The Department of Worship and Music studies is now the newest member of the School of Religion. According to Liberty.edu, the purpose of the Center for Worship is to equip and train worship leaders for the evangelical community. This is accomplished through curricula development, local church ministry, publishing and recording, artist development and empirical research. The Department of Worship and Music studies is a division of the Center for Worship, offering a Bachelor of Science in Worship and Music Studies with specializations in the following: Biblical Studies, Business Studies, Inter-Cultural Studies, Theatre Ministries, Pastoral Leadership, Women’s Ministries, Worship Leadership, Worship Technology and Youth Ministries. The Center for Worship has 16 full time resident faculty and four resident adjunct faculty. The Center for Worship will continue to be located in David’s Place, behind William’s Stadium. For more information on the Department of Worship and Music Studies, click here.

- YouthQuest auditions for Fall 2010-Spring 2011 will be held on February 1-2, 2010. Click here for more information on YouthQuest.
- Missions Emphasis week: February 14-19. Guest speakers include Don Richardson and Gary Haugen.
- For more information on Lubex, contact Dr. Craig Hinkson at cqhinkso@liberty.edu
- The Center for Worship will host a concert on Tuesday, February 16th featuring Dr. Paul Rumrill on Piano. The concert will be held in David’s Place Room 106 beginning at 7:00 pm.

**DR. DARRELL BOCK TO SPEAK**

Darrell Bock will be speaking to the School of Religion on February 3, 2010. Dr. Darrell Bock is Research Professor of New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. He also is Professor for Spiritual Development and Culture at Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Bock plans to speak three times during the course of the day. Bock will speak during Faculty Chapel from 10-11a.m. on the “Reliability of the New Testament Text”. The Liberty Seminary will hear from Dr. Bock from 1-2p.m. on “What’s going on in Jesus Studies” and “N. T. Wright”. Finally, the Biblical Studies department will hear from Dr. Bock from 3-4 p.m. on the topic “Biblical Theology: Making Sense of the Historical Jesus”. There will be a question and answer session following Bock’s last lecture.
**Center for Global Ministries Update**

Nine Liberty University students attended Urbana in St. Louis, Missouri over the winter break. Urbana is a five day global conference on missions for college students, the largest missions conference in North America that happens once every three years. Some of the seminars included Global Issues in Missions, Environmental Stewardship, and In The Workplace & In the Academy. Liberty had a booth set up promoting the new Online Certificate in ICST Program that launched in January. Missions Emphasis Week will be held February 14-19. The theme is the Valuable Generation and Central Location. The Valuable Generation (4/14) refers to the crucial age-group that we need to be targeting to engage Christ into their lives while Central Location (10/40) refers to the geographic location with the most unreached people groups with no access to the Gospel. There will be over 150 representatives from organizations including: SIM, IMB, Gleaning for the World and Christar.

Light Ministries took a team of 13 to Southeast Asia over winter break. The team worked to teach English to Buddhist monks, as well as building relationships and outreach among the unreached people groups. Light will be leading five mission trips over spring break.

**CSER Volunteer Update**

The CSER office coordinated efforts for Liberty University’s partnership with the Salvation Army in support of their Red Kettle Campaign this past Christmas season. Liberty University faculty, staff, and students volunteered for over 240 hours helping to ring the bell at the Wards Road Wal-Mart food entrance location, which resulted in over $8,200 in donations. With the completion of the Fall semester, the CSER is pleased to report that Liberty University students volunteered to serve over 460 different organizations spread out over 21 states and the District of Columbia. Thank you for being a part of this service to the community.

**Lubex-Germany Summer Experience**

This summer, students will have the incredible opportunity to travel Germany while gaining college credit. **LUBEX**, the Liberty University Bavarian Experience, offers students the chance to earn up to 15 credit hours while taking classes with Liberty professors. Several classes will be taught by School of Religion professors including Dr. David Croteau, Dr. Craig Hinkson, and Dr. Donald Fowler. Students have the choice to spend a half semester or full semester studying abroad. Semesters will be divided among locations in Regensburg, Heidelberg, Wittenberg, and Nuremberg. Students can expect to gain cross-cultural interaction and the ability to independently study and explore their surroundings between lectures. For more information on LUBEX and the opportunity to study abroad at Liberty’s low summer tuition rate, contact Dr. Craig Hinkson at cqhinkso@liberty.edu, or click here.

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