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**1897 - Present**

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**Presbyterian Years, 1894-1953**

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1897	Charles Frederick Pass, Pastor Cincinnati, Ohio	First Graduation
1898	Rev. Frank Baker	
1899		
1900	No speaker; musical presentations	
1901	Graduate orations	
1902	E. Trumbull Lee, Pastor Second Presbyterian Church Cincinnati, Ohio	
1903	Graduate orations	
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1906	Robert Watson, Professor Lane Seminary Cincinnati, Ohio	
1907	Guy Potter Benton, President Miami University Oxford, Ohio	
1908	Simeon D. Fess, President Antioch College Yellow Springs, Ohio	

- 1909 Graduate orations
- 1910 W. O. Thompson, President  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio
- 1911 Levi Gilbert, Editor  
Western Christian Advocate  
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1912 John F. Herget, Pastor  
Ninth Street Baptist Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1913 George M. Rourke, Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church  
Springfield, Ohio
- 1914 Charles Summer Brown, Pastor  
Walnut Hills Baptist Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1915 Simeon D. Fess, President  
Antioch College  
Yellow Springs, Ohio
- 1916 W. D. Cole, District Superintendent  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
Springfield, Ohio
- 1917 M. B. Fuller, Pastor  
First Methodist Episcopal Church  
Lima, Ohio
- 1918 Frank B. Willis  
*[Former Governor of Ohio]*
- 1919 Hugh Houston, Pastor  
Central Methodist Episcopal Church  
Springfield, Ohio
- 1920 John Alvin Orr, Pastor  
United Presbyterian Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
*[Cedarville, Class of 1897]*

- 1921 George W. Bunton, Pastor  
Grace Methodist Episcopal Church  
Dayton, Ohio
- 1922 James McMaster, McQuilkin, Pastor  
First United Presbyterian Church  
Carnegie, Pennsylvania
- 1923 Homer Henderson  
Detroit, Michigan
- 1924 Edgar A. Guest, Poet and Writer
- 1925 Bishop McDowell  
Washington, D.C.
- 1926 Clyde A. Kelley  
U. S. House of Representatives  
33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Pennsylvania
- 1927 T. S. Henderson, Bishop
- 1928 Florence E. Allen, Judge
- 1929 Edwin H. Hughes, Bishop  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
Chicago, Illinois
- 1930 Percival Barker, Pastor  
Point Breeze Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1931 T. R. Turner, Pastor  
Presbyterian Church  
Quincy, Massachusetts
- 1932 A. Gordon MacLennan, Pastor  
Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1933 Mason Douglas, Judge  
Common Pleas Court  
Montgomery County, Ohio

- 1934 M. Earle Collins, Acting President  
Tarkio College  
Tarkio, Missouri
- 1935 Donald H. Tippet, Pastor  
Bexley Methodist Episcopal Church  
Columbus, Ohio
- 1936 N. E. Steele, Executive Secretary  
South Dakota Education Association  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- 1937 Frank D. Slutz, Lecturer and Educator  
Dayton, Ohio
- 1938 Paul C. Martin, Attorney  
Springfield, Ohio
- 1939 Paul W. Gauss, Pastor  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Youngstown, Ohio
- 1940 Ray M. Davis, Superintendent of Missions  
United Presbyterian Church of North America
- 1941 Kenneth Irving Brown, President  
Denison University  
Granville, Ohio
- 1942 Clayton E. Williams, Pastor  
Seventh Presbyterian Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1943 William J. Hutchins  
Danforth Foundation  
St. Louis, Missouri  
*[former President, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky]*
- 1944 Hugh Ivans, Pastor  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Dayton, Ohio
- 1945 O. Frank Storch, Pastor  
Calvary Presbyterian Church  
Detroit, Michigan

- 1946 William F. Wills  
Cedar Falls, Iowa
- 1947 John Alvin Orr, Head of the Department of Bible  
Erskine College  
Due West, South Carolina  
*[Cedarville, Class of 1897]*
- 1948 E. Earle Collins, President  
Tarkio College  
Tarkio, Missouri  
*[Cedarville, Class of 1923]*
- 1949 Wade Miller, Superintendent  
Middletown Schools  
Middletown, Ohio
- 1950 Earl Anderson, Professor of Higher Education  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio
- 1951 Charles P. Taft  
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1952
- 1953 Alan F. Griffin, Professor of Education  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

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### **Baptist Years, 1953 – Present**

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- 1954 Raymond Hamilton, Pastor  
Belden Ave. Baptist Church  
Chicago, Illinois
- 1955 Harold T. Commons, President  
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism
- 1956 J. Edward Hakes, President  
Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

- 1957 Paul Jackson  
Baptist Bible Seminary  
Johnson City, New York
- 1958 Joseph M. Stowell, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Hackensack, New Jersey
- 1959 John Murray, President  
Shelton College  
Ringwood, New Jersey
- 1960 Wilbert Welch, President  
Grand Rapids Theological Seminary  
Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 1961 Robert T. Ketcham, National Consultant  
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches
- 1962 David Otis Fuller, Pastor  
Wealthy Street Baptist Church  
Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 1963 Hall Dautel, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Harvey, Illinois
- 1964 Earle G. Griffeth, Vice President  
Piedmont Bible College  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- 1965 John F. Walvoord, President  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
Dallas, Texas
- 1966 Joseph M. Stowell, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Hackensack, New Jersey
- 1967 Herman A. Hoyt, President  
Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College  
Winona Lake, Indiana
- 1968 Carl E. Elgena, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
New York, New York

- 1969 Warren Wiersbe, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Covington, Kentucky
- 1970 Martin Wedge, Pastor  
Berean Baptist Church  
Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 1971 David Nettleton, President  
Faith Baptist Bible College  
Ankeny, Iowa
- 1972-1978 James T. Jeremiah, President  
Cedarville College
- 1979-2003 Paul H. Dixon, President  
Cedarville University
- 2004 Lynne V. Cheney, Author and Senior Fellow  
American Enterprise Institute  
Washington, D.C.  
*[Wife of Richard Cheney, Vice President of the United States]*
- 2005 William E. Brown, President  
Cedarville University
- 2006 Tim Goeglein  
Special Assistant to the President (U.S.)  
and Deputy Director of Public Liaison  
Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Charles W. Colson  
Prison Fellowship founder  
Syndicated Columnist  
Landsdowne, Virginia
- 2008 Kay Cole James  
President  
Gloucester Institute  
Gloucester, Virginia
- 2009 Mark Bailey  
President  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
Dallas, Texas



2010	Dan T. Cathy President Chick-fil-A Atlanta, Georgia
2011	Barry C. Black Chaplain of the U.S. Senate Washington, D.C.
2012	Franklin Graham President and CEO Samaritan's Purse Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Charlotte, North Carolina
2013	William E. Brown, President Cedarville University
2014 - 2019	Thomas White, President Cedarville University
2020	NO COMMENCEMENT HELD [Covid19 pandemic]
2021	Thomas White, President Cedarville University