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Nursing program
celebrates 30 years
of graduates



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Send your suggestions of who you would like to hear from in next month's Ministry Moment to cedars@cedarville.edu.



by Amy Radwanski




Meet our graphic designer,
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Division I Transfer Starts Over, Serves Others

by Jonathan Gallardo

Starting over is hard to do, as Justice Montgomery would tell you. A transfer athlete from American University, a Division I school, Montgomery has had to adjust to Cedarville this semester as a junior. According to himself, his coaches and his teammates, Montgomery brings not only talent to the men's basketball team, but an unselfish spirit and a servant's heart.

Starting over

Montgomery has started over before, but that doesn't make it any easier for him, he said. When he switched schools in eighth grade, he had to leave the friends that he'd made in elementary school.

"When I had to go to Orlando Christian Prep, it was one of the worst things for me, because I had to start over again," he said. "But that's always been the biggest thing, just trying to adjust to a new environment. It's always going to be a struggle."

He's adjusting well, though, said men's basketball head coach Pat Estep. Montgomery lives in a townhouse with some of his teammates.

"The guys love being around him, and he's a great fit," Estep said. "Being a transfer's difficult. You're coming in midway through, and he had good relationships at American, and I know that's a little bit of a struggle – being away from those guys – because he doesn't know our guys quite as well. But as far as fitting in, you couldn't ask for a better fit, and he's tremendous."

Division I to Division II

Montgomery spent the first two years of his college career at American University, a private university located on the outskirts of the nation's capital. He was on the basketball team, but he did not get much playing time, averaging seven minutes a game his freshman year. His sophomore year he played a total of 15 minutes for the entire season. Montgomery said he felt his time at American was coming to an end.

"I just felt that I wanted to go to a Christian school for the remainder of my college



photos by Jonathan Gallardo

Junior Justice Montgomery (left), a transfer student from American University, guards teammate J.C. Faubion during practice. Montgomery played basketball at the Division I school before coming to Cedarville this semester.

years," he said, "and I felt, also, that basketball there wasn't the best because I didn't really like the coaches."

The transfer process began shortly after the season ended. Estep was looking to fill holes, as he had lost four seniors from the team. He and his assistant coaches kept their eye on a list of Division I transfers.

"Our first line of recruiting with transfers is we look at social media accounts, and usually you can rule a kid out right away

based on what they're putting on there," Estep said. "And then sometimes you can get a kid where you think, just based on things he's saying, 'He might be a great fit here.'"

Assistant coach Zach Brown came across a 5-foot-11-inch point guard named Justice Montgomery.

Estep said, "(Brown) started looking on (Montgomery's) Twitter account, and he's tweeting lyrics from worship songs and we're like, 'Okay, this kid might be a fit.'"

Estep called two coaches who gave him high recommendations of Montgomery, so in May of this year, the point guard visited Cedarville. It was different for Montgomery, having lived in Orlando and attending school in Washington, DC. But he said he enjoyed the visit.

"I loved the campus, and a few of the teammates were here," Montgomery said. "It was Easton (Bazzoli), J.C. (Faubion) and Johnny (Foote), and I really loved hanging

out with them. So they were cool. And the coaches I got along with when I was talking to them and hanging out with them.”

Montgomery, a junior business major, said he doesn't regret the two years he spent at American.

“I felt the first two years of college I was supposed to be at American. I have no doubt about that,” he said. “It made me kind of hear from God and let me know that ministry is something that I want to do.”

Montgomery said one of the reasons he went to a secular school in the first place was the stigma of Christian schools being a bubble.

“I felt God calling me out to impact people who were not in that bubble, because I felt like I didn't want to graduate college and then experience the world and everything be shocking when I'm 21 and haven't experienced anything,” Montgomery said.

“I felt the first two years of college I was supposed to be at American (University). I have no doubt about that. It made me kind of hear from God and let me know that ministry is something that I want to do.”

Justice Montgomery
junior, Division I transfer

A team player

Estepp praised Montgomery's talents, especially his speed and quickness.

“He might be the quickest guy with the ball in his hands in 15 years of being here

that I've coached,” Estepp said. “He can start and stop probably quicker than any guy that I've been privileged to coach.”

Estepp also said Montgomery is a team player.

“He's a pass-first point guard. He's one who will set his teammates up,” Estepp said. “He'd much prefer to do that than (to) shoot. And I think that helps you get into an offensive flow a little easier than having a point guard who wants to score all the time.”

Montgomery echoed this sentiment, comparing his style of play to that of NBA point guard Rajon Rondo.

“I enjoy getting other people involved,” Montgomery said. “For me, it just makes sense, especially being a point guard because if I'm playing well and my teammates aren't, then most likely we're going to lose.”

Estepp added that Montgomery is a good defender.

“He can get out and put pressure on the ball at 90 feet,” Estepp said. “And he can get into the lane, but he can also get up and finish at the rim in traffic because he's pretty athletic.”

Ministry-minded

Once he graduates, Montgomery said he wants to go into ministry. He has been involved in a few ministries already.

“I interned the past two summers at my church as a worship leader. And I also part-time interned with an organization called World Hope that's founded at my church,” he said.

And during his time at American, Montgomery was a part of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Although there's many paths of ministry he can take, Montgomery said he doesn't know which one he'll choose.

“I don't know if I want to be a worship pastor. I don't know if I'd want to do something with a non-profit like World Hope that's doing something for God,” he said. “This summer I might intern with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. So I'm really open to different types of ministry. I just know I want to do something.”

Jonathan Gallardo is a senior journalism major and sports editor for Cedars. He loves writing fiction, listening to music, and he wishes he could be LeBron James.



Men's basketball head coach Pat Estepp said junior transfer Justice Montgomery, left, is a team player and one who's quick on his feet.

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Mom and Dad's Builds Community for 25 Years

The dairy bar bought in 1990 by a missionary couple has served the community – and God – ever since



photo by Jesse Roller

Mom and Dad's Dairy Bar, a popular hang-out spot for the Cedarville community, is celebrating 25 years of business. The restaurant is selling commemorative cups for the anniversary. Customers can buy a cup for \$8.99 and get free refills each time they use the cup at Mom and Dad's.

by Jen Taggart

For Cedarville students, truckers and local residents, Mom and Dad's Dairy Bar and Grill is a common hang-out spot. The restaurant is celebrating its 25th anniversary this October.

From H&R to 'Mom' and 'Dad'

The Holmes family bought the restaurant in 1990 after Bruce and Mary Holmes returned from the mission field in Australia, said Debbie Holmes, daughter of the founding couple and current owner of Mom and Dad's.

Previously, the restaurant was called H&R Dairy Bar and sold burgers, sandwiches, ice cream and pizza.

The Holmes family owned other busi-

nesses as well in the 1990s, such as gift shops and a garden center to help pay bills during the couple's retirement. However, they decided to close the other businesses to focus on the Dairy Bar in the early 2000s.

Holmes said her mother, Mary, was the official owner of Mom and Dad's until she died in 2013. Holmes took on the business at that time.

Holmes said the restaurant's name came from the fact that the Holmes family wanted to provide comfort for college students who may be missing home.

"They said, 'Well, you know sometimes college students get a little homesick and/or always run home to mom and dad,'" Holmes said. "(Students) can run right across the street, and we could help them get what they need or talk if they wanted to – that

kind of thing."

Holmes said eventually the whole town called her parents "mom" and "dad."

Customer-driven

In addition to working at Mom and Dad's, Holmes has taught second grade at Cox Elementary School in Xenia for the past 30 years. She said she works about 120 hours a week, 70 of which are at Mom and Dad's.

But she said being able to see the customers is what keeps Mom and Dad's and her going.

"Now that we've been here so long, kids that were working for us in the early '90s are bringing their children to Cedarville," she said, "so they'd stop in and see us and talk, and we correspond with them. Or kids who

grew up in town will come in and show their kids where they used to come all the time. That's fun."

Hoped-for changes

Holmes said Mom and Dad's has been working on renovations the past few years, such as adding a pick-up window that is now in use. She also said the restaurant has added additional menu items, such as new appetizers, sandwiches and wraps, as well as additional ice cream flavors.

Holmes said she's hoping that in the future she can expand the dining area, because there's not a lot of space for customers to eat. However, the restaurant would have to buy more property in order to expand the building, she said.

But in spite of all these hoped-for

“We’ve had truckers come in and say they got saved. You never know the impact, but it’s available. We talk with people who want to talk, and we’ve had different people come in just to talk about things that are going on in their life.”

Debbie Holmes



photo by Jesse Roller

Debbie Holmes, owner of Mom and Dad’s Dairy Bar and Grill, took over the restaurant after the death of her mom in 2013. The Holmes family purchased the restaurant, now known as Mom and Dad’s, in 1990 upon returning from the mission field in Australia.



photo by Jen Taggart

Cedarville Township resident Bob Baldwin has been coming to the location of Mom and Dad’s for 40 years. The restaurant has been owned by the Holmes family for 25 years, but Baldwin frequented the restaurant during its prior ownership, as well.

“Now that we’ve been here so long, kids that were working for us in the early ‘90s are bringing their children to Cedarville, so they’d stop in and see us and talk, and we correspond with them. Or kids who grew up in town will come in and show their kids where they used to come all the time.”

Debbie Holmes

owner, Mom and Dad’s Dairy Bar and Grill

changes, Holmes said she hopes for Mom and Dad’s service to stay the same.

“Making sure the people feel welcome and know that they can get quality food but not necessarily have to pay a ton,” she said.

Holmes said the type of customers at Mom and Dad’s is a mix between students and people from the community.

“I try to make sure I don’t cater to one set of people. We’re here for everybody,” she said. “And I don’t change my hours when the students aren’t here, I stay open the same hours.”

Familiar faces

Holmes said the restaurant has many regular customers.

One such regular is Bob Baldwin, a Cedarville Township resident. Baldwin has come to the restaurant for about 40 years, before it was even known as Mom and Dad’s.

Baldwin said he comes to Mom and Dad’s almost every day. He said one of his favorite things about the restaurant is the people who work there.

“They’ve got excellent food and the service is excellent,” he said. “Even when they

get college kids over here to work, they’re just as nice as they can be.”

Another customer of Mom and Dad’s is Hayley Gray, a senior youth ministry major who has been coming to Mom and Dad’s since she transferred to Cedarville her sophomore year.

Like Baldwin, Gray said she enjoys the friendly and fast service. She said that she and a friend were lying in hammocks near the Callan Athletic Center on campus one day, and the two had Mom and Dad’s delivered.

“We almost told them to come to our hammocks, but we just had them meet us in Callan,” Gray said, “so they meet us around the loop, and we got our food and went in our hammock and just ate Mom and Dad’s in the hammock.”

Anne Heitman, who has been working at Mom and Dad’s since 2001, said people of all types come into the restaurant.

“You can get people that are really friendly,” she said. “There are people sometimes that come in here that are just so sad, and you get people who are really excited.”

Heitman said she enjoys getting to

know all of the customers.

“You get to know their orders, know their names, a lot of them back and forth,” she said. “They get to know you, and people start teasing back and forth.”

Mom and Dad’s on mission

One feature that Holmes said her father wanted in the restaurant was a chance to share the gospel – to continue to be on mission even though the couple was retired from the mission field in Australia. For this reason, the family decided to have gospel tracts by the counter.

“No one’s forced to take them, they’re there if they want them. We’ve had truckers come in and say that they got saved,” Holmes said. “You never know the impact, but it’s available. We talk with people who want to talk, and we’ve had different people come in just to talk about things that are going on in their life.”

Jen Taggart is a junior journalism major and off-campus news editor for Cedars. She enjoys writing, listening to music and fueling her chocolate addiction.

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Dr. Murdoch: Half a Century of Service

Murray Murdoch begins his 51st year of teaching at Cedarville University



photo by Jennifer Gammie

Murray Murdoch is a senior professor of history at Cedarville. The 2015-2016 academic year is Murdoch's 51st year of teaching at the university.

by *Kjersti Fry*

For some at Cedarville, it's hard to imagine staying at the university for seven years to complete the Doctor of Pharmacy program. But Murray Murdoch, senior professor of history, has dedicated

50 years of his life to teaching and serving students at Cedarville.

Murdoch said his family has supported him and encouraged him throughout his lengthy career.

He and his wife Ruth have enjoyed 57 years of marriage and have two sons, Jim

and Mark, who attended Cedarville. The couple also has four grandchildren.

Following God's lead

Murdoch was raised in a pastor's home and received his first education from Baptist Bible Seminary. He completed three years

of general education and two years of theology studies, graduating with a bachelor's of theology. He said this program was similar to Cedarville's Master of Divinity program and served to prepare him for ministry.

Murdoch then studied at Northwestern University in Illinois, pursuing first a master's degree in American history and then a Ph.D. in the same.

Because of his upbringing, Murdoch had envisioned himself becoming a pastor, but when he left seminary, he struggled with God about his career path. He said certain events and changes within the local church had made him uncomfortable with taking on the position of pastor.

Although Murdoch had long assumed that following God's will for his life would take him into the pastorate, God compelled him to go into Christian education, he said.

"Christian education really became a calling before I got out of seminary," Murdoch said.

Because he had struggled with the church's position on race and segregation, Murdoch became interested in the study of worldviews. He said he felt God calling him to teach worldview to a larger audience.

To accomplish this, he looked for a Christian college and accepted when Cedarville offered him a position.

More than a professor

Although students at Cedarville may know Murdoch better for his history and sociology classes, Murdoch has been heavily involved in a variety of extracurricular activities during his years at Cedarville.

He held the position of head coach of Cedarville's men's tennis team for 29 years, and he restarted the organization Alpha Chi, previously a literary organization, as a men's service org and Cedarville's first service org.

Murdoch said he believes initiation hazing is unnecessary, so to become a member of Alpha Chi, students were required to serve others in ways such as cleaning lawns.

Alpha Chi also organized all-school banquets held in the gym, which at the time was located in the Tyler Digital Communication Center.

The first Red Cross unit on Cedarville's campus was organized by Alpha Chi, as was the first Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team.

Murdoch said the EMS team began as an all-male group, but when women showed interest in being trained as well, Murdoch handed the training over to Cedarville's nurse.

Murdoch said Alpha Chi's primary goal was service that represented the Christian worldview. The two overarching principles for joining the org, Murdoch said, were that the org was not exclusive and that members must be willing to serve.

One of Murdoch's fondest memories of his time with Alpha Chi is from an all-school banquet. After the banquet was over, a paraplegic Alpha Chi member wanted to help clean up, so another member pushed the wheelchair while the paraplegic swept the floor.

"To me that's what an organization is all about: an opportunity to help one another, to build into one another's lives, to encourage one another, and to make everyone feel special," Murdoch said.

Then a student, now a colleague

Thomas Mach, professor of history at Cedarville and chair of the department of history and government, first knew Murdoch as an advisor, then as a colleague.

Mach attended Cedarville for his undergraduate studies. He changed his major to history during his sophomore year and got to know Murdoch through the advisor-advisee relationship.

Mach said after that change of major,

he realized graduate school was necessary for his career but doubted if he was ready for such a challenge.

Mach said Murdoch faithfully talked to him about this decision, evaluated his work and encouraged him to pursue grad school.

"I wouldn't have done it if he hadn't encouraged me to pursue it," Mach said. "There's no question in my mind."

After graduating from Cedarville, Mach pursued graduate school, receiving his doctorate in U.S. history from the University of Akron. He said he kept in touch with Murdoch during this time.

Mach went on to teach history and government courses at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University for six years. But when an opportunity opened to work at Cedarville, Mach applied, and Murdoch – chair of the department of history and government at the time – hired him.

Mach said Murdoch has mentored him both as a student and as a professor.

He said he still goes to Murdoch for advice because Murdoch is always willing to talk about, think through, and pray about issues.

"A big part of the reason why I wanted to teach in college was because of the influence of people like him in my life," Mach said.

Spiritual leadership

Mach said Murdoch integrates biblical principles into the lives and decisions of other faculty members at Cedarville. Murdoch leads a series of sessions for new faculty on integrating biblical truths into their material.

Mach said he remembers a pivotal time in Cedarville's growth and development as a university, during which Murdoch pointed all faculty members back to their founda-

tion in the Bible.

At this time, Murdoch proposed a resolution to the faculty that reaffirmed their commitment to Scripture as both inspired and inerrant, and the resolution was unanimously agreed upon by the faculty. Mach said he believes Murdoch didn't let the faculty forget about what was most important, and Murdoch was able to influence them in this way because of the respect he had earned.

The students

Without a doubt, Murdoch said, his favorite part of working at Cedarville is his work with Cedarville students. And he has kept up with the lives of his former students as well, some of whom are faculty at Cedarville, some out in the workplace, and some even retired.

"I continue to take great joy in seeing the successes of former students," Murdoch said. "I have no greater joy than that."

He said he enjoys experiencing the youth, energy, desire for learning and inquisitiveness of some students.

Although he is no longer an adviser for Cedarville students, Murdoch said he takes great interest in mentoring and assisting students in their studies and careers. He engages in both personal counseling, relational counseling, and helping students through difficulties.

"The whole process of being a mentor is really an incredible privilege," Murdoch said.

Mach said Murdoch is always willing to talk to a student, no matter how full his schedule. He compares this to the way Murdoch made time for him as his adviser.

"His mentality is the same: if a student shows up at his door, he's going to take the time to talk to them," Mach said. "That's his number one priority."

Seeking God through 50 years of change

Murdoch said he has witnessed a number of changes throughout his 50 years at Cedarville.

He said the faculty has developed and grown tremendously, in both its size and views on civil rights, diversity and race.

"The great value of diversity is that as

"His mentality is the same: if a student shows up at his door, he's going to take the time to talk to them. That's his number one priority."

Thomas Mach

department of history and government chair

we learn to know people of ethnic backgrounds and increase our knowledge of one another, we begin to realize anew ... that we are sinners saved by grace and together we can serve the Lord," Murdoch said. "God says we are one in Christ. That oneness is what we trumpet now as a university, and that oneness was a bit of a struggle when I first got here."

Despite the numerous changes, developments and challenges that have interspersed his career, Murdoch said it's important to persevere through such hardships.

"The key thing is, first know yourself, and second, know what God wants of your life. And then, seek to do God's will," Murdoch said.

He said he encourages students to be open to change from God, because not everyone will spend 50 years in one career as he has done. Murdoch said he knows firsthand the importance of allowing God to take the lead.

"Be very sensitive to the direction of God and don't get in God's way," he said. "Let God lead you."

Kjersti Fry is a sophomore pharmacy major and campus news editor for Cedars. She enjoys playing piano and ultimate Frisbee and spending time with friends and family.

"The key thing is, first know yourself, and second, know what God wants of your life. And then, seek to do God's will."

Murray Murdoch
senior professor of history

School of Nursing Turns 30, Keeps Mission



photo by Campbell Bortel

Nursing students represent Cedarville's School of Nursing in the Homecoming Parade Oct. 3. The nursing program celebrates 30 years of classes and graduates at Cedarville.

by *Rebekah Erway*

For three decades, Cedarville University's School of Nursing has strived to educate nurses to use their ministry for Christ.

Karen Callan, director of nursing laboratory programs and facilities, was one of the first 30 students enrolled in the program in 1985.

"It was a big deal," Callan said. "We were the guinea pigs, but in a good way. It was awesome."

The vision and the mission

Callan said the work of Irene Alyn, the first director of the nursing program, was instrumental during those beginning years.

"(Dr. Alyn) had such a vision to what it could be, and God has honored that vision," Callan said. "She was so far ahead of a lot of people. It's just cool to see that vision, and even though it took us a few years to

get to where she already was, I'm just really thankful for her."

Alyn's vision is still evident in the nursing program today: using nursing as a ministry for Christ.

More than just a statement, the entire Cedarville nursing program centers on this mission, said Mark Klimek, associate professor of nursing and one of the founding professors of the program.

"Educat(ing) nurses who will use nursing as a ministry for Christ (is) why we're here," Klimek said. "It's why we exist."

The program's curriculum seeks to prepare students to be spiritual leaders in the nursing profession, Klimek said.

"If you're (going to) educate a nurse to use nursing as a ministry for Christ," Klimek said, "you can't just teach them about medicine (and) about healthcare. They have to learn what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a follower of Christ."

The program uses 2 Peter 1:5-7 as the

key verses for teaching students how to live for Christ. Students take a course each semester of the four-year program, which is based on one of the eight Christian characteristics in the verses from 2 Peter.

"We want to be purposeful (in our biblical teaching)," Klimek said. "If we're no different than Ohio State, why should we even exist? We exist because we do it according to what we believe, (according to) what the Bible says."

The instruction

In addition to strong biblical teaching, the Cedarville nursing school has had excellent medical instruction from the beginning, Klimek said. The professors that teach each specific role of nursing in Cedarville's program have experience in those roles.

"You need a specialist to teach the specialties," Klimek said. "(The program has had) two or more specialists in each area since day one."

The nursing program has also had a high percentage of professors teaching who hold a doctorate in their subject area. Klimek said four of the first six people hired to the program held a doctorate, and this number has only grown.

The expansion

Growth has been one of the biggest changes in the nursing program throughout the last 30 years.

Klimek said the people involved in the program have increased from six faculty and 20-30 students to 23 faculty and 400-500 students.

"It's just getting bigger," he said.

Callan said the program graduated 98 seniors last year.

"Even though it is so large, we're still very family-oriented," she said. "(Nursing is) the largest single major on campus and (has) been for many years."

Angelina Mickle, interim dean of the School of Nursing and assistant professor, described how Cedarville has grown to accommodate the students.

"If all 110 (current freshmen nursing students) decided that they want to stick to

"How will we, Cedarville, lead the profession to where the leadership in nursing uses nursing as a ministry for Christ? How can we lead to develop that on an international level? We've been given a lot. Why should we sit just in Ohio?"

Mark Klimek

founder professor of nursing program

our program, we will accommodate them, we will take care of them," Mickle said. "Our program and our university has always supported that growth. We don't turn students away."

Part of that accommodation has included the construction of new buildings for the nursing program to use. Callan said the Engineering and Science Center (formerly known as the Engineering, Nursing and Science building) was built in 1992, but the program outgrew that building quickly.

"We had to be really creative in how we did things," Callan said. "When (the Health Sciences Center) was built three years ago, it was just such a huge blessing."

With the new buildings came new, improved technology for the program.

"We have state-of-the-art simulation that is envied by a lot of schools," she said.

“For this size university we have excellent facilities.”

Klimek said the quality of technology for the program has definitely improved throughout the years.

“The things we had at the beginning are nothing like we have now as far as resources go,” he said.

According to Klimek, the early nursing program had only one mannequin and no room dedicated exclusively for use as a lab. The professors had to rearrange the room and set up class every single day.

“(Despite the challenges), we did it,” he said. “We had some of our best graduates come from those classes, which proves technology doesn’t make the program but just assists it.”

Today, the School of Nursing has nearly 30 beds in three different labs on campus.

Another huge part of the growth of the nursing program was the addition of the

master’s program under the development of director Jan Conway. There are approximately 60 students currently enrolled in Cedarville’s hybrid M.S.N. program, with classes both online and on campus. The graduate program, which focuses either on global public health or on family nurse practitioner, strives to enable nurses to impact communities and take care of more people.

“We’re taking care of the masses,” Mickle said. “And that’s the future.”

The graduations

Today, the Cedarville Nursing School graduates have impacted thousands of lives. The school has had over 1,800 graduates in 30 years.

Callan said, “Even though we’re in the cornfields of Ohio, we reach a lot of people.”

A map in the upstairs of the Health Sciences Center displays the areas of the world in which Cedarville nursing graduates are

ministering in their profession. Alumni work in areas ranging from Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton and clinics in Africa to international schools of nursing.

Mickle said, “Knowing that I have a little piece of that (impact) kind of sprinkled over the world is exciting.”

And the nursing program plans to continue its impact.

“We have sustained 30 years of excellence,” Mickle said. “We need to plan that this will be here for another 30 years.”

The direction

Klimek said that though he doesn’t know exactly where the nursing program is headed, he knows God will lead it in some direction to impact the world for Christ.

“How will we, Cedarville, lead the profession to where the leadership in nursing uses nursing as a ministry for Christ? How can we lead to develop that on an interna-

tional level?” Klimek said. “We’ve been given a lot. Why should we sit just in Ohio?”

Klimek said that by training nursing leaders throughout the next few years, Cedarville can make an even bigger impact.

“(Cedarville’s program can aim to) influence the entire profession,” he said. “Not just nurses, but nursing.”

And Cedarville’s School of Nursing is continuing the Christ-centered mission with which it began.

“We know what the mission is, and we’re on mission,” Klimek said. “We’ve been on mission, and God has brought the right leaders and the right faculties at just the right times for it to be where it is.”

Rebekah Erway is a sophomore English major and reporter for Cedars. She is a die-hard Disney, VeggieTales and Lord of the Rings fan, and she enjoys speaking in a British accent.

NURSING by the NUMBERS

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Purity and Redemption

A Cedarville women's ministry org strives to mentor young women to a biblical understanding of purity

by Anna Dembowski

Purity: the word may make you squirm. Physical purity, modesty and the like are emphasized at a young age, perhaps more so for tween and teen girls than for boys. But in a Christian community such as Cedarville University, the purity conversations must not be avoided, said Tara Winter, org adviser for Sanctify Ministries.

“The purity conversation you had when you were 12 or 13 looks a lot different when you are 19 or 20,” said Winter, the licensure, testing and accreditation coordinator for Cedarville’s School of Education. “When we say the word purity, we often just think about, ‘I did or didn’t have sex.’ Well, that’s not quite how the Bible defines purity.”

Sanctify Ministries, a student organization, focuses on four kinds of purity: physical, emotional, mental and spiritual.

“God calls us to live a life that is pure and holy unto him. Well, that’s every bit of our lives,” Winter said. “Purity is a state of mind. Purity is a state of the heart. It is understanding what God has called us to, and out of our response of our love for God, we respond by living our life in this way – in a pure and holy way unto him.”

The org’s beginning

Sanctify Ministries, which now has 15 members – four of whom make up a “lead team” – was formed in 2004 by Yukiko Johnson, a Cedarville employee at the time.

“She just had a passion for women’s purity,” Winter said.

The org formed before the days of the now-abundant discipleship groups, and it served as an on-campus Bible study in which a few hundred girls studied a different book focused on purity each semester. As the campus Bible study ministry expanded, Sanctify refocused its ministry to reach sixth- through 12th-grade girls at retreats and conferences in the surrounding states, Winter said. The campus Bible studies lessened as a result.



photos courtesy of Sanctify Ministries

Sanctify Ministries, a student org founded in 2004, has 15 members this year, 10 of which are new to the organization. Tara Winter (center), an employee at Cedarville, is the org’s adviser. Four girls make up the org’s lead team, which leads the remaining 11 girls in ministry.

Winter inherited Sanctify Ministries for the 2010-2011 academic year upon Johnson’s departure. Winter said the org felt Sanctify’s ministry was needed again on-campus, because she didn’t see a place for girls to discuss the hard issues, such as sex before marriage and pornography. Since then, off-campus events have been limited to two to four times a year, and on-campus Girls Night Out (GNO) events have been held four to five times a year to balance the org’s outreach.

Creating a community

Senior Schuyler Price, a mechanical engineering major and vice president of Sanctify, said Sanctify strives to create a place for girls on campus to foster discussion of the

tough issues and find healing as a result.

“It’s kind of the force that drives people to talking about those things that they didn’t think they could ever talk about here (at Cedarville),” Price said. “I like that we can come together with our classmates. We’re not coming in and saying, ‘Oh, we’re experts on this topic. Let me teach you all about it.’ We’re kind of just more facilitating the conversations.”

Price said Sanctify starts the conversations for girls to continue with their RAs and other mentors in dorms and Bible studies. The Sanctify team mentors by sharing experiences, not by giving a list of rights and wrongs, Price said.

“It’s, ‘This is my story and this is where God’s brought me to, so let’s all come along-

side of each other and talk about those things that sometimes the world hides in shame and embarrassment,” Price said, “but really as Christians we do need to pay attention to that and address those things.”

Sanctify President Sarah Brown, a junior pharmacy major, said the org is important to campus culture because a Christian university is often thought of as a place where purity struggles don’t – or can’t – happen.

“Sometimes because of the convictions that Cedarville holds, we kind of back people into a corner where like you can’t have sex before marriage, but if you get pregnant, the perception might be there’s not really like a lot of options for you,” she said. “It’s like a secret sin that you can’t really come

out with, and like God calls us to call our sin into the light.”

Brown said Sanctify’s goal to create a community for people to come and talk about the issues they need to talk about keeps God’s mercy and faithfulness as the focus.

“God is so gracious and merciful to bring you out of your sin, and what he can do with that is really incredible,” she said.

A passion for purity

For Brown, the passion to spread the message of all-encompassing purity comes from a past struggle to find her identity in Christ. For Winter, that passion comes from personal experience.

“I am the first to share at any of our events my own testimony and how God has redeemed purity issues in my past,” Winter said. “To be able to now be a part of such a ministry has been very humbling.”

Winter said she shared her testimony when she began working at Cedarville, and women poured into her office sharing with her about their struggles with purity.

“The reason why I’m passionate about (purity) is because (struggles with purity are) so prevalent, and God can do such amazing redemption through it when we humble ourselves and when we allow him to heal those things to be used to bring others back to him,” Winter said. “It would be overwhelming if God could allow just a little bit of our ministry to help somebody else in that way.”

And so, Winter said her vision for Sanctify Ministries is “to be seeing healing in the area of purity, support on campus for women who are struggling, and having that open communication about purity issues for women.”

Biblical purity

Brown sums up the org’s mission as “meeting girls in a radically pure lifestyle and showing them that they are chosen and cherished by God.”

“We’re a bigger org than just having a place to come talk about sin issues, but I feel like that’s a big part of the ministry,” Brown said.

The themes of GNO events stretch to discussing identity in Christ and what it

looks like to live life rooted in him.

“It focuses on the fact that you need to put your focus on Christ, and I want to share that message,” said Illyssa Smith, sophomore psychology major and Sanctify’s public relations director.

Winter said the biblical foundation for Sanctify Ministries comes from Romans 12:1-3:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” (ESV)

That emotional and mental purity which Sanctify emphasizes is just as influential in life as is physical purity, Winter said.

“Sometimes, we can get ourselves so wrapped up in somebody else and never lay a finger on each other,” she said, “but our hearts are totally given away.”

As for how to break through the Christian culture that considers purity struggles taboo, Winter said it’s about creating a community where forgiveness, openness, accountability and confidence in Christ are plentiful. Healing and the opportunity to minister are inhibited when individuals are quick to judge, label and assume, she said.

“My sin is the same as yours, and I think oftentimes we forget that God died for all of our sins. He forgives me just as he forgives you,” Winter said. “It’s God who needs to deal with our hearts.”

Opportunities to join Sanctify in its ministry are available at the start of each academic year. Until then, attend the next GNO at 7 p.m., Nov. 19 in the BTS Youth Room and follow Sanctify on social media.

Keep up with Sanctify on Instagram

(@sanctify_ministries) and Facebook

(CUSanctifyMinistries)

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The Sanctify Ministries team hosted a purity retreat at Skyview Ranch in 2014 and will be returning for a retreat at the ranch this year. The org ministers to the off-campus community through retreats and conferences and to the on-campus Cedarville community through Girls Night Out events each semester.

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Presidential Candidate Visits CU, Advocates Success



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by Anna Dembowski

Cedarville University was the site of a presidential rally Sept. 22, a first for the 128-year-old school. Republican presidential hopeful Ben Carson visited the university with his wife Candy, addressing a crowd of nearly 3,100 people about his plans to help the next generation succeed.

“I particularly love being in institutions of higher learning because it’s such an important part of who we are as a nation,” Carson said.

He said millennials and future generations are inheriting a hefty financial burden on behalf of the nation. But invoking “we the people” – a common phrase in his campaign – Carson said as president he will give the power back to the people through school choice, incentives and advocating an informed public.

“Why is that (an informed public) so important? Because our founders, in particular (Benjamin) Franklin and (Thomas) Jefferson, said that our freedom and our system is based upon a well-informed and educated populous,” Carson said. “And if we ever became anything other than that, the nature of our country would rapidly change. What were they saying? They were saying that if people are not well-informed, then they’re easy to manipulate and all you’d need are dishonest politicians and a dishon-

est media and away you go. And that’s what I fear is what is happening today.”

In light of education reform shared by President Obama – an aspect of which is free community college – Carson said during a pre-rally press conference Sept. 22 that he would change the education system by advocating school choice.

“We have found that the closer education is to home, the better kids do,” Carson said. “What we have to do is provide choice, because so many people are stuck in a bad situation, and we desperately need all of our people to succeed, because we only have 330 million and we’re competing against China, India – places that have a billion people – and we have to develop all of us.”

However, Carson shied away from the word “regulation” when talking about educational reform, specifically for charter schools.

“The key thing is we have to make sure any of our educational institutions are doing their job and are getting our kids well educated, and we’ll do what we can do in order to make that happen,” he said.

As for free college, Carson told the media it’s illogical.

“Free college: my position on that is a hearty laugh,” he said. “All the things that we owe versus the revenues that we have coming in and bring that up into today’s dollars, that’s the fiscal gap. It’s over \$200

trillion. Our financial foundation is extremely shaky. The last thing we want to do is make it shakier by borrowing money to provide free college tuition. That absolutely makes no sense if you have any idea what kind of shape we’re in now.”

Carson said there’s no question that millennials face difficult financial times ahead, thanks to the shaky foundation the nation has provided. Student loans, which have piled a large burden on millennials, is one thing Carson said he’ll modify if elected president.

“What’s happening is, for instance, our colleges, our universities, accept them (students), knowing that they can get a federal loan. The problem is those federal loans are not one or two percent. They’re at five, six, seven, eight percent,” Carson said. “And one of the things that I would be looking at is altering the way those federal loan guarantees are done so that, yes, we can still give that to a student, but the college would be responsible for the interest, not the student. That would encourage the colleges to look for other ways to finance and it would certainly curtail their rapid escalation in their prices. So we have to incentivize them to stop taking advantage of students.”

Advocating for a hopeful future

Carson’s words along the campaign trail have resonated with youth – the next

generation – who bear responsibility for the nation’s future, debt included.

Bane Adkins, 17, attends high school in Chillicothe, Ohio, and drove the 50-plus minutes to attend the Sept. 22 rally at Cedarville University with three of his classmates. Adkins said he supports Carson because of the unity the candidate emphasizes.

“He’s not so focused on Republican versus Democrat as much as he is on the basis of the country,” Adkins said.

For William Fouler, 17, who attended the rally with Adkins, the 2016 presidential race is important, because he said he wants to begin standing up for his beliefs now, not years from now, so the nation can have the hopeful future for which Carson advocates.

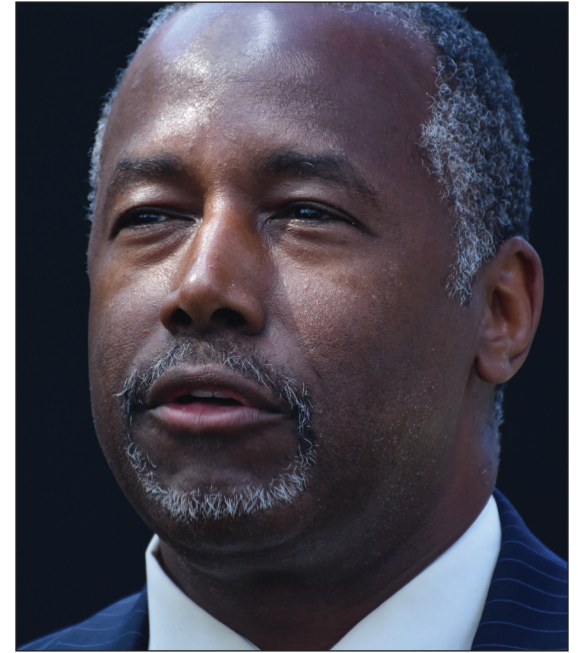
“I know one day I’m going to have to be a dad, telling my kids what to do, and I want to show them, you know, this is what I stood for. And I want to set an example, ‘You don’t have to be an adult. You can start out young,’” Fouler said. “Because something beautiful that this country has is the right to go out and be free. The younger you start, the bigger, better the nation can be. And Dr. Carson’s advocating a lot for youth, and that’s why he’s in this race is for the future.”

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Ben Carson, a 2016 Republican presidential candidate and retired neurosurgeon, held a campaign rally at Cedarville University Sept. 22. The candidate held a rally earlier that day in Sharonville, Ohio, and attended a fundraiser for Dayton Right to Life at the University of Dayton that evening.

Senior Cedarville admissions counselor Adam Brandt introduced Carson for the 2 p.m. event at Cedarville. When Brandt was five years old, Carson performed life-saving brain surgery on him to remove a tumor. The two had met briefly one year after the surgery for a check-up, Brandt said, but had not seen each other in just shy of 20 years. The Sept. 22 reunion between doctor and patient was a bit out-of-the-blue.



As of Oct. 1, Ben Carson trails fellow GOP candidate Donald Trump for second place in most polls in a field of 14 Republicans.

According to the RealClearPolitics average of polls Sept. 17 to Oct. 1, Carson receives 17.3 percent of Republican support for the 2016 Election. Trump polls at 22.8 percent, according to RCP.

A poll released Oct. 2 from Investor's Business Daily ranks Carson as the Republican frontrunner, earning 24 percent of support and Trump receiving 17 percent of support. Polls from late September 2015 by Pew Research, NBC/WSJ and Fox News all place Carson in second place.

During the rally and pre-rally media conference Sept. 22, Ben Carson shared his position on education, healthcare, religious freedom, the economy and the Planned Parenthood videos released by The Center for Medical Progress.

Carson is said to have first caught the eyes of politically-conscious conservatives after the 2013 National Prayer Breakfast at which he spoke. Carson said that speech was not well-received at the time by the White House.

Many of Carson's opponents argue his lack of political experience makes him unfit for president. But an attendee at the Sept. 22 rally, Scott Kendall of Plain City, Ohio, said the candidate's morals, faith and wisdom speak louder than his inexperience.

"You don't necessarily have to have political experience to know how to run a country," Kendall said. "You just have to be wise."



Resound's New Bounds

Cedarville's student-run radio station creates app, new website to increase accessibility for listeners

by Keegan D'Alfonso

The world of radio broadcasting develops as technology develops, and Resound Radio – Cedarville University's student-run radio station – is no different.

Resound Radio started in the '90s as an AM station that later became a low-powered FM station. To keep up with the times, Resound exchanged its broadcast signal for online streaming capability. The station can now be heard at ResoundRadio.com.

Resound launched a new website and mobile application Aug. 14 said James Leightenheimer, faculty adviser for the radio station.

The upgrades are intended to make Resound more accessible to the student body in a medium that it uses more often, Leightenheimer said.

"We want people to engage with Resound in a way they haven't before," said station manager Angela Schweinitz, a senior broadcasting major. "We want listening to be more accessible than ever. We want to reach more student groups than we have yet."

Resound on the web

While Resound had a website prior to the one launched in August, Leightenheimer said the old website was managed by an alumnus, which made it difficult for Resound to make changes quickly.

Visual media director Aaron Alford – a senior broadcasting and applied communications major – said the new website allows Resound to dynamically respond to the listener and reflect the station's image.

"A better experience with the website improves the listener's experience, overall, with the station," Alford said.

Schweinitz said the website reflects who the station is in a much more cohesive way.

The new website still provides streaming of Resound Radio, but now users have easier access to Chuck's cam – a live video



photo by Keegan D'Alfonso

Angela Schweinitz, a senior broadcasting major, is the station manager of Resound Radio. The radio station is upgrading its platforms for more accessible listening.

feed of the cafeteria – and Resound's blog, Alford said. Links to Resound's social media are also accessible through the website.

Daniel Robinson, a 2015 Cedarville graduate and former production manager at Resound, and Alford were responsible for creating the new website. Alford designed the website and Robinson did the coding this past spring and summer.

Resound on-the-go

Josh Erlandson – a web designer and developer in Cedarville's web department – said Resound was originally streamed through the old CU Mobile app. But when the new Cedarville app was released, streaming on the app was no longer supported.

Erlandson was responsible for creating and releasing the new Resound Radio mobile app this past summer. Erlandson said the new Resound mobile app is designed for Android and iOS devices but is unsupported by Google phones. The app

currently streams Resound Radio and allows users to buy the songs they hear through iTunes.

"Where we're at with the app obviously gets us mobile listening again anywhere in the world," Leightenheimer said.

Although the Resound staff did not provide current numbers of listeners, Leightenheimer said there are a growing number of listeners on the app. He said he would not be surprised if the number of people listening to the app eclipsed the number of online listeners in the future.

Upgrades: Coming Soon

Alford said Resound will continue to improve technical elements of its website and app over the next few months. Resound will also be adding information about its DJs on the website.

Erlandson said some of the new features he is working on for the app are the addition of a "like" button and links to Resound's social media pages. The user in-

terface is also being redesigned to improve streaming and functionality with mobile devices. The updates for the app will be released sometime during the fall semester, Erlandson said.

Listener-focused

Many of the upgrades and soon-to-be-released upgrades are focused on making it easier for the listener to provide feedback to Resound. Leightenheimer and Schweinitz said the feedback and listener data they collect is important for the development of the station and the songs they play.

"We really just want to be following a professional model of doing research and responding to it and reach the audience in the best way," Leightenheimer said.

Schweinitz said radio is a product, and Resound is working to tailor that product to the student body.

"We're going to give you fresh music, we're going to unite and inspire the student body, and we're going to encourage the student body," said Schweinitz. "We also want to give people a voice of someone they can listen and relate to immediately."

Schweinitz said she feels the new app shows that Resound is being taken seriously as a professional radio station.

"We're not just a college station that gets on and talks about whatever we want. We operate by professional models," Schweinitz said. "We're looking at other stations and saying, 'What are they doing?' and, 'What's effective for them?' And apps is where it's at."

Despite all the changes, Resound's focus has stayed the same.

"Our motivation is to serve the student body," Leightenheimer said. "We want to train professional broadcasters, but you can't separate serving an audience from that."

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Johnathan Coraccio: Dancer, Comedian

by *Hunter Hensley*

Johnathan Coraccio, a senior computer science major, said he dances and makes people laugh for the glory of God.

As a Christian, Coraccio said he draws his inspiration from God, knowing that he performs for God.

“When I dance, in my mind, it is my way of worshiping God to show, ‘Hey, this is something that he has given me a passion for,’” Coraccio said, “so I just want to point this back to him.”

Coraccio is the president of Cedarville’s dance org, Ayo, where he seeks to continue combining dance and worship. Raven Simmons, a member of Ayo, said Coraccio’s dance is inspiring.

“Watching Coraccio dance is an experience unlike any other. The precision in which he moves is beautiful. When he dances you can see passion, fun and a God-given and God-praising gift,” Simmons said. “It’s incredible and inspiring.”

Rebecca Baker, faculty adviser of Ayo and director of Cedarville’s fall production “Father of the Bride,” said Coraccio puts emotion into his work as a cast member in “Father of the Bride.”

“I first saw Johnathan as a dancer for Ayo and found his style to be a great blend of fun and genuine emotion,” Baker said. “I am a huge fan of his energy on stage, dependable work ethic, and wonderful collaboration with the rest of the cast.”

Dancing

Coraccio said that when coming to Cedarville he had a major decision of what he wanted to do with the dancing and comedy he developed in high school.

“I’m not here just to study and get a degree, but I’m also here to find a new way to engage in the lives of others or finding new ways to glorify God,” Coraccio said.

Coraccio said coming to Cedarville allowed him to see the bigger picture in his

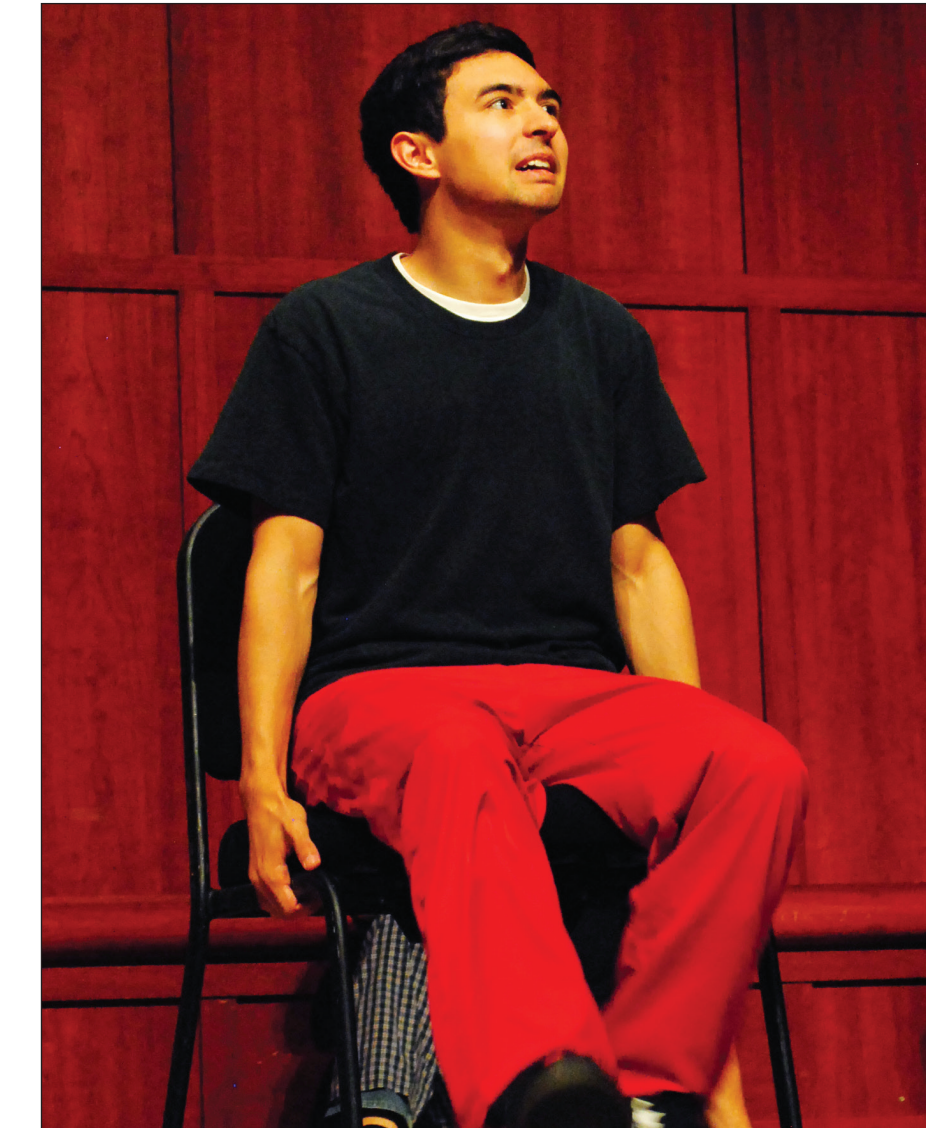


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Senior Johnathan Coraccio performs in a comedy skit in DTR’s first show of the school year on Sept. 26 in the DMC Recital Hall. Coraccio is also the president of Ayo, Cedarville’s dance org, where he seeks to combine dance with worshiping God.

life, that bigger picture being glorifying God.

Coraccio said he also draws special inspiration from a Filipino dance crew, The Jabbawoockeez. Coraccio said he shares a similar dance interest with the group.

“I just thought it was really cool how they were having fun while they entertained others,” he said. “Dancing to me isn’t a

chore. It’s a way to brighten other people’s day.”

Coraccio said his favorite dance style is hip-hop or animatronic, similar to that of the Filipino dance group.

Coraccio explained that he seeks to set his mind on dancing for the glory of God before each performance. And he said he tries

to trust his practice and not over think what is going on.

Laughing

Aside from Ayo, Coraccio is involved with DTR, Cedarville’s improv comedy group, that seeks to entertain students with clean humor.

“Improv comedy always intrigued me, but I didn’t know how much I wanted to do it,” Coraccio said.

After joining DTR, however, Coraccio said he was hooked by the family-like atmosphere. It was something that encouraged him to get better at improv comedy and encouraged him to grow closer to his fellow performers.

“We start each rehearsal with prayer time just to get us in a good mindset that we are here to glorify God and support each other,” Coraccio said. “As we are performing they make sure not to throw out rude jokes to tear each other down and instead jokes that build each other up or play to the unique gifts of the performer.”

Coraccio said the camaraderie between DTR members continues outside rehearsals and performances.

“It seems like they actually want to be there with me, that they actually care what’s going on in my life,” he said.

To upcoming artists, Coraccio said that community is important.

“When I went into improv comedy I hadn’t done any of it before. Find a good platform and good people that are very uplifting and encouraging to you,” he said. “You can be by yourself and study all you want about how to dance or how to do improv comedy, but until you really interact with other people with the same mentality, you’re not going to really get it.”

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What's Happening to the World?

We're left longing for truth in a topsy-turvy, everything-goes world

by Anna Dembowski

It's no secret that the Cedarville bubble is seemingly impenetrable by news.

You may catch a glimpse of FOX News or ESPN as you walk by the SSC Info Desk or work out in the fitness center. You attend chapel and pray for the tragedies that hit close to home, the people who are suffering. You skim Twitter and Facebook, catching the breaking news and click-bait stories composed of cats and GIFs. You may "like" or "favorite" the post, but odds are you do so without reading more than the story's headline.

But what you do read or hear in passing seems to be dreadful – hopeless, even. "What's happening to our world?" you find yourself asking.

As a journalist, I keep up with the news fairly well, though the majority of news I read gets to me via Twitter.

I think it's important we're aware of what's going on in the world so that we can know how to make a difference for Christ and how to defend our beliefs as more than something based on the unseen.

Here's a snippet of what has been making headlines.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis arrived in America the same day Ben Carson came to campus, Sept. 22. The Pope's visit was his first visit to America and an event much anticipated by many in the U.S. The Pope made headlines earlier this year for releasing an encyclical on caring for the environment and climate change – something not often spoken about so boldly by a religious leader. Francis has been said to be more concerned with social issues and lean toward a more liberal ideology than pre-

vious popes, but that's for you to decide.

The Pope made stops in Washington, D.C., New York City and Philadelphia during his six-day visit to the U.S.

John Boehner

Ohio native and Speaker of the U.S. House, John Boehner, announced his resignation (effective Oct. 30) the day after the Pope's departure.

Boehner, who represents Ohio's eighth congressional district and has served in Congress since 1991, is said to be a "cradle Catholic" who has invited a pope to address Congress for the past 20 years. Francis was the first who honored Boehner's request.

Boehner's resignation comes at a time of immense pressure from conservatives in the House to defund Planned Parenthood.

The race is now on for a new Speaker of the House to be elected.

Roseburg, Oregon

A gunman killed nine students and injured several others at Umpqua Community College Oct. 1. According to the latest reports by media, the gunman was a student at the college and killed students who stated they were Christians when asked.

The Oregon shooting reopens the doors for gun control to be harped on by politicians, parents and pundits. Presidential candidates for the 2016 Election have weighed in on both ends of the spectrum.

Longing for truth

Keeping up with the world's happenings is tough. And living among them is even tougher.

As Christians, we've heard it said that we're called to be in the world but not of the world, and we're called to care for the least of these.

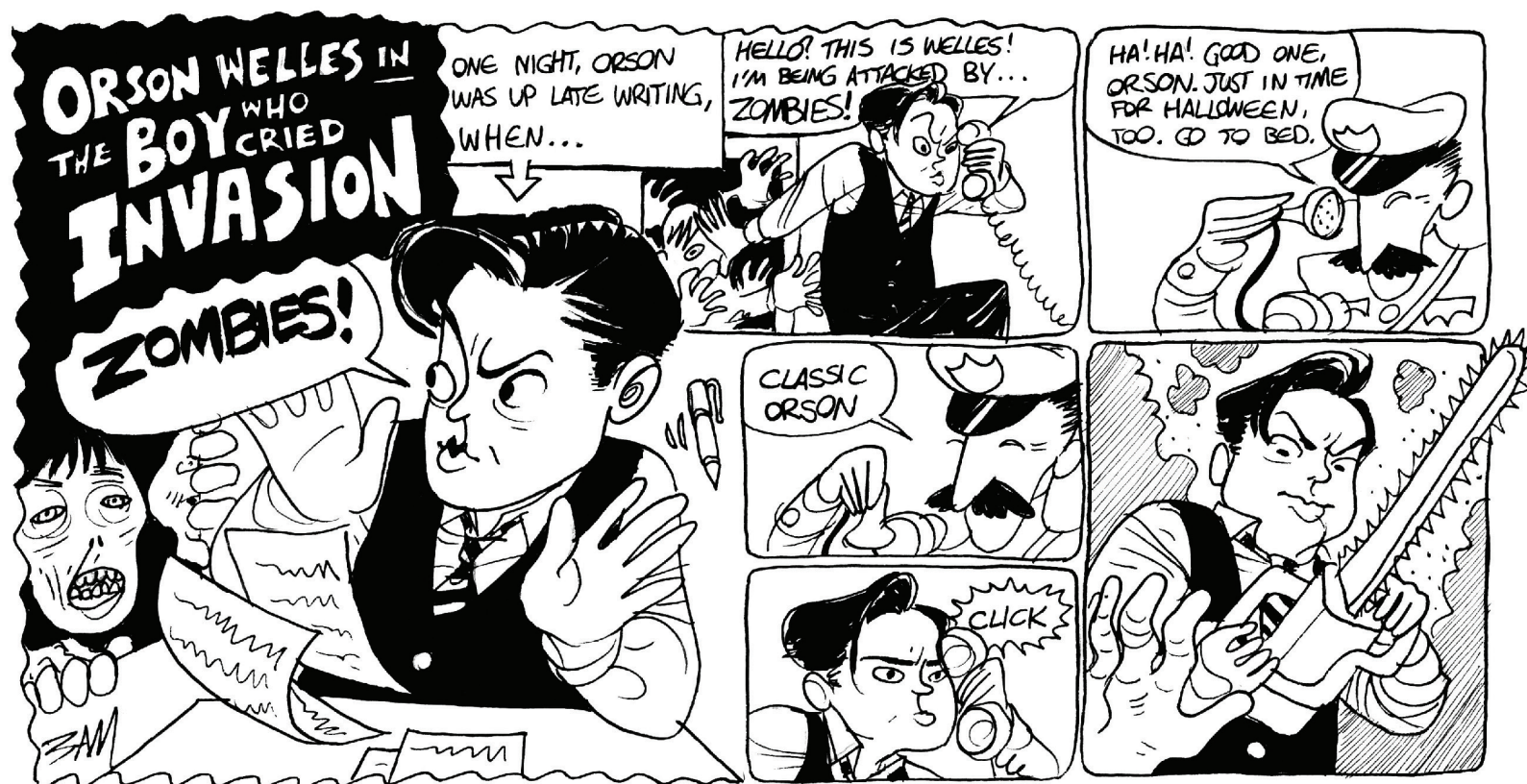
Among idols, death, corruption and sickness, there's despair. But we can offer hope. There's broken promises, but we can offer an unchanging God. There's fear, but we can offer the God of all comfort. There's confusion, but we can offer a God who surpasses all understanding – One who is omnipotent, omnipresent and sovereign.

I don't have an answer for what's happening to our world. I don't have a measurement of how topsy-turvy our world is. It may be perfectly upright, pushing us to seek God more fervently, or it may be perfectly upside down, pulling us into sin.

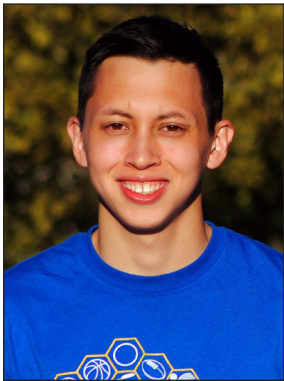
Whatever it is, trust the God who's constant.

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Tales from the Brim



Just Sayin' ... Love Intentionally



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“When you die, the only kingdom you’ll see is two-foot-wide and six-foot deep ... I’ll bow for your

king when he shows himself,” screams Oli Sykes of Bring Me the Horizon in the song “House of Wolves.”

Sykes, an outspoken atheist, has never been one to shy away from his hate for religion. On “Crooked Young,” he takes another shot at Christians, saying, “Death is the only salvation for me.”

We’re all looking for truth, whether we know it or not. Some people look for it in relationships, others in money.

Sykes thinks he’s found it in the absence of God. And I feel sorry for him. But what has he seen from Christians that makes him think this?

I’ve heard people say faith in God is just a crutch for the weak-minded, and I’ve heard Christians combat that point. I don’t think it’s a stretch to say that God is a crutch; faith in him is just not in the way people think.

We’re broken people, and without God, we’d be stumbling around. We’d be crawling through life. The first step to recovery is recognizing that we are broken, admitting that we have a problem and that we need help.

God is our crutch, but he’s also our physician, our athletic trainer and our physical therapist.

We need God in order to understand the world around us. If it was proved that God did not exist, that every single word

of the Bible was a fraud, that the afterlife consisted of dirt and worms, then I would lose all hope. My life would be purposeless. I would wander aimlessly.

I don’t blame Sykes for believing that death is the end of all things. The concepts of Heaven and Hell can be difficult to grasp.

“How does a man wrap his mind around eternity when he can’t even explain his own composition?” asks Jake Luhrs of August Burns Red in “Indonesia.”

We don’t fully understand our galaxy, our own planet or even ourselves. We have spent thousands of years trying to figure out how the human mind works, and much of it is still a mystery.

sees on that day.

“Keep telling yourself what you really don’t believe ... but in the end you’ll see nothing stands between a man and his maker,” says Luhrs of August Burns Red.

One of the reasons people are turned off by Christianity, I think, is because they want complete control of their lives. They see Christianity as a set of rules that are thousands of years old. They don’t want some old man in the sky telling them what they can or can’t do. They just want to live their lives however they like. To them, rules are a pain, a list of laws put in place to prevent us from enjoying life.

We don’t like rules. In the Garden of

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So if we have that much trouble with knowing ourselves, then how much more difficult is it for us to believe in an afterlife? We won’t understand it until we get there.

As for now, we have to trust that God knows what’s best for us.

And when Sykes says, “I’ll bow for your king when he shows himself,” he is speaking for millions of people.

Our society has this mindset of “I’ll believe it when I see it.” We need empirical evidence. We can witness to someone all we want, but if they’re not willing to take a leap of faith, then we won’t have any success.

One day, our king will show himself, and I don’t think Oli Sykes will like what he

Eden, God gave Adam and Eve one rule, and they still managed to break it. The Bible is full of stories where the Israelites disobeyed God.

And I don’t think I’m exaggerating when I say that we all break God’s rules multiple times a day. But as Christians, we have to see that these rules are in place to protect us. Now, there is debate on which rules still apply to us today, but that’s an issue for another day.

One of the hardest rules for Christians to follow is one given by Jesus: Love your neighbors as you love yourself.

We have a difficult time loving those who are different from us. One of the big-

gest turn-offs for non-believers is seeing this hypocrisy.

Christian metalcore band Phinehas, in their song “Dead Choir,” addresses this issue by paraphrasing 1 John 4:20: “How can you love a God that you cannot see, yet you hate your fellow man standing in front of me?”

How can Christians love an invisible being and devote their entire lives to him, but turn their back on the poor and preach hate to those who are hurting? It makes no sense.

Jesus told us to love. If we don’t, then we are living in rebellion to him.

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God calls us to love everyone. This includes Muslims, Democrats, atheists, homosexuals, and even the Kardashians. It’s going to be a struggle, but we have to remember that everyone – from Kanye West to Richard Dawkins – is made in the image of God, whether they recognize it or not. If we think of everyone in this light, it becomes easier to show them love.

Whenever we come across people like Sykes – people who dismiss God’s existence without a second thought – it’s easy to treat them with spite or disrespect. We need to realize that they’re broken and that we used to be like them. The only difference is that we’ve found what they are looking for. They just don’t know yet what they’re missing.

They need someone to guide them, so be that someone.

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Homecoming 2015

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Left: Students take part in the annual cardboard canoe race to cross Cedar Lake, sponsored by Cedarville's engineering department. The cardboard battle is held each year on Friday of Homecoming week. Freshmen engineering students make up the majority of the teams, though other academic departments are often also represented. The 2015 race was held Oct. 2 in the drizzle, wind and cold familiar to Cedarville students and alumni.

Center: Cedarville University held its 2015 Homecoming parade 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Despite the rain and cold temperatures, the parade was well-attended. Alumni, parents and grandparents traveled to the 'Ville for Homecoming and Parents & Grandparents Weekend Oct. 2-3.

Bottom left: A cardboard canoe falls apart, sending a student into the frigid lake, during the annual cardboard canoe race Oct. 2 to cross Cedar Lake. A popular Homecoming tradition, three- to four-student teams get 40 feet of cardboard and 100 meters of packaging tape to craft into a canoe two students then row across the lake. The primary goal is to cross quickly and with canoe intact.

Bottom right: Two teams of students battle it out in the Homecoming cardboard canoe race Oct. 2.

