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DEFINING MINISTRY



From the President

What MINISTRY Means

Russ Blowers was my predecessor as senior minister with East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis. He attended the local Rotary Club, and when it was time for him to introduce himself he didn't want to give a predictable response and say, "I'm a minister," so he said:

Hi, I'm Russ Blowers. I'm with a global enterprise. We have branches in every country in the world. We have representatives in nearly every parliament and boardroom on earth. We're into motivation and behavior alteration. We run hospitals, feeding stations, crisis-pregnancy centers, universities, publishing houses, and nursing homes. We care for our clients from birth to death. We are into life insurance and fire insurance. We perform spiritual heart transplants.

Our original Organizer owns all the real estate on earth plus an assortment of galaxies and constellations. He knows everything and lives everywhere. Our product is free for the asking. (There's not enough money to buy it.) Our CEO was born in a hick town, worked as a carpenter, didn't own a home, was misunderstood by his family and hated by his enemies, walked on water, was condemned to death without a trial, and arose from the dead. I talk with him every day.

What does it mean to be a minister for Christ?

Ministry means "service." The words are interchangeable in the New Testament.

Ministry is a sacred responsibility. Paul told Timothy, "Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship . . . discharge all the duties of your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5).

In this issue, you will see how our graduates, alumni and others affiliated with CCU define ministry in their lives. Ministry is hard work. Jesus didn't promise an easy road, but there's nothing more rewarding than partnering with the Creator in his global enterprise to "serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).

Ministry is a normal part of following Jesus. The Lord took upon himself "the very nature of a servant" (Philippians 2:7). He "did not come to be served, but

to serve" (Mark 10:45)—to wash feet, bless children, help the needy, and bring grace to the hopeless.

Ministry is for everyone—not just the "clergy." The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is for all of Christ's followers. God calls every believer to serve. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10). God's people need to be prepared "for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12).

As the arrow below illustrates, CCU's commitment to ministry affects everything we do.

It shapes our curriculum—every degree program, every course.

It defines our mission and inspires our vision. We train disciplinarians who will change the world for Christ—"thousands impacting millions."

For those pursuing vocational ministry in the church, CCU is dedicated to training students to serve in missions, preaching, youth ministry, music leadership, counseling, and other roles. For those whose ministry will be in the public marketplace, CCU prepares them with a biblical worldview so they can serve with excellence in school classrooms, businesses, and other professional endeavors.

In this issue, you will see how our graduates, alumni and others affiliated with CCU define ministry in their lives. Our goal is to prepare all of our graduates for ministry no matter what degree they pursue or how they earn a living. As servants of the Son of God, we can do nothing less.

Dr. David Faust, President



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"Building Christian Leaders to Serve the Church and Shape the World"

Ministry Focus



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"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:14

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ON THE COVER

CCU alumni and friends are serious about using their careers as a ministry. Every graduate of CCU is challenged to do ministry, whether that is in a church, classroom, or board room.

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November

- 1 Discover CCU (CBC)
- 3 IMPACT! Reunions & Homecoming
- 17 - 20 National Missionary Convention (Atlanta)

December

- 1 - 3 Christmas on Campus
- 12 - 15 Finals Week (CBC/CBS)
- 16 Priority Registration (CBC)

January

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- 17 First Day of Classes (CBC/CBS)

February

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March

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- 22 Youth Ministry Summit
- 23 Sexual Wholeness Conference
- 31 Discover CCU (CBC)

April

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- 19 Community Service Day
- 23 Russell Golf Classic (Louisville, KY)
- 24 Discover CCU (CBC)

May

- 7 - 11 Finals Week (CBC/CBS)
- 11 Seminary Commencement
- 12 College Commencement (CBC/CAL)
- 14 - 18 Summer Session 1 (CBC/CBS)
- 21 - 25 Summer Session 2 (CBC/CBS)
- 29 - 6/1 Summer Session 3 (CBC/CBS)

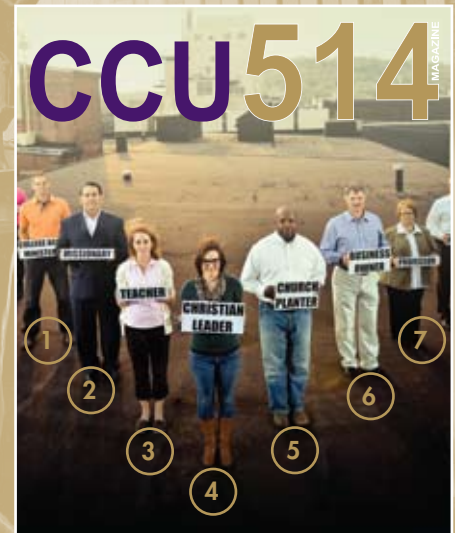
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Ministries While at CCU:

Enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Cincinnati, Minister to Latino congregation of the Western Hills Church of Christ

In Addition to my Role as a Chaplain:

President of the Board (World-Wide Hispanic Outreach), Hospital Chaplain at Veteran's Hospital in Louisville, KY

The Seminary professors who taught me are strong men of faith and I will always be grateful that they dedicated their lives to preparing others for ministry. Having a solid understanding of God's doctrine has allowed me to work within a pluralistic environment and not waiver. I would not have been better prepared anywhere else, and for that I am proud to be a Golden Eagle!

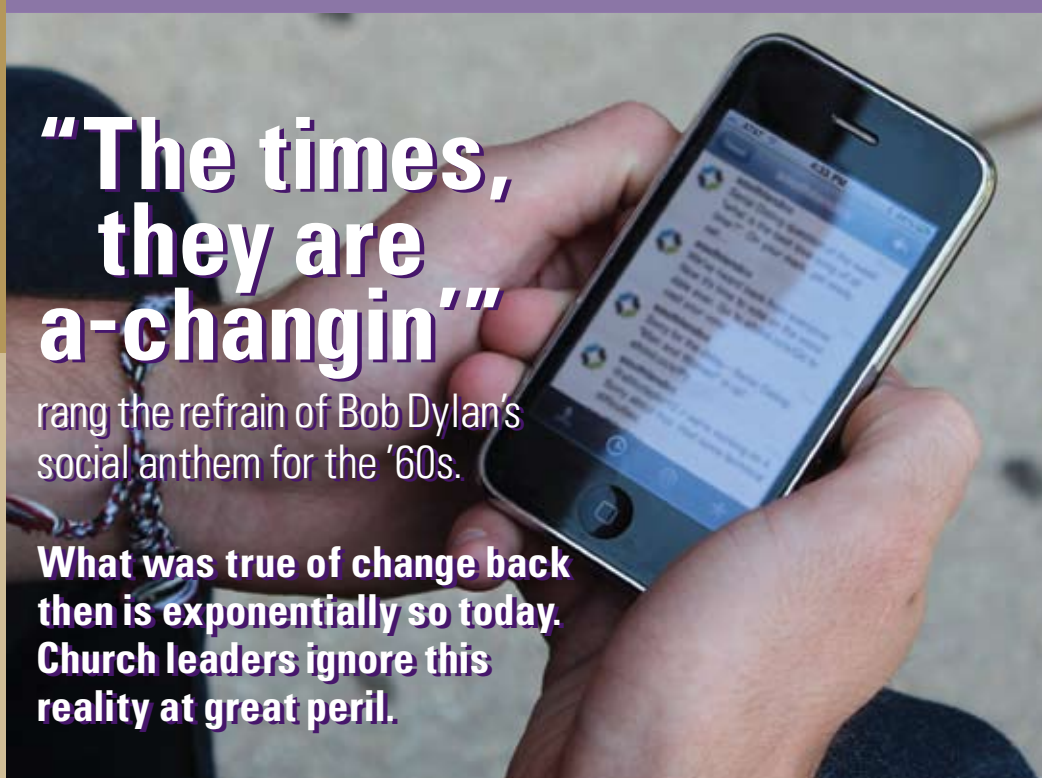
I do not minister at a church nor is Chapel the same as a congregational church. Instead I am charged with providing for the religious needs of all 840 soldiers assigned to my unit. I am assigned one soldier to serve as my assistant, and we form the Unit Ministry Team, charged with assisting the battalion commander in providing for the spiritual needs of soldiers and their families. I often tell others that I am a missionary and the Army is my mission field. At all times I carefully respect the views of those who differ from me. Abiding by this rule can be a hard challenge to any minister, and it is certainly something all Army Chaplains must wrestle with.

I pray with those who seek prayer, baptize those who surrender their lives to Christ and carry out other ordinances like any other minister. When I think of my career as a ministry I think of it more as that of an evangelist. I develop trustworthy friendships through loving and caring for my soldiers. Then in prayer, when they ask, I share my faith with them. There is no secret formula to what I do. I simply use my position as an Army Officer and a Chaplain to help those in need.

MINISTRY TRENDS

By Dr. David Ray, Professor of Practical Ministries

Dr. David Ray
joined the
faculty of CCU
in the Fall of
2011.



"The times, they are a-changin'"

rang the refrain of Bob Dylan's social anthem for the '60s.

What was true of change back then is exponentially so today. Church leaders ignore this reality at great peril.

I Chronicles 12 describes a vast company of men who presented themselves to become David's army. Among them were brave, experienced soldiers wielding strong spears and shields. But the credential of one arriving clan was unique. Those from the tribe of Issachar were described as "men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do"(vs. 32).

Bob Dylan pled: "admit that the waters around you have grown . . . you better start swimming or you'll sink like a stone," and "don't criticize what you can't understand . . . your old road is rapidly agin'." Some of us understand the times in which we grew up, but don't recognize (or admit) it when times change. And few understand the times well enough to help lead in new ways.

There was an age when significant change took place only over multiple generations. The church you grew up in was the same one you came back to a life-time later. Same songs, same sermons, same programs, even the same people. Not so today! There are a few surviving museums, but they are a dying lot. Change that took decades now takes years (or months). The risk for churches today isn't simply relevance, but survival. We desperately need time-wise leaders like the warriors from Issachar!

Communication has changed! Centuries of oral culture (where message and messenger were one) gave way to written, printed form (where message and messenger were distinct). Then flourished the broadcast medium, visual communication (where right-brain, visceral experience rules). Now we are well into a fast-paced digital age (where the user controls, collaborates, and interacts with any message, and communication is vast, varied, and virtual). While there are remnants and echoes of all media still present today, the prevailing new form (whatever it may be) changes how a message is delivered, heard, and understood. And the church that "understands the times" finds authentic ways to "ride" the change: podcasts, on-line studies, text-message sermon feedback, virtual small groups, blogging, Facebook, Twitter, Bibles on iPads and smartphones, or other new things rising from the digital horizon.

Values have changed! In short order, the church has lost its place and influence in life. People follow Oprah instead of Jesus. Postmodern insistence on tolerance eliminates absolutes and muzzles Christian influence. People are more interested in what works than what's true. And the church finds itself needing to navigate new (or old first century) ground on a hostile "mission field." Successful discipleship today cannot expect the world to come to the church or even care about the church. The church must go to the world and care for the world.

Family has changed! The "traditional" family has vanished. Mom and dad (if either are actually present) both work to make ends meet, and the kids need virtual calendars to keep up with all their extra-curricular activities. Weekends aren't "down times" anymore, and there is no "sacred" Sunday morning carved out for anything having to do with church. New, creative ways of touching lives outside traditional time-frames and programs have to be developed. Bible study might happen at work more than in a Sunday school classroom, worship out in life as much as within a church sanctuary.

Church must change! And it is in many ways. Many churches are going missional. "Big-box," mega-church structures may soon be another past thing, as smaller communities of faith—many in non-traditional fashion—launch out into life. Fresh expressions of church are popping up, not just in the U.S., but even in unexpected places abroad. Churches are "exegeting" the culture, invading the marketplace, and doing intimate "incarnational" ministry and discipleship.

Australian church leader Stephen Hicks calls us to "manage at the core" but "lead at the edge." Certain beliefs and practices of the church are essential, non-negotiables. But there are many non-essentials, which can and must be negotiated—our "leading edge."

Wise Christian octogenarian Warren Wiersbe (who also blogs and Tweets!), writes: "Local churches become museums instead of ministries because people are too proud to consider making changes." Then he adds, "You will not find much change in a cemetery."

"THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'." ARE WE?



Even the visual appearance of churches is changing. The stage is constantly evolving, with new, exciting sets to complement the message series.

CHURCH PLANTER



JOSH BURNETT (BS, '06)

Lead Pastor

Revolution Annapolis
Annapolis, Maryland

Ministries While at CCU:

I played intramural sports and spent a lot of time hanging out with my friends.

In Addition to my Role as a Senior Minister:

Revolution spends a lot of time serving in the community, and so I do too. Last year we fed over 2,000 people in Annapolis for a week. We also sent 40,000 meals to Haiti. Most of what I do outside of my "career" really has to do with what we are doing at church; they're connected.

CCU gave me the theological training that has helped me stay grounded and point people to Jesus, no matter what their life circumstances are. It has also given me an amazing network of incredible friends all across the country and around the world I can share ministry with and bounce ideas off of. The training that I received at CCU really has been invaluable to me.

I would define ministry as a person's entire life. It is how they live in their neighborhood. It is how they interact with people that they see every day—at home, at the office, at the playground with the kids, hanging out with friends—everything.

My job as a pastor is really just helping people understand that all of life is ministry. This is what I love to do!

COUNSELOR



RON THIGPEN (MAC, '05)
Licensed Professional Counselor
New Beginnings Christian
Counseling Services
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:
Intern in the Counseling Department

In Addition to my Role as a Counselor:

I serve as a trustee for Cincinnati Christian University, and I am a congregation elder at the Gray Road Church of Christ in Cincinnati.

To me, ministry would be defined as service to God and to other people with a focus on glorifying God in the process.

The Master of Arts in Counseling (MAC) program at Cincinnati Christian University provided me the information through classes and practice through internships and supervision to become a licensed counselor.

As a counselor, I am involved in helping others look at a variety of life situations where they are often having difficulty. My role is to assist them to see options that will help them resolve or be able to live with the situations. Pointing to God and his Word as the ultimate source of direction in life provides a point of stability on which to make decisions.

DEFINING MINISTRY IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

By Lance Francis, Assistant Professor of Business Management, and
Dr. Jon Weatherly, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Why does a university whose mission is to educate Christian leaders offer degrees in business management? Because the workplace is a prime place for ministry.

That's why the CCU business management program is a double-major program. Students take a robust major in business management, with courses aimed at the most important and valuable skills needed in the contemporary workplace. The emphasis is hands-on, real-life experiences in local and global business operations. But business students also earn a major in biblical studies. The emphasis is understanding the Bible as the best and only guide to life as God wants us to live it.

As a part of the CCU business management department's continuous improvement process, we've talked with several recent business management graduates about their experiences in the workplace. These recent alumni are serving in a variety of organizations including Wells Fargo, PNC Bank, Centric Consulting and Cintas. It is exciting to recognize how their CCU education has prepared them for their current professional roles and equally impressive to see how they are impacting the world for Christ within their spheres of influence.

These men and women are achieving this influence by living exemplary lives that strikingly contrast with the temporal world. These actions create unique opportunities to share Christ-centered ideas and beliefs in a natural approach and can have significant impact in kingdom building. Regardless of their career path, our graduates' interactions with others are leaving a lasting impression and fulfilling the mission of CCU to "train thousands to impact millions for Christ."

When asked, "What did you learn from your classes at CCU that you use every day in the workplace?" their answers spoke to all aspects of their education.

One student named experience with research: "The topic of study was not what was important but rather it was the process of doing the research and compiling the report. That gave me a foundation and an experience to reflect on within my projects at Cintas."

Several named their experience with case studies. "We went on several trips to companies of all shapes and sizes, listened to their employees, studied their markets and processes, and then came back and wrote up a case study about them. As a consultant, coming into a company with little background knowledge while trying to analyze the situation and understand the company's processes is key."

The supreme value of their study of the Bible is apparent to all. One student put it this way: "Having a testimony as well as explaining to people that I went to a Christian university opens up lots of doors to talk about my faith that normally would not be there." Another said, "I speak and meet with new people on a daily basis. It is through relationship building that we can truly have a strong impact. I learned that I can show God's love to others in the business world through my kindness, compassion, and sincere interest in helping others achieve success."

CCU graduates also gain a strong moral code that they are able to apply to everyday business decisions. It is no secret that the business world can be a corrupt place. But, the more Christian men and women who enter this business world, bringing with them their strong moral code grounded in Scripture, the more they will be able to have a positive effect on the outcomes of business decisions.

In God's terms, business success is more than profit. It's service, witness, wisdom, and transformation. It's salt and light. It's taking the gospel to work every day. It's defining business as ministry and being defined as a Christian in business.

BUSINESS ANALYST



BRUCE MAXWELL (BS, '75)

Business Analyst

Unison Industries, a subsidiary of
General Electric
Beavercreek, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:

I was employed off campus while I was at CCU. Kathy and I were married at the end of my sophomore year. I was also Senior Class President for the class of 1975.

In Addition to my Role as a Business Analyst:

I have served White Oak Christian Church as Board Chairman in the 80's and numerous 3 year terms as an elder. I have taught Sunday school for at least 20 of the more than 30 years Kathy and I have attended. Recently, I have begun to assist in the teaching of Financial Peace University at WOCC twice each year. I have also served CCU as a Trustee since 1990.

My degree from CCU is in Christian Education. I not only learned the Word, but how to teach and walk the Word. I learned confidence in myself when I finally understood that I was of value. My hiring manager at Unison once said, "I am hiring you because your degree tells me two things. As the Sourcing Manager, you can teach the people how to become better buyers, and with a degree in Christian Education, I do not have to worry about the integrity of my Purchasing Department."

Ministry is the relationship that Christians form with those around them. Reaching out to the lost as an evangelist of the gospel, and building relationships with their brothers and sisters in Christ as we disciple one another.

As an elder and teacher, I have a clear role in discipleship. As a trustee, I have a role of oversight to ensure that CCU stays true to the gospel message and true in her role as an institution of higher learning in an atmosphere of faith. As a business analyst, I interface with all areas of the company and am able to display Christian ethics and conduct during business planning and decisions processes.



Why does a university whose mission is to educate Christian leaders offer degrees in business management?

Because the workplace is a prime place for ministry.

Chuck Abbott, Vice President for Finance and Operations and adjunct instructor in the Business Management program, works with Stephanie Felten, a 2011 Business Management graduate and the new Assistant Manager in the CCU Bookstore.

YOUTH MINISTER



ANNE WILSON (BS, '10)
Youth Minister
 Chapel Rock Christian Church
 Indianapolis, Indiana

Ministries While at CCU:
 Resident Assistant, Concert Choir

In Addition to my Role as a Youth Minister:

With my husband, Kyle, being a high school teacher and me a youth minister, we honestly don't have a lot of room for anything else! We're both heavily involved in each other's ministries and committed to what we do.

If someone would have told me what ministry would really be like, I don't think I would've totally believed them.

CCU prepared me with a biblical foundation for navigating life outside of college. I hear people say all the time, "I certainly didn't learn this in school," but I don't think that's the point. CCU's role was to prepare me for how to think and engage with the world around me, not tell me what to know.

I view ministry as a lifestyle, so I believe no matter my profession, I will always be "in ministry."

MEET OUR INCOMING STUDENTS

Graduates of Cincinnati Christian University are heavily involved in ministry, regardless of the path they are taking to do that ministry. Some serve as doctors, others as worship ministers, and still others as policemen. The list of the various roles that our graduates fulfill is endless. They are taking the gospel and the love of Christ across the entire world.



LAREESA JACKSON

What is your major?
 Biblical Studies with a minor in Communication Arts

Which division of CCU are you studying in?
 Cincinnati Bible College

What is your hometown?
 Clarksburg, Indiana

What brought you to CCU?

I was drawn to CCU because of the quality academics, excellent professors, scholarships I received, Christ-focused attitude, and short distance from home. I really appreciated the strong biblical perspective that I found at CCU. I liked the smaller, more personal class sizes. The scholarships provided will help me to pay for college without going into debt. And I knew that the opportunities, classes, and Christ-minded friends and professors will help me grow to be an instrument of God to impact the world.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

I am planning to use my degree to be a communicator for Christ. I want everything I do to grow out of the three most important commands in Scripture: to love God, love people, and make disciples. In order to do that, I am pursuing Biblical Studies to give me a solid foundation. I want to be able to use the mediums of music, writing, and photography to be a communicator and impact people for Christ.



MARY ANNE ROGERS

What is your major?
 Leadership and Ministry

Which division of CCU are you studying in?
 College of Adult Learning

What is your hometown?
 Cincinnati, Ohio

What brought you to CCU?

I came to Cincinnati Christian University because I wanted a Christian based education for a ministry that I want to be involved with.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

I am planning on using my degree to benefit the youngest juveniles, hopefully before they get into trouble or into Juvenile Corrections. Reaching our youngsters before the streets get hold of them will hopefully show them that there are alternatives to a life either of crime, gangs, or living on the streets.

While the situations that bring students to CCU are different, they all start out as brand new students at the beginning of an incredible journey, being trained at CCU to impact millions for Christ. See below as four of our incoming students share their what brought them to CCU, their excitement and hope, and where they are headed.



VALERI HERRICK

What is your major?
Master of Arts in Counseling

Which division of CCU are you studying in?
Cincinnati Bible Seminary

What is your hometown?
Bari, Italy

What brought you to CCU?

Which time? I received my undergraduate degree from this school many eons ago. I have worked at CCU for nine years now, and have witnessed firsthand the quality of the counseling program. I had no intention of ever going back to school until about a year or two ago. I just decided I couldn't pass up the chance to fulfill a dream I had when still in my teens, now that our youngest son is starting college. Wouldn't it be great if he and I could graduate together?

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

I hope to use it in every phase of life: at work as I minister to individual students; at church if I can in any way be of help in our counseling ministry; as a part-time counselor while I work at CCU; and later in my retirement, continuing to help those in need.



BRIAN THAYER

What is your major?
Master of Divinity in Church History

Which division of CCU are you studying in?
Cincinnati Bible Seminary

What is your hometown?
Harrisonville, Missouri

What brought you to CCU?

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program brought me to CCU. It is widely considered the best conservative seminary education available and is a great balance to my previous schooling at the University of Missouri where I studied History as well as Religious Studies, both of which were very liberal.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

I am using my education from CCU on a weekly basis. I am planting a new church in Harrison, Ohio, so everything I learn is put into practice immediately. I may continue on to get a doctorate.

WORSHIP LEADER



DREW HUMPHREYS (BM, '05)

Associate Worship Pastor
Savannah Christian Church
(Henderson/Regional Campus)
Savannah, Georgia

Ministries While at CCU:

President of Class of 2005, Concert Choir, d-Group leader, Adjunct Instructor of Music & Worship after graduation

In Addition to being a Worship Leader:

Being a dad to Kerrington (2) and Kellan (9 months), and a husband to Stacy receives my undivided attention.

My ministry is all about pointing people to Jesus, the only one who can save, heal, and redeem. I try to order my life as an example—the way I love my wife and kids, being the love of Christ to people after choir rehearsal, before and after services and making myself available for people who need encouragement or direction.

Being the worship pastor gives me ample opportunity to “do ministry,” but I see it as so much more than just leading a team of musicians. Ministry happens through discipleship. God has graciously given me the opportunity to serve the people of Savannah and help lead them to a life-changing relationship with Jesus. This is my calling.

CCU provided me not only a great education in the field of Music and Bible, but so much more. It is a place where relationships are formed and families are created. Without these relationships and the encouragement I received, I wouldn't be where I am today. CCU is a place where lasting relationships are formed. You can't say that about many places. I will always consider CCU home, and I am forever indebted to the faculty and staff who gave this small town boy a chance.

REALTOR



TOM STURM (BA, '85)

Senior Sales VP & Broker

Coldwell Banker West Shell Realtors

Broker & Owner

Tennessee Home Finders LLC

Cincinnati, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:

Yearbook/Newspaper Co-Editor, Watchmen, Choir,
Winds of Praise, Student Council President

In Addition to Being a Realtor:

Elder & Assimilation Ministry Team Leader (LifeSpring
Christian Church, Harrison site), Board Member
(Christian Benevolent Association), President's Advisory
Board (CCU), Coldwell Banker Foundation

Ministry is stewarding my resources, skill and talent, and disciplining the gifts of time and strength to seek his kingdom first. It is making a difference where I live—pointing people to Christ in my home, with my family and friends, in church or business or with any person God sends across my path.

Real estate brings people to a milestone marker in their lives—it's less about houses than it is about changes in life. Being invited into people's lives at the crossroads has allowed me opportunities to speak truth and encouragement, give biblically-based guidance and share my faith at God-ordained moments in everyday living.

God used CCU to give me a solid knowledge base and the inspiration of being part of an authentic, gifted community of humble believers passionately committed to Christ and his kingdom. Had I not experienced in those impressionable, questioning early years of college what I did here, I seriously doubt I would be a believer today. CCU undergirded my faith and fueled new convictions to allow God to make a difference with my life.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL MINISTRY

By Dr. Andrew Wood, Associate Professor & Field Chair,
Urban & Intercultural Ministries



CCU students Suraj Dhingra and Collin Messer practice mixed martial arts in the updated weight room on CCU's campus.

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF A CHANGING WORLD

Today some 50 percent of the world's population, and 70 percent of the American population, lives in areas classified as "urban." Surprisingly, most of the Christians in today's world live in Asia, Africa and Latin America. These areas are now sending missionaries back to the Western world.

CCU is taking some innovative steps to prepare students for global ministry. This year we are launching our first Study Abroad program. Selected CCU undergraduates will spend a semester at Lakeview Bible College & Seminary in Chennai, the fourth largest city in India, studying the Bible and practicing ministry under the guidance of Indian professors. We believe this experience will help students take a learner's attitude in their interaction with people of other cultures so that they can integrate the best ideas from the global church into their ministries.

In urban ministry we have taken the unusual step of starting a "mixed martial arts (MMA)" club on campus. Originally conceived as a student activity for physical fitness and relationship-building, "EagleMMA" has begun to attract participation from people in the city of Cincinnati. In the process of training in martial arts, students, employees and alumni have had the opportunity to talk about their faith with people who otherwise never would have visited a church or Christian college. We believe this program has many potential ministry opportunities, especially in urban youth work.

In the years to come we will continue to look for new ways to communicate the unchanging gospel in a changing world.

CINCINNATI BIBLE COLLEGE

By David Brunner, Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Cincinnati Bible College has always held practical experience in the highest regard. As Director of Undergraduate Admissions, I have the pleasure of working with over 40 students each summer in an Outreach role. During the summer, CCU students go out and help work weeks of camp, CIY, Bible Bowl, and many other summer youth events. While at these events our students learn firsthand how to lead worship, preach, plan outdoor activities, mentor kids, and most importantly, lead people of all ages to Christ. The truly amazing part of CCU's outreach teams is not just how our students impact others, but how our students have the opportunity to grow as leaders.

This year CCU had several students with “undeclared” majors going out for the summer. Like many 19 and 20-year-olds they just weren't sure where God was leading them. When the summer ended these “undecided” students came back on fire and certain of what God wants them to pursue.

DEGREES:

Associate of Arts (2 years)

- Bible
- Christian Education
- Christian Vocations
- Communication Arts
- Deaf Studies
- Music & Worship
- Professional Child Care
- Psychology

Bachelor of Music & Worship

- Composition Major
- Instrumental Major
- Voice Major

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies

(with no additional program)

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies with a program in:

- Children's Ministry
- Christian Education Ministry
- General Ministry
- Preaching Ministry
- Urban/Intercultural Ministry
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministry

Bachelor of Science in a Biblical Studies with a ministry program in:

- Children's Ministry
- Christian Education Ministry
- General Ministry
- Preaching Ministry
- Urban/Intercultural Ministry
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministry

Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies with an education program in:

- Professional Child Care
- Special Education w/ Milligan
- Middle Childhood Education w/ Milligan
- Adolescent/Young Adult Education w/ Milligan
- Special Education w/ Mt. St. Joseph
- Middle Childhood Education w/ Mt. St. Joseph
- Adolescent/Young Adult Education w/ Mt. St. Joseph

Bachelor of Science in Education

- ECE Teacher Licensure
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies with a program in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies with a program in Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies with a minor in a professional studies program

(choose 1 or 2 minors below.)

Minors that can be added to any Bachelor's degree:

- Communication Arts
- History
- Information Tech
- Music & Worship
- Prof. Child Care
- Psychology

COLLEGE STUDENT



AFTON BENTER

What is your major?

Vocal Performance Major

What is your hometown?

Cedar Grove, Indiana

What brought you to CCU?

I am actually about the 32nd member of my family to attend CCU. I had always wanted to attend a Christian college, so when it came down to my decision, I chose to come to CCU. It was close to home, and I knew it would have the faith base I was looking for.

Some of my family members who have attended CCU are:

My great grandfather Stewart Rodgers

who graduated with the first full four year graduating class. He went on to preach in Joliet, Illinois, Bridgetown Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio and also at Orville Church of Christ in Orville, Ohio.

My grandfather Russell Lieb

also attended in the early 60's. He married Carolyn Rodgers (Att'd), and went on to establish Harrison Church of Christ in Harrison, Ohio and preached there 40 years. He is currently the minister at Mt. Olive Church of Christ in New Vienna, Ohio.

My great uncle, Delmar Rodgers

married Louise, who also attended and went on to minister in Kentucky and Ohio.

My great aunt, Erma-Lee McKasson

attended and went on to become a missionary to Okinawa, Japan. Later she and her late husband Gail Sears ran the CCU Hale Conference Center.

My second cousin, Gail Rodgers, married Doug Spears.

Doug is a professor in the Counseling Center at CCU.

My second cousin, Brenda Lang

currently serves as a music professor at CCU as well.

My father and mother both attended, and my mother worked in the Advancement department.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

I hope to use my degree in some way having to do with ministry, but at this moment I am unsure where God is calling me.

ADULT LEARNING STUDENT



BILL WADE

What is your major?

Leadership & Ministry

What is your hometown?

Cincinnati, Ohio

What brought you to CCU?

I wanted to receive a quality education that would aid me in doing the will of God for my life as a servant to him and also as a servant to his people. I knew that CCU would be the route that I should take to accomplish my goal.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

I plan to become a pastor in a nontraditional church that will meet the needs of all of God's people in the community in which it serves. Also, I plan to teach the gospel wherever God sends me.

COLLEGE OF **ADULT LEARNING**

By Kathy Sprinkle, College of Adult Learning Admissions Coordinator



DEGREES:

Leadership & Ministry

Graduates of this fully accredited program have gone on to serve in churches throughout the region in the areas of preaching, youth, children's and worship ministries.

Business Management

Graduates of this fully accredited program have gone on to receive their MBAs and to serve in management positions in some of the area's most successful businesses and non-profit corporations.

They come from a variety of cities and towns across the Tri-State area. Their ethnic, racial, and denominational backgrounds are diverse. Some come wanting to finish something started decades ago, some found a calling to ministry later in life, but for all, completing their college degree has been a dream deferred.

The **College of Adult Learning** has the privilege of preparing adult students for ministry within the church and non-profit arena through the Leadership and Ministry professional core or preparing students for ministry by helping shape the world through the Business Management degree. In our many cohorts on each of our four campuses, students are experiencing new ideas and old truths. They wrestle with the ethical dilemmas of management while learning the most effective ways to counsel a suicidal youth. They are learning from veteran professors and from each other. They are forming strong friendships in their cohorts and mentoring relationships among the staff and professors. Practical, meaningful classes build the foundation of future ministry, and a supportive community of faith helps our students realize their dreams and be set free to minister God's truth in the church and in the world.

When students decide to complete their degree through the **College of Adult Learning** they engage in a learning community that is supportive and challenging (and fun). One student said, "My professional abilities and my view of serving others were broadened while earning my degree in CCU's **College of Adult Learning**. Experiences at CCU have increased my understanding and academic readiness for graduate school."

CINCINNATI BIBLE SEMINARY

By Alex Eddy, Director of Seminary Admissions

Richard J. Foster wrote, "Superficiality is the curse of our age." It is hard to believe those words were written over 30 years ago, for they are just as applicable today. Seminary education is an invitation to continue the advancement beyond superficiality, to explore the depths of biblical knowledge, personal discipleship, and ministry application.

At **Cincinnati Bible Seminary**, this is accomplished through the processes of education, formation, and integration. Classes within the Seminary provide an experience of excellence in academics, but they are also designed to develop and strengthen the individual student into a more devoted follower of Christ. The knowledge they gain is expected to be integrated into a life of service in ministry. All of this is enhanced by the context of community as students interact with professors and one another, encouraging each other in ministry and growth.

Students of **Cincinnati Bible Seminary** integrate their experience with a variety of opportunities including, but certainly not limited to, church vocational ministry, intercultural ministry, campus ministry, chaplaincy, counseling, higher education, and lay leadership.



SEMINARY STUDENT



JAMES DAVIS

What is your major?

Master of Arts (Religion) with a focus in Pastoral Leadership

What is your hometown?

Greenwood, Indiana

What brought you to CCU?

My wife Jenna and I both attended CCU for our undergraduate work and we knew that I would receive a quality education from some of the best minds in church leadership. Since I am a staff member at a CCU Partner Church, I got 50% off my tuition. As a Bible college graduate, I qualify for a 36 hour degree program. These things combined with prayer and family discussion led to a clear decision to attend CCU.

How has CCU's extension site in Indianapolis benefitted you?

CCU's extension site at Indian Creek Christian Church is only five miles from my house, so completing my degree close to home was a huge factor in going back to school. The professors respect the value of classroom time and make the most of every minute. The masters program at CCU is designed to help me accomplish my education while giving me the tools to succeed in my current position. The practical application of what I learn in the classroom is probably the most valuable thing that I do in the entire week for my ministry.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

Applying my studies to my ministry has already been profound. After every class I put my notes on the worship ministry website so that my worship team of more than 80 people can have access to the information I have received. We have grown both as a team and in biblical knowledge. I have been able to offer the people that I work with a more concrete understanding of biblical teaching and have gained more confidence in communicating God's grace.

DEGREES:

Master of Arts Counseling

Master of Divinity

- Biblical Studies
- Church History
- Practical Ministries
- Theological Studies

Master of Arts (Religion)

- Biblical Studies
- Cultural Settings
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Church History
- Leadership Studies
- Church Growth and Church Planting
- Educational and Family Ministries
- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Pastoral Leadership
- Urban and Intercultural Studies
- Theological Studies

SENIOR MINISTER



LUKE DAVIDSON (BS, '09)
Senior Minister

Ross Christian Church
Ross, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:

Basketball team member freshman and sophomore year, Assistant to the Athletic Director senior year, playing bass and drums with the worship band during Chapel and Family.

In Addition to my Role as a Senior Minister:

The church takes up a lot of my time, but I have been able to assist as a youth league basketball coach in the Ross Community League.

While at CCU, my professors taught me to love the Bible. Their classes taught me the correct methods for interpreting Scripture, and the community of students helped me to further realize my own passion for ministry.

I think "ministry" is a formal word that helps us identify ways that we intentionally serve in God's kingdom. We all have various gifts and talents. How we use those talents to advance the work of the church becomes our unique form of ministry. I have many opportunities for ministry in my career, the most vital being preaching to the congregation every Sunday morning. This provides me the opportunity to empower and challenge the church through the study of God's Word.

REUNION REVIEW

From the Alumni Director, Mark Koerner



Mark Koerner

Dear Alumni,

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." What a blessing to be a part of the CCU network of alumni who are impacting the world for Christ! "And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until Christ Jesus returns."

Alumni News

Tillie Baker Odor ('45) celebrated her 90th birthday on June 4th with an open house at Camp Northward in Falmouth, KY. "Aunt Tillie," as she is affectionately known, began working at the camp with her husband, Buford "Uncle Boots," in 1969 when he was hired as Camp Coordinator.

Bob and Thelma Tinsky ('50) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August. Bob has completed another book, *A Christian Is...*



Reggie ('51) and Esther Thomas recently made a church planting mission to Marie Gallante, a French island near Guadeloupe in the Atlantic Ocean. No missionary work of the Christian Churches has ever been attempted on this island.



Harriette (Frame) and Phil Holder (Att'd '54-'56) celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 1. Both attended CCU and were married in the chapel of the Cincinnati Bible Seminary. Phil went on to graduate from Atlanta Christian College (Point University) and retired from the preaching ministry in 2003.



Robert Dale Day ('58) has ministered over 50 years in the same congregation, Versailles, IN, Church of Christ. He

has served as Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of the Whitewater Christian Evangelizing Fellowship since 1961.

John R. ('60) and Nancy Souders (Att'd) Johnson were honored by the Buena Vista Christian Church, located in Franklin County, IN, with a special service and dinner marking their 50th anniversary in ministry in that church. The highlight of the celebration was the gift of a trip to Hawaii.

Dr. Jeannie McElroy Hoffman ('61) is celebrating her 50th year of missionary service this year. Jeannie is still serving in the Philippines with no plans of retirement. She is president of Manila Bible Seminary and continues to be an inspiration and great example.

Roy (Att'd) and Judy ('64) Koerner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16. Their children, **Tina ('87), Tangi ('89)** and **Taryn (Att'd)**, organized an open house at their home in Defiance County, OH, followed by a week-long trip to the shores of Lake Erie. Roy was a faculty member teaching music at CCU for 19 years from 1957 to 1976. He enjoys singing in a men's quartet, "*4 Heaven's Sake*" which recently produced a CD.



Dale ('71, '94) and Margaret (Peggy, Att'd) Wilkinson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11 with a reception hosted by the Northridge Church of Christ in Circleville, OH. They

were married by **George Huber ('58, '59)** at the Miami University Chapel in Oxford, OH. They have served churches in Ohio and Indiana, and were church planters in the Binghamton, New York area.



Dr. Barry Thorton ('78, '92) has begun a new ministry at the Buchanan Christian Church in Buchanan, MI. Barry has been in ministry for 33 years having served in Ohio, Indiana and Arizona. He and Janet have been married for 32 years.



Terri Bewley ('79) continues to travel across the United States giving concerts, singing at church services, revivals, ladies seminars, retreats and other special events. Her ministry has been based in Knoxville, TN, since 1996.

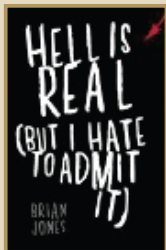


Rick Rusaw ('80, '90) lead pastor at LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont, CO, for the past 20 years was one of the featured speakers at the Hope International University Speaker Series: Voices of Christian Thought. Rick is the North American Christian Convention President for 2012, co-founder of the Externally Focused Network, co-author of three books and host on Worship Network.



Dee Ann Turner (Att'd '82-'84) has worked in Human Resources for Chick-fil-A for 25 years. Her title is Vice-President of Talent. She considers her work her "high calling" because she helps others find their path in life and discover where they can use their gifts and talents at Chick-fil-A.

Brian Jones ('90) wants the readers of his new book, *Hell Is Real*, to know the truth about hell. The book uses the teachings of Jesus to



convince Christians who have grown complacent in their view of hell to realize hell is real and they can help save people from going there.

Michelle Miller Fidler (Att'd '90 -'92) was recognized as a 10-year employee of Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, in May 2011. She is currently a Library Services Supervisor in the Kenyon College Library in addition to adding inter-library loan lending duties in the past 2 years.

Dr. Rick Chromey (MRE, '92) released his fifth book, *The GROWLS: Motivating Positive Behavior without Bribes and Gimmicks*. In 2011 he spoke over 200 times, including sessions at the Children's Pastor Conference, National Children's Ministry Conference, Mission & Ministry Summit, and Group's KidMin Convention.

Deborah Zimmerman (Att'd) was appointed Assistant Principal at Northview High School in Brazil, IN. She had been a teacher and principal in the Forest Park district near Cincinnati before returning to her hometown.



Jamie Bennington ('94, '96) is working with the One Life Won organization to provide information and resources to those in southern Ohio who desire to care for orphans from Ohio and throughout the world. The website is www.onelifewon.org.

Joe Boyd ('95) will star in a romantic comedy entitled "A Strange Brand of Happy" being produced by his company, Rebel Pilgrim Productions. It was shot entirely in Cincinnati in August and September.

Tim Parsley ('95, '98) was a top graduate in 2007 from the University of Cincinnati concentrating on two and three dimensional arts. He has recently concluded exhibitions in Kentucky and Ohio and has completed six large murals with ArtWorks including murals in Upper Manhattan and Kenya. Now he is working on the Banks Mural in downtown Cincinnati.

BUSINESS OWNER



KEN TRACY (BS, '88)
President
TaleMed
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:

I was a member of the 1987 and 1988 NCCAA Men's Basketball team, a devotional leader, and a team leader for summer outreach programs.

In Addition to my Role as a Business President:

I am an elected official. Since 2004 I have been a Trustee and Chairman of the Board for Miami Township located in Clermont County, Ohio. I am also an elder at the Milford Christian Church. In the past I served as a Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and now volunteer my time for community basketball organizations.

I look at my career as an opportunity daily to share a positive message to help those who need a message of hope and compassion. Daily I am given this opportunity through interactions with employees, clients and vendors.

CCU taught and provided me the foundation of success. While at CCU, I learned about faith, ethics and, above all, purpose.

Ministry is a mindset that drives a person to serve with a purpose, following daily the roadmap Christ laid out for us.

LAWYER



BRIAN FOX (BA, '02)
Associate Attorney
Frost Brown Todd, LLC
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:

I took classes through the consortium at Xavier University and finished my Bachelor's degree in three years. I also enjoyed recreational golf and basketball.

In Addition to my Role as a Lawyer:

Before practicing law, I was a minister serving several Cincinnati-area churches. I volunteer my time at Center Pointe Christian Church and The Bridge Community Church. I also volunteer with Queen City Commitment to Character, BLOC Ministries, and the Butler County Young Republicans. I am on the President's Advisory Board at CCU and the Board of Directors of Citizens for Community Values.

I was a newer Christian when I attended CCU, so CCU made a huge difference in my development as a believer. I learned the invaluable craft of oral advocacy, which I use daily as an attorney. To preach a sermon, ministers must make a text, which is anchored in antiquity, instructive to contemporary Christians. To argue before the Court, attorneys must make the law, which is often anchored in "legislative-speak," clear and authoritative for the position they advocate.

I tend to think of ministry as living out the gospel in all of my contexts, be it professional or personal. Ministry is serving my clients, my wife, my sons, and my community (and not necessarily in that order) as well as I possibly can.

Whether I am participating in a client meeting, mediation, or court hearing, I try to approach every case and every attorney with patience, humility, and excellence because everything is supposed to be done in the name of Jesus (Col. 3:17). In addition, I try to pray with and for my co-workers, advocate for the gospel at opportune times, focus on my wife and kids, and give back to my community by using the platform God has provided.

Alumni News

Dan Altman ('96) recently opened his private practice after working as a psychologist for nearly five years with the Dallas County Juvenile Department. Dr. Altman specializes in forensic psychology, providing services to various attorneys and courts in Fort Worth, TX, and the surrounding area.

Aaron Burgess ('97, '99) had the honor of presenting at the American Political Science Association's annual conference in Seattle. His subject was "The Religious Brain: Can Neurosciences Tell Us about Religious Consciousness?" Aaron is a faculty member at CCU and the Faculty Coordinator/Advisor for the College of Adult Learning program. He is also the preaching minister at the Elsmere, KY, Church of Christ.

Ryan Godlove ('07) has been named the Boys Basketball Coach at Cedarville High School. Being a head coach has been a dream of Ryan's since he began playing. Ryan was an outstanding player at CCU and is excited about improving on the Indians 4-16 record last season.

Kyle ('07) and Sarah (Att'd) Maloney are making preparations for their ministry in Kenya through SIM, Serving in Mission.

Barbara Steffens, (former CCU faculty member) **PhD, LPCC, CCSAS**, is regarded as one of the country's most knowledgeable and respected experts on sexual addiction. She operates Safe Passage Counseling in West Chester, OH. Barbara recently welcomed **Emma Schmitt ('09, MAC '11)** to her staff. Emma will specialize in women's sexual addictions. Emma has worked extensively with Women Helping Women and led support groups for a number of women's groups.



Josh Tart ('11) has begun a 15-month journey to float in a giant yellow kayak by himself through the "Great Loop." The path will take him 6,000 miles. No one has ever done the loop alone in a kayak. Josh will be speaking at churches along the route to raise money



for WorldVision to dig wells in Africa. He says, "I'm paddling for water!"

With Sympathy

Please be in prayer for the families of the following alumni who have gone to be with their Lord. Obituaries for CCU alumni can be found on the alumni website, www.CCUniversity.edu/Alumni

- Laura A. DeWalt (Att'd - '31-'32)
- Evelyn A. Wright ('39)
- Gene Stratton Carter ('50)
- Maxine (Lawrence) McSwords ('52)
- Warren B. Smith ('52)
- Anna Louise Lahman (Att'd)
- William Connell Dunshee ('55)
- Wendell Lee Freeman ('58, '73)
- Faith Constance Dunn (Att'd '59-'61)
- Jack L. Sedwick (Att'd)
- Richard Roth ('66)
- Deborah (Bream) Fenner ('73)
- Don Wells ('74)
- Michael Stephen Free ('79)
- Keith Wooley ('82)

Dues Reminder

Alumni Association President **Bob Hightchew ('06)** is encouraging alumni to send their dues for 2011. Your dues are a great encouragement for the work being done by the Alumni Association.

If you have not done so, please consider sending your dues of \$25 along with a gift to **Alumni Ministries** 2700 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45204.

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PROFESSOR



LASHELLE EDMERSON

Associate Professor & Chairperson of Christian Education and Children's Ministry
Cincinnati Christian University
Cincinnati, Ohio

In Addition to my Role as a Professor:

I am a member of the Kennedy Heights Church of Christ, and I am a second and third grade tutor through Whiz Kids. One of my greatest activities is being involved in the lives of my five grandchildren. I am also pursuing my Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary.

I teach in the Early Childhood Education Department and the Children's Ministry Department and our students are being taught that teaching is a ministry. It is my responsibility to use best practice strategies in equipping students to minister and teach in the public and private sector. We are focused on preparing caring, competent and qualified teaching candidates that any school district or church would benefit from hiring, taking Christ with them to touch the lives of the students and their families.

Ministry is an opportunity to serve others, letting them see Christ through me (Mark 10:43). Every opportunity of service should be used in ministering to others. We should serve where we are gifted (Romans 12:6-8). Ministry is also an opportunity for one to grow as a Christian. When I minister to people it is humbling because I must depend on God to say and do the things that are reflective of Him.

I have been involved with some aspect of education for the past 33 years. My current career as a college professor gives me the opportunity to touch the lives of students every day. I want to always show the attributes of Christ in my classroom. Educating students not only academically prepares them but gives them a practical application to help them minister to others.

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WALLY (BA,'64) & BARBARA (AB,'65) RENDEL
Director of Church Relations & Vice President for Advancement
 Cincinnati Christian University
 Cincinnati, Ohio

Ministries While at CCU:

Wally helped to start the Ambassadors Preaching Club, was a camp team member, preached for Volunteers of America, and worked on the grass mowing crew. Barbara sang in the choir, was a student worker in the President's Office, and taught Bible in local churches. Together, they were part of the church planting team of First Church of Christ in Burlington, KY.

In Addition to our Roles at CCU:

We mentor numerous students and graduates of CCU, as well as our children and grandchildren. Wally is also currently serving as the interim minister at NorthEast Christian Church in Lexington, KY.

CCU was one step in God's plan that prepared us for the ministry we do today. God prepared us before, during and after our training at CCU. It gave us the opportunity for relationships that continue to influence our lives and helped us have a larger ministry than we could have had if we not come to CCU. We got to sit at the feet of living legends imparting God's Word and modeling ministry like R.C. Foster, Wilkie Winter, George Mark Elliott and Dan Eynon. It set a fire in our bones to preach the Word and grounded us in the gospel and God's Word.

Ministry defines us. Ministry is our life. It is a basin of water and a towel. It is following Jesus. It is carrying chairs.

In our roles at CCU, we are helping to raise the funds needed to train thousands to impact millions for Christ. We get to disciple students and mentor them for ministry. We have the opportunity to develop donors and help people understand the joy, privilege and responsibility of being a faithful steward. In our church we are encouragers and energizers to people. We care about them. We let them know we love them. We are giving eternal hope to people.

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TRAVIS HESSON

What is your major?

General Ministry

What division of CCU are

you studying in?

Cincinnati Bible College

What is your hometown?

Miamisburg, OH

What brought you to CCU?

I was brought to CCU by God. It's cheesy, but true. My career plans for the Air Force didn't work out and I had a large group of mentors and pastors guiding me into the ministry world. After a lot of consideration and recommendations, I called CCU with two weeks left before school started and I was accepted!

How did receiving the Partner Church Scholarship make it possible for you to attend CCU?

The bottom line for me at the time of my acceptance was money. I had zero cash saved and was pretty much denied for all loans. The Partner Church Scholarship allowed me to rest a little easier and focus more on my studies and God rather than how to accrue another \$3000 a year for school.

How are you planning on using your degree from CCU?

When I leave CCU I plan on using my degree in a non-profit organization called Back2back Ministries. I want to serve in their Impact ministry called Itwentyone and reach youth in greater Dayton and Cincinnati to impact the world for the kingdom.

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(White Mills, KY)

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