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Reflections and Remembrances

by Dr. Todd J. Williams

Over the course of the past couple months, I have had several occasions to reminisce and reflect on the past. I found myself not simply feeling nostalgic, as sometimes happens, but rather following threads and interconnections that have had real meaning in my life and our work here at Cairn. Time rolls over us like water over stones in a streambed, and before we realize it, years and even people have passed, leaving us with only memories. It is our choice to take this passage of time and cumulative change in life for granted or reflectively see it as God's beautiful and gracious shaping of our lives according to His infinitely wise purposes. Time, experiences, relationships—these are the things of life, and they are not static. Like the changing of the seasons or the tides, life—and the stuff of which it is made—ebbs and flows, sometimes without our noticing and far too often without our reflection upon its meaning, lessons, and impact. When we are given moments that lend themselves to thoughtful reflection, we would do well to take advantage of those moments and allow the reflection to cause us to look forward with hopeful anticipation to what God will do. This is where I have found myself lately: wanting to not miss these moments.

In December, Dr. Jonathan Master '98, alumnus and dean of the School of Divinity, delivered the Commencement address, which is presented to you in this issue of the magazine. He did an outstanding job, as did his fellow alum and dean, Dr. Lloyd Gestoso '92 in May, when he reached his 20-year service mark last year. I asked Dr. Master to speak

because he is leaving us and I wanted the Cairn community to have the chance to hear from him in this setting before he moved on to his new post as president of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in South Carolina at the end of this academic year. As I sat on the platform listening to him speak, I could not help but think back over the threads and interconnections God has woven. Jonathan is a friend and former student of mine and many others on the faculty. He has been a colleague and a leader whom I came to trust and rely upon at Cairn. But there is more warp and woof to our relationship than that. His father, who served here for many years, taught me when I was a student, served as one of my divisional chairs when I was academic dean in the late 1990s, and even into his retirement became a voice that often reminded me of the importance of grace and faith in both my life and work. I am so very grateful that Jonathan, whom I taught, and whose father taught me, taught my son and played a part in shaping his love for and understanding of God's Word.

In January, I spent an evening with my friend and predecessor, Dr. Sherrill Babb. He was in town for the memorial service held for Miss Mae Stewart, who went home to be with the Lord on December 30. We enjoyed wonderful dinner conversation where we rehearsed so many memories of what God has done in and through the University during our respective and overlapping years here. We also enjoyed reminding one another of the many people and the many happenings that made up those years. Again, when we stop and think about it, it is hard to miss the appointed ways in which our lives are so intricately woven together by the hand of a



“When we are given moments that lend themselves to thoughtful reflection, we would do well to take advantage of those moments and allow the reflection to cause us to look forward with hopeful anticipation to what God will do.”

sovereign God. Miss Stewart's time at Cairn was significant. So was the impact she had on the institution she loved and the people who shared her. This was a recurring theme in all the words spoken of her at her memorial service. Dr. Babb and I, along with trustee and Cairn alum Liz Mason Givens '69, all participated in the ceremony, sharing our reflections on Miss Stewart and her life and service at Cairn. And the connections and threads that ran through her life and work were evident. Her impact will be felt for generations. That afternoon, alumni, friends, current and former faculty and staff, as well as Miss Stewart's family and church family all came together to reflect upon her life and faithful service to God. It was a special day to not only remember her, but the way God shaped her, all of us, and this University.

So many remembrances and so much water over the stones. So much for which to be thankful. So many reasons to be hopeful and forward-thinking, anticipating how God will use the ebb and flow of life and the changes that accompany it to accomplish His purposes in us and this world in the years to come and in the lives of those who will follow us. I trust this issue will cause you to reflect and be thankful for the time and people in your own life, and that you would be encouraged to look forward to what is yet to come to pass.

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.

In this issue we highlight the women's soccer team's historic win, special guests who recently came to campus, the latest artwork displayed in the Eastburn Gallery, and a student-athlete who decided to study medicine after a positive experience with an injury.

Women's Soccer Wins CSAC Championship for the First Time in Cairn History

The Highlanders capped off their record-setting season in the best possible way, defeating Cedar Crest in an instant classic for their first-ever CSAC Championship.

In a scoreless battle, the Highlanders notched the two best chances in the first half with shots from Lauren Costa and Sarah Jackson, both forcing Cedar Crest's keeper into acrobatic saves off the line. The Falcons threatened with seven shots on goals, but center backs Tori Ruitto and Sierra Kiekel did a truly stellar job to bottle up CSAC Player of the Year Daria Warner, with freshman keeper Kyrstin

Jarvis also showing incredible poise in the net.

The first 90 minutes ended scoreless and the game headed to overtime. The Highlanders buckled down and kept the game even, heading to penalty kicks with an attempt to redeem last year's shootout loss in the CSAC semifinal. Senior Sierra Kiekel set the tone for the Highlanders, smashing her attempt into the left corner. The Highlanders trailed after Katie Jordan's shot soared high and hit the crossbar, but to their credit Cairn never panicked. Emily Minard, Tori

Ruitto, Sarah Jackson, and Brea Zellner each rifled perfect penalties into the back of the net as the pressure built with every passing second.

On the other end, Jarvis stayed patient, coming close to multiple saves, but narrowly missing. Jarvis' patience paid off in the sixth round. Cairn's keeper, the CSAC rookie of the year, fainted left and lunged right, stopping the shot from Cedar Crest's Sarah Nawrocki and clinching the first CSAC title in Cairn women's soccer history.



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HEARD IN CHAPEL

“We were like arsonists trapped in buildings we had set ablaze, loving the heat. But God, in His mercy and powerful, redeeming love, rescued us from the present evil age by bringing us a foretaste of the age to come.”

Dr. Keith Plummer, professor of theology, School of Divinity

Eugene Vickers Celebrates 104th Birthday and Military Honor on Veterans Day

On Veterans Day 2019, longtime Cairn employee Eugene Vickers celebrated his 104th birthday at the Navy Museum in Washington D.C. There, he received a plaque honoring his service in World War II.

Eugene Vickers served as a lieutenant and chaplain in the U.S. Navy and was trained at Harvard as a communications officer. He served in this role aboard two warships in the South West



Pacific. After his honorable service in World War II, Vickers went on to work at Cairn University for nearly 45 years. His extensive Cairn career included many positions, such as Cairn's first soccer coach, director of the evening school, director of alumni, and director of admissions. Eugene's influence on the University lasted long after his retirement, as his four daughters and six of his grandchildren have attended Cairn.



Masland Library Teams Up with Innovative to Develop More Effective Search Engine

The Masland Library staff has teamed up with Innovative: a library software and services company for over 10,000 libraries worldwide. Innovative develops new technology to optimize libraries' research capabilities, and Cairn was one of two higher-ed institutions to help develop the new search engine, Inspire Discovery. The engine's context

wheel provides researchers with a visual of the relationships between what they search for and what could be other sources pertinent to their research. This new tool helps students find the best possible resources—including print books, e-books, articles, and media—that they may not have thought of themselves.



Christopher Yuan

Christopher Yuan, author and speaker on faith and sexuality, was on campus in September to speak on how the gospel shapes our understanding of sexuality. You can watch his later conversation with Dr. Jonathan Master at cairn.edu/news.



Keith and Kristyn Getty

In October, Keith and Kristyn Getty hosted their Sing! Regional Summit on Cairn's campus. The morning conference and children's event were followed by an evening concert at Patriots Theater at the Trenton War Memorial.

Women's Volleyball Raises Money for Cancer Treatment with Dig Pink 2019



Started by the Side-Out Foundation for stage IV breast cancer research, Dig Pink is a fundraising initiative held by women's volleyball programs of all levels across the country.

Cairn women's volleyball held its first Dig Pink in 2018. As women's volleyball coach Whitney Seidel '17 explains, Dig Pink is an initiative that supports her core belief that "collegiate athletics is at its best when it is coupled with service and community impact off the court." This year, the team's fundraising efforts doubled last year's total, reaching over \$1,500. The funds went to the Breathing Room Foundation: an

organization based in Jenkintown, PA, that offers emotional, physical, and financial support to individuals and families affected by cancer.

The Breathing Room Foundation is of particular importance to the Highlanders; the foundation supports freshman libero Lizzy Fay and her family as her mother battles cancer. The Fay family was honored before the game, and the audience gave them a touching round of applause. "I am so proud of my athletes and how these young women have embraced this cause," Coach Seidel explains. "I am excited to see how our annual event grows in the future."



Icosahedrons Installation

This installation in the Biblical Learning Center commemorates Magnus Wenninger's 100th birthday with 100 icosahedrons. It was constructed by mathematics professor Dale Siegenthaler and students from Cairn University and Veritas Academy, using Wenninger's suggestions.

Wenninger (October 31, 1919–February 17, 2017) was an American mathematician and Benedictine monk who specialized in the study of polyhedrons and the construction of paper polyhedron models.



Andrew Lewis

In November, Andrew Lewis of the PA House of Representatives spoke in Cairn's Holmes Hall on the importance of personal character in public service. His talk was followed by a Q&A with Cairn faculty and students. This informative event offered students and other attendees an inside look at state-level government politics.

Cairn University Signs Admissions Agreements with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Students at Cairn University now have a streamlined way to pursue graduate studies in pharmaceuticals, biomedical

sciences, and forensics, thanks to three agreements recently signed by Cairn University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

PCOM will accept up to three Cairn University students per year into its Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Biomedical Sciences (MS), and MS in Forensic Medicine programs. Cairn students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative and science cumulative GPA, take specific prerequisite courses, apply to their chosen graduate program, and have a successful interview

with the PCOM admissions committee in order to be considered for admission.

"These admissions agreements with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine offer Cairn students a streamlined path to several of PCOM's excellent graduate programs," said Dr. Brenda Mellon, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "They will allow more Cairn students to serve Christ in the fields of science and medicine."

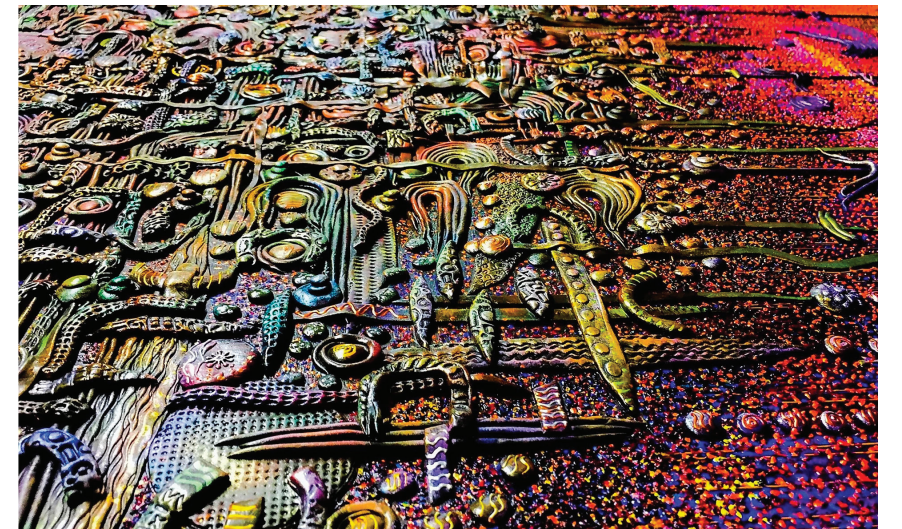
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"The church goes into the dungeon so that the dungeon becomes the church. God came down to lift us up. He became like us so that we might become like Him. He came down to this dung-filled dungeon you and I call earth, sat with us, touched us, and loved us."

Dr. Diane Langberg
Author, *Suffering and the Heart of God*



Elioenai (Toward God are Mine Eyes) on Display in Eastburn Gallery

Elioenai is an exhibit of works by Jun Gueco Cruz. Cruz is a visual artist who seeks to portray "the science of life" through massive depictions of cellular processes and human anatomy. As an artist and practicing health care provider, Cruz merges his spiritual walk with medical science into biomorphic forms of expression in his art.

On display from January 17 through May 8

Location: Connie A. Eastburn Gallery, Cairn University
200 Manor Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047
Gallery Hours: 8:30 am–4:30 pm
Learn more at cairn.edu/arts.

Dr. Jonathan Master Addresses Fall 2019 Graduates at Commencement Ceremony



In December, Dr. Jonathan Master gave the Fall 2019 Commencement address to the University's most recent graduates. Dr. Master is an alumnus of the University and has served as dean of the School of Divinity since 2012. During his introduction, President Williams announced that Dr. Master will be leaving the University in July 2020 to assume the presidency at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in South Carolina. While Dr. Master will be

deeply missed by students, faculty, and staff, President Williams reminded the crowd that "the Kingdom is much larger than this University," and we are excited for the work that he will do in this new role.

Dr. Master's message is a powerful one with a pertinent application to our lives, and we believe it is worth sharing with those who were not in the gymnasium that morning. Read an abridged transcription of his message to the graduates on page 20.

Angel Blue

In January, Metropolitan Opera soprano Angel Blue hosted a master class, where she gave feedback on music students' vocal performances. Ms. Blue has emerged in recent seasons as one of the most important sopranos before the public today and made history in 2019 by becoming the first African-American to sing the role of Violetta at Teatro alla Scala in Milan, Italy.



Students Get Scholarships and Business Connections at NEXT GEN Networking Night

The School of Business hosted the NEXT GEN Networking Night (NGNN) in the Eastburn Gallery, where around 125 students and professionals gathered to network with potential employers. This year's student-run event introduced the Rising Star Scholarship: an award given to two students who have shown great promise in their business program. The scholar-

"This night helps students establish connections that may prove to be crucial as they enter the workplace."

ship was awarded to Katie Greene and Miguel Tapia.

"It sometimes feels like there is a big divide between those who are already there and those of us just about to begin," explains Krista Earl, business student and project manager of the event. "This night helps students establish connections that may prove to be crucial as they enter the workplace."

Special thanks to the sponsors who made the NGNN possible: title sponsor, Penn Community Bank; TH Properties; Parts Life; 1 800 GOT JUNK; and Padden Cooper. Their generosity covered the cost of the event and provided the funds for the Rising Star Scholarship.

For the Love of Baseball & Biology

Biology student Josh Melchior hopes to turn injuries into opportunities

Josh Melchior '22 loved to play baseball, and he had always done so from the infield. But the summer he turned 14, he had to pitch and catch for the first time. After a nearly full season in this new position, his arm gave out during a game, and he had to spend the next several months on the bench and in physical therapy.

Josh suffered from injuries common to baseball players who throw excessively: a stress fracture in his elbow and tendinitis in his shoulder. He feared the injury meant he would never play baseball again, but his physical therapist offered a different perspective.

Josh's physical therapist helped him see his injury as an opportunity to improve himself rather than hold him back. He was encouraged by his PT's warm personality and compassion for others. "The minute I stepped into that office, I wanted to be better and stronger," recalled Josh. "My physical therapist motivated me to have that mentality. After weeks of hard work, I realized he was right. I felt stronger than I ever had before."

Josh's experience of recovery caused him to discover his passion: helping athletes like himself heal from traumatic injuries. When looking for a college to help him pursue his calling, he decided Cairn would be the perfect fit. Now, Josh plays infield for the Highlanders baseball team and is one of the first students in Cairn's biology programs.

Josh's Favorites

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Black Raspberry

Favorite Course at Cairn: General Biology 1 with Professor Greg Jensen

Josh could have played baseball and studied biology at several other universities, but he ultimately chose Cairn because he wanted to further his knowledge and grow in an atmosphere surrounded by like-minded Christians.

"The science field is full of individuals who don't recognize an intelligent Creator," said Josh. "Studying biology at Cairn with Christian professors who hold Christian worldviews and teach at a high professional level has been a huge blessing to me. In my science classes, I am continuing to see how our world points back to a Sovereign God."

Whether in the biology lab or on the baseball field, Josh is eager to use his gifts and abilities to help others and glorify God.

Chea Kostbar '20



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

\$5,341,500

Expanding Academic Opportunities

\$1,029,300

Building Campus Community

\$3,781,200

in gifts and pledges as of December 31, 2019



Day of Giving

Inaugural Day of Giving Has Impressive First Turnout to Support Women Who Choose Life

On Thursday, November 21, the University hosted its inaugural Day of Giving. This year, all of the raised funds were directed to the New Horizons Scholarship Fund at Cairn University. As a demonstration of the University's pro-life values, New Horizons assists

young mothers as they work to build a future for themselves and their children. By providing scholarship funds, academic counseling, and childcare to young women served by crisis pregnancy centers such as ChoiceOne, Cairn offers an affordable, Christ-centered education

to those who did not always believe a college education would be possible.

You can still give to this amazing initiative and learn why President Williams and a couple of our current students support this scholarship at cairn.edu/day-of-giving.

Total Amount Raised in Donations & Pledges

\$21,971

Donations & Pledges

73

First-Time Donors

15



March 16–20

One Community. One Week. One \$100K Goal.

At Cairn University, we are committed to providing an affordable biblical education to students of all backgrounds. Each year, we need your continued support to meet the increasing need of students who desire to study at Cairn.

There is no better time for the Cairn community to support the mission of our institution than during Matching Gift Week, when anonymous donors will match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, resulting in a total of \$100,000 toward

The Cairn Fund. The Cairn Fund allows 97% of our students to receive financial aid, providing students with the opportunity to receive an education centered on Christ and His Word.

When you give during Matching Gift Week, you are not just doubling your donation, you are doubling your impact. Together we can help students receive an education that prepares them to join the thousands of Cairn alumni who have been serving Christ in the church, society, and the world for over 100 years.



“Even though I’ve wanted to be a surgeon since I was four years old, I decided to spend my first year at Cairn because I saw how wonderful the community was through my sister’s experience. But I thought I would have to transfer to another program because Cairn didn’t offer biology...”

Mercedes Cavallo '21, pre-med student

You can hear the rest of Mercedes' story in her video for Matching Gift Week on social media and at cairn.edu/matchinggiftweek.

Golf Classic 2019

After being rained out in May, 162 participants took to the course in October for a day of golf and skills competitions to support student scholarships at Cairn University. The event generated a record of over \$88,000 for The Cairn Fund, far surpassing last year's impressive support of over \$60,000.

This year's Golf Classic Legacy Award was presented to Dr. Edgar Brightbill, Cairn Board of Trustees Emeritus.

This award recognizes faithful support of the University, as well as participation in bringing the Golf Classic to fruition. Because of efforts by Dr. Brightbill and many other Cairn faculty, staff, and associates, students at the University benefit from significant financial support because of the outing.

Join us for the 2020 Golf Classic on Monday, May 11 at Philadelphia Cricket Club. Learn more at cairn.edu/golfclassic.





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World Reach Week 2020

Cairn University hosted its annual World Reach Week (formerly Global Mission Week), where Dr. Randy Fairman, president of SIM USA, was the keynote speaker. Along with the week's name change, the week has adopted a new three-year cycle to help students discover, prepare for, and commit to participating in God's work around the world. Learn more about the three-year cycle and access recordings of this year's keynote messages and more at cairn.edu/worldreachweek.

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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. Juliet Campbell-Farrell and a selection of recently published books by our faculty and alumni.



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



SCHOOL OF DIVINITY



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Evan Curry, dean, consulted several businesses in strategic planning and executive-coached leaders. He also spoke at International Christian High School, Plumstead High School, Bethel Church Philadelphia Mills, and Church of Living Hope.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Paul Neal, senior vice president for advancement and communications, presented an ACSI webinar entitled "Data-Driven Decision-Making for Leadership" and led two sessions at the 2019 MACSA conference on the topic of school leadership: "Measuring All That Matters" and "Leading by Example: Demonstrating Diversity."

Nate Wambold, vice president for alumni and community affairs; **Keith Johnson**, executive director of The Regency Foundation; and **David Steininger**, digital marketing manager, presented a roundtable discussion at the Council for Support and Advancement of Education (CASE): "Is This Thing On? Reaching Alumni with a Shoestring Podcast."

Tammy Butler, vice president for philanthropy, has been named a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). She joins over 6,300 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation.

Dr. Jonathan Master, dean, presented a seminar on "The Major Teachings of Scripture" at The Gap Center for Biblical Studies in June 2019. He was also the keynote speaker for Harvey Cedars Bible Conference's Family Week in July 2019.

Dr. Keith Plummer fielded questions about God, faith, and theology from college students at the Cru-sponsored "Just Ask" event at Bucks County Community College in October 2019.

Tom Allen was featured on Family Life Radio in a feature entitled "So You Want to Study God's Word?" in July 2019.

Brian Murawski presented "Giant Beds and Crushed Heads: The Sihon and Og Motif in Nehemiah 9:22" at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in November 2019.

Dr. Kevin McFadden presented "Believing Against Hope: Abraham and Justification by Faith (Romans 4)" at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in November 2019.

Barbara Cooper led two breakout sessions entitled "Inclusion and Universal Design for Learning" and "Social Issues in Inclusive Classrooms" at the 2019 MACSA Conference. Both of her sessions addressed "Building a Culture of Inclusion in Our Instruction."

Jennifer Logan taught two sessions on the "Inclusion of Technology in the Classroom" at the 2019 Annual MACSA Conference: "Educating Digital Natives" and "Personalized Learning Experiences Using Emerging Technology."

Dr. Marti McCullough, professor emeritus, spoke at the 2019 MACSA conference on "Discipline and Classroom Management." Her two-part breakout session was titled, "Flourishing in the Classroom: Developing a Framework for Classroom Management and Student Discipline Informed by a Biblical Worldview."



SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Jeff Black, chair of the counseling and psychology, spoke at the yearly meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society presenting "A Theological Model of the Addiction to Pornography" in November 2019.

Greg Jensen, chair of science and mathematics, co-authored a study titled, "Use of gene knockout to examine serotonergic control of ion uptake in zebrafish reveals the importance of controlling for genetic background: a cautionary tale."

Dr. Joey Beeson spoke on "Building a Curriculum of Diversity/Inclusion" at the 2019 MACSA Conference in October 2019. He led a two-part breakout session on the topic: "Engaging the Brain: How Curricular Variety Promotes Opportunities for Learning."

Charlotte Gleason presented two sessions at the ACSI conference in Anaheim, CA, on November 25-26: "Creativity in the Classroom: Alternatives to Summative Assessments in the 21st Century Classroom" and "Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum."

Cayla Belser was a featured artist in Trenton City Museum's Young Visions show in November 2019.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Dr. Benjamin Harding, dean, recorded piano music for four songs on the album, *The Gilded Age*, by Gustav Hoyer. He also performed at Keith and Kristyn Getty's 2019 Sing! Conference in Nashville, TN.

Dr. Scott Watson wrote two articles for the Alfred Music Blog on "Classroom Management Tips for Ensemble Directors" that were published in July and August 2019. In addition to many guest conducting, lecturing, and composing projects, Scott presented two sessions on ensemble pedagogy at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Spring Conference in April 2019.

Ruth Naomi Floyd presented "Frederick Douglass Jazz Works" in November 2019 at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. This suite of music composed by Ruth Naomi Floyd and performed by her and her ensemble draws on the words of Frederick Douglas from his many speeches, addressing the tragedy and grief caused by American slavery.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Lawrence Ressler presented a workshop at the NACSW Convention in Indianapolis, IN, on November 9 titled "The Path from Unforgiveness to Forgiveness." He also recently finished directing a seven-year project to digitize the unpublished works of Dr. Allan Keith-Lucas, the most prolific writer on the integration of Christianity and social work from the 1950s to his death in 1995. The digital materials are stored at the Baylor University library and are available through the library and the Diana Garland School of Social Work website. Dr. Ressler was appointed director of the MSW program, which is currently accepting students for the Fall 2020 semester.

CENTER FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Dr. Brian Toews, director, moderated a discussion on "Psalms and Hebrew Poetry: Christ in All the Psalms!/?" at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in November 2019.

CENTER FOR URBAN ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Coz Crosscombe, director, hosted a webinar entitled "Place Matters: How to Understand and Engage Context" through the CCDA Online Institute in October 2019. The seminar offered examples, practical ministry skills, and research techniques for understanding place and context to develop an effective and lasting ministry.

Office Hours

A personal, after-class interview with your favorite professors

Dr. Juliet Campbell-Farrell began teaching at Cairn in 2000. With two master's degrees and a PhD in social work and social research, Dr. Campbell-Farrell utilizes her extensive knowledge to teach social work, psychology, and counseling courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. As a Christian and an educator, she enjoys the ability to openly integrate her worldview and her profession when interacting with Cairn students.

Based on your expertise of counseling and social work, what are the most pressing issues facing people in those fields today?

I think presently it's the issue of trauma. Now there's greater emphasis on looking at trauma and the effect it has on how people flourish. And I'm glad that is so. We're able to recognize kinds of trauma that would not have been labeled trauma in the past.

Do you think there has been a rise in trauma in recent years, or are we simply more aware of it?

We have become more aware and more intentional in addressing trauma because we are seeing its long-term effects. I've also found refugees are experiencing significant trauma. Undocumented immigrants coming into this country, they also experience trauma. Trauma-focused therapy and things like that I think are very, very essential. But I also think it's important to look at ways in which policies could be put in place to decrease people's exposure to trauma.

You believe we should get ahead of the trauma with trauma-informed policy?

If there's a policy that is creating a condition where individuals are more traumatized, we should not just say, "They can get therapy later on." We want to find structural changes and implement them so that this policy can change.

The people that we read about, the people we see on television in different countries with many different belief systems, were also created by God. It wasn't somebody else who created them. As Christians, we really need to think of the global community and the ways we can impact that community in a positive way.

You have a global focus and, as many know, you grew up in Jamaica. How will this influence the trip you're leading to Jamaica in May?

Going to Jamaica for me is going to work with individuals who are serving a people group, and we're coming alongside them to serve. We're going to do something immediate. But what students will actually take from this experience will live with them as they move into different areas of service, whether it's local or overseas. I'm really all for it. I love when people have the opportunity to understand and serve other people groups and other cultures.

What's on your desk?

Lots of owls, my favorite animal.



Photos of family and friends.



Fresh Ink

Books by Cairn faculty and alumni

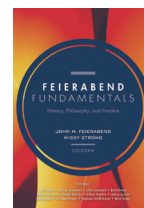
Divine Impassibility: Four Views of God's Emotions and Suffering edited by Robert J. Matz and A. Chadwick Thornhill. Contributors:

James E. Dolezal, professor of theology; **Daniel Castelo**; **John C. Peckham**; and **Thomas Jay Oord** (Wesmont, IL: InterVarsity Press: August 2019)



Does God suffer? Does God experience emotions? Does God change? How should we interpret passages of Scripture that seem to support one view or the other? And where do the incarnation and Christ's suffering on the cross fit into this? This Spectrum Multiview volume brings together four theologians with decidedly different answers to these questions. The contributors make a case for their own view—ranging from a traditional affirmation of divine impassibility (the idea that God does not suffer) to the position that God is necessarily and intimately affected by creation—and then each contributor responds to the others' views. The lively but irenic discussion that takes place in this conversation demonstrates not only the diversity of opinion among Christians on this theological question but also its ongoing relevance for today.

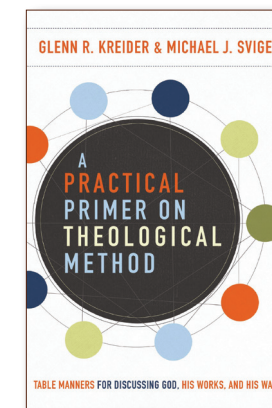
Feierabend Fundamentals: History, Philosophy, and Practice by John M. Feierabend and **Missy Strong '95** (Chicago, IL: GIA Publications: July 2018)



This book is the first comprehensive look at all aspects of John M. Feierabend's innovative and popular approach to teaching music, written by a team of practitioners from early childhood to college and beyond. Topics include elementary general music, instrumental and choral music, assessment, children with special needs, establishing a First Steps business, and a comparison of the major music education methodologies.

A Practical Primer on Theological Method: Table Manners for Discussing God, His Works, and His Ways

by Glenn R. Kreider and **Michael J. Svigel '97** (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic: September 2019)



Around a table sit men and women with distinct roles: the Interpreter, the Theologian, the Virtuous, the Philosopher, the Scientist, the Artist, the Minister, and the Historian. Each is ready to engage in a passionate discussion centered on God, His works, and His ways. Regardless of which role you play at the same table, you're invited. You simply need to pull up a chair and join the conversation. But how? What do you say when you take your seat? Where do you start? What are the "rules" of the dialogue? *A Practical Primer on Theological Method* will help you answer these questions. This primer is not only a "how-to" manual for doing theology, but a handbook of etiquette for doctrinal discussions with other believers. This popular-level introductory text presents the proper manner, mode, and means of engaging fruitfully in theological discussion.

Feierabend Fundamentals is written for new teachers, teachers certified by the Feierabend Association for Music Education, veteran teachers, and undergraduate and graduate college students. This book is a major contribution to the music education profession and is a significant step to bringing this powerful yet child-centered approach to an even larger community.

The Danger of Puberty Suppression by **Michael S. Dellaperute '08**

(Eugene, OR: Resource Publications, Wipf and Stock: August 2019) What would you do if a child in your life rejected their natal gender? Would you blindly follow the counsel of a culture that advocates for hormone treatment at an early age in order to suppress puberty and facilitate gender transition? Before you commit to long-term use of a powerful, expensive, and experimental synthetic hormone treatment plan, would you be willing to take the time to examine the ethics surrounding a course of action that will permanently affect the life of the child? Several serious questions are



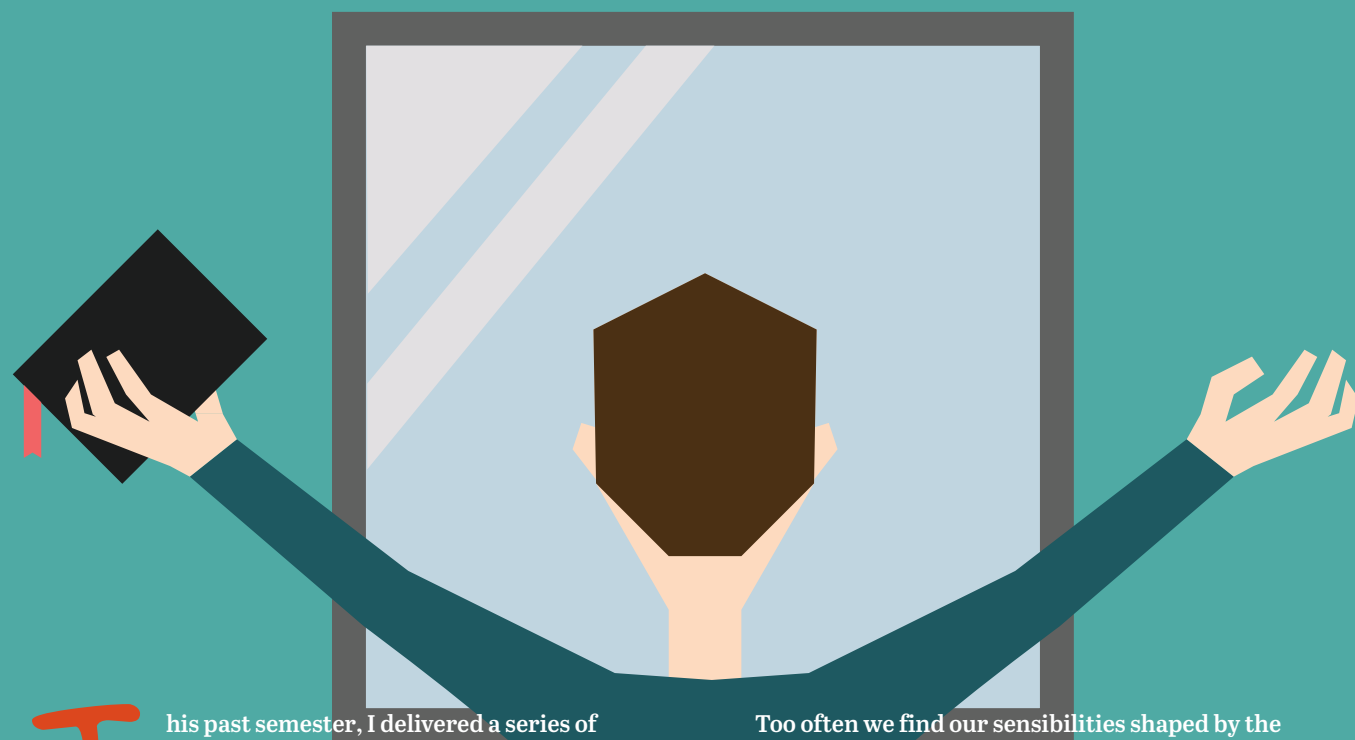
presently being overlooked in the rush to treat gender dysphoric and TGNC children with puberty-suppressing hormones, such as: Are puberty-suppressing hormones medically necessary? Is there any evidence to prove that hormone treatment is helpful, and not harmful, to gender-dysphoric children? Does hormone treatment resolve gender dysphoria? Do other treatment options exist to address the underlying causes of gender dysphoria? Are parents, medical providers, and ministry professionals morally obligated to provide puberty suppressors for patients who self-diagnose? Does Scripture offer any insight into the treatment of gender dysphoric children? And finally, who really benefits from advocating for the early use of GnRH agonists? This book will answer these questions.

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THE POWER OF PREACHING TO OURSELVES

A STUDY OF LAMENTATIONS 3



his past semester, I delivered a series of chapel messages titled, “Sound Judgment: Thinking Biblically About the Disciplines of Mind and Heart.” My hope was that it would provide the students some perspective and challenge them to step back and think about the way they react and respond to life, others, and the circumstantial realities they face. I am convinced that this is always a struggle given our human nature but is acutely more problematic and chronic in this age of social media, excessive individual expression, and comfort and convenience orientation.

Too often we find our sensibilities shaped by the context in which we live, patterned according to the cultural norms and expectations for thinking and feeling. If we live in a world that values personal comfort, convenience, and personal expression as highest priorities, we tend to resist and react to anything that would infringe upon those values. If we live in a world that views us as victims of our circumstances with no ability to choose how we react to life, ideas, or people but are rather enslaved to our impulsive emotional reactions and knee-jerk judgments, and find that same context does not expect us to filter, modify, or suspend our immediate feelings or judgments, then all too often we find

ourselves thinking, feeling, saying, and doing whatever we want in the immediate. But is this biblical?

The Bible teaches that self-control is not only possible, it is expected, and it is a fruit of the Spirit as outlined in Galatians. This self-control is a form of mental and emotional discipline that reflects faith, wisdom, and spiritual maturity. It is also reflective of the conviction that our whole being is to be yielded to the word and will of God. This does not mean we do not experience real anguish, grief, despair, frustration, anger, fear, disappointment, or confusion. It simply means we are under control and not controlled by these things. The practical challenge with this is that life happens. We are human, and the flesh (and mind) is often weak. This reality is not new to God’s people. A great example, as well as a helpful discipline, can be found in the University verse and the verses around it. Lamentations 3:22–23 declare the great faithfulness of God and his enduring “hesed.” But taken in its context, the passage is profoundly instructive regarding emotional and mental discipline.

In chapter 3:1–20, prior to declaring the ceaselessness of God’s lovingkindness, the renewing mercies He shows each day, and “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” the prophet Jeremiah is in the midst of dire circumstances, despair, ruination, anguish, bitterness, unrest, weariness, and much more. His emotional state is unvarnished and his evaluation of his life is honest, powerfully described in ways that make us feel his pain and torment. In verse 1, the prophet writes that he is the man who has “seen” afflictions. This term in Hebrew carries the idea of sharing in it and experiencing it, even in the present. This characterizes his suffering as pervasive and persistent. He also feels abandoned by God and attributes his pain, anguish, and torment to the Lord. In verses 2–20, Jeremiah laments that his suffering is as if his bones are broken and his internal organs pierced and destroyed by arrows. Not only that, but he is in the

dark. God has shut him out and walled him in. His prayers go unanswered. This is as bleak an assessment as you will find in Holy Scripture. In verse 14, we read that the prophet is also the subject of mocking and jokes. His reputation is destroyed as is his stature and pride. Verse 16 has always seemed to be a painfully vivid word picture. His teeth are broken with gravel and his body trampled in the dust. There is

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no peace, no prosperity, only constant pain and agony that he cannot forget or pretend does not exist. Verses 19–20 sum up the description outlined in the preceding lines by making it clear that this will not relent, will not be assuaged and cannot be denied. I am stuck, the prophet laments.

But then, it all turns on 3:21 and the exercising of the spiritual discipline of preaching truth to oneself. Jeremiah says, “But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope.” He reaches down deep and pulls from memory the truths he internalized, the qualities and attributes of God that he has embedded in his mind and spirit. The

prophet is preaching to himself! He begins to list out what he knows and believes to be true even though his circumstances, feelings, and judgments in the immediate might persuade him otherwise. He recalls and declares in verses 22–23 things about God that do not simply overshadow his experience and feelings but wash them out in the glorious light of the ceaseless love and kindness and mercy of God. The balancing of his words is profound. 21 verses of lament wiped away by two verses of truth.

This is just one example of a discipline of mind and heart we see in Scripture; that of calling to mind eternal truths about God, about ourselves, and about the world in which we live. In others words, we preach to ourselves. Like the prophet in Lamentations, we can cry out in honest grief and misery, expressing our pain and anguish and disappointment. But then, we stop and call to mind the goodness, kindness, and ceaseless love of God, because, as 3:24 reads, in Him alone are our portion and hope. Jeremiah was not whistling through the graveyard, or leaning on some spiritual cliché. He called to mind what he knew to be true of God. The Word was in him, committed to memory, there for the accessing. And his mind and heart were attuned to the reality that all we think and feel is to be brought under subjection to God. This is an important lesson for us as Christians. What we preach to ourselves, when, and why matters. We should not settle for lofty or trite platitudes or self-help drivel. Neither should we capitulate to a cultural romanticization of despair and despondency. We should drive for honesty and truth and always strive to realign ourselves with God’s Word.

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The Scripture Cannot Be Broken

The following is an abridged transcription of Dr. Jonathan Master's address to the University graduates at the Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony.

Thinking back on my time as a student, I realize that many of the things that influenced me most were casual, offhanded, and unplanned. I could list dozens of asides that professors made that have stuck with me. I know that if I brought up those little remarks, those who said them would not remember them, because they were not the main point of what they were teaching. The comments were unstudied and unplanned.

This is how it works in our lives. Some of the things that are most memorable—the things that really shape who we are and what we become—are the seemingly small, offhanded comments that were made to us. It's a humbling thought as a teacher: some—not all, but some—of our most influential words and gestures are ones we forget immediately afterwards. This is why we are all called to live lives of integrity and wholeness. Our influential offhanded remarks are the overflow of deeply held but unconscious convictions. They often reflect the things we assume, the things that form

the basis of everything else we say and do. Over time, the little things give you away. The asides give a glimpse of the scaffolding of the mind.

Asides can often show us the scaffolding of God's Word as well. They reveal the deep structures and assumptions of the Bible and the figures whose lives are recorded in it. And it is to one particular aside that I wish to draw your attention to on this day.

On this important day in your lives, I ask you to consider a comment made in passing—not in one of the many classes you have had here at Cairn—but in the context of one of the conversations Jesus had with the religious leaders of His day. The debate is recorded for us in John 10. In Jesus' teaching, there is a small aside tucked away. It is five short words in English, six in Greek; but its importance, I would submit, can hardly be overstated. It is a window into one of the most basic assumptions of Jesus' entire ministry: "The Scripture cannot be broken."

Again and again, Jesus makes it clear where He stands on the Scriptures. Even if you are not a believing Christian, it is impossible to ignore the fact that Jesus Christ

held the Bible in the highest possible esteem. It was Jesus Christ, after all, who said in His most famous sermon:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5: 17–19)

The remainder of His ministry was no different. Jesus taught that Scripture was accurate to its smallest details. Historically accurate with respect to Adam and Eve (Matt 19:3–4); the flood (Luke 17:26–27); and the account of Jonah (Matt 12:40). In one of His most sophisticated arguments, Jesus hinges His interpretation on the tense of a Hebrew verb in the Old Testament.

Jesus believed that the Bible was sustaining and life-giving, as important

as food and water: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

Even on the cross, during His moment of greatest suffering, it is the words of Scripture that were on His lips; and His actions, even under duress, all served to fulfill those same Scriptures. Even in His death, Jesus declares Scripture cannot be broken.

Jesus' own attitude should not surprise us when we stop to consider the Scriptures more broadly. The longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119, is an extended meditation on the reliability, sufficiency, and intrinsic worth of God's Holy Word. It is high poetic art, but it is also very personal, and it is meant to convey not only the glory of the Scriptures but also the value of them for the life of the believer.

As you hear some of this Psalm, think about this: Does your evaluation of the Scripture match these sentiments? Does this Psalm serve as a benchmark for you? The psalmist says, "How blessed are those who observe God's testimonies;" and "Oh that my ways would be established to keep your statutes, then I shall not be ashamed." Is this what success and honor looks like for you?

What about value? What is it that you value in life? What do you long for? The psalmist writes this: "I have rejoiced in the way of God's testimonies as much as in all riches" and "My soul is crushed with longing after God's ordinances at all times."

What about delight? What is it that brings you joy and happiness? The psalmist says: "I shall delight in your statutes; I shall not forget your word." And "Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors." Do you believe this? Could this be said of you?

Jesus Christ held the Scriptures in the highest possible esteem, and over and over we see that the godly, blessed, delight-filled life is the one that is lived with the highest regard for the Word of God.

Throughout history, men and women have offered us examples of this kind of life—of delighting in God's Word, of hanging on every line of Scripture, of pouring themselves out for the Word of God in whatever circumstance. The people who do this find that Scripture not only sustains them in life, but even as they approach death. Scripture is not only unbreakable, it is inexhaustible in this life.

Maybe you have met people who can testify to this. I surely have. These are men and women who reach the end of fruitful lives of service and say something like what I heard an old

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pastor say recently about his Bible: "I feel like I'm just barely scratching the surface." Unlike other hobbies or interests, which actually become duller and less satisfying at the end of life, study of the Word of God brings life. You can reach the day of your death with even greater confirmation of this truth: The Scripture cannot be broken.

Today, I know of men in Sudan who have scraps of the Bible and consider it their most precious possession. I have been in the sitting rooms of women and men who lived behind the Iron Curtain and tuned into illegal radio broadcasts for a half-hour every week as the Bible was read, copying what they heard by hand so that they might possess the Scripture for themselves.

Those of you graduating today have been blessed by an education that is centered on the Word of God—the unbreakable, inexhaustible, life-giving Bible. The curriculum here was designed to give you an understanding

of the Scriptures, and the reason for this is simple: Scripture applies to all of life. Every decision you make should be filtered through the grid of Scripture, every thought taken captive. Even as you take your final breath, the authority of Scripture still holds sway.

I need to offer a warning at this point, though I think it is one you know already. The world of our day, like the world of Jesus' day, and the world of yesterday and tomorrow, has no sympathy for the fullness of God's Word. While the Scripture will not be broken, our culture today wants to stand in judgment over it and over anyone who seeks to follow it. By obediently tethering your mind to the Word of God, you are setting yourself up for persecution and derision. This is no surprise. The apostle Paul writes: "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim. 3:12). But then Paul goes on to say in the next verses, "You, however, continue in the things you have learned . . . you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you wisdom that leads to salvation in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God . . ."

We know we cannot underestimate the guile of the Enemy of God's Word. As Martin Luther's great hymn reminds us: "For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe." But you have the opportunity to live with clarity and real hope. As you leave this university, you can declare in your lives that, in spite of the enemies and in spite of the Enemy, you rest in the authority of that "Word above all earthly powers," which "no thanks to them abideth."

When you declare this, you are also announcing something profound about your life as a whole. You are saying: "The body they may kill, [but] God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever." For the Scripture cannot be broken.

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Why Athletics Matters Here

Just over a year ago, the Mason Activity Center Gymnasium was bursting at the seams. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents filled the room, creating a sea of black T-shirts that took over the bleachers and spilled out into every free corner of the gymnasium. It was the men's basketball Colonial States

Athletic Conference (CSAC) championship game, but to those in attendance, it might as well have been Game 7 of the NBA Finals. By matching every point earned with thunderous applause and ear-piercing cheers, the crowd proved to the opposing team that the home-court advantage of the Highlanders may be the largest obstacle between them and the conference title.

Despite all the efforts of the team and the crowd, Cairn lost in a heartbreaker, just three points short of what would have been the team's first conference championship. But the final score and the pain that came with it is not the memories that fans took home with them. As people filtered out of the gym and reflected (even a whole year later) on that game, their memories were not drawn to the shots made or missed as much as they remembered the tangible, infectious energy of the entire campus community celebrating together.

Like any other team, our athletes want to win, and they work very hard to do so. Day in and day out, grueling practices and sore bodies prove to be the price for athletic excellence—and if you ask our players, it's all worth it. But even among our most competitive players, there seems to be an awareness that championships certainly are *something*, but they're not *everything*.

Whether all of the hard work results in a championing win or a devastating loss, the season records, championships, and athlete awards only make up a fraction of the value that athletics brings to Cairn. Our robust athletics programs—and most importantly, the students who fill our rosters and bleachers—enrich our life together at the University in ways that uniquely support the mission of our institution.

Student-Athlete Mentorship and Discipleship

The goal of all NCAA DIII programs, of which Cairn is part, is to “place the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students’ academic programs . . .” rather than prioritizing their athletic performance. Hosting NCAA DIII athletic programs, the University is not permitted to offer athletic-based scholarships, student-athletes cannot skip class for practice, and teams must abide by strict regulations for on- and off-season practice and competition.

This has a distinct effect on how and why students decide to pursue athletics. Because of the Division structure, DIII

athletes compete for the love of the sport—not for scholarship money, notoriety, or hopes of professional play. It takes a hearty amount of self-discipline to weave a packed in-season athletics schedule into a semester that already holds a 12–18 credit course load, in addition to a disciplined spiritual life, a job, relationships, and other extracurricular programs. The athletes have a small community of mentors—namely, their coaches, teammates, and athletics staff—who encourage them through this process. But athletic participation at this level is certainly both a pleasure and a sacrifice in equal measure.

While all DIII coaches help their athletes improve athletic performance and do well in their studies, coaches at Cairn have the additional responsibility of helping their athletes develop spiritually. In season, student-athletes spend an average of well over 10 hours a week with their coaches. Our athletes are often spending more time with their coaches and teammates than they are with anyone else, giving our coaches a great opportunity to disciple their teams to become more like Christ.

“Wins and losses don’t define our success,” said Jason O’Connell, head coach for men’s basketball. “10–15 years down the road is when we find out how successful we were as coaches.”

The stakes are much higher than the students’ performance during their four years on campus. Goals are scored. Games are won. Grades are earned. Diplomas are received. But the most important role a coach plays in the life of a student is not measured by students’ improving athleticism or increasing GPAs, but by the growing maturity of their hearts and their love for Christ and His Word. Whether it’s player-led team devotionals before every game or heart-to-heart conversations after a practice, our coaches take advantage of these extra opportunities to disciple their athletes into men and women of character.

Campus Life and Community

Robust athletics programs enrich the University experience for our student-athletes, but our student-athletes enrich our campus in ways that far outweigh what our athletic programs could ever offer. About every other afternoon or night of the week, you’ll find students on the bleachers. Obviously, the players

A Few Facts About Our Student-Athletes*

1 out of **5**
of our students are athletes

3.38
average GPA

37
majors represented

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states represented

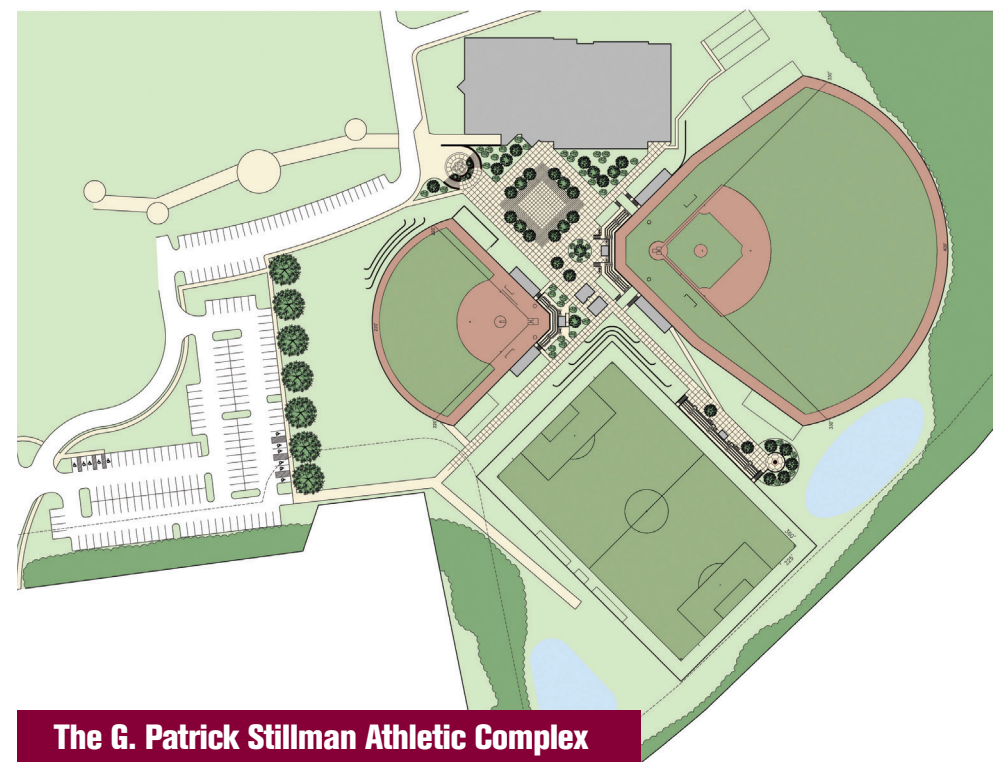
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*based on 2019 in-season participation

benefit from a bleacher full of fans. But the more subtle, and equally as important, benefit is the space these games create for non-student-athletes to come together.

If you’ve been to an athletic competition in recent years, you may have noticed a coordination across students in the bleachers. Sometimes it’s a complete “whiteout” or “blackout.” Other times it’s animal or Christmas pajamas. Occasionally, you may even see a T-Rex or Superman. These themed fan nights are not unlikely coincidences, but the efforts of the “Cairn Crazies.” Their bleacher antics err on the side of ridiculous, but the Crazies have breathed new life into the fan section at the University, as they’ve rallied students together to attend games throughout the year.

Jon Simpson ’20, a senior youth ministry student, is leading the charge of the Crazies this year. While he is now



The G. Patrick Stillman Athletic Complex

The G. Patrick Stillman Athletic Complex will define space for athletes and non-athletes alike to compete, support one another, and gather together. Once completed, the University's first athletic complex will have:

- > permanent fields and fencing for softball, baseball, and soccer/lacrosse
- > a completely renovated lower parking area (currently lots A-E) that will connect to the complex by sidewalk
- > lighting for late-night games and student recreational use
- > fire pits for outside student gathering spaces

a well-known personality on campus, he was not always a face that everyone recognized. New on campus and an introvert at heart, freshman Jon Simpson spent most of his downtime alone in his dorm room. But that changed when he started playing volleyball and went on a mission trip to Egypt with other student-athletes.

“These experiences gave me the opportunity to find community on campus,” said Jon. “And now that I lead the Cairn Crazies, I want to make each game an opportunity for students to be involved with what’s happening at Cairn.”

As Jon has noticed, each game gives students the opportunity to leave their dorm rooms or stay on campus long after their classes are over. Just like music, the arts, or any number of student organizations, athletics is another opportunity on campus that allows those participating to celebrate their gifts and abilities and allows the larger community to celebrate with them.

Off-Campus Sportsmanship and Witness

When our campus comes together to celebrate and support our student-athletes, it’s not just the home team that takes notice. Every game provides the

opportunity to give the opposing team a taste of the Cairn University culture, and whether that is a good or bad impression is dependent on the words, actions, and attitudes of our student-athletes and fans. Knowing the incredible opportunity that each game offers to be a witness, our coaches intentionally disciple their athletes to play in a way that exemplifies Christ. And while they are not perfect, our student-athletes play with the intention to show their competitors how Cairn students—and ultimately, Christ-followers—play the game differently.

“We really respect one another,” said Sara Hayduchok ’20, a captain of the women’s soccer team. “You’ll see teams arguing with each other, blaming each other and their coaches . . . but we aim to not only respect ourselves, but also our opponents, their coaches, our officials, our spectators, and their families.”

Schools have taken notice. In the CSAC, the 3-D Award is a sportsmanship award that is awarded to one deserving team each season in a particular sport. At the end of each season, the conference teams grade one another, allotting the highest amount of points to the team that best represented the mission and values of the conference throughout the season. Nearly all of the University’s

athletics teams have won this award at least once since it was created in 2011, and the women’s soccer team has won this award a total of seven times.

Consistently respecting all participants of each game distinguishes this team from the rest. But, as Sara said, “you can be the kindest player, you can be the hardest-working player, the most determined and most respectful, but Jesus isn’t spoken in those times.” So to be a light to every team they play against, they write notes of encouragement to give to every woman on the opposing roster after the game. Then to close, they ask the opposing team to pray with them. This invitation is almost always accepted.

Our student-athletes understand that how they carry themselves as athletes has a much more lasting result than the game’s score. Athletic competition gives our students the extra opportunity to be disciplined; to enhance campus life; and to interact with those who do not know Christ, showing them how knowing Him makes one live and play differently.

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Simple Kindness AND Strong Coffee



“Hmm. Well, let’s see.

Do you like milk chocolate, or do you prefer darker, bittersweet flavors?” I’m standing in line at Calm Waters Coffee Roasters in Bristol, PA, watching as the barista takes his time to help another customer choose from the variety of coffees available. I don’t mind waiting. In fact, I find the whole exchange rather interesting. It seems like nobody else in line is in a rush either.

After answering a few more questions, the person in front of me is guided to the Ethiopia Sidamo.

“Great choice. That’s a favorite of mine. I’ll ring you up real quick, and Jeremy will have your drink ready for you at the end of the counter.”

Now it’s my turn to order. The employee is just as attentive, just as patient, and just as eager to serve me as he was the last person.

Two Americanos in hand, I sit back down with my wife, who is in the middle of a conversation with the woman one table over. Her name is Carolyn.

When she learns that I'm writing a story about some of our alumni who are using coffee as a catalyst for community development, she lights up and begins to rave about the shop. "Andrew and Jodi always say it's all about the customers, that it's the customers who make the place. But I say it's definitely the people behind the counter. They are very loving, very caring. They've even prayed with me a couple times when I was going through some stuff."

Before my mug is empty, it's clear that there's more than just coffee to this coffee shop.

Andrew Dittman '11 started roasting his own beans in his apartment during his final year in Cairn University's camping ministries program in Wisconsin. "There wasn't any good coffee up there, so I decided to make my own," Andrew jokingly remarked. It was there that he started to dream of owning his own coffee shop. This dream led him across the country and back again, working and learning at a number of cafés and apprenticing at an established roaster.

Andrew and his wife, Jodi, fully intended to return to Wisconsin to begin their business. But through a series of subtle and not-so-subtle nudges, it was clear that God was calling them to the east coast instead. In 2014, the Dittmans opened Calm Waters Coffee Roasters in Bristol, PA, just 15 minutes from the University.

Bristol was a shining star of a town that fell on hard times a while back and never quite fully recovered. The town is full of history and diversity, but during the years before the Dittmans opened their doors, Mill Street (Bristol's "Main Street") was lacking life and a strong sense of community. There was

no place for people to come together. Calm Waters would help change that.

The Dittmans were never interested in just running a coffee business. They desired to create a space where people would feel genuinely welcomed and cared for. "Coffee is such a people product," Andrew observes. "There's just something about the customer-to-barista relationship. People open up so quickly about their lives while they're waiting for their coffee."

They not only train their staff on how to pull a fantastic shot of espresso, but also on small ways to connect with the people they're serving. "For example," Andrew explained, "I coach my

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team to always make eye contact with their customers. Even for just five or ten seconds. Be present for them." You can make a great impact without grand gestures. The Dittmans have watched people change and grow in surprising ways over the years of serving their customers daily and showing them regular acts of kindness.

"I'm here all the time!" boasted Kristine, the owner of the salon next-door. "You can't get a better cup of coffee.

And I love the community. Everybody knows everybody, and we have so many great conversations." Kristine is one of over 20 business owners who opened up shop within the last three years. Several of them have credited Calm Waters—which will be celebrating five years of business in August—with inspiring them to bring their families and their businesses to the Borough.

"We have not at all made Bristol what it is," Andrew and Jodi insisted, "but maybe we've played a role in connecting people to what's already here." Having a space available to sit and have face-to-face interactions allows people to connect more closely with their neighbors. The community has always existed. The Dittmans have simply set a table and invited people to sit down together.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, **Christine '09*** and her husband are running their own experiment with the connective properties of coffee.

While living in the Philippines, Christine and her husband mentored entrepreneurs and mobilized workers to other parts of Asia. They found coffee shops to be prime locations for business meetings and recruitment events. "When we invited people to meetings at churches, maybe two people would show up," Christine recalled, "but when we started holding the events in coffee shops, we were fully booked." The coffee shop events were so successful, in fact, that it wasn't long before they began toying with the idea of starting their own café. In 2017, they opened Dialogue Coffee.

"We were super naive about the business side and profitability of coffee

shops," Christine confessed. They planned to use profits from the shop to fund other initiatives, but they quickly learned that margins on coffee are incredibly slim. While the original idea didn't quite pan out as expected, Dialogue was creating amazing opportunities for Christine and her husband to live life alongside other people in the heart of Manila's business district. The shop itself became the focus of their ministry.

In a world where coffee is often viewed as the caffeine-rich accompaniment to a fast-paced lifestyle, Christine's team subscribes to a philosophy of slow coffee. Dialogue is modeled on the old Japanese style coffee shops, or *kissatens*: a very small space with only a few bar stools that surround the barista. Nothing is prepared ahead of time. When a guest orders a coffee, it is hand-brewed fresh, usually using a pour over method that can take 4–5 minutes to complete.

Dialogue's tagline invites people to "come in and slow down." While customers wait for their coffee to brew, the barista has the opportunity to strike up a conversation—not just about coffee, but about life in general.

Christine and her staff may ask questions such as, "What brings you to Dialogue today?" "What sort of coffee do you normally drink?" or "How do you take care of yourself, having such a busy city life? Because, to be honest, I'm struggling right now!" These interactions can quickly progress from safe small talk to deep and vulnerable conversations. Customers are drawn to Dialogue, not only to enjoy a high-quality cup of coffee, but also to slow down and savor a moment with the community that gathers around the counter.

Coffee shops are fertile ground for



relationships. Just like anyone can drop a handful of seeds in a plot of good soil and expect to see some sprouts, most anyone can open a coffee shop and have some of these dynamics play out. But it takes an extra level of intentionality and commitment for a garden to really flourish.

Andrew and Christine both strive to find the right point of tension between pursuing excellence in their craft and excellence in their care for people. By doing so, they offer a potent blend of love and service that has fostered meaningful relationships with their customers and opened doors for the gospel to be shared clearly and tangibly. Make no mistake, pouring a cup of coffee is not simply a front for "real ministry." It is the inextricable weaving of their faith and their love for others into their everyday work. Loving their customers as much as possible by providing them with the best experi-

ence as possible is their witness. God is glorified through our skillful and selfless acts of care. A cup of coffee poured with love can be filled with the potential to make an eternal impact.

"There is value in simply making a cup of coffee without an agenda," said Christine. "People are spending their hard-earned money on this. I want to brew this cup of coffee to the best of my ability, offer genuinely friendly customer service so they feel loved, and do it all as an act of worship unto the Lord."

**Some names and details of this story have been changed due to the sensitive nature of their current work.*

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How to Make the Best Coffee at Home

(According to Christine)

Instructions for Aeropress

STEP

1 PREHEAT

Secure a new filter onto your Aeropress. Pour a small amount of hot water to rinse and preheat. Position your Aeropress on your cup.

STEP

2 GRIND

Weigh out 15 grams of coffee beans and grind to medium-fine (about the size of table salt). Add your coffee to your press and lightly tap to level the grounds (your "coffee bed").

STEP

3 PREINFUSION

Start a timer. Pour 32ml of hot water into the press and stir 10 times in order to ensure that the coffee bed is evenly preinfusing. Let sit until 30 seconds.

STEP

4 POUR AND PLUNGE

Slowly fill your press to 220ml. Lightly stir and set the plunger in place. Once the timer reaches 1:30, begin to press on the plunger with moderate pressure.

STEP

5 SERVE

Once you hear a hissing sound, stop pressing on the plunger. Remove your Aeropress from the cup. Stir and serve!

Find more details and resources at cairn.edu/coffee.



It seems that no matter where humans come together, love—even of the romantic sort—will surely appear, and Cairn is no exception. Amidst all of the studying, campus events, and busyness of a collegiate education, many Cairn graduates met the people they wanted to spend the rest of their lives with among fellow classmates. Some of their stories are exciting and unlikely; others are simple and sweet. Check out these Cairn love stories provided by alumni who found time to add romance to their core curriculum.

STUDIES IN ROMANCE:

A Collection of Cairn Love Stories



Linda Kiekel '18

"Noah '19 and I met while working in the cafeteria in our sophomore year. Our first date was the night of the gala, but both of us had to work, so we couldn't go. Instead, we hung out and played card games after our shift. We dated and continued to work together for the rest of our time at Cairn. This past June we got married, and one month later we moved to China to teach!"



Tom and Amy Nofsinger

Perfect Strangers brings perfect strangers together

On a Friday night in 1989, **Amy Brechbiel '92** and her friend, Andrea, visited the guy's lounge of the Penn del Apartments. They came to watch the popular sitcom *Perfect Strangers*, when Amy noticed her own stranger—**Tom Nofsinger '92**—sitting on a nearby couch. After mustering up the courage to introduce herself, Amy approached him and asked nervously, "What's your major?" "Tom!" he answered promptly. Amy smiled and asked again, "What's your major, Tom?" From then on, Amy was in the lounge as often as possible, and Tom did the same.

Their initial meeting soon became several

more meetings, often over Domino's pizza on the steps of Amy's dorm. The two spent hours getting to know each other on those steps, and as Amy puts it, "I think we pretty much liked each other right away." A month after they met, they officially started dating, and they spent more time together in the lounge, on the steps, or on freezing cold walks to Burger King for milkshakes and fries.

Having grown up in Illinois and studied at Cairn's Wisconsin Wilderness Campus, Tom enjoyed spending time in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. While there on a Nofsinger vacation in 1991, Tom took Amy to a pleasant spot along the Namekagon River and surprised her with an engagement ring. Amy explains that she was so stunned and emotional that she forgot to respond, causing Tom to eventually ask, "Well, are you gonna give me an answer?" Of course, Amy gladly said yes, and four months later the two got married on December 28, 1991. As avid winter-time enthusiasts, Tom and Amy enjoyed a Christmas-themed wedding at Amy's home church in King of Prussia, PA.

Tom and Amy Nofsinger have held several ministry jobs since studying at Cairn and have lived most of that time in Illinois with their children. Now, they both work at Samaritan Ministries in Peoria, IL, and are excited to be grandparents.



Dan Noble '97

"I was asked to pray for Karen '99 and her mother before we met in the Fall of 1995 because her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. I met her on the first day of soccer and field hockey camp. 21 years later, it looks like our oldest child will be attending Cairn in Fall 2020!"



Becky Awdykowitz '81

"Before we started dating, Mark '82 and I attended a birthday party hosted by Mrs. Humm, the school nurse. We arrived late because of an evening class, so the group had already prayed for the food. Before I started eating, Mrs. Humm asked, 'Aren't you going to pray for your food?' I cheerfully responded, 'Rub a dub dub, thanks for the grub!' Mark didn't think it was funny and said, 'That's no way to talk to a holy God.' Eventually, we started to get along better. 37 years later, it seems we worked it out."



Jennifer Adams '01

"Ryan '01 and I were introduced by a friend, but we didn't really start talking until I called his apartment to reach his roommate and he answered instead. We dated for almost three years before getting married right after graduation. Now, we're coming up on 18 years this January. Together for 21 years!"



Rusty and Carol Baker A Really Long-Distance Relationship

Rusty Baker '54 graduated from Cairn in the in 1954, and soon he was set to depart for missionary service with the Africa Inland Mission in December 1956.

Rusty's sister Joyce then entered Cairn that fall and met a friend named **Carol Maxwell '57**. Knowing her brother would be heading to the mission field a single man, Joyce decided to introduce Carol and Rusty just to see what would happen. The two went on a couple of dates, but when December came around, Rusty left for Africa.



For the next several years, Carol and Rusty kept in touch, writing letters from their corners of the world. Over her time at Cairn, Carol decided she, too, was called to missions, and she hoped it would be with Rusty. Their relationship continued to develop through

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Rusty was able to send enough money back to Philadelphia for Carol to buy an engagement ring. She and Joyce picked one out together, and Dr. William A. Mierop ceremoniously placed the purchased ring on Carol's finger. After Carol graduated in 1957, she raised support for the mission field. Then in September 1958, she borrowed a wedding dress, packed it in her luggage, and made the long journey to Tanganyika (present-day Tanzania) to meet her fiancé.

Rusty and Carol Baker got married on November 15, 1958. From then on they would serve around the world, including in Tanzania, Kenya, England, and the United States. They now enjoy retirement in Florida, looking back on over 60 years of life together.



Kim and Ken Burres Generations of Cairn

Kim Oostdyk '95 first met **Ken Burres '98** during her junior year at the most romantic of places: a blood drive. After this initial meeting, the two did not properly get to know each other until the following year when Ken was a sophomore and Kim was a senior. That year, the two were chosen to represent their classes at a student game competition on Homecoming weekend. A few days later, Ken came to watch Kim's field hockey game, and later that night he asked her out in the library. For their first date, they went to a concert by singer-songwriter Wayne Watson and then ate dinner at the Ground Round.

After two and a half years of dating, Ken proposed and they got married on December 27, 1997. Since then, they have both worked at Hawthorne Christian Academy in New Jersey, where Ken serves as the director

of technology and teaches computer science and Kim teaches STEM at the elementary level. Over 25 years of marriage, they have had seven children: one girl and six boys.

Kim and Ken were excited to see their daughter, Kali, commit to their alma mater in Fall 2019. "It's fun to see the things that are still the same—even some of the professors—and the many ways the college has grown over the years," Kim explained. Cairn's



recently added computer science program offered what Kali knew she wanted to study, giving her the opportunity to have her own Cairn experience, which includes playing volleyball in addition to her studies. "We are grateful she will have the same God-centered education that we did," Kim said. "I'd say it worked out pretty great!"



Charlotte and Jamie Gleason Love is Worth the Fighting

When **Charlotte Reid '00** met **Jamie Gleason '00** in 1996, they began a complicated relational journey. They both studied at Wisconsin Wilderness Campus (WWC) and first interacted in a canoe on Rose Lake in the Boundary Waters. As romantic as it sounds, it did not go well initially. "He infuriated me," Charlotte explained. "I tried to get to know him and ask him questions, but he was content to let me do all of

the asking—and talking."

Their relationship grew more cordial when they figured out ways to entertain one another. Jamie, a joker in his younger days, enjoyed teasing Charlotte about things like her bangs, her less-than-winter-proof boots, and her Lancaster county accent. In response, Charlotte would give a big reaction to make it funnier for everyone. Though she liked Jamie initially, he liked someone else,

"Once they got to the right spot, Jamie dropped down on one knee and proposed. But Charlotte thought he was joking and laughed, telling him to get up."

so Charlotte moved on to Jamie's best friend. "That seemed to get his attention," she said.

After they both transferred to Cairn's main campus, they eventually got on the same page and started dating in December of their sophomore year. In the following years, they would hang out in the Penndel Apartment lounges, and Jamie would cheer unnecessarily loudly at Charlotte's field hockey games. And though funds were low for them both, they enjoyed the 24-hour breakfast special at the Great American Diner near campus.

One snowy weekend, on a trip back to WWC, the two took a walk, and for a reason Charlotte did not understand, Jamie refused to play in the snow. Once they got to the right spot, Jamie dropped down on one knee and proposed. But Charlotte thought he was joking and laughed, telling him to get up and keep walking. Finally, he reached in his pocket and held out a real ring. "I said yes—and stopped laughing," she said. Turns out, he didn't want to lose the ring in the snow.

Despite their quarrelsome beginnings, several people—including former WWC Director Mark Jalovick—saw their love coming. Today, Charlotte and Jamie have three kids. They still live close to Cairn where Charlotte teaches courses in composition and literature. Jamie works as the director of undergraduate initiatives at Capture Higher Ed. "19 years later, the surprises keep coming," Charlotte said.

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Did you, too, find the love of your life at Cairn? We'd love to hear about it! Share your story at magazine@cairn.edu.



Erinn Bean '10

"Joshua '08 and I met at Cairn through our mutual friends, Heather and Jeff Klusek. We both dated other people during college, but the stars finally aligned with Joshua at the end of my senior year. Our first date at Starbucks was almost ruined by my standoffishness, but by the end of our three-hour conversation, I was smitten. We both knew soon after that we had met 'the one.' This year we will celebrate our 10th anniversary. I am so grateful to Cairn for the relationships that I built while learning about God's path for me and grateful to God that He brought me and Joshua together."



Sarah DeLeo '05

"My husband Josh '05 and I met serving at InReach in 2002. I introduced myself and he shook my hand, and he forgot to stop shaking it while giving me instructions for our service. He proposed in 2004 at former professor Robert Kilgore's house before the spring formal. This past July, we celebrated being married for 14 years and we have three beautiful baby girls."



Heather Klusek '09

"Jeff '09 and I were good friends for two years at Cairn (then PBU) and started dating our junior year when we both were RAs. We've been married 10 years and have an amazing six-year-old son. I am so thankful for God and Cairn bringing us together!"

ALUMNI ARENA

Stay up to date on alumni news! From weddings, new arrivals, and anniversaries to career changes and ministry opportunities, find out what Cairn alumni are up to all around the world.



David Gauntt '06 and his family recently moved to Bensalem, PA. His wife gave birth to Rebecca Ann on November 12, 2018. She joins her older siblings, Leah (4) and Daniel (2).

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Our space is limited, so class notes are edited to include as many as possible.

1950s

Kenneth Schmidt '59 recently published *This Is Life*, which is based on a chapel time experience he had as a student.

1960s

Nelda (Sanders) Kessler '66 is a year-round church relations volunteer for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse). She is a member of Bogue Banks Baptist Church in Atlantic Beach, NC.

1 **Bob Figge '67** recently left full-time retirement for part-time, short-term ministry as interim senior pastor at Springfield Baptist Church in Springfield, PA, (his home church for the past 25 years of pastoral ministry and retirement). At SBC, he works with the

youth and family ministries pastor of the church, **Dan Vandzura '15**. Though they graduated 48.5 years apart, they share a common interest in serving Christ and, as would be expected of Cairn graduates in every decade, a passion for authentic, biblically based ministry. Working along with Dan in ministry at Springfield Baptist Church has convinced Bob "esprit de corps" really does exist among Cairn alumni, despite differences in school names and locations.

2 **Dr. Sam Hsu '69's** life and birthday were honored by his friends, who gathered together at Pete's Famous Pizza. Pictured from L-R: **Andrew Hui '76, Steve Vallette '85, Robin (Gaugler) Vallette '82, Michael Kennedy '80, Andrew Werner '86, Rebecca (Faix) Werner '89, and Ivenette LaCount '87.**

1970s

Mary (Wills) Perry '74 and her husband, Jon, serve with The Navigators in Central Virginia, in their local church, and in travel to visit Cornell alumni around the world. At home, they enjoy their seven grandchildren and pursue friendships with Muslims at the local mosque.

3 **Jolene (Avanzato) Ewing '75** and her husband, Kelley, started a new business, Jubilee Property Solutions, LLC. They are very excited about this new adventure in their later years. They are a residential redevelopment company focusing on revitalizing neighborhoods and promoting first-time home ownership. They do this by acquiring distressed properties, renovating them, and reselling them. Thus far they have acquired, rehabbed, and sold two houses in Norristown, PA.

4 **Michael Chivalette '75** is beginning his 41st year in Christian school education. He is currently serving as head of school at Warner Christian Academy, where his wife, Carol Ann, teaches 6th grade.

1980s

5 **Robin (Gaugler) Vallette '82**, her husband, Steve '85, and several other alumni gathered to celebrate over 40 years of friendship. In Spring 2019, they met downtown at Rittenhouse Square for dinner, after viewing 18th and Arch from atop Liberty Place. Pictured from L-R: **Ciocca '83, Vince McDonald '83, Ernest Perry '83, Greta (Hluchy) McDonald '86, Dave Knox '83, Michael Perry '82, Karyn (Lunde) Knox '83, Jim Beerley '81, Robin (Gaugler) Vallette '82, M.D. Perry, Steve Vallette '85, and Mark Tino '80.**

Mary E. Davis '82 is in her 39th year of teaching at Gloucester County Christian School in Sewell, NJ. She has taught 1st grade, 2nd grade, 6th grade, 7th/8th pre-algebra, and 7th grade study skills. She became elementary principal in 2000.

6 **Rudy Sheptock '82** is now in his 23rd year as pastor of The Lighthouse Church in Cape May County, NJ. He also hosts a daily radio show on LIFT FM and does an oldies music show on Sunday afternoons on 106.3 The Shore out of Wildwood, NJ.

1990s

7 **Julie (Jevorutsky) Jeavons '91** is an online English teacher for a company in China. She goes on short-term mission trips in the summer to teach English in Serbia and Lithuania. She also teaches ESL in her church and for a local literacy group.

8 **Troy Brindle '93** received the 2019 Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association Award for "Service Innovation" for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on September 25, 2019. Under Brindle's vision and leadership, Springfield Psychological has successfully integrated behavioral health services in 78 primary care and medical specialty practices over the past seven years.

Bruno Giamba '94 is the lead pastor at Grace church in Waldorf, MD. He has been an adjunct professor at Lancaster Bible College since 2016.

Craig Tipton '94 has returned to his hometown of Lawrence, NJ, after teaching music and coaching track and cross-country at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton, FL, from 2007-2019. He is currently the head boy's cross-country coach at West Windsor High School South. He will be working four days a week as a substitute teacher there as well. He started a private voice studio in Fall 2019 while singing as a tenor soloist in area churches.

9 **Benjamin Goss '95** and his wife, **Jenna (Prather)**, welcomed their sixth child, Anna Jenavieve, on March 9, 2019. They are now living in Providence Forge, VA, where Benjamin works as the executive vice president of sales for Infinity Roofing and Jenna homeschools their six children.

10 **Dr. D. Kyle Canty '96/G'98** recently coauthored the book *Ask Me Why I'm Not in Church: A Call for the Church to Get Out of the Building* (WestBow Press). This book is about one suburban underdog and under-resourced church with a huge heart that believed in God enough to think it could move into the city of Philadelphia and make a difference. Readers get to walk alongside this church in its journey and learn how one can be a difference-maker for the gospel in the community. It is filled with ways to help any church in any area push back the darkness. It challenges, equips, and deploys the body of Christ into the true mission of God.



Getting Her Dream Job

Like many Cairn social work majors, **Carli Glen '19** actively sought internship opportunities in Philadelphia over the course of her education. During her junior year, Carli found a placement at the Children's Crisis Treatment Center (CCTC) in North Philadelphia, and after a good experience, she noted it as an organization she may like to work with in the future. Then, during the summer after her graduation, CCTC offered Carli a position as a behavioral health worker. Her work focused primarily on behavioral intervention and therapy with young children who have been traumatized or abused in the agency's partial hospitalization program.

As of December 2019, Carli was promoted to CCTC's on-site staffing coordinator. In this new role, she handles new hires and the assigning of candidates to specific cases. "There are a lot of policies within this line of work that will be changing over the next few months," Carli explains. "It's my job to remain updated on those changes so I'm aware of how to staff and make sure we have the kinds of people we need." Just months after graduating, Carli has already found success in implementing the skills and knowledge gained through her degree—in addition to a lot of hard work.



11 Scott Reckeweg Sr '99 was recently named dean of students at Laurel High School in Laurel, DE. He stays busy with the community outreach and missions board at church, while his wife, Merry Jo, enjoys working with the women's ministry. Merry Jo continues to stay very busy homeschooling their four children: Emma (11), Lily (10), Scotty (7), and Gideon (5).

2000s

Jamie Gleason '00 was promoted to director of undergraduate initiatives at Capture Higher Ed in June 2019. In this brand new role, he will

help lead the product development roadmap for undergraduate enrollment technologies. Additionally, he will work to secure business development partners and, most importantly, make sure that their current partner institutions are getting the maximum benefits from Capture's Behavioral Intelligence Platform. His wife, **Charlotte '00**, continues to teach part-time at Cairn while also teaching and writing for Veritas Press. She is excited to be helping out this year at Valley Christian School, where all three of their children are enrolled. They still live in the same place and attend New Life Dresher. Jamie is also the chairman of the Board of Directors at

Haycock Camping Ministries in Upper Bucks County.

Paul Brace '00 pastors the Hazleton Area Reformed Presbyterian Church in Hazleton, PA. He and his wife, Jennifer, along with their eight children, also operate Brace Land Nursery, where they grow and sell landscape plants.

12 Andrea Gibble '00 began working at Club SciKidz MD, a summer science and technology camp, as a site director while she was teaching in Baltimore County Public Schools. In Fall 2017, she resigned from teaching and began

working full-time at Club SciKidz MD. When the former owner retired in December 2018, she and her business partner bought Club SciKidz MD and I'm the Chef Tool MD. They also recently bought Club SciKidz NOVA, which expands their territory to Northern Virginia.

Susan (Carey) Ketteer '00 recently began her fifth year as senior pastor at Bethel Hill UMC and is celebrating her nine grandchildren.

13 Nate Wagner '03 has published a memoir: *Sibling Suicide: Journey From Despair to Hope*. This book is written for those who have experienced the suicide of a sibling. Nate shares his own story with readers, offering practical suggestions from his clinical counseling experience and honest reflections to invite the reader into his journey from despair to hope.

Izumi Ohara '04 has been teaching autistic students and counseling their parents since she returned to Japan after graduation. She is using the counseling skills she learned at Cairn to counsel the parents and the people who are struggling with their lives. Some of her students have accepted Jesus as their savior.

14 John Boddecker '04 has been serving as rector of Sts Theodore Orthodox Church in Williamsville, NY, for five years and is beginning his second year of teaching at Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, NY. He and his wife, **Katie (Beverly) '04**, now have four sons: Ephraim (7), Gregory (5), Jonah (3), and Sergius

(1). Katie spends her days homeschooling and helping at the parish and seminary.

15 Emanuel Lambert '04 (Da' TR.U.T.H.) released his latest album, *Vet*, in November 2018.

Dr. Beverly Horne '05 completed a Doctor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in management. She is currently a professor of business and management for the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology in Media, PA.

Mark Luckey '06 served for many years in Africa. He has since transitioned back to the United States and is now serving as the executive director of a nonprofit based in Indiana which brings hope to vulnerable kids in Africa.

Scott Knapp, LPCC-S, LICDC-CS G'07 has accepted a position as residential unit director at the Monarch Boarding Academy, a division of Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in Shaker Heights, OH. Bellefaire JCB has provided residential and therapeutic services to children and youth in the Northeast Ohio region since 1868, and the Monarch programs focus exclusively on treating and serving young clients on the autistic spectrum from all across the US. Scott is a doctoral student in counselor education and supervision at Kent State University and lives with his family in Shaker Heights.

16 Jen (Heckel) Logan '07, and her husband, **John '07** welcomed a baby girl on March 18, 2019. Her name is Eliana Joy, and she weighed 5 lbs 6 oz and was 18 inches long.

17 Eric Cox '07 began a new ministry as senior pastor at Salem Reformed Church in Hagerstown, MD, in June 2019.

Jeff Speel '08 recently left his youth pastor position and is now full-time with RMI (Reciprocal Ministries International), which facilitates partnerships with US and Haitian churches. In this partnership, they provide five areas of life transformation through evangelism, discipleship, education, community development, and social compassion. He and his family are serving in the US offices in Ft Myers, FL, and waiting for his back to heal up before taking a trip overseas.

Michael Dellaperute '08 is a PhD candidate at Clarks Summit University. He recently published a book, *The Danger of Puberty Suppression*.

2010s

18 Katie (Burt) Connor '10 and her husband, Todd, moved to southern Idaho at the completion of Todd's doctor of pharmacy degree and current residency with the St. Luke's hospital system.

19 Christopher Shelly '10 and his wife, Janelle, welcomed Elias James Shelly on July 2, 2019. He joins big sister Marissa (5) and big brother Josiah (3). Chris also finished his Master of Divinity from Moody Bible Institute in May 2019 and plans to begin a job as a full-time pastor at Lampeter Church of the Brethren in Lancaster, PA, in Fall 2019.

Music Around the World

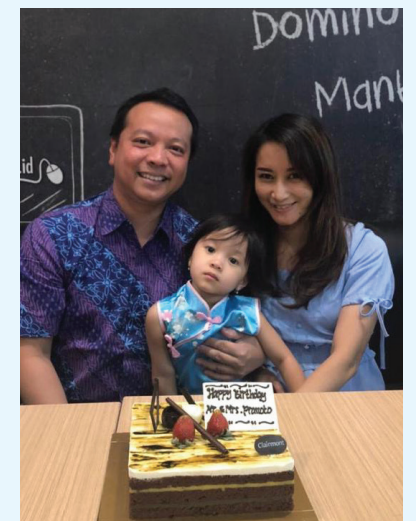
After growing up in Indonesia, **Henry Pranato '06** came to the USA to study music at Cairn. He graduated with a BMus and BS in Bible in 2006 under the tutelage of notable professors like Dr. Hsu, Kenneth Borrmann, Robin Massie, and Dr. Shockey. "[These professors] taught me not only how to be a great musician but also inspired me to be a great person and a humble servant of Christ," Henry explains.

Following Cairn, Henry received an MMus in Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College in 2008, and then earned his PhD in Music Education, specializing in choral conducting, from Florida State University in 2018.

Now music has brought Henry back to Indonesia at Pelita Harapan University. There,

Henry serves as the chief coordinator of the music education and choral departments. Beyond teaching, his academic pursuits continue in his research of Indonesian music. Henry recently presented his findings on the music of the Baduy tribe at the latest meeting of the International Musicological Society of East Asia (IMSEA); a venture that took him to Soochow University in China.

Outside academia, Henry spends time with his wife, Christy, and their young daughter, Zephaniah. He has greatly enjoyed where his pursuit of music has taken him, saying, "I hope God will grant me more opportunities and time to be a blessing to other people whom I meet all over the world, especially for the people in Indonesia."





20 Alicia (Kline) Hendrickson '11/G'15 married on May 3, 2019, at Stoltzfus Homestead & Gardens In Gordonville, PA. A graduate of the MS in Counseling program, Alicia has a thriving private practice.

21 Rebekah (Morrison) Langston '12 welcome her beautiful baby girl, Madeline Jo, into the world in August 2018.

22 Elizabeth (Small) Addis '12 and her husband, Staff Sergeant Stephen Addis (USMC), announce the birth of their second miracle: Israel Zane. Israel was born on May 22, 2018. He was welcomed by big brother, Jordan Zane (8/11/15). The family currently resides in

Jacksonville, NC, where Elisabeth is a stay-at-home mom and Stephen just returned from a lengthy deployment to Afghanistan, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

23 Ben Rizzo '13 and his wife, **Mollie (Dilcher) '11**, had a son, Wyatt Nathaniel Rizzo, on April 12, 2019. Ben was recently promoted to computer engineer at News Corp (Dow Jones, Fox News, Wall Street Journal).

24 Tim '13/G'16 Adams and **Katie (Schlenker) '14** welcomed their daughter, Aubrey Claire, on September 3, 2019.

Lillie (Reeves) Farmer '14 is currently working as the human resources director for Lancaster Health Center. She is also serving as a minister at Bright Side Baptist Church, leading Saturday worship services and teaching a Bible study. She serves on the Board of Leadership Lancaster and volunteers at Lancaster County Prison, where she conducts church services and one-on-one visits. Lilly is currently working on a Doctorate of Strategic Leadership and Organizational Development. She is the grandmother to two beautiful girls, Jazcity (8) and Nariah (3).

Michael Flannery '14 recently accepted the communications director position at Covenant Church in Doylestown, PA.

25 Betsy (English) '14 and husband Captain (Chaplain) Joshua Vander Stel have taken a permanent chaplain position at the Warfield Air National Guard Base (175th Wing) in Middle River, MD. This is the couple's first full-time military position with the Air National Guard.

26 Lauren (Smith) Bittner '15 married Jonathan Bittner on November 4, 2017. She opened her own private practice for counseling in Harleysville, PA, and teaches psychology as an adjunct faculty member at Delaware Valley University.

David Gannon '15 moved to Tennessee about a year ago and recently accepted a position at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Clinton, TN, as a youth pastor.

27 Stacey (Pinkos) Frutiger '16 and her husband had their son, Jackson, in July 2019.

Trent Boyd G'17 has been working at Nations University and New Brunswick Bible Institute since graduation. He began working with Nations, an accredited online school, in March 2018 as a StartUp advisor, helping students from around the world with orientation. At NBBI, he is an adjunct instructor in addition to his pastoral and chaplaincy roles there. He has been teaching church history since Fall 2018.

Jess Schnittjer '17/G'17 works at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County as a case manager. She mentors girls aged 7-17 who are at-risk through Children and Youth, Juvenile Court, or Youth Aid Panels.

Timothy O'Brien '17 and his family just moved to Madrid, Spain, in late August. They will be serving on a church planting team called Light Madrid.

John Broglin Jr. '18 and his wife, Amy, are very happy to join their new church family at New Life Community Church in Mountain Top, PA, where John will be serving as their pastor. They are "humbled and grateful that we will be able to use the gifts that God has given us for the building of His church."

28 Noah Phillips G'19 is the manager of marketing and strategic relations at Liberty Ministries.

Lasting Effect of Cairn Chorale in Poland

When the Cairn University Chorale sang in Lubin, Poland, in 2006, the local SEND International workers had only been in the town for about a year. They wanted to host an outreach event to connect with the community, so the SEND workers requested that the Chorale come to perform a benefit concert. Despite not having a building of their own, the SEND Workers used the concert to help raise money for a building for a local foundation for disabled adults. In 2011, the Chorale again returned to Lubin and did another benefit concert for the foundation.

After the concerts, the CEO of the foundation suggested that the SEND workers write the city president to ask for land for their own building. In time, the city council unanimously agree to sell land to the new church for 1% of the value. After years of prayer, planning, and construction, the church moved into their first building in November 2019. This new space helps them to continue their Language Center: a ministry that had over 250 students last year. The Chorale concerts, Gospel



Workshops, and Language Center made this church visible in its community. These outreaches have also opened many other ministry opportunities. The foundation leaders still talk about the Chorale and how they would

like to have them back. In addition, two other cities where the Chorale sang in 2006, Wolow and Opole, now have thriving churches.

—Elizabeth Mason Givens, Cairn Board of Trustees

"God's Faithfulness in the 'Roots' of Cairn University"

Words from a current Cairn parent and the daughter of an alumnus

Hi Cairn, Greetings in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. My name is Joanne Englehart, and my daughter, Joy Englehart, is currently in her third year at Cairn. Joy loves Cairn and so do my husband and I—to put it mildly.

My father, **Austin Shelly '49**, (90 years old) attended Cairn when it was the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania. My parents were missionaries for many years in Venezuela with the Orinoco River Mission (ORM) (later merging with TEAM). I am currently going through my Dad's presentation slides and found this one that was of interest to me and thought it may be to you too. My Dad was a professor at the Instituto Biblico

Las Delicias (a Bible institute) near the small town of Caripe in the mountains of eastern Venezuela for 12 years. Every year there was an ORM field conference held on the Institute campus.

This photo was taken at one of those conferences in late summer of 1962. I am sure that many of these dear saints have been "promoted to glory" (some I know have been), but I thought it was an interesting look back at the history and impact that Cairn University has made over the years in our family. As an adult, I look at this photo and see many who spent their lives in Venezuela in various ministries: as professors at the Bible Institute, the principal and teachers

at the Orinoco Academy (which I attended), church planters, film ministry workers, and an Orinoco river boat ministry worker. I asked my Dad about the photo. Here are his words:

"At our annual ORM field conference in late summer 1962, there were a number of missionaries who were graduates of what now is Cairn University. The Bible teacher for the spiritual life enrichment sessions of the conference was **Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost**, who taught biblical subjects at Cairn for over 60 years." I just wanted to pass it along and praise the Lord with you at God's faithfulness in the "roots" of Cairn University.



Those Pictured: Back Row: David Coots '52, Joan Coots '53, Mary Leventry '45, Pearl Prince '40, Mildred Lanz '36, Walter Lanz '39 Alice (Holsopple) Borden '50, ORM General Director Theodore Hummel, Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost Front Row: Austin Shelly '49, J. Barclay Harley '52, Fred Ruth '41, John Prince

LOOKING BACK



Where was your favorite off-campus hangout spot?

When class was over, where did you retreat to? It could be your favorite homework corner, your most-frequented restaurant, or a bench by the lake at your favorite park. Wherever it was, let us know (you may even give current students some ideas!).

Submit your favorite spot to magazine@cairn.edu by June 1, 2020.

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

LAST ISSUE'S QUESTION

Who was your favorite professor?

Without hesitation, my favorite professor was Dr. John Cawood. He was my very first professor in 1977. I was in a poetic books class with over 100 other students. I learned that day that he was going to be a hard teacher, but an amazing teacher.

Throughout my years at Cairn, I took Dr. Cawood whenever I had the opportunity. He was hard, but I always left his classes having learned so much. I learned how to spell the books of the Bible, that when writing about God you should always capitalize all His names, even the pronouns, and that judgment does not have an "e." I learned important Bible truths and the importance of every book of the Bible.

I appreciated his humor in his teaching. I even appreciated his "book and chapter quizzes." To this day I still know where important doctrines of the Bible are thanks to him.

When I look through my journey of life, and list the people that have helped make me who I am today, Dr. Cawood would be on that list.

Mary E. Davis '81

Dr. Herb Hirt was my favorite professor. He's the professor who was once late to Wisdom Lit class because he got "caught up" reading about Marcus Aurelius. He covered your essays in encouraging exclamation points,



Dr. Herb Hirt

and gave extra credit on quizzes for knowing the Flyers game score. He also taught by example what it means to still be in love with your wife after so many years of marriage; how to be calm, humble, and content with wherever God leads you; and that you should never stop pursuing God and His wisdom. I feel blessed to have learned from him and laughed with him as both a student and a student worker in the Bible office.

Alexandra Liloia-Bishop '12

My years at Cairn were life changing! So many amazing professors who challenged me, taught me, and invested in me. I can't help but smile though, when I think of the

one who really ignited my love for teaching children and for children's literature. Patti Rahn was the kind of professor that taught with such a genuine passion for her field that I couldn't help but make it my passion too! Her classes were fun, they were always the bright spot in my day. She knew my strengths and helped me grow them and she challenged my weaknesses to make me a better student/educator. But most of all, she knew me. Patti Rahn encouraged me to use my gifts for the Lord, she taught me to dig deep when it was hard, and she modeled joy. I will always be thankful for her impact on me!

Janet (Kirby) Miller '93/G'03

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Mae Stewart '52 Passes Away at Age 89

On December 30, 2019, Mae Stewart, a long-time employee and friend of the University, passed away at age 89.

Mae Stewart was born in Springfield, MA, and she made her way to what would soon be the Philadelphia Bible Institute (later Cairn University). After graduating in 1952, she attended Wheaton College and completed a BA in Philosophy and an MA in New Testament Greek. Years later in 1963, the academic dean, Dr. Clarence E. Mason Jr., invited Mae back to join the faculty. Mae challenged students academically as a professor of Greek, philosophy, ethics, and world religions.

A natural leader who exhibited outstanding attention to detail, wisdom, and organization, Mae was later promoted to vice president of research and planning. In this role, she was instrumental in institutional pursuits such as moving to Langhorne, attaining regional accreditation, and seeking university status. She was the University's first female vice president.

While she worked at the University for 50 years, she is perhaps best known for what she did outside of her classroom or office. Mae was heavily invested in the relationships she had with her students, particularly international students. She

continually opened her heart and home to international students such as Dr. Samuel Hsu '69 and Drs. Timothy '71 and Andrew Hui '76—the three brothers from China who became like sons to her.

"Mae was our teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend," President Todd J. Williams expressed at her memorial service on January 7. "And while we celebrate her life and rejoice in her home-going, we acknowledge that Mae's passing is one that carries with it the weight of a momentous conclusion to a significant portion of our institution's history. Her place in its story is both profound and prolific. There will never be another Miss Stewart. She was in a class all by her herself."

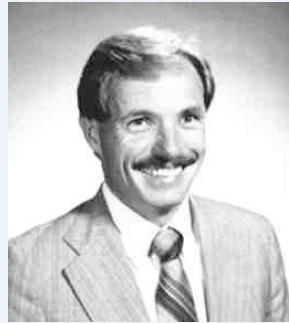
President Williams also announced at her memorial that the University will be honoring the significant role she played in the life of the University for more than 50 years by naming the forthcoming residence hall after her. The new "Stewart Hall" will become home for students who study at the University for years to come.

Elizabeth Mason Givens, Board of Trustees member and daughter of the man who first hired Mae, agrees that "Putting Mae Stewart's name on a dorm is a perfect legacy. From her refurbishing of old build-



ings at 1800 Arch in 1965, to preparing the Penndel apartments in Langhorne in 1979, to turning the second floor of her home into a dorm for international girls, Mae loved students in one of the ways they most needed love—a comfortable place to live."

In all that she involved herself in, Mae Stewart exhibited love, care, and, ultimately, service to Christ. If you would like to make a gift in honor of Mae, go to cairn.edu/give and designate your gift to the Mae Stewart Memorial Fund, which will fund the construction and furnishing of this new hall.



With a degree from Cairn in 1972, an MA from Wheaton in 1974, and an ED from Temple in 1986, this learned man has worked extensively in higher education leadership and consultation for nearly 50 years. Known for his genuine care for students and his love of running, this man restarted the Cairn University cross-country program during his time as the dean of students in the 1980s.

*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



Elmer Johnson '64
Professor of Biblical Exposition

Elmer Johnson is the Highlander pictured. Elmer and I arrived at Cairn about the same time. I remember him teaching a class on the minor prophets and making Amos so real that I still can't read his words without picturing them coming from Elmer's mouth! I worked for him for two years in the Recruitment Department (1971-73), and occasionally we slipped away in the afternoon to play basketball at the YMCA. Great teacher and good friend.

Robert Bell '73

Can anyone who meets Elmer Johnson ever forget him? Mr. Gruff and Tender. Elmer generates many fond memories but I do have a favorite. In the fall of 1963, Mrs. Richards, the school's employment director, asked Elmer

and me if we wanted an unusual job. Wycliffe's Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JARS) was putting an airplane on display outside of City Hall and needed two "scary looking guys" to guard it overnight. Since she couldn't find anyone scarier than me and Elmer, we spent two cold November nights sitting in lawn chairs, wrapped up in blankets, guarding an airplane at City Hall. During the evening hours it was quite pleasant, chatting with people about JARS and Wycliffe who were just curious about how an airplane got into downtown Philly. During the years since we graduated I've met a lot of wonderful people. But Elmer Johnson will always be a favorite person and character. Mr. Unforgettable Gruff and Tender!

Sid Buzzell '66

"But Elmer Johnson will always be a favorite person and character. Mr. Unforgettable Gruff and Tender!"

by asking me to go along with him on a youth retreat to be the song-leader where he was the speaker. I enjoyed that weekend with Mr. Johnson as well as getting to know him on the drive there and back. He was a good man and a beloved faculty member.

Greg Aikins '75

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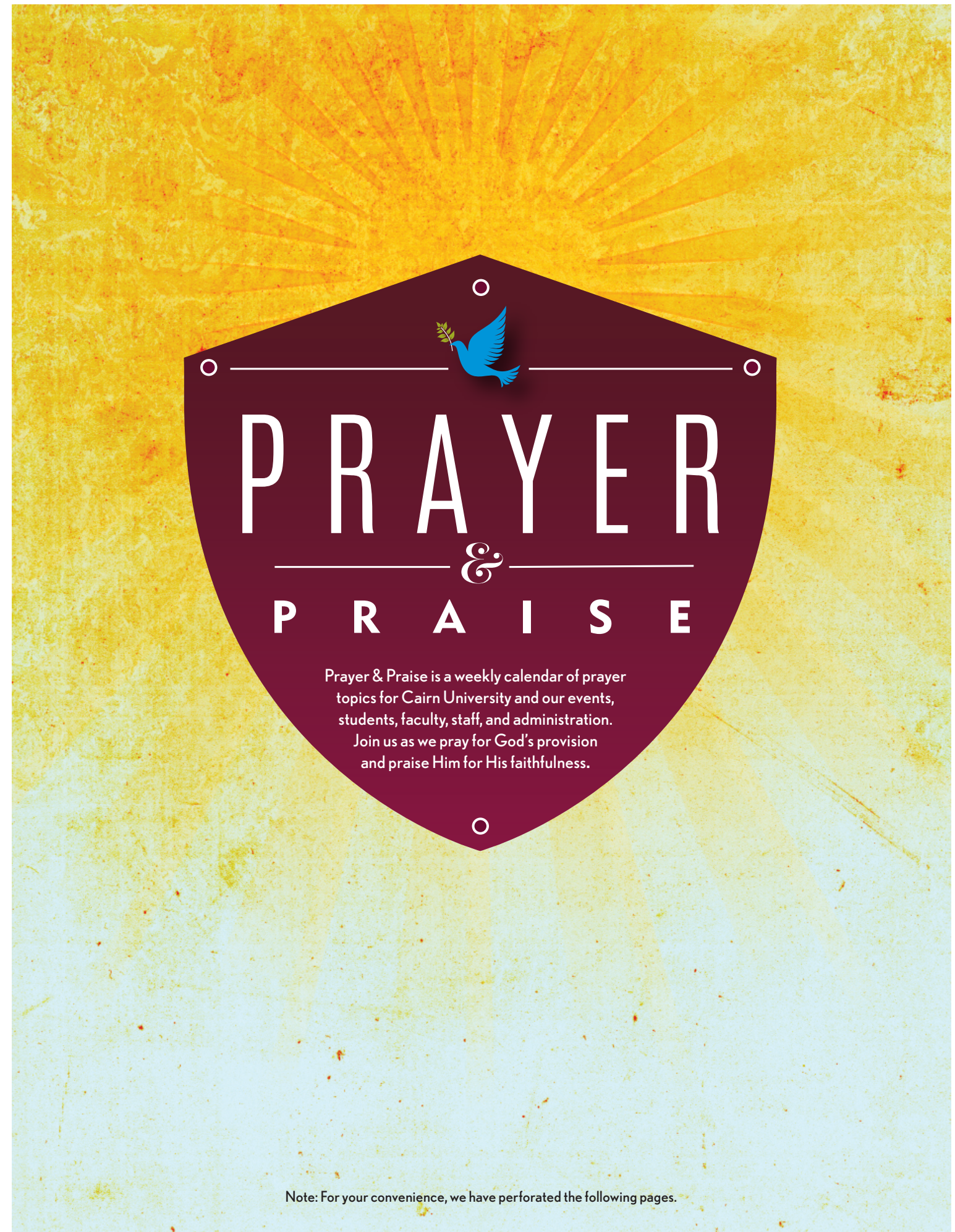
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Share your alumni news, change of address, or updated contact info via cairn.edu/update or by emailing Alumni Director Nate Wambold at nwambold@cairn.edu.

Yes, that's Elmer Johnson. He was a great teacher and he made the Bible come alive. But what I will always remember is that I would cut his hair. He was very kind and patient. We missed him when he left. The world needs more professors like him today.

Carol (Sholes) Peer '78

Elmer Johnson was a teacher when I was a student during the early 70s. I remember him as a tough-sounding instructor (he told my wife-to-be that probably half of those in the class she was taking with him would fail. She didn't.). But while he could sound tough, he was always approachable; the door to his office was always open. He affirmed me as well



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

February

FEBRUARY 1-8:
Pray for students as they finish their first month of the spring semester.

FEBRUARY 9-15:
Praise God for Campus Services and their diligent work in maintaining the University's buildings and grounds.

FEBRUARY 16-22:
Pray for the senior music majors as they prepare for their senior recitals.

FEBRUARY 23-29:
Praise God for hardworking professors and their guidance in students' lives.

March

MARCH 1-7:
Pray for the athletic department and the student-athletes.

MARCH 8-14:
Pray that the students may have a restful spring break.

MARCH 15-21:
Praise God for a refreshing spring break and the students' return to campus.

MARCH 22-31:
Praise God for the mission teams and their sharing of the gospel over spring break.

April

APRIL 1-4:
Pray for God's wisdom for students as they register for courses in the summer 2019 and fall 2019 semesters.

APRIL 5-11:
Pray for seniors as they prepare to present their final projects and theses.

APRIL 12-18:
Pray for this year's Gala and those in Student Life who have worked hard to make it a memorable night.

APRIL 19-25:
Praise God for Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection. He is risen!

APRIL 26-30:
Pray for the ARC as they continue mentoring and tutoring students through the end of the semester.

May

MAY 1-9:
Pray God would guide students as they study for final exams and finish their classes.

MAY 10-16:
Praise God for the graduating class of 2020!

May 17-23:
Pray for the students who are starting their summer courses.

MAY 24-31:
Praise God for the students and alumni who are serving or have served our country in the military.

June

JUNE 1-6:
Pray that our students would be good witnesses to their coworkers as they work over summer break.

JUNE 7-13:
Praise God for professors and faculty working on research, lectures, books, and articles over the summer months.

JUNE 14-20:
Pray for students on local and international missions trips this summer.

JUNE 21-30:
Pray for our recent graduates as they thoughtfully take their next steps toward a job or graduate school.

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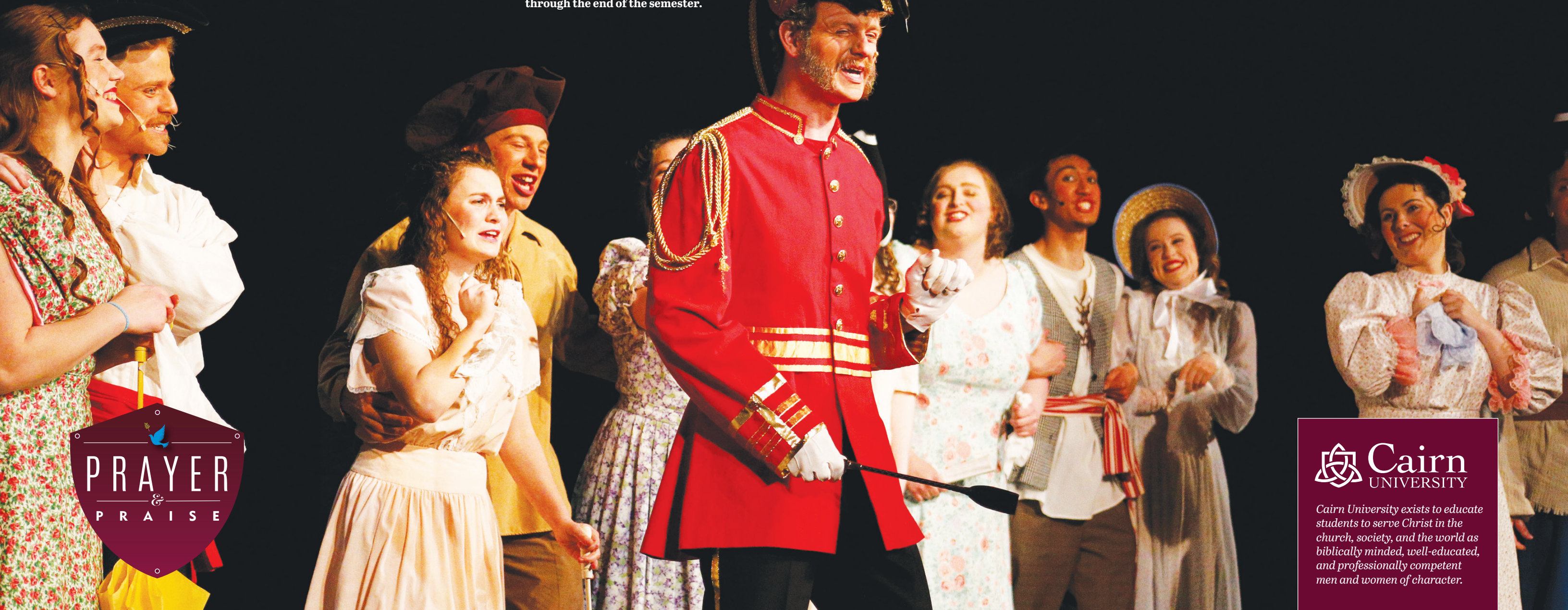
JULY 1-4:
Pray for the University administration as they make plans for moving forward while holding to Cairn's Christ-centered mission statement.

JULY 5-11:
Praise God for the hard-working staff in campus services, financial aid, and technology services.

JULY 12-18:
Praise God for students diligently serving others in their community.

JULY 19-25:
Pray for students' perseverance in finishing their summer classes.

JULY 26-31:
Praise God, for His mercies are new every morning.



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