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VANTAGE POINT

Are we really almost in 2020? As a kid, I remember hearing about the year 2020 as a science fiction backdrop to a time that I could hardly imagine. And now, I have a daughter who is graduating from Cedarville University in 2020!

While I have always been proud of Cedarville as an alumnus and a longtime staff member, I must admit that I have never been more excited about what God is doing here than I have been as a parent, watching Him shape my daughters through the intentional, discipling relationships they are having as students — Kylie as a Resident Assistant and Sara through the volleyball team. If it is time for your children to begin looking at colleges, definitely plan to bring them to Cedarville for a visit!

We started the school year with another amazing Getting Started Weekend. What Dick Walker, former Director of Campus Activities, started decades ago, Brian Burns '95, Director of Campus Experience, and crew continue to lead as we welcome students (and their parents) to our campus. Especially fun for me was hosting our Second Generation Banquet the Friday evening of Getting Started, welcoming more than 220 alumni and their children to Cedarville as a part of our record class of 995 new freshmen.

Also exciting for the fall was Homecoming and Parents Weekend 2019, as alumni, parents, students, faculty, and staff were engaged in the festivities all over campus. I trust that those of you who came enjoyed reconnecting and spending time with old and new friends.



Thank you for sharing the Cedarville story! We need you to continue helping us get the message out of all that God is doing at Cedarville, from construction of new facilities to record enrollment year after year. And this time of year is a key time to encourage students to

apply! If you know someone who belongs on campus in our undergraduate program, or someone who should come back to participate in one of our graduate programs, please share their names with us. Just go to **cedarville.edu/names** to get started.

As Dr. White shares the 10-Year Master Plan and gets us excited about the future, he is also looking at Nehemiah each week in chapel this year and getting us excited about the past — and how God's faithfulness is everywhere! He was faithful to the children of Israel then, and He continues to show His faithfulness to us now — whether it is on our campus or in our individual stories.

Join us in praying that God will continue to do great things here on our campus, our communities, our nation, and our world, through the lives of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are committed to stand firm for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

Grateful for His Faithfulness,

Jeff Beste '87

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NEWS

1 Ron Baker '69, Dick Pettitt '67, Paul Entner '67, and Deane Allen '68 — former Yellow Jacket Men's Tennis teammates — caught up at the 2019 Western and Southern Tennis Tournament this summer. They were all on the first team that Murray Murdoch coached (1965–1966).

2 Nancy (Towle) Jones '69, a missionary to Spain for more than 40 years, and **Caleb Hague '03**, a missionary to Spain, were joined by **Michael '95** and **Monica (Bolet) Pasquale '91, Meghan Kuhn '14, and Julia Bonifield '19** to work at an English camp in Spain. All six Cedarville alumni helped with a fun and crazy week of ministry.

3 Eric Mounts '81, Drew Baker '82, and Mark Womack '82 — former Yellow Jacket Men's Basketball teammates — and Coach Donald Callan caught up at a Cincinnati Reds game this summer.

4 Steven Etner '82 released his latest book, *Overcoming Temptation: 4 Steps to Spiritual Victory* in February 2019. In a very clear and practical way, Steve teaches how to live a life that is holy and pure, say no to sin, and live in full and complete surrender to God. All of Steven's books are available on Amazon.

Mark Mills '82 graduated with his Doctor of Philosophy in New Testament at Baptist Bible Seminary in May 2019. Mark plans to teach Greek and New Testament exegesis.

5 Christine (Renberg) Sommers '89 graduated with her Doctor of Philosophy in nursing from the University of Kansas in June 2019. She plans to continue to teach and serve as the Executive Dean in the Faculty of Nursing at Universitas Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Ruth (Yuen) Kramer '90 co-hosted the webcast for the International Day for the Unreached, hosted by Focus on the Family. She serves as a founding member on the Alliance for the Unreached and utilizes the platform of Mission Network News to bring the cause of the unreached to the ears of Christian radio listeners. In 2019, Ruth competed at the National Senior Games and the State Games of America as a master senior sprinter. In her recent USATF meet, she met All-American standards for Masters and ranks in the Top 25 in the U.S. in the 100 meter and 200 meter for women 50–54. Ruth ran for Cedarville College on both the Cross Country and Track & Field teams.

6 David Wyand '91, Jeff Nitengale '91, Kelly Fath '91, Randy Oswald '91, Jim Houser '91, Eric Johnson '91, and Matt Benefiel '91 gathered for a reunion in Seed Lake, Georgia, in August, celebrating 32 years of friendship (and counting!). The group have stayed friends since graduation and converged from Europe, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee to stay in touch.

7 Allie (Heller) Slocum '94 released her book *Rachel Landon, Feeling Abandoned* in August 2019. The third book in her Character Club fiction series engages children ages 8 and up to help teachers and parents inspire strong moral character.

Cindy Hasselbring '95 recently accepted a position to serve as Senior Policy Advisor, Assistant Director for STEM Education, U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President. In this role, she will work with all federal agencies as they implement the federal STEM education strategic plan.

Todd Lane '96 joined National Cooperative Bank (NCB) of Southern Ohio as Vice President, Commercial Cash Management Operations Manager.

8 Matt Rexford '98 recently released a collection of worship songs through his home church, Fellowship Greenville, South Carolina. These songs were written to celebrate the Gospel truths of the book of Romans. The title of the album is *Doxa Worship, I Am Not Ashamed* and can be found on most music platforms.

9 Angela (Primo) Henderson '00 published a children's storybook, *Isaac's Ice Cream Tree*, a magical exploration through the colors of the rainbow, the days of the week, and some of our favorite fruits. She stopped by Centennial Library this summer to donate a copy of her book to the Curriculum Materials Center. She shared her book during story time at the Cedarville public library, joined by her kids Christian (13), Victoria (11), and Andrew (7).

James Adams '03 joined Southern Illinois University Edwardsville athletics as the Cougars' Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations.

10 Charity Spencer '03 recently produced the faith-based, independent film *Why We Breathe*.

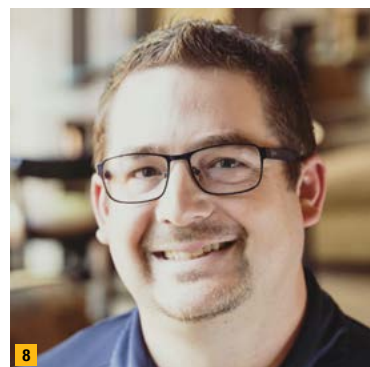
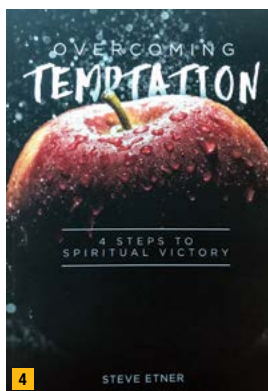
Dave Emerson '04 was named Admissions Officer of the Year at the annual American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP) conference.

Ryan '04 and Joelle (Marquardt) McCormick '05, Abigail (Winburn) Davis '05, and Sam Abels '97 enjoyed a hiking trip in the Austrian Alps together. Ryan and Joelle are posted with the government in Vienna, Austria.

11 Jade Burley '08, Scott '08 and Angela (Durr) Mitchener '08, Randy Burton '93, Jason Hilgeman '00, and Rachel Roberts '13 are all full-time missionaries who have started a school for Haitian kids living in the sugarcane villages in the Dominican Republic. The school has grown from 390 to 1,800 students.

Erica (Graham) Seabold '15 has entered her first year of residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Ascension Via Christi Hospitals.

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.



NEW ADDITIONS

12 Amy (Clutz) Todich '99 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Joel Harrison on June 1, 2019. He joined older brothers Jonathan (4) and Josiah (2).

13 Dale Pinkley '99 and his wife, Sarah, brought home their son Kemloveson Miracle from Haiti. He joined his older brother and sister, Isaac and Naomi.

14 Elizabeth (Whitley) Garard '02 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Levi Henry on February 22, 2019. Levi was welcomed home by big sister Nora. The family resides in Urbana, Illinois.

15 Laura (Castle) Gauntt '06 and her husband, David, announce the birth of Rebecca Ann on November 12, 2018. Rebecca was welcomed home by Leah (4) and Daniel (2). The Gauntt family resides in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

16 Heather (Hayes) Vedder '08 and her husband, Justin, announce the birth of Jude Michael on December 5, 2018. The Vedder family lives in Charlotte, Michigan.

17 Elisabeth (Small) Addis '09 and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of Israel Zane on May 22, 2018. Israel was welcomed home by older brother, Jordan Zane. The Addis family resides in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Elisabeth is a stay-at-home mom, and Stephen just returned from a deployment to Afghanistan with the United States Marine Corps.

18 Katie (Kremer) Gloria '11 and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of Emma Katherine on March 22, 2019. She is joined by big sister Violet at the family's home in Overland Park, Kansas.

19 Jeff '12 and Laura (Thayer) Evans '10 welcomed Micah Elliot in August 2018. Big brother Josiah is excited to have a new playmate and friend. Jeff works as the Vice President of Business and Institutional Relations for Jerusalem University College, and Laura adjuncts for Cedarville University and runs a private music studio.

20 Shelby (Haas) Thornton '14 and her husband, Jeremy, announce the birth of Evelyn Justine on June 28, 2019. Evelyn has one older brother, Riley Alan (8). Shelby works as a geriatric social worker/clinical supervisor, and Jeremy is a sergeant at a corrections facility. The Thorntons reside in Ironton, Ohio.

21 Kevin '16 and Alyssa (Smith) Poole '16 announce the birth of Macy Renae on March 7, 2019.



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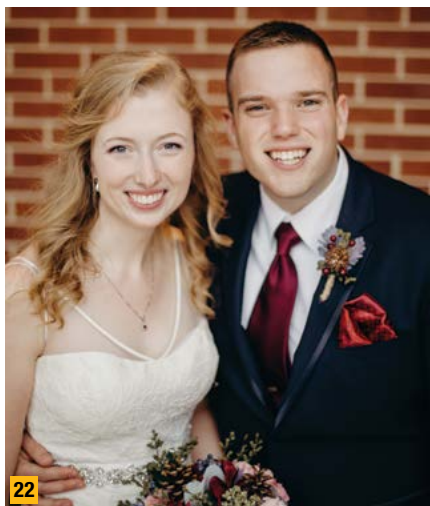


MARRIAGES

22 Anna Salisbury '18 and Daniel Beam were married on December 15, 2018. They reside in Clifton, Ohio.

23 Stephen Schindler '13 and **Anna Burr '18** were married on July 27, 2019. They reside in Cedarville, Ohio, where they both work at Cedarville University. Stephen is Special Assistant to the Vice President for Advancement, and Anna is Assistant Director of Admissions.

24 Ryan Smith '19 and **Jocelyn Quirple '19** were married on July 5, 2019.



IN MEMORIAM

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

Herbert Hood '52 of Fairfield, Ohio, passed away on August 11, 2019.

John Butler '61 of Jefferson, Wisconsin, passed away on July 17, 2019.

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ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Alumnus of the Year

25 Don Lough, Jr. '87 was recognized for his commitment to reaching the next generation for Christ. He has served with Word of Life since 1992 in various capacities and has been the Executive Director of Word of Life Fellowship since 2011. He has been a Cedarville University Trustee since 2014.



Young Alumna of the Year

26 Jerica (Ward) Lamar '09 was recognized for her servant leadership to her country. She joined the Peace Corps directly after college, and later joined the U.S. State Department. She is currently serving as a U.S. diplomat stationed in Kenya.

Honorary Alumni of the Year

27 Warren and Betty Wiersbe were posthumously recognized for the years of friendship and abundant generosity to Cedarville University. In fall 2018, the Wiersbes gifted Warren's vast personal library to Cedarville University. This impressive collection of commentaries, nonfiction publications, and works of literature is now housed in the Warren and Betty Wiersbe Library and Reading Room in Cedarville's Center for Biblical and Theological Studies. Dr. Wiersbe went home to be with his Lord and Savior on May 2 of this year. His dear wife of nearly 66 years joined him just six weeks later on June 15.



EVENTS



CU in Indianapolis – August 7, 2019



CU in Chicago – August 10, 2019



Second Generation Dinner – August 16, 2019

HOMECOMING AND PARENTS WEEKEND 2019

We had an amazing Homecoming and Parents Weekend this year. We were blessed with beautiful weather, which made all of our outdoor activities an even more joyful time of celebration. There were more than 1,200 alumni, parents, and children who attended, with equal numbers of alumni and parents on campus. Cedarville family and friends enjoyed traditional events, such as the cardboard canoe race on Friday afternoon, which featured 46 teams; the homecoming parade Saturday morning, with 2019 Grand Marshal Janice (Warren) Supplee '86, Cedarville's Vice President for Marketing and Communication and Dean of Graduate Studies; and Living Water: A Worship Experience, an incredible time of worship together as a fitting finale to close the weekend. In addition to these special events, we were also blessed to host the class of 1969 for their 50th reunion and the class of 1994 for their 25th. We also held Banner Year Receptions for classes ending in "9" or "4." To relive this special weekend, you can access on-demand videos at cedarville.edu/homecoming. And please join us next year on October 2–3, 2020.

