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MACU RISING!



Rise Up!

BY JOHN MAURICE, PRESIDENT

ANDRA DAY WROTE A BEAUTIFUL song by that title. The lyrics are:

*You're broken down and tired
Of living life on a merry-go-round
And you can't find the fighter
But I see it in you so we gonna walk it out
And move mountains
We gonna walk it out
And move mountains*

*And I'll rise up
I'll rise like the day
I'll rise up
I'll rise unafraid
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again*

*And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again*

This song may describe many of us over the course of the past year as we have grown tired, weary, depressed, even cynical from a season of Covid, political and civic turmoil, and lack of normalcy. At MACU, we have experienced these concerns but also had to

endure the collapse of our primary building for operations, Heritage Hall.

However, I do not write these words from a place of despair. I know that none of us gets to choose the obstacles and difficulties that come our way. When the circumstances of life confront us, we can either Rise Up to the occasion with courage and faith or shrink with fear and paralysis.

Christians are called by God to Rise Up in much the same way as He called to the decaying body in the tomb: "Lazarus, come forth!" (John 11:43)

Throughout the Bible when God's people faced difficult times, powerful enemies, and challenging circumstances, God called forth leaders to rise up and serve Him and lead His people. When the walls of Jerusalem were destroyed and the city was lying in ruins, God called forth Nehemiah to return and rebuild the city.

If this year has taught me anything it is that God is alive and moving here at Mid-Atlantic Christian University. While our building is a crumpled pile of bricks, wood, and metal, we have discovered that as we have continued to follow God, He has provided all that we need. God has even used this physical loss to help us seriously contemplate our mission and

strategy, and in the process, we have become keenly aware that the strength of MACU is teaching the Word of God so that He can transform hearts and minds of students to impact the world.

As we begin a Rise Up! Let's Rebuild campaign for Heritage Hall and a new cafeteria, I want you to know that we are also rededicating ourselves to being a premiere institution for teaching the Word of God in order to strengthen the church and to influence culture for righteousness.

Will you come alongside MACU so that together we can Rise Up and rebuild not just our buildings, but also our students, culture, mission, and vision? Come forth! Rise up! And let's follow Jesus together!

*And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again.*



John W. Maurice
John W. Maurice
President



Ezra 10:4 Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it!

THE MISSION

The year 2020 was a challenging year for our institution in a multitude of ways. Our mission, traditions, and finances were threatened. But we have A BOLD FAITH and a BOLD FUTURE. Like Ezra, we are reminded that this is a time of rededication and refocus. We are ready to rebuild! This world needs what we have. We have courage in HIS purpose, and we can do it!

THE PROBLEM

On September 5, 2020, MACU sustained a major structural collapse of Heritage Hall during a construction project. This was a



catastrophic loss. This building was the epicenter of our campus. Students and staff were completely displaced in the midst of the global pandemic that added more restrictions.

THE SOLUTION

Let's rebuild! Leveraging our resources from insurance, we have the opportunity not only to rebuild but also to grow our campus and multiply our mission! With an insurance expectancy of \$3.5 million and capital campaign goal of \$1.5 million from our alumni and ministry partners, we will rebuild the campus in two phases, with a total project cost of \$5 million.

Phase 1 includes the building of a cafeteria and community space. Our most emergent need is to rebuild a permanent cafeteria facility. This multi-use space will allow students space to get together for meals, study sessions and events. We hope to begin building in May 2021 with an estimated cost of \$1.2 million.

Phase 2 is replacing the collapsed structure of Heritage Hall. The new state-of-the art facility will include classrooms, offices, technology center, biology labs, and counseling center. We hope to start construction by June 2021 with an estimated cost of three million dollars.

But we are rebuilding more than just buildings. We realize the importance of our mission. We are shaping leaders who are anchored in truth to be a light in the darkness. We are rebuilding lives, rebuilding culture, and rebuilding faith in a broken world.

This year has given us a unique opportunity to increase our operational equity. By leveraging our insurance expectancy, we increase the impact of all donations to emerge with a stronger campus for years to come. Help us honor our past and build for our future. Your donation will go far to build the ministry of MACU. Please consider a gift to help us reach our three-year campaign goal. Let's rise up and rebuild!

How Do I Help MACU Rise Up?

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS
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SOON AND EXPLAIN THE
FOLLOWING GIFT LEVELS:

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*GIFTS MAY BE PAID OVER THREE YEARS; THUS, A \$2,500 PLEDGE IS ABOUT \$70/MONTH OR A \$250 PLEDGE, ABOUT \$7/MONTH.

This campaign will replace the annual April Showers effort this year, so invite your friends to support Rise Up with you.

Out with the old buildings —



one by plan,
one by surprise.



This beautiful and functional cafeteria building will replace and expand the cafeteria, kitchen, and related storage and office areas we lost in the fall of Heritage.



It's Your Heritage.
OWN IT!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN a piece of MACU history and Heritage Hall? We were able to save some portions of the brick exterior of Heritage Hall. The bricks are available for purchase for \$250 and will be shipped to your home with a commemorative keepsake honoring the traditions of one of our most beloved buildings on campus. Funds from the brick sale will be added to the Rise Up campaign to help us replace Heritage. E-mail Christopher Bell, Director of Institutional Advancement, at chris.bell@macuniversity.edu or call the advancement office at 252-334-2008 for more information.



Sleeping Soundly at Night (Acts 12:1-11)

RONNIE J. WOOLARD, D.D. | PROFESSOR OF BIBLE

LUKE RECORDS AN EPISODE IN the life of the Apostle Peter that has devotional application for our current situation with the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Christians in Jerusalem suffered an intensified persecution following the stoning of Stephen (Acts 6:8-7:60). This persecution was spearheaded by radicals like Saul of Tarsus and forced everyone except the Apostles to flee from Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:1-4). However, with the dramatic conversion of Saul himself, the flames of persecution were quenched for a time (Acts 9:1-31).

However, opposition to the Church reared its head again from civil rather than religious authorities. King Herod (Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great) was ruling

over both Judea and Samaria by this time. His motives for this persecution are not explained by Luke but its severity is revealed in his execution of the Apostle James, brother of the Apostle John and the first Apostle to die as a martyr (Acts 12:1-2; Mt. 20:23).

Realizing how this pleased the Jews and wanting to curry favor with his subjects, Herod also arrested the Apostle Peter with plans to execute him following the Passover. Perhaps having heard of Peter's previous mysterious escape from prison (Acts 5:17ff), Herod placed Peter under heavy guard bound with two chains (Acts 12:4). Fearing the worst but hoping for another divine intervention, the Church was earnestly praying for Peter (Acts 12:5).

Here is the point in the story where we encounter a devotional application to our current situation with all of its concerns

and uncertainties. The text notes that Peter was "sleeping" when an angel appeared in the prison to miraculously deliver him (Acts 12:6). Let that sink in for a moment. What enabled Peter to sleep soundly despite this sudden return of persecution and his own pending execution? Perhaps he recalled the words of Jesus in the upper room on the night before his own execution, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27).

Nothing we are currently facing is as intimidating as what Peter and those first century Christians were having to endure. So put your anxieties in perspective and experience "the peace of God which transcends all understanding" allowing it to "guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

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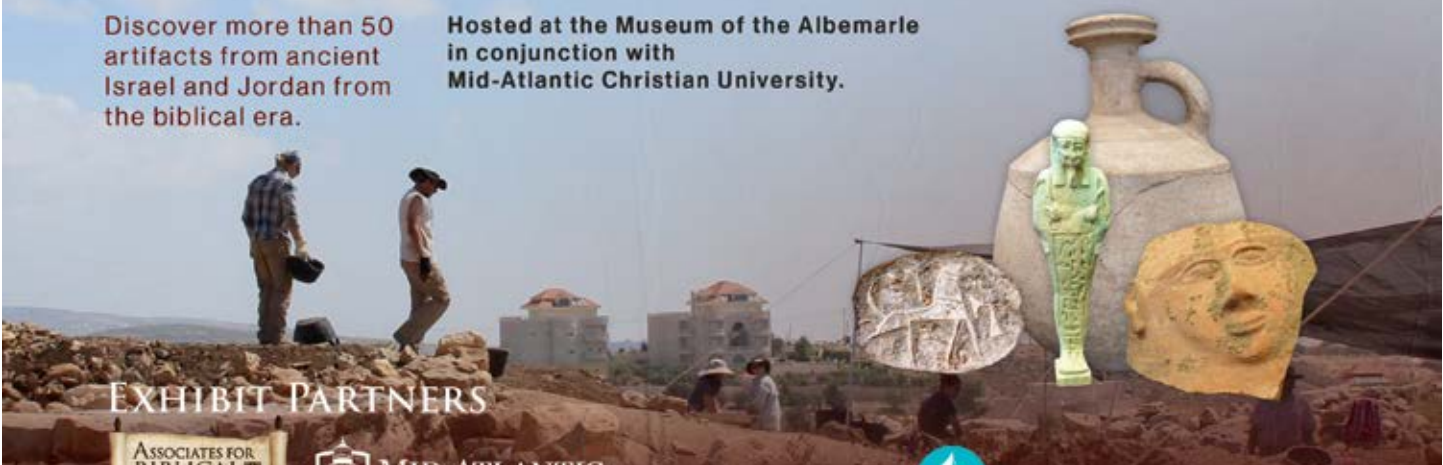


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Trish Griffin Remembered

THE LAST ISSUE OF *The Messenger* shared the news of the death of Patricia Griffin, longtime director of the MACU library. In this issue we are sharing excerpts from a few of the many messages of love and remembrance sent by those who watched her and learned from her. We will always remember the way she loved, taught in word and action, and served us.



Armloads of grands
(Florida, 2008)



President and Mrs. Griffin were
most often seen together,
usually hand-in-hand.

“She is the reason I decided to enter RBC when I did. . . . it was Mrs. Trish’s encouragement that nudged me into actually signing up for that first class. She is one of the most godly persons I’ve ever known.” *Mike McNamara ‘98*

“She was truly one of the most real and natural people I have ever known. Every breath was sincere. I remember taking her to the photographer for her library portrait. She had just gotten up from scrubbing a spot on the library carpet when I picked her up, and she looked like a million dollars.” *Irene Raymond, former colleague*

“I have wonderful memories of her sweet Christian love for a boy who was in a new country, new culture, new customs, and a new language. My life was so confusing for many things in American ways. Right after classes, I went to the library to find books and to read. I asked her for help. She holds my hand and showed me how to find books that I need and explain to me library rules.” *Ezekiel Fish ‘90*



“She was a God-sent Christian guidance counselor that this ex-Marine needed to stay focused on why I was there - to learn the will of God.” *Bill Marsh ‘80*

“A giant of the faith went home today. Mrs. Patricia S. Griffin, mother of the RBC/MACU library, professor of Christian education, and half of one of the most beautiful and godly marriage partnerships I’ve ever known. My sophomore year of college, I heard Miss Trish read the IALAC (“I am loved and capable”) story through tears in our Teaching Children and Youth class. It left an indelible mark on me that has transformed the way I see others, as precious souls who are lovable and capable.” *Kerri Dandurand Smilie ‘06*

“Never a grander lady lived on this earth than our dear Trish, even through her 10-year battle with cancer. Our Trish lived the ‘dash between 1940-2020’ in a mighty way. Untold numbers of lives have been blessed through her.” *Ted ‘60 and Flossie ex’63 Davenport*



Often the best place for
teaching is on the floor
with the children.



Even after retirement,
the Griffins met with
alumni on occasion
(Charlotte, NC,
2011).



“... And let us run with perseverance the
race marked out for us . . . ” Heb. 12:1b

Reginald T. “Reggie” Webb ‘69



BELOVED
PREACHER,
TEACHER, AND
DISCIPLE of
Christ Reggie
Webb died
March 27.

Reggie grew up in Hertford, NC, and the Berea Church of Christ. Having committed himself as a life recruit to live of the Gospel, he graduated from Mid-Atlantic in 1969. He and Nancy Jane Gibbs ‘69 married following graduation and went to Illinois, where Reggie studied

Old Testament at Lincoln Christian Seminary (1969-71 and again in 1976-77). He helped David E. Branholm ‘67 establish Bluefield College of Evangelism in 1971 and taught there three years. In 1974 he returned to his alma mater to set up the Christian Service Department and served as MACU’s first Christian Service Director until 1976. Over the years he was a part-time instructor in Pauline Epistles and Restoration History. From 1977-90 he was active in the Eastern North Carolina Christian Men’s Fellowship and New Church Evangelism. In 1990 he returned to Bluefield to teach Old Testament

until 2002. For the past 19 years he preached and taught at Countryside Church of Christ in Edenton, NC.

Two who were blessed to sit under his preaching and teaching wrote: “His life was such a testimony. His teaching in the classroom was exceptional. His voice in the pulpit compelling. I’m grateful to have seen a portion of that influence first hand. He was truly a blessing!” “How well I remember him teaching Pauline Epistles class. Every day was a blessing as he unwrapped God’s word for us.” Thank you, Reggie, for your unwavering faithfulness to the end.

INTERNS

2021 Graduates Prepared with Internships

THE PROSPECTIVE 2021 GRADUATES PICTURED below furthered their preparation with internships last summer. Congratulations on jobs well done and the giant step toward becoming leaders who will change the culture for Christ.



Amanda Lemons (Business Administration/Organizational Leadership) fulfilled her internship requirement during the summer of 2020 at

Donuts4You, a donut shop located in Kitty Hawk, NC, that is co-owned by Dr. Patrik Skultety, a professor at MACU. At Donuts4You Amanda learned many aspects of how to run a new business as well as how to operate the shop and serve customers.



Matthew Meads (Business Administration/Organizational Leadership) interned at B&M Contractors in Elizabeth City last summer, working in HVAC.



Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, **Raquel Bowen** (Psychology & Counseling) interned at Harbor Counseling in Elizabeth City. Harbor Counseling strives to provide

a safe, calm, welcoming setting where clients can weather their storm with hope and light. She worked alongside several MACU alumni.



Rebekah Langley (Business Administration/Human Resources) completed her internship at Mid-Atlantic Christian University in the Finance

Department during the summer of 2020.



Allison Hackett (Business Administration/Organizational Leadership) interned at MACU in the Institutional Advancement department under Beth

Cross throughout the summer of 2020.



Jonathan Langley (Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Studies) served as a youth and children’s intern at Son Rise Church of Christ in Kill Devil Hills, NC, during the

summer of 2020.



Elizabeth Berkheimer (Youth and Family Ministry & Biblical Studies) served at Open Door Ministries in Denver, CO, in the summer of 2020. Open Door ran 21

ministries in downtown Denver that prioritized homelessness and drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. The ministry also ran a halfway house for victims of sex trafficking, chronic homelessness, and other disabilities.



Rileys to Tennessee; Phillips Pursuing Degree

THE UNIVERSITY HAS SAID FAREWELL to three members of the enrollment team. Marty Riley, who served as Vice President for Enrollment Services, resigned in March to become Director of Admissions at Milligan University in Tennessee. His wife, Vicki, served in Student Life, most recently as Student Services Specialist. The Rileys came to Elizabeth City in 2015, when Marty began as an admissions counselor. Vicki soon enrolled in MACU, graduating in 2019.

Admissions Counselor Josh Phillips ‘19 resigned to continue pursuing a master’s degree in counseling while he works in a local counseling service.

We send Marty, Vicki, and Josh to their new endeavors with love and appreciation for their time here serving the Lord and our students.

Mustangs Capture Conference Title in Regular Season

THE MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM RAN its conference record to 4-0 by taking an 83-80 victory over Warren Wilson College (Swannanoa, NC) and clinching the NSAC regular season championship and the top seed in the conference tournament. However, the tables turned in the tournament, with Warren Wilson finishing first and Mustangs finishing second.

Head Coach Allan Harris was named the NSAC Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to three Mustangs receiving conference honors: Kevin Fletcher, NSAC Conference Player of the Year; Malik Galloway, 2nd Team All-Conference; and Jajour Lambert, 1st Team All-Conference.

Farewell and thanks to our seniors, Kevin Fletcher, Aaron Jackson, Malik Galloway, and Leander Williams.

Sports Roundup

ANDY MENEELY, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
SINCE MY ARRIVAL FOUR YEARS ago athletics has focused on 1 Peter 4:10-11 and using our gifts and voice so that God may be glorified. To this emphasis, we have added Micah 6:8, which tells us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
This year has been a crazy year for everybody, and the sports program has not been immune. We have seen schedules built, obliterated, and some reconstructed. We have had games cancelled due to COVID and weather. But what we can say for certainty is that Mustang athletics is trying to provide a student-athlete experience. USCAA national championships



Mustangs take second place in the conference tournament. (Front: Chaz Wilkins, Zion Boston, Talik Totten, JaJour Lambert, Antuan Sharpe. Middle: Assistant Coach Charles Sims, Aaron Jackson, Malik Galloway, Leander Williams, Ray Tyre, Coach Allan Harris, Volunteer Assistant Alexis Harris. Top: Estavian Fortunate, Timothy Aydtlett, Kevin Fletcher, Norris Gardner.)



Head Coach Allan Harris



Kevin Fletcher, Malik Galloway, Jajour Lambert



Seniors: Kevin Fletcher, Aaron Jackson, Malik Galloway, and Leander Williams

for basketball, soccer, and volleyball are officially cancelled. Golf and baseball still have their championships intact.
Basketball has been able to compete in a complete, albeit shorter, season, and have fared well. The men clinched the NSAC regular season championship, earning top seed in the NSAC championship tournament.
Volleyball had some unexpected departures and arrivals, with most of our opponents cancelling their season altogether. Therefore, the Mustangs are transitioning into spring workouts to prepare for next fall. Coach Nicole Delosreyes is taking over the volleyball program this spring.
Soccer players had their spring schedule

decimated by opponents shutting down or only playing conference games, so alternatives were secured. The Mustangs recently participated in a futsal tourney in Cincinnati hosted by Back2Back Ministries. Also, they entered an indoor league in Virginia Beach. We were able to schedule only two outdoor games.
Golf will have four tournaments this year, ending with USCAA nationals in early May. We anticipate Junior John Baker making his third appearance at nationals.
Baseball has been able to max out their schedule; however, the rain has proven a nasty opponent. We are looking forward to vying for a national tournament berth in late May.

First Winning Season for Lady Mustangs



Amanda Lemons (standing, center) is honored at Senior Night, surrounded by family and team members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WOMEN’S TEAM on achieving MACU’s first winning season in women’s basketball, 8-4. Go, Lady Mustangs and Coach Charlie Troxell!
With just 1:45 remaining in their final game and trailing the Warren Wilson Owls by a score of 63-59, the Lady Mustangs relied heavily on their defense to fuel a 9-0 run and complete the comeback to defeat Warren Wilson by a final of 68-63.
“The determination this team showed

throughout the season was on full display in this [final] game. Early in the fourth we were down 12 and we just kept working hard, the bench stayed energized, we stayed together, and this group of 12 ladies showed everyone what hard work and teamwork can accomplish. I am so proud of these ladies for what they have been able to accomplish throughout the season. Despite the challenges of the past year, these ladies have persevered and the Lord has truly blessed us,” stated Coach Charles Troxell.

MACU ATHLETICS THANKS HALSTED

COACH STEVE HALSTED HAS RESIGNED as women’s volleyball coach due to his growing responsibilities at work and his expanding club volleyball program.
“It’s been wonderful to be a part of the MACU family for the last 3 years. I’ve had the opportunity to work with awesome student-athletes, and caring, professional coaches and faculty. I especially want to thank AD Andy Meneely for his unwavering support and friendship. I’ll miss everyone and wish the athletics program and MACU continued success. Go Mustangs!,” Coach commented.

Coach Halsted took over the program in 2018 and led the women’s volleyball program to their first ever USCAA national tournament berth in the fall of 2019. He also coached three Academic All-Americans and two All-American Honorable Mentions.
Athletic Director Andy Meneely stated, “We thank Coach Halsted for everything he has done for this program. Coach came into a tough situation and did what I needed him to do. He brought a level of tactical teaching that helped our program make great steps. We are very appreciative of his hard work.”



Mustang Baseball. Kneeling: Marcus Starnes, Jafed Negron, Liam Miller, Austin Scott, Ryan Mitchell-Bagley, Trey Dail, Christian Moody. Standing: Assistant Coach Lake Krehel, Volunteer Assistant James Stehlin, Matthew Springman, Jeren Harrison, Jordan Young, Jalyn Lee, Tanner McKeel, Kaleb Moore, Amiyn Summers, Ivan Dorbor, Chad Bayne, Austin Garcia, Will Warren, Jakob Prebe, Sean Henry, Scott Henry, Da’Veon Glenn, Andrew Henri, Dakota Jacobsen, Head Coach Michael Louis, Kaleb Negron.



WELCOME, COACH DELOSREYES

THE MACU MUSTANGS WELCOME NICOLE Delosreyes as their new head women’s volleyball coach. She comes from the Albemarle School, where she coached for six years. Delosreyes was a scholarship athlete at ECSU in volleyball and softball.
“I am very excited for this opportunity to coach at the college level,” commented Coach Delosreyes. “I am looking forward to working with the young women and further developing the program.”
Athletic Director Andy Meneely said, “We are enthusiastic about Coach coming onboard with the Mustangs. I think she will bring some dimensions to the program that our women will respond to.”
She is married to Mark and they have three children. She works at the Elizabeth City Senior Center and attends Forest Park Church.



Vice President Estavian Fortunate, Secretary Judashia Golson, and President Ra’Qwaun Tyre lead Time for Change.

THE TIME FOR CHANGE GROUP is a student-led organization formed in February and focused on making positive and lasting change by representing minority voices on our campus and in our community. They have formed the group to further black history education and minority representation as Christian leaders.

New Ministries, Service

Willie Purdee ex’92, who ministers with Central Christian Church in Ironton, OH, recently completed the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program through St. Mary’s Medical Center in Huntington, WV, qualifying him to serve as a hospital chaplain.

Thomas Yager ex’06 has been named vice president of community kitchens and outreach at Mercy Chefs, a non-profit organization serving prepared meals to victims and first responders of natural disasters.

Lee Modlin ’08 is the senior minister at Berea Church of Christ, Hertford, NC.

Drew Bromm ’11 is serving as youth minister at First Christian Church, Columbiana, OH.

Elizabeth Vahey Smith ’11 has founded Flourish and Splat! She is providing an international counseling ministry and is also working with TCK Training (“TCK” is “third culture kids”) assisting with social media platforms and business administration. In addition, she works with families as a TCK Training Caregiver with her specialty in art processing. Elizabeth, her husband Jacob, and their two children are currently serving in Central America.

Buddy Holloway ’12 is working with Pioneer Bible Translators as the content writer for the Media Arts and Communication Team.

Caitie Goss ’16 is a Military Family Life Counselor at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, NC.

Sympathy

is expressed to families and friends of:

Bernice Davis-Mars ’07 - September 1

Nancy Womble ’71 - February 1

Chad Woolard ex’94 - February 4

Patsy Briggs ’88 - February 9

Scarlett Riggs - February 25
infant daughter of employee Candace Rohde

Reggie Webb ’69 - March 27

Art Bostick - March 28
husband of Beverly Facemire Bostick ex’73

Chris Matchem ’14 - April 8

Senior Amon McElrath has been called to serve as Pastor of Student Ministries at Hikes Point Christian Church, Louisville, KY.

Births

Ryan and **Beth Fields ’09 No-say**: Leona Rey, Nov 25

Kevin ex’14 and **Jenna Ross ex’14 Tucker**: Marlee Rose, Nov 27

Luke ’12 and **Tiffanie Brickhouse ’11 Swain**: Emma Joy, Dec 11

Joey and **Alyssa Anderson ’20 Stanley**: Eliahna Saige, Jan 26

Weddings

Logan Hogge and **Sarah Smith ’21**, Dec. 12

Vince Lantern and **Olivia Wilgus ’17**, Mar. 15

Ordinations

Senior Amon McElrath was ordained Dec. 6 at his home congregation, Towne South Church of Christ, Elizabeth City, by the elders of Towne South and of Friends in Fellowship Christian Church in Winterville, NC, where he serves as youth minister.

Freshman Dustin Barr was ordained Feb. 14 by the elders of Maple Grove Christian Church, Jamesville, NC, where he serves as youth minister.

Ryan Kelley ’20 was ordained at his home congregation, Reidsville (NC) Christian Church, Mar. 28.

Other News ‘n’ Notes

Doriann Ray Breisch ’94 has received her doctorate degree from Liberty University and is now an education specialist.

Debbie Taylor Roach ’87 received the 2020-2021 Outstanding Staff Award from East Tennessee State University’s College of Business and Technology where she is the Director of Recruitment and Student Success.



McElrath a Semi-finalist in Next Gen Preacher Search

AMON MCELRATH, A SENIOR STUDYING youth and family ministry, has been named a semi-finalist in the annual Next Gen Preacher Search. Jeff Walling, the Director of the Youth Leadership Initiative at Pepperdine University, oversees this event, defined as “a unique outreach to young Christian students in high schools and colleges across the country who have an interest in preaching and teaching. Designed to encourage and inspire young people towards the ministry of God’s word, it is an open invitation for students to submit a 5-minute video of their speaking for review and critique.”

Amon’s submission was viewed by a panel of experienced preachers, and he was among those selected to receive special training and support. From this group, four finalists will be selected. We are grateful for Amon’s determination to develop further his gift and passion for preaching, and we congratulate him on this honor and opportunity. (In pre-pandemic days, his selection would include a trip to Pepperdine’s Malibu campus for additional training and competition, but other arrangements are currently being made.)

GENERAL FUND

Phillip & Ora Jane Alligood (Honor)
by Anonymous

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by Anonymous

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by Mark & Pam Carawan

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by Lois Jordan

James Joyner, Sr. (Memory)
by Catherine Joyner

Iola Keffer (Memory)
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by John Brick, Sandra Ouellette

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by Diana Murphy

Paul Rosebrock (Memory)
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Mickey Witcher (Memory)
by Donney & Jane Johnson

Ronnie Woolard (Honor)
by Thomas L. Woodward

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Dorothy A. Andrews (Memory)
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by Richard & Joanne Clark, Carol Talbot

Vickie A. Cox (Memory)
by Open Door SS Class (Memorial Baptist)

Edna DeWald (Memory)
by Ray & Laurie Bowles

Frankie DeWald (Memory)
by Edna DeWald, Ray & Laurie Bowles

Willard & Florence Fritz (Memory)
by Denis & Madia Fritz

Frank B. Fuller, Sr. (Memory)
by Oak Grove Christian Church

Loma (Memory) & Ella (Honor) Hassell
by Ron & Susan Lueptow, South Mills Church of Christ

Michael Jefferson, Hester Jeffries, Alice Sales (Memory)
by Oak Grove Christian Church

Franklin L. Johnson (Memory)
by Jerry Johnson

Dot Langley (Memory)
by West Park Truth Seekers Class

W. Edwin Lipscombe (Memory), Virginia L. Lipscombe (Honor)
by Keith & Martha Anderson

Matthew Maurice (Memory)
by Michael Maurice

Bedford Motley, Jr. (Memory)
by Carolyn Albright, Bob & Margery Johnson, Paul & Paula Tutherow

B. Neal and Egypt Puckett (Memory)
by Tyler Puckett

Jennifer Norris Russell (Honor)
by Jerry & Joan Norris

John B. Sawyer (Memory)
by Judith Cahoon

J.T. & Addie Segroves (Memory)
by Jonita Shoaff

Lamira Slagle (Memory)
by Jimmie Slagle

Brenda T. Stanley (Memory)
by Bethlehem Christian Church, M/M Jamie Stanley, Jim & Janice Stanley

Thomas A. Wilson (Memory)
by Carolyn Albright, Bob & Margery Johnson, Paul & Paula Tutherow

Harley “Tom” Wood (Memory)
by Ruth Wood

MATCHING GIFTS

No matching gifts to report

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DEAN’S LIST – FALL 2020

Full-time students (12 credits or more) who earned a semester grade point average of 3.5000 or higher. * Indicates students who earned a 4.000 GPA.

Benjamin Ashton, Jr.	Samantha Hare	Patrick Timothy McCarthy
Timothy Lawrence Aydlett	Devin Chase Harrell	Gabriel D. Nobles
Dustin R. Barr	Hannah Margurite	Maria Osorio
Brandon J. Barrier	Hartman*	Joseph P. Ragland
Justin Ray Berger	Danielle N. Hicks	Kimberly Dallas Sawyer
Cameron G. Cabe	Jesse Quinn Hood	Clairese L. Smith
Spencer Alexander Davis*	Noah R. Jarman	Charquise Iman Smith-Stultz
Darrien C. DeFederico	Jonathan C. Langley II	Maddison Gabrielle Turner
Michael Perry Garza	Rebekah Grace Langley*	Joshua Scott Wayne Vickers
Allison E. Hackett*	Anna E. Leidheiser*	Savannah Lee White
Dylan Morgan Hardison*	Amanda Rose Lemons	Sarah Lee Ann Woolard

Six other students who achieved the Dean’s List requested non-disclosure.

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MACU'S SUMMER TEAMS ARE BACK!

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE back in camps and have selected some of MACU's best students to minister and serve others. We hope to see you this summer.

Travelling this summer are team members (clockwise from the center) Tyasia Brown, Sarah Woolard, Lydia Wagner, Seth Ambrose, and Dylan Hardison.



Travel to the Land of the Bible FEB. 1-10, 2022

President John Maurice will host a 10-day tour to Israel highlighting Mount Carmel, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee boat ride, Beth She'an, Masada, Shrine of the Book, and the Western Wall Tunnel. We hope you will join us as we walk the land of Jesus.

Read details at wilcoxtravel.com/10-day-tour-of-israel-hosted-by-john-maurice-mid-atlantic-christian-university

