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President Gordon Gee Visits Ohio Christian Campus and Meets OCU Leaders

This past year President Mark A. Smith has been mentored by Dr. Gordon Gee, Ohio State University President, in Presidential Leadership and has also learned by observing the Senior Management Council at Ohio State University.

Dr. Gee and Dr. Smith are working on an agreement on future programming opportunities for Ohio Christian University students.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OCU PRESIDENT DR. MARK A. SMITH

A continuous walk with God and pursuit of holy living brings transformation into His image through daily dying to self and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

EXPERIENCING LIFE'S Transformational MOMENTS

Life presents us with good days and bad days, but for the most part, life is simply an arrangement of routine minutes, hours and days. The general population believes there is little that can be done to change one's life from mundane to marvelous. As a student of Leadership Theory, I am fascinated by the success rate of those who try to lead change.

For example, I was raised in rural Appalachia where nearly everyone worked in the furniture or textile industry. These folks were admirable, hard-working people who made a living by the sweat of their brow. I owe a debt of gratitude to my father for helping me obtain a short-term job in a local lumber mill. It did not take long to determine I would become the first member of my family to earn a college baccalaureate degree. Thus began the first mile of a life-transforming academic journey.

Education, as wonderful as it is, is superseded by the greatest transformational moment one can experience in his or her spiritual life. This moment occurs when a man or a woman is transformed from a corrupt, self-centered person into the image of God through the miracle of divine intervention. Humans cannot save themselves because of the fall of Adam and Eve; since that time all have remained depraved, self-seeking, and selfishly desiring their own way.

God accepted the blood of Jesus Christ shed on Calvary as atonement for sins, making it possible for sinful man to be transformed. It takes a "God moment" to effect the change that begins with man asking God for mercy and help, followed by genuine repentance. God always responds in love, saving us by His transforming power. A continuous walk with God and pursuit of holy living brings transformation into His image through dying to self and the filling of the Holy Spirit in sanctification. It happens in a moment but continues over a lifetime.

As this magazine is unveiled, you will read example after example of transformation, seeing changes that occurred because of education, mentoring, family investments and faculty teaching. But all stories flow to the core of the conceptual framework of OCU's educational philosophy. True transformation must have Christ at the center. We will change the world through men and women who experience transformation – a God-changing transformation. As we grow to 2000 students, this will be our mission: *Education with a purpose – God-centered and holy in purpose.*



If you really want to know what a university is like, take a look at the men and women who are marching across the stage to receive their diplomas at commencement.

Quick Facts about the Class of 2010

Degrees Awarded

Associate of Arts - 64
Bachelor of Arts - 120

Majors Represented

Business Management - 66
Christian Ministry - 44
Interdisciplinary Studies - 9
Leadership and Ministry - 22
Music - 6
Psychology - 34
Substance Abuse Counseling - 10
Teacher Education - 3

Commencement Speaker

Ohio Congressman Steve Austria

Valedictorian

Sarah Jewel Marie Johnson

Salutatorian

Brad Allen Jones

Honor Graduates

Judith Ann Fowler Irwin (AIM)
Jillian Leigh Weimer (TRAD)

States Represented

Ohio, Alabama, Wisconsin, New York,
Georgia, Texas, Indiana, Kentucky

The Class of 2010!



DR. JOE C. BROWN, VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Did you ever wonder what the graduates of the Ohio Christian University are really like? How well prepared they are for our changing world?

This year we graduated a record 184 students. What brought tears to my eyes was learning about their journey of faith and how the Lord is calling them to ministry. I will share a few of their stories with you.

Answering the Call

One of our seniors is a third generation Christian and will graduate in December. Both of his grandfathers were preachers, and he ministered with his family in evangelistic music growing up. He enrolled in college planning a career in medicine. He later began to help his grandfather at his church on weekends. When his grandfather was forced to retire, the church looked to him for leadership. He was soon preaching on Sundays, and the congregation was encouraging him to consider the ministry. After much prayer he felt the Lord calling him to dedicate his life to ministry.

He withdrew from a pre-medical program and enrolled in OCU to prepare for a lifetime of ministry. Under his leadership the church has doubled in size in the past two years.

Listen to an excerpt from this 25 year old young man's paper. *"I had a call to preach before sanctification, yet it was just a small part of that calling. God would not reveal to me the fullness of my calling before I was sanctified. Once I consecrated myself to the will of God, He began to reveal the rest of my calling. It was not all at once, but it was all coming into view. I now know the calling that God has placed in my life.... Now He is showing me not only am I to be a caring pastor, but a teaching pastor. He has seen fit to place the care and training of nine ministers in the church where I pastor."*

He continued describing how the Lord has given him the desire to teach college ministry courses. He concluded with, *"None of this would ever be, the calling never found, were it not for the sanctifying grace of God."*

Trusting His Will

Another young man told of growing up in a parsonage and as a child envisioning he was preaching to a great congregation. As he continued through elementary school, his speech was so bad he was placed in speech therapy classes. He shoved aside the thoughts of being a preacher with the conclusion, "Surely God would not call a child with speech difficulties." However, as he entered high school he could not shake the idea that God was calling him to the ministry. Compounding the problem of his speech was the fact he was intimidated by a crowd. In high school he signed up to give a sermon at a youth talent night. He described that sermon as horrible and concluded that God had seen what a bad preacher he was and would leave him alone! Under a section he labeled as "For God's Gifts and His Call Is Irrevocable" he wrote "One bad sermon was not enough to fend off the hound of heaven... He pursued me with the call until my response was, and could be nothing else than, "Yes Lord, if it be your will I will follow, but Lord if I am to preach you must give me the words, and open my mouth, and relieve the fear."

"God is faithful. He will not leave the call unequipped. Sometime between my sophomore and junior year of high school God acted in a mighty way, relieving me of the fear of groups and allowing me to speak clearly when before congregants. I have been pursuing this call ever since this time."

The week following graduation he began as a pastor of a small congregation. I ran into him three weeks after graduation and asked him how it was going. He replied that he was planning to baptize three the next Sunday.

Embracing Holiness

Another student who will graduate in December told her story. She began by telling about the years she had wandered far from God and the very dark times she experienced in her life. She was excommunicated from her church at the age of 21 and told to come back whenever she got her life straightened out. She came back to faith in Christ the following year and returned to the church that had asked her to leave. But over the next

decade and half, her church fell apart and disbanded. However, when her church failed she testified the Lord did not abandon her. Instead He awakened within her a dream she had abandoned long before - a college education. She wrote, "In college I learned about the traditional Wesleyan views of the Christian experience and the importance of living a holy life."

She said that while in college she shied away from her calling to be a "watchman on the wall" looking for an easier life. However, as she is finishing her college degree, the Lord is bringing her back to His calling for her life. She wrote "The Lord had designed and called me to be watchman on the walls of His Church. He called me to be a prophet and intercessor. The desire to pray and to shed light into the dark places in the Body of Christ was more than a personal interest; it was part of my calling." She continues later "The watchman is often a lonely road to walk, one that is filled with insecurities and rejection...fear of man has had a crippling affect on me for years, and it is one of the greatest enemies of the watchman calling."

She concludes with "A child of God will find it difficult to try to escape the purpose for which they were created. I am still afraid, but I have decided to stop running. I have decided to embrace my call." She then closed by quoting Isaiah 61, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

Reaching the Lost

Some are planning bi-vocational ministries because the church has not yet caught the vision of how the Lord is calling people to work in His fields and bring the Gospel to the lost. These young men and women have caught a vision of the "fields that are white to the harvest" and feel compelled to go forth with the Gospel with innovative ministries. What does this look like?

Another one of our seniors, a student who came to us as a professional with a

college degree, tells of growing up in an essentially pagan environment and never attending church as a child or youth. During her teenage years and into her young adulthood she drifted from one path to another trying to find something to satisfy and at one point experimenting with the occult. That all changed when a friend invited her to church for an Easter service. She described that Sunday morning as an incredible time of discovery. She found something she had been searching for all her life, and a few weeks later gave her heart to the Lord. That Sunday invitation radically changed her life.

She followed the leading of the Lord and enrolled in the University to study the Bible and learn about the Christian faith. In one of her senior papers she described how she felt the Lord was leading her to an innovative kind of ministry - "being a creative street preacher to shine the light of the Gospel in the dark places of our cities and towns." She continued, "it is unlikely those people will ever attend a church service to hear the Gospel." She is asking for the Lord to lead her along the path of a creative and innovative approach to reach them with the Good News. Her testimony was another moment of affirmation to me of how the Lord is presently raising up a new generation of ministers.

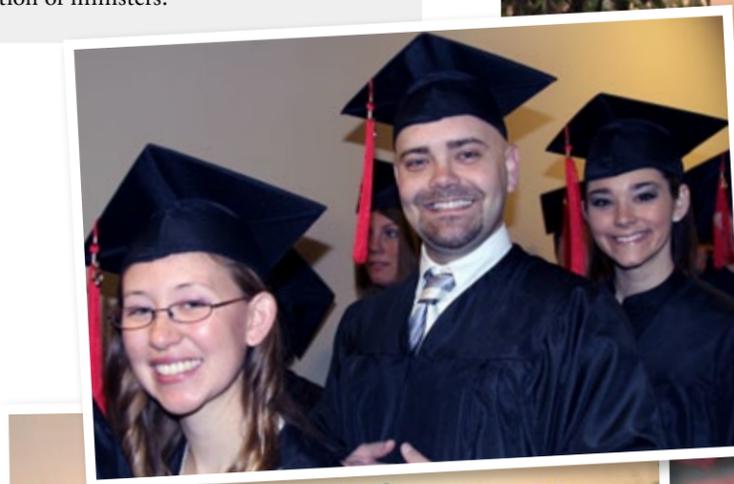
It is so refreshing to interact with this new generation and discover afresh the Church is in safe hands.

Conclusion

This year was a high water mark for our traditional program with over forty percent of our baccalaureate graduates completing ministry preparation programs and another twelve percent from our Interdisciplinary program planning to enter the ministry. When those whose spouses are in ministry are added to the number, nearly sixty percent of our graduates are planning to serve in ministry. But numbers do not tell the whole story.

The Spirit is at work in their lives calling them to His work and planting the seeds of new ideas of how to serve and minister. Many times He uses the experiences of their pain and suffering to birth new ideas about how to do ministry. At other times these young men and women are given fresh new visions of how to innovatively reach the lost with the Gospel.

They are birthing ministries that I could never have imagined existing. It is so refreshing to interact with this new generation and discover afresh the Church is in safe hands. The Lord is at work in many incredible ways in this generation and at times it is breathtaking to witness what He is doing in their lives.



Congressman Steve Austria speaks to Ohio Christian University graduates.



Will you leave part of your estate to help Ohio Christian University educate students to change the world?

Leave a Legacy

Ohio Christian University is serving the world by providing outstanding educational opportunities and has grown from 300 to more than 1,200 students over the last three years. We need your help in training these world changers.

A personalized estate plan is important in leaving a legacy. Please contact Mark Taylor, Vice President of University Advancement to assist you in planning for the future.

Call 740-420-5918 today to learn more.

» Transforming lives through engagement.



Connecting, Engaging, Preparing

RICK CHRISTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Becoming a world changer begins where we live today.

The hope of transformation is realized within the power of salvation. Though this is elementary in principle, it sets the tone for understanding that, though salvation is instantaneous, transformation is a process. This process has the power to not only affect the life of one individual, but the scores of individuals that one life is empowered to influence. When we think of this globally, the impact of one person can be extraordinary. But here is the subtle reality: it never begins with one person and it never ends with one person. For example, John Wesley was influenced by numerous individuals and groups, and in turn, he influenced numerous individuals and groups. Recall the influence that his brother Charles, George Whitfield, and the Moravians had on his life; think again of the impact Wesley had on Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, and the world in general, which was greatly impacted by his work and ministry.

What I have come to realize is that the process of transformation does not happen in a vacuum. What we are committed to do here at Ohio Christian University is empower our students to become agents of transformation. Not only does this influence and empowerment take place in the classroom, but also through the work and interaction of our faculty and staff. The Student Development team is an essential part of this equation. The Student Development Team seeks to connect our students

relationally, engage them spiritually, and prepare them to be servant leaders in the world they live. What I have come to realize here at OCU is that our students seek more than degrees. Having the privilege of interacting with them in the classroom, in chapel, in the dining facility and at sporting events, I can attest to their desire to become world changers.

Connecting Relationally.

This past year, an intentional small group program was developed and integrated into the campus culture here at OCU. The purpose of this ministry was to assist students in connecting with peers and to provide an opportunity to understand the importance of accountability. Each semester, numerous groups met on and off campus, connecting in variety of venues and addressing an array of topics.

The OCU small group ministry not only helped students connect with their peers, but also with individuals from surrounding communities.

Engaging Spiritually.

Spiritual formation is an important ingredient to the OCU campus life. Though chapel and church attendance are a large part, OCU takes a more holistic approach to spiritual formation on our campus. Our goal is for our students to take ownership of their spiritual journeys by being involved in community outreach, mission trips, local parachurch organizations, and campus corporate worship. To

set the spiritual tone for the campus, a spiritual emphasis week is planned at the beginning of each semester. The speaker for our fall event is Dr. Benny Tate, senior pastor of Rock Springs Church in Milner, Georgia.

Preparing Servant Leaders.

At the end of the 2010 spring semester, the OCU campus hosted the annual Community Action Day event. This event is a call to action, placing the needs of others ahead of our own desires and comforts. OCU's call to action not only engaged the students, staff, and faculty on our campus, but was a call to action for many persons and organizations throughout Pickaway County. In one day, over 450 people and over 10 community organizations completed 68 projects, including work at local parks, individual homes, and at organizations that serve the Pickaway County.

Becoming a world changer does not begin in a distant country; it begins where we live today. If we cannot affect change in our current setting, it is difficult to believe that we can affect significant change somewhere else. As we give our students the opportunity to prepare for life beyond college, it is our goal to equip them to change the world in which they live.

Wise Choices & Changed Lives



TIM EADES, ASSOCIATE VICE
PRESIDENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

OCU's AIM Adult Program offers convenient, flexible and affordable degrees in an accelerated format for busy adults.

Long ago, when speaking of choosing a college, W. Comfort (1925) stated, "the choice of a college is much like that of a life-companion: one usually makes the choice but once and for always" (Comfort, p. 3). It is doubtful that Mr. Comfort could have ever imagined the transient nature of today's higher-education climate nor could he have foreseen a model of non-traditional education like what is offered at Ohio Christian University.

However, what is still very true some 85 years later is the relevance of his sentiment regarding the importance of the college choice. While several colleges and universities provide degree programming for adult learners, the choice to attend Ohio Christian University's AIM program is distinct. One could say it is a wise choice that leads to a life-changing experience.

In these days of economic challenge, working adults are finding themselves with the specific need to re-tool and re-train through formal education. Ohio Christian University offers degree completion programs for busy adults that are convenient, relevant, and affordable. Most importantly, the Ohio Christian University AIM program is not just leading to changed careers but also changed lives! The AIM program is one exciting way the university fulfills its vision to prepare Christian servant leaders.

In January of 2010, I began my own journey with OCU as the new Associate Vice President of Adult Education. During the spring, I asked current Ohio Christian University adult studies students a simple question: What has OCU's AIM program for adult learners meant to you? I received dozens of passionate responses that clearly articulated my premise that an OCU education is a wise choice leading to a life-changing experience. Read below to see what Ohio Christian University adult studies (AIM) students think about their experience:

WHAT HAS OCU'S AIM PROGRAM FOR ADULT LEARNERS MEANT TO YOU?

OCU's AIM Program has meant I can obtain a quality faith-based education, while working full-time. I am not only ensuring myself a brighter future, but growing as a person.
- Kellye Cross

Every professor I've had, has genuinely cared about their student's success and made it evident that they were serving the Lord.
- Rhonda Tyree

I was 31 years old and felt like I would never go back to school. In 2003 God called me to ministry, and roughly a year later I applied for the first time to OCU. Through the persistence of my wife, I finally enrolled and have not looked back. This University has been unbelievable. I would have never been able to accomplish these goals without the staff of this University.
- James Alexander II

The OCU AIM program has meant so much to me in many ways. I have finally been able to achieve my dream of a college education. I will never forget the friendships I gained or the wonderful professors who took their time with me when I was struggling.
- Cathy McKinney

Ohio Christian University AIM Program has become the catalyst for something amazing God has in-store for my life. I am excited to show up to class every week and learn, enjoy the direction and enthusiasm of the professors, and interact with other adults that have like-minded desires to follow the will of God in our lives. I do not know where this journey is leading but I sure am enjoying the ride. Thank you OCU.
- David Walden

The AIM program has tested me and made me expand my thinking, my thoughts, my writing, and myself. After my AA, I have already decided to continue on with my bachelors study in Business Management at OCU. I am also looking at going even further than that.
- Ted Murphy

I can't say enough about how pleased I am with my experience in the AIM program at OCU. The format of one day a week for five weeks, for each course, worked out great for me and my family. For me, OCU's AIM program is a gift from God. It has given my career a major boost, it has given me greater confidence, and most importantly it has brought me closer to God. Thank you!
- David Bunnell



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New Degrees Offered in Adult Program

Ohio Christian University has announced three new degree programs will be offered this fall through its AIM Adult Program: Agribusiness, Interdisciplinary Studies and Practical Leadership.

"OCU is all about serving our community, and these programs were selected based upon feedback from people in our community," said Dr. Hank Kelly, OCU executive vice president, who has oversight of the AIM Adult Program. "Because these programs were highly requested and meet identified needs, we expect enrollment in them to grow rapidly."

The associate degree in Agribusiness prepares individuals for careers in the agricultural business segment of the agricultural industry. It provides an understanding of basic business and management concepts and principles as they apply to the agricultural industry.

The associate and bachelor degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies provide flexibility for students who have well-defined career objectives and wish to determine the content of their degree rather than pursue an established major. The degrees serve as a bridge to numerous higher degree programs and prepare students for employment in areas not requiring a specific major.

The purpose of the EQUIP bachelor's degree in Practical Leadership is to produce graduates who understand transforming leadership and who are skilled in the essential disciplines of effective leadership, knowledgeable of how organizations function and prepared to effect positive change both within and through those organizations.

Individuals can earn a certificate in EQUIP Leadership without earning the entire Practical Leadership degree by completing three, self-paced online courses.

OCU's AIM Adult Program offers several campus locations as well as online degree programs.

Comfort, W. (1925). The choice of college. New York: The MacMillan Company.

For more information or to apply to these programs at Ohio Christian University, please visit us at www.ohiochristian.edu or call 1-877-496-8342.

This fall, OCU will provide a total of 12 AA and BA programs of study for adult learners at 12 locations in Ohio and online!

Associate of Arts

- Business
 - Business Management Concentration
 - Agribusiness Concentration
- Christian Ministry
- Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Arts

- Business
 - Business Management Concentration
 - Healthcare Management Concentration
 - Logistics Management Concentration
- Leadership and Ministry
- Practical Leadership
- Psychology
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Interdisciplinary Studies

You are invited to

Faith and Freedom

October 27, 2010 at the OCU Leadership Center

Ohio Christian University is pleased to host former Arkansas Governor **Mike Huckabee** on October 27, 2010 for *Faith and Freedom*, a rally sponsored by the Faith & Freedom Coalition.

By Invitation Only

4:00-5:00 p.m. VIP Dinner with Mike Huckabee (limited to the first 25)

Contact President Smith at 740-477-7713 for reservations and details.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Share hors d'oeuvres and get a photograph with United

States Presidential Candidate and Fox News Host Mike Huckabee.

\$500 per couple, with limited availability.

Free & Open to the Public*

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Rally with Mike Huckabee

Invited speakers include Ralph Reed, Duke Westover,

Dr. Matt Staver, Dr. Benny Tate, and

the Honorable Ken Blackwell

*Free ticket required for admission.

Call 740-420-5918 or visit www.OhioChristian.edu/rally to get your ticket(s) today.

with Mike Huckabee

Former Arkansas Governor and Host of Fox News Talk Show *Huckabee*



Hallmark Year for

Accreditation

Ohio Christian University was visited March 29-31 by the Higher Learning Commission, which accredits all universities in Ohio. The visiting team gave OCU a glowing report.

The team met with administrators, staff, trustees, and students along with alumni and community leaders. This is the third team to visit Ohio Christian University this year, with the Ohio Board of Regents recommending 10 years of reaccreditation and the national Teacher Education Accreditation Council recommending full accreditation approval of Ohio Christian University's Teacher Education program. Students can now complete a fully certified Teacher Education Program on campus.

The team enthusiastically recommended the approval of Ohio Christian University for 10 years of reaccreditation and applauded the University members for embracing the community in which it lives and serves.

The team chair concluded by saying that the team recommends 10 years of accreditation, with no HLC follow-up reports required, which is almost unheard of in the last decade. The team also gave final approval to the first Masters Degree and encouraged more Masters Programs. The team approved new locations for Ohio Christian University at four Southern State Community College sites, and additional online programs. The team chair indicated that of his 50 team visits, OCU's was the most positive.

Dr. Mark A. Smith, President of Ohio Christian, said "This is a hallmark day for Ohio Christian University. We have been working extremely hard on new programming for the community and to offer an exceptional high-quality learning experience for students. Today outside peers affirmed our work. We are very thankful to God, University personnel, and the Pickaway community for helping us achieve this excellent status.

- » OCU reaccredited for 10-years with no HLC follow-up required.
- » Master of Arts in Ministry program approved.
- » Five new onsite locations approved for Adult Degree Programs.
- » University members applauded for embracing the Pickaway County community.

HLC Team Comments

Criterion One: Mission and Integrity

- Constituents at Ohio Christian University not only understand the mission; they embrace it.
- There is an open culture which facilitates ownership and decision making.

Criterion Two: Preparing for the Future

- The University has a strategic plan and follows it and has made bold strides to involve the community in planning and environmental scanning.
- The plan is assessed frequently and is an important component of the culture.

Criterion Three: Student Learning and Effective Teaching

- The team applauded the University for its robust plan of faculty development and highly consistent curriculum delivery processes.
- The faculty were also applauded for a strong advising program and high evidence of learning that occurs with students.
- The university was complimented for its remodeled learning spaces and the careful focus on student learning.
- With regard to student life, administrators were praised for their commitment to spiritual life and the popularity of intramural activities.

Criterion Four: Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge

- The University was applauded for its value of lifetime learning through support for continuing education, professional development, conference attendance, endowed department chair, and the honors program.
- The team was very impressed with the AIM adult program's integration of faith in all courses.
- The University provides many opportunities for practical experience through Christian service, mission trips, and internships.

Criterion Five: Engagement and Service

- The University received the highest praise in the area of engagement and service for a strong commitment to the community.
- Other highlights included citations for Community Action Day, sharing of university talent and space with the community, and the involvement of University personnel on so many boards and committees in the community.
- The team also highlighted responsiveness to community needs and cited the Logistics/Supply Chain Management curriculum, dual high school/college enrollment, and Kids on Campus initiatives.



OHIO CHRISTIAN OFFERS FIRST STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

DR. DAVID GARRISON, BUSINESS DEPARTMENT CHAIR



Ohio Christian University completed its first six-week Study Abroad Program at the American University of Rome in Rome, Italy.

Eleven OCU students and one Olivet Nazarene University student traveled with Business Department Chair, David H. Garrison, who led the students in a choice of four different courses, Negotiations, International Business, American Political Systems, and Business Law. The purpose of the Study Abroad Program in Italy was to allow the students to experience a different culture where they could apply their learning through a comparison of the Italian business and government culture to the American culture.

The students were required to live in middle-class Italian apartments in apartment buildings where they were the only students in the building. The students had to travel on public transportation, purchase their needs in local shops, and prepare their own food. The result was that they learned rudimentary Italian in order to communicate.

The students traveled for various cultural excursions to Venice, Pisa, Florence, Viterbo, and Arezzo, Italy. Additionally, the students were invited by Dr. Garrison and the University of Rome to go on a business analysis trip to the Umbria area of Italy. On this trip, the students were asked to analyze the business conditions, innovations, and health of three businesses. The students visited one of Italy's largest wine making companies, Moncaro, New Holland tractor factory, and the Grand Hotel.

Additionally, the students were invited to visit Parlamento Italiano (the equivalent of the House of Representatives). They took a tour of the Parliament building, observed a legislative session (a debate on tax evasion by the wealthy), and listened to lectures about some of the differences between the U.S. government model and the Italian government model. At one point, the 635 Italian Ministers (equivalent to U.S. Congressman), stood up and cheered and clapped for the OCU students, as a way of recognizing both the students and to show their approval of the United States. The students were very moved.

The OCU students also visited numerous art galleries, museums, and archaeological sites where they learned the history of Italy and, for that matter, Western Civilization. Some of the historical sites were the Coliseum, Palatine Hill, and the Roman Forum. However, the most moving tour was that of the San Sabastiano Catacombs where they saw where first and second century Christians buried their dead (the Romans mostly cremated) and saw where Christians hid from persecution.

As part of their studies in Italy, the students were assigned special projects where they had to visit different Italian businesses and observe how they marketed their products, handled customer service, and conducted their operations. These were eye-opening experiences for the students, and they were amazed at the differences in Italian commerce because the businesses are primarily small shops and run mostly as family businesses. There are no Wal-marts or other big discount stores in Italy. Even the large stores charge nearly full price for their products.

The students have all expressed how this was an experience of a lifetime. They have further commented on how much they appreciated how OCU provided something that was not only eye-opening, but educational and exciting.

» Transforming lives through intercultural experiences.

As a staff member and 2008 OCU alumnus with a bachelor's degree in business management, I was thrilled to have an opportunity to assist Dr. Garrison this summer in Italy and continue my learning process with additional classes in International business. I feel blessed to have participated in this amazing, life-changing experience.

I was able to witness firsthand the inner-workings of Italian business while studying at the American University of Rome, which hosts students from all over the world. Growing up in Circleville, attending a college in Circleville and now working in Circleville, I forget there is much more to see and experience beyond the reaches of Pickaway County.

God has allowed me the chance to live in a new place, new culture, miles from home and country, for six weeks. One special tour took us where the Apostle Paul had been held prisoner; it was truly a sight to behold! This experience is one that will remain with me forever, and I hope to share with others.

Italians enjoy every minute of life. In one of our classes, we were told that Americans live *on* time while Italians live *in* time. This is something we can learn from them. Sometimes we need to slow down to enjoy every moment of the life God has given us.

—Whitney Davis, OCU Alumnus and Staff Member



OCU student Jenna Wood (left) and alumnus Whitney Davis (right)



FAITH + WORKS

Students, faculty, and staff bring the transformational message of the Gospel to people near and far. This year, OCU and World Gospel Mission (WGM) have sent team members to minister in El Salvador, Grenada, and Honduras.

Ohio Christian University has partnered with nearby hospitals in its ongoing effort to provide relief to the people of Haiti.

Honduras

At Escuela El Sembrador in Catacamas,

we completed various painting and construction projects on existing buildings and disassembled a dilapidated dormitory. Students shared dramas and testimonies during worship services and participated in the Extreme Sports Challenge and other recreational activities with resident students.

At the More Than Conquerors Church in La Esperanza,

we assisted with construction projects at the Rehab Center (pouring concrete, hauling adobe brick, burying water lines, installing fascia board for gutters, etc.). In addition to ministering in the church, we also had the opportunity to present donated musical instruments to the Nuevo Mundo (New World) High School students and teach drama for the youth group to share at their regional youth gathering.

TIM DANIEL, ASSOCIATE REGISTRAR

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Ohio Christian Partners with Hospitals in Ongoing Haitian Relief Effort

THADDEUS HICKS, DISASTER MANAGEMENT & RELIEF PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Ohio Christian University (OCU) professor Thad Hicks led a nine-person team on a trip to Haiti May 25-June 1 to assist in the ongoing recovery and relief effort following the country's 7.0 magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010. Students from OCU's Disaster Management program assisted with distributing supplies while visiting many of the most devastated sites within Haiti and learning first hand what was discussed in their classes.

The trip, OCU's second to Haiti, had additional impact with approximately 400 pounds of medical supplies gathered by Berger Hospital. Tina Pierce,

Emergency Department Nurse Manager at Berger, began the collection drive but soon learned that getting the supplies on the ground in Haiti would be a challenge.

"A lot of the supplies we gathered were in jeopardy of being thrown away because they were about to reach their expiration dates," said Pierce. "That's when the folks from OCU stepped in."

"These students continue gaining real world experience that will lead them to great careers once they graduate from OCU," said University President Mark Smith, "And we are proud to partner with Berger Hospital, under the leadership of Tim Colburn. We look forward to many more opportunities to work together."

Added Colburn, CEO of Berger Hospital, "I am proud of our teams and their creativity in finding a solution to make our donations possible. This effort is a great example of how powerful our community can be when we join forces. This project has provided our organizations a vehicle to make a meaningful impact on the world."

In August 2010, another load of nearly 800 pounds of medical supplies was packaged and prepared for Haiti. The shipment was sent to Ft. Pierce, FL, home of Missionary Flights International (MFI).

The need in Haiti has not lessened. In September of this year, Ohio Christian University is sponsoring a third trip to Haiti in which a group led by Bryan Irvine will attempt to build a hard-walled clinic in the mountains of Haiti. The hope is that these medical supplies will find their way to this upcoming medical outpost and be put to good use.

"Our disaster relief teams are capable and well-rounded, and OCU is making an impact on Haiti's recovery effort," said Professor Hicks, who has developed the curriculum at OCU for its new Disaster Management and Relief program. "But it's important to remember that our success and our effectiveness isn't possible without assistance from the community, through its donations and generosity."

Visit www.ohiochristian.edu/haiti-relief or call 1-877-762-8669 to contribute to this ongoing effort or learn more about OCU's Disaster Management and Relief degree program.



El Salvador

Upon our arrival into San Salvador, El Salvador, we were greeted by Miguel Rodriguez, the pastor of the church. We made our way on the two-hour trip, having to be conscious of the reckless drivers and wandering cows all over the road. However, after a quick lunch at Pizza Hut, yes Pizza Hut, we made it safely to our destination--Jucuapa. We met our wonderful missionary family David, Debbie, Taylor, and Kaitlin, and within an hour were helping out with services. We began by helping out in worship and performing a couple funny skits for the teens.

The church services went by with loads of smiling and laughter. The kids really enjoyed our puppet skits, duck-duck-goose game, and bracelet making. In addition to ministering in the church services and Vacation Bible School, we also helped a family move from a minimal, dirt-floored home to an even smaller one due to financial lack. We joined the family in prayer as we parted from their new home in hopes of leaving a warm memory as a welcoming gift. It was very eye-opening. The poverty in Jucuapa is intense, as it is with many places outside the U.S. It was very difficult to see it without being able to help. We saw much of the town via three-wheeled go-cart taxis, and a lot of smiling people who seem to be very welcoming toward us.

We left sadly, but know that the work ahead is just as purposeful as the work we left behind. Please keep the Hawks and the Rodriguez family in your prayers as they continue the Lord's work in El Salvador.

ANASTASIA BEAVERS, RESIDENT DIRECTOR



Grenada

Earlier this year we were selected to be a part of an OCU task force team--destination: Grenada, West Indies. While preparing, none of us knew what to expect, but we went into it with open eyes and hearts. Upon arrival we were introduced to our wonderful hosts Tim and Diane Bennett and a native Grenadian, Gleeson, who became a friend and taught us a lot about the culture.

The people of the church where we ministered were very welcoming and friendly, as were all the people of Grenada. At the orphanage, we worked with many wonderful children on their homework, bible stories, and singing. We also found plenty of opportunities to play and have fun. The Grenadian children loved sunglasses. If you arrived wearing them, there was a good chance that you would leave without them.

The team also got to help Tim and Diane with little projects around their house such as painting, installing air conditioners, and building a bed. Our team helped to lay the foundation for other trips that will visit Grenada in the future.

Some of us learned to serve rather than lead. Others learned to demonstrate the grace of God more fully to those around them. All of us saw God's work in a new way and returned to the U.S. with changed hearts. We would do it all over again if given the chance.

KAYLA FAUGHT & JOANNA HAWORTH, STUDENTS



Lady Trailblazers are NCCAA National Runner-Up

MANDY WRAY, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR & HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

The OCU women's basketball team was 9.8 seconds away from winning their first National Championship this year. Freshman Shelby Roe drained a shot from behind the arc to put the Lady Blazers up by one point with just under 10 seconds remaining. But Kentucky Christian University's Meredith Reed was able to convert a three point play of her own in the final seconds, defeating OCU 72-70 for the NCCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship.

The National Tournament birth was the first in the history of the women's basketball program at OCU, and it was a season of history-making for Coach Mandy Wray's Lady Trailblazers. They were ranked in the top 3 for the entire season, moving up to the #1 ranking in February after defeating #1 ranked Kentucky Christian University at home, handing the Lady Knights their first Mid-East Region loss in almost thirty years.

The Lady Blazers finished the season with a record of 26-6, the best in school history, including an undefeated 13-0 at home (which has also never been done before). The OCU women also earned their first conference championship when

they won the OCAC (Ohio Collegiate Athletic Conference) Tournament.

Several of the Lady Trailblazers were recognized for their individual accomplishments this season as well. Senior guard Brenda Carter was named First Team All-American, All-Region, and All-OCAC, and was also named the OCAC Player of the Year. Carter is the most decorated player to wear a Lady Trailblazer uniform. She became the all-time leading scorer in Lady Trailblazer history with 1,132 points in just two years, and holds records for season and career field goal percentage, points in a game (44), career field goals (470), and steals in a career (146). Brenda was also recognized as an Academic All-American this season.

Freshmen Shelby Roe and Dannel Butte were both named First Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-OCAC, and Butte earned 2nd Team All-American honors. Roe broke the record for 3 pointers made in a season and in a career, with a total of 64 this season, on 38% shooting from behind the arc. Butte made it into the record books with an astonishing 122 steals this season (almost 4 per game).

Junior Danielle Fleming really came alive towards the end of the season, earning 2nd Team All-Region and All-OCAC, and was named the National Tournament MVP. Junior Angela Thorne also was named 2nd Team All-Region, while freshman Kristen Hughes earned Honorable Mention All-OCAC honors. Junior Sarah Peters was recognized as an Academic All-American this year.

Head Coach Mandy Wray, the OCAC Coach of the Year, said, "Our girls played their hearts out this season, and I couldn't be more proud of them. They battled through adversity all season, but kept God first. Our theme this year was Hupomeno, which means to persevere, and they really did that. Although our final game was a heart-breaker, it was a huge step forward for our program here at OCU. To make it to the Championship game in our program's first appearance at the NCCAA National Tournament is something special. We had a history-making season, but we are not satisfied. I am excited to have our core group back next year, along with an outstanding recruiting class we have coming in. We will keep working hard and building on this for years to come."

Men's Basketball Wins Regional Title

The Trailblazers used their defense to force 25 turnovers and beat Kentucky Christian University 67-57 in Knoxville, Tenn. to win their first National Christian College Athletic Association Division II championship in 28 seasons.

"This was a big monkey off our backs," Ohio Christian Coach, and Mid-East Region Coach of the Year, Curtis Christopher said. "We've been competing hard over the last couple of seasons and taking stepping stones, but we hadn't won a regional title. Trust me; there was a lot of celebration for this accomplishment by our team. It's nice to have a banner of our own."

The Trailblazers (28-8) beat their arch rival for the second time in three match ups this season to clinch an automatic invitation to the NCCAA's Div. II national tournament. Ohio Christian finished seventh in the NCCAA National Tournament.



Banner Year for OCU Baseball

2010 was a banner year for OCU Baseball with a record 16 wins, a Mid-East Regional Championship, and a NCCAA National Championship appearance.

First year Coach Greg Bigam's club recently completed their season by going 1-2 in the National World Series in Mason, Ohio. The Blazers lost to Lancaster Bible 4-3 in the final inning, beat Maranatha Baptist 9-4, and were eliminated by the #2 seed Manhattan Christian 6-2.

"This season was another step in the growth of OCU Baseball," stated Coach Bigam. "It was exciting for these young men to progress and I believe they can see that OCU can compete with many of these programs, but still we have things to improve on and areas to grow in."

OCU received the fourth seed in the 8 team national tournament, were ranked as high as fifth during the season, captured the Mid-East Regional Championship, and finished third in the OCAC Conference.

Next year will be a challenge, because the Blazers lose five seniors and possibly two underclassmen who started at one time or another. "It is harder to stay at a level of success but we have a core of solid players returning and hopefully our season will attract some new recruits to fill the holes we will have," stated Coach Bigam.

Men's Basketball Academic All-Americans

- ☐ Michael Baker
- ☐ Michael Farrell
- ☐ Sam Sisley
- ☐ Stefan Vasiloff
- ☐ Timothy Baker

NCCAA 1st Team All-American

- ☐ Stefan Vasiloff
- ### 1000 Point Club Inductees
- ☐ Stefan Vasiloff
 - ☐ Rickshontae Spell

Men's Baseball

First Team OCAC

- ☐ Rickshontae Spell
- ☐ Adam Peters
- ☐ Max Ray
- ☐ Michael Blevins

First Team All Mid-East Region

- ☐ Michael Blevins
- ☐ Rickshontae Spell
- ☐ Max Ray
- ☐ Kelton Sines
- ☐ Steven Vogelgesang

Mid-East Region Player of Year

- ☐ Michael Blevins

Mid-East Region Coach of Year

- ☐ Greg Bigam

NCCAA 1st Team All-American

- ☐ Michael Blevins

All-American Honorable Mention

- ☐ Max Ray
- ☐ Steven Vogelgesang



Andre Dawson

A student's remarkable testimony of God's protection and guidance.

At first impression, Ohio Christian University freshman, Andre Dawson, would seem to be an average, fun-loving college student and a member of the Ohio Christian University basketball team. Upon further inspection, you would come to learn of Andre's remarkable testimony of God's protection and guidance throughout his life. The story behind how God directed Andre to Ohio Christian University is one of divine appointment and the reuniting of a broken family by God's grace.

Andre was born in Columbus, Ohio, to a single mother struggling with addiction. At times, it was a struggle for his mother to provide for Andre and his siblings as she indulged her addiction. She was even in danger of losing custody of her children several times. By seventh grade, Andre had moved in with his great-grandmother to remove himself from the environment at home.

While in high school, Andre's older sister, Heather, passed away from a blood clot after back surgery. After the death of his beloved sister, loss became a familiar tragedy in his life. Two weeks after Andre moved out of his great-grandmother's home his junior year of high-school, she also passed away. More recently, he lost his aunt to suicide.

During the basketball season of his seventh grade year, one of Andre's teammates invited him to church. Andre was overcome by the acceptance and love of the people in the church. His youth pastor at the church was available for counsel and aspired to guide Andre and to help him continue to break his family

cycle of drug abuse. It was the youth pastor who first mentioned the idea that Andre could pursue higher education after high school.

His youth pastor was the first father figure that Andre had ever known. Until, one day he received a MySpace message from his biological father. Andre was a junior when his father, Charles Dawson, entered his life. Charles' life had changed greatly in the past seventeen years because he had begun a relationship with Jesus Christ. As the father and son began to grow their new relationship, Andre traveled from his home in Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Columbus, Ohio, to visit his father.

Determined to break the generational curse of his family, Andre continued to pursue the idea that he could attend a college after he graduated high school. Last summer, while visiting his father, they drove past Ohio Christian University. Charles knew that Andre was hoping to attend college in the fall so he arranged a college visit at Ohio Christian University where Charles was an AIM student. From his first visit to the campus, Andre felt God's calling to the university. He contacted the basketball coach, Curtis Christopher, and became a part of the Trailblazer basketball team.

After completing his first year at Ohio Christian University, Andre has seen improvement not only in himself, but also in his family. Educationally, Andre achieved his best grades ever as a freshman at Ohio Christian University. He was also a member of the NCCAA nationally-ranked basketball team last



Andre and father, Charles Dawson

summer. His mother has gotten her life back on track and has come to a relationship with God through her son of whom she is very proud. Andre has also continued to grow closer to his father and visits with him often over weekends and on breaks during the school year.

God has blessed Andre with protection from drugs and has guided him through many trials of his life. Without the faithful provision of God, Andre would not have experienced the restoration he has seen in his family and life in the last year. God is continuing to lead Andre as he pursues a degree at Ohio Christian University. As a student, he is growing closer to Christ and recognizes the testimony and potential that God has given him. Andre has a heart for sharing his story to encourage and raise up more leaders around him. It is such a blessing to see the work that God is doing in the lives of all the students at Ohio Christian University. Every student arrives at Ohio Christian University in different ways, but they all share a common goal, which is to serve God and others with their lives.

Blevins Selected as Nations Top Christian Leader In Baseball & Wins Hank Burbidge Award



The Ohio Christian University baseball team made history in the 2010 season.

Under first-year head coach Greg Bigam (Mid-East Region Coach of the Year), the Trailblazers totaled 16 wins and won their first National Christian College Athletic Association Mid-East Regional Championship, qualifying for the NCCAA Division II National Tournament.

Junior Michael Blevins was named first team All-American and Mid-East Region Player

of the Year. He totaled 28 RBI while hitting .410 for the season with a .566 slugging percentage. Blevins also earned seven wins and one save as a pitcher and also played shortstop for the Trailblazers. But Blevins was recognized for more than his outstanding play on the field this season.

"Michael is not only an outstanding baseball player, but an even better person," OCU athletic director Mandy Wray said. At the national NCCAA banquet this week, he received the Hank Burbidge Unlimited Potential Outstanding Leadership Award honoring the nation's most outstanding Christian baseball player of the year.



Stefan Vasiloff Receives 2010 Trailblazer Award

Stefan Vasiloff is a transfer student who came to OCU in 2007 desiring to grow closer to God and find more of God's will in his life. While at OCU, God has given Stefan the opportunity for him to use his athleticism, academic ability, and leadership skills (which he didn't know he had).

Stefan has helped the men's basketball team to

three championships while maintaining an excellent academic record and blossoming in the classroom. His athletic achievements include NCCAA 1st team All-American, 2-time NCCAA Academic All-American, and inclusion in the Trailblazers 1000 Point Club as one of the university's highest scorers of all time. Spiritually, Stefan has learned that he has a God-given leadership ability and has had the opportunity to develop that gift through ministering to young people in camps, serving as men's basketball team captain, and leading devotions and small groups on campus. In his senior year, Stefan led worship for his home church on weekends.

Because of these characteristics and achievements, Stefan was awarded the 2010 Trailblazer Award, OCU's highest athletic award, inspiring athleticism, scholarship, spiritual character, and leadership.

Help us cheer the Trailblazers on to victory!

Home Game Schedule

Men's Soccer

- 09/17 @ 4:00pm vs. Valley Forge Christian College
- 09/18 @ 2:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College
- 09/20 @ 5:00pm vs. Shawnee State University
- 10/01 @ 4:00pm vs. Appalachian Bible College
- 10/02 @ 2:00pm vs. Crown College
- 10/16 @ 4:00pm vs. Kentucky Christian University
- 10/23 @ 12:30pm vs. Atlanta Christian College

Women's Soccer

- 09/06 @ 12:00pm vs. Atlanta Christian College
- 09/18 @ 5:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College
- 09/20 @ 3:00pm vs. Shawnee State University
- 10/02 @ 12:00pm vs. Grace Bible College
- 10/05 @ 4:00pm vs. Cincinnati State
- 10/16 @ 2:00pm vs. Kentucky Christian University

Womens' Volleyball

- 09/14 @ 6:00pm vs. Kentucky Christian University
- 09/17 @ 6:00pm vs. UC-Clermont
- 09/18 @ 11:00am Freewill Baptist Bible College
- 09/24 @ 10:00am Home Tournament
- 09/25 @ 10:00am Home Tournament
- 09/29 @ 6:00pm vs. Clark State Community College
- 10/01 @ 7:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College (at Circleville High School)
- 10/02 @ 10:00am Crown Bible College (at Teays Valley High School)
- 10/04 @ 6:00pm vs. Appalachian Bible College
- 10/12 @ 6:00pm vs. OSU-Marion
- 10/14 @ 6:00pm vs. OSU-Mansfield
- 10/23/2010 (All day) OCAC Tournament

On campus at OCU unless otherwise noted. Schedules are subject to change.

For complete schedules, including those for JV teams, please visit www.ohiochristian.edu/trailblazers.

CAMPUS UPDATES

The new Science and Logistics Center and additional student housing are nearing completion and will be opened for the fall semester. The Science and Logistics Center will provide much needed space for classrooms, labs, and faculty offices. The construction of new townhomes and purchase of a nearby property will provide housing for 50 additional students.



Dr. Tom Hermiz Re-elected General Superintendent

On June 16th, 2010, OCU Alumnus Dr. Tom Hermiz was re-elected to serve a four-year term as General Superintendent of The Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU). The 2010 General Council re-elected Dr. Hermiz on the first ballot. Dr. Hermiz's experience as General Superintendent, pastor, evangelist and CEO of World Gospel Mission for 22 years has given him the breadth of experience to serve as CEO of the denomination.

Congratulations, Dr. Hermiz!

Leadership Forum 2010

MARK TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

May 5, 2010, was a great day on the campus of Ohio Christian University. Dr. John Maxwell began the Leadership Forum in the morning by speaking to three to four hundred Pickaway County high school juniors. He also greeted the newly formed Ohio Christian University Business Advisory Council, and spoke to approximately twenty-five guests at the Roundtable. The main session for the Leadership Forum was held at 6:00 P.M. in the OCU Leadership Center and approximately one thousand individuals were in attendance. Joel Penton, former OSU lineman, brought the opening remarks to the evening session. As always, Dr. Maxwell did a fantastic job. Again, thanks to Dr. Maxwell and also to our special guest Tom Arrington, who also shared with the students in the morning session and the Roundtable discussion.

Make plans to attend next year's event on April 26, 2011. Ohio State University Coach Jim Tressel will join Dr. Maxwell in the roundtable discussion. Tickets are available online at www.ohiochristian.edu/forum.

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OCU Alumnus and Leadership Expert Dr. John C. Maxwell

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Raymond Moats Men's Residence Hall Dedicated

MARK TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

The building dedication for the men's residence hall was a wonderful honor for Raymond Moats' family. He was a special person in the life of Ohio Christian University during the Melvin Maxwell era. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the ceremony honoring Raymond Moats. A special tribute was given by his oldest daughter, Patty.

My Father - Raymond Moats

PATTY MOATS FALK

What an Extraordinary Privileged Gift
To be the child of Mildred and Raymond Moats
Parents who knew how to each other love
And train 4 children toward heaven above
Patty, Anita, Twana, and Ray
From my very start I knew
Daddy would love, laugh, and play with me as I grew
He was present in every way
He disciplined and then we'd pray
This amazing gentle man of God
Allowed his life to be totally surrendered
Yet he knew how to cherish his time on this sod
The word I watched him study each day
And hear the sweet words he would pray
He taught me to give those in need a gift
And to send the gospel around the world for souls to heaven lift
This earthly father's love
Gave me a magnificent picture of my Heavenly Father above
With Daddy I long to sit and talk
Yet I know soon we will walk
With Jesus in that beautiful unknown place
There we will be face to face
For generations to come our prayer
Is that we'll all meet there
To laugh, play, and sing
What an extraordinary thing
Together all praising Jesus our Lord, Savior, and King.

Homecoming 2010

MICHAEL TIPTON

The OCU Alumni Council is proud to announce and invite you to Homecoming 2010 on September 30-October 2! Filled with reunions, golf, concerts, and more, this year's event aims to be the best ever. On Thursday, September 30th, all alumni are invited to join with the OCU community as we dedicate the new Science and Logistics Center. You will participate in a wonderful experience alongside the next generation of servant leaders at OCU. Afterwards, alumni are invited to stay for lunch in the OCU Dining Commons.

On Friday, October 1st, join us for the Ohio Christian University/Linking Legacies Scholarship Golf Outing. You can join with alumni and friends from around the country at Cook's Creek Golf Club, just north of Circleville, to help current students by supporting the OCU

scholarship fund. This golf scramble includes a round at a top rated course, a great lunch, and fantastic prizes for every division. You are also invited to stay for the OCU Gospel Concert that evening at 6 P.M.

Saturday, October 2nd, will be filled with events at the OCU Alumni Gathering. All alumni are invited! This family friendly event is all about reconnecting with friends and the University. Children will be able to participate in organized games and activities for all ages, while you hear updates on some of the great things happening at OCU! Campus tours will be available, including a tour of the new Science and Logistics Center.

The Alumni Council is excited to announce a full slate of reunions this year. If you graduated in a year ending in a 0

or a 5 (i.e. 1955, 1960, etc.), your class will reunite at the Alumni Gathering. Recognizing the needs of AIM and online graduates, Homecoming 2010 will feature cohort reunions as well! This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with classmates, staff, and faculty. Most importantly, it is an opportunity to recognize what God did in your life while you were a student. Class and cohort specific reunion information is forthcoming. Please make plans now to attend your class and cohort reunion!

Homecoming 2010 will be a great time for all ages! For more information on the events and how you can be involved, contact Michael Tipton at alumni@ohiochristian.edu or call 740-474-8896.

COMING EVENTS

September

30 Alumni Chapel

October

1-2 Homecoming
1-2 Gospel Concerts
1 Golf Tournament
2 Alumni Gathering & Reunions
15 Preview Day
21-22 Fall Break (offices closed)
27 Faith & Freedom Rally w/ Mike Huckabee

November

19 Preview Day
25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)

December

4 Festival of Carols & Messiah
10 Winter Getaway Day



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Where are you now? How are you changing your world?

Share your accomplishments, reflections about OCU (or CBC), and even wedding and baby photos. We'd love to hear from you and feature your story in the next issue of *OhioChristian*.

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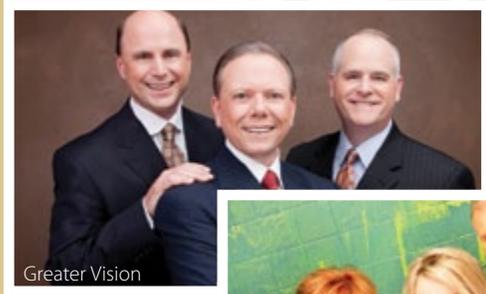
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