



***“The Good Shepherd lays down  
His life for the sheep.”***

***John 10:11***

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# TWO PRAYERS FOR HARVEST WORKERS



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**COVER:** Our Professor of Old Testament, Chad Summa, raises several animals on his farm outside of Moberly. Pictured are three of his sheep (photo by Anna Fincher).

Farmers in the midwest, for the most part, enjoyed an abundant harvest last year. Excellent weather conditions and technological advances in seed and fertilizer helped make outstanding yields possible.

In Luke 10:2, Jesus told his disciples, *“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”* God wants His harvest to have an abundant yield, both in the fields and in the world. An abundant harvest requires lots of work. That’s why we pray for more harvest workers. Jesus tells His workers and those of us praying for them that it takes prayer to keep enough laborers in the harvest. We can obey Jesus’ command by offering two specific prayers for harvest workers.

### **We can pray for current workers to be encouraged.**

Many workers already serve in God’s harvest field. Jesus sent 70 in this passage (Luke 10:1). Hundreds of thousands serve the Lord around the world, helping to reap the abundant harvest that exists. But it’s easy for current workers to get discouraged and quit. Sometimes they feel outnumbered, because they only see a “few” others. Sometimes they feel uncertain, like “lambs among wolves” (10:3). And Jesus promised that some workers will be rejected by the very people they told about Christ (10:10).

When you see a discouraged worker, pray for them to receive encouragement. It is encouraging when a worker finds a partner (Jesus sent them in pairs), receives hospitality from those who hear the Word, and receives sufficient wages. Occasionally, I hear about a Central graduate no longer in the ministry or on the mission field. It makes me wonder if a little more encouragement could have helped them stay.

**We can also pray for future workers to be obedient.** Not everyone gifted by God and capable of harvest work will serve. But Jesus still needs more workers for his field. It isn’t very glamorous or prestigious to serve in those fields. Many other jobs are more attractive. But a few things will help them be more obedient. A big part of the process was for them to go out and see what it was like to serve Christ. After He sent them to all the places He would later go, they “returned with joy” (10:17) because they saw what happened.

We develop servant-leaders for the church at Central by recruiting and training workers. They see what it’s like to go out on behalf of Christ to various places and serve others. We appreciate when you pray for us to recruit new students and train them to serve Him. We also need people like you to help us financially by sharing resources. Our students and graduates are encouraged by knowing that committed Christians have made the Full-Tuition Scholarship possible. **Will you consider sharing a gift that will help us answer Jesus’ prayer for more harvest workers?** There is an envelope in the center of this magazine for your convenience.





# HEARING THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

In January, we welcomed back many students who have been preparing for ministry for some time. At the same time, a brand new batch of disciples started their educational experience with us. It always amazes me how our buildings go from empty to teeming with activity in just a couple of days.

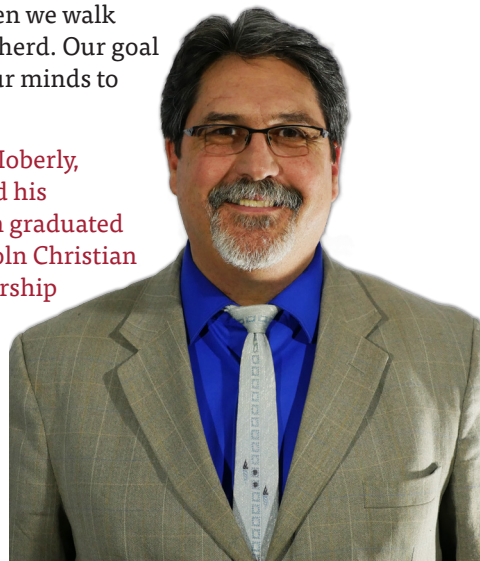
Each new semester energizes me with the enthusiasm that comes from mutual preparation for the kingdom task. As a Greek teacher, it is enjoyable for me to introduce a new group of students to the beautiful intricacies of the language and continue teaching a group whose language skills got a little rusty over the break. It is a blessing for me to work with a group of committed faculty and staff and with a group of resident assistants ready to continue their ministry. My job allows for interaction with a group of students who have been taking the task of discipleship seriously on our campus as well as a group of new students who are entering this discipleship program.

I was reminded of the passage in John 10:7 where Jesus tells his listeners, *"I am the door of the sheep."* In this passage, Jesus is giving a pointed reminder to the religious leaders of His time that He, and only He, is the entrance which allows the sheep to enter into a relationship providing life. It is not ordinary life but "abundant" life. Jesus goes on to make it clear that this incredible relationship is only available to those who hear and follow His voice.

The thread which runs like a strong cord through all of the activities happening on our campus is the effort to link our lives to the eternal work: introducing this relationship to those who have not yet heard His voice and growing the relationship in those of us who have been listening for awhile.

As we start a new year it seems like a good time to be reminded that our lives will take on a richness which cannot be gained anywhere else when we walk through the Door into the company of the Great Shepherd. Our goal this year should be to cultivate our ears to hear and our minds to perceive the voice of our Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

**BIO:** Darryl Ammon sold his business and moved to Moberly, Missouri, from Rupert, Idaho, in August 2002. He and his youngest daughter enrolled as students and they both graduated in May 2006. Darryl continued his education at Lincoln Christian Seminary, earning a Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in 2008. Darryl serves as Executive Director of Student Development and Instructor in Greek. In addition to his work at Central, he is the preaching minister at Prairie Hill Christian Church, near Salisbury, Missouri. He and Teresa (support assistant in the Admissions Department), have two grown daughters and two granddaughters. You can contact him by email at [darrylammon@cccb.edu](mailto:darrylammon@cccb.edu).



# FROM MISSOURI TO CENTRAL ALUMNI SER

There are several states, many miles, and a completely different world in some respects between Missouri and Massachusetts. However, the distance and the differences didn't stop a group of Central graduates from choosing to minister and share Jesus in Boston with people who may have never heard about Him.



**Bob Bacon ('99)**

**Bob and Amy (Franke) Bacon** both grew up in Knox County, near Novelty, Missouri. They attended CCCB from 1997-1999 and earned their Associate of Arts Degrees before transferring to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri. While in Warrensburg, Bob served at the Northside Christian Church as their youth minister and Amy worked with the Christian Campus House. In 2010, Bob and Amy moved to Boston to work with Sojourn Collegiate Ministry.

Bob is the Director of Operations of Sojourn. He works with the executive team to facilitate the administration, financials, communications, and human resources of the organization. Bob also gets to help minister to students through specific activities and events.



**Dustin Gardner ('11)**

**Dustin Gardner** grew up in Unionville, Missouri. He started his college career at Iowa State University before studying for the ministry. Dustin transferred to Central Christian College of the Bible in 2008 and graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Religious Studies degree. Dustin was the youth minister at the Clay County Christian Church in Liberty, Missouri, before relocating to Boston to serve at Sojourn Collegiate Ministry.

Dustin is the Lead Campus Minister of Northeastern University and Boston University. He is active in leadership development/discipleship, program development/outreach, and community engagement.

Bob mentioned several professors influenced him by helping him feel the tension, acknowledge the challenge, and better understand the value of following Jesus. Dustin said his theology classes best prepared him for thinking on the level of students he works with in Boston.

When asked why they chose Boston, Bob replied, "Amy and I felt God had prepared us well through our learning, experiences, network of support, and gifting/abilities to be able to minister alongside great people in a place like Boston. The immense need and



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the potential for impact convicted us then and propels us forward now. Truth be told, I am unaware of ministries like this that continually find itself at the intersection of faith, academia, arts and culture.”

Bob and Dustin work alongside Tim Hawkins and Brian Graves, two other Central alumni at Sojourn Collegiate Ministry ([sojourncollegiate.com/boston](http://sojourncollegiate.com/boston)).

**Caitlin Pugh** took a different route to her ministry in the Boston area. Caitlin came to Central from Shiloh, Illinois, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Counseling in May 2015. She moved to Quincy, Massachusetts, later that month and has been helping with a church plant, Restore Christian Church ([restorequincy.org](http://restorequincy.org)). “There are a lot of good things already happening in and around Boston but the city is still considered ‘unreached’. Admittedly, I didn’t attend Central with a passion or even interest in church planting, but as I was introduced to the need and structure of church planting, something in my heart changed. I was excited by the idea of creating something new, something tailored to the needs of a specific community. It’s still hard to put into words why I chose this specific ministry but, to put it simply, there was a need and I was available. God used the experiences and training I received at Central to give me the confidence to say “YES” to a journey that has been anything but comfortable.”



**Caitlin Pugh ('15)**

Caitlin is primarily responsible for the organization of Restore Christian Church’s small groups and the materials needed to lead them. She also oversees the Technical Arts team, which involves weekly setup and teardown of their Sunday space, maintaining the equipment and organizing volunteer teams.

*Interpersonal Communication* was one of her favorite classes at Central. She commented that she completed the class with skills and a mindset that led to an exciting season of ministry. The skills and resources gathered from those classes have directly influenced the way she approaches ministry today.

“I attended Central with a deep seated belief that what I was lacking was the right formula, the perfect apologetic and an eloquent explanation of the Gospel. Now that I’m navigating my first ministry outside of Central, I’ve learned that these skills come secondary to the very thing Jesus came to redeem, #relationships, our relationship to God, to each other, and to the world.”

# WORKING TO MINISTER & MINISTERING AT WORK

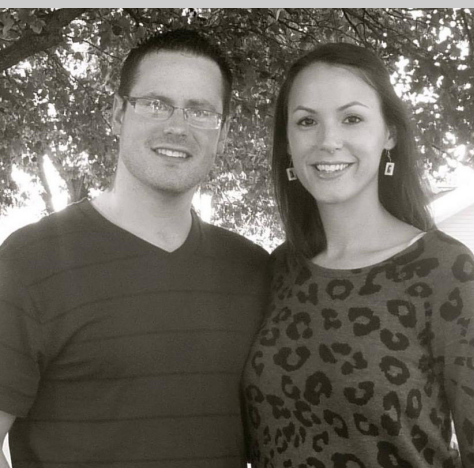
## **Melanie (Worstell) & Caleb Plumb ('02)**

*Caleb and I have been in ministry at Encounter Christian Church for 13 years ([encountercc.tv](http://encountercc.tv)). For the last 6 years we have both worked outside the ministry as well to make ends meet. At first, we were worried our work at Encounter would suffer, since we had to divide our time between ministry, our outside jobs, and our three children!*

*I would have to say now though, we can see there are things God is doing in us and through us because of our work that we wouldn't have experienced in full-time ministry. Our faith has grown because we have had to step out of our comfort zone and enter the lives of hurting people, who don't always believe and accept the word of God.*

*One example Caleb has had is with his job as a Driver's Education instructor. Mostly, he helps teenagers learn to drive but every once in a while, adults from foreign countries take the course so they can obtain a valid drivers license. On one such occasion, Caleb was driving a man from India and got to share his faith with this Hindu man. The man was very open to hearing what Caleb shared, especially since this man's sister had just become a Christian. The timing was from God!*

*Another time, one of the students he was driving had a classmate who had recently committed suicide. Caleb was able to pray for the young man and help him receive comfort from the tragedy.*



**Caleb & Melanie Plumb**

*I work as a paraprofessional substitute in our elementary school. It has opened my eyes to how hard teachers work and all the struggles they deal with. Some days I dread it because I know it's going to be tough. But God has taught me over the last few years working there that the job is not about me. I am there to do His will, whether that is comforting a crying preschooler or praying with a teacher who is struggling. I try to look for what God is up to each time I work and try to put my focus there.*

*This world is hurting and so many turn to things other than God for comfort and truth. Working outside the church has opened us up to the needs of this world and given us a compassion we might not have had otherwise. It is not easy doing both ministry and these outside jobs, but I think we are better people and pastors for it.*

## **Matthew Clair ('11)**

Since graduating from Central in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Preaching, Matt Clair has taken a tent-maker approach to ministry. He now works for a Forbes Top 10 Company on the West Coast, which allows him to be bi-vocational. At the same time, he is planting and networking several linked organic home church movements throughout the Pacific Northwest. Matthew helps in establishing and building leadership for sustainable groups to have every member functioning and to have low to no overhead.

Matthew has been involved with Francis Chan, Frank Viola, and Leonard Sweet to form Mastermind groups. The goal is to grow bi-vocational models for transparent, vulnerable, and authentic congregations without spectator/liturgical/hierarchical models. While at Central, Dr. Curtice inspired his zeal for the organic priesthood of ALL believers functioning!

Matthew is married to Candace, and they have two sons, Elijah (11) and Josiah (8).



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

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 your InFocus Friday visit, call the Admissions Department at 1-888-263-3900 ext. 144 or register online at [CCCB.edu/iff](http://CCCB.edu/iff).**

## Upcoming InFocus Fridays:

- February 10
- March 10
- April 7
- May 5
- June 16
- July 14
- August 4

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# Men's Banquet

## March 16, 2017

### "Beloved" (3 John)



Lloyd Pelfrey  
Moberly, Missouri



Jonathan Dunham  
Washington, Indiana

Registration begins - 5:00 pm  
Workshop & Appetizers - 5:30 pm  
Banquet - 6:30 pm

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# 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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at [cccb.edu/events](http://cccb.edu/events)

Worship Leader



Becky Frey  
Milan, Missouri

# 60th Commencement Ceremony

## Friday, May 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM

You are invited to our 60th Commencement Ceremony!  
This ceremony will be held in the Ferneau center.  
If you are unable to make it in person, we would also invite you to watch live at [cccb.edu/live](http://cccb.edu/live) as the event is taking place!  
A recorded copy will also be available to watch online at a later time.



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## PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLES



A Commentary by  
Gareth L. Reese

Over 50 years ago, Gareth Reese published his first commentary on the Book of Acts. Since then, he has published eight bound commentaries on the New Testament, as well as syllabi of notes on the gospels and the Book of Revelation.

His newest commentary has been completed! Available in March 2017, *New Testament Epistles: Paul's Prison Epistles* contains over 800 pages of Mr. Reese's signature comments and special studies, covering the books of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. It also contains a special Foreword, written by President Emeritus Lloyd Pelfrey, summarizing Professor Reese's contributions to the College through his career of teaching and writing.

To celebrate Central's 60th year, a commemorative edition is available to those making a gift of \$60 or more. The commemorative edition will include a dust jacket signed by the author and with biographical information about Mr. Reese and his writings.

These commentaries are available at campus and road events during 2017 for your gift of \$60 or more. To order one by mail, add \$5 to your gift for shipping and write "Commentary Gift" in the memo section of your check. Mail your check made payable to CCCB to the college and we will send your commentary when it is available. You can also make your gift online at [CCCB.edu/give](http://CCCB.edu/give) and type "Commentary Gift" in the comments section.

All of Professor Reese's commentaries are now available to order online from the CCCB bookstore by visiting [www.ReeseCommentaries.com](http://www.ReeseCommentaries.com) or [www.CCCBstore.com](http://www.CCCBstore.com).

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**Help Us Celebrate our 60th Year in 2017:**

**March 31-April 1:**

*Missouri Christian Convention at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks*

**June 27-29:**

*North American Christian Convention at Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, MO*

**September 1-2:**

*Central Day/Alumni Homecoming on CCCB Campus*



# PLANT CORN & BEANS, HARVEST PREACHERS!

Can you really plant corn and beans and harvest Christian leaders? Let me tell you about a family that does so every year.

The Johnsons\* are a farming family – it’s what they’ve always done and they are good at it. In their crop rotation plan, some years they plant corn, some years they plant beans. But every year, a portion of their harvest goes to fund a scholarship at a Christian college where men and women are preparing to become the next generation of Christian leaders.

The Johnsons’ annual routine includes the delivery of a few truckloads of grain to their local elevator. The grain is “delivered in the name of the college” so that the Johnson family relinquishes any control over it. Once in the bin, the college is notified of the gift so it can authorize a sale. Within days, a settlement check arrives and the Johnsons’ scholarship has a new infusion of cash to benefit students.

When the Johnsons established their scholarship, they specified that it should primarily benefit students with financial need from a specific geographic region. They also requested that the recipients have a major in preaching, youth ministry, or missions. Each year, at least two students are helped by their strategic generosity and the Johnsons are pleased that they get letters from the students every semester.

Giving grain has become a wonderful way for the Johnsons to maximize their charitable giving in a tax-advantaged way. While the rules for giving grain are very specific, they are not difficult to follow and can provide excellent benefits.

Regardless of your career or business, giving non-cash assets may provide excellent opportunities for you to minimize taxes and maximize your charitable desires. Through our strategic partnership with Co:Mission Foundation, we can help you think through non-cash giving strategies and tools. Best of all, there is no cost or obligation to you!

**If you would like to talk with David Duncan, Executive Director of Co:Mission, you may call him at 417-437-4774. Or, if you prefer, email him at [dduncan@comissionfoundation.org](mailto:dduncan@comissionfoundation.org). You can download a fact sheet on gifts of grain at [comissionfoundation.org/grain](http://comissionfoundation.org/grain).**

**\*The Johnsons are representative of many families using non-cash assets to fund charitable gifts.**

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

As we celebrate Memorial Day in May, our thoughts turn to those who have gone before us. You can recognize someone special by making an honorary or memorial gift to support the Full-Tuition Scholarship at Central Christian College of the Bible. The honoree’s name will be mentioned in the summer 2017 issue of *theTORCH* (gifts must be received by March 31). Simply clip this portion of the page and mail it with your check payable to CCCB. Your honorary or memorial gifts may also be given online at [CCCB.edu/give](http://CCCB.edu/give).

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# MINISTRY PREPARATION WITH ONLINE EDUCATION

Dr. Jamie Franke ('98)

Online Education Coordinator ([jamiefranke@cccb.edu](mailto:jamiefranke@cccb.edu))

Central's online program provides excellent Bible and ministry education and training for students who wish to complete their education while continuing in their current professions or ministries. Jason McCully, who will earn his Bachelor of Religious Studies degree in May, is an excellent example of how online education through Central helps train servant-leaders for the church in an effective and practical way.

Jason's story is about a man deeply concerned about ministry and furthering the kingdom of God. He grew up attending a non-instrumental Church of Christ and graduated from the Bible Institute of Missouri in 2005, where he received training for preaching ministry. He preached at the Conway (Missouri) Church of Christ for almost two years.

After this, he changed courses in life, and began to work in the insurance industry. After five years working for another company, he opened his own independent insurance agency in 2011 in Republic, Missouri. During this time, he was heavily involved in the local church, even helping plant a church in Clever, Missouri, where he now lives. In addition, he built his own insurance agency to support further ministry work.

Through this time, Jason felt convicted that he needed to further his education for ministry preparation. He examined most of the Christian church colleges, and concluded that Central's online program best met his needs. Our affordable program offered the clear instruction he wanted to complete an accredited bachelor's degree.



Jason McCully and his family

Jason and his wife Victoria have four children: Gunnar (10), Owen (7), RYANNE (3), and Reeselyn (2). Although Central's online courses were challenging, the program was flexible enough to balance effectively his family life and insurance business. Jason's program included an internship under Seth Wortman, minister at Glendale Christian Church in Springfield, Missouri. Jason feels that his education has put him in a better position for full-time vocational ministry in the future.

Jason's story demonstrates how our online education program prepares servant-leaders for the church who come from varied backgrounds with varied life experiences. We enjoy seeing students like him take the next step in being more effective servants of our Lord in building His kingdom.

## 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 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 1-888-263-3900 extension 144.



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# RECOGNIZING “SELF”-LESS SERVANT-LEADERSHIP

Central Christian College of the Bible hosted our first Servant-Leader Celebration on December 7, 2016. The Servant-Leader Celebration brought together friends from the Moberly area to highlight Central’s mission of developing servant-leaders for the church.

The event included recognition of Mr. Ron Self for his more than 40 years of servant-leadership on the Board of Directors of Central Christian College of the Bible. It was made possible by generous donations in honor of Ron Self’s service by various members of the community, church, family members, and college friends.



**Phyllis & Ron Self, with their daughter Emily Doolin ('00)**

Lloyd Pelfrey, President Emeritus, presented a summary of Mr. Self’s contributions to the College and the community. Mr. Pelfrey commented, “The Servant-Leader Lifetime Achievement Award celebration includes a very appropriate recognition for Ron Self as a member of the board of Central Christian College of the Bible for almost 40 years, and he has served as the secretary almost the entire time.”

Mr. Pelfrey asked Ron Self to be the secretary for the board after witnessing his dedicated efficiency as the secretary of the Moberly Kiwanis Club. Mr. Self has been a member of Kiwanis for over 43 years, and he has served as the secretary for this civic club for all but the first years. The club had its

meeting during the event and Ron is pictured with the members who were present.

Ron Self’s professional résumé shows that he has served in three basic areas: church, education, and the community of Moberly. In many cases these areas have overlapped, and occasionally all three are involved, such as his being on the Board of the preschool program for Timber Lake Christian Church since the preschool began.



In the field of education he received the Missouri Retired Teachers Association Distinguished Regional Retiree of the Year Award in 2013, and in September of this year the Moberly Public School Foundation gave him the Distinguished Educator Award.

Ron serves and has served in other ways in the community: as a board member of the Little Dixie Regional Library for 13 years, as an ambassador for the Moberly Area Chamber of Commerce for 13 years, a former member of the Randolph County Red Cross Board, and part of a group named “SHINE” that helps new teachers in their first year.

“It is very evident that he has really given back to the community where he was born and where he has lived for most of his adult life,” Mr. Pelfrey concluded.

In addition to honoring Ron Self, attendees also had the opportunity to meet current and former students to hear how their lives have benefitted from the Full-Tuition Scholarship. Sallyann Belton, a sophomore student from the Marshall Islands, shared some of her experiences of helping in the Moberly community. Board Chairman Gene McCoy challenged those in attendance to consider supporting Central’s work in the community.

**You can make a gift in honor of Ron Self’s service by using the form located on page 10.**

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS

A Bible education can benefit everyone, but we recognize that not all students who attend Central want to go into full-time ministry. For many years, Central has had an agreement with Moberly Area Community College, which serves a 19 county area in Northeast Missouri. Recently, our agreement was expanded to give our students access to all of MACC's career programs.

Our partnership allows students to pursue opportunities to serve the Lord in the marketplace outside of ministry. A career certificate or degree can be included in the student's program of study at Central. Students are able to use transfer credits from a community college or university to complete a Bachelor of Religious Studies degree in as few as two years.

**Nathaniel Carson** graduated in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Religious Studies Degree in Missional Occupations. He also earned a degree in Mechatronics from MACC. When asked how he benefitted from the partnership program between CCCB and MACC, Nathaniel commented, "I got hired in an industry position before I even graduated. And because of that position I was able to pay off all of my student loans in the six months after graduation. It also afforded me the opportunity to spend more time with unbelievers at MACC and share my faith." Nathaniel and his wife, Meagan (Bertolotti), live in Moberly with their son, Phinehas.



**Meagan & Nathaniel Carson**

**Valerie Bishop** came to Central from Illinois to study the Bible while also learning to be a nurse. She has been able to take classes at Central and MACC during her first three years. Val said, "Central was the most affordable option, and offered the most convenience to me to do all of my studies in the same town. I looked at other college programs, and Central was the best fit for me."

Students like Nathaniel and Valerie pay their fees at Central and the college applies a Dual Enrollment Grant to cover the cost of their tuition at MACC. The college is charged in-district rates, making this program more affordable for many students than even studying at their home community college. At the same time, the students enjoy living in our Christian community.



**Valerie Bishop**

Students can also live at Central and take classes while completing an Associate of Arts degree at MACC. After five semesters, it is easy to either transfer to a state university or stay at Central and pursue a bachelor's degree.

With a variety of career and ministry opportunities, our expanded partnership with MACC helps Central students become servant-leaders for the church.

**To learn more about our partnership with MACC, visit [CCCB.edu/programs](http://CCCB.edu/programs).**

## **Moberly Area Community College Partnership Programs**

- **Allied Health Fields / Nursing**
- **Associate of Arts**
- **Associate of Arts in Teaching**
- **Business Administration**
- **Computer Information Technology**
- **Early Childhood Education**
- **Engineering Design & Development**
- **Engineering Systems**
- **Industrial Technology**
- **Law Enforcement**



# MY JOURNEY TO CENTRAL

**Aileen Goehringer** (Milton, Delaware)

Freshman Student



## How did you learn about Central?

I learned about Central from my two brothers (Joseph and Daniel) and sister (Emily), who graduated from Central. I also know a number of people that have attended Central.

## Why did you choose Central?

Having family attend CCCB beforehand is part of the reason why I chose Central. I was familiar with the school. Also, Central happened to be the best option for me. From visiting the campus, I fell in love with the community and the small size. Everyone I met made me feel so welcome and I wanted to become part of that. I am here with the goal of graduating with a degree in counseling. I do not currently have any plans for after college, but I do have ideas and dreams.

## Do you have a favorite class? Why?

During my first semester, my favorite class was *Christian Discipleship*. The whole class was so enlightening and I enjoyed learning from Mr. Ammon.

## Tell us about your family.

My father and mother moved to Delaware after they got married and learned about God from a neighbor. My father now is a preacher in a Church of Christ. My mother is a stay at home mom, who raised eleven children and home schooled all of us. Yes, I am the ninth child of eleven of Frank and Debra Goehringer. I have four brothers and six sisters, two of them younger than me. There is so much to tell, for my family just keeps growing.



*The Goehringer Family*

## How have you been involved in ministry and on campus?

At Central I have been helping with a children's ministry at Capital City Christian Church in Jefferson City. I played on the volleyball team, and I also play piano in chapel when I am needed.

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# MY SCHOLARSHIP STORY

**Alyssa Huffman** (Springfield, Illinois)  
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Attending Central Christian College of the Bible has changed my life tremendously. I now know more about the Bible than I ever have before. I've also had the opportunity to build friendships that I know will last forever. It is a pleasure to be able to come to a place where I have been surrounded by an outstanding community.

I was raised in a Christian home in Springfield, Illinois. Church was always something that was part of my life. When I was in high school, I was heavily involved in sports and other school activities. My goal was to study special education in college and rely on sports to help pay for a good chunk of my college expenses. But a mission trip to South Africa during my senior year changed my life and I felt called into children's ministry while on that trip.

With graduation in a few weeks, I had to connect with a new college quickly. My dad and I discovered Central while searching online.

When I arrived at Central that fall, I remember being so excited. During my first few months I started learning more and more things that I never knew, even though I went to a Christian school all my life and attended church weekly. I was happy to be in a place where I was going to learn and be equipped for ministry. I was getting poured into constantly by professors, staff, and RA's, and I was in good hands to learn more about God. He taught me how to love like Jesus and be more like Him in just a few short months of being on Central's campus.

During my four years at Central, I have been blessed with many service opportunities. Being part of the traveling worship band with Central was probably one of my favorite things that I was involved with here at Central. Our team led worship for churches, youth groups, and events.

I've also had the wonderful opportunity to be involved with Crossroads Christian Church in Macon, Missouri. Not only were there countless opportunities to serve in children's ministry, youth ministry, and worship ministry, but I also did my apprenticeship for school and absolutely loved it.

I am preparing to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree, with a major in Christian Education and a minor in Worship Arts. After graduation, I plan to find a school to teach in or a children's ministry to serve in; I'm also open to worship ministry as well. I plan to always be involved in the church and the ministry no matter where God takes me and what job I end up having. The church and serving the church has had a huge impact in my life.

I will always be grateful for Central Christian College of the Bible. There have been so many things I have learned from my time here at Central, and I know that I can always rely on the knowledge I have gained. Central would not be the way it is without our wonderful supporters that take care of us in every way. I am truly grateful for the Full-Tuition Scholarship from the donations that come from churches, people, and organizations. I'm grateful for my time here at Central and will always remember and cherish the memories I have made here.

*You can watch Alyssa Huffman's video testimony online at [CCCB.edu/youtube](https://www.cccb.edu/youtube).*





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