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Two conferences are being offered this spring in two strategic parts of the state as an initiative to equip our churches with resources and encouragement in “the journey to multiply disciples, leaders, and churches.”

These quality conferences are being sponsored in partnership by EveryEthne (ABWE), Envision Conference, the OARBC and Cedarville University. Pastors and church leadership are encouraged to participate in these identical one-day conferences held on Tuesday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 12. Conference leadership states, “We are confident you will leave with the clarity and resources you

need to take your next step in becoming a reproducing church.”

The \$25 suggested minimum donation covers the eight-hour seminar which includes lunch and over \$100 of resource materials for participants to take with them. All funds donated for registration of this event will be given to a church planter or church revitalization work in the state of Ohio. It is a win-win!

Church Multiplication Solutions Conference

Tuesday, April 5 Shawnee Hills Baptist, Jamestown
Tuesday, April 12 Northfield Baptist, Northfield

8:30 am—4:30 pm
includes lunch and materials

\$25 minimum donation to register

Register today!

www.everyethne.church/church-solutions-conference



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A WORD FROM THE REP

Hello, OARBC family,

Looking out my office window this afternoon tells me that I need to go out and blow snow one more time. I hope all of you are enjoying the winter weather that has blanketed many of us in Ohio.

*God's
church is
built one
believer
at a time.*

I received a call from one of our pastors this week. He shared a lady came to him on Sunday to let him know she had recently accepted Christ. My wife, Linda, came home yesterday praising God two children professed Christ in the Good News Club taught by ladies from our home church. I am reminded we are "Spreading the Gospel in Ohio through Healthy Churches." This is how God's church is built, one believer at a time. I welcome a call, email or text from all of our pastors and churches when one comes to Christ so I can rejoice with you.

In keeping with our objective of "Spreading the Gospel in Ohio through Healthy Churches," two Church Solutions Conferences are being offered in April, one at Shawnee Hills in Jamestown and the other at Northfield Baptist in Northfield. I encourage all our pastors to come, bring some of your church leadership and be challenged together in our journey to multiply disciples, leaders and churches. The information you need to register is on the front page of this LINK. I really hope to see you there.

We presently have two churches in the process of evaluating whether to join the OARBC. Very encouraging! Be praying for these churches and the Council of 12 as we work with them in this process. And get the word out...the OARBC offers like-minded churches and pastors partnership, friendship and encouragement in their ministry. Like-minded pastors are also invited to the Church Solutions Conferences. Invite someone to come with you.

One of our new church plants, Bible Fellowship in West Lafayette, has recently purchased a bank and are now in the process of retrofitting the building to make it more useable for their church ministry. Some of our OARBC churches have been involved with them to help with expenses. One gave a generous gift to cover the cost of electrical renovations. Another one of our churches that recently closed gave them 100 auditorium chairs, portable dividers, a piano and a stove. It is great to see our churches working together and God providing.

We have nine churches without pastors at this time. We praise God two of our churches just recently called senior pastors. There is still a lack of resumes for pastors and associates, but we continue to earnestly pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers.

Praise God Skyview Ranch has a new Executive Director, Jon Casbohm. You can read his first Skyview report on page 6. I believe Jon will be a great asset to Skyview and a great connector for the OARBC.

Men, get signed up for the Men of God 2022 (Bellefontaine) or Man Up 2022 (Medina). See page 10.

Seniors, we look forward to the 2022 Senior Luncheon at Camp Patmos in September. See page 6.

Ladies, plan to attend the OWM Spring meeting on April 23. See page 3.

I am excited to be working with our Council of 12. Our newest council members are bringing fresh energy and ideas to the table. We are meeting for the second time February 3. Be in prayer for us as we give leadership to our beloved association. We have some blessings in the works that we hope to share with you soon.

May God continue to bless your ministries as we are "Spreading the Gospel in Ohio through Healthy churches."

Serving Christ and the OARBC,

Chuck

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Ohio Women for Missions (OWM)



Dear Ladies of Ohio,

As we look toward 2022, I am asking myself, “What is in store for the OARBC Women For Missions?” Our attendance at our meetings has been low. I know that Covid-19 has played a part in this, but still we have experienced a lack of interest. In reading a book, *Why Keep Praying*, I was encouraged not to lose heart; not to become discouraged, weary or despaired. Luke 18:1 says, “Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.” (NASB) Keep seeking God because he deeply cares about us. Our Lord invested much time in prayer because He needed to pray. He needed to hear from his Father because he had laid aside His deity and became human. If Jesus needed to pray without ceasing, then we need to follow His example as well.

Spring Area Meetings

Hebron Fellowship

Saturday, April 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Wellington, OH

Speaker: Dr. Joy Anglea
Baptist Mid-Missions

Bethany Fellowship

Saturday, April 16, 2022
10 am—1 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
Salem, OH

Speaker: Julie Madbondo
Julie’s Heart Cry Ministry

*See you all at the
OWM Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 23!*

We don’t know what lies ahead for us individually, as churches or as the Ohio Women for Missions, but Christ does. We can’t see ahead but He can. So my prayer is to keep trusting and praying for the Lord to guide us through 2022 one step at a time. I am asking the Lord to do this in each of our lives this year.

With this encouragement, will you plan now to come with your ladies from your churches to the fellowships planned for the 2022 Ohio Women for Missions?

OWM Spring Fellowship

Saturday, April 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

(lunch will be provided)
Fostoria Baptist Church
524 W. Lytle Street
Fostoria, Ohio 44830

Speaker: Deb Searles, Pastor’s wife
Abbe Road Baptist Church

*Deb will be sharing her passion for children’s outreach ministry,
giving helpful ideas to reach children
with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

We will finalize our 2020-22 State Project for our camps:
Camp Patmos, Skyview Ranch and Scioto Hills
We have \$13,961.60 towards our goal of \$15,000

Please be in prayer: We need to fill the offices for treasurer and secretary. Contact Donna Victor if you or someone you know could fill this need. We will hold elections at our spring fellowship.



*Deb Searles (right) and friend
OWM Meeting Speaker*

OWM Ladies Fall Retreat

November 10 & 11, 2022

Carlisle Inn — Sugarcreek, Ohio

Speaker: Linda Luedeman, Women At Risk / former OWM President

We will have more details for our fall retreat as the time approaches. Please save these dates and plan to be a part of the Ohio Women for Missions fellowships.

Be safe, keep looking up, and don’t lose heart,
Donna Victor, OWM President

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Grace Baptist, Cedarville, Calls Senior Pastor

Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, is pleased to announce the calling of a new senior pastor, Dr. Tim Cochrell. Pastor Tim, his wife Katie and five children relocated to Cedarville from a long-term ministry in Princeton, Massachusetts.

Pastor Tim grew up on a farm in the rural northeast Ohio community of Burbank where at the age of five he came to the realization that he was a sinner and came to a personal faith in Christ. Kelly grew up in Portland, Maine. God intertwined their lives on a missions trip to Jamaica as they were both students at Cedarville University. God wrote their love story, and they were married July 13, 2003.

Pastor Tim pursued his graduate education at Dallas Theological Seminary while Katie worked as a nurse at Baylor University Medical Center. His postgraduate work in Leadership was completed at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



*Pastor Tim and Katie Cochrell
Caleb (14), Joshua (12), Andrew (10),
Elliana (7), and Judah (3).*

As a family, the Cochrells enjoy hiking and camping as a retreat from the busyness of the daily routine. As a couple, they also enjoy entertaining and developing relationships with other couples and families. Sunday, January 9, 2022 was Pastor Tim's first preaching service. They are happy to be settling into their new community and ministry. We warmly welcome them back to Ohio!

Skyview Ranch Appoints a New Executive Director



Jon and Amber Cashbohm and family

Skyview Ranch has appointed Jon Casbohm as executive director. For the last seven years he has been pastor of outreach and discipleship at First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio.

"Pastor Jon and his family will transition to Skyview Ranch in the coming weeks and are eager to begin working with the current staff to strengthen the ministry in 2022," the camp says.

Kevin Fath, board chairman at Skyview Ranch, says "Jon has a heart for the Lord and a love for people, along with the business-savvy to help SVR continue to be a gospel-centered ministry where spiritual life impact can occur."

Skyview's board represents seven churches, six of which are in fellowship with the OARBC. The camp is also a member of the National Association of Regular Baptist Camps.

"Over the last several years, Skyview has faced some difficult days," the camp says. "These exceptional challenges have caused those laboring at the ranch to reevaluate, reinvest, and recommit to the work God has called them to at Skyview. With the recent near completion of the camp's 23,000-square-foot multipurpose facility, which includes a gymnasium, chapel venue, commercial kitchen, dining hall, conference rooms, and nursing station, Skyview is ready to carry on its mission for many years to come."

—adapted, garbc.org

First Baptist Church, Strongsville

First Baptist Church, Strongsville, has welcomed to their ministry team Samuel and Darlene Farlow. Sam and Darlene are missionaries with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism working in church planting and church recovery. They are serving alongside Chaplain Jeff and Maggie Cunningham keeping office hours, helping with the Word of Life program, filling the pulpit when needed and in whatever capacity they can serve and encourage.

The Farlows relocated to Strongsville this past fall after completing their most recent assignment at South Holly Baptist Church in Centennial, Colorado. They have been ABWE missionaries for 38 years working in California, Idaho and Colorado. In that time, God has used them to plant three churches and work in restoring four others. They have four children and fifteen grandchildren.



Sam and Darlene Farlow

First Baptist is very grateful to God for the Abram Creek Baptist Church, Pastor James Beight and Chaplain Jeff for their support during this time of revitalization. The addition of the Farlows to their ministry team is an encouragement and evidence of God's hand upon the ministry.

Brian Solomon named North American Global Director for Capitol Ministries



Brian Solomon

As newly-named North America Global Director for Capitol Ministries, Brian Solomon has the formidable task of growing CapMin in the United States and Canada. It is a daunting job description to be sure, but like his CapMin colleagues who are laboring to “create disciples of Jesus Christ in the political arena of the world,” Pastor Solomon senses God's call to the task.

“God's sovereignty is wonderful to consider—that the God of the universe knows me and orchestrates the events and affairs of my life and He wields them for my good and His ultimate glory,” Pastor Solomon said.

Since becoming a member of the CapMin team in 2019, Pastor Solomon has been co-leader of the discipleship Bible study to Ohio Legislators with Brian Hanson. As Pastor Hanson travels frequently for his other CapMin role of Director of International Ministries, he welcomed the ministry partner.

When first joining CapMin, Pastor Solomon intended to move his family (wife Naomi and four daughters) to Colorado to begin a ministry to state legislators. Due to circumstances, including COVID-19 complications, those plans were not accomplished. In this new position, the family will remain in Ohio. He will continue to co-lead the Ohio ministry.

Pastor Solomon earned a Bachelor of Science in Bible from Baptist Bible College and completed coursework in the Master of Ministry program from Baptist Bible Seminary, both in Clarks Summit, PA. He has also completed coursework in the Master of Ministry program at Cedarville University in Cedarville, OH. He formerly served as pastor of family ministries at Southgate Baptist Church in Springfield, OH.

“Scriptures tell us that ***‘faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ’*** (Romans 10:17),” he said. “It's so important to take the Word of God to political leaders because this affinity sphere desperately needs to hear the Gospel.” He often marvels at the ultimate impact that CapMin's work to teach the Word of God to political leaders can have on nations, saying further, “Oh, that the political leaders of our day across the world would embrace the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and then tether the affairs of their nations to a biblical worldview!... What change could be wrought in our world. What a high calling that God has given to us. As we are faithful in carrying the name of Jesus into the political realm, may God use our efforts to see many come to know the Lord and serve Him!”

—adapted, read article in full at capmin.org



Nancy Jacobs

Nancy K. Jacobs (nee Quick), 85, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday January 20, 2022. She was born October 10, 1936 in Des Moines, Iowa and had resided in the Cleveland area for 34 years. Nancy served faithfully alongside her husband, Rev. Dr. Jack Jacobs, in his teaching and pastoral ministry for 50 years. She poured into the lives of women and children with love and grace. Nancy and her husband's last ministry was at Grace Baptist Church in Westlake from 1986-2003. Previously, she played an integral part in his ministry in Iowa, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Nancy is survived by her six children and spouses; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband in 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.



Lester and Nancy Webster

Lester R. Webster, 84, passed away peacefully January 14, 2022, less than six months after losing the love of his life, his wife Nancy. Lester was born January 29, 1937, in Hamburg, NY. He served as the pastor at Bailey Road Baptist Church, North Jackson, for 18 years. Prior to becoming the pastor of the church, Lester was a schoolteacher in many school systems, ending his teaching career back in his birth town of Hamburg. His wife, the former Nancy L. Scholten, whom he married August 1, 1959, passed away July 27, 2021. Lester leaves three daughters and spouses, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. May their family be comforted from God's Word, "...absent from the body, present with the Lord" II Cor. 5:9.



**Take the
ferry to Camp
Patmos!**



OARBC Senior Adults

It's your turn to go to Camp Patmos

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Catch the am ferry at Marblehead for the 25-minute ride to Kelley's Island. The camp tram will meet us and take us to Camp Patmos for lunch followed by an old-fashioned camp meeting in the chapel. Relax, see the camp and catch the afternoon ferry back to the mainland.

Cost: \$25 per person includes lunch and ferry

**Register at oarbc.com/gyve after April 1 and before September 12
Register a group or register on your own**

CAMP NEWS



Dear OARBC friend,

Another year has passed, and another year has come to see what God will do at Camp Patmos. We are so thankful for our faithful friends and the support you give through prayer and sharing your time and treasure. We could not do it without you. I think back to the crew that came out this late fall replacing and installing the laundry room metal roof. We are also grateful to the many groups that came last spring and through the



New metal roof over laundry room

summer to complete the maintenance, rec center, and craft room transition. Craft 13 is now a craft space in the center of the camp where everyone can enjoy the activities it provides and an upgraded area for maintenance and the Unplugged Arcade, a place to enjoy games and activities that build relationships.

As we look forward to 2022, we would love to share what God is doing at Camp Patmos with your church or small group. You can email dave@camppatmos.com to schedule a visit or contact the office at (419) 746-2214.

Again, we are looking for good godly young men and ladies to serve this summer at Camp Patmos. Serving a summer at Camp Patmos will provide ministry experience in a Gospel-centered environment that will stretch you and prepare you for future ministry in your local church and beyond. I can recall several recent staff members now serving the local church in pastoral and lay leadership who credit Camp Patmos with helping them take the next steps in ministry. To apply, go to:

www.CampPatmos.com/Staff/Summer-staff

to download an application and forward the reference links. ***It will be the toughest job you have ever loved.***

We are also accepting applications for summer camp. Now is the time to reserve your spot for the best week of your summer! We have scholarship funds available for those that might need a little extra help. Contact the office today at info@CampPatmos.com for scholarship applications. Don't let finances keep your child from experiencing a week of camp at Camp Patmos.



Upgraded maintenance area and Unplugged Arcade

We are looking forward to how God will do more than we can imagine or expect this year at Camp Patmos.

Seeking God's best—Dave Sellers, Executive Director, Camp Patmos

2022 Camp Season

(grade entering, and graduated seniors)

High School Camp 1	9-12 grades	June 13-18	\$499
Middle School 1	6--8 grades	June 20-25	\$494
Junior Camp 1	4-6 grades	June 27-July 2	\$489
Family Camp	all ages	July 4-9	see website
Middle School 2	6-8 grades	July 11-16	\$494
Junior Camp 2	4-6 grades	July 18-23	\$489
High School Camp 2	9-12 grades	July 25-30	\$499
Middle School 3	6-8 grades	August 1-6	\$494

SKYVIEW RANCH

OARBC friends,

Greetings from Skyview Ranch! It seems fitting that one of the first tasks that I will complete as the new Executive Director of Skyview is to greet and give a camp update to our OARBC family. I am pleased to be joining and leading the team at Skyview Ranch and look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership with you all. I anticipate having the opportunity to be out in our supporting churches in the days ahead. I would love the chance to meet each of you, get to know your churches, and learn how Skyview can support the gospel work you are doing.

Having grown up in the OARBC, I understand the vital and healthy relationship our Ohio camps share with this unique association of churches. With your help, much work has been done in and through the ministry of the camp over many years, and we recognize there is still much more we can do together! Our staff is working hard to refocus and reestablish various areas of the ministry after facing several large challenges in recent years. Overall, we are pleased both with the recent progress and our current position as a camp, and we are anticipating effective gospel focused ministry in the years to come.

In the last LINK update, the Board of Directors shared some ways that God has continued to provide for the camp, as well as some significant staffing needs. We are thankful for God's continued care and supply. A new Maintenance Director has recently been hired and is scheduled to begin his ministry this month! This is a huge answer to prayer as this will free up our current staff to focus more time on other aspects of their ministries. Not only has the Lord allowed for us to start the year with additional full-time staff, but we are also well on our way to filling our summer staff needs as well. If you or someone you may know is looking for a unique opportunity to serve this summer, please let us know, we would love to have them join our ministry team.

Men, our annual Men's Retreat is officially back to Spring! Plan to be with us April 21-23. We've got all of your favorite activities planned and the cost is just \$135. Brian Solomon from Capitol Ministries will be speaking this year and we are looking forward to a great time together in the Word!

While the last two summers have been a bit different, we can say without fail, our God has remained faithful. Lord willing, we will have a full line-up of camps, retreats, and events in 2022, and we can't wait to see you there!

In Him,

Pastor Jon Casbohm, Executive Director

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Skyview campers enjoy cooling off in the lazy river



*Jon Casbohm
Executive Director*

Skyview 2022 Camp Season

Junior Camp 1	4th-5th grade	June 13-18	\$400
Pioneer Camp 1	6th grade	June 13-18	\$400
Jr.High Camp 1	7th-8th grade	June 20-25	\$410
Sr.High Camp 1	9th-12th grade	July 4-9	\$420
Equine Camp	4th-6th grade	July 4-9	\$550
Sr.High Camp 2	9th-12th grade	July 11-16	\$420
Scuba Camp	7th-12th grade	July 11-16	\$650
Jr.High Camp 2	7th-8th grade	July 18-23	\$410
Junior Camp 2	4-5th grade	July 25-30	\$400
Pioneer Camp 2	6th grade	July 25-30	\$400

Register for camp at www.skyviewranch.org

HEADLINE NEWS: PANDEMIC ADVANCES CHRISTIAN CAMPING!



It is quite apparent, after speaking with other camp directors, that students, families and churches are determined to make a camp experience a priority in spite of COVID. 2022 event registrations prove it. We (camp directors) can testify that God proved Himself faithful during these crazy days. I have heard story after story declaring that God faithfully met the needs of our camps. All I can say is, "To God be the glory, great things He is doing!"



Winter Camp #1 2022

However, as we have weathered the storm by His grace, we have also discovered that folks are anxious to come to camp! Maybe even more so than before the pandemic! And trust me, we are ready to serve everyone who wants to spend time at one of our camps. While SHC was able to offer a variety of adult and family events these past two years, we are excited to re-introduce our youth winter events and summer youth camps as well as offer a full slate of adult and family events in 2022. Registrations are pouring in. Our four winter youth retreats are going to be packed, two couples' retreats are full and we anticipate our April 22-23 Men's Retreat with Jeremy Kimble might also be a record attendance.

Summer youth camp and family camp registrations are coming in as people take advantage of early discounts and our staff is tirelessly working to recruit a full team of summer staffers.

REQUEST: We need your help encouraging the quality young adults who attend with you to consider being part of our summer team. It will prove to be one of the richest spiritual growth experiences of their lives.

Needless to say, we are excited to see how God continues to use our camp setting(s) and can't wait to witness the countless "God stories" that will take place in the lives of our campers and guests. Finally, if I may borrow from Joseph, "while some meant the pandemic for evil, it is clear that God meant it for good!" Please promote camp ministry. Your folks will greatly benefit from what it offers. Camp still works!

In Christ,
Scott at Scioto Hills

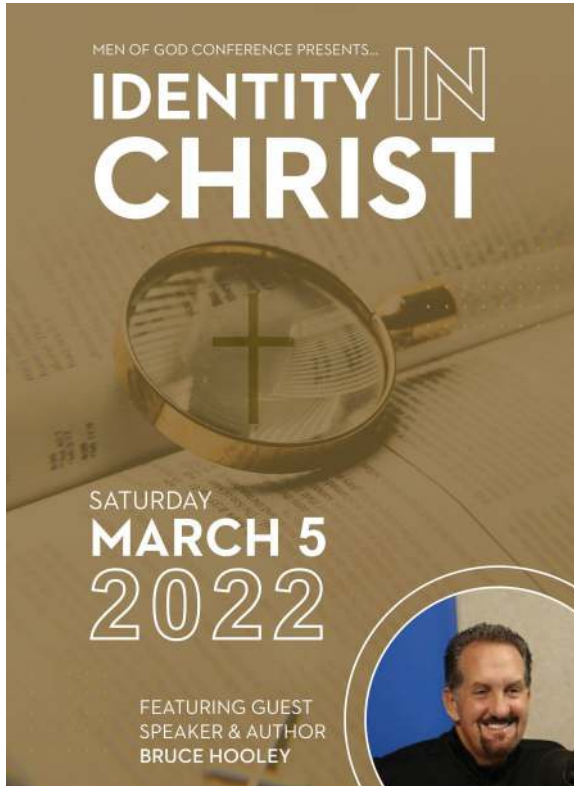
SCIOTO HILLS 2022 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE*

ALPHA/NEW FRONTIER 1	June 12-17	REVOLUTION	July 10-15
ALPHA/NEW FRONTIER 2	June 19-24	MINI CAMP	July 11-13
ALPHA/NEW FRONTIER 3	June 26-July 1	FAMILY CAMP 2	July 17-22
FAMILY CAMP 1	July 3-8	FAMILY CAMP 3	July 24-29

*Mini Camp Grades 1-5
New Frontier Grades 2-6
Alpha Grades Grades 6-9
Revolution Grades 9-12

For pricing/age minimums/more info:

www.sciotohills.com



MEN OF GOD 2022

**Saturday, March 5
9:00 am—3:30 pm**

Calvary Baptist Church
1140 Rush Avenue
Bellefontaine, OH

Bruce Hooley
Guest Speaker and Author

Cost: \$30
Register by 2/23
www.calvarybellefontaine.org

No admission at the door

MAN UP 2022

**Saturday, March 5
8:00 am—3:00 pm**

First Baptist Church
3646 Medina Road
Medina, OH

Dr. Jeremy Kimble
Cedarville University
Professor

Cost: \$35
www.manuplife.com

At the Door: \$45



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When what we need most is more of God, because it is only through more of Him that we find the full and abundant living which we long for most deeply.

CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE STATE



The student ministry at Shawnee Hills, Jamestown, presented the life of Jesus in a uniquely narrated presentation at the beginning of one of the Morning Worship services in December.



Albany Baptist Church, Albany, utilizes its ample parking lot and adjoining green space of the Albany Fair Board for an annual live drive-through depicting the life of Christ. It has become a tradition for many families in the community.



Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, collected 70 gifts for six different families in the Westlake community, demonstrating their desire to be known for loving and pointing their community towards Christ.



The Akron-Canton fellowship Pastors and wives met at Dutch Valley Kitchen for a time of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Planned by Pastor Mark Barrios, area chairman, it was a great night out for all.



Over 100 ladies of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Smithville and guests celebrated Christmas at a Saturday morning brunch. Eleven tables were decorated by ladies of the church using their Christmas dishes or best china with a Christmas theme (far left).

The pastors were asked if they would like to participate. With the help of some deacons, they decorated a table as well. They rolled in the ping pong table from the youth room and turned it into the 9th hole of a golf course (left). Every guest at this table for ten went home with a mini golf cart and chocolate snowmen driving the cart.

You never know what might be up the sleeves of our OARBC pastors!

A Significant Milestone: Cedarville Campaign Surpasses \$100 Million

In October 2021, Cedarville University president Dr. Thomas White shared with the campus community the university had secured financial commitments totaling \$95.6 million toward the \$125 million goal in its *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville*.

In just three months since the announcement, Cedarville has now surpassed \$100 million in its campaign with a late end-of-year push. In fact, the university has now secured commitments totaling \$101.1 million in the largest fundraising campaign in its 135-year history.



In the final months of 2021, Cedarville received a \$2 million commitment from an anonymous donor, a \$1 million contribution from The Schiewetz Foundation in Dayton and more than \$700,000 during the annual Giving Tuesday initiative in November. Since the comprehensive campaign launched October 1, more than 2,500 members of the Cedarville community have supported the campaign through \$37,094 financial gifts. And more than 400 gifts were made by individuals making their first gift to Cedarville University.

A core message throughout the campaign is that every gift matters. This message has resonated with contributors, as gifts have ranged from \$1 to \$12 million.

The success of the campaign to date comes from the generosity of several constituent groups, including alumni, parents of Cedarville students and friends of the university. More than 14,000 alumni along with 6,200 parents and 9,200 friends of the university have given generously to the campaign.

The *One Thousand Days Transformed* campaign features strategic projects that will enhance the education provided to Cedarville students and sustain the university for the future. Of the \$125 million goal, \$92.5 million will be used for university facilities; \$15 million for student scholarships; \$10 million for enhancing the college experience for students, including financial assistance in domestic and international mission trips; and \$7.5 million to provide long-term sustainability through planned gifts.

Future campus building projects that are part of the campaign include the Scharnberg Business Center, a welcome center and academic facility, an athletic and academic expansion to Callan Athletic Center and a women's residence hall.

The largest fundraising initiative prior to the Transformed campaign was \$22 million in 2010.

While the campaign to date has exceeded expectations, Dr. Will Smallwood, vice president for advancement, understands the importance of continuing to share Cedarville's message across the nation. With inflation continuing to rise, Cedarville is balancing a message that continues to present giving opportunities while dealing with higher-than-expected costs on its construction projects.

"The financial support of so many people and organizations toward the Transformed campaign has been overwhelming and encouraging. This tells me that Cedarville is being consistent with its mission and is poised to continue seeing God's blessings through this campaign," said Smallwood. "Our world needs more Cedarville grads serving their churches and communities with gospel intentionality. Therefore, we remain mindful of our responsibility to be wise stewards of every gift God is providing us."

The expansion to the Callan Athletic Center, which will house the university's developing physician assistant program and the new Master of Athletic Training program, is currently near completion. Construction on the Scharnberg Business Center is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall or as soon as funding is finalized. The building will provide classroom, office, and collaborative spaces for one of Cedarville's largest academic schools.