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CEDARVILLE, **OHIO** -- It's not every day that a university takes its message and vision for higher education on the road. But that's exactly what Cedarville University, a private Christian university located between Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, will do this summer when it embarks on its 26-day, 10,000-mile, 13-city <u>Transformed Tour</u>.

The Transformed Tour will allow alumni, prospective students and community members to experience the transformational power of a Cedarville chapel service, meet with Cedarville leaders, enter into a drawing for scholarships and learn more about the university.

The Transformed Tour's send-off event will take place Monday, April 25 at 7 pm at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio. The event is free of charge and open to the public. Once the tour departs Cedarville, the first event on its 13-city stop will be at Chapel Pointe Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 11. For the nationwide tour, admission is free, but registration is desired. Those interested in attending can learn more and register at <u>cedarville.edu/transformedtour</u>.

"We are excited to think about the ways we can partner together," said Joel Wayne, lead pastor at Chapel Pointe. "New relationships with new initiatives for the same gospel could serve as a catalytic spark for ministries across the nation."

Alumni will have the opportunity to once again experience worship and preaching from Cedarville, and people who are interested in learning more about Cedarville will be able to preview Cedarville's chapel firsthand. High schoolers who attend will be able to speak with an admissions counselor and will automatically be entered into a drawing for a scholarship. There will be one \$2,500 scholarship and multiple \$1,000 scholarships awarded at the send-off event in Cedarville, and in each city throughout the tour. Everyone who attends will also get a free T-shirt. Attendees need to bring their digital tickets.

"We are excited to travel the country and show people how transformation is happening on this campus," said Rah Jacob, director of advancement experience at Cedarville. "Cedarville is unique because we are rapidly growing and we are set apart in the fact that we treat our spiritual life with as high a regard as our academic life."

After the send-off event in Cedarville, the Transformed Tour will open it's first non-Ohio event on Wednesday, May 11. The tour concludes Friday, June 3 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Cities that are part of the tour include Grand Rapids, Michigan; Chicago; Milwaukee; Des Moines, Iowa; Denver; San Diego; Dallas; Houston; Tampa; Raleigh, North Carolina; Washington, D.C.; Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey; and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

In each city, Cedarville's touring music group, HeartSong, will perform prior to university president Dr. Thomas White's keynote presentation on the transforming power of the gospel.

In addition to reflecting the transformation that takes place on Cedarville's campus, the Transformed Tour name also connects to Cedarville's <u>1000 Days Transformed Campaign</u>, which was announced last October. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$125 million for academic programs, scholarships, buildings, discipleship opportunities, global outreach opportunities and more.

"My life was completely transformed when I was a Cedarville student," Jacob said. "I am encouraged to be a small part of what we do here and so excited to bring that experience across the country."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, 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 cedarville.edu.