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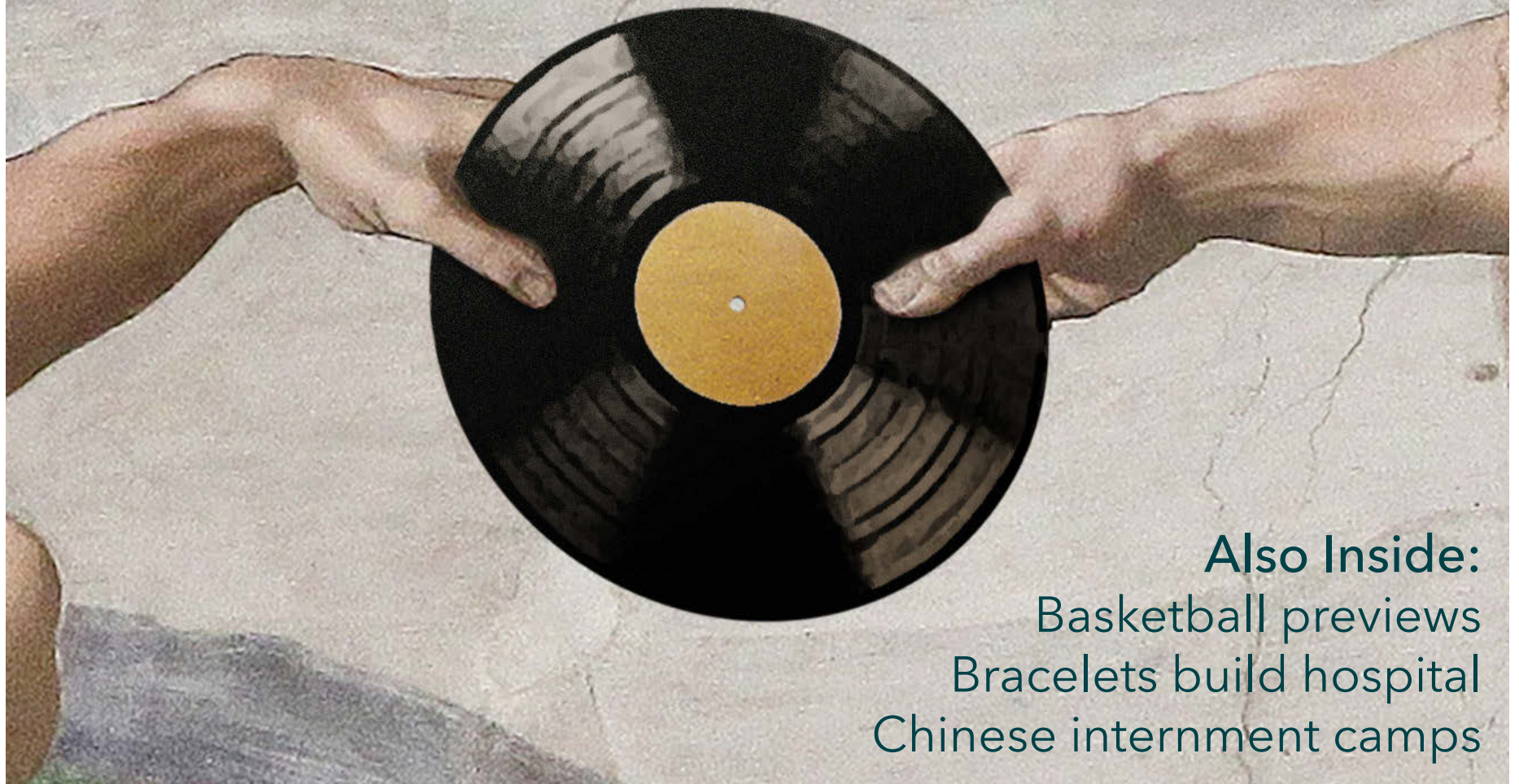
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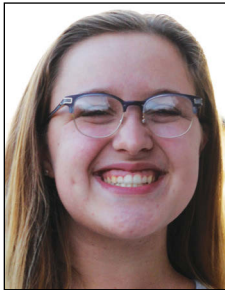


Tasha Peterson  
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# Just Sayin' ... Alex Hentschel

## The Strange Things I'm Thankful For This Thanksgiving

'Tis the season of gratitude, and I decided that instead of listing out my friends, family, job, or health — the four round-the-table Thanksgiving meal buzzwords — I'd try to think of some things I'm actually thankful for this year...



### 1. My 1998 Nissan Altima

My car and I are the same age. His name is Beau, and although he takes 20 minutes to fill up with gas because of his leaky hose, but he has really good heat and AC, even though I have to keep switching the buttons or it'll shut off. He shakes when he starts going above 60 mph, so that keeps me safe on the highway. I bought him for \$500 in 2015 and he's still kickin.' Thanks, dude, for taking me to Dunkin' 230,429,374 times.

### 2. Google's auto-correct feature

In the past week I've Googled "sentate rcae polls," "hwo do they clae sdewlaks," "flaingno crochet prokecy," and "cimmenty jeremsiaj." If you can figure out what all of those are, email me for a prize. Sure, Google knows and catalogs my every move, but that feature sure is useful. OK, Google — thanks.

### 3. Mobile-order coffee apps

I really love and need coffee, so it's a blessing to plan ahead so I don't run late. You can also pick some custom options that you're too afraid to ask your barista about in person because you don't want to seem too excessive. Hooray, cinnamon extra foam swirly whipped cream chai lattes. (*This column is not sponsored by Rinnova to Go, but would like to be.*)

### 4. Perfect coffee temperatures

When you take your first sip of coffee and it doesn't burn your

tongue. So rare, but so sweet.

### 5. The culling of iced coffee drinkers

The fact that in this time of year, we separate the seasonal iced coffee drinkers from the hardcore iced coffee believers. Until you order an iced coffee and determinedly drink it while walking to class in the snow, you're not a true believer.

### 6. Winter mishaps

When you watch some poor soul around the lake wipe out on a longboard, or slide down the BTS steps in the snow. Always brings a smile to my face.

### 7. The Great British Baking Show

Watching several people calmly and excellently make fancy pastries in some tent in the English countryside is the most relaxing thing I've ever experienced. I think heaven will be like the Great British Baking Tent.

### 8. Offline binging

Netflix has downloadable content now. I can binge Great British Baking Show in peace, finally.

### 9. Dr. Mark Caleb Smith's twitter account

It never fails to be insightful and funny. If you're reading this, thanks, Dr. Smith, you're the gift we need but don't deserve.

### 10. Nonsensical friends

And finally, the fact that the Cedars team somehow still permits me to publish my opinion every week, despite all of the crazy things I've said in this column. Thanks, guys.

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How should Christians consume the news media?

### Prof. Jeff Gilbert

Assistant Professor of Journalism



Restaurants don't just serve hamburgers anymore. They have a classic, one with barbecue, one with bacon, another with an egg, etc. I ordered one with an egg a

couple weeks ago. Then they asked me how I wanted the burger and the egg cooked. So many choices and too many decisions.

Choosing where to get your news used to be as simple as ordering a hamburger. We got morning and afternoon newspapers, the 6 o'clock news and the 11 o'clock news. CNN came along in 1980 with 24-hour news.

The digital age has set before us a buffet of on-demand news choices. You can catch up on the news any time, any place and on any device. Any outlet can label its content as news.

Opinion journalism is a legitimate enterprise if it is labeled as such. But if it's old-fashioned news you want, follow news sources that have earned credibility. Does it have integrity? Do you trust it to give it to you straight?

If you have difficulty discerning the difference between news, fake news, blogs, opinions and partisan agendas, scrutinize the sourcing in the story regardless of how it's delivered.

Does the story contain named sources and multiple sources? Do the sources have credibility? Does it present both sides of the issue? Is the story trying to tell you what to think or is it allowing you to consume the information and make up your own mind?

Journalism is meant to be about truth-telling. You just have to figure out where to look.

# BEOC

(Big Event On Campus)

## ART SALE

8 a.m. - 11 p.m., Dec 4, SSC Front Lobby

CU art students will be holding a ceramics sale of student- and faculty-made pieces to raise funds for the art department.

# New RD Finds a Home Among the Cornfields

by Emma Waywood

Willetts Dorm welcomed Charlotte Burcham into their hall family this year as the brand-new Resident Director (RD). She accepted the position in August 2018 and has much to offer the Cedarville community.

A former coffee barista and church planter in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Burcham heard about the job from Johnson RD Michelle Davis, who is her first cousin. Davis approached Burcham with the offer, despite the fact that Burcham was comfortable where she was in Chattanooga. After listening to her cousin and praying, Burcham realized she wanted to have opportunities to reach out to people beyond conversations in her coffee shop.

“God made it very clear that it was time to pick up and move on,” Burcham said.

Burcham graduated from Boyce College with a degree in Christian ministries and an emphasis in women’s ministries. At an early age, she had sought to relate to all different types of women, despite backgrounds and dispositions, and picked her major to match this desire. She planned her career decisions around this mindset and was convicted to seek out becoming a church planter.

Before taking the job at Cedarville, she was an active part of a brand-new church plant in Chattanooga, where she said she wore “many different hats” in the work environment; such as leading a community group, helping plan events, and acting as an assistant for the lead pastor. This, paired with her skills as both a barista and the director of operations at Plus Coffee, helped give her the skills she felt were necessary for working at Cedarville.

Despite this, after moving to Ohio, Burcham was nervous about adjusting to her new job as an RD. Willetts employs 14 resident assistants (RAs), and with so many opinions at once, she wasn’t sure how well she’d get along with them. So far, however, it’s been smooth sailing for her as she learns the ins and outs of working with these women.

“It’s been really neat just to see how God has gone before me, especially with the RAs

here,” Burcham said. “From day one, seeing how God prepared them for me and me for them beforehand in ways I couldn’t really imagine. ... I know that Jesus is so in this, just seeing how we come together as a team.”

God’s grace and foresight has extended, not just to Burcham, but the RAs as well. They too agree that she has been a joy to work with.

“Charlotte has been such a blessing to have as an RD,” Willetts RA Michaela Carpenter said. “She’s done a great job of jumping right into the Cedarville community to serve well here, and to help us serve well as RAs.”

Burcham said adjusting to life in Cedarville hasn’t been all sunshine and roses. It has been very different compared to life in Chattanooga, a more accessible, outdoorsy city in the footholds of the Tennessee mountains. Before moving, she’d spent much of her time hiking with friends, each of them picking a different trail every day and enjoying God’s creation together. She’d even walk to the store, which was right across the street from her house. The isolating cornfields of Ohio have offered a bit of a challenge for her as she soon realized her car would actually have to be put to use in order for her to get her groceries.

Despite this, she is easily figuring out her place here at this private college, so similar to her own alma mater, which is also a Christian school.

“I do miss [Chattanooga] a lot, but I also am adjusting to being here and realizing that it just looks different,” she said.

Though she continues to adapt to the college community, she enjoys every minute of it; meeting college women, she said, is an incredible joy for her. While she may have left one beautiful home behind, Burcham concluded that she has successfully found another in Cedarville.

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Photo by Carrie Bergan

The RAs and their new RD. Pictured from left to right, Priscila “Pri” Gonzalez, Rebekah “Bekah” Colon, Charlotte Burcham and Olivia Deyaer.

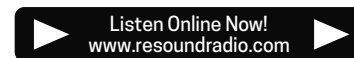
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# Students Expand Horizons

Cedarville students studying language believe studying abroad is invaluable for achieving fluency

by Zach Krauss

Many students don't know that there are dozens of options for studying abroad through Cedarville's international programs office. Each year students travel anywhere from Spain to South America to eastern Europe for an entire semester to learn more about the language, culture and people of a specific country. Students have called studying abroad one of the best decisions a student can make if they want to really learn about a language or a culture.

## James Gilcher: Senior Spanish and professional writing and information design double major

Gilcher went to a Spanish camp through Cedarville, where his camp counselor first gave him the idea to study abroad. He spent a semester in Spain during the spring of 2017, where he studied at the institute for Spanish studies in Valencia.

The class load allowed Gilcher to have three-day weekends every week, which gave him an opportunity to travel frequently.

"Me and my friends went around to places like Madrid and Barcelona, and we were able to spend the weekends seeing lots of different places," Gilcher said. "[If you] plan ahead and spend your money carefully, the weekend trips don't need to be extremely expensive."

Gilcher said Spain was one of the best places to learn about Spanish culture and the intricacies of the language.

"This is one of the only times a lot of people will get to be able to spend such a long period of time just to go to another country and another culture and learn in that way," Gilcher said. "I definitely think it's one of the best ways to learn."

## Jesse Mangum: Senior global business major

While he was considering the Spain study abroad semester, Mangum knew that



Photo courtesy of Kari Nupson

Kari Nupson overlooks a classic view of Florence, Italy, during her semester there.

the best way to learn a language was to be in a country with people who spoke it. He remarked that the experiences he had in Spain were not only some of the most challenging and growing, but also some of the most fun.

During a spring semester, students were allowed to travel and experience local culture in between their days of classes. Groups of students could take trips to different parts of Spain or even other countries, as well as participate in local festivities.

"In Spain they have this huge festival called Las Fallas, which is just this huge celebration that lasts two to three straight weeks," Mangum said. "There were millions of people flooding the streets, and that alone was an amazing time."

Something Mangum thought was helpful as he was trying to learn the language was a pairing up of English-speaking and Spanish-speaking students called *intercambio*. With this, Mangum was able to practice speaking phrases in Spanish to someone who would also be trying to respond in English.

"If someone is serious about learning a language and really stretching themselves, then this is the best way to do it," Mangum said. "Not only did I learn so much more

than I could have in a regular semester, I also made friends that I'll have for the rest of my life that I never would have met otherwise."

## Jordan Beal: Junior linguistics major

Beal is a student currently studying in Lithuania. In an email, he said that his favorite part of studying abroad has been not just getting opportunities to practice his German, Lithuanian, and Russian, but also being forced to speak them without any choice.

"Well more than half of the students here speak Russian, so I hear it in the dorms, classroom, really all around," Beal said. "Being here gives the impetus to develop my language skills as fast as possible."

Beal said one of his motivations for studying abroad was simply to get out of his North American comfort zone.

"Life in Eastern Europe is so unexpectedly different from home, and being here has taught me how to move beyond was is most convenient or easy," Beal said. "My semester here prepares me for the future with the practical language training I get in conversations, as well as preparation for possible work in more international settings."

Studying abroad has caused Beal to re-evaluate the settings in which he lives while in the U.S.

"Being away from home in a foreign country helps to build a sense of confidence and independence," Beal said. "Being here has taught me to live with less, and simultaneously reminded me to not take lightly the bountiful abundance that exists in the USA."

## Karis Ryan: Senior linguistics Major

Karis Ryan studied abroad in Spain during the spring of 2018. She said the highlights of her experience were the friends she made while she was there and the Spanish church that she was able to get involved in.

"[The church] brought so many great friends to help us grow and feel like we were at home," Ryan said. "They made such an impact on me through this experience and will be friends that I can stay in contact with for the long run."

During her time in Spain, Ryan found that her viewpoint was opened to seeing a new side of the world. She said that you have be able to make the place you're at your home, even if you know you will only be there for a semester.

"There were definitely hard times, but in the end, the continual good pieces outweigh the tough times by far," she said.

Ryan's advice to someone considering studying abroad is to not let fears and uncertainty steer you away from taking the step to go.

"There were so many countless ways that I grew through this experience, and so many things I learned about myself," Ryan said. "Don't let any fears you have stop you, because you don't know what kind of blessings and crazy experiences can come out of it."

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# Mercy Bracelets

Company launched by Cedarville student helps build a hospital brick-by-brick.



*Photo by Grace Noelle*

Mercy bracelets was started in June 2018 by Hannah Lamarco and has been spreading rapidly. Lamarco started the company to raise money for a hospital in Haiti.

*by Zach Krauss*

**H**annah Lamarco, a junior business management major and founder of Mercy Bracelets, started the company after a trip that she took to Haiti in the spring of 2018. The trip involved working with children in the community of Les Cayes as well as assisting with the construction of Mercy Hospital, which began construction three years ago as a method of caring for the people of Les Cayes and surrounding areas.

“This trip changed my life,” Lamarco said. “As I came back to the states, I knew that we had to continue to be a part of what God is doing in Haiti.”

Continuing that mission took shape in the form of Mer-

cy Bracelets. Customers can purchase bracelets in different styles, knowing that for each bracelet purchased, \$5 will be sent directly to Haiti to buy supplies for the hospital. In an email interview, Lamarco said she never expected the company to be so successful.

“I remember counting the people in my head that would buy one and thought ‘maybe I can sell like 9 or 10 of them,’” Lamarco said. “God had a different plan; what it is now is just a result of following one step at a time, trusting that God already knew what he was going to do with it.”

Since starting her company, Lamarco has sold over 600 bracelets, and has expanded the options for customers from her original set. Mercy Bracelets began with three styles:

marble white, matte black, and a “string mix.” Lamarco has since expanded the collection to include lilac and blush styles as well as the latest update, the “Fall Set,” which includes a Bonfire and an Evergreen style.

The hashtag for the company is #BraceletsToBricks, which explains the company’s mission. Every month, Lamarco sends each dollar of proceeds to her contacts in Haiti who use the money to continue building Mercy Hospital.

“Mercy stands for love; loving God and loving others,” Lamarco said. “And turning bracelets into bricks is how we do that.”

Lamarco said her favorite part of starting this company has been seeing other people get excited about what God is doing in Haiti.

“Mercy Bracelets has not only ignited the hearts of Haitians, but hearts here too, and I love that,” Lamarco said.

John Sizer, a freshman Spanish and international studies double major, said he was immediately impressed by Lamarco’s compassion and initiative for Haiti as soon as he heard about Mercy Bracelets.

“After looking into it and realizing how amazing this cause is, I knew I wanted to get involved,” Sizer said. “Ever since then I take each opportunity to tell people about what Hannah is doing for Haiti and how God is using her.”

Megan Stevens, a junior pharmacy major and enthusiast for the Mercy Bracelets brand, has been excited about the company since she first heard of it. Stevens has been involved in a lot of the marketing for the company and has experienced Lamarco’s passion for Haiti and Mercy Hospital first-hand.

“I love this company so much,” Stevens said. “Hannah is doing such a fantastic job with the company through the little things like making cards with children’s names on it so people can pray and just making sure that Haiti is the focus.”

At this point, Lamarco doesn’t have any set plans for

the future for the company but is excited for the opportunities to come.

“It would be awesome to get to a point where we are actually sending teams to help build the hospital,” Lamarco said. “I can see myself keeping on after graduating, it’s just really up to God. He knows exactly how many bracelets will be sold and who will be affected by it.”

Stevens defined Mercy Bracelets as a company formed from a girl’s passion for a group of people she met in Haiti and her focus on spreading Gospel love and getting people to pray for a situation that needs it.

“It’s such a good reminder for people as well just to be able to look down at their wrist and remember that there’s someone they can be praying for,” Stevens said. “Knowing that the money is going directly to Haiti and that Hannah is doing this out of such a genuine place in her heart is why I love Mercy Bracelets so much.”

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Photo by Lauren Jacobs

Hannah Lamarco is a junior Cedarville student and founder of Mercy Bracelets.



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# From Artist to Teacher: Cam Davis



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Cam Davis explains how a student could fix a slight technical issue with their project

by *Madeleine Mosher*

It's about 400 miles from Lynchburg, Virginia, to Cedarville, Ohio. That's the trip Cedarville's newest associate professor of visual communication design made to arrive at Cedarville this year.

Cam Davis never planned on teaching. He started an even longer journey as an artist.

"I always made things," he said, beginning in his childhood with mud sculptures and finger paints.

Davis received a degree in commercial art from Marshall University. Later, he achieved a master's degree in 2D art from Radford University.

His first job at Liberty University had nothing to do with teaching. He was hired to work as the advertising director for the student newspaper. Eventually, the university's graphic design department needed an introductory-level class professor and gave Davis the job as an adjunct because he had practical experience. He liked teaching so much that he decided to get his master's degree and has been a professor ever since.

Davis doesn't only instruct his students in art. He also shares with them his belief that God has a plan for how each person will fulfill the Great Commission.

"I want them to be aware of how God might use them to leverage their skills that He's embedded in them for His purposes," Davis said, whether that's working as an art di-

rector in Los Angeles or on the mission field with child soldiers and sex slaves.

But that doesn't mean he never wonders about the importance of his own work. Once, during his time in Virginia, Davis began to question his significance as a professor.

"Is what I'm doing, does it matter at all?" he wondered. He got his answer in a coffee shop.

He was listening to music, drinking coffee, and grading, when he ran into Olia, one of his former students. She told him that she was going to make a presentation about the nonprofit organization she worked with in India.

"We rescue these little girls," she said. "We go in there and we rescue them out of these brothels, take them into a safe house, and teach them how to make a living, and we love on them ..."

"How'd you get involved?" he asked.

"Through graphic design."

And through that conversation, Davis was able to see how his work as a professor reached all the way around the world.

Davis developed relationships with faculty members at Liberty, too. Ed Edman, who taught alongside Davis for 12 years, described the weekly faculty prayer group that Davis started. They often met on Mondays, sometimes in Davis' office, with a group normally no larger than four.

"He thought it would be a good idea, if we wanted to serve God at Liberty University," Edman said, "the faculty

[should] be in one accord with what God wanted to do."

Doing what God wanted him to do was the underlying reason Davis left Liberty after 22 years there.

Soon before the move from Virginia to Ohio, Davis began to feel a change brewing.

"We just began to pray," Davis said. "If this is of God and not just me being restless, I asked the Lord to open doors and close doors."

He thought about pursuing his passion for missions onto the mission field. He applied to ministries like Samaritan's Purse, and some Christian and state schools.

Cedarville's door was the one that God ultimately opened, and now Davis is bringing his practical and professional experience to CU students.

He emphasized how happy he was to be at Cedarville. He said he feels that he is connecting well to his students, getting to know their personalities.

He's not overly enthused by Ohio weather, though.

He described one of his reactions when he felt the Lord calling him to Ohio: "Ohio, it's cold there. It's cold. Are you sure you didn't mean Myrtle Beach, right on the ocean somewhere?" he asked God, "Are you sure about that?"

And God's answer? "He was sure."

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# student SPOTLIGHT

## James Osborne: Redeemed to Rise

by Emma Waywood

Lost Christian from a wearisome home, James Osborne found redeeming love in a Savior that led him to becoming a powerful man of God and gave him a powerful testimony.

As an incoming freshman, Osborne had more baggage than most people realized. Coming from Argenta, Illinois, he had a different view of what it meant to be a follower of Christ.

“Growing up, I thought Christianity was about being in favor with God, and we believed you could lose your salvation,” Osborne said.

These severe doubts about his faith led him down what he referred to as a “dark road” his first year. In the midst of this, his Christian school convicted him in ways that made him extremely uncomfortable.

He began to have feelings of distinct animosity toward Cedarville and its students. It did not help matters that he felt particularly out of place, not only with his background, but with his appearance as well. Osborne has multiple tattoos, long hair, and facial jewelry, making him stand out from the conservative Christian crowd.

Even his fiancée, Tasha Peterson, who met him through an online Facebook group before freshman year, agreed that she didn’t like him at all.

“At first, we hated each other, and I thought he was super stuck up and pretentious,” she said.

However, the summer after freshman year, when Osborne was painting houses to earn extra money for school, he was led to the Lord. During that time, he explained that everything in his life seemed to be falling apart, from the choices he’d made and life at home. The convictions of the school he went to caused him to turn to the only source of true comfort: God. It was in that moment that Osborne became a true Christ follower, and his life changed forever.

Accepted as a chemistry education ma-



Photo by Tasha Peterson

James Osborne has overcome prejudices and hopes his story can help him serve others wherever God leads him.

For Osborne soon changed his major to mechanical engineering. He then changed to computer engineering. Finally, he changed once more to computer science, because he didn’t want to build a boat.

All Cedarville engineering students are required to build a cardboard canoe and race it across the lake, and it counts for a majority of their grade. This was a prospect Osborne did not find appealing in any way. In fact, as soon as he found out from a buddy what major would not require a cardboard boat, he decided to quit engineering. So, using his love of video games as a guide, he became a computer science major instead. He did all this before classes started in freshman year.

Ironically, he had no clue what the major entailed, and even ended up having to learn how to properly type on a keyboard at Cedarville. Eventually though, he came to love it.

However, his issues at home didn’t magically go away.

Apart from growing up in a “toxic church” that twisted the meaning of what it

meant to be a follower of Christ, his family also struggled with financial instability and unsaved family members. His father was a mailman, and his mother a school bus driver, so they were classified as what he described as “lower middle class.” Though they had food on the table, there wasn’t much else to go around. This, coupled with his atheist brothers, made for a life of constant anxiety and strife.

“There was always just a constant level of stress with my family,” he said. “But it went less from my family as a point of stress to my family is a mission field and something to invest into, and I should take the time I do have here to prepare myself to serve.”

From the moment he found salvation, Osborne sought to be a consistent minister to his family, going out of his way to talk to his brothers in the hopes of leading them to the Lord. Meanwhile, those around him began to notice the steady change in him.

“Becoming more Christ like has really shaped him into a really thoughtful, caring and considerate person,” Peterson said.

Computer science professor Dr. David Gallagher also noticed a difference in his student. Gallagher had reservations regarding the unique young man. However, he soon found that the change in Osborne had gone far beneath the surface.

“I must admit, I had to overcome some initial prejudice concerning his tattoos and facial jewelry,” he said. “But once I could see past that, I came to realize what a great young man James is. It is obvious that he loves the Lord. I am excited to see how the Lord will use James in the future.”

Upon graduation, Osborne, now a senior, has a job lined up for him in Silicon Valley. There, he and his fiancée plan to get connected to a homeless ministry, something that God had separately placed on both their hearts.

“I think society conditions us to be scared of those people, when really, they’re just like us, just in slightly different spots in life,” Peterson said.

Looking back on his journey, Osborne hopes that, by sharing his story, he’ll inspire other students around him to reach out and connect with others.

“I think here, people who haven’t grown up in my sort of situation almost don’t believe it exists,” Osborne said. “So being able to talk about it to people has been really helpful for them to understand that those mission fields do exist right by us.”

Osborne’s experience allows him to help those struggling with tough life situations.

“I think his story can help people realize it’s never too late to come to the gospel,” Peterson said. “Even if you think that you would look stupid or feel out of place, you won’t look like a fool. Jesus still wants you to come to Him. No matter what.”

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# Over One Million Detained in Chinese Internment Camps

## Xi Jinping's Crackdown on Religious Freedom

by Staff

Over one million members of the Uighur population in China have been detained in what China calls “re-education centers” and the United Nations calls “internment camps.” Meanwhile, the international community has maintained a Faustian silence.

The Uighurs are an ethnically Turkic, religiously Muslim minority that live primarily in the Xinjiang province of western China. While Xinjiang is officially an autonomous region, Islam a legal religion, and the Uighurs a recognized minority, the Chinese government has increasingly come to treat the Uighurs as a threat to national identity, security and order.

Over the past few years, this tension has culminated in the establishment of at least 181 internment camps, where according to a report by Radio Free Asia, each district's officials were ordered to detain about 40 percent of the local Uighur population.

The Chinese government denied the existence of these facilities until this October when China finally acknowledged them as “vocational” or “re-education” centers. State-run television has broadcast footage of clean classrooms, sparkling facilities and grateful students.

“Through vocational training, most trainees have been able to reflect on their mistakes and see clearly the essence and harm of terrorism and religious extremism,” said Xinjiang's government chairman Shohrat Zakir in an interview published by Xinhua, a state-run news outlet. “They have also been able to better tell right from wrong and resist the infiltration of extremist thought.”

However, the statements from Uighurs who “graduated” from the program sound

more like confessions than interviews, even in the Chinese media.

“I wouldn't even have known that I had made mistakes,” said one graduate, according to the Xinhua article. “But the government didn't give me up. It has actively saved and assisted me. ... Now I have made great progress in many aspects. I will cherish this opportunity and become a person useful to the country and society.”

In stark contrast to this portrayal, analysts located these facilities on open-source satellite imagery — many before China even acknowledged their existence — and identified features such as guard towers and razor wire lining the exterior walls. Ben Dooley of Agence France-Presse, a leading French news outlet, recently published a report analyzing over 1,500 publicly available Chinese government documents that revealed one precinct's purchase of 2,768 police batons, 550 electric cattle prods, 1,367 pairs of handcuffs and 2,792 cans of pepper spray for use in these centers.

Uighurs living overseas confirmed to the BBC the rumors of both physical and emotional abuse, including being beaten for any minor failure, forced to sing Communist songs and recite Chinese laws, and prohibited from practicing Islamic rules. In contrast to the gleaming images broadcast on television, released Uighurs described cramped dormitories with only a bowl as a toilet.

In the early stages of these facilities, Uighurs were detained for perhaps a few months at a time. However, according to the Radio Free Asia report, at least one official from the Xinjiang township of Haniqatam recently confirmed that no one has yet been released from their local center, though the first residents sent for “re-education” were

detained nearly two years ago. As more facilities have been built and expanded, policy seems to have shifted to detain the inmates indefinitely. As many as one million Uighurs are being held in these camps against their will, according to a UN panel this August.

Why? According to international studies professor Dr. Glen Duerr, this is only the latest development in a long history of conflict between the Uighurs and the Chinese government.

“The Uighurs have a long history of being connected to China, but not necessarily fitting within the mold of Chinese nationalism,” Duerr said.

Ethnically, culturally and linguistically, the Uighurs are more similar to the nations to the west than to the Han Chinese (the majority ethnic group in China), leading some in Xinjiang to suggest that the province break off and form its own free nation.

“For the Chinese that's just a no-go,” Duerr said. “You do not divide China. There is a one-China policy in place, and even outlying entities like Taiwan, in that view, must be brought back one day.”

Separatism is especially threatening

in Xinjiang, international studies professor Dr. Christine Kim explained, because the province is crucially positioned for China's New Silk Road initiative, which aims to revitalize ancient trade routes by updating transportation infrastructure connecting all of Afro-Eurasia. Xinjiang serves as both China's economic connection point to the other nations and its geopolitical buffer between them and itself.

The Uighurs' separatist impulse combined with concerns over terrorism lead the government to perceive the Turkic, predominantly Muslim Uighurs as a threat to both national security and Chinese identity. Given the opaque nature of the Chinese media, it is difficult to determine whether this reasoning is well-founded; terrorist attacks and revolts against the government tend to be covered up rather than reported, and even then the perpetrators often go unnamed.

Additionally, it is unclear whether separatist sentiment is as strong among the main Uighur population as it is in the vocal minority. Some commentators suggest that the majority of Uighurs would be content to remain a part of China if they were allowed exercise



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their own religious and cultural practices. While Xinjiang is designated an autonomous region, meaning that they are granted some level of self-governance, the national government has implemented several policies to restrict Uighur autonomy over the last few decades.

For instance, Han-Uighur couples receive marriage bonuses, incentivizing cultural assimilation. The government has also provided financial incentives for Han families to move to Xinjiang, diluting the Uighur population in the province from a comfortable majority to less than 45 percent.

According to ChinaFile, over a million Han Chinese state employees have also permanently or temporarily migrated to Xinjiang as “big brothers” or “big sisters” — indoctrination and surveillance workers hosted in Uighur homes, ensuring their loyalty to the Communist Party. The smallest sign of dissent, from having a picture of a woman in Islamic dress to not paying the water bill on time, could be enough to recommend a Uighur individual for “re-education.”

The Uighurs have lost the rights to education in their own language, been banned from teaching their own history and are not permitted to have long beards or wear headscarves. Every Uighur household has a barcode on the door that can be scanned by police to confirm who is supposed to be in the house, and Uighurs face severe travel restrictions both within Xinjiang and beyond. Uighurs have now been forced to surrender all passports to the police, prohibited from leaving the country.

Amid increasing information about what’s been happening in China for the past two years finally coming to light, the international community has remained stoically silent. According to Duerr, while the treatment of the Uighurs is clearly a violation of human rights, whatever the history of conflict, the international community is limited in its ability to take action against China in response.

“Because of China’s economic prowess people are much more reluctant to speak out because, ‘Well, China will just stop trading with us,’” Duerr said. “And they will. ... China’s become too powerful, unfortunately. From a U.S. perspective we’re lucky enough that we’re the one that could say and do something, but it’s a big risk. Are you willing to stick your neck out for the Uighurs? We should, yes. Will people in reality do so? No.”

The crackdown on the Uighurs coincides with a broader tightening of cultural and religious freedoms in China. In addition to the extreme persecution of Muslim Uighurs in Xinjiang, Pew Research Center reports that approximately 2,000 “crosses and church structures” have been destroyed in the province of Zhejiang. The Chinese government, not the pope, appoints bishops, and Protestant churches face restrictions on who can preach, where sermons will be given, what can be spoken on in church, and even the number of baptisms that can occur per year.

However, according to Duerr, Christians are slightly



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more protected by their large numbers, lack of ethnic distinctiveness, and geographic dispersion across mainland China. While churches have been destroyed, pastors removed from the pulpit, and congregations surveilled by the government, the gospel is still being preached throughout much of China.

Kim exhorted Cedarville students to pray for political leaders, the Uighurs in Xinjiang, and the Christian churches in China.

“We start by praying for the national leaders,” Kim said. “We don’t have the capacity or the authority to make the decisions, so we just pray that they can make the right deci-

sions. For the Uighurs, we pray that this persecution would lead them to the light and truth of Jesus Christ, and for Christians, we pray that they experience the goodness of God amid trials.”

Originally from Korea, Kim encouraged students to remember to give thanks for their freedoms.

“As a non-Western sister in Christ, enjoy ... the freedom of speech, freedom of religion, separation of church and state, et cetera,” Kim said. “What you enjoy is what many others including those in China are anxious to get and dying to achieve.”

# Corner Bakery Back in Business

Kim Herron's journey to reopen classic pastry shop in downtown Cedarville

by *Jacob Oedy*

After being closed for almost a year, Cedarville's Corner Bakery has finally reopened with new desserts, new hours and a new owner.

Sophomore Emily Huck smiled as she expressed excitement over the shop's revival.

"I grew up in Cedarville," she said. "My dad and I would go before school sometimes. He would always get a sticky bun with nuts on top."

The process of reopening the traditional bakery has taken a series of unexpected turns for the new owner, Kim Herron, transforming both her work and spiritual life.

"We ended up finding that path that God led us down, and here we are," Herron said.

Herron and her family first moved to Cedarville to care for Kim's mother, who died before they completed the transition. But they had already sold their previous house, and Herron's father wanted them to live on the family farm.

"Neither my husband nor I were saved at the time," Herron said. "So now I feel like it was all orchestrated and planned to get us here."

After completing the move, the Herrons became connected to Grace Baptist Church through their son, who attended Grace's youth group. Through the church, Herron and her husband both converted to Christianity and were looking for ways to get connected.

"We ended up in a small group, and in the small group was Cliff Fawcett and his wife, Patty," Herron said. "Cliff was brother to Glen, who used to be here with the bakery."

Herron developed a curiosity about the bakery, which had to temporarily shut down due to Glen's struggle with an illness that claimed his life. As Glen's wife Linda considered the shop's future, Herron began working as a caretaker for the mother-in-law of

Cedarville's dean of men, Brad Smith. She worked for the family until Smith's mother-in-law, Joyce, died in April.

Having faithfully cared for Joyce, Herron and her husband began discussing an

offer they had received from Linda to take over the bakery.

"We just happened to be here at the right time," said Herron. "Things fell into place, and we purchased it."



Photo by Lauren Jacobs

The scones, donuts, and other delicious goods entice customers inside to enjoy the warm, small-town atmosphere of the bakery.

Managing the pastry store, which enjoyed a soft reopening in August, is not Kim's first time working in the food business; the industry has always appealed to her.

"I like to make people happy," she said. "I always like it when people come in and there's something good that they see. I like to be creative, so this way I get to play and do whatever I want to. I go back there, and it's just like a big playground."

While some of the pastries offered at the bakery are products of Herron's creativity, others are recipes that were handed down to her from the previous owners and will be familiar to longtime members of the Cedarville community.

The small-town, personal atmosphere of the long-running bakery make visits both friendly and delicious.

"I always loved going there because it was super cute and tiny," Huck said. "It's fun living in a small town and going to small-town shops and knowing the people who own them."

While the bakery may not belong to the same people Huck remembers from her childhood, Herron is working to become similarly involved with the community. She has expanded the seating area, inviting customers to stay and eat inside. She is also developing a website and Facebook page so that she can reach the community online. Finally, Herron hopes to get connected with the university by adding evening and weekend hours to accommodate the after-class cravings of college students.

The bakery is closed from Sunday through Tuesday and is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. It is also open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

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# Yellow Jackets Plan To Improve in 2018

by *Tim Smith*

## Teamwork, Rebounding and Defense are Keys to Victory for CU

The Cedarville Yellow Jackets men's basketball program is set for a change in both game plan and roster coming into the 2018-2019 season. The biggest loss is the graduation of senior Patrick Bain, a first-team all-G-MAC player and the Yellow Jackets' leading scorer from last year.

There were other roster changes as well, the majority coming from the graduation of senior players. Nonetheless, coach Pat Estep is positive about the group he has right now.

"We have a couple guys who aren't with us, but outside of that we have a really strong group," Estep said.

With the loss of Bain, the Cedarville men are missing a significant chunk of their offense this season — Bain averaged over 21 points per game. Estep believes that the team now can make up for this loss, but it will take a contribution of both experienced seniors and incoming freshmen and transfers.

On the veteran side, Estep sees multiple players that will need to have an impact on the season to succeed.

"Grant Zawadzki will have to have a big role this year," Estep said. "He was our second-leading scorer last year and his production doesn't have to be primarily in that region, but he will need to score points for us to succeed. I believe he and Conner TenHove are going to be guys that have to play big roles for us. I hope Rob Okoro can step up and rebound the ball really well for us. We are playing him in some new positions that, I think, he is doing pretty well in."

From the other end of the spectrum, Estep believes some incoming freshmen and transfers will need to fill a role on this roster for a positive season.

"You never want to rely on freshmen, but our freshmen are talented enough to really help us and they are going to have to help us early on," Estep said. "As they develop and get experience and just play, we will have a chance to be pretty good. I think



Photo by Scott Huck

Members of the 2018-19 Cedarville University men's basketball team are (seated left to right) Cameron Roseman, Demond Parker, Colton Linkous, Grant Zawadzki, Branden Maughmer, Quinton Green, Anthony Chaffey, Isaiah Speelman. (Standing left to right) assistant coach Aaron Horn, assistant coach Patrick Bain, Gabriel Portillo, Robert Okoro, Seth Dittmer, Kollin Van Horn, Conner TenHove, assistant coach Dr. Anthony Moore, assistant coach Terry Futrell, head coach Pat Estep.

(transfer) Seth Dittmer has a chance to make a big difference. He is very athletic for his size. He will have to develop a bit offensively, but if he will play defense and rebound, he will be a big help."

## Rebounding Must Improve for Success

For this Cedarville team to succeed, though, there will need to be an improvement in the rebounding efforts of the team. Last season, the team averaged 31.1 rebounds per game, while their opponents averaged 37.3 rebounds per game. Estep knows these numbers must improve to see a positive outcome.

"We have to rebound better, and we brought in a significant amount of size this year — more than we have had in awhile," Estep said.

And, though height isn't the only aspect that goes into rebounding efforts, it sure helps to have it. Estep believes that his players also have the natural ability that goes into rebounding.

"Rebounding is one of those things where just because you are big doesn't mean you can get the ball — you kind of have to have a nose for it. Our guys right now have that and are capitalizing on that."

Having both the size and ability for rebounding, the Cedarville men believe they can be one of the top rebounding teams in the league.

## Defense Wins Championships

Along with improving rebounding, the Yellow Jackets will need to play better defense this season as well. Last year, the Yellow Jackets allowed their opponents to score 75.5 points per game on average. Without Bain's support to bolster the offensive end, Estep knows that the defense will need to improve for success.

"It's one of those things where, if you are going to shoot in the low 40s offensively, then you have to defensively force the opposing team to do so as well," Estep said. "We have to defend better, which is something we

have been working on this entire offseason."

Defensive success would be a big step in the right direction for this team, which is looking to improve on a 14-15 record from last season.

## Ambitious Goals: Physically and Spiritually

The Yellow Jackets have big goals for this season, but not all pertain to the game of basketball.

"We want to stay positive throughout the season," Dittmer said. "That was a big thing in our devotions, just staying positive and not complaining as the season progresses."

Zawadzki agreed with his teammate, adding, "We know adversity is going to hit throughout the season, so we focus on getting better every day and being positive every day to help us succeed in the season."

Estep has taught his players that there is more to life than basketball. He motivates them to play for a higher calling than just success on the court.

"I've told our guys that if you just want to win games to win games, that isn't going to satisfy. Ultimately, we have a platform to share Christ and what He has done for us."

It's not to say that the team doesn't have big aspirations for the season. The Yellow Jackets are dreaming big and believe that they have the talent to achieve these dreams.

"One of our biggest goals right now is to win a conference championship. That's a big goal and that is what we work towards every day," Zawadzki said.

Estep knows that the team will be successful, and he hopes that the men will receive the victory with humility and maturity.

"We have handled much adversity recently, but I hope we can handle success as it comes this year in that regard as well."

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# Healthy Lady Jackets Look to Compete for G-MAC Title

by Tim Miller

After winning 24 games and steam-rolling their way through the regular season, the Cedarville women's basketball team suffered a stunning G-MAC tournament semifinal loss to Hillsdale that ended their season.

The Lady Jackets still feel that shocking loss tugging at them as they prepare for the 2018-19 season.

"We've brought up our Hillsdale game five or six times in practice," head coach Kari Hoffman said. "We weren't ready to be done last year, and several of those returners understand that."

As if Cedarville needs more motivation this preseason, the Lady Jackets were voted to finish third in the conference after taking the regular season crown last year.

"I was a little upset about third," senior guard Abby Wolford said. "I want to show people that we're still so talented. I want us to be regular season and tournament champs."

Cedarville loses four seniors from a season ago, all of whom were heavily involved in producing for the Lady Jackets. The biggest hole this year's team must plug comes in rebounding, as those seniors ranked first through fourth in individual rebounding a season ago.

Three of the four seniors were pure posts, while the fourth was a lockdown defender and a notorious scrapper and defensive stalwart for the Lady Jackets.

Hoffman said it will take a team effort to replace the lost production on the boards. There's no pure post on the roster this season, and who will take that role in the starting lineup is still in question.

"Everyone needs to step up," Hoffman said. "All of our guards are gonna have to rebound. We've told our five that we just want you to play defense and rebound."

Fortunately for Cedarville, the roster still has plenty of promise. Leading scorer and senior guard Regina Hochstetler returns after suffering a torn ACL late last season. Further, senior guard Abby Wolford, who has missed the past two seasons due to inju-



Photo by Jillian Strouse

Abby Wolford (passer) is healthy for the first time in two seasons.

ry, is slotted in the starting lineup this year.

Record-breaking senior guard Baylee Bennett brings her uncanny 3-point accuracy back for one more campaign with the Lady Jackets. Bennett broke the single-game conference record for most triples and single-season team record for most 3-pointers last season.

Guard Ashlyn Huffman broke out last

season as a freshman for the Lady Jackets, averaging eight points per game and tossing in 37 percent of her attempts from deep.

"I think we'll have the best backcourt in the league," Hoffman said. "It's almost to the point where there's not enough shots for everyone. There's exciting things on the offensive side of the ball."

Even with the loss of experience, Hoff-



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Ellie Juengel (with ball) returns after missing the entire 2017-2018 season.

man said she expects her team to be one of the best she's had in terms of leadership. All seniors on the team (Bennett, Hochstetler, Kelly Poole, Wolford) have been named captains.

While Hoffman understands four captains on a team could lead to turbulence with so many voices, she says the captains have shown an ability to work together.

"They do a good job of using their strengths to their advantage and letting each other own their own responsibilities," Hoffman said.

The team sports six freshmen, some of whom could find their way into the rotation early on. The coaching staff has especially high hopes for guard Emily Chapman. The Proctorville, Ohio, native garnered attention from Division I schools, but she chose Cedarville in order to stay close to home.

Additionally, Hoffman mentioned first-year forward Alli Roh and wing Lexi Moore as other freshmen who could make an impact early. Hoffman expects Roh to compete for the starting post position and said she has major upside.

The women's basketball team has been one of the university's more successful programs, and junior Ellie Juengel said the team should produce another notable campaign.

"I think we're looking great. We have some freshmen that are gonna step up, people who are going to take different roles, and I think everybody is prepared for that."

Multiple players have made their high expectations clear, and Hoffman will lead the charge as the Lady Jackets crave another postseason run, with a better outcome this season.

"I expect to repeat as G-MAC champs and I hope we can finish the job this year and win the tournament," she said. "We still have a bitter taste in our mouth from not winning that."

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# Ready, Set, Grace

Autumn Foust learns God's message of grace on the volleyball court

by Abby Hintz

For most people, middle school is a time of braces, awkward school pictures and growth spurts. No one likes to look back on it. It is an uncomfortable time of life.

Middle school was far from easy for Autumn Foust. For her and her three siblings, Foust's middle school years held abuse, divorce, court trials, and, eventually, lost furniture, burnt pictures and a vacant house.

"This is not clean content," Foust said. "My testimony is kind of sappy, but it is good because it ends with God."

Guillain-Barre Syndrome temporarily paralyzed a young Kyndall Foust and forced an eight-month hospital stay. This hurt their parent's marriage and was the beginning of a devastating time for the family.

Kyndall believes the situation forced her and Autumn to mature faster than someone with a "normal" childhood.

"We created this bond where we have to have each other," Kyndall said.

Though the trial had obvious downsides for the entire family, it led Kyndall to Christ. She passed the chapel one day and encountered a pastor. He began engaging with her every day she was there, eventually leading her to faith in Jesus.

The Foust home wasn't a Christian environment, but Kyndall was able to show Autumn that there is more to life than school and athletics. This was the beginning of Autumn's interest in God, but He had bigger plans for her salvation story.

When Autumn Foust got to middle school, she joined Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), though she admitted her intentions were a little skewed.

"I joined FCA because of some friends," Foust said, before laughing and adding, "Mostly because of a boy. Honestly, if I didn't pursue worldly things such as a boy I would not be saved today. FCA changed my life."

God continued to pursue Foust through middle school. She decided to go to summer camp after eighth grade, though it was completely out of her comfort zone.

Regardless, God had Foust right where He wanted her, and on the last day "Lead Me To The Cross" played.

"I literally felt the tug of God. People say that, but it does hit you," Foust explained. "That's when I handed my life over to Him."

Foust, however, sees more than her salvation when she looks back on her middle school years. While God took over her life and opened her eyes, there was hardship plaguing the Foust home.



Photo by Jillian Strouse

Autumn Foust (12) has been through many ups and downs, but she says she is depending on God's grace to help live each and to forgive the people she needs to forgive.

Foust's parents were going through an ugly divorce. Autumn and her siblings were forced to live with their mother who only wanted them for the child support so she could pay for alcohol, drugs and men. They weren't allowed to see their father, and their lives were full of verbal and physical abuse.

Most people would look back on this and question God, but Foust believes this was His way of preparing her for sal-

vation. She knows God was working through others' lives to get to her and show her His character.

"I see it so clearly now," Foust said through tears and obvious heartache.

Her suffering didn't stop there.

It was Kyndall's birthday on Jan. 23. Still in middle school, Autumn walked home only to find no furniture, burnt pictures and no mom. She hasn't seen her mother since.

"I didn't realize that God's character means a lot more than just love and peace and kindness," she said. "He has hard love for you too."

Forgiveness didn't come easy for Foust. The breakthrough came at FCA camp in the summer of her junior year when a demonstration caused everything in her mind to fall into place.

The athletes were put through intense conditioning exercises. When they got on the line to do another suicide, the coach said something Foust wasn't expecting.

"Ready, set, grace."

The athletes stayed on the line while a different coach started running instead. When he finished the suicide, the instructor asked the group why they thought he ran for them.

"I needed you all to run one more, but he ran for you."

This is when the wheels started turning in Foust's mind. Then it hit her.

"I was realizing Christ died for us and I did not deserve it, and He laid on my heart my mom," she said.

The realization that God forgives sinners who are unworthy made her want to do the same for her mom. She knew that she would want someone praying for her if she had wronged them.

Now Foust is thriving at Cedarville and loving everything it has given her.

She smiled as she said, "I'm able to share Him more through the ministry of sports, get to know Him, enjoy Him and glorify Him. Volleyball has allowed me to find my true purpose in life of doing ministry."

Foust wouldn't change how she grew up. God's hard love changed her life and opened opportunities she would never have gotten otherwise.

Though her future is uncertain, Autumn is confident in God's plans. No matter what it holds, she will continue to live out what she heard at FCA camp.

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## Men's Basketball 2018-19 Freshmen and Transfers



Kollin Van Horn

C | #10 | Proctorville, OH  
 Favorite athlete: LeBron James  
 Why Cedarville: Christian atmosphere, ability to play basketball  
 Favorite food: Steak  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes



Branden Maughmer

G | #2 | Chillicothe, OH  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes  
 Why Cedarville: It was the right fit and close to home  
 Favorite food: Chicken and waffles  
 Favorite athlete: Collin Sexton  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: One horse-sized duck



Anthony Chaffey

(Walk-on) | G | #11 | Charlotte, NC  
 Favorite Bible verse: Proverbs 3:5-6  
 Favorite class: Digital logic design  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: One horse-sized duck  
 Hidden talent: Can play guitar and sing



Isaiah Speelman

F | #5 | Hilliard, OH  
 Favorite athlete: LeBron James  
 Why Cedarville: The environment and home-like feeling  
 Favorite food: Pasta  
 Hidden talent: Golfing



Seth Dittmer

(Transfer) | C | #13 | Pewaukee, WI  
 Hidden talent: Can solve a Rubik's Cube  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: 10 duck-sized horses  
 Favorite food: Mac and cheese  
 Favorite animal: Cat



Cameron Roseman

(Walk-on) | G | #24 | Chambersburg, PA  
 Favorite athlete: Trae Young  
 Why Cedarville: Christian community, Division II school  
 Favorite Bible verse: Psalm 37:23-24  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: 10 duck-sized horses  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes

## Women's Basketball 2018-19 Freshmen



**Lexi Moore**

F | #44 | Beavercreek, OH  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: 10 duck-sized horses  
 Favorite Bible verse: Joshua 1:9  
 Favorite food: Ice cream



**Emily Chapman**

G | #0 | Proctorville, OH  
 Favorite athlete: LeBron James  
 Favorite animal: Tiger  
 Favorite food: Pizza Rolls  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: One horse-sized duck  
 Favorite Bible verse: Psalm 46:5



**Allie Roh**

F | #30 | Lincoln, NE  
 Favorite Bible verse: Titus 2:7-8  
 Favorite food: Grilled cheese  
 Pump-up song: Ain't No Mountain High Enough by Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell  
 Dream job: Kindergarten teacher  
 Favorite animal: Elephant



**Isabelle Bolender**

G | #20 | Cedarville, OH  
 Favorite class: PACL  
 Favorite food: Grillbed PB&J in a waffle maker  
 Pump-up song: Before He Cheats by Carrie Underwood  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Can 360 dunk on him



**Allison Mader**

G | #24 | Tipp City, OH  
 Favorite athlete: Steph Curry  
 Why Cedarville: What Cedarville stands for, the teammates  
 Favorite verse: 1 Peter 3:4  
 Favorite food: Mozzarella sticks  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes, because it seems like the funny answer



**Victoria Fliehman**

F | #10 | Sabina, OH  
 Dream job: Family doctor  
 Can you dunk on Cedars sports editor Tim Miller: Yes, but on an eight-foot rim  
 Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 10 duck-sized horses: 10 duck-sized horses  
 Favorite animal: Dog

# Cedarville Campus Discusses ‘Christian’ Music

by Callahan Jones

A recent Cedars-run poll of the student body of Cedarville University revealed that a large portion (48.7 percent) of the 503 students polled cared very little or didn’t care at all if a musical artist they were listening to professed to be a Christian. A majority (59.1 percent) said it was of little or no importance if a band they were listening to labeled themselves as a Christian band.

However, for many students, the issue of music in relation to Christian’s life is much more nuanced these two data points.

“A lot of bands don’t describe themselves as Christian bands,” said Luke Marquardt, a junior computer science major. “But the members are definitely Christian and it plays itself out in the songs that they make and the way they live their lives. They don’t label themselves that way, I think, to get out of what I call ‘the K-LOVE bubble.’”

The radio station K-LOVE was a frequent topic of discussion amongst those polled and interviewed, both in positive and negative lights. Many people enjoy listening to it and found it encouraging and edifying for them to do so, but for some, the radio station puts forth the most commercially produced music.

“I don’t think that music is going to be more worth listening to just because the band says they are Christian,” said Dr. John Gilhooly, director of the honors program and assistant professor of philosophy and theology at Cedarville. “A lot of what’s driving the production of the music is its profitability. They’re going to be producing what they think people will buy, and that extends to Christian music as well. If people want emotional music speaking of their own reflections on God, that’s what you’ll get.”

When asked what their favorite or most listened-to genre of music was, 18.1 percent of students said they primarily listen to what they would consider Christian or worship music, which was the most popular genre. The second most popular genre was pop music (12.9 percent). Of

the options provided, electronic dance music and jazz came in last, both receiving 2.8 percent of the vote. There was also an “other” option, which had several unique answers, such as “patriotic tunes (marches and anthems) and hymns” and “trombone music.”

Matthew Shinkle, a senior psychology student at Cedarville, said that while Christian music may be popular in the Cedarville student body, he personally does not listen to it much because of the effect commercialization has had on it.

“I don’t listen to much Christian music myself, as what I would call good Christian music is hard to find. I don’t listen to K-LOVE. A lot of it is mass produced and similar,” said Shinkle. “If I want to find good secular music, I might look at Pitchfork reviews or see what won Grammys this year. But if I want to find good Christian music, I have to go and find it myself.”

While Christian music may be popular on campus, what did seem to be a great point of contention amongst those polled and those interviewed is what “Christian music” actually means, or if Christian music could even be called its own genre.

There seems to be two main camps of thought, with many nuances involved. One believes that for music to be called Christian, it must feature lyrics that specifically point toward God. The other camp believes that it is the intention behind the writing of the music that could classify it as Christian. The one thing that most of the responders seemed to agree on: Christian music is much more than worship music.

“A lot of people have straight up told me before that we should stop classifying

anything as Christian music or in the Christian genre that isn’t worship music, and I think that’s straight up wrong,” said Solomon Somers, a sophomore computer science major. “I think it extends far beyond corporate worship music. I would say that Christian music is music that is written

with the intent of glorifying God.”

Marquardt said that the definition of Christian music is too restrictive.

“I would say that a lot of people would describe ‘Christian music’ or the genre as what is played on K-LOVE or what plays on Resound Radio here,” said Marquardt. “I would argue that’s a very narrow definition of Christian music. It discounts a lot of music that’s very high quality that is very glorifying to God. That sounds pretty hipster of me, doesn’t it?”

One poll respondent went as far as to say:

“While several genres can contain Christian music, I consider Contemporary Christian music to be its own genre because no other music can disappoint me the way CCM can.”

Dr. Roger O’Neel, the assistant chair of worship and an associate professor of worship at Cedarville, said that for him, both of these definitions can be fairly specific.

“Music abstractly stands on its own and is not necessarily related to faith,” said O’Neel. “I think for me, when Christian music becomes Christian, is when it has either lyrics that communicate Biblical truth, that express our praise back to God, it could be that we are admonishing each other with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. For me, that’s when it becomes Christian.”

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O’Neel went on, further explaining what he meant, specifically excluding purely instrumental works of music from his definition of Christian music.

“Music is God’s creation, so we might enjoy what one might call ‘absolute music,’ that is music that is just composed and has no Christian association and we can enjoy God’s creation and the beauty in that,” said O’Neel. “But for me, the music only becomes Christian when there are external forces acting upon it, such as lyrics.”

Shinkle was somewhere in between these two camps, being reluctant to even call Christian music its own genre.

“Christian music is not a genre, just like sad music or music about trucks is not a genre,” said Shinkle. “It’s a subgenre that discusses certain topics, in the way that rap about cocaine is a rap subgenre. I would say that worship music could be its own genre, as it has specific topics that it covers and also has specific musical stylings that would set it apart.”

Nate Stahlnecker, a senior computer engineering student, believes that instrumental music could be called Christian music, given the right circumstances.

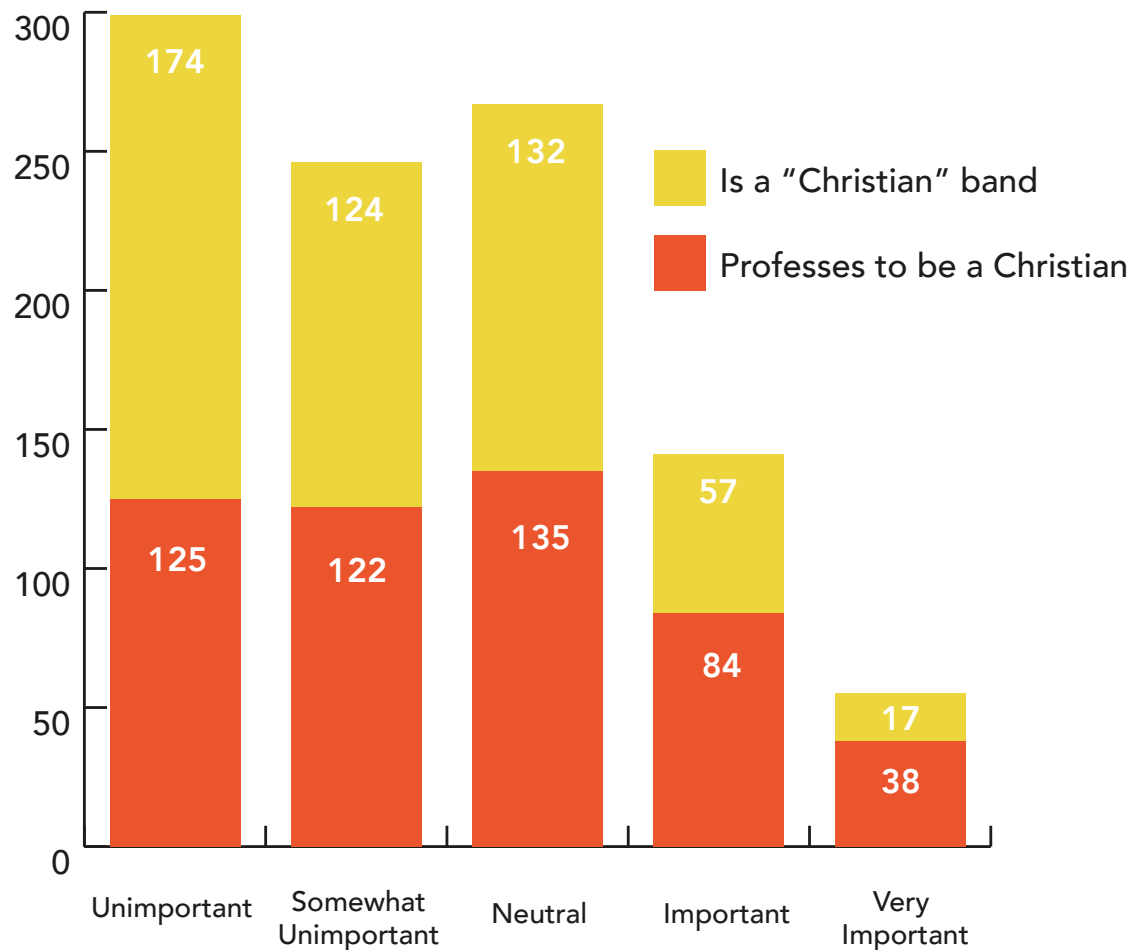
“Throughout Scripture, there are several references to God’s attention to the creation of beautiful things, even by humans,” Stahlnecker said. “God values beautiful things, as they point back to Him as the progenitor of all that is beautiful. They bring glory to Him. For this reason I would add that instrumental or classical music continues to bring glory to God after it is written insofar as it was created with the right intent and mirrors (though vaguely) His beauty.”

While this view may not be as popular, it is still a commonly held one. Many proponents of this view point to the classical composers Bach and Handel, who wrote many pieces with the intent of “Soli Deo Gloria,” which means “glory to God alone.”

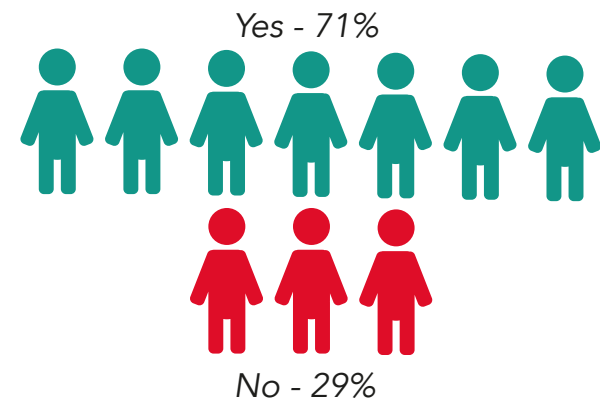
Beauty was also a topic that came up frequently in people’s definitions of Chris-

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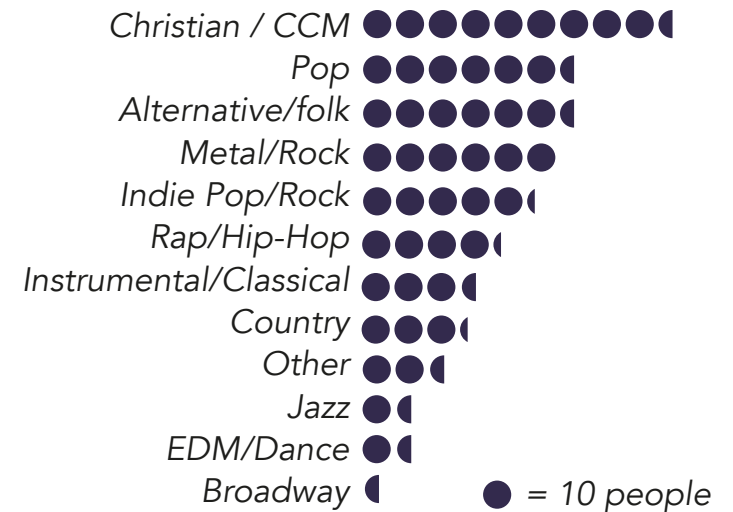
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tian music, though their own definitions often varied and were all over. One double interview performed for this article spawned a two-hour conversation amongst many people about what the true definitions of beauty and Christian music could be.

It's apparent that the Cedarville student body can be quite split in their music tastes, their tastes in Christian music and in their own definitions of what Christian music actually is. Of those who answered

the poll, 30 percent chose to eschew the given options for their favorite genre, giving their own custom answer. Furthermore, 56 percent of those polled opted to give their own opinion on the Christian genre and 51 percent provided their own definitions of Christian music.

Obviously, it was not possible to include all of those here, but they fueled the questions asked of those interviewed and shaped the direction of this entire analysis.

While it can be beneficial to find Christian music, disregarding the current popular songs, one should always be careful with the music they choose to listen to. Not all songs are what they seem, and listeners need to use discretion.

"Some so-called Christian songs, if you took the name Jesus out of the chorus, they could just sound like generic love songs otherwise," said Gilhooly. "Now, every generic love song is pilfering Christian themes of

love, but that doesn't mean they are Christian love songs. I think we want to be cautious labeling something as good or helpful for us just because it has the name Christian in front of it."

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# Moonlight Madness

Photos by Carrie Bergan



The men's game begins and the white team quickly gains possession of the ball.



The women's basketball game intensifies as the blue team continues to put on some strong defense.



Stinger sits with the fans cheering on the teams showing some team spirit as Cedarville's mascot.



The cheerleaders put on a show during the halftime of the women's basketball game and get the fans excited.