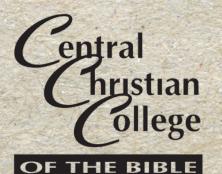


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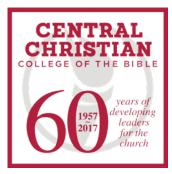






Special 60th Anniversary Issue (June 2017)





## REMEMBERING THE DAYS OF OLD



Dr. David Fincher ('93) president@cccb.edu

COVER: Various college seals and logos have been used through the years to represent the College's image. While praying in the fear of his enemies, the Psalmist included these words, "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all You have done; I reflect on the work of Your hands." (Psalm 143:5, HCSB) If David is the author of this psalm, he may be remembering situations a few years earlier in his life, when God was working to strengthen the nation and defeat Israel's enemies. But he may also be remembering what God had done generations earlier, even before David's birth, to establish and bless Israel with His powerful hand. David knew that those earlier events led to his timee where he was chosen to step in and "serve his own generation in God's plan." (Acts 13:36). God used David's gifts and heart to lead his own people.

Sometimes I feel like that as well. Thirty years ago, others told me what God was doing through the work of Central Christian College of the Bible, and I wanted to be part of it. This participation started during my high school years and continued as I enrolled in college. It shifted after graduation while I served at a church that supported Central financially. From 1987 to 1996, my main appreciation of Central was what the faculty and staff did for the students, which I celebrated and enjoyed.

In 1996, our donors made pledges that allowed us to reach the goals of the Impact the New Century campaign, one of which was to hire an additional faculty member. When I accepted that role, it opened my understanding on a new level: **CCCB could only succeed when churches and individuals believed that what God was doing through the College was worthy of their support.** Since then, whether as a faculty member, administrator, or President, I have constantly been amazed at how God has used kind and generous people to meet our needs.

Many of our friends "remember the days of old" and believe that what has happened here since 1957 is worth celebrating and continuing to support. As you read the following pages, I hope you will reflect on the work that God has done through our efforts at Central Christian College of the Bible. Thank Him for raising up both leaders and supporters who have been wholeheartedly committed to our mission. Ask Him for favor and blessings upon our graduates and the churches where they serve.

And perhaps you would like to be part of the work we are doing through your own generous gift. There is an envelope at the center of this newsletter to help you send your donation, financial commitment, or other information. Thanks to God's work and His people, we have been able to accomplish much together in the past 60 years. Your part in that may be great or small, but God will use it for His glory and service. Thank you for your support.

# SIXTY YEARS, ONE MISSION

The early decades of the 20th century found many denominations accepting the philosophy and theology of the modern world. As a result, the number of ministers and missionaries committed to biblical truth was in decline, and churches found themselves lacking a source for reliable ministers and missionaries. In response to this, many Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges were created in the United States.

Independent Christian churches and churches of Christ began more than 40 of these schools in various regions of the country. Some were started in cities with the goal of helping churches with the evangelization of the region. Some were started near university campuses to provide influence on the educational systems of the area. Others were started where established churches could provide students and support that would produce additional Christian workers to serve the area.

The latter approach described the founders of Central Christian College of the Bible, when they decided to create a new college in Moberly, Missouri in 1957. **The purpose of the college would be to "recruit and train leadership for the church at large according to the New Testament's teaching."** Though the wording of this statement has been adjusted occasionally during the years, the mission has stayed the same: Developing servant-leaders for the church.

The original seal for CCCB was developed in Cincinnati, before classes even started. Gareth Reese and Frank Watson met in the home of Reuben Bullard to discuss the academic program and create the first catalog. They agreed that a seal was necessary, and they chose the torch as the main symbol, circled by the Greek phrase "The Full Armor of God." It was designed there and has been modified several ways since then.

The various graphical emblems of the College on the cover help us realize that adjustments are needed through the years to represent the mission in a way that is relevant and meaningful for the time. And yet, the mission remains unchanged.

That original purpose helps us realize at least two things as we remember Central's history. **First, our work is on behalf of the churches that established us 60 years ago.** We are here because they placed us here, and you will see that strong association in each season of the College's existence.

**Second, our results benefit those churches, plus many others.** The "church at large" includes many congregations that have not supported us financially or may not even agree with us theologically. It includes various ministries that specialize in kingdom work of all types. But the education we provide creates workers who are able to benefit any interested church. We are humbled when we see God use one of our graduates to benefit the church and proclaim Christ.

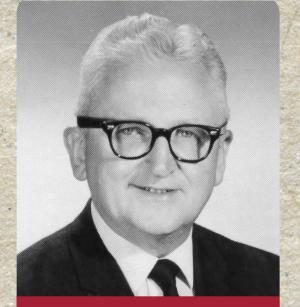
The following pages give you a chance to track our mission through the decades. You will see how different milestones were reached along the way, with the leaders who were actively directing the students and the institution according to God's purpose. In every era, the students have embodied our mission, serving on campus, in the community, and in the churches to reflect Christ and serve His kingdom.



# "A Servant of the Churches"







John W. Hall served as Central's first President from 1957-1959.

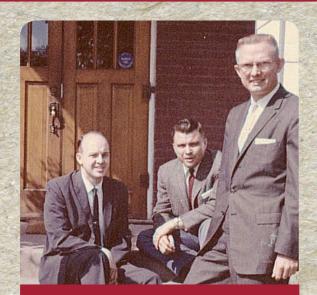
In February 1957, a steering committee of five men met in Moberly, Missouri, and chose to start a new Bible college in Moberly. They established the school's purpose: "to recruit and train leadership for the church at large according to the New Testament teaching."

John Hall was chairman of the steering committee that selected Moberly as the site. He was also an area preacher.

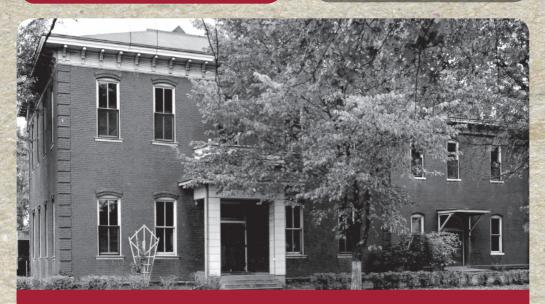
In 1959 Mr. Hall was asked to become the full-time Presdient, but he chose to remain with the congregation in Vandalia.

#### **Notable Experiences**

- For two years, Mr. Hall only spent one or two days a week in Moberly to handle business activities.
- By October 1957, the faculty members were only paid half-salary. Their preaching wages enabled them to meet their own financial obligations.
- In 1958-1959, night classes were developed for area churches to utilize.
- Special events were held, including the Show-Me Fellowship and banquets for men and women
- A basketball team was started for students and area ministers.



Lloyd Pelfrey, Gareth Reese, Frank Watson, William C. Harris, and Dan Peterson were the first faculty members. (Harris and Peterson are not pictured)



Central's first campus was located on 415 North Ault Street. The three-story building was remodeled by volunteers from area churches.

A meeting was held in Chillicothe to establish a new Bible College in mid-Missouri. (December)

1957

1956

John Hall was named the College's first President. Issued. (March 11)

 Ault Street Campus was purchased for \$17,500
from the Sisters of
Loretic. (April)



The first convocation service was held September 3, 1957, at Moberly's Municipal Auditorium. Over 500 people were in attendance.

Glasses began with tuition costing \$3 per credit. (September 4) The Bookstore was established to serve students and churches with a \$50 investment.

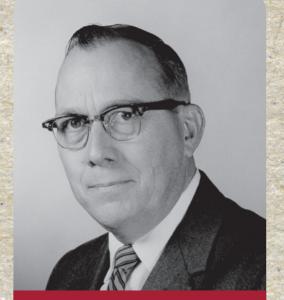
1st Commencement Service was held. Don Stirrup received the first bachelor's degree and Ruth Hollenbeck carned a certificate. (May 23)



# "Moberly's Distinctive Asset"







Grayson H. Ensign served as President from 1959-1966.

Central's first full-time President began his duties on December 1, 1959. Grayson Ensign and his family had recently returned from missionary service in Jamaica. Mr. Ensign approached the presidency with energetic thoroughness and diligent study.

The Ensign years were ones of building a quality faculty, developing Central to follow the standard model of a Bible college, and preparing plans for future campus development.

He concluded his presidency on June 1, 1966. He left to become the director of "The Bible Chair of the Southwest" at Amarillo College.



Gareth Reese, Lloyd Pelfrey, L. Edsil Dale, President Ensign, John Leinbaugh, and Norval Campbell served on the faculty.

1960

**Crayson Ensign** was named Central's second President

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The original mortgage note was burned (May 27)

1962

Professors Pelikey and Reese helped establish the Midwest Christian College Conference

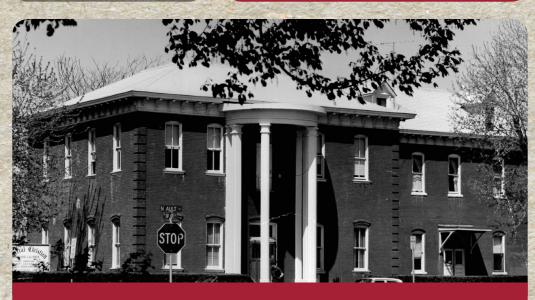
1963

#### **Notable Experiences**

- The Missouri Christian Lectureship was restored
- All salaries were fully paid to faculty and staff
- A film library was purchased in 1964 and is still available today
- The CB ("Central Boosters") program began to encourage supporting churches.
- Equipment and supplies for the print shop were obtained in Chicago and installed in Moberly to produce the College's promotional material.



The Cowgill Dormitory and two other houses were purchased and used for male student housing. The Harris Dorm was rented for female students, then was later donated to the College.



Pillars were added to the original Memorial Building to give the building a more collegiate appearance. It later became the men's dormitory.

1964

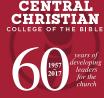
The first Minuteman appeal was sent. This fundraising group still exists today. (December 1963)

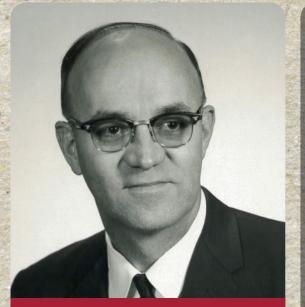
The Men's Banquet was moved to the local prison and attendance doubled.

Robert Seath became the first Director of Development



# "Exalting Christ and His Word in Times Like These"





Walter "Jack" Spratt served as President from 1966 to 1972

Coming from a preaching ministry in Amarillo, Texas, Mr. Spratt became President and led the College's acquisition of forty acres on Route M, where the campus is currently located.

Groundbreaking at the new property was held in 1967. Several buildings were developed there during his presidency: a cafetorium, men's dormitory, and women's dormitory.

Spratt's presidency was characterized by excitement for the growth of the college. Health problems lead him to resign from the presidency to take a preaching ministry in Raytown, Missouri.

#### **Notable Experiences**

Summer camp teams were added in 1967. Tuition scholarships were approved for the first time in 1971.

Spurling Hall housed female students, but had other uses as well. The lower level contained classrooms, and the lobby had an apartment and bookstore. Lang Hall housed male students on the top floor. The second floor contained faculty offices and the lower level was used for classrooms.



The faculty for 1969-70 included Edsil Dale, Norval Campbell, Dan Schantz, Lynn Gardner, Gareth Reese, Lloyd Pelfrey, Jack Spratt, and John Leinbaugh.



Forty acres of land were purchased for \$42,500 to relocate the campus near the high school in southern Moberly.

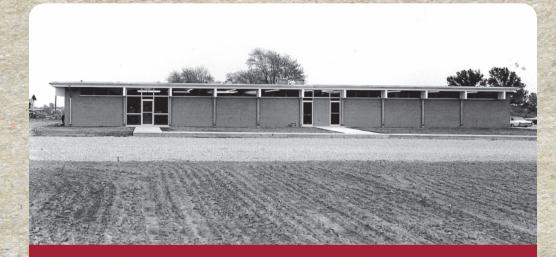
1967

Walter "Jack" Spratt was named Central's third president.

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Forty acres and a house were purchased on Route M for \$42,500. Offices, print shop, and mailroom were located in the house while the rest of the campus was built.

1968



The Cafetorium was constructed to be used as a cafeteria, library, and chapel.

Spuring Hall was completed to house female students.

Lang Hall was completed to house male students.

# REFLECTING ON CENTRAL'S ETERNAL IMPACT

Is there a way to measure the effects of a Bible College? We can see where our students come from and try to keep track of what they do after they leave. Students have attended Central from all 50 states and over 40 foreign countries. Although we cannot know the full measure of Central's influence until heaven, we can see glimpses of how God has used our work to make an eternal impact.

Central has influenced more **churches** in our area and around the world than we can possibly know. Our staff and graduates have strengthened and encouraged thousands of churches, filled pulpits with thousands of sermons, and started hundreds of new churches. Over the past 60 years, our alumni have served churches in all 50 states. This has fulfilled our mission of *Developing Servant-Leaders for the Church*.

But the impact of Central goes far beyond local churches started and served by our graduates. Two children's homes have strong roots to the College.

**Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch** was started by two CCCB students: Stan Way and Don McCain. Jay Craig was been the director for many years, and he attended CCCB. When Shiloh began, the college did something very unusual: we allowed Shiloh to have a one-time use of our mailing list to help them promote the news of their mission to others. Their ongoing success is strongly tied to the churches and supporters of CCCB.

**Show-Me Christian Youth Home** was started by Stanley and Essilee Hinten, who had come from the Mexico/Benton City area to attend night classes. They wanted to do for Missouri what Cookson Hills was doing elsewhere, and from that dream, Show-Me was created.

In the realm of **campus ministries**, Central has had a strong university presence in the Missouri campuses of Columbia, Kirksville, Rolla, Warrensburg, Maryville, and St. Joseph. Graduates in the last decade have gone to campuses in Massachusetts, Texas, Florida, New York, South Dakota, and Arizona. This means that countless university students across the nation have been influenced by the ministry of CCCB.

Numerous graduates have started long-term **missions work** in various countries around the world, including Haiti, Thailand, Taiwan, Mexico, Africa, and Australia. Our student teams travel each year to various locations to provide assistance and encouragement to those missionaries.

Your support of Central Christian College of the Bible does more than just provide for Bible teaching and ministry training. It sends servant-leaders into all the world to make disciples. **When that happens, Central certainly creates an eternal impact.** 

## A SUMMER OF SERVICE: 2017 CAMP TEAMS

Each summer Central has a group of students who represent Christ and the College by serving on a camp teams. The students apply, interview, and begin working together as teams during the winter months.

This summer we are sending out 14 students in 4 camp teams to serve all over the country. The teams will interact with thousands of students at church camps, Christ in Youth events, and Nationwide Youth Roundup.

The theme for training this year was Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (ESV) Each student realizes that they belong to Christ and are giving of themselves to teenagers, just as Christ gave Himself to us.

Darryl Ammon, Executive Director of Student Development, directs our camp team program, along with his wife Teresa. He said, "After spending 8 days with these students in training, Teresa and I feel certain that they will exemplify the kind of Christian character which will draw students toward lives of kingdom involvement where ever they go." Join us in praying for their work with teenagers this summer.

#### **MINUTEMEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



**The Minuteman Fund** allowed us to finish paying for two projects partially funded by designated gifts: a new commercial lawnmower and entrance signs on Urbandale Drive. Our next project is network infrastructure. Since 1963, Minutemen have been asked to provide resources for capital repairs, replacements, and improvements at CCCB. Almost 400 friends of the College give to **The Minuteman Fund** to help us prepare for special needs and opportunities that arise.

<u>If you are currently a Minuteman</u>, we invite you to make your donation to the Minuteman Fund this summer.

<u>If you are not a Minuteman</u>, will you consider joining others who have helped keep the College strong and growing by this special giving program?

To make your gift of \$30 quarterly (or \$10 monthly) to **The Minuteman Fund**, you may use the enclosed envelope or visit our website at <u>CCCB.edu/mm</u>. Thank you for being part of the ministry of Central Christian College of the Bible in this generous way.

## **CENTRAL DAY Anniversary Activities**

#### Thursday, August 31

6 pm

**60th Birthday Party** Community Bible Seminar: "Does God's Word Teach Absolute Truth?"

#### Friday, September 1

10:30 am	Chapel: "Yahweh - The Trinity in God's Name"
11:40 am	Lunch Break
1 - 2:30 pm	Honors Colloquium: "God's Eternal Purpose"
5 - 6:30 pm	Meet some CCCB Missionaries
7 pm	5K Run to Benefit CCCB Missionaries
8:30 pm	Night at the Movies (Indoors)

**Concert and Celebration** on the front lawn Lunch for purchase from food trucks on campus **Games and Fun** for the entire family

Featured speaker: Dr. Jack Cottrell (Cincinnati, Ohio)

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE



Each month, prospective students and their families come to Moberly from around the country to see how Central can provide the educational opportunities they are seeking.

#### At **InFocus Fridays**, guests enjoy

attending chapel, visiting a class, learning about financial aid, meeting Central staff members, and eating in the cafeteria! All attendees receive a \$500 scholarship for their first year at Central and their \$50 application fee is waived.

To schedule an InFocus Friday visit, call or text Dylan Hayes at 660-998-5580. You can also contact Admissions by phone at 1-888-263-3900 or online at CCCB.edu/iff.

#### **CHRISTIAN SENIORS DAY** (FORMERLY SAINTS IN ACTION DAY) **CCCB.EDU/EVENTS**

**Thursday, September 21** I-MO Christian Service Camp (Bloomfield, IA)

**Monday, October 16 Christian Church of Mountain Home** (Mountain Home, AR)

Monday, October 23 **Central Christian Church** 

Thursday, November 2 Timber Lake Christian Church



#### **EFFECTIVE ELDERS CONFERENCE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 (In Conjunction with Men's Day)

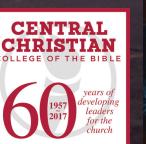
Make a gift today. Leave a legacy for tomorrow.

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Similar to finding your perfect coffee blend, there is a way to blend the benefits of your current generosity and future giving that is just right for you. Visit our website to begin learning about the many different ways you can create a custom gift. Ready to talk now? Please contact us.

If you would like to see a variety of gifting options to help you generously support CCCB or another ministry, visit comissiongiving.org. Call David Duncan at the number below with your





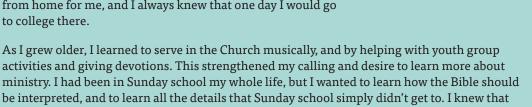
Saturday, September 2

### **MY SCHOLARSHIP STORY**

Adam Fincher (Moberly, Missouri) Senior Student

Central Christian College of the Bible has been an amazing place for me to learn and grow in my walk with Christ. I have loved the chance to attend school on such a great campus where the learning is so intentional and the prices are incredibly affordable.

Both of my parents attended Central, and so I grew up with the College already in my heritage. My dad was a preacher and music minister and I got to spend a lot of time watching him work at a local church. He also worked for the College, so I spent quite a bit of time hanging out with Central students and professors as I grew up. Central was always a home away from home for me, and I always knew that one day I would go to college there.



Central could teach me everything that I wanted to learn about the Bible.

Since I was from Moberly, my college career took a different path. I started Central classes my



Senior year of High School, which helped me develop closer friendships with the students here. I could lead and plan chapel worship, attend devotions, and spend time with fellow students.

When I moved to the dorm, I joined the cross country team and had a great experience running with Jason Poznich, the professor of preaching at Central. He encouraged me to take some preaching classes even though I was just wanting to get a degree in Christian ministries. God used this as an opportunity to show me that he could take skills and talents from my life that I didn't even know I had, all to serve His Kingdom.

While attending Central, I served on the traveling

worship team and got the opportunity to visit many different supporting churches. I also did a year of supply preaching. These ministries helped me to see how God's Church is connected in different places. The churches I served encouraged me to keep developing my gifts of music and preaching and to use my life as a service to Christ.

I have completed an Associate of Worship Arts, and a Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries with a minor in preaching. I hope to find a career that can provide for my wife, Valerie, and me while serving God and his Church with the talents he has given me.

I believe that God blesses us with gifts we can use to glorify him in many different ways, and Central has taught me that no matter what I am doing, it is my job to use my gifts for his Church. I am thankful for all of the classes I have taken at Central and for all the knowledge I have gained about God's word. My understanding of the scriptures has become more complete because of my time at Central. I am so thankful for the professors at the college and my fellow students who have encouraged me and helped me to grow. I am also so thankful for all the people who donate to the school and make it possible for students like me to come learn God's word at such an affordable price.

## **PELFREYS HONORED**

Lloyd and Irene Pelfrey were honored at the Missouri Christian Convention with "God's Honored Servant Award" on Friday, March 31, 2017. This award was created five years ago, when the convention began to pick out people whom they wished to honor for their influence in the state.

When approached about the honor, Mr. Pelfrey started to turn them down saying he had enough honor in his life. When Mark Kummer, the convention president persisted, Lloyd agreed as long as Irene was honored with him. "I can't do all those things that I have done, could not do them, except for the fact that she was behind me. She kept the home fires burning. She took care of our children. And she established great attitudes in them so that they did not resent the fact that I was gone so much. They were proud of the fact that I could be gone for the Lord's work."



Although teacher is his favorite role at the college, Mr. Pelfrey later spent many years behind the President's

desk. He served as President for 26 years, during which time a building was constructed on campus that would later bear his name. The college also became accredited and gained a nationwide reputation for conservative Bible teaching for ministry preparation. After signing thousands of gift receipt letters, Lloyd retired from the presidency in 1998. Since then, he has continued to teach in the classroom and online as Professor Emeritus of Old Testament. He is also Central's President Emeritus.

Lloyd Pelfrey is known for his classroom humor, his whistling ability, and his kind manner with everyone he meets. Everyone who knows Mr. Pelfrey marvels at his vivid memories of their past interactions. Lloyd Pelfrey's service in Missouri has blessed churches of our region and the Christian church movement around the world.

Lloyd and Irene have been partners in marriage and ministry for over 60 years. The Pelfreys are blessed with three daughters (Rhonda Dunham, Theda Wortman, and Brenda Bernhardt), three sons-in-law, five grandchildren (2 not pictured), and 3 great-grandchildren.







# "Where Bible And Excellence Go Together"





Lloyd M. Pelfrey served as President from 1972 to 1998.

During his presidency, Mr. Pelfrey worked to eliminate relocation debts. In 1980, Memorial Hall was completed, including offices, classrooms, and a gymnasium. Accreditation was earned in 1982, 1987, and 1992.

After retiring as President in 1998, Mr. Pelfrey became Chancellor and a teacher. He also served as Interim President during 2005-2006.

Mr. Pelfrey continues to serve Central students as Professor Emeritus, teaching a few classes each semester.

#### **Notable Experiences**

- LMP's first presidential act was to cancel classes Tuesday, April 10, due to a blizzard the night before.
- Mr. Pelfrey hired Mike Hardee to be the first recruiter for the college.
- Holiday Vespers began under the direction of Dr. Tarry Koutz.
- Gareth Reese. Richard Koffarnus, and Daniel Schantz wrote books. articles, and Sunday School lessons used around the country.



Mr. Pelfrey regularly wrote personal notes to the College's supporters.



Of the men pictured above, three served as President, two served as Interim President, and five served as Academic Dean.

1999

After serving as Interim President one year, Lloyd Pelifrey was named Gentral's for the Memorial Building fourth President (April 6)

1978

Groundbreaking was held (October 1)

1980

Memorial Hall was completed in 1980.

It was later renamed Pelfrey Hall.

Memorial Building, (now Pelfrey Hall) was completed

1982

A special 25th Anniversary Celebration was held on campus. (May 31)

Central first became accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (now Accrediting Association for Biblical Higher Education)

The original orange carpet gym floor was upgraded to a vinyl floor as part of the Impact the New Century campaign.

#### Central Contral

# "America's Full-Scholarship Bible College"





Dr. Russell James served as President from 2000-2005.

Dr. Russell James served as Central's President from 2000 to 2005. During his presidency, the College adopted a significantly different approach to recruiting and pricing, called The Full-Tuition Scholarship, which began in 2001. The FTS was made possible by successful fundraising, operational efficiency, and dormitory revenue.

The new program resulted in a period of rapid enrollment growth, culminating with the highest enrollment in our history, more than 525 students in Fall 2005.

Following his presidency, Dr. James has served three different universities as a professor in the areas of personal financial and charitable planning.

#### **Notable Experiences**

- Institutional accreditation with ABHE was reaffirmed in 2003.
- The ABHE Enrollment Growth award was received three times during Dr. James' presidency: 2002, 2004, and 2005.
- Numerous faculty were added to accommodate the increased number of students.
- Significant remodeling and expansion of current facilities were necessary each summer to prepare for incoming classes.



Students sat in the bleachers for chapel, while musicians and speakers were on the floor. During two years, meals were also eaten at tables set up on the gym floor. The stage was used for recreation, computer lab, and other functions.



Mabee Foundation Hall was constructed with two lobbies to house male and female students on separate floors.

Dr. Russell James was named Central's stxth President The Full-Tuttion Scholarship program was established to provide an affordable education for all students.

2003

Dormitories were converted to triple occupancy to hold more students.



The Reese Resource Center was constructed to house the library and bookstore. It was built debt-free with donations and grants.

The Reese Resource Center was expanded to meet the needs of the growing student body,

Mabee Foundation Hall was completed.

Over 530 student enrolled for classes during the Fall 2005 semester.

#### **Central Christian College of the Bible**

# "Developing Authentic Servant-Leaders"



CENTRAL



Dr. Ron Oakes served as President from 2006-2013.

Dr. Ron Oakes became the sixth President of Central in 2006. Dr. Oakes carefully planned our pursuit of regional accreditation, resulting in the College attaining candidate status in 2013 with the Higher Learning Commission.

Under his leadership, the Walton Student Center was constructed, our online education was developed, and institutional accreditation with ABHE was reaffirmed in 2013.

After his presidency ended in 2013, Dr. Oakes relocated to Ohio, where he has continued to minister part-time.

#### **Notable Experiences**

Student services were expanded to help meet the spiritual and discipleship needs of the student body.

- An emphasis on studentled mission trips allowed for groups to work with Central alumni serving around the world.
- In 2008, forty students and ten faculty served in China for a week.
- Due to the size of the graduating classes, commencement services were held at Moberly Area Community College.



Five men were recognized with the honor Professor Emeritus for outstanding service and longevity: Pelfrey, Reese, Walton, Koutz, and Schantz. A "Hall of Honor" was created to recognize their work with original watercolors by Twila Schofield Farmer.



The Walton Student Center was constructed to provide a place for recreation and fellowship for students and staff.

Dr. Ronald Oakes was Pelfrey Hall expansion Our athletic teams named Central's stath President

was completed for Fall 2006 Usaga.

became known as the Salats.

The Central Alumni Advisory Association (CBA) was created

Online classes were developed and offered.

A 50th Anntversary Celebration was held on campus.

The Walton Student Center was constructed to recognize the service of Bill and Shirley Walton.

Pelfrey Hall was expanded with a "West Wing" to add offices, classrooms,

elevator access to 2nd floor, and a dining hall.

2010

GGGB was named Candidate status with the Higher Learning Commission.



# "Dedicated Disciples Who Know God's Word And Serve His Kingdom"





Dr. David Fincher has served as President since 2014.

Dr. David Fincher was named the College's seventh President in 2014. He previously served as Professor of New Testament and Communication and as Vice-President of Academics.

A 1993 graduate of Central, he is the first graduate to serve as a President, and has focused on connecting with his fellow alumni, defining the institution's vision, and implementing the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

An advocate of partnerships, Dr. Fincher developed expanded agreements with Moberly Area Community College and Lincoln Christian University, while pursuing opportunities with other institutions as well.

#### **Notable Experiences**

- Regional Accreditation site visits were hosted in 2014 & 2016, with a final decision by the HLC board to be completed in June 2017.
- Students who never attended class at Moberly have been able to graduate with a degree utilizing online education while serving in other cities and states.
- Utilizing expense reductions, targeted fundraising, and departmental restructuring, the College recovered financial stability following several years of economic difficulties.
- New faculty members were added to lead ministry programs with relevant creative experiences.

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Over 4,750 students enrolled from Fall 1957 to Fall 2016.



Graduates serving around the country spend time sharing their memories and ministries when Dr. Fincher is traveling in their area.

Dr. David Fincher was named Central's seventh President

2014

2015

Wood flooring was purchased for the gym through an online auction and installed. (February)

An Online Bachelor of Science in Bible degree was added

2016



The Coaches' Court was purchased, refinished, and dedicated to recognize the men and women who have coached our court sports.

GGA changed to Association of Saints & Heralds

2017

The process of gaining institutional regional accreditation was completed.

Special 30th Anniversary Gelebration held on campus





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- **Remember the past** as we highlight seven seasons of Central's history through the leaders, slogans, and facilities that have characterized our work.
- Reflect on our impact as we describe some of the fruit from our years of ministry.
- Support The Minuteman Fund to help us prepare for upcoming needs.
- Plan to attend upcoming events like Christian Seniors' Day, Effective Elders Conference, and Anniversary Activities.
- Make a gift to help us give students like Adam and our camp team members the Full-Tuition Scholarship.

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