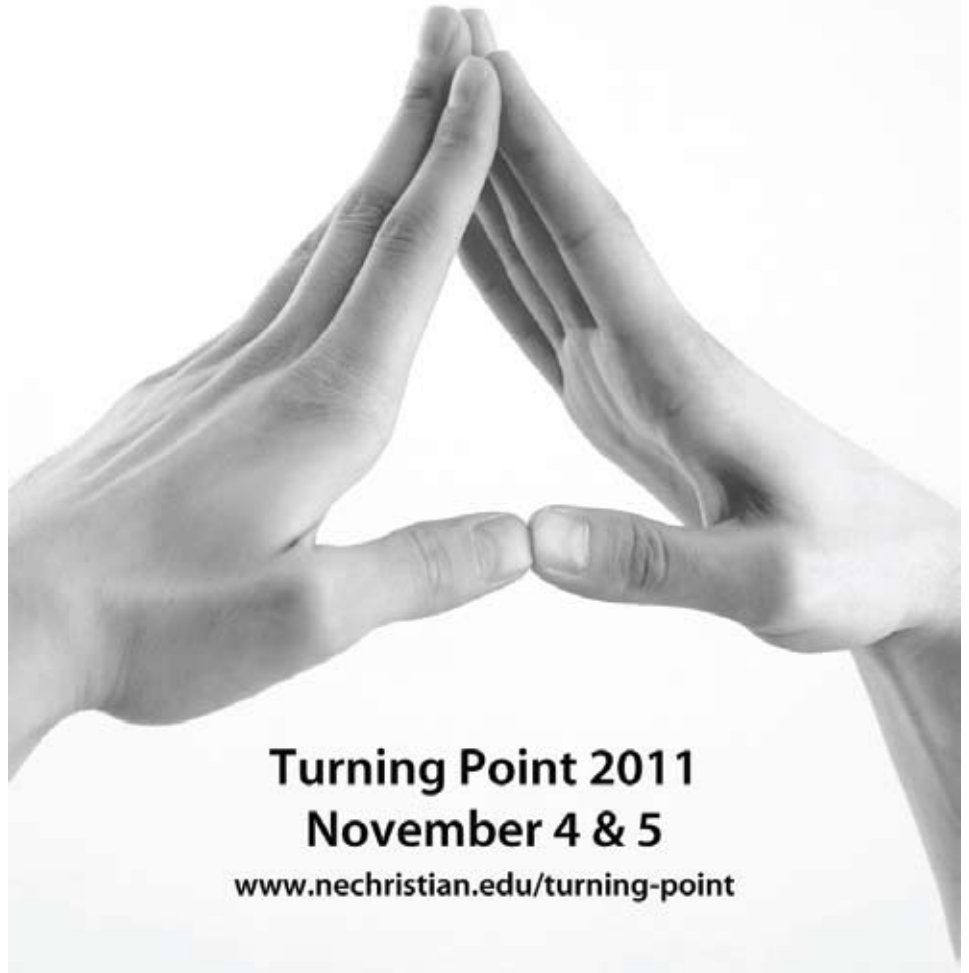


Laverne D. Marshall departed this life on July 3, 2011, at the age of 100 years and 11 months. She was the wife of the late Virgil Marshall II, who helped lay the

groundwork for Nebraska Christian College at meetings in his office and their home in 1944. They leave a rich legacy of kingdom-workers.

Nebraska Christian College

CHANGE



**Turning Point 2011
November 4 & 5**

www.nechristian.edu/turning-point