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*"One of the main differences between secular education and a liberal arts education from a biblical perspective is the evident, overwhelming leading of the Holy Spirit."*

Dr. Philip Golson



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## Liberal Arts: What Makes the Difference?

*A college graduate that possesses a degree from a liberal arts institution will have a balanced educational foundation upon which a kaleidoscope of possible careers and vocations can blossom. In this issue, we will attempt to answer the question of the fundamental difference between Clearwater Christian College and other state or national liberal arts institutions.*

A regionally accredited degree makes higher education at Clearwater Christian College a wise investment. The broad array of courses comprising a liberal arts education in the context of a Christian college assures that a degree from Clearwater Christian College will be an asset to the graduating senior interested in pursuing a career in both secular and religious occupations. But a solid foundation of Scriptural principles, Biblical morality, and Christian ethics in all classroom instruction, extracurricular activities, and campus events makes a Clearwater Christian College degree priceless.

At its inception, American higher education began as an organized way to train young men and women in a trade while encouraging them in their faith. One of the most recognized Ivy League Colleges in America, Harvard University, was

# From the President: Developing Critical Thinking



Clearwater Christian College has a liberal arts emphasis in our educational platform. We present a broad-based curriculum that exposes our young people to a number of different subject areas. While we understand the need for Bible colleges, CCC has a different focus for both those going into vocational ministry or into another field of endeavor. We believe that providing exposure to various academic disciplines prepares our graduates for the demands of their God-appointed life work.

There are many advantages to this kind of academic package, but I would like to point out just two of them. First, a liberal arts academic curriculum provides students with basic understanding of many different fields, thus equipping them to interact with men and women from a variety of different backgrounds. Having this kind of understanding can assist in the interview process, in a job setting, and in evangelism.

The second advantage that our liberal arts curriculum provides to our students is the development of critical thinking skills in a biblical worldview context. Each of our courses across all disciplines requires our young people to develop their critical thinking abilities in order to be effective problem solvers in the work place, at home, or in a ministry setting.

I am grateful for the privilege to provide our young people with these essential tools for their particular area of service for our Lord.

*Richard Shatto*

*Holy Bible*

## Coming Events

February 23-24, 2012  
College Days

March 7, 2012  
Bible Conference

March 20-24, 2012  
Spring Musical  
The Secret Garden

March 29-30, 2012  
Student Athlete Days

April 17, 2012  
Choir Concert

May 5, 2012  
Commencement

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to confirm  
dates and activities

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## Liberal Arts: What Makes the Difference— Continued

founded upon Scriptural principles in 1636. An original college rule describes the dedication to fostering Christian character. “Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life, (John 17:3), and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning.” Unfortunately, this rule no longer applies to secular education.

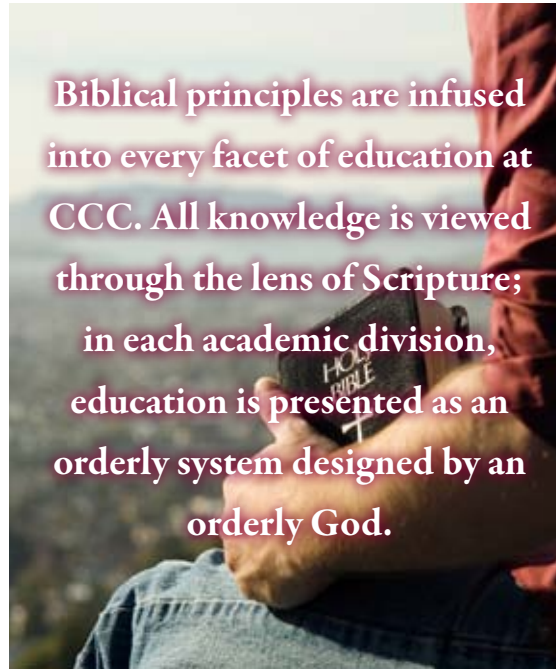
Clearwater Christian College has simply returned to the basics of American higher education, using the Bible as the glue to bind an excellent liberal arts education with Scriptural instruction. Dr. Daniel Alejandro, professor of exercise and sport science said, “Sharing the knowledge of Scripture and the transmission of its truth gives meaning to each liberal art and facilitates communication from one school of thought to the other. Scripture is the Rosetta Stone of education as it serves as the perfect interdisciplinary course, binding all schools of thought together, and giving meaning to education itself. Without Scripture, a liberal arts education does not make sense.”

The foundational difference between secular institutions and a liberal arts education at CCC is found within the mission statement: Clearwater Christian College exists to provide an excellent liberal arts education centered on God’s Word, with a focus on challenging students to love God wholly, to know Him intimately, and to serve Him fervently; educating men and women to minister faithfully and humbly with evangelistic zeal as they impact eternity for Jesus Christ in every avenue of life.

“We are in the enviable position of having the correct mission statement, and, therefore, the correct mission,” said Dr. Alejandro. “Since the Bible is central

to everything we do, and the central theme of the Bible is Jesus Christ, we are in the best position to provide a healthy and positive meaning to all the liberal arts we teach.”

Dr. Philip Golson, associate professor of music said, “The difference between secular and Christian educa-



tion is that we measure from an absolute standard by recognizing that God is the imminent Creator and Architect of education. In every subject, there is a need for God, a visible description of the authorship and intent of God, and a call for personal and professional ethics in the attempt to honor God.”

Through a liberal arts education from a Christian perspective, graduates are prepared for life by professors that expertly navigate the particular challenges in each educational division. “True education is not avoiding volatile topics, but being appropriate and sensitive, and through discretion, tackling tough subjects and cultural issues through the lens of Scripture as the ultimate truth,” said Dr. Golson. “We provide thorough preparation

not only for the craft itself, but also for the culture within which the graduate will work upon leaving CCC.”

In CCC classrooms, biblical principles are infused into every facet of education. All knowledge is viewed through the lens of Scripture; in each academic division, education is presented as an orderly system designed by an orderly God. This unique ingredient to a liberal arts education serves as a proving ground for the next generation of professionals and pastors. Students learn that there truly is no separation between morality, ethics, education, and professionalism, thus increasing their value to an employer.

Miss Elizabeth Perry, 2010 music education graduate said, “For me the major difference between a Christian liberal arts school and a secular liberal arts school is a matter of education—spiritual and character education through Scripture. Having knowledge is great, but learning to implement that knowledge with excellence is most important. Although secular classrooms may have a place for discussions about ethics, morality, and integrity, they do not give these traits the same seat of honor that CCC does and they certainly do not train their students to exhibit these characteristics. Character is a learned thing. I have confidence in Christ that I have already won and that I am already a success, no matter what the world says. That’s priceless. I don’t know that I’d be able to say that if not for a Christian education founded on Scriptural principles.”

I Thessalonians 5:21 charges us to “Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.” We believe that education should be no exception. By proving all things through the lens of Scripture, faculty members present truths and principles relevant to the entire scope of academic life—professional and ministerial alike.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.  
Proverbs 1:7

# Community Service: Making a Difference

The economic crisis in which we find ourselves as a nation could be a reasonable excuse to cut back on community service and sacrificial giving, but at CCC, we make it our mission to ensure students continue to find ways to serve and give. With numerous community service opportunities on campus, students find their unique niche in the big picture of reaching our world for Christ.

Contrary to the "in it to win it" ideal of secular athletic programs, the athletic department at CCC is highly active in community service involvement. Just this year, the athletic department has sponsored soccer clinics at area schools, churches, and community events including Skycrest Baptist Soccer League, Calvary Chapel Soccer Ministry, Winning Inning Baseball Academy, and Upward Basketball. "We have also done service projects and cleanup efforts on local highways and for local churches and seniors in the area," said Athletic Director James Whitaker.

In conjunction with the NCCAA Division II South Region Championships held at Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, the athletic department helped organize a food drive for Hope Children's Home in Tampa. "The South Region collected over 375 pounds of food during the drive," said Assistant Athletic Director,



Keith Champion. "As the person who delivered the food to the children's home, I think I received the biggest blessing of all. To see the faces of the children light up as they looked over all the food items was worth it all. I was truly blessed to be the person that

headed up this christian service project for the NCCAA's South Region."

As one of CCC's most popular majors, Exercise and Sport Science (ESS) students get a taste of community and volunteer service through outreach programs at local schools. "I require students to volunteer in the community," said Daryl Mullholand, associate professor of ESS. "This month, we had several of our students volunteering at Northside Christian High School during football games. Volunteering at the school has been a rewarding experience for our students as they learn techniques used on the field as medical staff."

Not just a focus of the athletic department, several students have joined the national Big Brothers Big Sisters group to become positive role models for local children. "This unique ministry is an opportunity for our students to make an impact in the community while ministering to children seeking relationships," said Ryan Du-

pee, staff sponsor of the BBBS program on campus. "We had 28 young people show up for the first meeting. Since we were expecting about 20, it was a great success!"

"I love being with kids and having random adventures, so I figured why not spend some of my time trying to make a difference in someone's life?" said Kyrene Resel, sophomore. "BBBS is a great way to get into children's lives and maybe help them turn their lives around or make better decisions. Not to mention that it is a great way to witness about what God has done in my own life!"

At CCC, students are presented with many opportunities to get involved. Fine arts programs supply instrumental groups that tour local nursing and retirement homes, Joy Clubs meet at area parks and hold Bible studies for children of all ages, student organizations such as the Pro-Life Club minister in conjunction with the Pinellas County Pregnancy Center, and volunteer tutoring takes place at local elementary schools.

In addition to the various outreach opportunities, every student joins one of CCC's Greek organizations. With its unique design, the Greek program is designed to foster campus community spirit and encourage local community outreach. Senior Courtney Kent, community service representative for women's Greek SDC said, "Being a part of Greeks helps our fellowship as a student body. It is such a blessing to serve and laugh together in these groups whose focus is to reach others. This year SDC has been writing letters to alumni and doing projects in the community. I love being a part of what God is doing in others' lives, encouraging them in their walks."

## Fun Facts

☞ While we may not have snow flurries and accumulation, we do have a plethora of sand. Sandmen have become a popular tradition on Florida beaches... and they last longer than their frozen counterparts!

☞ One of the most popular Christmas traditions in Florida is the Gaylord Palms ICE! display in their Kissimmee resort. With nearly two million pounds of hand-carved ice, the holiday event gives even the warmest-blooded college student a taste of frightful winter weather!

# Cougar Country

## From the Den: National Champions!

The women's volleyball team captured another national championship banner for the sixth straight season marking their 11th national title since 1995 in the 2011 NCCAA Division II National Championships. During the three-day event, Clearwater went undefeated in pool play without dropping a set to rival teams from Division II. In the final game, the Cougars defeated Ozark Christian College in three straight sets to win the 2011 National Championship Title.



Clearwater was led by Emma Kile as she played her last match in a Cougar uniform with 19 kills and the final, game-winning point in set three. Clearwater's overall record this season was 42-7 with a .857 win percentage. The Lady Cougars went undefeated against NCCAA II colleges and also had several big wins over NCCAA I, NAIA, NJCAA, and NCAA III programs. Other highlights of the year were winning their own Labor Day tournament and beating Webber International University (NAIA) twice.

According to Coach Denny, "We are very thankful for the great year that the Lord gave us. After graduating three starters from last year's championship squad, we had some spots to fill. The sophomore class really stepped up big for us and made solid contributions. The amount of improvement seen on this year's squad from the start of our season to now was tremendous and I am excited to see what the Lord has for us next year with so many of these players returning."

## Emma Kile: Volleyball Superstar

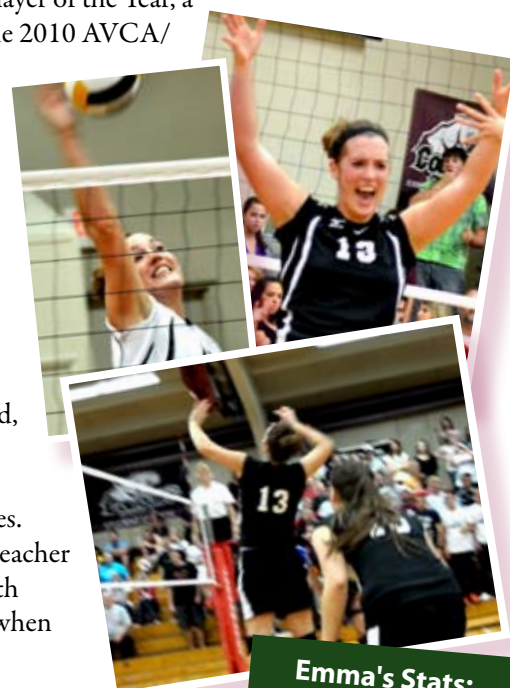
CCC will say goodbye to a true superstar when Emma Kile graduates in May. With a record 2,654 career kills, Emma now holds the all-time kill career record held by Jenny Goodson (2005) and has the highest win percentage (88%) of any one player's four year career at CCC. She is a four-time All-Region team player, a four-time NCCAA All-American, a three-time NCCAA National All Tournament Team selection, a two-time Regional MVP, a two-time NCCAA National Player of the Year, a two-time AVCA All American Team member, a NCCAA Scholar Athlete, and named the 2010 AVCA/NCCAA Player of the Year.

But with Emma, it is more than just statistics. Emma truly is a superstar on and off of the court. "The thing I love most about Emma is her humble spirit," said Coach Vickie Denny. "She is genuinely humble and focused on giving God the glory for all her accomplishments. She is an exceptional young lady and has improved in every way from her freshman year. She is hard working and very coachable."

God did a miraculous thing by bringing Emma to CCC. "I never saw Emma hit a volleyball until she came to our volleyball camp the summer before her freshman year," said Coach Denny. "I remember her drilling that first ball down as I turned to my husband, and, with a smile, said, 'I think she's going to be a solid player for us.' Little did I know!"

Emma's record on the court is impressive, but her work off campus is where she truly shines. Completing her practicum at Eisenhower Elementary school, she assists her cooperating teacher by checking homework and completing daily routines, while at the same time, helping with small group instruction. "I chose elementary education because children are so moldable when they are young, and I want to have the opportunity to influence their lives," she said.

"Volleyball has been one of the best experiences of my college career, and it has made a lasting impact on my life. I couldn't imagine not playing. I love the girls I have played with and the relationships that we have built; we have had so many good times on and off the court. I also really appreciate the spiritual emphasis that Coach Denny incorporates into volleyball. I love how we are able to use volleyball to honor and glorify God. In a nutshell, I am going to miss playing, but I have learned so much. It has been an awesome four years!"



### Emma's Stats:

2008: 464

2009: 591

2010: 787\*

2011: 812\*\*

Total Career Kills:

2,654

\*new single season record

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# Making Miracles Out of Misfortune



After graduating from CCC in 1993, Bible and Pastoral Studies major Joey Davis moved to Columbia, South

Carolina where he served as a youth pastor and coached football at an intercity school. There he met Laura and her two children, Ben and Sarah, and they married soon after. They were truly living a "charmed life" of service and ministry in their church and local community. Over the next several years, God moved Joey and Laura to different ministries, eventually leading them to a church in New York City. It was here that the Davis family was turned upside down. Tragedy struck on September 25, 2007 when Sarah, then 18 years of age, was involved in a fatal car accident while returning home from a babysitting job.

"The accident changed our perspective on what was important," said Joey. "I began to re-analyze everything." Two months later, the Davis family cashed in their life savings, moved to Sarasota, Florida, and began a non-profit organization called MobilePreacher.org. "We went against everything we had ever heard about coping after a tragedy. Several people told us not to make big decisions while we experience the beginning stages of grief, but we knew God was leading us to Sarasota." After an incredible donation from eleven supporting families and a private investment organization, Joey and Laura were able to secure an interest-free mortgage for a large facility just outside downtown Sarasota. "It was such a God thing!"

Three years later, the Davis family operates several youth ministry outreaches in the building they purchased, as well as a gourmet restaurant that serves the community seven days a week. The tragedy of loss has morphed into a vibrant, growing ministry. The building, known as Nightlife Center, is specially designed to reach the youth of Sarasota. Over 35% of youth under the age of 20 are currently unemployed in the city; the Nightlife Center wants to change that. "We're cutting edge. We are an unconventional ministry that operates under old-school, Biblical principles," said Joey.

It is the passion of the Center staff to reach Sarasota County for Christ through the avenue of unconventional, courageous youth

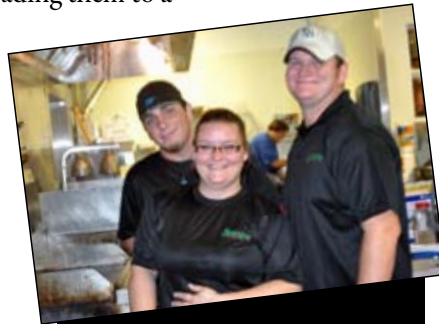
ministry. They offer special events that range from Xbox tournaments, tutoring, to fitness classes, and providing jobs for unemployed youth. "We thank God for all the opportunities that He has given us to impact the young people in our community." Since 2009, the ministry has paid out over \$450,000 in student wages and employs between 10-20 youth at any given time.

Not just a popular student spot, the Center is home to Sarah's Cafe, a gourmet restaurant that serves breakfast and lunch during the week and a \$10 all-you-can-eat Sunday buffet. Named in honor of their daughter, Sarah's Cafe is one of the largest ministry opportunities as it employs the bulk of the student workers. Chef Ben Tibbs, a culinary institute and Bible college graduate said, "I love working at Sarah's Cafe. It blends my backgrounds in ministry and the culinary arts perfectly as I garnish both my food and my ministry with grace. I know God called me here." Most recently the executive chef at a catering company in Sarasota, Ben approached Joey about volunteering at the cafe, but when the opportunity to come on board was presented, he knew God had worked a miracle. "In the first eight weeks of working at Sarah's, the Sunday brunch crowd had expanded from 45 to 130 customers!

Our new menu will, Lord willing, draw even more!"

One of the cafe's shining stars is Chris, a student worker, who has been with the ministry since day one. "I needed a job and Sarah's Cafe hired me on the spot," said Chris. "Starting in the kitchen, I grew to kitchen manager, and then was promoted to the master chief of the house. I've seen kids come through the ministry and watched the impact on their lives. God is really working in this place; my favorite part of the ministry is being influenced by people who have guided me spiritually. Nightlife has changed my life."

Joey's desire for the future is to raise awareness of the ministry and help the center become financially sustainable on its own. "The reason we have such an impact on the youth of Sarasota is because God has given me such an amazing team," said Joey. "The tragedy my family experienced has inspired people to come and serve. We're Sarasota's best kept secret!"



*He never planned on being able to share a testimony of abundant grace through tragic loss, but this unique journey through pain has led to a revolutionized outlook on youth ministry.*



# 11th Annual Cougar Golf Classic

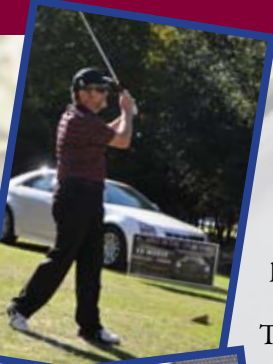
## GOLF TOURNAMENT HELPS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 11th Annual Cougar Golf Tournament was held Friday, November 11th at the Westchase Country Club in Tampa, FL. Over 100 golfers joined us this year to play golf, to fellowship with friends and business partners, and to help raise monies for the CCC Scholarship Fund.

This year's tournament proceeds will likely be the highest amount ever raised in the history of our event. Vice President for Development Terry Wild says "This year, assuming we receive all the funds promised, we raised over \$100,000. Just think how many of our students will benefit from these funds."

In addition to monies already given or pledged, the College was gifted a fully restored 1948 Mercury (see picture). Proceeds from the sale of this vehicle will go toward the Scholarship Fund. For further details regarding this car, contact Pat Squires in the Development Office.

Next year's tournament is scheduled for November 9, 2012.



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### Fanny Crosby

Dr. Melissa Cancel and the CCC Cantorum presented a dramatic adaptation of the life and music of famed hymnwriter and poet, Fanny Crosby. Speaking as the famous composer, Dr. Cancel introduced the college family to the incredible blessings and intense struggles endured by Miss Crosby. As a favorite communications professor, Dr. Cancel uses her gifts and abilities to bring stories to life through drama and monologue.



### A Tribute to American Heroes

CCC hosted the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" and SFC Leigh Ann Hinton in a special tribute to American Heroes on Tuesday, November 15. In a community concert sponsored by Acheiva Credit Union, the CCC orchestra, choir, and cantorum accompanied the famous band in rousing renditions of American classics. The concert was a success and served to duly honor American Heroes of all military branches, past and present.



### Faculty Notes

This year has held significant achievements for many of our faculty. Dr. Kris DeWitt is now a licensed psychologist; Dr. Phil Burggraff earned his doctorate from McMaster Divinity School; and Dr. Ian Duncan earned his doctorate from Argosy University in business administration. Dr. Daniel Alejandro was promoted to Professor Exercise and Sport Science; Dr. Matt Kellogg to Professor of Education; and Mr. Anthony Abell to Associate Professor of Bible.

*Dr. Kris DeWitt*



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