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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Dr. Dan DeWitt, director of Cedarville University's Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity and associate professor of applied theology and apologetics, will be speaking at the Empowered Leadership Conference on October 26 at Hope Church in Springfield, Illinois.

The Empowered Leadership Conference is hosted by the Western Illinois chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). The conference aims to encourage Christian leaders to influence others for the gospel within three tracks: community leadership, pastoral leadership and FCA leadership.

"I'm always excited to be a part of the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, even though I have less than zero athletic ability," said DeWitt. "This was one of those events that was a clear fit. My wife and I plan our calendar, and consider invitations like this, based on the opportunity to make an impact for the gospel, the effect it will have on our family schedule, and the opportunity the invitation represents for promoting Cedarville."

Also speaking at the conference is Mike Matheny, the current adviser for player development for the Kansas City Royals, former major league baseball catcher and former manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Erika Harold, a current member of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and on Equality and Miss Illinois 2001 and Miss America 2003, will also speak.

DeWitt will speak on contemporary challenges to the Christian worldview for a plenary and breakout session.

For more information about the conference, visit westernifca.org/empowered-leadership-conference.

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