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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – On any morning at Cedarville University, you'll find sleepy undergraduate students seeking a java jolt at Stinger's cafe in the Stevens Student Center. But for students who show up on Thursdays, they get a blast of soul caffeine to go with their coffee.

Every Thursday at 9 a.m., Dr. Dan DeWitt, professor of applied theology and apologetics, leads students on a journey into "Mere Caffeination," his weekly apologetics talk. During the meetings, DeWitt and students discuss various arguments and defenses of the Christian faith.

"Mere Caffeination" is inspired by the classic Christian apologetics book "Mere Christianity," written by C.S. Lewis. The meeting is open to students and faculty members interested in apologetic discussions, with topics ranging from arguments against Christianity to Christian perspectives on recent world events.

DeWitt seeks to provide an opportunity for students to relate the gospel to everything that is taking place in the world today through truthful conversations. "I want students to love the gospel more and be encouraged by the power of the gospel," he said.

"Students need to think biblically through the issues and questions our culture is facing so they will be able to hold the Bible in one hand, the newspaper in the other, and know how to properly interpret them both, and how they relate to one another, said DeWitt."

Discussions center around current events. Visiting professor Sam Allberry; Dr. Anthony Moore, biblical research and multicultural recruiter; and Dr. John Gilhooly, assistant professor of theology and philosophy, have all attended as guest facilitators.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.