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**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN**  
COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

# TURNING A STUDENT INTO A SERVANT-LEADER

You may have seen the phrase “servant-leader” in our mission statement: **Developing Servant-Leaders for the Church**. Please let me explain why we work hard to turn students into servant-leaders.

Robert Greenleaf (greenleaf.org) is known as the founder of the modern servant leadership movement. In the late 1960s, he was trying to answer the question of how anyone could successfully lead in a society that had lost respect for traditional authority. In his book Servant Leadership: A Journey Into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness, he wrote,

*“They will respond only to individuals who are chosen as leaders because they are proven and trusted as servants. In the future, the only truly viable institutions will be those that are predominantly servant led.”*

How does this relate to the church? Earlier generations may have submitted to whomever was behind the pulpit. Now, only servants will be respected and followed. Jesus Himself modeled and taught this principle: **Leadership is not about titles and positions, but about serving others, as He served others by giving His life** (Mark 10:42-45; Luke 22:24-27). A student who learns to serve like Jesus can better lead the church, behind the pulpit or in any other capacity.

To help our students become servant-leaders, we use various programs where they experience serving others.

**Service Learning** – Each student is expected to learn through completing four hours of weekly service. They work with a supervisor, serving children, visiting the elderly, helping with tasks, and assisting in classes or services. They see mature Christian leaders in action and become acquainted with the needs of people.

**Day of Service** – Each semester, we cancel classes for a day and assign students to group projects, like working at a church, a Christian camp, a children’s home, or in the house of someone overwhelmed by necessary maintenance tasks. They learn to serve with others and make a big difference in a short period of time.

**Service Teams** – Many students prepare for months to go on a mission trip. Travel teams visit Christian camps, conferences, or churches to work with students. Some serve a church weekly, leading congregational worship and youth groups. These experiences help them learn things they would never discover in a classroom.

**Field Education / Apprenticeships** – Before a student receives a ministry degree, he or she works with an experienced professional on a successful site. This allows students to practice key tasks in their field. The grade they earn is important, but the extended practice is vital.

Look at the cover of this newsletter again. The historic pulpit represents the ministry of the church. The faces are those who have graduated since the Full-Tuition Scholarship began in 2001. **Join me in praying for them to be the servant-leaders the church needs during the 21st century.**



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# MISSIONARIES: CALLED TO MISSOURI, SENT WORLDWIDE

Eckhard Schnabel in Paul the Missionary says that the term “missions” or “mission” refers to the activity of a community of faith. He notes three distinguishing factors in the missional task: communicating the news of Jesus the Messiah, declaring a new way of life, and integrating new believers into a new community.

Central Christian College of the Bible was founded by area churches in 1957 to “recruit and train leadership for the church at large according to the New Testament.” This statement of purpose was brought up by Gareth Reese at our recent 60th anniversary celebration.

(You can view the video of the anniversary at <https://goo.gl/xLqoX2>)

I was particularly moved as I listened to Mr. Reese share memories from the early days of CCCB, **“Mr. John Hall from Vandalia was to find a faculty for the college and invited several of us to become missionaries to the state of Missouri.”** He continued, “The churches needed preachers. The third week of the college’s existence the ‘boys’ were already out preaching in the churches.”

CCCB continues to send ‘boys’ out to preach in the area churches. Furthermore, now there are also churches in the area and around the world that have been established by CCCB graduates with new believers in new communities. The missional task of communicating the Good News of Jesus is being fulfilled both locally and globally.

Young men and women are being trained to be servant leaders for the church as missionaries, associate ministers, youth and family ministers, counselors, preachers, Christian education teachers and leaders, church planters, missions pastors, accountants for missionaries, Bible College professors, elders, and other church leaders. I could go on and on. Each of these and many others are fulfilling the ongoing vision of the early “missionaries” called to the state of Missouri, sixty years ago.

There is a plaque hanging in my study that reads, “There is probably nothing more crucial, in terms of the needs in missions today, than the development of leadership . . . that is the cry all over the world.” Leaders who are committed to discipleship and church planting are essential for the church in the 21st Century.

God often expands our vision beyond our imagination. Training future leaders for the global church may have been a part of the “church at large” envisioned by the founding leaders of CCCB. Today it is a reality.

For one to be a part of the missional task of what God is doing with CCCB is truly a great privilege. But as we all know this is not accomplished alone. This task is completed by a community of faith. CCCB is grateful for your participation in the life changing missional task of communicating the Good News of Jesus globally.



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Micheal Curtice serves as Associate Dean and Professor of Missions and Ministry. He and his wife Brenda have four grown children and six grandchildren. In addition to teaching, he looks forward preaching on Sundays in various churches. Micheal has a growing collection of canes and cuckoo clocks. When he has free time, Micheal enjoys spending time with family and playing racquetball.

# PATH TO THE PULPIT: THE STORY OF MARK & RACHEL BOND



*Mark Bond recently contacted the Alumni Office to list a ministry opening on our website, after becoming the preaching minister at his church. We asked him and his wife Rachel to describe their experiences serving in various ministries and churches since leaving Central. This is their story.*

Growing up in a home of a minister, Mark Bond had seen the life of ministry from the inside out. During the summer of his junior year in high school, he decided ministry was a path he wanted to pursue. That wasn't always the plan in his mind, but it became evident that ministry was his calling.

Less than a week into his first days on campus at CCCB, he met Rachel Humphrey and they eventually began dating. A little over two years later, they married and started their first ministry together in Kansas City, Missouri, where Mark was responsible for Worship and Youth and Rachel was responsible for the Children's Ministry. They served in that ministry together for six years.

The next opportunity to serve came from St. Joseph, Missouri, where Mark was hired to be the Worship Minister, while Rachel was a full-time mother. That ministry lasted three years. Then a large church in Webb City, Missouri, called, and they moved to serve together. Mark was responsible for the Creative Arts Ministries at the church and Rachel was a volunteer leader of a ministry to mothers.

As the churches grew larger with each move, so did the gap in their marriage. It wasn't intentional, but it was evident. Longer hours of work meant less communication with each other and fewer interactions. Rachel had essentially become a single parent to their children because Mark was not engaged with the family. There were red flags everywhere, but everyone chose to ignore them.

In February 2011, Mark attended an event where he was introduced to a discipleship model that resounded in him like nothing before. In the months that followed, one could observe some exponential growth in Mark's authentic pursuit of Jesus. While he believes his faith previously was authentic, it was very mechanical. This was so much different.

What happened next is a story with many details that truly aren't significant, but Mark allowed his heart to become unguarded. At a time when he thought his pursuit of Jesus was at its greatest, his fall came with incredible disaster.

In a very short period of time, conversations that Mark was having with a woman in the congregation that were one degree off in being appropriate turned into actions that were 180 degrees off in anything Mark would ever have imagined himself doing. He didn't know who he had become. As he sat with his Senior Minister the day of his confession and told him he didn't know who he was, it was as if he were hovering above this whole situation and watching from a third person view. That confession came on Sunday afternoon when he couldn't live with his sin anymore. Mark knew his confession would come with many, many consequences. But he knew that he wanted truth.

Walking through conversations with his wife, his kids, his Life Group, and his elders were the most painful things Mark has ever done. He resigned from the church. The word "shock" doesn't even scratch the surface as to what this did to that community. The elders chose a full announcement the following Sunday with many details. Though detailed facts stated to 3,000 people were intended to reduce confusion, the rumor mill became louder.

The first 21 days following Mark's confession were a blur. Rachel and Mark exchanged many words, but also sat in much silence. Mark's heart was grieving multiple deaths. As far as he knew it could be the death of his marriage, the death of his family, the death of his profession, the death of his reputation, and the death of so many friendships. His heart was even processing the death of his inappropriate relationship. While it was wrong, it was real. He lost 11 pounds the first day.

Mark and Rachel continued to talk very honestly and openly. The grace Rachel extended from the beginning was only because of Jesus. They made progress daily, even hourly. But the world around them had stopped. When they needed something from Wal-Mart, they would go together and it was painful for Mark to be in public. The painfulness experienced by the woman at the well in John 4 became more understandable and personal.

Mark and Rachel desired to get intensive counseling. Close friends from their Life Group became an advocate couple with them at an intensive weekend of counseling. That couple had walked the same road as the Bonds only 5 years earlier. Together, the two couples dug into heart issues and roots of bad fruit. Once their similar "spirals" were identified, Mark and Rachel were able to overlay those spirals over many life events to see how they would naturally respond without changes. They came home from that weekend a changed couple, with an advocate couple that knew them like no one else.

Weeks following his confession, Mark was called by an advertising company where he had interviewed for an entry-level graphic artist position. They asked if he was interested in applying for a management position. He said yes, and was offered a job managing the entire graphics department of 34 artists. The Lord worked out those details to provide "regular" working hours while the family continued to heal and re-learn to rely on their identity in Jesus.

It was during this time the Lord opened the Bond family's eyes and hearts to the ministry of foster care. This became their family ministry to extend love to children who needed it most.

Two years passed, and phone calls and inquiries began to come in to see if Mark was interested in considering ministry opportunities. After much discussion together and with others they trusted, Mark and Rachel decided to begin the search to return to full-time ministry.

Mark found a congregation in Indiana searching for a Minister of Worship and Discipleship, two areas at the heart of his ministry strengths. His cover letter and resume were unconventional, since his previous ministries had come from conversations or recommendations. After a lot of conversations and prayer, the church called Mark and his family to come and lead in those areas.

Upon arrival in Indiana, the Lord used the story He had written in their lives to connect Mark and Rachel with many people and couples. The opportunity for them to share what they had been through and were still working through has been only by the redeeming work of Jesus.

After three years in Indiana, and some staff transitions, Mark was asked to consider becoming the Lead Minister. After quickly declining, the opportunity still remained. With a lot of prayer and more wisdom from those they trusted, Mark and Rachel decided he should pursue the opportunity. Batesville Christian Church then voted to select Mark as their next Lead Minister.

The Bond Family continues to grow with more and more children that come in and out of their home through fostering. As a family on mission, they love encouraging others to be invested and involved in caring for those who desperately need to see the love of a family and the love of Jesus. Their hope is that Batesville will be a town known for many wonderful people who care for the kids of Indiana that need a loving home.

Not all paths look the same and Mark's path took a lot of sidetracks. But time and time again, the Lord continues to redeem the shame of Mark's sin for His glory. He writes a much better story.



# EXPANDING TWO FAMILY LEGACIES INTO NEW MINISTRIES

*The Leinbaugh and Nichols families have been in the ministry for generations. Jason Leinbaugh and Marah Nichols observed the lifelong ministries of their grandparents (John Leinbaugh and Sherm Nichols) and parents (Bob & Teri Leinbaugh and Paul & Mary Nichols).*

*When Jason ('03) and Marah ('04) came to Central, they both wanted to do something for the Kingdom. After getting married, they set out to develop their ministries as their family has grown.*

*Jason describes the different ministry hats he wears in the following paragraphs.*

## Camp Manager

I was hired in April 2003 to be the Camp Manager for Gasconade Christian Service Camp (near Waynesville, Missouri) before I graduated from CCCB in May. I have been apart of GCSC since 1992 as I grew up attending camp, working as faculty/dean, and now as camp manager. I have been entrusted to care for the facilities, oversee the programming, present updates to supporting churches, secure paid staff, and handle the day-to-day operations.



Since my time at Gasconade, we have been able to make multiple improvements to the facilities to double the programming. Currently we are installing windows/doors/HVAC in our dorms to make them usable year-round. Taking two years of vocational school (building trades) during high school definitely paid off! We are also building a hospitality facility. Our camp directors, trustees, and ministers are the best to work with! Their support and guidance, and unwavering love for the Lord has helped continue this ministry's success.

## School Psychological Examiner

For the past six years, I have been working full-time as a School Psychological Examiner (SPE) and two years as a Behavior Intervention Specialist for the Waynesville R-VI School District. I spend most of my time administering IQ and academic assessments, interpreting behavioral measures, writing diagnostic reports, and attending meetings to discuss the findings with colleagues. I am housed at Ft. Leonard Wood at the district's early childhood facility and do a majority of the testing for this building and the three elementary schools on the base. I work with students throughout the district from two years old to 21 years old.

This school year, I have been co-teaching a graduate course for others to become certified as SPE's through Lindenwood University. As a Behavior Intervention Specialist, I am providing behavioral interventions to some of the more involved/complicated, poorly behaved, students within the district. A reoccurring theme I found with these students: they simply want attention. They want to be loved, praised, rewarded, hugged, and disciplined.



*Jason and his daughter pose for a picture on the first day of school.*

## Online Teacher

I was recently asked to develop and teach an online course for CCCB called *Youth and Family Counseling*. I was honored to be asked to teach for my Alma Mater and am hopeful the course will be beneficial to the Kingdom. Working with many students and families within the public school, teaching for 5 years at a local community college (Ozarks Technical College - Waynesville), and being a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), has provided a lot of relevant insight to offer other counselors-in-training or ministers.

I am scheduled to teach two online courses next semester and to develop a new online counseling course. CCCB has a high commitment to academic rigor and relevance, is biblically conservative, and is actively preparing students to become servant-leaders for the Kingdom. I am humbled to now have a small part in it.

## Family Man

I somehow managed to convince Marah Nichols to marry me 15 years ago; still not sure how. We began our education at Central the same year and were married at Christmas break our junior year. Both of our parents also attended and graduated from Central. Many more of our family members have attended Central and worked for the school, too. We have the three most beautiful, intelligent, creative, spunky, and talkative girls that have ever existed. The names Magdalene (Maggie), Arimathea (Thea), and Cyrene (CeCe) can all be found in Matthew 27 and the girls can be found at Gasconade Camp enjoying the outdoors, music, and anything Disney!

Marah and I are actively involved at Christ's Mission Church in St. Robert, Missouri. Prior to attending Christ's Mission, I served as the youth minister in Crocker, Missouri. for 7 years. Marah has always been encouraging and patient with me while I take on new roles, seek more education, or work on multiple projects at the camp. Marah is one of the most loving, generous, conscientious, beautiful, and supportive Christians I know and an excellent example of what a Christian mother should be.



## Are You Struggling to Fit An Education Into Your Schedule?

Driving to school and sitting in a classroom may not be possible in your busy life. Online courses at Central Christian College of the Bible make a pursuing a college degree more convenient. You can learn any time of the day and sessions begin every August, October, January, March, and May.

Online students take one or two courses at a time. If necessary, you can even skip an eight-week session and resume your studies at the next session you are able.

Start an education that fits your schedule by learning about Central's online degrees at [www.CCCB.edu/online](http://www.CCCB.edu/online) or by calling 573-542-0555 or email [online@cccb.edu](mailto:online@cccb.edu).



# CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

## 2018 Spring Campus Events

### Men's Day & Banquet

Thursday, March 1

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truth*  
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**Frank Goehringer**  
Capital City Christian Church  
Jefferson City, MO

### Women's Day & Banquet

Thursday, April 5



**Cindy Sigler Dagnan**  
Author and Speaker  
Webb City, MO

**Workshops - 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm | Banquet - 6:30 pm**

**Cost - \$20 per person/\$150 for table of 8**

**Register online at [cccb.edu/events](http://cccb.edu/events) or call 660-372-2512**

### ***InFocus Fridays***

**December 1**

**January 19**

**February 16**

**March 9**

**April 13**

**May 18**

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](http://CCCB.edu/iff).**



# MINUTEMEN SUSTAIN OUR CAMPUS



Recent and upcoming projects utilizing **The Minuteman Fund**:

- Installing wireless networking equipment in our residence halls (installed in October & November).
- Repairing walk-in freezer (completed in November).
- Replacing a 15-passenger van to transport student teams (purchased in November).
- Upgrading employee computers, some of which have been used for nine years (planned for December).

Your next gift to **The Minuteman Fund** will help us purchase and configure new computers between semesters.

Since 1963, Minutemen have helped provide resources for capital repairs, replacements, and improvements at CCCB. Almost 400 friends of the College support **The Minuteman Fund** so we are prepared for special needs and opportunities that arise. We ask for a quarterly gift of at least \$30, and hundreds of people respond to the need.

- If you are currently a Minuteman, thank you! This is your reminder to complete your 2017 giving with a fourth quarter gift by the end of December.
- If you are not a Minuteman, will you consider joining this group of faithful friends? Your gift to **The Minuteman Fund** will combine with others to help meet our needs.

If you choose to become a Minuteman and send your first gift by the end of 2017, we will send you a special gift to say "Thank You." You may make your gift by using the enclosed envelope or by visiting our website at [CCCB.edu/mm](http://CCCB.edu/mm).

Thank you for being part of the ministry of Central Christian College of the Bible in this generous way.

## CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES: A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

**Max & Martha Fields** have attended several churches that support Central Christian College of the Bible. As their church hosted traveling teams, hired ministers, and sent students to Central, the Fields' saw firsthand the value of our ministry. Their grandson even graduated from Central in 2011.

Now Max & Martha's experience with Central includes a Charitable Gift Annuity that gives back income during their lifetimes and supports our work.

**You can give a gift that gives back during your lifetime.** Learn how you can support CCCB while receiving guaranteed lifetime income, a great income tax deduction, and estate tax advantages. Contact Philip Marley for a free illustration of how a Charitable Gift Annuity can benefit you. Call 660-833-5911 or email [pmarley@cccb.edu](mailto:pmarley@cccb.edu) for more information.



**Max & Martha Fields**  
Sedalia, Missouri

### Sample Rate Chart: \$10,000 Single Life Gift Annuity

Age of Donor	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
<b>Annuity Rate</b>	4.40%	4.70%	5.10%	5.80%	6.80%	7.80%	9.00%
<b>Deduction Amount</b>	\$2,972	\$3,548	\$4,152	\$4,626	\$5,065	\$5,699	\$6,328
<b>Annual Payment</b>	\$440	\$470	\$510	\$580	\$680	\$780	\$900
<b>Tax-free Amount</b>	\$297	\$331	\$377	\$448	\$548	\$672	\$816

*Amounts assume a 15% income tax rate and interest rates as of November 2017.*

**Calculations for different amounts, specific ages, or two lives available upon request.**

# YOU CAN SPONSOR A SERVANT-LEADER

**Kevin Brown**

Director of Donor Relations



While following the example of Jesus, our students seek to serve others first as they train to become leaders in their churches and communities. It's a wonderful character trait among many college students. **Will you join with us to encourage them** as they seek this life-changing path?

In 2001, Central Christian College of the Bible established the **Full-Tuition Scholarship**. This helps our students to graduate without the burden of educational debt. Since then, Central has given **Full-Tuition Scholarships** to over 2,500 students and granted nearly 1,000 degrees and certificates.

Friends who support the College regularly make **Full-Tuition Scholarships** possible for our residential students. You can become a Servant-Leader Sponsor with a monthly commitment and enjoy the following benefits:

- **Partner** with one of our dedicated students during the time of enrollment on our campus.
- **Receive** a picture and information about your student to get to know him or her better.
- **Communicate** regularly with your student through email, mail, care packages, texts, or phone calls.
- **Pray** for your student and other future Christian leaders on our campus who will impact the churches that your friends and families attend.
- **Visit** with your student at a special Servant-Leader Luncheon near the end of the spring semester.

You can give automatically each month through a checking account or bank card. We can help you initiate your gift at one of the following suggested amounts of your choice:

**Individual or Class Sponsorship Amounts** - \$25, \$50, or \$100 per month

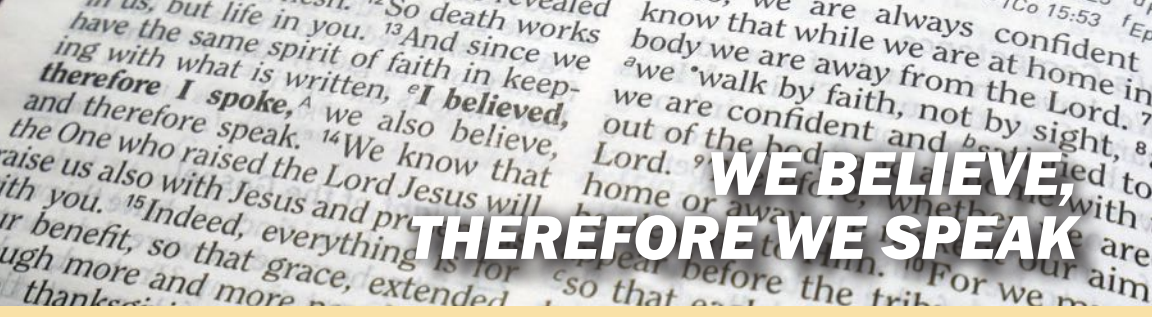
**Church Sponsorship Amounts** - \$100, \$200, \$300 per month

(Gifts to the **Servant-Leader Sponsorship Program** are tax-deductible donations to the College's general fund and are not applied directly to student accounts.)

*Kevin Brown became Director of Donor Relations in May 2017. He and his wife Angie have two children in college. They moved to Moberly from Indianola, Iowa. Kevin earned degrees from CCCB and Lincoln Christian University, both through online education. If you would like to become a servant-leader sponsor, please contact Kevin by phone (515-442-0442) or by email ([kevinbrown@cccb.edu](mailto:kevinbrown@cccb.edu)).*



**Students like Mallory and Destiny are part of our Servant-Leader Sponsorship program. You can sponsor one of them or another student for a monthly commitment of \$25 or more. Contact Kevin Brown to sponsor a student today.**



# WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE WE SPEAK

In recent years, traditional values regarding human gender identity and sexual orientation have been under attack by various forces. While various cultural and political organizations have attempted to intimidate religious organizations for holding to biblical truth, several colleges in America have taken official steps to recognize their right to teach what they believe God's word says. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:13, "Since we have the same spirit of faith in keeping with what is written, 'I believed, therefore I spoke,' we also believe, and therefore speak." We choose to not only believe, but to speak on behalf of our beliefs.

On March 28, 2016, Central's Board of Directors worked together with President Fincher to request that the Office of Civil Rights in the US Department of Education grant us a Title IX exemption on the basis of Central's sincerely held religious beliefs. Private religious colleges are eligible for this exemption, and over 150 have received it in America as of this writing. Our exemption was granted by the Obama Administration on January 18, 2017. Our application and the approval is public information, and has been utilized in the past several months by some to attack the College as intentionally discriminating against individuals who disagree with our interpretation of the Bible.

However, it is important to understand that the provisions of Title IX are meant to prevent discrimination in a variety of areas, which extend all the way from athletics, allegations of harassment, investigations into gender-based misconduct, etc. We received exemptions that apply to areas that might force us to allow something inconsistent with our religious beliefs. For instance, we cannot be forced to employ staff members who are living in sexual immorality. And we can enforce biblical expectations for student behavior without being sued for a Title IX violation.

Receiving this exemption did not lead to our changing our policies regarding expectations of our students or staff. In fact, our bylaws list three specific core beliefs that we hold to and which inform our policies throughout the College:

- **Gender and Sexuality:** We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders reflect together the image and nature of God.
- **Sanctity of Human Life:** We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.
- **Marriage:** We believe that the term "marriage" only refers to the uniting of one man and one woman in a single exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are legally married to each other.

If we find that a student or staff member is not following our expectations, we address it with them personally. Their response determines whether we can help them continue in their capacity as members of our campus community. Because we are developing servant-leaders for the church, we have high expectations for the church's future leaders and those who prepare them. Sometimes it may be difficult to speak the truth, but since we believe, we will continue to follow "what is written."

# OUR ACCREDITATION JOURNEY

**Dr. Eric Stevens**

Academic Dean



We have always been proud to have so many churches trust us to provide conservative Biblical teaching. They recognize our educational quality by hiring our graduates in various ministries. **But accreditation helps a college maintain the operational quality needed to succeed.** In 1982, Central first received national accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, which we maintain under the Commission on Accreditation of ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education). This recognizes that we meet national standards for educational quality and makes our students eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

In 2006, our Board of Directors instructed President Ron Oakes to pursue regional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), one of six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the US Department of Education. (ABHE is also recognized by the DOE.) **We expected to receive two benefits: 1) increasing the real and perceived quality of our institution, and 2) increasing confidence in the educational options available for students who attend Central.** Some universities only accept credits and degrees from regionally accredited colleges, which means our national accreditation limits student opportunities in many cases.

The regional accrediting process is lengthy. For the first five years, we completed reports and a self-study on the HLC criteria. Our initial site visit was in 2012, when a group of peers came to campus and evaluated our progress. **We were approved as a candidate in 2013 and were given four years to demonstrate we were meeting all 21 criteria.**

During that time, we created a system to demonstrate students were achieving the learning outcomes in their classes. A program review schedule was created to evaluate our ministry degrees. **Every department made changes to improve the student experience and enrollment results.**

**Central's financial picture also improved through enhanced reporting, expense controls, and budgetary planning.** As a result of our efforts, we finished two consecutive fiscal years in the black: 2015-16 and 2016-17. This enabled us to eliminate some debt. The Department of Education recognized our progress with composite financial ratios that were rated "financially responsible" for the past two years.

In June 2017, the College's progress was evaluated by the HLC Board, which determined that even though we met every criteria (some "with concerns"), there were too many concerns that remained for them to extend initial accreditation. **Therefore, on July 31, 2017, Central withdrew from the process.** This gives us at least one year to address their concerns and prepare for our next steps. We are eligible to restart the process as early as August 1, 2018, if we identify regional accreditation as an institutional priority.

At this point, we are disappointed that regional accreditation was not obtained after ten years of effort. **However, the process has made us a stronger institution.** We will continue to maintain our national accreditation with ABHE, which affirms the quality of our biblical and ministry training. We are working with several regionally accredited universities to provide transfer access for Central students and alumni. In the months to come, we look forward to announcing those agreements. They will allow us to accomplish some of the same goals for our students to pursue non-ministry educational options.

*Central Christian College of the Bible does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, national or ethnic origin in employment, admissions, financial aid, and participation in College programs.*



# MORE SPORTS FOR STUDENTS, LESS COST FOR CENTRAL

Darryl Ammon  
Executive Director of Student Development

This has been a year of incredible transition for the athletic programs at CCCB. Last year, it became apparent that fielding six intercollegiate sports teams was going to be difficult in the current climate. So we decided to take a good look at our sports programs and see what we could do to lay a better foundation for future success. **Our goals were to support our mission to “develop servant-leaders for the church,” provide opportunities for our student body to participate in sports with other colleges in our area, and remain fiscally responsible as an institution.** Accomplishing these three goals would require a rebuilding phase to orient our sports programs to the modern Bible college market.

The following changes were made to pursue these goals. First, we decided to discontinue participating in men’s and women’s cross country, men’s soccer and women’s volleyball at the intercollegiate level for a couple of years. This freed up some institutional resources that were not being maximized in those programs. **Then, we reallocated some of those resources towards maximizing the recruiting efforts of our basketball program by adding a full-time women’s coach, Reggie Chapple.** Coach Chapple has shown himself to be an incredible asset to our basketball program and our staff. Finally, we transitioned four of our intercollegiate sports – men’s soccer, women’s volleyball, and men’s and women’s cross country – to become club sports, effective for the Fall of 2017.



**Jack Defreitas and Reggie Chapple**  
coach our basketball teams.  
[www.cccbssaints.com](http://www.cccbssaints.com)

**Club sports provide an opportunity for students to play on organized teams without the rigorous demands of an intercollegiate sport.** To accomplish this, we have partnered with Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri, to participate in their club/intramural program. CMU has approximately 1,000 on-campus students, and a well-developed club/intramural sports program. They were excited to have CCCB students form teams and compete in their leagues.

Club Sports are student-led activities for us, so we provide transportation to CMU for events. All of the games/matches

take place in the evening with each sport being played on different nights. **This has led to more participation by our student body and a wider variety of sports we can be involved in.** Currently we have teams participating in 7-on-7 flag football and co-ed softball. Later in the year, we will assemble teams in co-ed sand volleyball, ping-pong, soccer, and indoor volleyball. We look forward to seeing how this partnership will provide our students more opportunities for involvement at less overall cost for Central.

# MY JOURNEY TO CENTRAL

**Jamison Watters** (Fort Worth, Texas)

Freshman Student

Jamison (Jamie) Watters has eagerly embraced the campus community at Central Christian College of the Bible. He learned about Central from a teacher at a Christian high school, and chose to attend because he wanted to grow spiritually and be around other Christ-followers.

Jamie grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, and plans to study Youth & Family Ministry. After graduation, he wants to return home to help with the youth program in his home church. Jamie's infectious smile and warm personality help people trust him, and that is helpful as he participates in Central's ministry to the homeless.

Jamie is also helping with two different youth programs. On Sunday mornings, he helps at Kentucky Road Christian Church in Mexico, Missouri. On Wednesday nights, he works at Timber Lake Christian Church in Moberly.



***“I love people and care for everyone.  
I am loving my time with the youth.”***

His excitement for life carries over to his classes. He wrote, *“All classes are my favorite because of the lessons and the people teaching those classes. I am learning a lot in Worldviews and Ethics taught by Walt Harper. I thought I knew a lot already, but this class has opened my mind both spiritually and intellectually. What I am learning really makes me think.”*

Jamie's family is one of a kind and believes in God. His mom, Kim, raised him along with his younger brother Jacobi. He looks forward to spending time with them and their extended family during school breaks.

The weather in Missouri has been the hardest adjustment for Jamie as he attends college. The drastic change in temperatures during the span of a day makes him laugh. *“I will be bringing my coat back with me after Thanksgiving. In Texas it may get cold, but there is no wind. In Missouri, you have cold AND wind.”*

Evan Barthel (his Resident Assistant) is thankful to have Jamie on his floor. He said, *“I have been so impressed with Jamie's concern for the needs of others and their spiritual growth. He has shown an openness to ministering to others that is unusual for freshmen students. Jamie is one of the exceptions, and I am glad he is at Central.”*

Jamie recently started working at Subway to help pay for next semester. When asked what he would tell Central's supporters, he said, *“Thank you for the opportunity to attend Central and for being a blessing to me. It means a lot!”*

***Students like Jamie and Jordan are part of our Servant-Leader Sponsorship program. You can sponsor one of them or another student for a monthly commitment of \$25 or more. Read more about our Servant-Leader Sponsorship Program on Page 10***

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# MY SCHOLARSHIP STORY

Jordan Dodge (Oakville, Missouri)

Senior Student

I never expected that attending Central Christian College of the Bible would change my life completely. Looking back on the past couple of years, I now realize **I would have been a completely different person had I not heard about Central's Full-Tuition Scholarship and decided to attend here.**

Since I was little, my family has attended a Lutheran church in St. Louis, Missouri. I went through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Confirmation throughout my time at that church. My youth leaders in middle school and high school inspired me to become a counselor because I loved being able to help people and wanted to learn how to more helpful.

As I was deciding where to attend college, a Central student named Bill Grueninger asked about my college plans. I told him about wanting to become a counselor, but had no idea where to attend school. **He told me about Central, their counseling program he was enrolled in, and the Full-Tuition Scholarship.** I wasn't sure I wanted to attend school there because I knew it was a small campus. But I talked to my parents and we set up a day to tour the campus. I instantly fell in love with the campus and filled out an application that night.

My first few months here were honestly some of the hardest months for me, but they were also full of humbling experiences. I had very little knowledge of the Bible, and I quickly realized that as I went through classes. I had a difficult time learning what I did not already know while also re-evaluating some of the presuppositions that I already had. I was so overwhelmed at first because of all of the new knowledge, but through the different professors and the knowledge I was receiving, I started to learn what it actually means to be a Christian. This was something that I thought I knew and had down, but God humbled me my first semester and showed me that I needed to surrender my life to him. **At the beginning of my second semester, after learning and understanding what it means to be a Christian, I surrendered my life to Christ and was baptized.** I had a new understanding of Christianity that I never realized before, and I knew that my salvation was to be lived out daily and as Christians we are to proclaim the great name of God.

During my time at Central, I have been involved in a couple of areas of service that I have fallen in love with. **For the past three years I have been a part of the short-term trips for Outreach Week.** My freshman year I traveled to Ecuador for a mission trip, and during my sophomore and junior years I have led mission teams to Ecuador. These trips provided the opportunity to serve as an intern with Jungle Kids for Christ in Misahuallí, Ecuador this past summer. This was an opportunity I will never forget.

I have also served as a Resident Assistant during my time at Central. Being an RA has provided me with many opportunities to become closer to the girls who live on my floor. **I have the opportunity to grow in Christ together with the girls on my floor throughout the year.** I have made wonderful friendships with my past RAs, and I have made wonderful friendships while being an RA that I would never trade. Having the opportunity to be an RA is a humbling experience that I am thankful for.

As my time at Central is coming to an end, I plan to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Cross-Cultural Ministry and a minor in Counseling. After I graduate, I plan to get married soon after and begin to raise money to do missions in Ecuador with Jungle Kids for Christ. My husband and I plan to live in Ecuador for about two years in order to learn Spanish. **Then we will move to the jungle and see where God takes us next.**

My life has been completely changed because I attended Central Christian College of the Bible. I would not be the person I am today nor would I be so passionate about missions without attending Central. **Because of the Full-Tuition Scholarship, I will be able to graduate with very little debt which will help me as I go on the mission field.** I am grateful for the opportunity to learn what it means to be a Christian and to fall in love with missions while at Central.





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