Collegedale Credit Union was founded in May 1952, launching modestly from a desk drawer in the basement of the Administration Building at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University). Several college employees played important roles in establishing the credit union. Among them was Charles "Chick" Fleming, then Business Manager at Southern Missionary College, who recognized the need for a local credit union and helped bring the vision to life. Dr. Wayne VandeVere, a longtime professor who dedicated 40 years to the college's Business Department, also served as Chairman of the Collegedale Credit Union Board of Directors for nearly four decades.

Collegedale Credit Union is a state-chartered institution regulated and examined by both state and federal authorities. Under its original 1952 charter, granted by the State Banking Commission, membership was open to any member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide. In 1983–1984, the credit union expanded its charter to include multiple ZIP codes, as well as employees of Seventh-day Adventist institutions and organizations.

We are currently working to compile a comprehensive history of CCU and would greatly appreciate your assistance.

If you have any photographs, memorabilia, documents, or historical information that would contribute to this project, we warmly invite you to share them with us. In particular, we are working to develop a complete chronological list of CCU's leadership, including names and dates of service. Any details you can provide will be extremely valuable.

If you have materials to contribute or questions about this project, please feel free to contact CCU at 423-396-2101.

Thank you in advance for helping us preserve and celebrate the history of CCU.