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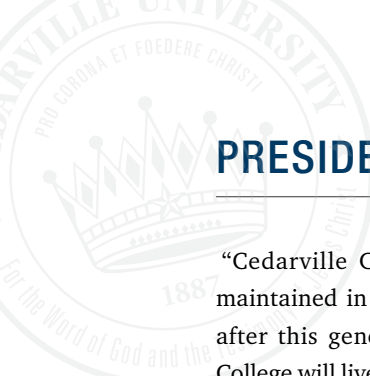
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

“Cedarville College was founded in prayer, has been maintained in faith, and supported by sacrifice; and long after this generation shall have run its race, Cedarville College will live to enrich the nation, gladden the church, and bless the world; and with the years it will grow in material equipment until it becomes the joy of this community and is numbered high among the favored colleges of our country,” said Cedarville College’s second president, Wilbert Renwick McChesney, in his inaugural address on November 12, 1915. McChesney uttered prophetic words, words that subsequent presidents would restate in one fashion or another.

The grace and blessing of Almighty God and the people He has called to sacrificial service throughout these hallowed halls have made Cedarville University the place we love and cherish. We stand upon the shoulders of many faithful servants who sacrificed, at least earthly wealth, to participate in something greater than any one person. By faith and prayer, these men and women invested in future generations of students, creating a legacy of eternal impact that will not be fully revealed this side of heaven.

I think of the donors. God placed a desire in the hearts of these faithful men and women to partner with Cedarville. I’ll never forget a phone call my first weekend of Getting Started in 2013, when the parents of a new student requested a meeting. My initial thoughts ran to the worst-case scenario. Instead, they told me how God put it on their hearts to support our important work here. No logic or reason can explain how the Spirit of God works, but it is evident when seen.

I also think of the pastor, whose name may never be known, who introduced a business owner and major donor to Cedarville. This brilliant mind shaped the future of this institution through gifts to building campaigns, service on the Board, and sharp insights for years to come.

I think of leaders such as James T. Jeremiah and his wife, Ruby. Dr. Jeremiah was a faithful minister of the Gospel and a trustee of Cedarville. He was eventually called as President, serving in whatever capacity was needed. Sometimes that meant making bricks and digging ditches, and at other times, preaching the Word or seeking accreditation. At every level of the institution, men and women have served faithfully for years because they believed in the mission of Cedarville and believed that God had called them to this place.







I think of faculty members like Mike DiCuirci who wrote his résumé on the back of a napkin when Paul Dixon recruited him to come to Cedarville. No one knew that a man who personified musical excellence and Gospel passion would be drawn to Cedarville in such a way. I think of Jim Phipps arriving as a student in 1964, graduating in 1968, beginning to work here at Cedarville that same year, and continuing to teach here 50 years later. I think of Murray Murdoch, the tennis coach and beloved history professor for more than 50 years, and scores of other faculty members who love God and our students. I could tell stories of His providential hand during the past five years, as He’s raised up the next generation of faithful faculty members.

I think about our many incredibly gifted students who turn down larger scholarships at other institutions because they believe in Cedarville’s mission. Students who demonstrate academic excellence in their field and spiritual passion on the mission field. Students who serve with distinction in their given vocation or excel in graduate school. Each case stands as an example of God’s providence in sending great people to this place we love. These students develop into beloved alumni and friends for life who contribute to the stellar reputation envisioned for Cedarville by McChesney more than 100 years ago.

As you read about the last 130 years, the credit and the praise belong to God alone. He and the incredible people He has called to this place are the driving force behind what Cedarville has been and, I pray, will always be. God has chosen to work through donors, partners in ministry, leaders, faculty members, students, alumni, and scores of others to create, sustain, and grow this special place. A place that we hold dear. A place unashamed of the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. How could it be any other way?

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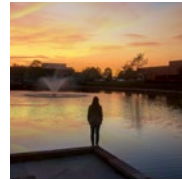
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isaiah 25:1

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MURRAY MURDOCH The only way to explain Cedarville is God! That sentiment has been expressed by faculty, staff, students, and alumni countless times throughout the years. Murdoch, who has written two history books on Cedarville University, recalls how God's providential hand has been evident through pivotal events during the past 130 years.



4 | 130 REMARKABLE YEARS

Did you know Cedarville once had a football team? Or that one of Cedarville's past professors served 58 years across two centuries and two administrations? How about the year "Yellow Jackets" first appeared as the mascot for Cedarville athletic teams? Learn these and other great facts on Cedarville's momentous and miraculous timeline.



10 | DR. JEREMIAH'S MARK

In 1954, James T. Jeremiah was selected to lead Cedarville University. Cedarville was struggling with low morale and financial difficulties, but by the Lord's hand, Jeremiah guided the struggling college into a growing, energized liberal arts and professional degree-granting institution, with an unflinching commitment to biblical integration in all disciplines.



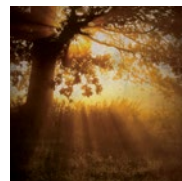
12 | YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

MICHELE (CUMMINGS) SOLOMON '91 Pam Johnson, Lynn Brock '68, Jim Cato '83, and Paul Ware represent nearly 170 years of service to Cedarville University. Each has inspired students and colleagues through dedication to the Lord and to this exceptional institution.



17 | GENERATION TO GENERATION

CLEM BOYD The Green family tree is amazingly intertwined with the history of Cedarville University. Across three generations (so far), the Greens' faith, family, friendships, and future have all grown and flourished as a result of God's work through Cedarville.



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CORRECTION: In the spring issue of *Cedarville Magazine*, we incorrectly reported the names of the Cedarville men's Distance Medley Relay (DMR) team that won an eighth-place podium finish and All-America honors at the NCAA Division II Track & Field Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. The Cedarville DMR team members were actually Tim De Jong '17, Daniel Michalski '18, Wyatt Hartman '17, and Ethan Gatchell '19.



PROVIDENTIAL

ONLY THE HAND OF GOD CAN EXPLAIN CEDARVILLE

BY MURRAY MURDOCH

For the “old-timers” at Cedarville, there is a phrase oft-uttered that is undeniably true: “The only way to explain Cedarville is God.” From the countless illustrations of this truth, let me reflect on just a few.

When descendants of America’s Scotch/Irish immigrants settled in the Ohio Valley, they organized a church congregation and formed a General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In the 1880s, the Synod leaders determined to establish a college to educate pastors and teachers for their denomination’s youth. A committee of five men began searching for a location in the Cedarville area. Corporation papers were drafted and the state of Ohio granted a charter on January 26, 1887.

The trustees purchased property in May 1888. On May 10, they reported \$9,729.35 had been pledged to the school, but the treasury had received only \$549. Over the next two years, efforts to raise funds failed, and finally, in a spirit of despair, the trustees concluded that “the whole enterprise be abandoned.”¹ However, the Synod rejected the resolution, and Cedarville College survived in name only.

Then, on May 24, 1892, the treasury reported that the college had received a \$25,000 bequest from the estate of William Gibson. According to Cedarville’s archivist Lynn Brock ’68, the Gibson gift, a total surprise, today would be worth \$650,000. An advertising campaign was immediately

launched, and on September 19, 1894, the first students entered Cedarville.

Through the years the college remained small, but effective, in training pastors and educators for the Presbyterian Synod. But, in the early decades of the 20th century, the college continued to be financially strapped. By the 1920s, the trustees began considering support from the much larger Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination. Cedarville would need to separate from the tiny (13 churches) Reformed Presbyterian Synod for this to happen.

The Reformed Presbyterians, recognizing their inability to provide financial help, released the college, and Cedarville immediately petitioned the Presbyterian Church (USA), but was rejected! With no supporting church body, Cedarville became a private entity owned solely by its Board of Trustees. It was a Christian school without a church or constituency. The trustees became a self-perpetuating board, completely responsible for the assets and liabilities of the college.

Soon America was caught in the Great Depression, which was devastating for small institutions. Then World War II took young people from the halls of colleges to the battlefields

of Europe and the Pacific. Every avenue for survival was explored, but none bore fruit.

The headline in the *Columbus Sunday Dispatch* on February 1, 1953, was heart-wrenching: "Sentiment won't keep the doors open." The article quoted Harold Kennedy, identified as "acting head" of Cedarville College, as saying, "Unless you believe in miracles, I'm afraid we will have to shut down."

The Cedarville dilemma was shared by a deacon with his pastor, James T. Jeremiah, who was also a board member of the Baptist Bible Institute (BBI) of Cleveland. BBI was primarily a night school that wanted to expand, but found it extremely difficult to acquire property in the Western Reserve area of Cleveland. Jeremiah convinced the BBI trustees to come to Cedarville and explore the concept of a merger.

What the BBI representatives heard from the Cedarville trustees was amazing. The Cedarville men wanted the institution to remain a college of higher learning and continue under its original name and charter, and they wanted the BBI leaders to assume responsibility for any remaining debts (and assets) of the school at the close of 1953. In addition, the BBI board agreed that Cedarville would remain a liberal arts college.

The Presbyterian trustees stated that if BBI would continue Cedarville as a Christian college, they would give them the campus. This would be achieved by half of the Presbyterian trustees resigning and the other half electing Baptist trustees. Then the remaining Presbyterians would resign, and the Baptists would elect the rest of their brothers. Thus in 1953, by the simple process of resignation and election, Cedarville became a Baptist liberal arts college. Ultimately, the money owed the college was collected, which paid the balance of the debt assumed. As one of those early BBI trustees stated in the *Ohio Independent Baptist* magazine in May 1953: "This thing is too wonderful and too good to be of any source other than God." In response, the 1953 student body joyfully named its yearbook *The Miracle*.

The face of the Lord continued to shine on Cedarville. When I began in 1965, the number of faculty and staff nearly matched the student body. Today the number of students is approaching 4,000. Cedarville University first achieved accreditation with North Central Association of Colleges

and Schools in 1975. That initial accreditation occurred in the midst of criticism from both Bible believers and secular humanists. The criticism came in letters and articles, as well as from the pulpits of churches and Christian colleges. Many in the church believed accreditation could not take place without compromising the Word of God. This was dispelled when a member of the accreditation team asked Jeremiah what would happen if a faculty member denied the doctrinal statement. Jeremiah's response? "We would fire him." The accreditors agreed that, given Cedarville's mission, that was exactly what should happen!

The secular humanist barrage continues today, but Cedarville has maintained accreditation without compromise in each subsequent reaccreditation examination that has occurred, including 2016 when the examiners' conclusion stated:

"Cedarville University is a university that is deeply committed to its mission ... Students experience both high quality academics and spiritual growth ... All aspects of the institution are driven by the mission. Cedarville faculty, staff, and students stand for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ."

In today's secular educational system, only God can accomplish this.

One final example of God's providential hand, and perhaps the most important of all: I have seen what God has done in the

lives of young men and women on this campus in every one of the 52 years I have been privileged to be a part of this community. Every single year, we have the joy of seeing young people accept Christ as personal Savior, as the Spirit of God penetrates with convicting and saving power. Others commit their lives to ministry in a variety of areas.

This certainly affirms that the old-timers are correct: The only way to explain Cedarville University is God. I pray that stays true for the remainder of this beloved institution's days.


1. *Minutes, Board of Trustees, May 26, 1890.*



The Board of Trustees from the Baptist Bible Institute in Cleveland, Ohio

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130 REMARKABLE YEARS




1887
Cedarville University founded by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America and chartered by the state of Ohio.

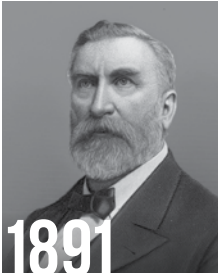


1894
David McKinney named first president of Cedarville College.

1895
Founders Hall built.




1915
Wilbert McChesney named president.




1891
\$25,000 bequest received from William Gibson's estate, equivalent to \$650,000 today; enables establishment of Cedarville College.

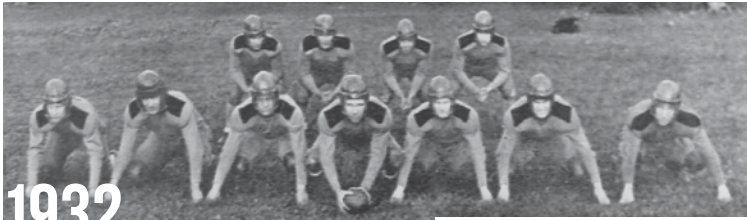
1895
First college catalog published, showing room and board, tuition, books, and other costs totaling between \$117 and \$172.50.



1897
Cedarville graduates first class – Homer McMillan, Raymond Gorbald, John Bickett, John Orr, and Calvin Morton.



1902
Cedarville's first gymnasium, formerly the Reformed Presbyterian Church, built in 1853, was housed in what is now Alford Auditorium.



1932

Renowned journalist Lowell Thomas talks about Cedarville's 137-0 football loss on national radio program. Football discontinued as a varsity sport that year.



1942

Cedarville begins operating a farm using student labor.



1950

E.H. Miller named president.



1940

Home of former Board of Trustees member W.P. Harriman donated to the University, becoming Cedarville University's first residence hall. Harriman Hall initially houses women.

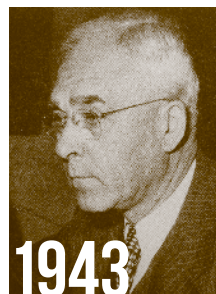
1946

Football reinstated as varsity sport; discontinued in 1953.



1925

"Yellow Jackets" appears for the first time in the college yearbook as the mascot for Cedarville sports teams.



1943

Ira Vayhinger named president.



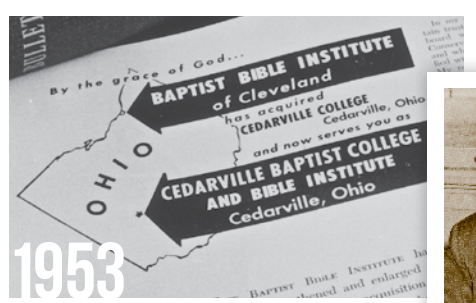
1950

University farm sold.



1968

Cedarville hosts its first "Cedar What?" mock presidential election. The tradition continues until 1992.



1953

Cedarville College merges with Baptist Bible Institute (BBI).



1954

James T. Jeremiah named president.

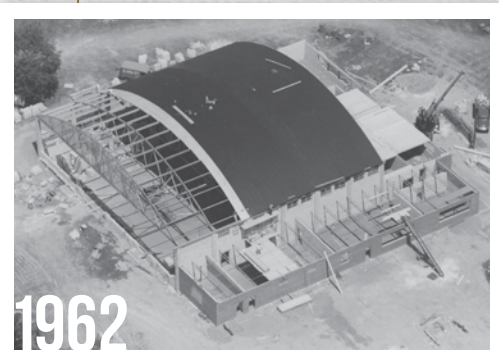


1970

Legendary Cedarville basketball coach Don Callan leads his team on a missions trip to Japan and the Philippines, launching Mission Involvement Services (MIS). MIS merged with Community Ministries in 2014 to become Global Outreach.

1954

Frank Jurkat, professor of classic and modern languages and history, dies. His career spans 59 years, from 1895, two years before the first graduating class, to the beginning of Baptist leadership of the college. He is the only professor to serve under both Presbyterian and Baptist administrations.



1962

Cedarville's new gymnasium and college center built; converted to Tyler Digital Communication Center in 2002.

1969

Cedar Lake created.



1970

Cedarville students, along with President James T. Jeremiah and his wife, Ruby, appear on the nationally syndicated *The Phil Donahue Show*, broadcast from Dayton, Ohio.



1976

James T. Jeremiah Chapel built; renamed Apple Technology Resource Center in 1997.



1982

Nursing program begins; B.S.N. three-year completion plan announced in 2017.

1975

Cedarville accredited for the first time by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, completing an 18-year process.



1981

Callan Athletic Center built.



1972

Science Center constructed; engineering and nursing programs added to the building in 1992.



1978

Paul Dixon named president.



1987

Students transport books from the old library to the new Centennial Library. The Centennial Library opens during the 100th anniversary of Cedarville.



1994

Engineering students compete in the first cardboard canoe race on Cedar Lake. Entries from other departments can now participate in the event, which takes place homecoming weekend.



1996

Dixon Ministry Center built; home to the new James T. Jeremiah Chapel.

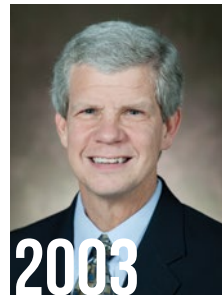


2005

Student volunteers stream to the Louisiana and Mississippi coastline in October to show the love of Christ to residents devastated by Hurricane Katrina. More than 600 students volunteer 14,000 hours during fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring breaks cleaning debris, clearing out destroyed homes, and helping in any way they can.

2001

Women's cross country team wins NAIA national title.



2003

William E. Brown named president.



1990

The first class of mechanical engineering and electrical engineering students is enrolled.

2002

Cedarville College becomes Cedarville University with unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees.

2000

Elliv, which is 'ville spelled backward, makes its debut. This end-of-year, student-run event showcases the diverse talents of the student body.



2006

Campus Christmas is held for the first time. This holiday tradition turns the Stevens Student Center into a winter wonderland and includes music, Christmas movies, games, pictures with Santa, late-night breakfast, and time with Cedarville's president. Above all, students celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ before they head home for Christmas break.



2008

Center for Biblical and Theological Studies opens.



2016

Jeremiah Chapel renovated and expanded, adding 160 seats and bringing total capacity to more than 3,300.



2009

Pharmacy program begins; receives accreditation in 2016.

2016

Cedarville re-accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Reviewers comment in their final report that "Cedarville faculty, staff, and students stand for the 'Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.'"



2016

Grace Norman '20 wins the inaugural gold medal in the PT4 triathlon at the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She also earns a bronze medal in the 400-meter race.



Division II



2012

Cedarville joins NCAA Division II.



2012

Health Sciences Center opens.



2013

Thomas White named president.



2017

Campus Master Plan initiated.



DR. JEREMIAH'S MARK

Most certainly, the Lord Himself has been the founder and architect of Cedarville University. But one of His most dedicated workmen in that cause has been James T. Jeremiah.

Jeremiah came to Cedarville as a board member after Cedarville College merged with the Bible Baptist Institute of Cleveland. During a time of great upheaval and transition, Jeremiah assumed the responsibilities of president while continuing to serve as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

The outlook was bleak at first. Cedarville had no endowment and struggled to meet operating expenses. But Jeremiah's fiscal stewardship and willingness to work as unto the Lord in any endeavor — pouring cement blocks for construction, digging ditches, delivering milk from a local dairy for the dining hall — provided the example and thrift that steadied the institution through trying times.

When he was appointed president on September 11, 1954, Cedarville boasted a student population of 103, served by nine faculty members. Within 10 years those numbers had grown to 501 students and 33 faculty members. And by the time he stepped down in 1978, the student body had expanded to 1,250; 29 new administrative, residential, and instructional facilities had been added; and the school's acreage had increased from 15 to 180.

But more than that, 2,840 graduates were living for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ as pastors, missionaries, worship leaders, teachers, and many other roles. As Jeremiah noted in his final report to the Board of Trustees, "To all who have been such a vital part in my life and labors here, from the depths of my heart I say thank you." And Cedarville thanks God today for the steadfast devotion and unwavering focus of His faithful servant James T. Jeremiah.



YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

BY MICHELE (CUMMINGS) SOLOMON '91

For 130 years, God has brought the right faculty and staff members to Cedarville, at just the right time to accomplish His purposes. Read the stories of four long-time members of the Cedarville family, whose experiences parallel those of so many faithful servants through the years. Discover how Cedarville has blessed them as they have blessed so many others.



PAM JOHNSON THE COACH

Cedarville University made a profound impact on Pamela Johnson's life long before she stepped foot on campus as a faculty member. As a college junior at the University of Dayton, Johnson came to know the Lord through interaction with Cedarville athletes. "They were so nice, and their faith was so real," she recalled. "They had the answers I was searching for."

Several years later, after completing master's and doctoral degrees at The Ohio State University, Johnson accepted an offer to teach at Cedarville in 1974. "I was a baby Christian," she said. "The students had mostly been Christians for years and I thought, 'You want me to teach them?'" But in His faithfulness, God prepared her to serve where and when she was needed. "I always say that God has used me here in spite of me," she commented.

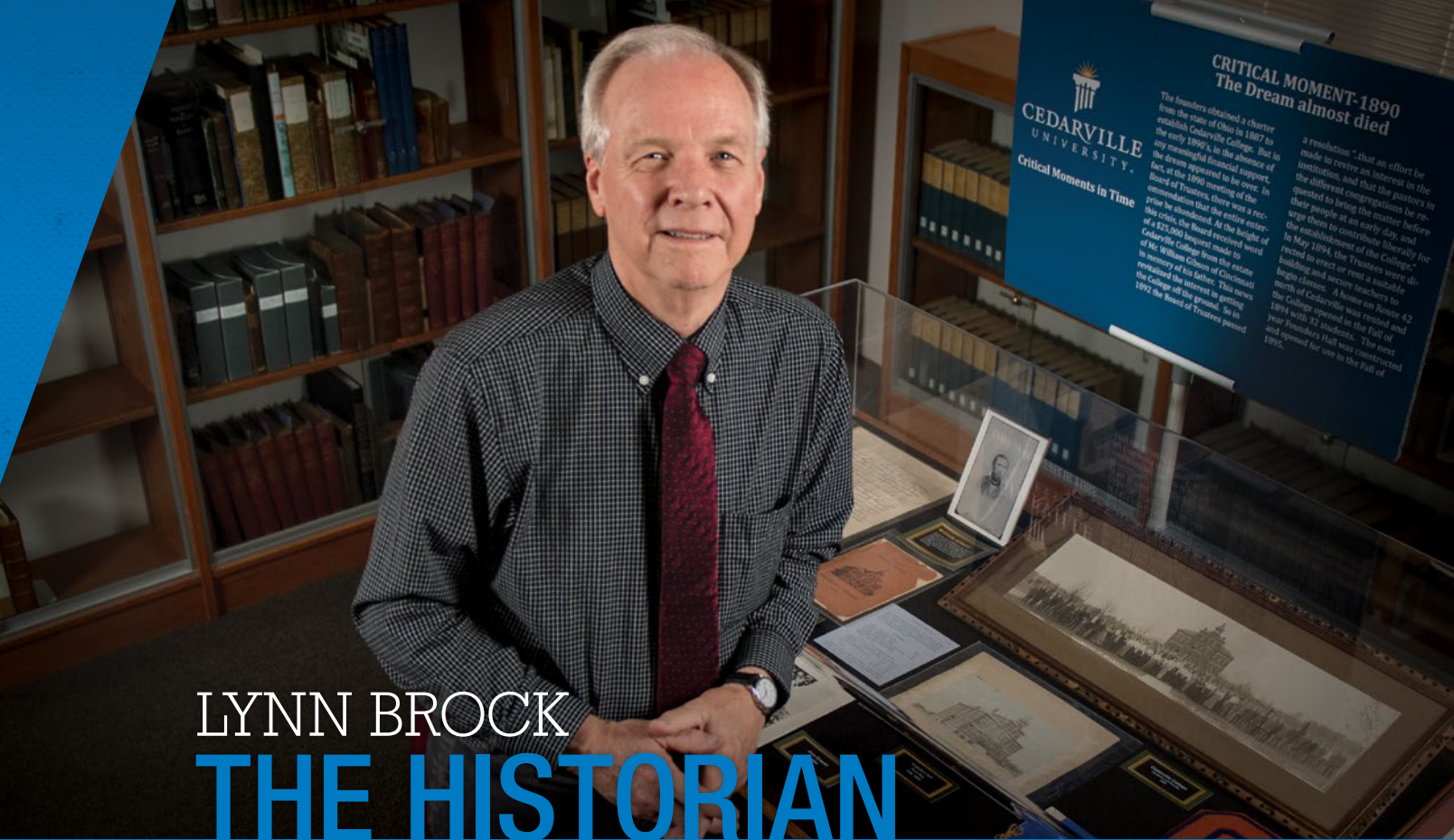
Now entering her 44th year, Johnson currently serves as Dean of Undergraduate Studies. She has found much joy working with students one-on-one, whether helping an athlete perfect her serve as the tennis coach for 30 years or helping an undergrad work out a tough class schedule today. "When you know you're doing exactly what God wants you to do, it's not hard to come to work," she explained.

Johnson recalls faculty meetings in her early days at Cedarville on the second floor of Founders Hall. "I grew up in those meetings," she recalled. "Listening to godly, wise men discuss and disagree was beautiful. I learned so much. Being part of the faculty here is such a blessing. And God continues to bring outstanding new faculty members."

As a new Christian, craving to know more about God's Word, Cedarville was a special place for Johnson. "This firm foundation on God's Word was what I was looking for, what I needed," she explained. "God's Word became who I was."

And, Johnson explained, that biblical foundation has guided Cedarville through the years, during good times and trials. "We do what we do on the basis of Scripture," she said. "It has brought a confidence and a comfort. We can stand firm knowing we're doing what we must do."

And that stand is more important today than ever. "We are facing cultural trials today that we couldn't have imagined years ago," Johnson said. "Our commitment to the Word of God has prepared us to stand firm. God doesn't change. His Word doesn't change. The day we stop doing what it says is the day we should close the doors."



LYNN BROCK THE HISTORIAN

If you have a question about the history of Cedarville University, Lynn Brock '68, Dean of Library Services, is a good place to start. "I love history," he explained. "You have to understand how we got where we are today, and the people who helped us get here, to truly understand Cedarville."

And Brock's history with Cedarville is long. "This place was a part of me before I even got here," he said. His father, William Brock, was a trustee, so it was only natural for him to attend Cedarville. After receiving his master's degree, he returned as a reference librarian in 1969, and worked his way up through the library, eventually being appointed Director in 1975 and named Dean in 2006.

The library is naturally about serving others, and it's a role that Brock takes seriously. "If we do our job well," he explained, "it helps our students and faculty be successful." Each year, he chooses a theme verse for his staff. This year's verse, 1 Corinthians 15:58, underscores the importance he places on the contribution of each staff member. "There is nothing too small to be done," he said. "Everything we do matters to God. No one here is more important than anyone else. It's what has made this a great place to work."

Brock credits the variety of his responsibilities for keeping him engaged in his work. "There's always something else to do that takes advantage of your skills and abilities, even outside your normal job," he explained. "I've never gotten in a rut here."

He served as Director of Planning for the University from 1988 to 1996 and played an integral role in developing several buildings on campus. In 2006, he led the building program for the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies, including creating the Biblical Heritage Gallery, where six exhibits showing the Bible in history rotate every six months. Brock personally created each of these exhibits — depicting the history, preservation, and influence of the Bible — which highlight the importance of God's Word to Cedarville. "It defines everything we do," he said. "Without Scripture, there's no reason for us to be here."

Perhaps Brock's favorite role is University Archivist. In 1996, he took a sabbatical to begin the long, careful process of organizing Cedarville's archives. "It's been a lot of fun to trace the history and the heritage of the University," he said. "To be able to see God's hand — his blessings, provisions, direction. We've only survived because of Him." And he enjoys sharing the archive with others, especially students. "I always end by asking them what their role will be in continuing the legacy," he explained. "I'm always amazed by the introspection I see."

He's a bit introspective himself as he begins his 49th year at Cedarville. "There's just something about this place, looking back at all the Lord's done," he commented. "Now as I'm nearing the end of my career, my hope is that I'm able to leave something behind." There seems little doubt of that.



JIM CATO THE WORSHIP LEADER

Jim Cato '83, Associate Vice President of Christian Ministries, first came to Cedarville in the early 1980s, a young married transfer student, searching for deeper meaning in his faith. Now entering his 34th year as a staff member, he credits Cedarville with altering the trajectory of his life. "I've grown up here," he said. "Cedarville changed the person I've become — in my marriage, in my faith, everything."

From leading worship, discipling students, and directing Cedarville's HeartSong teams, Cato has always known he was doing what God had called him to do. "This may sound hard to believe," he explained, "but there's never been a day that this has been just a job. God has been gracious to me in letting me have a job that I absolutely love, a job that I'm wired to do."

Years ago, his former boss and mentor Harold Green (or "PG" to the students) taught him that his service to Cedarville had to be all about the students and wanting to see lives changed. And later, other bosses, Bob Rohm '68 and Jon Wood, reinforced that idea. Watching these men and their love and commitment to students encouraged Cato to maintain a humble, servant's heart in his work. "I've had the privilege of working under three vice presidents who all had the same passion to center on students and discipleship," he said. "All of my favorite memories include students, when the light bulb comes on spiritually and they experience true life change because of Jesus."

For Cato, Cedarville was the place where he learned to balance his faith with the rest of his life. "Cedarville brought balance to my life that I didn't know was possible," he said. "Before Cedarville, my whole life had been about following rules; there was never a connection between my faith and my daily life. It was the first time I came face-to-face with how to confront culture with the Bible," he said.

And it's that kind of connection that he wants for students he's privileged to serve. "What makes Cedarville unique is that we get to help kids embrace the truth of God's Word and watch real transformation take place," he said. "We're seeing students leave here ready to live out the reality of the Gospel."

In a time when pop culture shapes societal values, Cato is grateful for Cedarville's unwavering biblical stand. "For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ' is not a cliché," he said. "It's our foundation. It gives stability. Everything we do starts and ends with God's Word. And then the next part, 'for the Testimony of Jesus Christ,' reminds us that it's all about Jesus and what He's done for us."

While keeping an eye on what has been, Cato maintains his focus on what is yet to come. "The mission of Cedarville must go forward. It matters because God's Word matters. It'll never go out of style," he added. "I've never been more excited to be here."



PAUL WARE THE GROUNDSKEEPER

Walk around Cedarville's campus, and you'll see Paul Ware's handiwork almost everywhere you look. From well-manicured flower beds to healthy trees and shrubs, you'll see evidence of Ware's green thumb. If it has roots and grows in the ground, Ware probably designed, planted, or cared for it. Even after serving on the University's grounds crew for 40 years, he "never gets bored and seldom feels tired."

Ware considers it a blessing to be part of Cedarville's long history of equipping Christian young people with a Christ-centered education. "There's something special here," he said. "You look around, hundreds of like-minded people. Something bigger than yourself, people who have gone on before you. I want to be a part of that."

And Ware takes his part of Cedarville's mission very seriously. "The grounds have a big impact on visitors' impressions of Cedarville, and I want them to look good," he explained. "I want to make the University look good, make the Lord look good. I want people to want to come back to our campus."

"Everybody has a really important role to play, and I think mine's big," he continued. "People will notice the flower beds

long before they step foot in a professor's classroom. They'll be making judgements as they first drive down the boulevard on campus."

It's that pride in his work and sense of purpose that makes every day enjoyable for Ware. "I think I was made for this job," he explained. "When you're doing what you love, the days go by quickly. We're always busy, but I love it."

Ware's impact goes beyond the beautiful trees and well-tended lawns, however. "I want students to see an example of a good work ethic," he said, "to see how any work can be a service to the Lord."

It's a lesson that hundreds of students have taken with them to God-given vocations all around the world. Ware and his wife, Marilyn, have also coached young couples for years with Fit To Be Tied, Cedarville's premarital mentoring program.

"Cedarville is a wonderful place," Ware concluded. "It's been a blessing from start to finish."

Michele (Cummings) Solomon '91 is the Copy Editor for Cedarville University Marketing and Communications.



Generation to **GENERATION**

GREEN FAMILY TREE HAS DEEP ROOTS IN CEDARVILLE

BY CLEM BOYD

Fifteen hours. That's the time it takes by car to get from Lakeland, Florida, to Cedarville, Ohio. If you're planning a trip to Lakeland, situated halfway between Tampa and Orlando, that information might be helpful. But if ever you want to know more details, like the best places to eat, interesting side trips, or good hotels, you should contact the Green family. They know the route between Ohio and Florida very, very, very well.



Any gathering of Greens also means a Yellow Jacket reunion, as occurred at last year's wedding of Jenna (Green) Berkey '13 to Zach Berkey on New Year's Eve 2016. The ceremony took place at Heritage Baptist Church in Lakeland, Florida.

So far, 27 Green family members, or related family members, have attended Cedarville University. Or are still attending. Because the Green team keeps sending new recruits to Yellow Jacket territory.

If you ask the first generation that sent multiple kids to Cedarville, it all started with their uncle Ray Erickson '57. "Our family attended Euclid Nottingham Baptist Church in Euclid, Ohio," noted Dan Green '80, the second Green to attend Cedarville and one of the University's newest trustees.

"Some of the leaders of the Baptist Bible Institute (BBI) were leaders in the circle of churches up there. Ray was looking for a Christian school, so he attended Cedarville." In 1953, BBI, located in Cleveland, merged with what was then Cedarville College.

Even though the Green family tree runs deeply through Cedarville's history, by the time Dan considered going to college, his parents had uprooted a number of times — from Cleveland to Florida, then Boston, back to Cleveland, then finally to Florida again when Dan started seventh grade.

"When I graduated from high school, I was planning to attend the University of Florida," he explained. "I had been accepted and I was ready to go, with some friends coming with me. But my parents (Doug and Gail Green), requested that I attend a Christian college for at least one year, and that was OK with me."

Mom and Dad Green suggested Cedarville. "So, sight unseen, I applied, was accepted, and I drove with my folks to the cornfields of Cedarville, Ohio, in 1976."

Dan and his parents met with then-President James T. Jeremiah, who offered encouragement to the would-be Gator about his decision to try his wings at Cedarville. "I moved into

Cedar Park, which is married housing now, on the other side of the railroad tracks (now the Prairie Grass Bike Trail)," he said. "My parents dropped me off, and my mom left crying. But within a week, I knew it was the place for me.

"I had no desire to go back to a state school or to transfer out," Dan continued. "Cedarville was exactly right for me." Dan graduated with bachelor's degrees in accounting and Bible and is a partner at Wheelock Street Capital, a real estate investment firm.

Several years later, Dan's younger brother Alan '82 would follow, then sister Sandy (Green) Nilius '86, and last of all, baby brother Mike '88. "Three of us found our spouses at Cedarville," Dan said. "My wife, Julie (Hutchins) '81, and her brother Barry '83 went to Cedarville. My brothers and brother-in-law found their spouses there. My brother's kids have attended Cedarville; all four of my kids attended, and three of them found their spouses at Cedarville. Julie and I have a nephew and a niece attending there right now.

"It's been a good run."

DEEP-ROOTED REASONS

But what was it? What exactly convinced four siblings to attend the same school? Of course, having the influence of an older brother can be big. But was it something more?

"Dr. Dixon used to come to our church and speak," Alan said. "When he was named president, we knew we'd be in good hands."

Also, Dan played tennis for Cedarville. "The team would come down to Lakeland during spring break," Alan continued. "My dad was a developer, and one of his developments was

a tennis center, so they'd go there. Some of the team would stay with us, along with their coach, Dr. Murdoch. He's a special guy. It helped to meet other people involved in athletics."

The last kid can sometimes be the maverick, choosing to go his own way. But for Mike Green, the experience and example of his siblings made his college choice extremely easy. "I trusted my brothers and sister implicitly," he said. "If it was good enough for them, it was good enough for me. I never even considered another school."

And it worked out pretty well for Mike. He met his wife, Missy (Hall) '88, his second week on campus. "We dated for the rest of my freshman, sophomore, and junior years, then we married between junior and senior year," he said. "We graduated as a married couple. A Christian college is a great place to meet your mate." He graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a partner with his brother Alan in their Lakeland-based construction company, Green Construction.

For some students, making their own way apart from family is one goal of the college experience. Not so for Sandy, who earned her bachelor's degree in education and teaches third grade at Lakeland Christian School. "My cousin Brian Green '85 was attending at the same time, and his unit in Lawlor and my unit in Printy really hung out together," she said, noting the halls housed other class years besides freshmen then. "It was great just having that person I could call and say, 'What time are you having lunch today?'"

Older brother Alan, and his wife, Donna (Dennis) '82, who married between sophomore and junior year, lived in a home near campus. "I would go to their house and take my friends along," Sandy said. "Being that far away from home, it meant a lot to have someone familiar nearby. I had friends, too, but I loved having family there."

For all the Green siblings, and their extended family, Cedarville's unwavering commitment to integrating Scripture in every discipline has been a strong pull.

"Academics are always important, but you can get that at many good universities," Dan said. "That biblical integration was critical, and we wanted to put our kids in that environment, too."

"Everybody that graduates from Cedarville has that Bible minor," added Alan. "That's a great foundation for kids to understand and own their faith. And that's not just a hope; that's an expectation based on history. I came out of Cedarville owning my faith.

"It goes beyond career. We know that God's going to direct their careers, but that biblical worldview goes with them throughout their entire lives."

And there are the people who have impacted the Greens. "To be around other Christians, that's a good place to cultivate those relationships with people of like mind," Dan said. "This saying created a couple years ago — friends for life — I believe that. Some of our closest friends went to school with us, and our kids grew up with their kids, and then we'll rendezvous back at school because their kids chose Cedarville as well."

What about the next Green wave — the grandkids? Will Cedarville roots reach into their generation?

"My kids are 7 and 9, and I'd like to see them go there," noted Dan's oldest son, Matt '05, who earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and is CFO at Lakeland Christian School. "I know it's a great environment for kids to grow into adults and chew on different ideas while also being in a familiar place. I know how important my time at Cedarville was in shaping me and who I am in Christ.

"Cedarville is so ingrained in who we are as Greens," he continued. "As I look to the future, to know there is this solid school, a place that we can all look back on and see how Cedarville has shaped our family through the lens of the Gospel. Cedarville is part of our family's story."

Clem Boyd is Managing Editor of Cedarville Magazine.

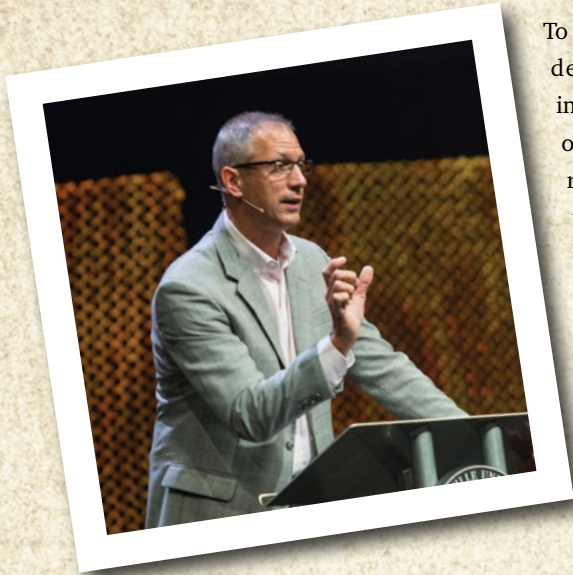
The Green family has ties to Cedarville that start in 1953, when their uncle first attended. Here's a list of all the Green connections:

- Ray Erickson '57
- Mark Warren '79
- Sharon (Green) Warren '79
- Dan Green '80
- Julie (Hutchins) Green '81
- Alan Green '82
- Donna (Dennis) Green '82
- Barry Hutchins '83
- Brian Green '83
- Rose Mary (Rasmusson) Hutchins '84
- Steve Erickson '85
- Sandy (Green) Nilius '86
- Mike Green '88
- Missy (Hall) Green '88
- Kelly (Issakainen) Green '05, M.Ed. '15
- Matt Green '05
- Joel Green '07
- Terri (Schenk) Green '08
- Nicole Green '09
- Tim Green '11
- Alison (Scharold) Green '12
- Jenna (Green) Berkey '13
- Bethany Green '14
- Stephen Green '17
- Kaylee (Andreas) Green '18
- David Green '19
- Abigail Nilius '19



Empowered by the Spirit

The following is an excerpt from an August 23, 2017, chapel presentation by Mark Vroegop '93. Vroegop was the speaker for the 2017 Fall Bible Conference. Listen to his full remarks at cedarville.edu/chapel.



To walk by the Spirit is a Spirit-dependent way of life that involves believing the promises of God, choosing to do what is right, and thanking God for the result.

Spirit-dependent means you have an unbelievable power within you and you should think, “Holy Spirit, I need You as I walk through life; remind me that I’m dependent, and apart from You I can do nothing.”

When Paul uses the word “walk,” it means everything! You walk by the Spirit when you go to chapel. You walk by the Spirit when you eat at Chuck’s. You walk by the Spirit when you’re dating, and you walk by the Spirit when you’re on the computer.

Walking by the Spirit means you see His Word, and you believe it. The Gospel helps you triumph over sin

Holy Spirit, I need You as I walk through life; remind me that I’m dependent, and apart from You I can do nothing.

by doing two things: supplying greater promises that eclipse the promise of sin, and giving you power by which to believe those promises.

There are times when I’m reading my Bible and I think, “God, I know I believe this, but I need Your help right now to help me believe it. I believe ... help my unbelief.” That’s what the Spirit does; it buoys our belief.

When anger comes and promises if you get angry, you’ll get your way, by the Holy Spirit you counter that, believing, “Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord’” (Rom. 12:19). When pride comes, and you think, “I want to be somebody!,” you counter that with “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (1 Pet. 5:5; James 4:6). You have to be a promise-collector; God has supplied the Spirit to help you be a promise-believer.

Finally, we choose to do what’s right and thank God for the result. Sin is conquered by taking tangible action steps, for it is God at work, both to will and to work within you, so you choose to do what’s right.

When you walk in the Spirit, you know, “This is God who’s at work in me!” What you see is what Paul talks about when he says, “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). And when that happens, you know that what you believe is real. That is why the greatest assurance of your faith is the ongoing mortification of sin and the fruitfulness of a godly life.

Mark Vroegop '93 is Lead Pastor at College Park Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and a Cedarville University trustee.

Join the University family in chapel each day via the livestream broadcast (cedarville.edu/chapellive) or Facebook Live (cedarville.edu/facebook). Past messages are also archived at cedarville.edu/chapel.

Jan. 9–10 Missions Conference
Tony Merida
Associate Professor of Preaching
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Jan. 18 Ryan Anderson
Senior Research Fellow
Heritage Foundation
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 8 Tim Challies
Pastor
Grace Fellowship Church
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



What the Bible Is All About

The following is an excerpt from an October 23 chapel presentation by Shai Linne. Linne was one of the plenary speakers for this year's 9Marks Pastors Conference. Listen to his full remarks at cedarville.edu/chapel.

In Luke 24:46–47, Jesus makes one of the richest statements in all Scripture, explaining what the Bible is about: “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

“Thus it is written.” What a high view of the Bible the Lord Jesus had. For biblical theology to be true, it must have the Bible as its foundation, its source, and its reference point.

“That the Christ should suffer.” This is the heart of biblical theology. The Gospel. It speaks of who Jesus is and what He came to do. He’s the Messiah and the promised King from the line of David. We need a King, and we need a sacrifice.

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All of us deserve to suffer eternally for the penalty of our sin. In His mercy, God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, to live the perfect life that none of us could ever live, and then die on the cross as a substitute, in the place of all who would turn from their sins and place their trust in Jesus Christ alone.

“On the third day rise from the dead.” Jesus did not remain in the tomb, but He rose on the third day. This is the ground of our hope.

“Repentance and forgiveness of sins.” All faithful Gospel-preaching includes repentance and forgiveness of sins. It’s not that you repent one time, have your sins forgiven, and then move on. The Christian life is a continual life of repentance and rejoicing in the forgiveness of God.

“Should be proclaimed.”

This proclamation is at the center of our lives. Cedarville exists to equip Christians to send them out and proclaim the excellencies of Christ. It doesn’t matter your major; if you are a Christian, you have been called to proclaim the excellencies of God: His faithfulness, goodness, sovereignty, justice, righteousness, love, grace, and mercy.

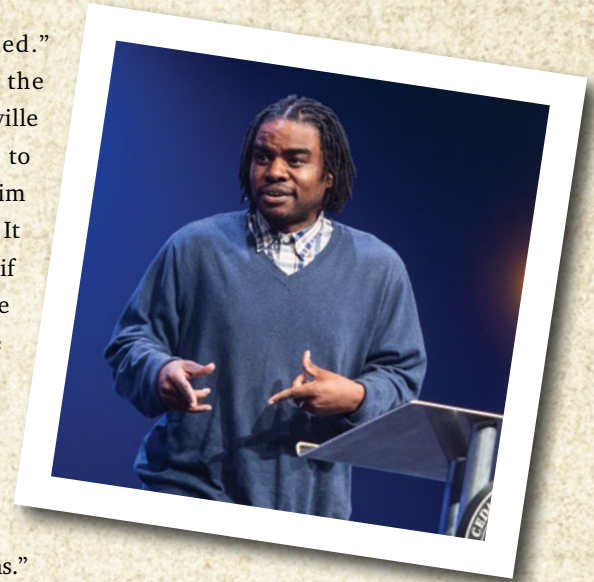
“In his name to all nations.”

The scope of His proclamation is all nations. And the authority of the proclamation — in His name. That encourages me about a gathering like this. I see people

For biblical theology to be true, it must have the Bible as its foundation, its source, and its reference point.

from many different backgrounds, ethnicities, and countries of origin. Yet we’re united under the same banner of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel. And that glorifies God.

Shai Linne is a Christian recording artist and church planter, who has released seven hip-hop albums and helped plant Risen Christ Fellowship in Philadelphia in 2016.



Feb. 27–28 **David Prince**
Pastor of Preaching and Vision
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
Lexington, Kentucky

Mar. 22 **Dannah Gresh**
Author, Speaker
State College, Pennsylvania

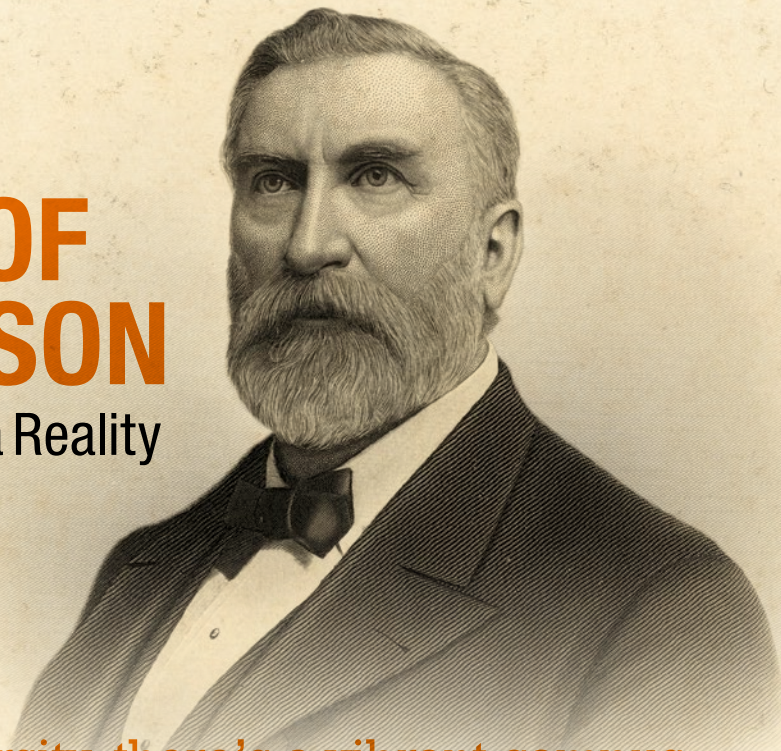
Apr. 4 **Sam Allberry**
Speaker
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries
Maidenhead, UK, and Cedarville, Ohio

Apr. 5 **Rosaria Butterfield**
Author, Speaker
Durham, North Carolina

THE LEGACY OF WILLIAM GIBSON

Estate Gift Made Cedarville a Reality

BY LYNN BROCK '68



Today at Cedarville University, there's a vibrant campus serving nearly 4,000 students soaking in God's truth, discipling one another, and studying diligently for professions where they can shine the light of Christ.

But in 1887, there was a different picture. No campus existed, just a charter from the state of Ohio, and a flickering hope for success that would be extinguished unless God provided.

By 1890, the founders and first trustees of Cedarville College faced the end of their dream in the absence of meaningful financial support. At their meeting that year, the trustees, having now decided to close before the college had even opened, recommended, "that the whole enterprise be abandoned, that the treasurer be instructed to sell the lot (purchased in 1888) ... refund the money that had been contributed ... and cancel the subscriptions."¹ Fortunately, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church did not accept this recommendation. What had started with much enthusiasm was now handicapped by lack of sufficient funds.

At the height of this crisis, the trustees received word of a \$25,000 bequest made to Cedarville College from the estate of the late William Gibson of Cincinnati, given in memory of his father, Peter. God had provided.

William had been a partner with his father in a Cincinnati plumbing business and was active in a Reformed Presbyterian church there. He was not only a business owner, but also a philanthropist who became, according to his obituary, a "substantial citizen" of Cincinnati.²

In his will, William pledged significant assets to a number of Presbyterian denominational agencies, but none as significant as the amount designated for Cedarville College. The will had been written in 1888 while Cedarville College existed only as a name printed on its charter received the previous year. The will was signed by Thomas Gibson, one of three executors and William's cousin, but who also served as Chairman of the Cedarville College Board of Trustees and was one of five founders of the institution.

Could it be that Thomas took it upon himself to remind William that this new school, designed to minister to college-age youth from Reformed Presbyterian churches, needed resources to launch its ministry? No one will know this side of heaven, but the Lord was at work.

In 1891, after a short illness, William Gibson died. Soon, the substantial bequest of \$25,000 arrived at the critical moment when the Cedarville College trustees were convinced they should abandon the project. To understand the significance of this gift, \$25,000 is equivalent to \$650,000 today, substantial now as it certainly was in 1891. This timely gift revitalized and invigorated the trustees.

At the board meeting in 1892, the trustees passed a resolution: "In view of the fact that a bequest of \$25,000 had been made to the Cedarville College by the late Mr. William

Gibson ... that an effort be made to revive an interest in that institution, and that the pastors in the different congregations be requested to bring the matter before their people at an early day, and urge them to contribute liberally for the establishment of said college.”³

In May 1894, the trustees authorized constructing or renting a suitable building and hiring instructors. A home on State Route 42, north of Cedarville, was rented and the college opened the fall of 1894 with 32 students.

Annual payments from the Gibson bequest kept the college going in those early days, and trustees invested the final \$20,000 payment in commercial rental property in Cincinnati from which the college received a regular annual income. Strong enrollment the first year clearly indicated the college would need to construct its own facility. Founders Hall was erected in 1895, funded primarily



by contributions from individuals and churches. Students attended classes there that fall.

June 10, 1897, dawned with the prospect of the first Cedarville College commencement. Five graduates would receive degrees during the ceremony at the

Cedarville Opera House. Martha McMillan, whose son Homer graduated that day, said in her journal, “Rev. Charles Frederick Pass of Cincinnati delivered the class oration. The principle thought he tried to impress on the class was to consecrate, devote, and dedicate their life — soul and body to the best and highest good in life. The blessings and privileges we enjoy today are the gift and sacrifices of those who have gone before us.”⁴

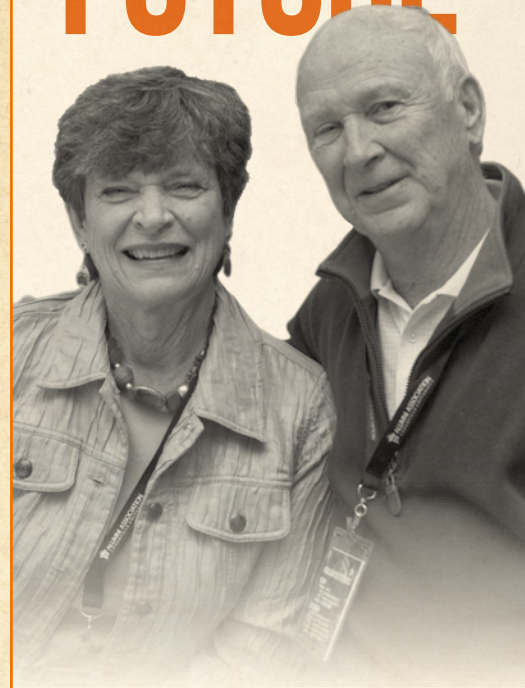
William Gibson’s bequest provided the motivation and the financial resources to make that first commencement possible, enabling a fledgling college to hire a president and faculty, recruit students, and begin a legacy of education founded on “the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Even with the impact of the future challenges of World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, and the college’s financial crisis of the 1950s, there has not been a year since 1897 without a commencement at Cedarville University. This is in no small measure the result of the gift of William Gibson, who never saw the reality of Cedarville College, but believed in its mission enough to give.

1. *Minutes, Board of Trustees, May 26, 1890.*
2. *Cleveland McDonald, History of Cedarville College, 1966, p. 25.*
3. *Minutes, Board of Trustees, May 24, 1892.*
4. *Martha McMillan, Journal entry, June 10, 1897.*

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This course examines American women writers between 1790 and 1940, covering diverse authors, genres, and themes. As part of this course, students transcribe and analyze sections of Martha McMillan's 1867–1913 journals for a contemporary audience. McMillan and her husband James McMillan were integrally involved in the Cedarville farming community and in the Presbyterian church. Her son Homer was among the five graduates in Cedarville's first graduating class. McMillan's grandson Rankin MacMillan, a former trustee of Cedarville College, donated the collection of journals to Cedarville University, and the journals have provided valuable insights into the history of the University and the community.

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- Students participate in the literary recovery work of Martha McMillan's "life-writing." Literary recovery work (re)introduces contemporary readers to writers, texts, and genres that have been overlooked or ignored.
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- Students transcribe journal entries to contribute to the ongoing recovery project of the McMillan journals.
- Students conduct original research into the historical and literary contexts of the McMillan journals and publish scholarly introductions and helpful context.

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"I realized that many women before me have faced extreme challenges and have done so with grace. I transcribed the months of Martha McMillan's journals when her youngest son died. I watched Martha grieve the death of her son by clinging to the feet of her Savior and trusting in the promise of reuniting with him in heaven. This class bonded me so deeply with such a great woman of faith and changed my perspective on historical texts."

Leslie Pence '18

Civil Engineering Launches Fall 2018



Cedarville University will launch a new civil engineering major starting fall 2018. Civil engineering will be the fifth major in Cedarville's School of Engineering and Computer Science. Currently, students can pursue computer engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

Graduates will earn a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.) degree, which includes Cedarville's general education component and the Bible minor. The curriculum includes a core of engineering courses in the first two years, then civil engineering-specific coursework starting in year three.

"Civil engineering will provide Cedarville students the opportunity to impact the world through missions," said Thomas White, President. "Building bridges, developing safe roads, and providing clean and consistent water can open doors to the Gospel through loving others as ourselves. I am excited to see the eternal impact our civil engineering faculty and students will have on the world."

Cedarville trustees approved the new program in January, and the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission have also authorized the new degree.

"Our faculty sensed the need for a civil engineering program when we started to do missions work in Africa and South America," said Robert Chasnov, Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science. "Developing nations need help with their water systems and energy development, which is civil engineering work. This degree continues Cedarville's commitment to academic excellence and Gospel impact."

The School of Engineering and Computer Science's faculty benchmarked the program curriculum against other outstanding civil engineering programs to ensure that course descriptions, syllabi, and the general frame of the major will equip graduates for professional success in their vocation.

The additional degree offering will attract new students to the engineering school, which is already among Cedarville's largest academic areas.

Sam Allberry Joins Cedarville as Visiting Professor



“I’ve loved this place since the first time I came here,” said Allberry. “It would’ve done me a world of good to have come here as a student; I sensed a really nice Gospel culture and its heartbeat for discipleship.”

After his visit, Allberry knew his engagement with Cedarville would be long term. He’s had many pastoral opportunities with students, enjoys good friendships with the faculty, and values President Thomas White’s love of the Word of God.

“Dr. White is a pastor at heart. I can tell he deeply cares for the students in the way he leads the University,” explained Allberry. “If I can be remotely useful to Dr. White and what he’s doing, I’ll be very happy.”

Allberry looks forward to spending extended time at the University, teaching students and being sharpened in return. He also is excited to see how his involvement at Cedarville will feed and bless his other ministries.

“Cedarville is a great place, and I want more people to know about it,” said Allberry.

Watch a video introducing Allberry at cedarville.edu/SamAllberry.

Cedarville University welcomed Sam Allberry as visiting professor for the 2017–18 academic year. Allberry will teach practical theology courses and speak in seminars, apologetics events, and chapel.

Allberry is an editor for The Gospel Coalition, a global speaker for Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, and a pastor based in Maidenhead, UK. He is the author of a number of books, including *Is God Anti-Gay?* and *Why Bother with Church?* He is also founding editor of Living Out, a ministry for those struggling with same-sex attraction.

Allberry’s relationship with Cedarville started in April 2016, when he spoke in chapel for the first time. Many significant conversations with faculty and students happened during his visit.

Upcoming Events

December

- 3 Community Christmas Celebration
- 9 Campus Christmas

January

- 9–11 Missions Conference
- 19–20 CU LEADership Conference
- 26–27 Worship 4:24

February

- 1–11 Spring Play: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
- 10 Engineering and Computer Science Preview Day
- 15–17 Music Showcase
- 16–18 Li'l Sibs Weekend
- 19 CU Monday
- 23 Nursing Preview Day
- 26 Teacher Preview Day

March

- 16 All-Access Orientation
- 17 CedarMania

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Thanks for the hospitality @RogerONeel and @cedarville. Keep doing what you are doing.

Jessica Morris @jessrmorris · Sept. 29
There's really nothing better in life than a good Cedarville sunset.

Brian White @brianwhiteHBCNI · Oct 7
Thankful that this is what @cedarville is all about! Great Commission scholars standing for Christ!

Clara Costello @clarathebean · Sep 27
Walked into the career fair with a nametag and walked out with an interview. Thanks, @CU_Career @cedarville @CedarvilleComm

Mark Vroegop @MarkVroegop · Oct 7
Homecoming 2017 @cedarville w my favorite 11 year old. Just showed her the place where I decided to marry her mom.

Jennifer Clauson @JennyLee1968 · Oct. 10
My CU student said last night "best thing about @cedarville is the professors." Given the beautiful campus, that's high praise!

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Cedarville students compete in the cardboard canoe race October 6. The contest began in 1994 and takes place each year during homecoming weekend. Thirty-nine teams competed, and 28 made it across Cedar Lake. It was a photo finish this year, as the winning boat landed in two minutes, 24 seconds, one second in front of the second- and third-place teams. The winning crew included engineering students Nathan Jaquish '18 (captain), Seth Baney '21, Andrew Luiken '21, Lucas Scharfenkamp '21, and John Mathews '20. For nonengineering teams, first place went to the Army ROTC boat made up of Travis Sheehan '18 and Joshua Swimm '19.







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Pete Reese Retires

BY CLEM BOYD

Cedarville athletics and athletic facilities wouldn't be the same without Pete Reese '60. Reese has served as Men's Baseball Coach from 1989 to 1991, Assistant Basketball Coach from 1988 to 1997, Athletic Director from 1998 to 2008, then as Supervisor of Outdoor Athletic Facilities since 2008. On September 11, 2017, Reese retired from Cedarville after 29 years of service.

As a student, Reese was a dominant force on Cedarville Yellow Jackets basketball teams from 1956 to 1960. In 1984, he became a charter member of the Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame, and his number 43 was retired by the Hall in 2005. From 1965 to 1988, Reese served in a variety of roles with The Master's College in California. Each year, a male and female Yellow Jacket senior athlete are honored with the Pete and Joyce Reese Award, named in honor of Reese and his wife, Joyce, a Cedarville Hall of Famer for meritorious service.

Reese was honored September 11 in the Jeremiah Chapel, which included a speech by legendary basketball coach Don Callan and a plaque presented by Cedarville's president Thomas White. Students, faculty, and staff gave Reese a 60-second standing ovation.

The Cedarville Athletics Division also honored Reese that day with a luncheon attended by 40 family

members and friends. "I'm glad I got to end where I started," noted Reese. "I started as a student here in 1956; I was saved here my freshman year. I've watched Cedarville become an amazing institution."

And Reese has helped it reach its amazing stature. Reese was instrumental in designing and building Cedarville's outdoor athletic facilities, including baseball, softball, track, the golf driving range, and the Elvin R. King Cross Country Course.

"When we developed those new fields, I was involved putting in the sprinkler systems and laying miles of underground pipe and control wire," he said. "We probably have about 700 sprinkler heads installed."

"I often receive compliments about the excellent athletic facilities here at Cedarville," commented Cedarville Athletic Director Alan Geist '83. "I have used the word 'genius' many times when giving credit to Pete for all he has accomplished. God has used him in a mighty way."

Reese will continue to have an impact on Cedarville through the next



Pete Reese '60 prepares the infield before a men's baseball game.

generation. His son, Chris '89, has taken over for his dad and is now serving as Supervisor of Outdoor Athletic Facilities; his grandson, Jordan '18, is a sport and exercise science major; and granddaughter Nicole '20 is majoring in early childhood education.

"The Lord has given me great opportunities," Reese said. "I've gotten to do something I have a passion for, and I've always had a sense of excitement about my work. Go every step of the way with the Lord, and He will do amazing things for you."

Clem Boyd is Managing Editor of Cedarville Magazine.



JACKET SPORTS



Spider No More: Transformation of a XC Runner BY TIM MILLER '20

The attraction to compete in NCAA Division I athletics captivates many teens across the United States. You can include Andrew Testas '20 in that category. Testas, a cross country athlete at Cedarville University, competed for the Division I Richmond Spiders last fall.

Division I offers sprinkled in for Testas during his senior season of high school. He took his time fielding offers from multiple programs and visited their various campuses. "There was just that appeal of getting flown down for a visit," he said. "The Division I life just sounded nice."

However, the glamour of leaving home soon faded, and although he began to run better toward the end of the season, something still felt off about where he was. The reality of Division I athletics was not exactly what he had envisioned, and he began reassessing his decision.

After praying about it, Testas decided to remain in Richmond for his spring semester, sensing that God had placed him there for a reason. But this past summer, Testas revisited the idea of coming to Cedarville. He recalled the way Cedarville's distance coach Paul Orchard treated him during his visit: his worth to the program wasn't based on performance. "I felt like Coach O cared about me as an individual."

Orchard wasn't the only person who attracted Testas to Cedarville. His girlfriend at the time, Brooke Richardson '20, gave Testas more reason to transfer. Testas and Richardson



Andrew Testas '20 races for the finish line at the All-Ohio Championships on September 29.

are now engaged and both are on track to graduate in 2020.

The transition to Cedarville has been smooth for Testas, and he's enjoyed each aspect of being a Yellow Jacket. He's excited to be around a team that has the same goal in mind. He wants to grow in his relationship with God and prepare himself to be an excellent husband for Brooke.

"I want to realize that whatever God calls me to do, that I do it to His glory," Testas said.

Tim Miller '20 is a student assistant for Yellow Jacket Athletics.

LIVESTREAM

CU BASKETBALL THIS WINTER

Watch Yellow Jackets men's and women's home basketball games via livestreaming at yellowjackets.cedarville.edu.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Nov. 17, 7:45 p.m. vs. Miami-Hamilton
- Nov. 18, 5:15 p.m. vs. Lake Superior State
- Nov. 20, 7 p.m. vs. Northwood
- Nov. 28, 7:45 p.m. vs. Ohio Christian
- Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. vs. Shawnee State
- Dec. 7, 7:45 p.m. vs. Trevecca
- Dec. 9, 4:15 p.m. vs. Kentucky Wesleyan
- Dec. 16, 4:15 p.m. vs. Findlay
- Jan. 20, 4:15 p.m. vs. Hillsdale
- Jan. 27, 4:15 p.m. vs. Ohio Valley
- Jan. 30, 7:45 p.m. vs. Malone
- Feb. 10, 7:45 p.m. vs. Ohio Dominican
- Feb. 17, 4:15 p.m. vs. Lake Erie
- Feb. 22, 7:45 p.m. vs. Davis & Elkins
- Feb. 24, 4:15 p.m. vs. Alderson Broaddus

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Nov. 10, 7:45 p.m. vs. Wisconsin-Parkside
- Nov. 11, 3:15 p.m. vs. Ashland
- Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m. vs. Ohio Christian
- Nov. 27, 7 p.m. vs. Indianapolis
- Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m. vs. Wilberforce
- Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. vs. Trevecca
- Dec. 9, 2 p.m. vs. Kentucky Wesleyan
- Dec. 16, 2 p.m. vs. Findlay
- Jan. 15, 7 p.m. vs. Hillsdale
- Jan. 27, 2 p.m. vs. Ohio Valley
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Cedarville Welcomes Largest Freshman Class Ever



Cedarville University registered its 11th consecutive record enrollment in the 2017–18 academic year.

Enrollment climbed to 3,963 students. This 5 percent growth from last year's 3,760 students is the result of 872 new freshmen — the largest freshman class in school history. The previous largest incoming freshman class was 859 in 2010–11.

"I am very proud of our faculty, staff, and enrollment management team," said Thomas White, President. "God led a record number of students to enroll at Cedarville University, and we now have an opportunity to train them with academic excellence for Gospel impact all across the world."

The new freshmen come with impressive academic accomplishments. The average ACT score of this class is 26, while their collective high school grade point average was 3.7. In addition to the large freshman class, 108 students transferred to Cedarville.

Cedarville University continues to attract students from all around the world. This year, the combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment

represents 49 U.S. states and 41 countries. The three largest academic schools this year are business administration (485), engineering and computer science (470), and nursing (431).

"More men and women will be equipped, through challenging academics and intentional discipleship opportunities, to impact the Kingdom and share Christ with a world that desperately needs Him," said Scott Van Loo '98, Vice President for Enrollment Management. "All the credit goes to Him."

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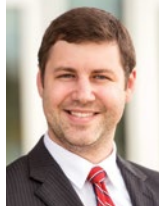
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Steadfast Identity, Unchanging Lord



When I interviewed with Dr. White about teaching philosophy at Cedarville University, he told me he wanted someone who would teach philosophy straight out of the Bible. He wanted to hire faculty members for whom the textual witness of the Scriptures was the paramount authority.

I had no previous exposure to Cedarville, so it wasn't until I arrived on campus that I discovered that this vision for Christian education was not merely Dr. White's, but that it characterized the way the University views itself. This is the identity of Cedarville, starting with its charter in 1887.

I quickly realized that Cedarville faculty members were deeply committed to honing their craft within the context of a Christian worldview. Since then, I have interacted with professors at other institutions who find it odd that our faculty would commit itself to such a mission. "Isn't the whole religious angle a bit outdated?" they ask. My response has been the same: So long as it is true, it will never be outdated.

The problem people have with an explicit doctrinal confession for a faculty is not really the confession. The problem is they are not convinced the doctrinal statement is true. But, at Cedarville, we are convinced. "So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us" (1 John 4:16a).

I explain it this way: Suppose an institution required its faculty to sign a document at the beginning of each academic year stating they agreed that two plus two equals four. Would anyone object? Perhaps, but most, I think, would sign the document without a second thought. Certainly, they

would not fear that their signature would prevent them from pursuing research interests or teaching with great confidence.

At Cedarville, our belief in biblical authority is like our belief in simple arithmetic. We are pleased to work for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ because we hold them to be true — so true as to be fundamental to our self-understanding and our understanding of the world. Far from a constraint, the truth sets us free (John 8:32).

Nor is our biblical worldview incompatible with producing effective scholarship or successful graduates. How else would one explain the University's success in mathematics, engineering, and pharmacy? Or standardized test scores in social work, athletic training, and anatomy that exceed state and national averages by double digits? Just last year our placement rate for graduating students stood at 97 percent. We have surely been blessed.

What of the future? How should Cedarville University navigate turbulent cultural waters and uncertain times? Our times are never certain, but God's Word is. Our part is "... that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3).

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).

May the Lord help us to remain faithful until He comes, for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

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