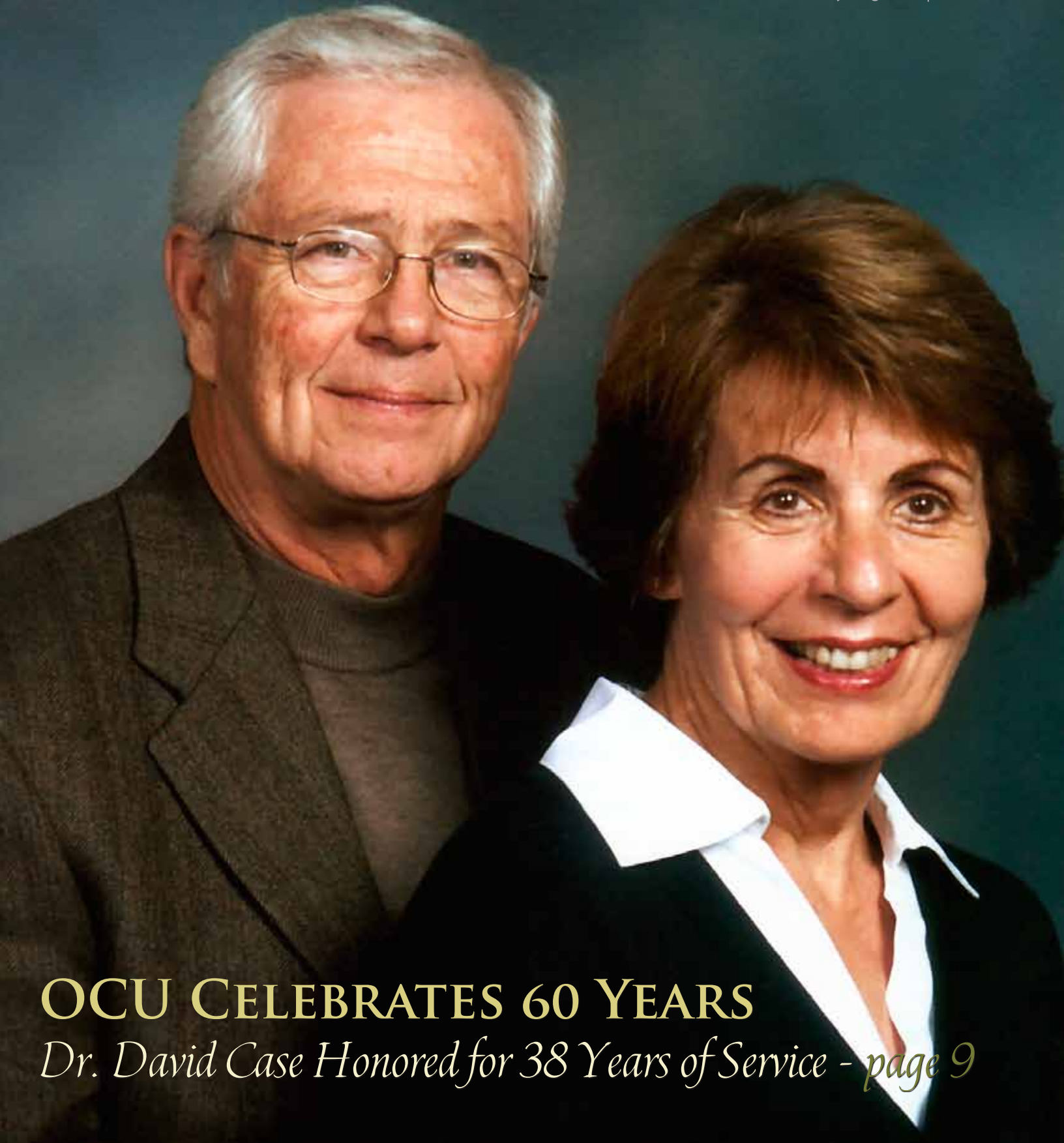


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Second Annual Homecoming Gospel Concert



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Friday, October 3, 2008
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- » Greater Vision
- » Collingsworth Family
- » Triumphant Quartet
- » Toler Brothers

Doors open @ 5:00 p.m.
Pre-performance music @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.

- » Gold City
- » McKameys
- » Royalties
- » Set Apart

Doors open @ 4:00 p.m.
Pre-performance music @ 5:00 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS

September

Classes Start	Sept. 2
Volleyball Alumni Game	Sept. 5
Fall Revival	Sept. 17-19

October

Homecoming 2008	Oct. 3-4
Homecoming Gospel Concerts	Oct. 3-4
Linking Legacies Golf Tournament	Oct. 3
Church Planting Institute	Oct. 27-28

November

Basketball Tip-Off Classic	Nov. 7
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December

Festival of Carols & The Messiah	Dec. 6
Senior Citizen's Trip	Dec. 11

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Mark A. Smith, President

As we celebrate 60 years of changing the world, may we be challenged to follow the example of Christ as a servant-leader.

Celebrating 60 Years

Sixty years! What a legacy! While preparing for this edition of the magazine, I was humbly privileged to review the accomplishments of the many great leaders who have guided OCU/ Circleville Bible College. During my review, I was impressed with Ohio Christian University's tremendous worldwide impact for the cause of Christ. This 60th Anniversary edition will highlight some of the accomplishments of past Presidents and one key faculty member, Dr. David Case. The journey will help us see what one person can do to change the world. A special thank you is in order to Charles Runion for many hours of research and writing regarding our history.

As we thank God for our Godly heritage, we must look to the future with renewed commitment to "serve this present age" as our Methodist leaders, John and Charles Wesley, so nobly stated. Our review of the past reveals this especially obvious factor: Every leader at Ohio Christian University was dedicated to developing a new generation of Christian servant leaders who would minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This mission must continue.

"Serving this present age" in 2008 presents the challenge of understanding our culture and adapting strategies to expand the Kingdom of Christ. We must not bury our heads in the sand or develop an attitude of complacency regarding *strategy*. We must, with renewed vigor and the Holy Spirit's anointing, seek to understand and to reach the culture. What worked effectively 60 years ago may have to be replaced with updated and creative approaches. This was brought to my attention recently when an engineer from a major research university shared how he is preparing a group of 90 Ph.D. faculty members to be "tent maker" missionaries in China. He understands that ministry may engage a variety of methods. May God help us to be so ministry oriented that we are willing to embrace every reasonable strategy to share the Gospel.

Further review of the past 60 years revealed that Ohio Christian University has turned out a multitude of Godly servants. More than ever, we must be holy men and holy women. We must live above reproach. We must live righteously. We must not gossip or complain. We must exude a positive display of the love of Christ. There is no greater need in this generation than for Christians to *be* Christian, not simply subscribe to the name. At Ohio Christian University we teach the doctrine of Holiness because we believe that mankind can be forgiven of their sins, and changed by the grace of God. For 60 years we have taught that the heart of mankind can be cleansed and purified and that the heart must be filled with the love of Christ. This comes with a price—full consecration of one's life to Christ. We must continue teaching and preaching this doctrine for it is the great hope for mankind.

Ohio Christian University has sent alumni all over the world to be servants. Our emphasis on servanthood must move forward with renewed dedication and fervor. As we celebrate 60 years of changing the world, may we be challenged to follow the example of Christ as given in John 15:13—*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friend*. What a heritage we have! What a heritage to keep! What a heritage to share!

Mark A. Smith
President

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Beginnings

by Charles Runion

(1948-1964)

Ohio Christian University was born out of the need for well-rounded, educated ministers in the Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU) after World War II. Prospective ministerial candidates from CCCU congregations would sometimes attend college at other Wesleyan-Holiness schools and not return to pastor in their home denomination.

The 1947 Annual Council of the CCCU sought to bring about a change in this situation with the creation of a Bible School. Rev. Willard Cozad addressed the assembly that summer on behalf of the committee created to study the feasibility of such a school: “No age in history has ever been in greater need of God-fearing, wise, and virtuous ministers than today. At this very time the whole world is shaking with fear and uncertainty. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest power and light, and alone offers hope of a new day. There is a need for thousands of devoted and consecrated young men and women who, with the zeal of Paul and the burning love of John, shall go forth to proclaim salvation to a lost and dying world.”

Over the next twelve months, financial donations towards the concept were such that Mount of Praise Bible School opened its doors in October 1948 with ten students and the first school president, Rev. Everett A. Keaton. In 1952, five students received degrees in the school's first class of graduates. Rev. Keaton resigned as president of the School later that year. General Superintendent of the CCCU, Rev. G.C. Johnson, was named interim president of the School until a full time president could be found.

Rev. Richard G. Humble, a local Circleville pastor and part-time teacher at the school, was tabbed as the next president. The first major building construction on the Ohio Street Mount of Praise Camp Meeting site in northeast Circleville occurred in the 1953-54 school year. A three-story structure housed the chapel, classrooms, administrative offices, dormitory, and the general offices of the denomination. Enrollment increased and more construction, such as the president's home, marked Humble's tenure. In 1954, the name of the school was changed from Mount of Praise Bible School to Circleville Bible College.

From 1956 to 1959, Rev. Glenn Johnson was president of the College. With assistance from denominational youth, a library-science building was constructed. In 1958, a College Board of Trustees was created to oversee and control the operations of CBC. In 1959, the search for a new president began with Johnson's resignation.

A well-known Holiness evangelist, Rev. Morton W. Dorsey, accepted the offer to become the College's fifth president in 1959. During his administration the college took definitive steps toward the Bible College concept. In 1961, through recommendation of the Ohio Board of Education, CBC applied for and received a state charter. Meanwhile, Rev. Dorsey was making the name of the College more widely known through his national evangelistic ministry. After five years of service, Rev. Dorsey resigned and in 1964, CCCU District Superintendent, Rev. Melvin Maxwell assumed the office of president.



The Legacy of Leadership

Recognizing the Accomplishments of our Presidents



Everett A. Keaton

1948-1952

- A First president of Ohio Christian University (first known as Mount of Praise Bible School)
- A Two-Year Bible Training Course established in 1949
- A Improvements and upgrades to the Mount of Praise Camp Meeting grounds in order to facilitate needs of the college
- A Ministerial and denominational financial support of the college created
- A First Student Council created



Guy C. Johnson

1952-1953

- A Only interim president in the history of Ohio Christian University
- A One of only three past OCU Presidents to have a current building on campus named in his honor (G.C. Johnson Hall)
- A One of only two former General Superintendents of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union to be named President of OCU



Richard G. Humble

1953-1956

- A First Administration building constructed and completed (1953-54)
- A Name of school changed from Mount of Praise Bible School to Circleville Bible College in the spring of 1954
- A First college chapel built in 1955
- A First President's home purchased in December 1955
- A Student enrollment tops 50 for first time in January 1956



Glen Johnson

1956-1959

- A Student enrollment tops 70 for first time in September 1957
- A First College Board of Trustees organized in 1958
- A New library-science building constructed in 1958 financed primarily through donation campaign among Church of Christ in Christian Union youth



Morton W. Dorsey

1959-1964

- A Ohio Christian University received its first State Charter from The Ohio Board of Education in 1961
- A College station wagon purchased through Top Value Stamps campaign among the student body in Fall 1961
- A First Youth Conference Weekend began in Spring 1961

HISTORY & HERITAGE

A New Campus

by Charles Runion

(1964-1994)

With incredible energy and a booming voice, Rev. Maxwell filled the office as well as anyone could have imagined. He radiated with enthusiasm and faith. He emphasized to CCCU congregations and annual councils the vital importance of CBC to the denomination and to the Holiness movement at large. Enrollment at the College jumped dramatically in his first few years enabling the school to retire debt and look to the future. With others, Maxwell developed the most needed facility for CBC – a new campus site. Forty acres of a farm owned by the CCCU on Route 22 east of Circleville were developed and by August 1966, the first buildings appeared, followed by York Hall (men's dormitory), campus church, academic building, Moore Hall (women's dormitory), and a campus center.

From 1970 to 1976, upgrading the academic standing was a major focus for Circleville Bible College. Applicant status was requested from the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC). In 1973, it received associate membership in AABC. Full membership status in AABC followed on October 28, 1976.

In 1979, the last building project completed under Rev. Maxwell's presidency was the library in the center of the 40 acre campus. Fittingly, it was named in honor of Rev. Maxwell and in gratitude of his years of inspiring service to CBC.

After the 1980 resignation of Rev. Maxwell, the College was in search of its seventh president. In September of that year, Rev. Doug Carter assumed the mantle of leadership for CBC. Like Maxwell, Rev. Carter was a people person who was devoted to the student body and improving the overall experience for them while at CBC. During his eight years, Carter worked on a variety of issues important to the advancement of the College in the modern world. Financing the education of the students was a particular challenge in the 1980s. He saw that the students were able to participate in the Ohio Institutional Grant program. He sought to improve funding for the College through an assortment of new, long-term, fund-raising mechanisms in the CCCU. The passage of the 2% local church budget tithe at the 1984 Council, the creation of an Endowment Fund, and increasing permanent scholarships at CBC proved pivotal in this task.

He oversaw the formation and development of an Ohio Board of Regents-approved Associate of Arts degree. He launched an intercollegiate sports program for men and women through the National Christian College Athletic Association. Campus facility upgrades of a central computer system and air conditioning for the Campus Center were added in the 1980s.

In the fall of 1989, CBC was in search of its eighth president. A former CBC teacher and local Circleville pastor, Rev. David Van Hoose was chosen to lead the school for the next five years. Shortly after being named president, Van Hoose and his staff quickly, but masterfully, generated a much-needed 5-Year Strategic Plan as required by AABC. The plan was done so well that it served not only as a model for CBC but for other institutions in AABC. Van Hoose and his administration focused their remaining years on improvements to the physical appearance and tangible infrastructure of the College, student enrollment, design of new academic programs aimed at non-traditional students, and administrative changes within the College structure such as creation of the Office of Institutional Development.



The Legacy of Leadership

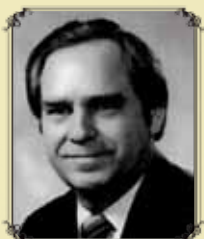
Recognizing the Accomplishments of our Presidents



Melvin Maxwell

1964-1980

- A Administration building constructed and occupied at new 40-acre campus site
- A Student enrollment tops 150 in Fall 1967
- A York Hall, Campus Church, Academic Building, Moore Hall, and Campus Center constructed and occupied
- A Student enrollment tops 200 in Fall 1968
- A In 1970, the university received applicant status from American Association of Bible Colleges
- A Full accreditation as a Bible College attained in Fall 1976



Douglas Carter

1980-1989

- A Increased the profile of CBC nationally with his involvement in World Gospel Mission
- A CBC accepted as a participant in the Ohio Instructional Grant program
- A CBC budget tithe implemented in each CCCU local church
- A Endowment Fund created; \$450,000 balance in 1989
- A Intercollegiate sports in the NCCAA for men and women were established
- A Associate of Arts degree in Religion approved by the Ohio Board of Regents



David Van Hoose

1989-1994

- A In 1989, 5-Year Strategic Plan developed as required by AABC; this plan served as a model for other colleges in AABC as well as for CBC
- A Counseling program major created; Teacher Education program established
- A Adult Completion Program (predecessor to today's AIM Program) was instituted
- A Office of Institutional Development created
- A Johnson Hall and Detty Chapel made handicap accessible in 1993



John Conley

1995-2005

- A Steered OCU through the process of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association; received full accreditation in 2005
- A Annual operating budget of CBC increased from \$1.4 million in 1995 to \$3.8 million in 2003
- A Student enrollment increased from 170 in 1995 to 413 in 2005; CBC received Christianity Today and the Association for Biblical Higher Education's growth award in 2001 and again in 2005
- A The Adult Education Program (AIM) was launched in 1998 and later expanded to the campuses of Hocking College and Columbus State Community College
- A Townhouses and Student Involvement Center erected in 1999
- A Clock tower named in honor of longtime faculty member, Dr. David Case
- A Construction of the Conley Ministry Center



Mark Smith

2006-Present

- A Name changed from Circleville Bible College to Ohio Christian University
- A Online courses added to the educational curriculum at OCU
- A New, modern dormitory for ladies was constructed on campus
- A Leadership Center constructed and dedicated in summer of 2007, used for Mount of Praise Camp Meeting and first national Holiness Summit meeting in spring of 2008
- A Acquired \$1.7 Million in Federal Grants
- A Enrollment grows from 413 to over 700
- A Graduation of largest OCU class in school history in 2008 (96 students)

HISTORY & HERITAGE

A New Future

by Charles Runion

(1994-2008)



Naming Dr. John Conley as the ninth president in February 1995 was an unprecedented, groundbreaking move by the Board of Trustees of both Circleville Bible College and the Churches of Christ in Christian. Dr. Conley was the first president who was not a member of the CCCU. The Trustees made this deliberate change in hopes of giving CBC a reach beyond its own denominational borders. Conley's affiliation with the Church of God (Anderson, IN) and his lifelong career of educational administration within the Bible College movement in America proved vital in setting a new course for the school. Following a trend among Christian colleges and universities nationwide, CBC had to branch out into other areas of academic study allowable within the Bachelors of Religion they offered to students. More students from a wider range of denominational affiliation needed to be recruited in order for the College to gain better financial footing and to remain a viable educational alternative for Christian adults, young and old.



Dr. Conley was set on a course by the College Board of Trustees to steer the school through the process of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. As president of a Bible College in Houston, Texas, Conley had experience in leading a school to dual accreditation. To achieve this would require improvement of several aspects of CBC and its mission. Increases in the annual budget of the College (\$1.4 million in 1995 - \$3.8 million in 2003), increases in student enrollment (170 in 1995 - 400 in 2003), and financial stability during the academic year became the focus during the years of upgrading the accreditation.

The Adult Education Program (AIM) was launched in 1998 and later expanded to the campuses of Hocking College and Columbus State Community College. Through these expanding educational opportunities, college enrollment grew to record numbers and the college received Christianity Today and the Association for Biblical Higher Education's growth award in 2001 and again in 2005.



During his tenure, Dr. Conley led several physical updates expanding the campus with the addition of a 14,000 square foot addition to the Maxwell Library and construction of a three family unit townhouse and World Gospel Mission Student Involvement Center in 1999. A stately clock tower named in honor of longtime faculty member, Dr. David Case, was erected in 2002 at the center of campus (between the Library, Chapel, and Academic Building). He continued updating the campus with the addition of a rear entrance to Johnson Hall and the refurbishing of the exterior of the Graham Administration Building in 2003-04. In 2005, he led another building project with the construction of a 6,400 square foot addition to Johnson Hall that houses the Music Department, Student Services, Student Lounge and President's Dining Room. The Board of Trustees named the addition the Conley Ministry Center in honor of President Conley.

Following Conley's retirement in December 2005, Dr. Mark Smith was introduced as the tenth president of Circleville Bible College in early 2006. Like Conley, Dr. Smith was from outside the Churches of Christ in Christian Union but soon had his ministerial credentials switched to the CCCU from the Wesleyan Church. Dr. Smith was the Vice President of Adult and

Graduate Colleges at Indian Wesleyan University prior to his becoming president at CBC.

Like other presidents before him, his selection to the helm of CBC came at the right time. The college was looking to increase enrollment both at the main campus in Circleville and through its satellite campuses. Dr. Smith brought to CBC a wealth of experience in the expansion of educational opportunities to non-traditional students. Since Smith's arrival, the AIM program numbers have increased dramatically. Additionally, online courses have been added to the educational curriculum at CBC. These efforts have increased substantially the number of students at CBC in some form of educational opportunity.

Another noteworthy attempt at broadening the reach of the college was to oversee the promotion of a name change from Circleville Bible College to Ohio Christian University. This change in early 2006 helped the college to identify itself more closely with its new accreditation through The Higher Learning Commission and North Central Accreditation. Additionally, the name change reflected the commitment of the CCCU leadership and the OCU Board of Trustees to seeing the school have a regional name that would attract more students from more locations in the state of Ohio and beyond.

Though modified in name, there was not going to be a change in the spiritual foundation and direction of the school. The promotion of salvation in Jesus' name and subsequent entire sanctification would remain a hallmark value of Ohio Christian University. The

chapel services during the academic year, spiritual conferences, and leadership seminars would maintain focus upon the doctrinal characteristics of Wesleyan-Holiness theology. The annual Mount of Praise Camp Meeting moved into the newly constructed Leadership Center (dedicated in summer of 2007). In spring of 2008, a nationally promoted Holiness Summit was held in the same facility. All people involved with OCU on every level of its operation and stewardship are committed to the preservation and promotion of second work of grace holiness.

The physical campus continued to experience building expansion and modification during the first years of Dr. Smith's presidency. The offices of enrollment and financial aid moved to a new facility west of the library parking lot. A new coffee shop and an addition to the dining commons were added to the lower level of Johnson Hall. An improved and upgraded baseball diamond was constructed behind this building. In 2007, a new, modern dormitory for ladies was constructed to help house the growing number of students choosing to reside on campus. This dorm is elegant and very practical with the latest in security technologies.

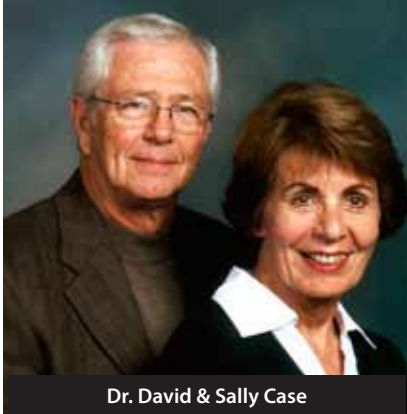
The Leadership Center was constructed in 2007 on the site

of the former Campus Center and intramural athletic field. This splendid and grand structure is a recognizable piece of the ever-changing campus site at OCU. It houses the college gym and is used as the worship place for Mount of Praise Camp Meeting. It is used for other large events on campus and has been used for local events in Pickaway County not affiliated with OCU. By hosting seminars, entertainment events, and other spiritual conferences, the Leadership Center has brought many people to the campus who may not otherwise have known about Ohio Christian University. It has been a tremendous aid in providing positive exposure for Ohio Christian University and the Churches of Christ in Christian Union.

Sixty years. Ten presidents. Thousands of students. Hundreds of faculty and administrators. Many accounts of God's blessings and spiritual workings among His people. Many unmeasured stories of the importance of Ohio Christian University to the body of Christ, the Kingdom of God, and a broken world in need of educated, trained, and holy servants. This is Ohio Christian University, and this is only a part of our story and heritage.



OCU RECOGNIZES DR. DAVID CASE



Dr. David & Sally Case

The distinction of longest serving faculty member in the history of Ohio Christian University belongs to Dr. David Case. He has capably served OCU since the fall of 1970 when he was hired by then-President Melvin Maxwell as a Bible/Theology professor. Additionally, Dr. Case worked in administration as Academic Dean from 1976 to 1993. Recently, Dr. Case granted an interview in his office on the campus of Ohio Christian University and reflected on his nearly four decades of ministry at OCU.

by Charles Runion

Describe how you came to OCU in 1970 as a faculty member.

Though I was raised in the Ohio Association of Friends denomination, my parents joined the Belle Ave. Church of Christ in Christian Union in Delaware, Ohio, in 1964. I became a member of the CCCU in 1968 and became aware of Circleville Bible College (as it was known then) through this affiliation with my local CCCU congregation in Delaware.

I graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary with my Master's in May 1969. In January of 1970, my wife, Sally, and I visited President Melvin Maxwell in his office on the Circleville campus. He informed us that there were no openings at the time. During the Easter week of 1970 I called him again. Sally and I were living in Delaware. President Maxwell came to Delaware the next night and I signed a contract that evening. Within a couple of weeks, we contacted a realtor and came to Circleville on a Saturday in May. Sally signed a teaching contract that day and we signed a contract on a home. We moved to Circleville in June 1970. We both began teaching that fall in the school year 1970-71.

Did you ever imagine in your early years of teaching at OCU that you would become the longest-serving faculty member in the history of the school?

I didn't think so but I consider the whole series of events I just described to you to be a "God move." Sally and I came to Circleville the day after Easter and in three hours we both got jobs teaching and had signed for a house! Only God could bring about something like that in my life. So, no, I didn't think about being here any number of years back then; however, God has been there with me my entire 38 years at OCU confirming His call on my life in this teaching ministry.

What adjectives would you use to convey how it feels to be at the same institution for 38 years?

I am grateful, humbled, and feel very privileged as I look back over my time here at OCU. I am thankful that Melvin Maxwell took a chance on me back then. He did not know me well and I was young and fresh out of my master's program. I am gratified that during these years I have not done things or said anything that would warrant my dismissal or bring shame upon the school or upon God's call in my life. From day one, I was confident

God brought me here. I am confident God will lead me out as well. I don't take lightly my years and my calling here at OCU. God has trusted me with very much as a professor and I feel very fortunate to have been here 38 years. One other thing...at times, especially in recent years, I have felt a sense of professional inadequacy in light of the educational training I see other professors here at OCU have received in the last decade or so.

What are greatest rewards year in and year out at OCU?

There are several to mention. First, is the sense of personal fulfillment that I am doing God's will by teaching faithfully at this school. Second, the cordial feeling I perceive between myself and the students. I admit there is a generational gap for me when I consider today's modern college student, but there remains a positive impression between myself and the students. My association with so many wonderful faculty members over the years has been especially satisfying, both professionally and personally. Finally, I enjoy so very much keeping contact with the alumni who have gone on from their college years and into ministries serving the kingdom of God.

Ohio Christian University Announces First Chair: Dr. David A. Case Chair of Christian Ministries

As Ohio Christian University continues to expand, University officials believe it is time to establish the first ever Chair. Upon review, unanimous consent was reached that Dr. David Case who is beginning his 39th year at OCU was more than worthy of the honor. President Smith in announcing this said, "Dr. David Case epitomizes the mission of Ohio Christian University. He has served and is respected in the community, he understands and is the ultimate representative of the theology of the denomination, and he has trained more minister leaders than almost anyone I know. What a reward will be his in Heaven! Dr. David Case, more than anyone I know deserves this honor and we are pleased to announce this Chair."

The Chair will be established through the donations of friends and alumni who want to honor Dr. Case. The goal is to raise \$250,000 to sustain this chair. Dr. and Mrs. David Case will be honored at a future event. Persons interested in contributing may use the envelope enclosed in the magazine (please mark with "David Case Chair") or contact Mark Taylor at 740-420-5919.

How would you characterize the faculty you have served with over the years? Which ones stand out in your mind and why?

A phrase that would speak for all of them would be "a sense of ministry." I have witnessed close up the sacrifice of so many of our faculty members. They have given so many hours to the students and to the advancement of the school. And, they have not pursued honors for themselves or financial gain while giving so much of themselves personally. JoAnn Allison was so gracious, adaptable, and willing to serve in whatever capacity the college needed her. Jim Pollard is humble, knowledgeable, and accessible to the students. There has been such a joy for me professionally and intellectually to have former students of mine like Steve McGuire, Chuck Elliott, and Ron Adkins come back to OCU as professors and work alongside them. Let me say something about the current faculty here at OCU: they are the best trained and academically sound group of professors we have had in my 38 years with the school.

You have been a professor during the administration of five of the ten presidents who have led OCU in its 60 years of existence. Could you comment on each of them?

Melvin Maxwell had the strongest enthusiasm for the job I have seen. This was a reflection of his personality of course. His enthusiasm was contagious among everyone who worked here or attended school here. Doug Carter was well-known outside the denomination and helped increase the identity of the school beyond the CCCU. David VanHoose had a strong commitment to maintaining the historical spiritual standards of the school in the modern age. John Conley's preaching was a model for many young ministers in training here at OCU. His institution of the adult degree program (AIM) has had a profound and lasting impact on the school. Mark Smith has tremendous vision and is very knowledgeable in the area of expanding educational services to a wide range of students.

You have seen numerous changes over the past 38 years at OCU. In your view, what are the things that remain the same?

Two are most prevalent as I think about that. The faculty who come here have the same thing in mind: train young people to do ministry in the church and in the world. And, there continues to be a steady stream of students who feel the powerful call from God to go into pastoral ministry or missions or education.

What has been the benefit of Ohio Christian University to the Churches of Christ in Christian Union over the years?

Well, at one time, every trained pastor, missionary, or church administrator came through this campus. Nowadays, we are training students who are engaged in a variety of ministries and occupations. Our focus is on leadership regardless of the specifics of the calling. Of course, OCU will be there as a choice of university to those CCCU high school age students who desire a college-level education.

As you look ahead what are your future plans?

Year thirty-nine at OCU in September in the Bible/Theology department.

Dr. Case has influenced nearly 400 ministerial graduates during his years at Ohio Christian University

1971: Donovan Blankenship, Palmer Neumeister, J. David Smith, James Marshall, Sam Chandler, Robert Simmons.

1972: J. Michael Walters, Larry Edginton, David Shafer, Dennis Brown, Alvin Conkey.

1973: Ron Priest, Stan Toler, Dale Wheeler, David Buffong, Daryl Brown, Owen Stanley.

1974: Charles Young, Brenda Mason, William Oliver, James Roberts, Dan Stires.

1975: Jean Albert, Anthony Cutting, Denver Dodrill, Mike Foster, Bryan Feathers, Dan Gordon, Jim Griffith, Keith Grove, Mike Thornberg, Gene Thompson, Lloyd Stines, Dwane Smith, Bob Miller.

1976: Gary Thompson, James Dorsey, James Ritchie, William Angus, Dan Harrison.

1977: Dale Collins, Jerry Fryar, Steve Henry, Mark Weeter, George Leatherwood, Charles James, Janette Post.

1978: William Benner, Mike Adkins, Paul Fultz, Mike Grable, Wayland Hamlin, Steve McGuire, Joseph Warrington, Kent Harmless, Dean Queen, George Malone.

1979: John Walls, Tim Begay, Bob Wiant, Jeff Mansell, Mark Donahue, Tom Zile, Brad Preston, Dan Schafer, Dan Jordan, Joe Harmon, Dennis Schlichter.

1980: Michael Buchanan, Terry Morris, James Stewart, Mike Thompson, Richard Thorp, Mark Wade, Allen Young, Wayne Evans.

1981: Mike Brown, Gary Ingo, Terry Colley, David Dignal, Scott Flick, Mark Hollingsworth, William Line, Billie Joe Murphy, Thomas Rhoads, Tim Bennett.

1982: David Bloomfield, Steve Cartwright, Randy Crisp, Mark Cooper, Christopher Dyer, Arthur Hobbs, Richard Hockenberry, Mark Polley, Jim Owens, Ned Mcgrady, Ron Ruegg, Russ Wooten.

1983: Jamie Bellomy, Dale Boston, Bart Brown, Mike Brown, Robert Burchett, James Harrell, David Graetz, Lynn Cirigliano, Doug Jenkins, Thom Keller, Dan Knight, Mike Martinez, Dwight Mason, Richard Mathias, Mark Seymour, Mark Rusler, Richard Robb, Clayton Rader, Brad Radel, Frank Skies, Thomas Staten, Wes Williams, Tom Young.

1984: Mark Barth, James Blake, Phil Dorn, David Lyons, Bruce Morrison, Mark Page, Steve Schellin, Steve Wood, David Winston, Lynn Wineland, Tim Tabor, George Sloan, Malcolm Schoener.

1985: Joe Stafford, Mark Otero, Scott Polley, John Vance, Alan Schroeder, David Farquhar.

1986: Cecil Cornelius, David Dilger, Tim Huffman, Robert Hayes, David Callimor, Wayne Fisher, Paul Moore, Steve Hunter, Tim Lehman, David Smith, Bruce Wright, Larry Doss.

1987: Jerry Beers, Jeffery Berry, John Bowman, Doug Campbell, James Crawford, Bret Layton, Larry Olson, Mark Turner, Matt Schmidt, R.d. Saunders, Joe Rhea, Mark Pfeifer, Ernest Perry, Paul Wallace, Jeff Wipert, Joe Leighton.

1988: David Jackson, Terry Cavanaugh, David Dunbar, Tim Gibble, Greg Leeth, Kevin Humble, William Hughes, John Richardson, Joe Ward, Bart Gardner, Tim Marhoover.

1989: Kenneth Kelley, Tim Boldon, Jan Jaynes, Ray Mann, Donald White, Roger McDaniel, Charles Wertz, Ned Prince, Ralph Hux, Paul Burgett, Charles Rispress.

1990: Mike Burgess, Eugene Mcconnell, Esther Miller, Dennis Merrel, Charles Mcrobie, James Siegel, Mark Weyrauch, Ron White, Brad Van Dyke, Reginald Perkins, Gina Perkins.

1991: Charles Elliott, Robert Ervin, Dale George, Noel Gibbs, Paul Mcbee, David Smith, Jon Truex, Theresa Whitmire, Glen Allison.

1992: Kevin Behrer, Terry Bosworth, James Dexter, Rooney Hammonds, Doug Marshall, Terry Newman, Stafford Prosper, William Richards, Anthony Salvatori, James Smith.

1993: Greg Williams, Thomas Amlin, Emery Clark, Aric Grooms, Matt Taylor, Martha Oliver, Gary Heimbach, George Thompson.

1994: Charles Runion, Linda Bell, Jeremy Howard, James Watson, Rob Ramey, David Schwindeman, Hershel Holley, Troy Ervin, Russell Jones, Timothy Mop, Michael Ray.

1995: Janey Brentlinger, Debra Cartwright, Chris Hiles, Douglas Murray, Charles Short, James Sizemore, Greg Wolters, Jacob Watts, Tim Spetnagel, Art Penird, James Owens, Phil Batten.

1996: Gary McCain, Virginia Detillion, David Colegrove, David Gray, Gary Nutter, Eric Thoman.

1997: Terry Berry, James Campbell, Charles Conti, Mark Handy, Kevin Frasure, Thomas Kanitz, Michael McMurray, Barry Troyer, Russ Richardson.

1998: Joe Boysel, Jeff Curry, Gary Hayes, Kevin Henzman, James Pate, Kenneth Morris, Charles Polk, David White, Jeff Wipert.

1999: Wendell Brown, Timothy Daniel, Aaron Healy, Michael Kane, Derek Moran, Jacob Mobley, Jeff Miller, Matthew Lindley, Jon Thomas, Danny Thompson, Brian Will, Gary McCain.

2000: Ron Adkins, Nate Brown, Lewis Campbell, Troy Diersing, Eric Horton, Kevin Hinzman, Lee Greenfield, Jr., Greg Schelske, Jr., Nathan Vandergriff.

2001: Brian Beck, Richard Blank, Tristan Borland, Jeremy Kockendorfer, Danid Pettengill, Earl Pugh, Matt Richardson, Richard Rucker, James Wood.

2002: Brian Sponseller, Ken Mossor, Jared Mitchell, Scott Miller, Matthew Lucas, Nathan Kochendorfer, Jennifer Barlow, Fred Beers, Richard Dungey, Lonnie Hall, Jr.:

2003: Stephen Brotherton, Julio Crespo, Gary Davis, Jr., Ben Dulaney, Daniel McCarty, William Lehman, Ben Shaw, Gary Sprague, Connie Taylor, Jamil Thomas, David Uhl.

2004: Harry Fleming, Jr., Jeremy Hurd, Rebecca Leeth, Paul Rings, Rayaltor Powell, Chris Poling, Jenny Lewis, Melvina Rodriguez, Jeremy Schinkle, Sean Scribner, Jeremy Skaggs, Nate Swearingen, David Stout, Michael Tipton, Joshua Zimmerman.

2005: Randy Barlow, Jon Ewen, Stephen Gray, Steve Lattimer, Joel Moyar, Johnathan Sanders, Rebecca Scribner, Daniel Shaw, James Sizemore.

2006: Ryan Adkins, Andrew Byerly, John Coblenty, Jr., Brad Colley, Donald Craft, Jerrod Grooms, Samuel Grooms, Charles McGraw, Jr., Jeffery Rodgers II, Cory Sullivan, Jessica Warth.

2007: Rory Bay, Daniel Fullen, Adam Hughes, Viktor Rozsa, Aidan Smith.

2008: Dennis Bradley, Jr., Ryan Cordle, Shawn Foster, Evan Greathouse, Clayton Huffman, Jason Otero, Wesley Schrickel, Shawn Waugh.

Marlin and Beulah Dowler Leave a Legacy

The Dowler Conference Room

Since 1954, Marlin and Beulah Dowler and their children, Veronica Defir and Carmen Michael, have enjoyed coming to the Ohio Christian University campus, formerly Circleville Bible College, to take part in the annual Mount of Praise Camp. The Dowlers have supported Ohio Christian University for nearly sixty years. It is because of their immense support and love for the University that the couple leaves a legacy. The Marlin and Beulah Dowler Conference Room, located in the campus Leadership Center, is the couple's gift to the University.

Since Marlin and Beulah were young, they have been active in the Churches of Christ in Christian Union. Beulah was saved at Newport Church of Christ in Christian Union at fourteen years of age. She married Marlin Dowler on September 1, 1950. Within a year of their wedding Marlin was saved at the South Solon Church of Christ in Christian Union where his parents had been members. As a musically inclined couple, both Marlin and Beulah sang in the church choir and Beulah ministered in music through solos.

Music was not the only interest that Marlin and Beulah had in the



Dr. Mark Smith and Marlin Dowler Dedicate the Dowler Conference Room.

church. Beulah was very active in social gatherings, especially entertaining the Sunday school classes. Marlin served on the church board for the London Church of Christ in Christian Union for nearly thirty years. Alongside Paul and G.C. Johnson, also supporters of Ohio Christian University, Marlin served as the construction coordinator for the new construction of the London church. Additionally, Marlin was a Northern Youth Zone chairman.

Outside of the church Marlin served on the Board of Trustees for Circleville Bible College for three years. Marlin was employed by the State of Ohio for over thirty-five years,

including twenty-five of those years as supervisor for BCI fingerprinting. Marlin and Beulah Dowler have two children, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

The legacy and support of Marlin and Beulah Dowler is celebrated in their gift of the conference room. Ohio Christian University is privileged to have the support of such a gifted, devout Christian couple. Marlin and Beulah understand that investing in young leaders is the way to impact the world for many years to come. To leave your legacy or for information on Estate Planning, please contact Vice President Mark Taylor at 740-420-5919.

History of the University Seal

The Legacy of Dr. George Blackstone



"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

by Charles Runion

Canadian-born and a cousin to current CCCU General Superintendent Tom Hermiz, Dr. George Blackstone was a Vennard College (Iowa) graduate hired by then-CBC President Rev. Morton Dorsey in 1963 to teach archaeology. He was an extremely bright servant of God who possessed a deep interest in the history of Israel. In fact, he made several trips to Israel over the years of his life participating in archaeological digs on several of those trips.

When the current campus underwent initial construction in the mid-1960s, Dr. Blackstone was insistent that all walks at the school lead to the campus church reflecting the classical European design that the campus cathedral be the focal point of the college.

Dr. Blackstone developed the idea of an official seal for then-Circleville Bible College. The seal reflects his personal interest in ancient artifacts represented by the lighted clay lamp positioned over an open Bible in the center of the seal. The 2 Corinthians passage is indexed beneath the open page of Scripture in the seal. A panoramic light encompasses the top half of the seal with the name of the University and its founding year contained in the outer rim of the seal.

After his time at CBC concluded in late 1975, George and his devoted wife, Mary, became missionaries to South Korea. The enclosed glass section of the archives room at the Maxwell Library on the campus of Ohio Christian University is devoted to their ministry

and service to OCU and the Churches of Christ in Christian Union.

When Circleville Bible College became Ohio Christian University, the seal was adapted to include the college's new name. The seal's artwork serves as a reminder of the rich history and heritage of Ohio Christian University.

Psalm 119:105 summarizes the commitment of Ohio Christian University to the principles behind the seal created by Dr. Blackstone, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."



The Legacy Walk fountain is provided by the Katie Sayre family in memory of a special lady. The fountain will be a constant reminder of a life that has impacted many lives throughout the world.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KATIE SAYRE
MOTHER, WIFE AND ONE WHO LOVED STUDENTS
AT OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
THIS FOUNTAIN PROVIDED BY HER DEDICATED
HUSBAND DR. ROBERT SAYRE AND HER LOVING
CHILDREN RHONDA AND ROBERT JR.

Robert Sr., Robert Jr. and Rhonda Sayre have made this possible through their generous gift.

OCU Welcomes New Faculty



C. Andrew Blosser, Music Education

- » B.M., Capital University
- » M.M., The Ohio State University
- » D.M.A., (In Process) The Ohio State University

Mr. Blosser is completing a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Voice Performance at The Ohio State University and will work with the Chorale this fall. He has taught at Capital University and conducted chorale groups.

David Brown, Bible

- » B.A., Hobe Sound Bible College
- » M.Div., Trinity Evangelical School of Divinity

David Brown, M.Div. is currently scheduled to be meeting entrance observation of classes at Hebrew Union this fall for a Ph.D.

Rick Christman, Youth & Family Ministries

- » B.R.E., God's Bible School & College
- » M.A. in Ministry, Indiana Wesleyan University
- » Ed.D. (Currently ABD), Indiana Wesleyan University

Dr. Christman is coming back to the area to Pastor and work at OCU in the area of Youth and Family Ministries. He formerly taught for OCU in AIM.

Heidi Frederick, Business

- » B.Mus. Palm Beach Atlantic University
- » MBA Palm Beach Atlantic University

Heidi Frederick will join us at mid year to work in Assessment for the University and to work on a Ph.D. at The Ohio State University. She may also teach some business classes.

Dr. David Garrison, Business

- » B.A., University of Pittsburg
- » J.D., South Texas College of Law

Recent Executive Vice President for USAA Group and Executive for Haliburton, Dr. Garrison will add much practical knowledge to our business program from his many years in the corporate world.

Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Music

- » B.M., Capital University
- » M.A., The Ohio State University
- » Ph.D., The Ohio State University

Dr. Johnson, a nationally renowned leader in Piano Pedagogy has joined the faculty in the Music Department. She has taught for many years at various colleges and universities.

Dr. David Lattimer, Missions

- » B.A., Ohio University and Circleville Bible College
- » M.A., Asbury Theological Seminary
- » Ph.D., Asbury Theological Seminary

Dr. Lattimer will lead our Missions Department. He has a Doctorate in Missiology and many years of practical experience. He will also work in church relations for OCU.

Benjamin Williamson, Bible & Church History

- » B.S., Asbury College
- » M. Div., Wesley Biblical Seminary

Mr. Williamson, an M.Div. from Wesley Biblical Seminary, will be joining the staff to teach Bible and Church History. He is a recent Pastor.



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