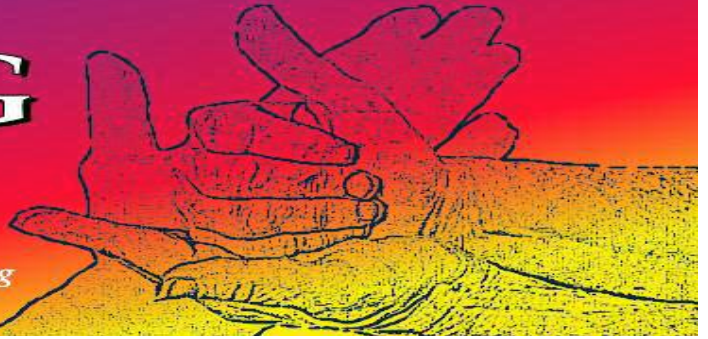


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“God’s Spirit Remains the Same from Beginning to Present at DI” ~ by Will Dickmann

“Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the LORD. My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.” Haggai 2:4b-5 NLT

This message encourages me to take a couple of deep breaths and acknowledge that God remains very much involved and way closer than we think. The same Spirit of God compelled Cecil Bennett to start Deaf Institute in 1968. It was a huge stepping stone for the Deaf community in Cincinnati similar to the Israelites coming out of Egypt through the parted Red Sea. His Spirit didn’t end when Cecil retired and Bryan Eubanks took the reins. God’s spirit continued to bless Deaf Institute through Bryan’s leading. He has done many great things like starting the “All About Deaf Kids Fair” and “Families First” with his beloved wife, Pam Eubanks. The question shouldn’t be asked if the same Spirit will diminish as time has passed for 10 years, or even 50 years.



What I need to do is to continue being strong and getting to work. *Getting to work means growing in an understanding of how we can best glorify God with the work and stay aligned with God’s Spirit.* Being strong doesn’t mean to do everything right, but also not being afraid of making mistakes and trying something new. I have been reading a lot of the Old Testament lately and I am gaining an understanding that God’s love for Jerusalem and Mt. Zion is passionate and strong. *Our passion is for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Signers to know our Awesome God.* There’s no doubt that God is passionate about every one of us. Nothing will slow down His passion, even though we make poor decisions or are tempted many times.

It’s a bit discouraging to break the news that Ash Huston, the Teen Director, has stepped down. He has been overwhelmed with returning to school full time and also

has several other responsibilities. He will be missed. However, he will stay involved with deaf teenagers whenever he’s available to help.

Pam Blair has taken Pam Eubanks’ position as Family Ministries Representative. She started on September 1st and has been doing an awesome job reaching families and finding volunteers. We just hosted the last Summer-Time Kids event on September 25th, thanks in part to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, GE and our donors. There was a huge turnout with a load of activities, food, stories, and fellowship. Everyone had a great time.

Please continue praying for our organization. We will have a Fall Board Meeting on October 23rd to discuss some possible changes to improve our outreach to serve deaf and hard of hearing people in the Greater Cincinnati area. *We need your prayers and God’s wisdom as we dive into this transition period.* These changes will reinforce our efforts to explore options for a stronger, more visible presence. We will get to work as there is still time left on the earth God created. *Thank you for being a part of His work in reaching and serving the Deaf and hearing people in our community.*

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
AT 2:00 P.M.

Due to Covid concerns we invite you to participate via ZOOM.

You may also send well wishes via cards, letters, emails, etc. to Deaf Institute

Please contact veronica@deafinstitute.org with any questions and ZOOM invite requests.



"Meet the New Pam!"

by Pam Blair

Hello! I'm **Pam Blair**, and I am the **new Family Ministry Representative**. *I am blessed to be the wife to Chris Blair, my partner and cheerleader.* He's a wonderful strong Christian man and I love that we get to share this journey doing ministry together. I am also the momma to 7 kiddos. Three of our kids were born to us, and 4 of our kiddos God brought to us through adoption. All 7 are cherished and dearly loved. They are **Courtney (28, with husband Matt, and grandson, Noah), Cailey (26 with husband Nick), Joshua (20), Joanna (20), Danny (18), Nate (17) and Laney Grace (7).**

Last, (maybe, most importantly!) I get to be Gramsie to the sweetest little 19-month-old boy! My grandson Noah lives with his parents way too far away, in California, where his daddy serves in the military and his momma serves their family and ministers to other military wives and moms. Yes, I LOVE being a grandma, and I'll gladly pull out the grandma card, and show you lots of adorable pictures whenever given the opportunity!

Our journey with Deaf Institute started over 12 years ago as we were preparing to bring home our daughter, Joanna. We knew she was Hard of Hearing. We saw **Bryan and Pam Eubanks** at a **North American Christian Convention (NACC)** and reached out to them for help. At the time, *we had absolutely no idea how Deaf Institute*

would come to be such a significant part of our lives.

We had no idea the how our family would change and end up looking completely different than we had originally thought! Chris and I have come to love and respect the **Deaf Culture**. **We have learned to advocate for our kids and we continue to try to improve our own ASL skills.**

After Joanna came home, she gravitated toward Deaf Culture and ASL quickly became her heart language. *We had to advocate and fight hard for Joanna to get the services that she needed early on.* DI was very instrumental in helping us walk that path. Since that time, we have added Nate and Laney to our family. Both are profoundly deaf, and severely language deprived.



Pictured left to right: Joshua, Pam, Laney Grace, Danny, Nate, Cailey, Matt, Courtney, Noah, Chris, Joanna, Nick

It's through these years of mentoring with Pam Eubanks, that I started volunteering, and naturally, encouraging

other moms who also find themselves on a similar journey. **Through the years God has used my own family to teach me about Deaf people. I have come to love Deaf Culture.**

I have developed a real heart for these strong people who have overcome obstacles and still push on. **My heart aches knowing that less than 2% of Deaf people know Jesus!** This pulls at my heartstrings, and I know we must respond to this urgent need.

I am honored to take this role of Family Ministry Representative with Deaf Institute. I am eager to serve families with Deaf members by loving, connecting, encouraging, supporting and pointing the way to Jesus.

We have Exciting News!

Deaf Institute Welcomes Two New Advisors to the Board: Gail Maue and Jessica Snyder

Gail Maue is thrilled and honored to join the **Deaf Institute** as an advisor to the board. Since she first started working with the Deaf Institute at Christian camps, while still in high school, her love for the ministry and its work has stayed fresh in her heart throughout the years.



After her graduation from **Cincinnati Bible College (CCU)** and then the **University of Cincinnati**

with her Master's degree in Education of the Deaf, Gail has been devoted to the Deaf community interpreting in theatre, legal, government and medical settings, as well as video relay and teaching interpreters and students at **Cincinnati State College** and the **University of Cincinnati**. She has also enjoyed years of interpreting and volunteering with the **National Christian Convention of the Deaf (NCCD)** since its beginning.

Having been raised in Holmes County, Ohio, where her parents still reside, Gail enjoys frequent visits to the family farm and prioritizes travel across the US and across the seas with her husband and three very active sons (all in their 20s) and one daughter-in-law. When time allows, she enjoys a good DIY project, among which most projects gear toward the most wonderful time of the year, in her opinion, Christmas!

Jessica Snyder grew up in West Chester, Ohio. She became interested in ASL when taking it as a language at Lakota West High School. Gwen Trujillo, her Deaf teacher, inspired her to pursue interpreting and teaching. Jessica went on to graduate from Cincinnati State and Cincinnati Christian University with a focus on interpreting and Deaf ministry. Jessica worked as an educational interpreter for several years while she completed her education degree from The College of Mount Saint Joseph. She currently teaches ASL at Lakota East High School. In her free time Jessica enjoys spending time with her nephews, baking, crafting and hiking. Jessica has a heart for the Lord and the Deaf community. She has volunteered with the Deaf Institute for several years, helping with the Deaf Kids Fair and summer reading programs. She is honored to now serve as a board advisor for the Deaf Institute.



We are truly thankful for Gail and Jessica for their heart for the Deaf Community and their willingness to join our Board as an Advisor.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of **Jean Ball**
Bryan & Pam Eubanks

In Memory of **Dale Berninger**
Bryan & Pam Eubanks

In Memory of **Perry Bosso**
Bryan & Pam Eubanks

In Memory of **Linda Norris**
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In Memory of **Mary Del Riddle**
Bryan & Pam Eubanks

In Memory of **Donald Sellers**
Bryan & Pam Eubanks



Prayer Requests and Praises

“I pray that the God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in Him.”

Romans 15:13, English Version for the Deaf

Pray for wisdom for **Will**, his family and our **Board** as he transitions into the Director’s position.

Pray for our **Board Meeting on Saturday, October 23rd**.

Pray for the **DI’s Celebration** of Service on November 6th at 2 p.m. and for those who will join us via ZOOM.

Pray for **NCCD October 7-10, 2022 in Rochester, N.Y.**

Praise for the **DCLC** and **Deaf Missions** as they celebrated their **50th Anniversary on September 10-13 in Omaha** and for the completion of the translation of the ASL Bible. Go to www.deafmissions.com for more information.

Pray for **ICOM in Richmond, VA, Nov 18-21. Visit us at Booth 443.**

Pray for God to provide someone to fill the **Teen Director** position to allow the mission to continue moving forward in an efficient manner.

Praise for a successful **Families First** Summer Program and **Pam Blair’s** transition as **Family Ministries Representative**.

Praise for the support from you and organizations like **GE & GCF** who partner with us to help families with deafness through our **Gifts of Hope, Shared Reading Program** and **Summer-Time Kids Families First Activities**.

Pray for **All About Deaf Kids Fair on March 12, 2022 at Cincinnati State (Please note: This is a date change)**.

Pray for the **Deaf and Family and Friends Camp on July 14-17, 2022 at Lake James Christian Assembly** and our new **Dean, Corey Stapp**.

Your prayers and help make a difference in the lives of families with deafness.



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