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# ALUMNOTES

## VANTAGE POINT



*We are excited to introduce Rick Melson, Cedarville's new Vice President for Advancement, to Alumnotes. Rick came to Cedarville in July 2016, bringing more than 20 years of leadership experience in higher education. In his new "Vantage Point" feature, Rick will share his heart for Cedarville and passion to continue its legacy of truly Christian education that transforms lives and equips our students to impact the world for Jesus Christ.*

Greetings from Cedarville! Over the past year, I have had the privilege of meeting so many of you who are Cedarville alumni as I have traveled throughout the country. From big city, to small town, to everywhere in between, I have met alumni who graduated from every decade over the past 60 years, from the time when we were Cedarville College with several hundred students to becoming Cedarville University with more than 3,700 students and 30,000 alumni who are making an impact for Christ around the world. What a legacy!

We have alumni connected to almost every industry you can imagine, and I have been delighted to hear your stories and unique experiences that unite the Cedarville alumni community together. Whether there

was a significant event during your time — like carrying hymnals to the new chapel or library books to the new library — or an influential faculty member from your era, every alumni story I hear resonates with three key themes: the transformational experience of daily chapel, the biblical foundation of the Bible minor, and significant relationships with faculty, staff, and students who made a huge impact on your life that created a lifelong connection and bond to your Cedarville experience. And of course, songs like *Christ Is All I Need!*

I have been blessed this year, and I look forward to meeting many more of you and getting to know you as I travel around the country and as you make your way back to campus. When you are on campus, please take a moment to stop by the alumni office and say hello. It will be a joy to welcome you back home.

Until then,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rick Melson".

*Rick Melson, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Advancement*

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# NEWS

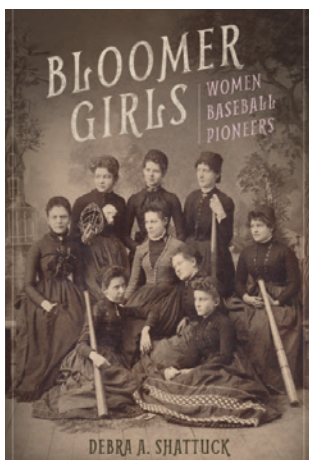
**Esther (Colgan) Davis '67** retired after 47 years of joyous teaching, mostly in Cleveland, Ohio. She is now enjoying life with her eight children and 18 grandchildren and working on her home and gardens.

**Terrence Mudder '75** is a retired Air Traffic Controller and now volunteers as a Chaplain at the local YMCA, tutors in English as a Second Language (ESL), and teaches adult Sunday school. He and wife Sharon (Johns) '74 live in Olive Branch, Mississippi, and attend First Evangelical Church in Memphis, Tennessee. They have two grown children serving in missions.



**Rod Robison '75** had a book, *Unmasking the Masquerade: Three Illusionists Investigate Deception, Fear and the Supernatural*, recently released by Encourage Publishing. Rod is a comedy magician who has performed for London's Magic Circle Theater, Holland America Cruise Lines, and numerous corporate events. Fellow magician **Terry Holley '74** also provided research for the book.

**Glenn Fawcett '77** earned his M.B.A. from Loyola College in 1984 and has gone on to own and operate several businesses: Riva Construction since 1980, Cedarville Hardware since 1999, and The Corner Bakery since 2006.



**Debbie (Fakan) Shattuck '81** recently had a book, *Bloomer Girls: Women Baseball Pioneers*, published by the University of Illinois Press. It is the first book devoted entirely to the history of 19th century female baseball players. Debbie is a Provost and Associate Professor of History at John Witherspoon College.



**Jeff Subra '83** had the privilege of working with **Danielle Price '12** during a recent deployment with the Samaritan's Purse Emergency Field Hospital in Iraq. Jeff reports that Danielle was a tremendous asset in the ICU, caring for war-torn post-op patients, including innocent women and children. Her unconditional love exemplified the hands and feet of Jesus.



**Carol Holtz '86** has achieved the rank of Diamond Wellness Advocate with doTERRA Essential Oils and is enjoying traveling and getting to know and help educate her team of wellness advocates and customers on the uses of essential oils and more! Carol lives just south of Nashville, Tennessee, and loves everything about living in the south!



**William Bianco '88** has served as the Awana missionary for the Washington, D.C. metro area, Maryland, and Northern Virginia since 2004. Previously, he was associate and senior pastor for Leavittsburg Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio, from 1989–2004.

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**Conrad Weaver '88** has started work on a new documentary film, *Heroin's Grip*, which tells the story of the heroin epidemic in Maryland. The film will be completed by September 2017. Conrad hopes that the film will teach students and others about the dangers of heroin and opioid use.

**Mark Biddinger '91** earned his Master of Business Administration from Cedarville in May.



**Susan Joy Clark '94** recently published a comedy mystery novel, *Action Men with Silly Putty*. It has been available in Kindle format for a year and is now available in print through Amazon. The story features a toy inventor who becomes an amateur sleuth. She also recently published a short mystery story to Kindle, *The Lit Club Mystery*.



**Allie (Heller) Slocum '94** released the first book in her Character Club series for fourth–sixth graders. The book follows a young girl's journey toward compassion and is meant to be used in the public schools. The second in the series, following a young boy's journey toward integrity, will be out later this year.

**Tim '95** and **Naomi (Jensen) Cowley '95** have moved to Portland, Oregon, after 13 years in Malawi and Mozambique. Tim now works as a mobilizer and media producer and trainer for an international agency and has started up Expat Media Pro, which aims to place faith-based media professionals with nonprofit groups in the developing world.



**Brian Orme '96** is the Senior Content Director at Open Doors, a nonprofit advocacy group for the persecuted church. Wife **Jenna (Crowe) '96** serves as a clinical adjunct nursing instructor for Cedarville. The couple lives in Springboro, Ohio, with their four boys: Noah (17), Sam (15), Ethan (13), Sol (7).



**Celia King '95** recently achieved Myers Briggs Master Practitioner status and was certified as an Equine Experiential Education Association Practitioner. Celia is the founder and lead consultant of Arrants McSwain Team Building in Canton, Ohio, where she helps leaders build strong teams by delivering team building and leadership development events with Myers Briggs and Equine Assisted Learning.

**Karen Jacobsen '99** recently published a children's curriculum called "Footings for Children" with her colleague Dwight Vogt. The curriculum was the culmination of her work in Rwanda with Food for the Hungry from 2009–2012. In 2014, she graduated from New York University with a Master of Public Administration. She currently directs the children's and adoption/foster care ministry at Grace Redeemer Church.



**Donna Paulsen '03** launched Soul Hope Ministries in January 2017. This ministry seeks to help people engage with the Word of God through dramatic, interactive Scripture performances. Donna is excited about sharing her passion for the Word with others through this new endeavor.

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

# NEWS

**Tarah (Boone) Tucker '06** is excited to announce that her son, Caleb (7), was recently declared cancer free. We rejoice with her family for God's healing!



**Michael Gumprecht '07** was recently added to the prestigious "Legal Elite" list by Georgia Trend Magazine. The list ranks the top lawyers in Georgia as selected by a poll of several thousand members of the State Bar of Georgia. In just the third year since starting his own practice, Michael has recovered more than \$20 million for injured clients, all of whom were represented on contingency.



**Richie '07 and Regan (Rice) Reeder '07** are praising God for the recent liver transplant for their daughter Myka Joy. Myka was born in 2015 with a rare genetic disease, methylmalonic acidemia. Her fragile body's inability to process protein required the major surgery, received on January 7, 2017. After a 54-day hospital stay, Myka has been recovering at home trying to keep up with big sister, Alivia!



**Casey (Foulk) Hagy '12** is a Certified Public Accountant with Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A. She was recently promoted to supervisor in the firm's accounting and auditing department. Casey specializes in nonprofit audits and will celebrate her fifth anniversary with BLS in June. She resides in Elkton, Maryland.

**Jesse Kuiken '12** is the Pastor of Worship and Youth at Roseau Community Church in Roseau, Minnesota.

# BIRTHS



**Phil Graves '94** and his wife, Kristie, announce the adoption of Elliana Mae on January 26, 2017, from Armenia. She joined older siblings Kara (13), Ethan (11), and Owen (7). The Graves live in Brunswick, Maryland, where Phil serves as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Brunswick.



**Olivia (Carter) Paige '95** and her husband, Mike, announce the adoption of Derek on November 6, 2013, and Riley on November 4, 2015.



**Renee (Tuinstra) Trexler '97** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Miriam Lynnette on November 29, 2016. Happy siblings include Nathaniel (15), Hannah (13), Lydia (10), Sarah (8), Elisabeth (5), and Jonathan (3). The Trexlers live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Michael is a physician and Renee is a homeschooling mom.



**Darin Rosenvold '98** and his wife, Emily, announce the birth of Ozzy James on December 18, 2015. He joined his big brother, Owen Anthony, at their home outside Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



**Andy '99** and **Angela (DeSantis) Manwiller '99** announce the birth of Nathan on October 5, 2016. He was welcomed by older brothers Caleb (12) and Ethan (7).



**Tom '99** and **Amanda (Bruckner) Mullins '98** finalized the adoption of Maria Destine' on February 13, 2017. Maria was born June 11, 2016, and joined their home two days later. Her older siblings Kathryn (12) and Clayton (11) love having a new baby sister!



**Amy (Clutz) Todich '99** and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Josiah Nathaniel on February 17, 2017. He joined big brother Jonathan Michael (2) at home in Orrville, Ohio.



**Richard Brewer '03** and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of Naomi in September 2016. She joined big brother Liam. Richard is the Executive Director at Camp Men-O-Lan in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.



**Daniel '04** and **Cherith (Payne) Kennedy '05** announce the March 3, 2015, adoption of Jamal and Helena.



**Liz (Lemmel) McClurkan '05** and her husband, Ryne, announce the birth of Owen Loyd on June 22, 2016. The family currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee.



**Cameron '06** and **Liz (Taylor) Arch '08** announce the birth of Lillian Grace on November 3, 2016.



**Jonathan Elchison '06** and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of Dietrich Lee on January 16, 2017.

# BIRTHS



**Tyler '07 and Abby (Price) Schumacher '07** announce the birth of Elodie Grace in July 2016. She joined older sister Elise.



**Tim '09 and Angeline (Melendez) Labrado '09** announce the birth of Selah Malaya on December 8, 2016. The family lives in Cleveland, Ohio, where Tim serves on a church staff and Angeline works as a Title 1 teacher. Older daughter Isabella enjoys being a big sister.



**Jesse '12 and Valentina (Blackburn) Kuiken '12** announce the birth of Coral Joy on June 22, 2016. She joined two older brothers, Justus (4) and Kodiak (2), in Roseau, Minnesota.



**Wendy (Austin) Carter '08, M.Ed. '14** and her husband, Kenton, announce the birth of Austin Charles Joseph on September 24, 2016. He was welcomed home by big sister Emery. They reside in Norton Shores, Michigan.



**AJ '07 and Alison (Kearney) Clemans '10** announce the birth of Katherine Faith on November 2, 2016. She was welcomed home by siblings Kara (3) and Andrew (1). AJ and Alison operate a Chick-fil-A in Falls Church, Virginia.

# IN MEMORIAM

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

**David Selden '55** of Cedarville, Ohio, passed away February 9, 2017.

**Gordon Langenegger '64** of Sarasota, Florida, passed away November 30, 2016.

**Mary (Cunningham) Williams '65** of Freeport, Florida, passed away November 8, 2016.

**Judith (Black) Bianco '88** of Bowie, Maryland, passed away on September 2, 2016.

# MARRIAGES



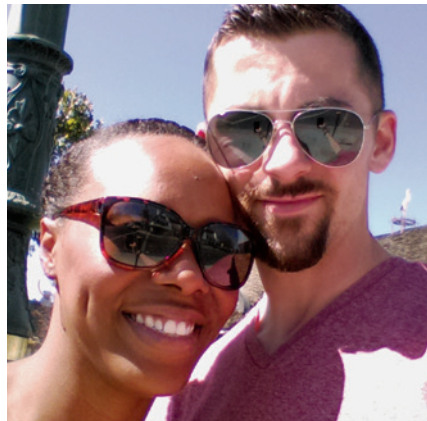
**Danny Dieringer '03** and Jemesha Cochran were married on December 17, 2016. Danny completed an M.A. from PSI in 2005 and a Ph.D. from FSU in 2012 and is now working as a forensic psychologist.



**Anna Fitzpatrick '13** and **Jacob Layer '13** were married on May 14, 2016, in Elverson, Pennsylvania. **Kevin Sims '74**, Professor of Political Science, officiated the service, and many others from Cedarville were part of the wedding party or attended. Pictured left to right: **Deborah Groen '12**; Caleb Smith; Madelaine Smith; **Angela Allen '12**; Isabella Smith; Denise Smith; **Grace (Shimeall) Grout '13**; Amilia Smith; Harper Smith; Mark Caleb Smith, Chair and Professor of Political Science; **Kirsten Setzkorn '13**; **Alex Shepherd '13**; **Kevin '74** and Cheryl Sims; **Wil White '12**; **Debra Thompson '13**; Jim and Sue (Peacock) Fitzpatrick '76; **Jacob '13** and **Anna (Fitzpatrick) Layer '13**.



**Heather Hayes '08** and Justin Vedder were married on December 31, 2016. Justin is an eighth-grade English teacher, and Heather is a private piano teacher. They reside in Charlotte, Michigan.



**Mitchell McClure '13** married his wife, Patrice, in May 2015. Mitchell recently started a car detailing business, and he plans to attend The Master's Seminary.



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