



“PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS”

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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

“YOU DON’T KNOW WHICH WILL SUCCEED”

In my Bible reading, I recently saw a verse I have read many times before. But it stood out to me in a new way.

“In the morning, sow your seed and at evening do not let your hand rest, because you don’t know which will succeed, whether one or the other, or if both of them will be equally good.” (Eccles. 11:6, CSB)

The agricultural metaphor emphasizes diligence in planting seed. When spring arrives, farmers and gardeners work long hours to get their seed planted. Some translations describe the work as planting seed both in the morning and the evening. Other translations, like the *Christian Standard Bible* quoted above, suggest that after the seed is planted, the person should keep working in another manner.

Picture a farmer planting throughout the daylight hours. After dark, he keeps working around the house. The author says such hard work is necessary, since “you don’t know which will succeed.” It is safe to conclude some of the work may not be successful. But with the farmer’s hard work, at least some will succeed. Maybe it will all be productive.

Reflecting further on this passage, I see three truths about our work at CCCB:

We work hard to recruit potential students, because we never know which ones will come or decide not to. We look for students who have been active in youth group. In the summer, we will find young men and women who came to Christ at a week of church camp. We talk to older adults who have been out of school for over 20 years. Some potential students are from other countries, and they are working hard to get the money and approval necessary to come to America. Some are transferring from another college. Even though our enrollment has stabilized over the past three years, we still need more students. We also need help finding them. So we plant seeds, call prospects, and challenge them to serve the church.

We work hard to educate our students, because we never know which ones will do great things. We plant God’s Word in their hearts, so it can grow in them. We show them ministry principles and skills, so they will consider serving God’s kingdom in a substantial way. And we help them use their gifts in various ways that will show them how God might be preparing them for later service. We don’t know which graduates will become full-time ministers and which ones will be devoted volunteers, but we hope “both of them will be equally good.”

Finally, we work hard to tell our friends about the work of Central, and ask them to support us generously. Some churches remain steady in their gifting, while some stop giving. Each year we ask graduates and their parents to donate. Some do. We have board members, businesses, and other friends who hear the challenge and give even more. In 2017, we received over \$1.3 million in donations, the highest total amount given in the past six years. That generosity helped us finish last fiscal year in the black and be on track to do the same this year. But we still tell our story, not knowing who might support our Full-Tuition Scholarship for the first time or in a more generous way.

To be honest, we would love to know which will succeed. It would be great to predict exactly which prospects will enroll. Each teacher would love to know the students who will change the world. And we could all benefit if we only talked to the most receptive donors.

But since we don’t know which will succeed, we keep trying hard, trusting God to make at least some of our work successful, and hopefully all of it. Maybe you have a prospective student in mind. You might have considered enrolling in Bible college yourself. And you may be able to support our work of educating others. If so, send me a note and give us some more work to do!



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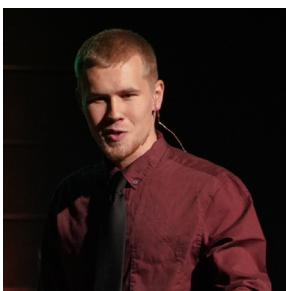
Several of our graduating senior men preached a chapel sermon this Spring. Each sermon showed how Jesus' miracles were a preview of coming attractions in His kingdom. These seniors also preview the coming graduates who will fill the pulpit of churches like yours.

You can listen to all of their sermons at our website (www.cccb.edu/chapel).



"You cannot authentically follow Christ if you don't have an authentic care for others."

- Christopher Lawrence



"Jesus' authority to heal physically is a preview of His authority to forgive eternally."

- Evan Barthel



"When waves are crashing down and you are sinking, don't be afraid to call out to Jesus."

- Bryce Houchen



"We must get uncomfortable if we want to reach out to others who aren't like us."

- Cory Sutphin



"The filter you view your life through will affect how you do your life."

- Aaron Dowell



"Nobody has power like the life changing power of Jesus Christ."

- Lance Patrick



Misty Anselmi and Stan Rodda had a lot in common even before they were married. They both started attending Central Christian College of the Bible in the 1990s. They were also both raised in Midwest homes where ministry was on display for them to see. The roots established in their families' ministries, college experiences, and early years of marriage established a base for their current life and ministry in suburban northern Virginia.

Jeff Anselmi, Misty's dad, preached at a couple of small churches in north-central Missouri while he completed his ministry degree from CCCB. When Jeff was a junior, Misty became a freshman in 1996. They even took a few courses together and compared test scores. After a six-year ministry in Auburn, Illinois, Jeff and Robyn moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona, where he became the preaching minister at **First Christian Church**.

Stan Rodda, Sr. was a preacher in Pana, Illinois, when his son Stan, became a freshman at Central in 1998. Stan and Misty were dating soon thereafter. Tragically, Stan's father passed away during his freshman year. But with that ministry influence impressed upon him, Stan Rodda remained enrolled at college and completed a Bachelor of Science in Preaching Ministry in 2002.



Stan ('02) & Misty ('00) Rodda, pictured with their children Grant (top right), Ashton (left), and Avary (bottom right).

When Stan and Misty married in 2000, they had already been quite involved in activities and services on campus and in the area. Stan was a part-time youth minister and Misty worked in CCCB's Admissions Department. They built relationships with their teachers and fellow students. Stan played sports and Misty sang with various groups.

Their next level of service was in full-time church ministry, still in the Midwest. Stan was the Senior Minister at **Milan Christian Church** (Milan, MO) from 2002-2004. His next full-time ministry was in Petersburg, Illinois, where he served as Senior Minister from 2004-2009. During their time in the Midwest, Stan and Misty became parents of three children: Grant, Ashton, and Avary.

ROOTED IN MIDWEST MINISTRY, SERVING SUBURBAN SOULS

Their Midwest ministry roots strengthened them to serve the needs of the church. But a different type of ministry opportunity for both of them was still to come.

In December of 2009, Stan accepted a ministry position with the **New Life Christian Church** in Chantilly, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, DC. As a campus pastor at one of the church's sites, Stan learned new lessons about church planting and leadership. Working with a larger staff, in a metropolitan context, Stan saw that the needs of people were quite different than in the Midwest. On a given Sunday, he may talk to a member of the Secret Service, a family with plenty of wealth but no time to enjoy it, or a government official struggling to bring her faith into her office.

In addition to his ministry at New Life, Stan has participated in a few other ventures. He has created resources for today's ministry leaders at www.StanRodda.com. It features writings, podcasts, and opportunities for small group development. Stan has also served on the Board of Directors for **Waypoint Church Partners** and as the volunteer team leader for the Exponential Conference.

Beyond her responsibilities in the home as a wife and mother of a busy family and serving on the worship team, Misty also has a photography business and blogs at MistyRodda.com. She writes, "My goal with my business and in each day of life, is to honor God and serve others. I believe that God has placed incredible beauty in each person and it's my privilege to be able to draw that out through photographs. My favorite photos are those that capture relationships—the joy and love that come through connection." Her influence through serving and meeting others displays the values she gained and developed during her years as a student and employee at Central.

Like Stan and Misty, our students learn ministry skills during their time on our campus and in our area churches. That helps them see the value of every soul, whether serving in another state or around the world. The gifts and experiences developed at Central are used to reach others to follow Christ and serve Him.



Stan's podcast features guests who talk about a variety of topics related to ministry and leading a church.

COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Two recent collaborative agreements with regionally accredited institutions have expanded the degrees and programs students can pursue.



In 2017, we signed an agreement with **Moberly Area Community College** (MACC.edu) to benefit students on our Moberly campus. They were already eligible to pursue career programs at MACC. Now students can earn an Associate of Arts degree at no additional cost. This allows them to transfer as a junior into the general range of degree programs of a college or university.



**HOPE INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY**

In early 2018, we reached an agreement to become educational partners with **Hope International University** (HIU.edu). Based in Fullerton, California, HIU offers online undergraduate and graduate degrees that are regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Many of their ministry programs are also accredited by ABHE. Under the leadership of Dr. John Derry, HIU has pursued collaboration with several churches, colleges, and missions organizations. Enrolling more than 2,500


students online and in various locations, Hope International University is one of the most innovative schools in our Christian Church brotherhood.

Our new agreement will make it easier and more affordable for our students and alumni to pursue Hope's educational options. Because we use the same online learning platform, our students can function well in HIU courses. Our students will pay the same price for HIU undergraduate courses that we charge (currently \$275 per credit). This is almost a 40% reduction from the price HIU normally charges. Students can easily register for courses to earn a degree from either or both schools.

This agreement brings several benefits. Both online students and campus students will benefit from additional general studies courses, flexible scheduling options, and specialized courses that we haven't developed. Studying with other teachers and students outside of the CCCB family will provide a richer learning experience.

Also, students will be able to earn any of Hope's regionally accredited online degrees in conjunction with their studies here. Programs in Human Development, Business Administration, and Teacher Preparation can be added to an associate or bachelor's degree taken from Central. This equips students for career and ministry leadership opportunities our current programs can't provide.

For alumni, there will be a simple, low-cost path to earn an additional degree from Hope. Whether pursuing one of the above programs or a regionally accredited

A portrait of Tracy Jobson, a young woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top with a floral pattern. The background is a blurred brick wall.

“CCCB’s online classes were very flexible. I did homework while my kids napped or when they went to bed at night. When I finished my degree, I was able to join staff at a church full-time.”

**Tracy Jobson, Class of 2015
Northside Christian Church (Kansas City, MO)**

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Christian Ministry degree, our graduates can finish in as few as 30 credits by transferring up to 90 CCCB credits into the program. Central alumni will pay a very low tuition rate, and the college has no cost in making this program available.

Collaboration with schools such as MACC and HIU increases the value of our education to students seeking programs beyond what we offer. Our newest partnership with **Hope International University** provides affordable, flexible, regionally-accredited online degree options for our students and alumni. For more information about utilizing our partnership with **Moberly Area Community College** or **Hope International University**, contact Dr. Eric Stevens (660-372-2499 or ericstevens@cccb.edu).



YOU CAN HELP US FINISH MODERNIZING

As part of the “Growing our Legacy” campaign of 2010, several improvements to our auditorium were identified. Renamed in 1999 as **The Ferneau Center** (in honor of Dr. James & Lana Ferneau), it has served as our campus venue for chapel services, sports competitions, and special events. In order to modernize this facility and make it more usable and attractive for years to come, we have completed several projects already.


- The **walls were repainted** and **new padding was installed** to match our school colors and provide safety for players.
- A **new roof was installed** to stop leaks from damaging the ceiling tiles and floor.
- A **wood floor was purchased** with special donations and installed in 2014. It was refinished to match our school colors and logo in 2015 and **dedicated as the Coaches’ Court** to honor the men and women who have coached our court sports.
- New **sound equipment was installed**, including a digital sound board, amplifiers, and speakers to improve the quality of music and announcing for our events.
- **Video projection and production systems were purchased**, including a triplewide projection system and Internet streaming hardware and software. This improves the appearance of our events in the room. It also enables us to provide a high definition stream to parents and others who want to watch our activities online.

Over \$40,000 in gifts have been identified to help us finish renovating the Ferneau Center. It will be a much more attractive facility for our students and the public to experience. You can see three different projects pictured at the right.

We still need a little more than \$35,000 to complete this project this summer. There are several ways you can help us finish updating the Ferneau Center.

1. Become a **Section Sponsor** with a gift of at least **\$5,000**.
2. Become a **Row Sponsor** with a gift of at least **\$1,000**.
3. Become a **Seat Sponsor** with a gift of at least **\$250**.

All sponsor-level gifts will be recognized on a permanent display in The Ferneau Center. To make your gift to help us finish modernizing The Ferneau Center, enclose your check in the envelope and write “Ferneau Center” in the memo line. You can also give online at www.cccb.edu/give. **Thank you for helping us renovate the Ferneau Center for our students and spectators at campus activities.**



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ERNIZING THE FERNEAU CENTER



BLEACHER REMODEL

The orange carpet will be replaced with a neutral color that is more attractive and durable. Some wooden benches will be replaced with individual seats. Other benches will be repainted to match our school color.

Estimated cost: \$45,000



STAGE CURTAINS & FLOOR

The back stage curtains will be black for better lighting control. The front curtain will be crimson to match our school color. The stage floor will be painted black for durability and appearance.

Estimated cost: \$16,000



OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The sound booth will relocate to the upper level with all tech equipment grouped together. A concession stand will be constructed in the upper corner for games and events. Additional lighting and sound equipment will be added to improve event productions. Handicapped seating location will be added for wheelchair-bound event attendees.

Estimated cost: \$15,000



FAITHFUL CCCB SERVANTS

Six employees and two board members were honored for their years of service at our annual Employee & Board Appreciation Banquet in early 2018.



10 years - Aaron Merritt

As Director of Information Technology, Aaron keeps the campus computers, software and network operational. He has worked to improve the infrastructure and Internet speed during his years in IT. When a student or employee has a problem, Aaron is quick to help them solve it. Once they are back in working order, he returns to the project he had been working on. With technology always changing, we are glad to have Aaron's consistent service.



10 years - Lori Peter

As Director of Student Services, Lori is responsible for the mail room, Student Council and overseeing the Harvest House. That makes her very popular with students! She also coordinates new student orientation and assists with commencement. Lori is the "mom away from home" for many of our students. She is the one they go see when they need to know how to fix something, are sick, or just need a mom's perspective.



15 Years- Dr. Jamie Franke

While at Central, Jamie has served as a part-time professor, online teacher, and now as Online Coordinator. Jamie works hard at all he does to benefit the Kingdom. When the the Online Coordinator position opened, Jamie stepped in and followed the strategic plan to see the program expand. Through his efforts, Central's online program continues to grow. Jamie is also the preaching minister at **First Christian Church** (Vandalia, MO).



15 Years - Chad Summa

As Professor of Old Testament, Chad makes the Old Testament come alive to his students. He keeps them alert by walking through the classroom while he teaches. Chad also demonstrates proper priorities to the students by making time for his wife and young children. Chad is working towards a doctorate degree and studies hard to stay relevant for his students.



16 years - Dr. Dan Lowry

Dr. Dan Lowry (Warrensburg, MO) served on the Board of Directors for 16 years before retiring in January. Dr. Lowry's career was in public school and higher education. He has also served as a minister in a local church for many years. His knowledge of the public and higher educational systems helped the Board of Directors guide the College.



44 years - Dr. Dan Curtis

Dr. Dan Curtis (Warrensburg, MO) retired from the Board of Directors after 44 years of service. Dr. Curtis' knowledge of higher education and public relations was an asset throughout the College's development. A former chairman of the Board, he also served on the Student Success and Advancement Committees. He is the longest serving board member in the College's history.



60 Years - Gareth L. Reese

Professor Gareth Reese has been teaching students how to study the Word of God since 1957. During his 60 years at Central, he has been also been Central's librarian, basketball coach, and athletic director. In addition to teaching in the classroom, Mr. Reese has written extensively on 25 books of the New Testament. He writes a monthly column in the *Restoration Herald*.



60 Years - Lloyd M. Pelfrey

Lloyd Pelfrey has had many titles in his 60 years at Central Christian College of the Bible: Old Testament Professor, Academic Dean, President, Emeritus Professor, Chancellor, and President Emeritus. "Professor" continues to be his favorite. Mr. Pelfrey still teaches in the classroom and online. He remains a dedicated student and preacher of the Word.



Board of Directors (left to right, pictured in Fall 2017):

Dr. Dan Lowry (Warrensburg, MO), Mike Nobis (Quincy, IL), Dr. Arthur Rawlings (Columbia, MO), Tim Myers (Columbia, MO), Corey Mehaffy (Moberly, MO), Russ Cobb (Columbia, MO), Elmer Fuller (St. Charles, MO), Chris Reynolds (Eldon, MO), Dr. David Huskey (Omaha, NE), Alisa Kigar (Memphis, MO), Gene McCoy (Mountain Home, AR), Sue Gelven (Linn, MO), Dr. Dan Curtis (Warrensburg, MO), Ron Self (Moberly, MO), and Dr. David Fincher, President (Moberly, MO).

MY SENIOR STORY

Aaron Dowell (Bowling Green, MO)

Class of 2018



Attending Central Christian College of the Bible has been one of the best decisions that I have made. It is hard to put into words exactly how much of an impact Central has had in my life.

I grew up in Bowling Green, Missouri. While my family and I were not regular church attendees growing up, I was involved in youth group in my high school years. During that time a preacher pulled me to the side and told me that I should consider going into the ministry. If I'm honest, I did not take that seriously and wasted a lot of time pursuing other interests. After receiving my associate's degree from community college, I still did not have a direction for my life so I started working to pay off my student loans. I worked at a variety of jobs and eventually became a North American specialist for an international tour guide company. At one point while working as a tour guide, I realized that my life was not accomplishing anything of any significance. After that time of reflection I realized I needed to make a change in my life. I moved back to Missouri with the intentions of getting my life in order.

That's when I started re-reading my Bible. This time it took hold of me, and it just made sense. Shortly after that my father and I started attending church again together, and it was at this time that we both realized that we had never understood the significance of baptism. It was an awesome experience to be able to study this and to be able to be baptized at the same time as my father. After lots of prayer and discussion, I realized it was finally time to get serious about serving God in the ministry. I honestly had no idea what this would look like, but I knew I needed to get training.

I had been attending a Southern Baptist Church and was in the process of enrolling at a Southern Baptist school. A deacon from the church pulled me to the side told me I should consider the Bible College in Moberly. He said it was a good school where I would learn the Bible. After some discussion and lots of prayers, I called and set up a visit. Visiting the campus, talking with the teachers, and looking over the statement of faith showed me that this was a place that I could feel at home and learn a lot about myself, serving, and God's Word.

I had no idea about the Full-Tuition Scholarship until I visited. Because I had already used a lot of my grant eligibility, affordability was in the front of my mind. Even though I had already decided that Central would be a great place to attend, the Full-Tuition Scholarship helped me feel confident that this was an incredible choice and one of the better financial decisions I could make.

With most of the student body being 10-20 years younger than me, I wasn't sure how I would fit into this community. While I am



Aaron used a View-Master to illustrate a point during his senior sermon on Mark 3.

usually able to get along with most people, I was overwhelmed by the friendliness, acceptance, and commitment to a loving community the student body showed.

As soon as classes started, I knew that the deacon who first told me about Central had not been exaggerating. The level of knowledge and education I was receiving began to take root in my life immediately. At the end of my freshman year, I was approached about supply preaching for a church in my hometown for the summer. While I had talked in public many times, I'd never preached a sermon in church. I accepted this opportunity with the intention of getting a little bit of experience and preaching for a few weeks. **Those few weeks turned into three years of preaching ministry at that small church in my hometown.**

Preaching every weekend in a regular

ministry for three years completely changed the way I looked at my classes.

I now sit in class with a new level of interest and focus. I often find myself taking something that I learned in class during the week and applying that weekend. I can also come to class with a question from somebody in the congregation. When I ask the professor or another student, it leads to a discussion and the best answer possible. I have recently started turning responsibilities of the church over to another Central student so the church can continue to grow and be served in the best way possible.

My education here at Central has helped me and is preparing me for a life of ministry. After I graduate in May, I will pursue a Master of Strategic Ministry degree through Johnson University at Christ's Church of the Valley in Arizona. This is a one-year degree program that allows me to get immediate experience and the ability to quickly turn around and start serving the Kingdom of God.



During his ministry at Cornerstone Christian Church, Aaron has helped the church grow spiritually and numerically.



Aaron's Full-Tuition Scholarship was made possible by supporters of CCCB.

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Student teams have been visiting supporting churches to present the College, lead worship, and preach. Contact Kevin Brown (660-372-2510) to reserve a team to come to your church.



Seven student-led mission trips during Outreach Week saw over 40 students & staff serve in Ecuador, Germany, Jamaica, Romania, and South Dakota.



2017-2018 CCCB Saints Student-Athletes Awarded

(pictured left to right):

- Karrisa Baber - 1st Team MCCC All-Conference
- Damia Covington - 2nd Team MCCC All-Conference
- Josh Crawford - 2nd Team MCCC All-Conference
- Jesse Granados - 1st Team MCCC All-Conference & 2nd Team All NCCAA Southwest Region
- Kedron Rolling - 1st Team MCCC All-Conference



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