

REMEMBERING OUR HERITAGE



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COVER: The artwork was generated from the 2,696 different last names of the 4,758 students who have enrolled at CCCB from Fall 1957 to Fall 2016. The size of each name represents the relative number of students who enrolled with that name.

Wedding anniversaries are a great time to celebrate the values that made the relationship succeed. When two people fulfill their commitments to each other, everyone sees the legacy they produced.

As we begin our 60th year at Central Christian College of the Bible, our heritage is celebrated in several ways. Hebrews 13:7 says, *"Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith."* That verse helps us see four aspects of remembering our heritage.

First, **those in positions of leadership should be honored.** The Greek word for *"those who led"* refers to positions of leadership. We regularly remember the original Board of Directors and administrators who started Central in 1957, but honor doesn't end there. Dozens of board members, several presidents, and multiple administrators have worked together to lead Central. Some are no longer with us, but many are still alive. Remembering their service brings joy and pleasant memories, as we celebrate the contributions that each made to our heritage.

Second, **important lessons of Scripture should be heard.** Central's faculty, *"who spoke the word of God,"* have an irreplaceable role in our heritage. Their preparation, sacrifice, and teaching brought many lessons we still need to hear. Central's original purpose was to recruit and train leaders for the church at large according to the teaching of the New Testament. All of us who attended as students or heard the faculty preach or teach can testify that their lessons from God's Word have supported that purpose. We have brought together believers from around the country and around the world, to learn Biblical truths of Christian life and church leadership in the classroom and online. Those lectures, notes, and conversations continue to be heard in every sermon and lesson that Central's students share with others.

In addition, **examples of behavior should be upheld.** Many students saw a Christian example lived out while enrolled that was different than they ever experienced before. Models of generosity and gentleness leave an impression that lasts a lifetime. The *"result of their conduct"* becomes changed lives and attitudes, which in turn bring change to families and churches. Attending Bible college exposes believers to the best of the body of Christ. These examples are never forgotten and lead to lifelong relationships.

Finally, **critical decisions of faith should be heeded.** Many faithful decisions have defined Central's first 60 years. Purchasing a property to remodel before any student ever enrolled demonstrated faith. Relocating the campus to the current location required enhanced faith. Implementing the Full-Tuition Scholarship in 2001 demonstrated extreme faith. Along the way, every church and individual who financially supports Central shows generous faith that God will supply both the needs of the giver and the needs of the College.

As we celebrate our anniversary this year, the leaders, lessons, behaviors, and decisions that have characterized Central's 60 years will be clearly seen. As you read this magazine, I hope you will better appreciate our heritage. Thank you for your interest in our ministry.

- 23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed
 the son of Joseph, the son of E
 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hesli, the son of Naggai,
 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
 27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
 29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,
 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the
 son of Judah

When I was young, I got the opportunity to be in a Christmas play at a church where I earned one of the lead parts: Joseph. This was exciting! I had a lot of lines to learn, and I got to wear a robe and be the center of attention. However, these lines were difficult to memorize because there were some names and words that were tough to say. I realize that even today, around the Christmas season, the genealogy of Jesus is skipped over while presenting the Christmas story because of the fear of mispronouncing names or uncertainty of how to use such a list and make it relevant.

While I still might have a hard time pronouncing some of the names, I find myself in awe of the message that we find in the genealogy of Jesus. One of the more prominent themes of this list of names is the fulfilled promises of God. Since sin entered the world, there has been a pledge to make things right. God made a promise to Abraham that all of the nations would be blessed through his lineage, and He told David his throne would not end. Even in the darkest times of Israel, God kept his promises.

Maybe an even more inspiring message is found in the people that are listed in the genealogical record. I see Tamar, whose story is marked by deceit and scandal. There is Rahab, who is introduced to us in Scripture as a harlot, and Bathsheba, whose story is tainted with adultery with King David. Personally, I would love to brag about a king in my family line, but I probably wouldn't be bragging about being related to Manasseh, who is primarily noted for his idolatry and desecration of the house of the Lord.

There are many reasons for the Jews to record a genealogy the way that they did, but I believe there is another message for us to take from the people that are mentioned. The message is: God can use each of us. It doesn't matter what our background is or what our reputation might be; God can be glorified in and through us. As I search through the pages of Scripture and read about the great heroes, I do not see a book about awesome people. Rather, I see a book about an awesome God. Today, we get to be a part of God's big story of redemption and to present Jesus, the light of the world, to a very dark world. **How will God use you to show his great love?**

Hailing from New London, Iowa, Walt Harper began attending Central in the Fall of 2002. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Research in 2006, he left Moberly to preach and attend seminary in Illinois. While later serving as a youth minister in West Virginia, he accepted an offer to become Professor of Bible and Ministry with oversight of our Youth & Family Ministry program. Other classes he teaches are *Life of Christ I* and *Discovering the Bible*. Walt and his wife Jessi have a son named Levi. You can contact him by email at waltharper@cccb.edu.





LONG-TIME FRIENDS, LONG-TERM MINISTRIES

by **Gene McCoy** ('76, '77)
CCCB Board Chairman

A conference for ministers and wives approaching retirement became an occasion for a surprise reunion with former CCCB classmates, Tim and J. Allan Cook, along with their wives, Debbie and Jane. Like the Cook brothers, my brother, Bill, and I grew up in the parsonage. All of us are graduates of Central Christian College of the Bible who have enjoyed lengthy ministries.

Tim Cook ('76, '77) began serving with Greentree Christian Church in Rolla, Missouri, in 1982. J. Allan Cook ('77) started his ministry with First Christian Church in Jacksonville, Illinois, the following year. Both congregations have grown steadily throughout their ministries. Bill planted The Church at Sherwood in suburban Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1986. My wife and I are now in my twenty-fourth year at the Christian Church of Mountain Home. It was a delight to catch up on the families and ministries of long-time friends who, like my brother and I, have enjoyed the blessings of long-term ministries.



Kay & Bill McCoy ('79)

It was refreshing to reconnect, almost as if no time had elapsed since college days. As in days of yore, J. Allan is the fun-loving and mischievously irreverent clown whose shenanigans get him in situations from which his older, more studious and serious brother rescues him. Tim's recounting of J.'s exploits is, in itself, entertaining and quite humorous. Despite his reputation of comparative innocence and maturity, however, Tim's delighting in his younger brother's propensity for mischief almost implicates his complicity. Their mutual love and respect for each other is obvious, not only as brothers,

but also as best friends. Having surpassed the 30-year anniversary at their respective congregations, they provide inspiration and model faithful perseverance for preachers and congregations alike. Tributes by church leaders for their respective minister exude heartfelt emotion and reveal a veneration that should characterize every preacher's legacy.



Tim's organizational and administrative skills have contributed to his long-term ministry success, and they have provided stability for the congregation at Greentree. Such skill, however, has been effective only because people trust Tim, resulting from his authenticity and transparency that are exhibited by his willingness to share his real life struggles. Undergirding these characteristics is his commitment to both truth and grace, which lends to his ability to relate with equal ease to both the mature Christian and the recent convert to Christianity. Tim's devoted loyalty to and love for

people are hallmarks of a long-term ministry. So is his dedication to anticipating trends and the freedom by which to capitalize on strategic opportunities.

Trademarks of J. Allan's ministry that have contributed to his longevity at Jacksonville are primarily relational and pastoral in nature. His focus on young families keeps the church young and vibrant. Though fascinated with the latest gadgets, J. approaches ministry through relationships. Humor and compassionate grace are recurring themes cited to account for his ministerial effectiveness. His engaging and often self-deprecating humor has always endeared himself to people, who are immediately relaxed in his presence. His closest friend says J. refuses to take himself too seriously. He is regarded by community leaders as the unofficial chaplain of Jacksonville and is called upon by families in the community to minister through numerous weddings and funerals.



With forty years of experience, the Cooks are eager to learn from others how to be more effective in ministry. A testament to their solid leadership is the fact that both have persevered through congregational relocation and major building programs. In the office and in the community, the Cook brothers are genuine ministers of God.

It cannot go without saying that the support each receives from his wife and their commitment to marriage and family contributes significantly to their long-term ministries. The Rolla and Jacksonville congregations testify to the essential dynamics of a long-term ministry provided by their preacher's wife.

Sons of a preacher, Tim and J. Allan Cook have not only carried on a family tradition, but also carry out principles and practices taught to students at Central Christian College of the Bible today, just as they were forty years ago. All of us who come from ministry families are aware of just how important those long-term ministries can be.

The 55+ Ministers and Wives Conference is sponsored each year by Kairos Legacy Partners, a Provision ministry partner. See www.kairoslegacypartners.org for more information.

MODELING CHRIST IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We are always proud when our graduates serve the Lord, wherever they are employed. Here are three stories from current public school teachers who used their education at Central and further training to earn state teacher licensing and represent Christ in the classroom.

Emily (Worstell) Kwiatkowski ('02) (Hannibal-LaGrange University)



While attending Central, I went on a mission trip to Taiwan and met a woman who told me she was the first Bible many of the children in her orphanage ever read. That has been the most influential part of my teaching career. With that in mind, I know my goal is to go beyond teaching state objectives and district standards, and also introduce God's love, grace, and forgiveness to my students and their families who may have never encountered it before.

I have been teaching in public schools for 15 years! I started in Sedalia, MO, and taught for 10 years at Horace Mann Elementary. This year I am teaching 3rd grade at Sterling Elementary in Warrensburg, MO, so I can teach in the same district our son attends.

I have been married 8 years to Shamus Kwiatkowski (Children's Minister at Northside Christian Church) and we have a 5 year old son, Titus. I feel truly blessed to have this opportunity to share God's love in the classroom. As long as I am in public schools, I know He will be too!

Craig Phillips ('00) (Missouri Baptist University)



More than anything, my time at Central helped me become a confident public speaker. From interactions with my professors, I learned the importance of developing rapport with students and showing them compassion. As a teacher, I have taken the best from each teacher I have known and tried to implement those lessons in my classroom.

I have been teaching in Missouri public schools for 8 years, and the past four years have been at Mark Twain High School in Center, MO. I teach English, Yearbook, and several English electives. In the past, I have also coached track and cross-country.

At Central, my life outside of the classroom revolved around music. I played in a band called *Puddleglum* all four years I was there. We were playing in churches and coffeehouses, telling people how much we loved Jesus. My wife, Christi, is a recruiter for Pioneer Bible Translators. Our son Kai is seven and our daughter Alex is five.

Trisha (Roberts) Jones ('03) (Hannibal-LaGrange University)



My most influential teacher at Central was Mr. Schantz because he did with a passion what I enjoy doing now. I felt that all the professors were very easy to get along with and also had a passion to teach. I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a teacher and he helped me do that.

I am in my 13th year of teaching, with the last ten years teaching 4th grade at Bevier C-4 Elementary in Bevier, MO. Before that I taught 3 years at Tri-County Christian School in Macon, MO. I have been married to Doug for 13 years. We have two sons: Parker, who is 11, and Paxton, who is 7.

Central students and alumni who are interested in earning a teacher license can either partner with another university or complete the requirements through our partnership with the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (www.ABCTE.org).

A SEASON OF SHARING

The end of the calendar year is a season where we recognize our blessings, thank God for them, and share them with others through gifts of our time, talents and financial resources. It is a time to take account of what we have gained, and make choices on how to best manage God's provision.

Recognizing that God has given us more than enough to meet our personal and family needs, we seek ways to provide the greatest benefit to others through our sharing. As we enter the last three months of 2016, would you review some of the opportunities available to help you expand your generosity?

Are you selling securities, real estate or a business this year, with resulting capital gains tax which might be avoided?

Are you over age 70½ and don't need this year's required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA?

Do you expect a change in your tax bracket next year (lower or higher)?

At Central, we are pleased to have recently established a partnership with Co:Mission Foundation (www.comissionfoundation.org). They provide practical and useful information and tools for Christian stewardship and generosity to our friends and supporters. The Co:Mission team has many decades of experience and knowledge in this area. They have helped thousands of Christian families avoid taxes and leverage their desire to give. They stand ready to serve you before the year's end – without cost or obligation.

If you would like to explore ways to expand your generosity and reduce your taxes during this Season of Sharing, here are several ways you can get more information:



- ✓ Check out the Co:Mission website (www.comissiongiving.org) to find examples of donor stories, gift options, and a personal planner.
- ✓ Talk with our Co:Mission liaison, David Duncan, either by phone (417-437-4774) or email (dduncan@comissionfoundation.org).
- ✓ Learn about projects that your stewardship can help us accomplish by contacting our Director of Stewardship, Alan Wilson, either by phone (660-372-2484) or email (alanwilson@ccb.edu).

Uncovering Your Church's Calling

A conference for ministers and church leaders

Friday, November 11, 2016

9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.



Main Speaker: Jim Powell (95Network.com)

Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch) or \$150 for group of 8 or more

www.cccb.edu/events



Men's Day & Banquet

March 17, 2017

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Workshop - 4:30 pm

Banquet - 6:30 pm

\$20/\$15 for alumni

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Be An Example--To Your Generation



Jared Wortman
Atlanta, Georgia



Seth Wortman
Springfield, Missouri



Lloyd Pelfrey
Moberly, Missouri



Worship Leader

Jonathan Dunham
Washington, Indiana



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
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presents

Women's Day & Banquet

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Fully Known...Fully Loved...Fully His

Speaker



**Laura Mullenix of
Beth Nuah Ministries**

Workshop - 4:30 pm

Banquet - 6:30 pm

Tickets - \$20/\$15 for alumni

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Worship Leader



Becky Frey
Milan, Missouri

InFocus Fridays

2016

October 14

November 11

December 9

2017

January 20

February 10

March 10

April 7

May 5

June 16

July 14

August 4

Each month, we invite prospective students to visit campus on an "InFocus Friday." Young people and their families come from around the country to learn how Central can provide the educational opportunities they are looking for.

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

To schedule your InFocus Friday visit, call the Admissions Department at 1-888-263-3900 ext. 144 or register online at www.cccb.edu/iff.

**Junior High & High School Event
Saturday, January 21, 2017**



Marvelous Light

Highlights:

- *Guys On A Bus concert at Harvest House Friday evening at 7:00 pm *
- *Free housing for Friday evening participants
- *Sports Tournament on Saturday morning (Soccer, Basketball & Dodgeball)
- *\$20 if registered online by January 16 (save \$5)

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- *Movies, 9-Square, Coffee House, games, worship, break-out sessions
- *CCCB Worship Band led by Alyssa Huffman
- *Dynamic Speaker



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CRAZY DAYS

April 21-22, 2017

Grades 6-8

Worship, Games, Preaching, Workshops

Price - \$20

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IS “ASH” FOR YOU?

Sherry Wallis ('94)

Director of Alumni Relations (alumni@cccb.edu)

It has been a few years since we have promoted our alumni association, the Central Alumni Advisory Association (C3A). In that time, we have considered how to improve our connection with Central's graduates and friends. After researching alumni associations at small colleges and discussing with past leaders of the C3A, we are happy to announce the **Association of Saints & Heralds** (ASH). This group recognizes the unity and history of the College through students who attended as Heralds (our first mascot) and Saints (our current mascot).



The purpose of ASH is to help Central better engage our past students and personnel to celebrate our heritage. This helps us continue our mission (“Developing Servant-Leaders for the Church”) and recognize our vision when we see it (“Dedicated Disciples who Know God’s Word and Serve His Kingdom”).

ASH is for all of our graduates, former students, past employees, or past board members of CCCB. They are invited to sign up for a yearly membership each calendar year **at no cost**. By providing updated contact information each year, ASH members will be entitled to several benefits:

- Priority access to ministry openings,
- **theTORCH** weekly update by email,
- Availability of special edition CCCB merchandise,
- Special reception/reunion at campus events, and
- A \$5 discount for campus event tickets for ASH members and their guests.

Different categories of membership are available with specific benefits:

Bachelor’s Graduate

Continuing education classes (subject to availability)

Associate Graduates & Former Students (12+ credits earned)

Discount on reactivation fee when resuming a degree program at Central

Past Personnel (Faculty, Staff, and Board members)

Bookstore discount

ASH will replace the current C3A, but any C3A members who already paid lifetime membership dues will still be eligible for all benefits that were promised to them.

It is easy to join ASH. Just visit our website at CCCB.edu/alumni and fill out the form there. We will also send a mailing to all alumni at the end of the year with more information about joining the group.

We look forward to keeping in touch with the Association of Saints & Heralds members throughout the year.

ONLINE EDUCATION HAS BEEN A BLESSING

Amanda Sweeney
Online Senior Student



Deciding to attend Central Christian College of the Bible was one of the greater blessings of my life. My college career has been a bit chaotic, but from the beginning, Central has helped encourage me in my last year and a half of schooling. The administration has helped steer me in the right direction, and I am very excited to be able to graduate in December.

The Christian faith has been a great part of my entire life. My father is a minister, my grandfather is a retired minister, my great aunt is a missionary, several of my uncles are ministers, and my brothers are all ministers as well. My family has been there for me spiritually my entire life, and I definitely would not be who I am today, nor

would I have the same passion for serving Christ if it were not for their influence.

Prior to starting at Central, I was on track to graduate from another Bible college in May of 2016. When that school decided to close its doors, Central stepped in, and helped me as well as a few of my other classmates. They were willing to accept my credits, and were willing to allow me to graduate much sooner than the other schools. I am very thankful for the lower tuition rate I have received from Central in comparison to other schools.

I really enjoyed my first semester of classes. I had taken online classes previously, but they were not as easy to navigate, and I also found that the professors at Central are a lot more engaging and helpful than other schools. I also enjoyed conversing with my fellow classmates during the discussion forums.

During my time at Central, I have been able to serve as an intern with a mission organization called Commission Encounter in Bardstown, Kentucky. Missions has been a great passion of mine for the last several years, and I truly believe that this is the way He wishes for me to serve Him. Central's online option has made it easier for me to juggle both my internship and school, as well as another job. I have also been able to take some of the skills and knowledge I have learned in my classes, and apply it to my internship. Overall, this has been a wonderful experience.

After graduating from Central, I already have a job lined up in January as a more permanent staff member at Commission Encounter. I will get to serve in coordinating trips, fundraising, and some promotional church visits. I am very excited for this opportunity, and can't wait to start!

I definitely would not be where I am today if it were not for Central stepping in when I needed a lot of direction and guidance. I am very thankful for the staff at Central and their patience and kindness toward me since I became a student last year. I am also very thankful for the low tuition rate, and for the scholarships I have received as well that made attending possible. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the future!

Learn more about our online program by visiting CCCB.edu/online.

WORKING TOGETHER TO DOCUMENT EXCELLENCE

Anne Menear

Assessment Director



What a privilege it has been to head up the self-study teams during the final leg of Central's application for regional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)! The past nine months have been filled with hours upon hours of meetings, discussions and staring at computer screens! Special thanks should be extended to Jason Poznich, Walt Harper, and Crystal Applegarth. These leaders worked tirelessly with their teams in gathering the information needed to complete various sections of this important report. This process has yet again proven the deep love that Central's employees have for the institution and her students. No one person could have done this – it was definitely a team effort!

I appreciate the persistence of our staff and faculty in bearing with the self-study team members as they gathered information, policies and procedures, and asked endless questions. On Thursday, September 1, the final documents were officially submitted. This report consisted of more than 34,000 words and included 124 supporting documents. It also included hundreds of pages that outline the College's compatibility with HLC's Assumed Practices, Eligibility Requirements, and Federal Compliance requirements.

Colleges must meet five core components to be accredited by HLC, including:

- 1) Mission;
- 2) Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct;
- 3) Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support;
- 4) Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement; and
- 5) Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.

Every aspect of the institution has been examined and analyzed, not just to satisfy HLC requirements, but for the purposes of improvement in all areas.

The next step in the process is our Final Comprehensive Visit. A peer review team will arrive on campus November 7th and they will spend two days looking over Central's documentation and meeting with employees and students. Their job is to verify that we have met the criteria for accreditation. Following that visit, the team will make their recommendation by the end of 2016, which we will receive and be able to address. We hope to have the results of this ten-year process by early 2017.

Please continue to pray for us in the coming weeks as we prepare for this visit and the next steps that we face.

Central Christian College of the Bible has been institutionally accredited with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (www.ABHE.org) since 1982. Our accreditation was most recently re-affirmed in 2013 until 2023. We have been a Candidate for accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission since 2013.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVANT-LEADERS

Dr. Eric Stevens ('84)
Academic Dean

Some students are anxious for their education to be over. Other students are patient about receiving just the education that would be best for them. Neither of these approaches is better than the other. Central is about developing servant-leaders for the church. Servant-leaders come in many forms!

We recently expanded our online education agreement with Lincoln Christian University (Lincoln, IL) to provide our students with an additional opportunity. Now, a Central student can take an extra year and earn a second bachelor's degree. Pursuing two degrees at the same time from two institutions is known as dual enrollment. Dual enrollment allows a Central student to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Bible (BSB) degree while also pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree online from Lincoln.



Being in an agreement with Lincoln Christian University is not new for us. The BSB degree was launched as an online-only degree in 2014. Lincoln has assisted with this degree by providing online courses in general studies and ministry studies. This has been helpful since, although Central offers over 100 hours of credit online, we do not yet have every course necessary to offer the BSB with only Central courses.

Here are the details: it takes five years to complete two bachelor degrees. The first two years of education are focused mostly at Central. In years three through five students will add Lincoln business courses to their schedules. Ultimately, students will earn over 150 hours of credit. 30 hours will be Lincoln business classes and 54 hours will be Central courses in Bible. Courses in general studies may be taken either at Central or from Lincoln online.



The student pursuing these degrees may be interested in using business as an avenue to mission work. Many missionaries are finding their entrance into foreign countries via a vocational route. The student may also seek to work in business and be a leader in their local congregation. These degrees make those and other scenarios possible.

Every year, we recruit students who decide not to attend Central because they want to study business at another school. We also lose students every year who transfer to a business program at a university. This agreement with Lincoln Christian University allows both types of students to remain in a Christian college atmosphere, learn biblical truths and business principles, and develop their ethics and skills for a lifetime of service.

Whether pursuing one degree in four years or two degrees in five years, our students can become the servant-leader God has created them to be.

MY JOURNEY TO CENTRAL

Grant Roth (Carthage, Illinois)
Freshman Student



How did you learn about Central?

A camp team from Central came to a week of camp that I was at before my sophomore year of high school. From the first time I heard about the school, I knew I wanted to come here.

Why did you choose Central?

I felt called to this school. There was something about the small community atmosphere that seemed so intriguing. I knew that Central would be a place that I would feel at home, but still be pushed out of my comfort zone to grow closer to Christ and fellow Christians.

Do you have a favorite class? Why?

One of the last things Jesus said before leaving this Earth was “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Discipleship is obviously an integral piece of the Christian life, whether it’s Jesus disciplining us and helping us grow in our faith, or us helping others grow in their faith. The *Christian Discipleship* class here at Central is just so captivating because it’s showing us what it really looks like to be dedicated disciples of Christ, and teaching us practical and effective lessons about discipleship to put to use in ministry.

Tell us about your family.

I have an older brother, Mason, and two younger sisters: Emma and Maryn. My parents have both spent many years of their careers in the educational field: my dad, specifically in Agriculture, and my mom, specifically in English.

Are you currently involved with a ministry?

I will be serving on the youth team at Burnside Christian Church in Burnside, Illinois. This is the church in which a majority of my spiritual growth took place, thanks to the guidance in my faith that I received from several role models that serve or have served there. I’m excited to be on the other side of that now, and be that role model to someone else; helping them to grow closer to God, and find that Jesus is the only role model they will ever need.

Any other comments you would like to make?

I know that “When you’re here, you’re family” is Olive Garden’s slogan, but I think the same could be said about Central! You should check us out if you haven’t already!

Lastly, I want to thank anyone who supports this school. You’ve made it possible for a few hundred students from all over the country, who feel called to ministry, to come together to be trained in God’s Word and well equipped for whatever and wherever God leads us to. Thank you!

Your generous gifts help us provide the Full-Tuition Scholarship for students like Grant and Dalton. When you support our ministry, you will help us train more servant-leaders for the church. You may give online at CCCB.edu/giving or by mailing a check in the envelope located at the center of this magazine.

MY SCHOLARSHIP STORY

Dalton Erickson (Rockford, Illinois)

Senior Student



I come from a Christian family that rarely misses a chance to be in church. We are very active at Central Christian Church in Rockford, Illinois. My plan before CCCB was to be a science teacher. I also had thoughts of becoming a scientist and working for Answers in Genesis. After a few situations arose, it became obvious to me that I needed to train to become a minister. I thought that youth ministry was what I was being called to.

With this new self-realization, I decided to start visiting Christian Colleges. On my way to visit another campus, I stopped at my cousin's house. He is the camp director at LaMoine Christian Camp. He told me that CCCB offered a Full-Tuition Scholarship and that we should stop by on the way. So I did and it became my new first choice.

Central definitely held up to the expectations that I had set up for it on my college visits. I remember the first day, meeting my roommate, and then practically pushing my parents out the door as soon as we unpacked the car. That night consisted of sand volleyball. I have never been that good at volleyball but everyone that played was very encouraging. It showed me the type of students that this school attracts: genuine students who truly love others.

When classes started, I appreciated that I was already thinking the same way as the school as far as my theology is concerned. As the days went on I was finding friends with ease and was learning more and more from the great professors at the school. This trend has continued on for the next three years.

Through the Christian Service Fair my freshman year, I was able to get plugged into an after-school program at a nearby church. At this program I was able to work with elementary school kids and help them with homework. It was a great opportunity.

Another opportunity I had was to be a member of a traveling worship team, *All The Earth*. I was able to serve different churches all around by helping lead the worship service. I was able to meet many young people and encourage them to apply to Central. In fact, two students that we talked to are now attending here.

Attending Central Christian College of the Bible solidified my decision to choose youth ministry as my life's ambition. The Full-Tuition Scholarship that is offered by generous donors is allowing me to graduate from CCCB completely debt-free. I feel very privileged to have received such an opportunity.

As graduation is approaching, I am considering going straight into a Master's of Strategic Ministries program through Johnson University. I am also considering going into a ministry to get some experience under my belt before starting a master's degree. Way down the road, I would love to become a college professor. I suppose I still have that little voice in me from high school telling me to become a teacher.



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