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Our Mission

Ohio Christian University prepares students to serve effectively in the church and society by providing a holistic, Christ-centered, biblically integrated education in the Wesleyan tradition.

OCU Vision

Preparing Christian servant leaders.

Guiding Principles

Christ Focused

- Understand a Christian worldview that is biblically based.
- Character focused: a holy transformation that results in heart change that produces Christ-like character.
- Leadership focused: willing to be a leader for the cause of Christ.
- Servant focused: willing to serve as Christ.

Academic and Learning Focused

- Relevant learning.
- Quality programming.
- Successful field entry.

Excellence Focused

- Seek to hire the best people in all areas.
- Never be content with the status quo.
- Constantly seek to improve in all areas; always ask "What can we do better?"
- Constantly update all areas (spiritual, programmatic, technologic, service, professional).

Relevance Focused

- Understand and be authentic Christians.
- Practically serve this present age.
- Apply Christian principles in ministry and the work place.
- Lead the expansion of Christ's Kingdom.

Entrepreneurial and Creative Focused

- Constantly look for new partnerships/relationships for programming and fundraising.
- Discover new ways of redefining the higher education process and product.
- Demonstrate financial creativity with how we manage and conduct business.
- Be growth oriented in enrollment, staffing, and resources.
- Provide new programming.
- Offer relevant ministry programs. What do today's students need?
- Be a learning-focused administration, staff, and faculty to prepare learning-centered students.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OCU PRESIDENT DR. MARK A. SMITH

As we innovate to reach this generation, we must never lose focus on ministry.

2010 *Year in Review*

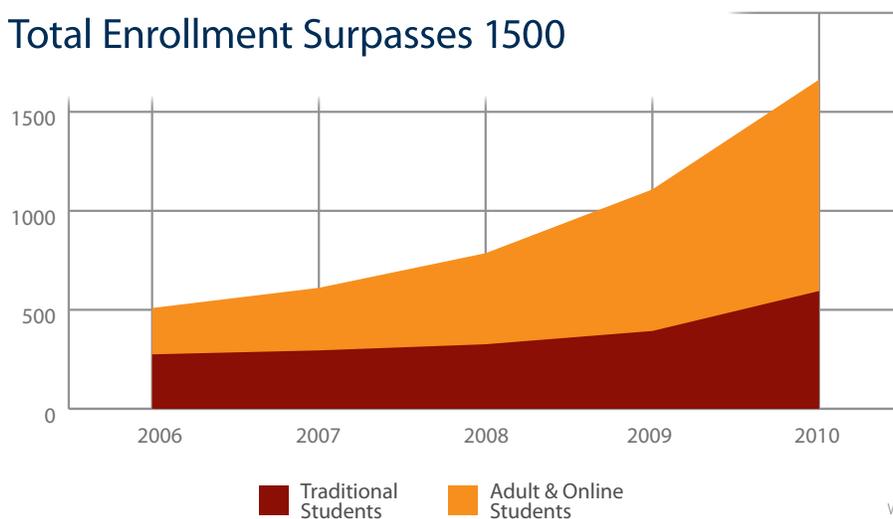
Greetings to the family and friends of Ohio Christian University. What a wonderful privilege it is to serve at Ohio Christian University (OCU)! First of all, thank you for your support and prayers. Ohio Christian has experienced a fantastic year. We are both thankful and humbled by the blessings of God.

This past year (2010) has been filled with accomplishment. Spiritually, there were many victories as students grew in “wisdom and understanding.” The implementation of small groups was key to successful spiritual growth. Dr. Benny Tate shared in the fall revival and many students responded to his powerful and anointed messages. Several board members attended the services and one commented, “This is the same spirit we had in the days of Melvin Maxwell. God is at work.”

Academically, this was a monumental year with OCU receiving 10 years of reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. This was a first. Additionally, the Teacher Education programs received their first ever accreditation approval. The University was approved for a first ever Master’s Program, a Master of Arts in Ministry. Last of all, enrollment surged to an all time high of 1700. These are good days at OCU.

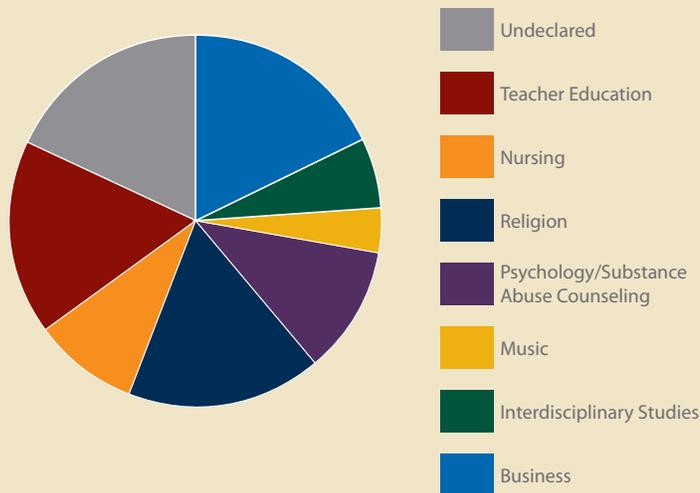
Recently Ralph Enlow, President of ABHE, said to a group of college presidents, “The Bible College movement has lost its way, somewhere we became focused on an occupation—the Pastor—and forgot to teach the preoccupation—a focus on Christ, the Bible and ministry.” He further added that one of the greatest impacts of Bible Colleges in a historical review has come from training the laity of our churches with a preoccupation for Jesus, the Bible, and a burning heart for ministry. He challenged the presidents to return to that by doing programs like OCU is doing. He even highlighted OCU as one leading the way. I was humbled. After hearing his challenge, we must remember that our real emphasis as we navigate the tricky landmines of education is to never lose focus on ministry. This will always include training pastors and missionaries, but we must also place this burden on the laity. Our focus must be the Bible; the distinguishing factor between Christian liberal art colleges and OCU is that we teach the Word of God, and we live, breathe, and instill a burning heart for ministry in our students.

Total Enrollment Surpasses 1500



AIM Enrollment **74%**
Traditional Enrollment **51%**

Traditional Enrollment By Program



Academic Accomplishments

4 New AIM Programs: Bachelor of Arts in Practical Leadership and Interdisciplinary Studies; Associate of Arts in Agribusiness and Interdisciplinary Studies

5 New onsite locations for adult programs

Accreditation renewed through 2020

-Higher Learning Commission until 2020

-Teacher Education Accreditation Council until 2015

-Association for Biblical Higher Education until 2016

Master of Arts in Ministry program approved; 25 students enrolled

Student-faculty ratio remains low: 15:1

Traditional retention rate up 8%

Campus Updates

33 small groups serving more than 200 students

2 Chapel services, 3 days per week to accommodate growth

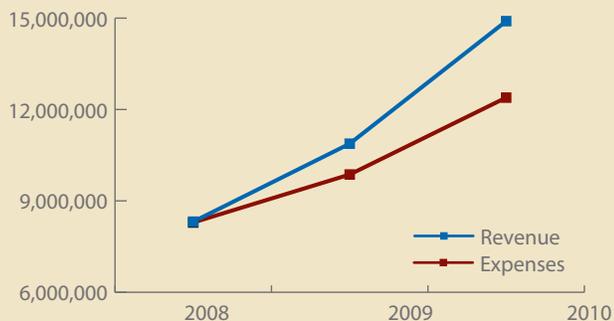
Science & Logistics Center completed

Additional student housing completed

Road paving & curbs

Campus-wide security system

Wireless network & server upgrades



Advancement & Finance

\$1.1 Million raised through events and campaigns during the 2009-2010 fiscal year

Hosted Leadership Forum with Dr. John C. Maxwell and Faith & Freedom Rally with Gov. Mike Huckabee

94 community-sponsored events, 45,000+ visitors to campus

Revenue exceeded expenses by 8%



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

Academics & Accreditation

It has been a privilege to witness the Lord providentially orchestrating events, people, and resources to accomplish His work this year. The record enrollment numbers, physical plant expansion, and growth reflect excellent leadership by our president and the team efforts by the University's administration, faculty, and staff.

Accreditation

In 2009-2010 we completed our accreditation cycle with the HLC and TEAC. We are now accredited with the HLC through 2020, with the ABHE through 2016, and with TEAC through 2015. On July 19, TEAC's Review Panel acted on the TEAC Teams' recommendation and voted unanimously to grant the University accreditation through September 2015. This represents a milestone of accomplishment for me personally. Upon my appointment as Academic Dean in May of 2000, President Conley challenged me to lead the college to regional accreditation. As I begin my eleventh year, our accreditation status is beyond my most optimistic expectations ten years ago. At no point have we taken these remarkable accomplishments for granted. I believe the Lord has providentially been present to guide us through these accomplishments and we have enjoyed His exceeding blessings over these years.

Faculty

We added an affiliate professor in English Composition and Speech for the fall semester. Karen Patterson has a BA in speech and communication from Marquette University, a MFA in non-fiction writing and additional PhD studies at Union Institute and University. She previously taught English Composition and Speech at Southern States Community College and Ohio University - Chillicothe and OU-Lancaster.

Our faculty continues to make progress toward advanced degrees. Sylvia McDonald completed her PhD in Psychology from Walden University. Heidi Frederick continues to progress in her PhD studies at Regent University. David Brown and Ben Williamson are enrolled in PhD programs at University of Dayton. Gerald Mersheimer enrolled for language studies at Trinity Seminary in Columbus in preparation for admission to a PhD program. Thad Hick continues his DMiss studies at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Master of Arts in Ministry

The Master of Arts in Ministry Program is moving into full swing. Dr. John Oswald, a world renowned Old Testament scholar from Wesley Biblical Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary, is teaching 15 students in our Old Testament Course. Other classes are scheduled for the fall and spring so that all classes are offered in a two-year rotation cycle. We currently have 25 students enrolled in the Master's Program.

Disaster Management and Relief

Our Disaster Management and Relief Program continues to grow and attract students. In addition to the students participating in Haiti experiences during the spring and summer they were able to participate in a tornado disaster relief mission to Meigs County, after a tornado struck there in September. Within the first year, the enrollment in this program has grown to 22 students.

RECORD ENROLLMENT TREND CONTINUES

MIKE EGENREIDER, VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT



The traditional enrollment staff performed well above expectations this year. A combination of advertising, scheduled preview days, refer-a-friend campaign, direct marketing and numerous personal phone calls led to a final traditional fall enrollment of 367 new students. Of the 367, 185 were traditional students and 182 are new Post-Secondary students (PSEO). PSEO students are attending at/from 10 private and 26 public high schools. Over 600 potential OCU students visited the campus since this time last year. The Admissions team completed over 250 college fairs, church visits, summer camps and special events last year receiving over 2500 inquiry cards acquired.

Retention Rate Increases 8%

The faculty, staff, and student body of Ohio Christian are strongly motivated to display a sustained commitment to retention. Total traditional retention rate rose to 73 percent, an increase from 65 percent last year. A record spring enrollment, 89 percent of Fall 2009 students persisted. Retention committee members meet several times a year to identify and intervene with students, ensuring positive action to meet the growing responsibility.

Passionate Ministry Teams Spread the Word

OCU students ministered at 35 camps with 352 trained Student Ambassadors. In the drama team's second year of existence, the comprised team of 20+ students ministered to churches, camps, schools, and other events. A newly developed OCU Music Ministry Team, Ablaze, traveled with a repertoire of songs to minister at churches, camps, and youth group events. To schedule Ablaze for your church or event, contact Lois Taylor at ltaylor@ohiochristian.edu or 740-477-7711.

Solid Vision Continues

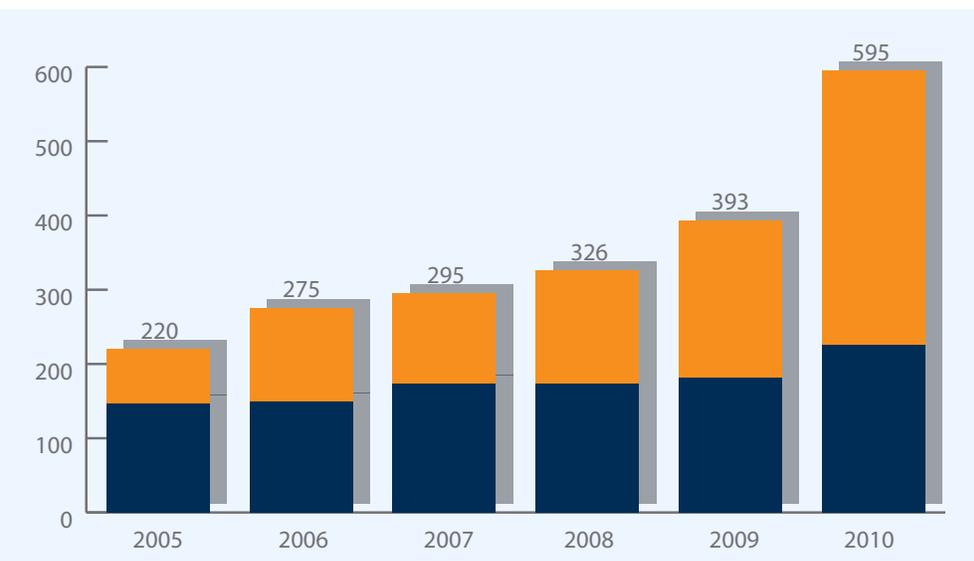
Our goal in the Enrollment Department continues to be seeking people whom God is calling, telling the OCU story, acquiring leads, encouraging applications, cultivating enrolled students, and providing them the opportunity to become servant leaders for Christ. Dedicated Admissions staff are ready and willing to share the good news and assist students wanting to fulfill their life calling.

Traditional enrollment increased 51% with the addition of 182 post-secondary and 85 traditional students.

Traditional Enrollment 2005-2010 (right)

 New Students  Returning Students





Miss Pumpkin Show

DR. SYLVIA MCDONALD, PROFESSOR

OCU post secondary student, Katie Cline (above right), was crowned as the Bicentennial year Miss Pumpkin Show on October 20, 2010. Katie was chosen by her fellow classmates to represent her high school of Westfall, but we at OCU were proud to have her represent us as well.

When interviewed, Katie spoke of how she enjoyed driving through Circleville and stopping by Lindsay's Bakery on her way to her high school from OCU. She also spoke of her desire to become a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital in Columbus. Through Post Secondary Enrollment at OCU, Katie is able to ease the transition from high school to college while earning dual credit so that her goal of pediatric nursing can be more easily attained. OCU is proud to be able to support her and our post secondary students in helping make their college aspirations attainable here within their own community. We are honored to be Circleville's university!

Congratulations Katie! And, thank you for so admirably representing OCU to our community.

Learn more about how OCU's Trailblazer Academy allows students like Katie to earn college credit during their high school years by visiting www.ohiochristian.edu/trailblazer-academy.

Refer a Friend

Do you know someone who might be interested in OCU's traditional undergraduate or post-secondary program?

Help OCU grow one friend at a time. If your referred friend attends a campus visit, you receive an OCU T-shirt. If your friend enrolls at OCU, you receive \$100 towards your tuition for one semester.

For more information or to make a referral, contact the Admissions Office at enroll@ohiochristian.edu or 1-877-762-8669 today.

WELFARE STUDENTS



The Student Development Office seeks to connect the students of Ohio Christian University relationally, to engage them spiritually, and prepare them to be servant leaders in the world.

REV. RICKY CHRISTMAN
VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

There are many aspects of Student Development that help this mission become a reality. As OCU continues to expand, the focus remains to prepare and empower students individually for life beyond college.

Career Development

Career Development prepares students to discover and develop life skills. It also provides the opportunity for practical career experience, which enables and encourages success, as students pursue their life calling. Career Development seeks to give students the professional tools they need to succeed beyond graduation and will continue to guide and direct students toward their life calling.

A new computer lab has been established in the Conley Ministry Center to accommodate the needs of the Career Development office. The purpose of the lab is to host resume writing workshops to help students effectively articulate their education, skills and experiences. Interviewing workshops will also be offered to students in order to prepare them for the proper interviewing procedures.

A networking dinner will be offered twice a year for students to interact with local business owners and participate in informational interviewing. The networking dinners give students the ability to interact with business professionals in their chosen field, while preparing them for future job interviews and the chance to network with professionals.

Residence Life

Men's Residence Life empowers students to develop brotherly accountability and understand their community influence. The leaders of our small groups are using Dr. Tim Elmore's Habitudes Leadership model to help residents establish spiritual growth and peer support through mentorship. Many activities are planned to help connect campus life to the community. One purpose of these activities is to help connect freshmen to the upperclassmen residents through competitive means.

Men's Residence is establishing co-curricular academics to encourage academic growth outside the classroom using peer interaction and personal awareness. A key component to this is offering faculty office hours within the Men's Residence Hall to establish interaction from residents and faculty outside the classroom.

Women's Residence is developing a Laleo Zao Ministry this semester. Laleo Zao is Greek for speaking life, and its heart and mission is to join the women of OCU together in spirit and in truth. This sisterhood seeks to join together through His word by worshipping in praise and prayer. The hope is that the Lord will meet students involved and bring about a deeper relationship both with Him and each other.



Campus Ministry

As our enrollment continues to increase the need for additional space has become more evident. This year we are offering two chapel services each day, three times a week, to accommodate our campus growth. Dr. Benny Tate was our fall Revival speaker, and many students responded and received spiritual help. This year there are 33 small groups established at Ohio Christian University and 218 small group members. These numbers include our established freshman groups, as well as upperclassmen and off-campus groups.

Student Activities

Student Activities' primary focus is to get students involved in activities. This year we have had great participation in all of our events—from Riot week to the Drive-In Movie night. We have averaged about 150 students at each event. The Drive-In movie was a big success. We were able to show Toy Story 3 on a 20 ft. by 60 ft. screen that was made for this event.

Upcoming events this semester included the Annual Torch Run and Bonfire, "Let's Make a Deal," FNL, and our annual Ugly Sweater Party. For Spring 2011, we will be hosting our first 5k run for Hope.



Intercultural Ministries

During the month of September students on campus celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with a cultural festival. Students also had the chance to participate in a taco rally and attend a Latin American worship service.

In October, a team of staff and students attended the National Christian Multicultural Student Leaders Conference (NCMSLC) in Atlanta, GA. The purpose of this event was to develop multicultural student leaders that would return to campus with a passion and purpose to lead and influence peers in a greater understanding and appreciation of diversity.

As the campus continues to expand, the focus remains on our students, both collectively and individually. The mission, though simplistic, is relevant to the needs of our students and the culture in which they live. It is our desire to prepare and equip world changers that will impact their world locally, nationally and globally.

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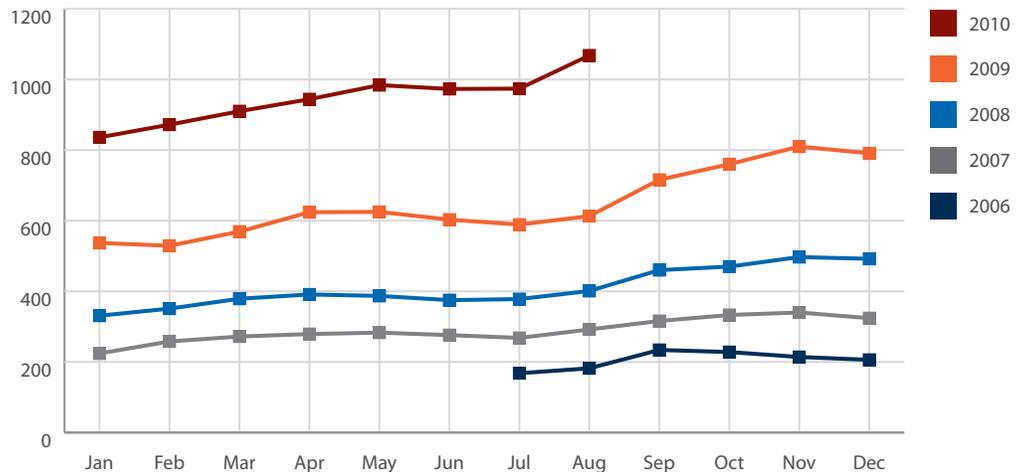


DR. HANK KELLY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

455 Students
4 New Programs
5 New Locations

AIM Enrollment

As of the end of August, AIM enrollment topped 1,000 for the first time with 1,068 students, which is a 74% increase (455 students) over last year (see enrollment chart below). The AIM facilitators and staff continue to do a wonderful job of recruiting, supporting, and educating these students, and God is blessing their efforts. The team is striving to achieve an AIM enrollment of 1,500 by June 2011 and 2,000 by June 2012.



Strategies for Success

Offer New AIM Education Programs

We began offering the BA with a major in Practical Leadership last spring. The AA and BA with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies started this fall, as did the AA with a major in Business and concentration in Agribusiness. The Board approved a proposed Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for those who are already registered nurses (RN-BSN), and we are awaiting Ohio Board of Regents' approval of this program. Since the Higher Learning Commission has approved OCU's first masters degree, we are currently working on plans to offer additional masters degrees. We anticipate offering a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Management (MSM), which the Board of Trustees approved in November.

Offer AIM Programs at New Sites

New student cohorts have started at Lighthouse Ministries in Columbus (Lead Pastor: Rev. Stephen Palmer, AIM student). The Higher Learning Commission approved the four Southern State Community College campuses in Hillsboro, Sardinia, Washington Court House, and Wilmington, and we are recruiting students for these sites.

Aggressively Advertise to Attract New AIM Students

The advertising budget was increased this year to enhance our efforts to attract new AIM students. To manage the increased leads produced through advertising, additional recruiters have been hired. All recruiters are doing a wonderful job! The top recruiter, Sara Row, started 122 students in Academic year 2009-10.

Offer All New AIM Programs Online

All of the new programs begun this year are also offered online. The Practical Leadership program is only offered online. Forty-five percent of AIM students are taking all their classes online. The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology will be offered online beginning in March 2011, and the Master of Arts in Ministry will be offered online beginning in Fall 2011.

Enhance Academic Quality

Integration of the Christian worldview continues to be emphasized in all courses, not just in lectures but in assignments as well. This year we are implementing a new objective in each AIM program: "Demonstrate awareness and improvement of thinking and learning strategies," which will encourage students to continually improve their own learning and become life-long learners.



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

Leave a Legacy

Ohio Christian University provides outstanding educational opportunities to students from all over the country and has grown from 300 to over 1,700 students over the last four years. We need your help in providing scholarships for OCU students through the Ohio Christian University Foundation. Through a personalized estate plan YOU can make a difference in the life of a student. Contact Mark Taylor, Vice President of University Advancement, for more information on how you can plan for the future and leave a legacy. Join with us today!

Call 740-420-5918 today to learn more.

OCU Student Named *Singing News* **Young Artist of the Year,** Loves Adult Degree Program

At 21, gospel singer and OCU student, Brooklyn Collingsworth, was recently announced the 2010 *Singing News* Fan Award's Young Artist of the Year. Life is a busy one for Brooklyn, who can be found on the road much of the time. With an upcoming wedding, we wanted to know how she juggles a singing career, being a full time student, and everyday life.

How old were you when you began singing and how did it come about that your family began to travel and sing together?

My Mother tells me I was two years old when I sang my first solo onstage. However, my parents were singing together before they got married so, this is all I have ever known. I began singing trios and parts with them at about age 7.

What was your upbringing like? Give us a glimpse at what it looked like?

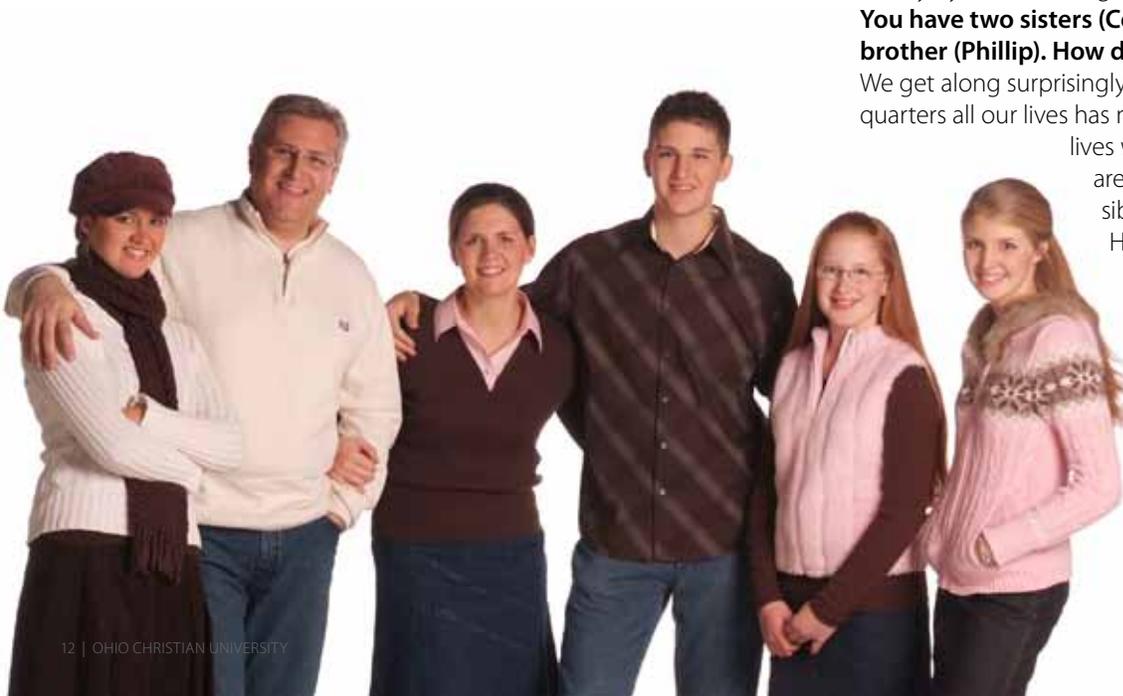
Growing up for me was a little different than most kids. I remember singing all over the country from a very young age, and traveling thousands of miles a month was no big deal! Music was a big deal at my house and that's what we did. My parents instilled the love for music in me as well as a love for this person I was singing about. Gospel music is a part of me and my history.

You play the violin. When did you learn and do you play other instruments?

I began violin when I was 8 years old and studied with a couple of different instructors, including one from the Cincinnati Symphony. As for other instruments, I play a little piano but strictly by ear...nothing much to speak of.

You have two sisters (Courtney and Olivia) and a brother (Phillip). How do you all get along?

We get along surprisingly well! Traveling together in close quarters all our lives has made us have to get along or else our lives would be miserable. As a result, we are all very close. Now we are not perfect siblings by any stretch of the word. However, I think we are pretty much old enough to be past the squabbling and arguing stage.





Brooklyn Collingsworth, Gospel Singer & OCU Student

You were recently named the 2010 Singing News Fan Award's Young Artist of the Year. What was that like? Describe the whole event.

To tell the truth, I was shocked! I actually did not even attend the ceremony. I had a doctor's appointment that day and stayed home with the family and ran wedding errands. I found out when I got multiple text messages from my artist friends who were there telling me I had won! I was honestly not expecting it. It was so sweet of the Singing News Fans to vote for me! They said that Bill Gaither presented my award and our booking agent, Michael Davis, accepted it for me. What an exciting day!

How did you find out about OCU and what made you decide to attend?

I first became acquainted with OCU when my family used to sing for the Mount of Praise camp meeting. Back then it was called Circleville Bible College. After high school, I was originally planning on doing online classes through another school, but then at a youth camp Dr. Smith told me about OCU's programs. He ended up convincing me to come to OCU.

What has your experience been like? What are some of your favorite things about OCU?

It has been great so far! The classes are flexible, which is exactly what I need for my kind of job. There have been many times that I have ended a concert and gone straight to the bus to get an assignment in by midnight. Favorite things would have to be the emphasis on keeping Jesus at the center of the work place. There are not a whole lot of universities that would have stressed that and it is what I needed.

If someone were thinking about coming to OCU what advice would you give them?

Well, I can only speak from experience on the AIM program, but I would tell them that OCU is a great choice for spiritual enrichment, as well as good classes that will help you in your future career. It lets you do homework at your own pace, yet gives you a deadline to keep you motivated. All around, it is a good choice for the busy person who really wants that degree. That would be me.

As a business major, what do you want to do with that degree once you graduate?

I will probably be using my Business Degree to work in my Dad's office and also as a backup plan in case I end up needing another job at any time. It pays to be prepared.

Will you continue to sing with your family?

Yes, I definitely will keep on singing! It is what I love and what I am called to do.

You are about to get married.

Can you tell me how you met?

Thanks so much! Yes, we met at Youth Challenge; an annual Youth Convention in West Harrison, Indiana. Actually, it was 5 years ago this past month! Hard to believe. Anyway, we met and became friends but did not begin dating until 2008. However, I knew he was the one even before he asked me to be his girl. Jesus picked him out for me.

What will the wedding be like?

The wedding will be Christmas everything! Christmas is my favorite time of year, so what better time to get married right? Colors are red, white, and silver and there will even be a horse and carriage and hot chocolate.

Tell me about your relationship with God. Traveling and singing must keep you very busy. Plus with a wedding to plan as well, what do you do to feed your soul?

Well, I'm not perfect by any stretch, but I do pray for God's wisdom. I do my best to have my devotions every evening and I am one of those perpetual prayers. In other words, it seems like my whole day is an on and off conversation with Jesus. I like to talk to Him about what is going on during the day and pray about things that just come to mind. I think prayer is definitely the main key that keeps me close to God despite my crazy schedule. Also, getting up and singing all those wonderful songs about Him keep me up to date on my praises. He is so worthy!

What do you most admire about your parents?

I most admire their dedication to be in the center of God's will. My parents have discernment that comes with many years of life experiences and I highly respect them. I only hope I can have half of their wisdom when I "grow up".

Learn More

Find out how OCU's adult and online degree programs allow students to complete their degrees while maintaining their commitments to family, ministry, and career.

Call 1-877-496-8342 or visit www.ohiochristian.edu today!

Campus Updates



Science & Logistics Center
Completed Summer 2010



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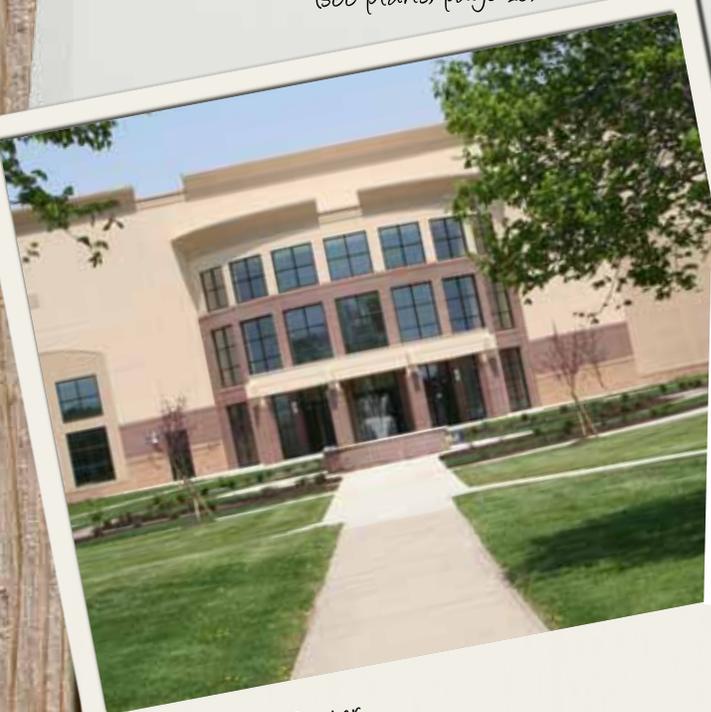
2010 Accomplishments

- » Completed Science & Logistics Center
- » Added student housing for 50 students
- » Remodeled lower level of Administration Building.
- » Repaved, added parking and new sidewalks.
- » Upgraded Campus Bookstore and mailroom.
- » New sand volleyball court and softball field.
- » Technology and network upgrades
- » **45,000 visitors on campus**



Student Housing, Completed Summer 2010
Broke ground on second townhouse in September

\$5 Million Student Center
Breaking Ground Summer 2011
(see plans, page 16)



Leadership Center
Completed Fall 2007



Our Needs

Keep OCU Growing!

Your tax-deductible gift will help OCU meet its goals for the next 5 years.

Student Housing	\$1,500,000
Chapel Expansion	\$600,000
Student Center	\$5,000,000
Paving	\$1,000,000
Office and Classroom Space	\$1,500,000
Athletic Complex Outdoor Lighting	\$250,000
New Bus	\$150,000
Scholarships	\$10,000,000
Total	\$20,000,000

Get Involved!

Ohio Christian University is being responsive to the educational needs of students and must raise scholarship dollars to assist these students. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.

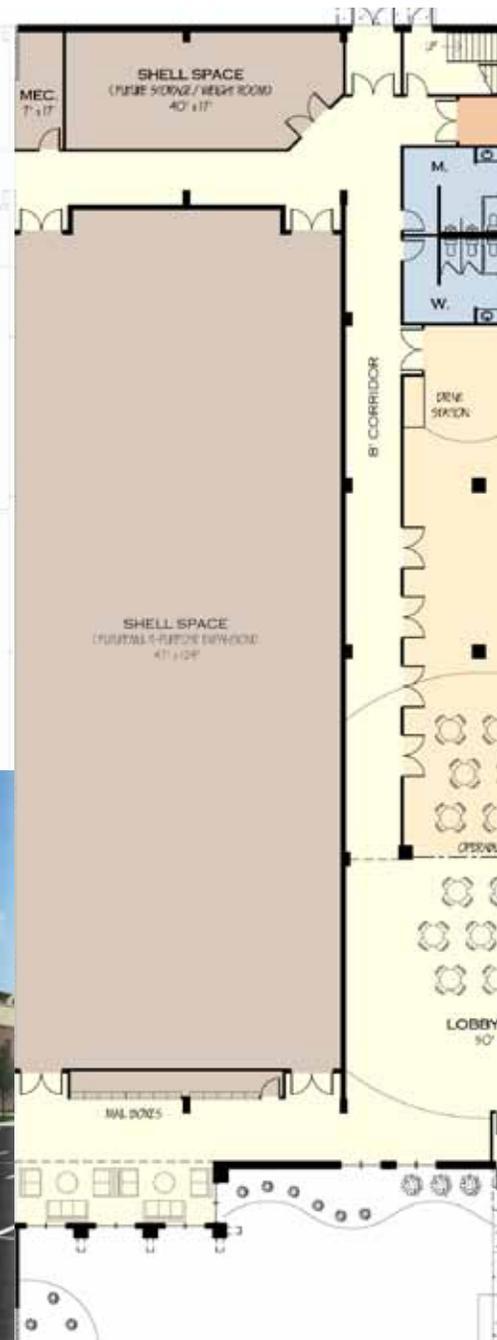
To direct your contribution toward one of these needs, contact President Mark Smith at (740) 477-7713 or Vice President for Advancement, Mark Taylor at (740) 420-5918.

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Board of Trustees Approves \$5 Million Student Center Addition

In order to support continued growth, the Board of Trustees has approved a new student center that would house a new kitchen and cafeteria, café, book store, post office, classrooms, and student development offices. The new facility is expected to be complete by Fall 2012.



Governor Sonny Perdue to Speak at 2011 Commencement

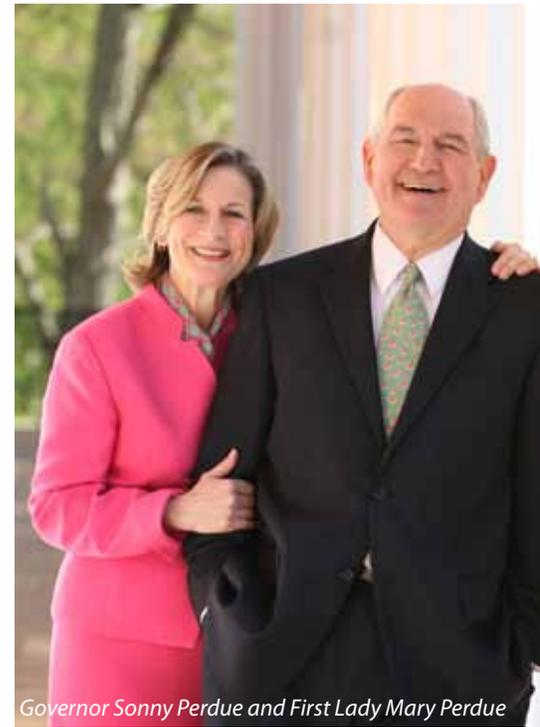
Sonny Perdue, Georgia's 81st Governor, will address Ohio Christian University's class of 2011 on April 30th. As Georgia's Governor, Perdue has led the state based on his life experiences prior to entering public service. Sonny was born on December 20, 1946, in Perry, Georgia, to a lifelong farmer and a classroom teacher. He graduated from Warner Robins High School and earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1971 from the University of Georgia. Following his service as a Captain in the United States Air Force, Perdue became a successful small business owner, concentrating in agribusiness and transportation. Today, those businesses have grown to include several locations across the Southeast.

Perdue was a respected leader in his church and his community when he decided to enter public service. After serving on the Houston County Planning and Zoning Board during the 1980s, he ran for the Georgia State Senate in 1990 and won. Sonny spent the next 11 years representing his Middle Georgia district in the General Assembly. Perdue left the State Senate in 2001 to begin his successful campaign for Governor, which focused on restoring public trust in state government and empowering all Georgians.

As a state senator, he was often praised for tackling issues when no one else had the courage to do so and for his ability to grasp the nuances of complex problems. Sonny was recognized as a leading authority on numerous issues including agriculture, transportation, education, emerging technologies and economic development.

Perdue campaigned for Governor on a platform of restoring public trust in state government and empowering all Georgians by eliminating undue interference by government bureaucracies. He has dedicated his administration to attracting new businesses and jobs to Georgia, improving the quality of programs that touch the lives of children, and fighting for a comprehensive ethics reform package.

For all of his success in business and public service, Governor Perdue is proudest to serve as devoted husband, loving father, and grandfather. Sonny is married to the former Mary Ruff of Atlanta, Georgia. The couple has four children and eleven grandchildren. Additionally, Sonny and Mary have served as foster parents for eight newborns awaiting adoption. Governor Perdue was saved in Columbus, Ohio, and the Perdues attend Rock Springs church where Dr. Benny Tate (OCU's Fall 2010 revival speaker) pastors.



Governor Sonny Perdue and First Lady Mary Perdue





Science and Logistics Center Dedicated

DR. HANK KELLY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, EVENT PHOTOS BY ELAYNE CABRERA

Calling it a “much-needed economic engine for the community,” former U.S. Congressman David Hobson helped cut the ribbon on a project he also helped develop—the new Science and Logistics Center at Ohio Christian University.



U.S. Congressman David Hobson



What is
logistics?



Hobson, 7th District congressman to the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991 to 2009, challenged Dr. Mark Smith, OCU president, to create the center when he was working on the details of the \$90 million Intermodal facility in northern Pickaway County.

“You do it, and I’ll be there,” I told him at the time,” he said. “This should become a training station for all of us who want to learn more about logistics, and should provide a purpose for the community,” he said. “With what I see today, you have succeeded.”

Construction on the 17,000 square foot center started October 2009 and was completed last August, in time for classes to start on August 29. The \$1.76 million Science and Logistics Center consists of a large area that can be divided into four state-of-the-art classrooms, offices for Business and Science faculty, a computer lab containing virtual science laboratory software, a kitchen, and a conference room. The second floor will be finished next year.

The building connects to the Leadership Center, completed in 2007, that is used by thousands of community members every year. The general contractor for both buildings was The McKnight Group of Grove City, Ohio.

“This building is a blessing, and it is being used to better serve our students and our community,” said Dr. Smith.

The dedication ceremony was opened by Dr. Smith, who began working on the creation of the center about five years ago.

“I was a former high school chemistry teacher when I came here, and quickly realized we needed science and logistics programs if we wanted to step into the future,” he said. “From there, it was a sort of connect-the-dots effort. Now, OCU already has attracted 11 new students in the traditional logistics management program and 12 in the Adult Degree Program.”

Chair of the new logistics program is Dr. David Garrison, also chair of OCU’s business department. Science chair is Dr. Elaine Brisker.

“The significance of offering logistics management training at OCU is documented by the fact there are 26 states in the U.S. that can be reached in one day’s drive from here,” he said. “And, logistics management is one of the 10 fastest growing occupations in the world.”

Also speaking at the dedication ceremony were David McKnight, president of the McKnight Group, which constructed the center, and Pickaway County Commissioner Jay Wippel, who said he was impressed by what gets done when no one wants credit for their actions.

The ceremony was opened by an invocation by Dr. Tom Hermiz, general superintendent of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union. The Litany of Dedication was led by Curtis Christopher, the school’s Vice President of I.T. and Operations. Dr. Joe Brown, OCU’s Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave the dedication prayer.

Logistics is the management of the flow of the goods, information and other resources between the point of origin and the point of consumption in order to meet the requirements of customers. Logistics involves the integration of information, transportation, inventory, warehousing, material handling, and packaging, and occasionally security. Logistics is a channel of the supply chain which adds the value of time and place utility. Today the complexity of production logistics can be modeled, analyzed, visualized and optimized by plant simulation software.



Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee spoke to a crowd of nearly 1300 people at Faith and Freedom rally hosted by OCU.

KIMBERLY EADES, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, PHOTOS BY RICK BUCHANAN PHOTOGRAPHY

FAITH & FREEDOM

On October 27, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee headlined the Faith and Freedom Rally at Ohio Christian University, speaking to a crowd of almost 1,300 people in the Leadership Center on the campus of OCU. The event opened with music from Bucyrus, a 50 piece band and choir who performed patriotic music throughout the event. Dr. Ralph Reed kicked off the evening with a call for people who believe in time honored values, stronger families, and individual freedom to speak up by voting in the November election. In 2009, Dr. Reed founded the Faith and Freedom Coalition, a web based organization that embraces such issues as the sanctity of life, marriage, and family.

Reed was followed by Dr. Ken Blackwell, chairman of the Ohio Faith and Freedom Coalition and former Ohio Secretary of State, who discussed our national heritage of American exceptionalism. Blackwell challenged the audience with the fact that it costs more to keep someone in jail for a year, than it costs for college tuition, room, and board. Dr. Benny Tate, a Georgia pastor, delivered a passionate message entitled "Church: It is time to speak." Tate blended his great sense of humor with a moving exhortation for Christians to stand up and be the people God has called them to be by fighting injustice and evil in their

local and national communities. Dr. Mark Smith, Ohio Christian University president, then provided a historic look at how faith played a pivotal part in the founding of America and has continued to be part of the American framework.

U.S. Congressman Steve Austria introduced Governor Huckabee, who spoke to an enthusiastic crowd. He first talked about his humble upbringing in Hope, Arkansas. He talked about being taught the "golden rule" on his mother's knee and stated that "if everyone followed the golden rule we wouldn't need all the government and laws we now have." He said that contrary to what many politicians have told him, morality is important. With regard to the problem of illegal immigration, he told the crowd that as they knelt to pray that night to remember that it is better to live in a country where people are trying to break into rather than one where people are trying to break out of. At a poignant moment in his talk, he mentioned that as a child he went with his father to see the governor of Arkansas. His father, "who wasn't able to get all the grease out from under his fingernails even using lava soap," said this might be the only time in his life that he would ever get to see the governor. However, because of the opportunities he had living in this country where dreams can become reality, he

became the first in his family to graduate from high school and would go on to become Arkansas' 44th governor.

The Faith and Freedom Rally at OCU brought in people from all over Ohio. Dr. Gideon King, a family practitioner in Chillicothe said, "It was very inspiring to hear Christians speak to the relevance of faith in the political arena." Howard Russell, Executive Director for Christian Healthcare Ministries, had this to say, "I found the event to be invigorating and encouraging. It was an opportunity to express our love for and commitment to the things that are dearest to all Christians: our faith, our freedom and our family." Local resident Bill Richards said, "It was a proud night for Circleville and for Pickaway County. Governor Huckabee was inspiring, challenging and entertaining. His patriotic message is valuable for the future of freedom and prosperity for this nation."

Dr. Mark Smith stated, "This event was a great night for the faith community. Gov. Huckabee was an exceptional speaker. This also gives OCU national prominence as Gov. Huckabee mentioned the University on national radio several times after the event. We continue to try to bring in high profile individuals for the benefit of the community."



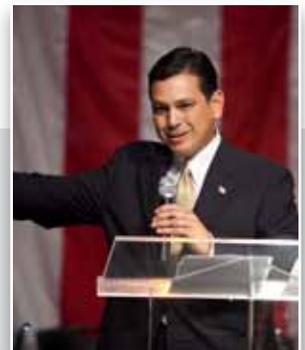
*Dr. Ralph Reed
Founder, Faith & Freedom
Coalition*



*Dr. Ken Blackwell
Former Ohio Secretary of State*



*Dr. Benny Tate
Pastor, Rock Springs Church*



*Steve Austria
U.S. Congressman*



OCU Explores Partnership with The Ohio State University

(above) OSU President Dr. Gordon Gee with OCU President Dr. Mark Smith on campus at Ohio Christian University

Ohio Christian University is exploring a partnership with The Ohio State University to provide agriculture-based educational opportunities and programs to the surrounding communities.

According to Dr. Mark Smith, president of OCU, Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is exploring an articulation agreement so that students who study for one or two years at OCU would be able to transition to a degree program at Ohio State.

In addition, Ohio State University Extension programs could be offered with OCU to help entrepreneurs strengthen existing businesses and help attract and establish new ones. "Ohio Christian University is building a broad coalition in the higher education, agribusiness, and legislative sectors to bring a forward-looking and international approach to improving the world," Smith said.

Community support for the new partnership was stimulated by discussions led by the Pickaway Competitiveness Network's agriculture committee.

"Now and forever more, it is incumbent upon all colleges and universities, public and private, to reach out aggressively in partnerships that benefit Ohioans," said E. Gordon Gee, president of The Ohio State University. "We must

find new ways to share the expertise of our faculty and students to create new economic opportunities, educate more people and meet pressing community needs."

Pickaway County has the lowest baccalaureate completion rate and the highest unemployment rate in the Columbus metropolitan area, and more than 75 percent of the county's land area is used for agriculture.

OCU now offers an associates degree in Agribusiness and is exploring other offerings, as well as ways to work with the OSU Extension Office and the College of Ag Sciences to assist the agriculture community with international and local Ag business issues.

OCU is also proposing the construction of a center adjacent to OCU's Circleville campus, and discussions are currently underway on how to fund the center.

"This project has great potential to jumpstart the agribusiness community in new ways to create jobs and opportunities for applied research," Smith said.

The proposed agribusiness center would offer internship opportunities for

students and create new entry points into higher education, as well as offering non-degree certificate and degree programs in agribusiness.

"Our ultimate goal is to have an agriculture economic incubator that would provide the economic tools necessary to create jobs in the community," Smith said. "It would be a job creator for our local economy in a global market, and our focus is to start looking at that and seeing what we could create to support the agriculture community."

The economic incubator could allow OCU to offer things like accounting services for start-up agriculture businesses, as well as research, marketing and business plan services, among others. In addition to helping the local economy, the partnership and various initiatives have the potential of a worldwide impact, Smith said.

"This is part of the mission of Ohio Christian University, to prepare intercultural studies majors or missionaries to lead the world," Smith said. "What better way to lead the world than to assist in training them in the best practices of agriculture?"



OCU Hosts 5th Annual *Festival of Carols & Messiah*

DR. RODNEY SONES, REGISTRAR & CHORALE DIRECTOR, PHOTOS BY ELAYNE CABRERA



On Saturday, December 4, Ohio Christian University hosted its fifth annual “Festival of Carols and Messiah” in the beautifully decorated Campus Leadership Center. Guests enjoyed the artistry of the OCU Chorale, joined by members of the Circleville Community Choir and a live 30-piece orchestra.

Dr. Rodney Sones, director of the Chorale and the Community Choir led the evening’s music; festive orchestrations of well-loved Christmas music, beautiful acapella numbers, and Christmas selections from Handel’s Messiah.

Soloists for the evening included Emily Smith, Carolyn Redman, and Andrew Blosser, as well as OCU students Donald Glenn and Emily Stacy.

Those who arrived early enjoyed the artistry of Festival instrumentalists. Beginning at 6:30, Cincinnati harpist Amy Clarissa Seniva, and Chorale accompanist Ellen Christopher, performed and were followed by the Festival orchestra’s rendition of three Leroy Anderson favorites. Christmas classics, “Sleigh Ride” and “Bugler’s Holiday” featured the orchestra’s trumpet section, led by Dr. John Anthony, OCU Music Department Chair. “A Christmas Festival” gave audience members the opportunity to sing along with several Christmas favorites.

Dr. Sones commented, “This year’s Chorale is an exciting group of students to work with. We had tremendous fun preparing the selections for this year’s concert. Community participation greatly increased this year as well, with wonderful singers from our area.”

Admission to the concert was free, but canned food items were collected at the door and were given to the local food pantry for donation to needy families in the Circleville area. At the end of the evening, the campus was illuminated by a beautiful display of Christmas lights sponsored by local businesses and individuals. For more information on the Festival of Carols, you may contact Debbie Smith at desmith@ohiochristian.edu or Dr. Rodney Sones at rsones@ohiochristian.edu or by calling 740-474-8896.





PLUCKED FROM THE FIRE

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

God called Fred to go back to his old neighborhood to preach the gospel to those in darkness. His call led him to enroll in OCU's AIM program to sharpen his skills as a pastor and shepherd of the people in Columbus's inner city.

"Professor, my congregation consists of gang members, car jackers, drug dealers and pimps. They are seeking to break free of drugs, gangs, the street life, pimps, prostitution and shootouts." A testimony like that really takes a professor aback when he is teaching a group of graduate students the spiritual disciplines. This student went on to share with the class, "When I take the young men from my church to other churches I make them leave their guns at my church because they would not let them in if they knew they had guns."

Earlier Fred had shared how he was saved from the life of a gang member, drug dealer, pimp, and car jacker. His church is located in the center of the highest homicide area of Columbus, with 25% - 30% of the 100 homicides occurring in his neighborhood.

His journey to Christ began when he pulled a gun on a lady pastor's son with the intent of shooting him. That day, she pled the blood of Jesus for protection over her son and intervened to save him. Later she strongly rebuked Fred for his actions and admonished him to go to church. The first few times he went to a church across the street from the bar where he worked.

Each time he attended, he would leave the bar and cross the street to church

with his pistol. They preached against drinking, guns, selling drugs, womanizing, and night clubs. Because he refused to give up his lifestyle, and his gun, he was eventually banned from the church.

The pastor whose son he had pulled a gun on invited him to her church in another part of the city, and it was here that the Lord began convicting him of his sins. After being involved in a drive-by shooting, he realized he was either going to jail or was going to be killed. Although earlier he testified that he had not been afraid of dying, this time was different.

A few days later at church, the preacher preached against drinking, drugs, the night clubs, and womanizing. He testified that he felt the preacher was preaching about him. He was powerfully shaken by a deep conviction from God. In his words, "When I got up off the ground I gave up my pistols, I stopped selling drugs, left the night clubs, and stopped womanizing." He later married the lady pastor who had been instrumental in getting him to go to church. She had been saved from a similar life and had refused to date him unless they went to church.

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One day he shared with the class how he came to locate his church in their current building. It is located in his "old hood." His wife first went to talk with the owner about renting their current building and discovered the owner was a Muslim who would allow it to be used for anything but a Christian church. A few weeks after the owner's initial refusal, upon the promptings of the Spirit, Fred decided to go to the owner again. When he arrived for their meeting the owner took one look at him and asked, "Are you who I think you are?" Fred told him that he was the same person who used to deal drugs on the street in front of his building. But he was a changed man. Jesus had forgiven him of his past and transformed his life. The Muslim owner was so astounded by his testimony and the witness of his transformed life that he told him he could use the building however he wished, even for a Christian church. He stated, "If that is what your religion does for people, I will not stand in your way."

Fred says his call is to be a pastor to his flock. These are people leaving gangs, leaving prostitution, coming off



drugs and learning to live without their guns. He says he gets calls at all times of the day and night from people saying, “Pastor, I think I’m about to lose it and go back to the old life. Can you help me?” Wherever he is, Fred stops and prays with them over the phone and encourages them to hold steady as they seek to break free of their old way of life.

Another day in the class he shared with us how he felt the Lord was impressing on him to expect a larger ministry with expanded facilities. He continued, “It really sounds ridiculous because I have no money, and the people in my church are not tithers, and we simply don’t have the funds. I don’t have any members that tithe because none of them hold legitimate jobs.”

The last day of class he testified that maybe the Lord is answering his prayer. He had a buddy who had also been saved from the street and had left Columbus to move south with his wife. When he left, he told Fred that if he ever returned to Columbus he would attend his church. The evening before, Fred had received a call from his friend who was returning to Columbus with his wife. His old employer asked him to come back to Columbus to his old job, and his wife’s former employer was holding her old job for her.

In the early 2000s when Columbus Mayor Coleman sent a delegation to Circleville Bible College to inquire about the possibility of the institution establishing an AIM extension site in Columbus, he had in mind providing higher education that trained ministers. He observed that as people in the inner city gained more education they would move out of their neighborhoods to safer areas. The exceptions were those who had strong connections to their churches. While the mayor may not have imagined the implications of his request, God used it to reach Fred Horton, whom He “plucked from the fire” to be a herald of the gospel.

Fred recently graduated from Ohio Christian University’s AIM program in Leadership and Ministry and is currently studying in its graduate program. He continues to pastor a church located in one of Columbus’ highest crime areas.

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

Share your accomplishments, reflections about ÖCU (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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KIMBERLY EADES, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Ruth Tipton

Doing Much with Little



It was 1964 when Ruth Tipton graduated from Circleville Bible College in the largest class up to that point. There were 10 graduates that year, but God often does much with just a few. Usually a willing heart will do, and Ruth had a willing heart. During her time at Circleville Bible College, Ruth felt a call to be a missionary. At the time, she thought that meant being a teacher on the Texas-Mexican border. She graduated from CBC and went on to Malone College to finish her degree in education. She graduated from there with a teaching degree in High School English and Social Studies.

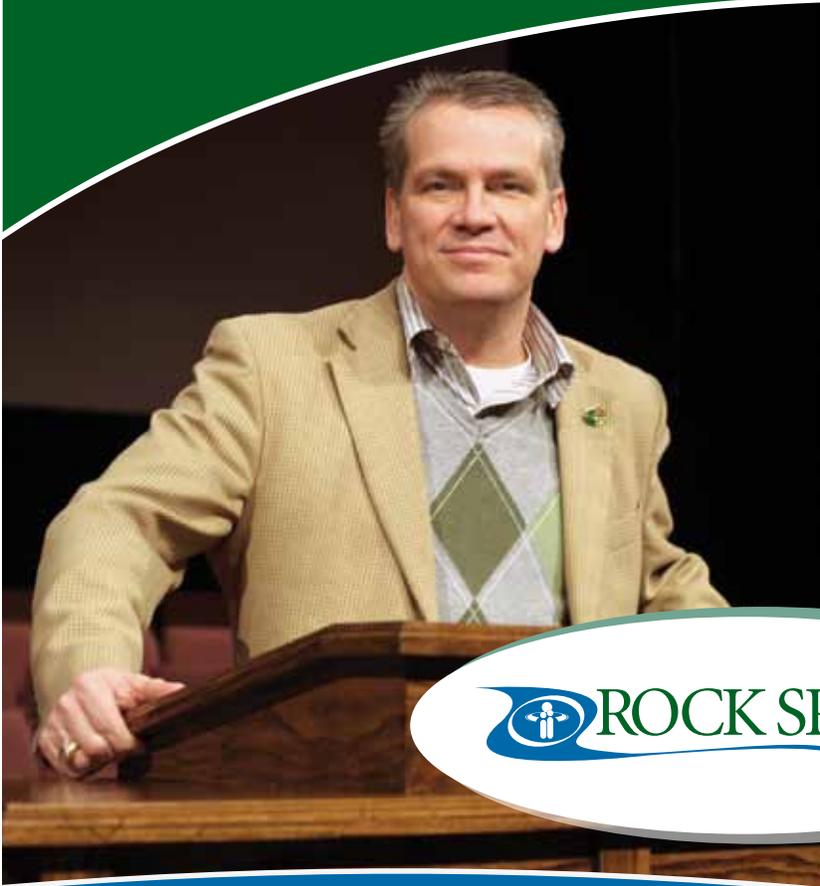
It was at Malone that her vision of where God was leading her began to change. In her senior year, Ruth met a Wycliff Bible Translators recruiter. After listening to him, she decided to attend the Summer Institute of Linguistics held each year at the University of North Dakota. While there, Ruth became interested in Bible translation and literacy, another step in the direction God was planning to take her. Ruth taught in Sugarcreek, OH, to pay off all her school loans. She was preparing for the call that God had placed upon her heart at Circleville Bible College – to become a missionary. It seemed that God was now calling her to the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea.

Westerners first made contact to the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea in 1935. The colonial administrators planned follow-up patrols into the area, but these plans were interrupted by World War II and were discontinued. Fifteen years passed before Western patrols into the area were resumed in 1952. The Nembi area was not opened to mission outreach until 1963. At that time the Nembi people had little knowledge of Christ or Christianity. When the first missionaries entered the area in 1963, there were no roads, schools, or many of the amenities of the Western world. By the time Ruth joined the mission team in 1970, roads had been built and the first schools had been established. Ruth was determined to fulfill the call God had given her, and for the next 38 years she worked alongside her fellow missionaries and the Nembi people living in the Southern Highlands Province of PNG. Ruth took on the task of translating the New Testament into Nembi Angal Enen, which is one of over 800 tribal languages (almost 12% of the world's total languages) spoken in the nation of Papua New Guinea. This undertaking was completed in 2001, and the New Testament was sent off to print.

In 2008 Ruth retired from her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. She is currently attending Asbury Theological Seminary where she is working on a PhD in Intercultural Studies. Not long ago Ruth met with Mark Taylor, Vice President of Advancement at Ohio Christian University. Together, they discussed converting Ruth's retirement fund into an annuity. Ruth's passion for education and missions will be lived out as she will fund a scholarship for international students with priority going to students from Papua New Guinea. When asked why she would want to do this, she said, "I don't want my assets going to the government. With \$900 per capita per year income, the students from Papua New Guinea need our help. If I can help them or other international students who don't have the money to come, I want to do that."

For more information on Gift Annuities or Planned Giving, please call the office of advancement at 740.420.5918 or send an email to mtaylor@ohiochristian.edu to set up a time to meet with Mark Taylor, Vice President for Advancement.

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OCU Alumnus Dan Garnett Ministers in Harlem, NY

After graduating from Ohio Christian University, I was supposed to teach for a year at a bilingual school located in Honduras. However, prior to departure the trip fell through at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. I was quite discouraged at the time. But I was hopeful God had a greater purpose in store.

In the fall of 2008, the only work I could find was as a Chimney Technician in New Hampshire. Oddly, I had absolutely no experience or knowledge in regard to servicing chimneys, and I had to start from the bottom once again. Needless to say, the ten months that followed were certainly a challenge. However, I was determined to do my best and learn whatever God was teaching me through such an experience. I was stretched and humbled during this time. And although difficult, this situation served as a valuable life

lesson. Not to mention, it enabled me to pay off all of my school loans and gave me the liberty needed to do mission work without the onus of debt.

In October 2009, I moved to Harlem, NY and teamed up with a church plant called the New York Dream Center. The Dream Center places much of its focus on outreach as it tries to "find a need and fill it." The church is heavily involved with those individuals in public housing units and the homeless community. When I am not volunteering with the NYDC I am giving guitar lessons and using music as means of ministry. I play guitar and perform in local venues, nursing homes and for elderly neighbors.

I finished my first album entitled "Sure to Find," and it became available on iTunes in July 2010. All proceeds from this album are given away to non-profit groups positively empowering their communities. The goal of my musical endeavor is to raise awareness for certain social injustices, encourage people to support non-profits that are positively impacting the world and finally—and arguably the most important—help individuals realize the change they want to see starts first in them. Currently, I am in the process of starting a 501(c)3 along with other businesses geared towards narrowing the economic gap between certain social classes.





Men's Varsity Soccer 2010 Regional Champions

JOSH MURTON, SOCCER COACH

The men's soccer team continues to make history at OCU, finishing as 2010 Regional Champion and National Runner-Up with an overall record of 14-9-0.

After a record-setting 2009 soccer season, the men's varsity team committed to a tough 2010 schedule with their sights on a national title. The Trailblazers finished the regular season with a perfect record (10-0-0) and proved to be a strong contender in the national tournament, losing to familiar rival Clearwater Christian. OCU Soccer has made great strides over the past few years. After finishing #2 in the nation for the 2010 season and #3 in 2009, OCU is considered one of the top teams in the NCCAA. We thank God for His provisions for giving us the ability to improve this program and make it a national contender. We must continue to focus on Him, for He is why we have had our success."

Men's JV Soccer

This was the first season for our junior varsity program. These young men were excited to be playing soccer and finished with an overall record of 3-2-0. They all demonstrated a great attitude and showed a great Christ-like attitude in their day to day endeavors.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team finished their second season as NCCAA Division II Mid-East Region Runner-Up with a regional record of 2-3-1 and overall record of 4-13-1. This year was a very difficult season for our women. They came in with much hope, but injuries and adversity became difficult obstacles to overcome. In spite of these setbacks, God gave the team a determined spirit. They refused to give up and made their way to the regional finals. The players learned that it is not always the destination that matters, but it is along the journey to goals and dreams where God's lessons are often learned.

2010 Men's Varsity Soccer Highlights

- ❑ 20-0-0 regional record 2009-2010
- ❑ 28-6-1 overall against NCCAA D2 opponents in 2 years
- ❑ 2nd best defensive output allowing only 1.6 goals per game.

Kevin Street

- ❑ Regional Player of the Year
- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 1st Team
- ❑ 1st Team All American
- ❑ All-Tournament Team

Dave Blamo

- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 1st Team
- ❑ 2nd Team All American
- ❑ All-Tournament Team
- ❑ Scored 17 goals, marking the 5th best seasonal output in school history
- ❑ Reached 40 career goals which ties him for 2nd

Stu Hostetter

- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 1st Team

Steven Fabian

- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 1st Team
- ❑ 2nd Team All American
- ❑ All-Tournament Team
- ❑ Defensive Player of Tournament
- ❑ 3rd best season for a goalkeeper, allowing just 1.5 goals per game

Jorge Aldalla

- ❑ All Tournament Team
- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 2nd Team

Anthony Delong

- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 2nd Team

Dexter Chapman

- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 2nd Team

Tyler Shepherd

- ❑ NCCAA Mid-east Region 2nd Team



2010 Women's Varsity Soccer Highlights

- ❑ Regional Runners-Up
- ❑ 4-7-1 versus NCCAA D-2 Opponents. 0-6-0 versus NAIA and NCAA opponents

Liesi South

- ❑ 1st Team All Region
- ❑ 2nd Team All American

Kim Uetrecht,

- ❑ 1st Team All Region

Christine Myers and

- ❑ 1st Team All Region

Heidi Bryan

- ❑ 1st Team All Region
- ❑ 2nd Team All American
- ❑ Led the team with 6 goals

Sarah Peters

- ❑ Best season for a goalkeeper with 1.5 goals per game

Marlene Bradley

- ❑ Honorable Mention

Christine Myers

- ❑ OCU's 1st Hat Trick against Grace Bible College

Help us cheer the Trailblazers on to victory!

Spring 2011 Home Game Schedule

Men's Basketball

- ❑ 01/08/2011 - 1:00pm vs. Crown College
- ❑ 01/11/2011 - 7:00pm vs. Boyce College
- ❑ 01/14/2011 - 7:00pm vs. Temple Baptist College
- ❑ 01/25/2011 - 8:00pm vs. Ohio State University-Marion
- ❑ 02/02/2011 - 8:00pm vs. University of Cincinnati-Clermont
- ❑ 02/08/2011 - 8:00pm vs. Kentucky Christian University
- ❑ 02/11/2011 - 8:00pm vs. Kentucky Christian University
- ❑ 02/12/2011 - 3:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College

Women's Basketball

- ❑ 01/10/2011 - 6:00pm vs. Ohio University-Chillicothe
- ❑ 01/13/2011 - 7:00pm vs. Ohio State University Newark
- ❑ 01/15/2011 - 2:00pm vs. Mary Grove College
- ❑ 01/31/2011 - 6:00pm vs. Valor Christian
- ❑ 02/02/2011 - 6:00pm vs. University of Cincinnati-Clermont
- ❑ 02/08/2011 - 6:00pm vs. Kentucky Christian University
- ❑ 02/11/2011 - 6:00pm vs. Free Will Baptist Bible College
- ❑ 02/12/2011 - 1:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College

Men's Baseball

- ❑ 03/02/2011 - 3:30pm vs. Cincinnati Christian University
- ❑ 03/19/2011 - 1:30pm vs. Baldwin Wallace Oberlin College @ VA Stadium
- ❑ 03/19/2011 - 10:30pm vs. Baldwin Wallace Oberlin College @VA Stadium
- ❑ 03/25/2011 - 4:00pm vs. OSU-Mansfield
- ❑ 03/31/2011 - 2:00pm vs. UC-Clermont
- ❑ 03/31/2011 - 5:00pm vs. UC-Clermont
- ❑ 04/02/2011 - 12:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College
- ❑ 04/02/2011 - 3:00pm vs. Johnson Bible College
- ❑ 04/09/2011 - 12:00pm vs. Free Will Baptist Bible College
- ❑ 04/09/2011 - 3:00pm vs. Free Will Baptist Bible College
- ❑ 04/16/2011 (All day) vs. Clark State
- ❑ 04/18/2011 - 4:30pm vs. Ohio University-Lancaster

Womens's Softball

- ❑ 03/17/2011 - 3:30pm vs. University of Cincinnati-Clermont
- ❑ 03/31/2011 - 5:30pm vs. Ohio University-Chillicothe
- ❑ 04/02/2011 - 1:00pm vs. Lorain County Community College
- ❑ 04/04/2011 - 3:30pm vs. St. Mary of the Woods Community College
- ❑ 04/08/2011 - 3:30pm vs. Southern State Community College
- ❑ 04/16/2011 - 1:00pm vs. Clark State Community College

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.

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2010 Volleyball Season

WES BROTHERS, VOLLEYBALL COACH

Coming off of a 2009 season that was full of ups and downs, Ohio Christian came into the 2010 season poised to build a stronger foundation. The Trailblazers brought in its largest freshmen class in school history. Freshmen Tiffany Mosher, Ashley Southard, and Rachel Briggs helped raise the serve receive percentage of the team from 78% in the 2009 season to 90% in 2010. These three freshmen also increased the team's aggressive serving with a 91% serve percentage and averaging nearly 1 ace per set.

Freshman Mary Ashbaucher offered speed and the ability to read on both the offensive and defensive fronts. Midway through the 2010 season, Ashbaucher stepped into the role of setting and provided a much needed 2 kills more per set. With Ashbaucher in the setting role, Junior and Team Captain Kristen Uetrecht was able to display her ability to play all the way around with a service reception percentage in the nineties. On defense, Uetrecht added 141 digs and 69 blocks. Uetrecht's offense contributed 145 kills from the right side. The Trailblazer spread offense had, for the first time in OCU Volleyball Program history, 5 hitters with over 100 kills. Southard led the team with 242, followed by Sophomore Linette Shetler with 226, Sophomore Hillary Stump with 155, Uetrecht's 145, and Sophomore Meredith Fairrow's 115.

With a shorter line-up, OCU's team defense worked hard to slow the ball down on the front line. OCU's libero Mosher led the team with 316 digs averaging 4.33 digs per set. The Trailblazers chalked up 215 blocks with 88 solo blocks and 127 block assists.

Looking ahead, Freshman Hali Bursleson and Freshman Rachel Briggs, who was hampered by an ankle injury in the preseason, look to add some hitting power for the 2011 season.

Coach Brothers stated, "Bursleson brings hitting power, and her consistency is improving, so I am expecting good things from her as she matures in the program. Briggs is a smart hitter and has great fundamentals, so I am looking forward to getting her into the front row next season."

"The 2010 season has been one of the fastest, in large part because this team is so fun to watch," added Coach Brothers. "They are quick and never give up, and they earned their 2nd place finish in the Mid-East Region!"

Ohio Christian University Volleyball had an overall record of 15-18, improving from 2009's 4-21 finish. The team finished 2nd in the Mid-East Region. Freshman Ashley Southard and Sophomore Linette Shetler made it onto the OCU All-Time Team Leaders which recognizes the top 10 student-athletes in each statistical category. Both Ashley and Linette were recognized for both earning over 200 kills in the 2010 season.



2010 Volleyball Awards

Christina Galvan

- ❑ OCAC Scholar Athlete

Linette Shetler

- ❑ NCCAA Division II Mid-East Region Honorable Mention
- ❑ OCAC 2nd Team
- ❑ OCAC Scholar Athlete

Ashley Southard

- ❑ OCAC 1st Team
- ❑ NCCAA Division II Mid-East Region 1st Team

Hillary Stump

- ❑ OCAC Scholar Athlete

Kristen Uetrecht

- ❑ OCAC 1st Team
- ❑ NCCAA Division II Mid-East Region 1st Team
- ❑ OCAC Scholar Athlete
- ❑ NCCAA Division II Academic All American



Christina Galvan



Linette Shetler



Ashley Southard



Hillary Stump



Kristen Uetrecht



Homecoming 2010 welcomed back alumni and friends from all corners of the country! Hundreds of alumni took part in concerts, reunions, athletic events, and the 5th Annual Alumni Luncheon. It was once again a great time of reconnecting, recreation, entertainment, and fellowship!



MICHAEL TIPTON
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI
RELATIONS

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This year's Homecoming had more events and activities than ever before. Rev. Doug Campbell, class of 1987, kicked the weekend off with Alumni Chapel on Thursday morning. Friday featured the Scholarship Golf Outing. Numerous alumni helped make this year's outing the most successful ever! On Friday and Saturday evenings, alumni helped pack the Leadership Center for OCU's Homecoming concert series.

Alumni spanning twenty-five years gathered on Saturday morning, October 2nd, for the second annual Alumni Soccer Reunion Game. Current players welcomed nearly two dozen former players. For many, this was the first return to campus in years. As the morning chill faded away into a beautiful day for soccer, family, friends, and current students came out to cheer on their respective squads. The alumni squad was nothing short of extraordinary! Players showed off their skills and

blended together to create a strong team. In the end, the current OCU squad was victorious, pulling out a 2-1 victory. It was a great time of fellowship and fun for all involved!

Immediately following the Alumni Soccer Reunion, nearly 125 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends gathered for the 5th Annual Alumni Luncheon. The new Science and Logistics Center was a fantastic setting for lunch, and alumni and friends toured the facility's classrooms, offices, and state-of-the-art virtual science lab. Guests had a great time reconnecting with old friends and networking with the many alumni in attendance. After lunch, President Mark Smith greeted the crowd and gave updates on the University's latest projects. It was a rich time of fellowship and sharing. Following lunch, alumni and friends returned to the soccer field to help cheer on OCU's men's and women's soccer teams to two victories!



We appreciate all who joined us for Homecoming 2010 and look forward to seeing you next year on October 7-8 for Homecoming 2011. Visit www.ohiochristian.edu/homecoming to view more Homecoming 2010 pictures.



» Homecoming 2010 in Pictures



We hosted almost 200 golfers for the Linking Legacies Golf tournament, raising more than \$25,000 for student scholarships.



More than 2,000 were in attendance for our Gospel concert, which raised over \$10,000 to assist with campus improvements.



Save the Date!
October 7-8, 2011

Homecoming 2011 is scheduled for October 7-8. Reserve these dates on your calendar for a great time of family fun and fellowship.

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MENU

Harvest Salad

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Butter Horn Dinner Rolls & Butter

Stuffed Chicken Supreme

Tender Chicken Breast stuffed with a creamy mixture of Ricotta Cheese, Swiss Cheese, Spinach and Pine Nuts. Baked golden brown and topped with our Supreme Sauce.

Marinated Sirloin Steak

Grilled Tender Sirloin Steak marinated in a blend of Peppercorns, Light Garlic, Olive Oil and Butter

Twice Baked Potatoes & Broccoli Medley of Vegetables

Fresh Broccoli Florets with Red Pepper, Red Onion, Pea Pods and Matchstick Cut Carrots

Dessert

Oreo Brownie Cheesecake
Black Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake

Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot and Iced Tea, Iced Water

Advancement



Building God's kingdom. That is what we are doing here at Ohio Christian University. As we look back over the years, it is easy to see how God has used our institution to raise up men and women to serve Him. It is no different today.

MARK TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

These are exciting days at Ohio Christian University! We believe that the blessing of God is being poured out upon us. In the Advancement Office, we are working to ensure that we have the resources needed to allow God to grow our university into one of the finest Christian schools in the country. Building takes money... and investment, and we are grateful to those who are investing in God's kingdom by investing in Ohio Christian University.

Funds Raised/Grants

This last year has been an exciting time for those of us in the office of Advancement. Over the past four years we have raised over \$6.5 million dollars through generous donors, grants, endowed scholarships, and capital funds. This year we reached our goal of raising \$250,000 for the Dr. David A. Case Chair of Christian Ministries. We currently have several grant requests for Disaster Relief, scholarship and other building needs.

Planned Giving and Estate Gifts

One way we are ensuring that Ohio Christian University continues to thrive is by working with individuals on planned giving. Through planned giving and estate gifts, we can ensure that OCU has a great future ahead. We are prayerful as we meet with individuals to discuss how they can be a part of what is happening here at OCU. Our deferred giving continues to grow with additional gift annuities, life insurance and individuals leaving gifts in their estates. The total amounts have already exceeded \$200,000 in this current fiscal year.

As Ohio Christian University continues to grow, so does the need for campus improvements. We are excited about our record enrollment! In the coming days, we will begin plans for an expanded chapel as well as expanded dining commons and additional housing. Our staff is focusing on raising the dollars needed to complete these projects. If you are not currently giving to OCU, would you prayerfully consider joining with us?

We are grateful for the support of so many people who believe in the commitment of Ohio Christian University to prepare leaders to serve this present age in ministry, community, and corporate settings. We have the call of Christ to go into all the world and make disciples. We believe we are training our students to do just that. Thank you for giving and making OCU a blessing to a world that needs Jesus. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve Him.

Staff

This summer we hired a full time Director of Development. Kimberly Eades joined the Advancement team in July and will be working on various events as well as donor relations and annual giving. Kimberly joins Carrie Swackhammer, assistant to the Vice President; Debbie Smith, coordinator of volunteers; Michael Tipton, Director of Alumni Relations; and three student workers, Lauren Bivens, Kyle Bonham, and Tiffany Lyle. We are encouraged by the gifts each team member brings to advancement and are excited about what God is doing through us.



Kimberly Eades joins the Advancement team as Director of Development



Volunteers Recognized for Service to the University

Ohio Christian University held its first annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on November 17, 2010, in the Leadership Center on the campus of OCU. The Ohio Christian University Legacy Team consists of 40 volunteers who were recognized for hundreds of hours of service to the university. These individuals give of their time to help support various events and projects on campus. Debbie Smith, first lady of OCU, oversees the volunteer program and was the person responsible for getting it off the ground. She said, "I love working with such a great group of volunteers who are excited about what they do for OCU and God's Kingdom."

Just after a year of organization, the impact that they make is obvious. If you have ever been to an event at OCU chances are you have seen one of our volunteers. Whether it is a basketball game or the Gospel Concert, volunteers are on hand to meet and greet and help out in a variety of ways. One person who you can spot at most events is Butch Peabody. Butch was the top volunteer this year logging in over 70 hours. Butch helps photograph most events at Ohio Christian University and often puts in a full day's work photographing events from beginning to end. For his service, Butch was given an OCU pin and a gift certificate to the campus bookstore.

At the breakfast, all of the volunteers were recognized and given a gift based on the number of hours they gave over the last year. They were also greeted by Dr. Mark Smith, Ohio Christian University president, who congratulated them on their dedication to the university. "Ohio Christian University is so thankful for the wonderful volunteers who give hundreds of hours to support the OCU team. We could not make it without them."

As OCU continues to grow the hope is that the volunteer program will continue to grow as well. Dr. Smith encourages anyone interested to get involved. "In fact as we are serving our community, we are looking for more volunteers. So come join us. The young energy on this campus will change your life."

To learn more about the Ohio Christian University Legacy Team and ways that you can help out, contact Debbie Smith by email at desmith@ohiochristian.edu or by phone at 420-5912.

Do you want to make an impact on the lives of OCU students?

PHON-A-THON 2011

Look for a phone call from an OCU student during February and March for an opportunity to give to the OCU Scholarship Fund.

Together we can train leaders to serve the world!

To save a call, you can visit our website and give today.

www.ohiochristian.edu/giving

2011 Choir Tour

Come enjoy the music and ministry of the OCU Chorale!

- » Faith Memorial Church-February 13
- » Cedar Street Church - February 20
- » Parkway House of Prayer- March 27

The annual Choir Tour is scheduled for March 4-10, 2011. To schedule a performance, please contact Debbie Smith at 740-420-5912 or desmith@ohiochristian.edu.



Ohio Christian University and Central Ohio Technical College Sign Dual Admission Agreement

A groundbreaking dual admission agreement between Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) and Ohio Christian University (OCU) is the first such agreement of its kind for COTC, and will provide a direct route to a bachelor's degree for more students at the two-year college. The agreement allows dual admission to both institutions, wherein a student can apply, be admitted, and attend both COTC and OCU simultaneously, if desired. College-level course credits earned at COTC will be applicable toward OCU bachelor's degree programs in business (including management, logistics, and healthcare management concentrations), leadership and ministry, psychology, and substance abuse counseling.

Students simultaneously attending both institutions will be eligible for dual services such as library privileges, advising, and academic support. COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., and OCU President Mark A. Smith, Ed.D. (*above*), signed the agreement on Tuesday, December 14, at the COTC Newark campus.

"This dual admission agreement will afford COTC students additional career options and opportunities for continued education and professional advancement as they complete a bachelor's degree at OCU," said Coe. "We are extremely pleased to partner with OCU to bring about these further educational access opportunities."

COTC already holds articulation agreements for the transfer of COTC course credit with a number of four-year institutions, and is working to establish additional dual admission programs, such as the newly signed agreement with OCU. Further, during autumn quarter 2010, COTC began offering the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, which will provide additional education opportunities and are designed to provide students with transfer-level college courses typical of the freshman and sophomore years of a four-year baccalaureate degree program.

"This agreement with COTC is another opportunity to make a bachelor's degree convenient and accessible to busy people," said Smith. "We look forward to working with the COTC administration and students."

COMING EVENTS

January

14	Youth Group Night & Alumni Night at Men's Basketball Game
15	Basketball Preview Day
22	ACT Testing

February

3-4	Late Winter Break
19	ACT Testing

March

1-2	Holiness Summit
7-11	Traditional Spring Break
19	Dinner Concert with the Perrys
26	ACT Testing

April

1	Jr. High Lock-In
16	ACT Testing
25-29	Traditional Finals
26	Leadership Forum
30	2011 Commencement

For more events, including athletic schedules, please visit www.ohiochristian.edu/calendar

OCU Faculty Published



Dr. Jim Smith

Ohio Christian University Professor of Substance Abuse Counseling Dr. Jim Smith contributed two chapters for the recently published collaborative work *Nelson's Church Leader's Manual for Congregational Care*, available from Thomas Nelson Publishers. The two chapters are on lay ministry care for those with substance abuse issues and mental disorders. Smith is well qualified to write on these topics as he holds

three graduate degrees and is a licensed counselor as well as an ordained minister. Smith states, "The connection to be part of this collaboration was brought about by God." OCU President Mark Smith congratulated Dr. Smith on his recent publication, saying, "We are proud of Dr. Smith's efforts to provide resources for those in lay ministry."



Dr. Mark Smith

Ohio Christian University President Dr. Mark A. Smith contributed the second chapter, *Organizational Leadership: What Church Leaders Need to Know About...* in the recently published book *Foundations of Church Administration*. The book, published by Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City is an exploration of the responsibilities of church administration and a practical guide to navigating through them.



on campus March 1-2, 2011



Dr. Stan Toler



Dr. Marlin Hotle



Dr. David Case

March 1

- » 9:00 am Bible Study
- » 10:45 am Dr. Marlin Hotle
- » 7:00pm Dr. Marlin Hotle

March 2

- » 9:00 am Dr. David Case: Our Holiness Heritage
- » 10:45am Dr. Stan Toler
- » 7:00 pm Evening service

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