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# ALUMNOTES

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The *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings are based on several criteria, including graduation and retention rates (22.5%), undergraduate academic reputation (22.5%), faculty resources (20%), student selectivity (12.5%), financial resources (10%), graduation rate performance (7.5%), and alumni giving rate (5%). That’s correct, 5 percent of the ranking criteria is based on the percentage of alumni who give back to the university. This is where you come in. Your annual gift as a Cedarville alumnus, regardless of

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

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# NEWS

**Alex '74** and **Pam (Stallard) Konya '75** are celebrating 45 years of ministry. After 16 years in the pastorate, they joined Word of Life in 1990 and moved to Hungary to co-found a Bible institute, serving 12 years as the main Bible teacher and Academic Dean and nine years as Director for the ministries at Word of Life Hungary. In 2013, Alex was named Regional Director for Word of Life Europe; they are currently serving 18 countries.

**1 Marla (Waddle) Cross '82** recently published her second book, *The Alabaster Box, A Year of Adventures in Extraordinary Worship*. Containing an endorsement by Cedarville University Chancellor Dr. Paul Dixon, the book suggests an “above and beyond” worship activity for each week of the year. Accompanying each entry is a worksheet to record the week’s experiences. Copies of the book, along with her first book, *Cloud of Witnesses*, are available through Amazon.

**Kurt '84** and **Faye (Horton) Wilcox '82** recently relocated to High Point, North Carolina, after living in Wadsworth, Illinois, for 19 years. Kurt accepted the position of Associate Analytical Scientist with Cambrex in its Analytical Research and Development Group. They have three children, all graduates of Cedarville: Kaleb '10 and wife, Sara '10; Spencer '13; and Taylor '15, and a granddaughter, Avery Drew.

**Julie (Stackhouse) Moore '87** had her fourth collection of poetry, *Full Worm Moon*, published this year by Cascade Books, an imprint of Wipf & Stock, in its Poiema Poetry Series. This is Moore’s second collection included in this esteemed series. In fall 2017, she became an Associate Professor of English and the Writing Center Director at Taylor University.

**2 Kimberly Bailey Jacobs '90** recently published *The Alphabet Book of Verses*. This book helps children learn the alphabet, but, more importantly, memorize Scripture. It’s a great tool for parents to use to disciple their children in the Word. It can be found on Amazon or at the website [grandoakpublishers.com](http://grandoakpublishers.com).

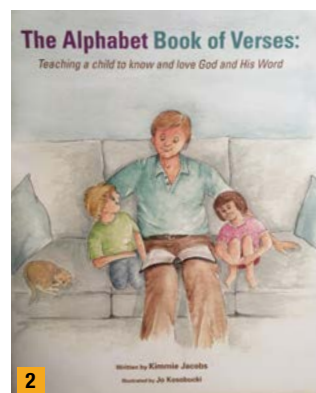
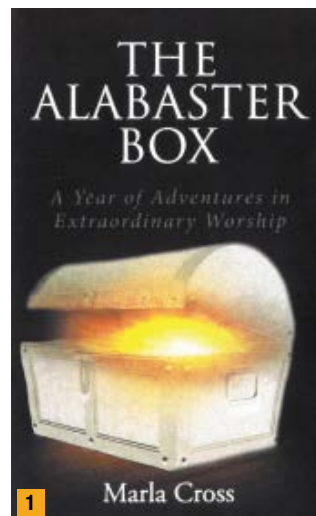
**3 Nikolas Grosfield '05** and his wife, Elsbeth, were married 10 years ago and have two boys, Ole (6) and Eli (2). After four years in Qatar, they returned to Nik’s family’s cattle ranch in Montana in 2014. Nik is growing his own cattle herd there, and he publishes articles on faith and politics. You can visit his new writing page “From the Flag to the Cross” at [patreon.com/nikolasgrosfield](http://patreon.com/nikolasgrosfield).

**4 Derek Kreider '07** and wife, Catalina, are currently serving in Brashou, Romania, with their three children, Elin (4), Atticus (2), and Denton (6 months).

**Michelle Lanham '07** is an attorney in private practice who owns and operates her own law firm based in Columbus, Ohio. She is admitted to the bar in the state of Ohio and her areas of practice include employment law, civil rights, consumer protection, and personal injury.

**Tyler Yoder '07** recently had his first book published: *Fishers of Fish and Fishers of Men: Fishing Imagery in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East*. Tyler and his wife, Cathy (Daniels) '07, recently celebrated their 11th anniversary. They currently reside in Culver, Indiana, with their three little explorers, Asher (5), Ellery (3), and Callan (1).

**Drake Angle '09** recently became Vice President, Customer Acquisition and Payments in the Bedminster, New Jersey, office for Gain Capital.



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# BIRTHS

**5 Jonathan '99 and Amy (Carpenter) Murphy '00** announce the adoption of son Ethan Robert (5) from China in March 2016. They also received the surprise blessing of little brother Isaac Martin in July 2017. Big brother Ewen (11) has had a huge adjustment to two little brothers in less than two years!

**6 Mark Freeman '01** and his wife, Stephanie, along with Everett (3), recently celebrated the first birthday of daughter Olivia. Mark is a social studies teacher at Saltsburg Middle High School, and Stephanie is a school counselor at Derry Area High School. They reside in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

**Ivan Davis '05** and his wife, Jenny, announce the birth of Lydia Ruth on October 19, 2017. She joined sisters Heidi (5) and Anna (2). They are so thankful to the Lord for this new addition to their family.

**7 Nick '05 and Sara (Grosskopf) Graff '05** announce the birth of Titus John on April 28, 2017. He joined siblings Olivia (4) and Noah (2). The Graff family lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Nick works in commercial banking at Chase and Sara works for the Department of Defense as a financial analyst.

**Liz (Lemmel) McClurkan '05** and her husband, Ryne, announce the birth of Torah Faye Lemmel McClurkan in January 2018. Her name honors Liz's Jewish heritage and means "God is faithful and keeps all of His promises." She joined big brother Owen Loyd (2). They live in Nashville, Tennessee, where Ryne is an LIS Analyst with Pathgroup Labs and Liz is a stay-at-home mom.

**8 Joshua '07 and Betsy (Hinks) Blackburn '07** are praising the Lord for the adoption of Daniel Jedidiah (1) from China in January 2018. Daniel joined siblings Hannah (7), Caleb (4), and William (2) in Beavercreek, Ohio.

**9 Alisa (Rutt) Hooper '08** and her husband, Clark, announce the birth of Mirielle Anne on March 3, 2018. They live in Gap, Pennsylvania.

**Kimberly (Elliott) Chan '09** and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of Emily Lois on August 4, 2017.

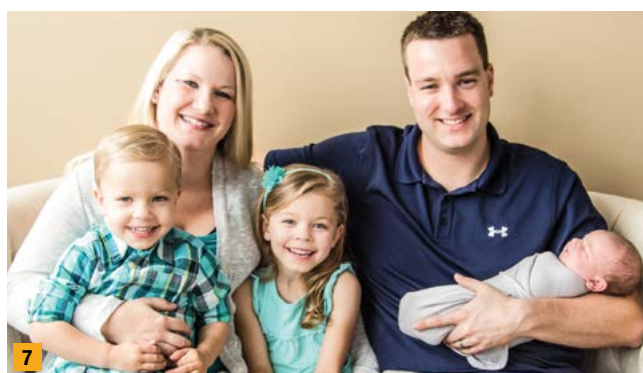
**10 David '09 and Lindsay (Di Donato) Van Schepen '08** announce the birth of Owen Joseph, on August 31, 2017.

**11 Chris '10 and Danielle (Brown) Williams '11** announce the birth of Eve Margaret on February 2, 2018. She was welcomed home by her big brother Timothy (2). The Williams live in South County, Rhode Island.

**12 Erin (Brown) Miller '11** and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Phoebe Renee on November 10, 2017.

**13 A.J. '11 and Megan (Welborn) Guerette '11** announce the birth of Lowena Noelle on February 20, 2018. She joined siblings Ailsa (4) and Clancy (2).

**Katie (Kremer) Gloria '11** and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of Violet in September 2017. The Glorias currently reside in Overland Park, Kansas, and Katie is loving the blessing of being a work-from-home mommy.







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# MARRIAGES

**14 Gisela Mullican '15** and Kyle Beasley were married on November 4, 2017, in Piqua, Ohio. Kyle is an athletic trainer working on his master's in exercise science. Gisela is the Assistant Properties Manager at Westchester Broadway Theatre. They currently reside in Yonkers, New York.



# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Neil Harmon Hartman '41**, of Medford, New Jersey, passed away on February 6, 2018, in Medford, New Jersey.



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