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"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!" (Nahum 1:15)

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Student Spotlight



**Cedrick
Goddard**

Cedrick Goddard was born in 2007 in Wheeling, WV and raised in Proctor, WV. He is the younger son of Fred Goddard and the late Sue Goddard of Proctor.

Cedrick delivered his first sermon at the age of fifteen on February 12, 2023, at the Steelton Church of Christ in New Martinsville. He is currently a second-year student at the West Virginia School of Preaching in Moundsville where his father Fred is a 2017 graduate and his older brother Rod is a 2021 graduate. Cedrick will also be going to the Harrisville Church of Christ as their full-time minister after graduation in 2027.

Cedrick has shown a great love for the Lord since early in his youth. He has been around for Future Preacher Training Camp sessions and been at school for many events. We appreciate his tender and sincere heart. He simply wants to preach the truth and save souls!



**Andrew
Robison**

Andrew Robison grew up in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He and his wife, Kaylynn (Wolfe) Robison, have four children: Six, Eila, Roan, and Knox. Over the years, Andrew has been a member of the Hopewell Church of Christ and Lubeck Church of Christ in West Virginia, as well as the Griffithville Church of Christ while living in Searcy, Arkansas. He graduated from Harding University in 2018 and later worked for the university as a web developer. He is currently attending the West Virginia School of Preaching, preparing to devote himself to the work of preaching and serving the church.

After graduation in 2027, Andrew plans to work in the intern program at the Pennsboro, WV church of Christ for one year. Through many activities, Andrew shows a great love for the Lord and a yearning to reach lost souls with the Gospel of Christ.

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John Ward

John Ward was born on August 20, 1991, and raised in Weirton, West Virginia. He is the youngest of three children (Adam and Mary) to William and Sandra Ward. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts from West Virginia University and a Master of Arts degree in Theatre Arts from Regent University. He has worked as a Substitute Teacher for Burgettstown Area School District, Academic Advisor/Enrollment Specialist and Adjunct Professor of Theatre for Eastern Gateway Community College, and Language Arts/English Composition Instructor for West Virginia Northern Community College.

John was baptized into Christ on July 7, 2013. Since then, he has been an active member in many areas of his home congregation at Weirton Heights Church of Christ. These include preaching, teaching adult Bible class, leading worship services (song leader, Scripture reading, opening/closing prayer, Lord's Supper/Communion comments, etc.), and audio/visual production. He has regularly taught the middle/high school class during Vacation Bible School, preached at Chester church camp, participated in various Bible Bowl competitions, and led devotionals for local nursing homes.

John is currently a full-time student at the West Virginia School of Preaching in Moundsville, WV. He is in his second year of curriculum with the prospective graduation date in June 2027. John is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord and is committed to helping congregations grow spiritually through faithful service.

People Need the Hope You Have

David Deagel

Paul's words in Romans 10 begin with love and concern for his countrymen. Salvation is not mysterious or unreachable. "The word is near you," he says. It is near enough to be believed in the heart and confessed with the mouth. The promise is sweeping in its scope, inclusive in its invitation and it is conditional in its response: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). That is glorious news!

Yet, Paul does not stop there. No sooner does he affirm how salvation occurs than he turns the reader's attention outward with a series of piercing and heart-tugging questions. What about those who have not believed? What about those who have not heard? The gospel that saved us was never meant to stop with us.

They Cannot Believe What They Have Not Heard

Paul asks, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14). His point is unquestionable and unmistakable. Hearing must always precede believing.

People do not accidentally drift into salvation. They need to study or be taught from the Word of God. Scripture repeatedly teaches that ignorance of God and His Word has devastating consequences. Paul describes those outside of Christ as having their understanding darkened and being alienated from the life of God "because of the ignorance that is in them" (Ephesians 4:18). Similarly, Hosea records the Lord's lament: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). How can one follow directions if they have not been given directions?

Hope Must Be Sent Through Someone

Paul continues: "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:15). The word preacher here is often misunderstood. Paul is not speaking exclusively of pulpits and sermons. He is speaking of proclaimers (Kerusso), those willing to open their mouths and speak on Christ's behalf.

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Here is a tough reality that must be understood: Every Christian fits the description of one speaking on Christ's behalf! "We are ambassadors for Christ," Paul writes elsewhere, "as though God were pleading through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Jesus' great commission was not limited to a select few; it was given to all disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19-20). The early Christians understood this concept well, as those scattered by persecution "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4).

God chose people, not angels, visions, or dreams, to carry the message of salvation. Jesus said, "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world" (John 17:18). God's plan for reaching the lost has always included human voices.

The Gospel is a Shared Lifeline

God once warned Israel that if a watchman saw danger coming and failed to sound the alarm, the blood of the people would be required at his hand (Ezekiel 33:6). The principle remains prominent today when danger is known; there remains a responsibility to act and speak. Would a Christian honestly and in good conscience proclaim, "I'm just thankful I was saved...Someone else will help others." But isn't that too often how we live?

God Calls Gospel Feet Beautiful

Paul concludes this section by quoting Isaiah: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

(Romans 10:15). Beautiful feet are not about appearance, but about the feet that go, feet that move toward helping and teaching the lost.

The message carried is powerful. The Gospel brings peace with God, forgiveness of sins, hope beyond the grave, and an eternal home in heaven. The gospel changes one's devotion (Matthew 28:19), direction (Luke 24:47), and destination (Mark 16:16). The Gospel moves us from Hell to Heaven, from guilt to grace, and from lost to found. The Gospel is beautiful, and that which is carried makes the carrier beautiful in God's sight.

Love Must Move Us to Speak

If we truly love people as we are called to love them (John 13:34; Matthew 22:39), we cannot be content with their lostness. Love for friends, for family, and even for enemies compels us to speak.

What Will You Do with the Hope You Have?

You do not save souls; that's what God does. But God has chosen to work through willing voices. Identify someone. Pray intentionally. Speak faithfully. Share what Christ has done. You were saved by hope, and now someone else needs the hope you have.

Will you carry it? Will you carry it as a Christian compelled to speak to the lost from a position of love? Will you carry it as a Christian who will devote his life to ministry? Will you consider being well equipped to share the Gospel by training at the West Virginia School of Preaching?