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To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Jim Cecy for approximately ten years. I first met him on my return to Campus Bible Church during a difficult time in my life. I vividly remember Jim greeting me and my children—who were attending the college group at the time—with genuine warmth and kindness. Shortly after that first encounter, I participated in a six-month Men's Leadership course led by Dr. Cecy. Since then, I have come to deeply trust and admire him for his friendly demeanor, personal integrity, and consistent care for those around him. He always takes the time to check in and encourage me.

As a visual learner, I have found Dr. Cecy's teaching style especially engaging. His lessons are thoughtfully designed, often incorporating visuals such as images, maps, and photographs that bring the Scriptures to life and help his audience connect more deeply with God's Word.

I write this letter of recommendation as a former Clovis Unified School District administrator. I served as Learning Director at Clovis West High School for three years, followed by fourteen years as Principal of Lincoln Elementary. I retired in June 2025, which allowed me the wonderful opportunity to participate in a spiritual and educational field trip to Greece in September 2025, led by Dr. Cecy.

During this trip—focused on tracing the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys described in Acts 17–20—Dr. Cecy served as both leader and organizer. His teaching at each biblical and historical site was insightful, well-researched, and spiritually enriching. He skillfully combined scriptural study with historical context, drawing on both his own scholarship and the expertise of a local Greek guide. The result was a deeply meaningful experience for all 35 participants. The trip itself was exceptionally well organized. All costs were clearly outlined in advance, and we received detailed itineraries months before departure. Dr. Cecy also held monthly meetings to ensure we were fully prepared and that no participant encountered unexpected issues. His professionalism, attention to detail, and pastoral care were exemplary throughout the entire process.

I would not hesitate to travel with or recommend Dr. Cecy for future ministry trips—indeed, I am already looking forward to joining his upcoming tour to Israel.

Sincerely,

Matt Verhalen
Retired Clovis Schools Administrator and Principal