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IN MEMORY OF PHIL WILKERSON 1945-2017

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CRC DAY

Sunday, June 10, 2018



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- Our Bible department
- Bible major scholarships
- Preacher training
- Restoration Tour field trip
- Annual Bible Lectureship
- Bible educational materials

HOMECOMING QUEEN AND ESCORT

Congratulations to Bethany "Bug" Johnson who was named CRC's 17-18 Homecoming Queen! Bug is from Adamsville, TN, is a member of the Lady Pioneer basketball team and is working toward a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. Her escort was Nate Finney, Nate is a member of the Pioneer baseball team and plans to graduate from CRC with an associate's degree in general studies before moving on to study biology.



EZEKIEL

The Watchman of Israel

CROWLEY'S RIDGE COLLEGE
18TH ANNUAL
BIBLE LECTURESHIP
APRIL 8 - 11, 2018

See schedule on page 4



Bring a van or bus
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2018 CRC COMMENCEMENT



Saturday, May 12, 2018
11:00 AM

Carter Activities Center
CRC Campus

Guest Speaker: Larry Bills
Former CRC President

“DO THE BEST, UNTIL THE END”

A Memorial Tribute to Members of CRC Family



Ken Hoppe
President

The CRC family has lost three very precious members in the past few months. Our longtime friend, Phil Wilkerson, Blake Bourgeois, a 2017 Freshman student, and Fred “Papa” Ellis, a dorm dad for many years.

great deal of those years on the beautiful campus of Crowley’s Ridge College. One of Phil’s favorite quotations was from Abraham Lincoln: *“I do the very best I know how – the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end.”* And, Phil did just that . . . his very best, and it showed, right up until the end. Phillip Layton Wilkerson passed away on November 7, 2017.

Half a century is a long time to work at one place, but this is exactly what Phil Wilkerson did, which we all found amazing! He spent the last 51 years serving CRC as history professor, coach, academic dean, vice president, and registrar. He served in CRC’s administration for more than 30 of those 50 years. Sure, a talented man such as Phil had numerous opportunities to work in other places for more money, but he chose to remain at CRC and we are so glad that he did. A long tenure like his required extreme dedication, persistence, long hours, and hard work, all of which, describe Phil’s every step here at CRC and in how he lived his life.

Phil was a true believer in Christian education. He graduated from CRA in 1963 and then attended two Christian colleges. He earned his Associate degree from York College in Nebraska in 1965 and his BA in history from Harding University in 1967. While at York, he played on the basketball team. Phil earned his Master’s Degree in history from the University of Arkansas in 1969.

He taught at CRC since 1968 and was a member



of the College History Teachers Association and the American Historical Society. He leaves behind his wife, Shelia, and their two sons and daughters in law, Wesley and Mary, and Daniel and Amy, and one grandson, Hunter. Our administration, faculty, staff and alumni miss him dearly.

Blake Russell Bourgeois came to CRC as a freshman Biblical Studies Major in the Fall of 2017. He had graduated from Cabot High School in May, 2017. Blake became a friend to all of us here at CRC. Unfortunately, he had struggled with his health all of his young life and passed away on October 25, 2017. His obituary described Blake as *“anyone’s and everyone’s friend at heart. He was always ready to share his incredible faith to make even the greatest doubter a believer. A true optimist and people person, his smile and jokes were always ready to brighten your day.”* We are thankful that we at CRC had the pleasure of knowing Blake, even for such a short time. He was a fine, Christian young man who left us all with heavy hearts as we continue to remember his family in our thoughts and prayers.



Fred Ellis and his wife, Marylyn, became dorm parents at CRC in 1998. Affectionately called Mama and Papa Ellis by the students, their love and friendliness has always shone brightly. They are quite fond of the young people that come through CRC each year, and they love it when former students return for a visit. Sadly, Fred’s health had declined over the last few years and he passed away on



February 6, 2018 surrounded by his family. Fred and Marylyn have always had a love of serving others. After working in childcare for several years, they decided to serve our students at CRC as dorm parents. We are thankful that Marylyn will continue to be the dorm

mom in Winters Dorm on campus. Papa Fred will be remembered by all of us as a godly servant and an avid “Chicago Cubs” fan, which we frequently kidded him about, here in Cardinal country. Fred set a great example for all of us to follow.

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Richard Johnson
VP for Advancement

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As you will see on this page <http://crc.edu/index.php/advancing-crc/crc-funding-needs>, CRC has needs related to new facilities, technology, improving the interior of the gym, improving exterior of existing dorms, equipment and classroom needs that cost a tremendous amount of money. We currently have approximately 200 members of **The President's Circle**. Imagine what we could do with 1,000 members. We could accomplish every single item listed at the CRC Funding Needs link!

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APRIL 8 - 11, 2018

EZEKIEL
The Watchman of Israel



SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
6:00 p.m. - Youth Night
"The Valley of Dry Bones, 37:1-14"
 Speaker - Chase Almond

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.
"Introduction to the Book of Ezekiel"
 Combined Session - Dr. Ron Newberry

10:00 a.m.
"Packing One's Bag for a Journey: The Exile of Israel, 12:1-20"
 Class #1 (Women) - Anna Crossno

"The Parable of the Two Eagles, Ch. 17"
 Class #2 (Men) - Seth Parnell

11:00 a.m.
"The Curse of Idolatry, Ch. 8"
 Chapel - Adam Noles

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m.
"Oracles against the Foreign Nations, Chs. 25-32"
 Combined Session - Bob McDoniel

2:00 p.m.
"Babylon, the Sword of the Lord, Ch. 21"
 Combined Session - Mark Warnick

7:00 p.m.
"The Watchman of Israel, Ch. 33"
 Keynote Session - Jay Lyles

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.
"The Shepherds of Israel, Ch. 34"
 Combined Session - Rick Watson

10:00 a.m.
"The Parable of the Two Sisters: Oholah (Samaria) and Oholibah (Jerusalem), Ch. 23"
 Class #1 (Women) - Linda Cline

"Two Sticks Become One: A Nation United Again, 37:15-28"
 Class # 2 (Men) - Dr. Bruce Bryant

11:00 a.m.
"By the Chebar River - The Call and Commission of the Prophet Ezekiel, Chs. 1-3"
 Chapel - Jeremy Pierce

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m.
"Questions and Answers on the Book of Ezekiel"
 Combined Session - Dr. Earl Edwards

2:00 p.m.
"Playing Toy Soldiers - The Blockade and Fall of Jerusalem, Chs. 4-5"
 Combined Session - Dakota Crossno

7:00 p.m.
"Individual Responsibility: The Person who Sins will Die, Ch. 18"
 Keynote Session - Dr. Spencer Furby

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

9:00 a.m.
"The Life-Giving River, 47:1-12"
 Combined Session - Kiefer Ramsey

10:00 a.m.
"No Mourning Allowed: The Death of Ezekiel's Wife, 24:15-27"
 Class #1 (Women) - Marla Roberts

"Gog and Magog, Chs. 38-39"
 Class #2 (Men) - Johnny Hinton

11:00 a.m.
"The Glory of the Lord Returns, Ch. 43"
 Chapel - Steven McFadden

CRC ATHLETES RECOGNIZED:

VOLLEYBALL:

Congratulations to Bailey Loge (left) and Ashley Pyeatt (right) for being named A.I.I. Honorable Mention for this 2017 Volleyball Season.



SOFTBALL:

Congratulations to CRC Freshman Sammi Henry for being named A.I.I. Player of the Week.



BASKETBALL:

Congratulations to Pioneer forward Randy Stanley for receiving A.I.I. Honorable Mention honors for the 2017-2018 season.



BASEBALL:

Congratulations to CRC Senior Troy Allen for being named A.I.I. Player of the Week.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

Congratulations to Chelsie Spence for being named the A.I.I. Player of the Week.



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JUDY (LEATH) LAMBERT NAMED CRC'S 2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Judy (Leath) Lambert is a person who is admired by so many throughout this area and beyond. You just can't say enough good things about her! Judy's involvement with Crowley's Ridge College began when she enrolled as a student at CRC in the fall of 1971 and graduated with her Associate of Arts degree in 1973. She then graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree from Harding University in 1975.

Judy is known for being a wonderful Christian servant who is filled with compassion and makes a difference in the lives of many, many people. She was the receptionist in the CRC office, managed the Book Depot and wore many other hats from August, 2007 through June, 2015.

She is very talented and has a great sense of humor. She is well known for entertaining as the beloved "LuLu" to the Barnyard Bash Crowd from 1993 through 2016. Her dedication to the Women for Crowley's Ridge College (WCRC) has simply been amazing! In addition to the Bash, she's always been a tremendous help in other WCRC events.

She and her husband, Don are both busy serving as members of the 7th and Mueller Church of Christ in Paragould. She's the one to call if you want something done at 7th and Mueller. They will celebrate 43 years of marriage in June and they have two sons and daughters-in-law; Joey and Mallory Lambert and Clint and Shayna Lambert. CRC is proud to recognize Judy as the 2018 Distinguished Alumnus in recognition of Outstanding Service to the Church, the Community, and Christian Education.



VP Richard Johnson presents Judy Lambert with the 2018 CRC Distinguished Alumnus Award at CRC's Homecoming Festivities on Saturday, February 10.