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How can you support the CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COLLEGE?

- Give financially to the Curt Lehman Scholarship Fund;
- Become a Housing Host for full-time and part-time students;
- Pray;
- Donate texts or money to build the CLC Library.

Contact the CLC office for more information about these opportunities.

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# THE CLC QUARTERLY

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## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

The CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COLLEGE is pleased to present its first issue of THE CLC QUARTERLY. The purpose of this publication is to (1) provide periodic news of what is happening at the CLC, (2) update you of opportunities to benefit from CLC courses, and (3) inform you of ways you can support the ministry of the CLC.

2006-07 is our inaugural year and we are off to an encouraging start. The Certificate of Christian Leadership and Worldview Studies programs are successfully equipping women and men to be effective

leaders and worldview-savvy followers of Jesus. God has brought us very gifted students and equipped us with an exceptional faculty. It is an exciting time to be part of the CLC.

In this issue you will hear a little bit more about our first semester, be introduced to one of our students, and learn of some courses we are offering this spring that you might consider taking. Of particular interest is a Financial Stewardship Seminar. We hope you take the time to read through THE CLC QUARTERLY and find it beneficial in some way.

BY DR. MARK MATHEWSON



We would love to hear from you. You are welcome to write, call, or email us at any time. Better yet, we would love for you to visit us if you happen to be in the area.

Blessings for 2007,

*Mark*

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR

The CLC spring seminar, will explore financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. The seminar will be taught by Lincoln Berean Church's Stewardship Pastor Brad Brestel. This seminar will be offered twice this spring. Session one will meet March 12-16, 8 a.m. to noon. Session two will meet on Thursday evenings, 6:45

to 9 p.m., April 26 through May 24. Tuition for each session is \$85.



The course will examine a theology of stewardship, an exegesis of several key biblical texts, and some of the exegetical, theological and financial problems in popular stewardship books. Basic economics for families

and churches will be covered as will investing for families and estate planning. A friendly competition of Robert Kiyosaki's "Cash Flow Game" will put economic lessons (and personal character!) to the test.

The seminar is open to auditors. Contact the CLC office (402-483-6512) to register for either session.

*As a devotional writer, I especially liked applying the methods of interpretation and using the various study tools available. I am grateful for the chance to Audit the Hermeneutics course and sincerely hope my schedule clears up in the future to audit other courses.*

—Ben Zuehlke  
Back to the Bible



**Why did you choose the CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COLLEGE?**

*The overall philosophy of the CLC is in-step with where God has my heart. I was drawn by the opportunity to learn in a church based environment, with gifted teachers and intentional mentors.*

—Gayle Gerkenmeyer  
CLC student  
SportReach Ministries

## EXPERIENCE THE CLC BY AUDITING

If you live in the Lincoln area and are considering attending the CLC, but would like to “test drive” first, or a particular course interests you, try auditing. Auditing allows you to participate in class without having to complete all the course requirements.

Audit the daytime CLC certificate program courses for only \$85 per week\*. Auditors are not required to purchase text books, though it is highly recommended.

Spring 2007 CLC courses eligible for audit include:

Please register at least two weeks prior to first class meeting.

The daytime courses meet Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. For complete course descriptions, visit our website (*link on page four of this newsletter*).

Register by calling 402-483-6512.

\*Some courses are two weeks.

**Christianity & Culture** - January 8 –19  
**Spiritual Leadership** — January 22 –26  
**Biblical Counseling** — January 27-February 2  
**New Testament Survey** February 5-16  
**Financial Stewardship** — March 12-16  
**Church History** — March 26-April 5  
**Marriage & Family** — April 11-13

## CLC COMPLETES INAUGURAL SEMESTER

The first year of courses at the CLC began in mid-August with three students seeking a Certificate of Christian Leadership.

The students completed courses in philosophy, worldviews, hermeneutics, Old Testament, homiletics and theology. Instructors included CLC faculty, pastoral staff of Lincoln Berean Church and other adjunct instructors.

Weekly mentoring lunches allowed the students a look at ministry in action. Pastors and Christian leaders from the Lincoln area joined the students to share life

experiences and encouragement for taking on Christian leadership roles.

Part of earning the certificate includes training in ministry areas. The current students have spent time with missions and will serve with stewardship, women’s ministry and the youth this spring.

The semester culminated with a Christmas celebration for students, faculty and staff at the home of Academic Dean, Mark Mathewson.

Classes resume January 8 after a three week break.

### What’s Next

Plans are underway to add a certificate program for Christians who desire to be effective leaders in the marketplace. The Marketplace Track will attract professionals and business owners wishing to complete a certificate of Christian Leadership tailored to their specific calling and scheduling needs. Classes will be held in the evenings and weekends to accommodate schedules.

For more information or be placed on the waiting list for this track, call the CLC office 402-483-6512.

## CLC LAUNCHES *Worldview Studies* COURSES

The fall semester of the *Worldview Studies* program began in August with an introduction to the history of ideas that have shaped our mindset in "Developing the Christian Mind." The second fall course "Navigating through a World of Ideas" led the students into an understanding of what a worldview is and what beliefs make up a worldview. Both sessions had 30 students enrolled.



Adjunct Faculty, Doug Erlandson, PhD, teaching a *Worldview Studies* course.

Student Terry Zoucha found class challenging and rewarding, "Challenging—it was stimulatingly difficult. It was rewarding, worthwhile and satisfying."

The five-week courses were taught by Melanie Armstrong, PhD, Mark Mathewson, PhD, and Doug Erlandson, PhD.

Dr. Mark Mathewson states, "I was greatly encouraged to see Christians taking seriously the command to love God with their minds—and enjoying it! I was impressed with their willingness to dive into the material and thoughtfully engage in the readings and class discussions."

*The concept of "worldview" is so timely when you think of reaching others for Christ in the 21st Century. The materials, lectures, and discussions have given me great insight into how to lovingly challenge those I come in contact with.*

—*Worldview Studies* student

## *Worldview Studies* Spring Semester

January 25—February 22, 2007

### *A Clash of Cultures: Christianity & American Culture*

The purpose of this course is to critically examine current American culture and its relationship to Christianity, the Church, and individual Christians living in this culture. The student will investigate the major ideas that drive our culture and determine how those ideas positively and negatively impact the Church and Christians. Time will be spent considering how Christians can be "salt and light" in a decaying and dark society without isolating themselves or capitulating to the culture.

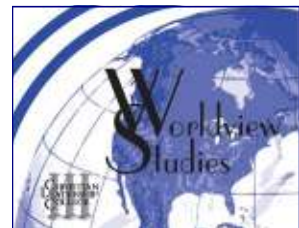
March 22—April 19, 2007

### *Can You Defend That?: Making the Case for the Christian Worldview*

This class considers the biblical mandate to defend the Christian faith and to offer nonbelievers reasons why Christianity is true. Students will carefully examine a model for defending Christianity found in Acts 17. The class will also explore some of the most serious challenges to Christianity as well as strategies for answering those challenges. The goal of the course is to equip Christians to give rational and intellectually respectable reasons for their beliefs so nonbelievers can consider the truth-claims of Christianity.

Tuition for the *Worldview Studies* program is \$50 per course plus the cost of any required books. Each session meets for 5 weeks on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9 p.m. in room D-103 at Lincoln Berean Church.

**To register, or for more information on the *Worldview Studies* Program, Call the CLC office at 402-483-6512.**



*Thank you for offering these classes in the evenings! I highly recommend them to anyone who wants to grow spiritually in understanding today's cultural and philosophical differences.*

—*Worldview Studies* student

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The CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COLLEGE was founded by Lincoln Berean Church as a result of a vision and challenge from LBC founding pastor Curt Lehman. In his final years, Pastor Lehman had a burden to see the local church become a training ground to prepare people for vocational Christian service. His vision planted the seed that has grown into the CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COLLEGE.

The CLC is dedicated to teach, train and mentor those called to Christian leadership.

### Student Profile

## UP CLOSE WITH BRIAN SHANKS



Brian Shanks

After 28 years in a fast-paced business, the Holy Spirit placed on my heart the decision to pause and reflect on life. My plan was to take a year off work, intensely study the Bible, and contemplate my next chapter. But then the Holy Spirit directed me to connect with the CLC as a full time student. Alone, I could never have come close to the scope and depth of learning that the CLC has provided me. The instructors are highly qualified, top notch Christian leaders.

I had not been in school since graduating from UNL in 1988. I was surprised at how challenging it was to spend hours reading, writing, presenting and studying for tests. I was rusty and out of practice for the life of a student. But now, after one

semester of classes, I can say with a high level of confidence that I have shaken off the dust, met the challenge and sharpened my skills greatly. Most importantly, the CLC has instilled in me the importance of learning a broad scope of subjects and disciplines related to my Christian walk. I have learned how various historical philosophies and cultural developments have shaped our modern world. Proper Bible interpretation, doctrine and study have helped improve my skills to grow personally and lead more effectively in these difficult times. Studying the church and essential core values has given me a great appreciation for our leadership and how important it is to participate together in our journey. It has been a lot of hard work, but studying these key topics has not only caused me to develop some great habits, but also renewed my desire to learn and grow for the rest of my life.

Since enrolling at the CLC, I have been able to identify my leadership

strengths and weaknesses in order to be a more effective leader. I now know which areas of ministry to pursue based on my giftedness. I'm also developing very specific personal philosophies to keep me focused on the important and relevant areas of my Christian life.

Another outcome of this time spent focusing on Christ has been a strong desire to serve Him. I have an indescribable appreciation for God's grace and for His unconditional love evident by the sacrifice Christ made on the cross for us, and my hope is for others to experience Christ in this way, too.

I am not sure where God is leading me when I receive my Certificate of Christian Leadership. I know that God has a plan and will open the doors and reveal to me when I need to know. So for right now, I am content spending more time improving my knowledge and understanding my faith while growing in my walk with Christ.