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## **A Unique Mission: From Air Force to College Classroom**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** - Dr. Jonathan Burson is a man of many talents. From serving 15 years in the U.S. Air Force to becoming a finance professor at Cedarville University, the 2000 Cedarville alumnus is living proof that God's plans are bigger than what he could ever imagine.

Burson, originally from Columbus, Ohio, accepted his diploma in computer information systems and promptly married his wife, Ghena, and entered the Air Force with a passion for serving his country and God.

In reality, both Jonathan and Ghena felt compelled to use Jonathan's military career as a platform for ministry. As an intercontinental ballistic missile and SBIRS systems operator, Burson worked with missile crews that operated and provided the United States with a strategic deterrent threat to enemy attack. They provided the national command structure, namely the President of the United States, with the capability to rapidly deliver a strike anywhere in the world.

"I was in the Air Force with a lot of unbelievers, and many times I was in a one-on-one situation or in a leadership position with them," said Burson, when reflecting on his military career. "In these situations, I tried my best to use those opportunities to impact them for Christ. As operations were being held outside, there would be numerous times we would be locked in a vault for hours and we couldn't leave the room. As we sat around talking, I eventually had the opportunity to share the gospel."

Burson claims that Cedarville University prepared him for the technical implications of his future career by providing proper training and knowledge on computer sciences, but it also instilled within him the desire to impact others for Christ.

"I had professors teaching me the technical aspects of computer information systems but also teaching me how to use my skills for God's glory," Burson says.

Now, Burson's career has come full circle as he is back at Cedarville University teaching students' principles in finance, but also sharing life lessons that could help the younger students navigate their lives in a meaningful way.

The man of many talents continues to use his gifts for God's glory and inspire others to do the same.

Located in southwest Ohio, [Cedarville University](#) is a Baptist university with [undergraduate](#) programs in arts, sciences, and professional programs, and [graduate](#) programs. With an enrollment of 5,456 students in 175 areas of study, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio and is recognized

nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs and high graduation and retention rates. For more information about the University, visit [cedarville.edu](http://cedarville.edu).

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Photo Cutlines:

1. Lt. Burson with two of his children during his early years in the Air Force.
2. Dr. Jonathan Burson with his wife and 14 children.