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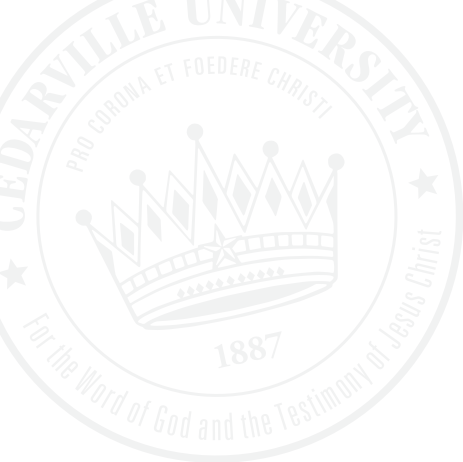
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*for* CEDARVILLE

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Truly, truly, I say to you! ... Hark! ... Behold!

The Bible has a way of signaling important words or events. Teachers say things like, "Write this down," "This is important," or "You may see this again." These words get our attention, and I hope we have your attention now because what follows is transformational!

The following pages contain a historic announcement in the life of Cedarville University.






In these pages, you will read about the launch of the largest fundraising campaign in our history that will impact every area of Cedarville, including two new academic buildings whose quality will match the excellence of the programs within. We will need your prayer and support to accomplish this ambitious goal.

You will also read about the largest homecoming in the history of Cedarville, the largest enrollment ever, the fact that we are debt-free likely for the first time ever, and a CU Around the Nation tour that may be coming to a city near you. The theme throughout these stories is that God has been gracious in pouring out His blessings upon Cedarville.

I hope you will read these pages carefully. I hope you will join us in prayer as we launch the most comprehensive campaign in our history. And I hope that you will be encouraged in the faith as Cedarville University continues to stand for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Thomas White,  
President

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Cedarville University transforms lives through excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority.

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For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ

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Announcing

# ONE THOUSAND DAYS TRANSFORMED

BY CLEM BOYD

The Campaign  
for CEDARVILLE

Jeremiah Chapel was humming on October 1 as students, faculty, staff, and alumni awaited the historic announcement promised to be part of the annual State of the University address. More than 2,000 others joined via livestream.

Anticipation and enthusiasm filled the auditorium, evident in the 3,500 voices praising God: “Sing with joy now, our God is for us; The Father’s love is a strong and mighty fortress.”

A lone narrator on the video screens asked a powerful question: “What is the power of one life transformed?”

The music intensified: “What about two? Or 10? Or hundreds? Or thousands?”

Think about it: What is the impact of more than 30,000 alumni around the world standing for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ? What is the impact of one University with a bold vision to see lives transformed?

This was the driving message of the video introduction that culminated with a call to action: “Now is the time to advance this bold vision!”

The video concluded, and Dr. White took the stage. He publicly announced that Cedarville is launching *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville*, a \$125 million comprehensive campaign, the largest ever in the University’s



134-year history. This historic fundraising effort will be used to expand our capacity, make Cedarville accessible through scholarships, transform students' lives in and out of the classroom, and provide for the future, all with a single goal: Transforming students' lives by the power of the Gospel to advance the Kingdom, not for our glory but for His alone.

This bold vision for Cedarville will add six new facilities; grow the scope and quality of academic programs; enhance and advance student experiences through chapel, global outreach, and athletics; increase affordability; and provide for the long-term sustainability of the University.

As Dr. White showed a graphic revealing the \$125 million goal, it was easy to feel daunted. Of course, the Lord can do more than we ask or imagine, but there was a question building in everyone's minds — how will such a lofty amount be reached?

Dr. White seemed unfazed by the goal. And then, as the graphic began moving, it became clear why. The circular bar sped past the \$10 million mark toward \$20 million. Then \$30 million. There was a stirring in the crowd at this point, as everyone wondered when the line would stop. Past \$50 million it went, then \$60 million, \$70 million, and \$80 million. When it finally halted at \$95,609,432, the room erupted. The applause and cheering gave way to a standing ovation. Everyone was in awe of what God had already done. It was a standing ovation to the Lord.

And to know that Cedarville is approaching this transformative campaign with no debt — what a remarkable position of grace and strength, provided by God, not by man. Meditating on all the Lord has done already encouraged everyone at the prospect of what is yet to come.

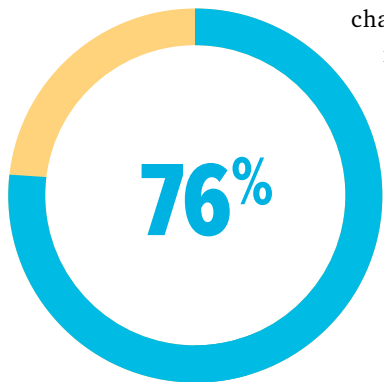
As the chapel closed, and Dr. White ended in a prayer of thanks and gratitude, conversations percolated through the room. God is certainly faithful, and we can trust Him. As the audience streamed out of chapel, discussions focused on the goodness of God and hope for the future.

In a time when the world seems to be unraveling before us, that hope is needed more than ever. God has blessed Cedarville and providentially moved on behalf of this place where the Word of God is honored and a biblical worldview is taught in every discipline. Where an undergraduate's 1,000 days on campus is spent with purpose and intentionality. Where lives are transformed through excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority.

During that homecoming chapel on October 1, there was a palpable sense of joy at the stewardship God has given to Cedarville, a call to make every student's 1,000 days matter. And just as every day for every student matters, every gift matters. Every gift supports the mission of Cedarville University to transform students' lives. Every day matters. Every student matters. Every gift matters.

*Clem Boyd is Managing Editor of Cedarville Magazine.*

To learn more about the campaign, visit [cedarville.edu/Transformed](https://cedarville.edu/Transformed).



**CURRENTLY COMMITTED:**  
**\$95,609,432**

**GOAL:**  
**\$125,000,000**

## 15TH-CONSECUTIVE RECORD ENROLLMENT: AN ETERNAL STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY



For the 15th-consecutive year, Cedarville welcomed a record total number of undergraduate, graduate, and high school dual-enrolled students. The University's enrollment for 2021–22 climbed to 4,715 students — an increase of 3.6%.

The growing number of students seeking academic excellence and intentional discipleship is one of the reasons Cedarville announced *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville*, to ensure we have the spaces, scholarships, and programs to equip students for vocational distinction and godly service.

The record student body included 972 freshmen, which is the second-largest incoming class in history.

## NEW WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL IS PART OF CAMPAIGN PLAN



To accommodate increasing enrollment, Cedarville recently announced plans to construct another residence hall. The 120-bed facility will house female students and is expected

to be open by fall 2022. It will be located on the west end of Johnson and St. Clair residence halls.

“This new residence hall will be a place of intentional discipleship, good friendships, and lifelong memories for women who've chosen Cedarville for their 1,000 days of undergraduate education,” said Cedarville President Thomas White.

## SMALLWOOD TO LEAD CAMPAIGN AS ADVANCEMENT VP



Will Smallwood has been named Vice President for Advancement, succeeding Rick Melson who assumed the presidency of Southwest Baptist University in August.

“I have known Dr. Smallwood for many years and have always been struck by his humility, professionalism, and desire to give God the glory,” said Cedarville President Thomas White.

Smallwood held executive leadership positions at both Louisiana College and Oklahoma Baptist University before joining the Cedarville Advancement team in 2021. During his decade of service at OBU, he launched a five-year comprehensive campaign and surpassed the goal more than a year early.

“I have long observed the excellence of Cedarville at every level. There is a rich history of generous and faithful support from alumni and friends committed to preparing students who will honor the Lord with their careers and bring Gospel intentionality into all aspects of their lives. To play a small role in this worthy and crucial mission is an incredible blessing,” Smallwood commented.

# ADVANCE BUSINESS AS MISSION WITH YOUR GIFT



Work continues on the design of the new Scharnberg Business Center. Construction is slated to begin on this beautiful facility in 2022, pending completion of the fundraising efforts. These renderings show outside and inside views of a facility designed to serve the School of Business. Features include a 500-seat auditorium, classrooms, board room, trading room, Center for Free Enterprise, and offices for the business school faculty and the Department of Communication.

## SUPPORT BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

Leave a legacy or honor a loved one with your naming-level gift, which may be given as a one-time contribution or over four to five years. Please pray about a \$5,000 gift per year for the next five years to name an office or a \$25,000 gift per year over the next four years to name a classroom.

Your gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, or more will help us create a business-as-mission learning environment and provide a setting where 21st century entrepreneurs are trained and prepared to influence every facet of society for Christ.

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Offices	\$25,000
Common Areas and Study Spaces	\$25,000–\$1,000,000
Classrooms	\$100,000–\$1,500,000
Conference Spaces	\$150,000–\$1,000,000
Trading Room	\$750,000
Auditorium	\$3,000,000

For more information, visit [cedarville.edu/Scharnberg](http://cedarville.edu/Scharnberg). You can also email [advancement@cedarville.edu](mailto:advancement@cedarville.edu) or call 937-766-7810.



Join us via livestream for Dr. White’s “Ears to Hear” chapel series as we explore Jesus’ parables recorded in Matthew and Luke. You can access the chapel livestream on any of the following:

- [cedarville.edu/chapellive](http://cedarville.edu/chapellive)
- CU Chapel+ app
- Facebook Live
- YouTube Live

# HELP US EXPAND ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC CAPACITY



## SUPPORT ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Cedarville’s newest in-demand healthcare graduate programs are one step closer to receiving students. And they’ll be meeting in facilities that are a direct result of *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville*.

This summer, the new Master of Medical Science in PA Studies (M.M.Sc.-PA) program received approvals from both the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), and the Master of Athletic Training (M.A.T.) began receiving applications through the Athletic Training Central Application System (ATCAS). The PA program is slated to start classes in 2023, pending approval by its professional accreditor, while the M.A.T. will begin June 2022.

Both programs will benefit from the expansion of athletic and academic capacity at Callan Athletic Center. M.A.T. and PA classrooms, labs, student gathering spaces, and faculty offices will be located in the expanded and renovated facilities in Callan.

The expansion will also include a new weight room for Cedarville student-athletes, providing more workout space for students across campus to enjoy the benefits of weight training. Student-athletes will hold team meetings, review game film, and host events in a new beautifully designed 2,000-square-foot team room. Cedarville Athletics will also use this branded venue during recruiting visits with future Yellow Jackets.

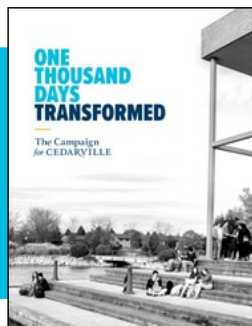
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Your gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, or more will help us promote the physical health and well-being of all students, encourage our athletes to strive for excellence that honors the Lord, and enable our School of Allied Health to equip future athletic trainers and PAs who will use their profession as a platform for the Gospel.

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

PA Program Offices	\$25,000
Athletic Offices	\$25,000
Labs and Classrooms	\$250,000–\$500,000
Athletic Team Room	\$500,000
Varsity Weight Room	\$1,500,000

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# MORE THAN 2,200 ALUMNI RETURN FOR HISTORIC HOMECOMING,

This year's homecoming weekend is one we'll not soon forget. A record number of alumni returned to campus and enjoyed a plethora of brand-new and traditional activities, including a lakeside party, car show, on-campus parade route, and worship finale with special guest Matt Papa, the 2021–22 Artist-in-Residence. Add to this honoring six individuals at the Alumni Awards luncheon and the announcement of *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville*, and it was a homecoming to remember.



# CELEBRATE *ONE THOUSAND DAYS TRANSFORMED*



## ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

### Dannah (Barker) Gresh '89 – Alumna of the Year



Gresh is a best-selling author, having written 27 books. She and her husband, Bob '88, founded Pure Freedom Ministries, offering resources and programming to girls, boys, moms, and dads, on purity, godliness, and the transforming power of God's Word.

### Deforia Lane – Honorary Alumna of the Year



Lane has served on the Cedarville Board of Trustees since 1997. She was a music therapist for more than 40 years and devoted her career to reaching hospice and hospitalized patients through music.

### Matthew McLain '12 – Young Alumnus of the Year



McLain teaches at The Masters University in Los Angeles, California. A young-earth paleontologist and part of the first class of Cedarville geology graduates, he regularly presents at conferences, publishes research, and advises Ph.D. students.

## CEDARVILLE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### Kelsey (Jones) Carter '06



Carter was the award-winning setter on the 2005 National Christian College Athletic Association champion volleyball team. She was NCCAA National Player of the Year in 2004. Carter remains Cedarville's all-time leader in assists with 6,662.

### Kari (Flunker) Hoffman '05



Hoffman is the all-time leader in three-point shots made, three-point field goal percentage and assists for the Lady Jackets basketball team. She served as head coach from 2016–2020, leading her team to three regular-season conference championships.

### Jason Scott '07



Scott was a two-time NAIA indoor national champion in pole vault, and earned one outdoor championship. He is a five-time NAIA All-American. Scott served as assistant coach for both men's and women's track and field at Cedarville from 2013–2017.

# A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY

*The time is now!*

We only have so many days to impact our world for Christ. Psalm 90:12 states, “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

On day 1, Megan arrived at Cedarville and was met with rows of smiling and cheering students clapping pool noodles together at “Getting Started,” but internally, a tsunami of doubts and concerns dominated her life. She later told us that during the first week of classes she intended to go back to her room and take her own life. But God!

On day 5, during evening Fall Bible Conference, the speaker presented the life-transforming message of the Gospel. Megan was moved by the message and accepted Jesus as her personal Savior after further discussion with her resident assistant.

Somewhere around day 300, Megan joined a discipleship group where she experienced close-knit community with sisters pursuing Christ together, leading to further life transformation. About day 550, her speech team coach and teammates encouraged her to share the Gospel, and she learned how to bring the Good News of Jesus to those who were far from Christ.

A life transformed that will for endless days sing God’s praise in heaven.

There are lives transformed all over Cedarville’s campus. A lost sinner saved by the power of the Gospel. Students who realize their vocational calling to serve God through a chosen career path. A student joins a discipleship group for the first time and learns the power of small-group accountability. Students embark upon a short-term missions trip where their lives are transformed to pray more, give more, or respond to the call of career missionary service. Students begin daily devotions and for the first time realize the sweet peace of pursuing a personal relationship with God through His Word.

Now our campus needs to be transformed. For more than a decade, God has blessed Cedarville with record enrollments. Our residence halls are full. Our classrooms are not far behind. Chapel overflows with sincere worshippers singing praise and listening with open Bibles. Students apply to Cedarville because they seek a conservative biblical worldview in every major and in every classroom. Students desire academic excellence in an authentically Christian community focused on serving King Jesus. Will we have to turn them away because we have no room? We need more residence halls for discipleship and more classrooms for the cultivation of academic excellence. Not just buildings, but Spirit-filled spaces where eternal impact occurs throughout students’ 1,000 days on campus.

Every Student Matters! Every Day Matters!  
And to accomplish a transformed campus ...  
Every Gift Matters!

We have already witnessed God providing generously to transform our campus so that He may transform more lives for His glory. The hardest part remains. The final quarter of the campaign is like the final quarter of a marathon. Every prayer, every encouragement, and every gift will help us obtain the goal. God will accomplish this goal one way or another, I have no doubt.

I pray that you may experience the joy of accomplishing this goal with us.

Today, you can join this movement and play an important role in what God is doing in the cornfields of Ohio. So, we pray and we ask you to partner with us in training the next generation with excellence to stand for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

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**Thomas White** is President of Cedarville University.

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