

Tribute To Paul Dixon
Circa 2003

Unedited Transcript

00:00:04:27 - 00:00:31:28

Unknown

Paul Huber Dixon was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 28th, 1939, because his family moved quite often during those early years. Paul went to eleven different grade schools before the family finally settled in Norwood, Ohio. Young Paul had a paper route, played a lot of basketball and baseball, and was taught to hunt and fish by his uncles

00:00:31:28 - 00:00:52:21

Unknown

who live nearby. Finally, settling in at one school, Paul Dickson became known for his talents as a student and athlete and a radio disc jockey. A pair of popular Norwood High School seniors, Susie Skinner and Paul Dickson were crowned best all around members of their class at the recent Silhouette Sponsor, one of the busiest in Model Envy

00:00:52:21 - 00:01:12:00

Unknown

boys at Norwood High this year with senior Paul Dickson. He was the object of much green-eyed blaring because he held one of the most coveted jobs available that of noontime disc jockey in the lunchroom. Following his graduation from Norwood High School, Paul enrolled at Tennessee Temple between semesters in 1957.

00:01:12:20 - 00:01:30:12

Unknown

Though he excelled at basketball and later became the lead singer and preacher of the youth crusaders. It was that first meeting with high school cheerleader Pat Landers that really changed his life. Well, I had been taking classes on the campus of Tennessee Temple.

00:01:30:29 - 00:01:51:26

Unknown

I was a high school student, so I would go over in the evenings and take. These classes had planned to spend my life teaching deaf students. And this one excited underclassmen knew I did that and was waiting for me right outside my class and saying, Did you know that we have this one deaf student who has come

00:01:51:26 - 00:02:02:16

Unknown

to take classes on campus? And of course I did, and I said, there's no way. I mean, I would know about that. It would need an interpreter in the classroom. There are a lot of things we would have to do.

00:02:02:25 - 00:02:14:28

Unknown

So I got to meet him to incorporate him into our deaf ministry. So I saw this gang of men standing on the gymnasium floor and they pointed me right up to him and I went up to him and I said.

00:02:17:22 - 00:02:37:23

Unknown

And he started turning red from the is he I knew something was wrong. And then I realized he was absolutely not deaf and I just said stupid. He locked away. So after that, he would see me on campus from time to time when he'd see me on campus and go.

00:02:39:04 - 00:02:58:07

Unknown

You know, like that, and I just turn my head and walk away thinking, what a jerk, what a jerk. But eventually, Paul got serious about his studies and his pursuit of Pat Landers. It wasn't long before he had fallen madly in love with her, as evidenced by the letters he would send her, such as this one.

00:02:58:27 - 00:03:12:14

Unknown

Dearest Pat, these last few months have been wonderful. The Lord is richly blessed. You are all any fella could want and a girl and even more. We have had some wonderful times together, and all because we have had Christ as our shepherd.

00:03:12:15 - 00:03:31:05

Unknown

I don't know what holds tomorrow, but I do know that he has. And I have no doubt following several years of courtship, but while still in school. Pat Landers and Paul Nixon were married on August 13, 1960. Paul went on to complete his seminary training during the next three years.

00:03:31:20 - 00:03:49:04

Unknown

But along the way, God bless them with a little boy. Scott Dixon born on April sixth, 1962. Following seminary, the young Dixon family went into full time ministry as Paul's reputation quickly grew as a gifted speaker and evangelist.

00:03:49:20 - 00:04:10:07

Unknown

But it was later in the mid-seventies when the lives of the Dixon family were to change again. On October 21st, 1978, Paul Hubert Dixon was inaugurated as the eighth president of Cetaphil College. This began a 25 year relationship in which Cedar Ville enjoyed a tremendous amount of growth.

00:04:11:00 - 00:04:36:24

Unknown

Enrollment increased by more than 150%, the faculty tripled in size, and the university added more than \$100 million in new facilities. Yet Paul Dickson's greatest influence was his investment in the lives of the students. Their own psyche and their own emotions, just as the men are encouraged to show respect for the young ladies, young ladies work in every

00:04:36:24 - 00:04:52:24

Unknown

way that you can be thoughtful and kind and considered of the young men. one of my favorite verses in personal evangelism is second Corinthians eleven three, I fear less by any means as the Serpent beguiled, even through a subtlety.

00:04:52:29 - 00:05:20:02

Unknown

So your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. Bottom line is men and women. All of us are faced with our world that is out there and how we are going to seize it. And the Apostle Paul summed it up well for us.

00:05:22:06 - 00:05:47:06

Unknown

For me to live is Christ. And today. Is game, while on the one hand, Paul Dixon was leading the college to a new level of quality and excellence. He still found time for a few of his. Favorite passions, fishing and golf, fishing and golf, fishing and golf, fishing and golf.

00:05:48:26 - 00:06:27:15

Unknown

No, no. And oh, yes. Let's not forget another passion of Dr Dixon's that surfaced about once a year. I said, No, I don't want to building buildings.

00:06:28:00 - 00:06:37:05

Unknown

I said, Do you want to grow the campus? I said, No, I don't want to grow the campus. I said, Well, what in the world do you want to do? Do you want to raise some money? I said, I don't want to raise them, but they said, Do you want to take us to a new academic level

00:06:37:05 - 00:07:01:01

Unknown

? I said, I don't want to take you to a new academic level. I could care less. All I want to do is I want to get rid of the dandelions. And so they met with me and they said, what do you think we should have in the next president of Cetaphil in the search committee met and the

00:07:01:01 - 00:07:24:17

Unknown

trustees met. They said, Do you think he should be young? I said I could care less. They said, Do you think he should be good? Look, and I said he'll never measure up. I said all I know is I don't care whether he has a doctorate.

00:07:26:07 - 00:07:43:17

Unknown

I don't even care whether he goes to church. All I want is somebody to come in here and I can pass the torch and I can pass the mantle, and he will spend the next few years battling the dandelions on our campus.

00:07:56:26 - 00:08:13:06

Unknown

I think one thing that's unique about my perspective is I've had a chance to see Dr. Dixon as he's interacting with people who are in trouble and. Going through difficult times. And one thing that it's been interesting to watch is just a compassionate side of him as he draws along people during times of crisis.

00:08:13:14 - 00:08:56:28

Unknown

And I've seen him do that with students, as well as faculty and staff who are facing difficult times. Pat has also been a wonderful boss, his wife. She has been kind, considerate and encouraging along the way. She never interfered with our operations in the office, and she was my partner in many unspeakable ways.

00:09:05:02 - 00:09:36:12

Unknown

And I want to thank Paul for 25 years of leadership at sea level. It's been a very important time for our university in a time of great growth. Oh, that's nice here. That's all right. The word that comes to mind when I think of Paul Dickson and his leadership, his word faithfulness.

00:09:37:19 - 00:09:58:14

Unknown

He's a man who's been faithful to the task that God has given here at Cephil University. And all of us here are beneficiaries of his faith in us. As time marches on and a change of leadership is inevitable, one thing remains certain.

00:09:59:07 - 00:10:08:13

Unknown

God has blessed us with a truly great leader, and the love we have for the Dixon family will remain in our hearts. Forever.