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A young girl with beaded braids is running joyfully in a parade. She is wearing a purple t-shirt with the word 'MAID' visible and red shorts. Above her, a large, vibrant rainbow flag is being held up by several people. The background shows a grassy area and other participants in the parade.

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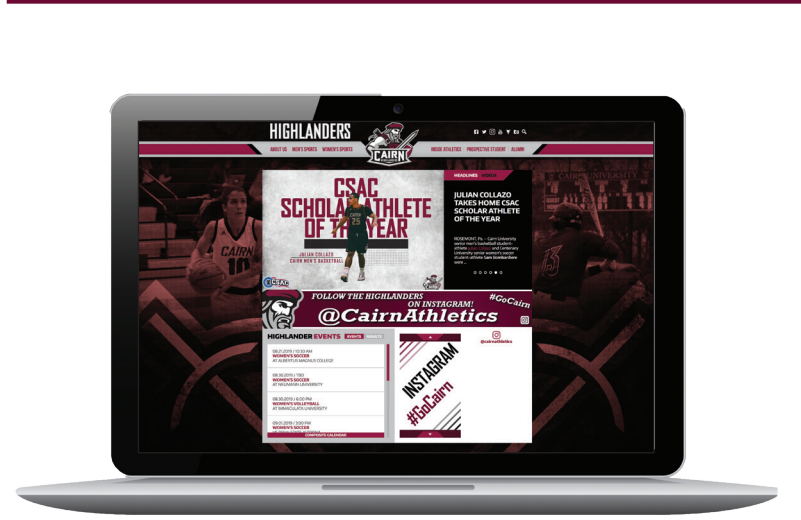
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Want more news?

More interviews, research, and stats are available via Cairn's news page, whether you would like to learn more about campus events or special guests.



Follow the Highlanders Online!

Follow the action on the courts and fields of Langhorne right from your computer screen or mobile device. Watch the Highlanders live wherever you are on cairnhighlanders.com/TV!

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GLOBAL MISSION WEEK

“When I recognize that everything I have is not mine, that my rights, my plans, my time, my resources, and my life all belong to God, He has the right to use it whatever way and for however long He sees fit. When we realize that it frees us.”

Isabel Lee, Minister of Global Outreach and Women's Ministries, Chinese Bible Church of Maryland



CHAPEL

“We live in a really noisy world. Instead of shouting over the noise of our life, the Holy Spirit chooses to whisper through our conscience. The Holy Spirit does not suffer competition. He has no interest in getting into a shouting match with our music, or our television, or our egos.”

Adam Porcella, Dean of Students, Cairn University



CHAPEL

“The work world is competitive. There are thousands of other universities churning out bright young minds just like you. The distinct advantage you have is that God is directing your path.”

David Welker, Director of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse; Deepwater Horizon Economic and Property Settlement

The Heart of Our Mission

by Dr. Todd J. Williams

When the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the new language of the University mission statement in 2005, there was discussion in the Cairn community about what changing that language would mean. Some were concerned about it signaling a course change and diminishing the ministry emphasis that is such a vital component of who we are; others were eager to see a statement that would better fit what the institution has become and guide where it might go, expanding our concept of ministry. It is hard to believe that was 14 years ago. It is equally hard to believe how well the mission statement has served us and how effectively it permeates all we do. As I was reading the proof of this issue of the magazine, it became clear once again that our distinctive of being a place centered on Christ and His Word is manifest in our commitment to serve Him in all things and in all ways. From the alumni and students, to the faculty and staff, to the institution itself, the conviction that all we do is to be carried out in service to Christ is evident.

The mission statement, which is so prolific in our literature, on our website, and in all of our assessment and planning documents, was written with great care. Every word, clause, punctuation mark, and expressed idea was intentionally constructed so as to capture what we do and who we are, as well as guide our priorities, planning, and vision. The very first idea put forth is simply that we exist to educate students to serve Christ. This is all-encompassing. Of course, it means in their vocation, regardless of the

actual place or kind of employment. But it also means in their families, churches, and neighborhoods. It means that whatever they do, wherever they do it, they are to work with purpose and for a purpose. You can see this throughout the magazine. Alumni, students, faculty, and staff are doing good work in every sector of the marketplace, society, and ministry in every corner of the world. They are involved and using their gifts, abilities, time, resources, and experiences as God's ambassadors and servants. The world needs these kinds of people with this kind of outlook. Faithfully fulfilling our calling to serve the Lord wherever He places us is simply what Christians should do. It is simply biblical.

But the mission statement was written with more than work in view. It was written to speak to why and how we are to live life. The marks of a servant are about far more than the actual work that is done. Faithfulness, selflessness, diligence, humility, joy, thankfulness, and so much more are to be the qualities exhibited by the servants of Jesus. And we are to be motivated and determined servants who carry on sacrificially because our faith and conviction—especially regarding who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us—compel us to do so. This aspect of the mission statement and the idea of serving manifests itself in the attitudes, character, and spiritual fruit we see in the lives of students, alumni, faculty, and staff. It is always so encouraging for me to see how God is at work in the lives of our people, how He is shaping them, enabling them, caring for them, and challenging them. What a testimony that these servants of the Lord are by His grace carrying out their service in a manner that is and for reasons that are biblical.



Years ago, I delivered a talk to the faculty and staff outlining my desire to see not only the faculty and staff embody and exemplify the mission for our students and alumni, but the institution also. What we seek to see accomplished in the lives of the men and women who study here does not happen solely by instruction. They must be given the opportunity to learn to serve by serving and seeing good examples that will inspire and encourage them. As a result, we strive to hire people committed to these things, to the mission, and to living out their faith as servants of Christ. We also take on initiatives, projects, and efforts that demonstrate the University's institutional commitment to serve. This magazine outlines just a few ways we do that. Whether it

is the JAM ministry to young people or the New Horizons Scholarship for mothers who choose life, Cairn University is striving to utilize its resources, gifts, and experiences to serve and in so doing serve as an example to those it educates. I trust you will find the following pages not only informative but encouraging. And that you will see the mission is "alive" and well here.

Dr. Todd J. Williams has been the president of Cairn University since January 2008. He served on the faculty and administration from 1996 to 2001, and then returned as provost in 2005. He can be reached by emailing president@cairn.edu.

University News is the latest on what's happening at Cairn. In this issue, we highlight recent athletics accomplishments and awards, honor Pat Graybill for her service to the women's bible study, and share a business student's journey to a corporate internship.

Women Win First CSAC Tennis Championship Title in University History

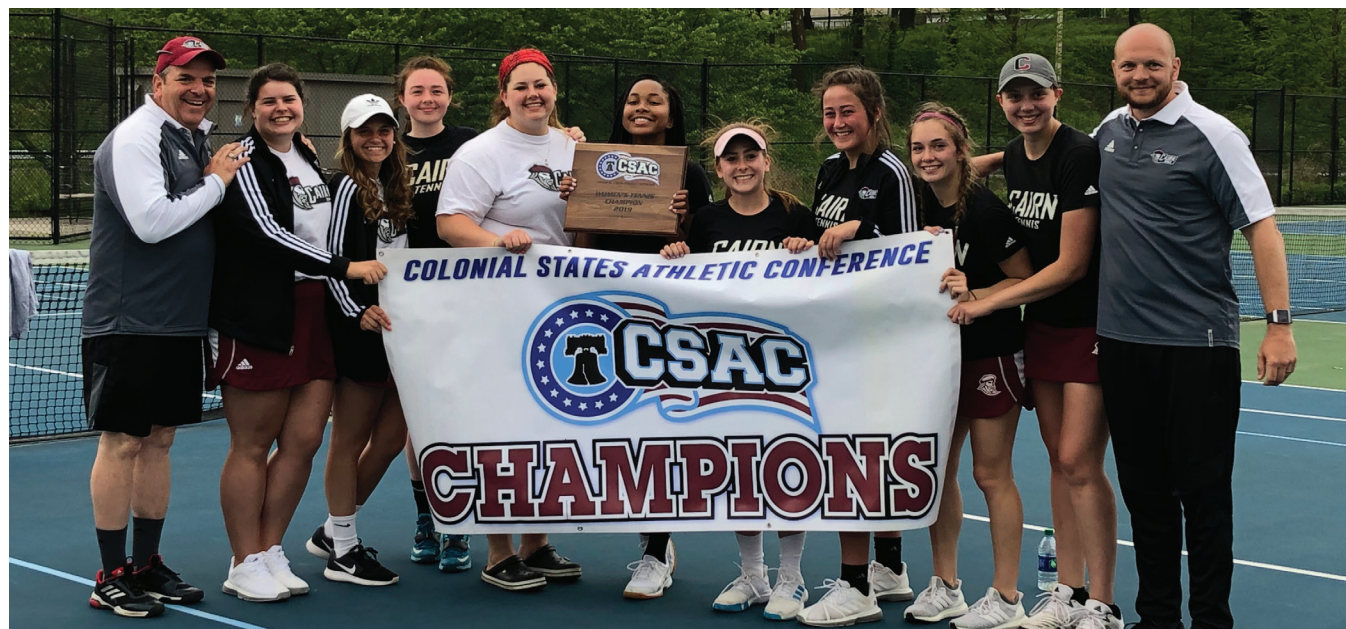
With the sun shining down, the Highlanders endured the wind and their competition, sweeping the CSAC Championship and taking home the title for the first time in women's tennis history!

Against Bryn Athyn, the Highlanders rolled thanks to their top-notch doubles teams. Bianca Birney and Lauren Griffith utilized their perfectly contrasting strengths to dominate #2 doubles with an 8-0 win. Kara Williams and Charlotte Allen took an 8-3 win, and after a slow start Allyssa Peters and Maya Neal completed the Highlanders' clean slate with an 8-6 win. Staked to a 3-0 lead, the Highlanders raced against each other in search of the game-clinching points. Ellie Santos made quick work in the #6 singles match winning 6-1, 6-0 for the fourth point, and Bianca Birney stayed perfect on the day with a 6-0, 6-0 win to send the Highlanders to the championship.

After a brief rain delay, the Highlanders set in against Cedar Crest seeking to avenge their only CSAC loss of the season. Fortunately for the Highlanders, there were a few key personnel differences from their match earlier this season, namely in the presence of Bianca Birney and Charlotte Allen. Birney, whose steady, stellar play has lifted the Highlanders on many occasions this season, took charge in both of her matches. The sophomore teamed with Lauren Griffith for an 8-4 win in doubles play, and dominated the #2 singles spot with a 6-1, 6-0 win for two huge points on the day. Allen teamed with Kara Williams to overpower yet another #3 doubles match and take an 8-1 win. The #1 doubles match was a tightly contested affair between Allyssa Peters and Maya Neal and Mercedes Melo and Alyssa Esparro for Cedar Crest. The Highlanders battled hard, but were unable to come out on top, dropping their

first point of the championship with an 8-4 loss. Birney earned the Highlanders' first point of singles, staking Cairn to a 3-1 lead, while Griffith followed just behind with a win of her own. The freshman used her excellent power from the back line and quick hands at the net to take a 6-1, 6-1 victory in the #4 spot. Sitting one point away from the win, all eyes turned to Ellie Santos in the #6 singles spot. Santos played tough tennis all afternoon, using pinpoint accuracy to outfox her opponent. When her opponent's final shot went long, the Highlanders first ever CSAC title became official with the 6-3, 6-1 win.

Building on the accomplishment of the women's tennis team, the University has since launched the Cairn Tennis Academy, which offers camps and lessons to the local community. A varsity men's tennis team is also slated to begin competition in Fall 2019.



Students Return to Lesbos, Greece, to Serve Refugees

In the beautiful Aegean Sea on the picturesque Greek isle of Lesbos lies what is often called "the world's worst refugee camp." Meant to be a temporary holding place for asylum-seekers coming to Greece from all over the Middle East, Moria Refugee Camp has become incredibly overcrowded, playing host to a varying population of between 5,000-10,000 people in a space about the size of a Costco.

This May, Cairn University took a group of 15 students and staff to serve in the camp for the second consecutive year. Since it is illegal to share the gospel within the barbed wire walls of the camp, they worked alongside other organizations to exemplify the love of Christ through action and deed.

Together with other volunteers and staff, the students helped renovate an entire zone of the camp (home to about 50 families) by tearing down old, moldy, and unsafe tents, spreading over 30 truckloads of gravel, rebuilding tent

platforms out of pallets and plywood, and installing new UNHCR-donated tents. Additionally, students were able to find housing in the camp for about 100 new arrivals, all of whom made the harrowing journey across the sea from Turkey by rubber boat during the students' time there. Other ministries included giving out vaccination tickets, supplies, diapers, and the students' favorite—giving refugees their tickets to Athens.

"I saw God's grace, mercy, and love through His constant presence and provision for both our team and the refugees in the camp," said Casey Handzlik, sophomore and president of Student Missionary Fellowship. "I left with my heart broken in a new and deeper way that reminded me that I can't do everything, but God my Father sees everything and will make it all right."



At their debrief, local camp staff encouraged the students that their "preaching without words" was truly part of an incredible evangelism surge happening in the Muslim world. They learned that over 1,200 refugees had been baptized in Athens, most of whom credit the testimony of believers coming to serve them in this refugee camp. The Cairn team was honored to play a small part in this big story God is writing.

Cairn University Earns Two CSAC President's Cups



For the first time in seven years, the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) President's Cups will have new homes. The CSAC President's Cup is awarded annually to the men's, women's, and overall athletics program with the highest competitive rating, based on both regular season and conference playoff performance.

Cairn University Athletic Director Jay Butler had this to say about the honor: "We are humbled and honored to accept the CSAC President's Cup award for our overall department and men's teams. Our student-athletes worked very hard, sacrificed for each other, and used their gifts for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ."

The Highlanders took home the Overall President's Cup with 75.848 percent of potential points and the Men's Cup with 83.809 percent of points. Cairn Athletics captured three CSAC

Championships (men's cross country, women's cross country, women's tennis) in addition to placing three runners-up in baseball, men's basketball, and golf. Men's soccer also took home a CSAC regular season title, and women's soccer and women's basketball each reached the CSAC semifinal.

"Each and every one of our student-athletes on each of our varsity sports teams played a significant role in this achievement, and we celebrate this honor with them." Butler continued,

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"We are blessed with a group of coaches who are committed to developing men and women of character and who hold strong to the ideals of NCAA Division III. This award, along with the six 3-D awards and numerous academic, service, and mission-driven accomplishments, highlights a banner year for Cairn University Athletics. We are proud to represent the University and our Lord Jesus Christ."

In a record-setting year for Cairn Athletics, the Highlanders were awarded the CSAC's highest honor, winning the overall President's Cup for the first time in Cairn University history.

"I am very pleased that Cairn has been awarded the President's Cup," said Cairn University President Todd Williams. "I'm also proud of all of our athletes and coaches. All of us at Cairn are grateful for the CSAC and are thrilled to be a part of this exciting community of colleges and universities. The healthy spirit of competition is marked by sportsmanship and a shared commitment to providing student-athletes with an excellent experience. The President's Cup is an award we are honored to receive."

Alumna Honored by Highway Dedication for Her Military Service

On May 10, many community members came together to celebrate the highway dedication of a beloved local figure and Korean War veteran, First Lt. **Margaret Lucille Manchinni '59**, better known as "Miss Peggy."

Miss Peggy, 91, was born in January 1928 in New York. She attended boot camp in Texas, where she later graduated with honor and distinction. After attending boot camp, Miss Peggy was transferred to the Army Nursing Corp, where she graduated at the top of her class. From there, Miss Peggy was assigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center from May 1952 to January 1953. Miss Peggy was assigned to the U.S. Army base on Sasebo, Japan, where she spent two years caring for wounded GIs. When she was transferred back to the United States, she attended Cairn University (formerly the Philadelphia Bible Institute) and graduated in 1959. From there, Miss Peggy moved to Kentucky to serve God as a missionary and worked at the Home Place Hospital for nine years.

"The healing hands of Army nurses to a soldier who has been wounded in combat are, for all intents and purposes, America herself," said Brigadier General (Retired) Benjamin Adams III, the commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, during the ceremony. "There were only 540 to start with (Army nurses during the Korean and Vietnam



Wars) and only a fraction of those Angels of Mercy are still with us today. Very few of those are still with us in the Commonwealth."

In addition to the highway dedication, Miss Peggy received several awards and certificates during the ceremony, including the Korean Defense Service medal, Good Conduct medal, the United Nations pin, and the National Defense Service medal, and she was also named a Duchess of Hazard. Miss Peggy also received a letter from Gov. Matt Bevin thanking her for her service.

"It's overwhelming," said Miss Peggy. "It is wonderful. The Lord is so good. I praise the Lord I was able to (serve my country)."

The portion of Ky. 476 starting at mile marker 9 and ending at mile marker 15 is now officially named the First Lt. Margaret Lucille Manchinni Highway.

This story was originally published as "Korean War Veteran Celebrates Highway Dedication" by the Hazard Herald on May 16, 2019.

Cairn University Receives Reaccreditation for School of Music Programs

The National Association of Schools of Music reviewed Cairn University and the programs in the School of Music and granted reaccreditation for all

music programs. Accreditation was affirmed for the maximum time period of 10 years. Cairn University was granted Associate Membership by NASM in 1972 and Full Membership in 1979. The reaccreditation application is a rigorous process and demonstrates that Cairn University and the School of Music maintain high-quality standards and implement best practices in the field of music.

"The National Association of Schools of Music is an important group of 600+ sister institutions across the country," says Benjamin Harding, dean of the School of Music. "With Cairn being a member of this association since 1972, we have maintained and contributed to the standards set out by the association. The School of Music continues to build on the foundation of these standards and forge the way as a 21st century music program."

Women's Bible Study Celebrates Pat Graybill's Nearly 40 Years of Service

After nearly 40 years, Pat (Cawood) Graybill has retired from leading the weekly women's Bible study.

The women's study began in 1980 during the University's first academic year at the Langhorne campus. The idea to create this group came from Dr. Sherrill Babb, president emeritus, who believed that the weekly Bible study would be a good way for the University to connect with women from the community that surrounded the new campus.

What was originally conceived as a small-scale, short-term group evolved into a group of over 100 women coming from as far as New Jersey and Delaware to study under Pat for nearly 40 years. This free Bible study, which for many years also included free childcare from School of Education students, united women of all ages and backgrounds as they grew in their love and knowledge of the Lord.

"No ministry has blessed me as much as this ministry. I loved teaching this class. I looked forward to each Thursday for 39 years because I was so blessed to be involved."

At their last Bible study in April, the women celebrated Pat and her ministry with a cake and flowers at their end-of-the-year luncheon. Pat received a necklace, a journal, and a photo album full of encouraging photos and notes from the women she served and loved so well. The Bible study will continue this fall under the direction and teaching of Dawn Williams, wife of President Todd Williams.

"No ministry has blessed me as much as this ministry," says Pat. "I loved teaching this class. I looked forward to each Thursday for 39 years because I was so blessed to be involved."



Cairn Community Runs to Support Young Mothers at Cairn Cares 5K

On Saturday, April 27, Cairn University hosted the Cairn Cares 5K: Helping Mothers Who Choose Life.

This year's race took place on a windy day under sunny skies. A team of over 25 student and staff volunteers helped make the race an enjoyable experience for the over 80 runners who participated in the event.

The morning's activities included a traditional 5K, a 1-mile fun run, and a Virtual 5K that allowed runners from anywhere in the world to run and raise money. The traditional 5K was a timed race, and the men's and women's cross



country teams had a strong showing in the event; five of the six top finishers for the men's and women's timed 5Ks were Cairn cross country runners. Student-athletes Greg Snow, Trevor Hickey, and Cullen Henry finished as the top three male runners, and Anna Hamm and Julia Markey were the top two female runners. Rebecca Benjamin, adjunct faculty member in the School of Music, finished third.

The proceeds from the Cairn Cares 5K support the University's New

Horizons Scholarship Fund. New Horizons provides support to new mothers served by ChoiceOne, who chose to give birth, even though their educational and career goals would be interrupted by unplanned pregnancy, delivery, and parenthood. The New Horizons Scholarship provides recipients with tuition aid, in addition to academic support and a nurturing Christian community, as they seek to renew and/or begin their pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

As Tammy Butler, vice president of philanthropy, explains, "The Cairn Cares 5K gives the community the opportunity to directly partner with crisis pregnancy centers like ChoiceOne and the women they serve. The New Horizons Scholarship Fund will not only change the lives of new mothers but, through the education and support they receive, the lives of future generations to come."

Best Foot Forward

Business student Brandon Plummer's passion for sneakers lands him a big-time internship in NYC.

Brandon grew up as a “back-to-school shoes” kid, getting one new pair of sneakers each year. He didn’t give too much thought to what he put on his feet each morning until his high school best friend gave him his first pair of retro Jordans, the Military Blue Retro 4s. It was this first pair of shoes that turned him into a self-proclaimed “sneakerhead.”

“I really love learning more about the culture that comes with sneakers, which includes sports, history, and fashion. Sneakers are a unique way to express yourself or even voice an opinion about something. They have almost become an art.”

When looking for a job while studying at Cairn, Brandon believed that Foot Locker would be a great fit. For Brandon, the saying “If you love what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life” rings true. Every day Brandon gets to “talk sneakers and sports” with his customers, and his passion for his work has driven him to success. In a store that does \$3 million in annual sales, Brandon leads the store in sales per week and sales per hour, making him one of the top salesmen in the district. He has been Employee of the Month three times, and has received five Certificates of Excellence.

It was after he made a LinkedIn post about one of these awards that he was contacted by Robert Perkins, Foot Locker’s Global VP of Talent Management. Robert told Brandon that he should consider interning at the Foot Locker Global HQ in New York City. Needless to say, Brandon was very interested in the position.

Brandon is now spending his summer in New York, working full-time as a talent management intern at this eight billion dollar, Fortune 500 company. This internship has given him the opportunity to meet Foot Locker CEO Dick Johnson and many other high-profile employees.

He is currently preparing for a large group presentation to these executives on developing an idea for an exclusive concept for women that can be sold and brought to market at Foot Locker’s North American destinations.

Brandon is building a career doing what he loves, but he’s doing it all for a higher purpose. In his own words, “Your occupation can be much more than just an occupation. You can work hard and leave an impact on people’s lives by leading, loving, and treating people the way Jesus did—even by selling sneakers.”

Brandon’s Favorites

Favorite Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6

Favorite Food: Mexican

Favorite Thing To Do on Campus: Go to sporting events, play intramurals

Favorite Course at Cairn: Apologetics with Dr. Plummer (No, my dad did not force me to say that.)

Forward

THE CAMPAIGN for CAIRN UNIVERSITY

In October 2016, the University publicly launched Forward: The Campaign for Cairn University.

Campaign Giving Update

Exciting things are happening at Cairn University through the Forward campaign efforts, and it is only made possible through your generosity. If you have participated in supporting the campaign, we thank you

once again, and we ask you to consider supporting these efforts again this year. If you have not yet partnered with Cairn through your support, please consider becoming part of this exciting effort to complete our campaign.

Improving Student Affordability

\$4,972,046

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Expanding Academic Opportunities

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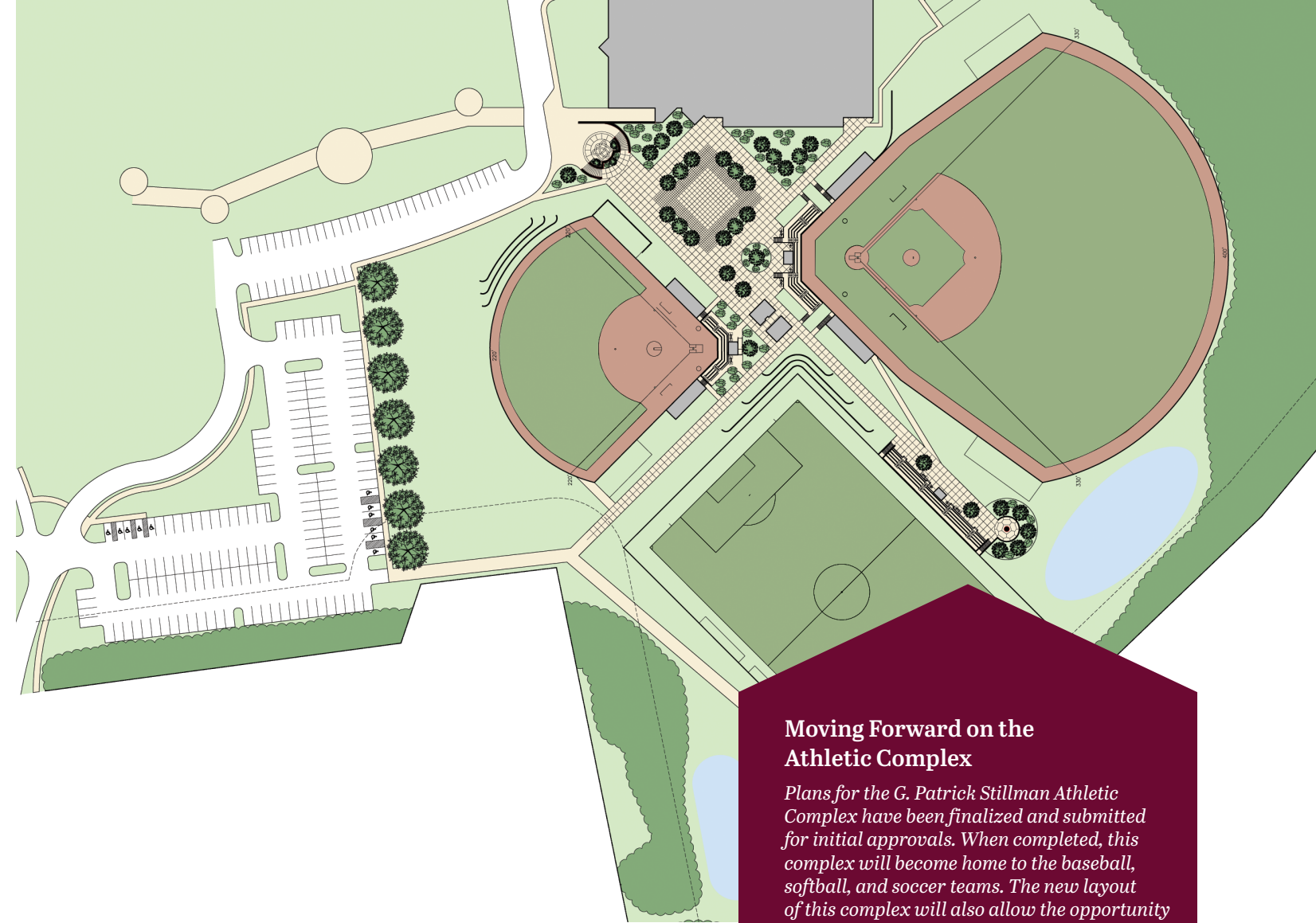
Building Campus Community

\$3,777,813

Masland Library Receives Updates Through Generous Donations

As a result of the generosity of multiple donations, the Masland Library at Cairn University will be renovated over the next year to upgrade the space for the benefit of the University's students.

The current library space was first constructed in 1992. After serving the students at the University for nearly three decades, the library will receive some structural and design changes to keep up with the demands of the growing University. Library architects have been hired to redesign and upgrade the Masland Library. A collection of wooden shelving and desks worth over \$500,000 was donated to replace the library's existing furniture, and donations totaling near \$200,000 have already been received to renovate the space and create more student collaboration rooms.



Moving Forward on the Athletic Complex

Plans for the G. Patrick Stillman Athletic Complex have been finalized and submitted for initial approvals. When completed, this complex will become home to the baseball, softball, and soccer teams. The new layout of this complex will also allow the opportunity for students to compete in lacrosse in the near future.

Matching Gift Week 2019

We surpassed our goal for our 2019 Matching Gift Week thanks to the many alumni, parents of alumni, current parents, faculty and staff, students, and friends who participated.

This year, we had an increase in participants and gifts with over 343 donors and a total of over \$150,000 raised for The Cairn Fund. Because of contributions like this, we are able to provide financial aid to 97% of our students. Every gift matters because every student matters!



Golf Classic 2019

Due to weather, the 2019 Golf Classic was postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019. This event is already full, but those who are interested in participating may contact Tammy Butler at tbutler@cairn.edu to be put on the waiting list.

Thank you to our 2019 Golf Classic top sponsors!

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To support our growing student population . . .

we will be adding a new residence hall to campus. We have finalized designs on this new facility, and we hope to begin construction late this fall and have it move-in ready for students in Fall 2020. This 50+ bed residence hall will be occupied by female upperclassmen. As enrollment dictates, future residence hall construction and renovation will be planned.



ACADEMICALLY SPEAKING

In addition to teaching and serving at the University, Cairn's faculty and staff are committed to growing professionally, participating in ministry, and pursuing their academic interests. This issue also features a personal interview with Dr. Matt McAlack and a selection of recently published books by our faculty and alumni.



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



SCHOOL OF DIVINITY



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Evan Curry, dean, was the keynote speaker at Hope in the Marketplace in King of Prussia, PA, on April 20, 2019. He was also appointed leadership pastor for Bethel Philadelphia Mills Church in November 2018.

Bill Langford co-authored *Touring China: A Western Perspective* (Qinhuangdao, China: Yanshan University Press: July 2018). This book teaches intermediate English to tourism students at Yanshan University, a nationally ranked institution.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

President Todd Williams was the seminar speaker of the week at CAMP-of-the-WOODS in July 2019 and the Family Week 2 speaker at Harvey Cedar's Bible Conference in August 2019.

Dr. Jason VanBilliard, provost, and **President Todd Williams** conducted a workshop focused on biblical integration for the staff of Hawthorne Christian Academy on March 15, 2019.

Paul Neal, senior vice president for advancement and communications, presented two seminars during the Global Christian School Leadership Summit: "Breakthrough: Christian Education Around the World" and "Maximizing Marketing and Enrollment Growth."

Dr. Jonathan Master, dean, was one of the keynote speakers at the Greenville Spring Theology Conference. He spoke on the topic, "The Perseverance of the Saints." He also spoke in Wexford, PA, on March 1 at "Theology on the Go: Live," an event sponsored by the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals based off of his podcast, *Theology on the Go*.

Dr. Gary Schnittjer published an article on 2 Chronicles 36 entitled, "Individual versus Collective Retribution in the Chronicler's Ideology of Exile" in the *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* in April 2019. He also presented a conference paper at the far west regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society entitled, "Legal Innovation and the Covenant Renewal of Exodus 34:11-16" in Riverside, CA, in March 2019.

Dr. Coz Crosscombe presented a workshop entitled "Place Matters" at the Christian Community Development Association National Conference in October 2018. He also spoke to the Tshwane Leadership Foundations staff on "Standing Where God is Standing" in Pretoria, South Africa.

Dr. Paul Randolph was appointed as a chaplain for the United States Secret Service in December 2018. He also presented on the topic of police officer suicide at the national conference of the International Conference of Police Chaplains in Lexington, KY.

Dr. Stephanie Chung, chair of the Special Education department, shared her expertise at the MACSA Convention and the National Autism Convention. She also works as a reviewer for three professional journals.

Barbara Cooper and **Judy Severns** traveled to Hungary with four students to work at a Family Education Conference, sponsored by SHARE Education, which serves workers in Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia by providing conferences and educational consulting and testing to support cross-cultural workers as they homeschool or send their children to national schools.

Marika Ravin, TESOL program advisor, has led the University's Community English Language Program since January 2018. Since then, the class has grown from 9 to 23 students, and Marika supervises the over 20 students who serve in this program.

Dr. Sheryl Vasso, chair, MS in Education; **Dr. Joey Beeson**, program advisor, social studies education; and **Barbara Cooper** mentored MS in Education students from around the world by teaching face-to-face courses in Kandern, Germany.



SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Greg Jensen, chair of natural sciences and mathematics, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science on March 30, 2019. His presentation was entitled, "The Role of Serotonin in Regulating the Hypoxic Hyperventilatory Response of Larval Zebrafish."

Dr. Matt Miller spoke at a regional men's conference at Fellowship Alliance Chapel in Medford, NJ, in February. He ran two breakout sessions entitled "Fear in the Mirror," pushing the attendees to come face-to-face with their fear and realize what they need to surrender to God. He brought 10 Cairn counseling interns and graduates with him to help group discussion.

Matt Stemler, co-chair of visual arts, had a solo exhibition entitled "Difficult Passages" in The Square Halo Gallery in Lancaster, PA, in February 2019.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Dr. Benjamin Harding, dean, has appeared in many concert and recital programs including a solo piano recital at Cairn, performances with NoCo Artists in Colorado, an interview with Hugh Sung of Cunningham Piano, and "An Evening in Vienna" concert at Cairn that featured Cairn faculty and students from the piano performance and jazz studies programs performing on two Bösendorfer pianos provided by Cunningham Piano.

Dr. Scott Watson was commissioned by the Wilson Area Intermediate School (Easton, PA) to compose a new work for concert band and chorus (grades 7-12), which premiered at the historic Easton State Theater this spring.

Suzanne Schmidt presented two workshops to area music teacher associations. Her workshop, "Can you hear it now..." focused on the importance of aural skills and gave music teachers in the Willow Grove Music Teachers Association effective strategies for incorporating aural skills work within their private students' lessons. A second workshop was presented to the Main Line Music Teachers Association. Entitled "Retire the Staff: Transforming the Teaching of Music Theory," Mrs. Schmidt shared her unique method for teaching Music Theory fundamentals without utilizing the staff.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Lloyd Gestoso, dean, hosted a Bucks County Blitz event "The Collateral Damage of Addiction" at Cairn University on April 8, 2019. These events educate the local community about the opioid crisis and how the community can come together to help.

Dr. Lawrence Ressler presented a workshop at the NACSW Convention in Hartford, CT, entitled, "Psalm 85:10, A Multidimensional Framework for Reconciliation." He also was on a panel entitled, "Providing for Future Generations of Christian Social Workers: Engaging with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)." Dr. Ressler also provided volunteer family mediation for Good Shepherd Mediation Program in Philadelphia and a workshop for Bucks County Peace Center entitled, "Becoming a More Forgiving Person."

Office Hours

A personal, after-class interview with your favorite professors

Dr. Matt McAlack graduated from Cairn University in 1983, receiving a BS in Bible. He received his Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and a PhD from Temple University. He began teaching at Cairn in 1995 and currently serves as the director of the youth and family ministry program in the School of Divinity. He has directed JAM (Junior High Adventures in Ministry) since 1996. He also serves as a youth pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Bristol, PA.

How did you first get involved in youth ministry?

It started when I was a teenager. My family went to church and I went along but I wasn't into it. Every week people invited me to come to youth group and I would make up lame excuses. But one week a girl I liked was going, so I went. It totally wasn't what I expected. The leaders were real people who lived out the Bible and

when they taught it, it made sense. And they loved me. That experience changed my life.

All three of your sons are also youth pastors. Did you try to make this the family business?

Not at all. It's surprising because they all started in other directions and then felt God's call to youth ministry. So it was never my plan, but I love it.

What is the biggest change you have seen in Cairn since you were a student?

The number of programs we have. When I first came, a lot of programs were related to professional ministry. I think every major is in ministry whether you're in business or social work or psychology. Now, people are being equipped to go

into these areas where there is no real gospel witness. But there is still a great need to equip people to be in church and parachurch ministries, so that's really a big part of my life.

What is an interesting story from your time as a student?

I joined the soccer team in the summer of 1979 when we moved to this campus, and I hadn't met the team yet. Near where the president's house is now, I saw some guys trying to use a lawnmower to cut this huge, overgrown grass. It was taller than their heads. I went over and said, "I'm trying to find the soccer team. Do you guys know where they are?" And they said, "Yeah that's us, and this is our field!" The field was sloped and the goal posts sagged in the middle, but we played all our games out there.

Juston Wolgemuth '19

What's on your desk?

Letters and objects my sons have given me over the years.



Several objects from Northern Ireland. Michele and I love the people of Northern Ireland and have had the privilege of visiting them many times.



Fresh Ink

Books by Cairn faculty and alumni

Wisdom From the Margins: Daily Readings by William Britton '75 (Eugene OR: Resource Publications: May 2018)

Wisdom From the Margins is a collection of daily readings moving through the calendar year. The readings are quotations from the "best of" what many prominent writers and spiritual leaders have had to say over the last two thousand years. The book focuses on important spiritual formation practices like silence, solitude, sabbath, slowing down, necessary suffering, fixed-time prayer, contemplation, spiritual reading, and waiting.



Your Marriage Today . . . and Tomorrow by Dr. Crawford Loritts '72 and Karen Loritts

(Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers: June 2018) Your parents' marital choices have greatly affected your own attitudes and actions in marriage, for better or worse. Your choices will affect your children, and grandchildren, and so on. It's time to get proactive about your marriage legacy. Dr. Crawford and Karen Loritts have been married 45 years and have spent the last 30 years speaking on marriage. This book contains their most successful, proven material. It will teach you the biblical and theological foundation for marriage, godly disciplines and habits that will improve your marriage, and how to use your marriage to shape future generations.

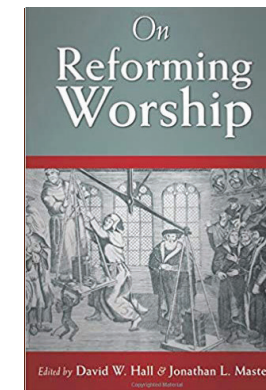


insider outsider by Bryan Loritts '95 (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan: October 2018)

God boldly proclaims throughout the book of Acts, "There is no ethnic home team when it comes to Christianity." But the

On Reforming Worship edited by David Hall and Dr. Jonathan Master, dean of the School of Divinity (Covenant Publications, 2018)

On Reforming Worship is a current set of reflections on biblical worship from a group of scholars, professors, and pastors who regularly present their work at the Reformation Worship Conference. This anthology contains some of the finest thought on how worship should be improved and shaped.



minority experience in America today—and throughout history—often tells a different story. In *insider outsider*, Loritts dives deeper into what it's like to

be a person of color in predominantly white evangelical spaces today and where we go from here. This seminal book on race and the church will help Christians discover how they can learn the art of listening to stories unlike their own, identify the problems and pitfalls that keep Sunday morning the most segregated hour of the week, and participate in an active movement with God toward a holy vision of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer calls "life together."

The Story of Monasticism: Retrieving an Ancient Tradition for Contemporary Spirituality by Greg Peters '94

(Ada, MI: Baker Academic: August 2015) In this accessibly written book, an expert in monastic studies offers a historical survey of monasticism from its origins to current manifestations. Greg Peters recovers the riches of the monastic tradition for contemporary spiritual formation and devotional practice, explaining why the monastic impulse is a valid and necessary manifestation of the Christian faith for today's church. Professors and students



in Christian history and Christian spirituality classes will value this work, as will readers interested in evangelical spiritual formation.



Love Jesus: Lessons in Passing by Sarah Rodebaugh Hadden '97

(Murrells Inlet, SC: Covenant Books: December 2018)

These are the daily thoughts of Susan Hadden, who graduated from the University in 1997 with degrees in Bible and education. Susan fought cancer for the last five months of her life. Knowing time was short, she posted inspirational thoughts in daily Facebook posts. She wrote from November 2017–January 2018, when she could no longer concentrate and type. Her messages are personal and full of love and hope. They end with two words: Love Jesus!



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Time to GET

Of all of the joyful sounds on God's green earth, the noise of an alarm clock is generally not considered to be at the top of the list. The sudden jarring of those most precious moments of silence, stillness, and refreshment are at once jolted with the electronic chime that transports you from one world, as it were, to the next.

Now it's time to wake up! It's time to get moving! Time to get dressed! What to wear, what to wear? I'm not sure. Alexa, what's the weather? I guess I shouldn't ask what to put on. That's going to have to be my own decision. Well, I suppose it depends on the occasion. Where am I going today? Who is going to be there? When did I wear this last? Maybe such questions are trivial. Or maybe such questions are like second nature. Either way, when it comes time to get dressed, I need to physically put on clothes!

The apostle Paul uses this same idea when he provides a textile metaphor for righteous Christian living. When Paul addresses the mostly Gentile and converted Christians living in Colossae, he writes that they have put on a new nature (Col 3:10). What was the previous nature? That was the nature of Adam, without the influence of God and with a predisposition toward sin. What is the new nature? This is the nature

the Colossians faced internal pressure to abandon (2:6) the words of truth delivered to them by Paul (1:5–6) for the false teachings of a pseudo-wisdom (2:23), which encouraged a kind of non-Christian asceticism (2:18) and perhaps a kind of disdain for the material world (2:21). While they were tempted to put off things that were in and of themselves good, Paul urges them to instead put on virtue and to put off those vices that leave stains on the Christian's character.

With what, specifically, should the Christian be clothed? Amongst other things, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience (3:12), tolerance, and forgiveness (3:13). Love is the thread that binds these seams together (3:14). The injunction is to put on all of these virtues and to put off all of the vices that soil the individual (3:5, 8–9) because of the reality that the Christian now experiences with new life in Christ. Paul concludes the discussion of these beneficial (or detrimental) behaviors by stating that all Christian conduct should be practiced in a prayerful way. The language is somewhat peculiar, but Paul writes that our action should be guided by an attitude of prayer to God and in the name of Jesus Christ (3:17). By explicitly making the theological and Christological connection, Paul is essentially saying that "whatever you do" should lean toward the direction of the virtues, since one cannot simultaneously give thanks to God in faith while practicing such vices.

DRESSED!

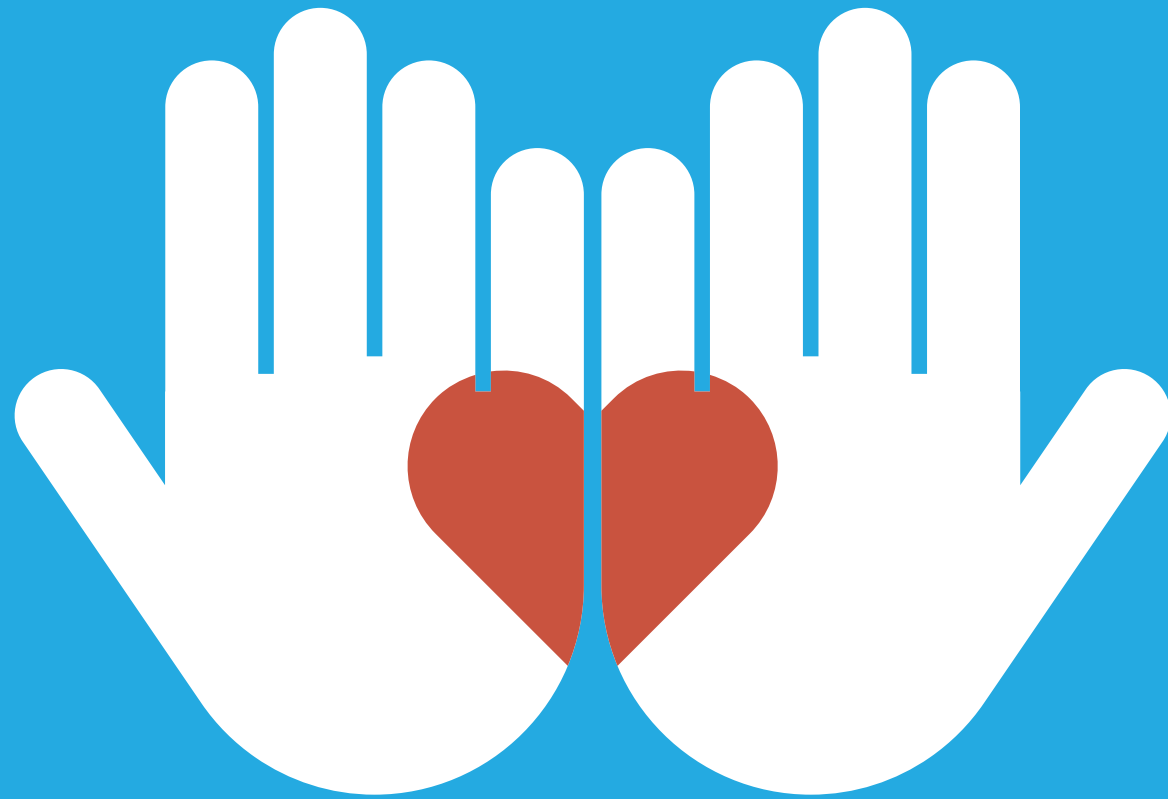
of the second Adam, who is Christ, and although it maintains the full ability to sin, along with its temptations, it has been "raised with Christ" (3:1). Being raised with Christ is a picture of the baptism of Christians—it is their coming up out of the baptismal waters to the newness of life—just as dying with Christ (3:3) is a picture of the baptism, yet with the emphasis on putting to death (3:5) those things that tempt (Paul previously made the connection with baptism and the metaphor of clothing in Galatians 3:27).

Paul's language regarding donning one's outfit has a visual snag to it: Paul encourages the Colossians to put on certain things but at the same time says that they are already clothed with those same things. Which one is it? Both are true. From a negative perspective, Paul says that the Colossians have already died with Christ to sin (Col 3:3), yet they are instructed to put to death those vices that entangle (3:5). From the positive point of view, the Christians have already put on the new nature (3:10) yet are still encouraged to put on those virtues which clothe the Christian (3:12). Why is that? The Christian life is one that we possess positionally and as a matter of truth, yet it is one which must be continually cultivated. As the maturity of our faith increases, we must make alterations to our behavior since all Christians are tailor-made and are now being renewed in the image of their Creator (3:10).

Like us, the Colossians had numerous things to overcome. Many of them experienced the effects of a culture that was averse to the confession of one divinity, let alone the Christian profession of the one true God. In addition,

What shall we do then? Remember that those with true Christian faith have the benefits of being raised with Christ to new life (3:1). Paul reminds the Colossians that they did indeed receive Christ Jesus as Lord (2:6), and so now their lives are hidden with Christ in God (3:6), and that they have put on a new self and new nature in Christ (3:10). But Paul reminds us to continue to put on more virtue (3:12), even as we are already clothed. As we are reminded in 2 Peter, we are to continue to add virtue to our faith so that we are continually increasing in devotion and faith (1:5–8). And we strive for these good virtues because they have their origin in the Spirit (Col 3:16), and by the Spirit they are realized (Gal 5:16). Paul inspires us by writing that our hearts should be encouraged as they are knit together in love (Col 2:2). And whatever you do (or whatever you put on), do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ (3:17). God desires that Christians metaphorically put off our old clothes, our torn and wrinkled shirts or ill-fitting, muddied trousers, and put on clothing that is new, clean, and unsullied, like a pressed, bespoke suit or a pristine and brilliantly colored royal robe, sewn together by the hand of God.

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SACRIFICE & SELF-CARE

The apostle Paul is not shy about presenting himself as an example to other believers. He writes to the Corinthian congregation, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Cor 11:1). To Timothy, who was serving as a pastor in Ephesus, Paul frequently cites himself as an example, remarking at one point, “But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions. . .” (2 Tim 3:10–11a).

One of the most notable aspects of Paul’s ministry was his commitment to hard work and sacrifice. Paul worked hard—harder than most of his peers. In 1 Corinthians 15, he writes, “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (1 Cor 15:10). While he was careful to attribute all of his effort and results to the grace of God, he ended his life by invoking a vivid image from the Old Testament sacrificial system: “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand” (2 Tim 4:6).

This should serve as a challenge to those of us in Christ’s service today. The trend today is to look out for our own preservation and self-care in order to avoid the symptoms normally associated with burnout in ministry. Many of those involved in ministry divide their day or week into sections. A certain percentage is reserved for their own care, and a certain percentage is reserved to help others. But Paul seems to view his whole life as being given for others and, ultimately, for Christ. For Paul, “To live is Christ” (Phil 1:21). How did Paul avoid burning out while still being poured out?

First, it is worth noting that Paul sought the ultimate approval of God, not of other people. He says this clearly in 1 Corinthians, when he writes, “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. . . but He who judges me is the Lord” (1 Cor 4:1, 5). Paul worked tirelessly on behalf of others, yet he did not seek their approval or acclaim.

If we were entirely honest with ourselves, how many of us could say this? How many pastors enter into service in order to see results in other people? This can easily slip into looking for approval from people. How many tasks in ministry are undertaken to appear spiritual—to receive praise from men rather than from God? This is a sure way to burn out. The approval of people will never satisfy. It is never enough. It often keeps us from doing the necessary things, and it ebbs and flows depending on circumstances. If our sense of satisfaction and fulfillment is based on something as fluid as human approval, we will inevitably lose heart entirely. By seeking the approval of the Lord, Paul was free to minister boldly and to ignore the pressure of expectations imposed by other people.

Second, it is no accident that Paul frequently ministered alongside others. This does not mean that there were not times of deep loneliness for Paul. Near the end of his life, he reminded Timothy of a moment when he was on trial and “At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me” (2 Tim 4:16a). But Paul’s normal pattern when not imprisoned was to work with others: Aristarchus; Barnabus; Epaphrus; Gaius; Jason; John Mark; Luke; Onesimus; Silas; Sosthenes; Trophimus; Tychichus; Priscilla and Quila; Lydia; and of course, Titus and Paul’s dear friend, Timothy. And there were others as well. Simply reading through the last chapter of Romans

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will give us a sense of the scope of Paul’s friendships. Paul did not minister alone; he was corrected by others, he was upheld and encouraged by others, and he regularly spoke of people who were “useful” to him and to the gospel. He was not a lone ranger, and he deeply valued his partners in ministry.

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He prayed regularly and fervently for the churches and individuals among whom he ministered. He admitted that he did not always know exactly what or how to pray, but he was comforted in this by the ministry of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26). Because his ministry was so grounded in prayer, he pled with the churches to pray as well: “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17); “Continue earnestly in prayer” (Col 4:2). With this dedication to regular prayer came diligent study. Even at the end of his life, he asked Timothy to bring his books and parchments, in order that he might study more (2 Tim 4:13). Beyond prayer and study, Paul was always faithful in attending public worship—even when there was no congregation of Christians or synagogue of Jews. In Acts 16, we read, “And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made” (Acts 16:13). Prayer, the study of Scripture, and the weekly pattern of rest and worship ordained by God were each non-negotiable parts of life for Paul. Because Paul’s work was a result of grace alone, Paul gave attention to the means of grace ordained by God.

Paul did not divide his life into times for himself and times for others; every moment was dedicated to the Lord. But in the midst of this single-mindedness, Paul demonstrated a biblical perspective on life and a grace-based approach to himself and his work. He was indeed “poured out” entirely. But he fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

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25 YEARS OF JAM

Two weekends each summer at Cairn, the gym is taken over by bouncy houses, middle schoolers in bright matching T-shirts trek elementary students around campus, and a llama inevitably poops by the back parking lot.

This is JAM (Junior High Adventures in Ministry). First occurring in 1995, this carnival-like youth intern event has since expanded into two of the most iconic weekends at Cairn. Each year, over 30 youth groups from the surrounding area bring their

junior high students to Cairn to spend a weekend learning how to effectively share the gospel. After receiving training from Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) volunteers on Friday night, the middle school students prepare to share the gospel with a child on Saturday afternoon. The JAM weekend climaxes each year with Kids' Day—an afternoon where busloads of children come for a day of fun on Cairn's campus.

JAM is a 48-hour event for the junior high students and only

a 4-hour event for the Kids' Day participants. All of the simple, childish indulgences of stuffed animals, hot dogs, and puppet shows may make one assume that JAM is nothing more than a short day of fun. Yet, for the past 25 years, lives have been changed, initiatives have been started, and JAM has continually been credited for starting or playing a major role in those experiences.

Here are just a few of those stories.



Supporting Communities

Rose Bryant is the chair of programming at Lucien E. Blackwell Community Center in the Mill Creek neighborhood of Philadelphia. This state-of-the-art center offers an open gym for basketball, soccer clinics, and movie nights. Free breakfast and lunch are served daily, and students can use the computer lab to study or play games. The community center has only been open since October 2018, but providing activities for her neighborhood's kids has been Rose's mission for over 20 years.

Rose knew that the kids needed a safe place to hang out. Seeing that that place did not yet exist in her neighborhood, she opened up her backyard, running book clubs and organizing games of tag and hide-and-seek. "Inner city kids endure a lot," says Rose. "I wanted to give them a safe place to just be kids."

She didn't have any funding, but her tenacity drove her to find free activities and programs for her kids. While attending a Push the Rock sports camp in 1999, Rose was introduced to JAM. A free bus ride to a day of fun and a gospel presentation was exactly what Rose was looking for.

According to Rose, JAM is "a little piece of heaven. The kids can run, they can be themselves, and they have a buddy that pays them attention all day long. They like to sit outside in the grass and eat hot dogs—I don't know what it is about those hot dogs. They just always taste better at JAM." JAM gave Rose a place to bring her neighborhood kids when she did not have any resources or funding. 20 years later, she is now able to serve these kids every day at the community center. But she is still bringing a busload of kids to



Cairn every year for a very important reason:

"I want to see Jesus, and I want them to know about Jesus so maybe one day they can see Him too. I love chil-

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dren, and the streets will eat them up. So when they're on the streets, they can remember what they were taught at JAM and call on the name of Jesus."

Serving Sandwiches

"We're helping at JAM this weekend. . . .

Do you want to come?"

It only took this one question to get TD Bank manager Rick Carrion to volunteer at JAM for the next 15 years. In 2004, a few Cairn students went to the local bank to open accounts—

nothing out of the ordinary.

But their friendly conversation with the

branch manager about their college majors and weekend plans changed everything:

"We were just talking. And then they told me about JAM. When they asked me if I wanted to help, I jumped at the chance. I love doing stuff like that for the community. So I got a bunch of volunteers together and we came over."

What do you do at JAM?

We help serve lunch every year. We help wrap hot dogs, make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and ensure that all the food is prepped and ready for lunch on Kids' Day. We then bring all of the food out and help distribute it to the 500-some kids who come every year.

Who volunteers with you?

I broadcast this opportunity to the whole company to see who would be interested in helping out. The majority of the people are those who I know are in the area—other branch managers or other team members in our bank. But because I invite everyone at TD Bank, there are people I don't even know who show up. Over the past few years, it's been nice to see them bring their family members as well.

What keeps you coming back?

It's such a rewarding experience; my colleagues say the same thing. I love seeing

all of the smiles on their faces. The kids are all so polite. To see the type of demeanor they have and how grateful they

are for the experience they're having—that's the rewarding part. It takes nothing to come here a couple hours on a Sat-

urday and do that when you know that you're making a difference in a kid's life—even just for a day.

Growing Hearts for Ministry

Bouncy houses, puppet shows, and BMX bikes are just a few of the reasons why Josh Reoun recalls Kids' Day as "the highlight of my summer when I was a kid."

Living in a low-income neighborhood in Northeast Philadelphia, Josh and his classmates at Logan Hope School rarely had the opportunity to leave the city. Kids' Day was the time for Josh and his friends to have a fun day enjoying the food, games, and entertainment scattered around the grounds of Cairn's campus.

Josh's childhood memories of JAM are from over a decade ago. But to the credit of junior high kids at JAM who "explained the gospel to me in a fun and understandable way," Josh

grew a heart for ministry, and he decided to pursue a degree in youth and family ministry at Cairn. Now attending JAM—this time as a leader—he has a broader perspective on the weekend:

"I understand JAM more, and I really appreciate the philosophy of it. Training junior high students to share the gospel one-on-one with each of the kids is so effective; the small age gap between the students and the kids makes it easier for them to understand one another."

Josh still loves everything about JAM that he did as a kid: the bouncy houses, the puppets, the BMX bike shows. But his favorite part? Seeing Logan Hope School return to campus every year.



"I really have a heart for the students at Logan Hope; I used to be one of them. It's awesome to see that they're able to learn about Jesus and have a blast doing so."

"On the first day of school, I had multiple kids come up to me and ask, 'When's Kids' Day?' They talk about it all year long. They love being able to run outside on the grass, win a stuffed animal at bingo, and pet the live animals. . . . Even though they go to a Christian school and hear the gospel daily, my kids benefit from JAM because they get to see kids just a little bit older than them living out what it means to be a Christian and share the gospel with others."

Kristy (Douglas) Godwin '15

*Teacher at Gospel of Grace Christian School in Cheltenham, PA
Bringing children from her school to JAM since 2018*



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Inspiring Nonprofits

Kevin has run a for-profit business that helps families—mostly of middle or upper income—through the process of college admissions and financial aid for more than 20 years. When asked by his church to help bring a rowdy bunch of junior high students to JAM, Kevin didn't think any more of it than an opportunity to give back to the youth group his kids were attending. But God was working in Kevin's heart, and for the next decade of JAM weekends, Kevin would feel a growing compassion and desire to help children who couldn't afford the services his business offered.

After a long, heartfelt conversation with a struggling single mother at JAM, Kevin felt the prodding of the Holy Spirit to start a

nonprofit more than he ever had before. It was that afternoon that Kevin wrote the plan for what would become Wise Up, a 503c status nonprofit that helps at-risk students through the overwhelming process of college admissions and financial aid with an added benefit of providing each student with an adult mentor through college graduation—all at no cost to the student.

Currently, Wise Up is helping 20 students, and with more funding they foresee helping an additional 25 at any given time. Wise Up partners with community organizations to identify students who are in need and driven to go to college. Kevin



hopes that one day, he will be able to offer these services to a student he has met through JAM.

"Even though my kids have long since left the youth group, I still return to JAM so I can share the experience with the next generation of young people. JAM gets me re-energized and reminds me about how God is using my unique expertise and skills to serve students and show them the love of Christ."

Cultivating Spiritual Growth

Many JAM connections are made through alumni. This is exactly how **Jessica (Hogue) Griffin '18** ended up coming to JAM as a junior high student and later to Cairn as a Christian studies major. She grew up attending Fellowship Bible Church in Winchester, VA, where **Mike Lukens '91** was her youth pastor. Mike had met Matt when he studied at Cairn, so he was eager to bring his youth group back to Cairn's campus when JAM first started. Now a recent University graduate, Jessica still testifies to the lasting impact of JAM in her life as both a junior high student and as a student-leader:

What did you like most about JAM as a junior high student?

During my first year, I was partnered with a six-year-

old girl who had never heard the gospel before. After sitting down with her at the end of the day and presenting the Good News, she prayed with me and spent the rest of the afternoon proclaiming that she was now a Christian! It was one of the sweetest, most humbling moments of my walk with Christ. JAM was an opportunity to witness the incredible power of evangelism and the work of the Holy Spirit! I remember coming home with a new fire and enthusiasm in living out the gospel in my own life.

What made you want to serve at JAM in college?

After having the opportunity to witness the growth of middle

schoolers, both personally and through watching others, I was so excited to be a part of JAM once again during college. It was an honor to join the team each year! Fun fact: I met my husband (**Arthur "AJ" Griffin '16**) while serving at JAM!

Why do you believe JAM is a valuable experience for junior high students?

Before JAM, I can honestly say that I had never learned about evangelism outside of loving



others and reciting John 3:16. Evangelism is at the core of Christianity, and Jesus calls us to make disciples of all men and women. This training does not—and should not—wait until high school or college (or later!). CEF is equipped to train teenagers and beyond, and their program for JAM is

concise and engaging. JAM has transformed my life and walk with Christ. It opened up my eyes to other parts of the world, nurtured my compassion for the lost, inspired me to pursue Christ daily, and changed my perspective on evangelism.

Opening Doors

After helping out with JAM throughout her time as a student, education major **Paige Schamko '16/G'16** was always open to the idea of one day bringing her own classroom to JAM for Kids' Day. When that classroom ended up being a third grade class in a public school in Kensington, it seemed like bringing her classroom to hear the gospel on a Christian school campus would be an uphill battle.

In an effort to get her classroom on Cairn's campus, Matt McAlack set Paige up with Christina Saxon, who worked at a church local to Paige's school. Coming from the church, Christina was able to meet with the principal to ask for permission to invite Paige's classroom to JAM. Paige was able to hand out flyers in her classroom later that same day.

The parents were happy

for me to take the kids off their hands for an afternoon," said Paige. "After we returned from JAM, I had a lot of parents thanking me for bringing their kids and saying that their kids wouldn't stop talking about it. I knew this was something I had to keep doing."

Her students are hearing the gospel—some for the first time—on Cairn's campus, but the impact of JAM goes far beyond the events of Kids' Day. The junior high group that Paige's classroom was paired up with decided that they wanted all of her kids to own their own Bible. The group pitched in the funds so Paige could purchase a copy for every

child in her class. "There are 19 families in Philadelphia that now have the Bible in their homes, and that is a direct result of Kids' Day," said Paige. "Those Bibles can now be read by anyone living in those homes." Additionally, her students are now connected with a gospel-preaching church in their area, and Paige has the opportunity to have more gospel-centered conversations with the parents of her students.



2019 JAM may just be one weekend, and Kids' Day may just be four hours, but God has used JAM over the past 25 years to do great things. Whether it's bringing Bibles to the homes of public school students or sharing the love of Christ through hot dogs, JAM stands as a testament to the eternal impact of serving Christ through the seemingly simple.

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Reaching Generation Z



Why Youth Ministry Is More Important Than Ever

Toni* is a 16-year-old high school student. She succeeds in her honors and AP classes, and she is a starting player on the soccer team. She is attractive and popular. But despite her academic, athletic, and social successes, Toni is struggling. She is filled with anxiety beyond what she can handle. She feels pressure from family, friends, school, and—most of all—herself. Her life is over-programmed and over-controlled, and she feels like she has no freedom.

* Name changed for privacy

Her parents work long hours and never seem to be around or available for her. She feels distant from her family, her friends, and from life itself. Toni is depressed and has had thoughts of taking her own life. She has been cutting herself more and more to find some strange, temporary relief from her pain. Her life feels frantic, out of control, fragmented, and meaningless. She feels hopelessly alone and does not know where to turn.

Toni is just like so many of her generation: Generation Z. Individuals of Generation Z (those born between 1995–2005) are facing what many are calling a “mental health crisis,” having higher levels of anxiety and depression than any generation before them. Almost completely cut off from the wise counsel of an older generation, they experience uncertainty, instability, and broken family dynamics. They are victims of constant comparison with others and inundated with negative messages, pornography, and cyberbullying. They are considered post-Christian, skeptical, and fragmented—a generation that struggles with anxiety in epidemic proportions.

Some people bemoan the perplexing problems that characterize Generation Z, writing the generation off as unreachable; I could not disagree more. **Because when Toni’s friend invited her to youth group, she came.** After developing deep trust through a nurturing environment and close relationships with adults and peers in the youth group, Toni discovered that her emptiness came from her heart’s deep longing for Jesus. Just beginning her journey with Christ, she can already see that Jesus has changed her life forever. So when people ask me whether youth ministry is still needed today, my short answer is, “Yes! It is needed now more than ever.”

It is rumored that youth ministry was first invented in the 1930–40s to attract teenagers through entertaining games and activities in hopes of leading them to Christ. The truth is that youth ministry began in the heart of God. From the earliest pages of Scripture, we see the priority of reaching young people, nurturing them, and encouraging them to follow Christ. The Old Testament commands us to first love the Lord our God with all our hearts and then to impress these things on a younger generation

(Deuteronomy 6:4–9). The Psalmist reflects this as he says, “even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come” (Psalm 71:18, NIV). The Proverbs direct and inspire us to be intentional about passing the wisdom of an older generation to the young. Jesus commanded us to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Strategically it makes sense to make it a priority to reach the young: it is often young people who are the most open to the message of Christ and who then have their entire lives to live for Christ. Jesus modeled incarnational ministry by leaving the luxuries of heaven to come to earth to rescue us. So, we choose to enter into the world of younger people to reach them for Christ.

There is nothing quite like youth ministry in the culture around us. Where else can teenagers find a place where they can develop deep and strong, trusted relationships with older, wiser mentors who can speak into their lives? Where else can teenagers find a safe, protected, trust-filled environment where they can “test their wings,” try new things, and discover who God made them to be? Where else can teenagers contemplate the enduring questions of life in a place where they can ask questions, ponder real-life scenarios, and find biblical wisdom to guide them now and in their future? Where else can teenagers forge lasting friendships that will guide them and determine the quality and direction of their lives? Where can parents of teenagers find support and resources to help them with the challenging directive to disciple their own teenagers?

Teenagers have very few options in our current cultural context to experience these developmental assets as a part of their lives, and we are seeing the results of a generation of teenagers who are lost without hope and without Christ. Youth ministry plays a unique and critically important role in the church and in our culture by providing relationships that give direction, give hope, and—most importantly—give Jesus to this generation.

We cannot sit back and wait for them to come to us; we must follow Jesus’ directive and example to go, enter their lives, and give up our lives to reach them. This will require the church to be

committed for the “long haul.” Cairn has been educating its students to be those faithfully committed, “long-haul” ministry workers for over 100 years, and it has been educating students specifically for vocational youth ministry for over 25 years.

Since 2013, students who study youth ministry at Cairn have been earning degrees in youth and family ministry, learning to effectively minister to teenagers and their families. We recognize that the deepest and most lasting impact in a person’s life is often his/her parents, and the parents of Generation Z are facing challenges that parents have never been confronted with before: high levels of anxiety and depression, exposure to a constant barrage of messages from media, brokenness of family, and an abundance of technology. Cairn graduates are equipped to maximize their impact on students by being a resource and encouragement to parents as they help parents live out God’s calling to be the number one influencer and discipler of their children.

Generation Z is viewed as fragmented, isolated, overexposed, anxious, and under-challenged, but God is working in the hearts of these teens. We will probably not reach them in mass, but rather one at a time. They will not be reached through the youth pastor alone, but through an entire church mobilized to reach them and their families. We will not reach them through programs, but rather by giving up our lives to enter their world just as Jesus entered ours. It will require commitment. It will not be without difficulty or sacrifice. But students like Toni are worth it.

Youth ministry is needed now more than ever. Will you pray that God will raise up an army of youth workers who are willing to give their lives to serve Christ and who are willing to be equipped to declare God’s power to another generation? Would you be willing to join us in praying for this generation? Email me at mmcalack@cairn.edu and I will personally email monthly prayer requests to you.

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A pro motocross racer turned pastor spearheads change at a local skate park.

“We have a group of directionless teens who are always making trouble at the skate park. Could you do something with that?” The Quakertown borough manager couldn’t see it, but Dave’s jaw hung open on the other end of the phone. As a local pastor, he was on a mission to find a way that he could be more involved in the community and influence his neighborhood. But he never thought he would be asked to get back on a bike.

THE RISE OF THE GOOD OLUMS



You can't race dirt bikes for a living" was the most common response Dave Kratz '10/G'18 heard when he talked about his career goals growing up. "People would tell me, 'you need to find something else.' So I set off to prove them wrong."

After graduating high school, Dave's determined and thrill-seeking personality turned pro. For seven years, he raced throughout the United States and Europe. He even earned a factory ride, where he was offered a salary to ride a dirt bike.

"I never made a ton of money, but I had a lot of fun and had a ton of good experiences. Also a lot of injuries, 10 surgeries, 20 broken bones. But regardless, it was awesome!" Dave enthusiastically recalled.

Over seven years those injuries added up. Recently married and suffering from a torn trachea, Dave thought God was calling him to leave the world he loved.

"I just felt that God was calling me to work for results that last for eternity. I had started a Bible study, but I wanted to learn more about the Bible so I could teach it better."

That's when he met Paul Benware, a former Bible professor at the University: "He was teaching a class at our church, and I was hurt from racing. He encouraged me to take General Epistles, and it was crazy because I loved it. I hated school before."

Taking just a couple classes at a time, Dave worked his way through his Bible degree over eight years. It was during this time that he also assumed the role of youth pastor at East Swamp Church in Quakertown. Dave was involved in a lot of ministries through his work at the church, and he took teams all over the world to share the gospel. But in 2006, shortly after returning from a trip, Dave and his church staff began to ask the question, "Would our own community even notice if we closed our doors?"

Dave was still on the phone with the borough manager when the words tumbled out of his mouth: "Well shoot, I love action sports, so we'll go start hanging out there."

The borough was on the verge of a decision to close the skate park be-

cause it had become a growing center for graffiti and drugs among the area's teens. But where the borough saw a problem, Dave saw a unique opportunity to love these kids where they were at—a concept he first learned from his father. While many adults in Dave's life had told him that motocross racing was not something a good church boy should be doing, his father traveled with him to every race and embraced his friends.

"My dad showed me what it looked like to have a relationship with Jesus in a world that I loved, which was on the race track. He came outside the four walls of the church and showed me that Jesus is just as relevant at a race track. I wanted to be able to do the same for the kids at the skate park."

"After just three years of mentoring students and hosting events in the park, the borough made the decision to invest in expanding the park instead of shutting it down."

Modeling his father, Dave and a small team of church volunteers spent hours in the skate park each week in an attempt to build relationships and ultimately change the destructive culture by encouraging the teens to practice their action sports skills.

"We wanted to invest in these guys and really walk with them and enter their world just like Jesus entered ours. We do this by being with them, developing them in their skills and abilities in action sports, and naturally integrating faith through that."

The Birth of Free Fall Action Sports

While these casual hangout times were effective in slowly changing the culture of the park, Dave knew that they needed to give the kids something to work

toward. Similar to the Friday night lights of a Homecoming football game or the spotlight of center stage in the school play, the long hours of practice and hard work of action sports athletes reach their climax when they have the chance to show their skills through demos and other events.

To give these kids their own "center stage" opportunity, Dave reached out to other local churches to partner together to host their first X-Games-styled event in 2008. This annual event includes BMX, skateboard, and scooter competitions, a basketball 3v3 tournament, and field games. Local shops provide prizes for the top competitors, and Camp Woodward, a pro-level action sports facility, raffles off a weekend getaway at their camp. Ultimately, this event provides the opportunity to share the gospel with the community, which occurs through student testimonials or Q&As. This event was given the name "Free Fall," which the entire ministry—Free Fall Action Sports (FFAS)—would later be named after.

In addition to the annual event and regular times of discipleship, FFAS also began hosting a series of summer events. While the kids are not in school, these events give students the opportunity to practice and compete in competitions such as "Best Trick" or "Half-Pipe Jam."

The Rise of the Goodlums

As they continued to work in the park, Dave knew the culture—not just the activities—at the park had to change. 40 percent of Quakertown Community School District teenagers are considered "at-risk" by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. One of the biggest identifiable problems within the skate park was the normalcy of drug use and crime. The teens either were or knew of someone who was engaging in underage drinking, drug use, or other illegal activities. Dave wanted to change this, but to sustain real culture change, it had to be a priority of the kids themselves.

Dave and his team identified individuals who they knew could be positive influences and contribute to the efforts of FFAS. This ragged band of boys appropriately call themselves the "goodlums"—because they aren't "hoodlums." The goodlums all bring their own unique set of skills and abilities

to FFAS, from graphic design to ramp repair. While all of these goodlums are committed to positively contributing to the park, not all of them would identify as followers of Christ. But because of the rich mentorship they receive through FFAS, they are regularly hearing the message of the gospel, and many have come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The goodlums are responsible for representing the mission of FFAS well and maintaining the positive atmosphere of the park. Part of this responsibility also involves traveling outside of the skate park and doing demos for different communities. Dave and the students have traveled throughout the local area to show off their best tricks. This has included a demo presentation at Kids' Day during the University's annual JAM weekend for the last two years.

The goodlums even had the opportunity to serve abroad. One of the students had a desire to serve outside of the local community, so Dave connected with Christian Skaters International Ministry to see how they could do so. Through their connections, FFAS went to El Salvador in March 2019 to help out with a skate and surf camp. Through FFAS, the goodlums have learned the value of serving communities—in Quakertown and beyond—with the gifts and abilities that God has given them.

The Buy-in of the Community (and Tony Hawk)

The fruit of their ministry was quickly evident. After just three years of mentoring students and hosting events in the park, the borough made the decision to invest in expanding the park instead of shutting it down. In 2011, the borough created the Quakertown Main Street Park Committee (QMSPC), of which Dave is chairman, and set a \$1 million fundraising goal. Only \$10,000 was raised over the first six years, making it seem like an expanded, state-of-the-art skate park would never be attainable. But that began to change when Dave contacted a few local, Christian businesses in 2017. The \$100,000 in donations from these businesses and local churches then "catapulted" the community's generosity. In March, family business partners, Marcho Family, Bergey's



Dave and two goodlums at the 10th annual Free Fall event in September 2018

Auto Dealerships, and Hatfield Quality Meats, pledged \$300,000 of matching funds needed to apply for the DCED and DCNR PA State Grants.

In addition to the state grants, QMSPC also applied for a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation, which seeks to "promote high quality, public skate parks in low-income areas throughout the United States." In Summer 2017, the park received \$10,000 from the Tony Hawk Foundation, and the foundation also offered their input and approval on the design of the park.

Both of the state grants that were applied for were approved by December 2017, which gave \$350,000 to the park in addition to the \$300,000 match from the business partnerships. Shortly following the grant approvals, Berks Ridge Company Enterprises donated 100% of their general contracting services to lead the construction of the Energy Center. They leveraged their working relationships, and through the generosity of their subcontractors, many of whom donated their efforts, and the addition of the Kenneth M. Carr Family Business Partner, the funding efforts launched well over \$1 million.

"This incredible year of funding momentum was nothing short of a Christmas miracle!" said Dave. "It was always a big pipe dream to one day expand this park. How God came through on this is just unbelievable. It's about so much more than the money; it's about changing the lives of these young guys."

The Building of Free Fall Energy Center

With the money raised, renovations to the Quakertown Action Park began in September 2018. A ceremonial first shovel was dug into the ground in October 2018. The park renovations will be conducted in three phases, the first of which is constructing the new Free Fall Energy Center. This center will serve as the "home base" of operations for Free Fall Action Sports. The building will include a snack stand, bathrooms, a meeting area, an office, and a media room. The Energy Center is set to open at the 11th annual Free Fall event this September, with construction on the skate park beginning in Spring 2020.

Being a pastor, the executive director of a nonprofit, and the chairman of a skate park fundraising committee—all at the same time—was certainly not part of Dave's high school plans, or even his plans while studying at the University. But the unique ministry that God has crafted is far sweeter and more rewarding than what Dave could have ever imagined. To see a community rally around a gospel-preaching ministry is rare, and Dave's work is certainly a testament to God's faithfulness when we follow His direction.

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Christy (Getz) Glass '09, her husband, Jason, and their daughter, Malia, live in Bangkok, Thailand, where her husband teaches at the International Community School. They serve with the organization Construction of Hope, a branch of Lifesong for Orphans. Construction of Hope provides care, nutrition, education, discipleship, and hope to children of migrant construction workers in Thailand and Cambodia.

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1950s

Mary Getz Strauss '53, '83/G'96 reached the age of 87 this year, and she is still in good health. She had four boys, one is with the Lord and his dad. Her second son teaches at the University of Oklahoma, her third son teaches at Bethel Seminary, and her fourth son lives in Turkey. She has 12 grandchildren (one lives in Bolivia) and four great-grandchildren.

Ben Holcombe '54, at the age of 87, believes that the "Lord still wants me to minister as much as I can." While he recently retired from prison chaplaincy in San Diego, CA, and moved to St. Louis, MO, to be near his daughter, he is still pursuing the opportunity to witness in the St. Charles County Jail located near where he now lives.

Paul Gordon '54 has many of his children in ministry. His son Tom is the archbishop of the Orthodox Anglican Church, and his son Drew is publications editor for the Reformed Presbyterian denomination. His daughter, Elizabeth, is married to a Southern Baptist pastor, and his grandson is the youth minister at a Presbyterian church.

1960s

Tom Houston '67 retired on December 31, 2018. He pastored churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Texas, and he was executive vice president of Dallas Bible College for 11 years. For the last 28 years, he was pastor of Wylie Bible Church in Wylie, TX. He and his wife, Betty, still reside in Texas.

1 Andrew Sullivan '69 has retired after 40 years of pastoring in four churches with American Baptist Churches of Maine. He recently attended the ABCOM Convention meeting in Sugarloaf. He just recently began using a cane. His wife, **Mary Jane (Rowe) '68**, has been his driver since 2012 when he had a stroke. Together they co-teach the adult class at Corliss Street Baptist Church. The picture is of Andrew and his granddaughter, Olivia, at the Bath Senior Center, where he enjoys playing bocce. He stayed there while his wife was on a two-week mission trip to Hungary. She was serving as a native English speaker at an English chess camp for a school in Budapest and in Miskolc at an English Bible camp at a baptist church.

2 Sylvester Sheely '69 has retired after 40 years of being the district superintendent of the New England District and pastoring churches with the Evangelical Free Church of America. He and his wife, Jill, are now enjoying time with their four daughters and eleven grandchildren.

1970s

3 John Fischer '70 was recently elected as president of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations. The Union is the oldest of the associations for Messiah Jewish synagogues. He continues to serve as rabbi of Congregation Ohr Chadash as well as vice president of academic affairs at St. Petersburg Seminary and Yeshiva, both in Clearwater, FL. He's also on the visiting faculty of Denver Seminary.

4 Nancy Charles-Parker '70 (left) and **Linda Fitzhenry Campbell '70** (right) – classmates and fellow Scroll editors – take vacations together about once a year and often combine some great trips with at least one visit to a project that they support. They visited several Christian ministries in Bethlehem and other West Bank/Palestinian Authority (PA) towns. They spent several days at Bethlehem Bible College, the only such school in the PA, which trains pastors, teachers, radio and TV presenters, social workers, and tour guides. While in Jerusalem, they traveled to the Masada. They have future plans to travel to Greece to visit a ministry to Syrian and Kurdish refugees, Turkey to meet leaders of an active Black Sea outreach to refugees and non-believing Turks, and to Peru to an indigenous outreach in the Andes.

Kenneth Pye '73 has taught in Christian schools in New Jersey for 12 years, in Florida for 24 years, and in Asia for 10 years. He married Luanne (Stothers) in 1973. They had four wonderful children. She died suddenly in 1997. His children are all grown and happily married, providing him with 16 grandchildren. God called him to teach in Asia in 2008. He taught six years in China, three years in Vietnam, and is currently teaching in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He is teaching a group of refugees from Burma who are involved in a five-year medical program and who are preparing to return to their people who are in dire need of medical care. His job is to teach English so that they can better communicate with the doctors they will eventually be working with in remote clinics.



Finding a Place

After working with at-risk youth in her home country of Chile, **Carla Contreras G'13** wanted to further her education in order to help others more effectively. She decided to pursue a MS in Counseling at Cairn because the program provided the biblical integration and professional training she was looking for.

During her studies, she received instruction and participated in labs that brought about significant transformation in her. Her degree led her to an internship with The Place of Refuge: a counseling center in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia that serves the needs of its predominantly Latino community. Five years later, she remains there on staff. "To be able to bring what I was able to receive at Cairn to a community that usually doesn't get to experience counseling in a professional, compassionate, respectful way ... it's only something that God could have put in place," Carla explains.

Carla's time at Cairn gave her the preparation she needed to effectively integrate her faith and her work. For the foreseeable future, she plans to keep using what she learned in the Kensington community. "I am convinced that God wants me here," Carla says. "I feel a lot of peace and a lot of gratitude for being able to serve in this community."



5 Gary Walter '75 has spent the past nine years as pastor of congregational care at Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church.

Donald Hawk '77 is currently the chief racing development officer of Speedway Motorsports Inc (NYSE: TRK), where he also serves on the Executive Leadership team. He is also the executive VP of INEX, which is the competition sanctioning body for US Legend Cars International. He serves on the National Board of Directors for Speedway Children's

Charities, founded by its chairman, Bruton Smith. The charity has raised over \$52 million for distribution to the benefit of children. More than all of his work, he loves the Lord Jesus Christ; his wife, Cyndee; their four children; and 13 grandchildren. He says that he is "a very blessed child of Christ, husband, father, father-in-law, and Grampy." Donald says that "Cairn was a very important part of my education; it helped me to develop the foundation of my role in my family, life in general, our church and the business decisions I make on a daily basis."

1980s

Tom Larmore '83 is finishing his 18-year Bible exposition teaching ministry in Guam. This ministry has involved two Sunday church services; Bible institute courses; daily radio and television programs; and mission outreaches to the Philippines, Myanmar, and India. He is currently looking for a pastoral position on the west coast of the United States to be near his family.

6 Ralph Plumley '84 has served with Marketplace Chaplains since 2015, demonstrating the love of God to employees

through chaplain teams. He is currently executive director of operations, overseeing chaplains and the services they provide to businesses.

7 David Fox '84 moved back to Maple Shade, NJ, his hometown.

Robert Turner '85 completed the educational leadership doctoral program at Gardner Webb University. He is currently assisting with Extraordinary You through FreeWayNC, an awareness prevention human trafficking curriculum.

8 Scott Hatfield '86 currently works at a CCRC (Havenwood Heritage Heights) in Concord, NH, in sales/marketing. His wife, Heather (Fahy), is a realtor. They are blessed with three daughters, three sons-in-law, and four grandkids.

1990s

9 Dan Miller '92 recently led a group of people from his church to Israel for an 11-day tour. He helped start the church, and he now serves as the lead pastor.

Lisa LaGeorge '93 is serving at Children's Hunger Fund as the director of the CHF Academy. Their mission is to deliver hope to suffering children by equipping local churches for gospel-centered mercy ministry. She continues to speak at women's retreats and write at lisalageorge.com.

10 Troy Brindle '93 attended the 2018 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) National Board meeting in Washington, DC. Troy (left, back row) served as regional representative for Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Deborah (Harris) Decker '95 had the opportunity to work for Miss Karen Abercrombie—who plays Miss Clara in *War Room*—on her upcoming movie, *Just Grace*. She was blessed to meet some great Christian musicians, speakers, actors, and actresses during that time.

11 Peter Mbugua '98/G'00 and his wife, **Gail '98**, were visited by several Cairn alumni who came to Gatamaiyu, Kenya, to serve at the Benjamin Wellness Center in January 2018. This center is a clinic ministering in a very poor area where Peter grew up. **Ken Benjamin**, Cairn School of Music faculty member (1975–2004), was Peter's mentor and helped him study at Cairn, so the clinic was named in his memory. Pictured standing left to right (back row)

Peter, Gail, Kathy Benjamin, Kathleen Meacham WWC'10/'13 (front row) **Mindy (Bleecher) Benjamin '99, Ruth Nelson '14, Tiffany Gower '15.**

Tara (Hoffert) Willard '99 and her husband have four children (two biological and two adopted) and are currently foster parents for Diakon. Tara works part-time with children and youth at their church.

2000s

Eric Smith '01/G'03 has worked as the supervisor of clinical services at Lakeside School in Horsham, PA, since August 2017. Lakeside works with students who have struggled in public schools, employing a trauma-informed, therapeutic approach to alternative education.

Heather (Mades) Chabin '01 is currently working for Beacon Health Options as a clinical supervisor and as an adjunct counselor with Transformed by Grace.

Erin Smith '02 is a stay-at-home mom to four boys. She keeps busy with mom life and volunteering in children's ministries at her church.

Nicole (Corrado) McKinney '03 will celebrate her 10th wedding anniversary in September. Their daughter is in 1st grade. Nicole works for Live Nation at their outdoor concert venues. She is also the leader of a multi-level Girl Scout troop, where her daughter is a Daisies Scout.

Kimberli Conrad '04 is living in South Jersey and teaching first grade in Lindenwold Public Schools. She has the honor and privilege of raising her goddaughter and her younger sister, so she is the proud Mama of two precious girls, Ashley (9) and Mia (3).

Janice (Baker) Dunkerton '04 and her husband are working with AIM International at its retirement center in Minneola, FL. Janice says it is such "a joy to be a part of the [lives] of missionaries who have served in Africa." Many of those missionaries also attended Cairn.

Jessica (Ryle) Kristiansen '05 has been married to her husband, Dave, for 13 years, and they live in Telford, PA, with their two boys: Kaleb (10) and Jakey (8). They are homeschooling the boys for the first time this year and are "loving it!"

Erin (Pennypacker) Hallman '05 is serving as the coordinator of academic services at High Point Baptist Academy in Geigertown, PA. She



Studying Love

When **John Van Epp '80** was a biblical and pastoral studies student at Cairn, he thought he was preparing for a life of pastoring. After graduation, he accepted a position with his home church in Ohio and soon became the founding pastor of a church plant. While pastoring the church, John continued his education, earning a master's in counseling and a second master's in church history. John then completed his PhD in psychology at the University of Akron and transitioned into 25 years of full-time counseling.

Counseling led John to the opportunity to begin writing books and programs about relationship health. His experience as a pastor had shown him the connection between behavioral sciences, social psychology, and Scripture. With this perspective, he wrote two books, including *How to Avoid Falling in Love with a Jerk*, which has been successful in leading people across the country toward better relational health.

Looking forward, John has plans to write two more books, both within his field of developing healthy relationships. He enjoys working with his eldest daughter, Dr. Morgan Van Epp Cutlip, in his organization, Love Thinks, LLC which provides training and materials for his eight relationship programs. The Relationship Goals church-wide series is a unique 6-week series with sermons, small group studies for singles and marrieds, and lessons for elementary and youth groups—all learning how Van Epp's Relationship Attachment Model can help explain our relationships with God and others.



and her husband, Ben, live at Camp Sankanac, where he serves full-time. They have three children: Jacob (6), Samuel (4), and Kate (2).

Aaron Landis '06 is currently serving as the pastor of teaching and discipleship at East Swamp Church in Quakertown, PA.

Ken Bond '07 lives in South Jersey with his wife, Naomi, and two daughters. He recently started a new role at the New Jersey Department of Education as acting director of the Office of the Professional Learning Network. He is also a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania and recording a new album with his band, Out of Service.

1 2 Dekia Smith G'07 earned a doctorate in higher education leadership and innovation from Wilmington University in May 2018. In August 2018, she was promoted to associate dean of student success and retention at Bucks County Community College. In this position, she oversees counseling services, the accessibility office, and the KEYS program, as well as the Bucks Care Team, which includes the behavioral and academic intervention teams.

1 3 Eric Lewis '08 is the facilities manager at Victory Valley Camp. His wife, **Emily (Rice) '08**, does some substitute teaching at two area Christian schools and stays home with their two

children: Elijah (3) and Josiah, who was born in October 2018.

1 4 Doug G'08 and **Sara G'12 Magee** moved to Nashville, TN, with their three sons, Dougie, Colden, and Theo. Doug recently completed his doctorate program at Vanderbilt's Peabody College, where he studied education policy. Doug is also the associate head of Ensworth High School.

1 5 Rebecca (Hofmaier) Ramos '09 welcomed her first born, Samuel Louis Ramos, into her family on June 16, 2018.

Amanda (Vnuk) Benbow '09 works as a school social worker at an alternative high school

near Wilkes Barre, PA. She lives with her husband and her two future Cairn students: Jonah (7) and Jovienne (3).

2010s

Anne Richmond '11 has been head math teacher at Hinkson Christian Academy in Moscow, Russia, since 2013.

Kelsey Kolyer '11 is currently working as a sales/marketing director in a 55+ active adult community in a suburb north of Austin, TX. She will be facilitating new project sales for their new communities in San Antonio, TX, as well as a northern suburb of Fort Worth, TX.

1 6 Tyler Warfel '11 and his wife, Joanna, live in Greenwood, DE, with their two kids, Annie (5) and Hudson (1). He teaches high school math and Bible and coaches the varsity boy's basketball team at Greenwood Mennonite School.

Kimberly Martin '12 is currently enrolled in graduate school at Metropolitan State University of Denver and will graduate in May 2020. She will be receiving her Master of Social Work with a concentration in macro social work practice. She continues to work at The Matthew's House but in a different position as a foster care trainer.

1 7 Wayne Peiffer '12 and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their baby boy, Wyatt Clayton Peiffer, into the world on January 30, 2019, at 11:12 pm. He was born 7 lbs 15 oz and 20 3/4 inches in length, and they are "praising God for His goodness and our bundle of joy!" Wayne is a fourth grade teacher, and Kelly is an assistant professor in the School of Business.

Ben Rizzo '13 and his wife just bought their first home in Levittown, PA. They are expecting their second child, a son named Wyatt. Ben has been working for a major media company, Dow Jones, and now its parent company, News Corp, as a senior IT professional for three years.

Sarah (Heffner) MacDonald '13 is working at Access Services as an assistant director for quality and compliance for the agency's adult behavioral health and crisis programs. She got married in 2017 and is back at Cairn to finish her MS in Counseling.

1 8 Heidi (Zentz) Johnson '13 married Andrew Johnson on October 20, 2018. She started a new job teaching secondary choir and Bible at Cypress Christian School in Cypress, TX.

1 9 Olusegun Oludipe G'15 thanks God for allowing him to attend Cairn University. He states that he "saw Christ and His love demonstrated by my professors." He has been able to demonstrate this same love in his organization, and there has been a tremendous turnaround in productivity. He is currently the national administrator of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) in Nigeria. He has changed the perspective on discipline of over 1,000 teachers in Nigeria. They now "disciple before we discipline."

2 0 Seth Richardson '15 and his wife, **Becky (McSain) '16**, had Paige Noelle Hope on November 1, 2018.

David Gannon '15 is currently serving at Faith Promise Church as a youth leader. The church currently serves 650 students to help with their journey with Christ.

2 1 Hannah Merschen '16 has been working at Access Services as the communications and events manager since graduation. Access Services is a nonprofit creating better ways to support individuals with special needs. Her responsibilities include coordinating agency events (internal and external), public relations, social media, producing and coordinating copy for internal and external newsletters, and partnering with resource development around key projects.

Danielle Heron '17 recently moved to Dallas, TX, to pursue a degree in Christian leadership at Dallas Theological Seminary.

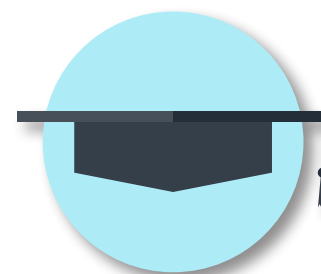
2 2 Noelle Orr '18/G'18 is starting her fourth quarter of 13 at Palmer College of Chiropractic and is set to graduate in December of 2021 as a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine.

2 3 Jordon Cox '18 is the youth pastor at Quakertown United Methodist Church. He married his wife, Steph (Reif), in September.

2 4 Sara Fiscus '18 earned her Master of Social Services at Bryn Mawr College in May 2019. She is interning at Bethany Christian Services in Lancaster, PA, in their Post-Permanency unit, serving families who have adopted domestically or internationally. On the weekends, she works at Sight and Sound Theatres. She serves in her home church, Stillwater's Presbyterian Church, by singing on the praise team.

2 5 Lydia (Hill) '18 married **Nathan Garrison '18** on May 18, 2019. Lydia has been the managing editor of *Cairn* since January 2018. Nate recently completed his first year in Cairn's MDiv program, and he oversees event setup and the student custodial team for Cairn Campus Services.

LOOKING BACK



Who was your favorite professor?

It may be hard to choose, but tell us who was the best professor from your perspective and what he or she did that makes you so fond of him or her. Memories submitted by November 1 will be included in the next issue of *Cairn*.

Space is limited, so submissions may be edited to include as many as possible.

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Mrs. Lenore (Peggy) Witman Ellison '50
died on September 30, 2018
Miss Loretta M. Eberly '51
died on October 7, 2018
Mr. Russell M. Ruch '51
died on March 18, 2018
Mrs. M. Eileen Bell Troester '51
died on March 3, 2019
Mrs. Helen Rohrer Beerley '52
died on November 15, 2018
Mrs. Louise VanBuskirk Gingrich '52
died on October 15, 2018
Rev. Edward E. Plowman Jr. '52
died on December 19, 2018
Mrs. Marian Matteson Scott '52
died on May 14, 2017

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died on November 20, 2018
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died on November 1, 2018
Chap. Paul L. Hershey '56
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Rev. Bertram E. Moore Sr. '57
died on November 4, 2018
Mrs. Jacqueline Satterwhite Katz '58
died on September 21, 2018
Mrs. Bertha Mae Reiff Neuenschwander '61
died on August 24, 2017
Rev. William J. McCleary '62
died on December 9, 2018
Mrs. Louise Blouch Riley '63
died on January 9, 2019

Pastor Robert Orr '64
died on June 11, 2018
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died on November 27, 2018
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Former alumni director Louise Reilly passes away at 77 years old.

Louise (Blouch) Riley '63/G'98 graduated from Cairn in 1963 with an undergraduate degree and then again in 1998 with a graduate degree. She married her husband, **Jack Riley '97/G'99**, on July 13, 1970, and together they had two children, **Michael Riley '97/G'00** and **Cristina (Riley) Dunn '97**. Their family served the Lord on the mission field for four years in Argentina and for 12 years in Spain.

Louise served as the alumni director at Cairn University from 1995 to 2004 when she retired. Serving during the time of transition between college and University status, Louise played a key role in uniting alumni to support the direction of the University. She will always be remembered for her joy for the Lord and her enthusiasm for the University and its alumni.





This graduate of the class of '64 and former professor of biblical exposition touched the lives of many students in the 1970s and beyond. He coached the baseball team and held numerous staff positions over the years. He also taught at the New Jersey campus until June 2001. Throughout his career at Cairn, he inspired students to honor and serve Christ with their whole heart.

Please share your favorite memories of this mystery Highlander by emailing magazine@cairn.edu or by writing to:
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Last Issue's Mystery Highlander



Pete Kolody '49
 1921-2008

served over 30 years as maintenance and grounds supervisor

Peter Kolody greeted me early on in my freshman year (1974), and I commented how he looked so much like my father. As soon as I saw his picture in Cairn magazine, I still thought the same thing, as if I were looking at my father's look-a-like. We bonded immediately as he did with countless other students. I often sat with him and others (Margaret in house-keeping) at their table in the dining area, feeling as comfortable as if I were eating with family. Having his "Uncle" attention with kind words—and I suspect some anonymous funds in my mailbox—gave him a place in my fond memories of my time at Cairn.

Beverly (Sliwinski) Hurlburt '78

I have very fond memories of Uncle Pete. When I arrived at Cairn University in August 2001 as an international student, I developed a quick and lasting relationship with Uncle Pete. I had a lot to learn about the University and the United States, and he had a lot to learn about Kenya.

Uncle Pete took me out on my first diner experience in America. When I moved out of the dorms in Pennel, Uncle Pete came and took me food shopping on multiple occasions. When my family joined me here two years after my arrival, Uncle Pete showed up at our apartment with bagfuls of groceries. He showed me and my family love that is beyond what I can address here.

Njoroge Muchiri '05

"Uncle Pete" Kolody was a genuine Cairn "character." Traveling at high speed with his limp from shrapnel he got when he was blown off the deck of the Gambier Bay in World War II, he worked as though he had no such thing. Famous for renovating the petrified boilers at 18th and Arch and later taking charge of the Pennel dorms, Peter was a master of many trades, especially plumbing and tiling. Female residents will remember his unique door knock (from Bolero), his pinkie wave, and "Hello, Doll." He made the college his home and supported the music program and sports teams, going to every—every—concert and as many sports matches as he could fit in. Thank the Lord for the example of His servant Uncle Pete!

Bill Priebe, friend and coworker

"When my family joined me here two years after my arrival, Uncle Pete showed up at our apartment with bagfuls of groceries."

Mystery person is Pete Kolody. He was well known by all who attended Cairn in the 1980s and 1990s.

George Walter '93

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Opinions should be a maximum of 200 words and include full name, city and state, and class year (if applicable). They may be edited for length and clarity.

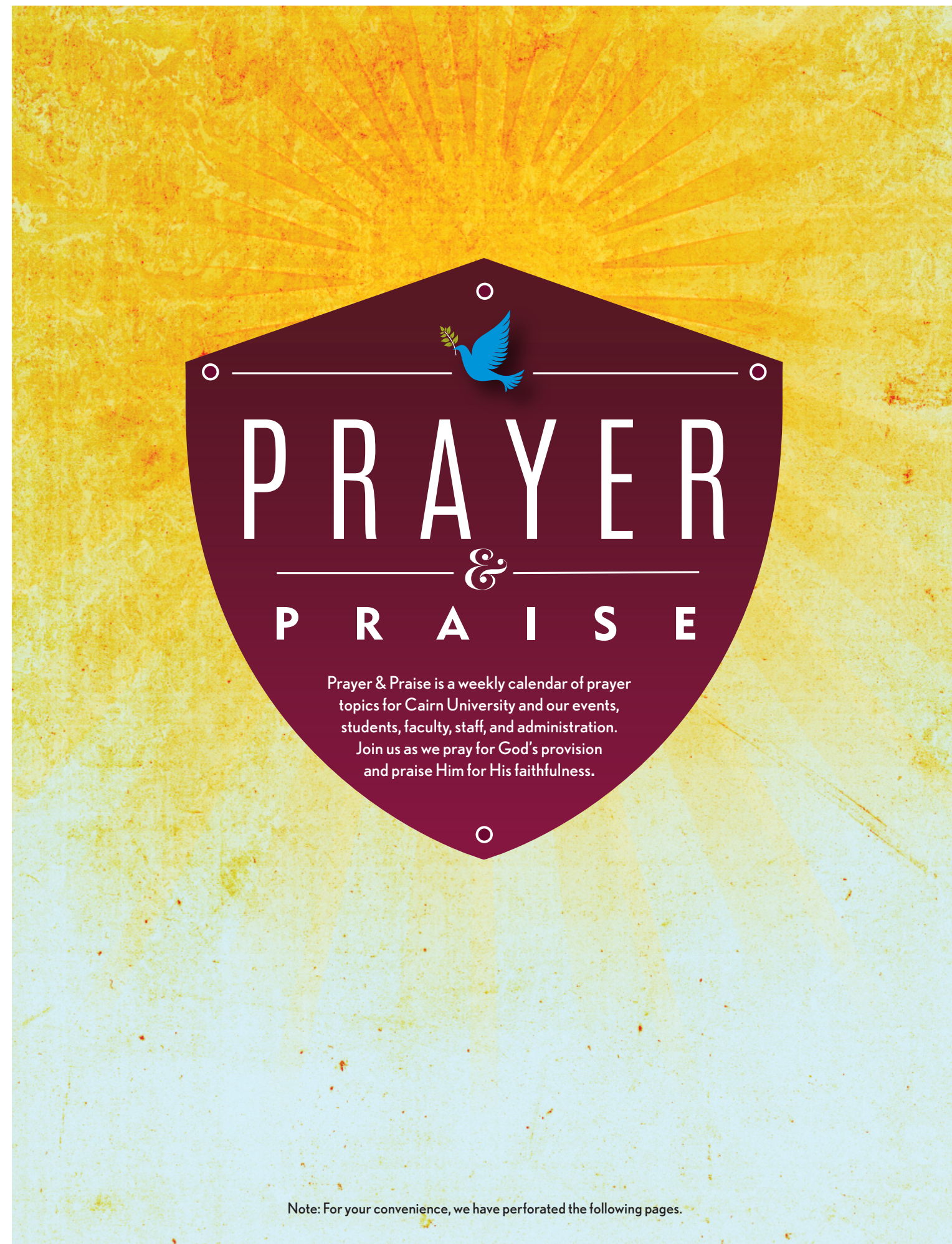
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Note: For your convenience, we have perforated the following pages.

August

AUGUST 1-3:
Pray for students' diligence as they finish summer courses.

AUGUST 4-10:
Praise God for giving us life, and pray we learn to recognize His provisions more fully.

AUGUST 11-17:
Pray Residence Life staff will have the wisdom to effectively cultivate loving community on campus in the upcoming semester.

AUGUST 18-24:
Pray new students arriving during orientation week will feel welcomed and supported as they begin their time at Cairn.

AUGUST 25-31:
Pray for faculty and students as they begin a new semester and for their continued growth intellectually and spiritually.

September

SEPTEMBER 1-7:
Praise God for the personal, spiritual, and academic investment of the faculty and staff in students.

SEPTEMBER 8-14:
Pray for the president and the provost as they continue to seek God's guidance and wisdom for the University.

SEPTEMBER 15-21:
Pray students will feel welcome at the University.

SEPTEMBER 22-30:
Praise God for the ability to reconnect with alumni at Homecoming.

October

OCTOBER 1-5:
Praise God for the hardworking cafeteria and security staff.

OCTOBER 6-12:
Pray for prospective students visiting Cairn throughout the semester as they prayerfully explore college options.

OCTOBER 13-19:
Pray students enjoy a restful fall break as they approach the middle of the semester.

OCTOBER 20-26:
Pray for the deans as they lead programs that prepare students for work and service in their respective fields of study.

OCTOBER 27-31:
Pray for wisdom and guidance as students register for the next semester.

November

NOVEMBER 1-9:
Pray for students serving in various ministries in the community around Cairn.

NOVEMBER 10-16:
Praise God for our veterans and their honorable service.

NOVEMBER 17-23:
Pray for the Kidsport program at Cairn and for the health and physical education majors who serve the local homeschool community.

NOVEMBER 24-30:
Pray students may relax over Thanksgiving break and that they will be thankful for God's blessings.

December

DECEMBER 1-7:
Pray for strength, endurance, and diligence as students conclude the semester and approach finals week.

DECEMBER 8-14:
Praise God for the growth and development of students graduating in the Fall Commencement.

DECEMBER 15-21:
Pray for safety as students travel home for winter break.

DECEMBER 22-28:
Praise God for the coming of His Son who is Immanuel, God with us.

DECEMBER 29-31:
Pray for the University to have the wisdom to discern and follow God's will in the new year.

January

JANUARY 1-4:
Pray for students as they prepare to return to campus for the spring semester.

JANUARY 5-11:
Praise God for hardworking staff in campus services, financial aid, and technology services.

JANUARY 12-18:
Pray for students and leaders as they make preparations for mission trips.

JANUARY 19-25:
Pray for University administration as they make plans for moving forward while standing firm on the University's Christ-centered mission statement.

JANUARY 26-31:
Praise God for the faculty who are committed to the growth of our students.



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- > Athletic Events
- > Brunch with the President
- > Alumni Reception

- > Reunions
 - 1969
 - 1989
 - School of Social Work
 - Men's Basketball
 - Chorale

- > Chorale Concert
- > Gourmet Food Trucks

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