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# ALUMNOTES

## VANTAGE POINT



One of the things I enjoy most about the new calendar year is the opportunity to reflect on the past, give thanks in the present, and look forward to the future. In my reflections, I was reminded of one of my favorite passages of Scripture that comes from the first chapter of the book of Philippians. The Apostle Paul is expressing gratitude to the members of the church at Philippi for their partnership in the Gospel, and he says to them, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Phil. 1:3–5).

As you read this issue of the magazine, take time to peruse the alumnotes, read the stories, and give thanks to God for the many great things He is doing in and through our Cedarville family. As you read each article, reflect on the transformational impact Cedarville University has had on your life. Take a

moment to recall a Cedarville faculty or staff member or friend who invested in your life and give them a call or send them a note or email to let them know of your gratitude.

I wouldn’t be the person I am today if it were not for the investment of faculty, mentors, and friends in my life and their partnership in Gospel work. My hunch is that is true for each of you as well. Let’s take time in this new year to express our gratitude to God and to one another, and rejoice in the Cedarville family and community God has given us. “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6).

For His Glory and our exceeding joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Melson".

*Rick Melson, Ph.D.*  
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# NEWS

**1 Kenneth Pierpont '59** is Pastor of South Litchfield Baptist Church in Litchfield, Michigan. Ken and his wife, Jane, have been in ministry for more than 58 years and celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary December 24. They have four children and grandchildren in full-time ministry. The Lord has blessed them with 34 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren (and two on the way), and 18 grand-in-laws.

**Mark '77** and **Cindi (Porter) Sigmon '77** continue to experience God's grace through Cindi's battle with cancer and the opportunities to serve God's global cause. Mark runs Global Impact Services and the West Michigan Friendship Center for refugees. This summer he released his latest resource, "Journey to the Nations," a practical, concise missions study for anyone.

**2 Reid Ashbaucher '83** is Managing Editor with Northwest Ohio Christian Voice. Northwest Ohio Christian Voice is a growing Christian news agency, reporting Christian news and sharing stories, columns, features, inspirational messages, and video clips in the 19 counties represented in Northwest Ohio. Northwest Ohio Christian Voice is a division of One Christian Voice, LLC, a member of the Evangelical Press Association.

**3 Cheryl (Bitterman) Draa '84** owns Cheryl Draa Interior Designs. She is a residential interior designer specializing in "people in transition." She has been working in the Atlanta, Georgia, metro area since 1992 and is opening an office in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2018. She credits her degree in communication arts from Cedarville as a big reason she has won marketing and design awards.

**4 Kimberly (Barch) Sand '90** recently graduated from the University of South Florida with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. She has been an Adult Nurse Practitioner for more than 20 years in a variety of settings. She is currently pursuing a path in healthcare policy, where she hopes to make an impact for Christ. Husband **Raymond Sand '90** manages the IT systems of the Home Shopping Network. Ray and Kim reside in Bradenton, Florida, where they have raised their three children, Nate, Peter, and Liv.

**Laura (Hollander) Sinkonis '92** wrote an article that was published in the *Journal of the American Association of Special Education Professionals*. It is called "Alternative Approaches to IEP Conflict: A Review of the Literature." She currently works in a local public high school teaching special education English and reading. She is in the dissertation phase of her doctorate and hopes to graduate in May 2018.

**5 Cindy Hasselbring '95** began working in February 2016 for Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest community of pilots, located in Frederick, Maryland. She led AOPA's High School Aviation Initiative, which works to interest and engage more students in aviation and aerospace. AOPA is currently field testing ninth-grade aviation curriculum in 29 high schools across the country, and this curriculum will be available in fall 2018, at no charge to high schools. Cindy is thankful for God's leading her to this position after a long career as a math teacher.

**Daren Houck '96** was recently installed as Headmaster of Coast Episcopal School in Long Beach, Mississippi, during a special installation ceremony and Eucharist. Previous to his move to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Daren served as headmaster at two private schools in Vermont for 13 years.

**6 Chris Prediger '97**, wife Renee, and daughter Bethany moved to Niles, Michigan, in October 2017 to serve full time with Life Action Ministries. The family serves at Life Action Camp, where they host men's and women's retreats, father/son retreats, and family camps.

**Abigail Stroven '98** started working at Gordon College after serving as a missionary in Ecuador for seven years with International Teams. She was recently promoted to the Senior Director of La Vida Center for Outdoor Education and Leadership.

**7 Nick Chou '99** visited the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, during a current deployment to the Middle East with the Ohio Army National Guard. Chaplain (Major) Chou has served 26 years in the Ohio Guard and works full time in the State Chaplain's Office. Wife Sarah and their three kids, Tyler (11), Taylor (8), and Lily (4), are serving on the homefront.

**8 Jessica (Allen) Stormer '05**, husband Bobby, and son Robby (2) recently moved from Seattle, Washington, to Panama City, Florida, where Bobby is a superintendent for a commercial construction company and Jessica is a stay-at-home mom.

**Michael Gumprecht '07** was named to the 2018 Rising Stars for the State of Georgia list by Super Lawyers. This honor is reserved for lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 2.5 percent of attorneys in Georgia receive this distinction. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. This selection process includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations.

**9 Asheritah (Oana) Ciuciu '10** released her second book, *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus: An Advent Devotional*, from Moody Publishers. The book hit the Christian Booksellers Association's best-sellers list in November 2017. Asheritah guides readers through the four weeks of Advent, with a devotional reflection for each day focused on a different name of Jesus, family activities, challenges, discussion questions, and Scripture. Her first book, *Full: Food, Jesus, and the Battle for Satisfaction*, was released in January 2017.

**10 Joe '14** and **Cori Beth (Hale) Grom '15** have been appointed as missionaries with Youth Ministry International. YMI exists to reach youth by training the trainers of national youth workers within the people groups of the world. Joe and Cori Beth will move to Malaysia in 2020 to begin teaching youth ministry at Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary.

## share your news

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# BIRTHS



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**11 Jordan '00 and Jennifer (Ferguson) Culp '00** announce the birth of Henry Joseph on September 11, 2016. He was welcomed home by his siblings Amelia (9), Charlie (7), and Adelaide (2) in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania.

**12 Hannah (Dager) Thomas '00** and her husband, Jason, celebrated the birth of Judah Elliot on March 9, 2016, in Louisville, Kentucky. He joined sister Emery Grace. During this same season, Jason answered a full-time call to join The Church at Arrowhead in Glendale, Arizona, as their Student Pastor. The Thomas family moved to Arizona in May 2016 and are thankful for God's leading. Hannah has left the elementary classroom and is a stay-at-home mom.

**13 Bethany (Hoff) White '01** and her husband, Adam, are blessed to announce the birth of George Theodore on January 20, 2016, at 7 lbs. 1 oz and 20 1/2 inches. They praise God for his birth and life! 1 Samuel 1:27-28, "For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD."

**14 Travis '02 and Melissa (Bielo) Hermann '02** announce the birth of Silas Brett on May 4, 2017. He joined sister Naomi (5) and brothers Isaiah (4) and Titus (2).

**15 Kim (Harbison) Ryan '02** and her husband, Chris, welcomed David Lee on December 9, 2017. He joined brothers Seth (11) and Henry (9). David was born five weeks early and required a brief stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, but by the grace of God, he is thriving. The family is so in love with their little blessing!

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Send us your news! Deadlines are April 15 for the summer issue, August 15 for the fall issue, and December 15 for the spring 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).

# BIRTHS

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**16 Stephanie (Taylor) Monroe '04** and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of son Jake in April 2016. He joined big sisters Addison, Mya, and Lucy at home in Fort Riley, Kansas. Chad returned last spring from his third combat deployment, and Stephanie homeschools the girls and is working on her first book.

**17 Gillian (Mocas) Nance '04** and her husband, Bill, welcomed their fifth child, Miranda, in September 2016. Miranda joined siblings Marissa, Isaiah, Isaac, and Ian. Gillian also completed her Master of Library and Information Science degree in May 2017 and works at the Southwest Public Libraries in Grove City, Ohio, as a librarian. It has been a busy, but blessed year!

**18 Mark Orłowski '04** and his wife, Jessica, welcomed Elijah Atreyu on October 24, 2017. He is their first, and they are thrilled to share his arrival with the Cedarville family!

**19 Dan '05 and Sarah (Thengvall) Roeber '04** announce the birth of Hannah Joy on December 17, 2017. She joined Emily (4) and Ethan (2) in Tallahassee, Florida.

**20 Bret '05 and Emily (Thompson) Hurlbut '05** welcomed Henry Bret on June 26, 2016. He joined siblings Arianna (6) and Elsa (4). The family resides in Madison, Wisconsin. Bret is employed by Epic in Verona, Wisconsin, as a software developer, and Emily stays busy homeschooling the children.

**21 William Duncan '06** and his wife, Kiera, celebrated the birth of son Tavin, born November 3, 2017. In July, the family moved from China to Pacifica, California, where William began teaching secondary social studies at Alma Heights Christian School. Daughter Kaeya began kindergarten there last fall.

**22 Jason '06 and Rachel (Solsky) Stephens '06** welcomed Dominick Khun (4) into their family legally on September 15, 2017. Dominick came home with his forever family in September of 2016 from Thailand. They couldn't be more grateful for God's hand in each step of this adoption, and give Him all glory for this wonderful blessing. They live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**23 Michael '06 and Bethany (McDaniel) Baker '07** welcomed Elliott Michael on November 25, 2016. He joined siblings Danielle, Jackson, and Emily. They live in Charlotte, Michigan, where Mike is a high school math teacher and Bethany is a stay-at-home mom.

**24 Heather (Kelton) Vernon '07** and her husband, Hamilton, announce the birth of Ethan Michael on October 26, 2017.

**Lexi (Kingma) Alexander '08** and her husband, Jake, are thrilled to announce the adoption of Josslyn Annaliese. Josslyn was born February 6, 2016, and placed with their family through the foster system on February 25, and her adoption was finalized on November 16. Josslyn is welcomed with so much love by her parents and her siblings, Sophia (8), Kai (6), and Emma (4).

**25 Laura (Anfang) Geer '10** and her husband, Joel, are overjoyed to announce the birth of their son, Josiah Daugherty, born August 21, 2017. He is an answer to their prayers and a true gift from the Lord!

**26 Drew Long '10** and his wife, Stacy, adopted Savannah Faith on December 20, 2017. Savannah had been a foster child in their care since her birth on July 24, 2015, and they are thrilled that she is now officially part of the Long family.

**27 Becca (Belote) Emas '11** and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed Alaina Grace into the world June 19, 2017. Jonathan is an active duty Army pilot, and Becca is now staying at home after teaching science for six years.

**28 Josiah '12 and Julianne (Heady) Heskett '11** praise God for their three daughters, Katie (3), Abby (2), and Sophia, born November 2017.

**29 Lauren (Stapleton) Krabill '13** and her husband, John, welcomed their first child, Jude Ryal, on April 11, 2017. Photo credit: Brittany Sidwell Photography.





# MARRIAGES

**30 Amanda Murray '97** and Keith Walters were married on October 14, 2017. The reception was like a class reunion, with many Cedarville graduates attending the wedding. Mandy and Keith live in Norwalk, Ohio.



**31 Sarah Johnson '07** and Jared Craft were married October 21, 2017, in Oxford, Ohio. They live in Atlanta, Georgia, where Jared works in finance at Novellis, a company that produces aluminum products, and Sarah is a recruiter for the School of Materials Science and Engineering at Georgia Tech.



**32 John Stonkus '14** and **Kaitlyn Stiles '16** were married in Newark, Delaware, on July 22, 2017. John is a salesman for Laurel Bridge Software, and Kaitlyn is a Customer Relationship Management Specialist at Tipton Communications.



**33 David Long '17** and **Rebecca Adams '17** were married on August 26, 2017. They have settled in Columbus, Ohio, where both are working in their fields of study.



**34 Jonathan Cox '18** and **Laura Klodnicki '15** were married August 5, 2017, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and currently reside in Cedarville.



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# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Stefanie Pratt '85**, of Kettering, Ohio, passed away May 5, 2017.

**Justin Swanson '14** of Austin, Texas, passed away August 23, 2017.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Young Alumni at Elliv

Young Alumni, come back to campus for Elliv on April 28. Join us for a reception before the show, and then stay for an exciting evening of music at Cedarville's biggest student-led event of the year!



## Homecoming and Parents Weekend 2018

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for Homecoming and Parents Weekend 2018, October 5–6. You won't want to miss this great time with friends and former classmates. If your graduation year ends with a "3" or an "8," plan to attend your class reunion!







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