



*The INAUGURATION of*

**DR. THOMAS WHITE**

*the tenth* PRESIDENT of CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY



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**FRIDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER**  
two thousand and thirteen  
at ten o'clock in the morning

**JEREMIAH CHAPEL, DIXON MINISTRY CENTER**  
Cedarville University  
Cedarville, Ohio

## CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY: FOUNDED ON FAITH

Cedarville College was founded on faith, preserved by prayer, and supported through sacrifice. Throughout many difficult moments in its history, leaders at Cedarville believed in the University because its foundation was faith in Almighty God.

Consider William Renwick McChesney, who communicated in his 1915 inauguration address his hope for Cedarville College by stating, "That there may continue through the coming ages a Christian institution of higher learning in our midst to train our youth, enrich our nation, and make glad the Church of Christ."

Dr. Jurkat served Cedarville College for 56 years and was the only faculty member to serve under both Presbyterian and Baptist leadership. He commented, "There are many schools where young people can be trained in the completely technical vocations and trades, but Cedarville is one of the too few which always hopes to add the vital ingredients of spirit and character."

The first Baptist President, James T. Jeremiah, revealed his core beliefs about the institution when he described what it needed in a leader. "It is vitally important to keep our college clearly related to our churches ... For this reason, the man with a pastor's heart, in my opinion, can best serve the college in the office of President."

These words adorning the hallways of Cedarville's history not only reveal the foundation of the institution, but also provide a glimpse into the future. Cedarville University will continue to stand for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. We will teach the literal creation of a historic Adam and Eve, hold forth the truth and certainty of an inerrant Word of God, defend the exclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ, and exalt Jesus to the ends of the earth.

We will continue the Cedarville distinctives of having every staff and faculty member affirm our doctrinal statement and moral code, a Bible minor for every undergraduate student, chapel five days a week, and a biblical worldview integrated in every classroom. In closing, our prayer is the same as that of McChesney in 1915, "We pray not for lighter tasks but greater strength; not for conflicts to be shunned but for courage and wisdom to meet them." Additionally, we pray for students who demonstrate academic excellence accompanied with a passion for the Great Commission determined to defend the faith upon which we have been founded.

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**PRELUDE**

**\*PROCESSIONAL**

Cedarville University Symphonic Band

**Michael P. DiCuirci, M.M.**

Senior Professor of Music

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*..... Martin Luther

President of the University

Chancellors of the University

Inauguration Ceremony Participants

Vice Presidents of the University

Delegates from Colleges, Universities, and Learned Societies

Faculty of the University

**\*HYMN**

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**WELCOME**

**Paul H. Dixon, Ed.D., D.D., LL.D.**

Chancellor

**\*INVOCATION**

**Dylan Cimo, Class of 2014**

President, Student Government Association

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**William E. Brown, Ph.D.**

Chancellor

1 Corinthians 15:1–10a, 50–58

\* Audience standing

**RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS**

**Paul H. Dixon, Ed.D., D.D., LL.D.**

Chancellor

**A MESSAGE FROM A MENTOR**

**Paige Patterson, Ph.D.**

President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Fort Worth, Texas

**A MESSAGE FROM A FATHER**

**Jerry C. White, D.Min.**

Pastor, Casey Creek Baptist Church  
Chesnee, South Carolina

**\*HYMN**

Department of Music and Worship Ensemble

**Robert Reid, B.A.**

*In Christ Alone* .....Getty/Townend

**INTRODUCTION OF INAUGURAL SPEAKER**

**Paul H. Dixon, Ed.D., D.D., LL.D.**

Chancellor

**INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

**David P. Jeremiah, D.D., Class of 1963**

Senior Pastor, Shadow Mountain Community Church  
El Cajon, California

Son of the late Dr. James T. Jeremiah, who served as Cedarville's President from 1953 through 1978, Dr. David Jeremiah is the Senior Pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California. He is also the founder of Turning Point, a ministry committed to providing sound Bible teaching through national radio and television broadcasting. Dr. Jeremiah has authored numerous books, including *What in the World is Going On?*, *Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World*, *The Coming Economic Armageddon*, *I Never Thought I'd See the Day*, and *God Loves You: He Always Has—He Always Will*. A 1963 Cedarville graduate, Dr. Jeremiah serves as a member of the Cedarville University Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of four children and grandparents of eleven.

## **PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE**

**Lorne Scharnberg, B.S.**  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

## **SIGNING OF THE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

**Thomas White, Ph.D.**  
President

## **PRAYERS OF DEDICATION**

**James Hilton, Ph.D.**  
Lead Pastor and Teacher, The Journey at First Baptist Orange City  
Orange City, Florida

**Stephanie Armstrong, M.A.**  
Personal Friend of Thomas and Joy White  
Clermont, Georgia

## **INAUGURAL RESPONSE**

**Thomas White, Ph.D.**  
President

## **\*HYMN**

Cedarville University Symphonic Band  
**Michael P. DiCuirci, M.M.**

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain* ..... Wesley/Campbell

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**Paul Nyquist, Ph.D.**  
President, Moody Bible Institute  
Chicago, Illinois

## **\*RECESSIONAL**

Cedarville University Symphonic Band  
**Michael P. DiCuirci, M.M.**

*Procession of the Nobles* ..... Rimsky-Korsakov

## **POSTLUDE**

\* Audience standing

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the Right Man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His name,  
from age to age the same,  
and He must win the battle.

## IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths  
of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when  
strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
thru Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood  
of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



## AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ  
my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

## BIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS WHITE

Thomas White became President of Cedarville University on July 1, 2013. His desire is to lead Cedarville University in training students to love the Word of God and have a passion for fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

A systematic theologian by training with a focus on the doctrine of the Church, Dr. White has served in many roles in the local church, preached itinerantly, and owned and operated multiple karate schools in South Carolina. He earned Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Divinity degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Arts degrees from Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina.

Prior to coming to Cedarville, Dr. White served as Vice President for Student Services and Communications, as well as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. White is married to Joy (Martin) White, who earned a Master of Divinity degree in women's studies and a Master of Theology

degree in systematic theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has authored a commentary on Acts and served as the Women's Studies Coordinator at Southeastern Seminary. The Whites have two young children, Rachel and Samuel, and enjoy their two dogs.



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## HISTORY OF CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

Cedarville College was established on January 26, 1887, through the vision of five godly men who dreamed of a college that would provide Christian students with an education that was offered within a spiritual framework. Affiliated with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the College attracted many local students and built its first building, now known as “Founders Hall,” in 1895. Soon, Cedarville attracted a growing number of students and gained a reputation not only for its Bible teaching but also for its liberal arts program.

The turbulence of the first 50 years of the 20th century led to hard times for the College. After multiple attempts at revitalization, the trustees realized the school was no longer sustainable. The College would have to find another school with which to merge, another denomination to assume its operation, or close its doors.

At that time the trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, Ohio, were seeking a campus on which to expand. Hearing of Cedarville College, they visited the campus and were convinced that Cedarville was the site that God had chosen for their school. Upon agreement by both trustee boards, ownership of the College was transferred on April 4, 1953. Cedarville College became a Baptist college of arts and sciences. James T. Jeremiah, the pastor who first suggested the Baptist Bible Institute-Cedarville College connection, was called to be the College’s President.

Soon the College was alive and flourishing. By 1959, enrollment had grown to 255. Faculty, staff, and facilities were added. Six years later the student body had nearly tripled to 763. By the end of Dr. Jeremiah’s 25-year tenure as President in 1978, the College’s enrollment had grown to more than 1,200 students.

Paul Dixon was then called to lead Cedarville College. Through his leadership, the College continued to flourish in every area, and by the end of his tenure in 2003, there were nearly 3,000 students, more than 100 programs of study, and many new facilities.

In April of 2000, the Board of Trustees voted to change the designation of the institution. Effective September 1, 2000, Cedarville College became Cedarville University.

William Brown took the helm of the institution in October 2003 poised to advance it forward into the next century. He did so through an expressed focus on training students to effectively engage the culture around them by thinking critically and serving compassionately.

The University celebrated its 125th year of service in 2012 as it launched new online graduate programs, opened the Health Sciences Center, and joined the NCAA Division II.

In 2013, William Brown concluded a decade of ministry and Thomas White became the 10th President in July.

Although much has changed since Cedarville's founding, the mission of the University has remained unchanged: to be a "Christ-centered learning community equipping students for lifelong leadership and service through an education marked by excellence and grounded in biblical truth." As a result, Cedarville has uniquely advanced liberal arts and professional programs alongside a conservative theological position. The faculty continues to be comprised solely of dedicated Christian professors who integrate the knowledge of their respective fields with key biblical perspectives.

## PAST PRESIDENTS



**William E. Brown**  
2003–2013



**Ira D. Vayhinger**  
1943–1950



**Paul H. Dixon**  
1978–2003



**Walter Smith  
Kilpatrick**  
1940–1943



**James T. Jeremiah**  
1954–1978



**Wilbert Renwick  
McChesney**  
1915–1940



**Leonard Webster**  
1953–1954



**David McKinney**  
1894–1915



**E.H. Miller**  
1950–1953

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cedarville University is governed by an autonomous, self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. Board members are selected for three-year terms. One-third of the board members are eligible for reelection each year. The executive committee of the board consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairs of the standing committees, and the President of the University. The board meets each January, May, and October.

### OFFICERS

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**Dr. Paul Dixon**

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**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**  
FOUNDED 1911  
Beverly Rice McAdams

**GENEVA COLLEGE**  
FOUNDED 1848  
Jolynn H. Frey

**HOUGHTON COLLEGE**  
FOUNDED 1883  
Dr. Heather G. Kuruvilla

**MALONE UNIVERSITY**  
FOUNDED 1892  
Dr. Rhoda C. Sommers

**MARIETTA COLLEGE**  
FOUNDED 1835  
Dr. Charles S. Taylor

**MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE**  
FOUNDED 1886  
Dr. Paul Nyquist

**TAYLOR UNIVERSITY**  
FOUNDED 1846  
Dr. Donald Callan

## THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The Cedarville University Presidential Medallion culminates in a three-inch-diameter, twenty-four-karat gold-plated rendering of the official University seal. The seal is suspended from an elaborate “chain of office” depicting the history of the University. The chain contains multiple elements, including nine engraved and enameled gold-plated banners, each bearing the name and dates of service for Cedarville’s previous presidents. Just above the prominent University seal is a banner bearing the name of Dr. Thomas White and the current year. This prestigious Presidential Medallion has been created exclusively for the President as a symbol of his authority and the University’s heritage that is committed to his care.

## THE CEREMONIAL ACADEMIC MACE

The ceremonial academic mace appeared in European universities during the fourteenth century, beginning a historic tradition that continues to this day. The mace symbolizes the University’s governing authority, and its presence during academic ceremonies signifies that the proceedings have official sanction.

Cedarville University’s mace is made of finely turned mahogany with brass accents. The head of the mace is a six-inch mahogany disk, bearing on each side a four-and-a-half-inch official University seal rendered in bronze with blue enamel. The mace stands forty-two inches tall. Cedarville’s new academic mace is being unveiled at today’s inauguration of Dr. Thomas White as our tenth President.

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



Adopted in 1894, the seal reflects the commitment of the first Board of Trustees to the cause of Christ. Prominently displayed on the seal are the words “PRO CORONA ET FOEDERE CHRISTI,” translated “For the Crown and the Covenant of Christ,” as well as a crown to signify His preeminence. The trustees desired to emphasize that Christ was the One for whom Cedarville College existed.

The Board of the Baptist Bible Institute, after taking over the operation of Cedarville in 1953, retained the original seal of the college, acknowledging that the desire of Cedarville’s founders was theirs as well. They then surrounded the seal with the motto of the Baptist Bible Institute, “For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ,” to visually remind those who observed the seal of the common commitment by both institutions to Jesus Christ.

The seal was updated in 2000 when Cedarville College became Cedarville University.



## THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colorful academic regalia dates from the first European universities in the Middle Ages. Academic costume has been in use in the United States since colonial times and is traditionally used for graduation convocations. The mortarboard is the standard cap. The tassel color, as established by an intercollegiate commission, indicates the subject field.

arts, history, letters, languages.....	white
business, commerce.....	drab
communication.....	silver gray
criminal justice.....	navy blue
education.....	light blue
engineering.....	orange
fine arts.....	dark brown
journalism.....	maroon
music.....	pink
nursing.....	apricot
pharmacy.....	olive
philosophy.....	royal blue
physical education, allied health.....	sage green
religion.....	scarlet
science, mathematics, psychology.....	golden yellow
social work, political science, public administration.....	citron
doctor of arts.....	gold
doctor of education.....	gold
doctor of philosophy.....	gold
doctor of theology.....	gold

The length of the hood and the width of the velvet indicate the level of the degree. The doctor's hood is quite long, has two tails, and has five-inch-wide velvet. The master's hood is shorter than the doctor's and has three-inch-wide velvet. The bachelor's hood is shorter yet and has two-inch-wide velvet. The color of the velvet indicates the field of study. Blue indicates a doctoral degree. Dark brown indicates a Master of Arts degree. White indicates a Bachelor of Arts or a Master of Arts degree. Scarlet indicates a Bachelor of Divinity degree or a Master of Divinity degree. Yellow indicates a Bachelor of Science degree. The colors in the lining of the hood are the university colors.

The gown's traditional color is black. The distinguishing feature of the master's gown is the tippet sleeve. The doctor's gown has two distinguishing features. It is cut much fuller than the bachelor's or the master's gown and has velvet panels on the sleeves, around the neck, and down the front. These panels may be black or the color that symbolizes the subject field in which the degree was earned.

Some regalia represent academic awards that have been conferred from universities outside the United States, notably from Europe. Universities in Europe have not undergone the standardization in academic dress that was introduced in the United States. Each European university retains the right to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates. This results in a wide variety of hood and gown colors. The crest of the university may be woven into the hood or panels in the gown. Gowns are worn open, and formal attire is worn underneath the gown; women wear black skirts and white blouses, while men wear a formal suit or national costume.



“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:8–9





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Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University attracts 3,400 undergraduate, graduate, and online students to more than 100 areas of study. The University is a Christ-centered learning community recognized nationally for rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings.