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KENNETH ST. CLAIR JOINS CEDARVILLE FACULTY



Kenneth St. Clair

Mr. St. Clair has a B. S. degree in accounting from the University of Illinois. He has also done graduate work at the University in accounting. He is presently employed as an accountant in the firm of Gray, Hunter, Stenn and Co. of Quincy. He is the Sunday School superintendent and a deacon in the Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. St. Clair will teach business courses at Cedarville.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COURSES WHICH WILL BE OFFERED BY CEDARVILLE COLLEGE OVER A FOUR YEAR PERIOD

Typewriting	Introduction to Business
Shorthand	Business Law
Secretarial Practice	Salesmanship
Office Machines	Business English and Letter Writing
Business Mathematics	Economics
Accounting	Principles of Management
Business Statistics	Marketing
Business Finance	

JUST FOR YOU!

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS CONFERENCE, APRIL 17 and 18

Friday, April 17

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Registration
"Meet your buddy"
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Campus tour
10:40 - 11:30 a.m. - Chapel
11:30 - 1:00 - Lunch and Film
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Baseball game
Cedarville vs. Ohio Northern
Recreation Time

7:00 - 7:40 p.m. - Student Skit
"A Day at Cedarville"

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. - Operetta

8:30 - Refreshments and Fellowship

Saturday, April 18

7:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 - Youth Rally

11:30 - 1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Baseball game
Cedarville vs. Ohio Northern

THE IMPORTANCE OF BUSINESS TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

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About one-third of all employed men and women are engaged in office, sales or management positions. Not all of our young people receive a call to become pastors, missionaries, educational directors, church secretaries, or music directors. Many of them must choose other professions and vocations to maintain a livelihood. With the ratio of business vocations so high, the probability of your talents directing you into this field are great.

The positions offered in the field of business are numerous. There are secretarial, accounting, stenographic, bookkeeping, management, selling, purchasing, credit, economics, etc., in the offices of manufacturers, retailers, banks, publishers, government bureaus, etc.

Almost every position in a business office requires special skill or knowledge. The demand is rapidly increasing for college trained business men and women. Also a liberal arts degree is fast becoming a requisite to many advancements.

WHERE TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS TRAINING

When a young person decides that he should spend his life in the business world, after he is convinced by his desire for this work and that is the Lord's will in his life, he is faced with the problem of where to obtain his formal training. The Regular Baptists' Liberal Arts College should be the answer. At Cedarville one will be able to obtain his commercial training in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship which maintains the separated life. Surely one needs to know the importance of being well-grounded in the separation concept of being a Christian in a business world where one is associated with so many different types of people.

Along with the business courses, one can study the Bible, which will equip him to become a good steward for the Lord in the work of the local church.

CHURCHES NEED PEOPLE WITH BUSINESS TRAINING

Comparatively few persons are called into the ministry, but every Christian can serve at other tasks

in our churches. There are many jobs to be done, and they are done by laymen who are not working as pastors or missionaries. Sunday School teachers and officers, Boards of trustees and Deacons, Treasurers, Financial secretaries are jobs to be filled by those who have positions in secular work.

Who are the ones who are given the responsibilities of caring for the financial aspects of our churches? They who have the training and experience in the business world are given these positions. God's business is the biggest and most important business in the world. Shouldn't we expect to place men trained and experienced in business to manage the financial affairs of His business, the local church?

YOU CAN SERVE GOD IN A BUSINESS OFFICE

There is no such thing as a part-time Christian worker. One can be in full-time Christian service whether sitting in a business office or standing behind a pulpit. We have become accustomed to the terminology, part-time and full-time Christian service. Any walk of life can be a full-time Christian service. One's Christian example to his fellow worker, whether it be by word or deed, can be a full-time job. Then surely the Christian layman can spend many leisure hours in stewardship for the King.

It is important for a young person interested in a business career to be trained in a Christian Liberal Arts College in order to combine his business life and his Christianity to the fullest extent.

BUSINESS TRAINING FOR THE MINISTRY

Now that the lay portion of our young people have been presented the need of business training in making their work effective for the Lord, what about some business knowledge for pastors, pastors' wives, and others in related Christian work? Should they be trained only in things of the Bible? Concentrating fully on God's Word should be commended, but there are some practical duties which should be performed also.

Recently I visited a pastor friend of mine in the great Southwest, and the need of business training for pastors was made real

to me. Before this pastor was called into the ministry, he studied business and law at one of our universities. He answered the call to the ministry and possibly felt that this time spent studying business was wasted. But, in four years at his present church, it has grown from nothing to a present net investment in church property of \$130,000. Of course, he gives the credit to his Heavenly Father, but God can use a person properly trained to accomplish His work so much more quickly.

I believe that there is a need for our young people who are planning to become pastors to have a knowledge of church finance, church bookkeeping systems, and church financial statement preparation. Also, it might be highly beneficial for a pastor to know how to originate a good business letter. If a pastor has all the properly trained and experienced personnel in his congregation to care for the aforementioned tasks, he would not need to worry about them. But, many young men fresh out of school must take small works where the desired personnel to help them are not available. Therefore, the pastor must care for the finances, the bookkeeping etc., himself. When a work is young, it definitely needs someone who knows it financially as well as spiritually.

PASTORS' WIVES NEED BUSINESS TRAINING

Many of the young women will be wives of pastors. You should be training yourselves to be an asset to the future success of your husband's profession. Prepare yourselves for the duties that lie ahead of you.

Pastors nowadays require talented wives who know shorthand and typewriting, as well as how to cut stencils and prepare a weekly church bulletin.

Pastors will benefit from a wife who knows bookkeeping, applied psychology, business law, and perhaps even salesmanship.

Young pastors usually do not have furnished them paid secretaries, so they must depend primarily on a talented wife to direct the business side of their profession and even make out their income tax reports.

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