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Indianapolis Colts Chaplain Coming to Chapel

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Eric Simpson, lead pastor at Eagle Church and chaplain for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, will speak in chapel at Cedarville University on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Chapel begins at 10 a.m. and is open to the public.

For more than 20 years, Simpson has served as a volunteer Colts chaplain along with Ken Johnson, a local evangelist. The duo lead a weekly Bible study for players and an additional weekly study for coaches. They also conduct a chapel service the night before each game. During games, Simpson stands on the sidelines to pray with players who request it. Postgame, Simpson joins the team and team opponents on the field for a final prayer.

Simpson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Iowa State University. Upon graduation, he accepted a position with Eli Lilly & Company, moved to Indianapolis and joined Eagle Church, a small startup congregation meeting in an office building. In 1994, Simpson became an associate pastor, and in 2013, he accepted the role of lead pastor.

Simpson, his wife, Kendra, and daughters Lilly, 14, and Kaylynn, 9, are from Zionsville, Indiana.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,380 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 high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.