

# Ohio Christian

the Ohio Christian University Magazine



**OCU ENROLLMENT  
SURPASSES 600**

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



## *OCU Faculty: The Difference Makers*

Ohio Christian University (OCU) prepares Christian servant-leaders for the 21st Century. I want to introduce you to the outstanding faculty who are leading this effort. The faculty of Ohio Christian University are dedicated, servant-minded leaders who have given their lives to excellence in their areas.

They have pursued higher education at distinctive universities or seminaries and developed their expertise among the best and brightest in their fields. At the same time, these faculty members have dedicated their lives to Christ and the pursuit of a Biblical worldview. These distinguished men and women are, most of all, known for their love of students. At Ohio Christian University, you are not just a number—you are cared for and challenged in every way.

Any institution rises or falls with the character and quality of its faculty. Great care is taken in hiring the right kind of faculty members to develop this generation. The goal of each faculty member is to challenge each student to reach his or her potential in Christ. As you come to the campus, you will most likely meet Dr. David Case, a Theology Professor who is renowned for preparing students to serve in the church. As President, I often meet alumni, many of whom have been challenged by the teaching of this great man. You might meet Dr. Jim Pollard, a Psychology Professor known for his care and Godly counsel to many students. His classes are filled to overflowing as students rush to experience his wise counsel and wonderful sense of humor. Maybe you will get to know Dr. Valerie Wilson. She is known statewide as a Reading Recovery® specialist who believes every student can and must read. High standards, yes, but what an impact she is making on the lives of an entire generation. You see, at Ohio Christian University, we believe the right faculty are essential to the development of students.

Each faculty member is committed to preparation and research. The process of education does not occur haphazardly. Faculty

members spend many hours in preparation for each class session, determining which philosophy, theological idea, business principle or education strategy should be shared with students. Faculty members research and connect new ideas to practical theory and share it with students. The key ingredient is that each faculty member teaches through the lens of a Biblical worldview. Many colleges have lost their way in this area, but *at Ohio Christian University, we are committed to Biblical truth.*

*At Ohio Christian University,  
we are committed to  
Biblical truth.*

OCU faculty members are committed to teaching and learning. In many regards higher education has become a resource pool of theories that may or may not impact the student's life. Ohio Christian faculty are concerned that learning occurs in our students. They challenge students to reach new levels of excellence. Faculty members create a number of strategies to encourage learning in students. At OCU faculty members care about learning because we recognize that Solomon was correct in saying that knowledge is vanity unless there is wisdom connected to it in the fear of the Lord. OCU faculty work to connect the dots for students and create meaningful learning experiences.

OCU faculty members are committed to investing in students through prayer and love. Very few college faculty members pray for their students. In fact, while attending classes during my own higher education experience, I faced antagonism towards my Biblical worldview. At Ohio Christian, the opposite is true; students experience love and care, and an environment of warmth toward the things of God.

I want you to meet a faculty who have and will continue to change lives for Christ.

Let's change the world!

# IN THIS EDITION

*The theme of this edition is to introduce you to the outstanding faculty who are leading the effort to prepare 1000 Christian servant-leaders for the 21st century.*

## Features

Biblical Studies and Ministerial Education	4
Intercultural Studies	6
Psychology and Pastoral Counseling	8
Teacher Education	9
Interdisciplinary Studies	10
Business Management	11
Music	12

## News

OCU Senior Serves in Uganda	7
Alumni News	16
Alumni Authors	18
Pinnacle Honor Society Inductees	19
Campus Updates	20
Coming Events	23

OhioChristian is a publication for the friends and alumni of Ohio Christian University.

#### Photography

Stephanie Cartwright  
Dale Lear  
Orville Peabody, Jr.  
David Tipton

#### Designer

Renee Handy

Send address changes and news to: Alumni Relations, [alumni@ohiochristian.edu](mailto:alumni@ohiochristian.edu)

Visit us on the web at [www.ohiochristian.edu/alumni](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/alumni).

# CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH MINISTRY

## Biblical Studies and Ministerial Education



Ron Adkins  
History and Bible



Joe Boysel  
Bible and Theology



Ray Degenkolb  
Bible and Theology

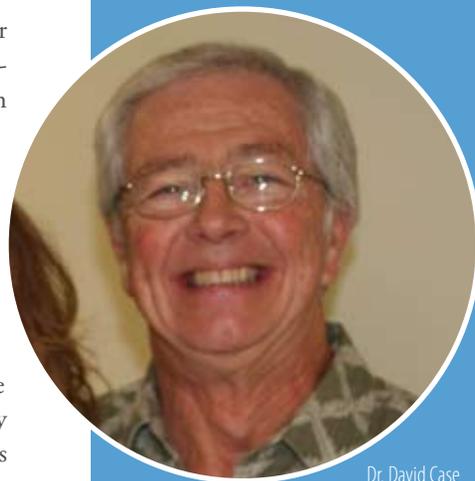


Gerald Mershimer  
Youth and Bible

The Christian Ministries concentration is designed for students desiring to pursue a career in a ministry environment. There are many program concentrations from which students can choose, including Pastoral Care, Chaplaincy Ministries, Biblical Studies for seminary preparation, and Evangelistic Studies. The newest program at Ohio Christian University is a Pastoral Counseling track that will focus on the training of counselors for church and parachurch ministries.

Additionally, an exciting new Church Planting Track has been developed and will begin this fall under the Leadership of Prof. Joe Boysel. Current pastors, lay leaders, and students of any age may participate in this institute and learn how to plant new churches. The institutes are designed for the working pastor or lay leader and will be held in short two-day sessions.

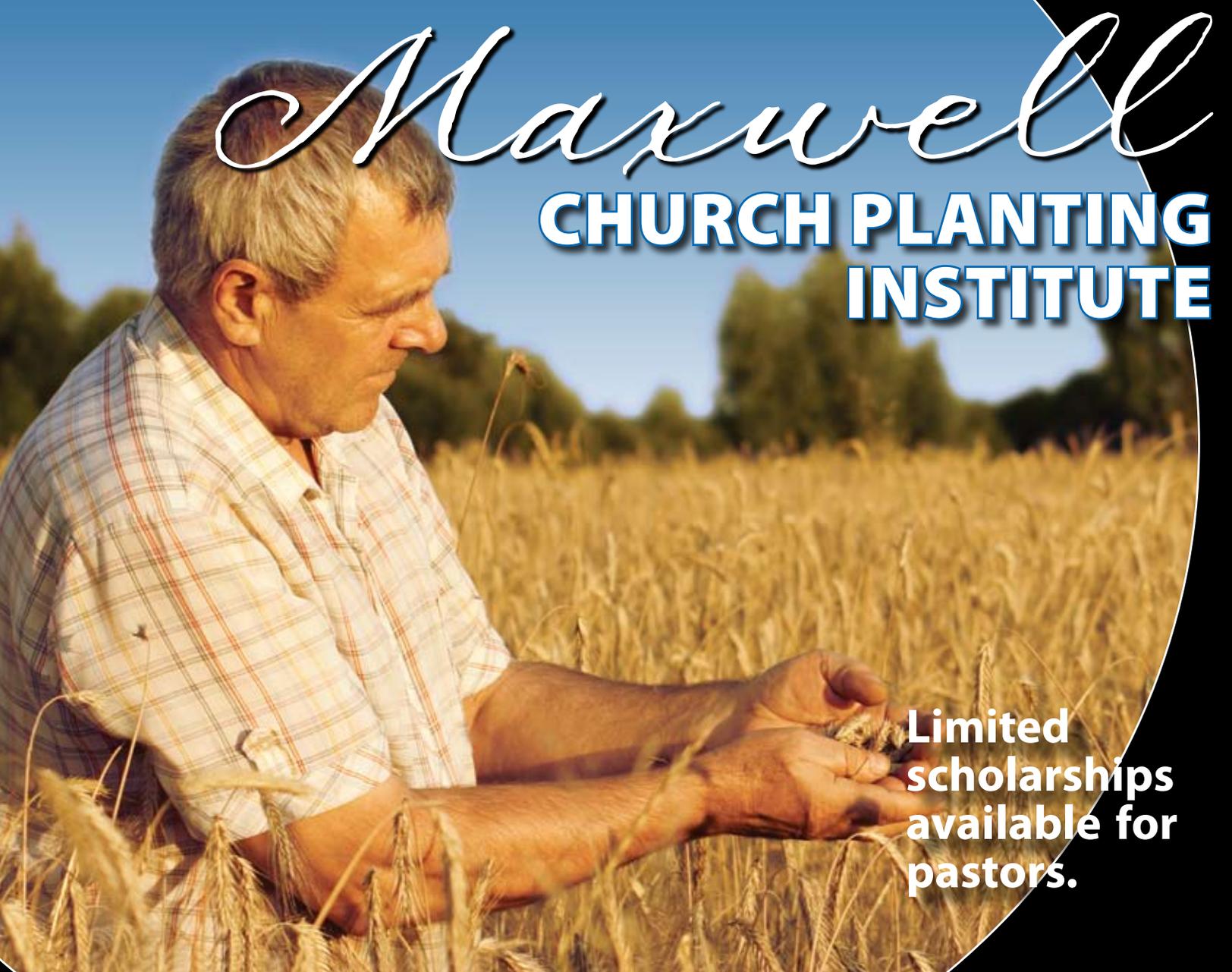
The Biblical Studies track prepares students to engage in theological education at the highest level while attending some of the nation's top seminaries. Recent graduates have completed advanced degrees at seminaries such as Asbury, Wesley Biblical, and Ashland.



Dr. David Case

Dr. David Case is a professor of Bible and Theology at Ohio Christian University. He has a D. Min. degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, a M. Div. degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, and a B.A. degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Dr. Case has written two books: *What We Believe: A Layperson's Guide to Wesleyan Theology*, and *The Wesleyan Commentary on I & II Peter*. He served as Academic Dean at Circleville Bible College from 1976 to 1993. Dr. Case also teaches Bible and Theology as an adjunct professor at Ashland Theological Seminary.



A photograph of a man with grey hair, wearing a plaid shirt, standing in a field of golden wheat. He is looking down at a small bundle of wheat he is holding in his hands. The background shows a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

# Maxwell

## CHURCH PLANTING INSTITUTE

**Limited  
scholarships  
available for  
pastors.**

Hosted by Ohio Christian University

### **Reaching the Unchurched**

October 23-24, 2007

**Keynote: Jim Dorsey**

(3 credit hours)

Learn how the Gospel message can be particularly relevant to 21st century people and how churches can better prepare themselves to do mission in our culture.

### **The Missional Church**

February 4-5, 2008

**Keynote: Jeff Getz**

(3 credit hours)

Learn why the ministry of all Christians is vital to the church's mission as well as how to motivate a congregation into missional action.

### **Strategies for Church Planting**

April 7-8, 2008

**Keynote: Tim Rohel**

(3 credit hours)

Learn the practical steps of planting churches. Focuses on developing skills in: studying demographics, forming a core group, planning a public launch, staffing, as well as exploring the creative use of technology and social groupings.

Learn more at [www.ohiochristian.edu/churchplanting](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/churchplanting)  
or call 740-477-7729 for more information.

# PREPARING STUDENTS TO SERVE THE WORLD

## Intercultural Studies



Dr. Lynn Shmidt

Intercultural Studies prepares students to work with people of other cultures, whether it is in an urban center in the U.S. or overseas in traditional mission areas. An interesting occurrence is that in recent years the United States has seen a remarkable increase in immigrants from other cultures and religions. So, it is not surprising that intercultural ministry is taking place much closer to home than in the past.

Students in intercultural studies will learn what makes up cultural differences. They will study other world religions and will be trained to communicate with people of other cultures and religions in relevant ways. This course of study prepares ministers of the Gospel to reach people who would not normally relate to Christian teaching and to do it without watering down or altering Biblical truth. This approach can also be applied to intergenerational ministry in the U.S.

Intercultural Studies is designed to give each student optimal practical experience combined with the theoretical coursework. Through SHINE, a campus organization, experience can be gained through participation in chapel ministry, other campus activities, and in local and regional ministries such as feeding programs in the community. World Gospel Mission provides several opportunities each year to experience ministry beyond Circleville and Ohio through student teams going to many world areas. In the past few years our student teams have served in South and Central America, Los Angeles inner city, Papua New Guinea, and in disaster relief for Katrina victims. The final opportunity for intercultural studies students to get practical experience is through their internship which is a two to three month experience that will give real insight into the lives and working of intercultural ministers.

Being a student in this concentration begins with the question, "Where is God working, and what can I do to join Him in His work?" If you accept the challenge to work with God in cross-cultural ministry, this is the program for you.

*In the past few years our student teams have served in South and Central America, Los Angeles inner city, Papua New Guinea, and in disaster relief for Katrina victims.*

Dr. Lynn Shmidt is Associate Professor of Missiology. He has D. Miss. and M. A. degrees in Evangelism and Missiology from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a B. A. from Olivet Nazarene University. Lynn first went as a missionary medical technologist to Tintswalo Hospital in Acornhoek, South Africa. He later transferred to church planting in Giyani, South Africa, then to church growth and church planting in Gaborone, Botswana. During his ministry in Botswana he taught extension Bible College classes and served as the district superintendent for his denomination.

# OCU SENIOR SERVES IN UGANDA

Angela Doyle, Senior at OCU

The call, could it really be working in a library in Africa? Well, that is what it seems.

When I first arrived as a Volunteer In Action (VIA) to Uganda, Delight, the VIA coordinator, asked me if I would be willing to work in the library at Heritage International School. I was shocked and excited at the same time. Could God use my three and a half years of working in a library prior to my visit to Uganda? As I started working, I realized how much they needed my skills and how much God could really use me.

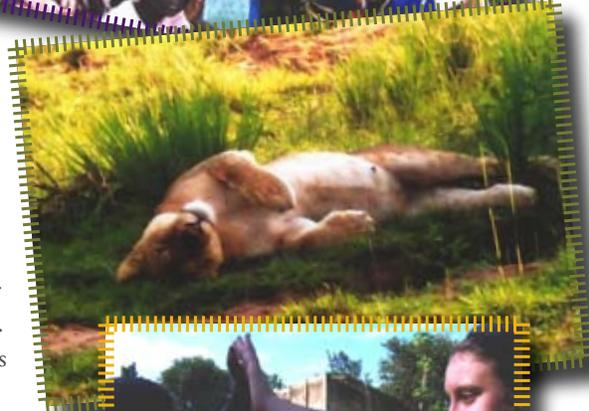
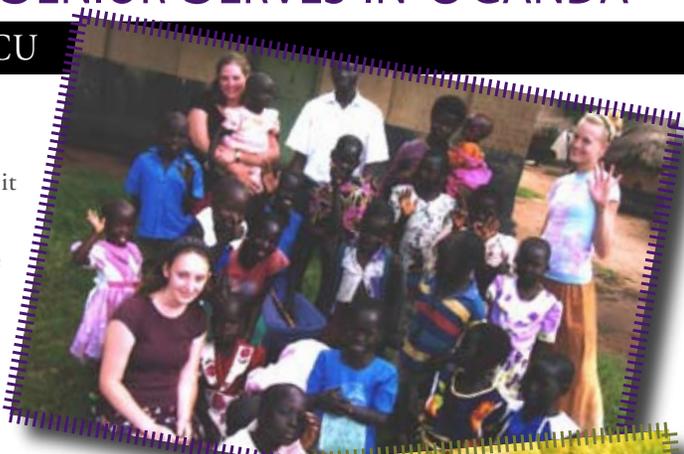
Miss Pricilla, the Librarian, was in the process of re-entering all of the records of the books into her computer because her computer crashed due to common power outages. There were over 6,000 records to enter and she was only on record 50. She is the only librarian working at Heritage right now. It was amazing to find out that Heritage had the same library database that I was trained on back home, even though there are hundreds available. I really thank God for all the little things in life because you never know what He can use somewhere else. I will never forget when Miss Pricilla asked me a certain question and I showed her how to fix the problem. She got excited and ran to Delight to tell her how much of a blessing I was and that she would not have to reorder all the book labels. This little detail saved her hundreds of dollars and hours of time. God works in mysterious ways all over the world.

That was my very first week in Uganda in the capital city of Kampala. I then traveled eight and a half hours north to Aura which is located near the border of Congo and Sudan. I stayed with the Coppedge's for four weeks. I was able to visit one of the village churches in Nebbi where they are training pastors.

This was a great experience of culture and relationship building. I learned so much about my self and the nationals with one short visit. I really enjoyed the time we spent at Uganda Christian University taking care of the children of the seminary students. Although I could not understand the children as they spoke to me, I was able to get to know them through the love we shared. I really miss the girls who played with my hair and rubbed my face. My hair and skin feels so much different from theirs and it also looks a little different. I miss all the children including the ones at our prison ministry and our Saturday morning Bible club.

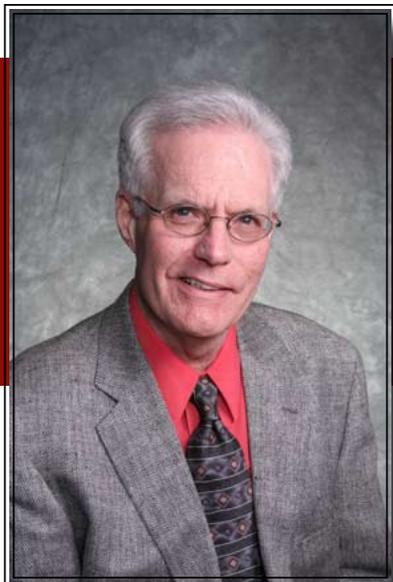
As I look back and reflect on my time I spent in Uganda, I realize more and more how much God is at work in my life. I made so many new friends and met my future missionary family. I am looking forward to helping lead the team next summer to Uganda from our school. We have been trying to lead a team to Uganda for quite some time. I will begin raising my funds to go back to Uganda within the next couple of weeks. I ask that you not only keep me in your prayers as I prepare to go back to Uganda, but also the team I will be traveling with. May God use them as He sees fit.

Please pray for the nationals who are willing to give their entire lives over to God and for our dear missionaries who give themselves to serving God. There are many prayer requests the missionaries have; some are for more workers, financial support, and physical and spiritual strength. Sometimes the missionaries do not mention these requests, but they are their needs. Thank you for your prayers and your many means of support for these missionaries, our churches, and our University. May God bless you as He has me!



# CARING FOR A HURTING WORLD

## Psychology & Pastoral Counseling



Dr. Jim Pollard

Dr. Jim Pollard is a 1969 graduate of Ohio Christian University. After pastoring in Wallsville, NY for five years, he graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with an M.A.R. in Pastoral Counseling. He joined the faculty at OCU in 1977 and in 1991, took the Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, majoring in Moral Judgment Development Psychology. He is married to Shirley Pollard, Assistant Registrar at OCU, and has three daughters. He states, "It is a joy to serve the Lord by impacting the lives of young people at OCU."

## Psychology

The Psychology program at Ohio Christian University is designed with the student in mind who is interested in helping others discover spiritual, mental, emotional, and behavioral health. Special attention is given to the student who wants to discover their unique giftedness as this relates to their vocational call. Attention is also given to how faith and theory translates into application as they consider graduate school options or entry level employment. Each course in the curriculum is intended to scaffold or build the learning experience toward a capstone internship that will attempt to measure the ability to learn at the next level. Additional education and supervised work may be necessary for certification, depending on state/institutional requirements. Thus, upon completion of this program, a student should be able to integrate Biblical principles in Psychology, knowing that the Bible is the ultimate filter for all truth, possess effective interpersonal relationship skills, and demonstrate psychologically informed problem solving skills.



Larry Olson  
Spiritual Formation



Dr. Jim Smith  
Substance Abuse Counseling

## New this Fall: Pastoral Counseling

Ohio Christian University is pleased to announce a new program, Pastoral Counseling. This program is designed to prepare students for Christian Ministry and Pastoral Counseling. This will include pastoral care, pastoral counseling, and other types of ministry. The program will help students toward ordination in their chosen denomination and/or to be a Board Certified Pastoral Counselor. Students are encouraged to pursue a Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Counseling to advance their studies in the field. Upon completion of this program, the student should exhibit competency in Biblical and Theological knowledge; possess the ability to integrate psychological, theological, and pastoral counseling principles; show proficiency in pastoral care, pastoral counseling, and pastoral psychotherapy; function ethically and professionally; and apply knowledge gained in a ministry context.

# 2010 TEACHER EDUCATION CLASS TO BE CERTIFIED

Teacher Education

Dr. Valerie Wilson is an Associate Professor of Teacher Education. She has the Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in teacher education from The Ohio State University, and a B.A. degree from Miami University. Valerie has many years of teaching experience on both the elementary and higher education levels. She also currently oversees the Reading Recovery® Program sponsored by The Ohio State University for seven school districts in the region.



Dr. Valerie Wilson

The Teacher Education program at Ohio Christian University (formerly Circleville Bible College) was begun in response to requests from Christian schools. By the spring of 1983, the office of Dr. Doug Carter, then college president, had received enough requests for Christian classroom teachers to convince himself and the Board of Trustees that the college should begin work on establishing a teacher education program.

During the early years of the program, the Board of Trustees did not seek approval from the Ohio Department of Education which would have provided state certification for the program's graduates. However, over time, it became evident that more and more graduates of the teacher education program were seeking positions in public, as well as Christian, schools. In the mid-1990s, the Department signed an articulated agreement with Ashland University. Under this arrangement, which is still in use, students graduate from the newly-named Ohio Christian University with a concentration in teacher education and complete their Ohio licensure requirements through Ashland's Bachelor's Plus program.

*Ohio Christian University has now applied for teacher accreditation, which should apply to all 2006 entering Teacher Education majors who meet the requirements.* New president, Dr. Mark Smith, with the support of the current Board of Trustees, determined to tackle accreditation by the Ohio Department of Education as well as the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. Work is underway on this endeavor; the goal—to allow teacher education students, in a four year period, to both graduate and receive their Ohio teaching license from the Ohio Christian University. This should apply to all 2006 declared Teacher Education majors, if not sooner.



Lois Waggoner  
Teacher Education



Linda Diltz  
Teacher Education

Not pictured:  
Larry Renihan  
Teacher Education

# BUILD YOUR OWN SPECIALTY MAJOR

## Interdisciplinary Studies

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program of study is composed of closely correlated coursework in two or more program concentrations. The program requires essentially the same Religion and General Education courses as all other OCU degree programs. The unique feature of this option is the flexibility that allows the student to work with an advisor and several program faculty to build a customized professional program that best suits his/her academic objectives and calling. For example, a student who feels called to teach on the mission field may want to combine professional courses from both the Teacher Education program and the Intercultural Studies program.

Each semester, the ISP student, with the aid of his or her advisor, will choose elective courses from OCU's professional offerings. During the first three semesters of the student's academic experience, these electives may help the student explore program options, select a major, or begin work in a particular field. Prior to or during the third semester of study, the student must declare two or three programs of emphasis for a concentrated program of study. The ISP student will then consult with the ISP director and selected faculty with the appropriate specialized disciplinary expertise to design a program catered to his or her areas of concentration. Upon completion of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, the student will possess the ability to pursue further study or serve in a role in the church or society which draws upon the knowledge and skills of the correlated programs of study.



Anita Conkel  
General Education



Elaine Brisker  
Science



Dr. Krista Stonerock

Dr. Krista Stonerock, a Professor at Ohio Christian University, has developed the University's first-year writing program and University Writing Center, which is designed to support student writers. She has earned a Ph.D. and M.A. degree in English Education from The Ohio State University, and a B.A. degree in English and Art from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Krista conducts writing consultant training seminars and has presented her work at the National Council of Teachers of English and the East Central Writing Centers Association Conferences.

# PREPARING TO SERVE IN BUSINESS

## Business Management

The Business Management concentration is designed to prepare students to serve in business and the church. This concentration is structured to provide the student with the skills and knowledge necessary to manage an organization in the twenty-first century. The capstone class, Strategic Management, allows students the opportunity to analyze real-life business cases and determine if the best decisions were made by the actual management teams. Students in Strategic Management spend several weeks in teams operating simulated businesses, competing with other teams in the class.

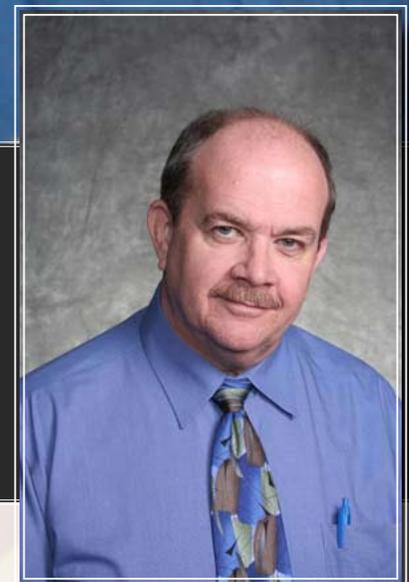
The simulation gives the students a feel for how decisions affect the business and how decisions of competing businesses can completely change the expected results. The students are also able to compare their successes to other teams throughout the world as the simulation developer places team scores on the Internet. The concentration will culminate with an internship that provides the student an opportunity to apply management principles.



Rob Hartman  
Business Finance



Curtis Christopher  
Business Computers



Dale Lear, M.B.A.

Professor Dale Lear is the coordinator for the Business Department. He has more than 30 years experience as a business owner, having operated five photography studios. Professor Lear completed his B.S. degree at the University of Rio Grande with concentrations in marketing, entrepreneurship, and real estate. He completed his Master of Business Administration at Franklin University.

# SHAPING THE WORLD THROUGH MUSIC

## Music

Newly appointed Chairman of the Music Department, Dr. John Anthony, has just finished his DMA degree in trumpet performance from the University of Georgia. An experienced music educator as well as performer, John has performed with the Gainesville Symphony (Georgia), the Gwinnett Ballet Orchestra (Georgia), and the Altoona Symphony (Pennsylvania). He has also performed as a soloist with various wind and brass ensembles in the North and Southeastern United States. He is featured on two recordings of sacred music for brass and organ; *The Psalms of Emma Lou Deamer* vols. 2-3. Dr. Anthony is an active member of both the Music Educators National Conference and the International Trumpet Guild.

Dr. Anthony is deeply committed to the mission of the University in its vision to prepare Christian leaders to minister in the 21st century. It is the University's focus on ministry that attracted him to the institution.

His vision is to see the Music Department grow and help shape the ministry of music in the 21st century.

There are new opportunities that await the students of the Music Department at Ohio Christian University this year and they are the following:

- Being trained and mentored in the classroom by a faculty of well qualified and experienced Christian musicians and educators
- Participating with other talented, Christian young people in touring as well as non-touring vocal and instrumental ensembles
- Engaging in private study with accomplished musicians
- Interacting and observing both sacred and classical performers in concerts and master classes
- Gaining practical experience in worship ministry through regular Christian Service activities
- Becoming part of a music program that is actively seeking to prepare motivated Christian young people for a life of service to God through their musical gifts and talents

If you are interested in seeing our campus, meeting our faculty, or attending the recitals and concerts scheduled to occur on our campus this semester, please visit our website [www.ohiochristian.edu](http://www.ohiochristian.edu).



Dr. John Anthony



Charles Dautermann  
Worship Arts



Gary Dean  
Instrumental Ensembles



Mary Jane Dean  
Piano and Organ



Lorna Frank  
Voice

# 2007 Gospel Concert

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

*Friday  
October 5, 2007*

---

**7:00 PM**

Doors open at 4:00 PM. Tenderloin fry begins at 5:00 PM.

Greater Vision  
Michael Combs  
Crystal River  
Royalaire

*Saturday  
October 6, 2007*

---

**6:00 PM**

Fish fry begins and doors open at 3:00 PM.

Brian Free & Assurance  
Karen Peck & New River  
Galloways  
Aaron Wilburn

*Admission*

---

\$20.00 Artist Circle  
\$15.00 in advance  
\$18.00 at the door  
(children 6 and under are free)

*To Purchase Tickets*

---

Call Latricia Johnston:  
Ohio Christian University, 740.420.5918  
or Gil Conley:  
Promotion Director, 740.869.3253



Coming Fall 2008

# *you can* MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Be prepared to serve around the world
- Be challenged by new intercultural classes
- Become RED Cross certified
- Work with an international relief organization
- Experience a short-term disaster relief trip

## INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM

OHIO CHRISTIAN  
UNIVERSITY

Program admission is limited. Call 1-877-7OCU-NOW to apply or learn more.

# Our alumni are changing the world.

*You can too.*

As pictured from left to right:



**Rev. David Dean**  
Senior Pastor,  
Brookside Church

**Rev. Joe Duvall**  
District Superintendent, Churches  
of Christ in Christian Union  
Former Senior Pastor, Heritage  
Memorial Church in Washington  
Court House, Ohio

**Rev. Mike Holbrook**  
District Superintendent, Churches  
of Christ in Christian Union  
Former Senior Pastor, Circleville  
First Church of Christ in Christian  
Union



**Rev. Dwight Mason**  
Senior Pastor,  
NewPointe Community Church

**Dr. John Maxwell**  
Internationally recognized  
leadership expert and speaker,  
bestselling author, and  
founder of INJOY Stewardship  
Services and EQUIP.

**Dr. Joy Shields-Miller**  
Obstetrician and Gynecologist,  
Pickaway County, Ohio



**Rev. Ned G. Prince**  
WGM Missionary to St.  
Croix, Pastor, Christian  
Union Church of St. Croix

**Dr. Stan Toler**  
Founder of the Vibrant Group,  
Senior Pastor of Trinity Church of  
the Nazarene, executive director  
of the Toler Leadership Center,  
author of over 50 books.

**Dr. Jerry Walls**  
Professor of Philosophy of Religion,  
Asbury Theological Seminary  
Author of a variety of professional  
and popular books and articles

# OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

call 1-877-7OCU-NOW or visit [www.OhioChristian.edu](http://www.OhioChristian.edu)

## 1970

**Sandy (Martin '79) Boswell** has been married for 26 years and has five children ranging in ages from 25 to 11 years. She has two beautiful grand-daughters and a new grandchild on the way. Sandy is currently teaching second grade in a public school while working on earning a Masters in Elementary Reading and Literacy.

"I would like to give a tribute to Grace JoAnn Allison. I will always treasure the memory of Miss. A. She was a wonderful teacher, mentor and beloved friend. She will always have a special place in my heart! Without her support, I would not be where I am today."

## 1980

**Steve ('82) and Debbie (Foddrill '95) Cartwright** are missionaries with World Gospel Mission and CCCU on the American Indian Field in Arizona. They are also pastoring a small church on the Gila River Reservation

south of Phoenix. Their oldest daughter, Stephanie, attends OCU and their son, Aaron, and daughter, Jennifer, both plan to attend OCU after they graduate. Aaron graduates in May '07 from Centennial High School, and Jennifer graduates in May '09.

**Kato Boldon ('89)** is pleased to announce the birth of his first child, Katy Beth Boldon. Katy was born on January 29, 2007. Kato's wife is Kimberly, who he met on the mission field in 2003.



They are with World Gospel Mission serving in Arizona with the Native Americans. They are currently on Homeland Ministry Assignment and raising support in Oregon.

## 1990

**Wendell ('98) and Tammi (Elkins '96) Brown** are now living in Dickson, TN with their 4 children; Emma age 11, Abigail age 8, Grace age 7, and Christian age 3. Wendell is the senior pastor at Jason Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Dickson, TN. God has truly been good and faithful to them. Jason Chapel now has a newly expanded Family Life Center where Tammi is Wendell's secretary in the church office. She supports him in his ministry and loves him dearly.

## 2000

**Jessie (Waddell '00) Giri** is the proud mother of Kamal Rohan Giri. Kamal was born May 10, 2005. Jesse is married to Rohan Giri.



## JUST MARRIED



**Rick & Toni (Harness '03) Milewski**  
April 21, 2007

## STAY CONNECTED

*Submit news and photos online at [www.ohiochristian.edu/alumni](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/alumni) or send updates via email to [alumni@ohiochristian.edu](mailto:alumni@ohiochristian.edu)*

**Toni (Harness '03) Milewski** married her high school sweetheart, Rick Milewski, on April 21st. Life is good for the newlyweds. Toni is currently working at an insurance company. The couple are having a house built which should be finished sometime in July or August.

**Tyna Baugess ('05)** has been given a great opportunity to serve the Lord in the new capacity of CPST staff with Ohio Hospital for Psychiatry. She has 30 adolescents that she will work with in the

Residential Treatment Center. These adolescents have many different mental health and behavioral issues. It is a locked down facility and is medically based rather than clinically based. Tyna is really excited at how God is working in her life. She has been taking some of the adolescents to a small group for teenagers and the hospital has asked if anyone might be interested in volunteering on Sunday afternoons to bring chapel to the Residential Treatment Center.

**Kent ('06) and Virginia ('06) Crabtree** have been truly blessed by God. Kent has been accepted into the Counselor Education program at Ohio University. He will be earning a M.Ed. in Community Mental Health Counseling. Upon completion of this program Kent will be able to apply for Professional Counselor or Professional Clinical Counselor licensure in the state of Ohio. Virginia Crabtree began her new career with the Department of Homeland Security - Customs

& Border Protection, working as a Customs Officer assigned to Rickenbacker Airport. She begins her training in May 2007 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco Georgia. She was awarded the pay grade of GS-7 due to her academic standing at OCU and Ohio University, Chillicothe.

## HOMECOMING 2007 ACTIVITIES

*Thursday  
October 4, 2007*

HOMECOMING KICK-OFF

**7:00 PM**

OCU Follies in Detty Chapel

**8:15 PM**

Torch Run begins in front of Detty Chapel

(Following the Torch Run there will be a bonfire on the OCU campus)

*Friday  
October 5, 2007*

**10:30 AM–11:30 AM**

Alumni Chapel in Detty Chapel

**5:00 PM– 7:00 PM**

Tenderloin Fry

**7:00 PM**

Inaugural Homecoming Gospel Concert

*Saturday  
October 6, 2007*

**11:30 AM–2:00 PM**

Alumni Gathering Luncheon in tent outside of the Leadership Center

Activities for children will be provided by the Admissions staff

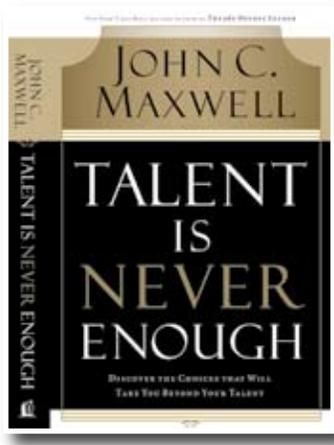
**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

Fish Fry

**6:00 PM**

Inaugural Homecoming Gospel Concert

## ALUMNI AUTHORS



### Talent is Never Enough

**Dr. John C. Maxwell**

Many business leaders today place too much emphasis on talent alone. Renowned leadership expert John C. Maxwell contends that this is the wrong way to approach success. "If talent alone is enough, then why do you and I know highly talented people who are not highly successful?" Discover the Choices That Will Take You Beyond Your Talent.

### The Evidence for Entire Sanctification

**R. David Bloomfield, Th.M.**

Alumnus R. David Bloomfield has written a book endorsed by evangelist Nelson Perdue entitled "The Evidence for Entire Sanctification." R. David received his degree from OCU in 1982, and went on to receive a Masters of Divinity and Masters in Theology from Asbury Theological. David is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Alton Bloomfield.

# SENIOR CITIZENS Winter Get-Away-Day

All seniors are cordially invited to attend the First Annual Senior Citizens Winter Get-Away-Day on December 12, 2007.

We will be traveling via motor coach to LaComedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, Ohio, to view a holiday favorite, Irving Berlin's White Christmas.

Following the matinee, we will travel approximately 20 minutes to the Berns Garden Center in Middletown for a guided grand holiday tour. Christmas will be in full bloom at the Center and each guest will receive a beautiful poinsettia.

To make it fun for all, we request each of you to bring along an item to be donated for auction during the road trip. Proceeds will go towards the OCU Scholarship Fund.

Your cost is only \$65 per person and includes travel, LaComedia show and buffet, Berns Garden Center entrance fee, and late afternoon refreshments.

Seating is limited to the first 50 reservations paid in full.

Please call Latricia Johnston at 740.420.5918 to make your reservations.

We are looking forward to the beginning of a fun-filled community tradition! See you there.

**DECEMBER 12**  
50 seats available  
call 740.420.5918 to register or learn more

# NATIONAL HONORARY SOCIETY INDUCTEES

## Adult Students Recognized by Pinnacle Honor Society

Ohio Christian University inducted eight outstanding adult students into the Pinnacle National Honor Society, Sunday, July 15, 2007. The inductees are Marilyn Booze, Millersport; Rebecca G. Euton, Circleville; Latricia Johnston, Bremen; Angela Kane, Circleville; Constance Velina Muse, Canal Winchester; Stephanie Lorraine Nicholson, Reynoldsburg; Michael A. Pierce, Chillicothe; and Crystal M. Ratliff, McArthur.

The inductees are students in Ohio Christian University's AIM adult degree program and boast grade point averages from 3.0 to 3.968. The Pinnacle Honor Society recognizes non-traditional students who are typically less involved in campus life, often married, and usually employed full time while attending college. This honor

society was created to provide adult non-traditional students national recognition they have earned and deserve. To be selected for induction into the Pinnacle Honor Society, students must be active members and hold a variety of leadership positions in their church and/or community organizations, volunteer regularly and perform exceptionally academically.

The purpose of the Ohio Christian University AIM Division is to facilitate Christ-centered, biblically integrated learning in a format that is relevant and convenient for working adults. For many non-traditional learners, the responsibilities of a job and family make it impossible to attend classes in a traditional format. The AIM program helps busy working adults earn the degrees they need by allowing them to attend

classes one night per week or online on a year-round basis. This program not only provides a way for adult learners to continue working, but also results in an earlier completion of the degree than a traditional part-time format allows.

The Ohio Christian University AIM program offers four campus options in Circleville, Columbus, Lancaster, and Dublin, plus online.

More information is available by calling 1-877-7OCU-NOW, emailing [enroll@ohio-christian.edu](mailto:enroll@ohio-christian.edu), and at <http://www.aim-ocu.info>.

Ohio Christian University Pinnacle National Honor Society inductees are from the left:  
Michael A. Pierce  
Marilyn Booze  
Latricia Johnston  
Crystal M. Ratliff  
Stephanie Lorraine Nicholson  
Rebecca G. Euton  
Constance Velina Muse  
and Angela Kane.



# CAMPUS UPDATES

## Grand Opening of Campus Leadership Center

After nearly a full year of construction, Ohio Christian University is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Campus Leadership Center. This newest addition to the OCU campus will be a tremendous tool to serve our students, as well as our local churches and the Pickaway County community. The facility boasts 28,000 square feet, providing ample space to host conferences, university events, and the annual CCCU Mount of Praise Campmeeting, along with Trailblazer athletic events throughout the academic year.



# Introducing Ohio Christian University's Honorary Fountain and Brick Walkway for Alumni and Friends

FEATURED IN FRONT OF THE NEWLY BUILT LEADERSHIP CENTER, AS PICTURED BELOW



## *Leave a Legacy*

Purchase a brick for this new walkway and gathering area. For years to come, your inscription will be seen by students preparing for a lifetime of ministry.

*your name here*

Qty	Paver Brick \$250.00	Cornerstone Brick \$1000.00 (limited)	Inscription up to 3 lines with 15 characters each	Total
Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Check/Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (complete information below)				
Name as it appears on credit card:			Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover	
Card Number:			Expiration Date:	
Security Code (3 digits on back of card):			Signature:	

Mail completed form and payment to: Ohio Christian University  
University Advancement  
P.O. Box 460  
Circleville, OH 43113  
Fax: 740.477.7845

For more information, contact:  
Mark Taylor  
phone: 740.420.5919  
email: mtaylor@ohiochristian.edu

**TOTAL:**



**SECOND ANNUAL**  
Scholarship Golf  
Tournament

**FLORIDA**  
*February 7-9, 2008*

*Presented by Ohio Christian University & Linking Legacies  
visit [www.OhioChristian.edu/golf](http://www.OhioChristian.edu/golf) or call Mark Taylor @ 740.420.5918 to learn more*

*October 4-6, 2007*

## Homecoming 2007

Make plans now to attend Ohio Christian University's 2007 Homecoming celebration. This year's events include the Alumni Gathering Luncheon and two Gospel Concerts, along with other activities for the whole family. Details are listed on page 17.

*October 23-24, 2007*

## Church Planting Institute

Reaching the Unchurched: Learn how the Gospel message can be particularly relevant to 21st century people and how churches can better prepare themselves to do mission in our culture. Details can be found at [www.ohiochristian.edu/churchplanting](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/churchplanting).

*November 2, 2007*

## Midnight Madness

The annual Midnight Madness Alumni Basketball Challenge is scheduled for November 2nd. Make plans to come out for a great time of fun and fellowship. Details will be available at [www.ohiochristian.edu/alumni](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/alumni) as they become available.

*December 8, 2007*

## The Messiah & Festival of Carols

The Ohio Christian University Chorale and community participants present Handel's oratorio, The Messiah. This performance is open to the public, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Leadership Center. Admission is free.

*January 29 - February 5, 2008*

## OCU Choir Tour

The Ohio Christian University Chorale will travel and perform in several states early in 2008. If your church is interested in hosting the OCU Chorale, please contact the Office of University Advancement at 740-420-5918 for booking information. Beginning in November 2007, details will be available online at [www.ohiochristian.edu/choirtour](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/choirtour). Visit this site to find a performance near you.

*February 4-5, 2008*

## Church Planting Institute

The Missional Church: Learn why the ministry of all Christians is vital to the church's mission as well as how to motivate a congregation into missional action.

*February 7-9, 2008*

## Scholarship Golf Tournament

Escape the winter chill and fly to sunny Orlando, Florida for the second annual Ohio Christian University/Linking Legacies Scholarship Golf Tournament. Registration is \$1500 per person and includes air fair, lodging, meals, transportation to golf courses, four rounds of golf and more! Learn more or register online at [www.ohiochristian.edu/golf](http://www.ohiochristian.edu/golf).



Expanding the Ohio Christian University  
Community through Online Education



Now offering Associate Degrees with concentrations in  
Business Management and Christian Ministry  
visit [ocunline.com](http://ocunline.com) or call 1-877-AIM-ONLN to learn more

Ohio Christian University  
P.O. Box 460  
Circleville, Ohio 43113

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
CINCINNATI, OH  
PERIT NO. 6657