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DIRECTOR'S CHAIR



Happy spring 2017! As we get set to wrap up another academic year, I want to highlight some ways you can be involved in the life of the University, including one exciting new initiative we are launching for 2017.

Pray. Thank you for your continued prayers for the University. Many of you prayed as we faced the re-accreditation process this past fall. We are pleased to say the Lord blessed Cedarville University with re-accreditation for another 10 years. Please continue to pray for the University as we finish another school year. Pray specifically for members of our senior class as they search for jobs and apply for grad school. We are excited to welcome another group of alumni soon!

Join JacketConnect. We heard you! When I am on the road, I often hear from alumni that they want a way to connect with current students. We recently unveiled JacketConnect, a new initiative that allows you to share professional, personal, and spiritual encouragement with our students. Sign up today at cedarville.edu/jacketconnect to join this exciting new program.

Nominate someone for an alumni award. We want to hear from you! The alumni award nomination form is now open! We are seeking submissions for Alumnus/Alumna of the Year, Honorary Alumni of the Year, and Young Alumnus/Alumna of the Year.

We want to know about alumni who are out in the world doing incredible things in their career and for the Gospel. Or maybe it is someone heavily involved in their church or making a difference in their community. To see more information about our alumni awards and to nominate someone, go to cedarville.edu/alumniawards.

Come back to campus. Save October 6–7 as the date for Homecoming 2017! We are excited to feature new events this year and bring back some classics like Homecoming Chapel and class reunions. If your graduation year ends in a “2” or “7,” your class will celebrate with a reunion. If you are interested in helping us get the word out to classmates about your reunion, please contact our office at alumni@cedarville.edu.

As always, it is our joy to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact me or someone here in our office if there is any way we can serve you better. We are praying for you during this new year, and we are excited to see how the Lord will continue to use Cedarville University for His glory.

God bless,

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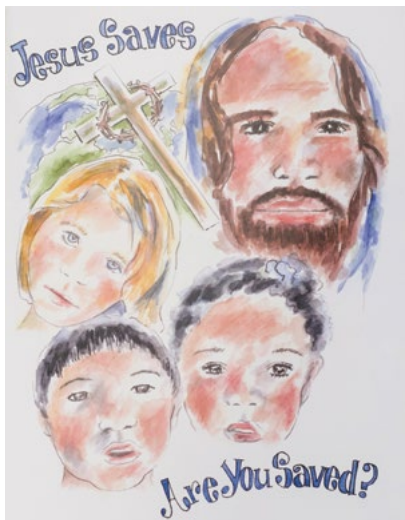
NEWS

Jan (DuBois) Hasselbring '67 is in her 46th year as church secretary at Milan Baptist Church. This has been, and still is, a part-time job where she greatly enjoys serving God by serving the church family.

Shirley (Rocher) Carpenter '72 completed 30 years of teaching at Ocala Christian Academy, in Ocala, Florida, in May 2016. A highlight for her has been having her daughter, **Nicole (Carpenter)**

Lovelady '02, join her as a teacher there and having her husband become the secondary principal. She praises the Lord for these years of teaching and telling children about Jesus!

Ray '75 and Peggy (Wagner) Warwick '74 have returned home from serving in Zambia, Africa. They are thankful for the opportunity Ray had to serve with ELI, training national pastors and educators in third world countries.



Cal '77 and Deb (Jackson) Searles '80 co-authored a children's picture titled *Jesus Saves. Are You Saved?* The book walks children through the Gospel story, explaining how Christ's shed blood pays the price for our sin. You can purchase the book from graceacrespress.com. Cal and Deb have served the Lord in the local church for 38 years and currently live in Elyria, Ohio.

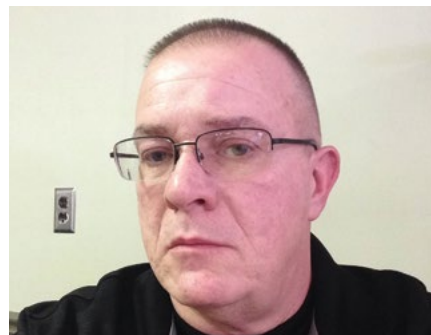


Bill '80 and Elaine (Hayworth) Baldwin '81 have lived in Richland, Washington, for almost five years. Bill is Vice President of Clinic Operations for Lourdes Health. Elaine is the published author of *If One Falls and Where Darkness Lies*. They enjoy serving in church, golf, bowling, and travel. They have three grown children.

Tim Burel '82 has officially retired from his Spanish and social studies teaching career, but still teaches Spanish and U.S. history part time at the Regional Alternative School based at Hononegah High School in Rockton, Illinois. He recently returned from his third short-term missions trip to Honduras and has also served in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Guatemala.

Melissa (Marshall) Nicastro '86 is the founder of a coaching company called Discover Your Path, which helps individuals with life, family, and career decisions. She helps people understand how God put His individual thumbprint and design on them and what that means for how to live out their life, family, and career.

Renee (Bowen) Peterson '87 earned her Doctor of Education in educational leadership from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland, in May 2016.



George Gibbs '89 is beginning his first two-year term on the New Haven, West Virginia, town council. He continues to work as a Unit Operator for American Electric Power.



Bethany (Britt) Wakefield '92, with much support from her husband, Michael '92, and their three children, in December 2016 completed the required coursework for her Master of Arts in Spanish translation and translation studies from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Bethany is praising God for His provision and leading and is excited for her next adventure.

Gerry '92 and Kim (Wisdom) Horton '90, live in Keystone Heights, Florida, where Gerry is Children's Pastor at First Baptist Church and Kim recently began a new career as an instructor of HOSA (Health Occupations Student Association) in their local high school.

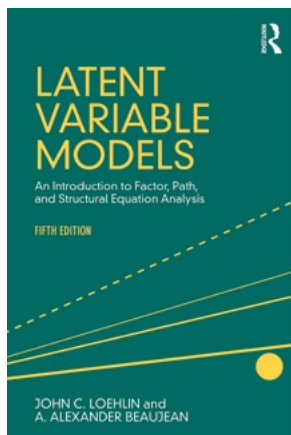


Julie McFadden '94 is in her 17th year of missionary service with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) in South Africa. She enjoys teaching children, discipling women, and organizing the music ministry at the Agape Baptist Church in George, Western Cape.

Joe Slavens '94 and his wife and three daughters (ages 11, 9, and 6) moved to Perth, Australia, in July 2016. He's currently finishing his Ph.D. in higher education leadership. In addition, he serves as a Research Associate with Race and Justice in Higher Education (rjhe.org) and as a Boarding Supervisor for gifted and talented Australian high school students.

Dustin Wray Hockensmith '95 had his original song *My Friend* covered by legendary Christian artist Mike Roe (77's, Lost Dogs). It was released as a bonus track on Mike's recent live CD (*Gothic*), released in July. It also appeared as a bonus track on Dustin's most recent CD, *It's Time*, released in 2015. Dustin has released four CDs.

Jayne Russell '98 returned to Ukraine in November 2016 to begin her fifth term of ministry. She will now focus on missions training and curriculum development for children to hear God's heart for missions.



A. Alexander Beaujean '99 co-authored the book *Latent Variable Models: An Introduction to Factor, Path, and Structural Equation Analysis (5th edition)* with John Loehlin (University of Texas-Austin). It is a graduate-level statistics textbook published by Routledge.



Donnie Ray Woodyard '99 relocated to Columbus, Ohio, in May 2016, where he serves as the EMS Compact Director at the National Registry of EMTs. Previously, he was the State EMS Director in Louisiana. He also is a second lieutenant and pilot with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary/Civil Air Patrol.

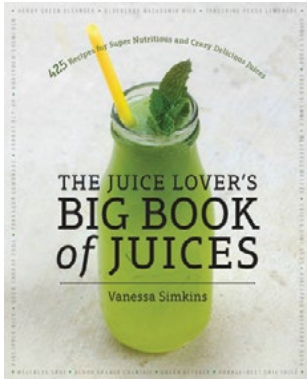
Jennifer Castellani '02 graduated with her Ph.D. in educational leadership – higher education administration in May 2016 from the University of Dayton.



Peter '02 and **Rachel (Richardson) Springirth '02** are raising Nathan (9), Elisabeth (7), Levi (5), and Madelyn (3). Pete was recently deployed as the Director of Logistics for Joint Task Force Bravo, Honduras. He is currently serving as the Commander for the 914th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York.

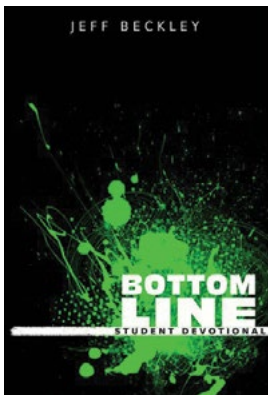


Dan Cross '02 joined the faculty of Geneva College as an Associate Professor of Physics. He resides in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Karin, and two sons, Miles (5) and Andrew (3).



Vanessa (Lindeman) Simkins '02 had a hardcopy book, *The Juice Lover's Big Book of Juices: 425 Recipes for Super Nutritious and Crazy Delicious Juices*, published on October 15 with Harvard Common Press & Quarto Books. Her popular website and newsletter at AllAboutJuicing.com reach a quarter of a million visitors each month.

Christopher Stokes '03 was installed as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Greenfield, Ohio, on May 15, 2016. Chris and his wife, Lauren (Stewart) '04, were excited to move back to Ohio after following God's call into the ministry.



Jeff Beckley '04 recently released a book titled *Bottom Line*. Using the Psalms, this yearlong devotional provides clever applications and valuable lessons for everyday life. Tweens, teenagers, and young adults alike will find this book powerful and life-changing. Visit bottomlinedevotional.com to find out more. Jeff is a youth and family pastor in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Shannon, have four children.



Katie (Krumeich) Boone '06 received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Arizona State University in May 2015. Katie works as a nurse practitioner part time and also enjoys staying home with daughters Abigail and Olivia. She and her husband, David, live in Modesto California.

Philip Dudley '07 was recently promoted to Property Manager with Hines and has taken over management of KOMO Plaza across the street from the Space Needle in Seattle. KOMO Plaza is home to KOMO 4 News and Univision TV and radio stations as well as being a robust data center location for Seattle.



Philip Vinson '09 serves as Project Manager/Senior Appraiser for the Clermont County Auditor's Office. He is responsible for implementing the countywide reappraisal of 100,000 parcels of real property. Philip currently resides on the east side of Cincinnati.

Janelle Myers '10 received her Indiana teaching license through Indiana Wesleyan's Transition to Teaching program in September 2016. In addition, she is a licensed English language teacher in a public school.

Hannah Bryan '12 graduated from the John Hay Institute of Philadelphia and has been part of founding a classical Christian homeschool co-op.

Tieg Laskowske '15 has been working for PQR International, Inc., in Plano, Texas, since March 2016. PQR is a consulting firm for construction projects, providing engineering services in HVAC, plumbing, and electrical distribution.

Stephanie Huyser '16 is teaching preschool and coaching high school swimming. Her girls team recently won their conference championship.

BIRTHS



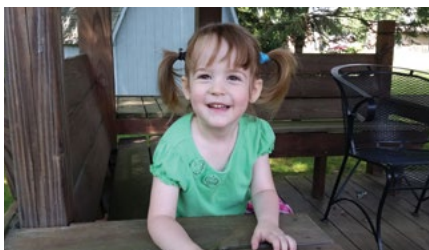
John '95 and Sharon (Swanson) Murphy '94 announce the adoption of Kaysha Grace Nicole (7) on October 13, 2016. She joined her big brothers, Ethan and Elijah, and big sisters, Lily and Isabel, at their home in Kirksville, Missouri. John works as a biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, and Sharon homeschools the children.



Sarah (Rittgers) Roduner '00 and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Lydia Joanna on April 22, 2016. Adoring siblings are Timothy (10), Talia (8), and Violet (3). The family resides in Rochester, Minnesota, where Steve is a software engineer and Sarah is enjoying her first year of homeschooling.



Davina (Murray) Odom '03 and her husband, Bradley, announce the birth of Lilliana Joy on May 19, 2016. Lilliana joined her older sister, Sydney. The family lives in Greenfield, Indiana, where Bradley works in quality control for a local manufacturer and Davina is a stay-at-home wife and mother. They enjoy serving the Lord and their church family at Hancock Reformed Baptist Church.



Brad '96 and Beth (Walker) Fawcett '99 announce the birth of Catherine Joy in summer 2013. She joined older siblings Jaden (8), Avery (6), and Josh (4). They reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Bethany (Hoff) White '01 and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of George Theodore on January 20, 2016.



Jamie (Ralston) Montie '06 and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of Cora Lynn on May 7, 2016. They reside in Silver Spring, Maryland, where Jamie is a special education teacher and Steven is a computer engineer.



Jennifer (Stover) Curley '98 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Oliver Wade on July 1, 2015. He was welcomed home by Jacob (14), Gabrielle (12), and Emmaline (10). Jen enjoys being a homemaker and homeschooling the kids, and Nathan is a detective for the local police department. They reside in Dayton, Ohio.



Lauren (Bizzoco) Migdon '02 and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Hannah Elisabeth on December 24, 2015. Hannah joined big sister Alexandra (4). The family lives in Jackson, New Jersey, where Lauren enjoys staying home with the girls.



Jonathan Begg '07 and his wife, Melanie, announce the birth of Kennedy Elizabeth on December 5, 2015. They live in Orange County, California, where Jonathan is a Senior Product Manager at Spectrum Brands and Melanie is the Children's Director at The Village Church of Irvine.



Amber (Womack) Begley '07 and her husband, Broc, announce the birth of Savannah Mae on November 7, 2016. She was welcomed home by Braden (7) and Harper (4).



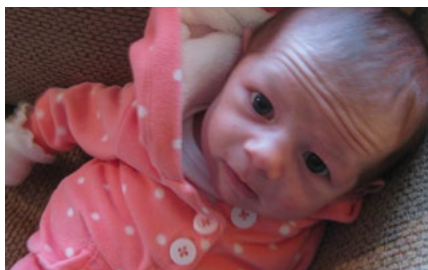
Nathan '08 and Celeste (Cato) Lane '08 announce the birth of Phoebe Joy on August 9, 2016. The family currently resides in Franklin, Tennessee.



Jeff '12 and Laura (Thayer) Evans '10 announce the birth of Josiah Mitchell on January 7, 2016.



AJ '07 and Alison (Kearney) Clemans '10 announce the birth of Katherine Faith on November 2, 2017. She was welcomed home by siblings Kara (3) and Andrew (1). AJ and Alison operate a Chick-fil-A in Falls Church, Virginia.



Patricia (Linebaugh) Murtoff '10 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Brooke Ashlynn Elizabeth in October 2016. She joined brother James Lee Richard (2 ½) at the family's home in Gardners, Pennsylvania.

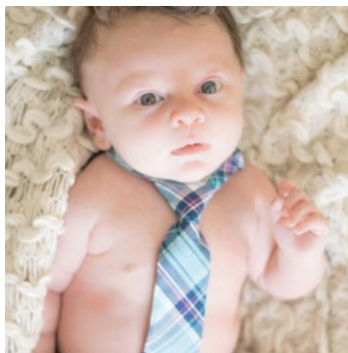
Joel '12 and Joanna (Leszczynski) Pfahler '12 announce the birth of Eliana Ruth on September 22, 2016.



Collin '13 and Molly (Heiden) Guernsey '15 announce the birth of Blake Elizabeth on December 20, 2016.



Joe '07 and Alicia (Christman) Poelzer '07 announce the birth of Elliott Thomas on August 12, 2015. After serving as a Resident Director at Cedarville for eight years, Joe is now working for State Farm in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.



Aaron '10 and Sarah (Berwager) Schmid '11 announce the birth of Gavin Leon on July 19, 2016. He is the sixth generation to be living on their family's organic farm, Mountain Meadows Dairy.

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

MARRIAGES



Liz Clawson '04 and Brian Raitman were married on October 2, 2016, on a ski run in Breckenridge, Colorado. They are making their home in Breckenridge, where Liz owns Dog's Next Best Friend, a dog-walking and pet-sitting business, and Brian owns Raitman Art Galleries.



Jennifer Lewellyn '05 and Eassa Faheem were married on June 18, 2016, in Xenia, Ohio. They live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Eassa works at a linguistics center and Jennifer uses her Master of Arts in clinical counseling in an elementary public school.



Chelsea Brett '13 and Marc Pagliuca were married on May 28, 2016, in Spartanburg, South Carolina. They currently reside in Greenville. Chelsea is the Visit Coordinator at Wofford College, and Marc works in video production.



Tim Beck '05 and Melissa Binford were married on December 11, 2015, in Boise, Idaho. Tim is the COO of Valli Information Systems, Inc., and Melissa expects to complete her master's in counseling in May 2017, with plans to be a school counselor.

Lana Pratt '05 and Donald Brent Pratt, Jr., were married on December 20, 2014, in Portland, Oregon.



Heather Kelton '07 and Hamilton Vernon were married on December 19, 2015. The Lord brought them together on a medical missions trip in El Salvador. They live in North Carolina, where Heather is a NICU nurse and Hamilton is in medical school.

Jeff Johnson '14 and Sarah McCord were married on July 2, 2014, in Tampa, Florida.

Joel Pfahler '12 and **Johanna Leszczynski '12** were married on June 6, 2015.

Esther Fluhart '15 and Joel Yost were married in October 2015. They now live in Lynchburg, Virginia, where Esther works for Goodwill Industries as a Case Manager in their Workforce Development program.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of this dear loved one.

Carol (Brown) Middleton '63 of Absecon, New Jersey, passed away on December 16, 2016.

YOUNG ALUMNI AT ELLIV

Young alumni, plan to attend **Elliv** on **April 29**. Join us for a reception before the show, and then stay for an exciting evening of music at Cedarville's biggest student-led musical event of the year!



HOMECOMING 2017

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for **Homecoming 2017, October 6–7**. You won't want to miss this great time with friends and former classmates. If your graduation year ends in a "2" or a "7," plan to attend your class reunion!

