

DISCOVER YOUR AUTHENTIC PURPOSE



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Stages of an Authentic Story

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Central challenges potential students to discover and develop God's purpose for their lives through their course of study. It affirms their personal journey and fulfills Paul's words, "*Whatever you do, do it from the heart as something done for the Lord.*" (Col 3:23)

An authentic life is grounded deep inside ("heart" or more literally "soul") and offered to heaven ("for the Lord"). This permeates the message to every enrolled **student**. That principle also extends throughout a faithful life of kingdom ministry.

For instance, their **career** should fulfill a personal calling and their **volunteer** efforts at church reflect a desire to honor the Lord.

When they **parent** children, it will come with a deep awareness of the Lord's heart. Becoming a **grandparent** will require even more trust that those close to your heart are under His protective care.

They will **advocate** for ministries that are meaningful and **donate** to benefit others and glorify the Lord.

All seven stages are part of the same story. Discovering an authentic purpose in Christ matters in every season to those who follow Him.

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Cincinnati Undergraduate Classes Starting in August

In 2020, Central opened an extension site to continue the legacy of ministry education in the Greater Cincinnati area. The next phase of this journey will begin in August 2025 when undergraduate courses will be taught at the **CCL Center** (8095 Connector Drive, Florence, KY 41042). These flexible, eight-week courses meet one night per week to fit into busy lives.

College-level instruction will allow students to start, finish, or explore undergraduate degree options. Classes will be taught live on Tuesday nights in the classroom with an instructor from the Cincinnati area. (Those who can't physically be in the classroom will be able to attend remotely via Zoom.)

These courses will be offered during the upcoming school year.

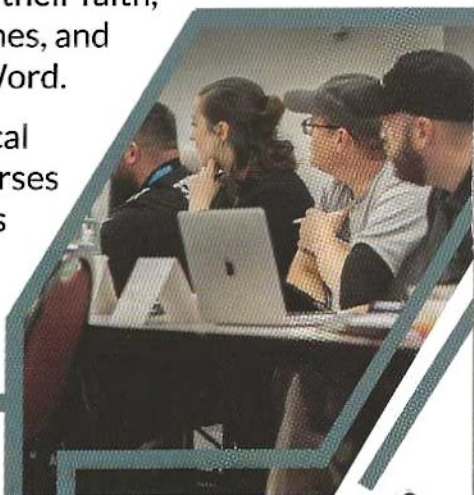
- **Discovering the Bible** (Aug 18 - Oct 12, 2025)
- **Life & Message of Jesus** (Oct 13 - Dec 11, 2025)
- **Basic Christian Doctrines** (Jan 12 - Mar 8, 2026)
- **Interpreting the Bible** (Mar 9 - May 7, 2026)

(Each course is worth three credits. Students may opt for a non-credit option. Credits can apply to an undergraduate degree from Central or other schools.)

Ideal for **ministry staff, church leaders, and serious Christians**, these courses help adults discover key biblical truths, pursue formal educational goals, and develop intellectual skills, all at an affordable price. Students will grow their faith, meet fellow learners from other churches, and strengthen their confidence in God's Word.

Students may choose to attend only local classes or they may also add online courses to reach full-time status. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Visit CentralBible.edu/Cincy to learn more about this exciting opportunity.



A Unique Scholarship

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Incoming Students Eligible for up to \$10,000 per Year

The **SEAL Scholarship** recognizes students who embody the four pillars of authentic purpose: **Service, Experience, Academics, and Leadership.**

Service is the posture of your purpose. It's about embracing opportunities, prioritizing others, and reflecting Christ's love through action.

Experience develops the perseverance of your purpose. Learning what you're made of teaches you what you're made for.

Academics ignites the passion of your purpose. Diligent study fuels a lifelong pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

Leadership is the position of your purpose. Inspiring and guiding others with integrity empowers you to lead better.

More than just financial aid, the **SEAL Scholarship** is a transformational force in your future. **It's an investment that grows** throughout your college career as you grow toward your purpose.

Ready to take the next step? **Discover your SEAL score today and see how much you can earn at CCCB.edu/seal.**

service
experience
academics
leadership

Ready-To-Use FREE Curriculum

Are you seeking God's authentic purpose for your life? Central has developed the **seal'D** curriculum to help your students align with four key pillars of character to discover their authentic purpose.

The **seal'D** curriculum is a FREE resource for churches specifically designed for high school students.

seal'D brought several Central alumni and other ministry leaders together in a collaborative space to create everything needed for a youth group series.

What is included:

- Five Lessons w/ Videos
- Group Video Game
- Printable Outlines
- Discussion Questions
- Promotional Material
- and more...

CCCB.edu/sealcurriculum



Service, Experience, Academics, and Leadership are key areas where students discover God's desire for their lives. This youth group resource aligns with the **SEAL Scholarship** but also functions as a standalone resource that any church youth group can utilize.

Upcoming

SOLID

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 20, 2025
"Temptation & Trauma"
CCCB.edu/events/solid



Shine

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 10, 2025
"Shine in a Culture of Comparison"
CCCB.edu/events/shine



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Jonah's Swim Team
Requirements: You must be able to hold
your breath for three days.

www.CCCB.edu

Activities

COME SEE CENTRAL

Monday, March 17, 2025

Experience an interactive college visit guiding you through a campus journey of discovery with other high school Juniors & Seniors. Connect with future friends and fellow students on the **Moberly campus**.



FOR A PURPOSE

Friday & Saturday, April 4-5, 2025

seal'D is a campus event built for high school youth groups and organized by CCCB Youth & Family Ministry students.

Speaker: **Winsten Dickerson** (Class of '14)
Worship: **Michael Walton** (Class of '14)



Dr. Gareth L.
REESE
(1932-2024)

Gareth L. Reese



Dr. Billy
STROTHER
(1958-2025)

WILLIAM H. STROTHER II



A Legacy of Ministry Education

After being trained at Cincinnati, Gareth Reese (CBS Class of '54) and Billy Strother (CBC Class of '84) taught in Christian higher education for over a hundred combined years. They embodied these words of Paul: *"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* (2 Timothy 2:2)

The Christian Church Leadership Foundation honors these faithful men for continuing the legacy of ministry education in Cincinnati.

LEVEL-UP PREACHING COHORTS

Improve your preaching with ten months of group and individual coaching. Each month, you and a few other preachers will meet with a seasoned mentor. You'll also have a private monthly call with your mentor. Through this cohort, you will grow in ten key areas of preaching. During 2025, it's available at a cost of only \$50 per month.

New cohorts are formed throughout the year. Apply today at CCL.network/level to reserve a spot in the next cohort.



Continue to hone your preaching skills by earning a **Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership** with a concentration in **Biblical Preaching**. Those who complete a cohort can receive credit for the experience as the first class in their degree.

 **CCL** NETWORK

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11960 Westline Industrial, Ste. 230
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ALUMNI HISTORY PROJECT



Your Stories, Our History

The best stories of any college are told by its alumni. That's why Central has partnered with the **Oral History Project** from **Publishing Concepts** to capture the stories of alumni from **Central Christian College of the Bible, Cincinnati Christian University, and St. Louis Christian College.**

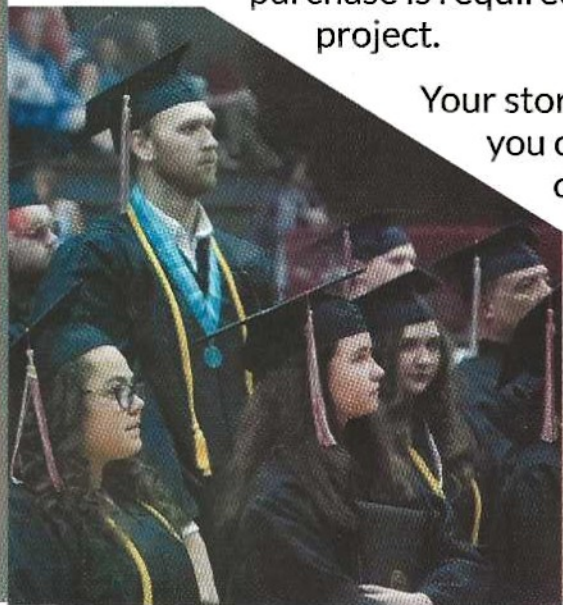
Alumni of all three schools will receive a postcard with a phone number they can call to record their personal stories of the college experiences that impacted them, their families, and their ministries.

These stories will be published in a digital storybook and a hardbound physical book. The books will be available for alumni to purchase if they choose. However, no purchase is required to share your story with this project.

Your story is invaluable, but only you can tell it. Watch for your opportunity to be part of this exciting project to preserve the memories of three amazing alumni communities!

Learn more at
PublishingConcepts.com.

www.CCCB.edu



MEMORIAL & HONORARY GIFTS

Gifts for ministry education were received between August 2024 and January 2025 to recognize the following. (Attendees of **Central**, St. Louis, and Cincinnati are noted).

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The righteous one will be remembered forever. (Psalm 112:6)

Use the enclosed envelope or visit cccb.edu/give/memorial-gifts to make your gift.

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THE CCCB ANNUAL FUND FOR MINISTRY EDUCATION

"more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20)

EQUIP LEADERS BY SUPPORTING CENTRAL

Giving to CCCB makes you a partner in the shared mission of *educating biblical servants for a faithful life of kingdom ministry.*

Join with those who have been blessed by the rich legacy of ministry education to create an even brighter future. Your donations prepare Christian workers who will serve the Lord in a ministry career, in the marketplace, or on the mission field.

Wherever there is a calling, there must be an equipping. Your generosity equips students through residential, online, graduate, and continuing education programs to fulfill Central's vision of *innovative ministry education in multiple locations for the Christian church.*

Your support can benefit ministry education by helping several important goals become reality!



STUDENTS



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ENVIRONMENT



PARTNERSHIP

With your support, Central recruits and trains dedicated students who are passionate about serving Christ and His kingdom. Your gifts fund the faculty, facilities, student services, and resources making this transformative education possible. Every student gains access to tools that grow their knowledge of the Bible, faith in Christ, and leadership of the church.

Your gifts make education affordable through the **SEAL Scholarship** and other financial aid programs. These compelling scholarships help high school students take their next step toward a life of purpose. You also support graduate students through the **Back to School Scholarship**, current ministers through the **CCL Network**, and other servants who are pursuing their call.

Your support provides an environment where **Service, Experience, Academics, and Leadership** are emphasized. From chapel services and mission trips to campus life and mentoring, your investment ensures students are immersed in a place that shapes their character and purpose. As they discover their calling, their environment guides them into a lifetime of kingdom ministry.

SEAL the future of ministry education at one of these levels:

- **Sustaining** (up to \$1,000)
- **Advancing** (\$10,000-\$25,000)
- **Equipping** (\$1,000-\$10,000)
- **Legacy** (\$25,000 & up)

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You may also donate online at CCCB.edu/give.

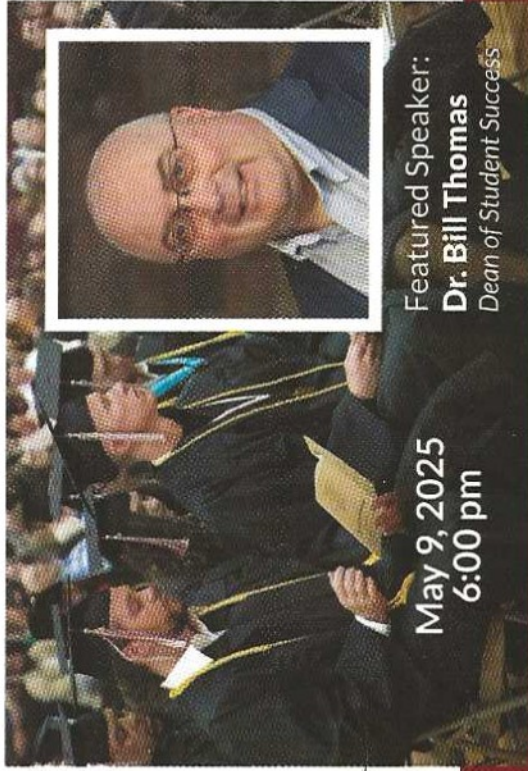




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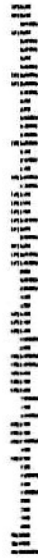
Featured Speaker:
Dr. Bill Thomas
Dean of Student Success

May 9, 2025
6:00 pm

Commencement

Celebrate the Class of 2025!

Join in person or online at CCCB.edu/live



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