

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR



I thought last winter was cold! More than one-third of our alumni live in Ohio, so I know they felt it, but our friends in the Northeast were hit several times with snow, ice, and subzero temperatures. And I just read that Ohio's February was one of the five-coldest in recorded history. How many times this winter did you say, "I just want to be warm"?

Don't you wish you had joined the Cedarville Friends for Life Cruise to the Caribbean? Due to a family emergency, my wife and I were unable to attend at the last minute. But the 110 who did had a great time together. There was a fun group of young, old, single, and married alumni, and everyone had a great time. Believe it or not, we are already planning our Friends for Life Cruise for 2017. So, when you hear about it, remember February 2015 and make the decision to come with us. Give us a call to learn more!

I am excited about some changes in Alumni Relations that are allowing me to be on the road a little more, interacting face-to-face with you, our alumni. I always enjoy the opportunity to share with alumni how God is blessing Cedarville and introduce them to our students or share more about our programs. So, look for me in your area!

I want to keep you more personally connected. Whether that is through social media or meeting you in person, we want to make sure you feel involved at Cedarville. I

know that you can't all make it to campus, and I can't get out to see every one of you, but LinkedIn and Facebook are two great ways to also stay connected. We have Cedarville Alumni Association groups on both — LinkedIn with 2,478 members and Facebook with 6,337 "likes" — and are using these and other social media platforms to get information out to you, as well as seeing alumni get reconnected with friends.

We are also excited to be merging Parent and Family Weekend this fall with our annual homecoming! On October 2-3, we will have hundreds of alumni and their families join together with parents and grandparents of current students for one big celebration. If you are an alumnus and a parent of a current student, you have even more reason to come "home" and join us this year.

It is always a joy for me and the alumni staff to serve our alumni. Please contact us at 1-888-CEDARVILLE if there is something we can do for you.

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Phillip Kirby '05

Amy (Dennis) Lett '09

Jeff Reep '78

Lattice (Strickland) Spann '07

Jeff Summerlin '83

Keven Waiters '78

NEWS

recent events

January 31 – First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks Largo, Florida | Regional Event with Dr. White

February 1-8 – 2015 Friends for Life Cruise Western Caribbean Cruise | Alumni Association Travel Program

February 28 – Rise Coffee St. Louis, Missouri | Regional Event

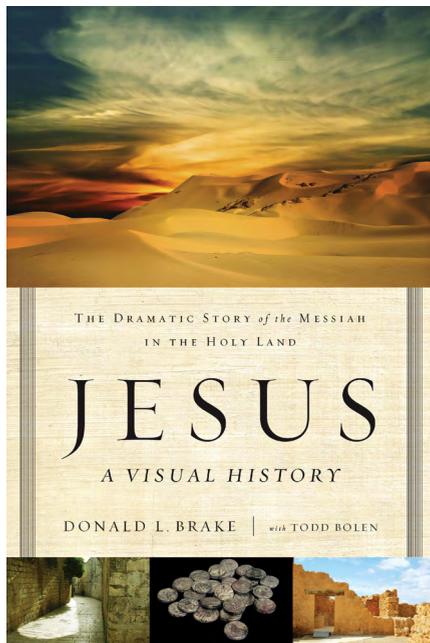


March 3 – Maggiano's Little Italy Englewood, Colorado | Chapter Event

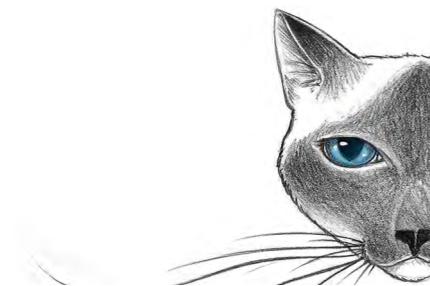


March 6 – Spaghetti Works Des Moines, Iowa | Chapter Event

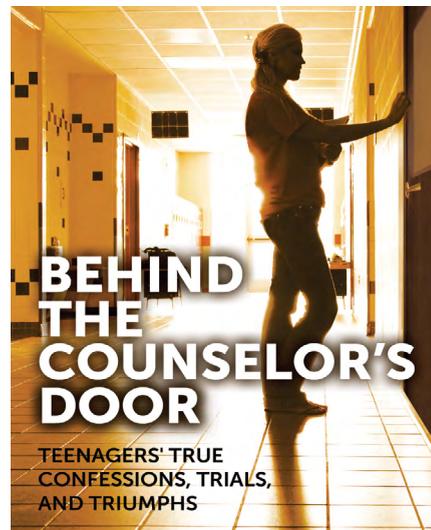
April 9 – Regal Cinemas Miami Valley Ohio | Chapter Event



Donald Brake '66 recently published a book titled *Jesus, A Visual History*. It offers a unique vantage point into Jesus' story, fleshing out the historical context of the Gospel accounts. Its easy-reading style, thorough research, and visual presentation will leave you with a greater and lasting appreciation for Jesus the Messiah. The book features sidebars, callouts, illustrations, charts, and color and historic black-and-white photos.



Mendy (Jackson) Norman '84 released a children's book, *The Great Rescue*, in December 2014. The book is an allegory of how Christ pursues, rescues, heals, and makes us whole. It contains questions and answers, activities, a pullout seek-and-find page, and the plan of salvation and can be used by families, homeschoolers, counselors, and Sunday school teachers.



Kevin Kuczynski '96 released his first book, *Behind the Counselor's Door*, with HCI Publishing in March. His book draws on his many years of experience as a high school counselor helping students deal with issues including schoolwork, sex, drug and alcohol use, and suicide as well as the joys of college and career planning. Teenagers will empathize with the trials and tribulations in the students' stories, but behind those doors are also ingredients for making life a success, including perseverance, achievement, resiliency, affirmation, self-confidence, and more. Kevin and his wife, **Jennifer (Kamauf) '96** live in Macomb Township, Michigan, with their children, Hannah and Ty.



Cynthia (Lawry) Denio '99, husband Peter, and their family spent six weeks in summer 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Peter taught at Evangelical Theological College and Cynthia worked with the children's ministries at the International Evangelical Church. The Denios had a chance encounter in Addis with another Cedarville family, **Eric '02** and **Erin (Vallowe) Mitchell '01**, who are medical missionaries in Kenya.

Heidi (Mountz) Glick '99 signed a contract with Chalfont House Publishing for a co-authored infertility devotional titled *A Walk in The Valley*. The book includes the journeys of six Christian authors and has a tentative release date of April 2015.



Rachel (Menz) Rade '00 graduated from San Jose State University with a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in May 2014. She and her husband will move to England in summer 2015 so she can pursue a Ph.D. in applied linguistics at the University of Nottingham.



Rebecca VanDemark '02 published a book, *Praying through Lyme Disease*, in November 2014. The book is a 31-topic prayer devotional for people who are living with Lyme Disease.

Matt Blosser '03 began his new role as principal of Clinton Christian School in Goshen, Indiana, in January 2015.

Joy (Daniels) Draper '03 was honored by the 2015 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year program as the Offutt Air Force Base winner. The overall winner and 2015 Armed Forces Military Spouse of the Year will be revealed at a VIP ceremony in Washington, D.C., on May 8.



Michael Gumprecht '07 was named as one of the "Top 40 Trial Lawyers Under 40" in the state of Georgia by the National Trial Lawyers Association. Michael is the founder of The Gumprecht Law Firm (galawfirm.com) in Woodstock, Georgia, where he also resides with his wife, **Christina (Landry) '09**, and their children.



Jerica Ward '09 is one of 20 students from around the nation chosen as a Thomas R. Pickering Fellow for 2014–15. She is the first student from Texas A&M University Bush School of Government and Public Service to be selected for the program, which is designed to attract outstanding individuals interested in a foreign service career with the U.S. Department of State.

upcoming events

April 30 - Kingpin Bowling Lanes
Louisville, Kentucky | Chapter Event

June 6 - Chef's Palette
Raleigh, North Carolina | Chapter Event with
Dr. White

June 16 - Southern Baptist Convention
Annual Meeting Reception
Columbus, Ohio | All-Alumni Event

June 27 - Scholarship Banquet
Seattle, Washington | Chapter Event

October 2-3 - Homecoming 2015
Cedarville, Ohio | All-Alumni Event

share your news

Did you get promoted? Direct a play? Publish your memoirs? Earn a degree? Receive an award? Climb every mountain? Ford every stream? Follow every rainbow 'til you found your dream?

Visit cedarville.edu/magazine for deadlines and to learn how to submit your updates and photos.

MARRIAGES



Beth Morse '89 and Daniel Kelly were married on the beach in Norfolk, Virginia, on July 20, 2014. Daniel is a senior computer engineer for a government contractor. Beth teaches for Virginia Beach City Public Schools. They reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Seth Ritchie '05 and **Alyssa Adams '08** were married on May 25, 2014, in Columbus, Ohio. Seth is an electrical engineer for Honda in Marysville, and Alyssa is due to graduate in April 2015 with an M.F.A. in studio art from the University of Cincinnati. They currently live in Fairborn, Ohio.



Nicole Boop '06 and Max Hardish were married on November 8, 2013. Max is a building supervisor for Post Foods, and Nicole serves as Deputy Clerk for Leroy Township. They reside in Battle Creek, Michigan, and are very active in the worship and fine arts departments at Faith Baptist Church.

CHAPTER FOCUS – CEDARVILLE



The Cedarville Chapter enjoys a picnic in the park on June 17, 2014.

Get to know the Cedarville, Ohio, Chapter!

- **Established:** 2011
- **Serving:** 950 alumni and friends living in the 45314 zip code
- **Leadership:** Karisa Linafelter '98, Kim Jenerette '83, Joe '07 and Alicia (Christman) Poelzer '07, Becky (Ferrell) Hayes '82
- **Fun Facts:**
 - Cedarville, Ohio, boasts the title "The Birthplace of Labor Day," as the founder of Labor Day, James H. Kyle, was born there.
 - The Cedarville Opera House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 - Cedarville's original name was Milford, but in order to avoid confusion with another Milford in Ohio, the village adopted the name Cedarville to reflect the abundance of cedar trees in the area.

Get involved in an alumni chapter near you:
cedarville.edu/alumnichapters

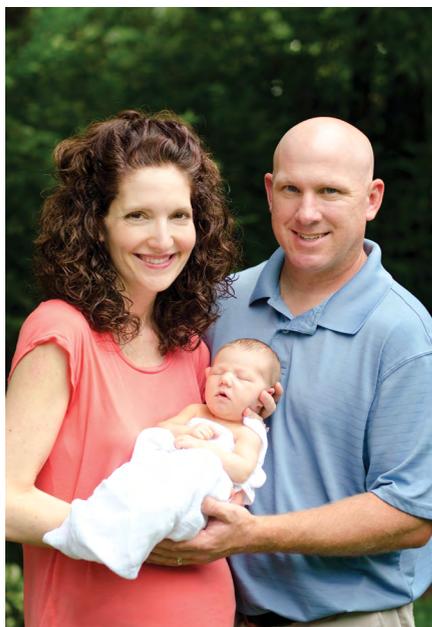
BIRTHS



Joseph '91 and Bethany (Williams) Mason '91 announce the birth of Nathaniel William on August 3, 2014. He joined siblings Abigail (19), Jennifer (17), Benjamin (15), Elissa (12), and Caleb Ilya (10), whom they adopted from Russia at age 4 in April 2009. The family resides in Charlotte, Michigan.



Lisette (Cardel) Alt '97 and her husband, Rodney, announce the birth of Katelyn Antonia on July 25, 2014. She joined brothers Matthew (12) and Kyle (8). Rodney works in commercial HVAC as an area supervisor, and Lisette is a stay-at-home mother. They reside in Etters, Pennsylvania.



Kristina (Milentis) Chestnut '96 and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of Elliauna Paige on June 22, 2014. They reside in Vandalia, Ohio, where Ron works for TE Connectivity and Kristina is a stay-at-home mom.



John '99 and Heidi (Mountz) Glick '99 announce the birth of Jacklyn Elizabeth on July 26, 2014. John is a project analyst for U.S. Bank, and Heidi enjoys staying at home with the children. The family resides in West Chester, Ohio.



Rebecca (Leatherman) Michalak '00 and her husband, Jarrod, announce the birth of Peyton Hope on May 15, 2014. She was welcomed by big brothers Austin (9) and Logan (7). Jarrod owns a local auto repair shop, and Rebecca enjoys staying home with the children in Harleysville, Pennsylvania.



Chuck '01 and Emily (Andrews) Archibald '02 announce the birth of Decland Charles on February 4, 2014. He was welcomed home by his sisters, Olivia and Susan. The family resides in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.



Jason Forni '03 and his wife, Micah, announce the birth of Alina Marie on August 13, 2014.



Jennifer (Muka) Austin '04 and her husband, Phil, announce the birth of Kyler Max on November 4, 2014. He was welcomed home by brothers Caiden (8) and Cole (5) and sister Ellyssa (6). The family resides in Grand Haven, Michigan.



Jason Williams '04 and his wife, Jenny, announce the birth of Brooks Matthew on September 17, 2013. The family resides in Lakeland, Florida.



Michael '05 and Bethany (McDaniel) Baker '07 announce the birth of Emily Ann on August 25, 2014. She joined sister Dani and brother Jackson. Mike is a math and special education teacher at Charlotte High School, and Bethany is a stay-at-home mom.

Melissa (Snyder) Tannehill '05 and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of Madelyn Joy on May 28, 2014. The family resides in Plainfield, Indiana.



Lindsey (Burns) Graber '07 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Hunter Lee on August 6, 2014. Matt works in his family's steel fabrication business, and Lindsey is a stay-at-home mom and part-time secretary for the business. They currently reside in Milford, Indiana.



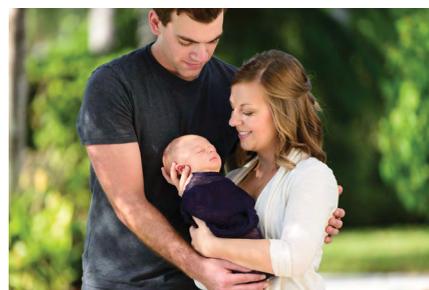
Jim '07 and Emily (DeRusha) Sawin '11 announce the birth of Ella Grace on September 22, 2014. Jim is the Executive Director at the Lake Anna YMCA, while Emily is enjoying staying at home with Ella. They currently reside in Akron, Ohio.



Tyler '07 and Abby (Price) Schumacher '07 announce the birth of Elisa Lauren on January 2, 2014. Tyler is an engineer with ATMOS360, and Abby is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Dan '10 and Rachel (York) Merkh '10 announce the birth of Benjamin Ryan on November 26, 2014. He was welcomed by sister Lindsey Claire (2). They are currently stationed in Aviano, Italy, with the United States Air Force.



Lucas '12 and Lauren (Radcliffe) Wemple '12 announce the birth of Camden Elliot on November 3, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

Mark Riggs '04 of Chesterfield, Indiana, passed away on January 4, 2015.

Mark Warren '79 of Brandon, Florida, passed away on November 11, 2014.

Send us your news! Deadlines are December 15 for the spring/summer issue, April 15 for the fall issue, and August 15 for the winter issue. The editorial staff has full discretion regarding submissions. Submit your updates to *Cedarville Magazine*, Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314, or cedarville.edu/magazine.



FRIENDS FOR LIFE CRUISE

What was the best part about spending seven days on a Western Caribbean cruise with more than 100 Cedarville alumni and friends? It might be enjoying breakfast in the open air overlooking breathtaking views of the ocean ... and watching **Jim Cato '83** fall asleep in his chair on deck following a vigorous morning of leading worship. It could be sharing gourmet dinners (and birthday cakes) with friends you haven't seen in a while or new friends you just met. It could be sharing funny college memories and exciting plans for the future with members of our alumni council, **Todd Fogle '92** and **Tisha (Tapp) Smith '01**. It could be swimming with dolphins, walking through a colorfully crowded market, scuba diving, or relaxing on the beach. But, the best moments were actually gathering together to pray and reading through God's Word under the guidance of amazing biblical scholars Thomas White, Bob Gromacki, and Rob Turner as well as hearing from inspiring alumni **Bob '88** and **Dannah (Barker) Gresh '89**.

You learn a lot about people when you spend seven days on a ship together. It was a good reminder of how fortunate we are to be part of the Cedarville family. Consider joining us for our next cruise in 2017 and relax, reconnect, and be reenergized!



Cedarville President Thomas White and his wife, Joy, enjoyed their first Friends for Life Cruise.



More than 100 alumni and friends boarded the *Norwegian Sun* for a fun week in the sunny Caribbean.

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2016 HOMECOMING GUIDE

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