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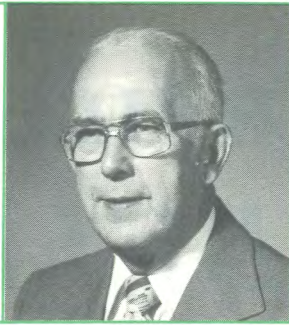
CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

BULLETIN



The Influence of a Great Gift

A message by Dr. Jeremiah, president of Cedarville College.



Who can comprehend the price paid by a loving God who voluntarily, and deliberately, gave His Son for our salvation! A story may help us to understand a little of what it cost God to bring us to heaven.

I. THE GIFT OF LOVE

One evening in Passaic, New Jersey, when the commuter trains were speeding thousands of people to their homes from New York City, a man sat in the switch house overlooking the tracks. With his hand on the lever, he was ready to throw the switch that takes the oncoming trains across the bridge that spanned the river. As he looked at the bridge he saw a little boy walking across it. If he sent the train over the bridge, the boy would be ground beneath the wheels of the train. On the other hand, if he did not throw the switch, hundreds of commuters would die. A second look revealed the boy to be his own son! He had but moments to make his decision, and he did the only thing he could do. He sacrificed his son for the sake of the hundreds of people. Our God did just that—He gave His Son, that we might live and have eternal life.

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:32). “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 Jn. 4:9-10).

God’s love is displayed by the *Person* He sent—“his only begotten Son”; the *people* He saved—“toward us . . . that we might live through Him . . . not that we loved God”; the *place* He served—“into the world,” the world that despised, tried and crucified Him; and the *penalty* He satisfied—“to be the propitiation for our sins.” By His death on the cross, Christ completely satisfied the just demands of a holy God and paid the penalty of sin. By this act of love He was not placating a revengeful God, but rather satisfying the righteousness of a holy God, thereby making it possible for Him to show mercy righteously.

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Whom God hath sent forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” (Rom. 3:24-25).

God willingly gave His Son to die so that we might live. This indescribable Gift has been the motivating reason why so many have given their lives to take the message of the gospel to others.

II. THE GIFT OF SERVICE

John and Mary Gladsen were wealthy people who lived in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. One day a missionary came to their little church and told them of the needs of China. John and Mary Gladsen answered God’s call. They sold their beautiful estate and went to a missionary school on the west coast of China. While they were in school a missionary came from Tibet to ask for volunteers to go to the borders of Tibet where there was not a single missionary.

John and Mary said to the missionary, “We will go.” And they went—over deserts, over mountains, across treacherous rivers. Finally they reached Tibet, and there they settled down, and worked among a tribe of people. They made friends and won souls for Christ as God prospered and blessed their ministry.

One day their youngest child died of a terrible fever. Six days later their second child died. They dug the graves and buried them as their tears fell, and they decided to stay rather than to go. Two weeks later Mary was ill with the same fever, and John knew she was dying. He knew he had to get her to a doctor, but there was no doctor less than three day’s journey away in another mission station. So he made a little raft, placed it on the river, and put Mary on it. They went down the river the first day, and on the second day in the evening they pulled over to the bank to spend the night. The next morning when he was repairing the raft, Mary said, “John, I’m not going *down* the river today. I’m going *over* the river.” He knew that was the end, and then she called him even closer and whispered something in his ear.

He dug another grave and buried his wife, put up a little cross, and returned to his raft.

He looked *down*—friends, home, money, influence. He looked back *up* the river where two day’s journey would take him to the border of Tibet to the little handful of people just out of the Stone Age. He turned the raft around and went slowly up the river, because Mary had whispered in his ear, “Go back.” He was motivated by God’s love to lose his own life.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honour” (Jn. 12:24-26).

III. THE GIFT OF POSSESSIONS

The gift of God’s dear Son as the sacrifice for our sins not only challenges His people to give of themselves in His service—it also should motivate us to give of our substance that His work may prosper. God’s grace is the cure for man’s greed. God’s hand reaching out to the lost world with the gift of His love will open the hand of any child of God who may be normally tightfisted. “. . . freely ye have received, freely give” (Matt. 10:8). “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father” (Gal. 1:4).

One day a certain old rich man of miserly disposition visited a rabbi, who took the rich man by the hand and led him to a window. “Look out there,” he said. “What do you see?” asked the rabbi. “I see men, and women, and little children,” answered the rich man. Again the rabbi took him by the hand, and this time led him to a mirror. “What do you see now?” “Now I see myself,” the rich man replied. Then the rabbi said, “Behold, in the window there is glass, and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass of the mirror is covered with a little silver, and no sooner is the silver added than you cease to see others, but see only yourself.”

A witty person once said: “There are three kinds of givers in the world—the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb.” To get anything out of the flint, you must hammer it, and then you get only flint and sparks. To get anything out of a sponge you must squeeze, and the more you squeeze the sponge, the more you will get. But the honeycomb overflows with its own sweetness. Some people are stingy and hard; they give nothing away if they can help it. Others are good-natured; they yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed, the more readily and abundantly they give. A few delight in giving without being asked at

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all, and of these the Bible states: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

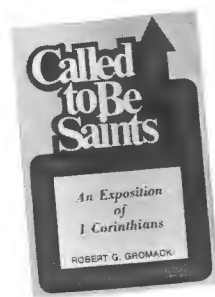
As David came to the end of his reign as king of Israel and Solomon his son was about ready to take the throne, he said: "... the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God . . . I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house . . . then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly . . . to the Lord" (I Chron. 29:1,3,9).

If we are willing to give of ourselves and our substance in consideration of what Christ has given to us, there will be no shortage of either servants for God or the supply for His work here on earth.



Called To Be Saints

Called To Be Saints, by Dr. Robert G. Gromacki, professor of Bible and Greek at Cedarville College, is a new commentary on the book of First Corinthians. The exposition is designed for use in personal as well as group Bible study, with thirteen chapters intended to correspond with a Sunday School quarter or a six-month project. Study questions are supplied for added guidance.



Dr. Gromacki's approach to First Corinthians strikes a comfortable balance between basic explanation and technical commentary. The language used is easily understood and direct. In addition, definitive statements are made in even the most sensitive and controversial passages.

The most helpful feature is the inclusion of many descriptive footnotes throughout the exposition. This format has enabled the text to be written in a free-flowing style without the omission of important details and critical comments.

Called To Be Saints is not a devotional survey of First Corinthians. This volume (available in an inexpensive paperback edition) is a thorough treatment of an important New Testament epistle. Dr. Gromacki has provided a commentary which will serve as a valuable tool for all students of the Word of God.

Activities About Campus

Chapel Organ Dedication



On October 14, 1977, Cedarville College held the dedication service for its new Allen Digital Computer Organ. The service took place in the college chapel, and was presided over by the president of the college, Dr. James T. Jeremiah. The program included numerous selections performed by Mr. David Brackley, who currently travels for Moody Bible Institute as arranger and accompanist for their Watchmen Quartet.

The new chapel organ is the largest Allen instrument in this area and is the finest electronic organ on the market. A three manual instrument, it is equipped with four computers to produce and maintain its tone. The organ is a great asset to the music department, as it will make it possible to train organ students to play proficiently on any type or size of organ.

The installation of the organ represents the fulfillment of several years of planning, praying, and sacrificial giving by many people. The Cedarville College Women's Fellowship has, for several years, had as its main project the raising of funds for the chapel organ, and individuals, churches, and various groups have given freely to the organ fund. Last spring the Student Body Project, sponsored by Cedarville College students, raised money through its work-a-thon for the organ fund.

Today the entire college family is thankful for the provision of the chapel organ and will be blessed for years to come as the organ is used to set the atmosphere for chapel and worship services, as well as a tool in the teaching of organ music at Cedarville College.

A stereo recording of the selections performed during the chapel organ dedication is now available through Christian Education Publications. The record is titled, "David Brackley at the Organ" and sells for \$5.95. To order, write to CEP, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314 or call (513) 864-5221.

Swordbearers Conference

"Get Together" was the theme of the 11th annual Swordbearers Conference held November 4 and 5 on the campus of Cedarville College. Planned especially for junior and senior high school young people, the conference began Friday night at 8:00 with a time of fellowship, games, and refreshments. Saturday morning the opening rally began at 9:30 with special speaker Dr. John White, who is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a teacher at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary.

The conference continued with separate seminars for the girls and guys entitled "Man to Man" and "Woman to Woman." At the same time the campus pastor, Harold Green, conducted a seminar for the adults on ministering to the special fellowship needs of young people. Following lunch more workshops were given, as well as a musical/drama presentation done by the Cedarville students. The conference concluded with a closing rally which again featured Dr. John White.



Approximately 100 Cedarville College students are involved in Swordbearers each year. Four Swordbearers teams, each with 13 members, travel during the school year, and one 11 member team travels during the summer months. Each of these groups visits local churches, ministering through singing, preaching, holding seminars, teaching Sunday school, and doing visitation and follow up work. Each group also uses puppets as part of its ministry to young people.

Other Swordbearers work in groups of four to six students in what is known as extension teams and canvassing teams. An extension team ministers on a regular basis in one local church, and a canvassing team works in one church for a while, doing door to door survey, and then moves on to another church.

Each year, in addition to their work in the local churches, the Swordbearers sponsor the conference in the fall in order to further minister to teenagers.

* Winter Sports Schedules *



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

2,3 Taylor University Tournament	A
10 Rio Grande College	A
16 University of Dayton	H

JANUARY

6 Wilmington College	A
7 Ohio Northern University	A
14 Capital University	H
20 Kent State University	A
21 Wooster College	A
28 Wittenberg University	A
30 Defiance College	H
31 Wright State University	H

FEBRUARY

1 Bowling Green University	A
4 University of Akron	H
6 Capital University	H
7,8 Ohio Valley League @ University of Dayton	A
9 Ohio Dominican College	H
13 Mt. Saint Joseph College	A
17 Ohio University	H
20 Central State University	A
22 Miami University	H
25 Ashland College	A

MARCH

2,3,4 OASISW Tournament @ Ashland College	A
9,10,11 MAIAW Regional @ Morris Harvey College	A

WRESTLING

DECEMBER

3 Olivet College	H
Ohio Northern University	
Central State University	
9,10 Taylor University Tournament	A

JANUARY

7 Sinclair Community College	H
13 University of Dayton	A
University of Cincinnati	
18 Findlay College	H
21 Wilmington College	A
25 Capital University	H
27,28 Alma College Tournament	A

FEBRUARY

3,4 West Liberty State Invitational	A
8 Xavier University	A
11 Huntington College	A
Hanover College	
18 NAIA District 22	H
21 Northern Kentucky State	A
23 MOC Conference @ Malone College	A



MEN'S BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

2,3 Taylor University Tournament	A
10 Detroit Institute of Technology	H
17 Malone College	A
19 Mercy College of Detroit	A
28,29 Findlay College Tournament	A

JANUARY

2 Rio Grande College	A
6 Walsh College	A
7 Mercy College of Detroit	H
10 Mt. Vernon Nazarene	A
14 Ohio Dominican	H
16 Kentucky Christian College	A
21 Urbana College	H
24 Malone College	H
28 Ohio Dominican	A

FEBRUARY

1 Tiffin University	A
4 Mt. Vernon Nazarene	H
7 Urbana College	A
10 Walsh College	H
14 Rio Grande College	H
18 Tiffin College	H
24,25 MOC Tournament	TBA
27 Central State University	H

Campus Visitors

Those who are interested in visiting the campus of Cedarville College should make arrangements by writing to the Development Office, Cedarville College, Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio 45314 or by calling (513) 766-2211 ext. 240. Prospective students may stay in the dormitories at no cost and may meet with the registrar, director of financial aid, and faculty in their field of interest. They are also welcome to attend classes and take a guided tour of the campus.



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The Joys of Christian Giving

By Richard T. McIntosh,

Professor of Bible at Cedarville College

As the Christmas holiday season approaches, Christians of all ages begin to think about the opportunities for giving. Both the media and the mail we receive, as well as our family and friends, remind us of the many needs around us and of the responsibility to share with others. We are impressed with the needs of many, and we are bombarded with requests for assistance. If we are not careful we can become cold, hardened, and unresponsive because we feel that we cannot possibly respond to all or even to many of the opportunities to give. Then the Holy Spirit brings the scripture to our minds, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Whenever we struggle with the challenge to give, we need to recall the example of God in expressing His love for us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16). As believers who are members of the body of Christ, we must remember that Christ "loved the church and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25); that He "gave himself a ransom for all" (I Tim. 2:6); and that He "gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14). Even as an individual believer,

I am reminded that Christ "loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). If we love God and His Son, we will give of ourselves and our substance to assist those for whom Christ died.

The exhortation of the Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments is clear that we are to give unto the Lord, to His servants, and to those who are in need. Some of the instructions which provide guidelines for Christian giving are familiar to students of the Word. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov. 3: 9, 10). Under the law, Israel was to bring the tithes to the temple for the support of the priests and Levites (Mal. 3:10, 11), as well as the firstfruits of the land and the firstborn of their sons and cattle (Ex. 22:29, 30). Provision was made for the poor and the sojourner through the gleanings left in the field (Lev. 19:9, 10).

In the New Testament, giving is to be personal, periodic, and proportionate to one's income (I Cor. 16:1, 2; II Cor. 9:7). Christian giving is to grow out of a prior personal consecration to the Lord (II Cor. 8:5). Believers who give bountifully will know God's abounding grace in providing resources so they can keep on giving (II Cor. 9:6, 8; Phil. 4:19). We are admonished to do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 6:9, 10). If we obey God's Word, we will give.

One of the signs of transformed lives in the church at Jerusalem was the concern for and willingness to share with those who had needs. Some sold possessions to provide for others (Acts 2:44, 45).

As needs continued or new needs became known, others even sold houses and lands and brought the proceeds to the apostles for distribution (Acts 4:34, 35). Spiritual men were selected to care for the daily distribution of food to widows (Acts 6:1-6). The young church at Antioch in Syria sent help to needy brethren in Judaea (Acts 11:29, 30). Paul collected offerings from Gentile churches to deliver as alms to the believers in Jerusalem (Acts 24:17; II Cor. 8:1-9:15). James included concern for those in need in his definition of pure religion (1:27). If we follow the example of the early church, we will give.

Mature believers give at all seasons, but there are special opportunities for giving and sharing during the Christmas holidays. How can we participate in this giving with the greatest joy and sense of personal satisfaction? First, we must give ourselves to the Lord and ask Him to help us to be selfless in our living and in our giving. Then we must pray, plan, and prepare for our Christmas giving. We must set priorities because we will not be able to respond to every request we receive or to every need that we observe. We will need to be careful that our special giving does not interfere with our regular giving to the work of the Lord through our local church.

We will want to give appropriate attention to our family and loved ones. We may desire to single out special people for a simple remembrance because of their service for the Lord. Should we subscribe to a helpful Christian periodical for our pastor or that young missionary couple from the church? Could we give a small but meaningful gift to an aged person or a widow who is struggling to make ends meet? Could we make a sacrificial gift to a Christian organization or institution in which we have confidence? Could we include an international student or a lonely single person in our family holiday celebration?

If our resources are too limited to give monetary gifts, could we write notes of appreciation to those who have ministered to us in some unusual way, like the kindly usher, the faithful organist, the soloist whom God has used to speak to our hearts? Could we assure a Sunday School teacher, a youth worker, or committee chairman of our Christian love, appreciation, and prayers? Could we give of ourselves in time and attention to those who need encouragement, fellowship, and strengthening at this time of the year? Could we share the gospel with one who does not know the Christ of Christmas?

If we do these things we will have a new appreciation for the holiday season and will realize once again the joy of Christian giving. We will be able to say with real vigor, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

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Faculty, staff, students and friends of the college were asked to submit names of those who would be interested in learning more about Cedarville. It is a privilege to acquaint you with our work in Christian Education. We trust that our ministry will be a blessing to you.

For further information about the college, or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to write the Development Office, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

Speakers' Bureau

Cedarville College operates a Speakers' Bureau to furnish special speakers for churches. Seventeen ordained men with preaching experience are available for pulpit supply, banquets, and rallies.

These men also provide an excellent resource for those seeking first-hand information about the college.

Those wishing to schedule speakers should write to Cedarville College or phone (513) 766-2211, ext. 240.

We encourage you to share in the ministry of the college by praying for Dr. Jeremiah as he visits the following churches.

Dr. Jeremiah's Itinerary

DECEMBER

- 4-7 Chapel in Marlboro Alliance, Ohio
- 9-11 Independent Baptist Church Blairsville, Pennsylvania

JANUARY

- 13-15 Faith Baptist Church Winfield, Illinois

FEBRUARY

- 5-8 First Baptist Church Brunswick, Ohio
- 12 Chapel in University Park Akron, Ohio
- 19 Kemp Road Baptist Church Dayton, Ohio
- 24-26 Faith Baptist Church Defiance, Ohio

MARCH

- 3-5 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Smithville, Ohio
- 6-16 Holy Land Tour

Chapel Update

Cost of Chapel	\$1,000,000
Future interest on loan	125,000
Total	1,125,000
Gifts and pledges to date	590,000
Amount needed	535,000

Much of the future interest on money borrowed for the chapel can be saved if we pay off the indebtedness soon.

Coming Events

DECEMBER

- 16—Jan 3 Christmas Vacation

JANUARY

- 4 Instruction Resumes
- 6 Hale and Wilder Concert
- 10-12 Staley Foundation Lectureship
- 15-20 Missionary Conference
- 20 Robert Nagel Concert

FEBRUARY

- 3 AX Talent Night
- 7 Sam Rotman Concert
- 23-25 MENC Musical

MARCH

- 4 Shirley Close Concert
- 16-17 Final Exams



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