

# THE CHRONICLE

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Two are better than one;  
because they have a good  
reward for their labour.

For if they fall,  
the one will lift up  
his fellow:

*Ecclesiastes 4: 9, 10a*



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## Got Influence? The Power of Role Models

*"Very few men are wise by their own counsel, or learned by their own teaching. For he that was only taught by himself had a fool for his master." Ben Jonson*

According to a recent paper published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, parents put high value on the teaching techniques of their children's educators. Studies have shown that teachers who create interesting and enriching learning environments earn higher popularity scores than teachers who bypass the learning-conducive environment and focus solely on raising test scores and student aptitudes. From this finding, it is assumed that parents not only desire their children to receive a quality education, but also to sit under the influence of positive role models in the classroom—and rightly so. Therefore, it can be surmised that the necessity of positive role models is tantamount to the future spiritual, vocational, and emotional success of the child.

## From the President: The Importance of Mentoring

During my college years, the idea of mentoring was not discussed as frequently as it is today. We were challenged to be disciples of Jesus Christ, but the concept of life-to-life investment was not formally implemented. I realize now that this is one of the reasons I was oblivious to the intentional investment that two men, Ted Allston and Ken Collier, were making in my life during that time. They were mentoring me, and I had no idea that's what they were doing! I respected them greatly, and I was arrogant enough to think I was the younger guy who was just cool enough to gain their friendship.



Now I can clearly see that their welcomed intrusion into my life was to teach me to be God-focused in a 24-7 way. As genuine lovers of God, they were interested in my having a desire to passionately love Him, too. They never declared themselves to be my mentors, but I am indebted to both of them for continually directing my attention to the eternal and away from the temporal distractions of life.

Ted and Ken are solid preachers of the Word, but the most effective mentoring they offered me didn't come in the form of a sermon, rather in their investment of time. These men continue to have a profound influence on my life, and both were used by God to instill within my heart a passion for discipling others.

May the Lord give each of us the blessed privilege of not only being mentored, but also of directing the attention of others to Christ and the Cross!

*Richard Shatto*



### Golf Tournament Well 'Above Par'

While donations from our 2010 Cougar Golf Classic are still coming in, we are anticipating that proceeds for student scholarships will exceed all prior tournaments! The Tenth Annual Cougar Classic was a resounding success! This is largely due to strong participation by those who golfed, this year's sponsors, and the donation of a Ford Mustang Cobra. We are expecting our gross proceeds to reach nearly \$100,000!

The tournament was held Friday, November 12, at the Westchase Golf Club in Tampa. The morning started with check-in and golfers competing against one another at the chipping and putting contests. After an early lunch, everyone scrambled to their starting positions returning five hours later to the clubhouse for supper, prizes, and a presentation of the Gospel by Dr. Ken Davies, former CCC Bible faculty and pastor of Faith Bible Church in Naples, FL. Congratulations to tournament 'gross score' team winners Dwight McEntire, Greg Blackburn, Tom Parsley, and Adam Stuck (16 under par) and 'net score' team winners Dave Gildersleeve, Ryan Gildersleeve, Karen Mayfield and Abbey Naylor (14 under par). Make plans now to attend next year's tournament at Westchase tentatively scheduled for November 11, 2011.

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## Got Influence: The Power of Role Models— Continued

A basic search for "role model" on the internet results in numerous hits from Hollywood, the fashion industry, collegiate and national athletic programs, and a variety of musicians, but what about Sunday School teachers, pastors, youth ministers, professors, and parents? Unfortunately, culture is shaping the mind of the next generation rather than the Godly examples in a child's life.

We are all influenced by the company we keep. Even in the secular arena, the admonition is to choose friends wisely, emulate the strong and beautiful, and become the best you can be. As adults, we know the truth in the statement "what you are surrounded by, you become," and avoid those circumstances and people that would be detrimental to our character, but the next generation is still learning how to live. It is our duty to not only be role models of good character and living, but also to provide instruction on how to choose the right kind of role model.

### Good role models:

- A good role model should display a visible dependence upon Christ for everything from "daily bread" to the "great unknown" of future endeavors.
- A good role model should exhibit faithfulness to their personal ministry. Full-time service is not a pre-requisite for the establishment of a good role model, but serving full-time within a chosen field/profession/ministry is key for a successful modeling of character to occur.
- A good role model will foster joy in serving Jesus. Just singing the song "There is Joy in Serving Jesus" is not enough. The basic, core truth of joyful service should be apparent within the life and responses of a role model. Modelling a sour character—albeit in a devoted servant—will not result in joyful service in the life of those looking to the role model for examples.

At Clearwater Christian College, our mission is not only to provide role models for our students, but also to help grow role models for the generation they will reach through their service and ministry after graduation. Brooke Begemann, a 2009 graduate currently serving in the United States Air Force, understands the need for role models. "I've found that the role models God has graciously given me thus far in life, whether educational, spiritual, career-wise, etc., all contribute to the person I am today and the person I desire to be. I know the Lord has used people in every chapter of my life up to this point to inspire me to keep striving to fulfill my purpose of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ through the means He desires."



### Why role models?

As 2010 graduate Elizabeth Perry said, "I think each role model is a good example in [his or her] own way—each possesses something different in [his or her] character to offer as a model. During college, I looked to my professors as role models; however, there was a point in my life when I realized that while they could model good decisions, they didn't have all the right answers for my life. I had to take responsibility for myself."

Role models are needed in the life of every Christian for the circle of mentorship to continue. Biblically, we find countless cases of the mentor-mentee relationship, whether it is Elijah and Elisha, Paul and Timothy, or Jesus and His disciples. In I Corinthians 11:1, Paul exhorts

the Corinthian believers to follow him as he followed Christ. Paul wasn't claiming perfection, nor was he asserting that he was infallible; he was simply telling the believers to model his devotion and service to Christ in a circular mentorship pattern. The essence of being a good role model is to keep the circular mentorship intact—the watcher becomes the watched, the mentee becomes the mentor. Our example becomes their example for those under their "tutelage."

### How can I be one?

In short, the only way to become a good role model is to be one. While the concept seems elementary, it is a biblical principle. I Timothy admonishes us to be examples: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." How do we become a role model? We exemplify scriptural principles in our daily lives, our conversations, and our character.

By exemplifying scriptural principles, we can effectively demonstrate the love of God to the next generation. The old adage, "Do what I say, not what I do" cannot be the way that we live our lives if we expect to minister to those watching us. Our lives must be an open book, and what better book to model than the inspired Word of God.

### What Scriptures?

The following list of verses is by no means an exhaustive list of all the scriptures about being a role model, but it may launch a study into the topic. Consider reviewing these verses and putting the principles into practice.

- Colossians 3:23
- Ephesians 4:32
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Philippians 4:19
- Luke 12:34
- Galatians 6:9
- James 1:2-3
- James 1:5

**Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. I Corinthians 11:1**

# Home Away From Home: Campus Parents



We all know that "there's no place like home," but at CCC, we strive to be each student's home away from home. One of the ways that we do so is the campus parent program. It is the goal of the college to match every incoming student, whether freshman or transfer, with a family. A family that will shower the student with love, prayers, trinkets, and baked goods.



"To me, being a Campus Parent means mentoring through their ups and downs," said Jeanne Johnson, staff member. "If they're going through struggles, I try to help them through it in a godly way." Christal, Mrs. Johnson's Campus Kid of three years, said, "I can talk to her about everything... and I get goodies!" Mrs. Johnson has a heart for the students that God has given her and can often be found texting encouraging messages or praying for her Kids.

ily, they consistently put their personal time on hold to be actively involved in their Campus Kids' lives. Their home is constantly full of students, whether it is using the pool, watching movies, washing clothes, or cleaning out the refrigerator. This week, Mrs. Edson is blessing her Kids with baked goods, just in time for Fall.

The best part about the Campus Kids program? It isn't only for the staff and faculty. Dr. and Mrs. Stratton are some of the most coveted parents in the "business." The Strattons view the entire student body as their Campus Kids. They are constantly encouraging students as Mrs. Stratton hosts girls' sleepovers or Dr. Stratton takes students to lunch. Their Facebook walls are constantly covered with thoughts from thankful hearts of students that they go out of their way to minister to. "They are so approachable," said senior Joanna Wiedeman, who had the opportunity to go on a double date with the Strattons. "The opportunity to fellowship with the Strattons not only shows me that they care about helping me develop godly relationships, but also shows that they really care about me on a personal level. I love it!"

In the world of Campus Parents, some families go above and beyond the call of duty. One such case is the family of Ron and Debbie Edson. Both vital members of the CCC fam-

mentoring and ministry are not always easy, but when you have a heart for those you're ministering to, it becomes family.



## Campus Fun Facts

**☞ Coming Soon to the Cove: a special CCC blend of coffee roasted by Shadrach, Meshach, and A Bean to Go located in Goodrich, MI. Next time you're in the area, stop by for a freshly brewed cup o' Cougar Blend!**

**☞ If you look hard enough and are as quiet as a classroom during Freshman mid-term exams, you may see our newest wildlife resident, Roscoe Jogonalof, baby alligator. Alligators need love, too!**

## Music Ministry Team



**Nate Perrie, Wes Andrews, Mack Gotcher, and Tim Bryant**

[www.clearwater.edu/news/ministryteam](http://www.clearwater.edu/news/ministryteam)

# Cougar Country

## From the Den: Midnight Madness

The opening of the 2010-2011 basketball season began with Midnight Madness. Early October marks the beginning of the official basketball season, but since the NCAA places restrictions upon college team schedules, the first team practice generally marks a celebration on campuses across the country. October 13 marked the first official practice for the men's and women's basketball teams at CCC. But it wasn't just a practice. It was so much more.

Contrary to popular opinion, our staff and faculty members get better at sports with age. At least, that's what they wanted us to think during our 4th Annual Midnight Madness! Our basketball teams don't just hold a regular practice on the first night; rather, they open up the competition to alumni, faculty, coaches, and staff that think they have what it takes to give the freshly recruited team a run for their money. This year's "Old Guys" team included student recruiter Lance "Jump Man" Wild, music professor Phil "The Prof" Golson, President "The Doctor of Defense" Stratton, VP for institutional advancement Terry "The Wild Man" Wild, athletic director James "Boss Man" Whitaker, annual fund director Dan "Divalicious" Wareing, VP for student life Ryan "The Real Deal" Dupee, resident director Josh "The Wall" Hoag, mathematics professor Matt "Special K" Kellogg, and the sole lady representative, resident director Jessica "Court Queen" Wiedeman.

Not only is it a time for the "Old Guys" to come out and show the world that they "still have it," but also it serves as a time for staff and faculty to get involved in campus life. We claim to be one big family at CCC, but we really do believe it. It's not just academics; students receive a quality education and learn about life and ministry in the process. Nothing says "active mentoring" as letting a student slam dunk over your head... and not just over your head, but letting them vault off your shoulders! Dr. Stratton willingly participated in the half time contest that allowed Cougar players the privilege of dunking over the President. Not your normal college experience, but at CCC, we aim to make it memorable!

This year the oldies held their own, the 2010-2011 Lady Cougars dominated the scoreboard. Each game was a ten-minute half, and there were three halves of competition—the Lady Cougars v. Old Guys, the men's team vs. Old Guys, and an intersquad scrimmage among the men's team. Among the other events of the night, the crowd favorites were competitions including a dunk contest for our current players on the 10 foot goal (won by Todd Wahlberg), a dunk contest on an 8 foot goal (featuring Mr. Dupee doing his best dunks), a 3-point competition, and free food and drinks for our students.



## Denny's 800th Win

On August 31, 2010, Coach Vickie Denny knocked out her 800th career win. This win put Coach Denny in an elite group of coaches; only ten active coaches in the NCAA have met their 800th win, only four of which are in smaller, private, junior, or community colleges. Dr. Vickie Denny, Professor of Exercise and Sport Science and Teacher Education, and Chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science at Clearwater Christian College, also serves as the president of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). A contributing writer to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's (AVCA) journal "Volleyball ACE™ Power Tips," Dr. Denny has lent her coaching expertise to volleyball clubs across the country.





## Class of 2014

Saturday, August 21, arrived in a flurry of freshman activities as the Class of 2014 moved into their residence halls on campus. The Class of 2014 is made up of 178 students: 85 women and 93 men. The Freshman class was welcomed to Clearwater with rain, rain, and more rain, but



they were not "washed up." From introductions to CCC Greek organizations to Ice Skating and Bowling, the Class of 2014 survived their first week on campus and have been going strong ever since. Class officers have been elected and the freshman class is working as a unified whole to make their first year of college a memorable experience.

## Master Plan Update



After years of discussion, consultation, and planning, Clearwater Christian College is moving forward with its Master Site Plan. With 138 acres adjacent to Old Tampa Bay, the College has defined a strategic plan that will maximize buildable

property while preserving the natural beauty of the wetland areas that surround the campus.

This plan, developed with the help of environmental experts, allows for consolidation of developable property for the construction of much-needed campus buildings and dorm extensions, and provides usable land for the expansion of current athletic fields. Thus far, the plan has successfully passed through three of the anticipated governmental bodies and agencies that must approve it before any development can take place. Currently, no further campus development dates have been set.

One unique feature of this plan is to enrich the existing wetlands by increasing water circulation between the landlocked wetlands and the bay. The end result will not only enhance the environmental benefits of the existing wetlands, but also make them more habitable for wildlife while maintaining a clean ecosystem. This environmental renovation will greatly benefit the surrounding Tampa Bay community by providing an access to the improved wetlands.

## Fall Missions Conference

The student body, staff, faculty, and community supporters gathered for the Fall Missions Conference on September 28-30. This year's conference, entitled Persecuted, but Prevailing, heightened campus awareness of the reality of and need for foreign missions. Dr. Tim Keesee, Director of Frontline Missions International, was the keynote speaker for the conference. In addition to chapel and devotional presentations, Dr. Keesee presented his documentary-style video produced by FMI, Dispatches from the Front: A Bold Advance. The video gave in-depth details about what the Lord is doing on foreign fields across the world.



## Pray for Deborah Olney

Early this semester, chapel speaker and alumnus Bart Olney ('01) touched the hearts of the entire CCC family with the story of how God prepares hearts and provides strength for trials. Bart and Amy are the happy parents of Deborah, a three year old gift from God. When Deborah was four months old, she was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since the diagnosis, the Olney family has gone through numerous surgeries, tests, and struggles, but God has been faithful.



As Amy told Deborah's story from birth to present struggles, she radiated a peace that can only be found in the shelter of the Almighty's arms. Bart shared how he strives to take the unbearable circumstances surrounding Deborah's physical condition and turn them into joy. "God doesn't put us through trials that He knows we can't handle or that will not have a beneficial effect on our lives," he said. "Jesus died because He knew it was the only way to bring salvation. That was the joy beyond the pain." His message was an inspiration to all in attendance.

For more information on the Olney family, to pray for their current needs, or to give to the ongoing medical needs fund, please visit [www.olneyfamilyonline.com](http://www.olneyfamilyonline.com).

# Alumni Spotlight: Ministry to Today's Youth

The CCC Bible department endeavors to prepare students for a life of ministry in their chosen field. For some graduates, that field of ministry is the brightly colored, often noisy youth department at the local church. Jason Lange (Church Ministries '03), J.J. Gawlowicz (Bible '99), and Jon Doughty (Pastoral Studies '02) all serve as youth pastors in their local churches. One of the most relevant topics in youth ministry is the necessity of positive, godly role models.

"I believe in order for someone to be considered a role model," said Jason Lange, "his or her life should reflect Jesus Christ, not just in knowledge of the Bible, but in practical application as well. A role model for today's youth needs to be someone who doesn't just say that he believes in God, but live like he believes. What kids need to see today is integrity, because they are constantly bombarded with distortions of the truth and misrepresentations of reality."

One of the unique ways that Jason has put a high priority on character is in the establishment of a Leadership Council in his youth group. Leadership Council exists to encourage character, service to God and to others, and leadership. Faithfulness is rewarded, and those that display godly character are appointed as officers in the council. "I am encouraged by our youth group because even though our teens are not perfect, they are real."

Similarly, J.J. Gawlowicz strives to be the excited, fun, positive role model for his youth group at all times. "Youth ministry is a movement, not a moment," he said. "The most heart-breaking statistic we hear as youth pastors is the number of students who drop out of church after high school. [Youth group] cannot be a momentary or seasonal spiritual high in a student's life. We have to be preparing students for a lifetime of discipleship. Students are not just the future of the church; they are the present, as well."

J.J. has determined that one of the most important keys to effective youth ministry is communication and availability. "Our house is open for students to hang out and talk. Our high school small group meets at our house, as well. This provides great opportunities for me, my wife, and other leaders to interact with students in a smaller environment than our Wednesday night experience. We program our services in such a way that we can attract unchurched students, but we believe discipleship happens on a one-on-one basis."

Students also need to be plugged in to a ministry of their own. "We have to creatively find opportunities to al-

low them to start to lead," said J.J. "The more they are invested in ministry, the greater the probability they will continue being involved in their adult years."

Jon Doughty has also figured out one of the keys to being a role model: consistency. "Our youth are not only looking for the right example, but they are also watching closely for any hint of hypocrisy. To be a godly role model for Christian youth, the mentality of 'I can live for God when I feel like it' must be abandoned. The goal of a role model must be to live what they believe at all times."

In his youth group, Jon took the concept of living for Christ to a new level when he encouraged his youth group to create their own gospel tract.

"This activity encouraged our young people to share their faith through the words of Scripture... in their own words. They created an original story that shares the truth of the Gospel. It has given them a new perspective in practicing their faith in a real way."

Effective ministry to today's youth can be summed up in one phrase from II Corinthians 12:15: "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you." Youth Ministry. It isn't always easy; sometimes the teenage willpower is discouraging, but unconditional love is possible when we realize they are God's ambassadors to a lost and dying world.



J.J. Gawlowicz with his youth group



Jason Lange directing Teen Choir



Jon Doughty's youth group

*Jason and wife Janette have four boys, and minister at New Testament Baptist Church in Largo, FL. In addition to his responsibilities as Youth Pastor, Jason wears a number of different hats in the church, speaks in local high schools, and fills the needs assigned by Senior Pastor Matthew Trill.*

*J.J. and wife Beth have had the privilege to adopt three children, two of which are currently in the youth group at their church, RidgePoint Church in Winter Haven, FL. J.J. is the Director of Student Ministries and Service Programming and works in conjunction with Lead Pastor Timm Collins.*

*Jon and wife Hope have one daughter, Noelle, and minister at Grace Baptist Church in Owatonna, MN. Jon is the Assistant Pastor and works under the leadership of Senior Pastor Andrew Burggraff.*

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- January 10 Spring Semester Arrival
- February 10-11 Teacher Recruitment Conference
- February 17-18 College Days
- February 18 Parents'/Grandparents' Day
- March 5 Founders' Banquet
- March 24-25 Student Athlete Days
- April 13-16 Spring Play
- May 7 Commencement