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# ALUMNOTES

## VANTAGE POINT



Have you ever thought about what it means to be a good steward of the time, talents, and treasures that God has given to you? In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells a parable about a master who gathered his servants together and distributed a significant sum of money to each, according to his ability. To one servant the master gave five talents (a talent was about 20 years' wages), to another two talents, and to another one talent.

The master went away for a time, then returned to see what the servants had done with the talents that were given to them. The servants who had been given five talents and two talents, respectively, were industrious and doubled their master's money. To each of these servants he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

The servant who had been given one talent had taken the talent and buried it in the ground out of fear. Unlike the servants who had been good stewards, this servant

misused his talent, did nothing, and the one talent that had been given to him was taken away and given to the faithful servant with 10 talents. In this parable, Jesus is teaching his followers that there are two kinds of servants — faithful and unfaithful. The faithful servants used their talents, put them to work for their master, and had much increase, joy, and favor. The unfaithful servant squandered his talent, and instead of using it, he hid it, did nothing, and ultimately went away empty-handed.

This parable gives us an opportunity to evaluate our own life and how well we are stewarding our God-given time, talents, and treasures. Are we the faithful servants? Are we putting our God-given resources to work for His glory and our joy? Are we striving to make an impact for Christ and His Kingdom? Or are we more like the unfaithful servant? Have we been poor stewards of our God-given resources and squandered the opportunity?

I hope you will read The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 and evaluate where you are investing your talents for Kingdom impact. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (ESV).

For His Glory and our exceeding joy,

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# NEWS

**1 Dannah (Barker) Gresh '89** released her latest book, *Lies Girls Believe*, co-authored by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, in February 2019. Based on Dannah's in-depth research, the book teaches girls to counteract the enemy's lies with God's truth.

**2 Steve Dye '89, Rebecca (Davis) Dye '89, Andy Cook '91, Mara (Blackburn) Cook '91, Noella (Fisher) Kleis '99, Jonathan Kleis '01, Cliff Reynolds '01, Alison (Warren) Reynolds '01, and Heather (Fankhauser) Farran '01** recently attended an Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) Western Europe Leaders Meeting in Madrid, Spain.

**Paul McGrady '93** started a new career at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP in its Intellectual Property practice group. He will be working with companies from all over the world on trademark policies.

**3 Sherry (Gavitt) Price '94** spent fall semester 2018 in Klaipeda, Lithuania (on the Baltic Sea), where her husband, Chris, taught at Lithuania Christian College International University in the history/social science department. Chris was able to share the Gospel openly during his classes and Sherry and their daughters, Olivia and Kalleigh, were able to share many ministry opportunities through music.

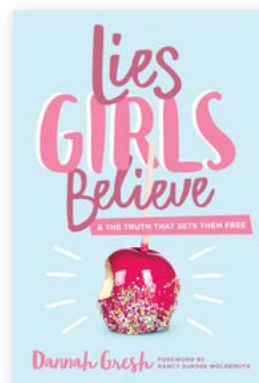
**Jim Olinger '96**, along with wife **Heidi (Bowen) '96**, will transition from 22 years of pastoral ministry to become the next president of the Nicaragua Christian Education (NiCE) Foundation in Highland, Illinois. The Foundation packs meals, offers student sponsorships, and directs short-term missions trips to Nicaragua to partner with churches and Christian schools across the country.

**4 Jennifer (Ingalls) Kang '97** and her son, Jonathan (11), had the joy of serving alongside **Allison Baer O'Connor '98** and her husband, Jon, at Hope of Life in Guatemala. Allison and Jon, along with their four children, have been full-time missionaries at Hope of Life since 2017. Allie is a nurse, and Jon is a helicopter pilot. All four of their children are involved in the ministry through translating and playing with the orphan children.

**5 Michelle Lynn Shinaberry '97** successfully defended her dissertation titled "Self-Compassion and Licensed Professional School Counselors: A Phenomenological Study." She graduated from Ohio University on May 3, 2019, with a Doctor of Philosophy in counselor education and supervision. Michelle has enrolled in a health and life coaching certification program for her business, ThinkMoveFeelWell LLC.

**Jason Vasquez '97** was honored by the Indianapolis Business Journal as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Year for 2018 for private companies under \$100 million. He is the CTO and a founding partner of DeveloperTown. Jason is married to **Lori (Phipps) Vasquez '96**, who is a Physician Assistant for a surgical practice at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. They have two boys, Alex (13) and Andrew (9).

**6 Devin T. Robinson '03, M.B.A. '15** was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Air Force in February at Camp Chamberlain, Augusta, Maine. Devin is the Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Air National Guard in Washington, D.C.



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**7** A group of 35 Cedarville College alumni and former faculty and staff met for an annual spring gathering in Shipshewana, Indiana, May 13-15, 2019.

**8** A group of Cedarville alumni were on hand as Lakeland Christian senior Remi Musick signed a letter of intent to pole vault for Cedarville. Pictured are **Ben '03** and **Sandy (Wilhelm) Johnson '03**, **Sandy (Green) Nilius '86**, **Missy (Hall) Green '88**, **Laura Kirby '12**, **Mark Kirby '80**, **Linda (Grafton) Kirby '80**, **Joe Hatch '10**, and **Parker Musick '21**. Not pictured were **Matt '05** and **Kelly (Issakainen) Green '03** and **Ellen Oncu '97**.

**9** **Jordan Eisner '16** was recently honored with the 2019 Nursing Excellence Award at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center.



# NEW ADDITIONS

**10** **Terra (Posten) Sanderson '03** and her husband, Mark, praise God for the birth of Elliott Owen, born May 29, 2018. The Sandersons reside in Ripley, West Virginia, where Terra works as a psychologist for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Mark is a maintenance technician and supervisor at NGK Spark Plugs.



**11** **Julie (Bledsoe) Takseraas '06** and her husband, David, announce the birth of Griffin David on November 5, 2018. Big sister Johanna Inez (3) has been thrilled to have Griffin as a baby brother and is a great helper. They reside on Long Island, where David works as a math teacher and wrestling coach and Julie is a stay-at-home mom.



**12** **Alexandra (Kingma) Alexander '08** and her husband, Jacob, adopted daughter Josslyn on November 16, 2017, after 22 months of foster care in their home. She has always been their daughter, and they are so grateful and blessed that it is now official! Josslyn is pictured (at far right) on a recent vacation with her grandparents, parents, and siblings Sophia, Kai, and Emma.



**13** **Gerhard '10** and **Cristy (Hatch) Mullican '10** announce the birth of Maxwell Frank in December 2018.



**14** **Collin '13** and **Molly (Heiden) Guernsey '15** announce the birth of William Wade on February 19, 2019. He joined big sister Blake at the family's home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

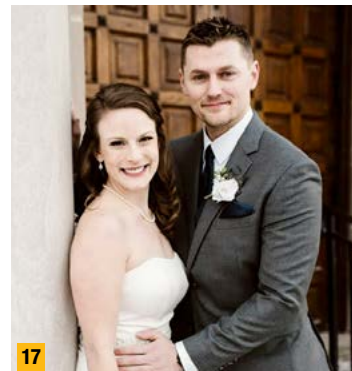


# MARRIAGES

**15 Zachary Gifford '05** and Kayla Erickson were married October 13, 2018, in Spearfish, South Dakota. Zach is a seminary student and the store manager at a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. Kayla is a music teacher at Black Hills Christian Academy. They currently reside in Spearfish but hope to move back to Ohio in the near future.

**16 Nathan Buckner '14** and **Katie Hughes '15** were married on March 23, 2019.

**17 Allison Henry '13, Pharm.D. '16** married Richard Hank January 26, 2019. Allison is working as a Clinical Pharmacist in the Oncology/ Cardiology units at United Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota.



# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Lamarr Hamman '50** of Cedarville, Ohio, passed away on March 9, 2019.

**George Watt, Jr. '50** of Brookville, Ohio, passed away on December 25, 2018.

**Edward Mawhorter '58** of Delta, British Columbia, Canada, passed away on March 9, 2019.

**William Mikesell '59N** of Xenia, Ohio, passed away on January 3, 2019.

**Ida St. Clair '63N** of Xenia, Ohio, passed away on March 20, 2019.

**Patricia (Adams) Bryant '64** of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on April 6, 2019.

**Ross Adams '65N** of Stow, Ohio, passed away on January 23, 2019.

**William Hamilton '68** of Jefferson, Ohio, passed away on March 26, 2019.

**Gary Darrow '69** of Crofton, Maryland, passed away on April 20, 2019.

**Rebecca (Sharp) Piercy '70** of Vandalia, Ohio, passed away on April 21, 2019.

**JoAnn Schwerthofer '80N** of Springboro, Pennsylvania, passed away on December 30, 2018.

**Jeffrey Lyle '85** of Davenport, Iowa, passed away on March 9, 2019.

**David Driskill '89** of Springfield, Ohio, passed away on January 3, 2019.

**William Curry '90** of Carmel, Indiana, passed away on January 21, 2019.

**Spencer Shaffer '92** of Rosenberg, Texas, passed away on March 18, 2019.

**Sharon (Swanson) Murphy '94** of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away on April 21, 2019.

**Eric Smith '09** of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on December 20, 2018.

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