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on \$5 Million
Student Center**

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- » New Graduate Degrees Approved
- » The Future of Higher Education

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LEADERSHIP FORUM

with Dr. John C. Maxwell



Ohio Christian University Alumnus Dr. John C. Maxwell is an internationally recognized leadership expert, speaker, coach, and author who has sold over 19 million books.

Dr. Maxwell is the founder of EQUIP and The John Maxwell Company, organizations that have trained more than 5 million leaders worldwide. Every year he speaks to Fortune 500 companies, international government leaders, and organizations as diverse as the United States Military Academy at West Point, the National Football League, and the United Nations.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Mark A. Smith, President

CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY at Home and Around the World

Ohio Christian University is a blessed community that is impacting the world. Over the last few months, I have spoken to audiences both large and small. From Circleville, Ohio, to Washington D.C.; from a camp in Appalachia to a Seminary in Argentina; from behind the speaker's podium in the U.S. House of Representatives to the sacred podium at Nipgen Camp in Ohio. Yet in all places there were connections—people who were proud to be associated with what is happening at OCU!

At OCU, we know the most important connection is a personal relationship with Christ. Our commitment to the integration of a Christian worldview in education equips students to serve the church and society by connecting with others. As you read this magazine you will find alums and faculty all over the world who are having major impact as a result of connecting, past or present, to OCU.

I have heard from missionaries who are in Papua New Guinea who are impacting that country. I have learned from Dan in Harlem and Kevin in Costa Rica who are reaching new populations. I have talked with Mike, David, and Jonah who are traveling to South America to teach leadership classes. OCU has new teachers at Westfall and Teays Valley. Ohio Christian has business leaders, pastors, and addiction counselors all around the world! It is called connections! OCU connections.

These connections inspire the next generation to dream! They embrace the current student by giving back to OCU and investing in scholarships and facilities to educate today's leaders. These connections are life changing and many times lead to eternal salvation decisions. It is the story of God's love—connecting mankind.

This summer has been one of connections. You are an important connection to OCU! We need you! Let's stay connected and watch what God can do through our team work!

Our Mission

Ohio Christian University prepares students to serve effectively in the church and society by providing a holistic, Christ-centered, biblically integrated education in the Wesleyan tradition.

Church Growth Seminar & Pastor Appreciation Day

October 6, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

Free admissions for current pastors and church staff.

A luncheon will be provided for all current pastors and church staff in attendance. Pastors will receive a special gift!



Dr. Benny Tate

- » Pastor, Rock Springs Church in Milner, Georgia, for 20 years
- » Membership grew from 100 to 6,000

Becoming a Healthy Church

Dr. Benny Tate, Pastor of Rock Springs Church, which has grown from 100 to 6,000 in 20 years, will reflect on the importance and characteristics of a healthy church and how to achieve a healthy church. Dr. Tate's exceptional success and sense of humor will keep you listening and wanting more.



Dr. Mark A. Smith

- » President, Ohio Christian University for five years
- » Enrollment grew from 400 to 2,000

Community and Church Partnering

Our world is still open to a gospel it can hear and see. Ohio Christian University is dedicated to serving its community to accomplish its purpose, and OCU President (and former pastor) Mark A. Smith will outline how to connect with and be out in our communities.

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The Future of Higher Education

OCU's Executive Vice President Takes on a New Role as Provost to Lead OCU into 21st Century Technology

BY DR. HANK KELLY, PROVOST



OCU will:

- ❑ Offer blended/hybrid education using technology to better serve our students, enhance their learning, increase classroom use efficiency, and thus improve our cost effectiveness.
- ❑ Offer online summer school classes to traditional students.
- ❑ Serve high school students by offering classes online, on site, and on campus.
- ❑ Develop year-round educational programming for traditional students.
- ❑ Offer additional graduate-level programs to serve the church and society.
- ❑ Increase student retention through remediation and other methods.
- ❑ Develop new educational models such as a three-year bachelor's program.
- ❑ Amplify OCU's impact by growing enrollment in traditional, adult, and online programs.

Higher education encountered significant changes in the latter part of the 20th Century. Student enrollment soared, and the range of ages and ethnicities participating in higher education significantly increased. Technology allowed easy access to a rapidly increasing volume of knowledge and enabled teaching techniques not considered before. Higher education became increasingly designed to prepare graduates for a vocation, rather than giving them a broad education. At the same time, most new jobs being created require higher education. Many high school graduates are not adequately prepared for college and require remediation courses to succeed. This article will provide details on these trends experienced in higher education and how they are impacting Ohio Christian University.

Enrollment

Until the end of World War II, education was primarily reserved for the elite. After World War II, the masses started attending college, and enrollment has grown from 1.7 million in 1940 to 20.4 million now,¹ and is available to almost everyone in America. The student population has become more ethnically diverse as the U.S. population has become more diverse. For example, in 1976 caucasians represented 83 percent of the higher education student population; in 2009 this figure dropped to 62.3 percent,¹ which is comparable with caucasians being 64 percent of the U.S. population.² This trend will continue, and it is projected that caucasians will no longer make up the majority of the U.S. population by 2050, but will remain the largest single race.²

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The age of college students is increasing, with many individuals going back to school for retraining, job-hopping, career-hopping, or self-improvement. In fact, traditional-age college students (23 or younger) comprise only 60 percent of undergraduate students.³

Ohio Christian University is providing a broad education and workforce readiness with a Christian worldview.

More individuals need education throughout their lives, especially with the emergence of a global and highly competitive knowledge-based economy that requires workers with education and training beyond high school. The U.S. government projects that nearly 8 out of 10 new jobs will require some sort of higher education, including workforce training.⁴ Thus there is also an increasing demand for non-degree educational forms (e.g., continuing education, training, certificate courses, and corporate training). OCU provides convenient education opportunities to busy adults through its AIM program, and the ethnic diversity has increased to 30 percent of OCU's total student population.

Technology as a Teaching Tool

The majority of today's traditional-age college students have grown up with technology, using it every day for communication, connection, entertainment, learning, or work. Americans have instant access to a vast array and volume of digital information—from anywhere, on any device they choose, at any time, in their preferred medium (audio, video, animation, or text).⁵ Therefore, the number of books in the library is less critical. Even small institutions have access to a large supply of resources available online such as books, journals, newspapers, data, music, and artifacts. Through OhioLINK, OCU faculty and students have access to 15 million scholarly articles and 70,000 e-books.

Students can now explore, interact, and solve problems through technological means not previously available. Similarly, teaching techniques not previously considered are available. At the same time, today's students, accustomed to brief sight and sound bits, have difficulty concentrating on 50-minute lectures.

Enrollment in online education has increased faster than overall higher education enrollments. Nearly 30 percent of higher education students (5.6 million) took at least one online class during fall 2009, which was 21 percent increase over the previous year.⁶ Ohio Christian University has been offering online education since 2007, and nearly 1,000 OCU students (40 percent of its total enrollment) are completely online students. Almost all institutions offer some online education, and most that do not are very small institutions that represent a small proportion of overall higher education enrollments.

Much research has been conducted on the effectiveness of online education, and students in online classes generally perform slightly better than those in face-to-face classes.⁷ However, research also indicates that blended or hybrid learning, combining online and face-to-face education, produces more learning than completely online

or completely face-to-face education.⁷ In these courses, substantial proportion of the content is delivered online, typically uses online discussion, and typically has a reduced number of face-to-face meetings.⁶ The focus is more on learning than on teaching. OCU is beginning to take advantage of this powerful learning method.

Professional vs. Broad Education

The bachelor's degree is the new high school diploma, and the master's degree is the new bachelor's degree. In 1940 less than 5 percent of Americans 25 and older had bachelor's degree; now nearly 28 percent do.⁸ The master's is the fastest-growing degree. In 2009 657,000 were awarded, which is more than double the number of master's degrees awarded in 1980.⁸ Nearly two in twenty-five people age 25 and over have a master's degree; about the same proportion that had a bachelor's or higher in 1960.⁸ We can expect to see more degrees designed specifically to meet workforce needs. To successfully prepare students for the job market, higher education must obtain input from employers and then design programs to meet these needs. Not everyone sees this trend as positive, citing it as a shift from intellectual pursuit to skill-based "ticket-to-a-vocation." However, some believe as this author that a college education can and should provide both work-force readiness and a broad education. OCU provides both, and includes Bible and theology as well!



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Underprepared Students

Most high school students do not take a curriculum that prepares them for college. Many do not even graduate from high school.⁹ The U.S. high school graduation rate is only 75 percent.¹ About 40 percent of all college students end up taking at least one remedial course.¹⁰ Additionally, the industry spends significant financial resources on remediation and retraining. In order for these underprepared students to succeed in college, institutions of higher education will need to help them learn basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills. The alternatives are unacceptable: flunking these students or allowing them to graduate without these skills. OCU provides student tutors, a full-time academic coach, and remedial courses to assist students. Some schools want to be exclusive and will not enroll these underprepared students. Ohio Christian University wants its Christian education to be available to anyone who is willing to work hard and follow its standards of conduct.

Refer a Friend!

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New Graduate Degrees Approved

MBA and MM approved by Ohio Board of Regents

BY HEIDI R. FREDERICK, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF ADULT EDUCATION

Ohio Christian University is preparing to offer graduate business education through two new programs: the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and the Master of Management (MM). These programs are aligned well with OCU's mission as they will prepare students to serve as leaders in for-profit ventures, in non-profit organizations, and in their communities. The curricula prepare students to lead with integrity with strong ethical foundations.

These two programs have been created to address many requests from current students, alumni, and community members to offer graduate business education options. The University reviewed the curricula of many other institutions and sought advice from business people, including the Business Advisory Council, in the design process. One of the members of this council, Bob Barber, CEO of Christian Investment Services, said, "I see a great need for students today with a biblical worldview of business principles. By offering an MBA program from a biblical worldview, OCU would put itself in a unique position that the surrounding competition cannot offer and could help its graduates change the moral decline of corporations in America and around the world."

Both programs are focused on practitioners and require 36 credits (12 courses) in about two years to complete all coursework in a lock-step, one-course-a-time cohort model used in OCU's adult programs. The MBA will provide the leaders of today and tomorrow with the knowledge and skills required to succeed in a competitive business environment. The MM will prepare professionals who want to enhance their managerial career paths in a variety of profit or not-for-profit organizations. Both programs will emphasize critical and strategic thinking, the Christian worldview, and real-world application of management principles.

The Ohio Board of Regents conducted a site visit in June 2011 to review these proposed programs. The team report was excellent, and OBR granted full approval to begin. The proposed programs are being evaluated by the Higher Learning Commission, and we hope to begin our first cohorts in January 2012. These programs will be available online or onsite in Circleville and Dublin.

If you are interested in enhancing your business or non-profit organization through graduate education, call 1-877-496-8342 today.

MBA and MM programs could help graduates change the moral decline of corporations in America and around the world.

Interested in teaching?

Ohio Christian University is seeking qualified faculty to provide curriculum and instruction in the new graduate programs. Get all the details at www.OhioChristian.edu/jobs.

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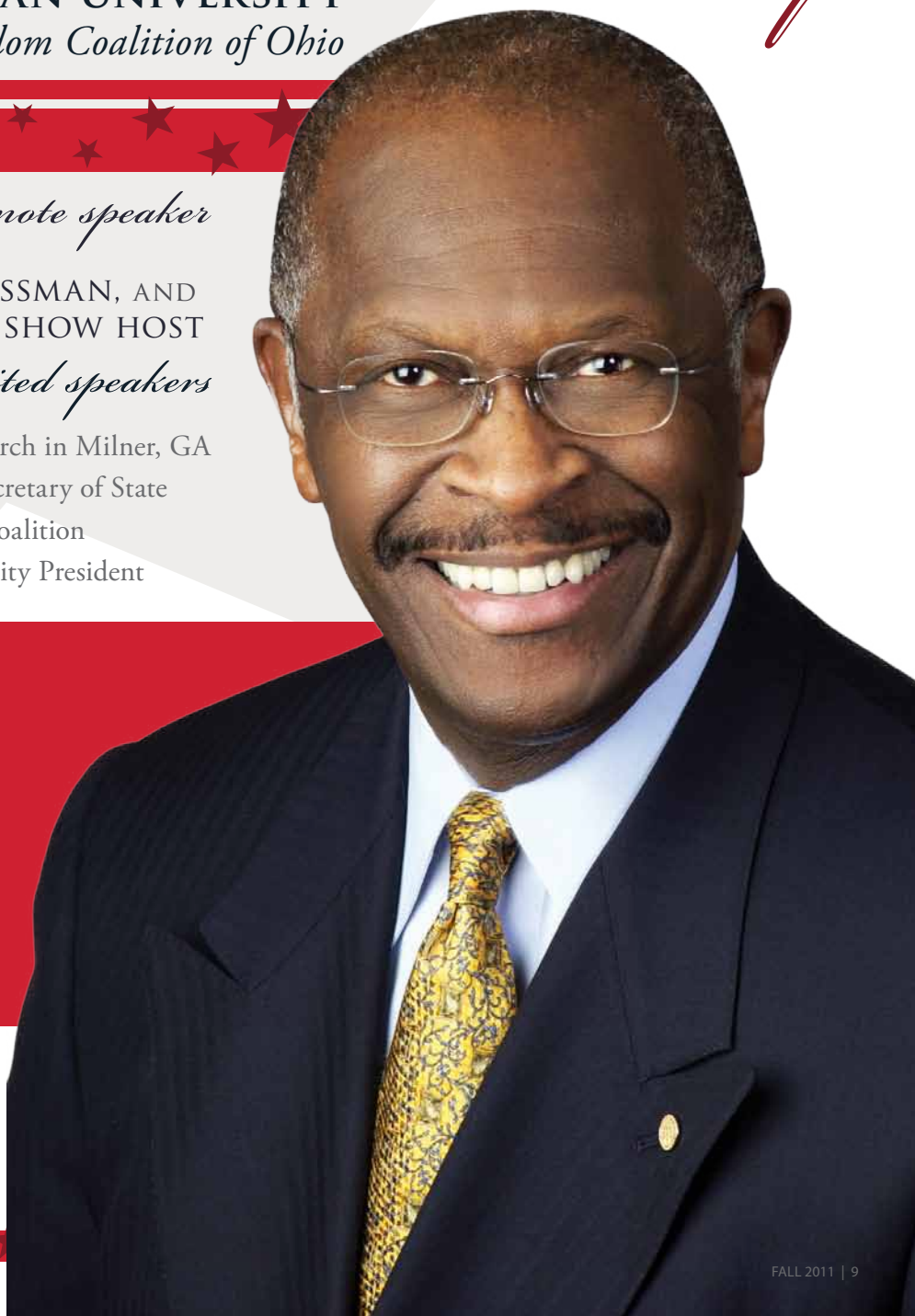
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Ohio Christian University and Daybreak Church Partner for Adult Education

BY DR. TIM EADES, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Ohio Christian University is pleased to announce a partnership with Daybreak Church of Christ in Christian Union. The partnership was formalized this summer by Daybreak's Senior Pastor, Dr. Dan Tipton, and OCU's Provost, Dr. Hank Kelly. Daybreak Church is located at 1226 Pike Street in Etna, Ohio and is a vibrant and growing church plant of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union.

This partnership will facilitate a new dual admissions agreement between Ohio Christian University and Central Ohio Technical College (COTC). Students from COTC with an associate's degree can complete a bachelor's degree program at the Daybreak Church facility, just minutes from the COTC Pataskala location.

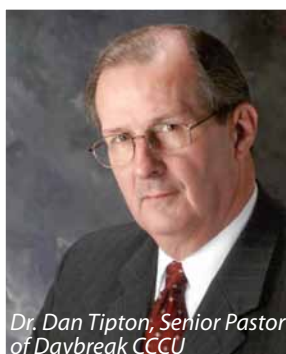
Additionally, students from the church and surrounding community will be most welcome to join these adult education cohort programs delivered through the OCU AIM Department. Beginning this fall, OCU will offer the Bachelor of Arts in Substance Abuse Counseling and the Bachelor of Arts in Business at the Daybreak location. Classes are forming now for the September 27, 2011 start. Additional group starts are planned throughout the fall and in 2012.

For specific information about the classes offered at Daybreak Church, you can contact Wayne Pessia at 740-207-3843.

For more information on any of the campus based or online programs offered by OCU for busy adults, please visit the adult and online students section of www.ohiochristian.edu or call 1-877-496-8342.



*Dr. Tim Eades, Vice President
for Adult Education*



*Dr. Dan Tipton, Senior Pastor
of Daybreak CCCU*



Turning shovelfuls of dirt for Ohio Christian University's student center are (from left) Philip Tipton, OCU Board Member and Project Architect; Rev. Joe Duvall, OCU Board Member; OCU President Dr. Mark Smith; U.S. Congressman Steve Austria; Ula Jean Metzler, County Commissioner; Ryan Scribner, Pickaway Progress Partnership Director; and David McKnight, President of The McKnight Group.



Ula Jean Metzler, Pickaway County Commissioner

It's easy to realize
something special
is going on at
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growing university
that is committed
to the community.

RYAN SCRIBNER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE
PICKAWAY PROGRESS PARTNERSHIP



OCU's Administrative Council



GROUND BREAKING

Congressman Austria Attends Student Center Groundbreaking Ceremony August 15th

ADAPTED FROM ARTICLE BY NICK POWELL
FOR THE CIRLEVILLE HERALD
PHOTOS BY ORVIL PEABODY, JR.

Ohio Christian University (OCU) broke ground for its new student center August 15, 2011 as community leaders and dignitaries vowed to improve the educational status of Pickaway County. The \$5 million, 30,000 square foot edifice is scheduled to open in December 2012 and initially will include a cafeteria, cafe, bookstore, intramural gymnasium and offices.

Classrooms, offices and a banquet hall on the second floor will be completed at a later date, according to Hank Kelly, university Provost. OCU has seen its on-campus and Online enrollment grow from 400 to 2,300 students in a relatively short period of time, and thousands of area residents also come to the Lancaster Pike facility annually for a variety of meetings, shows and athletic events, he said.

"This building is part of a three-phase project we first started in 2006," Kelly said. "The student center will connect to the Maxwell

Center, which was completed in 2007, and the Science and Logistics Center we opened one year ago."

U.S. Rep. Steve Austria (R-Beavercreek) said the university's presence is an integral part of Pickaway County by helping grow the local economy, attract new businesses and create jobs that properly-educated individuals can fill. "As we work in Washington to turn around the economy, our universities provide the education that's needed to prepare students to go into the workforce," Austria said.

Ula Jean Metzler, Pickaway County commissioner, told the crowd of about 100 people that the 2000 U.S. Census figures paint a dismal picture about residents' education achievements. "Pickaway County has lost jobs in the past because of the lack of a highly-educated workforce," she said. "People over the age of 25 who have

bachelor's degrees account for only 11.4 percent of our county's population. That's well below state (21.1 percent) and national (24.4 percent) levels."

Dr. Mark Smith, OCU president, said, "We must get (the county's) number up to 20 percent. It's not an option. I see a bright future for this area as the university moves forward."

OCU has made a strong effort in developing academic programs that target the county's educational needs, according to Ryan Scribner, economic development director for the Pickaway Progress Partnership.

"For people who drive by the campus on U.S. Route 22, it's easy to realize something special is going on at OCU," he said. "They see a vibrant, growing university that is committed to the county and connects with community leaders to promote economic development."



Congressman Steve Austria honors President Smith for leadership.



Traditional Undergraduate and Post-Secondary Program

Enrollment Reaches 600

BY MIKE EGENREIDER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT

As the Fall 2011 semester begins, we are grateful for the continued growth Ohio Christian experiences. Based on survey results, many students are choosing to attend OCU because of growth in all aspects of life, a sense of community, small class sizes, faculty interaction, and the opportunity to earn a quality education integrated with a Christian worldview.

Since Fall 2005, traditional enrollment has increased 283%.

The traditional admissions team has been very busy participating in more than 750 school visits, college fairs, and church and community events. Using an integrated marketing approach, our goal is to interact and minister to students of all ages through Drama Team performances, Camp Team Ministry, junior high lock-in events, and campus preview days.

Drama Team

Over the last year, the Ohio Christian University Drama Team has traveled to minister to youth groups and congregations at more than 35 off-campus events. They've visited youth services, church services, youth conventions, youth retreats, and Christian high schools presenting their visual ministry of skits, human videos (messages acted out to song) and testimonies to hundreds. On campus, they performed at more than 10 events including the Junior High Lock-In, Café Night, and chapels for OCU students and visitors.

The Drama Team is a student-led ministry with the mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the arts and introduce a Christ-centered university. The group consisted of 18 total students and was led by current senior, Jonathan Faulks.

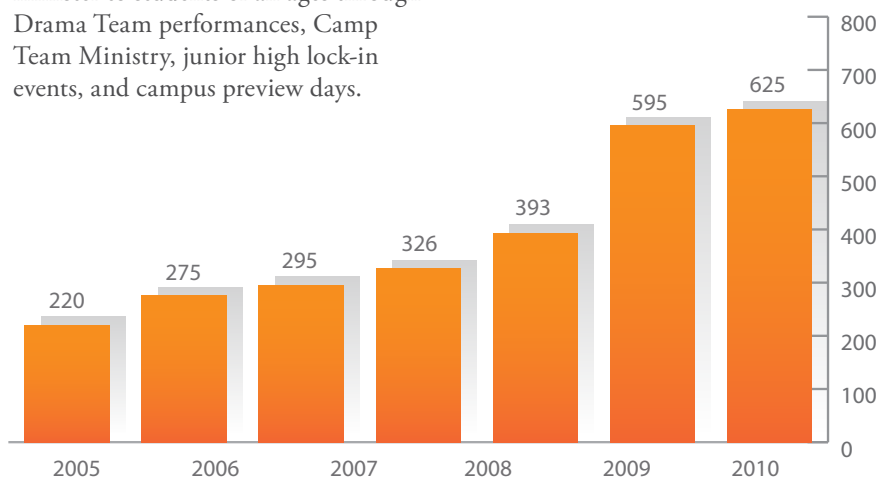
In describing the ministry Faulks said, "It changes lives through live action movements that touch a wide variety of emotions. Using music allows us to connect with students in a way they can understand and relate to."

As a new school year begins, the team will be holding auditions and preparing for another year of traveling ministry with the theme of "Rooted in Love." One of the first events of the semester will be a multi-church youth drama workshop planned with the Bowen House in Logan, Ohio.

Camp Out for the Kingdom

This summer Ohio Christian University sent 35 students to 25 different camps. Our students attended camps in Ohio, Alabama, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Indiana. Camp Team ministry can be a very rewarding but exhausting endeavor. The ministries our students participated in changed the lives of teens as well as their own. OCU student Monica Taylor said, "One of the best experiences I had all summer was seeing the week-long progression of a distant girl affected by past hurts become a girl who was willing to love and be loved. This was only because of the powerful love of God that changes hearts! Being a part of camp teams helped shape my future ministry because I saw first-hand what Christ can do in the lives of teens."

Camp team members worked alongside directors and other volunteers. One camp director said, "The team



was great; they knew when to have fun but when to be serious. Our camp was truly blessed by the work these five Godly people did. I wouldn't change it for the world, due to the leadership of the team!" The camp team members would all say they benefitted from their summer camp experience. Abby Livengood said, "The greatest aspect of the camp was how God worked! He worked not only in the kids, but in all of us. Through God's love we were able to show the campers love." We finished the summer strong and are looking forward to next year.

Trailblazer Academy

Ohio Christian University's Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) Program, the Trailblazer Academy, continues to serve students throughout the state and community. Through Trailblazer Academy, high school students have the opportunity to take college courses, which enables them to complete high school required courses as well as college general education

courses before officially entering college. With a projected 190 participating students from more than 35 public schools, 12 Christian schools, and a growing homeschool group, Trailblazer Academy continues to be blessed.

Students participating in Trailblazer Academy are ambitious and dedicated students who are active in their high schools and the community. Their reasons for entering the PSEO program are numerous.

Some desire to begin their college career early while others are simply looking for more options than their high schools offer. The flexible program allows some students to choose a full schedule of college courses while others take only one or two courses.

Students may attend classes on the university campus, online, or through dual enrollment at participating high schools. As the program grows, we continue to expand our course offerings and online options.

We have expanded offerings from four to seven online courses each semester and added new courses such as Introduction to Photography, Principles of Marketing, and Cultural Anthropology.

With this growing population at OCU, professors have commented on these dedicated students in the classroom. They appreciate how PSEO students, many of whom come from different cultures and faith backgrounds, bring new discussions to the table.

Dr. Sylvia McDonald, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences said, "I appreciate their devotion to academics as well as their contributions to classroom discussions. The Circleville community is very well represented by these fine students."

Many of these students continue their college careers at OCU. Others proceed to colleges in Ohio and surrounding states. Students who continue at other colleges often pursue studies in science, engineering and other programs not yet available at Ohio Christian University. Many students have reflected on how OCU's campus community has impacted their lives and shaped their first college experiences.



OCU has a very friendly campus and is very welcoming. The staff takes the time to help students and help them succeed. I had a good time there because over the course of the year I connected with the students, faculty, and staff. You really do get attached to the campus in a sense. It's a good school with a lot of potential, and it's expanding, which is great. All my OCU credits transferred.

NATALIE HOWIE, TRAILBLAZER ACADEMY STUDENT

PSEO has been a great experience for me, to be able to obtain college credits as well as being involved in college life a year early. The experiences I have gained from sitting in the classrooms and talking to professors has prepared me to become successful in whatever University I attend.

NATHAN ELSWICK, TRAILBLAZER ACADEMY STUDENT



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New Department Chair for Business at OCU

BY DR. TIM EADES, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Sacha Walicord was recently named the new Chair of the Business Department at Ohio Christian University.



Dr. Walicord follows Dr. Dave Garrison in this role and is excited to build upon the amazing foundation laid these last three years. Dr. Garrison will continue his service with OCU as a consultant and professor while he seeks the republican nomination for the US Congress in Texas District 25.

Dr. Walicord, who is from Austria, received his undergraduate degrees from universities in Linz and Salzburg. Upon completion of his undergraduate education, Sacha went on to become valedictorian and earn the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Jurisprudence from the

University of Linz. Dr. Walicord has furthered his education with a Master of Arts in Systematic Theology and a Ph.D. (all but dissertation) in Economics. Prior to coming to Ohio Christian University, Dr. Walicord had served undergraduate and graduate professorships at Webster University, Georgia Southern University, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and most recently at Franklin University. In addition to these assignments, Sacha has owned his own consulting firm and traveled extensively throughout Europe as a visiting professor.

Dr. Walicord's publications include "Business versus Ethics: A Solution to a Perceived Dilemma" (2009), "State and Church in Austria" (2005), "The Ancient Roman Law of Inheritance" (2000), along with numerous other conference papers and presentations. Very notably, Dr. Walicord received the prestigious President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in academic year 2008-2009.

Sacha is married to Martina and has three children. He loves hockey and has played throughout his life. A highlight of his early playing days came in representing the Upper Austrian Youth All Stars at winter games in Piancavallo, Italy. Dr. Walicord is currently a referee for USA Hockey and coach of his wife's team. Another interest for Sacha is flight, as he once held licensing as an airline transport pilot and has been a flight instructor. Most importantly, Dr. Walicord is a passionate Christian with a compelling voice related to Christianity in the business world. We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Sacha Walicord and his family to the OCU community!



Dr. Dave Garrison Runs for U.S. Congress

BY KIMBERLY EADES, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

After three years serving as Chair of OCU's Business Department, Dr. Dave Garrison moves to a consultant role as he runs for U.S. Congress in his home state of Texas.

In the summer of 2008, after 37 years in the business field working in logistics, Dr. Garrison came to OCU to direct and develop a whole array of new business majors in the School of Business. Under Dr. Garrison's leadership, the School of Business has increased its student population from under 50 to more than 400.

As Department Chair, Dr. Garrison provided OCU students with the opportunity to learn outside the classroom. Utilizing his vast experience in the corporate and political world, Dr. Garrison led OCU students on the first OCU Study Abroad program to Rome, Italy. He oversaw trips with students to New York City, where they visited the New York Stock Exchange, and to Washington D.C. where they met with congressional leaders.

As a longtime Texan, Dr. Garrison was taught the values of hard work, education and getting the most out of every dollar, principles that he has shared both in and out of the classroom. It is because of these principles that Dr. Garrison leaves his position at OCU to pursue a U.S. Congressional seat from Texas District 25. Spurred by his concern for the country's future, in July he announced his candidacy for the 2012 Republican nomination for Congress in Texas District 25.

"In July, my wife Rachel and I were blessed with our 15th grandchild, a boy. I can no longer sit on the sidelines while Washington D.C. refuses to take the necessary steps to save our country, so that my grandson can live the American dream. Through hard work, I have been able to accomplish many things in my business career and personal life that now gives me the time, ability and desire to serve the people of District 25."

Dr. Garrison will still play an important role at Ohio Christian University, serving as a consultant from Texas with planned trips to OCU each year. He will continue to teach in a blended format of online/onsite classes until elected. He will continue to lead trips for the University to places like Wall Street and Washington DC, and will also lead the newly formed Government Relations major.

In making this change Dr. Garrison says, "My wife, Rachel, and I will absolutely continue to give whole-hearted support to Ohio Christian University and the students who made our limited time there so rewarding for us. Without the wonderful students we have and our great God, none of this would have been possible." He concludes, "I want to thank all of the staff and my fellow professors who have welcomed me, held my hand, and made my time at OCU one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I also want to thank all of the students who have shown such grace and friendship to my wife and me."



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The State of Emergency Management Higher Education is Good!

Ohio Christian University's Disaster Management and Relief program is *one of only 140* programs in the country.

Faculty and Students attended the FEMA Higher Education Conference at the Federal Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland in June. Attendees had the chance to listen to leaders within Emergency Management Higher education discuss topics of great importance. The sessions offered ranged from topics such as Online Education to Responder Stress and Compassion Fatigue.

When asked about the offerings, OCU Disaster Management student Jay Allen stated, "There was something offered for everyone, and I don't think anyone walked away from the week wishing they had heard something that was not addressed."

One session was particularly interesting, The State of Emergency Management Higher Education. Each year a survey is conducted by FEMA Higher Education. The survey is given to all programs within the United States offering an Emergency Management program. The end result is a thorough look at Emergency Management as an academic discipline.

There are currently just over 140 college and university programs in the United States offering Emergency Management. There were only 4 programs in the United States in 1994. This massive amount of growth has not slowed. According to B. Wayne Blanchard, Ph.D., CEM, of the Emergency Management Institute, there have been new Emergency Management programs beginning each year since 1994.

This growth is demonstrated in Ohio Christian University's program. When OCU began its program in January 2010, there were 6 students in the program. This fall there are almost 50 students enrolled. According to OCU's Disaster Management Director, Thad Hicks, "The growth in these programs was required to keep in line with the changes in the job market." Hicks added, "The field is now requiring a college education in addition to the traditional certifications and field experience."

Ohio Christian University is a relative newcomer to the field but is learning quickly what it takes to produce leaders in Emergency and Disaster Management. OCU's administration plans to remain at the front in the Emergency Management field. Numerous options are currently being considered to cater to the individual needs of specific areas in the field. In addition, the idea of offering OCU's distinctive courses online is being researched in order to make the program accessible to people all over the world.

FEMA Higher Education might refer to the state of Emergency Management Higher Education as "good." At Ohio Christian University, we say, "The State of Emergency Management Higher Education is Great!"



Thad Hicks, Disaster Management Director



Disaster Management Student Begins Work With the Conflict Analysis and Intervention Group (CAAIG)

OCU Disaster Management student, Christy Galvan, has received an internship position with The Conflict Analysis and Intervention Group (CAAIG), a U.S.-based company with a Middle East North Africa (MENA) focus. Its mission is to transform conflict and manage emergencies through in-depth assessments and targeted interventions, curriculum design, capacity building, and cross-cultural engagement.

Christy's work with CAAIG will be research based and consist of collecting the "best practices" of faith based organizations in the area of relief management. This area is vital to the field as little research exists. CAAIG MENA Region Coordinator, Marie-Jose Tayah, expressed excitement concerning Christy's addition, stating, "I am very impressed with Christy and her abilities, and very eager to get her started."

Ms. Galvan is a senior majoring in Disaster Management & Relief and is a founding member of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) chapter at OCU. In addition, Christy is a member of Epsilon Pi Phi, an Emergency Management Honor Society. Christy is leaving all her doors open, but once graduated; Christy plans to work in International Development.

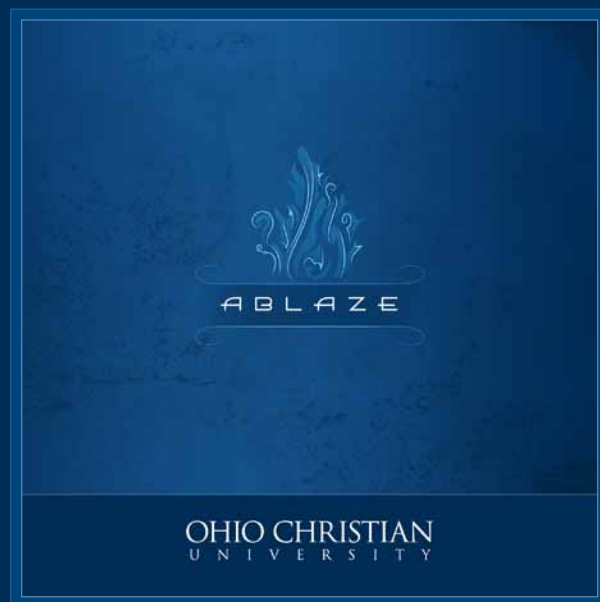


Thad Hicks Presents Workshop at the Makhzoumi Foundation in Lebanon

On June 24th, Professor Hicks presented at the Makhzoumi Foundation, a private Lebanese non-profit organization, established in 1997 by Fouad Makhzoumi. The foundation contributes through its programs to the civil society development by providing its services to men, women, and children throughout Lebanon. Healthcare is one of the major areas or need. Doctors, nurses, and staff at the Foundation are working towards preventative treatments and better medical care for the people of Lebanon. This work takes its toll on the providers and some choose to leave the work entirely.

Professor Hicks trained healthcare providers in the area of trauma and responder compassion fatigue. Hicks added, "Those working in the healthcare field are especially susceptible to these issues." This training is particularly timely due to the recent flow of refugees into Lebanon from Syria. These refugees often arrive with medical as well as traumatic issues that need immediate care.

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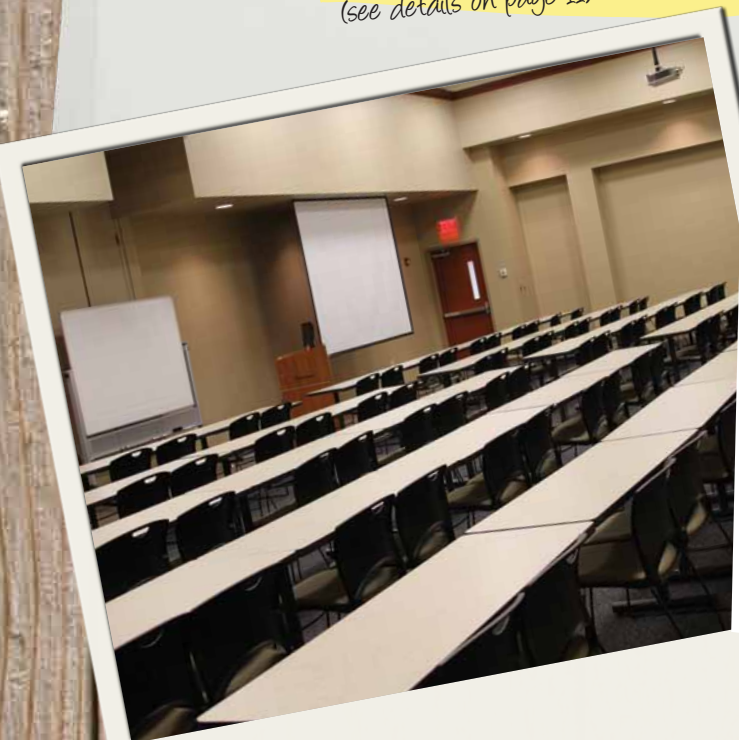
2011 Accomplishments

- » Added student housing for 50 students
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- » Repaved, added parking and new sidewalks.
- » Upgraded Campus Bookstore and mailroom.
- » New soccer complex and softball field.
- » Technology and network upgrades
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(see details on page 11)*



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Thursday, October 6

Homecoming Chapel	10:45 a.m.
Homecoming Chapel	12:10 p.m.
OCU Follies	7:00 p.m.
Torch Run with Bonfire	8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 7

Ohio Golf Outing	7:00 a.m.
Doors Open/Food Available	4:00 p.m.
Alumni Panel	6:00 p.m.
<i>(Hosted by the Career Center in partnership with the Alumni Association)</i>	
Gospel Concert	6:00 p.m.
<i>TaRanda Greene, Karen Peck & New River, The Talley Trio, and Brian Free & Assurance</i>	

Saturday, October 8

Alumni Gathering Luncheon and Mass Reunion for the classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006	12:00 p.m.
Gospel Concert	6:00 p.m.
<i>The Perrys, Dover Brothers Quartet, Mark Trammell Quartet, and The Royalaires</i>	

share *Your* story

Share your news and photos in the next edition of OhioChristian. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Births & Adoptions

Child's name, gender, and date of birth or adoption; names and class years of new parents or grandparents.

Marriages

Newlywed names and class years; location, and date of marriage.

Ministry and Career

Alumnus name and class year; details of ministry involvement, professional accomplishment, or retirement.

In Memoriam

Notifications will be accepted only from immediate family members of the deceased. Please include the class year for all OCU grads in the family.



Send updates by email to alumni@ohiochristian.edu or using the web form at www.ohiochristian.edu/magazine.

To ensure quality, we can only accept high-resolution digital images. A minimum file size of 500kb is recommended.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Donna (Smith) Reagan, class of 1969, recently graduated from Trevecca Nazarene University receiving a Masters Degree in Library and Informational Science.



Following his graduation from Ohio Christian University, **R.D. Saunders, class of 1987**, served 22 years as a local church pastor. Today, he serves as the Chief Significance Officer of Network of Caring, a humanitarian aid and missions organization in the Atlanta area. Saunders is also the leader and primary trainer of Leading with 2020 Vision, a 12 CD annual leadership development program.

Jennifer Clifford, class of 2002,

graduated from the University of Dayton receiving a Masters Degree in Community Counseling, and is now continuing her education by pursuing a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She works as a licensed SMD Therapist at Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers in Lebanon, Ohio. Jennifer also works at her local church in both their counseling and youth ministries. She and her family currently reside in Hillsboro, Ohio.



Following her graduation from Ohio Christian University, **Khandi (Jones) Stewart, class of 2008**, went on to receive a Masters Degree in Addictions Counseling. She is now working on her second Masters Degree in Counseling. Today, Stewart attends the First Church of God and ministers at the Columbus Library where she holds monthly Bible workshops. Stewart and her husband Calvin were married on July 4, 2009.

Greg Davis, class of 2008, and his wife, **Whitney (Pontius) Davis, class of 2008**, are the proud parents of Gideon Gregory. Gideon was born on July 16, 2011 at the Dublin Methodist Hospital, weighing 8 lbs 11.5 oz and measuring 21 inches long.





OCU Alumnus David Dean Ministers in China and Argentina

I have come to the inescapable conclusion that one of the great privileges an authentic Christ follower has been given is to make Jesus known to all peoples of the earth.

DAVID DEAN, CLASS OF 1970

David Platt, in his best selling book, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith From The American Dream*, asks some very searching questions to the American Church and to American believers. He poses the question of what would happen in our lives if we really took the Word of God seriously and sought to live out the gospel of Christ in our fallen world.

At the conclusion of his book he invites us, as American Christians, to join him in a journey of reaching out to the entire world. He makes an astounding statement when he said, "When Jesus looked at the harassed and helpless multitudes, apparently his concern was not that the lost world would not come to the Father. Instead his concern was that his followers would not go to the lost."

I have come to the inescapable conclusion that one of the great privileges an authentic Christ follower has been given is to make Jesus known to all peoples of the earth. The process by which I have come to believe that this best takes place is when we come to the place of understanding the power of one.

The power of one is simply an effort to say that one individual can make an eternal difference by his or her one and only life which is totally yielded to God to be used as He sees best.

There are two powerful events that impacted my life as I began to think about how best to live out the power of one in a global context.

The first was in a banquet room in Atlanta, Georgia in 2002. About 200 people had gathered to hear John Maxwell cast a vision for training a million leaders globally for the cause of Christ. The vision captured my heart and I committed to be a part of this great work with EQUIP Ministries.

From a humble beginning of less than 200 people, God has touched millions of leaders across the globe and expanded the kingdom of God in ways that only will be revealed in eternity.

I have had the privilege of being a part of the EQUIP Leadership Training in the nation of Argentina for the last 3 years. My wife, my son in law, Jason Dooley, and I have traveled to Buenos Aires 6 times over the last 3 years.

It has been one of the great experiences of my life to partner with EQUIP to raise up leaders who will carry the gospel to all of Argentina and even to all of South America.

The second powerful event in my life occurred in December of 2010. My dear friend and long time associate, John Cooper, was taken from us suddenly without warning by an aggressive form of cancer. His passing made a lasting impact on my life and on the lives of those who make up the Brookside Church. Out of this difficult experience, God has taught us what a difference one person can make in the lives of others. The power of one is no longer just a phrase or catchy motto in our lives. It has become a driving force in all we are trying to do in living out our faith in a fallen world.

In March of 2011 my wife and I were extended an invitation to travel with Dr. Doug and Winnie Carter to the nation of China. We spent time with Chinese Christians and saw first-hand what God was doing in this expansive nation. When asked by one of the leaders, "What will you speak to us about?" I responded somewhat sheepishly, "The power of one."

He began to weep and said that it was "divine"! He shared with me that he believed that the secret to reaching out to His people with the gospel was simply one person who was committed to sharing his faith with another and then building into another life until that person grows into a strong believer who will repeat the process over and over again.



Since our trip to China I have had the privilege of traveling again to Argentina with OCU President, Dr. Mark Smith and District Superintendent, Rev. Mike Holbrook to speak to a gathering of South American Nazarene leaders about the power of one. It was a marvelous experience to see hundreds of leaders gather to hear about the power of one. It is bringing power and renewal to every life who takes it seriously.

Over the last several years, God has taken me to places that I would have never dreamed possible...Brazil, Bolivia, Ukraine, Africa and Argentina... but it has been the deepest joy I have ever known.

Perhaps, we need to take the Radical challenge and seek to live out our lives by giving ourselves to the work of raising up strong Christian leaders and Christ Followers who are committed to The Power of One and to reaching our world for Christ.

It is a challenge that we will never regret...in time or in eternity! Why worry about all of this? The answer is quite simple: because Lost People Matter To God!

Winter Getaway

December 9, 2011



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Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria and to the end of the world.”

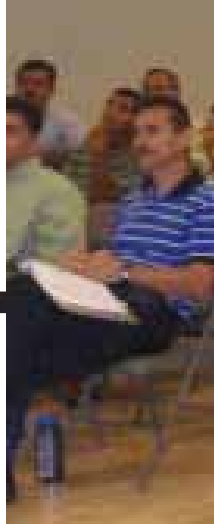
Jonah Mitchell and I (both alumni of Ohio Christian University) joined EQUIP as associate trainers to be able to fulfill Act 1:8 and become God’s witnesses not only across the street but around the world. EQUIP is a ministry that has worked hard in enlisting others to join in leadership development overseas so that the Gospel could go forward in the power of the Holy Spirit through well trained leaders. Jonah and I therefore joined EQUIP by becoming Associate Trainers and took on the challenge to teach Leadership and Ministry to pastors and church leaders in Honduras.

We are committed to go to Tegucigalpa, Honduras twice a year for three years. During these times of leadership training we spend several days teaching and spending time with the Honduran pastors and church leaders. There are around 150 to 200 who attend each session and they are so passionate to learn and develop in leadership as well as the things of God and ministry. Jonah and I teach a notebook of six lessons each time we go and in the three year time frame will have the opportunity to teach six notebooks.

Some of the lessons that are taught are:

- ❑ God’s Call for Us to Lead
- ❑ Strategic Training
- ❑ The Heart of a Leader
- ❑ I Have a Dream
- ❑ Cultivating People Skills in your Leadership
- ❑ Priorities and Decision Making
- ❑ The Leadership Test
- ❑ Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Our goal is to not only teach leadership but to help others to become leaders who will train other leaders.



City of Tegucigalpa, Honduras



We want them to be a mentor to leaders, who will multiply in others the training they have received. We understand that leadership training is not an event but a process and that is why the additional notebooks and a commitment of three years are needed.

Jonah and I have seen the Lord work in marvelous ways as we have spent time with these leaders from Honduras. As they use the materials that are taught and return for a new session, the stories and testimonies of how the Holy Spirit is working in their churches and ministries are amazing.

People are being saved, sanctified and called for service as the Kingdom of God is being built around the world.

It is a thrill to minister with Jonah Mitchell and to see how the Lord is using him as a leader to train other leaders. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment as we become His witnesses around the world.





Trailblazers Announce New Programs & Facilities

The athletic department is pleased to unveil a new soccer complex and cross country teams to represent OCU in competition this year.

BEN BELLEMAN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



35-year Circleville coach Jim Diltz and former standout runner Scott Boyer will lead OCU's new cross country teams



The recent construction of a new OCU soccer complex gives the men's and women's soccer teams a new pitch. The 120-yard by 75-yard field has been shaped properly to provide a nice, flat playing surface for intercollegiate games. The soccer teams, under the direction of Coach Josh Murton, are excited for this new development.

Trailblazer Athletics has also announced the formation of a Men's and Women's Cross Country program. This is an exciting addition to the athletic program. The Trailblazers were able to find strong leadership to guide the runners in former high school cross country coach Jim Diltz and former high school runner Scott Boyer.

Diltz coached 35 years in Circleville, leading the Tigers to a 389-46 record and six top-10 team finishes at the state level. His philosophy of the team as a family that cares for and helps one another will be the cornerstone of the OCU cross country program. To that end he emphasizes that his athletes work hard and are good representatives of themselves, their families, and the university. Coach Diltz also serves the campus community as an adjunct professor in the education department at OCU.

Boyer, a recruiter for Ohio Christian University's adult degree programs, started his cross country career as a standout runner at Defiance High School in Defiance, Ohio. He is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, which did not have a cross country program during Scott's time there. Boyer he continued running and training on his own and completed his first Columbus Half-Marathon in October of 2010. He continues to run and train for distance races.

The teams will participate in five meets, all in Ohio. Visit www.ohiochristian.edu/trailblazer-athletics to learn more about the team and how they fare this season.



2011 Women's Soccer Team

Batten Returns to Bolster OCU Athletics Growth

Batten, a class of 2001 alumnus, rejoins the athletic department and will serve in the role of athletic recruiting coordinator.

Jamey Batten has returned to work in the athletic department at Ohio Christian University. Batten, a class of 2001 alumnus, rejoins the athletic department and will serve in the role of athletic recruiting coordinator while assisting with other projects on campus. Batten was a four-year letter winner in men's basketball and men's baseball from 1997-2001 and was a member of the 1999-2000 basketball team that earned a berth to the national tournament. He also served at OCU from 2003-2007 in several roles including athletic director and men's basketball coach. Batten will be working with all OCU teams and coaches to take athletic recruiting efforts to a new level.

Batten returns to OCU after serving for four years at NAIA affiliate, Cincinnati Christian University (CCU). At CCU, Batten served as Sports Information Director, Athletic Recruiting Coordinator, and Head Women's Basketball Coach. During his tenure, he helped lead CCU in a transition to the NAIA while coaching his team to a National Tournament, NCCAA Div. I top-10 ranking, and three NAIA top-25 poll appearances. His team compiled a 56-32 (.637) record and Batten left CCU as the all-time leader for women's basketball career wins. The Trailblazers are excited to have him return to help ignite growth for all OCU athletic teams.

Since returning to OCU, Batten has been instrumental in developing official Trailblazer Athletics social media sites on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. These efforts will help the athletics department better share the successes of OCU's intercollegiate teams. Plans are underway to launch a weekly video program which will provide updates through game analyses, player interviews, and video highlights. Stay tuned for details!

Be sure to visit the campus or attend a game this year and welcome Jamey back. If you would like to refer a student athlete to OCU, please contact Jamey today at jbatten@ohiochristian.edu. Individual campus tours, player workouts, and special events are available. Contact us anytime to schedule your VIP recruit visit.

Help us cheer the Trailblazers on to victory!

Fall 2011 Home Game Schedule

Men's Soccer

Sep 17, 2pm	vs. Otterbein College
Sep 19, 5pm	JV vs. Southern State Community College
Oct 14, 4pm	vs. Johnson University
Oct 15, 11am	JV vs. Valor Christian College
Oct 15, 3pm	vs. Kentucky Christian University
Oct 18, 4pm	vs. Cincinnati Christian University
Oct 24, 7pm	vs. Cedarville University

Women's Soccer

Oct 14, 2pm	vs. Johnson University
Oct 15, 1pm	vs. Kentucky Christian University
Oct 18, 2pm	vs. Cincinnati Christian University
Oct 22, 2pm	vs. Berea College

Women's Volleyball

Sep 16, 6pm	vs. University of Cincinnati - Clermont
Sep 17 (All day)	vs. Crown College
Sep 17, 12pm	vs. Appalachian Bible
Sep 20, 6pm	vs. Kentucky Christian University
Sep 23 (All day)	vs. Trailblazer Volleyball Classic
Sep 24 (All day)	vs. Trailblazer Volleyball Classic
Oct 6, 6pm	vs. Free Will Baptist Bible College
Oct 17, 6pm	vs. OSU-Marion
Oct 22 (All day)	OCAC Tournament

On campus at OCU unless otherwise noted. Schedules are subject to change. For complete schedules, including those for JV teams, please visit

www.ohiochristian.edu/trailblazers.

Ohio Christian University Hires New Director of Church Relations



In the spring of 2011, Tony and Abby McCrary accepted the invitation to join the Ohio Christian University team in the Department of Church Relations. Tony serves as the new Director of Church Relations and Abby is the Administrative Assistant for the department. They come to OCU from Fortville Church of the Nazarene in Fortville, IN, where both served in various staff positions.

Tony and Abby have been involved in music ministry since they were married in 1987 and traveled with music teams while attending Hobe Sound Bible College. In 1989 they returned to Pennsylvania where Tony began his ministry as minister of music. In 1991, The McCrary's accepted the call to join the staff at Ambassador Foundation Institute as music directors, and later served as the director of the ministry. During this time, Tony also served as editor of the Midwest Southern Gospel Source, which was a monthly regional publication serving the southern gospel community. While serving as director at AFI, the McCrarys led ministry teams both domestic and internationally.

In 1995, they accepted the invitation to serve in the Church of the Nazarene in the ministry of music. In 1997, God led the McCrary's, for a second time, to Fortville, Indiana to serve on the pastoral staff at Fortville Church of the Nazarene. The McCrary's enjoyed a wonderful ministry in Fortville for over 14 years, serving not only as worship pastor for the duration of those years, but also in various other areas of ministry, such as youth pastor, school administrator, and church administrator.

The McCrary's are also blessed to include their children in their ministry. McCrary Music Ministries is an ongoing concert and song evangelism ministry that includes the entire family. God has led their children to be involved in the ministry passions of their parents which include both music and drama ministry. Amber (23) is a senior at Indiana University completing a degree in theater with a call from God to serve in drama ministry. Megan (19) is in her sophomore year at Ohio Christian University majoring in worship arts and sings in the OCU music team, Ablaze. Alex and Caitlyn (twins, 16) and Britton (14) all continue to travel with their parents and are a vital part of the family ministry.

For information on booking the McCrary's for your church service, please call Abby at 740-420-5903 ext. 430.



Academic Dean Granted Sabbatical for Fall Semester

A sabbatical has been granted to Dr. Joe C. Brown, Vice President for Academic Affairs, for the fall semester. During his sabbatical Dr. Brown plans to complete a book about the calling to ministry. He will also conduct research about recent trends that are changing the church in America.

Coming Events

Oct	6	Preview Day
	7-8	Homecoming, p.21
	13	Faith & Freedom Rally, p.9
	20-21	Traditional Student Fall Break
	27	Preview Day
Nov	10	Preview Day
	24-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec	1	Preview Day
	3	Festival of Carols & Lights, p.7
	5-9	Traditional Student Finals
	9	Winter Getaway

This section of the magazine introduces the artists and sponsors of the Homecoming Gospel Concert.

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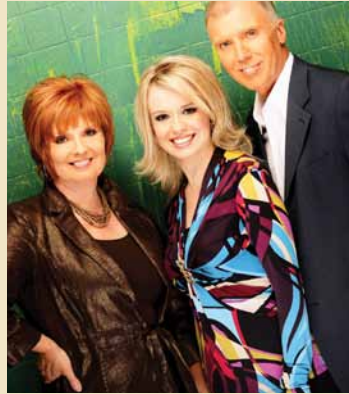
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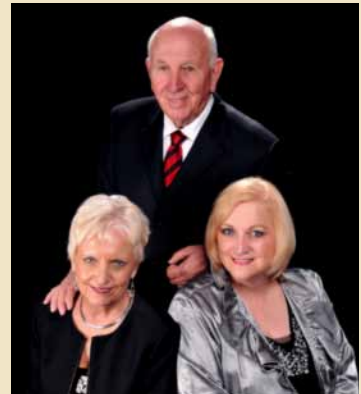
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