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Church Planting as Effective Evangelism

February 4-5, 2010 with Rev. Phil Stevenson

If you are passionate about evangelism and seeing those disconnected from Christ connected to him, you will participate in the planting of churches. Church planting is the most effective method of evangelism, and churches planting churches is the most effective method of church planting. Leaders will be challenged to participate in planting churches in order to best fulfill the Great Commission. Areas of conversation:

- How church planting fits into a local congregations full orb ed strategy to fulfill the Great Commission
- Why more churches are needed
- Why churches should and can plant churches regardless of size and location
- What are characteristics of missional leaders

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MARK A. SMITH, PRESIDENT

As we develop students in leadership, the model being used is focused on a Christian worldview.

DOES YOUR WORLDVIEW REALLY MATTER?

We live in an age of globalization. Events that used to impact only locally or regionally, now impact globally. Media outlets are so abundant that within seconds of any event the entire world knows.

Globalization is also occurring within the church. Church globalization is creating message explosion, unending opportunities for partnerships, and a conglomerate of theological redefinitions. Some are worried that the church is lost: not understanding what we believe, who we are, or if the Christian worldview is true.

Recently, I served as a camp speaker in Lakeland, Florida. While there, I decided to have an evening out with friends at the local fine dining establishment of Steak 'n Shake. A lovely 17 year old young woman served as our waitress. She was talkative and outgoing and I struck up a conversation with her. Being a university president, I asked her about college and handed her one of my cards. Her response to the card was indicative of the many responses that I hear today. She said, "Oh, it is a 'Christian' university!" I started to tell her why a Christian university was so important, but prompted by the Holy Spirit; I stopped and asked for her thoughts. Her answer is why I so strongly believe worldview matters. "Oh" she said, "I don't believe in that Christian stuff—I guess there is somebody bigger out there that does things like make us, but that stuff is not for me." Then she said, "That's sorta how my mom and dad have lived their lives." What a worldview!

Worldview does matter and that is why Ohio Christian University is investing in a five-year plan to focus OCU students on understanding a Christian worldview. In his book, *Foundations of Christian Thought*, Mark Cosgrove defines a worldview as a set of assumptions or presuppositions that are held which affect how we think and live. In other words, everyone operates from a worldview.

I left Steak 'n Shake more convinced than ever that we must teach this generation about a Christian worldview. OCU will teach that worldview impacts **character**. One cannot be good enough in character until a transformative work has been done to create Christ-like character. This character transformation is both definitive and process oriented in experience. It requires God's work and man's totally surrendered will.

At Ohio Christian University, we will teach that worldview forms the heart of being a **servant**. A servant's heart is part of the pattern set forth by Christ. One gives to others unselfishly when they are less concerned about themselves. The American view is "It is all about me," but a Christ-centered worldview is all about others.

At Ohio Christian University, we will teach that worldview impacts **leadership**. As we develop students in leadership, the model being used is not one focused on a "rise to the top" mentality. It is unveiled in care for others and care for the greater good. It is leadership focused on Christ's kingdom, not man's empire.

Ohio Christian University is serious about teaching from a Christian worldview. Part of this will include teaching and learning other worldviews in comparison to a Christian worldview. Students will learn how science, literature, math, business, education and other topics relate to this worldview. We will point out that the love of God and love for our neighbors are the guiding principles of a Christian worldview. Faculty, staff, and students will embrace this viewpoint.

May God find us faithful as we discuss this national, life impacting theme with our students. *To serve this present age, our mission to fulfill, is the hope of our day!*

Mark A. Smith
President

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW STUDENT IMPACT



OCU Welcomes the Class of 2014 —Enrollment Surpasses 1000

Ohio Christian University held its opening academic convocation on the beginning of classes and a new academic year for 2009. As students gathered in the Ohio Christian University Leadership Center, Dr. Mark Smith, President of OCU, announced that the University surpassed the 1000 student mark. Dr. Smith explained that the faculty at Ohio Christian University are committed to exceptional academic programs and that “world class excellence” must be the mantra of the university. The increase in student enrollment was the result of the faculty, staff, and administration working to prepare a strategic plan to reach 1000 students.

The theme for Convocation this year focused on developing a Christian worldview. Dr. Smith shared that many students who come to college are struggling to find truth, but God is the source of all truth. Smith went on to say, “Just as the WWII generation was called the greatest generation because of the fight for truth, I believe the next great generation is being prepared to serve around the world in a cause greater than themselves.”

Ohio Christian University is continuing to expand program offerings with quality improvements to the Teacher Education program. The program was certified by the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents

this summer. Dr. Valerie Wilson led this effort.

Dr. David Garrison led a revision of the Business Programs and greatly enhanced the offerings. Students are seeking the program in record numbers. The Adult Education Department (AIM) continues to grow and is offering new online programs and opening up new sites in Chillicothe and Dover this fall.

The University hopes to begin constructing a new Science and Logistics Center this fall on the Circleville Campus.

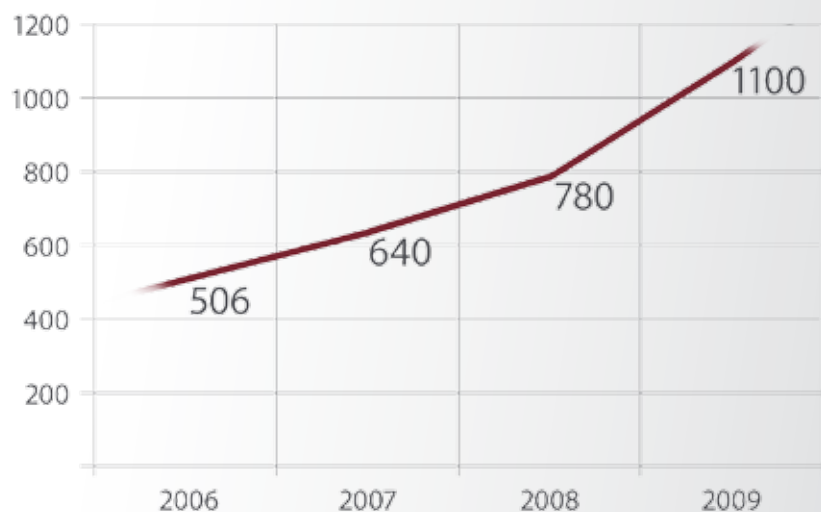
Logistics Management is a local initiative to serve Pickaway County with the Intermodal expansion of Rickenbacker



International Airport. The program will also benefit students involved in intercultural studies who may end up in logistics relief efforts in other countries.

President Smith reiterated that as the University grows globally, the community of Circleville will also be served. Students coming to campus this fall will experience the completion of over 7 million dollars of new construction on the Ohio Christian Campus. An additional men's Residence Hall is now completed. To God be the Glory.

Fall Enrollment 2006-2009



CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW STUDENT IMPACT



Worldview with a Purpose

The danger that exists within Christendom is the desire to merge the secular worldview with the Christian worldview, suggesting that both are compatible units. Nothing could be further from the truth.

RICK CHRISTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

According to David Noebel, author of *Understanding the Times*, a worldview is “any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world, and man’s relations to God and the world.” My worldview, then, becomes the lens in which everything I see is filtered. How I experience and appreciate my world is as natural as the visual images processed through my physical eyes. It simply happens, not forced or manufactured, experienced mostly in the subconscious, without much intentional thought.

This lens is molded over time through the experiences of my life, beginning with birth and developing throughout my entire life, impacting my perception of God and religion, people, politics, economics, and life in general. What the Christian is compelled to do is examine the lens through which this view is proliferated. Looking through this lens as God created it, an individual will appreciate creation and righteousness as created by God. This appreciation was marred by sin at the fall of man. This pervasive reality not only impacted these first individuals, but continues its negative course throughout the reaches of all mankind. As Paul reminded the

Romans, “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” In other words, without the direct intervention of God, man’s worldview continues to be flawed.

What is left, then, is an irreconcilable dichotomy within the schematic of worldview, the line of demarcation dividing those who believe in God and his sovereignty and the secular humanists who believe in the ultimate goodness of man, or at least the potential to express this goodness on his own. The danger that exists within Christendom is the desire to merge the secular worldview with the Christian worldview, suggesting that both are compatible units. Nothing could be further from the truth. What tends to happen is the erosion of the Christian worldview, demoting its basic tenets of belief in God, creation, and redemption into relative truth rather than the spiritual foundation of absolute truth God intended. Ludwig Feuerbach, from *Lectures on the Essence of Religion*, states “My only wish is... to transform friends of God into friends of man, believers into thinkers, devotees of prayer into devotees of work, candidates for the hereafter into students of the world, Christians who, by their own procession and admission, are ‘half

animal, half angel’ into persons, into whole persons.” In contrast, George Barna defines a worldview, based on biblical tenets, as “a belief in absolute moral truth based on the Bible, and a belief in six core beliefs: (1) the accuracy of biblical teaching, (2) the sinless nature of Jesus, (3) the literal existence of Satan, (4) the omniscience and omnipresence of God, (5) salvation by grace alone, and (6) a personal responsibility to evangelize.”

The goal of Christian higher education, then, is to assist students in the journey of understanding a Christian worldview within the current postmodern culture. This work begins when students are exposed to the guided search of life purpose, or what Bill Millard, author of *Explorer’s Guide: Starting Your College Journey with a sense of Purpose*, has coined as Life Calling. Within his work, Millard provides a conceptual model that assists students in examining three distinct components to better understand their life purpose. The first component to be examined by students is foundational values. Millard states, “There exists at the core of our lives a set of foundational values that form the way we think about reality, ourselves, and others.” Foundation values are then

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expressed by the second component, unique design, providing individuality for the person. Finally, our foundational values and our unique design empower individuals to carry out a personal mission throughout an individual's life. Personal mission is determined by understanding needs, obtaining a vision to meet those needs, and taking action to see those needs are met.

At Ohio Christian University, our goal is to assist students in their spiritual formation, both academically and experientially. Within the realm of Student Development, we are actively developing a Christian worldview within our students. Students are provided with mentoring opportunities through small group ministry established to help students discuss current worldview issues, as well as personal accountability. The Truth Project, a 13 week curriculum developed by Focus on the Family that looks at life from a biblical perspective, is currently being offered by Professor Ben Williamson. Additionally, educational seminars that focus on worldview issues are facilitated through the Student Development department.

With the constant push to indoctrinate the youth of our culture in a secular worldview, it is imperative that Ohio Christian University prepare Christian leaders who not only understand the Christian worldview, but integrate it into their lives holistically. As Romans 12:2 states, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (NIV).

Ohio Christian University has committed to preparing 1000 leaders to serve this present age in ministry, community and corporate settings. The proceeds of this event will provide scholarship funds to support the \$1 million that is given in student aid each year..

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Ohio Christian University Continues to Blaze Trails in Education

OCU is now offering online college courses to high school juniors and seniors through a new program called Trailblazer Academy and is working with schools located in Arizona, Florida, and Virginia.

Trailblazer Academy and Ohio Christian University (OCU) are fully accredited through the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which allows students to transfer their earned credits to the college of their choice. By offering introductory level college courses online in subjects such as English, Psychology, and History, high school students are able to gain college experience and credits before stepping foot on any campus. This gives students an easier transition, both academically and financially, and the online format is convenient for busy students.

Upon graduating from Circleville High School, Lauren Bivens had earned enough college credits through a dual enrollment program to be considered a college sophomore. There are 54 high school students signed up at Ohio Christian University for dual credit courses this fall, which includes students taking classes at the OCU campus in Circleville, at Fairfield Christian Academy in Lancaster, and online.

President Mark Smith, who serves on several education committees, initiated the promise by stating, "Ohio Christian University must be about serving the nation. This program is about offering transferable college credits to the students of our nation. Our hope is that they will continue their education, finish their degrees, and take their knowledge and experience around the world."

Sylvia McDonald, the coordinator for the program and OCU professor stated, "I couldn't be more excited for the parents and students in our community. We are offering students the opportunity to get three steps ahead of the college pack."

Professor McDonald went on to explain that "as a parent of three children, I understand the financial concern of paying college tuition. When some states will pay for college courses for high school students, it's almost unthinkable to not take the opportunity!"



As OCU continues to serve the region's high school students, future plans include teaching college classes in the four local high schools. OCU has worked to partner with high school staff and administration to make this project a reality.

For more information, visit www.ohiochristian.edu/trailblazer-academy or contact Professor McDonald at smcdonald@ohiochristian.edu, (740) 477-7712, or (800) 701-0222.

OCU Teacher Education Program Receives Certification Approval

The Teacher Education program at Ohio Christian University (OCU) was unanimously approved by the Educator Standards Board, the Ohio Department of Education, and Ohio's Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut to offer Teacher Certification Programs. OCU's Teacher Education Program began in 1983 in response to the growing need for classroom teachers in the Christian school movement. Prior to this time the university had been offering bachelors' degrees with concentrations in Christian ministry, missions, church music, and psychology and counseling.

During the early years of the program, the Board of Trustees did not feel that it was urgent for the college to seek approval from the Ohio Department of Education for its teacher education program, which would have provided state certification for graduates. However, the Board did encourage the institution to seek approval from the Association of Christian Schools Incorporated (ACSI). In 1990 the teacher education program was approved by the ACSI.

In 2007, Dr. Mark A. Smith, OCU's president, began to focus the university toward seeking state approval of its teacher education programs. Dr. Joe Brown, Vice President for Academic Affairs, agreed to lead the effort and hired Dr. Valerie Wilson, former OSU professor, as Chair of the Teacher Education Department. The institution also employed a consultant who had worked with the accreditation process to work with the faculty in the accreditation process and to facilitate the work



DR. JOE BROWN
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

of drafting its required approval. A Teacher Education Advisory Committee comprised of local educators from community schools was also formed to advise the university as it reviewed its teacher preparation program and prepared its Inquiry Brief Proposal. Those involved were Sam Lucas, Superintendent of Circleville City Schools, Joyce Schneider, Administrator of Grove City Christian School, Sherry Kneece, Curriculum Director of Circleville City Schools, Jeanne Ratcliff, Parent Advocate and mother of three Logan Elm School District students, and Karen Bullock, Coordinator of Circleville City School's After School Program.

At its May 2009 meeting, the Ohio Department Educator Standards Board granted formal approval to the university for its Early and Middle Childhood Teacher Education Programs. President Smith said, "This has been a twenty year process, but finally it has been achieved. We can now serve Pickaway and surrounding counties with a certified Teacher Education Program. This also accomplished part of the dream to make education programs available right in our local county." Dr. Joe Brown, Vice President for Academic Affairs, proclaimed, "OCU's program has been designed to attract students who aspire to become top quality teachers with a heart to educate today's children in the learning environment of our public and private schools."

For more information about the Teacher Education program or to apply, call 1-877-762-8669 or visit www.OhioChristian.edu.

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Integrating the Christian Worldview in Adult Education



DR. HANK KELLY
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The Christian worldview must pervade all our thinking, every day, not just on Sundays.

“Learning, shaped and formed by faith, results in living, shaped and formed by faith” (David Dockery in *Shaping a Christian Worldview*).

All early U.S. institutions of higher education were Christian, and all subjects were taught in the context of faith. However, over time, there was a separation of faith from teaching and scholarship. There was still belief in objective truth, but the dominant perspective maintained that faith had to be bracketed from this search for truth. The situation is now worse with the rise of postmodernism and belief in relative truth. Even at many Christian institutions, there is a tendency to study the Bible as literature or history, and truths contained therein are not integrated throughout curriculum. This is not true at Ohio Christian University!

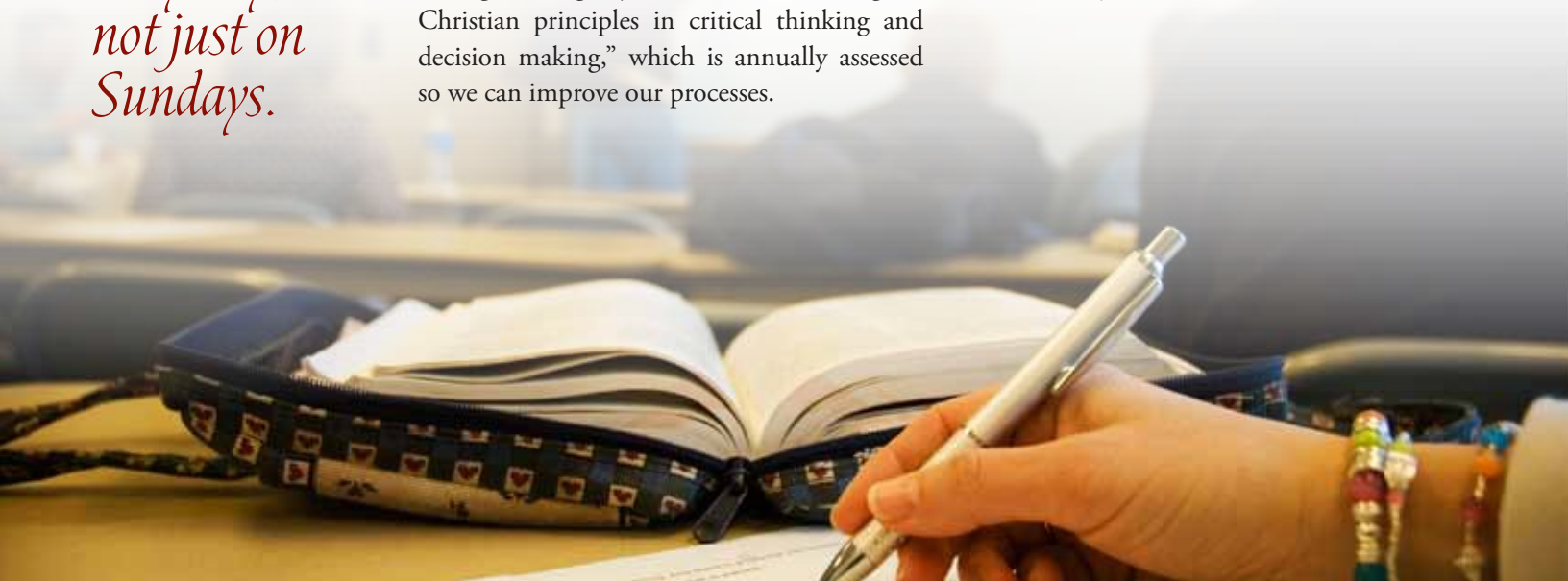
Because OCU faculty members are Christians, they naturally teach from their worldview (one reason for the importance of a Christian education). However, to ensure a focus on this integration, every AIM program has the following learning objective: “be able to integrate Christian principles in critical thinking and decision making,” which is annually assessed so we can improve our processes.

Desiring to be more intentional in educating students about how subject matter relates to the Christian worldview, AIM course-writer and faculty training has focused on this.

Additionally, a three-year effort is underway to upgrade all AIM course faculty guides to assist instructors in developing learning activities to foster this understanding; 62 of the 108 AIM courses have been completed so far. Some of the new learning activities include:

- Weekly devotionals that tie in with the content for the week.
- Critical thinking questions that address differences between secular and Christian worldview approaches to business or approaches to counseling.
- New resources that specifically address the Christian worldview (e.g., financial stewardship).

Christian thinking must pervade all our thinking, even about “secular” things, every day, not just on Sundays. Therefore, Ohio Christian University will integrate the Christian worldview in every course.

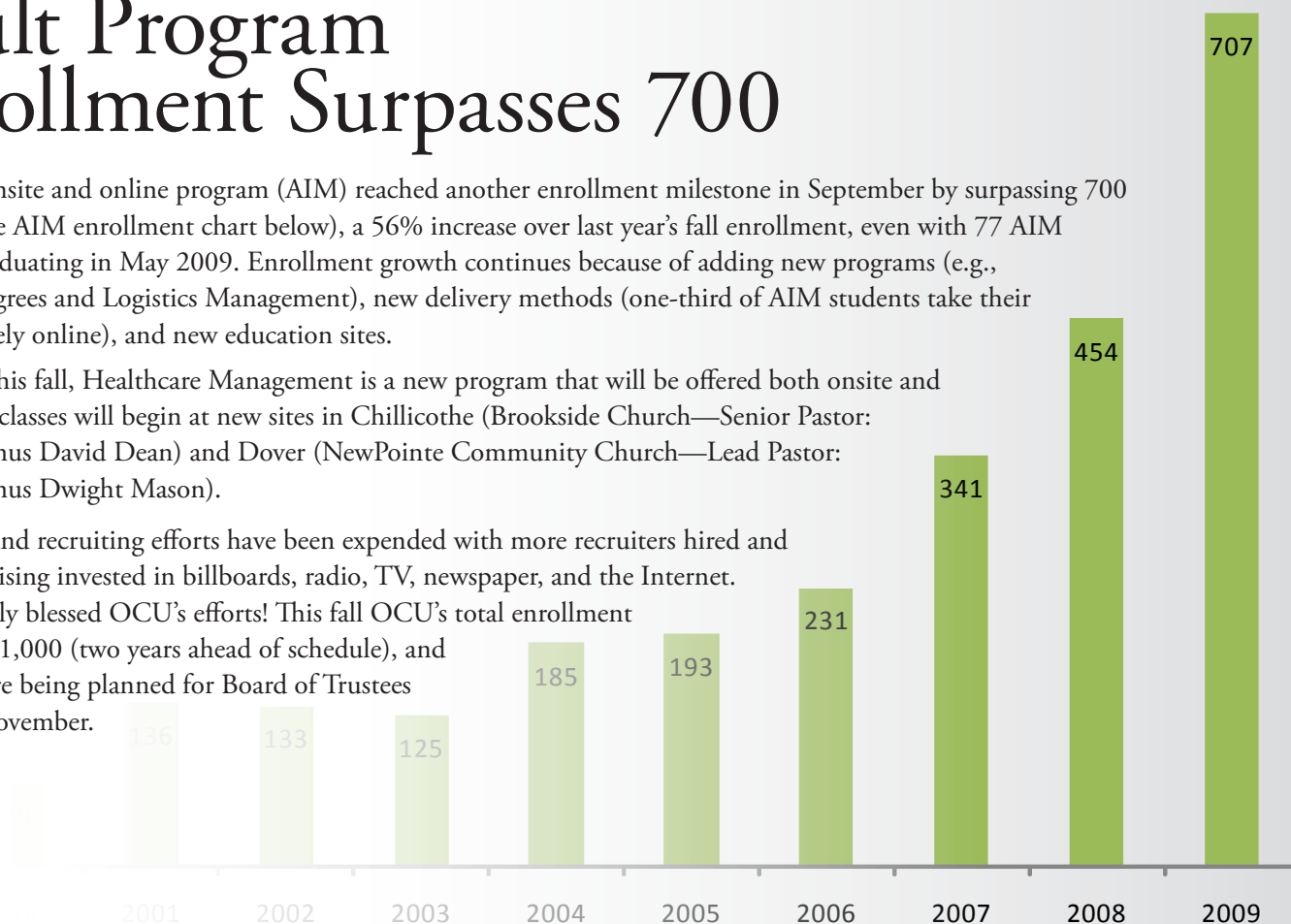


Adult Program Enrollment Surpasses 700

The adult onsite and online program (AIM) reached another enrollment milestone in September by surpassing 700 students (see AIM enrollment chart below), a 56% increase over last year's fall enrollment, even with 77 AIM students graduating in May 2009. Enrollment growth continues because of adding new programs (e.g., associate degrees and Logistics Management), new delivery methods (one-third of AIM students take their classes entirely online), and new education sites.

Beginning this fall, Healthcare Management is a new program that will be offered both onsite and online, and classes will begin at new sites in Chillicothe (Brookside Church—Senior Pastor: OCU alumnus David Dean) and Dover (NewPointe Community Church—Lead Pastor: OCU alumnus Dwight Mason).

Marketing and recruiting efforts have been expended with more recruiters hired and more advertising invested in billboards, radio, TV, newspaper, and the Internet. God has truly blessed OCU's efforts! This fall OCU's total enrollment will surpass 1,000 (two years ahead of schedule), and new goals are being planned for Board of Trustees review in November.



WITH OCU ALUMNUS DR. JOHN C. MAXWELL
May 5, 2010 at the OCU Leadership Center

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW EMPLOYEE IMPACT



DR. VALERIE WILSON

Faculty Person Of The Year

Dr. Valerie Wilson, Chair of the Teacher Education Department, began her first term of service with the Ohio Christian University in 1983. She developed and launched a teacher preparation program for Christian schools and led the program to approval by the Association of Christian Schools Incorporated. She

was instrumental in coordinating an articulated program that enabled students to meet state requirements for a teaching license. She returned to the University full-time in 2006 to chair the teacher preparation program and lead its teacher preparation program to state approval for licensure in 2009. This fulfilled a dream Dr. Wilson and OCU had for the teacher preparation program.



SILVIA LUCASCHI-DECKER

Administrator Of The Year

As the Director of AIM Enrollment, Silvia Lucaschi-Decker has done a phenomenal job of leading AIM's marketing and recruiting efforts. She recruited and supervised recruiters who brought AIM enrollment from 168 to 625 students in three years. She also helped manage the \$400,000 marketing budget,

personally contracted all print ads, and worked with OCU's Graphic Artist to design these ads. During this period she also took doctoral classes and became a first-time mother. She is driven to spread OCU's Christian education, and she demonstrates Christ in her relationships with prospective students, recruiters, supervisors, and suppliers.



**SARA AND WES BROTHERS
WITH DAUGHTER, EMMA**

Staff Person Of The Year

Sara Brothers is an excellent role model for job performance, attitude, and teamwork. She seeks not only to "get the job done," but to take performance and expectations to

the next level. Sara exemplifies a strong Christian testimony, both in her actions and words, reminding those within her scope of influence what it means to truly be a servant leader. Seeing the need to assist students in a richer spiritual experience while attending OCU, Sara envisioned, developed, and implemented a campus small group ministry from a formative state to a campus-wide ministry. Sara, thank you for your passion and ministry to the students of this campus.



DR. MARVIN L. MILLER, SR.

Community Ambassador Award

Dr. Marvin Miller was responsible for starting Ohio Christian University's education site at Columbus State Community College--OCU's first off-site campus. He recruited, advised, started, and taught students. He has truly served as an OCU ambassador to the community, Columbus State, prospec-

tive students, and students. Without him, the Columbus campus would not have been possible. No longer a recruiter or advisor, Dr. Miller continues to be OCU's ambassador to Columbus, generates interest in OCU programs, and ensures a smooth running operation at both of OCU's Columbus education sites. He has also skillfully advised the OCU president on diversity issues.

MRS. LAURA MAXWELL

A SAINT WITH A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW



We all know that behind every great man there's a great woman. Never has this been more true than in the life of Melvin and Laura Maxwell.

DR. DAVID LATTIMER

Those who know the history of Ohio Christian University know how God used Dr. Melvin Maxwell to lead a school of 40 students meeting on a camp ground to a college of some 260 students, fully accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges housed on a beautiful new 40-acre campus.

Few, however, understand what a key role his beloved wife, Laura, played in his ministry. The Maxwells excelled in pastoral ministries in Wayne, Michigan, as well as Winchester and Circleville, Ohio. At each, people came to Christ and the church grew, not only because of a positive, anointed preacher. That pastor gives much of the credit to the queen in the parsonage. During eight years while he served as a District Superintendent, planting 40 new churches, Laura continued what she did as a pastor's wife. She prayed, encouraged her husband and played a major role in raising a Christian business man who supports the work of God around the world, a Christian minister, leader and author who heads a ministry now impacting churches the world over and a Christian nurse and mother. Dr. Maxwell will tell you that his children are who they are today because of who she was.

During the 16 years that Dr. Maxwell served as President of Circleville Bible College (CBC), now Ohio Christian University (OCU), Laura played the

role of a faithful, praying wife who doubled as a librarian. That's where I first met her. Truthfully, the CBC library could not begin to compare with the libraries I used as a student at Ohio University and Ohio State University. However, CBC had what they did not—a librarian with a heart for God and a passion for students. Those long talks in the library helped me through a critical period of adjustment in my life.

What a woman of prayer and faith she was. In 1980 when the Maxwells were preparing to leave CBC, Melvin prayed and fasted for a week seeking the Lord's will. When he finally told Laura that the Lord wanted them to serve with World Gospel Mission, she replied, "I could have told you that two days ago."

Though arthritis made her later days uncomfortable, she continued her support role as God used Dr. Maxwell to start Park Ministries now touching lives in over 50 retirement parks in central Florida.

My wife, Myrla, and I were with her on July 9, the day she was to go home from the hospital. We crowned her as the OCU homecoming queen not knowing that a few days later, on July 14, she would be going to her eternal home. The homecoming queen is now home wearing a crown that will never fade. Heaven is richer because she is there.

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW BUSINESS IMPACT

Christian Businessman Exemplifies Christian Worldview in the Workplace

DR. MARK SMITH, PRESIDENT



Tom Arington

Tom Arington is a Christian businessman who has spent a lifetime in the pharmaceutical industry. He began his career at age eight sweeping floors in a drug store and has since served as CEO in several successful pharmaceutical companies.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, his career began in 1960 with Lederle Laboratories, a division of American Cyanamid, where he held a variety of executive management positions over 17 years. Sparked by the opportunity to provide high quality, low cost prescription drugs, Mr. Arington left the branded pharmaceutical business and committed his career to the new and evolving generics industry.

Mr. Arington launched and subsequently sold one of the early distributorships specializing in generics. He later launched MarketMaster, a specialty pharmaceutical company that assisted other companies entering the generics industry. This successful firm was acquired by Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in 1987. Mr. Arington then became the Chairman and CEO of Duramed, a publicly held generics firm that he led for 14 years.

He is currently the Chairman and CEO of Scion Companies, and its Prasco Laboratories® division has been the fastest growing pharmaceutical company in America over the past five years. As a result of his achievements, Mr. Arington was honored by the Generic Pharmaceutical Association in 2004 as one of the founders of the generics industry.

A devout Christian since age nine, Mr. Arington has been active as a church leader throughout his life but there is no one that exemplifies and incorporates a Christian worldview in the workplace more than Mr. Arington.

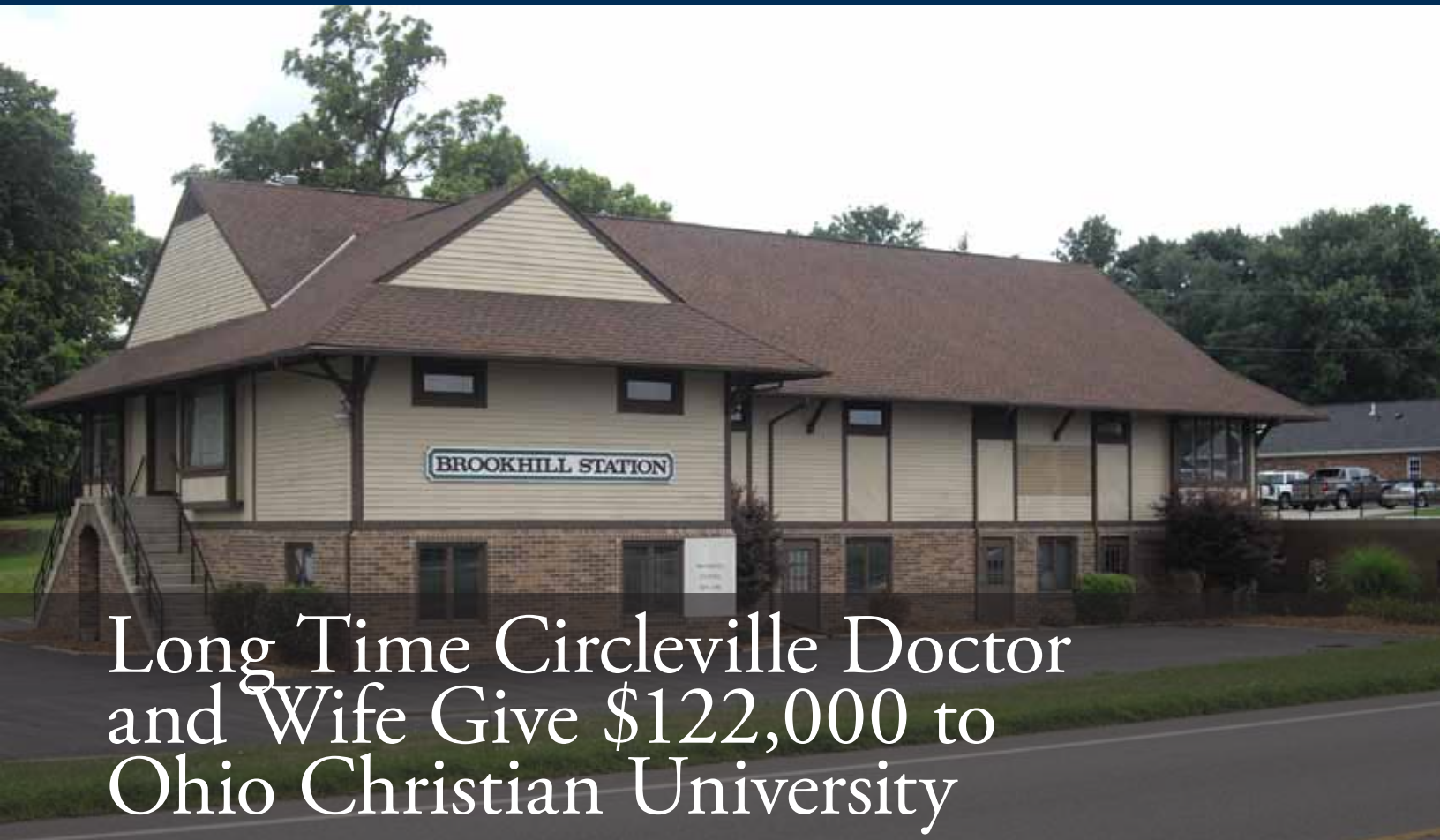
Prasco's values are stated in the acronym I SEE: Improve daily; Serve God, family, customers, partners, fellow employees, and community; Execute tasks with excellence to achieve our goals; and Energize others daily with the passion for what we do.

As President of Ohio Christian University, it has been a privilege to take students to Prasco and to have Arington on campus to speak. His story is remarkable in that he has integrated faith in every situation of his life.

As Chairman of a publicly held company, Mr. Arington started the shareholders meeting with prayer. As Chairman and CEO of SCION Companies, Mr. Arington has incorporated a culture of Christian witness, Christian giving, and employee Christlikeness. Some in the corporate world may believe that Christian values must be hidden, but Tom Arington believes they must control every action. Thank you, Mr. Arington, for your beautiful example to Ohio Christian University students.

Tom Arington has been married for 48 years and has four sons and 16 grandchildren. Mr. Arington makes his home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW
DONOR IMPACT



Long Time Circleville Doctor and Wife Give \$122,000 to Ohio Christian University

What do you do when you have a need?
The simple answer is to ask and receive.

This summer, OCU was out of space, so the Administrative Council began looking for alternatives. Administrators searched for a building that would be adequate for AIM office space. They found a location that appeared to be perfect to house our growing adult program. This idea was shared with our President who met with the owner.

Dr. Herman and Linda Shuttleworth, who owned the building, wanted it to be used for the glory of God. They worked with the administration to make the building very affordable for Ohio Christian University. With the owners donating a significant portion of the building the University was able to purchase a quality, very well maintained office complex with a modest monthly payment. Of particular interest, OCU was able to use the donation and leases to essentially use the building with little monthly expense. We rejoice in God's special blessing on Ohio Christian University and thank the wonderful people that made this possible.



CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW COMMUNITY IMPACT

Pickaway County Kids on Campus 2009

Recently kids aged 8 through 11 enjoyed “Wacky Olympics,” created two- and three-dimensional figures, built electrical circuits, and produced electricity on the Ohio Christian University campus.

DR. HANK KELLY

The annual Kids on Campus summer enrichment program is conducted for students interested in improving their math and science skills. More than 70 students attended this year. Linda Diltz taught math to third and fourth graders on June 8-12, and to fifth and sixth graders on June 15-19. Yolanda Hurtt taught science to fifth and sixth graders, June 8-12, and to third and fourth graders, June 15-19. Classes were held 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The kids received a colorful t-shirt and had great fun learning with hands-on activities.

The program was coordinated by the Pickaway Higher Education Learning Partners (H.E.L.P.S.) led by Ula Jean Metzler, County Commissioner, and Ohio Christian University. Funding was provided by student tuition and a grant from PPG Industries.

Mrs. Diltz is retired from the Westfall Local School District where she served as a sixth grade teacher of mathematics and a Math Teacher Leader for the district. She holds a Master’s degree from Ashland University. Mrs. Hurtt is a fifth grade science and mathematics teacher at Court Street Intermediate in the Circleville City School District. She also holds a Master’s degree from Ashland University.



Above: Kids on Campus teacher, Linda Diltz, taught math enrichment classes to third thru sixth graders.

Right: Kids on Campus teacher, Yolanda Hurtt, taught science enrichment classes to third thru sixth graders.





MANDY WRAY

Ohio Christian University recently hosted their annual Trailblazer Basketball Camp, and it was a blazing success! This year seventy-three students from third through ninth grade participated. Campers received group and one on one interaction with OCU's nationally ranked men and women's basketball teams as they helped coach and mentor the students. Beginner students were instructed in basic basketball skills, while advanced students were challenged to increase their abilities.

Speakers of the week included OCU men's coach Curtis Christopher, OCU women's coach Mandy Wray, and Coach Sky Brusco. Coach Brusco assisted in the Logan Elm basketball program for nine years and has been head coach at Fairfield Christian Academy for the last two years. OCU is pleased to announce that he will be joining the men's basketball coaching staff this year.



CURTIS CHRISTOPHER

"I want to thank all the parents of our community for allowing us to work with your children. It was a great week of basketball, and I look forward to seeing the kids use their talents in our local school programs. Go Trailblazers!" says Coach Christopher.



TRAILBLAZER ATHLETICS

Volleyball and Soccer Teams Start Strong

LADY TRAILBLAZERS VOLLEYBALL WINS FIRST TWO

In their first game of the season, the Lady Trailblazers defeated the Warriors of Appalachian Bible College 20-25, 25-13, 28-26, and 25-18. Junior Marissa Tackett led Ohio Christian with 17 kills. Freshman Linette Shetler had 6 kills and 3 aces. The team tallied their second win of the season against OSU-Mansfield with scores of 25-17, 13-25, 25-17, 13-25, and 15-6. Marissa Tackett led the Lady Trailblazers with 22 kills and 5 blocks. Freshman Hillary Stump earned 7 kills and Linette Shetler chipped in 5 aces. Marissa Tackett, a 2006 graduate of Chillicothe High School, is currently ranked 1st in Kill Average per set in the NCCAA II Division. Two weeks into the season, Marissa tallied an average of 4.33 kills per set. Tackett has led Ohio Christian University to a record of 2-0 with 39 kills and 7 blocks. OCU is currently ranked 7th in the NCCAA II.

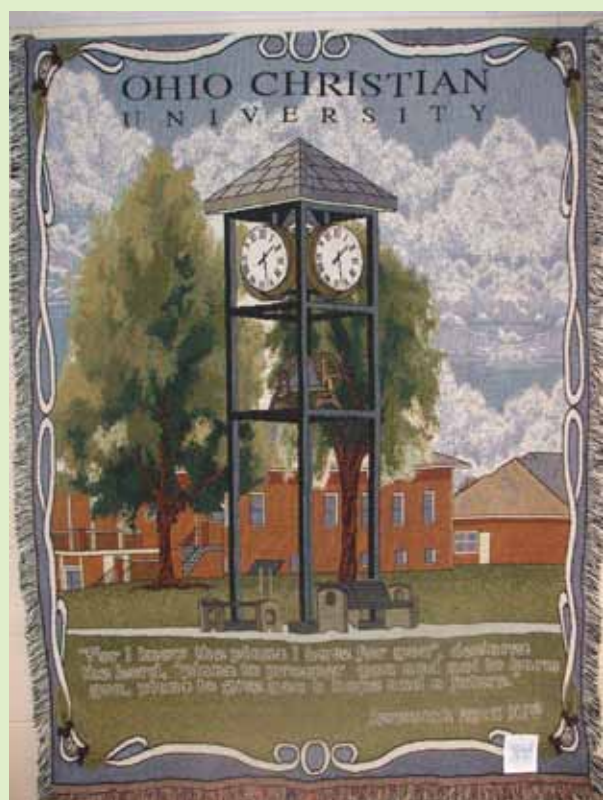
MEN'S SOCCER WINNING STREAK

The Trailblazers won their opening game for the 2009 season on the road at Southern State, 3-1 and their second game of the season over Great Lakes Christian College 6-1. In their home opener, the Trailblazers beat Grace Bible College 6-0 with Emanuel Harris and Dave Blamo each scoring three goals. The men out shot ABC 42-2 and won 4-0 over their Mideast Regional foes to tally their fourth win. For the third time in his career, Emanuel Harris was named Player of the Week by the NCCAA Division 2 Men's Soccer for the week of September 1st. Emanuel score a total of 5 goals and had 2 assists against Grace Bible College (9/4) and Appalachian Bible College (9/5). Crown College fell 4-3, leaving the Trailblazers with a record of 5-0-0 in the Mideast Region.





| NO. | NAME | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|-----|------------------|-------|---------|
| #2 | CHAD DOBBS | 1 | 1 |
| #3 | BLAKE STEINBRINK | 1 | |
| #4 | BEN BALLEIN | | 2 |
| #5 | KEVIN STREET | 1 | 2 |
| #6 | JOE RAMSEY | | 1 |
| #7 | JIMMY GALVAN | 1 | 3 |
| #10 | EMANUEL HARRIS | 9 | 3 |
| #12 | DAVE BLAMO | 6 | 2 |
| #13 | STU HOSTETTER | | 1 |
| #17 | ANTHONY DELONG | 2 | 4 |
| #21 | JOEL ECKERT | 1 | |
| #23 | DEXTER CHAPMAN | 1 | 1 |



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CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW ALUMNI IMPACT

AIM Alumnus George Vastine



George Vastine began preaching eighteen years ago and has served as a pastor for sixteen years, the past nine at Lombardsville Community Church in McDermott, Ohio. Pastor Vastine completed his Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Ministry through Ohio Christian University's AIM adult program.

When asked about going back to school while in his mid-thirties, he said, "This was one of the greatest decisions that I ever made." For many years, George served as the volunteer chaplain at the Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio. Currently, in addition to pastor, he is the Spiritual Care Coordinator (chaplain) for Heartland Hospice and is working on a Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling.

He has had the privilege of seeing many people saved in the last months of their lives because of his chaplaincy job. George has been married to Teresa for 23 years and has two children: Tiffany and Paul (a traditional OCU student).

About OCU Pastor Vastine said, "The staff at OCU is wonderful, and this degree opened the door for one of the greatest ministries I have ever been affiliated with through hospice. I am proud to say that I am an alumnus of this school. I enjoyed the sincerity of each professor most of all and I would like to say that they helped me in ways they may never understand."



OCU Alumnus Dr. Stan Toler Elected General Superintendent of the Nazarene Church

Stan Toler is a best-selling author, international seminar leader, and speaker. He has spent nearly his entire life motivating people to reach their spiritual and leadership potential. Toler's books have sold over 2 million copies and his writings form the foundation of his teaching in seminars and conventions each year. He and his wife Linda, an educator, have two sons, Seth and Adam, daughters-in-law, Marcy and Amanda, and one grandson, Rhett. The Tolers reside in Oklahoma City, OK.



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CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW ALUMNI IMPACT

Ice Cream and Baseball

Alumni Council Sponsors Summer Outings

The OCU Alumni Council was proud to welcome the nearly 150 students to campus as the Class of 2013 on August 27th. The Alumni Council sponsored an ice cream social for new students during New Student Orientation. The evening event was an introduction to the Alumni Council and Office of University Advancement. Alumni served several gallons of ice cream to eager freshmen. New students met a variety of alumni, showcasing the broad influence of OCU graduates. The Alumni Council is proud to play a part by investing in the lives new students!

Nearly sixty alumni and friends of Ohio Christian University gathered on Saturday night, August 22nd, for OCU Night at the Columbus Clippers at the new Huntington Ballpark in Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by the Alumni Council, this family friendly event attracted alumni spanning four decades. Alumni fellowshipped with old friends and connected with fellow alumni. While rain threatened early, sunshine and comfortable temperatures prevailed. Fans enjoyed a high-powered offensive game and a capacity crowd. It was great to see so many alumni and friends participate in this first-of-its-kind event.

OCU Night at the Columbus Clippers is just one type of event that the Alumni Council and Alumni Department want to offer OCU alumni. More than just a baseball game, it is opportunity for alumni to network. OCU alumni represent a wealth of talent, skill, and experience.



Building a network of alumni professionals that connects ministry, business, education, healthcare, and beyond will benefit our graduates and the University. It is also an opportunity for more experienced alumni to build relationships with younger alumni and invest in their lives. Life to life investment is an invaluable commodity in personal and professional development. As usual, alumni events are great opportunities to enjoy life long friendships forged during time your time as a student.

We want this to be a model for alumni events. Every alumni event should be an opportunity for your life to be enriched personally and professional. If you would like to know more about how to be involved and stay informed on all alumni happenings, please contact Michael Tipton at 740-474-8856 or by email at alumni@ohiochristian.edu.

Coming Events For more events or details for those listed, visit www.ohiochristian.edu/calendar

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| Oct. | 1-3 | OCU Homecoming Class Reunions, Alumni Gathering, Family Activities, Soccer Reunion |
| | 2 | Scholarship Golf Tournament |
| | 2-3 | Gospel Concerts |
| | 12-15 | Masters Course: Pastoral Leadership |
| | 16 | Preview Day |
| | 26-27 | Church Planting Institute |
| | 29-31 | Regional Soccer Tournament @ OCU |
| | 30 | Jr. High Lock-in |

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| Nov. | 6-7 | Basketball Tip-off Classic |
| | 20 | Preview Day |
| | 26-27 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec. | 5 | Candles & Carols |
| | 11 | Winter Getaway |
| Jan. | 13-14 | Revival |
| | 22 | Youth Group Night |
| Feb. | 4-5 | Church Planting Institute |
| | 26 | Preview Day |



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