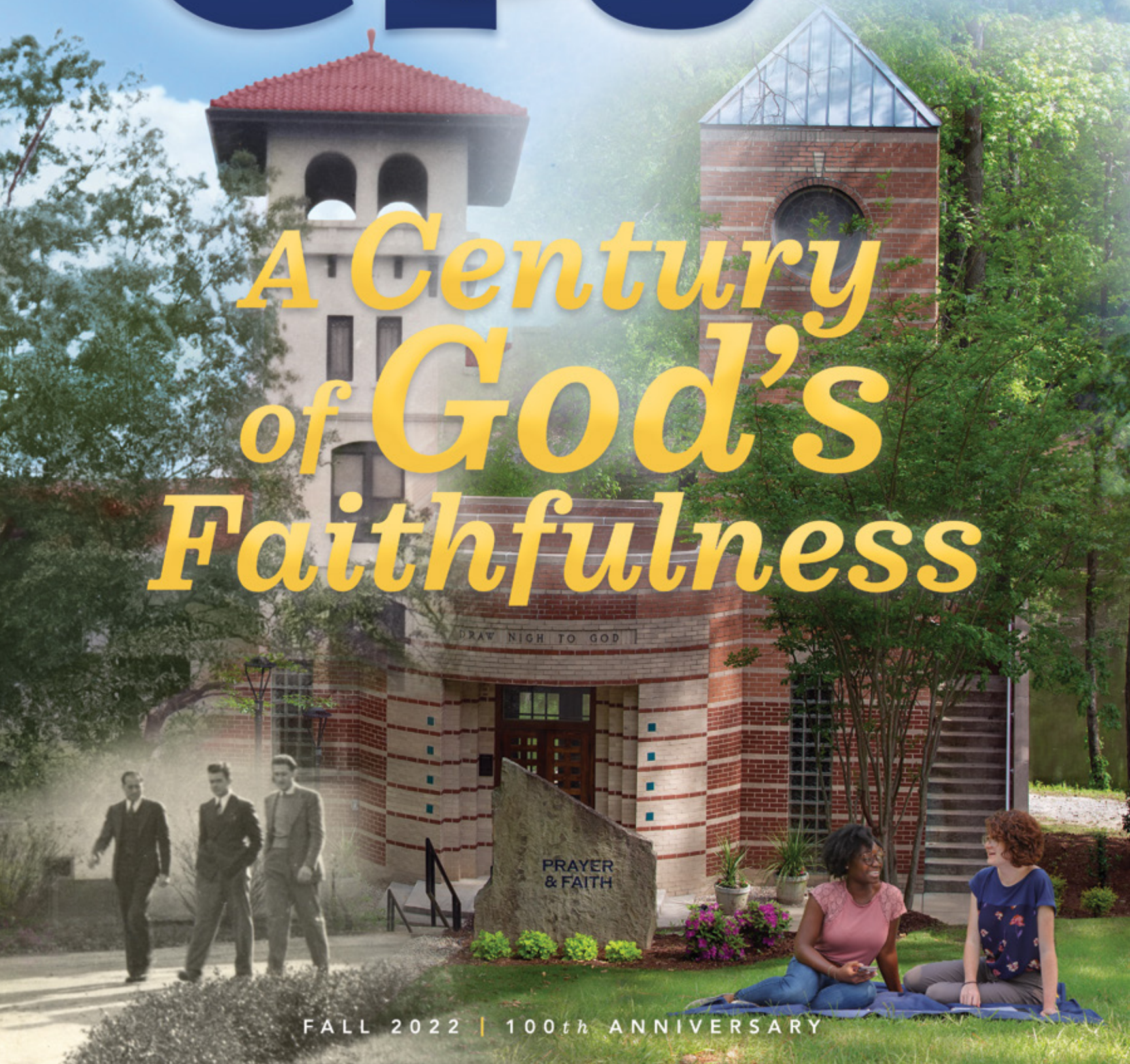


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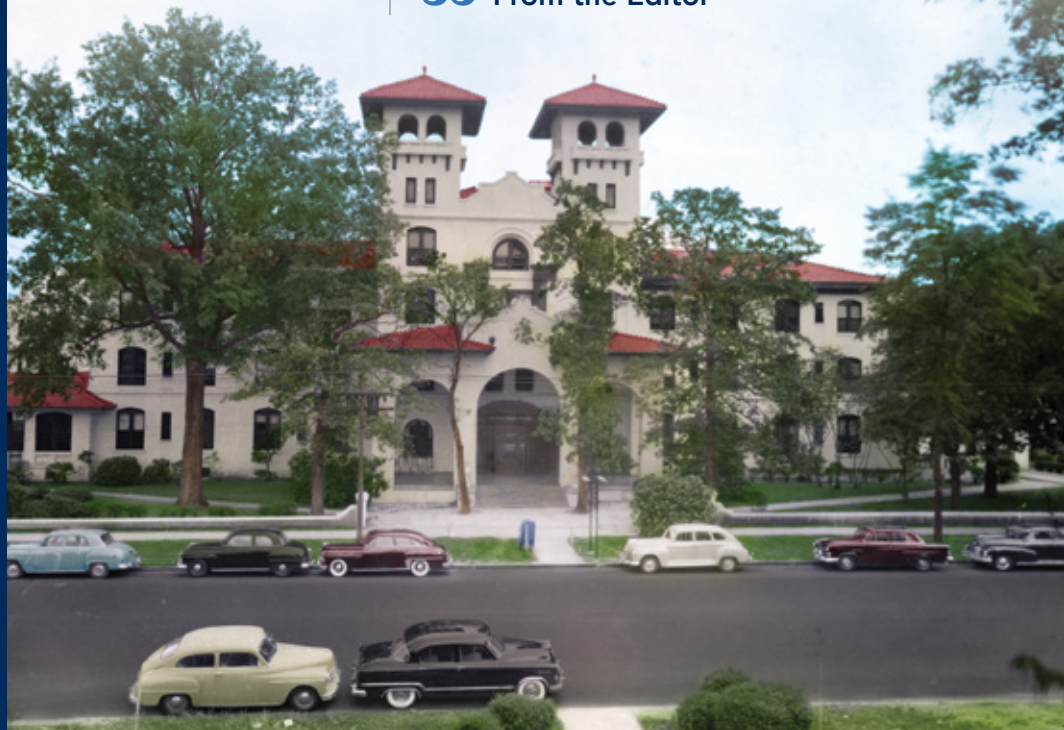
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AN INVITATION

from the President

Dear friend,

Here is my special invitation to you to join us for Columbia International University’s 100th Anniversary Celebration. The year will be packed with exciting events featuring scholars, missionaries, pastors, educators, civic leaders, musicians, authors and athletes, as well as a host of other global influencers.

Alumni, friends, churches, mission organizations and business and community leaders will be on campus to share in the celebration of a century of God’s faithfulness, and to join us in looking forward to the ways God is continuing to move mightily as He builds His kingdom on earth.

Join us as each CIU college hosts an event during the year which shares their unique vision for impacting the nations with the message of Christ - starting with the Future of Global Mission Conference, Nov. 2-4, 2022, and culminating with the inauguration of the new CIU Hall of Faith, Nov. 3-4, 2023. Check ciu.edu/100 for more details and registration information.

From the Praying Women of the 1920s, who brought CIU into existence, to the commencement of the Class of 2023, let’s celebrate 100 years of God’s goodness in using CIU’s 24,000 alumni to bring the message of Christ to the nations! Let’s also look forward to 100 more years of bringing glory to God!

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this special 100th anniversary edition of CIU Today magazine, “A Century of God’s Faithfulness.”

I hope to see YOU on campus! ■

Dr. Mark A. Smith
President



Celebrate with us!

Save the date for these
100th anniversary events

LEARN MORE @ [CIU.EDU/100](https://ciu.edu/100)

Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet & Parents Weekend

September 24, 2022

CIU Athletics has a dynamic line up of events that current students, their parents and alumni will enjoy, including a Fun Run and an Alumni Soccer Match. The CIU Rams men's and women's soccer teams will be in action, and members of CIU's first intercollegiate soccer and cross country teams from 2012 will be on hand. A banquet will cap off the weekend. Check ciurams.com/hof for more banquet information.



Homecoming 2022

November 4-5, 2022

Enjoy a Friday evening concert with alumna Laura Story, weekend reunions and a Saturday President's Lunch with best-selling author Robert Morgan. Check ciu.edu/hc for more information.



Future of Global Mission Conference

November 2-4, 2022

The College of Intercultural Studies and Alumni Relations will recognize CIU's core value of World Evangelization by hosting the Future of Global Mission Conference. Global missions leaders will reflect on the past and look to the future. Diverse voices will share various strategies for effective mission service.

Over 30 seminar and five plenary speakers will share from personal experience and biblical scholarship on topics ranging from getting the gospel to the least reached, to medical missions to disaster relief.

Check ciu.edu/global for more information.





Church Refreshed Conference

January 30-31, 2023

The Church Refreshed conference, hosted by the CIU Seminary & School of Ministry, will offer resources and training to pastors, church planters and church staff members, assisting them in overcoming their fears, reigniting their faith and confidently focusing on the future. Five expert speakers will present strategies and best practices for Prayer, Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership and Financial Resources. Check ciu.edu/churchrefreshed for more information.



100th Anniversary Commencement

May 6, 2023

The Class of 2023 will have the privilege of walking the stage of Shortess Chapel a century after the founding of CIU as The Southern Bible Institute that held its first classes in a rented house near downtown Columbia.

At its founding, the institute was to be “evangelical, interdenominational and missionary” and its purpose was “the training of Christian men and women in the knowledge and practical use of the Bible for service at home and abroad.” Methods and platforms for ministry have changed over time, but in 100 years, CIU has not deviated from that foundation.



John C. Maxwell Leadership Summit '23

March 21, 2023

Top Leadership expert, organizational visionary and encourager for people from all walks of life, best-selling author John C. Maxwell returns to campus to share on ways to maximize your effectiveness whatever you do. Come and be inspired! Check ciu.edu/maxwell for more information.





CIU | 1923-2023 | 100th GRAND FINALE!

Homecoming 2023, CIU Hall of Faith & Concert

November 3-4, 2023

A final celebration of the God who has answered a century of prayers,
featuring best-selling author Paul Tripp, Laura Story and more!



Distinctive Teaching & Learning (DTL) Virtual Learning Conference

August 2-4, 2023

Training, insights and ideas for Christian educators from leaders in the field.





A Century of GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

BEGINNING 100 YEARS AGO

WITH PRAYER AND CONTINUING WITH

Prayer

Columbia International University is an answer to prayer. One hundred years ago, a woman named Emily Dick was concerned for the material and spiritual needs of Columbia's mill villages that often attracted people from poverty-stricken rural areas in the early part of the 20th century. She visited their homes offering sewing, cooking, health, and recreation classes, accompanied with Bible lessons.

As the gospel had its impact, the lives of mill workers changed, drawing the attention of the management of Martel Mill. Miss Emily was asked to start similar programs at mill villages throughout

the Southeast. By 1917, she was taking a four-month extended course at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago to hone her Bible teaching skills. But where would those mill workers who were coming to know Christ be educated? Chicago was 650 miles away.

Out of this need, in faith, Miss Emily went to prayer and God impressed upon her that a Bible school should be established in Columbia. Miss Emily's prayers were multiplied when she shared her vision with her mother, Mrs. T. Hal Dick and close friends Margaret Childs, Pamela Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Tarrant and Mrs. Pearl Stone. Mary Dibble would join them later. They gathered regularly to

The Praying Women gathered to pray for a Bible college in Columbia...



The Praying Women of the 1920s

**GOD ANSWERED THEIR PRAYERS WITH MORE
THAN THEY COULD ASK FOR OR IMAGINE.**



The Praying Women of the 2020s

specifically pray that God bless the dream for the Bible school, and are historically known as “The Praying Women” and as the founders of CIU. They chose John 15:7 as their foundational promise:

***If you abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, ask whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.***

Today, Prayer & Faith is a CIU core value, at the center of its mission: CIU educates people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. ■



The Prayer
Towers were
dedicated in
1987.



A Century of
GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Transforming Lives



...inside the **CLASSROOM**

Whether it was a rented house where 30 students met in 1921 for the first classes of The Southern Bible Institute, CIU's first name, or currently in the state-of-the-art nursing simulation center, the classroom has been about not only academics, but the transformation of lives.

The school's first President, R.C. McQuilkin, imparted biblical knowledge and stressed the Victorious Christian Life from rented space in the sun parlor of the downtown Colonia Hotel.

As the school grew in its downtown location under the name Columbia Bible College (CBC), classrooms and residence halls occupied the historic Robert Mills House and adjacent buildings where professors such as the beloved Buck Hatch not only taught the Bible, but engaged students at a personal level.

When CBC moved to its current Monticello Road location, The Fisher Building, and later Hoke Auditorium, is where students met for those challenging hermeneutics classes. God-honoring creativity has flowed for decades from the Ridderhof Media/Music Center. The expansion of graduate and seminary programs necessitated construction of the Schuster-McQuilkin Complex where the sermons of future preachers have been evaluated and clinical counselors practice their craft.

The Jones Center brought a modern look to campus, housing the Cook School of Business, Nursing and CIU Global, the headquarters of online studies where students logging in around the world are educated from a biblical worldview. ■



...and **OUTSIDE** *the classroom*

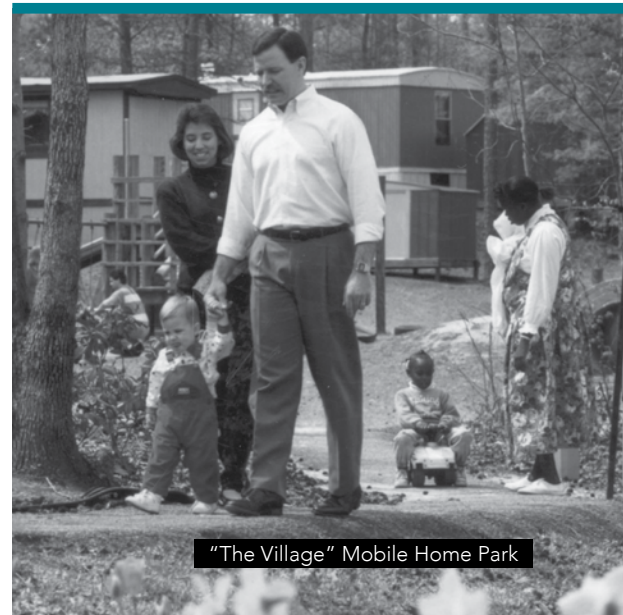
In the last 100 years, many life-changing encounters began in Chapel where students have met with God at a deeper level. At CBC's downtown location, Chapel was held in a relocated church building known as The Tabernacle. On Monticello Road, students are challenged by ministers of the Word from around the world in Shortess Chapel.

Of course, there have always been those late-night deep theological discussions with others "on the hall" whether that was with a roommate at CBC downtown in the Mills House or on the current campus in Memorial or Founders. Married students in the '80s and '90s remember the shared love between families in the CBC Village Mobile Home Park. Innumerable prayers have been shared at the Prayer Towers with deep conversations over a cappuccino in the Rossi Student Center, in the old "Ram Shack" of the early 2000s, or in the dining hall with a trusted professor.

Athletics in recent years has also created a bond between teammates and coaches who challenge each other in their walk with the Lord.

Transformation has also involved deep friendships. Some have made lifelong friends while pumping iron in the Moore Fitness Center or when throwing dodge balls at a roommate in the gym. And then, there have been all those marriage proposals at The Pointe.

No matter the location, community has always been at the heart of CIU, encouraging a transformed walk with God. ■



"The Village" Mobile Home Park



The Robert Mills House



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Dr. Bill Larkin

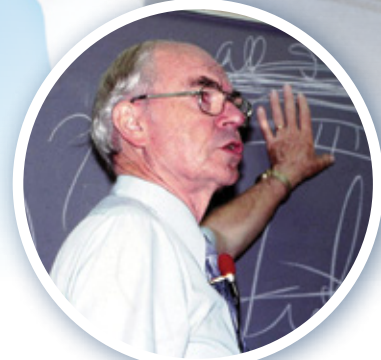


Buck Hatch



Jack Layman clowning with longtime colleague, Bryan Beyer.

Beloved PROFESSORS



Buck Hatch



Mary Faith Phillips

James M. "Buck" Hatch, served as teacher, counselor and administrator for almost 40 years. A pioneer in the field of biblical counseling, Hatch taught and counseled not from a platform of strength, but from his own experience of brokenness and pain. He gained hope in a life that is supernatural, flowing from a continuous relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Students loved him. "Before I knew what was happening, I found myself wide-eyed with interest," recalled one student. "Those 'dry' Old Testament prophets were coming alive! I can still draw for you the diagrams he used to review, and review, and review. Truths illustrated by Mr. Hatch's diagrams left such an indelible impression on my mind that they have been the basis for all my Bible study ever since."

Columbia International University Professor Anita Cooper once said of her former colleague Mary Faith Phillips: "She would be up there with Mother Teresa if people only knew all of what she does."

And what she did was devote her life to knowing and teaching God's Word while cultivating relationships with CIU students as a prayer warrior, mentor and friend, discipling — and caring for her students beyond the classroom.

CIU's third president Robertson McQuilkin said of Phillips that "only Buck Hatch came close to the student loyalty and love" for a professor.

In her retirement years, Phillips is a volunteer at French Camp Academy in Mississippi, a Christian boarding school for young people from broken or troubled backgrounds.

Cliff Bedell teaching outside.



Dr. Bill Larkin

Students called him “The Crusher” for his tough instructional style. Yet he had the heart of a shepherd. That’s how Dr. John Harvey, former CIU Seminary & School of Ministry dean, described his colleague and friend Dr. Bill Larkin.

Larkin taught for 38 years at CIU until his retirement in 2013. His life included a long list of accomplishments. He was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America and joined the faculty of CIU after a year of pastoral ministry in Philadelphia and the completion of graduate studies in England. He authored or co-authored several books, including Bible commentaries.

Larkin also wrote an academic paper on the six roles of a professor: instructor, scholar, advisor, pastor, administrator, and churchman. At Larkin’s funeral in 2014, Harvey said that Larkin lived up to all those roles.

“He was demanding on his students as he was on himself,” Harvey said. “He invested in studying God’s Word as deeply as possible, so he could teach as accurately as possible.”



Cliff Bedell

Cliff Bedell, a former missionary to The Philippines, served as a CIU Bible professor for 36 years before his retirement in 2009.

With his missionary zeal and gift of teaching, Bedell said in the 1979 CIU Yearbook that he praised the Lord for “the opportunity of challenging our students to consider a ministry in communicating the Good News cross-culturally.”

CIU professor Dr. Kevin McWilliams knew Bedell as both a student and a colleague.

“He encouraged his students in an engaging and approachable manner to think deeply, carefully, and biblically about a wide range of issues,” McWilliams said of sitting under Bedell’s teaching.

McWilliams says when he became a faculty member 15 years later, Bedell treated him from the start “as a colleague and a peer.”

“He was a practical help, a source of wisdom, and a cheerleader,” McWilliams said.



Dr. Jack Layman

Dr. Jack Layman’s long association with CIU and Ben Lippen School began in 1955 with his studies toward a Master of Divinity degree from CIU. A year later, he began teaching at Ben Lippen, then located in Asheville, North Carolina. He would return to Columbia to finish his studies, and by 1961, he travelled with his young family to Kenya to work among Hindu, Sikh and Muslim immigrants. After 10 years in Africa, he was called back to Ben Lippen as headmaster.

In 1983, Layman became a CIU professor, teaching a variety of courses, notably Hermeneutics, Progress of Redemption, and Culture and Civilization (Western Man). He was involved for many years with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). In 2010, he was presented with the Kingdom Impact Award by the CIU Alumni Association.

CIU Professor Dr. John Crutchfield called Layman’s courses “inspiring, thought provoking, and spiritually challenging.”

“His knowledge of everything seemed encyclopedic and inexhaustible,” added Crutchfield. “Much of how I think, and what I know, and how I live today can be traced back to the influence of Jack Layman.” ■

These are just a few of the beloved professors that have changed lives and ignited a passion for the Lord in generations of students!



A Century of
GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Making Him Known



24,000 ALUMNI IN 160 NATIONS

On the day in 1922 when R.C. McQuilkin answered the call to be the first leader of what was then The Southern Bible Institute, his letter of acceptance included the words:

“What a mighty power for missions and for soul-winning evangelism the school may be!! There is no limit to what our God is willing and able to do.”

A century later, the Southern Bible Institute, now Columbia International University, continues to fulfill The Great Commission by training and sending laborers to the fields ripe for an eternal harvest. Here is just a small representation of the 24,000 alumni impacting the nations (160 at last count!) with the message of Christ.



William (Bill) T. Harding III ('50) and his late wife Elaine ('50) served for over 30 years teaching pastors and helping grow hundreds of new congregations. They went to Ethiopia in 1954 with SIM, studied Amharic and achieved what he

called "a joyful fluency that allowed me to preach." They served there for 15 years. In February 2013 the doors to the Harding Bible School opened. The school that honors the Hardings' efforts continues to reach far beyond traditional missionary work. Bill and his new wife Betty continue to serve God with SIM.



Dr. Bob ('68/'74) and Dr. Ann (Watson) Henriques ('68) have invested 54 years in local church ministry including TV and radio evangelism, church planting, sacred music and correspondence courses. Ann, and a colleague,

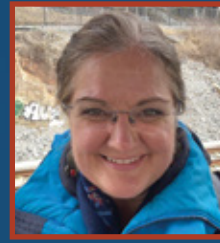
have written the definitive New Testament Greek grammar in Spanish used throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Bob and Ann say their heroes are the men and women who instructed them at CIU. As a result, hundreds of other students and pastors have benefited from their CIU biblical/theological education.



Paul Sywulka ('61) was born in Guatemala to a missionary family with ties to CIU. His father Edward, his sister Anna, he and his brother Stephen are CIU graduates.

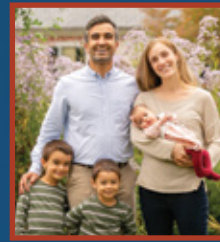
All six siblings, including Dora, Priscilla, and Philip, graduated

from Ben Lippen School. Three of them returned as missionaries to Guatemala; Anna taught Bible in the schools, Steve serves at radio station TGNA, and Paul has had a number of roles at the Central American Theological Seminary/SETECA including teacher, dean, president, and now president emeritus. He has trained students who are serving in over 40 countries, and has ministered in conferences throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Paul's greatest joy is to see the SETECA graduates serving faithfully and being used by God. He is grateful for the solid foundation in biblical studies he received at CIU.



Sarah Bedi ('09) lives in Stockholm, Sweden among the diaspora with a vision to see hard-to-reach people groups have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. She also works with local churches

and networks in the areas of discipleship and church planting, hosting three to four teams per year who desire to answer the call to go into all the world.



Ozgur ('10/'11) and Allison (May) ('11) Jerdan serve in Turkey, Ozgur's home country, and have a growing family of two boys and a baby girl. They co-founded and operate three businesses in the education and

import/export fields, including their most recent product, ETKIN Dripper, which is a large-format coffee dripper. Alongside their businesses, they serve local churches through discipleship. Their ministry responsibilities will continue to grow as Ozgur is working on a video podcast designed to train new believers and engage the general public through art, church history and the explanations of the parables of Jesus.



Moses Yang ('66) is the founder of the Evangelical Mission & Seminary International, Inc. (EMSI), headquartered in Towaco, New Jersey. EMSI is a global Christian community of teachers

and worshipers with 57 churches, missions, seminaries, and Bible institutes in 11 countries on four continents, with over 300 missionaries around the world. Yang also teaches and preaches at EMSI churches in Spain, Holland, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Belgium, France, South Africa, Singapore, Hong Kong, Portugal and Taiwan. His worldwide congregation is mainly comprised of Chinese and Chinese-Americans. ■



CIU'S PRESIDENTS

100 Years of Godly Leadership

Combine one-part CEO with one-part pastor, and you have the job description for the position of president of Columbia International University. For 100 years, seven individuals have led CIU to God's call for the future of the university. They've kept an eye on budgets, while at the same time, possessing a warm heart toward the spiritual well-being of students, faculty and staff, as well as the community and the world.

Their lives are examples to hundreds of students and their scholarship an encouragement to faculty. They set the tone on campus, and in more recent years, online as well, where many of the graduate-level studies are taught.

1923

1952



R.C. McQuilkin

CIU's first president was R.C. McQuilkin in 1922 when the school was first called the Southern Bible Institute. McQuilkin was a leader in the Victorious Christian Life movement when he met "The Praying Ladies" at the home of Emily Dick where he was asked to lead the new school. McQuilkin was on his way to being a missionary to Africa. But God had bigger plans. His scheduled boat to Africa burned in the harbor the night before it was to leave. McQuilkin's missionary heart was planted deep into the DNA of the new school, and God used the college he helped found to lead thousands of missionaries into the field. McQuilkin would write: "What a mighty power for missions and for soul-winning evangelism the school may be!! There is no limit to what our God is willing and able to do."

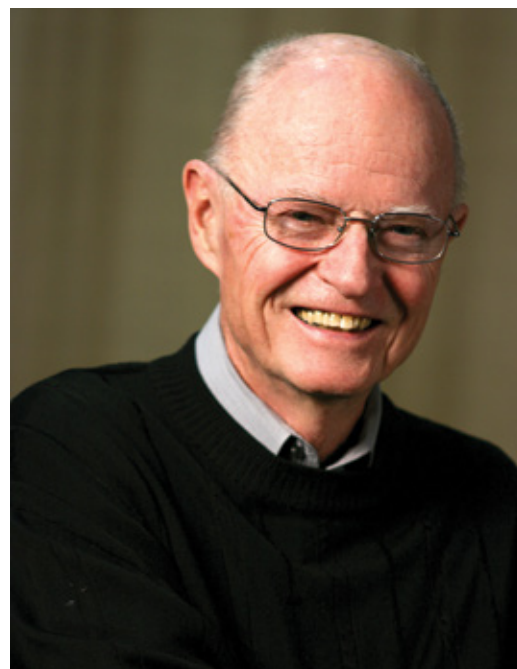


Dr. G. Allen Fleece

After the death of McQuilkin in 1952, the CIU Board voted to make McQuilkin's longtime assistant Dr. G. Allen Fleece CIU's second president. He was described as a man of great faith. Under Fleece's leadership, CIU, then called Columbia Bible College (CBC), underwent major changes, chief among them was moving the campus from downtown Columbia to a 400-acre site north of the city on Monticello Road. The school's first stand-alone library was built on the new campus and later named for Fleece. Also, during Fleece's presidency, CIU became the first institution of higher education in South Carolina to voluntarily desegregate.

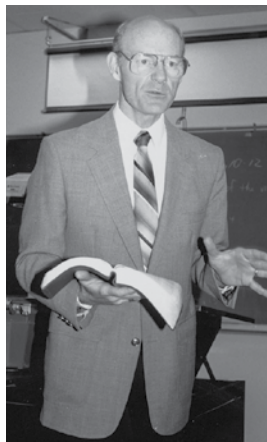
Robertson McQuilkin

Robertson McQuilkin, the son of the first president, was reluctant to even consider becoming CIU's third president. At the time he was convinced he was fulfilling his calling as a missionary to Japan. But he made what he called "the hardest decision of my life" and returned to Columbia where under 22 years of his leadership, significant changes were made and initiatives were added that brought enrollment growth. Among his many achievements were accreditation, distance education, the completion of several key building projects, the moving of Ben Lippen School from North Carolina to Columbia, and the founding of WMHK Radio. But McQuilkin is best known for his resignation as president — to care full time for his wife Muriel who was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. From the experience he wrote the popular book, "A Promise Kept."



1991

1999



Dr. Johnny Miller

There was a buzz on campus on Feb. 15, 1990, as a special Chapel was called. A new CBC president was about to be announced. Cheers and a standing ovation came from the student body as Dr. Johnny Miller was introduced. Miller was no stranger to CBC. He joined the faculty in 1979 and taught for four years. Under Miller's leadership, the school's name was changed to Columbia International University making it easier for students and alumni to enter sensitive countries. Also, during his tenure, ground was broken for the Seminary/Graduate School Center, and the radio ministry expanded as WRCM began broadcasting to the Charlotte, North Carolina market. The Dr. Johnny Miller era was one of significant growth in academic programs, financial health and worldwide missionary impact. Miller was not afraid to take the lead on social issues of the 1990s, commending South Carolina legislators for restricting partial birth abortions, and calling for the removal of the Confederate flag from the dome of the South Carolina Statehouse.



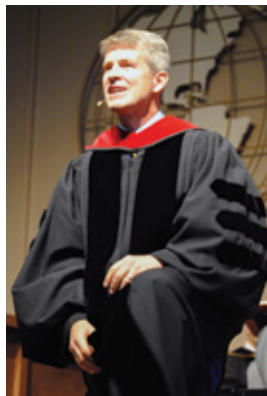
2000

2007

Dr. George Murray

Poor grades and bad behavior almost got Dr. George Murray kicked out of CIU when he was a freshman. But God turned him around. He would go on to earn a doctorate, become a missionary to Italy, lead a missions organization, and become the fifth president of the school that nearly expelled him. Murray focused on making sure CIU remained a ministry training institution, especially to the least reached of the world. Murray brought an emphasis on reaching Muslims when The Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies merged with CIU. Closer to home, during the Murray administration, the first classes in the CIU Prison Initiative were held in 2007 at the Kirkland Correctional Institution, directly across the Broad River from the CIU campus. Among the building programs completed under Murray was the Moore Fitness Center, CIU's initial move toward intercollegiate athletics.





Dr. Bill Jones

It was under the presidency of Dr. Bill Jones, a CIU alumnus, evangelist and missions strategist, that an academic program was introduced that some perhaps saw as a radical shift for CIU. But its first Business program was in line with fulfilling the Great Commission, just in a new way. Jones spoke of CIU educating students as both “professional ministers,” (such as pastors and missionaries), as well as “ministering professionals,” businessmen and women who could take the gospel where others could not. Jones also believed that some of the most effective evangelists of contemporary American youth culture are athletes. So, it’s no surprise that under Jones, CIU played its first intercollegiate athletics. With Jones as president, the residence halls were modernized, Pine View Apartments welcomed its first residents, and the centralized green space known as The Quad was expanded. He was also the president who presented CIU’s now longstanding mission statement: “CIU educates people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.”



Dr. Mark Smith

In his inaugural address, Dr. Mark Smith said he would strive to expand the school’s educational horizons to keep pace with advancements in 21st century technology, while never neglecting the calling God has placed on CIU students – to know Christ and to make Him known. Under Smith, online learning quickly expanded, especially at the graduate level. There has also been an increase of undergraduate majors and athletic programs, both of which contributed to CIU’s largest enrollment in its history – from 1,000 to 2,500 students, reaching the world for Christ. Smith is also committed to the neighborhood – improving the Monticello Road corridor with the purchase and razing of blighted properties and the construction of a new sheriff’s department substation. On campus, most every existing building has been renovated and upgraded. At the campus entrance now stands the William H. Jones Center, housing the \$25 million Cook School of Business, focusing on Business as Mission. The building also houses the nursing program - the beginnings of medical missions - and CIU Global, the headquarters for online learning.



**To be
continued...**

As CIU enters its 100th year, the original vision from R.C. McQuilkin has proven true. CIU is “a mighty power for missions and for soul-winning evangelism,” and for the next 100 years, “there is no limit to what our God is willing and able to do.”



Lest We Forget

MARTYRS AMONG THE ALUMNI

Authorities baffled
over stabbing death
of local missionary

By DAWN HINSHAW
Staff Writer

Bart Chlan spent his life trying to help others. But that attitude ended Saturday with his life. Chlan, 29, was found stabbed to death in his home, not far from Columbia Bible College Seminary.

Authorities have no leads or suspects in the case, Richland County Sheriff Allen Sloan said Monday.

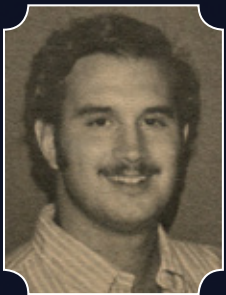
Bitterman's body
found in Bogota

Columbia Bible College graduate

These gave everything!

Memorial Residence Hall has that name for a reason. On the wall of the lobby are plaques remembering CIU alumni who have died sharing and living out the gospel. ■





Chet Bitterman made international headlines in 1981. The Wycliffe Bible translator was abducted by Marxist rebels in Colombia, South America and accused of being a CIA agent. A few months later he would be executed.

A memorial service for Bitterman was held at CIU. President Robertson McQuilkin urged prayer for "a great surge of laborers to the harvest field in response to Chet's death."

Walter Erikson and **Edward Tritt** were on a survey trip into Netherland New Guinea's interior in 1952, when they were murdered with machetes and clubs while they slept. Their native guides, who had abandoned them, later admitted to the killings.

Their efforts were not in vain as their exploratory work resulted in The Evangelical Alliance Mission's (TEAM) decision to open a work in the untouched area of New Guinea.

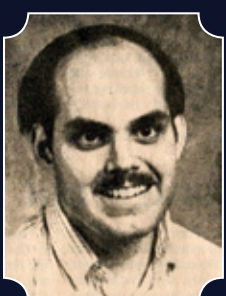
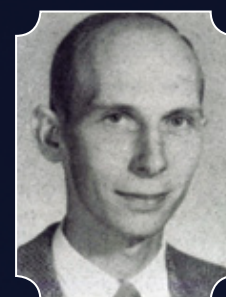


Hank Blood was a Wycliffe Bible translator among the Mnong Rolom people of Vietnam beginning in 1958. But as the Vietnam War raged in 1968, Blood and his family were pulled into the conflict. The Viet Cong shelled their house, and took Hank captive, releasing his wife and children. The North Vietnamese soldiers led Hank on a starvation march over Vietnam trails. Hungry and exposed to the weather, Hank died of pneumonia.

But the work went on. Blood's wife Vange went to the Philippines, and with the help of a Mnong Rolom convert, she translated the gospel of Mark in the Mnong Rolom language. Vietnam fell to the communists, but not before the gospel of Mark was printed and distributed.

Bill Scholten had been serving with UFM (Unevangelized Fields Missions) as an instructor at a teacher training school in the Congo in 1962 in the midst of civil war and what was known as the Simba invasion. When the invasion came, Scholten was already sick with malaria. When he was taken to the town prison, he told his wife Dorothy (a CIU alumna), and his family, that he would see them in heaven.

Scholten was the first Protestant missionary to die in the Congo during that time. But his death inspired others. As a UFM official at the time said, "lots of missionaries came to us. Things like that don't scare missionaries away. They bring them in."



Soon after **Bart Chlan** graduated with his master's degree in Intercultural Studies, he helped establish Columbia Community Church. A visitor to the church was a man in need and Chlan agreed to take him into his home. On Feb. 11, 1989, the man bought cocaine, came back to Chlan's mobile home near the CIU campus, and crept into Chlan's room to steal his credit cards. When Chlan started to wake up, he was stabbed to death.

After Chlan's murder, Columbia Community Church Pastor W.C. Hoecke said the cost of the gospel is very real: "Martyrdom isn't something that happens on the mission field in Zaire. It's something that happens in Columbia, South Carolina, if you really choose to lay down your life for someone else."



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Throughout its 100 years, Columbia International University has been known for more than higher education. CIU has founded other ministries that have reflected CIU's mission and core values. ■



BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL

Ben Lippen, a Scottish phrase for "Mountain of Trust," was first a conference center in Asheville, North Carolina where nationally-known speakers of the Victorious Christian Life movement of the 1920s would hold meetings. By 1940, a Christian school for boys was established on the site, and would become coeducational by 1952 and flourish as a school for missionary children. After a fire destroyed the main building in 1980, Ben Lippen moved to the CIU campus in Columbia, focusing on day students from the Columbia area. Ben Lippen School continues to grow with more than 1,000 students in grades Pre-K3 through 12. Dozens of them are international students who live on campus.



CIU PRISON INITIATIVE

Some CIU students are in prison. But that is by design. The first classes in the CIU Prison Initiative were held in 2007 at the Kirkland Correctional Institution, directly across the Broad River from the CIU campus. Under the program, cohorts of 12 qualified inmates study toward an accredited Associate of Arts degree, and are then assigned as chaplain's assistants throughout the South Carolina corrections system. South Carolina Department of Corrections Director Bryan P. Stirling says the Prison Initiative has a very positive effect on many inmates and is "a vital part of our effort to reduce recidivism and make our prisons safer."



KEPHA INSTITUTE

The Kepha Institute offers international students an online option for higher education that is committed to developing caring, dedicated and competent community leaders around the world, primarily those in East Asia. Kepha offers practical majors such as a Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Master of Arts in Cybersecurity planned for the future. Undergraduate majors in Psychology, Business and Computer Science will also be offered in the future. All degrees conferred by Kepha bear the same accreditation and value as other programs at CIU.

Kepha is the Aramaic form of the name Cephas taken from John 1:42 where Jesus names the Apostle Peter "Cephas" or "Rock."



89.7 WMHK AND NEW LIFE 92 WRCM

For 38 years, award-winning Christian radio was a touch point to the community for CIU. WMHK went on the air from a small studio in the rear of Shortess Chapel in 1976 broadcasting to South Carolina's Midlands. In 1993, the radio ministry expanded with WRCM in the Charlotte, North Carolina market. By 2014, the CIU Board of Trustees made the decision to make sure CIU's focus stayed on the original mission of the school — education. The radio stations were sold to the K-LOVE Christian network for \$10 million, with the money going to the CIU endowment to financially assist more prospective students.





DR. ANDRE ROGERS NAMED DEAN OF STUDENTS AND CAMPUS UNITY

Longtime Columbia International University professor **Dr. Andre Rogers** is CIU's new dean of students and campus unity.

Rogers, a CIU alumnus, has served at CIU since 1999 originally as a professor of homiletics, spiritual formation, and leadership. In recent years he also took on the roles of special assistant to the president and chief diversity officer. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Leadership from CIU in 1995, a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1999, and a Doctor of Ministry from CIU in 2011.

Rogers says he has always had a desire to care for students outside the classroom.

"Because if they're successful outside the classroom, it helps them become successful inside the classroom," Rogers said. "To take care of them physically, socially, spiritually and emotionally outside the classroom — that's what student

life should be about."

While "campus unity" has been added to the title of dean of students, Rogers says it's simply a better way of defining his work as chief diversity officer over the past three years.

"We've determined that diversity is maybe the wrong word," Rogers said. "We're looking at how we can unify the campus. So, whether you are from the States, whether you are from overseas, whether you are Black or White or Latino, or wherever you're from, we come together at the foot of the cross, bringing unity to the body."

CIU sophomore Cameron Burke, a Youth Ministry major, says Rogers is ideal for the position.

"He's a real down-to-earth person," Burke said. "He makes us laugh. He teaches us sound doctrine. He gets us deep in our spiritual life. He's a great professor all around."

Rogers replaces Rick Swift,

another CIU alumnus (Master of Divinity '98), who served in Student Life for 31 years. Swift is now vice president of student life at Cairn University near Philadelphia. Rogers credits Swift for helping him through his time as an undergraduate student.

"He made it easy to transition to college, and I thought that is a pivotal role for those who feel like they don't belong," said Rogers. "I'm grateful for my time to get to know him. God prepared me through that relationship."

As for Swift, he calculated that over 5,000 students graduated during his time in Student Life, he



"A DREAM COME TRUE AT CIU" FOR ALASKA COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

CIU alumnus Dr. Michael Johnson named associate dean of College of Education

The new associate dean of Columbia International University's College of Education brings a wealth of experience to impart to students at his alma mater after serving as Alaska's commissioner of education for the last six years.

Over a 30-year career, Dr. Michael Johnson has also served in Alaska as a superintendent, school principal, district curriculum and staff development director, elementary teacher, and special education program assistant. He holds both a bachelor's degree in Bible ('94) and a master's degree in elementary education ('97) from

CIU, and a doctorate of philosophy in education and intercultural studies from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Johnson, who grew up in Georgia, calls his return to CIU, "a dream come true."

"After 30 years in Alaska, I am returning to CIU grateful for the past, the present, and this new chapter in our lives," said Johnson who is married with two teenagers. "I wanted to come to CIU and equip a new generation to go out and serve Christ both in public school and private school systems." ■



Dr. Michael Johnson



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also credits other campus leaders for guiding him through the decades.

"I am so grateful to the colleagues the Lord has given me in my years," Swift said. "So many have encouraged me, prayed for me, coached me, been patient with me. It has been so rich to be amidst a faculty and staff that knew the Lord and lived that out. It was good." ■



◀ Associate Dean of Spiritual Formation, **Dr. Dan Coy**, is a key member of the Student Life team.



SCIENCE FROM A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AT CIU

New CIU bachelor's degrees in Biology and Biomedical Science are opening up a world of ministry and career possibilities. As with other CIU majors, both are taught from a biblical worldview.

Science programs dean **Dr. David DeWitt**, a neuroscientist, is passionate about discussing how God is revealed in science.

"I am so excited to be able to talk about the evidence for (God's) design in the human body, and the wisdom of God that is revealed in what He has made, right down to the cellular and molecular level," DeWitt said.

DeWitt has taught at the Institute for Creation Research and written articles for Answers in Genesis. He is the author of the book, "Unraveling the Origins Controversy: Science and the Bible Confirm Creation." ■



A CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF '22 FROM PENCE AND A PASTOR

In college, former **United States Vice President Mike Pence** wanted to wear a cross around his neck just like the one worn by the leader of the campus Christian fellowship group. But when he asked about ordering one the leader told him, "You know, Mike, you've got to wear it in your heart before you wear it around your neck."

A few weeks later, at a Christian music festival, Pence heard the words of John 3:16.

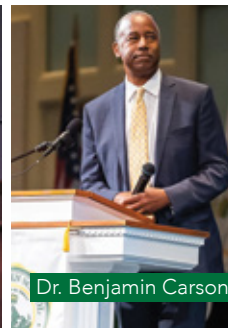
"And not just because I believed in the truth of it, but that my heart was broken with gratitude for what had been done for me on that cross," Pence told the CIU Class of 2022. "I prayed a prayer to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, and it has made all the difference in my life ever since."

Pence was the speaker for the second of two commencement ceremonies on April 30 where President Dr. Mark A. Smith and Provost Dr. James Lanpher conferred degrees on 335 graduates.

The other speaker was **CIU alumnus Jeff Cranston**, the lead pastor of LowCountry Community Church in Bluffton, South Carolina, one of the fastest-growing churches in America.



Jeff Cranston



Dr. Benjamin Carson

Meanwhile, at Ben Lippen School, former U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Dr. Benjamin Carson addressed 90 graduates. Carson is best known for his work as director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, a position he achieved when he was just 33-years-old, becoming the youngest major division director in the hospital's history. ■

SCHOLARLY WORK PUBLISHED:

"INTERCESSION OF JESUS IN HEBREWS"

A new book by **CIU alumnus Dr. Abeneazer R. Urga ('14,'21)** is being published this fall. Urga is a faculty member at the Evangelical Theological College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and is a CIU adjunct professor.

His book is titled, "Intercession of Jesus in Hebrews; The Background and Nature of Jesus' Heavenly Intercession in the Epistle to the Hebrews" and is published by academic publisher Mohr Siebeck located in Germany.

Urga writes that knowing Jesus sacrificed himself once-for-all on the cross and currently is praying for us at the Father's side, encourages us to persevere in our faith journey.

As a professor, he desires to follow the example of CIU professors and "seek to teach excellently but also to be characterized by academic hospitality both inside and outside the classroom." ■

Dr. Urga in his office at Evangelical Theological College in Ethiopia.





RAMSERVE: HUGE COMMUNITY EFFORT BRINGS “RENEWAL AROUND THE MIDLANDS”

The community came together for an exciting day of service.

CIU students joined with the students of Benedict College and Columbia College for RAMServe on April 5. The Ram is the CIU mascot, but in this case, RAM stands for “Renewal Around the Midlands” with the motto of “Family, friends and neighbors serving together.”

But it’s not just higher education that volunteered for cleanup and repair projects. Over 100 high school students from Ben Lippen, CIU’s Pre-K to 12th grade Christian school participated. Three other Columbia area schools served a separate day as the threat of severe late afternoon storms prompted postponement of school activities. Members of Richland County Council and the Sheriff’s Department also pitched in.

In all, about 1,000 students and community volunteers took part in renewal activities such as the Salvation Army’s “Kettles for Ukraine” (ringing bells outside local grocery stores); organizing clothes at the Oliver Gospel Mission Thrift Store; roadside trash pick up; preparing the foundation for an outbuilding at a

ministry to members of the military; and assisting elderly residents with yard work and even keeping them company by playing board games with them.

At Reconciliation Ministries, an outreach to those struggling with addictions, the CIU women’s softball team cleaned the offices and added a fresh coat of paint.

Rams’ pitcher Julia Thielen said “doing the little things always makes such a huge difference” and says serving the community was a bonding experience for the team.

“We’re always together, but seeing each other come together and serve is such a great experience,” Thielen said. ■



“Kettles for Ukraine” Students ringing the Salvation Army bells in downtown Columbia.

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NEW CAMPUS COFFEE DRINK

NAMED FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS

“Don’t knock it until you’ve tried it.”

That’s the motto of a new coffee drink on campus named after the new president and vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA).

“The Brickey White,” available at the CIU coffee shop 34 North, is named for SGA President Alex Brickey and Vice President Richie White.

Brickey explains that the SGA wanted to create a signature drink for their administration when they learned 34 North was developing a drink that tasted like coffee and lemonade.

“We were immediately fascinated and raced to try it,” Brickey said. “We then asked permission to name the drink ‘The Brickey White’ after Richie White, and myself,” adding that it “was developed to inform people of who we are as a team.”

The ingredients of the Brickey White are coffee and lemon syrup. Brickey says student reaction has been mixed; people either love it or hate it.

“Typically, people dislike the first sip,” Brickey said. “However, they do not realize that there is a three-sip minimum. The first sip tastes like coffee. The second sip is a blend of coffee and lemonade. The third sip is where the magic happens. The drink tastes like lemonade by the third sip while also having a slight coffee aftertaste.” ■





A VALIANT EFFORT: CIU FALLS SHORT IN NCCAA SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES TITLE GAME

It was only four years ago that CIU softball was a program without a field. This year, the Rams played for a national championship.

CIU took part in their first-ever National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) World Series title game on May 17 in Kansas City. But the Rams fell to Southwestern Assemblies of God (Texas) 7-4. Both Lauren Baker and Haylee Wilkerson of the Rams were named to the NCCAA World Series All-Tournament Team.

Head Coach Sara Allen called the World Series experience, “the most fun week I’ve experienced in CIU softball history.”

“The girls competed at a level worthy of a national championship, and I couldn’t be more proud to be their coach,” Allen said. “This is a great foundation moving forward in our program, and I’m very excited for what lies ahead of us. All glory to God for everything He did in and through us this year.”

The Rams finish the season with the most wins in program history, and an overall record of 27-31-1. ■



*“The most fun week
I’ve experienced in
CIU softball history.”*
—Head Coach Sara Allen



RAMS DISCUS THROWER ON THE PODIUM AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to discus thrower **Deandre Leith** of the CIU Rams track and field team. He’s the first CIU track and field athlete to medal in a throwing event. It happened at the 2022 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships held in Alabama in May where he took the second-place spot on the podium after hitting a mark of 51.01 meters.

Leith, who is from Jamaica, also competed in the men’s shot put, where he narrowly missed the finals with a throw of 16.40 meters. With his performance in the discus, Leith becomes an NAIA Outdoor Track and Field All-American. He also achieved All-American status during the indoor season.

Track and field Head Coach Jud Brooker says Leith overcame a lot of tough competition in the discus, and said the whole team is “looking forward to coming back next year stronger and prepared.” ■

Deandre Leith





Congratulations CIU Volleyball CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

The CIU volleyball team is the 2022 AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference) Women’s Champions of Character Team.

The award is given to the team that showed outstanding sportsmanship, leadership, and

character throughout the season. This is the first time CIU volleyball has been recognized for this award and just the second team in CIU athletic history to be honored. The softball team received the award in 2020.

“Early on as a program, we placed vast importance on team culture and servant-leadership,” said fourth-year Head Volleyball Coach Amber Haver. “We have a team goal to serve one another and to serve others.” ■

“We have a team goal to serve one another and to serve others.” –Head Coach Amber Haver

Improved Season Carries Falcons to State Baseball Championship Game

After a disappointing 2021 season, the Ben Lippen Falcons came back this season in a big way, making it to the final game of the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) baseball championship, but falling to Laurence Manning 7-3.

Ben Lippen, which was looking for its first championship since 2008, finished the year at 18-7 and improved its win total by 11 games from last season.



“I love these kids and love this program,” Head Coach Brian Larsen told The State newspaper. “I’m blessed to wake up and coach this group every single morning.” ■

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1 Bill Barnett ('37) is doing well at 105 years old. He enjoys stripping wire to recycle the copper and donating the proceeds to a facility that helps boys struggling in life. As his photo shows, one of his favorite desserts is apple pie.

Janice (Smith) Bradbury ('52) fondly remembers Buck Hatch teaching God's Word and R.C. McQuilkin leading chapel and singing "Why worry when you can pray?" She prays that she can be a witness to all in her assisted living facility. ✉ jjbradbury1131@verizon.net

Jeri Van Derwerker Schrag ('65) taught kindergarten for 23 years in Christian schools. She and her husband, Tom, live in New York and have two daughters, Sharon and Rachel. Tom is a retired Engineer. ✉ jeri4428@gmail.com

2 Barb Bellefeuille ('76) Congratulations to Barb for her appointment as president of Bethel University in Indiana. Her vision for Bethel's future is academic excellence with a specific focus on centering the campus around Christ. ✉ Barb.Bellefeuille@BethelUniversity.edu

3 Ed ('74) and Patsi (Hughey) ('74) Isley were in the pastorate for 20 years. They moved to Roebuck, South Carolina to be closer to all 10 grandchildren after living in Columbia, South Carolina for 36 years. Ed does administrative work for a new church plant and is finishing a counseling certification with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). Patsi has Parkinson's disease, but it is manageable. ✉ isley.edgar@gmail.com

Bob ('74) and Sharyne (Cox) ('76) Ziebarth – Bob retired from serving as a pastor with an IFCA International church in Michigan and is currently serving in pulpit supply. Sharyne works part time. Their four

children and three grandsons keep them busy as well. They are living in rural Newaygo County.

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Wayne ('78/'85) and Joyce Raychard served in Kenya and Tanzania between 1978 and 2016 with World Venture and with Africa Inland Mission. They also taught for nine years at New England Bible College and Seminary in South Portland, Maine. Currently, they serve as caregivers at the Africa Inland Mission Retirement Center in Minneola, Florida.

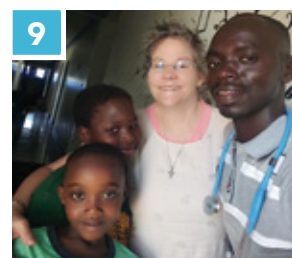
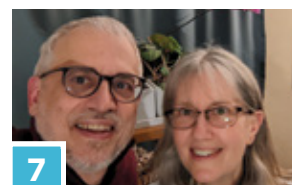
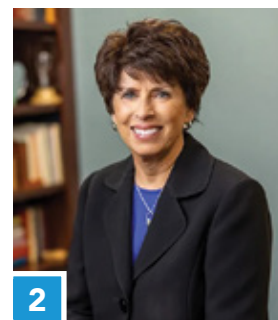
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4 Kupferschmid family ('70s) Our parents LOVED CIU and encouraged all of us to attend at least one year to become more grounded in the Word. Four of us stayed to earn bachelor's degrees and one earned an associate degree. The photo was taken at our mom's (Lora) 90th birthday celebration in June 2022. (Photo L to R: Debby (Kupferschmid) Matthews ('77), Sharon (Kupferschmid) Wingo ('78), Ruth (Kupferschmid) Powlison ('78), Pam (Kupferschmid) Hotte ('79), Paul Kupferschmid ('79)

Harold Jones ('80) retired after over 35 years of pastorate ministry, the last 25 at Ware Shoals (South Carolina) First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Linda, now reside closer to family in Columbia, South Carolina. ✉ wspreacher@gmail.com

5 Chris ('80) and Cynthia (Grasty) ('80) Myers are continuing to "Know Him and to Make Him Known" by leading discipleship groups in their neighborhood and church. What they learned at CIU has been a way of life for them and they are forever grateful! ✉ gchrismyers55@gmail.com

Samuel Riney ('81) has been serving at BEE World (Bible Education by Extension) for 35 years in limited access countries around the world. ✉ samriney@gmail.com





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6 Paul ('83) and Violette Bridgman finished their church planting career with TEAM in Japan in 2021. They are now living at College Square Retirement Community in Conway, Arkansas and enjoy ministering to the other retirees at College Square and reaching out to international students at the University of Central Arkansas. ✉ pbridgman@gmail.com



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11 Ron Stanley Jr. ('94) is the vice president of Men's Ministry at Central Union Mission in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Vera, have four children and live in Maryland. ✉ Ronnie.Stanley52@gmail.com



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7 Jim ('85) and Elaine Dressner live in Milwaukee and manage a center that blesses refugees and immigrants through friendship and teaching ESL and citizenship. ✉ jim.dressner@gmail.com

12 Tom Louis ('95) serves as congregational care pastor of Gateway Community Church in Webster, Texas, overseeing several support ministries. His wife, July, is a manager of Contract Administration with Vertex Energy. ✉ louielouie1958@hotmail.com



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8 Kevin and Jann (Parrish) ('85) Bradford served in Cameroon, Africa with Wycliffe/SIL from 2011-2020. Today they live at Wycliffe/SIL's JAARS center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Kevin works remotely in language technology for SIL Cameroon and in cyber security with Wycliffe. Jann is working on a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling. ✉ jannb1014@gmail.com

13 Trina (Young) Riethmeyer ('95) has been using Professor Buck Hatch's Progress of Redemption for a homeschool Bible class. Her husband, David, leads a men's Bible study. ✉ braztex@gvtc.com



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9 Judi (Hay) Ogle ('90) is a nurse manager at a local pregnancy care center and ministers to pastors and their families through En Gedi Retreat in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. She also assisted in the opening of a new hospital in rural Uganda. ✉ wypafl@gmail.com

John Hardymon ('98) teaches special education in the public school system. He works with the homeless in downtown Raleigh each week, and goes on as many missionary trips as possible. ✉ jhardymon@wcpss.net

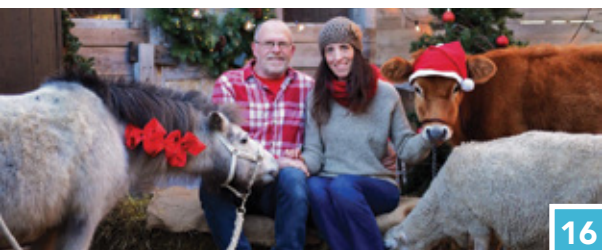


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10 Franklin Tait ('92) was ordained to the Diaconate in the Antiochian Eastern Orthodox Church of North America in 2021. His wife, Aimee, teaches seventh grade mathematics in Cobb County, Georgia. ✉ franklintait@gmail.com

14 Drew Taylor ('98) has been a senior pastor in Manning, South Carolina for 14 years. He and his wife, Kristina, homeschool their three children through Classical Conversations. ✉ pastordrewtaylor@gmail.com

15 John Lewis ('00) serves in Grenada as the director of the Grenada Institute for Theological Education. He is passionate about training younger leaders across the Caribbean and in India. ✉ miagranada@gmail.com



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David Ihde ('93) teaches fourth to sixth graders at West County Line Baptist Church in Opp, Alabama. ✉ d_ihde67@hotmail.com

16 William ('02) and April Fox have a small farm with sheep, cows, horses and chickens where they host family events, Bible camps and birthday parties for the people of southern Maine. ✉ williamrunner@outlook.com



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17 Jerry Grimes ('05) serves as vice president of creative services at Positive Alternative Radio. He produces video and administrates publishing, web, social media, radio broadcasting, event planning, strategy and leadership.

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Tim Brown ('13) is the vice president of Adult Ministries at Miracle Hill Ministries in Greenville, South Carolina with oversight of homeless shelters and men's and women's recovery programs. He and his wife, Laurie, live in South Carolina. ✉ brownmeade@earthlink.net

18 David ('11) and Vicki Foster are mostly retired but made member care trips to Vietnam, Philippines, and via Zoom with Ukrainian refugees and missionaries recently. They provided trauma care consultation to three mission agencies assisting in Ukraine and lead a weekly Bible study at Rockwall Presbyterian Church in Texas.

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Eliazar Baba ('15) teaches at ECWA Theological Seminary in Jos, Nigeria, and leads the pastoral studies department. He and his wife, Rebecca, are blessed with three children. ✉ eliazarbaba@yahoo.com



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19 Blake ('16) and Raena (Hannink) ('15) Tindle welcomed Anna Wren in March 2022. She joins big sisters Holland and Evie.

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John and Tracy Alin ('22) live in Moorhead, Minnesota. Tracy recently earned a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies at CIU and teaches online at a seminary in Nepal, training missionaries and church planters. She established the nonprofit Amistad Worldwide demonstrating the love of Christ and developing the potential and dignity of the world's poorest people in India, Nepal and Uganda. Her husband, John, is a pilot. They have one son, Hans. ✉ amistadworldwide@gmail.com

20 Alumni at French Camp, Mississippi enjoyed time together in the home of Rebekah and Stewart Edwards. Stewart is the president/director of French Camp Academy. (1st row: Cindy (Houser) Thompson ('99), Annette (Brice) Murray ('68), George Murray ('67), Mary Faith Phillips ('54/'60) 2nd row - Mike Thompson ('89), Joy (Woodward) Martin ('08) ; Back row: Cindy Cox, Randy Martin ('04), Don Winter ('77), Becky (Willcoxon) Lawson ('81), Margie (Culley) Newman ('62), Abby (Heinzel) Effler ('19))



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NEW BOOK COMING SOON: “A Century of God’s Faithfulness”

My former supervisor Bob Wenzel stood at my office door about five years ago and said, “I need your buy-in on something.” (You never know what it means when your boss says that to you!)

A few days later I was in his office and so was Vice President of University Communications Diane Mull. (Now, I must really be in trouble.) The one item on this meeting agenda was a proposal that I write a book celebrating the 100th anniversary of CIU. I was even told I could work on it at home every Friday so I could concentrate on the project. (And this was pre-COVID when most folks didn’t work from home.)

Now, I’ve got to be honest with you. I’ve never written a book before. (Well, OK, there was that children’s picture book in 1989 that never got published.) Yes, I am a writer, but much of my background is in journalism which has been described as “literature in a hurry.” In this “Breaking News” era that we live in, that means your deadline was five minutes ago.

So, even though I could (comparatively) take my sweet time to write this book, I needed help. We got a big boost from a best-selling author who agreed to co-author this book. It’s CIU alumnus Rob Morgan (’74) who came behind me and made my initial drafts a more engaging read. Rob is an accomplished writer, speaker and Bible teacher with more than 35 books in print and approximately five million copies in circulation in multiple languages.

As we begin CIU’s 100th anniversary celebration, watch for information on how you can purchase a copy of “A Century of God’s Faithfulness – Celebrating Highlights from the History of Columbia International University.”

Speaking of history, that’s me sometime in the 1990s in the newsroom of WMHK Radio.



The book includes some of YOU, the many alumni who submitted heartwarming and humorous memories of their time at CIU. You helped write this book!

With dozens of photos, we’ll take you through the decades beginning with Emily Dick and her friends, “The Praying Women” who asked God for a Bible school in the South. We’ll remember some of the beloved professors such as Buck Hatch, Frank Sells and Dr. Terry Hulbert. We’ll highlight the godly leadership of CIU’s seven presidents from R.C. McQuilkin in the 1920s to Dr. Mark Smith of the 2020s. We’ll honor the martyrs who gave all to take the gospel around the world and around the corner, including Chet Bitterman who made international headlines when he died at the hands of terrorists in Colombia, South America, to Bart Chlan in Columbia, South Carolina who was martyred in his home.

We’ll celebrate God’s faithfulness from its first days in downtown Columbia to the expansion of the Monticello Road campus beginning in 1960; from the first classes in a rented house, to business and nursing facilities in the modern William H. Jones Center.

As I write this, we’re putting the final touches on the design of “A Century of God’s Faithfulness.” You’ll want a copy of this attractive book on your coffee table. I hope you’ll enjoy it. ■

Bob Holmes
CIU Today Editor-in-Chief



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