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DR. WHITE'S VISION FOR CHAPEL

Chapel has always been the heartbeat of Cedarville University. As one past President observed, as chapel goes, so goes the University. That daily, 10 a.m. hour is an immense opportunity to engage the minds and hearts of more than 3,000 students, faculty, and staff with God's Word. It serves as a constant reminder that everything we do here at Cedarville is for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

I love worshipping our Creator alongside the Cedarville family, and I

believe God has blessed us with more talent than any other University in the world. I never cease to be amazed at the musical talent on display any given day around campus, and the leadership ability in SGA and other student organizations gives me great hope for our future.

I am excited about chapel. On Mondays throughout the year, I'll be preaching from 1 Corinthians. I have

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titled my sermon series "Scandalous: The Church at Corinth." In 1 Corinthians 1:23, the Apostle Paul uses the Greek word "skandalon" which highlights the scandalous nature of the cross of Jesus Christ. Beyond that, 1 Corinthians is filled with scandalous activity — divisions in the church, sexual immorality, taking believers to court, and much more.

Throughout all of our chapel services, you will see a consistent thread as we focus on the Gospel and our God, who is greater than our suffering.

The Gospel unites us in purpose to change the world for Christ.

My prayer for all of us is that when we look back on our lives, we will see a life well-lived for the Gospel. Accomplishing that begins by living for the Gospel each day. Our time together in chapel will challenge us to do just that.



LISTEN TO CHAPEL ONLINE!

Watch or listen online at cedarville.edu/chapel to hear these engaging presentations:

Bryan Loritts

Lead Pastor of Fellowship Memphis
October 22–23

Garrett Kell

Pastor of Del Ray Baptist Church
October 29

The VanderWals

*Founders and Executive Directors of
The Luke Commission*
October 31

Dr. Thomas White

President of Cedarville University
November 4

Steven Laws

President and CEO of American Crossroads
December 3–4



GOING FULL CIRCLE

By Jason Malone

I can't believe it has been almost 20 years, but I can still remember sitting in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel every weekday at 10 a.m. and worshipping with my fellow classmates. When I think back on my "Cedarville experience" — all the things I did, people I met, and lessons I learned — I am incredibly thankful for those 50 minutes each Monday through Friday..

It was actually in those chapels where the Holy Spirit began to speak to me about the difference between religion and relationship in regards to my walk with Jesus. As I watched and listened to speakers share about their relationships with

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Christ, my heart and mind were challenged to process through my own relationship. For the first time, I came to understand that I didn't have much of one. I had been riding the coattails of other people's faith for many years, whether that of my parents, youth pastor, or friends.

I am thankful for all the people who came and made much of Jesus and the beauty of the Gospel. They drove me to pursue Christ for myself, and I found Him to be every bit as beautiful and life giving as they said. I can honestly say that I fell in love with Jesus at Cedarville.

I have had the opportunity to speak in chapel over the years, and it was such an honor to be invited back to be this year's Fall Bible Conference speaker. I found myself identifying with the students as I spoke each morning and evening. I found myself thinking back to 1994, and I wondered how many students were riding the coattails of someone

else's walk with Jesus.

Throughout the week as I taught and interacted with the students, I found myself praying that they too would fall

in love with Jesus at Cedarville — that they would hear in my messages what I had heard all those years ago. The Gospel transforms all of life, and a true relationship with the God of the universe is possible through His Son. Don't take my word for it, discover it for yourself.



Jason Malone '98

Mission/Vision and Teaching Elder at Summit Church
Greenville, South Carolina

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Q&A WITH SGA CHAPLAIN T.J. PANCAKE

What made you want to be SGA Chaplain?

I love God's Word, and I love the opportunity to open it and preach it's life-altering, mind-blowing message. I jump at any chance I have to do that. So, when I was presented with the opportunity to do that close to 20 times throughout the year, I decided to run for Chaplain. The fact that I get to preach in a community of people I know and love makes it even better. The students are thoughtful and extremely encouraging. I hope I am making an impact on them, but really I feel like I'm learning more than anyone else is.

What is your favorite chapel memory?

Jason Nightengale from Wordsower International memorizes and presents large portions of Scripture.

He spent two entire chapels reciting the entire book of Revelation. It is amazing to me how powerful just pure Scripture is. God's Word is an awesome thing, and it was really neat to hear it spoken out loud in such a powerful way.

What is your theme for chapel this fall?

I'm walking through the book of 1 Peter and trying to connect our stories of hardship to Christ's story of hardship, which is the Gospel. Jesus suffered for us and was exalted in heaven, so we can endure our suffering by putting our hope in Him. In the spring, I hope to go through one of the minor prophets to think more deeply about God's character.

What is your goal for the student body this year?

I want students to love Jesus just a little bit more when they leave in May than when they came in August. The way I want to do that is through repeated exposure to the Gospel message. My goal for every chapel is that I would lift the Gospel high from whatever text of Scripture I'm preaching through and show how the Gospel influences our daily lives. I want the Gospel to be the motivation for all of our activities and the starting point for all of our growth in Christ.

How will your experience in chapel prepare you for after graduation?

Every pastor I've ever talked to has said the best way to get better at preaching is to preach. So, the opportunity to preach nearly 20 times is incredible. Not only that, but I will really have to nail down how to apply the Scriptures for such a large and diverse crowd. Everyone is going through something different, so how do I apply one Scripture passage to all of those different people? I feel like I'm learning so much about preaching and about ministry in general, and it's only been a month. I can't wait for the rest of the year!



T.J. Pancake '14
SGA Chaplain
Zionsville, Indiana

What is your favorite thing about chapel?

"I like the variety of speakers that come. There is not just a rotation of speakers or one person who speaks, but Cedarville is excellent about getting speakers to come from all over the nation, each with different walks in life and unique stories to tell." — *Phillip '16*

"I am consistently amazed that the entire student body gathers together to worship our God and hear His Word spoken. That is where I can see the common bond in Jesus that holds students and faculty together at the school I love." — *Katie '15*

"I love that chapel creates community. It's not just time we spend together; it's an experience that we all share and can talk about afterward." — *Abigail '15*

"I love the variety of chapels: from praise and worship to focus on ministry and service, hearing practically how the Lord has used various alumni to do His work, as well as having a portion of Scripture presented by loving faculty members and pastors — it is all beneficial for me as a Christian and helps to draw me nearer to the heart of God." — *Jason Pharm.D. '16*

"Chapel is central to Cedarville's culture. There's nothing better than coming together with your friends and other students each day to worship God and grow close to Him." — *Jacob '14*