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Sophomore Jenilyn Stanton is
surrounded by children she
served in Haiti this summer
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I HAVE MANY passions in my life. I love fishing. A cinnamon roll is marvelous. In fact, cinnamon is a gift straight from heaven. I love to preach and teach God’s Word – especially to people in other cultures. The Lord has blessed me to visit 25 different countries, often there specifically to help advance the Kingdom of God.

Mid-Atlantic has many passions. The education of preachers has been and will always be at our core. Education built on a Christian Worldview in a family setting is paramount. Preparing graduates to serve in the church and in the marketplace has been at our core since 1948. But one passion stands out to me. Mid-Atlantic loves world-wide missions.

Every time we stop and count, well over 75% of our male graduates are in ministry: preaching, youth, associate, etc., but a solid number go on to be missionaries. I think of those who have graduated since 2006 who now serve or have served as missionaries or with mission agencies: Johnny and Helen

Scott, Shaun and Mary Ann Cooper, Jael Harris, Krystal Strawderman Frye, Rich and Aimee Meister, Elizabeth Smith, Nishant Walter, Josh Nunez, Ryan and Kim Puterbaugh, Buddy and Danielle Holloway, Emilie Cooper, Attah Osebreh, and Chloe Lackey.

I wish you could be on campus during mission emphasis week. You would hear the hopes and dreams of those who sense God’s calling to serve Him in other cultures. You would be reminded of God’s hand in the lives of our students.

I wish you could experience and learn all the great things our superior faculty are doing with our five-year Quality Enhancement Plan, “Connecting Cultures.” Our students are being taught and challenged to think globally. And, I also wish to remind you of our two sister schools: Maesot Biblical Academy in Thailand and Central India Biblical Academy (a ministry of CICM) in India. Missions is a passion at Mid-Atlantic.

While I in no way want to take away from any of our other majors – since all our

students, whether they serve in the church or in the marketplace after graduation, are ministers – Mid-Atlantic loves missions. Our ethos, our heartbeat, is the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all people.

Dr. Ajai Lall ’83 is serving as President of the World Convention which will be held January 12-15, 2017 in New Delhi, India. I hope you will join me and other members of the Mid-Atlantic family in India for this great gathering. Dr. Lall, along with his wife, Indu, are the founders of CICM (Central India Christian Mission).

What are your passions? What are you known for? These are great questions. Mid-Atlantic Christian University is known for graduating some extraordinary missionaries.



Serving those who serve,
Clay
D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.
President

THANKS for helping us to move these men and women from New Students to Extraordinary Christian Leaders



Pictured are the new students who attended the President’s Dinner during orientation. Seated on ground: Violet Krawchuk, Jacqueline Hilts, David Eason, Rachel McCaffery, Katherine Byrd, Zac Davis, Dalen Spence, Hailey Pelton, Ashlyn Neal, Ashley Webber, Hannah Zugg, Sarah Litowski. Seated in chairs: Destiny Robinson, Leah Rudd, Leah Maclin, Russell Stevens, Anissa Coles, Britni Parker, Symphony Mullins, Lindsey Hipply, Melody Allen, Haley Giffin, Katie Shanton, Necie Barnett. Standing, third row: Micaiah Gilkes, Mollie Hedgecock, Talethia Alexander, Kamiah Gilbert, Chris Stowe, Vicki Riley, Alex Stanley, Abigail Morgret, Michael Parker, Tyanna Williams, Savannah Blevins, Jackson Cooper, Hannah McCleary, Navarro Brown, Moriah Whitten, Dylan Johnson, Sierra Bonner, Russell Brady, Kirstien Ward, Kortney Linker, Erica McCarter. Back row: Gary Robinson, Josh Brown, Josh Raynor, Ethan Moore Thompson, Bryce Pilliod, Brian Warren, Chris Gibbs, Cody Marks, Brandon Cabacar, Josh Phillips, Joshua Josephson



THINKING BIBLICALLY

Lee M. Fields, Ph.D.

Knowing God’s Will for Your Life

“NOW I KNOW that you are the one, true person God meant for me all along,” said the woman in love.

A businessman confesses, “Yeah, I nearly went into the ministry, but I got this great offer to go into construction. I guess it just wasn’t meant to be.”

One verse commonly used by Christians to support this thinking is Jeremiah 29:11, “*For I know the plans I have for you,*” declares the Lord, “*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future ...*” (NIV). This interpretation makes the passage say that God has a specific plan for each individual. Consequently, many want to know what God’s “special plan” for their life is. The idea that there is one special plan I am meant to fulfill sounds exciting!

Why Is This Belief a Problem?

First, this belief takes the Jeremiah verse out of context. Who is the “you”? For whom does God have plans? For any faithful believer whether under the old covenant or under the new? Is it meant for every individual, saved or lost? No, the “you” is not an individual, but the nation of Israel as a whole.

Second, these plans of God were specific and cannot be generalized to apply to

individuals today. God had a special task for Israel, chiefly, to bring the Messiah into the world (e.g., Gen 12:1–3). As punishment for sin, God predicted Israel’s destruction. Yet, for Israel to accomplish its task, God had to preserve the nation. So, God told them that even though there was going to be destruction, he still had a plan for them, and it involved plans to resurrect the nation in order to carry out their appointed task (Jeremiah 23:5; 30:21; 31:31–34; cf. Hebrews 8:8–12). The main point is that God is not promising to every single believer that he has special plans just for that person.

Third, this belief can lead to a crisis of faith. Some people are filled with anxiety because they cannot discover with certainty that one special calling that they must seek and follow, or else miss out on God’s will. If when he was young the businessman made a decision to go into construction instead of the ministry, then how can he ever be in God’s will again, except in some substandard sense? The truth is that God can bless the man in either decision or even in a career change, as long as he acts in faith (Romans 14:23; Colossians 3:23–24).

Finally, such a belief may lead even to sin. If the speaker of the opening sentence is

a married woman who feels her marriage has become unsatisfying, and who suddenly meets “the right person,” and who leaves her spouse, she commits adultery. She has deceived herself thinking this new person is “the one” that was God’s will for her to marry. There are biblical principles for choosing a mate, and many people may meet God’s criteria for a godly marriage. People make good or poor choices. After the choice is made, however, God’s plan is lasting commitment (excepting biblical grounds for separation, of course).

But Doesn’t God Have a Special Plan for Me?

The good news is that God does indeed have a plan: that every person not perish, but come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9); that every person love Him above all and his neighbors as himself (Matthew 22:37–40); and that every believer imitate God’s righteousness with thanksgiving in all circumstances, even under persecution (1 Thessalonians 4:3–6; 5:18; 1 Peter 2:15–16; 3:17; 4:19). Perhaps this is not as mystical as the examples raised above, but it is knowable with certainty. Let each of us pursue God’s plan: our Christ-likeness!

MACU Biblical Languages Classroom Enhancement

STUDENTS OF BIBLICAL languages at MACU are enjoying the continual making-over of their classroom. Several months ago MACU’s Kathy Smith and her friend Liz Green (pictured right and left, respectively) donated dollars of paint and hours of labor to upgrade the appearance of the room. Dr. Bob Smith has had a major role in the construction process.

The teaching of biblical languages at MACU has changed since 2007, when Dr. Lee Fields began teaching Koine Greek (the language in which the New Testament was written) and Biblical Hebrew as living languages. Culture is not a separate component, but the matrix in which the languages are taught. The classroom includes a city wall with a gate, a well, and a house. Students act out stories using the many props in the room, some donated by students from projects from Dr. Smith’s Biblical Backgrounds course. All of these enhance the learning experience for the students. Some



modern tools are used as well (whiteboard, computer and monitor, etc.). Other items to replicate antiquity are also planned.

To read more about Dr. Fields and this living language approach, visit macuniversity.edu.





MORE FACULTY, STUDENTS, ALUMNI Around the World this Summer

- **Dr. Cheryl Luton** worked on Bible translation projects with Wycliffe Associates in two Southeast Asia nations.
- **Dr. Kevin Larsen** was in Israel on an archaeological dig and later visited alumni missionaries on the field.
- Village children meet and greet **Jackson Osebreh** (below), who was in India and Nepal during the summer working with Binoy and Rebecca Thomas.



THE WORLD IN OUR BACKYARD

ICOM 2015 Comes to Richmond

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Missions (ICOM) was in Richmond, VA, in 2015: Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Because this event is seldom this close to MACU (less than three hours away), the university sent students, faculty and staff to the convention. There they received first-hand knowledge and experience seeing God at work around the world.



Return to Haiti

FOR THE SECOND year, a team from MACU served in Haiti (July 10-17) under the auspices of Praying Pelican Missions. Jenilyn Stanton, who is pictured on the cover and served with the team, wrote:

I am so grateful to MACU for giving me the opportunity to serve this summer in Les

Cayes, Haiti, with Praying Pelican Missions. This was a life-changing experience that opened my eyes to what I want to do with my future. While there I had the opportunity to serve a local minister and his congregation by participating in VBS, helping build a community library, and ministering to the

▲ *Team Haiti 2015: Student Life Administrator Andrea Strawderman, Cynthia Davis, Jenilyn Stanton, Samantha Fleury, Brandon Davis.*

people of the community through giving families trees that will bear fruit for many years to come and sharing the love of Christ with them. It was great to meet people from around the country and from around the world with one common purpose — to do God's work.



Senior Wendy Ward (left) points instructions to the children and their mothers as Sophomore Allie Morris (standing with left) and Sophomore Emily O'Connor (sitting) assist the children.

Zimbabwe Mission Trip 2015

MACU STUDENTS ARE encouraged to be actively engaged in God's mission to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:14). We believe that the time is now, and we are challenging them to make a difference now. A team of seven students, one prospective student, one student parent, and one faculty member went to Zimbabwe, Africa, May 14-29.

The group worked under the leadership of missionaries Fanny and Martha Nyamutora, who serve there with Africa Harvest—Zimbabwe mission agency. Brother Fanny wrote, "We were happy to receive and host Dr. Claudio Divino and nine other visitors

from America for two weeks in Zimbabwe. We enjoyed every moment we had with our visitors. . . . Praise be to God who allowed us to meet and get to know each other and learn from each other."

The MACU team visited a rural village in Chidamoyo, and while there visited the Chidamoyo Christian Hospital and the Chidamoyo primary school. Two of the team members, Wendy Ward and Bobby O'Conner, were able to go on the rural rounds. The team also visited the Somabhula High School in Gweru.

On the last Sunday in Zimbabwe, team members visited Nkulumane Community Church in Bulawayo, a congregation that

was founded by Dr. Robert Reese and Pastor Emmanuel Mwale. Dr. Reese is the previous Cross-Cultural Ministry professor for MACU and continues to teach as an adjunct.

Team members did a great job interacting with the nationals and making an impact on their lives. They conducted a fantastic VBS, ministering to approximately 150 children and blessing them with gifts and "s'mores."

Before leaving Zimbabwe, the team visited Victoria Falls and drove through a game preserve in Hwange National Park, where they saw wild animals.

Read more about the trip at www.macuniversity.edu

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Stuart Named Vice President for Finance



CAROL M. STUART has recently been named Vice President for Finance, a role she had been fulfilling as Acting Vice President since last November. Mrs. Stuart has tirelessly served MACU since 1988, first in the office of Academic Affairs and since 1997 in the office of Finance (Accounts Manager from 1997-2005 and Assistant Vice President for Finance from 2005-2015). During those years she has also served as Computer Systems Manager (1992-2012) and as an adjunct instructor (at MACU, 1994 to the present, and at COA, 1998-2002).

She holds a M.A. in Management from Regent University and a B.S. in Christian Education, Music Emphasis, Summa Cum Laude, from Mid-Atlantic Christian University. She has done additional studies at three other schools. She also holds the following certificates or memberships: SACUBO, Professional Development: Fund Accounting; ABACC Newer Business Officers Training; NCASFAA, North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; NACUBO, National Association of College and University Business Officers; and ABACC, Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges.

In addition, she is a minister's wife and fulfills many roles at South Mills Church of Christ. She and Ron have three children and six grandchildren. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Stuart and in praying for her in this important ministry.

Burns to New Ministry; Hilts Named Campus Minister



ROGER BURNS '12 has resigned as campus minister in order to plant a church under the auspices of the Eastern North Carolina Christian Men's Fellowship and VEF in Jacksonville, NC. He served the university for the past two years while he was also the preacher for Journey Christian Church in Elizabeth City. The church planting work will include a year's residency with Dave McCants '91, lead minister with Two Rivers Church of Christ in New Bern, NC, before moving to Jacksonville. While we are sad to see him, Erin,

and their two children go, we rejoice in the new work Roger is doing. John Hilts, minister with Damascus Christian Church in Sunbury, NC, is now campus minister. John, Pam, and their two children moved from New York two years ago to begin ministering in North Carolina.

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Meserveys Join Staff



LIZ AND AARON Meservey are serving as Residence Hall Directors in Presley Hall. Liz has a background in Early Childhood Education and is a stay-at-home mother. She carries primary responsibility in the dorm. Aaron has a Masters of Divinity and is a local minister. They have one daughter, Eden.

Many thanks to Kendall and Lisa Williams, who previously served in the dorm. Lisa continues at MACU as a student in the School of Professional Studies. Kendall, who is a full-time military recruiter, continues as coach of MACU's golf team.

Shields Named Administrative Assistant



KAYLIN SHIELDS '12 HAS been hired as the Administrative Assistant to the Registrar. An alumna of MACU, Kaylin recently worked as a bankruptcy clerk where she "honed her computer skills." While she was a student, she did clerical work on campus. Kaylin, her husband, Rob '13, and their son, Titus, attend Towne South Church of Christ.

Pipkin Concludes 18 Years



LISA PIPKIN HAS resigned after serving MACU in both the Enrollment and Finance departments for 18 years, with 12 of those years as Financial Aid Administrator. She has served the students and the university with skill and compassion. She served students not only in the office but also in various other ways. One way was assisting her husband, Paul, as he coached MACU's women's volleyball team.

Paul accepted a new position within his company, and they have moved to the Lexington, NC, area, where she is working in a medical practice. We thank Lisa for her years of selfless service and wish her Godspeed.

New Positions for Rowland and Sershen



AFTER SERVING 12 years as a secretary/administrative assistant in Institutional Advancement, Jenny Rowland has been named Financial Aid Director, filling the vacancy left by Lisa Pipkin. The focus of Jenny's work will now shift from serving supporters and promoting the school to a more direct role in serving students and their families. We welcome Jenny to her new role at Mid-Atlantic.

Nicole Sershen fills the vacancy left by Jenny's move and is the new Administrative Assistant in the Institutional Advancement office. Nicole comes to MACU with experience in business, insurance, and marketing. She is married to Rod '12, who serves as an elder at Towne South Church of Christ. They have three children.

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STUDENT LIFE

MACU Selected for President's 2014 Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

MID-ATLANTIC WAS NAMED to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the sixth time. The Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve. The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support exemplary community service programs and raise the visibility of effective practices in campus community partnerships.



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM RIGHT: Emily Greene, Destini Parker, Whitley Davis, Amy Isler, Joey Craft, Brittany Harrison, Dustin McRae



Dates & Events

Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 20..... Audio Adrenaline Concert
Nov. 20-22 ... College Preview Weekend
Dec. 14-18 Final Exams

SEMESTER BREAK

Jan. 11-15..... Spring Intensive Classes
Jan. 16, 17.... New Student Orientation
Jan. 17 Sunday Night Live
Jan. 18 MLK Day of Service
Feb. 26..... Mid-Atlantic Society Gala
Sen. Thom Tillis, Speaker
Mar. 17, 18 MACU Rally
Mar. 20..... Sunday Night Live
Apr. 10..... The Time of My Life Tour

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MUSTANG ATHLETICS

SOCCER

Newest Sports Option

COLLEGIATE SOCCER RETURNED to MACU this fall for the first time in nearly a decade and for the first time as part of a national affiliation (USCAA). Coach Claudio Divino and players were scheduled for nine matches, but injuries and other circumstances cut the season short. AD Neal Alligood said, “We were excited to get the new team launched this season and thankful to all who participated. We are eager to continue recruiting a fuller roster and look forward to a complete season next year.”



Mustang Soccer

Back: Team Manager Morgan Nayadley, Volunteer Assistant Coach Angelica Keller, Alex Whitley, Joey Craft, Benj Nichols, Dustin McCrea, Dillon Forrest, Brian Warren, James Matthews, Student Assistant Jenilyn Stanton, Head Coach Dr. Claudio Divino. Not pictured: Cody Marks, Chris Stowe, David Dirks
Front: Matt Hughes, Chris Santoro, Zac Davis, Micah Ryals, Eli Russo, Aaron Warwick, Caleb Reynolds



Lady Mustangs Volleyball

L-R: Coach Paul Pipkin, Hannah Zugg, Melody Allen, Destini Parker, Ashley Brown, Abby Gray, Paige Roberson, Haley Giffin, Sarah Bowles, Lindsey Hippy, Lea Chapman, Leah MacLin.



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Berea Church of Christ Blesses Others

IN 2013 THE Berea Church of Christ in Vienna, VA, made a difficult decision to discontinue meeting. After reaching that agonizing decision, they reached out to Mid-Atlantic to discuss ways that they might leave a legacy for the Kingdom of God. Berea had always had a passion for missionary outreach. The congregation determined that even though they would disband as a congregation they wanted to continue living through supporting Kingdom ministries close to their heart. On August 18, 2013, the Berea Church held their final service.

We are thankful that the Berea Church of Christ looked at how they could leave an enduring legacy for the Kingdom of God. Because of the grace of God and the generosity of the Berea congregation, nearly \$3M has been distributed to twelve ministries across the globe, including Mid-Atlantic.


Thank you, Berea, for having a Kingdom vision and continuing your legacy.



MISSIONS BENEFITED BY BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST:	NATIONAL:	INTERNATIONAL:
EDUCATIONAL: Mid-Atlantic Christian University Mid-Atlantic Foundation	Tri-State Christian Service Camp Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship Christian Riders Ministry Kairos Benevolence Fund	Italy for Christ (Najmon) Thailand (Flinchum) England (Aho) Gap Creek Colombia Mission (Sanders) Central India Christian Mission (Lall)

MACU WAS PLEASED TO ASSIST BEREA BY HANDLING THE LEGACY PROCESS. THE UNIVERSITY OFFERS THE SAME SERVICE TO OTHERS. CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

On Mission

 John Maurice, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

GREAT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE an understanding of who they are and what they do. Chick-fil-A says their purpose is "To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A." Lowe's describes their purpose as: "We will provide customer-valued solutions with the best prices, products and services to make Lowe's the first choice for home improvement." And the United States Navy clearly states: "The mission of the Navy is to maintain, train and equip combat-ready Naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas."

Being focused on one's mission helps to keep the main thing the main thing. You will not expect to buy a hamburger at Chick-fil-A or groceries at Lowe's. These businesses are focused on their mission. Likewise, Mid-Atlantic is focused on her mission: To impact the world by transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Christian leaders.

Jesus had a clear understanding of His

mission. At the age of twelve He said, "I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:29). On another occasion he said "the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). As He hung on the cross, he cried out, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus then gave a mission to His Church when he commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you; and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Through your partnership and generosity we produce graduates who impact the world for Jesus' sake. May they have the same clarity as Christ when He said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent" (Luke 4:43).

I am thankful to our Lord for the mission He gave His followers. William James said: "The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." In reality, only what is done for Christ will last. Thank you for making an eternal investment in the mission of Christ.



FAMILY NEWS

New Ministries, Service

Fred Nelson ’84 is preaching for First Christian Church of Newton, Newton, NC.

John ’88 and Ann **Blackburn** have concluded their mission work in Italy and relocated to an Asian country. You may contact them at Animators International, C/O of Outreach International, P. O. Box 272, Shelbyville, MO 63469 or <http://oionline.org/>.

Jeff Bennett ’94 has been called to serve with Stadia as the U.S. Mobilization Executive. He had been Stadia’s Southwest Area Network Director when he was still Executive Pastor with Verve Church in Las Vegas, NV.

Gregg “Scooter” ’94 and **Dori ’94 Breisch** are serving at Mountain Mission School, Grundy, VA. Dori earned a master’s degree in math and secondary education and is teaching high school math there. Scooter received his master’s in human service and serves as counselor and Bible teacher. They are also living with the second-fifth grade boys.

Chris McCarthy ’98 is serving as a campus minister at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

Dave Van Buskirk ’03 ministers with First Christian Church, Chester, WV.

Kyle Hayden ’05 now serves Bethany Christian Church, Bumpass, VA.

Tim Cyphers ’05 has been called to serve Friends in Fellowship Christian Church, Winterville, NC, as Family Minister.

Matt Smith ’05 is now serving New Venture Christian Church, Richmond, VA, as Family Minister.

Duane Crosby ’06 is ministering with Lifepointe Christian

Thank You

Thanks to the following congregations, alumni, and friends who have volunteered labor on campus. We cannot do what we do here without the support of our stakeholders, whether that support is prayer, finances, students, or physical labor.

Trinity Christian Fellowship, Graham, NC:	Travis Machado	Zach Hudson	Joyce Hyatt
Phil ’76 and Sherry ’77 Laughlin	Chip Davis	Katherine Martin	David and Katherine Decosta
Kathy Walker	Stella Christian Church, Patrick Springs, VA (work and gift of power washer)	Pinedale Christian Church, Winston Salem, NC	Ann Shipwash
Kempsville Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Steve Hayes ’77	Jeri Richards ’73	Jerry Dorsett
Ken Haskins	Junior Cassady	Danny and Holly Spainhour	Keith Tucker
Michael and Kathy Applebee	Ramona Cassady	Missy ’88, Kenton, and Landon Moore	Rob Andrus
Steve and Cathy Ely	Marla Perry	Bonnie Green	Maple Grove Christian Church, Charlottesville, VA:
	Evin Perry	Liz Walker	Jeff ex’83 and Ginger ’84 Ange
	Max Morrison	Miriam Jinerette	

Church, Toano, VA, as Children’s Ministry Director.

Stuart Paul ’06 has taken a teaching position at Christ Covenant School in Winterville, NC.

Tyler Brooks ’08 completed IT training (7 certifications) and is now in a junior administrative position with the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, NC.

Lyle Hinsdale ’09 is preaching for the Church of Christ in Clearwater, KS.

Ethan Coltrain ’13 has been called as youth minister for Maple Grove Christian Church, Jamesville, NC.

Josh Bueno ’15 is serving Philippi Church of Christ in Creswell, NC, as youth minister.

Stephanie Empson ’15 is Associate Director of Worship Arts at Kempsville Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA.

Births

Phil ex’06 and Kourtney **Thomas:** Richard Phillip III, June 1

Jacob ’12 and **Anna ex’12 Okerlund:** Ada Pearl, June 2

Mark ex ’05 and Laura **Goldfarb:** Abram Thomas, June 18

Charles Spencer ’69, June 14
Ray Everton ’57, July 19
Mark Billiter ’86, July 28
Joan Rufenacht ECC, July 30
Ray Murphy ECC, Aug. 2

Neal Puckett ’50, Aug. 3
Roy Watson, Aug. 8
Byron Shores ECC, Aug. 18
Henry Clay Sawyer ex’77, Sept. 29
Carolyn Schultz ’69, Oct. 8

Stephen ’12 and **Annalie Brooks ’12:** Evelyn Jane, June 24

Ryan ’12 and **Kim ’12 Puterbaugh:** Luna Noel, June 27

Brian ’06 and **Jael ’07 Harris:** Zeal Atlas, July 1

Bryan ex’13 and **Danika ex’13 Cooper:** Avacyn Fae, July 16

Adam ’15 and Megan **Crawford:** Carter Jensen, Aug. 12

Jake ex’16 and **Ryleigh ex’16 Willis:** Maci Allison Jean, Aug. 15

Mike ’07 and **Crystal ’08 Dawson:** Evelyn Kate, Aug 19

Josh and **Sasha Holmes ’15 Wood:** Joseph Alan, Aug. 28

Glenn ’07 and **Jessica ’07 Crocker:** Kate Lauren, Aug. 26

Tyler ’08 and **Torie ’06 Brooks:** Nora Amelia, Sept. 4

Les ’05 and **Katie ’06 Croft:** Piper Jay, Sept. 5

Perry ’11 and **Rebecca ’10 Beasley:** Emma Jane, Sept. 24

Paul and **Kerrie ’06 Smilie:** Lawson James, Sept. 29

Weddings

Lee McKinney and **Sophomore Kirsten Davenport,** May 22

Greg Webb ’11 and Kaylee Varney, June 6

Eric Snoots ex’15 and Lori Knapp, June 12

Andrew Russell and **Brittney Hurley ex’16,** June 13

Neal Alligood ’98 and Laura Buonanduci, July 18

Zach Tanner ’15 and **Junior Taylor Holloman,** Aug. 15

Ross Smith ex’09 and Gabrielle Revette, Aug. 29

Ordinations

Aaron Stokes ’14 at Haw Branch Church of Christ, Chocowinity, NC, April 27

Other News ‘n’ Notes

Jeanne Knight Andrews ’71 has retired from 42 years of teaching in the Washington County Tennessee public schools.

John Herndon ’82 and **Travis Williams ’05** are both news journalists and have been recognized recently for their outstanding newspaper writing.

Jonathan Poyner ’92, a Recreation Specialist, was recently featured in an article in Siesta Sand, “The Man Behind America’s No. 1 Beach” [Siesta Beach on the Gulf of Mexico]. http://issuu.com/islandvisitor/docs/sand_july_2015-web/1?e=2370065/14311248

Sarah Bland ’07 graduated with her Masters in Business Administration and her Masters in Public Health from Benedictine University.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

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Neal Alligood (Honor) by Tom & Helen Price, Yolanda Teske, Howard Wagner

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Afternoon Workshops
Breakfast and Lunch, Alumni Meeting



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