



E. Ray (Cotton) Jones

The E. Ray and Betsy Jones Plaza

E. Ray Jones is a native of Loyall, Kentucky. He received his higher education at Cincinnati Christian University (then known as Cincinnati Bible Seminary) and the University of Kentucky. He served as minister of Maxwell Street Christian Church, now known as Gardenside Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky, for 12 years, at East 38th Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, for 10 years, and at First Christian Church in Clearwater, Florida, for 23 years. During this period, the church also established Tarpon Springs Christian Church, a congregation now averaging over 1600 in worship. On December 31, 1995, Ray resigned his ministry at First Christian Church and then conducted "Spiritual Refreshment" meetings and seminars for local churches and served in an interim position with seven congregations. In Clearwater, Ray was a talk show host on WPLP, a local radio station.

While in Lexington, Ray was a member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Juvenile Delinquency and was instrumental in starting the Citizenship School, a corrective program for wayward youth.

Ray has written a number of Bible school lessons and articles for the *Christian Standard* and *The Lookout* magazines and served on the Publishing Committee for Standard Publishing for 20 years. He is the author of *Sermons for the Space Age*, *A Funeral Manual for Ministers*, and *Lectures for Ministers*. For 25 years Ray served as an adjunct professor in Practical Ministries at Cincinnati Christian University and for 11 years as an adjunct professor at Kentucky Christian University teaching Practical Ministries courses at a number of colleges.

From 1967 to 2000, Ray encouraged many missionaries around the world by going on numerous teaching and preaching trips to Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and British Guyana.

He served as President of the 1976 North American Christian Convention. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Convention and has been a frequent speaker for the NACC.

Ray and his wife Betsy are the parents of three children: a daughter, Terre Holland (Dennis) and two sons, Larry (Jane) and Stuart (Stacia). They have six grandchildren: Ryan, Kendall, Nathan, Laura, Camden and Emery. Betsy has been a vital part of Ray's ministry through the years.

For his accomplishments as a preacher, lecturer, and Christian statesman, Ray was honored by Cincinnati Christian University with The Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996.

Many of Ray's long-time friends know him best as "Cotton" Jones. This was a Kentucky nickname and since there were other Ray Joneses in the ministry at Cincinnati he kept the nickname, but he answers to both "Ray" and "Cotton"!





The E. Ray and Betsy Jones Plaza will provide an exciting and inviting outdoor garden-spot where students can study (wi-fi equipped), fellowship, and relax.

Conveniently located outside the beautiful new Entry Pavilion scheduled for completion in December 2008, the E. Ray and Betsy Jones Plaza is part of the new “front door” for Cincinnati Christian University. For years to come, the Plaza will provide a friendly place for students, faculty, alumni, and campus guests to gather and talk. Appropriately, it will be located near the Edwin G. Crouch Building that houses the CCU library and seminary classrooms where Cotton Jones taught ministry classes for a quarter of a century.

Since 1924, Cincinnati Christian University has graduated more than 9,000 students, and more than 18,000 have attended. We’re proud to claim Cotton as an alumnus (BA, ‘51), and we’re thankful for Cotton and Betsy’s years of ministry, their love for CCU, and

the legacy of faith carried on by their extended family. The world needs more preachers with the vision, faith, and skill Cotton has demonstrated for so many years.

Any funds raised beyond the \$40,000 needed for the E. Ray and Betsy Jones Plaza will go directly toward scholarships to continue CCU’s mission of teaching thousands who will impact millions. This project is part of CCU’s overall *Beyond the Walls* campaign to double our enrollment, provide more scholarships for ministry-minded students, and improve and expand our facilities. For more information about CCU and *Beyond the Walls*, contact our Advancement Department at 513.244.8124, www.CCUUniversity.edu.



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