

The Field Trip

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"Training students from a distinctly Christian point of view"



The week before school started, April Kinzinger and I took all the new employees from this year and last on a field trip. Every year during staff orientation, we take time to tell the new employees among us just a few of the wonderful stories of God's provision for Cornerstone. The response is always the same: wonder and awe. Still, we had been noticing a difference between those who had been here awhile and those who were new. When you've never known anything else, it's difficult to appreciate what you have. This year we decided to do something about it. Thus, the field trip.

Where did we go? We took them back to 806 E. Bell in Bloomington and walked through the building where it all began. We showed them the basement rooms that housed our first classes. They got to see the stains on the carpet from a boiler that overflows sometimes and that kept the building at a steady 90° even when it was below zero outside. They traveled into the dark fellowship hall where the children ate. Then we went upstairs and walked through the

Doug Pavey named Lower School Principal

I am excited and honored to be serving as Lower School Principal at CCA. My journey with the school began in 1997 when my wife Mitzi and I enrolled our older son in kindergarten. Little did I know how the Lord would lead me to become more involved in CCA's ministry!

The journey actually began years ago. I gave my life to Christ when I was 16. After high

school, I enrolled at the University of Louisville, graduating in 1984 with a B.A. in Biology. I had planned to apply to medical school but after graduation, sensed God's leading to seminary. I enrolled at seminary and graduated with my Masters of Divinity degree in 1991. During my seminary career, I pastored a small church in Louisville, Kentucky. In January 1997, God



C.C.A.'s first home—1998-2003

middle floor so they could see the little chapel where the first student received Christ (today that little chapel would not even accommodate our staff!), and the beautiful sanctuary that was once filled with the sound of the praise of children. Next we went to the top floor and tried to communicate on a not-so-hot day what it was like up there with 100+ sweaty little bodies, no air conditioning, and sweltering temperatures outside. They saw the storage room with the crumbling tile on the floor and the water damaged ceiling as we explained that at one time most of the

upper floor looked just like that. We showed them the "workroom" where it was important to remember that if you wanted to use the microwave you had to turn off the copy machine so you didn't blow a fuse. And of course we made them walk through the parking

lot with only 27 parking spaces. We showed them the beautiful city park that served as our playground for our first five years, pointing out that we had no gym or anything that closely resembled a gym.

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moved us to Bloomington/Normal to pastor, and I became acquainted with the vision of Cornerstone Christian Academy. In a meeting in early 1997, Becky

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awesome God, mighty in power, and abounding in love. I know it. I have experienced it firsthand.

If you've taken the long road out to Cornerstone lately, you know that we are once again in cramped quarters, doing without some things we think we need. Once again, we find ourselves in an impossible situation: no money and no humanly possible way to raise it. So once again, we turn to the One who promises to supply all that we need.

Will you pray for us and for the students who attend here? We may not have all the material stuff we want or even need, but this place has never been about stuff.

We are here so that young people will learn what they need to know in order to take their places in a rapidly changing world and in the process bring glory to the Name above all Names. By all means, pray for the stuff, but more importantly pray that God will show Himself strong so that all who hear will know we serve a Mighty God. Perhaps one day not so far from now, we will be reminiscing about how little we had when we first moved to Ireland Grove Road. Will you please pray? If you need inspiration, take a trip to Bell Street. . . and remember.

Becky Shames, Administrator

Cedarville University President to Speak at Founder's Banquet



Dr. Bill Brown, President of Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, will be the featured speaker at CCA's 9th Annual Founder's Banquet to be held October 20th.

Dr. Brown became president of Cedarville University in June 2003, following a ten-

year presidency at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. A graduate of the University of South Florida, Dr. Brown holds a master of theology degree and Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary.

As a nationally-recognized expert in worldview, Dr. Brown has authored three books (*Making Sense of Your Faith; Where Have All the Dreamers Gone?* *Observations from a Biblical Worldview*; and *Making Sense of Your World* with Gary Phillips) and more

than a hundred articles for journals, magazines, encyclopedias, and newspapers. He holds memberships in organizations such as the Society of Christian Philosophers, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, and the Evangelical Theological Society. He has also lectured internationally in Europe, the Former Soviet Union and South America.

Dr. Brown and his wife, Lynne, have been married for 28 years. They are the parents of April and Alex.

We welcome Dr. Brown to our upcoming Founder's Banquet! Dr. Brown will also speak at the Upper School Chapel on Friday, Oct. 21 at 8:20 AM.

Cornerstone's annual Founder's Banquet celebrates God's continuing work in building CCA, His ongoing provision for us, and His goodness and

grace. No money will be asked for and no pledges taken. CCA's Founder's Banquet has never been a fundraiser!

There is no cost to attend the banquet, which will be held at the Radisson Hotel from 6:30-8:30 PM. Reservations are required, however, and can be made by calling 662-9900. *

The evening will feature special remarks from CCA Administrator, Becky Shames, and will end with a slide show of all the Cornerstone kids. So line up the babysitter because you won't want to miss this event—make your reservations today!

*Please note that this banquet is not for students, but for parents, grandparents, and friends of the school.

Founder's Banquet
Thursday, Oct. 20th
6:30-8:30 PM
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center,
Bloomington

Cost? Free! Reserve your spot today by calling the Academy office at 662-9900

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Shames and April Kinzinger shared the vision with me and I knew immediately God wanted our son, Nathan, here for kindergarten.

One of my life verses is Philippians 1:6: "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

Doug Pavay, CCA's New Lower School Principal

As Becky and April shared the vision of CCA, I was confident that this was where God wanted our children. After 20 years of pastoral ministry, God called me to teach here, and now, in my role as Lower School Principal, I am confident because I know that God is faithful.

Every time I read this verse, I am reminded of 4 "C's" in my relationship with the Lord:

- Confidence
- Calling
- Completion
- Christ

When God called me into ministry, He assured me that "The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24, emphasis added). I am here today *only* because God called me and He acted faithfully to accomplish His desired purposes in my life.

It is evident that God has been preparing me all along for serving Him here. He's not finished with me yet, but continues to work in my life to bring to completion the good work He began. My desire is to be used by Christ in His work here. I am excited and honored to be serving our children, teachers and parents in this capacity. I look forward with great anticipation to being part of God's continuing story called Cornerstone Christian Academy!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Giving to Cornerstone

It was July 26, 1999. Cornerstone Christian Academy was barely two years old. We had completed our very first year in an old school building attached to the Grace United Methodist Church. When the mail came that day, there was a special check. It was in the amount of \$25.00 and it was designated for the "Building Fund." This surprised us, because we didn't have a building fund. We were sure we didn't need a building at the time, but we honored the donor's request and established a Building Fund account. The \$25.00 checks continued to come. It shouldn't surprise us when God uses someone else to cast vision! Who would have guessed that less than 3 years later, we would be breaking ground on a new building. That's the difference a donor makes.

In morning prayer just this week, a teacher thanked the Lord for the donor who makes it possible for an elementary girl to be here. This girl beams from ear to ear as she

tells what God has done for her. That's the difference a donor makes.

Just one year ago, our new playground was installed. After many, many dimes and pennies from our students, someone gave the last needed \$13,115.95. Today, over 300 students enjoy that playground daily. That's the difference a donor makes.

If you're a new parent (or grandparent) to Cornerstone, you may be surprised to hear that CCA does not hold fundraisers. Instead, Cornerstone relies on the voluntary gift donations from people who love to see God at work, and want to join Him in the process.

How can you give? You can designate a gift to one of three funds. The first one is the **Annual Fund**, which helps to bridge the gap between tuition and what it actually costs to fund the school. Last year, donors gave over \$110,000 to this fund.

CCA's **Tuition Assistance Fund** meets the financial need for 92 students to be here who otherwise could not attend. These 92 students were granted \$150,250.00 in assistance this year which is not budgeted. We must depend on donors to supply it all! Last year our donors gave \$88,715.36 to this fund. Will you join us in praying for donors who will give this year so that these students may continue to attend?

The third fund you may designate is our **Building Fund**. As of July of 2005, gifts to this fund go towards CCA's planned expansion. Last year, donors gave \$166,286.36 toward CCA's Building Fund.

Don't think what you can give will matter? We've seen what God can do, so we know better.

Donors make a difference.

Stones of Remembrance

The kids at recess ask about them. Mr. Kinzinger has to mow around them. The sun beats down on them. What are they? They're our "stones of remembrance" located in the grassy area close to our sign.

Where did they come from? Last spring they were placed there by our sophomore class. Each student brought a stone or rock to school that day, and during Mr. Brown's Bible class, they went outside and placed them in a mound. Then they gathered and knelt around them and for the next 35 minutes prayed. They spent time thanking God for what He has done here.



CCA's Stones of Remembrance

They asked for His continued protection on this place. They prayed for each other. They

prayed for their teachers and administrators. They prayed and asked God to use each of them for His glory. They asked Him to help them be the examples to those students in younger grades.

On top of the pile is a very flat stone, and written out on that stone are the following verses:

"In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

Joshua 4:21,22 & 24

"For their rock is not like our Rock..." Deuteronomy 32:31

As we begin another year at Cornerstone, it's easy to forget God's multiple blessings. He has grown us up from a school of 45 to 450. He has brought us from three locations to be to-

gether under one roof. He has shown Himself to be faithful time after time. How could we ever forget?

But the Israelites forgot. Judges tells us that the generation that would follow would not know the God of the miraculous.

May we at Cornerstone never forget. Remember often. And when your children ask, "What do these stones mean," you'll know what to say.

Upcoming Dates

Open House—Tuesday, September 27th—6-8 PM

No School-ACSI Conference—Thursday & Friday, Oct. 6 & 7

School Pictures Taken—Thursday & Friday, October 13 & 14

No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences—Friday, Nov. 4th

Public School Student Visit Day—Friday, Nov. 11th

Grandparents' Day (Lower School) - Friday, Nov. 18th