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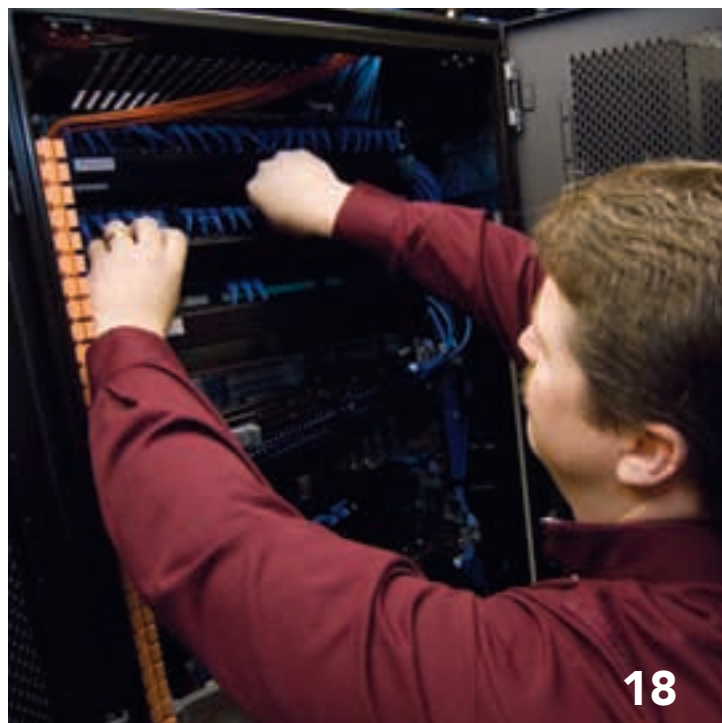
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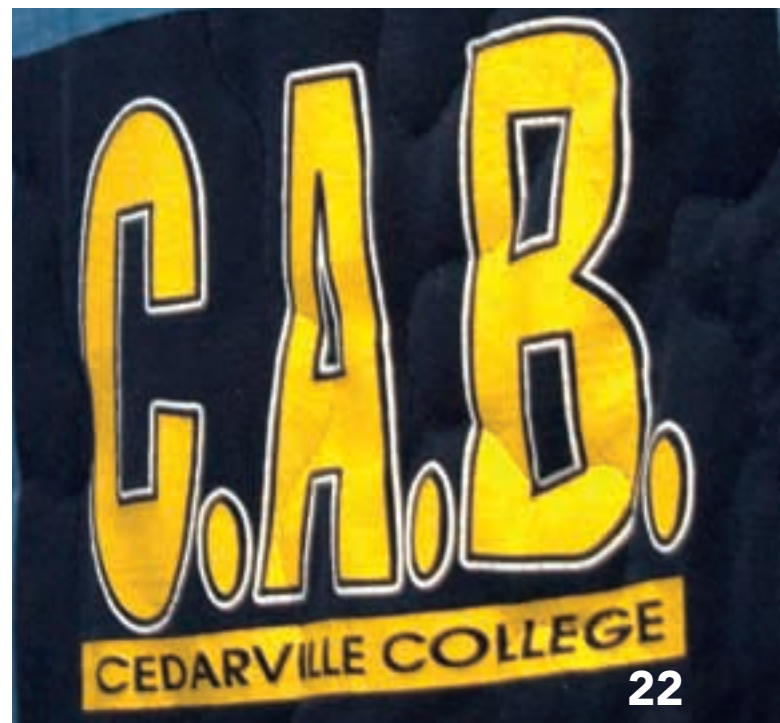
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Janice (Warren) Supplee '86  
Director of Marketing Services

Welcome to the new *Inspire*, the Cedarville magazine! After months of preparation, we're delighted to present you with 48 pages filled with engaging features, the latest news, student happenings, outstanding photography, and (best of all) more ways to connect.

Why? Because *Inspire* is the gathering place for Cedarville alumni. Its pages connect all of us who have shared the Cedarville experience, even if we've never met. We also welcome new readers — parents and friends who share our commitment to Cedarville University. Together, through *Inspire*, we are celebrating the unique influence of the Cedarville family in our world.

In this issue, we also introduce new Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Beste '87. Though *Inspire* will now be part of Jeff's ministry, the dreams of Faith (Linn) Vision '83 for the magazine are reflected on every page. As we considered *Inspire's* potential, so

many people contributed. Dave Ormsbee '78 challenged us to think bigger, and Kerry Estes '04 inspired the artistic direction. Carrie Savage's talent for graphic design ensured a compelling presentation of the content. We are deeply grateful to each person who gave ideas and time to the process.

We begin this new era of *Inspire* considering the theme "legacy." As a Christ-centered university, Cedarville is committed to equipping students for lifelong leadership and service through an education marked by excellence and grounded in biblical truth. We honor those who are part of the Cedarville heritage, and we celebrate the legacy that the Cedarville family is leaving around the world.

Enjoy exploring the pages of the new *Inspire*!

*Janice Supplee*

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*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. ... If the inexpressible cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the oppression we now face will surely fail. We will win our freedom because the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of God are embodied in our echoing demands."*

*—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
"Letter From a Birmingham Jail"  
April 16, 1963*

## Cedarville Honors Martin Luther King's Legacy



Confined to a narrow lockup and feeling on the defensive, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. penned a now well-known response to the clergy of Birmingham, Alabama. The emotion and language conveyed in a "Letter From a Birmingham Jail" became the focus of an eight-hour continual tag-team reading on January 21, the national holiday celebrating Dr. King's legacy.

Dr. King's letter was presented multiple times in 15-minute segments by Cedarville faculty and staff in front of a replica of the Birmingham jail cell in the Stevens Student Center. Pictures of the civil rights leader's arrest scrolled in the background for people to reflect upon while listening to the recitation.

"Our goal in expanding our celebration was to expose our University community to Dr. King in a more comprehensive way," shared Jon Purple, dean of student life programs. "There is much to be learned from Dr. King's personal sacrifice, standing for what he believed and knew was right, and his accomplishments in the face of great opposition."

Continuing this educational emphasis, several students participated in a civil rights bus tour that began at The King Center in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. King's birthplace. They also visited the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where four young girls died in 1963 in a Ku Klux Klan bombing that helped launch the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Students Mandie Sugg '10 and Jennifer Mukes '10 are pictured above while at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The tour ended at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

These opportunities were provided to students with the words of the Apostle Peter in mind: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right" (Acts 10:34-35).



### New Center Lights the Way

Scheduled to open this August, the 60,000-square-foot Center for Biblical and Theological Studies is nearing completion. Overlooking Cedar Lake, the building will house the University's Department of Biblical Studies and the Academic Enrichment Center, as well as classrooms and student collaboration rooms. Visually, the Center promises to proclaim light to the world, with Scripture etched on the glass in the atrium and commissioned artwork in reflective spaces. According to Dr. Tom Hutchison '80, interim dean of the School of Biblical and Theological Studies, "The feel of the building strongly emphasizes the Bible and how to take its message to today's culture in meaningful ways."

# chapel report

Authentic praise. A community gathering. Challenging speakers.

Some things never change. Meet a few of the guests who spoke in chapel during the past few months. Listen to chapel broadcasts at [www.ThePath.fm](http://www.ThePath.fm).

**Kevin Batista '03 (October 3, 2007)**  
Fellowship Church, Dallas, Texas  
[www.downtown.fellowshipchurch.com/themix](http://www.downtown.fellowshipchurch.com/themix)

**Donna (Payne) VanLiere '89 (October 4, 2007)**  
*The New York Times* Bestselling Author  
[www.donnavanliere.com](http://www.donnavanliere.com)

**Keith and Kristyn Getty (October 26–27, 2007)**  
Worship Singers and Songwriters  
[www.gettymusic.com](http://www.gettymusic.com)

**Hayes Wicker (October 30–31, 2007)**  
First Baptist Church, Naples, Florida  
[www.fbcn.org](http://www.fbcn.org)

**Inman Houston (November 6, 2007)**  
First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana  
[www.fbcno.org](http://www.fbcno.org)

**Chris Williamson (November 7–8, 2007)**  
Strong Tower Bible Church, Franklin, Tennessee  
[www.stbch.org](http://www.stbch.org)

**Mike Yankoski (November 15, 2007)**  
Author of *Under the Overpass*  
[www.undertheoverpass.com](http://www.undertheoverpass.com)

**Jerry White (December 5, 2007)**  
Former President and CEO of The Navigators  
[www.navigators.org](http://www.navigators.org)





## Student Station Goes Broadband

On April 5, 1990, President Dr. Paul Dixon, Academic Vice President Dr. Duane Wood, communication arts professors Dr. Wes Baker and Jim Leightenheimer '80, and student radio Station Manager Bobby Hile '90 paused to pray. Moments later, the music of Buddy Green brought to life 530 AM WSRN — radio produced by and for the students of Cedarville University.

In 1996, the station underwent a successful change from AM to FM, becoming U99.5 FM. In 2007, the station made yet another discerning move by switching to broadband!

Resound Radio made its recent debut at [www.resoundradio.com](http://www.resoundradio.com). The site provides when-I-want-it sound accompanied by content such as news and podcasts.

### Can I Get That at iTunes?

"We realized that not many students were using radios," shared current Station Manager Kevin Martelli '09. "If they do use them, it's only in their cars."

Data harvested by an electronic media survey research class affirmed that a change was needed. And, in Steve Jobs-like fashion, that change was introduced during chapel on October 26, 2007.

"The name 'Resound' was chosen for two reasons," said Music Director Jarrod Steinmetz '09. "We wanted to convey that Resound was not a rehash,

but a completely different sound. And we wanted to encourage the student body. The Bible tells us how nature resounds His praise. We want to be a part of that resonance."

### Survey Says

So what's a buzz about the switch? "Students who never listened to the station prior were telling us how excited

**"The Bible tells us how nature resounds His praise. We want to be a part of that resonance."**

they were," said Jarrod. Kevin agreed, adding that "we've been praying that God will use the gifts and abilities He has given our staff to serve His people at Cedarville. The positive feedback we've received has been due to that service."

With that in mind, Ephesians 4:29 is prominently displayed in Studio A of Resound Radio: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Yes, the delivery method may have changed, but the message remains the same.

# on the road



**April 12–14**

Orchestra  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**May 16**

Dr. Bill Brown  
Albany, Georgia

**May 25**

HeartSong  
Frankfort, Illinois

**May 31–June 1**

Lifeline Players  
Willow Spring, North Carolina

**June 1**

HeartSong  
Arvada, Colorado

**June 6**

The Master's Puppets  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**June 7–8**

Lifeline Players  
Greenville, South Carolina

**June 22**

Dr. Paul Dixon  
El Cajon, California

**June 27**

HeartSong  
Websterville, Vermont

**July 4**

Lifeline Players  
Hawthorne, Florida

**July 6**

HeartSong  
Plano, Texas

**July 15**

Dr. Bill Brown  
Syracuse, New York

**July 20–26**

The Master's Puppets  
Wilson, Kansas

For more events and information, visit [www.cedarville.edu/rebs](http://www.cedarville.edu/rebs). (All dates subject to change.)

## Cedarville to Launch School of Pharmacy

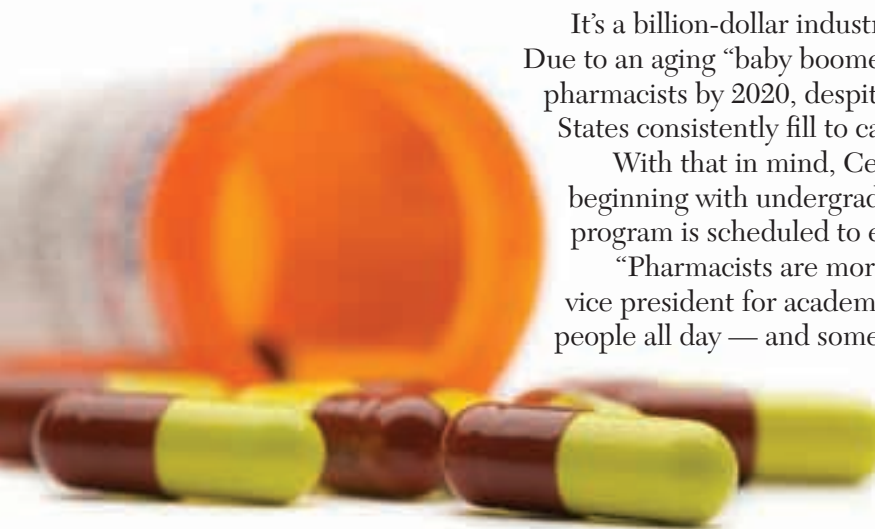
It's a billion-dollar industry. As of fall 2005, it was the chosen vocation for 210,000 men and women. Due to an aging "baby boomer" population, it is projected there will be a shortage of 150,000 pharmacists by 2020, despite the fact the 103 schools that offer a pharmacy degree in the United States consistently fill to capacity.

With that in mind, Cedarville University announced plans last fall to open a School of Pharmacy, beginning with undergraduate, prepharmacy students in 2009. The four-year, professional pharmacy program is scheduled to enroll its first class in 2012.

"Pharmacists are more directly involved with patients now," said Dr. Andy Runyan, associate vice president for academic administration at Cedarville. "Many pharmacists say they counsel people all day — and some can influence the direction of research on new medications."

This kind of impact — combined with Cedarville's emphasis on integrating biblical principles — makes the University an ideal arena for a pharmacy degree. And, interest is already strong. The school's reputation for launching successful professional programs is attracting inquiries from parents and prospective students.

The University is pursuing accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the Ohio Board of Regents, and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The search for a founding dean is also underway. For more information, visit [www.cedarville.edu/pharmacy](http://www.cedarville.edu/pharmacy).



## yellow jacket sports



Cedarville University added four members to its Athletic Hall of Fame on January 18, 2008.

Three-sport athlete Karen DeMars '73 was a four-year letter winner in women's volleyball and basketball and won two letters in tennis. She was also named the Cedarville College Female Athlete of the Year in 1973. A member of the Lady Jackets' OASW state championship team, she led the program in rebounds for two seasons.

Currently living in Columbus, Ohio, Karen has a degree in elementary education. She is now retired after 31 years of public school teaching.

Three-time team MVP David Cox '82 is one of only three soccer players in school history to be voted conference Player of the Year when he earned the Mid-Ohio Conference J. Albert Turner Award in 1980. Selected an NAIA All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, David was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player at the NCCAA Championship.

Graduating with a preseminary Bible degree, David now serves as a missionary in Brazil. He and his wife, Cindy (Ulmer) '83, have four children.

Dino Tsibouris '90 racked up a 105-25 career singles record as a member of the men's tennis program. He also enjoyed a 103-21 doubles mark while being named to the All-NAIA District 22 and All-Mid-Ohio

Conference teams four times each. While he was a student, the Jackets boasted a four-year record of 142-13, including an unblemished 57-0 record at home, three district titles, and three conference trophies.

Dino earned a business degree and currently owns his own law practice, Tsibouris & Associates, in Columbus, Ohio. Dino and his wife, Kendra (King) '88, have two sons.



Left to right: Dino Tsibouris '90, Chad Eder '96, Karen DeMars '73, David Cox '82

Race walker Chad Eder '96 became Cedarville's first men's NAIA National Champion by winning the 5K walk and was a three-time All-American in the event. Chad, who still owns the school records for the indoor 3K and outdoor 5K, participated in prestigious events including the U.S. Olympic Trials, U.S. Indoor Championships, U.S. Outdoor Championships, Penn Relays, and the Millrose Games.

He was champion of the Collegiate Nationals in 1995.

After earning his degree in finance, Chad became an investment advisor and now owns his own business, Eder Investment Services. He lives in Richland, Washington, with his wife, Rebecca (Seguin) '94, and their two children.

The Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1984. With the latest induction, the Hall includes 66 members. For more information, visit [yellowjackets.cedarville.edu/halloffame](http://yellowjackets.cedarville.edu/halloffame).

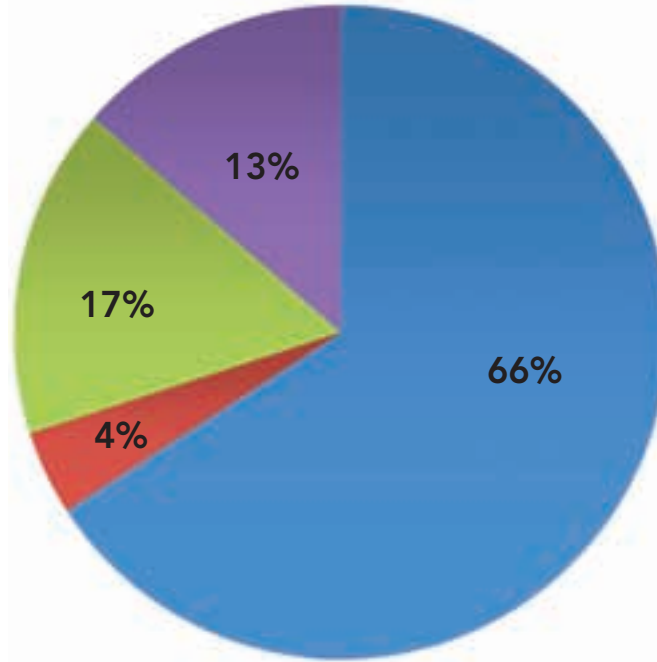


# student stats



## What did students do for spring break?

- Went home
- Traveled with a ministry team
- Had fun in the sun
- Something else



Inspire student surveys are brought to you by the Student Government Association, better known as SGA. Maintaining and enhancing the quality of student life, SGA sponsors Friday chapels, student events, leadership training, tutoring services, and more. To learn more about SGA and view the ever-popular SGA chapel videos, visit [www.sgaville.com](http://www.sgaville.com).

## Alice in Wonderland Delights Audience



Lewis Carroll's classic childhood story *Alice in Wonderland* — adapted into a play by Alice Gerstenberg in 1921 — was presented on The DeVries Theatre stage January 31–February 9. Audiences laughed along with Alice's antics as she met the White Rabbit, Queen of Hearts, Mad Hatter, and other fantastical characters on the "other side of the mirror." The play was directed by Dr. Diane Conrad Merchant '78, professor of communication arts, and produced by the Cedarville University Theatre Program.

# campus events

## April

- 3–5, 10–12 Spring Play, *Crossing Delancey*
- 12 Junior Jam
- 19 ELLIV

## May

- 3 112th Annual Commencement
- 16–17 Christian Communicators of Ohio Open Speech and Debate Tournament
- 18–23 Faith Community Nursing Certificate Program

## June

- 2–6 Association for Christians in Student Development Annual Conference
- 8–20 Summit Ministries Leadership Conference
- 23–27 Super Summer Camp
- 25–29 World Bible Quiz Association Finals

## July

- 2–6 Midwest Chinese Christian Association Summer Retreat
- 7–11 Student Life Camp
- 14–18 LIFT Youth Camp
- 21–27 Momentum

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# What faculty member most influenced you?



**Bow ties. Paper-strewn desks. Open homes. They stood at the front of the class but knew us by name. The Cedarville faculty marked our lives.**

Dr. Deb (Bush) Haffey '68 helped me figure out what I wanted to do with my life. I'm now in a job I love, using my degree ... a degree I never would have gotten if she hadn't written on my second speech evaluation, **"Come see me. I will change your life."**

DIANE BIELO '01, LAKESIDE PARK, KENTUCKY

Dr. Jeff Cook '81 influenced my life like no other mentor ever has. **He was always willing to spend time with me** and invest in me. He sincerely cared for the well-being of his students.

JOEL WALLEN '07, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**She always had faith in me**, even when my faith was small. Thanks, Dr. Pam Diehl Johnson!

RUTH (JACKSON) CHRISTNER '00, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

**My life was forever changed by Tuesday nights** at the Hutchison house. Every week getting to sit around the kitchen table, eat ice cream, laugh, talk, and pray — it shaped so much of who I am and what I value. For a few hours every week, I got to see what it was like to raise kids, grow a marriage, face challenges, and make tough choices. Always at the center was a very real, very obvious love for God that I have rarely seen.

ANDREA (ENDICOTT) BIERER '00, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Martha Johnson taught me that **you can hold an esteemed position and yet be a friend** at the same time.

DEBBIE (FOGLE) WRIGHT '87, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

**He taught me how to think:** what is it I believe and why? Dr. Jim Grier's philosophy class was probably the best class I had ... even though I didn't get the best grade.

GLENN GORDON '84, NORMAL, ILLINOIS

By the time I reached Cedarville, I was convinced I could not grasp history. **Dr. J. Murray Murdoch kindly and gently assured me** that there was no reason I could not get an "A." I did everything he said and got that "A." Teachers who take the time to listen and give encouragement are truly educators.

BEVERLEE (MASON) WARREN '70, DALLAS, TEXAS

I wasn't a great student, but **I wanted to be a better student of the Lord** when I was around Dr. Dan Estes '74.

JASON TOVEY '00, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Had there been a Jean Fisher for every person on earth, the world would now be populated with godly giants. I can hardly imagine anyone making a greater difference in another's life.

CLYDE HUGHES '74,  
LONDON, OHIO

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QUESTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

**What makes long-time, much-loved prof Ed Spencer so remarkable?**

*Send your answer to Alumni Relations, Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314 or e-mail [alumni@cedarville.edu](mailto:alumni@cedarville.edu). Selected responses will be printed in the summer issue of Inspire. Deadline for entries is May 15, 2008.*



*"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."*

*—Wilbert Renwick McChesney, Second President*



# Cedarville Then and Now

by Julie L. (Stackhouse) Moore '87

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1983, around 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I sat on the side of Interstate 70 in Columbus, plucking single strands of grass from the ground like petals from a daisy. I love Ohio. I hate Ohio. Cedarville is the place for me. I should go back to New Jersey. I know what I'm doing. I don't know what I'm doing.

As I watched my dad change the tire on our Buick Electra, I wondered whether God was sending me a sign: Flat tire = Go back. Or whether Satan was just toying with me: Flat tire = Trick to make you think you should go back. But once my dad tightened the last lug nut and we hopped into the car, only the last hour of our trip stood between me and the start of my college education.

Deciding to attend school 10 hours away wasn't easy. My public high school counselor thought I was crazy to go to a small Baptist college she'd never heard of. "Go to Wake Forest if you want a religious school," she'd insisted. But I had my mind made up.

In hindsight, of course, I can honestly say now that following my best friend to college wasn't exactly the best reason on which to base a college decision. I didn't really know what I was doing. And I certainly never dreamed Cedarville would be the place I'd eventually call home.

Gathering for my 20th reunion in the Dixon Ministry Center (DMC) last fall, my husband John '87 and I explained how long we've lived here to many friends who hadn't returned to campus since we'd all graduated in 1987. "What? You never left?" "You live *here*? In the cornfields?"

I had to admit the truth: The rural landscape has grown on me. I no longer think of Les Nessman on *WKRP in Cincinnati* when I hear hog reports in the news; I think instead of my friend Doug whose swine each year yield the pearls his family must live on. And dry spells in July yield prayers for him and others whose pockets will empty if the seeds of corn and soybean can't sprout the green they need to pay their bills. I even write poetry about this idiosyncratic, Ohio life.

So I have to admit the other truth, too: I love this place. Most days, anyway.

I can remember working with Andy Wilson '87, then-president of the Student Government Association (SGA), in the SGA office near the end of our senior year. We were reminiscing, as seniors tend to do, when Andy said to me, "I've loved every minute of my time here. Every minute." And I agreed. We loved basketball games, *Cedar What?*, and Young's. We loved our friends and classes and the ways both challenged our thinking. We loved Dr. Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, Dean (Don) Rickard '58 and Mrs. Knauff, Jim Phipps '68 and Deb (Bush) Haffey '68, Mr. Spencer and Chuck McKinney. I must admit, we loved DeGarmo and Key, Petra, and Keith Green, too. And we loved chapel. To this day, we can still recite Dr. Dixon's oft-repeated nuggets of advice: "Take 'quit' out of your vocabulary." "Life is 10 percent what happens to you, 90 percent how you respond to what happens to you." "Don't trade a moment of pleasure for a lifetime of regret." We viewed graduation as a truly bittersweet venture, one that would allow us to pursue our dreams yet one that would close a chapter of our lives that had been everything, and nothing, we'd ever expected.

As a resident of Cedarville and eventual professor in the Department of Language and Literature, I've seen the school's changes up close, even as I spent the decade of the '90s teaching at nearby Wilberforce University.

Yet, my fellow alumni couldn't believe their eyes. Some of what they saw was quite dramatic — a different president in the soft-spoken yet witty person of Dr. Bill Brown; a greater number of women in positions of leadership, like Dr. Pam Diehl Johnson, Cedarville's first female dean; and the huge brick buildings housing the new chapel, dining hall, theatre, fitness center, and field house, not to mention the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies currently under construction.

And some of what they noticed was quite humorous — students in shorts in buildings around campus, music with

a discernible beat and electric guitars blaring from speakers outside the DMC, and male students with shaggy beards, even shaggier hair. “Spoiled,” we all agreed, our voices thick with envy. “That’s what students are these days.”

Indeed, the school has come a long way since the years when three female freshmen had to squeeze into one room in Maddox, or when guys wore socks with sandals, or even when female students on campus hovered around their radios in January to hear if the temperature was cold enough to wear slacks to class.

We’d graduated from Cedarville College as the “Centennial Class.” When we were juniors, we were constantly reminded that the school was “almost 100,” the mantra that became our Homecoming theme in the fall of my senior year. And when the school eventually hit the century mark, the year filled with firsts: The “Follicle Folly” became the campus’ first beard-growing contest that professors participated in as eagerly as students did; the Centennial Library’s completion begat a moving day where hundreds of students transferred books from the old structure (now Milner) to the new building; and I was serving my stint as SGA’s first female vice president.

It was also a year of looking back, remembering the school’s roots that were as relevant in 1987 as they are now — and as they were in 1915 when the second president of the college, Wilbert Renwick McChesney, said at his inauguration, “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.”

I suppose that’s why I ended up here — to participate in work with such noble goals. As a professor in the Department of Language and Literature, I strive to teach students to “live deliberately,” as Thoreau called it. My colleagues and I want students



More than 500 Cedarville students traveled to the Gulf region to provide relief in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

to see God at work amid the ordinary aspects of their lives. In a culture where productivity is praised more than contemplation; where means get justified by their profitable, or efficient, ends; where thinking quickly — or cleverly — is valued more than thinking reflectively and deeply; where prayer and Sabbath-keeping, indeed, just quiet reading and meditating, are therefore not practiced, we hope not only to teach students the skills of writing and thinking critically, but also to model for them the benefits of such a radical, alternative lifestyle. This is what the study of the liberal arts entails: reflecting the beauty of Christ in a life lived with intention.

Thus, the University’s commitment to the liberal arts core continues to be important; for studying literature, music, art, communication, and history teaches us how to reflect the image of the Creator in beautiful and imaginative ways. Of course, this commitment supports the general education curriculum here. And it’s so good to see that this philosophy still, after all these years, likewise strengthens the required Bible minor. Earning a college degree is more than just getting a good job. It is the pursuit of truth. It is sacrifice. It is the recognition, as one educator put it, that “seated at the monitor screen of every computer is ... a person.”

Despite these constants, I can’t imagine that President McChesney, or even Dr. Jeremiah, could have predicted how much this school would grow. “Controlled

growth” — that’s what Dr. Dixon used to call it in the ’80s whenever he compared Cedarville’s enrollment to the explosive numbers at Liberty. At the rate of 30 more students a year, we argyle-clad Reaganites were convinced Cedarville would really be something if it ever hit 2,000 students.

Some days, it’s still hard to fathom that the college has matured into a 3,100-student university. I have to confess that after returning to teach here in 1999, I, too, was overwhelmed by the number of faculty and staff

I didn’t know. And after eight years, that hasn’t changed much: I’m still meeting colleagues for the first time, even unearthing names for the first time. *Big* isn’t necessarily better, at least not as far as relationships go.

And so, seeing a familiar face is always welcome. When I joined Cedarville’s faculty, for example, it was wonderful to walk into the University dining hall, officially called “Chuck’s” now, and spot Chuck McKinney looking exactly — and I mean exactly — like he did a decade and a half earlier. Not even a gray hair. Same wise cracks. Only one thing was different: The food was better! No longer do students have to choose between shepherd’s pie *or* chocolate chip ice cream for dinner (the choice was not a bad one at the time — it only seems worse now that I’m a mom). My generation had steak-and-shrimp on Wednesdays. Now, on any given day, any given kid can choose among several different dinners, including soft-serve ice cream! Stir-fried vegetables, pizza and pasta, grilled sandwiches, wraps, home-cooked meals (read: meat and potatoes), Italian and Mexican fare, American fare (read: hamburgers and fries), eggs, bagels ... You name it, Chuck’s got it!

On a more serious note, it’s been nice to see the familiar face of prayer here, too. And I don’t just mean days of prayer either. I mean daily prayer, lifting up the hurting and needy every day in chapel and in classes, including mine. And in prayer groups, residence hall meetings, and middle-of-

the-night vigils. *Big* might be better when it comes to prayer. More of God's people can, and do, approach the throne with sincerity every day.

The size also matters when it comes to ministries both local and global — so many students willing to get their hands dirty and no shortage of opportunities. They helped clean up Xenia after an F4 tornado hit in 2000 and traveled to New Orleans to gut and rebuild houses in the Katrina aftermath (not to mention the jaw-dropping \$100,000 they donated to that cause). And they participate in dozens of unsung weekly ministries locally.

Some changes are refreshing, too. Though Cedarville doesn't yet fully reflect the kingdom of God socioeconomically or racially, our campus is more diverse and strives to develop further in this area. In addition, the Division of Student Life works hard to emphasize biblical principles of holiness, à la Romans 12, rather than just lay down the law. In general, the campus culture now concentrates on real-world godliness rather than codes of conduct. And that focus allows for deeper, more honest dialogue about significant theological, political, and social issues whether in *Cedars* or in chapel, at the lunch table or in classes. All this happens within the framework of an unchanging doctrinal statement.

These are the good things, both profound and humorous, that keep me here. Then and now, Cedarville wasn't — and isn't — perfect. I know full well that some students, staff, and faculty, to quote Thoreau again, "lead lives of quiet desperation" here. I also know that some students actually find, or leave, the faith after they graduate. Some pursue that moment of pleasure, reaping regret, while others may live moral lives but not godly ones. Indeed, this place is no panacea.

But I also know that for me and many others, Cedarville University has often been a place of hope, a place that can, at its best, spur spiritual growth. Iron sharpens iron here as we challenge one another to reject the lazy faith that values comfort more than questions, safety more than sacrifice, and appearance more than authenticity. The process is far from clean. But at the core, then and now, is a heart as welcoming as home. **i**

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Chuck McKinney still greets students at the entrance to the dining hall.

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# Bringing GOD'S STORY TO LIBERIA

*by Mark Kakkuri '93*

JOHN-MARK SHEPPARD '05 HIT the brakes and brought his motor bike to a stop. He surveyed the road — the two-track he was traveling was more West African mud than anything else — but he figured his Yamaha motor bike was up to the challenge. Road conditions like these were typical of the interior of Liberia, and the missionary was already hours into his trip — no sense in turning back now. He put the bike in gear and slowly skidded, jerked, and pushed forward.

John-Mark's mission this day was to visit, encourage, and provide guidance for a handful of people in the Community Health Evangelism program, one of his many ministries to the people of Liberia.

A missionary kid with four siblings (Melodie '06, Nathan '09, and a younger brother and sister still at home), John-Mark's interest in Liberia was the result of his parents' mission work there, which began in 1986 with their ministry to Liberian refugees in



Cote d'Ivoire. According to John-Mark, the country of Liberia already lagged behind the rest of West Africa in development when the 14-year civil war destroyed most of whatever infrastructure existed prior to that time.

"Whole towns were literally leveled as various rebel factions invaded, indiscriminately killed innocent civilians, and looted everything that could be carried off," he said.

The majority of the population fled their homes to live in refugee camps in neighboring countries or in "internally displaced people" camps around the Monrovia area. "Only in the past few years have people been returning to the towns and villages to rebuild their lives," said John-Mark. Few towns in the interior have populations of more than 20,000 people. Many people in rural areas live in small villages of less than 50 houses.

"They eke out a living through subsistence farming, using slash-and-burn agriculture," said John-Mark. Many of these communities lack basic necessities like schools for their children or safe drinking water. These are the people to whom John-Mark and his parents bring the Gospel, carrying it on the wings of compassionate care through three ministry programs: Community Health Evangelism, Muslim Background Believers Outreach, and the *God's Story* Project.

### Community Health Evangelism

John-Mark's largest ministry effort, the Community Health Evangelism program, runs in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse to train local community health educators, or CHEs, to raise awareness about the importance of good sanitation and disease prevention in the country. According to John-Mark, "We train the CHEs in health and sanitation; they then go out into their community and teach their family and neighbors the same lessons."

The CHEs also mobilize their community in cleanup and home improvement projects like building dish racks and clotheslines. In addition to the health teaching, John-Mark's teams also lead the CHEs in a series of Bible stories, from Creation through the Resurrection. "Our prayer," he said, "is that these community health educators would come to a saving knowledge of Christ and then become community health evangelists."

As a result of the Community Health Evangelism program, there has been a dramatic reduction in common diseases like malaria and dysentery, more than 150 Muslims have come to faith in Christ, and churches are being started in previously unreached areas.

### Muslim Background Believers Outreach

John-Mark explains that the goal of the Muslim Background Believers Outreach program is first to identify the Muslim background believers — or MBBs — living within Monrovia and then to work on empowering them for Muslim outreach. Many MBBs have a difficult time adjusting to Liberian church culture; they feel isolated and marginalized. To avoid this, some will actually take a new



name and avoid any association with their Islamic past. This, of course, makes them unable to reach their Muslim family members for Christ.

In starting this outreach, Samaritan's Purse staff members conducted a survey and identified more than 500 former Muslims. They then held a workshop for some of the key Christian leaders from a Muslim background. While working toward establishing fellowship groups of MBBs throughout the city, they meet weekly, pray together, study the Bible, and encourage each other to remain committed to the task of

reaching their Muslim friends and neighbors for Christ.

John-Mark's team hosted a mass meeting at Monrovia City Hall for the MBBs of the area, and more than 500 people enjoyed a time of praise and worship, a special challenge, and a fellowship dinner. "There is strength in numbers," said John-Mark, "and believers went away very encouraged and asking us to do it again next year."

### God's Story Project

*God's Story: From Creation to Eternity* is an 80-minute film consisting of powerful illustrations and narrative that explain in a chronological format God's redemption of mankind. Translations have been finished in more than 200 languages.

"Its evangelistic potential is enormous, and reports continue to pour in from around the world about its effectiveness," John-Mark said. "It is the perfect resource to use alongside the *Jesus* film, because it gives viewers the Old Testament context necessary to fully appreciate the person and work of Jesus the Messiah."

Unfortunately, no translations existed in any of the 17 officially recognized tribal languages in Liberia. But John-Mark speaks Liberian English fluently and is ideally suited to lead the translation project. Through partnerships with churches in the U.S. to fund production, seven translations of *God's Story* have been completed, and five more should be finished by year end.

Having the film in these heart languages means more than half the population of Liberia will have a clear presentation of the Gospel. The film will be shown by teams working with large open-air events.

Without a doubt, John-Mark has made ministry his mission, going wherever his bike will take him, meeting physical and spiritual needs, and continuing to serve God in any way He leads. **i**

*John-Mark Sheppard '05 would love for Cedarville alumni to get involved with what God is doing in Liberia and with the God's Story projects. You may contact him at coraplayer@excite.com.*

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# Lives in Bloom

by Cedarville student Cassandra Dobutovich '09

“Eventually I saw them blossom into something beautiful — bright sunflowers.”

#### YOU KNOW THE TYPE.

They are the girls who hug the wall, so close you suspect they would melt into the wallpaper, if they could. Some call them “wallflowers.” I call them “soul mates.”

They just seemed so lonely — these young girls I met while serving as a junior high youth leader at my church. I could see in their hearts and through their quietness that they simply longed to belong ... and to be loved. My heart went out to them. I, too, had never really belonged to a group of friends; I was more of a “floater” — drifting from one clique to another. Still, I knew what it was like. We shared an ache.

So, I began investing my time into several of these wallflowers. Eventually I saw them blossom into something beautiful — bright sunflowers, beaming for all to see, pushing away from the wall.

“Cassie,” one of my youth leaders pointed out, “have you seen the transformation in Rachel? She used to be shy, quiet and nervous, but since you took the time to invest in her life, she’s become a completely different person.”

Well, in spite of my natural selfishness, I know I can’t take credit for any of this. It’s all God, and it blooms out of a question I ask myself on a regular basis: “What can I do

now to show God how much I love Him and desire to serve Him?”

Luke 10:27 says “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” I’ve discovered that, when obeyed, these commands bring the greatest blessings and allow for the greatest joy. Choosing moment by moment to love the one and only true God has been the most wonderful decision I have made. He fills my heart with delight and reminds me that He will be a lamp for my feet and a light to my path. I find such comfort in knowing that the Creator of the heavens and earth is looking out for someone as small as me!

It was through my service to the girls at my church that a desire to love and support women going through trying times emerged within my heart. This quickly developed into a passion. I want to be used by God, challenging believers in their faith, and sharing Christ with those who have yet to understand the beauty of walking with Him. Most of all, I want to help women who are facing trials. My heart aches to show them genuine love. I pray that each woman, young or old, would look past me, see Christ within me, and, as a result, strive to live a life fulfilled by Him.




The desire I have to serve has been encouraged, challenged, and developed through the three semesters I have attended Cedarville University. Romans 12:4-5 says, “For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” My time at Cedarville has brought these verses to life for me.

God has provided the dearest friends I have ever had in my life; they fill a place in my heart that I did not know existed. Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined myself surrounded by such God-fearing brothers and sisters in Christ! I know these amazing relationships have nothing to do with my ability to attain good friendships, but, rather, are a gift from God. He knew I would need to be surrounded by encouragement and love in order to fulfill my passion to serve women. I could never nurture this on my own, but my brothers and sisters stand firm by my side, lifting me up when I fall and challenging me when I’m standing too proudly.

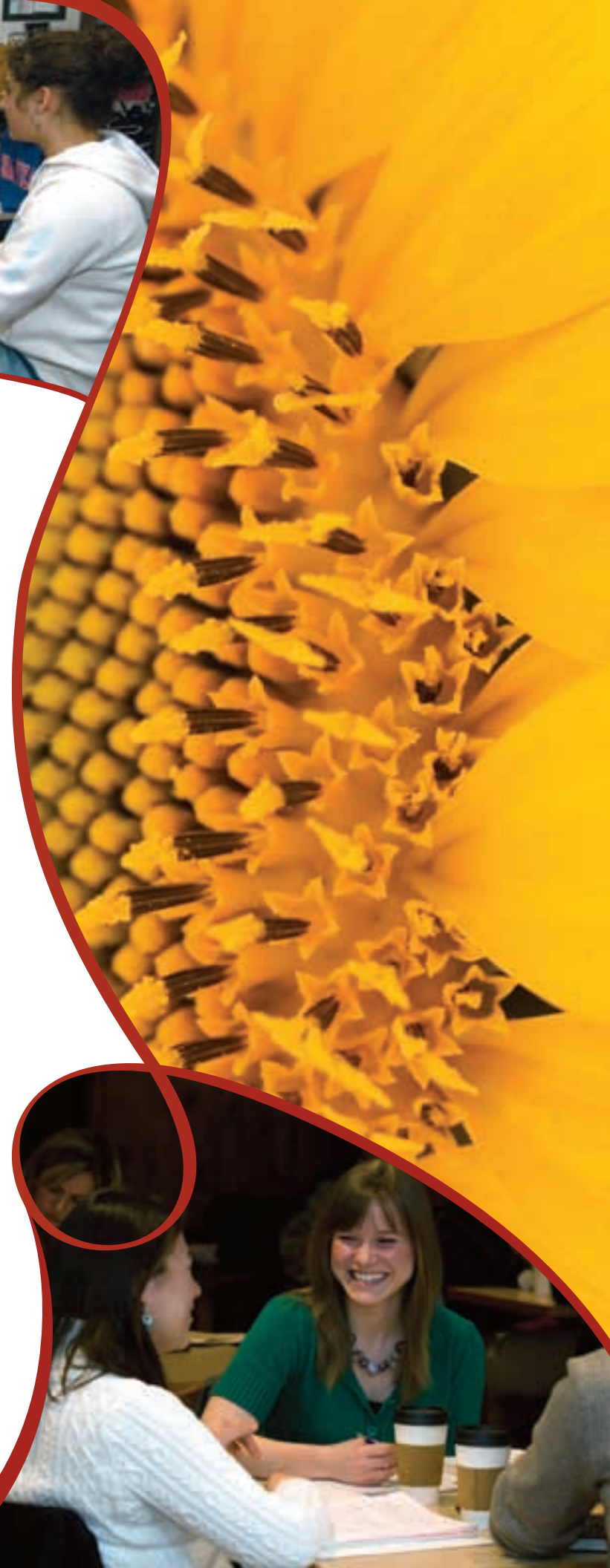
Not only are the friendships vital in my growth, but the social work education I am receiving at Cedarville is also fundamental to the development of knowledge and skills I will need to be a counselor and mentor. The professors have taught me to think holistically in terms of serving those in need, challenging me to consider how Christ would serve them.

My internships have all involved working with women, and this, too, has developed my love of service to those in desperation. My friends and professors, not to mention my involvement in ministries and organizations, have inspired me to love the Lord my God with everything I have. These experiences have also helped in my spiritual growth and understanding of Scripture, showing me how to be an obedient, faithful servant to the one I love, Christ the Lord.

Still, the awareness of my need for a Savior is more prevalent than ever. Here at Cedarville I am being trained in the ways of the Lord and to live a life of godliness (1 Timothy 4:7). These lessons will remain in my heart for eternity. I know that when I leave the University, my education here will be complete, but each day I will be learning how I can better counsel the women that are placed before me.

Not all of the women God calls me to minister to will be wallflowers. Some will be wilted blooms in need of nourishment. Others will need stronger roots. They will all need the love of God. I am grateful to live as His servant, providing nourishment to these wilted, yet blossoming, flowers. 

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# Legacy Grows in

*by Sarah (Bartlett) Borich '02*

**WHEN YOU WANT TO GROW** a legacy, you start by putting down roots. That's what Cedarville graduates Kevin Schleinitz '89, Craig Terrell '89, and Todd Roberts '92 are doing both personally and professionally in the city of Springfield, Ohio. The three are partners in CFA Networks, a leading information technology solutions provider. For the past two years, they have been growing their business ... and growing relationships in the community.

## **How It All Began**

Though none of the three partners are originally from Springfield, they are all natives of Ohio. Kevin grew up in Miami County near Troy. He remembers how he applied late to Cedarville and was on the waiting list to get in. "It was definitely by God's design that I was there," he recalled. And choosing a business major once he got here was a no-brainer for Kevin. "I knew from the time I was 10 years old that I wanted to own my own business," he said.

Craig is a native of the Dayton suburb Huber Heights and an alumnus of Dayton Christian School. He began his college career at Wright State University, studying computer engineering, but after the first year he found himself longing for a Christian environment and a closer relationship with his professors. He transferred to Cedarville and pursued a business major, since the University had not yet established its engineering program.



# Springfield

“I was an only child, so the community environment at Cedarville was very different for me,” he said. “Having roommates and being involved in Bible studies made a big impact on my life.”

Growing up in nearby South Charleston, Todd was always very aware of Cedarville. “I grew up with a real appreciation for it,” he said, recalling the many times he ran in the gym and on the track at the University during his high school athletics career. He planned to run track at the college level as well, but an ankle injury sustained in the Air National Guard ended his hurdling days and forced him to transfer his focus to golf. A commuter while at Cedarville, Todd still participated in many on-campus activities.

“Once Dick Walker knew I was ready and willing, he abused me for the next four years,” Todd said with a grin.

Although Kevin, Craig, and Todd weren’t acquainted as students at Cedarville, they got to know each other while attending church at Southgate Baptist in Springfield.

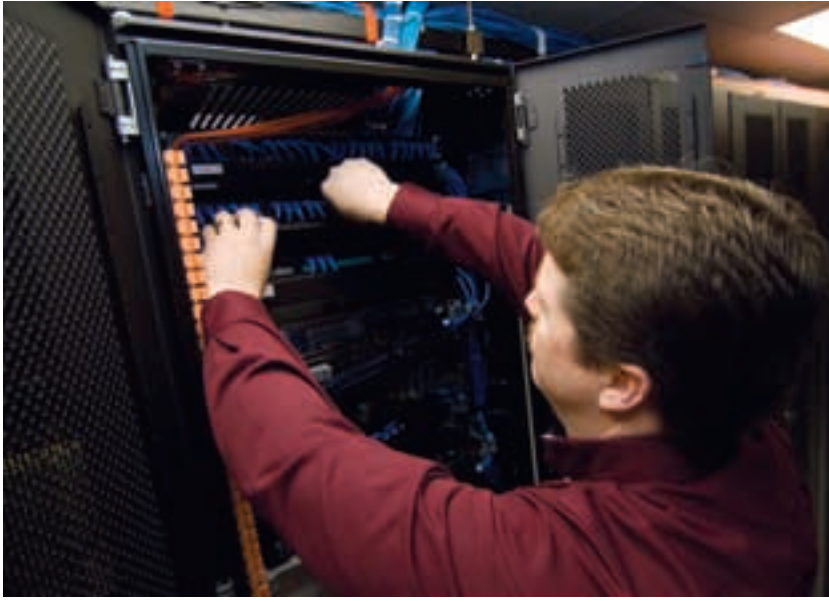
“God’s timing is always perfect,” Kevin said, referring to the circumstances that brought the three together as partners at CFA. Each was pursuing a successful solo business career — Kevin as an account manager in the industrial chemical industry, Craig as

an information technology (IT) manager at Northrop Grumman near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and Todd as a marketing manager at Speedway SuperAmerica. For many years, Craig had also been running a side business in technology and PC repair. He and Kevin first developed a bond during weekly Bible studies at Young’s Dairy.

“I always told Kevin, ‘You’re a salesman, I’m a techie guy, you need me, I need you, let’s go into business!’” Craig said, laughing. After kicking the idea around for about four years, the two felt God’s timing was right and founded IT Innovations in January 2005.

At first, Kevin and Craig continued to work their “day jobs.” But when they reached their first-year sales goal in just five months, the two decided it was time to expand. They learned that CFA Networks, a computer business that had been around for a number of years, was for sale and purchased it in September 2005. Knowing they needed someone with the expertise to “watch over the store,” they asked Todd to join as their third partner a couple weeks later.

“It’s neat how the Lord prepared us in different ways to play different roles in this business,” Todd said. “We never would have



known 10 years ago in Sunday school class that we would be sitting here today.”

## Industry Innovation

At the time of the purchase, CFA had fewer than 10 employees and was housed in a 1,500-square-foot office. Total revenues increased 100 percent in the first year, and now, just over two years later, the team consists of 32 employees and is still growing in both size and revenue. “Our data center alone is larger than our first office,” Todd said.

In early 2006, Randall East '95 joined the CFA team as corporate sales manager. “He’s an incredible asset and deserves much of the credit for the growth that we have experienced,” remarked Todd. “He’s part of our executive team and is our number-one salesperson.”

CFA Networks aims to be a total IT solutions provider for its customers. Although the company does provide specialized support for large enterprise companies, including some with international operations, most of its clients are small and mid-size businesses with limited or no IT staff.

“We become their virtual IT support team,” Todd said. This support includes company engineers who can work on site, as well as a 24-hour network operations center that provides monitoring and remote support.

## Community Concerns

It’s clear that God is truly blessing their business endeavor, but running a successful company is only a small part of the legacy that Kevin, Craig, and Todd hope to build. They are committed to the community in which they live and work through involvement in a variety of educational, charitable, and ministerial opportunities. CFA’s core values include integrity, stewardship, teamwork, community, respect, and family.

“It’s about making a difference where we live,” Todd said. “Springfield is in rebirth mode, and we want to be a good partner to the community. We moved our office downtown for a reason — we want to be part of this resurgence.”

CFA has participated in the city’s renaissance in a number of ways. For one, they were an active partner in bringing free wireless Internet service to downtown. This year, the company also sponsored and organized a technology conference called Fusion, the first of its kind in Springfield. Pro football Hall of Famer Anthony Muñoz was the keynote speaker, and the biggest and best names in the computer industry were there, including Cisco, HP, and Microsoft. The partners plan to make the conference an annual event.

CFA is also part of a program known as HopeTech, which secures laptops for Springfield city students and introduces the

technology into the curriculum. In addition, company employees are involved in many civic programs such as the Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, 4-H clubs, the Springfield Rotary Grand Prix, and the Springfield Center City Criterium (a 5K and bike race), along with coaching youth sports and participation on local school boards. CFA is a partner of Cedarville University’s Students in Free Enterprise program as well.

“We’ve been extremely blessed to have this opportunity, and we want to give back,” Todd said. “If the Lord allows, we’d love to provide technical support for missionaries someday. That’s where our vision lies.” For now, the partners are personally participating in short-term missions. Last year, Kevin went on a work mission to Mali, West Africa, and Craig joined Kids Alive to minister in the Dominican Republic. He plans to return this year.

Another way that the partners have decided to give back is through scholarships for college students. Annual CFA Excellence in Technology scholarships are available not only to Cedarville undergraduates, but also to students at Clark State Community College and Wittenberg University, both located in Springfield. In addition, the company has established a college scholarship for a Springfield City High School senior. Helping students with educational expenses is a cause close to the partners’ hearts.

“I grew up very poor,” said Kevin. “I was only able to go to Cedarville because of loans and on-campus jobs. I know what it’s like to struggle financially.”

## Ministry-Minded

Dedicating the business to Christ and cultivating a family culture for CFA Networks and its employees stand as top priorities for the partners. “So many people put their businesses first, but we’re believers and we’re missionaries here first,” Craig said. “The business is how we do it, but we’re all responsible to share and live the Gospel so people can see what a real believer is.”

Although the business has grown substantially, it’s still small enough that the partners help out whenever they can. “The managers aren’t set apart,” Todd admitted. “We wear all the hats that it takes. If there’s a semi that needs unloading, we’re all down there unloading it.”

The partners also enjoy the freedom they’ve found to make corporate, rather than just individual, decisions based on what they believe Christ wants. “We’re concerned about our employees beyond just having them bill their time,” said Craig. “It’s great that we can talk to them about personal issues and truly invest in their lives.”

The three men are looking forward to the future of CFA Networks. As the business continues to grow, so will the legacy these three have begun. They eagerly anticipate further opportunities to support the community and various ministries. They also look forward to their future together as partners and friends. “We’ve made a commitment now to kind of go through life together — at least a significant portion of it,” said Todd, noting that the partners’ families

“As the business continues to grow, so will the legacy these three have begun.”

are close and all have children about the same age.

They will also continue to give credit where it is due. “Being believers and understanding our position before God, we realize that our success is not because of us,” Craig concluded. “We can work as hard as we want, but it’s really God making everything happen. This is His business, and that’s why we’re willing to work hard and give back — because we realize it’s not ours. It’s not about us. It’s not about the things that we do. It’s truly about God’s glory.” **i**

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# TEN 24:

## The Story of Dick Walker

by Sharyn Kopf

I DIDN'T MEET Dick Walker as a student, but on an assignment — this assignment. It only took a minute to get an idea of the kind of man he is. Add that to all the compliments I'd heard in the week leading up to the interview, and I knew I was about to meet someone who represents everything Cedarville is.

"I have a long-running history with Cedarville," he told me, leaning back in his chair, surrounded by lighthouse memorabilia, the walls covered with photos of rafting trips and sailing excursions, a handmade quilt depicting one special year with the Campus Activities Board, and faces of alumni smiling out from every corner of the room. It's quickly apparent. Want to know about Cedarville? Talk to Dick Walker.

**"Dick always goes the extra mile to make people feel special."**

### History

It all started ... actually, not even Dick is sure when it started. Cedarville has always been part of his life. His first Yellow Jacket memory is watching Pete Reese '60 and David Jeremiah '63 play basketball in Alford Auditorium. That was when he was in high school — and visiting Cedarville with his youth group.

Still, it would be 10 years before Dick would call the school his home. During that time, he attended Bowling Green State

University and spent his summers working at Camp Patmos. One summer, Dr. James T. Jeremiah was a guest speaker.

"I had a conversation with him about how God was directing my life," Dick said. "I knew I had to finish at Bowling Green. And all male students knew what they were doing after they graduated — joining the service." So, join the military, he did, signing up right after graduation in 1968.

Dick visited Cedarville again in the spring of 1970. That summer he was asked to interview for a campus activities position. Though that job went to someone else, it led to the beginning of Dick's Cedarville career.

"I started running the intramural recreation program for \$35 a week," he said. "During that first year I had two to three different part-time positions. But I met a young lady."

Her name was Linda Madsen '71. They went on their first date in January and were married in August. That year Dick was selected to serve as head resident at Cedar Park Apartments.

Dick accepted his first full-time position in the fall of '72 — a food service job he stayed in from August ... to the middle of September. "I was not enjoying it, and it's the closest I ever came to leaving," he said.

But God stepped in. When Dick's friend, Ken Nichols '68, moved to Cedarville's counseling program, Ken's position as activities director was open — and an ideal fit for Dick. The two men still smile about God's timing.

Nevertheless, the job would prove to be challenging from the start. His first task was to welcome the Miami University Symphony

Orchestra to the Alford Auditorium stage. "Now, I didn't know a lot about orchestras," Dick said, "but there was no way they could fit on that stage."

"So, I said to Miami's director, 'What would happen if we cleared out the gym and opened up the bleachers?' And that's what we did, and that was my introduction to campus activities."

It was also his introduction to the Division of Student Life, which is where he's spent most of his Cedarville career, including 10 years as dean of men.

The second time Dick almost left was in the mid-1980s. It was just following his decade as dean. The timing seemed right to move on ... when the campus activities director position opened again. He accepted the job and, today, holds the title of dean of community and family life programs.

Through the years, Dick earned his master's degree in education with a student services focus, and he and Lin have raised two children, Tricia '96 and Scott '00.

### Legacy

It wasn't hard finding people wanting to talk about Dick Walker. When I called Dr. Paul Dixon, he was quick to note that he had known Dick since 1971. He'd barely uttered the words, when I heard a female voice call out, "We remember him when he still had hair and could hear a pin drop!" Dr. Dixon chuckled in agreement with his wife Pat, then added, "I think Dick Walker has probably made some of the most significant contributions of anyone who's been at Cedarville."



David Bartlett, associate vice president for development, calls Dick the Director of Encouragement: “I’m not sure Dick Walker’s impact on Cedarville could ever be measured or quantified.”

Jeff Beste ’87, director of alumni relations, has worked with Dick for more than 15 years. “What most people know about him is that he’s always giving something to students or staff or alumni.”

At his core, giving is what Dick Walker is all about. Jeff said, “Dick always goes the extra mile to make people feel special.”

“I don’t have any other hobbies,” Dick told me near the end of our conversation. “Cedarville is my hobby.”

A lifelong hobby, indeed. This man has devoted his life to this institution, and he continues to be blessed as much as he blesses others. For him, the highlights are celebrating milestones with Cedarville grads — ordinations, weddings, and birthdays. He loves Homecoming, graduation, any major event that sees the campus flooded with alumni. Maintaining those connections means everything to Dick.

One of the programs Dick has established is TEN 24 (formerly CAB), based on Hebrews 10:24 — “Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.”

He leaned forward, becoming a little quieter. “I hope that has been a part of my approach to life here at Cedarville. Yes, hopefully, my time here has been marked in part by that.”

The evidence suggests ... it has. 

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# Window into the Word

*"Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."  
1 Timothy 4:16*

## The Legacy Challenge

by Dr. Tom Hutchison '80

### Watch Your Life

He was a Cedarville grad and my seminary professor, young, well-read, and extremely bright — a rising star on the stage of the theological academy. Watching him taught me something about life, but it wasn't how to be noticed or admired. Rather, he showed me, by example, the importance of listening carefully and always being an expectant, humble learner.

He lived, and I watched. He was likely unaware of my observation — and of the profound impact he had on my life. Now as I teach students about Scripture, I am aware that they are not only listening to what I say but watching how I live, just as I studied my former professor.

Our lives are a legacy to those who watch us. May our actions match our words and model our Savior. We are teaching much, even when we say nothing.

### Watch Your Doctrine

He was my professor at Cedarville and again in seminary. He broadened my vocabulary and exposed me to philosophical and ethical ideas I'd never considered. In the process, he blew apart my view of God and forced me to confront the fact that in many ways the God I had envisioned was not the God of the Bible. He forced me to think clearly and communicate accurately but always in submission to the truth of God's Word. He taught me that watching my

doctrine involved thorough, careful study and an open mind.

I now work with students who are going through this same experience. Some are handling Scripture for the first time on their own and wrestling to understand and own a faith based on the Bible rather than just on what they have been told.

The legacy challenge remains for each one of us: Search Scripture carefully. Submit every thought to the authority of God's Word. Come alongside others who are grappling with tough issues, and seek answers together from the One who is the source of all Truth.

### Persevere

To "watch your life and doctrine closely" as the Apostle Paul admonishes in 1 Timothy is no easy task. It's a lifelong challenge, but it is essential for the well-being of your own soul and the souls of others. As you pursue this personal legacy, you will experience the great joy of watching that legacy continue through the lives of the "watchers" in your sphere of influence — the next generation you're raising for God's glory, the student who challenges you to dig deeper, the seeking mom who needs a place to turn, the business partner who sees Christ in you. This is your legacy. This is your challenge. Persevere!

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Even in changing times, there are certain things you can count on at Cedarville University.

Consider this letter to alumni from President McChesney, reprinted from the 1936 *Cedrus* yearbook.

Just as then, our faith in God, our hope for the future, and our love for the sons and daughters of Cedarville University remain true.

Dear Alumni:

Memories of the years, forty-one years, course vividly to me. Mingled in these are gladness and sadness, sunshine and sorrow; but withal joy is transcendent.

Some of your number, very dear all of them, have gone on to the felicities of their heavenly home. We miss them, O so much, but we rejoice in their victory and reward. We remain, president and alumni, to carry on for their and our college.

With the years Cedarville College has grown in possessions of buildings, campus, endowment, and annuities. Our student body has increased, and our curricula of study have adjusted to the enlarging needs of the students and the requirements of a changing world. Cedarville College has widened its influence throughout the United States and foreign countries. Its alumni number over six hundred. They are in all vocations, and in all parts of the world.

As changing times have brought their changes these things abide: the faith of our founders in God, the Church, and the might of right; our hope for greater and better things for Cedarville College; and our genuine love for you, our alumni, the sons and daughters of Cedarville College.

In closing, the challenge comes to you and to me to cooperate to continue and enlarge the power of Cedarville College for the service of fellowmen and the glory of God.

Yours sincerely,

President of Cedarville College.

College Office,  
Cedarville, Ohio  
April 16, 1936



## Student Mentoring: Sharing a Legacy

by Dr. Michael W. Firmin

In the Cedarville Department of Psychology, mentoring is more than an idealistic concept. It goes to the core of who we are as professionals. Our aim is to develop relationships with students, building into their lives the character, knowledge, and expertise they will need for future ministry and professional development. Additionally, helping students set their compasses on due north — spiritually, academically, and vocationally — is an important objective we work diligently to accomplish on a weekly basis.

For many professors, mentoring is one of the true joys of ministry at Cedarville. We meet students and discover their aims, ambitions, and interests, and find out what they wish to accomplish in life for God's glory. We help them generate plans in order to see those goals accomplished.

As professors, we don't set the direction for students. They must figure out for themselves — in conjunction with their parents and other godly counsel — what they want to accomplish in life. Certainly, we will give input into these significant decisions. But, in the end, students need to make their own choices, because they are the ones who will live with the results of those decisions for the rest of their lives.

Unfortunately, some students have tendencies to sell themselves short. They cannot yet envision all God may do through

their lives. As faculty members, part of our role is to help students see the bigger picture and challenge them to go beyond their present thinking. Scripture tells us that God is able to do “exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). We desire to help students capture a clearer vision of their capabilities and then set them on an appropriate track for turning possibilities into realities.

Often this involves extra effort. We as faculty members spur students toward excellence. Of course, excellence is personally defined for each student, given their individual aptitudes, skill sets, and talents. One University alumna told me: “Every Cedarville student needs someone like you in their life. You won't let people settle for less than what God knows they're capable of doing.” Not pushing too hard, however, requires delicate efforts, as sometimes mentors have to back off, letting the Holy Spirit do His work in helping students make the vocational choices that are right for them.

As teachers and mentors to this generation, we work to see students go beyond us in what they achieve in their professional, vocational, and personal lives. Having completed 20 years of college teaching, it is exciting to see former students accomplish professional feats they never dreamed possible. God is working through their lives. In the last 10 years at Cedarville, I have had the honor of helping more than 40 students gain admission into doctoral programs. Many, if not most, of these students initially did not have such high aspirations. However, with close mentorship and hard, diligent work, these students all achieved more than they had originally envisioned.

Beyond Cedarville graduation, it is fulfilling to keep up with students and see what they are doing on our Lord's behalf. Alex is a statistics professor at a tier-one research university. Jeremy practices law in a successful firm. Kim serves troubled children as a psychologist. Krista administers tests to learning-disabled students. Each of these Cedarville graduates — and many more — has gone beyond their mentor. As a result, the impact we can have on the world on Christ's behalf is multiplied, not just added to, as a result of mentoring young people. By helping students accomplish their utmost, we have an opportunity to touch lives beyond what any of us could ever realize on our own.

Student mentoring is the means of sharing the Cedarville legacy with generations to come.



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# Welcome, New Director of Alumni Relations



On February 1, 2008, Jeff Beste '87 was officially welcomed as the new director of alumni relations for Cedarville University. Jeff is known and loved by hundreds of Cedarville alumni who call him a friend and example from their college days or a mentor and encourager during his 19 years of Cedarville work experience. All know Jeff as a model for Christ-like leadership and service and a passionate advocate for Cedarville, its students, and alumni.

As his new appointment begins, Jeff plans to facilitate greater interaction between alumni and current students. "Cedarville continues to have what I think are some of the most outstanding young people in the world," he said. He comes to Alumni Relations from his most recent role as associate dean for student leadership development. He has also served in Residence Life, Community Ministries, and Admissions.

Meet the 2008 Alumni Relations staff — (left to right) Sarah Clift '06, Jeff Beste '87, and Michelle (Rigel) McCune '04. To learn more, visit [www.cedarville.edu/alumni/meetus](http://www.cedarville.edu/alumni/meetus).

## Q & A with Jeff

### ■ Where is "home" for you?

I grew up in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, but Cedarville is home now.

### ■ Tell us about your education.

I graduated from Cedarville in 1987 with a B.A. in mathematics. In 2003 I completed an M.A. in educational leadership at Wright State University.

### ■ You have a beautiful family. Introduce us!

God has blessed my wife Shelley (Fox) '95 and I with three daughters — Kylie (10), Sara (8), and Rachel (4).

### ■ What are your favorite hobbies?

After building a new home a few years ago, with no trees or plants on the lot, I have really enjoyed time outside gardening, planting trees and shrubs in our yard, and enjoying watching them grow. Does that sound like I am getting old? I also still enjoy being involved with music, playing piano, and leading music at Grace Baptist here in Cedarville, as well as leading music in chapel on occasion.

### ■ What is your favorite restaurant?

My family and I have become big fans of bd's Mongolian Barbeque. We also love Xenia China Inn. My own personal favorite is McDonald's (honestly)!!

### ■ If you could vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would love to go back to Australia, where Shelley and I served together on an MIS team. Our family also enjoys Florida — we just don't make it there enough.

### ■ Do you have a favorite verse?

Over the past several years, 2 Peter 1:3 has really stood out to me. "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

### ■ What do you wish every alum knew about Cedarville?

The students! I wish everyone could come back and build relationships with the students like I have known over the past 20 years. Some of the most outstanding young people in the U.S. attend Cedarville.

### ■ What excites you about this opportunity?

I am most excited about where I see Cedarville University headed. I have never been as excited to be a part of Cedarville as I am right now. Of course, this is due in part to the great foundation and legacy that Dr. Dixon and others set. But when I hear Dr. Brown share his vision and I interact with different administrators, faculty, and staff, it is so exciting to see where God is taking us right now. When I get to know our students and see where their passions and desires lie, it is obvious to me that Cedarville alums will continue to be impacting the world in a positive way for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Learn more about Jeff and his family at [www.cedarville.edu/alumni/director](http://www.cedarville.edu/alumni/director).

## Any time I step into a new phase of life,



Jeff Beste '87  
Director of Alumni Relations

one of the first things I do is look back and consider how I got where I am! Not to sound overly spiritual, but isn't that what God was always doing with the Israelites? Reminding them of all He did to get them to where they were?

Well, here I am leading Alumni Relations at Cedarville University. And I have to look back and think "How did I end up here?" It is pretty obvious to me — God put me here. But He used a host of people working with me, "reliable men" building into my life (2 Timothy 2:1-2) and establishing a legacy that I reflect on often.

It began when a friend of my family, Rev. Tim Wolf of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, called my parents back in Indiana and told us about a school called Cedarville College that just happened to have started a pre-engineering program. Who knew how that simple conversation would influence this farm boy?

I often tell others, particularly students, about my five "heroes" as a college student at Cedarville. Each made a lasting impression on my life: Dan Barfell '85, one of my college roommates; Harold Green (PG), my college pastor; Dr. Paul Dixon, my college president; Kevin Smith, my first Australia MIS leader and a mentor through music teams; and Kirby Lancaster '76, a Cedarville alum who is now a pastor in Australia. Through their lives, I have been challenged as a college student, then as a staff member, and now as a husband and father ... to follow their example and live a life that glorifies God.

When I began working in the Student Life Division, God brought Philippians 4:9 to mind: "Whatever you have learned or

received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice." I have watched and learned from three more "heroes" during the past 10 years.

Through the example of his life, Jim Cato '83 has taught me about worship. In his role as vice president for student life, Dr. Carl Ruby '83 has shown me strong, godly leadership. And my long-time supervisor Dick Walker has challenged me in the area of service. These friends have shaped me into who I am today and have instilled in me the passions of worship, leadership, and service.

I recently had the opportunity to host a group of student leaders at Dr. Bill Brown's home for an annual event called "Putting Your Best Foot Forward." He challenged the students with three important leadership qualities — strong character, a deep love for Christ, and a deep love for people. Dr. Brown continues to leave a rich legacy to our students, as well as the rest of us, at Cedarville University.

What kind of legacy are you leaving? I trust this issue of *Inspire* will challenge you to reconsider how your life is influencing others and take a moment to thank the individuals who have shaped who you are today.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jeff Beste". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*"You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."*  
— 2 Timothy 2:1-2

## chapter focus — colorado



During spring break (February 29–March 9) six students from Delta Alpha Epsilon (DAE), the student organization sponsored by Alumni Relations, traveled to Denver, Colorado, to serve at Open Door Ministries, assist with alumni events, and enjoy the slopes for a day. The trip was led by Michelle (Rigel) McCune '04, assistant director of alumni relations, and Sue Terkelsen '88, assistant professor of information technology and Alumni Council member.

Making new friends all along the way, DAE helped Open Door Ministries with painting and moving furniture in their church nursery and new youth room. The students also visited Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs and enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the broadcasting area, sat in the chair where Dr. Dobson makes daily broadcasts, and shared lunch with Cedarville alumni working at Focus (pictured at left).

On Thursday evening, the DAE students attended a Colorado chapter hosted by the Colorado chapter leadership team [Jason '98 and Courtenay (Shoaff) Atwell '98, Laura Hummitzsch '02, Erica (Linafelter) Heddings '03, Kenneth '69 and Alice (Miller) McGhee '70, Emily McQuinn '02, Ralph '72 and Marsha (Edwards) Perkins '72, and Naseem Qussar '99.]

To learn more about Cedarville's alumni chapters or to participate on a chapter leadership team, visit [www.cedarville.edu/alumnichapters](http://www.cedarville.edu/alumnichapters).

### 1970s

**Bill '73** and **Debbie (Davis) Tobias '73** celebrated the 20th anniversary of their arrival in Papua New Guinea on November 2, 2007. They are thankful that the Lord continues to bless their ministry as they labor together with the national pastors. Please pray for the aviation ministry because they desire to expand in order to reach the remote regions. Funds are on hand to build a hangar, but there is a need for property.

**Sharon (Bartemus) Steffanetta '74** is working at Calvary Christian High School, a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church where her family attends. Her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Gene Steffanetta, retired from the Marine Corps in 2001, and the family settled in Safety Harbor, Florida. They have three children, Gino, Elizabeth, and Kathryn. Gino is a junior at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; Elizabeth is a freshman at the University of Mobile studying music education with an emphasis in violin; and Kathryn is a junior at Calvary Christian High School.

**Duncan Fields '78** was appointed by Alaska's governor to be one of five Alaska representatives on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC). He had served on the advisory panel to the Council for seven years. The NPFMC manages America's largest fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. Duncan's wife, **Leslie (Leyland) Fields '79**, continues to teach in the master of fine arts program at Seattle Pacific University. Her sixth book, *Parenting is Your Highest Calling and Eight Other Myths That Trap Us in Worry and Guilt*, is expected to be released by Waterbrook in the spring.

### 1980s

**Paul Buettell '80** and his family went on a short-term missions trip over the Christmas holidays. They went with Baptist Mid-Missions to Cameroon, Africa, with the intention of expanding their vision as a family to see other people, tribes, and nations be reached for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His glory. They desire to have their children appreciate what they have in America and cultivate within them a missions heart and attitude. This desire

started while Paul attended Cedarville and was involved in beach evangelism and the Cedarville Singers. Their family plans to continue these trips on a regular basis and wants to encourage others to do the same. Paul and his wife, Cheryl, have three children, Stephen (18), Thomas (16), and Samantha (7).

**Terri Lynn (Smart) Packard '82** and her husband, Larry, praise God for allowing them to start a mission church in Penrose, Colorado, three years ago. In October 2007, the Colorado Baptist General Convention recognized First Southern Baptist Church of Penrose as a fully cooperative independent church.

**Aaron '85** and **Anne (Grosse) Bowes '87** prepared a great Christmas Eve service and a January evangelistic service with their church in Berlin, Germany. They pray that many seeds were planted in the hearts of the attendees. Aaron was thankful for the two weeks this past fall that he was able to visit supporting churches in Ohio and visit with his daughter, **Hanna '11**, at Cedarville. Aaron and Anne have four children: Hanna, Philip, Kathrin, and Emily.

recent events



December 1, 2007 — South Central Pennsylvania Chapter Event  
Alumni in the Lancaster area gathered to watch a hockey game. Although the Hershey Bears didn't win, everyone had a great time.



January 1 — Philadelphia Chapter Event  
Several alumni braved the cold in downtown Philadelphia for the annual Mummer's Day Parade. The group rang in the New Year with plenty of Starbucks coffee!



January 11 — Cleveland Chapter Event  
Dinner at the Embassy Suites in Independence, Ohio, was a great way for alumni and friends to spend an evening. Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown enjoyed dinner with nearly 100 guests at the first Cleveland Chapter event.

**Tony Pepe '85** and his family finished their home assignment and returned to France in January 2008. They were encouraged with the time that was spent with their faithful supporters and were pleased to hear that the church in France seemed to do well under the direction of a retired missionary couple. Tony shares that his two daughters, **Karie '09** and **Kristina '10**, enjoy being at Cedarville together, and his son, Andrew, is doing well in the Abeka homeschool program.

**Mark Horne '86** has been named CEO and senior partner of Plymouth Venture Partners in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Plymouth is one of the most active venture capital funds in the Great Lakes region, and over the last four years their investments have achieved an annual return of more than 35% for their investors. Mark is leading the efforts to raise a new \$60 million fund which will begin investing in spring 2008. He and his wife, **Erin (Coffman) Horne '87**, have three children: Elizabeth (14), Griffin (12), and Amanda (10). They live in Maumee, Ohio, and attend Westgate Chapel in Toledo.

**Jeffrey Leach '87** is the senior contracts manager at ACS Government Solutions in Washington, D.C., and has been admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia.

**Kelly (Jones) Lee '87** is the food and clothing closet coordinator at Greer Community Ministries in Greer, South Carolina. This is a ministry that provides emergency food and clothing for the needy of the area. She and her husband, Bob, have two daughters, Rebekah (8) and Anna Mae (6).

**Deena (Shriver) Rozeboom '87** and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Dakota Mae on October 16, 2007. She was welcomed home by her siblings, Drew, Dani, and Desi, in Waco, Texas.

**Dave '87** and **Val (Hite) Smallman '85** introduced their Brazilian church to the American tradition of a Thanksgiving meal. It was a great time of sharing about the history of the tradition and listening to the testimonies of thankfulness. Continue to pray for the growth of this church. Dave, Val, and their three children, Adam (16), Ryan (13), and Shelly (9), enjoy ministering with their musical talents and in other ways.



**Debra (Timco) Kibbee '88** and her husband, Ken, announce the adoption of their daughter from China on July 2, 2007. Meighan Fu Grace was born September 7, 2006, and joins her siblings, Christopher (16) and Kara (14), in Saegertown, Pennsylvania.

**Tim Wagner '89** was elected to the Three Rivers Local School Board in Hamilton County, Ohio, in November 2007. After 17 years in youth ministry, he has transitioned into the pastorate at The Bridge Community Church. His wife, **Shari (Leach) Wagner '88**, teaches part-time at Indiana Wesleyan University (Cincinnati campus). They have two children, James (12) and Hannah (10).

**1990s**



**Shelby (Browning) Berg '90** and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of Riley Kenai on May 23, 2007. Shelby and Jonathan were married in 2005 and reside in Reading, Massachusetts. They attend Christ the King Presbyterian Church, where they are involved in worship music. Shelby works in treasury/cash management and is preparing to become a certified treasury professional.

**Molly (Reeves) Enos '90** and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of Kayla Jennifer. She was born June 4, 2007, and was welcomed home by her sisters, Katie (8), Lauren (6), and Nicole (3). They reside in Derry, Pennsylvania.





**Beth (Drobinski) Hettich '90** and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Sophia Claire on January 31, 2007. Beth is a software engineer for IBM in Rochester, Minnesota.



**Kevin Dutil '95** and his wife, Stacey, announce the birth of Noah Lee on July 26, 2007. They reside in Bentonville, Arkansas.



**Tim Hassenzahl '96** and his wife, Cathy, announce the birth of Lincoln Timothy. He was born September 10, 2007, and joins his siblings, Braden (5), Jena (3), and Asia (18 months), in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Tim is a manufacturing engineer for Johnson Controls.



**David Hurlburt '91** works for a government contractor, CACI, as a proposal coordinator for classified and unclassified government proposals. He and his wife, Tricia, have six children: Danielle (12), Ben (11), Belle (7), Jared (6), Trent (3), and Tessa (2). They are thankful for the ability to adopt Tessa from Kazakhstan in June 2005. They are involved at Winfield Bible Chapel in Woodbine, Maryland.



**Kaedra (Moll) Ducuron '96** and her husband, Pablo, live in California with their children, Sophie (3) and Alex (1). Kaedra is an emergency room charge nurse one day a week and enjoys being with the kids the rest of the time. Kaedra and Pablo met in Argentina, where Kaedra was involved in a one-year missions internship.

**Cheryl Davis '93** and Jeffrey Siemers were married June 16, 2007. Cheryl is an academic dean in Soldotna, Alaska.



**Allie (Heller) Slocum '94** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Kaylie Denise on February 1, 2005. They reside in Centennial, Colorado.



**Brad '96** and **Beth (Walker) Fawcett '99** announce the birth of Jaden Van Allen on September 25, 2007. They reside in Williamstown, New Jersey.



**Craig '97** and **Kathy (Petersen) Perry '97** announce the birth of Megan Jo on September 10, 2007. She joins her sisters, Karisa (4) and Hannah (2), in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Craig is the pastor of youth and worship at Forest Hills Baptist Church, and Kathy stays at home with the girls.

recent events



**January 26 — Raleigh Chapter Event**  
Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown joined alumni and friends for dinner in downtown Raleigh to present the *re:View* worldview curriculum. Guests enjoyed watching video segments and learning about this award-winning material.



**February 9 — Orlando Chapter Event**  
Heritage Baptist Church in Lakeland was a wonderful location to host the event. Guests enjoyed dinner and an update from Dr. Bill Brown.



**February 29 — Columbus Chapter Event**  
Alumni and their families enjoyed an evening at COSI-Columbus. Everyone had a wonderful time getting to know Jeff Beste '87.

**Jonathan '97 and Sarah (Jenks) Weber '97** announce the birth of Daniel Wallace on November 9, 2007. He was welcomed home by his brother, Warren, in Belgium. They praise God that their ministry is outgrowing their space and trust God will provide for this need.

**Anna (Lankhorst) Gosman '98** received her master's degree in education, specializing in educational administration and supervision, from Liberty University in May 2007. After working to start a new Christian school in her hometown of Madison, Indiana, Anna has become the school's first administrator. The school is the area's first non-denominational Christian school. Anna was excited to hire several Cedarville alumni as part of the faculty, including **Rebekah Read '05** and **Elizabeth Slavish '06**. Anna and her husband, **Eric '98**, have two daughters, Katie (7) and Emily (4).



**Blake Goulette '98** and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of William Thomas on February 21, 2007. Blake does flash animation for IBM. They live in Raleigh, North Carolina.



**Michele (Schafer) Hoffman '98** and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Elizabeth Esther in June 2007. After enjoying several years of teaching third and fourth grades, Michele has chosen to stay at home with Elizabeth. Steve is a technician for AVAYA, Inc. They reside in Alto, Michigan.



**Josh '98 and Laura (Schulz) Overholt '98** recently moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Josh is vice president at Investment Counselors of Maryland, and Laura stays home with their children, Allison (4) and Matthew (2).



**Jason '99 and Charity (Rizer) Grahame '98** announce the birth of Kyleigh Joanne on July 3, 2007. She was welcomed home by Brianna (4) and Alex (2) in Chesapeake, Virginia. Jason recently became an assistant professor in the physician assistant program at Eastern Virginia Medical School after several years of working with an orthopedic doctor. Charity is enjoying her job as a busy stay-at-home mother.



**Matthew '99 and Stephanie (Jones) Jopson '99** announce the birth of Natalie Margaret. Natalie was born at home on August 6, 2006, with the help and encouragement of a doula, **Bethany (Vaught) Dykman '98**. Big brother Isaac (4) awaited her arrival in Xenia, Ohio.



**Jason '99 and Joyce (Bontrager) Weber '00** reside in Atmore, Alabama, where Jason is a row crop farmer. He also serves on the board of Choice Books Gulf States, a nonprofit book distribution company. Joyce stays at home with Owen Darrell (3) and Helen Avery (1) and also works part-time. They are actively involved in Grace Fellowship in Atmore.

## 2000s



**David Anthony '00 and Jessie Jacobowitz '02** were married September 29, 2007. They reside in Sunbury, Ohio.

to assist in the church plant of Southbridge Fellowship. They join **Scott '00** and **Shanna (Lenhart) Lehr '00** and **Jason '00** and **Amanda (Melcher) Tovey '00** in this endeavor.



**Jordan '00 and Jennifer (Ferguson) Culp '00** announce the birth of Amelia Frances on June 1, 2007. Jordan is an investment analyst for Dupont Capital Management and received his master of business administration degree from Drexel University in June 2007. Jenn enjoys staying at home with Amelia in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.



**Tom Wright '99 and Tammi Sheldon '02** were married October 22, 2005 in Columbus, Ohio. Tom is an electrical engineer at Johnson Controls, and Tammi is a second grade teacher at Calvary Schools of Holland. God has blessed them by leading them to Calvary Baptist Church, where Tom has the privilege of serving as a deacon, and they both lead a small group. They reside in Holland, Michigan.



**Brett '00 and Angie (Tyson) Cooley '00** announce the births of their two girls. Alyssa was born in March 2003, and Sara was born in August 2005. They reside in Cedarville, Ohio.



**Elizabeth (Gosztyla) Hughes '00** and her husband, James, announce the births of their two children. Autumn Rose was born September 15, 2005, and Kirvan Robert was born April 6, 2007. Beth and James were married in April 2003. Beth is a stay-at-home mom who also coaches basketball.

**Nicole (Thomas) Cullen '00** and her husband, Jon, have relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina,

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### Magazine Cover Features Alumna

When it comes right down to it, Melissa (Adam) Keenan '00 was just doing her job. As an independent demonstrator and senior manager for Gold Canyon Candles (GCC), the Middletown, Ohio, resident loves her work. And it shows in the explosive growth of her sales team. So when *Empowering Women* — a direct sales, bi-monthly magazine — decided to feature Gold Canyon in its March 2008 edition, the GCC home office in Phoenix contacted Melissa. Her regional manager had submitted her story, and the magazine's editors decided she was ideally suited for an issue about inspirational women working for Gold Canyon. And out of 25,000 employees, Melissa (pictured far right) was one of five chosen to be on the cover. For Melissa, having a career where she can stay home with her two children but still sell candles, home décor, and the company's new spa line is a rewarding opportunity.

**"She was ideally suited for an issue about inspirational women working for Gold Canyon."**

recent events



**March 6 — Colorado Chapter Event**  
Many CU alumni came together for an evening at Boondocks Fun Center in Northglenn. Guests enjoyed eating appetizers, riding go-carts, and winning free T-shirts!



**March 8 — Des Moines, Iowa**  
Dr. Bill Brown joined guests at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown for dinner. With about 80 guests in attendance, discussions focused on the new Center for Biblical and Theological Studies.



**March 10 — Nashville Chapter Event**  
In conjunction with the National Religious Broadcasters Convention, Jeff Beste '87 met alumni at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center for dessert. Many guests stayed until late in the evening catching up.

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**Michael Pierson '00** and his wife, Bo, announce the birth of Jonathan Carter on September 12, 2007. They were married August 1, 2004, in Chicago, Illinois, and teach at an elementary school in inner-city Chicago.



**Jennifer (Urban) Ellis '01** and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Trent Lawrence on June 20, 2005. They live in Winchester, Virginia.



**Eric '01** and **Cassandra (Goralski) Fisher '01** announce the birth of twin boys, Aiden Bradley and Ethan George. They were born December 14, 2006, in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Eric is the information technology manager at MMTC, and Cassandra stays at home with the boys.



**Dan Foster '01** and his wife, Breeze, announce the birth of Isaac Amos on October 16, 2007. He was welcomed home by Autumn (6) and Micah (2½), in Abingdon, Maryland. Dan is a systems engineer at Lockheed Martin.



**Andrew '01** and **Marisa (Smith) Krum '02** announce the birth of Aynsley Elizabeth Rose on December 22, 2006. Andrew is a human factors engineer at International Truck and Engine. Marisa is a homemaker and biofeedback health analyst. They attend Wallen Baptist Church and live in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.



**Dan '01** and **LaChelle (Peters) Rickett '01** announce the birth of Kelsie Janae on September 20, 2006. She was welcomed home by Aubrie (3). They recently moved to Ashland, Ohio, where Dan is pursuing his master's degree in Old Testament at Ashland Theological Seminary. LaChelle is grateful to stay at home with the girls.



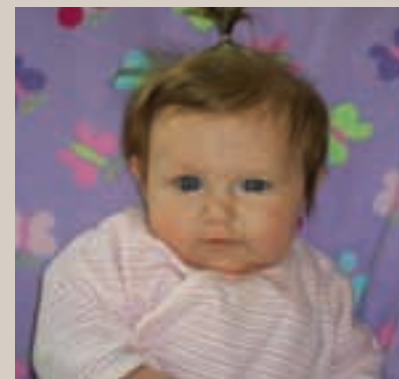
**Tami Wortman '01** and Raymond Hayes were married July 21, 2007. Tami is an office manager at a geotechnical engineering firm, and Raymond is a nursing assistant and full-time student studying respiratory therapy. They reside in Dayton, Ohio.



**Jenney (Flood) Dray '02** and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of James Daniel-Paul on August 6, 2006. They reside in Xenia, Ohio.



**Adam '02** and **Gina (Band) Henker '02** announce the birth of Louisa Anabel on September 8, 2007. Adam is a faith-based program consultant with Explorica, and they reside in Dover, New Hampshire.



**JoAnne (Willett) Simmons '02** and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of Jodilyn Kristine on August 6, 2007. They reside in Minerva, Ohio.



**Ben Fisher '02** and Melissa Wolff were married May 28, 2005 in Santa Barbara, California. They are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Elise, on May 31, 2007. Ben is a sales representative for Zimmer, an orthopedic company. Melissa was a therapist for autistic children before becoming a stay-at-home mom in Camarillo, California.



**Nick '02** and **Julie (Offerman) Maile '03** announce the birth of twin daughters. Allison Joy and Annabelle Grace were born September 8, 2007, in Ames, Iowa.



**Roberta (Denny) Wells '02** and her husband, Darren, announce the birth of Caleb Benjamin. He was born July 18, 2007, and joins his sister, Emma Joy (2), at home in Greenwood, Indiana.

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### Alum's Purity Balls Celebrate Fathers and Daughters

When it comes to purity, just what is a loving father to do in a culture that seems to encourage promiscuity?

Randy Wilson, who attended Cedarville from 1980-81, along with his wife, Lisa (Ramsey) '81, a communications graduate, decided to empower their daughters — and created something that is causing a worldwide stir in the process. In 1998, the Wilsons, who regularly sought ways to “create ceremonies with our kids to mark their lives,” wanted to honor their oldest girl, who turned 13 that year. Word got around, and 100 fathers and daughters attended that first dance in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Thus began the Purity Ball, now celebrating its 10th year.

In 2003, Focus on the Family featured an article on the ball in its magazine. Other communities contacted Randy for more information, and now hundreds of similar events are held in 48 states around the country. Still, it didn't become a global phenomenon until *Glamour* magazine covered the story in February 2007. Since then, media outlets from around the world have contacted the Wilsons, wanting to know more. From print to TV, Randy has talked with reporters from places such as Egypt, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. This year, New Zealand plans to host its first Purity Ball.

Not bad for someone who was simply looking for a way to be a better dad.

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**Katherine (Witmer) Williams '02** and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Leah Renee on October 20, 2007. Katherine teaches freshman English and senior computer science at Cypress Creek High School in Houston, Texas.



**Andrea (Greening) Gower '03** and her husband, David, announce the birth of Benjamin Lee on September 22, 2007. They reside in Winfield, Illinois.

**Samuel McGuire '03** has a private dental practice in Goshen, Indiana. He received his doctorate in dental medicine from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine in 2007.

**Megan Miller '03** and Philip Henderson were married August 12, 2006 in Dayton, Ohio. Megan received her master of science degree in education, with a college student personnel concentration, from the University of Dayton in 2003.



**Carissa Smith '03** and Jamie Goodlet were married July 7, 2007, at Faith Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. They now reside in Youngstown, Ohio, where Jamie is a fireman, and Carissa teaches seventh grade math.



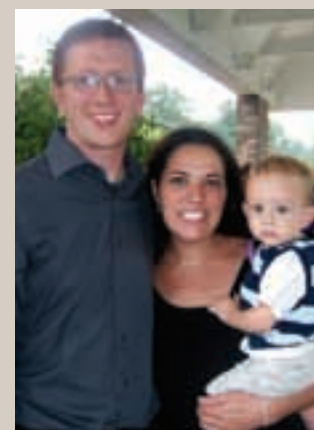
**Jason '03** and **Jodi (Slagle) Bradshaw '03** announce the birth of Owen Lee on April 2, 2007. They reside in Greenville, Ohio, where Jason is the music pastor for Grace Church, and Jodi enjoys staying at home with Owen.



**Ariel Starbuck '03** and Tom Harris were married July 7, 2007, at Bethel Church in West Liberty, Ohio. They met at The Oakes Holiday Centre Ministry in Sheffield, England. They spent their honeymoon in England and are now living in Bellefontaine, Ohio.



**Sarah Tsermengas '03** and Joel Nichols were married October 13, 2006, at Detroit's historic Masonic Temple. After honeymooning in the Bahamas, they returned to Southgate, Michigan. Sarah is a mathematics professor, and Joel is a sales representative for Pepsi.



**Jennifer (Muka) Austin '04** and her husband, Phil, announce the birth of Caiden Scott on June 30, 2006. After teaching for two years, Jennifer is enjoying staying at home and awaits the arrival of their second child in the spring. They reside in Wayland, Michigan.



**Brandon '04 and Karee (Shev) Brown '04** announce the birth of Ellie Grace on October 6, 2007. She was welcomed home by her brother, Brandon (19 months), in Hanau, Germany. Brandon serves in the U.S. Army, and Karee stays at home and enjoys being involved in community and church ministries.



**Derek '04 and Christina (Mickey) McKinney '04** announce the birth of Allen Wayne on May 5, 2007. They are elementary music teachers and reside in Raeford, North Carolina.

**Melissa Wagner '04** received her juris doctor degree and master's degree in public policy in December 2007 from Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach. She took the Illinois Bar in February 2008.

cruise to Grand Cayman and Cozumel, they returned to Lexington, Ohio. Nicholas is an interactive media teacher for Mansfield City Schools, and Emily is an accountant for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.



**Stuart Sheldon II '05 and Hannah Ballou '04** were married August 4, 2007, in Galion, Ohio. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Hawaii.



**Michael Carlo '04 and Kelly Bernhard '03** were married July 14, 2007 at Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and now lives in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Michael is an engineer for Johnson Controls, and Kelly is a second grade teacher.



**Emily Morton '05 and Nicholas Boller** were married August 11, 2007. After a honeymoon



**Tim Hartman '06 and Andrea West '06** were married in August 2007 in Lakeland, Florida. They are both teaching English in Beijing, China.

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### Hall of Fame Honors Maryalyce Jeremiah

On May 17 in Columbus, Ohio, the legacy of the Jeremiah family will continue as Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah '65 will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. Maryalyce is the daughter of former Cedarville President and Chancellor Dr. James T. Jeremiah and sister of Dr. David Jeremiah '63. Now serving as head women's basketball coach at Cal State Fullerton, she ranked among the top 50 winningest active coaches in the nation upon entering the 2007-08 season.

After playing for the Cedarville Yellow Jackets for three years, Maryalyce took over coaching the women's team from 1969 to 1978, accumulating a 104-75 overall record while leading Cedarville to the AIAW National Tournament in 1970 and a state championship in 1973. She was inducted as one of four charter members into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

Maryalyce then spent two seasons as head women's basketball coach at the University of Dayton. In 1979 they were the AIAW National Runner-up with a 33-3 record; the following year they took the championship and finished the season at 36-2. After coaching five years at Indiana University, she moved to the West Coast. Now in her 12th year as head coach of the Cal State Fullerton Titans, she has the most wins in the program's history with 157, bringing her accumulated number of victories to an impressive 420 in a 28-year coaching career.



### Alumni Basketball Weekend

In January, alumni from around the country returned to Cedarville to celebrate the tradition of Yellow Jacket basketball. Whether playing in an alumni game, participating in the kids' basketball clinic, or enjoying the grape cotton candy, everyone had a great time. Left photo: Team captain Ryan Short '08 drives for the basket. The Yellow Jacket men earned an automatic berth to the NAIA Division II National Tournament for the fifth time in six years. Top photo, left to right: Dr. Donald Callan, Greg Greve '81, Josh Greve '07, and current men's basketball coach Ray Slagle.

### Upcoming Alumni Events

**May 15**

Atlanta, Georgia, Regional Event with Dr. Bill Brown

**May 22**

Los Angeles, California, Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown

**June 2**

Indianapolis, Indiana, Chapter Event

**June 14**

Miami Valley, Ohio, Chapter Event

**September 20**

South Central Pennsylvania Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown

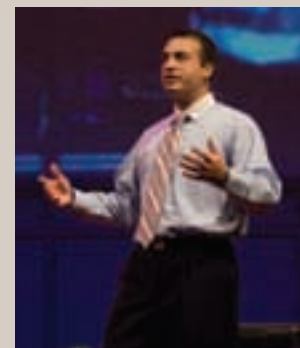
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### M.Ed. Program Update

Cedarville's highly regarded Master of Education program is expanding to serve you better. Online courses, a Des Moines-based completion option, and ACSI convention offerings are all in the works for fall 2008! And, don't forget that significant scholarships are available both for Cedarville alumni and for Christian school teachers. Learn more at [www.cedarville.edu/graduate](http://www.cedarville.edu/graduate).

### Preparing for Greatness

Scott Lehr '00 knows that when it comes to leadership, it helps to have a servant's heart. That's one of the reasons this former SGA chaplain at Cedarville was asked to speak at the 2008 High School Leadership Conference, January 25 and 26. During the conference, Scott challenged the high school students to lead lives of great influence. The conference, an annual event, was coordinated by Jeff Beste '87 and Chrissy (Rising) Faulkner '98. Learn more at [www.cedarville.edu/leaders](http://www.cedarville.edu/leaders).





**Jonathan Lett '06** works with The Navigators at the University of Vermont. He is thankful that students on campus are building relationships with unbelievers and living their lives for God.



**Sarah Baczek '07** and **Tyler Brown '08** were married October 13, 2007 in Springfield, Ohio. Sarah is working as a graphic designer at Cedarville University while Tyler anticipates his college graduation in May 2008. Shortly after graduation, Tyler will be commissioned into the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant.

## In Memory

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

**Arthur Hicks '63** of Cassopolis, Michigan, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 19, 2007. Arthur attended Cedarville from 1959 to 1961, where he met his wife, **Norma (Smith) Hicks '64**. He then transferred to Omaha Baptist Bible College, where he graduated in 1963. Over the years, Arthur served the Lord pastoring churches in Iowa, Kansas, Indiana, and Michigan. Besides his

wife, he leaves behind four children and their spouses, as well as nine grandchildren.

**R. Dan Park '64** passed away on February 1, 2007, at his home in Houston, Texas, due to congestive heart failure. After retiring from a career in computer programming, he enjoyed hosting an FM Internet radio music channel. Until his death, Dan faithfully attended every Homecoming at Cedarville since graduating. He is survived by his son, grandchildren, three sisters, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.



**Daniel Robert Lacey '68** was welcomed into the presence of the Lord on November 7, 2007, in France, where he had served as a pastor/missionary for 38 years. After completing language studies in Paris, Dan and his family moved to Bordeaux and worked with an existing church for seven years. He then accepted a call to go to Caen (in Normandy) to help a small, struggling group of Ukrainian believers establish a church. Dan's ministry went well beyond sermon preparation, for he constantly reached out to all people, presenting the claims of Scripture and then watching as the Spirit worked in lives. The current pastors of the church called

Dan's office a spiritual "maternity ward," where they — along with many others — found new life in Christ. Dan leaves behind his wife, Betty; daughters: **Susan '90**, Barbara, Rachele, and Rebecca, and their spouses; and 12 grandchildren.



**Jonathan W. Crider '97** went home to be with the Lord on December 13, 2007, following cardiac arrest that resulted from a seizure. The 34-year-old resident of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, married **Shannon (House) '99** on November 18, 2006. A graduate of West Virginia State College, Jonathan had been working for Champs American and attended Chapel Hill Bible Church. He enjoyed the outdoors — especially hunting, fishing, and camping — was a history buff and an avid reader. Besides his wife, he is survived by his father, his mother and stepfather, two brothers, and his maternal grandmother.

### We want to hear from you!

Updates may be sent to Alumni Relations, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, Ohio 45314 or e-mailed to [alumni@cedarville.edu](mailto:alumni@cedarville.edu). For guidelines and requirements, visit [www.cedarville.edu/inspire](http://www.cedarville.edu/inspire).

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## Putting the Freedom Back Into Purity

Sure, sex is a popular topic. You can't swing an iPod nowadays without hearing, seeing, or reading about sex. But the messages coming through are not biblically based and are, often, destructive. Today's kids need to hear about sex from a Christian perspective.

That's where Bob '88 and Dannah (Barker) Gresh '89 and their Pure Freedom ministry come in. In support of this important work, Cedarville University will sponsor a 10-day Pure Freedom tour in April — a series of conferences at churches and schools across several states, including Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. The tour includes a stop at Cedarville. Targeting students in middle and high school, this event helps teens navigate the often murky waters of sexuality — pointing them in the direction of purity and holiness. Young girls learn to recognize true beauty and the power of modesty. But the boys won't be left out, as they are challenged to focus on mental purity resisting the lure of pornography, and respecting the feminine sex.

For more information, contact Pure Freedom at [eileen@purefreedom.org](mailto:eileen@purefreedom.org) or call 814-234-6072.



*"Young girls learn to recognize true beauty and the power of modesty."*

# Where in the World is Cedarville?



## **Best Overall**

The splendor and beauty of God's creation at Hermosa Beach, California, made Ivan Davis '05 our overall winner.

**1. Best Participation**

Pictured in Zoutleeuw, Belgium, are Jonathan '97 and Sarah (Jenks) Weber '97 and their children, Warren and Daniel, as well as Paul '80 and Cheryl Buettell and their children, Steve, Tom, and Samantha.

**2. Most Famous**

While we didn't receive any photos with famous people, we did get one at a famous place! Katherine Soules '11, Dresden Soules '10, Keith Soules '88, Judy (Oakes) Soules '86, and Daniel Peters '10 posed on the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor.

**3. Farthest From Cedarville**

Matt Beres '07 wins this category for being 9,409 miles away from Cedarville — outside of the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

**4. Most Creative**

Greg '94 and Gail (Henderson) Salzman '94 got very creative when they dressed up their cat George at their home in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania. Way to show that CU spirit!

**5. Most Adventurous**

Getting ready to bungee jump in Chiang Mai, Thailand, are Mark McDaniel '05 and his sister Stacie McDaniel '99. We would call that adventurous!

**6. Best Family Photo**

Chuck '02 and Rebecca (Amstutz) Aman '02 and their son Evan took a great family photo in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at a park called (ironically enough) Aman Park.

**7. Best On-Campus Photo**

Pictured outside of Printy Hall is Jennifer (Muka) Austin '04 (second from the left, holding her son Caiden), her sister-in-law Wendy Austin '08 (third from the left in the back) and her cousin, Laura Kramer '11 (kneeling in the front row at the far left.) They are surrounded by many siblings, cousins, aunts, parents, and grandparents.

**8. Best Holiday Photo**

While traveling over Thanksgiving break, Jonathan '03 and Shalini (Mathai) Mattson '04 took this photo at the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare on the western coast of the Republic of Ireland.

To view all of the photo submissions this year, including the honorable mentions, visit [www.cedarville.edu/inspire](http://www.cedarville.edu/inspire). Also, begin planning your entry for next year's contest! See the many categories on the website.



## Cedarville Doctor's Legacy Continues to Inspire

by Carol Lee '96

**“I don't know what else to do.” The mother could hear the frustration in her daughter's voice.**

The phone calls home had become more frequent as next semester's bill came due. Yes, she had talked to Financial Aid ... again. She was already working 10 hours a week on campus, and she had dropped her student organization so she could pick up a second job off campus. She had even lined up work at home over the break, but every time she did the math, she came up short.

“I know, honey. And I wish there was more I could do to help. It's not much, but maybe I can send you a little money on Friday.” Her mother tried to sound encouraging, but she wondered how much her daughter could juggle without affecting her studies. “I'm going to pray that God will provide a way.”

“I know, Mom. If God wants me at Cedarville next semester, He'll make it happen.”

Calls home like this happen all too often as students with significant need exhaust financial resources. These students must make difficult decisions about their educational future. Unfortunately, nearly 100 students leave Cedarville each year when there is simply no more financial aid to award.

Thanks to generous donors, some students receive news that changes everything: “Congratulations, you have received a scholarship!” (Last year nearly 600 students received donor-funded scholarships.)

This year, due to the Dr. Donald F. Kyle Memorial Scholarship, nine more students called home with good news. God had made a way. They were staying at Cedarville!

In 1996 Dr. Kyle, a quiet, yet well-respected community physician, initiated a gift plan with Cedarville University that would leave a meaningful legacy in students' lives. But that's just part of the story — the story begins more than 100 years ago with a “house call” of an entirely different kind.



### Investing in a Community

Born in 1906, Dr. Donald Kyle was the second youngest of eight children. The family moved to Cedarville, Ohio, when he was 12 and established their home on a dairy farm. Everyone pitched in with

farm chores and learned the value of hard work, but their father, a minister, valued education, too. He encouraged his children to pursue a degree. So, in 1924, Dr. Kyle followed his brothers and sisters to Cedarville College. He then completed his medical education at The Ohio State University, returning home in 1934 and setting up his own private practice soon afterward.

Everyone in Cedarville knew “Doc Kyle.” He was the town's Main Street physician who made house calls, delivered babies, and knew everyone's complete family history. Office visits cost just \$2; another \$2 for medicine. Still, anyone who couldn't pay never received a bill.

Cedarville's mayor, Jim Phipps '68, said, “He was everything you'd want in a small town family physician. Whatever you needed, Doc Kyle was always there. He was a fine Christian man who lived his faith.”

Dr. Clifford Johnson, professor emeritus of communication arts at Cedarville, recalled, “Dr. Kyle was one of the most remarkable men I have ever known. He had a wonderful spirit of humility and an attitude of service. His contributions to Cedarville and the surrounding area were incredible.” Dr. Kyle served as sports physician for Cedarville High School and the college for more than 30 years, and he was a faithful elder at the local Presbyterian church. As a board member at the College, he helped guide Cedarville's transition with Cleveland's Baptist Bible Institute in 1953.

That transition was difficult for some residents of the mostly Presbyterian town, but Dr. Kyle had invested much of himself into the school, and he valued its presence in the community. Dave Bartlett, associate vice president for development, remembers Dr. Kyle's loyalty. “He used to walk across the street into Founders Hall

## The Legacy of a Gift Plan

### Correction

In the story “Honoring a Dad's Legacy” in the winter 2007 issue of Inspire, we incorrectly printed the name of the scholarship established by David '84 and Laura (McElroy) Lindner '85. Their scholarship, created to honor David's father, is the Philip S. Lindner Scholarship. We apologize for the error.



Dr. Kyle wants to use his family's dairy farm to invest in Cedarville through a gift plan.



His farm is placed into a charitable remainder trust with Cedarville named as the trustee.

to give his annual President's Associate contribution. He was always quiet about it. He was always supporting students."

### Investing in the Future

Several years after his retirement in 1986, Dr. Kyle found another way to invest in Cedarville through a gift plan. He had long since inherited the family farm, and the time came to consider selling the land. He chose to place the farm into a charitable remainder trust, naming Cedarville University as the trustee. The 147 acres of farm land was divided into 11 individual plots and sold at auction in 1996. The sale of the individual parcels brought higher bids than the value of the land as a single plot, and the proceeds came back to the school.

Because he chose to sell his land through a charitable remainder trust, Dr. Kyle did not have to pay capital gains tax, and he enjoyed the benefits of having the sale professionally managed. This arrangement brought lasting benefits to his family as well. Dr. Kyle's gift plan agreement named two family members as beneficiaries of the investment earnings, creating a lifetime income stream for both.

### Investing in Lives

In the years before his death in 1998 at the age of 91, Dr. Kyle was honored by the Ohio Senate and by Cedarville University for his years of tireless community service. Through careful and thoughtful planning, he provided financial security for his family and left a tremendous gift to the University that would help students create a legacy of their own.

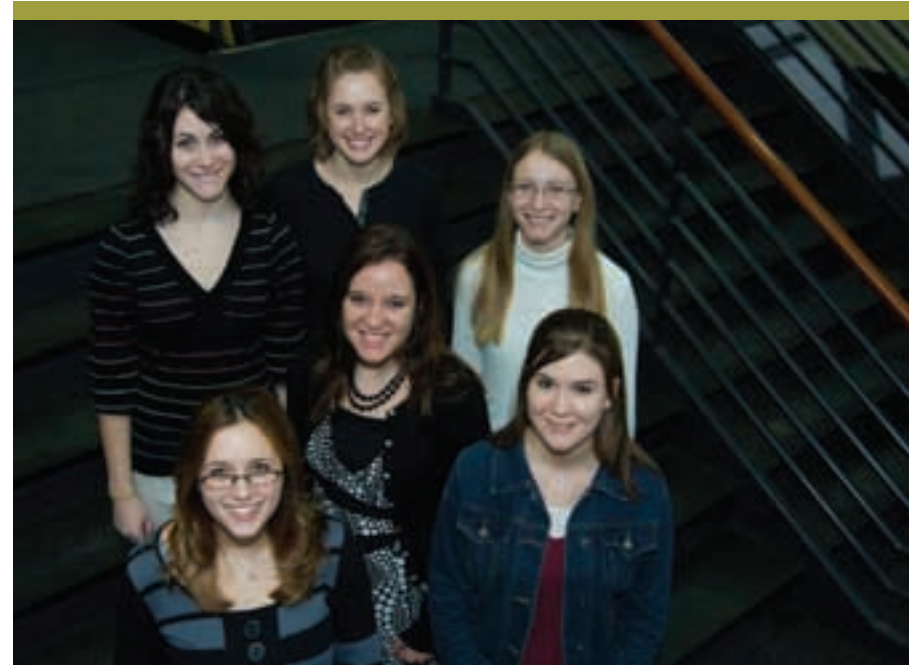
The first beneficiary of Dr. Kyle's gift plan passed away in 2005. Under the terms of the agreement, that portion of the asset was returned to the University to be reinvested as a scholarship endowment. The decision was unanimous to honor Dr. Kyle's legacy by establishing the Dr. Donald F. Kyle Memorial Scholarship.

Recipients must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors pursuing a degree in a medical or health-related field. Students must also demonstrate financial need and maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average. In 2007, nine students received the scholarship — eight are studying nursing and the other is studying forensic science. Six of the recipients are pictured at right.

When Dr. Kyle was honored in 1985 at a Homecoming chapel, he was described as a man with "admirable dedication, possessing an unselfish nature, willingly giving of his time, abilities, and energies to help his community. He has served Cedarville and the surrounding area with dedicated concern for the medical needs of its citizens." And now his thoughtful gift is enabling Cedarville University students to do the same. His legacy will continue through their lives of service.

*The need for scholarship assistance is great. Contact Kim (Botta) Longo '02, director of the Cedarville fund and scholarship services, to learn how you can leave a legacy at Cedarville University. All inquiries are confidential and free of charge. Call 1-800-766-1115 or e-mail longok@cedarville.edu.*

*Carol Lee '96 has served as an advancement officer with The Cedarville Fund since 2005. She also writes for Cedarville's quarterly Update newsletter. You may contact her at carollee@cedarville.edu.*



Cedarville sells the farm and invests the proceeds. Dr. Kyle avoids capital gains tax and the University professionally manages the sale.

Cedarville pays income from the investment to Dr. Kyle's beneficiaries (his son and daughter) for life.

Upon the daughter's death, her share of the asset returns to Cedarville to be reinvested as an endowed scholarship: the Dr. Donald F. Kyle Memorial Scholarship.

Nine scholarships are awarded in 2007 to students in medical or health-related majors.



## A Life Well-Lived

by Dr. William E. Brown

### Dr. Brown's Top Picks

#### ■ Book

*unChristian: What a New Generation Thinks About Christianity*, by David Kinnaman

This startling survey addresses how non-Christians view Christians.

#### ■ Website

[www.facingthechallenge.org](http://www.facingthechallenge.org)

This British site is dedicated to engaging the culture for Christ. It includes Christian perspectives on culture, science, art, and entertainment. It also offers a number of online courses you can take.

#### ■ Podcast

[www.cedarethics.org](http://www.cedarethics.org)

I really enjoy the bioethics podcast by Dr. Dennis Sullivan. He pulls together some fascinating people and thoughts in this very important area.

#### ■ Movie

*12 Angry Men*

I am a classic movie buff, and I have just recently watched this movie from 1957.

I forgot how poignant the script was.

The dialogue is so contemporary in light of the issues related to truth and certainty in today's postmodern culture.

Legacies are not just for the famous and powerful. The most important legacies come from people who invest in others where they live every day. No library or memorial will document their legacy. Most of them seek only a “well done” from the One who truly matters.

When I was a young boy, I remember vividly our family leaving a restaurant after enjoying a meal. When we got to the car, my dad, looking at his hand, said, “The waitress gave me too much change.” He went back into the restaurant and returned the overage.

It was a penny. A penny!

My dad was not thinking about his legacy; he was only doing what he knew was right. In his mind, there is no such thing as a small indiscretion. His constant example of joy and integrity is his legacy. The fact that I remember that evening is a testimony to its impact on my life. As Shakespeare said, “No legacy is so rich as honesty.”

Our most important legacy is not what we leave for someone but what we leave in them. Or, in the words of Pericles, “What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

This motivates us here at Cedarville University. The focus of our mission statement is to “equip students for lifelong leadership and service.” Building into the lives of others by serving as Jesus did is something that we cannot just talk about. Students must see a life of service lived and celebrated for the glory of God. Because we have been so loved by God through Christ, we do not have to serve others, we *get* to serve others. No hidden agenda; no ulterior motives. God's grace frees us to turn our attention fully to serving the person in front of us.

The Cedarville University vision statement affirms, “Our graduates will be known for their faithfulness to the authority of Scripture and the use of their influence to change the world for Christ.” Cedarville graduates are actively building this kind of legacy. They are pouring themselves into their work and ministry in such a way as to change lives for Christ. Their faith and vision inspires us and motivates us to continue.

Not surprisingly, those who leave the greatest legacy never think about their legacy at all. They are too busy building into the lives of others to worry about how people in the future will evaluate them. Their lives are well-lived, a testimony to God's goodness.

We serve at Cedarville University to help students live this kind of life; to influence this world with the grace and power of Christ. This is the only lasting legacy.



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